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Swords
Co Dublin

Tuesday, 8th April 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, 14th April, 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 of Council Meeting held on Monday 10th March 2025

QUESTIONS

2 Councillor C. Boland - Safe Refuge Centres

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide details of the Council's policy in ensuring that there is a safe refuge across the County to meet the needs of women and men who seek refuge from domestic violence?"

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

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the joint work of this Council with Dublin City Council in relation to the Santry River Restoration and the Greenway Project?"

4 Councillor S. Shovlin - Funding for Community Groups

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a list of upcoming funding opportunities for community groups and the deadlines for applying for same?"

5 Councillor S. Shovlin - Speed Limit Review

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a timeline and outline of the speed limit review across Fingal?"

6 Councillor E. Dockrell - Social Media Campaign on the Role of Local Government in Fingal

"To ask the Chief Executive to confirm if there are any social media campaigns currently running on the functions and responsibilities of Fingal County Council, for both Councillors and Council officials~~,~~ to inform the public of the role of Local Government in the Fingal area and, if this is not already being done or planned, can consideration be given to such an educational campaign?"

7 Councillor P. Quinlan - Tenant-in-situ Scheme

"To ask Chief Executive to provide a report on the Tenant-in-situ Scheme, including a breakdown of reasons why acquisition by Fingal County Council didn't occur?"

8 Councillor E. O'Brien - Housing Units at Ballymastone Development at risk due to Judicial Review

“To ask the Chief Executive to advise on how many housing units, broken down by social, affordable and private, will be delayed or put at risk by the taking of a judicial review with regard to the Ballymastone development and the likely consequences to the pricing of these units?"

9 Councillor L. Corkery - Fingal Access Strategy

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the development of the Fingal Access Strategy?"

10 Councillor P. Mulville - Fingal County Council's Social Housing Waiting List

“To ask the Chief Executive to outline the current average wait time on the Council’s Social Housing waiting list for a family to be made an offer of a suitable permanent council house, and to outline the list position families must be at in order to be considered in the offer zone?”

11 Councillor C. Haughey - Revenue from Malahide Castle Concerts

"To ask the Chief Executive what revenue has been generated from the Concerts held in Malahide in the years 2022-2024, and where this revenue has been allocated?”

12 Councillor B. Ryan - Rental Schemes for Social Housing Applicants

"To ask the Chief Executive to report on the differences in rental schemes for housing applicants who may be offered housing support in Council stock versus Approved Housing Bodies (AHB) stock, e.g. Tuath?”

13 Councillor C. Johnston - Fingal County Council's Planning Portal

"To ask the Chief Executive to report on the number of outages on the Council's Planning Portal since January 2023 to include reasons for these outages and to outline measures taken to prevent reoccurrences in the future?"

14 Councillor JK Onwumereh - Social and Affordable Housing stock in Fingal

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide updates on the social and affordable housing stock in the county and the timeline for delivery to applicants in 2025?"

15 Councillor E. Troy - Street Cleaning

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise on how the schedule for street cleaning/sweeping is organised, and how often would one expect to see a street cleaner on their road?"

16 Councillor J. Hopkins - Child Care Facilities

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise on how many crèches and child care facilities, that were conditioned as part of a planning application, sought to have the planning changed from crèche and child care facility to some other use after building commenced or completed, detailing how many were successful, and as a result, how many promised childcare facilities did not materialise in the last 5 years?"

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

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a breakdown of the total cost for new cycling/pedestrian infrastructure across the County, for example €16 million cost for a 3km new facility in Balbriggan, and to clarify if the Council has only been allocated €22million for the year, how will Active Travel Infrastructure be delivered to all of our residents?"

18 Councillor J. Walsh - Bilingual Signage

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide details of the number of complaints received from members of the public about inaccuracies in bilingual signage in Fingal?"

19 Report of Committees

a Quarterly Reports of Strategic Policy Committees Meetings

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

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

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

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

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

20 Financial Matters

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

b Annual Financial Statement 2024

21 Proposed Disposal of Properties

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

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

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

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

22 Declarations of Roads

a Wilkinsons Brook, Hollystown, Dublin 15

b Hansfield Phase 1, Phibblestown, Dublin 15

23 Appointment of external members to the Naming and Commemorative Committee

24 Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) Policy Programme 2025

25 Draft Annual Report 2024

26 Fingal County Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP)

27 Chief Executive's Report

28 Mayor's Business - Councillor B. McDonagh

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

"That this Council calls on the Government to support young carers by measures including a Young Carers' Grant; guaranteed respite days for young carers; school-based initiatives that support the educational needs of young carers; additional home care supports."

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

"That the Council notes the increase in family homelessness and calls on the Government to reinstate the Housing (Homeless Families) Bill 2017 to tackle family homelessness."

29 Conference Report

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

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

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

30 Correspondence

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

31 Departmental/Ministerial Correspondence

MOTIONS STATUTORY FUNCTIONS

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

"Considering the recent and emerging challenges and threats to social inclusion and community cohesion, that the Chief Executive reconsider the need to increase the Small Bursary Application for the hosting of social inclusion events from €250 as currently earmarked to a more realistic minimum amount of €500 to encourage more groups to participate in fostering the ideals of social inclusion in Fingal."

33 Councillor D.J. Kelly - Refuge Centres Fingal

"That the Chief Executive provide a report on how many Refuge Centres there are in Fingal and provide a breakdown of how many men, women and children are in these refuge centres."

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

"That the Chief Executive carry out a feasibility analysis of placing photovoltaic panels above the parking areas of some of the over 5,000 off-street car parking spaces provided by the Council."

35 Councillor D. Butler - Fingal Greener Community Awards

"That the Chief Executive considers the re-introduction of the Fingal Greener Community Awards, which ran successfully prior to the Covid-19 pandemic and offered numerous benefits to the Fingal area, including fostering community spirit, environmental awareness and enhancing the visual appeal of our local areas."

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

"That the elected members of Fingal County Council commit to using factual and accurate information, based on credible sources, in this Council's discussions and debates."

37 Councillor A. Donnelly - Medical Priority Process - Housing Support

"That the Chief Executive conducts a review of the current medical priority process with a view to streamlining it, as it can currently take up to two years for requests to be processed."

38 Councillor J. Smyth - Retrofitting Costs

"That the Chief Executive conducts a cost analysis, based on current industry averages, of what the cost would be to retrofit a variety of current housing stock to a universal design or design plus standard."

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

"That the Chief Executive make arrangements to remove all Council operated time-locked public gates in the Council's administrative area which are impeding late night direct access for the public between residential areas."

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

"That the Chief Executive considers conducting an audit to ensure that the Irish language translations used on road signs in Fingal is correct."

41 Councillor T. Leddy - Housing List Priority

"That the Chief Executive gives consideration to including autism as a ground for medical priority on the housing list."

42 Councillor E. O'Brien - Delivery of state-of-the-art Sports Complex at the Ballymastone Development

"That the Chief Executive report on the impact the taking of a judicial review with regard to the Ballymastone development will have on the delivery of a state-of-the-art Sports Complex for the Donabate/Portrane peninsula and for all of the sports clubs involved."

43 Councillor H. Redwood - Ban on Fox Hunting on Council-owned lands

"That the Chief Executive introduce a ban on fox hunting on council-owned lands in Fingal."

44 Councillor J. Guerin - Ballymastone Development

"That the Chief Executive outline how many housing units, broken down by social, affordable and private, will be delayed or put at risk by the taking of a judicial review with regard to the Ballymastone Development and the likely consequences to the pricing of these units."

45 Councillor B. Ryan - Dishing of Public Footpaths

"That the Chief Executive agrees to introduce a scheme to provide the dishing of public footpaths to allow vehicular access similar to the "Modify a Footpath to allow Vehicular Access" scheme run by Dublin City Council and similar schemes in South Dublin County Council and Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council, for which citizens can have this work carried out by the Council for an agreed affordable fee."

46 Councillor M. McCamley - Pharma Sector in Fingal

"That the Chief Executive provide an update on any plans regarding the tariffs which might be imposed on the Pharma sector in Fingal and if there is a plan B."

47 Councillor J. Burtchaell - Short-term letting Enforcement

"In the context of a dire shortage of private rented accommodation and a chronic homeless crisis, that this Council develops a comprehensive enforcement strategy to address the huge proliferation of short-term lettings in the County which do not have planning permission, and which are not proactively investigated to determine if they require that planning permission."

48 Councillor B. Hanaphy - Youth Services

"That the Chief Executive considers establishing purpose-built youth services in all new and existing developments across all of Fingal."

49 Councillor J. Walsh - Implementation of Reduced Speed Limits

"That the Chief Executive provides an update on the projected costs to Fingal Council of the implementation of the National Speed Limit review and identifies additional funding to support operational implications of reduced speed limits (such as additional traffic calming measures), including funding which may be sought from the Department of Transport."

MOTIONS NON-STATUTORY FUNCTIONS

50 Councillor C. Boland - Provision of additional School Bus Connections

"That the Chief Executive writes to the Department of Education and the Department of Transport regarding the provision of school bus services across the County so as to encourage greater uptake of such services and the diversion away from private car usage by parents/guardians."

51 Councillor P. Quinlan - Croke Park Events

"That we the elected representatives of Fingal County Council call on the GAA to no longer allow the use of Croke Park, the headquarters of our nation's cultural athletic games, to be used as a venue for religious worship."

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

"That this Council supports the call for a regulatory authority to oversee the provision of care by homecare companies, the failure to care for our older people and implement standards to protect the most vulnerable in society, in every community, in every county lies with Local Government and National Government, including Seanad Éireann and multiple departments throughout the Civil Service, this motion calls for the general scheme of the "Health (Amendment) (Licensing of Professional Home Support Providers) Bill 2024"- to be prioritised by this Government in the newly constituted Dáil subject to agreed amendments."

53 Councillor D. Mulligan - Israel Bonds Scheme

"That the Chief Executive writes to the Central Bank of Ireland, requesting that it end the regulation of the Israel Bonds Issuance Programme, which facilitates the sale of bonds funding Israel's actions in Gaza."

54 Councillor B. McDonagh - No-fault Eviction Ban

"That the Council notes the increase of family homelessness and supports an EU wide ban on no-fault evictions and supports the use of Consumer Rights legislation to protect tenants from no-fault evictions."

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Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

Minutes of the County Council Meeting held on Monday, 10th March, 2025 in the Council Chamber - County Hall, Swords, at 5.00 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillors:

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

Councillors:

McCamley, Mary
McDonagh, Brian
Mulligan, Dean
Murphy, Tony
Mulville, Paul
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 Councillors Tania Doyle, Breda Hanaphy, Darren Jack Kelly,

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 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); Patricia Cadogan, (Senior Planner).

F/85/25 (Agenda Item No)

ANNOUNCEMENT

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

The Mayor, Councillor B. McDonagh informed the Members that a number of emergency motions had been received and were ruled out of order.

F/86/25 (Agenda Item No)

CONDOLENCES

The Mayor, Councillor B. McDonagh on behalf of the Members expressed their condolences to the family of Mr Davy Byrne the first County Manager of Fingal, who passed away recently.

It was agreed to hold a minute's silence.

F/87/25 (Agenda Item No 1)

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

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

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

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

F/88/25 (Agenda Item No 2)

Filling of casual vacancy on Fingal County Council following the election of Ruth Coppinger to the 34th Dáil in November 2024

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

The nomination of Helen Redwood to fill the casual vacancy was proposed by Councillor J. Burtchaell and seconded by Councillor D. Mulligan and **AGREED**.

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

F/89/25 (Agenda Item No 3)

Filling of casual vacancy to Fingal County Council following the resignation of Councillor Kevin Humphreys

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

The nomination of Mark Boland to fill the casual vacancy was proposed by Councillor B. Ryan and seconded by Councillor J. Walsh and **AGREED**.

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

Councillor H. Redwood and Councillor M. Boland entered the Chamber and spoke to the Chamber on their appointments to Fingal County Council.

F/90/25 (Agenda Item No 4)

Nominations

a **Appointment of one Member to the Climate Action, Biodiversity, Environment Strategic Policy Committee following the election of Ruth Coppinger to the 34th Dáil in November 2024**

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

It was proposed by Councillor J. Burtchaell and seconded by Councillor B. McDonagh and **AGREED**:

"That Councillor Helen Redwood be appointed as a member of the Climate Action, Biodiversity, Environment Strategic Policy Committee".

b **Appointment of one Member to the Regional Health Forum Dublin North East following the election of Ruth Coppinger to the 34th Dáil in November 2024**

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

It was proposed by Councillor P. Quinlan, seconded by Councillor C. Boland:

"That Councillor Patrick Quinlan be appointed as a member to the Regional Health Forum Dublin North East."

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

"That Councillor John Walsh be appointed as a member to the Regional Health Forum Dublin North East."

Councillor J. Walsh withdrew his nomination.

It was then proposed by Councillor A. Tormey, seconded by Councillor J. Walsh:

"That Councillor Tom O'Leary be appointed as a member to the Regional Health Forum Dublin North East."

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

FOR COUNCILLOR O'LEARY: 30 THIRTY

FOR COUNCILLOR QUINLAN: 0 ZERO

ABSTAIN: 2 TWO

FOR COUNCILLOR O'LEARY: Councillors Cathal Boland, Darragh Butler, Eimear Carbone-Mangan, Luke Corkery, Kieran Dennison, Eoghan Dockrell, Angela Donnelly, Jimmy Guerin, Cathal Haughey, David Healy, James Humphreys, Corina Johnston, Tom Kitt, Ted Leddy, Grainne Maguire, Brian Mc Donagh, Mary McCamley, Dean Mulligan, Paul Mulville, Tony Murphy, Eoghan O'Brien, Tom O'Leary, JK Onwumereh, Malachy Quinn, Brendan Ryan, Siobhan Shovlin, John Smyth, Aoibhinn Tormey, Ellen Troy, John Walsh.

ABSTAIN: Councillors Patrick Quinlan, Gerard Sheehan.

The Mayor then **DECLARED** Councillor Tom O'Leary to be appointed as a member of the Regional Health Forum Dublin North East.

c **Appointment of one Member to the Joint Fingal and South Dublin Liffey Valley Special Amenity Area Order (SAAO) Management Committee following the election of Ruth Coppinger to the 34th Dáil in November 2024**

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

It was proposed by Councillor J. Burtchaell and seconded by Councillor D. Mulligan and **AGREED**:

"That Councillor Helen Redwood be appointed as a member of the Joint Fingal and South Dublin Liffey Valley Special Amenity Area Order (SAAO) Management Committee".

d **Appointment of one Member to the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee (LTACC) following the election of Ruth Coppinger to the 34th Dáil in November 2024**

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

It was proposed by Councillor J. Burtchaell and seconded by Councillor D. Mulligan and **AGREED**:

"That Councillor Helen Redwood be appointed as a member of the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee (LTACC)".

e **Appointment of one Member to the Housing Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) following the appointment of Councillor Brendan Ryan to the Chair of the Housing SPC**

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

It was proposed by Councillor B. Ryan and seconded by Councillor J. Walsh and **AGREED**:

"That Councillor Mark Boland be appointed as a member of the Housing Strategic Policy Committee (SPC)".

f **Appointment of one Member to the Fingal Coastal Liaison Group following the resignation of Councillor Kevin Humphreys**

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

It was proposed by Councillor J. Walsh and seconded by Councillor C. Johnston and **AGREED**:

"That Councillor Mark Boland be appointed as a member of the Fingal Coastal Liaison Group".

g **Appointment of one Member to the North Dublin Regional Drug and Alcohol Task Force following the resignation of Councillor Kevin Humphreys**

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

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

"That Councillor Mark Boland be appointed as a member of the North Dublin Regional Drug and Alcohol Task Force".

h **Appointment of one Member to the Lusk Town Team following the election of Robert O'Donoghue to the 34th Dáil in November 2024**

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

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

"That Councillor Mark Boland be appointed as a member of the Lusk Town Team".

F/91/25 (Agenda Item No)

QUESTIONS

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

"That in accordance with Standing Order No. 51, Questions numbered 5 to 22 be **ADOPTED**."

F/92/25 (Agenda Item No 5)

Councillor E. Dockrell - Annual Spend on Recreation and Amenity

F/93/25 (Agenda Item No 6)

Councillor E. Dockrell - The use of AI (Artificial Intelligence)

F/94/25 (Agenda Item No 7)

Councillor D. Butler - Fingal Greener Community Awards

F/95/25 (Agenda Item No 8)

Councillor J. Humphreys - Extreme Weather Events

F/96/25 (Agenda Item No 9)

Councillor J. Humphreys - Speed Limits

F/97/25 (Agenda Item No 10)
Councillor J. Burtchaell - Affordable Housing Purchase Scheme in Páirc na Bláthanna, Hayestown, Rush

F/98/25 (Agenda Item No 11)
Councillor J. Hopkins - Sports Facility Audit

F/99/25 (Agenda Item No 12)
Councillor G. Sheehan - Signage on Public Litter Bins

F/100/25 (Agenda Item No 13)
Councillor L. Corkery - Bus Stop Improvements

F/101/25 (Agenda Item No 14)
Councillor A. Donnelly - Subsidised Access to Active Travel for Fingal's Retired Population

F/102/25 (Agenda Item No 15)
Councillor J. Smyth - Universal Design Rates of Current Housing Stock

F/103/25 (Agenda Item No 16)
Councillor B. Hanaphy - Tenant in-situ Scheme

F/104/25 (Agenda Item No 17)
Councillor C. Boland - Engagement with Organisations and Clubs

F/105/25 (Agenda Item No 18)
Councillor M. Quinn - Tenant in-situ Scheme 2025

F/106/25 (Agenda Item No 19)
Councillor C. Johnston - Planning Enforcement Complaints

F/107/25 (Agenda Item No 20)
Councillor C. Johnston - Litter Fines

F/108/25 (Agenda Item No 21)
Councillor J. Walsh - Inactive Planning Permissions

F/109/25 (Agenda Item No 22)
Councillor P. Mulville - New Health Service Executive (HSE) Primary Care Centres

F/110/25 (Agenda Item No 23)

Report of Committees

a **Report of Organisation, Procedures and Finance Committee (OP&F) meeting held on Monday 10th February 2025**

The reports by the Organisation, Procedure and Finance (OP&F) Committee Meeting dated Monday 10th February 2025 which had been circulated were **CONSIDERED** and **NOTED**.

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

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

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

c **Report of Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock-Ongar Services A Area Committee Meeting held on Thursday 27th February 2025**

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

A Draft Proposed Amendment to the Road Traffic (Special Speed Limits) (County of Fingal) Bye-Laws 2020 – Porterstown Road, Castleknock, Dublin 15 was **CONSIDERED**.

It was proposed by Councillor S. Shovlin, seconded by Councillor K. Dennison, and **AGREED** that the resolution was **APPROVED**.

Resolution:

Fingal County Council, in exercise with the powers conferred on it by Section 9 of the Road Traffic Act 2004 (No. 44 of 2004), as amended by Section 6 of the Road Traffic Act 2010 (No. 25 of 2010), and Section 2 of the Road Traffic Act 2016 (No. 21 of 2016) and following consultation with An Garda Síochána, makes the following Special Speed Limit Bye-Law 2025:

Reduction of Speed Limit from 60kmph to 50kmph at Porterstown Road, Castleknock, Dublin 15.

d **Report of Corporate Policy Group (CPG) Meeting held on Monday 3rd March 2025**

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

"That the recommendations contained in the report from Corporate Policy Group Meeting held on Monday 3rd March 2025, be **APPROVED.**"

e **Report of Howth/Malahide Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 5th March 2025**

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

"That the recommendations contained in the report of Committee of Howth/Malahide Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 5th March 2025, are hereby **ADOPTED.**"

f **Report of Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock-Ongar Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Thursday 6th March 2025**

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

"That the recommendations contained in the report of Committee of Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Services B meeting held on Thursday 6th March 2025, are hereby **ADOPTED.**"

F/111/25 (Agenda Item No 24)

Financial Matters

a **Annual Report of the Audit Committee 2024 (inc. Audit Committee Annual Work Programme 2025)**

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

It was proposed by Councillor B. McDonagh, seconded by Councillor J. Humphreys and **AGREED**.

b **Audit Committee Charter 2025**

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

It was proposed by Councillor C. Boland, seconded by Councillor J. Humphreys and **AGREED**.

F/112/25 (Agenda Item No 25)

Financial assistance to Approved Housing Bodies under the Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS) - call for CAS 2017 to provide units of living accommodation in the Fingal area

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

"That the recommendations contained in the report be **ADOPTED**."

F/113/25 (Agenda Item No 26)

Declarations of Roads

It was noted there was no business under this item.

F/114/25 (Agenda Item No 27)

Proposed Disposals

a **Notice of Proposed disposal of land at the side of No. 36A Yellow Walls Road, Malahide, Co. Dublin to Colm de Burca and Judith de Burca**

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

"That lands to the side of No. 36A Yellow Walls Road, Malahide, Co. Dublin, as referred to in the Notice under S183 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended and dated 19th February 2025, be disposed of to Colm de Burca and Judith de Burca in accordance with the terms specified therein."

b **Notice of Proposed disposal of land at Powerstown, Tyrellstown, Dublin 15 to Apurva Charity**

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

The Mayor informed the Members a motion has been received.

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

"That this Notice of disposal of land at Powerstown to Apurva Charity be deferred today."

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

FOR: 4 FOUR
AGAINST: 28 TWENTY EIGHT
ABSTAIN: 4 FOUR

FOR: Councillors Ted Leddy, Joe Newman, Gerard Sheehan, Ellen Troy.

AGAINST: Councillors Cathal Boland , Mark Boland, John Burtchaell, Darragh Butler, Eimear Carbone-Mangan, Luke Corkery, Kieran Dennison, Eoghan Dockrell, Angela Donnelly, David Healy, James Humphreys, Corina Johnston, Tom Kitt, Brian Mc Donagh, Mary McCamley, Dean Mulligan, Paul Mulville, Eoghan O'Brien, Tom O'Leary, JK Onwumereh, Patrick Quinlan, Malachy Quinn, Helen Redwood, Brendan Ryan, Siobhan Shovlin, John Smyth, Aoibhinn Tormey, John Walsh.

ABSTAIN: Councillors Jimmy Guerin, Cathal Haughey, Grainne Maguire, Tony Murphy.

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

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

FOR: 28 TWENTY EIGHT
AGAINST: 1 ONE
ABSTAIN: 5 FIVE

FOR: Councillors Cathal Boland, Mark Boland, John Burtchaell, Darragh Butler, Eimear Carbone-Mangan, Luke Corkery, Kieran Dennison, Eoghan Dockrell, Angela Donnelly, Jimmy Guerin, Cathal Haughey, David Healy, James Humphreys, Tom Kitt, Brian Mc Donagh, Mary McCamley, Dean Mulligan, Paul Mulville, Joe Newman, Eoghan O'Brien, Tom O'Leary, Malachy Quinn, Helen Redwood, Brendan Ryan, Siobhan Shovlin, John Smyth, Aoibhinn Tormey, John Walsh.

AGAINST: Councillor Patrick Quinlan.

ABSTAIN: Councillors Ted Leddy, Grainne Maguire, Tony Murphy, Gerard Sheehan, Ellen Troy.

The Mayor then **DECLARED** the disposal of land **PASSED**.

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

"That lands to the rear of Powerstown, Tyrellstown, Dublin 15, as referred to in the Notice under S183 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended and dated 12th February 2025, be disposed of to Apurva Charity in accordance with the terms specified therein."

F/115/25 (Agenda Item No 27c)

Proposed Disposal of Fee Simple Interest of Dwellings

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

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

F/116/25 (Agenda Item No 28)

Extension of Duration of Dublin Airport Local Area Plan 2020

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

During the course of the discussion, the Mayor informed the Members a Motion was received and this was ruled out of order.

Following discussion; it was proposed by Councillor J. Guerin, seconded by Councillor K. Dennison, and **RESOLVED** that –

"That the Members, having regard to the provisions of Section 19(1)(e)(i) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), and having considered and agreed with reasoning/rationale in the Chief Executive's Report under Section 19(1)(e)(ii) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), AGREE to defer the sending of a notice under section 20(3)(a)(i) and publishing of a notice under section 20(3)(a)(ii) for a period not exceeding 5 years and thereby approve the extension of the life of the Dublin Airport Local Area Plan 2020, for a further period of 5 years."

F/117/25 (Agenda Item No 29)

Report Pursuant to Part XI of the Planning & Development Act 2000 and Part VIII of the Local Government Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) for proposed development of 32 No. Residential Dwellings and all associated site works at Park Road, Kenure, Rush, Co. Dublin

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

It was proposed by Councillor B. McDonagh, seconded by Councillor T. O'Leary, and **AGREED.**

F/118/25 (Agenda Item No 30)

Report pursuant to Part XI of the Planning & Development Act 2000 and Part VIII of the Local Government Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) for proposed development of 34 no. residential dwellings and all associated site works at Woodside, Swords, Co. Dublin

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

Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor B. McDonagh, seconded by Councillor M. McCamley, and **AGREED.**

F/119/25 (Agenda Item No 31)

Streetscape Funding Grants

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

"That the award of Streetscape Funding Grants as set out in the foregoing report is hereby **APPROVED."**

F/120/25 (Agenda Item No 32)

Chief Executive's Report

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

The Mayor advised the Members that four motions have been received. The Mayor also advised the Members that motions must detail the page number of the Chief Executives report of which the motion relates to.

Following discussion by the members on items on the CE Report; it was **AGREED** to extend the meeting to 20.20 to deal with the business of the meeting. It was agreed to deal with the four motions received on CE Report; in order of which they were received.

Motion One

The following motion, in the name of Councillor J. Burtchaell was proposed by Councillor J. Burtchaell and seconded by Councillor H. Redwood:

"Being cognisant that Notices of Termination from private rented accommodation represent the largest factor in people facing homelessness, that this council calls on the Housing team to engage with the DRHE and Threshold to determine what exact measures are undertaken to validate a Notice of Termination (NoT) in the context of a number of NoTs being validated by Threshold where the landlord in question was not registered with the Residential Tenancies Board as is legally required and one case where a NoT was validated and a subsequent RTB determination order granted to a party who was not the legal owner of the rental property where the tenants resided."

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

Motion Two

The following motion, in the names of Councillors M. Quinn, Councillor J. Smyth, Councillor A. Donnelly and Councillor B. Hanaphy; was proposed by Councillor M. Quinn and seconded by Councillor A. Donnelly:

"That this Council calls on Minister for Housing, James Browne to reverse the recent changes to the Tenant-In-Situ scheme. He has reduced funding and cut targets for the scheme, single people and couples without children will be excluded, rental properties must be at least two years in the social housing support system, councils will not be allowed to reclaim refurbishment costs and the Department has also removed the ability of Council to acquire more than the target that will be set."

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

Motion Three

The following motion, in the name of Councillor J. Guerin, was proposed by Councillor J. Guerin and seconded by Councillor D. Butler:

"In light of recent developments and the current housing crisis the Members of FCC fully support our executive in the initiatives currently been undertaken to deliver housing for all our citizens and we call on all members of this Council to reiterate their support for our largest project currently underway at Ballymastone and express our disappointment at the lodging of a Judicial Review today to delay the much needed commencement of phase 2 of this project."

During discussion, Councillor J. Guerin submitted an amended motion to read:

“In light of recent developments and the current housing crisis the Members of FCC fully support our executive in the initiatives currently been undertaken to deliver housing for all our citizens and we call on all members of this Council to reiterate their support for our largest project currently underway at Ballymastone.”

The amended motion was proposed by Councillor J. Guerin and seconded by Councillor D. Butler and **AGREED**.

It was **AGREED** to extend the meeting to 20.40 to deal with this item.

The Mayor informed the Members a further amendment to the amended motion was received.

The following amended motion was proposed by Councillor C. Johnston and seconded by Councillor J. Walsh:

“In light of recent developments and the current housing crisis the Members of FCC fully support our executive in the initiatives currently been undertaken to deliver housing for all our citizens and we call on all members of this Council to reiterate their support for our largest project currently underway at Ballymastone. And to ensure that all objectives in the Donabate Local Area Plan are delivered upon as set out in following strategic objective 2.2 Provide a framework for a growing population with phased development of new housing delivered in tandem with supporting community and physical infrastructure."

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

The Mayor, called for a 3minute recess.

The Mayor instructed that a roll call vote be taken on the amended motion proposed by Councillor C. Johnston and seconded by Councillor J. Walsh and on a division the voting resulted as follows:

FOR: 18 EIGHTEEN
AGAINST: 13 THIRTEEN
ABSTAIN: 3 THREE

FOR: Councillors Mark Boland, John Burtchaell, Luke Corkery, Eoghan Dockrell, Angela Donnelly, David Healy, James Humphreys, Corina Johnston, Brian Mc Donagh, Mary McCamley, Dean Mulligan, Paul Mulville, Malachy Quinn,

Helen Redwood, Brendan Ryan, John Smyth, Aoibhinn Tormey, John Walsh.

AGAINST: Councillors Darragh Butler, Eimear Carbone-Mangan, Kieran Dennison, Jimmy Guerin, Cathal Haughey, Tom Kitt, Ted Leddy, Grainne Maguire, Tony Murphy, Joe Newman, JK Onwumereh, Gerard Sheehan, Ellen Troy.

ABSTAIN: Councillors Tom O'Leary, Patrick Quinlan, Siobhan Shovlin.

The Mayor **DECLARED** the vote **PASSED.** The amended motion was taken to the floor.

Following discussion; it was **AGREED** to extend the meeting by 10 minutes to conclude this item.

Following discussion and agreement with members, it was **AGREED** to extend the meeting to conclude a vote on this item.

The Mayor, instructed that a roll call vote be taken on the amended motion proposed by Councillor C. Johnston and seconded by Councillor J. Walsh and on a division the voting resulted as follows:

FOR: 28 TWENTY EIGHT
AGAINST: 0 ZERO
ABSTAIN: 3 THREE

FOR: Councillors Mark Boland, John Burtchaell, Darragh Butler, Eimear Carbone-Mangan, Luke Corkery, Kieran Dennison, Eoghan Dockrell, Angela Donnelly, Jimmy Guerin, Cathal Haughey, James Humphreys, Tom Kitt, Ted Leddy, Grainne Maguire, Brian Mc Donagh, Mary McCamley, Dean Mulligan, Paul Mulville, Tony Murphy, Joe Newman, Tom O'Leary, Malachy Quinn, Helen Redwood, Brendan Ryan, Siobhan Shovlin, John Smyth, Aoibhinn Tormey, John Walsh.

ABSTAIN: Councillors Patrick Quinlan, Gerard Sheehan, Ellen Troy.

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

The Chief Executive's report was **NOTED**.

The Meeting concluded at 20.56.

MAYOR _____ DATE _____

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ITEM NO. 02

SAFE REFUGE CENTRES

Question: Councillor C. Boland

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide details of the Council's policy in ensuring that there is safe refuge across the county to meet the needs of women and men who seek refuge from domestic violence?"

Reply:

Staff from Fingal County Council's Housing Department including professional social workers respond to referrals of domestic abuse cases within the Housing Department on an ongoing basis. This work involves case management, liaison with appropriate specialist services, making referrals, providing immediate support and ensuring the immediate safety of clients is ensured, particularly vulnerable clients.

In addition to this ongoing operational interaction, the Council's senior management have recently met with senior management from service providers Sonas and Aoibhneas, and with the new Government agency Cuan, for strategic discussions to facilitate and increase a higher number of domestic violence refuge spaces in Fingal into the future.

Aoibhneas is a Dublin based refuge and support service for women and children who are victims and survivors of domestic abuse and coercive control. Fingal County Council's Housing and Architect's teams are supporting Aoibhneas to develop a new refuge for victims of domestic violence in North Fingal. A property

has been acquired, the scheme is currently being designed, and the planning process will commence shortly.

The Council's Housing Department does not have direct access or nomination rights to domestic violence refuges; however, staff do advise citizens who present to us having left a violent situation of the contact details of Women's Aid, Men's Aid Ireland and the contact details for the domestic violence refuges.

Many families made homeless through domestic violence are also supported, if eligible, to find long term housing for them and their families through social housing support and the Housing Team and the social workers continue to work with this group of families.

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

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ITEM NO. 03

SANTRY RIVER RESTORATION AND THE GREENWAY PROJECT

Question: Councillor D. Healy

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the joint work of this Council with Dublin City Council in relation to the Santry River Restoration and the Greenway Project?"

Reply:

The Santry River Restoration and the Greenway Project is an Active Travel Project led by Dublin City Council (DCC) and incorporating some river restoration initiatives along the Santry River. The Fingal section involves a possible walking/cycling route going from Sillogue Golf Course near the Airport via Santry Demesne, crossing the R132 into the DCC lands and proceeding mainly via open space lands to the coast. The main river restoration sections relate to the DCC section of the river. A report on the project in advance of a formal planning application is expected in the coming months.

The attached link below which provides report on current proposals and timelines for the scheme. Publications | Dublin City Council

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

David Storey, Director of Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel & Sport

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ITEM NO. 04

FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS

Question: Councillor S. Shovlin

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a list of upcoming funding opportunities for community groups and the deadlines for applying for same?"

Reply:

The Community Development Office administers an Activity Funding scheme which is open to community and voluntary groups throughout the year with no cut-off date. A Remedial Funding scheme for non-council owned facilities is also available throughout the year, available all year subject to the overall funding allocation expiring. Potential applicants for these schemes should contact community@fingal.ie and a community team member will provide further information throughout the process.

The Environment Office - Community Climate Action Fund (CCAF) Phase 2 is due to be announced by Department of Environment, Climate & Communications (DECC) in the summer months and is for projects that will reduce carbon emissions. The Community Climate Action Officer will engage with local Community Groups to inform them of the application process and all details will be available on the Fingal website and disseminated via social media platforms. The total funding available for this Scheme is unknown at this time, however based on Phase 1, the 3 options of funding were Small Scale Projects, up to €20,000, Medium Scale Projects, up to €50,000 and Large-Scale Projects, up to €100,000.

Anti-Litter, Anti-Graffiti Fund – Invitation for applications for Litter/Graffiti projects will be invited once the announcement is made by the Department, usually in Qtr. 2. Applicants are given approximately 8 weeks to submit an application.

Leaf-mould cage Initiative – Applications will be invited from Community Groups in early Autumn.

The Environmental Awareness Officer can provide once-off monetary support to Community Groups for small environmental projects depending on the costs and budget availability and these are dealt with on a case-by-case basis.

LCDC: Fingal LCDC administers a number of funding opportunities for community groups, however the deadlines for all funding streams have passed for 2024 and no new calls will issue until December 2025, subject to the provision of funding from the Department of Rural & Community Development. The are ongoing funding opportunities under LEADER for community groups located in rural areas of Fingal for funding to support rural development. Further information is available through Fingal LEADER Partnership https://fingalleaderpartnership.ie/

Town Regeneration Office: The Town Regeneration Office administers and supports locally applications to the Town and Village Renewal Scheme, which is funded through the Department of Rural and Community Development. Towns and villages under ten thousand people in population are eligible. Expressions of interest for the 2025 scheme will be sought from community groups shortly with submission deadline to the Department of Rural & Community Development as outlined below for the different streams:

- Building/Land Acquisition Measure – 2nd May 2025
- Main Scheme – 25th July 2025
- Project Development Measure – 25th July 2025

Events: The Festival and Events Funding Programme for 2026 will open for applications in September for 2026 events. Details of the scheme can be found at https://www.fingal.ie/festivalandevents.

Arts: The Arts Office offer funding under two schemes, both of which are closed for 2025. The next calls are anticipated to open for applications

1. 2003 Arts Act Grant 2026 Scheme will open in October 2025 and offers funding to individuals, community groups, and organizations engaged in arts and cultural activities in line with Section 6 of the 2003 Arts Act.

2. Fingal Artist Support Scheme will open in January 2026 and supports professional artists for travel and professional development opportunities, a residency, or towards the development of work.

Libraries: - The Creative Ireland programme funds various community creative projects throughout Fingal. In 2025, we are supporting the continuation of a number of projects including the Cross-border dementia choir with the Forget me nots, the Festival in a van, Cruinniú, sustainable art with Prosper Fingal and many more.

Source of Replies:
Paul Carroll, Interim Director of Housing & Community
David Storey, Director of Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel & Sports
John Quinlivan, Director of Economic, Enterprise, Tourism & Cultural Development

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ITEM NO. 05

SPEED LIMIT REVIEW

Question: Councillor S. Shovlin

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a timeline and outline of the speed limit review across Fingal?"

Reply:

The Countywide Speed Limit review is due to commence in Q4 2025 in Fingal County Council.

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

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ITEM NO. 06

SOCIAL MEDIA CAMPAING ON THE ROLE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN FINGAL

Question: Councillor E. Dockrell

"To ask the Chief Executive to confirm if there are any social media campaigns currently running on the functions and responsibilities of Fingal County Council, for both Councillors and Council officials, to inform the public of the role of Local Government in the Fingal area and, if this is not already being done or planned, can consideration be given to such an educational campaign?"

Reply:

The Council has had several educational campaigns in relation to the functions of Local Government and the role of elected members and officials. In January 2024, the then Minister for Local Government and Planning, Kieran O'Donnell TD, launched the "Your Council" campaign, to provide members of the public with more information about Local Government and the role of the Councillor. The campaign was a digital, social media, and radio advertising initiative to give an overview of the different responsibilities of local government and the key role played by Councillors in shaping communities. It also included a campaign video. Councillors video_Animation_R2_16x9_music+sfx_Jan16 on Vimeo

The campaign drove traffic into a website where there was more information about the work of local councils and councillors and how important it is for members of the public to be informed and engaged with local government. The campaign was promoted on Fingal County Council's social media channels. gov.ie - Your Council

Fingal County Council also ran a Local Government Education Programme Local Government Education Programme | Fingal County Council in January 2023 as part of our wider efforts to increase the participation of women and individuals from diverse communities in local politics. It consisted of four modules which were:

- An introduction to Politics in Ireland
- The Importance of Inclusion in Local Government
- The Council
- Finding Your Political Home

All modules were recorded and are available to view on the Local Government Education Programme page on our website.

The programme was also promoted on social media.

Staff from Corporate Services have hosted visits in recent months by students from Swords Educate Together National School, Ardgillan Community College and Fingal Community College to County Hall which included a presentation on functions and responsibilities of councillors and officials in Fingal County Council

The Council will consider running a social media campaign to inform the public of the role of Local Government in the Fingal area which will direct people to the material already in place on gov.ie and fingal.ie.

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

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ITEM NO. 07

TENANT IN-SITU SCHEME

Question: Councillor P. Quinlan

"To ask Chief Executive to provide a report on the Tenant-in-situ Scheme, including a breakdown of reasons why acquisition by Fingal County Council didn't occur?"

Reply:

Fingal County Council fully met its acquisitions target for 2024. We have recently received the Departmental circular for 2025 which confirms a financial allocation of €20m in total for Fingal County Council across a number of streams including Tenant in Situ (TiS).

There are a number of reasons why Tenant-in-Situ acquisitions may not be concluded. Each case is assessed objectively by the expert housing team in Fingal County Council, with some of the main reasons for applications not proceeding including:

1. The applicant's needs are satisfactorily met through an allocation to existing stock or through other means e.g. sourcing another private tenancy;

2. The applicant is not eligible for social housing support;

3. The landlord may withdraw from the process for any reason including during purchase price negotiations;

4. The condition of the property is not suitable, and the costs involved in rectifying same would be prohibitive and/or disruptive to the tenancy.

The Council endeavours to provide as much transparency around the reasons for acquisitions not proceeding, within the constraints of the confidentiality of the tenant and the landlord, and with respect to commercially sensitive information.

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

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ITEM NO. 08

HOUSING UNITS AT BALLYMASTONE AT RISK DUE TO JUDICIAL REVIEW

Question: Councillor E. O'Brien

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise on how many housing units, broken down by social, affordable and private, will be delayed or put at risk by the taking of a judicial review with regard to the Ballymastone development and the likely consequences to the pricing of these units?"

Reply:

The Judicial Review (JR) is being taken against Phase 2 which is 364 homes consisting of 73 social, 73 affordable sales and 218 private sales. In the event that the JR is successful, the planning permission for these homes would be extinguished.

Phase 3, which is pending planning consent, consists of an additional 402 homes of which 80 are social, 80 affordable purchase and 242 private sale. Any inability to proceed with Phase 2 will result in a consequential delay to Phase 3.

In the event of a successful JR, there would be a potential delay of 4-5 years to the delivery of 766 family homes. In addition, it could trigger the termination of the development contract and a revisiting of the entire feasibility of delivering Phases 2 and 3.

Should the JR fail, it will likely result in a minimum two-year delay to Phase 2 with knock-on delays to Phase 3. There are also significant financial implications which include:

1. Direct indexation (inflation) costs to Fingal County Council for the social and affordable units as the delay progresses. In a two-year delay scenario, and using recent construction inflation as a guide, the costs to the Council would be 16%, equivalent to €49,000 extra on a two/three bed home, or c.€15,000,000 in total for Phase 2 and Phase 3.
2. The price the purchaser will pay for the affordable homes for sale is dependent on the size of the equity stake taken by Fingal County Council and the open market value. Delays mean less people on middle incomes qualify for the affordable homes and those who do still qualify will be faced with increased mortgage repayments.

3. Similar increased mortgage costs and income/affordability issues will face private purchasers.

4. The Council will lose out on rental income as a result of the social homes not being delivered. There will also be ongoing HAP costs facing the Council, and private rental costs facing those currently renting.

In a scenario where a JR is lodged (irrespective of whether it is subsequently withdrawn) and causes such delays to trigger an indexation event, the costs listed in 1-4 above would also arise.

This reply does not address the likely negative implications for the recreational hub, which is dependent on securing the Serviced Site Funding associated with the delivery of all phases of the project.

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

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ITEM NO. 09

FINGAL ACCESS STRATEGY

Question: Councillor L. Corkery

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the development of the Fingal Access Strategy?"

Reply:

The Access Officer is currently making final edits to the draft Fingal Access Strategy with design and production already initiated. These final checks are to ensure that the Strategy is as current and relevant as possible, to ensure it comprehensibly covers the various items raised through the consultation process by disability groups and persons with disabilities.

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

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ITEM NO. 10

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL'S SOCIAL HOUSING WAITING LIST

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline the current average wait time on the Council's Social Housing waiting list for a family to be made an offer of a suitable permanent council house, and to outline the list position families must be at in order to be considered in the offer zone?"

Reply:

In accordance with the Allocations Scheme for social housing support, allocations are based on date in need, meaning those longest on the waiting list will be offered housing. Waiting lists times can vary as a result of a number of factors. These factors include the following:

- Change in household composition, which may necessitate a change in the required no. of bedrooms; changing to a different bedroom requirement
- Request from applicants to change their housing area of choice
- Priority on exceptional medical / welfare grounds
- Refusal of an offer by the applicant

Families needing specially adapted units or larger dwellings may face longer wait times. The demand for these types of units often outstrips supply, as across all areas of the county the demand for larger homes or adapted properties exceeds the supply.

The wait time may be reduced considerably if applicants' avail of the Choice Based Letting (CBL) process. CBL has helped reduce wait times for many families, especially applicants who are flexible about location. Similarly, all applicants who are willing to consider a range of housing options, including multi-unit developments, can expect a shorter wait time compared to those with narrower preferences.

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

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ITEM NO. 11

REVENUE FROM CONCERTS

Question: Councillor C. Haughey

"To ask the Chief Executive what revenue has been generated from the concerts held in Malahide in the years 2022-2024, and where this revenue has been allocated?"

Reply:

Revenue generated by Fingal County Council in respect of the concerts held in Malahide Demesne forms part of the revenue budget and contributes towards the total yearly operational costs for running Malahide Castle. The total budgeted operational costs for Malahide Castle for 2025 are €2.5m. Provision of €1,150,000 in the 2025 Capital Programme for works to the Demesne and the Talbot Gardens and Butterfly House.

The Council invests significantly in the Castle and other buildings with planned capital expenditure over the next 3 years estimated at €2.4million.

Prior to the granting of a Public Event Licence for the Malahide Concerts each year, a licence application is submitted by the event organiser to Fingal County Council in accordance with part XVI of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), and the Planning and Development Regulations 2001.

A confidential Licence Agreement is also in place between the Promoters and the Council. The financial terms contained therein are commercially sensitive. All Revenue from the concerts is allocated to Malahide Castle and the Malahide area.

A refundable bond payment is received and retained by the Council against any reinstatement costs required to be undertaken by the Council to restore the venue and surrounding areas to their original condition prior to the event. The bond is refunded once the concert site has been reinstated to its original condition.

Source of Joint Reply:
Mary T. Daly, Director of Operations
John Quinlivan, Director Economic, Enterprise, Tourism & Cultural Development

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ITEM NO. 12

RENTAL SCHEMES FOR SOCIAL HOUSING APPLICANTS

Question: Councillor B. Ryan

"To ask the Chief Executive to report on the differences in rental schemes for housing applicants who may be offered housing support in Council stock versus Approved Housing Bodies (AHB) stock, e.g. Tuath?"

Reply:

In accordance with Section 58 of the Housing Acts 1966 to 2009 as amended, the Differential Rent Scheme applies to all tenants of Fingal County Council. Rents are calculated as a proportion of the "assessable income" of the principal earner (i.e. the person who is in receipt of the highest assessable income) together with a contribution from any subsidiary earners in the household. The rent attributable to the Principal Earner will be calculated at 12% of assessable income. This approach is in line with the adopted Fingal County Council Differential Rents Scheme, and given this scheme was adopted in 2013, a review of the scheme will be considered for progression in 2025.

Approved Housing Bodies adopt the same approach to rent calculation.

Capital Assistant Scheme (CAS) tenants are an exception to the above as they have a set rent and claim a supplement from the council – CAS/RAS.

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

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ITEM NO. 13

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL'S PLANNING PORTRAL

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

"To ask the Chief Executive to report on the number of outages on the Council's Planning Portal since January 2023 to include reasons for these outages and to outline measures taken to prevent reoccurrences in the future?"

Reply:

The following number of outages on the Fingal Planning Portal have occurred since January 2023:

Year	Planned Outages	Unplanned Outages
2023	1	0
2024	2	2
2025	0	6

Reasons for Outages

There have been a variety of reasons for the unplanned outages including technical issues, communications technology issues, and configuration issues. The reasons for the planned outages were system maintenance, and implementation of online applications for planning permission.

Measures Taken

The portal supplier resolved each unplanned outage and, where relevant, implemented improved processes and monitoring.

Fingal County Council has raised the problem of the increased frequency of Fingal Planning Portal outages with the portal supplier and has escalated this to the suppliers CEO level. Engagement is on-going to put the necessary measures in place to minimise the possibility of future unplanned outages.

Fingal County Council is also engaging with the portal supplier in partnership with the other Irish local authorities who have implemented the Planning Portal solution. The portal supplier was acquired by a new owner in July 2024. The engagements with the new owner have been focussed on reviewing and strengthening the service level agreement to ensure that there is a robust technical operating model in place with the required resilience, redundancy, and response/recovery times.

Fingal County Council issues advance notifications of planned outages via its social media channels. In the event of any unplanned outages, the Council issues notifications of those outages when they occur and when the service resumes.

Source of Reply:
Matthew McAleese, Director of Planning & Strategic Infrastructure
Mary Egan, Director of People, Corporate & Digital Services

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ITEM NO. 14

SOCIAL AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING STOCK IN FINGAL

Question: Councillor JK Onwumereh

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide updates on the social and affordable housing stock in the county and the timeline for delivery to applicants in 2025?"

Reply:

Fingal County Council continues to lead the way in delivering high quality new social, affordable and cost rental homes at scale. Work is progressing well on our mixed tenure own construction schemes throughout the county, along with delivery through turnkey arrangements with our partners in the Approved Housing Body and private development sector and via Part V delivery. The breakdown of delivery in 2025, actual and expected, across these streams is set out below.

	Delivered to date in 2025 (Jan – March)	Expected Delivery April – December 2025
Social Delivery FCC	8	113
Affordable Delivery FCC	114	184
Part V		139
Social Turnkey		104
AHB CALF	18	471
Affordable Turnkey	26	24
Cost Rental		80
Total	166	1,115

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

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ITEM NO. 15

STREET CLEANING SCHEDULE

Question: Councillor E. Troy

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise on how the schedule for street cleaning/sweeping is organised, and how often would one expect to see a street cleaner on their road?"

Reply:

The Operations Department carries out a comprehensive cleaning/sweeping schedule across the county in each of the three administrative areas.

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

Daily cleaning/sweeping is carried out in the major towns while schedules can range between 4 to 8 weeks across the other routes on less built-up locations across the county. Additional resources are applied during the leaf falling season including the hiring of additional sweepers.

It should, however, be noted that from time to time there are changes to schedules due to a number of factors such as seasonal activities and during adverse weather events when staff are deployed to other duties.

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

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ITEM NO. 16

CHILD CARE FACILITIES

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise on how many crèches and child care facilities, that were conditioned as part of a planning application, sought to have the planning changed from crèche and child care facility to some other use after building commenced or completed, detailing how many were successful, and as a result, how many promised childcare facilities did not materialise in the last 5 years?"

Reply:

In the last 5 years there have been 28 planning applications granted for large residential developments in Fingal. As part of a large residential development comprising of over 75 houses, a crèche or childcare facility must be provided as part of the development by legislation. A desktop search showed no results for the past five years to have permission for change of use from a crèche /childcare facility to some other use. A more detailed search may be required given the specific nature of the request.

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

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ITEM NO. 17

COST OF NEW CYCLING/PEDESTRIAN INFRASTRUCTURE FINGAL

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a breakdown of the total cost for new cycling/pedestrian infrastructure across the county, for example €16 million cost for a 3km new facility in Balbriggan, and to clarify if the Council has only been allocated €22million for the year, how will Active Travel Infrastructure be delivered to all of our residents?"

Reply:

The overall cost of 16 million for the Harry Reynolds Scheme is over the entire lifetime of the project. The lifetime of this project was 7 years. The significant cost of this project, like all projects, was during the delivery of the construction phase which was over the last 20 months and equates to €14.25m (inc. VAT). The remainder of the costs were spent on consultancy design fees, traffic signalling equipment, ground investigations and surveys. There were some variations to the original works contract required including additional cycle infrastructure on the Hamilton Road to link with the future Castlelands link road, residential area and school. There were unforeseen significant difficulties encountered in the delivery of the project in the relocation of existing utilities, despite site investigations undertaken prior to the detailed design being finalized. The unforeseen difficulties with existing utilities also resulted in significant issues in the retrofitting of new tree pits.

For a similar project, the National Transport Authority's Active Travel Infrastructure Cost Information Booklet published December 2024 states for a fully segregated Pedestrian & Cycle Route cost are at the Lower end €2 million/Km, Median €4 million/Km and Upper €7 million. This project comes in just above the median figure. It should be noted that Harry Reynolds Road scheme is an exemplar high quality fully segregated footpath and cycleway connecting 6 schools which includes 13 controlled crossing points located all along the route, improved public realm, and a links to millpond.

The NTA has allocated €22m funding for Active Travel infrastructure being delivered by both the Active Travel Unit (ECAATS dept) and Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department. The funding is allocated against schemes across the county which are at different stages of delivery including design, planning or construction.

The NTA in their allocation place a strong emphasis on connectivity and progressing with the delivery of the GDA cycle network. In addition, the Active Travel unit has a number of minor connectivity projects, distributed across the county, which are being delivered on the basis of levy funding. The Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department received funding towards Active Travel infrastructure projects from TII in 2025 in particular towards the Fingal Coastal Way.

Source of Joint Reply:
David Storey, Director of Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel & Sports
Matthew McAleese, Director of Planning & Strategic Infrastructure

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ITEM NO. 18

BILINGUAL SINGAGE IN FINGAL

Question: Councillor J. Walsh

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide details of the number of complaints received from members of the public about inaccuracies in bilingual signage in Fingal?"

Reply:

In the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords (BRLS) operational area from 2017 to date we have received 9 complaints regarding inaccuracies in Irish language spelling on signage. The Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar (BMCO) Operational area have received 7 complaints regarding inaccuracies since 2017. The Howth/Malahide Operational Area has received 3 complaints regarding inaccuracies since 2017.

Year	BRLS	CAS/MUL	HOW/MAL
2017	3	0	1
2018	1	0	1
2019	2	1	0
2020	1	1	0
2021	0	0	1
2022	1	0	0
2023	0	1	0
2024	1	1	0
2025	0	3	0

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

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REPORT OF COMMITTEES

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ITEM NO. 19a

STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE (SPC) QUARTERLY REPORTS

REPORT OF PUBLIC REALM TRANSPORTATION/ MOBILITY MANAGEMENT STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 4TH MARCH 2025

Council Members	**Councillor Darragh Butler – Chairperson** Councillor Joan Hopkins Councillor Corina Johnston Councillor Malachy Quinn Councillor Patrick Quinlan
Non-Council Members	Michael Lenehan Siobhan O'Donnell

Meeting Date	**Theme/Policy issue**	**Update**
04/03/2025	Public Realm, Transportation/Mobility Management Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) Works Programme	A presentation was given by Deirdre Sinclair, A/Senior Executive Officer, outlining an overview of the committee and a proposed multiannual work programme. Following discussion, the Committee **AGREED** the programme.
	Update on Review of Parking Bye-Laws	A presentation was given by Niamh Russell, Administrative Officer, on the Review of Parking Bye-Laws. Following discussion, the Committee **AGREED** the presentation.

REPORT OF PLANNING STRATEGIC TRANSPORT & INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 11TH MARCH 2025

Council Members	**Councillor O'Brien, Eoghan** (**Chairperson**), Councillor Boland, Cathal, Councillor Smyth, John, Councillor Carbone – Mangan, Eimear	
Non-Council Members	Mr. Anthony Cooney	
Meeting Date 2025	**Theme/Policy issue**	**Update**
11/03/2025	Ms. Patricia Cadogan, Acting Senior Planner, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department gave a presentation to the Two-Year Progress Report on the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029.	Following a discussion the presentation was **NOTED**.
	Mr. Colin Gallagher, Senior Engineer, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department gave a presentation on the Update on Taking in Charge.	Following a discussion the presentation was **NOTED**.
	Ms. Linda Lally, Acting Senior Engineer and Mr. Kevin Halpenny, Senior Parks and Landscape Officer gave a presentation on the Capital Programme.	Following a discussion the presentation was **NOTED**.
	Mr. Hans Visser, Senior Executive Parks and Landscape Officer gave a presentation on the Guidelines for	Following a discussion the presentation was **NOTED.**

	Biodiversity on Development.	
	Ms. Zer Barokas, Graduate Parks and Landscape Officer gave a presentation on Nesting Facilities in Building Facades	Following a discussion the presentation was **NOTED**.

REPORT OF ECONOMIC ENTERPRISE & TOURISM DEVELOPMENT SPC HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12TH MARCH 2025

Council Members	**Chairperson Councillor Kieran Dennison;** Councillor James Humphreys; Councillor Tony Murphy; Councillor Siobhan Shovlin; Councillor Tom O'Leary; Councillor Jimmy Guerin; Councillor Ellen Troy.	
Non-Council Members	Mr Anthony Cooney, Fingal Chamber; Mr Peader O'Kelly, PPN.	
Meeting Date 2025	**Theme/Policy issue**	**Update**
12TH March 2025	SPC Policy Programme Update	Presentation by John Quinlivan Director of Services. Outline of Policy & Strategy updates / implementations, Policy Developments & Reviews and Town Regeneration also outlined the key components of the proposed 2025 programme. **Report noted and Accepted by Councillors.**
	LEO Fingal: Review 2021-2024; and Local Enterprise Development Plan 2025-2028	Presentation by Oisín Geoghegan, Head of Enterprise Fingal. Report outlined the work of the Local Enterprise Office throughout 2024 with breakdown of targets and outputs for the year.

		Breakdown of recent activities, programmes and the development plan for 2025 – 2028. Key Highlights of Local Enterprise Week 2025 also noted. **Report noted and Accepted by Councillors.**
	Future Fingal: Skills Strategy 2024 – 2029 - Out-turn and Update	Presentation by Aoife Sheridan, Senior Executive Officer. Report outlined the key elements of the Fingal Skills Strategy 2024-2029, detailing its roadmap under its 5 themes. Skills outturn report to be circulated amongst SPC members highlighting key achievements. **Report Noted and Accepted by Councillors.**
	Economic Strategy / LECP Update	Presentation by Aoife Sheridan, Senior Executive Officer. Outline Report on Fingal's Economic Development Strategy & Local Economic Community Plan 2023-2028. **Report Noted and Accepted by Councillors.**
	Tourism Strategy Implementation	Declan Power, Senior Executive Officer gave an overview of Fingal's Tourism Strategy implementation. **Agreed and Accepted by Councillors.**

	Food & Drink Policy Implementation	Declan Power, Senior Executive Officer gave an overview of Fingal's Food & Drink Policy implementation. **Agreed and Accepted by Councillors.**
	Councillor J. Humphreys – Outdoor Dining Strategy – AI100576	Report provided by Declan Power. Motion proposed by Councillor James Humphreys and seconded by Councillor Jimmy Guerin. **Motion Passed by Councillors.**

REPORT OF MARINE & COASTAL MANAGEMENT STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 20TH MARCH 2025

Council Members	**Councillor Angela Donnelly – Chairperson** Councillor Paul Mulville, Councillor Cathal Boland, Councillor Corina Johnson, Councillor Dean Mulligan **Apologies:** Councillor Grainne Maguire
Non-Council Members	Charles Sargent, Máire O' Brien, David Storey, Director of Services, Catherine O' Donovan, Senior Executive Officer, John Daly, Senior Engineer, Kevin Halpenny, Senior Parks and Landscape Officer, Donal Farrelly, Senior Executive Planner, David T Byrne, Senior Executive Engineer, Grainne Carroll, Administrative Officer Sunni Bean, Dublin Inquirer

Meeting Date	**Theme/Policy issue**	**Update**
20th March 2025	Headed Item – Presentation on	Following discussion between Members, the Presentation was **NOTED.**

	Balleally Landfill Aftercare	
	Headed Item – Annual MCM SPC Works Programme 2025	Following discussion between Members, the Presentation was **NOTED.**
	Establishment of Coastal Liaison Committees	Following discussion between Members, the Report was **NOTED.**
	Presentation of Marine Framework	Following discussion between Members, the Report was **NOTED.**
	Report on progress to improve public access along coastlines	Following discussion between Members, the Report was **AGREED.**

REPORT OF HOUSING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 24TH MARCH 2025

Council Members	**Chairperson Councillor B. Ryan** Councillor M. Boland, Councillor J. Burtchaell, Councillor B. Hanaphy, Councillor C. Haughey, Councillor T. Leddy, Councillor G. Sheehan, **Apologies**: Councillor A. Tormey	
Non-Council Members	Mr. D. Branagan, Mr. J. Doran, Ms. Jo. Fulham,	
Meeting Date 2025	**Theme/Policy issue**	**Update**
24th March 2025	Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of the Housing SPC held on Tuesday 26th November 2024.	Proposed by Cllr. G. Sheehan and seconded by Cllr. J. Burtchaell.
	Tenant-in-situ Update	An update on Tenant-in-situ scheme was presented. The Presentation was **NOTED.**

	2025 Strategic Policy Committee Work Programme	Discussion took place regarding Housing 2025 Policy/ Works Programme. The Report was **NOTED.**
	Motion: Cllr B. Hanaphy -Medical Priority Scheme	Proposed by Cllr. B. Hanaphy and seconded by Cllr. T. Leddy. Presentation provided on Medical Priority Process. Following discussion between Members, the Presentation was **NOTED.**

REPORT OF CLIMATE ACTION, BIODIVERSITY AND ENVIRONMENT STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 25TH MARCH 2025

Council Members	**Councillor Joe Newman – Chairperson** Councillor David Healy, Councillor Helen Redwood, Councillor Brian McDonagh, Councillor Siobhan Shovlin **Apologies:** Councillor JK Onwumereh
Non-Council Members	Tara Byrne, PPN, Paul Flynn, IFA, Sarah Zimmerman David Storey, Director of Services, Catherine O' Donovan, Senior Executive Officer, John Daly, Senior Engineer, David T Byrne, Senior Executive Engineer, Enda Hoey, Senior Executive Scientist, Karen Leeson, Senior Executive Engineer, Bridget Loughlin, Climate Coordinator, Grainne Carroll, Administrative Officer, Alain Kerveillant, Executive Scientist, Rebecca Walsh, Executive Scientist, Niamh Moran, Climate Action Officer, Orla Healy, Graduate

Meeting Date	**Theme/Policy issue**	**Update**
25th March 2025	Headed Item – Progress Report on Climate Action Plan 2024 - 2029	Following discussion between Members, the presentation was **NOTED.**
	Headed Item – Recommended Minimum Criteria for	Following discussion between Members, the presentation was **NOTED.**

	Environmental Inspections (RMCEI) Review 2024 and Inspection Plan 2025	
	Headed Item – Strategic Policy Committees Works Programme 2025	Following discussion between Members, the presentation was **NOTED.**
	Development of a Lighting Policy	Following discussion between Members, the Report was **AGREED.**
	PFAS Issue	Following discussion between Members, the Report was **AGREED.**

REPORT OF COMMUNITY, SPORTS & CULTURE STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE (SPC)

Council Members	**Councillor Eoghan Dockrell (Chairperson)** Councillor Angela Donnelly Councillor John Walsh Councillor Mary McCamley Councillor Tom Kitt
Non-Council Members	Brenda Vanderzee Inclusion PPN Abi Wise PPN Representative

Meeting Date 2025	**Theme/Policy issue**	**Update**
26/03/2025	11/12/2024 Minutes	Proposed by Cllr Donnelly Seconded by Cllr Dockrell
	Workplan 2025	**Noted** by all

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ITEM NO. 19b

REPORT OF BALBRIGGAN/RUSH-LUSK/SWORDS SERVICES B AREA COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 13TH MARCH 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
The Priory and Priory Wood Resident's Association GA 003350	€2499	Airpots Pump Action, Pop up Gazebo, Garden tools, Room hire for AGM, BHP Insurance, Paint and	N	N/A	€2499

		accessories, Folding Tables			
Tara Court Residents Association GA003159	€2932	Signage, Equipment, Plants/Trees	N	N/A	€2932
Rush Senior Citizens GA-003380	€2451	Insurance, Kitchen Equipment, Transport for 4 x Day Trips	Y	2024 - €2438 2023 - €2057	€1800

It was **proposed by** Councillor C. Johnston and **seconded by** Councillor G. Maguire.

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

Signed _____

Cllr T. O'Leary
Cathaoirleach

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ITEM NO. 19c

REPORT OF HOWTH/MALAHIDE SERVICES B AREA COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 2ND APRIL 2025

APPLICATIONS FOR SPORTS FUNDING

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

ACTIVITY FUNDING GRANTS APPLICATIONS

Name of Applicant Group	Total Funding Amount Applied for in Respect of this Application	Summary of What Funding is Required For – Breakdown of Items	Has this Group Applied for Funding Previously? Y/N	Total Amount of Funding Group has Received to Date and Broken Down by Year	Total Amount of Funding Proposed by the Fingal Executive and rationale for Approval
Portmarnock Sub Aqua	€1,500	Purchase 6 x O2 analysers for checking nitroc and checking O2 content in the air bottles used when scuba diving	Y	2022 - €2,470 2021 - €2000	€1,500

Sutton Lawn Tennis Club	€4,000	MX Stairmaster to assist with ongoing fitness and conditioning	Yes	2023 - €833 2021 - €425	€4,000

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

Signed: _____

Councillor A. Tormey
Area Chairperson

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ITEM NO. 19d

REPORT OF BLANCHARDSTOWN/MULHUDDART/CASTLEKNOCK-ONGAR SEVICES B AREA COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 3RD APRIL 2025

APPLICATIONS FOR COMMUNITY FUNDING

ACTIVITY FUNDING GRANT APPLICATIONS

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

Name of Applicant Group	**Total Funding Amount Applied for in Respect of this Application.**	**Summary of What Funding is Required For & breakdown of items.**	**Has this Group Applied for Funding Previously? Yes/No**	**Total Amount of Funding Group has Received to Date and Broken Down by Year.**	**Total Amount of Funding Proposed by the Fingal Executive and rationale for Approval**
Corduff Sports Centre GA-003385	€600.00	Chair Yoga Instructor – €600.00	YES	2023 – €2,999.98	€600.00

109th Corduff Scout Group Dublin GA-003398	€2,993.00	Charter Survey – €1,722.00 Boiler Maintenance €1,271.20	NO	N/A	€2,993.00
Bosnia – Herzegovina Association of Ireland GA-003389	€2,953.00	Venue - €1850 16pp booklet (quantity 100) - exc. VAT- €320 Pop up banners (quantity 2) and cards- €783	NO	N/A	€2,943.00
Laurel Lodge mens Club GA-003423	€2,968.00	Instructor - €2400.00 Room Rental - €568.00	YES	2024 - €2,928.00	€2,968.00
GREATER COCHIN CLUB GA-003391	€2,000.00	AV Rental - €500.00 Band - €500.00 DJ- €500.00 Kids Entertainment - €500.00	YES	2024 - €3,000.00	€2,000.00
181st Dublin Castaheany/Ongar Scout Group GA-003429	€2,986.00	3 x Fully stocked First Aid bags - €737.46 22 x Waterproof Maps- €427.50 7 x Skye 400 tent - €1505 4 x kelly kettle basecamp - €316	NO	N/A	€2,986.00

It was **proposed** by Councillor J. Walsh and **seconded** by Councillor G. Sheehan. That this Committee recommends that the County Council **APPROVE** of the Community Funding in the foregoing report.

APPLICATIONS FOR SPORTS FUNDING

ACTIVITY FUNDING GRANTS APPLICATIONS

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: -

Name of Applicant Group	**Total Funding Amount Applied for in Respect of this Application**	**Summary of What Funding is Required For – Breakdown of Items**	**Has this Group Applied for Funding Previously? Y/N**	**Total Amount of Funding Group has Received to Date and Broken Down by Year**	**Total Amount of Funding Proposed by the Fingal Executive and rationale for Approval**
Tridents Basketball Club	€1,500	The club is looking to use the Essential Sports Equipment Grant to purchase basketballs, first aid equipment, and training equipment.	Yes	2023 - €2907.12	€1,500

It was **proposed** by Councillor G. Sheehan and **seconded** by Councillor J. Walsh. That this Committee recommends that the County Council **APPROVE** of the Sports Funding in the foregoing report.

Signed: _____

Councillor JK Onwumereh

Area Chairperson

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ITEM NO. 19e

REPORT OF CORPORATE POLICY GROUP MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 7th APRIL 2025

2024 Annual Financial Statement

Mr. Oliver Hunt, Head of Finance, gave a presentation to the Members in relation to Annual Financial Statement for 2024. Following discussion, the presentation was **NOTED**.

Fingal Local Community Partnerships

Ms. Mary T. Daly, Director of Services, Operations, gave a presentation to the Members in relation to Fingal Local Community Partnerships. Following discussion, the presentation was **NOTED**.

Draft Corporate Calendar 1st July to 31st December 2025

Ms. Mary Egan, Director of Services, People, Corporate & Digital Services, outlined the proposed meeting dates for July to December 2025. Following discussion, the CPG agreed to **RECOMMEND** the calendar to the meeting of the O, P & F on Monday, 14th April.

Strategic Policy Committees

a. **Standing Orders**

Ms. Mary Egan, Director of Services, People, Corporate & Digital Services, gave a presentation to the Members in relation to Standing Orders for Strategic Policy Committees. Following discussion, the CPG agreed to **RECOMMEND** the Standing Orders to the meeting of the O, P & F on Monday, 14th April.

b. Training

Ms. Mary Egan, Director of Services, People, Corporate & Digital Services, gave a presentation to the Members in relation to the proposed dates and content for SPC training. Following discussion, it was **AGREED** that the dates be circulated to all members of SPCs.

c. Annual Policy Programme

Ms. Mary Egan, Director of Services, People, Corporate & Digital Services, outlined the content of the Annual Policy Programme to CPG. Following discussion, it was agreed to **RECOMMEND** the Policy for approval at the full Council meeting on Monday, 14th April.

d. Quarterly Reports

Ms. Mary Egan, Director of Services, People, Corporate & Digital Services, outlined to the Members that more information from quarterly SPC Meetings had been requested. Following discussion, it was **AGREED** minutes from each quarterly SPC meeting would be circulated to all Councillors.

Signed: Brian McDonagh
Mayor

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 14th APRIL 2025

ITEM NO. 19f

REPORT OF BALBRIGGAN/RUSH-LUSK/SWORDS SERVICES B AREA COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 10TH APRIL 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
Brookfield Park, Rush Residents Committee GA-003402	€1,547.00	Insurance Renewal Plants, bark, compost Wildflower seedballs Paint, brushes, waterbutt, Rush comm Council room	Y	€1019	€1,547.00

		rental x 3 meetings			
Lusk Cleaning Group GA-003399	€2,114.00	Public liability insurance Flowers	Y	2024 - €2000 2023 -€2499.60	€2,114.00
Taylor Hill Residents Association GA-003400	€3000.00	Summer Event Children's entertainment, Xmas event children's entertainment, Insurance, Flemington Community Centre Hall Hire Flyer printing Summer, Flyer printing xmas Photography and videography Summer Photography and videography Xmas Burko Boiler hire xmas gazebos, tables and chair hire summer	Y	2024 - €3000 2023 - €3000	€3000.00
Lusk Action Group GA-003409	€3,000.00	Generator Hire Face Painting LAG Insurance 2025	Y	2024 - €3000 2023 - €3000	€3,000.00
Castleland Park Neighbourhood Watch GA-003424	€875.00	Text Alert System Muintir Na Tire Membership Insurance Community	Y	2024 - €1272 2023 – €965.58	€875.00

		centre Room hire Printing Costs			
Active Age for All GA-003415	€1,000.00	Dublin Castle Áras an Uachtaráin, Howth Castle	Y	2024 - €1090	€1,000.00
Turvey Allotments Association GA-003405	€2,153.00	Portakabin	N	N/A	€2,153.00
Lusk Community Council GA-003455	€500.00	Artist Music performance	Y	2024 - €2500	€500.00
St Catherines Residents Association GA 003393	€3000	To improve sustainability and biodiversity in the Community Garden, green-spaces, woodland and community events area. To purchase equipment for maintenance of same	Y	2023 - €3000 2024 - €3000	€2,533.35
Ballyboughal Community Council GA 003471	€2909	Heritage Festival Day Pop-up tent Hat making Loudspeaker Voice recorder Insurance	Y	2021 - €1000 2024 - €3000	€3000

It was **proposed by** Councillor T. Murphy and **seconded by** Councillor M. Quinn.

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

APPLICATIONS FOR SPORTS FUNDING

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

ACTIVITY FUNDING GRANTS APPLICATIONS

Name of Applicant Group	Total Funding Amount Applied for in Respect of this Application	Summary of What Funding is Required For 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
Shamrock Saints HC	€1458	Erima balls Size 0 €357.00 Erima balls Size 1 €357.00 Ball bags €50.70 Floor pump €17.80 Mannequin for kids 120cm €59.80 Reversable bibs orange €64.90 Reversable bibs green €64.90 Area shooter €69.90 Storage bag	No	N/A	€1458

		€13.80 Referee set €85.80			
Swords Badminton Club	€1656	Badminton pole sets x4 €399 each = €1596 Badminton net €40	Yes	2023 - €1419	€1656
Donabate Portrane Tennis Club	€1500	18 x Cases Dunlop Fort 3ball €1,966.83 2 x Cases Babolat Gold All Court €214.63 48 Academy Red Balls €74.15 72 Academy Orange Balls €105.37 72 Academy Green Balls €105.37	Yes	2021 - €425 2020 - €1000 2016 - €3000	€1500
Lusk Athletic Club	€4000	20 x Olympia Super Aluminium Hurdles €4182	Yes	2021 - €2000 2020 - €2000 2016 - €2200	€4000
Swords Manor Football Club	€1500	Footballs x 50 €600 Poles x 24 €138 Bibs x 50 €150 Ladders x 2 €38 Hurdles x 24 €112 Mini goals x 4 €278 Small cones 3 sets €48 Large cones 4 sets €136	Yes	2021 - €425 2020 - €1000	€1500
Aer Lingus Bowls Club	€1500	6 score boards €1078 6 Jacks €221 2 Gatherers €137 1 Umpire kit €270	Yes	2023 - €2023	€1500

St. Finians GAA Club	€4000	Set of Juvenile goalposts 15' x 7' €740 Set of Juvenile goalposts 10' x 6' €615 15' x 7' Retractable goalpost €2720	Yes	2021 - €1907 2020 - €1000	€4000
Balbriggan & Skerries Fishing club	€4000	17-foot boat €3700.00 Sikaflex 291i white Generator €531.85	Yes	2024 - €3000	€4000
Swords Celtic Football Club	€4000	2 sets of self-weighted goals with nets €4,317.30	Yes	2022 - €3000 2021 - €2000 2020 - €1000	€4000
St. Colmcille's GFC	€3694	Portable Goal 10x6 €1324.99 Portable Goal 12 x 6 €1449.99 1x set pitch side flags €330 Footballs size 5 x5 €250 35 x footballs (juvenile) €339	Yes	2023 - €1002 2021 - €425 2020 - €1000	€3694
St. Ita's AFC	€4000	Goals + nets, weights €2140.20 Mannequin €564.35 Scoreboard €934.80 Goalkeeper deflection kits x 1 €624.99	Yes	2023 - €833 2022 - €950 2021 - €425 2020 - €1000	€4000

O'Dwyers GAA Club	€4000	2 Juvenile Goals posts €5200	Yes	2022 - €2808	€4000

It was **proposed by** Councillor J. Newman and **seconded by** Councillor D.J. Kelly.

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

Signed _____

Cllr T. O'Leary
Cathaoirleach

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COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 14TH APRIL 2025

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FINANCIAL MATTERS

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 14TH APRIL 2025

ITEM NO. 20a

CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2024 & AUTHORISATION OF ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE

As required under the Local Government Act 2001, Section 108, attached are a copy of the Draft Annual Financial Statement for the year ending 31st December 2024 for consideration at the Council meeting on the 14th April 2025.

Total expenditure for the year 2024 on the Revenue Account including net transfers amounted to €339m. This expenditure was funded primarily by a combination of Commercial Rates, income from Irish Water, Grants, Local Property Tax and income from goods/services. The final outturn on the Revenue Account was a surplus of €278. The credit amount has been brought forward to the 2024 accounts. At year-end, the Revenue Account had an accumulated surplus of €15.98m.

Total expenditure on Capital Account (net of transfers) for 2024 was €567.7m. This expenditure is funded primarily by grants, development levies and transfers from revenue. The total value of fixed assets reflected in the balance sheet at the 31st December 2024 is €3.264bn.

The combined total expenditure for Fingal County Council between our Revenue and Capital Accounts for 2024 is €906.6m (net of transfers). The similar figure for 2023 was €638.6m.

At the Council's Annual Budget meeting held on 3rd December 2024 (minute **F/472/24**) the Council approved revised budget expenditure for 2024. On completion of the final accounts further movements have taken place. In line with the recommendation of the Local Government Auditor, the Council's approval is now sought to the following areas of additional Revenue Account expenditure by Service as outlined in the table below.

Service	Service description	Additional Expenditure
A03	Housing Rent and Tenant Purchase Administration	211,528
A05	Administration of Homeless Service	44,897
A06	Support to Housing Capital Prog.	150,990
A08	Housing Loans	175,666
D01	Forward Planning	66,533
D02	Development Management	208,749
D03	Enforcement	8,102
D04	Industrial and Commercial Facilities	2,119
E02	Recovery & Recycling Facilities Operations	382,085
E06	Street Cleaning	230,887
F05	Operation of Arts Programme	77,676
G04	Veterinary Service	47,287
H02	Profit & Loss Stores Account	36,847
H03*	Administration of Rates	926,855
H04	Franchise Costs	18,993
H07	Operation of Markets and Casual Trading	3,997
H09	Local Representation & Civic Leadership	90,622

*The additional expenditure under H03 is driven primarily by a refund of waivers to DHLGH following finalisation of valuations by the VT. This cost was funded from the revaluation reserve.

Reflected in the above is an additional transfer of **€46k** funding from the Revenue Account to be allocated to community centres refurbishment fund.

The draft Annual Financial Statement have been forwarded to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage and the Local Government Auditor. On completion of the audit the Audited AFS and Auditors Report will be brought back to the Members for their consideration.

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Fhine Gall
Fingal County
Council

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

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Financial Review

Introduction:

I am pleased to present the Annual Financial Statement of Fingal County Council for the year ended 31st December 2024. The Annual Financial Statement has been prepared in accordance with the Accounting Code of Practice for Local Authorities. The accounts are prepared on an accruals basis and incorporate a Statement of Comprehensive Income (Income and Expenditure Account), Statement of Financial Position (Balance Sheet), Statement of Funds Flow (Funds Flow Statement), a Statement of Accounting Policies, Notes to the Accounts and Appendices in the prescribed formats.

Income & Expenditure Account

Overall Expenditure for 2024 on the revenue account amounted to €339m with a further €30.7M in transfers to the capital account, while income on the account amounted to €369.7m. The revenue account outturn for 2024 is €278 credit. When account is taken of the incoming credit balance the Revenue Account shows a credit balance of €15.98m.

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

Balance Sheet

The Annual Financial Statement (AFS) includes valuations for fixed assets and includes local authority houses, land, buildings, equipment, heritage assets, plant and machinery, road networks and the surface water element of our drainage network. The total value of fixed assets reflected in the balance sheet at the 31st December 2024 is €3.264bn.

Capital expenditure excluding transfers amounted to €567.7m which reflects an increase of €220m of expenditure in 2024. This includes capital expenditure over a number of areas including housing, strategic infrastructure and active travel and is reflective of the increased pace in capital project delivery across the County.

The total indebtedness of the Council on foot of loans outstanding at the 31st December 2024 was €293.7m which reflects a reduction of €13.9m from 2023. The reduction was due to increased loan redemptions and reduced housing loans borrowings.

The combined total expenditure impact of our Revenue and Capital Accounts excluding transfers for 2024 is €906.6m.

Details of the main collection accounts are included in Appendix 7. Commercial rates continues to be the primary source of funding for the Council. The overall gross collection rate for 2024 was extremely strong at 99.9%. The high collection rate is a key component in the Council's ability to keep pace with the delivery of services and projects across the County. Housing rent collection has improved during 2024 and continued focus will be put on this during 2025.

Financial Outlook

Over the past number of years Fingal has had to deal with the impact pandemic, international instability, and inflationary pressures. Despite this the Council's financial position remains relatively stable.

Ireland has an open economy which is very exposed to changes in the international economic environment. We will need to continue to keep under review the potential impact of negative changes in economic conditions on the Council's finances.

As in previous years, during 2024 and as is reflected in the 2025 budget, we continue to orientate the Council's finances towards the enhancement of service and capital project delivery across the County. The ongoing support of the Members in relation to budgetary and financial matters will continue be a critical component of this into the future.

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

AnnMarie Farrelly
Chief Executive
31st March 2025

Fingal County Council

Certificate of Chief Executive and Director of Finance for the year ended 31 December 2024

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

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

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

1.4 When preparing financial statements we have:

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

1.5 We certify that the financial statements of Fingal County Council for the year ended 31 December 2024, as set out on pages 5 to 24, are in agreement with the books of account and have been prepared in accordance with the accounting requirements as directed by the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

Chief Executive

Date 31/3/2025

Director of Finance

Date 31/3/2025

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1. General

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Accounting Code of Practice ACoP on local authority accounting, as revised by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) at 31st December 2024. Non-compliance with accounting policies as set out in ACoP must be stated in the Policies and Notes to the Accounts.

2. Statement of Funds Flow (Funds Flow Statement)

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

3. Accruals

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

4. Interest Charges

Loans payable can be divided into the following two categories:

- Mortgage related loans
- Non- mortgage related loans

4.1 Mortgage Related Loans

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

4.2 Non Mortgage Related Loans

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

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

5. Pensions

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

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

6. Agency and Other Services

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

7. Insurance

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

8. Provision for Bad & Doubtful Debts

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

9. Fixed Assets

9.1 Classification of Assets

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

9.2 Recognition

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

9.3 Measurement

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

9.4 Fixed Assets Revaluation

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

9.5 Disposals

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

9.6 Depreciation

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

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

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

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

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

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

9. Government Grants

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

10. Development Debtors & Income

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

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

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

12. Debt Redemption

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

13. Lease Schemes

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

14. Stock

Stocks are valued on an average cost basis.

15. Work-in-Progress & Preliminary Expenditure

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

16. Related Parties

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

17. Interest in Local Authority Companies

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

18. Accounting for Expenditure

Expenditure in relation to policy is accounted for in the relevant division e.g. E15 Climate Action and Flooding.

Operational expenditure is accounted for in the area where the expenditure is incurred e.g. Housing, Roads, etc. This is in line with the Local Authorities costing system where the full cost of a service/sub-service must reflect all the costs associated with the service.

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT STATEMENT)

FOR PERIOD ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

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

Expenditure By Division	Note	Gross Expenditure 2024 €	Income 2024 €	Net Expenditure 2024 €	Net Expenditure 2023 €
Housing and Building		107,323,165	106,361,238	961,927	(2,289,007)
Roads, Transportation & Safety		40,056,074	10,051,213	30,004,861	25,788,599
Water Services		17,104,636	16,517,975	586,661	(25,797)
Development Management		47,437,992	27,000,411	20,437,581	19,772,610
Environmental Services		51,818,178	7,836,050	43,982,128	36,292,976
Recreation & Amenity		61,028,110	5,202,157	55,825,953	51,540,874
Agriculture. Education, Health & Welfare		1,701,252	466,710	1,234,542	1,070,313
Miscellaneous Services		12,463,232	22,241,291	(9,778,059)	(12,369,172)
Total Expenditure/Income	**15**	338,932,640	195,677,044		
Net Cost of Division to be funded from Rates and Local Property Tax				143,255,595	119,781,396
Rates				161,624,202	154,729,089
Local Property Tax				12,366,308	9,779,302
Surplus/(Deficit) for Year before Transfer				30,734,915	44,726,994
Transfers from/(to) Reserves	**14**			(30,734,638)	(44,726,742)
Overall Surplus/(Deficit) for Year	**16**			278	252
General Reserve at 1st January				15,980,456	15,980,204
General Reserve at 31st December				15,980,734	15,980,456

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION (BALANCE SHEET) AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	2024	2023
		€	€
Fixed Assets	1		
Operational		1,622,664,482	1,564,445,686
Infrastructural		1,164,724,574	1,155,590,687
Community		111,038,181	102,977,088
Non-Operational		366,046,034	339,387,112
		3,264,473,271	**3,162,400,573**
Work-in-Progress and Preliminary Expenses	2	**217,673,968**	**134,172,736**
Long Term Debtors	3	**383,597,780**	**307,245,595**
Current Assets			
Stock	4	676,296	700,196
Trade Debtors & Prepayments	5	203,586,199	63,297,783
Bank Investments*		251,547,942	397,047,942
Cash at Bank		54,220,731	10,557,934
Cash in Transit		93,743	2,378,576
		510,124,911	**473,982,431**
Current Liabilities			
Bank Overdraft		-	-
Creditors & Accruals	6	189,810,704	163,998,096
Finance Leases		1,304,914	994,626
		191,115,618	**164,992,722**
Net Current Assets / (Liabilities)		**319,009,293**	**308,989,709**
Creditors (Amounts greater than one year)			
Loans Payable	7	276,935,966	290,934,395
Finance Leases		2,593,381	1,832,540
Refundable Deposits	8	54,374,140	47,270,013
Other		203,438,308	118,372,931
		537,341,795	**458,409,879**
Net Assets / (Liabilities)		**3,647,412,517**	**3,454,398,734**
Represented By			
Capitalisation	9	3,264,473,271	3,162,400,573
Income WIP	2	184,952,057	151,589,606
General Revenue Reserve		15,980,734	15,980,456
Other Specific Reserves		-	-
Other Balances	10	182,006,455	124,428,099
Total Reserves		**3,647,412,517**	**3,454,398,734**

* Bank Investments include a sum of €3.449m re Section 49 Levies for Metro North, Hansfield and Howth SAAO.

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AS AT 31st December 2024

	Note	2024 €	2024 €
REVENUE ACTIVITIES			
Net Inflow/(outflow) from Operating Activities	**17**		**(114,451,630)**
CAPITAL ACTIVITIES			
Returns on Investment and Servicing of Finance			
Increase/(Decrease) in Fixed Asset Capitalisation Funding		102,072,698	
Increase/(Decrease) in WIP/Preliminary Funding		33,362,451	
Increase/(Decrease) in Reserves Balances	**18**	51,301,381	
Net Inflow/(Outflow) from Returns on Investment and Servicing of Finance			**186,736,530**
Capital Expenditure & Financial Investment			
(Increase)/Decrease in Fixed Assets		(102,072,698)	
(Increase)/Decrease in WIP/Preliminary Funding		(83,501,232)	
(Increase)/Decrease in Other Capital Balances	**19**	3,189,025	
Net Inflow/(Outflow) from Capital Expenditure and Financial Investment			**(182,384,906)**
Financing			
Increase/(Decrease) in Loan & Lease Financing	**20**	(4,214,108)	
(Increase)/Decrease in Reserve Financing	**21**	3,087,951	
Net Inflow/(Outflow) from Financing Activities			**(1,126,157)**
Third Party Holdings			
Increase/(Decrease) in Refundable Deposits			**7,104,127**
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	**22**		**(104,122,036)**

1. Fixed Assets

	Land	Parks	Housing	Buildings	Plant & Machinery (Long and Short Life)	Computers, Furniture and Equipment	Heritage	Roads and Infrastructure	Water and Sewerage Network	Total
	€									
Costs										
Accumulated Costs at 1st Jan	359,221,945	27,770,899	1,307,800,690	321,075,272	16,933,541	1,538,988	1,099,130	1,081,406,466	202,059,449	3,318,906,380
Additions - Purchased	28,137,743	334,453	47,058,410	500,000	2,784,120	-	-	-	-	78,814,726
Additions - Transfer WIP	-	80,074	16,309,153	7,568,944	-	-	-	13,175,076	-	37,133,246
Disposals\Statutory Transfers	(19,434)	-	(6,767,965)	(799,855)	(697,376)	-	-	-	-	(8,284,629)
Revaluation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
Historical Costs Adjustments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
Accumulated Costs 31/12/2024	**387,340,254**	**28,185,425**	**1,364,400,288**	**328,344,361**	**19,020,286**	**1,538,988**	**1,099,130**	**1,094,581,542**	**202,059,449**	**3,426,569,722**
Depreciation										
Accumulated Depreciation at 1st Jan	-	16,285,017	-	121,695	10,193,859	1,377,874	-	-	128,527,361	156,505,807
Provision for year	-	395,621	-	-	1,621,178	102,537	-	-	4,041,189	6,160,525
Disposals\Statutory Transfers	-	26,756	-	-	(596,636)	-	-	-	-	(569,880)
Accumulated Depreciation 31/12/2024	**-**	**16,707,394**	**-**	**121,695**	**11,218,402**	**1,480,411**	**-**	**-**	**132,568,550**	**162,096,451**
Net Book Value at 31/12/2024	**387,340,254**	**11,478,031**	**1,364,400,288**	**328,222,667**	**7,801,884**	**58,577**	**1,099,130**	**1,094,581,542**	**69,490,899**	**3,264,473,271**
Net Book Value at 31/12/2023	359,221,945	11,485,881	1,307,800,690	320,953,577	6,739,682	161,113	1,099,130	1,081,406,466	73,532,088	3,162,400,573
Net Book Value by Category										
Operational	42,120,059	-	1,364,400,288	208,283,675	7,801,884	58,577	-	-	-	1,622,664,482
Infrastructural	652,133	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,094,581,542	69,490,899	1,164,724,574
Community	-	11,478,031	-	98,578,220	-	-	981,930	-	-	111,038,181
Non-Operational	344,568,062	-	-	21,360,772	-	-	117,200	-	-	366,046,034
Net Book Value at 31/12/2024	**387,340,254**	**11,478,031**	**1,364,400,288**	**328,222,667**	**7,801,884**	**58,577**	**1,099,130**	**1,094,581,542**	**69,490,899**	**3,264,473,271**

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2. Work in Progress and Preliminary Expenses

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

	Funded 2024 €	Unfunded 2024 €	Total 2024 €	Total 2023 €
Expenditure				
Preliminary Expenses	94,520,674	58,568,979	153,089,653	125,997,835
Work in Progress	36,557,857	28,026,457	64,584,315	8,174,900
Total Expenditure	**131,078,532**	**86,595,436**	**217,673,968**	**134,172,736**
Income				
Preliminary Expenses	76,211,034	51,593,400	127,804,434	143,511,848
Work in Progress	57,077,623	70,000	57,147,623	8,077,757
Total Income	**133,288,657**	**51,663,400**	**184,952,057**	**151,589,606**
Net Expended				
Work in Progress	(20,519,766)	27,956,457	7,436,692	97,143
Preliminary Expenses	18,309,641	6,975,579	25,285,220	(17,514,013)
Net Over/(Under) Expenditure	**(2,210,125)**	**34,932,037**	**32,721,911**	**(17,416,870)**

3. Long Term Debtors

A breakdown of long term debtors is as follows:

	2024 Balance @ 01/01/2024	2024 Loans Issued	2024 Instalments	2024 Early Redemptions	2024 Other Adjustments	2024 Balance @ 31/12/2024	2023 Balance @ 31/12/2023
	€	€	€	€	€	€	€
Long Term Mortgage Advances *	133,761,350	7,790,705	(7,534,079)	(3,542,092)	(1,074,209)	129,401,675	133,761,350
Tenant Purchase Advances	81,257	-	(73,320)	(34,287)	119,614	93,264	81,257
Shared Ownership Rented Equity	2,351,149	-	-	10,741	(206,051)	2,155,839	2,351,149
	136,193,756	7,790,705	(7,607,399)	(3,565,638)	(1,160,646)	131,650,778	136,193,756
Recoupable Loan Advances						59,492,707	63,898,979
Housing Related Schemes						203,438,308	118,372,931
Long Term Investments - Cash						-	-
Long Term Investments - Associated Companies						72,726	4
Other						-	-
						394,654,519	318,465,670
Less: Current Portion of Long Term Debtors (Note 5)						(11,056,739)	(11,220,075)
Total amounts falling due after one year						**383,597,780**	**307,245,595**

* Includes HFA agency loans

4. Stocks

A summary of stock is as follows:

	2024	2023
	€	€
Central Stores	44,744	67,771
Other Depots	631,552	632,425
Total	**676,296**	**700,196**

5. Trade Debtors and Prepayments

A breakdown of debtors and prepayments is as follows:

	2024	2023
	€	€
Government Debtors	155,694,367	17,366,095
Commercial Debtors	9,659,723	10,732,756
Non-Commercial Debtors	11,176,573	11,457,306
Development Contribution Debtors	36,951,323	40,338,614
Other Services	519,314	389,237
Other Local Authorities	1,174,670	2,242,824
Revenue Commissioners	-	-
Other	-	-
Current Portion of Long Term Debtors (Note 3)	11,056,739	11,220,075
Total Gross Debtors	**226,232,707**	**93,746,908**
Less: Provision for Doubtful Debts	(34,775,806)	(38,221,019)
Total Trade Debtors	**191,456,901**	**55,525,890**
Prepayments	12,129,298	7,771,893
Total	**203,586,199**	**63,297,783**

6. Creditors and Accruals

A breakdown of creditors and accruals is as follows:

	2024	2023
	€	€
Trade Creditors	15,440,538	15,308,800
Grants	10,633,428	116,903
Revenue Commissioners	10,836,720	5,276,282
Other Local Authorities	320,514	142,743
Other Creditors	317,722	335,178
	37,548,922	**21,179,906**
Accruals	116,490,438	106,848,676
Deferred Income	19,022,767	19,332,916
Add:Current Portion of Loans Payable (Note 7)	16,748,577	16,636,598
Total	**189,810,704**	**163,998,096**

7. Loans Payable

(a) Movement in Loans Payable

	2024 HFA €	2024 OPW €	2024 Other €	2024 Total €	2023 Total €
Opening Balance	301,815,829	-	5,755,164	307,570,993	288,779,481
Borrowings	6,238,665	-	-	6,238,665	48,879,675
Repayment of Principal	(15,377,746)	-	(1,142,393)	(16,520,139)	(15,682,227)
Early Redemptions	(3,604,977)	-	-	(3,604,977)	(14,405,936)
Other Adjustments	-	-	-	-	-
	289,071,772	**-**	**4,612,771**	**293,684,543**	**307,570,993**
Less: Current Portion of Loans Payable				16,748,577	16,636,598
Total amounts falling due after one year				**276,935,966**	**290,934,395**

(b) Application of Loans

An analysis of loans payable is as follows:

Mortgage					
Mortgage Loans *	126,084,279	-	-	126,084,279	131,235,149
Non Mortgage					
Assets/Grants	62,718,600	-	-	62,718,600	66,816,964
Revenue Funding	-	-	-	-	-
Bridging Finance	42,101,213	-	-	42,101,213	42,101,213
Recoupable	54,879,935	-	4,612,771	59,492,706	63,898,978
Shared Ownership Rented Equity	3,287,746	-	-	3,287,746	3,518,690
Balance at 31st December	**289,071,772**	**-**	**4,612,771**	**293,684,543**	**307,570,993**
Less: Current Portion of Loans Payable				16,748,577	16,636,598
Total Amounts Due after one year				**276,935,966**	**290,934,395**

* Includes HFA Agency Loans

8. Refundable Deposits

The movement in refundable deposits is as follows:

	2024 €	2023 €
Opening Balance at 1st January	47,270,013	49,382,278
Deposits received	12,139,246	6,619,120
Deposits repaid	(5,035,119)	(8,731,385)
Closing Balance at 31st December	**54,374,140**	**47,270,013**

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

9. Capitalisation Account

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

	2024 Balance @ 01/01/2024 €	2024 Purchased €	2024 Transfers WIP €	2024 Disposals/ Statutory T/F's €	2024 Revaluation €	2024 Historical Cost Adjustments €	2024 Balance @ 31/12/2024 €	2023 Balance @ 31/12/2023 €
Grants	753,366,069	47,558,410	20,302,521	-	-	-	821,227,000	753,366,069
Loans	165,411,519	-	-	-	-	-	165,411,519	165,411,519
Revenue Funded	14,874,216	-	-	(48,219)	-	-	14,825,997	14,874,216
Leases	13,276,099	2,608,400	-	(627,316)	-	-	15,257,182	13,276,099
Development Contributions	92,398,449	10,909,651	9,261,782	(19,434)	-	-	112,550,447	92,398,449
Tenant Purchase Annuties	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unfunded	173,885,866	13,353,063	-	-	-	-	187,238,930	173,885,866
Historical	2,060,686,906	1,459,387	-	-	-	(7,567,819)	2,054,578,473	2,060,686,906
Other	45,007,256	2,925,816	7,568,944	(21,841)	-	-	55,480,174	45,007,256
Total Gross Funding	**3,318,906,380**	**78,814,726**	**37,133,246**	**(716,810)**	**-**	**(7,567,819)**	**3,426,569,722**	**3,318,906,380**
Less: Amortised							(162,096,451)	(156,505,807)
Total *							**3,264,473,271**	**3,162,400,573**

* As per note 1

10. Other Balances

A breakdown of other balances is as follows:

	Note	2024 Balance @ 01/01/2024 €	2024 * Capital Reclassification €	2024 Expenditure €	2024 Income €	2024 Net Transfers €	2024 Balance @ 31/12/2024 €	2023 Balance @ 31/12/2023 €
Development Contributions Balances	(i)	173,015,761	-	144,343,992	241,980,176	(57,947,443)	212,704,502	173,015,761
Capital Account Balances including Asset Formation and Enhancement	(ii)	(77,266,061)	(1,839,345)	324,692,393	267,751,375	55,400,606	(80,645,817)	(77,266,061)
Voluntary & Affordable Housing Balances								
- Voluntary Housing	(iii)	(4,817,533)	(6,365)	7,048,130	10,704,437	(255)	(1,167,845)	(4,817,533)
- Affordable Housing	(iii)	(13,395,057)	(736,490)	10,525,944	14,124,863	56,665	(10,475,963)	(13,395,057)
Reserves Created for Specific Purposes	(iv)	155,360,765	21,441,338	11,395,199	3,736,726	(2,170,225)	166,973,405	155,360,765
Net Capital Balances		**232,897,875**	**18,859,138**	**498,005,659**	**538,297,579**	**(4,660,653)**	**287,388,281**	**232,897,875**
Balance Sheet Accounts relating to Loan Principal outstanding (including Unrealised TP Annuities)	(v)						(105,454,552)	(108,469,781)
Interest in Associated Companies	(vi)						72,726	4
Total Other Balances							**182,006,455**	**124,428,099**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

11. Capital Account Analysis

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

	2024	2023
	€	€
Net WIP and Preliminary Expenses (Note 2)	(32,721,911)	17,416,870
Capital Balances (Note 10)	287,388,281	232,897,875
Capital Balance Surplus/(Deficit) at 31st December	**254,666,369**	**250,314,745**

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

Opening Balance at 1st January	250,314,745	265,757,767
Expenditure	567,688,978	347,660,515
Income		
- Grants	379,411,439	196,157,114
- Loans	-	41,337,653
- Other	171,936,432	65,912,103
Total Income	551,347,871	303,406,870
Net Revenue Transfers	20,692,731	28,810,623
Closing Balance	**254,666,369**	**250,314,745**

12. Mortgage Loan Funding Position

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

	2024 € Loan Annuity	2024 € Rented Equity	2024 € Total	2023 € Total
Mortgage Loans/Equity Receivable (Note 3)	129,401,675	2,155,839	131,557,514	136,112,499
Mortgage Loans/Equity Payable (Note 7)	(126,084,279)	(3,287,746)	(129,372,025)	(134,753,839)
Surplus/(Deficit) in Funding @ 31st of Decembe	**3,317,397**	**(1,131,907)**	**2,185,489**	**1,358,660**

NOTE: Cash on Hand relating to Redemptions and Relending	352,220

13. Summary of Plant and Materials Account

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

	Plant 2024 €	Materials 2024 €	Total 2024 €	Total 2023 €
Expenditure	(1,937,816)	(23,900)	(1,961,716)	(1,739,762)
Charged to Jobs	1,937,816	-	1,937,816	1,852,122
Surplus/(Deficit) for Year	**-**	**(23,900)**	**(23,900)**	**112,360**
Transfers from/(to) Reserves	-	-	-	-
Surplus/(Deficit) before Transfers	**-**	**(23,900)**	**(23,900)**	**112,360**

14. Analysis of Transfers to/from Reserves

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

	2024 Transfer From Reserves €	2024 Transfer To Reserves €	2024 Net €	2023 Net €
Principal Repaid - Non Mortgage Loans (Own Asset)	-	(3,101,924)	(3,101,924)	(9,142,984)
Principal Repaid - Non Mortgage Loans (Recoupable)	-	(5,402,712)	(5,402,712)	(5,475,933)
Principal Repaid - Finance Leases	-	(1,537,271)	(1,537,271)	(1,297,202)
Transfers - Other Balance Sheet Reserves	-	-	-	-
Transfers - Capital Account	11,687,549	(32,380,280)	(20,692,731)	(28,810,623)
Surplus/(Deficit) for Year	**11,687,549**	**(42,422,187)**	**(30,734,638)**	**(44,726,742)**

15. Analysis of Revenue Income

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

	Appendix No	2024 €		2023 €	
State Grants & Subsidies	3	126,339,261	34.2%	92,776,770	27.6%
Contributions from other Local Authorities		1,755,892	0.5%	6,919,393	2.1%
Goods and Services	4	67,581,892	18.3%	71,461,092	21.3%
		195,677,044	**52.9%**	**171,157,255**	**51.0%**
Local Property Tax		12,366,308	3.3%	9,779,302	2.9%
Rates		161,624,202	43.7%	154,729,089	46.1%
Total Income		**369,667,555**	**100.0%**	**335,665,646**	**100.0%**

16. Over/Under Expenditure

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

	EXPENDITURE					INCOME					NET
	Excluding Transfers	Transfers	Including Transfers	Budget	(Over)/Under Budget	Excluding Transfers	Transfers	Including Transfers	Budget	Over/(Under) Budget	(Over)/Under Budget
	2024	2024	2024	2024	2024	2024	2024	2024	2024	2024	2024
	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€
Housing & Building	107,323,165	7,607,485	114,930,650	117,198,540	2,267,890	106,361,238	748,244	107,109,481	108,783,050	(1,673,569)	594,321
Roads Transportation & Safety	40,056,074	2,516,105	42,572,179	43,149,660	577,481	10,051,213	-	10,051,213	9,614,063	437,150	1,014,631
Water Services	17,104,636	1,595,274	18,699,910	20,367,937	1,668,027	16,517,975	-	16,517,975	17,644,836	(1,126,862)	541,165
Development Management	47,437,992	2,795,054	50,233,045	30,635,220	(19,597,825)	27,000,411	-	27,000,411	7,143,237	19,857,174	259,349
Environmental Services	51,818,178	3,249,174	55,067,352	54,123,748	(943,605)	7,836,050	-	7,836,050	11,450,065	(3,614,016)	(4,557,620)
Recreation & Amenity	61,028,110	9,853,767	70,881,877	70,260,889	(620,988)	5,202,157	4,425	5,206,582	5,952,673	(746,091)	(1,367,080)
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	1,701,252	579,395	2,280,648	1,736,136	(544,512)	466,710	-	466,710	417,665	49,045	(495,466)
Miscellaneous Services	12,463,232	14,225,932	26,689,164	24,425,171	(2,263,993)	22,241,291	10,934,880	33,176,172	29,381,811	3,794,361	1,530,368
Total Divisions	**338,932,640**	**42,422,187**	**381,354,826**	**361,897,302**	**(19,457,525)**	**195,677,044**	**11,687,549**	**207,364,593**	**190,387,400**	**16,977,193**	**(2,480,332)**
Local Property Tax	-	-	-	-	-	12,366,308	-	12,366,308	12,366,300	8	8
Rates	-	-	-	-	-	161,624,202	-	161,624,202	159,144,100	2,480,102	2,480,102
Dr/Cr Balance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Divisions	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**173,990,510**	**-**	**173,990,510**	**171,510,400**	**2,480,110**	**2,480,110**
Surplus/(Deficit) for Year	**338,932,640**	**42,422,187**	**381,354,826**	**361,897,302**	**(19,457,525)**	**369,667,555**	**11,687,549**	**381,355,104**	**361,897,800**	**19,457,303**	**(222)**

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

	2024
	€
Operating Surplus/(Deficit) for Year	278
(Increase)/Decrease in Stocks	23,900
(Increase)/Decrease in Trade Debtors	(140,288,416)
Increase/(Decrease) in Creditors Less than One Year	25,812,608
	(114,451,630)

18. Increase/(Decrease) in Reserve Balances

Increase/(Decrease) in Reserves created for specific purposes	11,612,640
Increase/(Decrease) in Development Contributions	39,688,741
	51,301,381

19. (Increase)/Decrease in Other Capital Balances

(Increase)/Decrease in Voluntary Housing Balances	3,649,687
(Increase)/Decrease in Affordable Housing Balances	2,919,094
(Increase)/Decrease in Capital account balances including asset formation/enhancement	(3,379,757)
	3,189,025

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

(Increase)/Decrease in Long Term Debtors	(76,352,185)
Increase/(Decrease) in Mortgage Loans	(5,150,870)
Increase/(Decrease) in Asset/Grant Loans	(4,098,364)
Increase/(Decrease) in Revenue Funding Loans	-
Increase/(Decrease) in Bridging Finance Loans	-
Increase/(Decrease) in Recoupable Loans	(4,406,272)
Increase/(Decrease) in Shared Ownership Rented Equity Loans	(230,944)
Increase/(Decrease) in Finance Leasing	1,071,129
(Increase)/Decrease in Portion Transferred to Current Liabilities	(111,979)
Increase/(Decrease) in Long Term Creditors - Deferred Income	85,065,377
	(4,214,108)

21. Increase/(Decrease) in Reserve Financing

	2024 €
(Increase)/Decrease in Other Specific Reserves	-
(Increase)/Decrease in Balance Sheet accounts relating to loan principal & Unrealised TP Annuities	3,015,229
(Increase)/Decrease in Reserves in Associated Companies	72,722
	3,087,951

22. Analysis of Changes in Cash & Cash Equivalents

Increase/(Decrease) in Bank Investments	(145,500,000)
Increase/(Decrease) in Cash in Transit	(2,284,833)
Increase/(Decrease) in Cash at Bank/Overdraft	43,662,796
	(104,122,036)

23. Revenue Commissioners: Level 1 Compliance Intervention Letter

In October 2022, 31 City and County Councils received a Level 1 Compliance Intervention letter regarding Relevant Contracts Tax (RCT) as per the Revenue Commissioners Compliance Intervention Framework. Since then, the Local Authorities have worked with the Local Government Management Agency and external tax advisers to provide the requested information to Revenue and have conducted the required self-review of their RCT obligations for certain contracts. The sector has completed its engagement with Revenue, and each local authority is now awaiting the final correspondence from the Revenue Commissioners.

24. Development Contribution Waiver Scheme

In 2023, the Government approved additional measures under the Housing for All Action Plan to incentivise the activation of increased housing supply and help reduce housing construction costs, including the introduction of temporary time-limited arrangements for the waiving of local authority "section 48" development contributions. This waiver is reported in the capital account. However, due to the accounting treatment of the waiver, the income figure for development contributions in appendix 5 does not agree with development contribution income figure in Note 10 in Annual Financial Statements 2024. The income figure in Note 10 is higher as it also includes the grant income from the DHLGH in respect of the waiver.

25. Accounting for Increased Cost of Business Scheme (ICOB)

As part of Budget 2024, the government signed off on a package of €257 million for the Increased Cost of Business (ICOB) grant as a vital measure for small and medium businesses. Local authorities, funded through the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment, managed the rollout of the grant to qualifying businesses. The cost of this support is reported in Appendix 1 as a Payment of Subsidies and Grants under the Operational Expenses heading. The income appears in Appendix 3 under Enterprise, Trade and Employment.

APPENDICES

APPENDIX 1

ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE

FOR PERIOD ENDED 31ST DECEMBER2024

	2024	2023
	€	€
Payroll		
- Salary & Wages	91,710,248	84,473,403
- Pensions (Incl. Gratuities)	22,048,222	18,907,712
- Other Costs	-	-
Total	**113,758,470**	**103,381,115**
Operational Expenses		
- Purchase of Equipment	2,989,695	2,397,897
- Repairs & Maintenance	2,627,011	2,478,687
- Contract Payments	35,224,456	32,470,330
- Agency Services	73,661,331	64,370,531
- Machinery Yard Charges (Incl Plant Hire)	4,617,845	4,236,278
- Purchase of Materials & Issues from Stores	3,952,429	3,966,464
- Payments of Subsidies & Grants	26,919,397	7,955,613
- Members Costs	792,352	495,101
- Travelling & Subsistence	1,032,678	879,297
- Consultancy & Professional Fees Payments	9,248,848	9,096,586
- Energy Costs	4,781,803	5,900,246
- Other	24,595,683	23,268,255
Total	**190,443,527**	**157,515,286**
Administration Expenses		
- Communication Expenses	1,380,634	1,363,964
- Training	1,460,178	1,178,155
- Printing & Stationery	568,320	615,184
- Contributions to Other Bodies	2,675,672	2,969,413
- Other	7,324,058	7,394,033
Total	**13,408,862**	**13,520,749**
Establishment Expenses		
- Rent & Rates	1,867,098	1,938,606
- Other	1,423,618	1,397,380
Total	**3,290,716**	**3,335,986**
Financial Expenses	11,633,454	10,336,195
Miscellaneous Expenses	6,397,610	2,849,321
Total Expenditure	**338,932,640**	**290,938,651**

SERVICE DIVISION A

Housing and Building

Service	EXPENDITURE TOTAL	INCOME State Grants and Subsidies	Provision of Goods and Services	Contributions from other Local Authorities	TOTAL
A01 Maintenance/Improvement of LA Housing	14,321,836	388,997	24,753,017	24,823	25,166,837
A02 Housing Assessment, Allocation and Transfer	2,299,560	-	38,641	12,171	50,812
A03 Housing Rent and Tenant Purchase Administration	2,644,439	-	128,823	12,501	141,324
A04 Housing Community Development Support	2,382,320	-	43,883	13,822	57,705
A05 Administration of Homeless Service	5,142,861	-	21,657	585,247	606,904
A06 Support to Housing Capital & Affordable Prog.	11,631,017	7,386,359	603,439	24,665	8,014,462
A07 RAS Programme	61,945,919	57,453,661	4,990,053	4,504	62,448,218
A08 Housing Loans	6,051,393	92,377	4,885,351	9,149	4,986,876
A09 Housing Grants	5,257,718	3,884,783	12,023	3,787	3,900,592
A11 Agency & Recoupable Services	2,463,410	1,185,717	6,432	1,736	1,193,885
A12 Housing Assistance Programme	790,177	520,555	16,207	5,105	541,866
Total Including Transfers to/from Reserves	**114,930,650**	**70,912,448**	**35,499,524**	**697,509**	**107,109,481**
Less: Transfers to/from Reserves	7,607,485	-	748,244	-	748,244
Total Excluding Transfers to/from Reserves	**107,323,165**	**70,912,448**	**34,751,280**	**697,509**	**106,361,238**

SERVICE DIVISION B

Road Transport & Safety

Service	EXPENDITURE	INCOME			
	TOTAL	**State Grants and Subsidies**	**Provision of Goods and Services**	**Contributions from other Local Authorities**	**TOTAL**
B01 NP Road - Maintenance and Improvement	-	-	-	-	-
B02 NS Road - Maintenance and Improvement	-	-	-	-	-
B03 Regional Road - Maintenance and Improvement	11,243,405	2,947,751	173,240	54,566	3,175,557
B04 Local Road - Maintenance and Improvement	14,775,798	1,957,223	97,933	30,846	2,086,002
B05 Public Lighting	4,199,803	406,096	15,664	4,934	426,694
B06 Traffic Management Improvement	4,805,773	36,300	79,591	6,600	122,490
B07 Road Safety Engineering Improvement	-	-	-	-	-
B08 Road Safety Promotion/Education	3,535,427	27,523	68,322	20,291	116,137
B09 Maintenance & Management of Car Parking	993,928	-	2,302,026	56	2,302,082
B10 Support to Roads Capital Prog.	2,414,096	-	37,670	11,865	49,536
B11 Agency & Recoupable Services	603,951	-	1,772,669	47	1,772,716
Total Including Transfers to/from Reserves	**42,572,179**	**5,374,893**	**4,547,114**	**129,206**	**10,051,213**
Less: Transfers to/from Reserves	2,516,105	-	-	-	-
Total Excluding Transfers to/from Reserves	**40,056,074**	**5,374,893**	**4,547,114**	**129,206**	**10,051,213**

SERVICE DIVISION C

Water Services

Service	EXPENDITURE	INCOME			
	TOTAL	State Grants and Subsidies	Provision of Goods and Services	Contributions from other Local Authorities	TOTAL
C01 Operation and Maintenance of Water Supply	9,370,905	1,347,107	4,831,828	-	6,178,935
C02 Operation and Maintenance of Waste Water Treatment	6,110,620	6,402,259	3,528,920	-	9,931,179
C03 Collection of Water and Waste Water Charges	-	-	-	-	-
C04 Operation and Maintenance of Public Conveniences	1,207,455	-	7,249	2,283	9,532
C05 Admin of Group and Private Installations	7,952	6,000	-	-	6,000
C06 Support to Water Capital Programme	323,952	-	87,919	-	87,919
C07 Agency & Recoupable Services	-	-	-	-	-
C08 Local Authority Water & Sanitary Services	1,679,026	-	166,540	137,870	304,409
Total Including Transfers to/from Reserves	**18,699,910**	**7,755,366**	**8,622,456**	**140,153**	**16,517,975**
Less: Transfers to/from Reserves	1,595,274	-	-	-	-
Total Excluding Transfers to/from Reserves	**17,104,636**	**7,755,366**	**8,622,456**	**140,153**	**16,517,975**

SERVICE DIVISION D

Development Management

Service	EXPENDITURE	INCOME			
	TOTAL	State Grants and Subsidies	Provision of Goods and Services	Contributions from other Local Authorities	TOTAL
D01 Forward Planning	3,238,824	-	49,322	15,535	64,857
D02 Development Management	11,292,352	512,769	1,879,809	58,294	2,450,871
D03 Enforcement	1,443,525	-	120,585	6,375	126,960
D04 Op & Mtce of Industrial Sites & Commercial Facilities	1,221,791	-	21,143	4,688	25,831
D05 Tourism Development and Promotion	858,279	15,000	1,308	412	16,720
D06 Community and Enterprise Function	1,909,033	357,938	39,746	12,519	410,202
D07 Unfinished Housing Estates	-	-	-	-	-
D08 Building Control	2,022,931	-	1,206,135	10,878	1,217,013
D09 Economic Development and Promotion	25,199,831	20,790,919	270,713	13,929	21,075,561
D10 Property Management	1,822,896	-	939,233	7,874	947,108
D11 Heritage and Conservation Services	1,223,583	659,811	4,166	1,312	665,288
D12 Agency & Recoupable Services	-	-	-	-	-
Total Including Transfers to/from Reserves	**50,233,045**	**22,336,436**	**4,532,159**	**131,816**	**27,000,411**
Less: Transfers to/from Reserves	2,795,054	-	-	-	-
Total Excluding Transfers to/from Reserves	**47,437,992**	**22,336,436**	**4,532,159**	**131,816**	**27,000,411**

SERVICE DIVISION E

Environmental Services

Service	EXPENDITURE	INCOME			
	TOTAL	State Grants and Subsidies	Provision of Goods and Services	Contributions from other Local Authorities	TOTAL
E01 Operation, Maintenance and Aftercare of Landfill	2,818,350	-	25,064	7,894	32,958
E02 Op & Mtce of Recovery & Recycling Facilities	4,831,348	98,216	1,730,864	103,594	1,932,675
E03 Op & Mtce of Waste to Energy Facilities	866,889	-	-	-	-
E04 Provision of Waste to Collection Services	-	-	-	-	-
E05 Litter Management	1,540,765	30,000	61,362	8,760	100,123
E06 Street Cleaning	9,098,380	30,000	156,287	49,227	235,514
E07 Waste Regulations, Monitoring and Enforcement	1,419,409	331,870	126,693	4,770	463,333
E08 Waste Management Planning	261,142	47,270	2,617	824	50,712
E09 Maintenance and Upkeep of Burial Grounds	2,720,938	-	1,217,958	12,545	1,230,503
E10 Safety of Structures and Places	1,208,321	-	40,182	6,347	46,529
E11 Operation of Fire Service	25,862,233	-	-	-	-
E12 Fire Prevention	248,225	-	1,775,042	1,166	1,776,208
E13 Water Quality, Air and Noise Pollution	2,618,027	-	1,412,969	10,235	1,423,204
E14 Agency & Recoupable Services	-	-	-	-	-
E15 Climate Change and Flooding	1,573,326	511,438	28,794	4,058	544,291
Total Including Transfers to/from Reserves	**55,067,352**	**1,048,795**	**6,577,834**	**209,421**	**7,836,050**
Less: Transfers to/from Reserves	3,249,174	-	-	-	-
Total Excluding Transfers to/from Reserves	**51,818,178**	**1,048,795**	**6,577,834**	**209,421**	**7,836,050**

SERVICE DIVISION F

Recreation and Amenity

Service	EXPENDITURE TOTAL	INCOME State Grants and Subsidies	Provision of Goods and Services	Contributions from other Local Authorities	TOTAL
F01 Operation and Maintenance of Leisure Facilities	559,469	-	230,794	725	231,520
F02 Operation of Library and Archival Service	18,585,525	91,070	308,378	84,206	483,653
F03 Op, Mtce & Imp of Outdoor Leisure Areas	27,351,729	32,000	1,604,620	138,435	1,775,055
F04 Community Sport and Recreational Development	10,659,233	1,442,606	370,333	17,340	1,830,279
F05 Operation of Arts Programme	13,725,921	78,501	791,037	16,536	886,074
F06 Agency & Recoupable Services	-	-	-	-	-
Total Including Transfers to/from Reserves	**70,881,877**	**1,644,177**	**3,305,163**	**257,241**	**5,206,582**
Less: Transfers to/from Reserves	9,853,767	-	4,425	-	4,425
Total Excluding Transfers to/from Reserves	**61,028,110**	**1,644,177**	**3,300,738**	**257,241**	**5,202,157**

SERVICE DIVISION G

Agriculture, Eductaion,Health and Welfare

Service	EXPENDITURE TOTAL	INCOME State Grants and Subsidies	Provision of Goods and Services	Contributions from other Local Authorities	TOTAL
G01 Land Drainage Costs	-	-	-	-	-
G02 Operation and Maintenance of Piers and Harbours	1,078,990	-	1,428	450	1,878
G03 Coastal Protection	-	-	-	-	-
G04 Veterinary Service	1,105,077	76,079	345,751	1,591	423,421
G05 Educational Support Services	96,581	41,394	13	4	41,411
G06 Agency & Recoupable Services	-	-	-	-	-
Total Including Transfers to/from Reserves	**2,280,648**	**117,473**	**347,192**	**2,044**	**466,710**
Less: Transfers to/from Reserves	579,395	-	-	-	-
Total Excluding Transfers to/from Reserves	**1,701,252**	**117,473**	**347,192**	**2,044**	**466,710**

SERVICE DIVISION H

Miscellaneous Services

Service	EXPENDITURE TOTAL	INCOME State Grants and Subsidies	INCOME Provision of Goods and Services	INCOME Contributions from other Local Authorities	INCOME TOTAL
H01 Profit/Loss Machinery Account	-	-	-	-	-
H02 Profit/Loss Stores Account	452,824	-	-	-	-
H03 Adminstration of Rates	20,528,271	-	3,508,958	11,667	3,520,625
H04 Franchise Costs	1,546,091	23,978	8,400	2,572	34,950
H05 Operation of Morgue and Coroner Expenses	-	-	-	-	-
H06 Weighbridges	11,923	-	-	-	-
H07 Operation of Markets and Casual Trading	5,125	-	88,289	-	88,289
H08 Malicious Damage	-	-	-	-	-
H09 Local Representation/Civic Leadership	3,510,054	-	28,369	6,072	34,440
H10 Motor Taxation	-	-	-	-	-
H11 Agency & Recoupable Services	634,876	17,125,694	12,203,984	168,189	29,497,867
Total Including Transfers to/from Reserves	**26,689,164**	**17,149,672**	**15,837,999**	**188,500**	**33,176,172**
Less: Transfers to/from Reserves	14,225,932	-	10,934,880	-	10,934,880
Total Excluding Transfers to/from Reserves	**12,463,232**	**17,149,672**	**4,903,119**	**188,500**	**22,241,291**
TOTAL ALL DIVISIONS (Excluding Transfers)	**338,932,640**	**126,339,261**	**67,581,892**	**1,755,892**	**195,677,044**

APPENDIX 3
ANALYSIS OF INCOME FROM GRANTS AND SUBSIDIES

	2024	2023
	€	€
Department of Housing, Local Government, and Heritage		
Housing and Building	70,462,831	62,106,181
Road Transportation & Safety	3,914,446	3,914,446
Water Services	7,755,366	1,393,358
Development Management	1,019,408	839,063
Environmental Services	-	-
Recreation & Amenity	75,000	75,000
Agriculture, Food & The Marine	-	-
Miscellaneous Services	17,078,096	15,882,263
	100,305,148	**84,210,311**
Other Departments and Bodies		
TII Transport Infrastructure Ireland	406,096	1,022,997
Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport & Media	-	21,600
National Transport Authority	1,054,351	929,835
Social Protection	-	-
Defence	-	-
Education	-	-
Library Council	-	-
Arts Council	78,501	-
Transport	-	-
Justice	-	-
Agriculture & Marine	2,910	22,043
Enterprise, Trade & Employment	20,683,322	2,017,927
Rural & Community Development	439,932	339,704
Environment, Climate & Communications	950,579	664,110
Food Safety Authority of Ireland	-	-
Other	2,418,423	3,548,243
	26,034,113	**8,566,459**
TOTAL	**126,339,261**	**92,776,770**

APPENDIX 4

ANALYSIS OF INCOME FROM GOODS AND SERVICES

	2024	2023
	€	€
Rents from Houses	29,788,302	27,589,483
Housing Loans Interest & Charges	4,047,345	3,992,269
Domestic Water	-	-
Commercial Water	-	-
Uisce Éireann	8,165,160	15,073,191
Domestic Refuse	1,155,374	1,100,933
Commercial Refuse	-	-
Domestic Sewerage	-	-
Commercial Sewerage	-	-
Planning Fees	2,861,333	2,691,110
Parking Fines/Charges	2,296,848	2,187,819
Recreation & Amenity Activities	692,245	840,274
Agency Services	-	7,879
Pension Contributions	1,936,132	2,014,463
Property Rental & Leasing of Land	1,725,026	1,475,406
Landfill Charges	-	-
Fire Charges	1,771,339	1,192,488
NPPR	252,711	576,930
Miscellaneous	12,890,078	12,718,848
	67,581,892	**71,461,092**

APPENDIX 5

SUMMARY OF CAPITAL EXPENDITURE AND INCOME

	2024	2023
	€	€
EXPENDITURE		
Payments to Contractors	138,514,138	98,952,335
Purchase of Land	20,702,221	54,160,722
Purchase of Other Assets/Equipment	123,167,288	32,073,967
Professional & Consultancy Fees	19,254,732	18,889,661
Other	266,050,599	143,583,829
Total Expenditure (Net of Internal Transfers)	**567,688,978**	**347,660,515**
Transfers to Revenue	11,687,549	12,057,477
Total Expenditure (Including Transfers)*	**579,376,527**	**359,717,991**
INCOME		
Grants and LPT	379,411,439	196,157,114
Non-Mortgage Loans	-	41,337,653
Other Income		
Development Contributions	154,421,140	49,817,487
Property Disposals - Land	5,102,552	4,650,246
- LA Housing	1,814,000	203,000
- Other Property	145,636	226,230
Tenant Purchase Annuities	1,716	141,498
Car Parking	-	-
Other	10,451,388	10,873,642
Total Income (Net of Internal Transfers)	**551,347,871**	**303,406,870**
Transfers from Revenue	32,380,280	40,868,100
Total Income (Including Transfers) *	**583,728,151**	**344,274,970**
Surplus/(Deficit) for year	**4,351,624**	**(15,443,021)**
Balance (Debit)/Credit @ 1st January	250,314,745	265,757,767
Balance (Debit)/Credit @ 31st December 2024	254,666,369	250,314,745

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

APPENDIX 6

ANALYSIS OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ON CAPITAL ACCOUNT

					INCOME			TRANSFERS			
		Balance at 01/01/2024	*Expenditure*	*Grants & LPT*	*Non Mortgage Loans **	*Other*	*Total Income*	*Transfers from Revenue*	*Transfers to Revenue*	*Internal Transfers*	*Balance at 31/12/2024*
01	HOUSING & BUILDING	25,708,012	283,941,546	253,052,643	-	8,034,729	261,087,372	3,030,000	748,244	4,551,281	9,686,875
02	ROAD TRANSPORTATION & SAFETY	(11,742,410)	55,898,227	27,643,237	-	376,379	28,019,616	2,100,000	-	27,540,755	(9,980,266)
03	WATER SERVICES	11,305,335	1,771,195	-	-	1,741,862	1,741,862	-	-	(948,194)	10,327,807
04	DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT	142,996,695	173,363,812	97,278,731	-	160,757,396	258,036,127	4,409,900	-	(56,734,480)	175,344,430
05	ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	14,590,477	1,752,731	174,388	-	354,325	528,713	2,069,680	-	(17,930)	15,418,209
06	RECREATION & AMENITY	18,558,433	38,885,976	1,206,515	-	419,217	1,625,732	4,760,700	4,425	25,711,890	11,766,355
07	AGRICULTURE, FOOD, & THE MARINE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
08	MISCELLANEOUS	48,898,202	12,075,491	55,926	-	252,524	308,450	16,010,000	10,934,880	(103,321)	42,102,959
		250,314,745	**567,688,978**	**379,411,439**	**-**	**171,936,432**	**551,347,871**	**32,380,280**	**11,687,549**	**-**	**254,666,369**

Note: Mortgage related transactions are excluded

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APPENDIX 7
Summary of Major Revenue Collections for 2024

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
Debtor Type	**Opening Arrears at 01/01/2024**	**Accrued**	**Vacant Property Adjustments**	**Write Off**	**Waivers & Credits**	**Total for Collection**	**Amount Collected**	**Closing Arrears at 31/12/2024**	**Specific Doubtful Arrears***	**% Collected**
						=(B+C-D-E-F)		.=(G-H)		**.=(H)/(G-J)**
	€	€		€	€	€	€	€	€	
Commercial Rates	2,502,768	161,624,202	39,350	2,287,757	693,421	161,106,442	160,496,507	609,935	505,707	99.9
Rents & Annuities	8,713,387	29,877,016	-	522,109		38,068,294	29,951,779	8,116,515		78.7
Housing Loans	500,824	17,933,326		228,991		18,205,158	17,614,431	590,727		96.8

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

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

APPENDIX 8
INTEREST OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN COMPANIES

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

Name of Company or Entity	Voting Power %	Classification: Subsidiary/ Associate / Joint venture	Total Assets	Total Liabilities	Revenue Income	Revenue Expenditure	Cumulative Surplus/Deficit	Consolidated in Local Authority accounts (Y/N)	Date of financial statements
Ardgillan Castle Ltd*	50	Subsidiary	197,346	- 51,898			145,448	N	31/12/2023
BASE Enterprise Centre CLG*	75	Subsidiary	607,258	- 237,830	-	-	369,428	N	31/12/2023
Balbriggan Enterprise and Training Centre CLG*	33	Associate	486,134	- 182,722			303,412	N	31/12/2023
Castlecurragh Management CLG.	33	Associate	395,491	- 8,449	143,128	126,611	387,042	N	31/08/2023
City of Dublin Energy Management Agency (CODEMA) Limited by Guarantee	11		1,151,275	- 412,256	2,434,873	2,249,694	739,019	N	31/12/2023
College Business & Technology Park Management Services CLG	100	Subsidiary	-	-	-	-	-	N	31/05/2024
Domville Woods Property Management Company CLG.	100	Subsidiary	78,253	- 6,552	20,320	18,636	71,701	N	31/12/2023
Draiocht CLG.	11		956,008	- 592,138	1,852,483	1,897,193	363,870	N	31/12/2023
Drinan Enterprise Centre CLG*	80	Subsidiary	527,843	- 444,579	-	-	83,264	N	31/12/2023
Fingal Community & Recreation Services limited by guarantee number 373487	25	Associate	949,163	- 896,070	1,808,644	1,808,360	53,093	N	31/12/2023
Fingal Parks & Heritage Trust Ltd.*	100	Subsidiary	46,805	- 46,802	-	-	3	N	31/12/2023
Fingal Tourism CLG.*	13		29,623	- 19,543	84,722	- 108,324	10,080	N	31/12/2023
Georges Square Management Limited*	50	Subsidiary	74,540	- 70,534	-	-	4,006		31/12/2023
Hill Mill Company Limited by Guarantee *	33	Associate	396,963	- 182,306	-	-	214,657	N	31/12/2023
Kettle's Lane Management CLG	67	Subsidiary	160,880	- 22,270	58,446	62,245	138,610	N	31/12/2023
Ladyswell Property CLG.	100	Subsidiary	75,750	- 58,007	179,549	198,960	17,743	N	31/12/2023
Ladyswell Management CLG	67	Subsidiary	11,319	- 830	-	-	10,489	N	31/12/2023
MALAHIDE CASTLE AND NEWBRIDGE HOUSE LIMITED*	70	Subsidiary	4,909,132	-5,032,812	3,210,637	3,479,539	- 123,680	N	31/12/2023
Montini Property Management Company Ltd by guarantee	20	Associate	8,793	- 1,881	-	-	6,912	N	31/12/2023
Mullhuddart Community Centre CLG	20	Associate	545,427	- 170,827	545,926	482,467	374,600	N	31/12/2023
Ongar Community Centre CLG.	60	Subsidiary	288,440	- 57,751	330,428	278,511	230,689	N	31/12/2023
Parslickstown House Management CLG	33	Subsidiary	311,425	- 31,080	724,258	631,029	280,345	N	31/12/2023
Rossan Court Owners Mangament Company limited by guarnantee.	100	Subsidiary	33,755	- 2,347	-	-	31,408	N	31/12/2023
The Seamus Ennis Cultural Centre Company CLG.	25	Associate	953,241	- 284,621	688,305	742,054	668,620	N	31/12/2023
Tyrellstown Community Centre CLG	25	Associate	229,868	- 45,574	299,180	237,033	184,294	N	31/12/2023
Whitestown Property Management Company CLG	33	Associate	26,080	- 1,000	27,544	2,464	25,080	N	31/12/2023

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

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 14TH APRIL 2025

ITEM NO. 21

PROPOSED DISPOSALS OF PROPERTIES

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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 1608

4th April 2025

To: **Each Member of the Council**

RE: **Notice of proposed lease of Base Enterprise Centre, Damastown Road, Mulhuddart, Dublin 15 to Innovate Fingal CLG.**

Following a review of the Council's three Enterprise Centres, the Boards of each of the three Enterprise Centres have adopted resolutions to approve restructuring into a single entity 'Innovate Fingal CLG'.

The purpose of restructuring into a single entity is to improve operational efficiency, respond to the evolving needs of the enterprise environment, position to leverage new funding opportunities and drive innovation. Innovate Fingal CLG will have responsibility for the management and operation of all three Enterprise Centres in Fingal, therefore it is necessary to execute a new lease agreement for Base Enterprise Centre to reflect the change in entity in respect of the lessee from Base Enterprise Centre to Innovate Fingal CLG.

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 grant a lease of Base Enterprise Centre, Damastown Road, Mulhuddart, Dublin 15 to Innovate Fingal CLG on the following terms and conditions:

1. The purpose of the lease is for the provision of enterprise facilities and services at Base Enterprise Centre, Damastown Road, Mulhuddart, Dublin 15 by Innovate Fingal CLG.

2. That the subject land is shown outlined in blue on Drawing No. 23_1581-CSE-GEN-XX-DR-C-1401 dated March 2025.

3. That Fingal County Council shall grant a lease to Innovate Fingal CLG for a term of 10 years, to commence on 1st May 2024.

4. That the rent shall be €280,000.00 (two hundred and eighty thousand Euro) per annum, plus VAT if applicable.

5. 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.

6. That the rent is to be paid in equal quarterly payments in advance on the quarterly Gale Days.

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

8. That the lessee must sign a Deed of Renunciation prior to the execution of the lease.

9. That the lessee shall keep the property in good condition.

10. That the lessee shall obtain Public Liability Insurance indemnifying Fingal County Council in the sum of €6,500,000 (six million, five hundred thousand Euro) and Employers Liability Insurance indemnifying Fingal County Council in the sum of €13,000,000 (thirteen million Euro) against any and all claims arising from its use of the property and surrounding area/curtilage and shall provide proof of such insurances to Fingal County Council.

11. That the lessee shall be responsible for all outgoings, statutory or otherwise, for the duration of the term of the lease from the date of commencement and provide proof of discharge of outgoings to Fingal County Council, as requested.

12. That the lessee shall ensure that the appropriate Health and Safety legislation is adhered to.

13. 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.

14. 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 property, without the prior written consent of the Council.

15. That in the event of the lessee failing to comply with any of the terms, conditions, warranties, covenants or the obligations and stipulations herein contained or becoming dissolved or going into liquidation, the Council may revoke this Agreement by giving the lessee notice in writing to that effect or unless otherwise stated in such Notice, this agreement shall cease immediately upon such Notice having been given.

16. That on the expiration or sooner determination of the lease, the lessee shall at their own expense remove all materials not belonging to Fingal County Council (if the Council so require it) and shall leave the property clean and cleared to the satisfaction of the Council.

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 deemed appropriate by the Council's legal advisors.

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

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

The land subject to the lease was acquired from Gallagher Group Properties Limited on 30th May 1975 for housing purposes.

Notice is hereby given that a report on the proposed lease was noted at the Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee (Services B) meeting on Thursday, 3rd April 2025 and the proposed lease will be included on the Council Agenda for consideration at the meeting of Fingal County Council to be held on Monday, 14th April 2025.

Aoife Sheridan

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



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Fingal County Council

Clifton Scannell Emerson Associates

BSM Brady Shipman Martin Built. Environment.

BALBRIGGAN ECONOMIC ZONE

LEGEND:

BASE Enterprise Centre Buildings

Rev	Description	Drawn	Checked	Date
P1	Car Parking Areas Added	MC	-	01.04.25

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Project: ENTERPRISE CENTRES

Dwg. Title: BASE Enterprise Centres
Folio Information

Drawn By: JM | Checked By: MC | Date: MAR 2025

Project Code	Originator	Zone/ Phase	Level	Type	Role	Dwg. No.
23_158I	CSE	GEN	XX	DR	C	1404

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

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

File Ref: LD 1609

4th April 2025

To: **Each Member of the Council**

RE: **Notice of proposed lease of Drinan Enterprise Centre, Swords Enterprise Park, Feltrim Road, Swords to Innovate Fingal CLG.**

Following a review of the Council's three Enterprise Centres, the Boards of each of the three Enterprise Centres have adopted resolutions to approve restructuring into a single entity 'Innovate Fingal CLG'.

The purpose of restructuring into a single entity is to improve operational efficiency, respond to the evolving needs of the enterprise environment, position to leverage new funding opportunities and drive innovation. Innovate Fingal CLG will have responsibility for the management and operation of all three Enterprise Centres in Fingal, therefore it is necessary to execute a new lease agreement for Drinan Enterprise Centre to reflect the change in entity in respect of the lessee from Drinan Enterprise Centre to Innovate Fingal CLG.

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 grant a lease of Drinan Enterprise Centre, Swords Enterprise Park, Feltrim Road, Swords to Innovate Fingal CLG on the following terms and conditions:

1. The purpose of the lease is for the provision of enterprise facilities and services at Drinan Enterprise Centre, Swords Enterprise Park, Feltrim Road, Swords by Innovate Fingal CLG.

2. That the subject land is shown outlined in blue on Drawing No. 23_1581-CSE-GEN-XX-DR-C-1405 DATED March 2025.

3. That Fingal County Council shall grant a lease to Innovate Fingal CLG for a term of 10 years, to commence on 1st January 2021.

4. That the rent shall be €280,000.00 (two hundred and eighty thousand Euro) per annum, plus VAT if applicable.

5. 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.

6. That the rent is to be paid in equal quarterly payments in advance on the quarterly Gale Days.

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

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9. That the lessee shall keep the property in good condition.

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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 deemed appropriate by the Council's legal advisors.

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

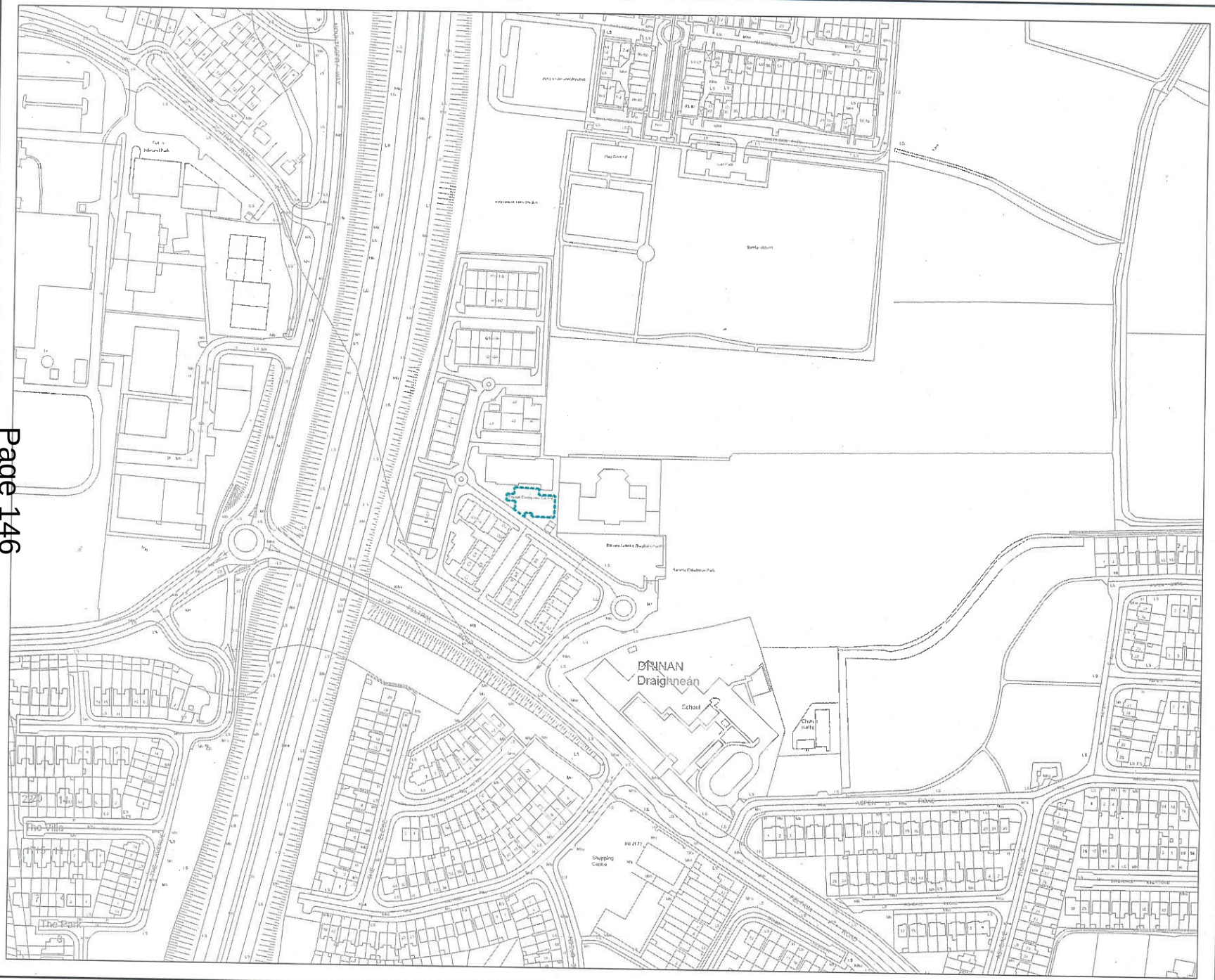
19. All other terms and conditions shall be set out in the legal agreement.

The land to subject to the lease was acquired from Christopher Mahon and others in 2000, for industrial purposes.

Notice is hereby given that a report on the proposed lease was noted at the Howth/Malahide Area Committee meeting (Services B) on Wednesday, 2nd April 2025 and the proposed lease will be included on the Council Agenda for consideration at the meeting of Fingal County Council to be held on Monday, 14th April 2025.

Aoife Brendan

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BALBRIGGAN ECONOMIC ZONE

LEGEND:

Drinan Enterprise Centre Building

Rev	Description	Drawn	Checked	Date
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Dwg. Title: Drinan Enterprise Centre
Folio Information

Drawn By	Checked By	Date
JM	MC	MAR 2025

Project Code	Originator	Zone/ Phase	Level	Type	Role	Dwg. No.
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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

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

Ref: LD 1385

7th March 2025

To: Each Member of the Council

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

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An application has been received by Fingal County Council from Paul Gillen and Julie Gillen who are seeking to acquire land adjacent to their residence at Old Road, Hayestown, Rush, Co. Dublin. The land is contained within Folio DN67217F, which is in the ownership of Fingal County Council.

I recommend, in accordance with Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) and subject to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended) to dispose of Council owned land comprising an area of 250 square metres approximately as shown coloured red on Drawing No. LA-4102-24 dated 22nd November 2024, contained within Folio DN67217F, at Old Road, Hayestown, Rush, Co. Dublin to Paul Gillen and Julie Gillen on the following terms and conditions:

1. The disposal is for the purpose of additional garden space at Old Road, Hayestown, Rush, Co. Dublin.

2. That the subject land is shown outlined in red on the attached Drawing No. LA-4102-24 dated 22nd November 2024, for identification purposes only, comprising a total area of 250 square metres approximately.

3. That the Council shall dispose of the subject lands for a consideration of €10,000.00 (ten thousand Euro) plus VAT if applicable.
4. That the land shall be disposed for garden use only and the purchaser shall not erect or permit to be erected on the land any structure or building of a permanent nature.

5. That the purchaser shall be prepared to pay the Council's reasonable legal costs, Valuer's fee and surveyor's fee incurred in this transaction.

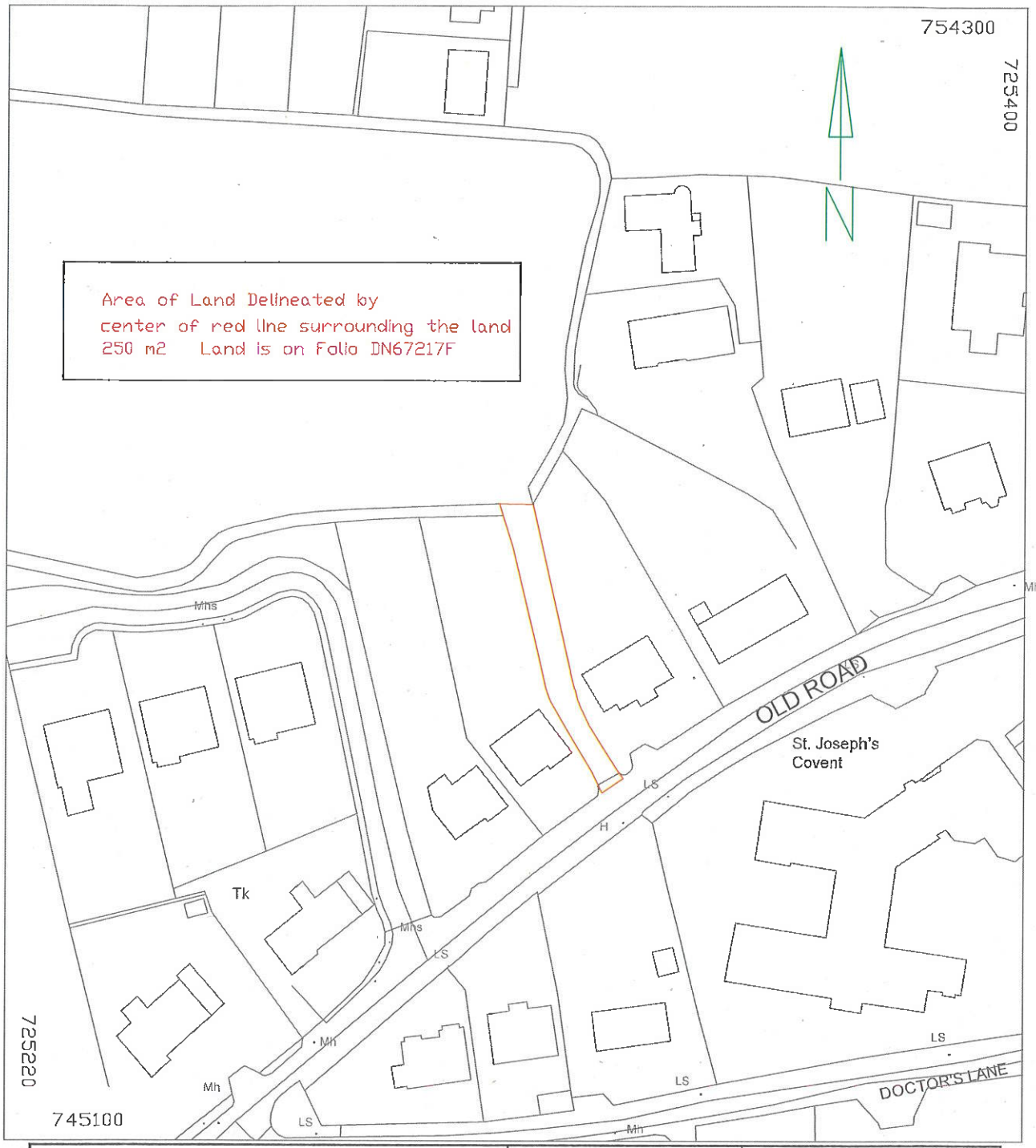
6. That this disposal is subject to the necessary approvals and consents.

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

The land to be disposed of was acquired from William B Kilmurray in 2018 for housing purposes.

Notice is hereby given that a report on the proposed disposal will be included on the Agenda of the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services B) meeting which will be held on Thursday, 13th March 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, 14th April 2025

Senior Executive Officer
Economic, Enterprise,
Tourism & Cultural Development



Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

Dwg No: LA-4102-24	O.S.Ref:
Date: 22 Nov 2024	Drawn By: LJM
Scale: 1/1000	Checked:
Dev. File No LD1385	Job No. SM/102/24
Gross Area :	
Road Area :	
Nett Area :	

Project:
Land at Old Road Hayestown Rush

Land to be disposed to :
In respect of LD1385

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

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

File Ref: LD1490

7th March 2025

To: Each Member of the Council

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

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An application has been received by Fingal County Council from Hugh Grady, Henry Grady, Gerard Grady and Annette Grady who are seeking to acquire land at Millfield Shopping Centre, Balbriggan.

I recommend, in accordance with Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 and subject to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended, to dispose of Council owned land comprising an area of 126 square metres approximately as shown coloured red on Drawing. LA-4004-25 dated 5th February 2025, contained within Folio DN196546F at Millfield Shopping Centre, Balbriggan to Hugh Grady, Henry Grady, Gerard Grady and Annette Grady on the following terms and conditions:

1. The purpose of the disposal is to rectify the boundaries of the property at Millfield Shopping Centre, Balbriggan to reflect the physical boundaries of the property on the ground and correct mapping in the Property Registration Authority (PRA).

2. That the subject land is shown outlined in red on Drawing No. LA-4004-25, dated 5th February 2025 comprising a total area of 126 square metres approximately.

3. That the Council shall dispose of the subject land for a consideration of €10.00 (ten Euro) plus VAT if applicable.

4. That the land shall be disposed of with freehold title or equivalent.

5. That the purchasers shall pay the Council's reasonable legal, valuation and surveyors' costs incurred in this transaction.

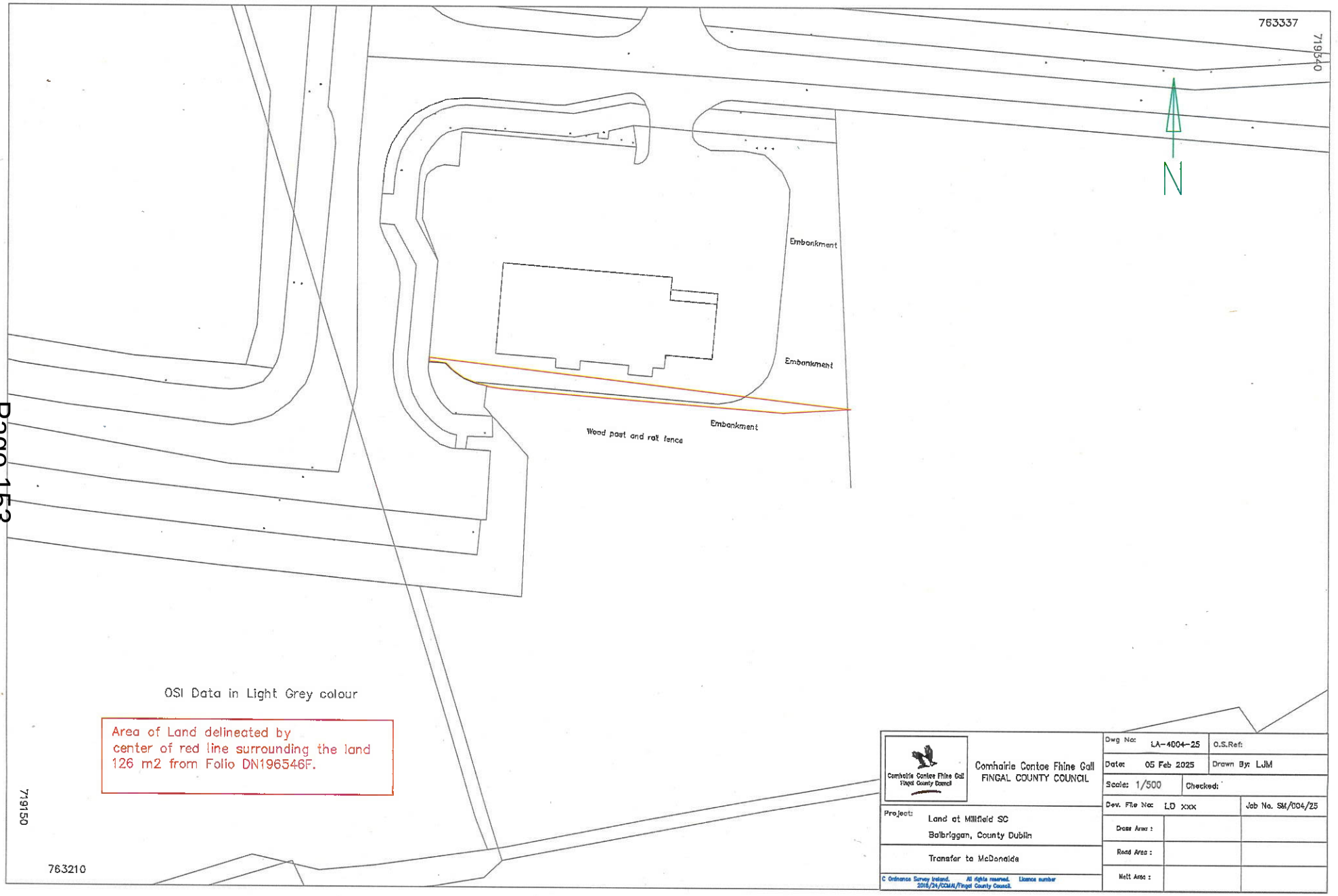
6. That this disposal is subject to the necessary approvals and consents.

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

The land to be disposed of was acquired in 2007 from Parkway Balbriggan (PPP) Ltd. for roads purposes.

Notice is hereby given that a report on the proposed disposal was included on the Agenda of the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services B) meeting which will be held on 13th March 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, 14th April 2025.

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


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Wood post and rail fence
OSI Data in Light Grey colour
Area of Land delineated by
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126 m2 from Folio DN196546F.
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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL
Project:
Land at Millfield SC
Balbriggan, County Dublin
Transfer to McDonalds
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COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 14TH APRIL 2025

ITEM NO. 22

DECLARATION OF ROADS

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COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 14TH APRIL 2025

ITEM NO. 22a

WILKINSONS BROOK, HOLLYSTOWN

DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS

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

Road Schedule

BC Number – 1781
Taking In Charge – Wilkinsons Brook
DED The Ward. TL Hollywoodrath.

Road Name	Length	Description
Wilkinsons Brook	98m	From estate entrance from R121, heading north for 98m to outside No. 29/30 Wilkinsons Brook.
	117m	From outside No. 1 Wilkinsons Brook, heading east for 64m to outside No. 5 Wilkinsons Brook, head north for 53m to outside No. 7 Wilkinsons Brook including turning heads.
	66m	From outside No. 12 Wilkinsons Brook, heading north-east for 66m to outside No. 18 Wilkinsons Brook including turning heads.
	282m	From outside No. 19 Wilkinsons Brook, heading west for 282m to outside No. 40 Wilkinsons Brook including turning heads.

	47m	From outside No. 56 Wilkinsons Brook, heading west for 47m to outside No. 53 Wilkinsons Brook including turning heads.
	Total Length: 610m	

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Manhole Schedule
Foul

ID	C.L	I.L	Pipe Diameter	ID	C.L	I.L	Pipe Diameter
F3.7	76.01	75.091		F3.3.1	74.754	73.5	
			Ø 150mm				Ø 150mm
F3.6	76.53	74.87		F3.3.2	74.779	73.124	
			Ø 150mm				Ø 150mm
F3.5	75.887	74.267		F3.3	74.749	73.011	
			Ø 225mm	F13	76.006	74.698	
F3.4	75.596	73.391					Ø 150mm
			Ø 225mm	F12	76.131	74.075	
F3.3	74.749	73.011					Ø 225mm
			Ø 225mm	F11	75.957	73.558	
F3.2	74.62	72.349					Ø 225mm
			Ø 225mm	F10	74.915	72.799	
F3.1	73.789	72.088					Ø 225mm
			Ø 225mm	F9	74.914	72.611	
F3	73.673	71.827	Ø 225mm	F8	74.763	72.509	
F2	73.187	71.034					Ø 225mm
			Ø 225mm	F7	74.711	72.349	
F1	73.106	70.494	Ø 225mm	F6	74.639	72.166	
F156	72.913	70.394					Ø 225mm
			Ø 225mm	F5	73.814	72.023	
F155	72.496	69.824					Ø 225mm
F3.2.2	74.48	72.572		F4	73.692	71.849	
			Ø 225mm				Ø 225mm
F3.2.1	74.701	72.445		F3	73.673	71.827	
			Ø 225mm	F12.2	75.931	74.424	
F3.2	74.62	72.349					Ø 150mm
F3.4.1	75.536	74.271		F12.1	76.031	74.226	
			Ø 150mm				Ø 150mm
F3.4	75.596	73.391		F12	76.131	74.075	

Manhole Schedule
Storm

ID	C.L	I.L		Pipe Diameter	ID	C.L	I.L	B.D	Pipe Diameter
S9	75.951	74.809			S17	76.043	74.736		
				Ø 225mm					Ø 225mm
S8	75.956	74.751			S16	76.11	74.468		
				Ø 225mm					Ø 225mm
S7	75.536	74.109			S15	75.933	74.114		
				Ø 300mm					Ø 300mm
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				Ø 300mm					Ø 300mm
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				Ø 375mm	ENTERS THE TANK 1				
S2	72.579	71.354			S11	73.9	71.921		
S7.1	75.544	74.203							Ø 225mm
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Wilkinsons Brook Estate

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TAKING IN CHARGE: Wilkinsons Brook Estate, Hollystown - TIC
Hollywoodrath The Ward

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COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 14th APRIL 2025

ITEM NO. 22b

HANSFIELD PHASE 1, PHIBBLESTOWN

DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS

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

Road Schedule

BC Number – 1780

Taking In Charge – Hansfield Phase 1

DED: Phibblestown, TL: Blanchardstown-Blakestown

Road Name	Length	Description
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Hansfield Drive	102m	From the Tri-junction of Hansfield Avenue, head North for 102m to Tri-junction of Hansfield Park.
Hansfield Way	235m	From outside House No.42, heading South for 142m to the cul-de-sac, heading West and East separately for 9m. From the junction outside House No.34 to the cul-de-sac of parking bays for 75m.
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BASE INVERT LEVEL= 60.40m AOD
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TOP WATER LEVEL(100YR)= 61.30m AOD
MAX WATER DEPTH= 0.90m
BASIN SIDE SLOPES= 1:4 (AND TERRACED WALLS)
BASIN STORAGE VOLUME (100 YR)= 779.3m3

'HERRINGBONE' SURFACE WATER LAND DRAIN SYSTEM UNDER BASIN TO DISCHARGE TO SUB SOIL (100mmØ FILTER DRAIN PIPES)

CONNECTION TO EXISTING 300mm DIA. WATERMAIN

68.5m LONG STONE ATTENUATION SYSTEM STORAGE VOLUME = 50.4m³

CONNECTION TO EXISTING 375mm DIA.FOUL SEWER MANHOLE

1m WIDE X 0.5m DEEP RECTANGULAR CONCRETE CULVERT

SMART MANHOLE WITH FLOW CONTROL ON OUTLET TO LIMIT FLOW TO 15.9l/s WEIR LEVEL 61.30m

PETROL INTERCEPTOR NSBE020

SURFACE WATER OUTFALL LINES CONNECT INTO EXISTING FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL SURFACE WATER INFRASTRUCTURE

PETROL INTERCEPTOR NSBE015

SMART MANHOLE WITH FLOW CONTROL ON OUTLET TO LIMIT FLOW TO 12.6l/s WEIR LEVEL 60.62m

SURFACE WATER ATTENUATION SYSTEM A:
TYPE: DETENTION BASIN
BASE AREA= 215m2
BASE INVERT LEVEL= 59.62m AOD
TOP WATER AREA= 483.3m2
TOP WATER LEVEL(100YR)= 60.52m AOD
MAX WATER DEPTH= 1.0m
BASIN SIDE SLOPES= 1:4
BASIN STORAGE VOLUME (100 YR)= 373.7m3

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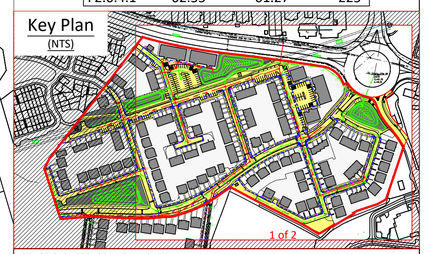
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S106	61.83	60.21	450
S107	62.24	60.47	375
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Key Plan (NTS)



Hansfield Phase1

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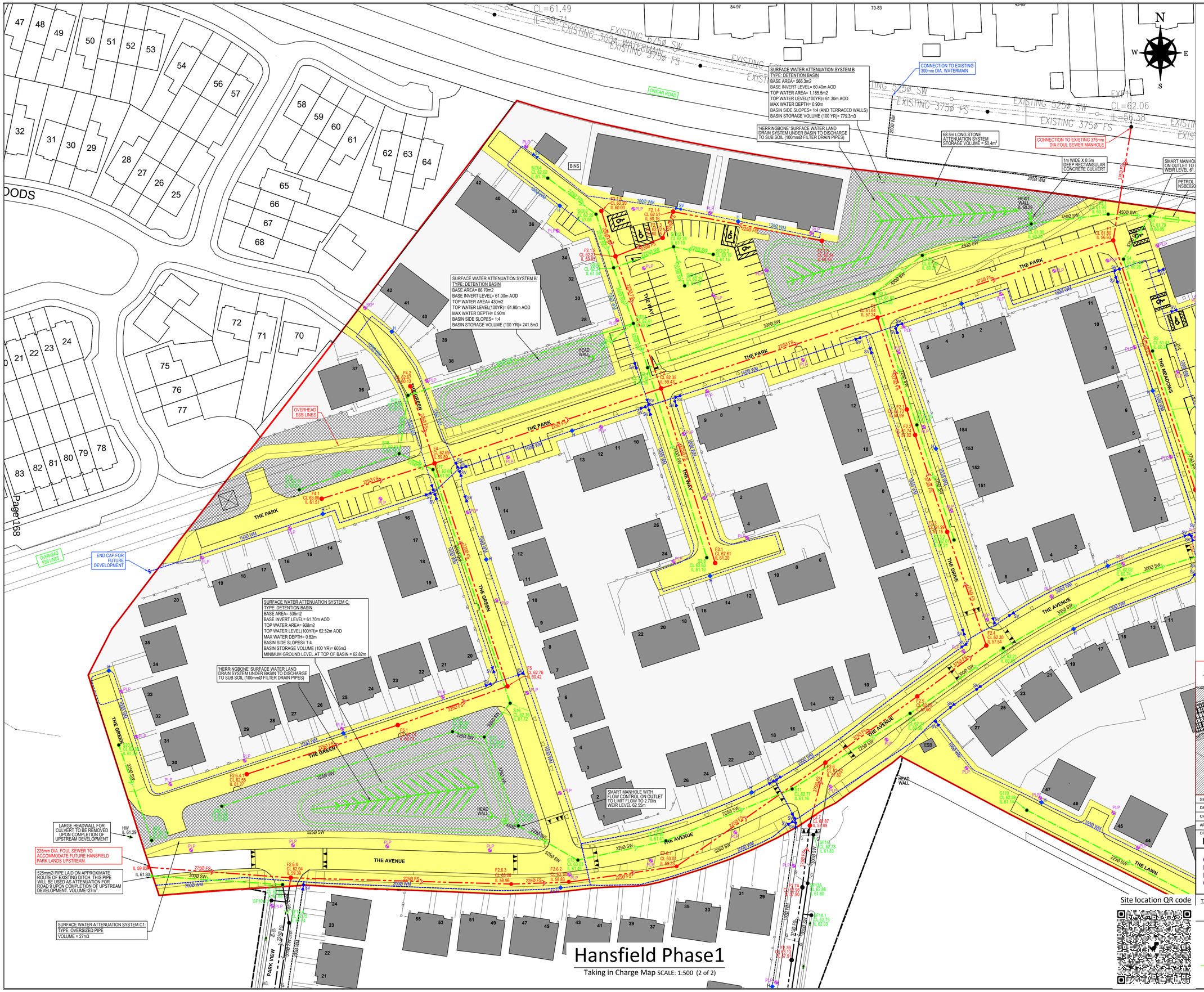
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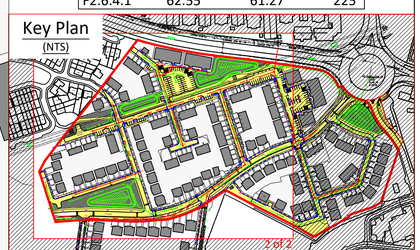
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COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 14TH APRIL 2025

ITEM NO. 23

APPOINTMENT OF EXTERNAL MEMBERS TO THE NAMING AND COMMERMORATIVE COMMITTEE – FROM THE LOCAL ELECTORAL AREAS

The Council's Naming & Commemorative Memorial Policy was approved by the Council on 9th May 2016 and took effect from that date. As part of this policy the Council established a Naming and Commemorative Memorial Assessment Committee consisting of six Councillors, two Councillors from each Area Committee and three local/community representatives - one from each Area Committee area. The Council Members and external members serve on the Committee for a term consistent with the term of the Council.

Following a plenary meeting of Fingal's Public Participation Network on Thursday 3rd April 2025, the following external members, one from each Local Electoral Area were proposed and agreed:

Ciara Curtain, Fingal Women Pioneers, - Howth/Malahide

Oona Roycroft, Skerries Historical Society, Balbriggan Rush-Lusk Swords

Gearoid Hodgins Blanchardstown Tidy Towns – Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart Castleknock/Ongar

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES

ANNUAL POLICY PROGRAMME 2025



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- **Housing**
- **Planning Strategic Transport & Infrastructure Development**
- **Public Realm, Transportation/Mobility Management**
- **Marine and Coastal Management**

Appendix 1 – Corporate Plan 2025-2029 Themes, Goals and Objectives

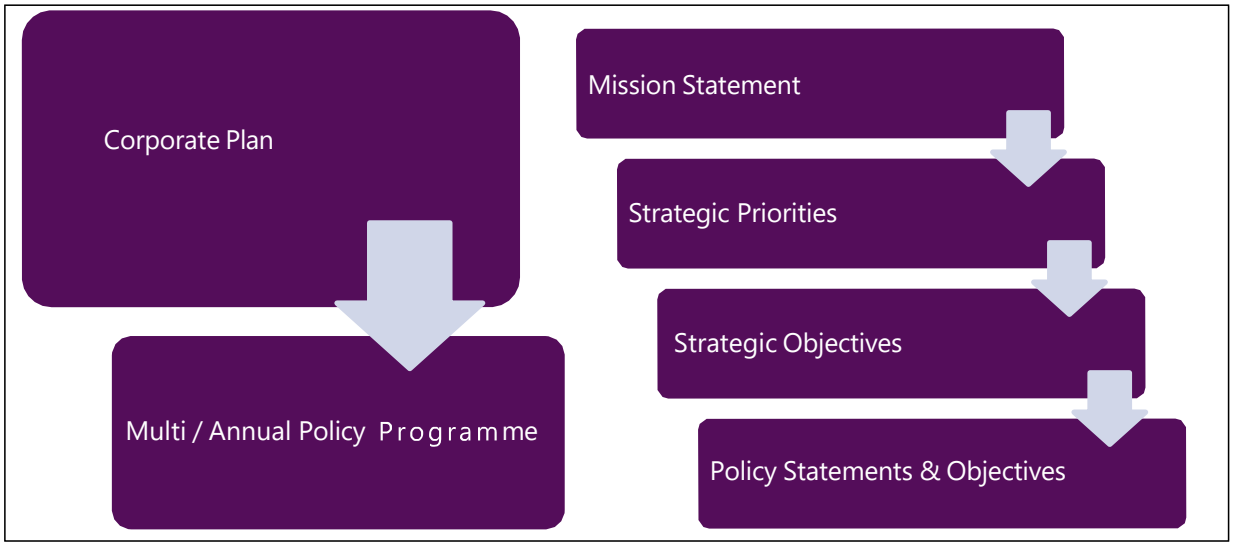
Appendix 2 - Submissions for consideration/inclusion in the SPC Programmes for 2025

Introduction

Fingal County Council's Annual Policy Programme 2025 is formulated and agreed by the Corporate Policy Group of the County Council in the context of the overarching vision of Fingal "connecting people through inclusive communities and vibrant and sustainable places".

The Council's Corporate Plan sets out the Delivery for All -Mission, Values, Themes, Goals and Objectives over the five-year term of office of the Council. The Annual Policy Programme is guided by those goals and objectives and sets out the policy matters to be considered by the Strategic Policy Committees during the year. Once considered, any resulting recommendations from the SPCs will be considered by the Corporate Policy Group and ultimately the full Council for consideration and adoption as Policy Statements and Objectives.

The table below sets outs of the **Hierarchy of Plans and Objectives** in the policy development structure-



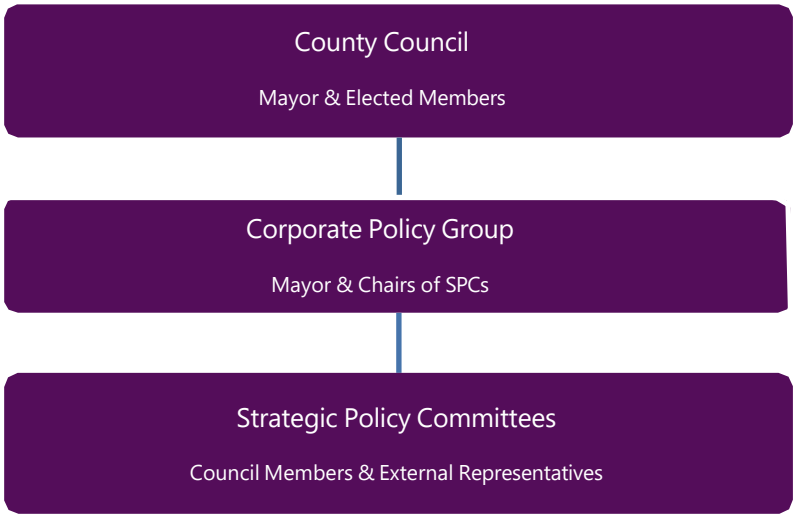
The themes and goals, as set out in the Corporate Plan, are listed below and provide the framework within which policies will be considered and developed by the Elected Members through the policy development framework of the Council –



THEMES	GOALS
Delivering Strategic Infrastructure	Deliver, promote and support housing and strategic infrastructure that will secure Fingal's future.
Enabling Economic Growth	Enable a dynamic and outward- focused sustainable economy that will position Fingal to leverage growth opportunities.
Connecting with our Communities	Create and foster safe, well-designed places and neighbourhoods where empowered, resilient and inclusive communities can thrive.
Embracing Technology and Innovation	Leverage the benefits of a digitally enabled society.
Driving Climate Action	Lead the transition to a biodiverse and decarbonised society.
Providing a High-Quality Service	Provide a framework for quality service delivery that combines skill, flexibility, and motivation, while supporting staff wellbeing and resilience.

Appendix 1 sets out the full list of Themes, Goals and Objectives contained in the Corporate Plan 2025 – 2029.

Policy Development & Governance Structure



The policy development framework, consisting of the full County Council, Corporate Policy Group and Strategic Policy Committees, provides a governance structure to develop and monitor the effectiveness of policy development within the Local Authority.

The **Corporate Policy Group**, made up of the Chairs of the SPCs, fulfils a strategic role linking and monitoring the work of the different SPCs and providing a forum where policy positions affecting the whole council can be agreed for submission to the full council. The role for the Corporate Policy Group is as follows:

- The preparation of the Annual Budget
- The preparation of the five-year Corporate Plan and associated oversight
- Preparation, co-ordination and monitoring of SPC Work Programmes
- Consideration/monitoring of matters of general strategic concern to the Council or matters relating to the support of Council Members.

Strategic Policy Committees enable Elected Members to fulfil their role as policy-makers by providing a focus for their input into policy formation, opportunities for partnership with local interests and strengthening their role as leaders of their authority and the local community.

The SPCs consider matters connected with the formulation, development, monitoring and review of policy which relate to the functions of the Local Authority and to advise the authority on those matters. In performing this role, the SPC is provided direction by the Work Programme agreed by the CPG and will, through the Chair, report on same to the CPG and the County Council.

These Work Programmes are prepared in the context of the Corporate Plan and the Annual Service Delivery Plan and take into account the budgetary objectives as set out in the Annual Budget.

SPCs meet at least quarterly, or as frequently as is considered necessary by the SPC Members, in order to deliver the Annual Work Programme.

Policy Programme Operational Framework

Interaction between the full Council, the CPG and the SPC will operate as follows:

1. The Corporate Policy Group, supported by the Chief Executive, will agree Annual Policy Programmes for all relevant SPCs. Submissions will be sought from Council Members, SPC Members and the Council Executive. The CPG will consider submissions, agree matters for inclusion and determine the order of priority in which SPCs are to explore issues.
2. SPC Agenda formulation will be a matter for the SPC Chair and the relevant Director of Service and may include any matter relevant to the business of the SPC. Policy recommendations may only be made on matters included on the agreed Annual Policy Programme.
3. Any matters that arise that are considered to warrant inclusion on the Annual Policy Programme may be submitted for agreement to the CPG. Re-ordering of priority or addition to the Annual Policy Programmes will be a matter for the CPG.
4. Once agreed at SPC level, the Chair of the SPC, supported by the relevant Director of Service, will present policy recommendations to the CPG for initial determination. The CPG may allow a recommendation to go forward to the County Council with or without amendment or may refer it back to the SPC for further investigation.
5. Following approval by the CPG, the Chair of the SPC, supported by the relevant Director of Service, will present SPC Policy recommendations to the County Council which may be adopted, with or without modification or rejected.
6. Where an SPC Policy recommendation, once approved, gives rise to financial implications it can only become operational once an appropriate supporting budget is in place.
7. The Chair of the SPCs, supported by the Director of Service, will provide progress reports to both the CPG and the County Council on Annual Policy Programme.

Strategic Policy Committee Membership

	COMMUNITY, CULTURE & SPORTS SPC	Electoral Area	Party
Chairperson	**Eoghan Dockrell**	**Balb/Swords/Rush-Lusk**	**Fine Gael**
Councillor	Mary McCamley	Blanch-Mul/C'knock/Ongar	Labour
Councillor	John Walsh	Blanch-Mul/C'knock/Ongar	Labour
Councillor	Angela Donnelly	Blanch-Mul/C'knock/Ongar	Sinn Féin
Councillor	Tom Kitt	Blanch-Mul/C'knock/Ongar	Fianna Fáil
Councillor	James Humphreys	Balb/Swords/Rush-Lusk	Labour
Social Inclusion	Brenda Vanderzee		
PPN	Abi Wise		
Env	VACANT		

	CLIMATE ACTION, BIODIVERSITY, ENVIRONMENT SPC	Electoral Area	Party
Chairperson	**Joe Newman**	**Balb/Swords/Rush-Lusk**	**Non Party**
Councillor	JK Onwumereh	Blanch-Mul/C'knock/Ongar	Fianna Fáil
Councillor	Siobhan Shovlin	Blanch-Mul/C'knock/Ongar	Fine Gael
Councillor	Helen Redwood	Blanch-Mul/C'knock/Ongar	Solidarity
Councillor	Brian McDonagh	Howth/Malahide	Labour
Councillor	David Healy	Howth/Malahide	Green Party
Env	Tara Byrne		
IFA	Paul Flynn		
PPN	Sarah Zimmerman		

	ECONOMIC ENTERPRISE & TOURISM DEVELOPMENT SPC	Electoral Area	Party
Chairperson	**Kieran Dennison**	**Blanch-Mul/C'knock/Ongar**	**Fine Gael**
Councillor	Tony Murphy	Balb/Swords/Rush-Lusk	Non Party
Councillor	Tom O'Leary	Balb/Swords/Rush-Lusk	Fine Gael
Councillor	James Humphreys	Balb/Swords/Rush-Lusk	Labour
Councillor	Siobhan Shovlin	Blanch-Mul/C'knock/Ongar	Fine Gael
Councillor	Ellen Troy	Blanch-Mul/C'knock/Ongar	Aontú
Councillor	Jimmy Guerin	Howth/Malahide	Non Party
Chambers	Anthony Cooney		
ICTU	Eric Fleming		
PPN	Peader O'Kelly		

	HOUSING SPC	Electoral Area	Party
Chairperson	**Brendan Ryan**	**Balb/Swords/Rush-Lusk**	**Labour**
Councillor	Mark Boland	Balb/Swords/Rush-Lusk	Labour
Councillor	Gerard Sheehan	Blanch-Mul/C'knock/Ongar	Aontú
Councillor	Breda Hanaphy	Blanch-Mul/C'knock/Ongar	Sinn Féin
Councillor	Ted Leddy	Blanch-Mul/C'knock/Ongar	Fine Gael
Councillor	John Burtchaell	Blanch-Mul/C'knock/Ongar	Solidarity
Councillor	Aoibhinn Tormey	Howth/Malahide	Fine Gael
Councillor	Cathal Haughey	Howth/Malahide	Fianna Fáil
Chambers	David Branagan		
ICTU	Jimmy Doran		
Social Inclusion	Vacant		
PPN	Jo Fulham		

	PLANNING STRATEGIC TRANSPORT & INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT SPC	Electoral Area	Party
Chairperson	**Eoghan O'Brien**	**Howth/Malaide**	**Fianna Fáil**
Councillor	Cathal Boland	Balb/Swords/Rush-Lusk	Non-Party
Councillor	John Smyth	Balb/Swords/Rush-Lusk	Sinn Féin
Councillor	Luke Corkery	Balb/Swords/Rush-Lusk	Fine Gael
Councillor	Tania Doyle	Blanch-Mul/C'knock/Ongar	Non-Party
Councillor	Eimear Carbone-Mangan	Blanch-Mul/C'knock/Ongar	Fianna Fáil
Env	Kevin Tolan		
Chambers	Anthony Cooney		
PPN	Paul Arnold		

	PUBLIC REALM, TRANSPORTATION/MOBILITY MANAGEMENT SPC	Electoral Area	Party
Chairperson	**Darragh Butler**	**Balb/Swords/Rush-Lusk**	**Fianna Fáil**
Councillor	Darren Jack Kelly	Balb/Swords/Rush-Lusk	Non-Party
Councillor	Malachy Quinn	Balb/Swords/Rush-Lusk	Sinn Féin
Councillor	Corina Johnston	Balb/Swords/Rush-Lusk	Labour
Councillor	Joan Hopkins	Howth/Mala	Social Democrats
Councillor	Patrick Quinlan	Blanch-Mul/C'knock/Ongar	National Party
Env	Michael Lenehan		
Chambers	Siobhan O'Donnell		
PPN	John Fox		

	MARINE & COASTAL MANAGEMENT SPC	Electoral Area	Party
Chairperson	**Angela Donnelly**	**Blanch-Mul/C'knock/Ongar**	**Sinn Féin**
Councillor	Paul Mulville	Balb/Swords/Rush-Lusk	Social Democrats
Councillor	Corina Johnston	Balb/Swords/Rush-Lusk	Labour
Councillor	Cathal Boland	Balb/Swords/Rush-Lusk	Non-Party
Councillor	Grainne Maguire	Balb/Swords/Rush-Lusk	Non-Party
Councillor	Dean Mulligan	Balb/Swords/Rush-Lusk	Ind 4 Change
ICTU	Alison Regan		
ENV	Charles Sargent		
PPN	Máire O'Brien		

Fingal County Council Policy Programme 2025

The following sets out the Policy Programmes to be considered by the Strategic Policy Committees during 2025.

Climate Action, Biodiversity, Environment

Theme/Policy Issue
RMCEI plan (Environmental Inspection Plan) Focus on Local Authority Environmental Enforcement
Climate Action Plan Implementation Plan
Water Framework Directive River Basin Management Plan implementation in Fingal
Biodiversity Implementation Plan
Litter Management Plan
National Waste Management Plan for a Circular Economy
District Heating
Bathing Water Updates

Theme/Policy Issue
Community Development and Inclusion
Strengthen communities through participation, connectivity, inclusion and building capacity of community leaders
Social Inclusion = Active Inclusion
Gender Equality
Oversight of Community elements of the Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP)
Update on progress of the community aspects of the LECP
Fingal Libraries Development Plan 2024 – 2029
Creative Ireland Programme
Arts Plan 2019 – 2025
Enhance and Protect the Heritage of the County
Promotion of Irish Language
Sports Activities
Public Participation and Resident Engagement
Focus on capabilities rather than disabilities
Active Citizenship
Local artist fair
Strategy to increase women's participation in sport
Community not for Profit Childcare

Economic Enterprise and Tourism Development

Theme/Policy Issue
Tourism Strategy
Food Policy
Local Economic & Community Plan
Economic Development Strategy
Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor
Local Development Strategy
Development of Economic Zones
Industrial Estate Improvement Programme
Enterprise Development & Support
Fingal Skills Strategy
Events Strategy
Sustainable Fingal/Circular Cities Strategy
Review of Heritage Property/Visitor Attraction Strategy
Fingal Economic & Tourism Development Marketing Strategy
Local Enterprise Plan
Review / Development of Town Centre First
Regeneration Plans for Towns & Villages

Housing

Theme/Policy Issue
Social & Affordable Housing delivery and supports
Traveller Accommodation Programme
Allocations Scheme for Social Housing Support
Housing Architecture & Design
Refurbishment & Retrofit Programme
Estate Management/Anti-social Behaviour Strategy
Homeless Strategy/Action Plan



Planning Strategic Transport & Infrastructure Development

Theme/Policy issue
Major Studies/LAPs
Residential Land Zoned Tax
Major Capital Project Delivery
Development Contribution Waiver Scheme Update
Taking in charge
Sustainable urban Drainage Systems (SuDS) Including Dom SuDS
Fingal Greenways/Cycleways
Guildlines for Biodiversity in Development
Building Control
Update on Biodiversity Action Plan
Greater Dublin Area Transport Strategy (NTA)
Building Control - Part B Fire Safety
Enforcement Update

Public Realm, Transportation/Mobility Management

Theme/Policy issue
Review of Pay Parking Bye-Laws
Review of Beach and Foreshore Bye-Laws
Review of Special Speed Limits
Road Safety Policy
Active Travel Strategy
Review of Casual Trading Bye-Laws

Theme/Policy issue
Biodiversity Plan (Coastal Aspect)
Coastal Erosion
Climate Action Plan
Coastal Water Sports Facilities Audit
Balleally Landfill Quarterly Update

Appendix I – Corporate Plan 2025-2029: Themes, Goals and Objectives

THEME 1	DELIVERING STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE
Goal 1 **Deliver, promote and support housing and strategic infrastructure that will secure Fingal's future.**	1. Align land use planning with environmental, social and economic goals for balanced growth.
	2. Integrate climate risk assessments into planning, zoning and infrastructure projects to ensure long-term resilience across the region.
	3. Ensure that utilities, transportation and infrastructure are in place to benefit businesses and communities in the county.
	4. Fulfil National Planning Framework objectives to deliver on the housing potential of brownfield and infill sites.
	5. Facilitate the supply of public and private housing to provide sustainable, adaptable, and high-quality mixed tenure homes.
	6. Prioritise environmentally sustainable building practices, supporting our climate and biodiversity goals.
	7. Ensure an effective and efficient Building Control service, including effective market surveillance of construction products and enforcement of Construction Products Regulation.
	8. Monitor and respond to changes in demographic trends, market dynamics, and economic conditions to adapt Fingal's housing strategy as needed.

THEME 2	Enabling Economic Growth
Goal 2 **Enable an outward-focused dynamic and sustainable business economy that will position Fingal to**	1. Position Fingal as a leading destination for trade, tourism, and long-term business partnerships by promoting the county's unique economic assets, and attracting foreign direct investment tailored to its regional strengths.
	2. Support local enterprise growth, social enterprises and sectoral clusters by positioning Fingal as a premier destination for startups and established businesses.
	3. Advance the Sustainable Fingal Initiative to drive the county's shift toward a Net Zero Economy.
	4. Promote economic activity within communities by maximising the potential of local economic hubs.

leverage growth opportunities.	5. Support the development of a digitally enabled business ecosystem to facilitate inward investment and local business growth.
	6. Work with partners in education to prioritise upskilling and reskilling programmes that align with high-demand sectors and emergent industries.

THEME 3	CONNECTING WITH OUT COMMUNITIES
Goal 3 **Create safe places and neighbourhoods where empowered, resilient and inclusive communities can thrive.**	1. Ensure that safe and cohesive communities experience a strong sense of place in connected and resilient neighbourhoods.
	2. Enhance engagement, integration and communication, ensuring that all residents have equitable access to housing, services, and opportunities.
	3. Promote programmes that support mental and physical wellbeing, encourage active lifestyles and involvement in sport, recreation and leisure, strengthening social bonds within Fingal's communities.
	4. Create initiatives that encourage engagement in civic activities and volunteerism, facilitating opportunities for people of all backgrounds and genders to participate.
	5. Provide safe, sustainable and accessible places and public spaces to meet the diverse needs of our communities.
	6. Develop and promote Fingal's distinct arts and cultural identity and its libraries, while encouraging participation throughout people's lives.
	7. Safeguard and celebrate Fingal's unique heritage assets.
	8. Collaborate with local educational institutions, and other providers to facilitate programmes for all age groups, including the marginalised and more vulnerable in our communities.

THEME 4	EMBRACING TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION
Goal 4 **Encourage and support communities and businesses to leverage the benefits of a digitally enabled society.**	1. Drive the accessibility, efficiency and user experience of Council services by integrating digital solutions across key services and functions.
	2. Promote and maintain a world-class digital infrastructure across Fingal.
	3. Support the provision of digital skills training programmes, ensuring that people of all ages and backgrounds have the opportunity to develop essential digital skills.
	4. Offer digital infrastructure supports and resources tailored to the needs of local businesses, empowering them to grow and compete effectively in a digital economy.

THEME 5	DRIVING CLIMATE ACTION
Goal 5 **Play a leadership role in transitioning to a biodiversity rich and decarbonised society, underpinned by community engagement and environmentally committed businesses.**	1. Prioritise sustainable urban planning, improved public transportation options and active travel to lower emissions and create sustainable communities.
	2. Strengthen climate resilience by developing and implementing climate adaptation projects aimed at reducing the impacts of future climate-related events.
	3. Enhance energy efficiency across Council operations through the implementation of energy-saving technologies, sustainable procurement practices, and operational efficiencies.
	4. Strengthen engagement, raise awareness and collaborate on initiatives with businesses on sustainable business practices and the circular economy.
	5. Develop Fingal as a model of community-driven sustainability by fostering a culture of environmental responsibility among residents and stakeholders to increase community understanding and action on climate change.

THEME 6	PROVIDE A HIGH-QUALITY SERVICE
Goal 6 **Create a framework for quality service delivery that combines collaboration, skill, flexibility, and motivation, while ensuring staff wellbeing and resilience.**	1. Deliver on Fingal's vision through excellent service delivery, collaborative engagement and a supportive, inclusive workplace culture.
	2. Nurture organisational wellbeing by enabling staff to reach their full potential through relevant training and development.
	3. Ensure that our democratic functions and service delivery processes are underpinned by good governance, oversight, transparency and accountability.
	4. Explore additional funding sources to deliver growth and enhance quality of life in the county.
	5. Create a welcoming environment that respects diversity, embraces equality, integration and inclusion, and promotes meaningful participation in Council activities.
	6. Promote a culture of digital transformation within Fingal County Council to foster innovation and support continuous improvements in service delivery.
	7. Aim to ensure that our decision-making is guided by evidence-based data analytics in the delivery of our programmes, projects and services.
	8. Maintain effective and responsive internal and external communications structures to address organisational and community needs
	9. Deliver on our Public Sector Duty by ensuring that every individual has an equal opportunity to access, avail of and / or benefit from any service or function provided through the Corporate Plan.

Appendix 2 - Submissions for consideration/inclusion in the SPC Programmes for 2025

No submissions were received.



Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council





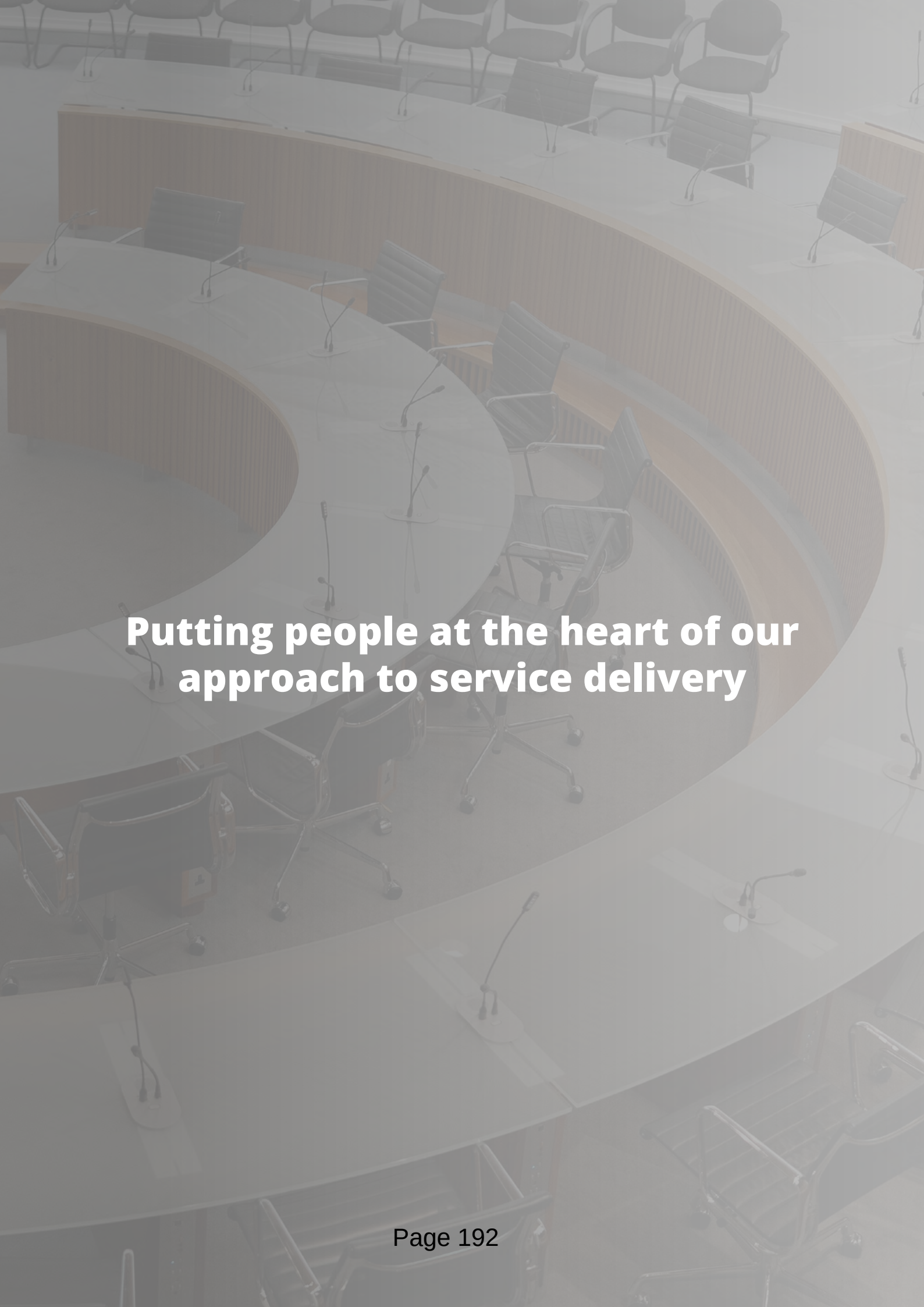





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Foreword

Brian McDonagh
Mayor of Fingal

This has certainly been a year of change and achievements across the county. The 2024 local elections marked a significant shift, and we have welcomed a number of new Councillors to our ranks, bringing many different life experiences and a healthy mix of professional backgrounds and skills as a result.

We are all working hard to continue to ensure that Fingal is held up as an innovative region with a great range of initiatives underway to meet the needs of one of Ireland's youngest and fastest growing local authorities.

To that end, we are committed to several strategic priorities over the coming years to help ensure that we remain on track to deliver in terms of sustainable development and increased services for the people of Fingal. This includes enabling economic growth, the provision of key strategic infrastructure, greater well-being across our communities, embracing innovation, driving climate action and providing a framework for high-quality services.

Recognising that we will continue to grow as a region, we have approved a €389 million budget for 2025. In addition, we have launched a three-year Capital Programme valued at over €1.5 billion—the largest ever agreed by the Council. This ambitious plan encompasses around 300 projects, with a strong focus on housing, infrastructure, and community facilities. I am particularly glad to see the significant investment we've made in building modern facilities like the new community centre in Baldoyle which is now underway, as these cater to diverse needs and provide essential spaces for residents to connect, engage in activities, and access services.

One of the greatest privileges of serving as Mayor this year has been the countless opportunities to meet people from every corner of Fingal. Throughout the year, I've made it a point to travel to events by bike whenever possible, taking in our magnificent coastline, catching up with communities on the western edges of Dublin, and enjoying the hospitality of the many towns and villages in the north of the county. These experiences have only deepened my appreciation for Fingal as a vibrant and diverse county, full of places to explore and enjoy, whether you're into nature, culture, or community life.

Sustaining Fingal's positive momentum relies on strong collaboration, shared responsibility, and the valuable input of those who live, work, and contribute to the community. I want to acknowledge the boundless energy and passion of Deputy Mayor, Cllr JK Onwumereh. He has carried out his role with gusto, and he has shown what good teamwork can achieve when coming together for the betterment of the county.

My sincere thanks also to Chief Executive AnnMarie Farrelly for her steadfast leadership, wealth of experience and the progressive vision she has for the county. I further extend my appreciation to all Council staff for their tireless efforts to deliver the hundreds of programmes and initiatives we have undertaken across the year.

Brian McDonagh
Mayor of Fingal



Introduction

AnnMarie Farrelly
Chief Executive

Building homes and communities was very much the focus for Fingal County Council during 2024 as we continued our work to make Fingal a great place to live, work, visit and do business in.

The Council was extremely proactive in driving house commencements with projects to provide social, affordable, and cost rentals homes started across the county including Mulhuddart, Swords and Donabate. Several social housing projects were also delivered including Fingal's first Passive House development at Monastery Court, Lusk and Bowden Court in Swords.

The Council is acutely aware of the need to provide community infrastructure for our growing population and in addition to delivering Meakstown Community Centre also provided a new playground at Lanesborough Park and a Multipurpose Youth Facility in Rush while commencing construction on Baldoyle Community Centre.

Work in also under way on the new Cultural Centre in Swords. Part of the Swords Cultural Quarter, the new building will house a county library, a theatre, a gallery, arts spaces and a café and is scheduled to open in 2027. The refurbished Carnegie Library is also part of the SCQ and reopened its doors in February as an Arts Production Hub.

One of the major projects under the Balbriggan Regeneration Scheme also commenced and the result of the public realm improvements at Quay Street and the Harbour will be an impressive destination space for residents and visitors in the heart of the town and beside the beach. The Council also continued its work on creating an industrial landbank at Stephenstown with a view to attracting sustainable industry into Balbriggan.

In December, councillors approved our 2025-2029 Corporate Pla and other important plans published during the year covered Climate Action, Economic Development and Tourism.

As a Council, we try to lead by example on Climate Change and have worked hard over the past 15 years to become more energy efficient. We have the biggest electric fleet among Ireland's 31 local authority having switched over 43% of our vehicles. The rollout of Electric Vehicle Chargers in public locations has also commenced while our energy saving measures saw us complete Ireland's largest public lighting transformation with 35,315 new LED blubs installed across the county.

The 2024 Local Elections saw a new Council elected in June for a five-year term. The local elections give the residents of Fingal a voice through their local councillors in the running of the Council and administration of the county and I thank everybody who came out and voted on polling day. I also want to pay tribute to those who did not return to the Council Chamber after the local elections for their service and I welcome our new councillors. Councillors are leaders within our communities and have a very important role acting as the bridge between the residents and the Council to deliver what's best for their respective communities.

The current Mayor, Cllr Brian McDonagh, and his predecessor, Cllr Adrian Henchy, led the Council during 2024 and represented the Council and the county with distinction at numerous events over the course of the year.

Our 1,600 staff are committed to providing a high-quality people-centred service to the people of Fingal which will enable planned growth and see us leading on climate action while always mindful of our rich cultural heritage. I thank them for their hard-work, commitment and enthusiasm in the delivery of services to our residents and look forward to us continuing to deliver for all in 2025.

AnnMarie Farrelly
Chief Executive


Balbriggan
Rush - Lusk
Swords
Howth
- Malahide
Blanchardstown
– Mulhuddart
Ongar
Castleknock

Elected Members

Fingal Councillors 2024

Balbriggan



Grainne Maguire
Independent



Tony Murphy
Independent



Tom O'Leary
Fine Gael



Karen Power
Green Party
Comhaontas Glas
(Until June 2024)



Malachy Quinn
Sinn Féin
(From June 2024)



Brendan Ryan
Labour Party

Blanchardstown -Mulhuddart



John Burtchaell
Solidarity



Breda Hanaphy
Sinn Féin



Mary McCamley
Labour Party



JK Onwumereh
Fianna Fáil



Steve O'Reilly
Fine Gael
(From February -June 2024)



Patrick Quinlan
The National Party
(From June 2024)



Punam Rane
Fine Gael
(Until January 2024)

Castleknock



Eimear Carbone-Mangan
Fianna Fáil
(From June 2024)



Pamela Conroy
Green Party
Comhaontas Glas
(Until June 2024)



Ruth Coppinger
Solidarity
(From June
-November 2024)



Ted Leddy
Fine Gael



Howard Mahony
Fianna Fáil
(Until June 2024)



Siobhan Shovlin
Fine Gael



Natalie Treacy
Sinn Féin
(Until June 2024)



Ellen Troy
Aontú
(From June 2024)



John Walsh
Labour Party

Howth -Malahide



Cathal Haughey
Fianna Fáil
(From June 2024)



David Healy
Green Party
Comhaontas Glas



Joan Hopkins
Social Democrats



Jimmy Guerin
Independent



Anthony Lavin
Fine Gael
(Until June 2024)



Brian McDonagh
Labour Party



Eoghan O'Brien
Fianna Fáil



Aoibhinn Tormey
Fine Gael

Ongar



Angela Donnelly
Sinn Féin



Kieran Dennison
Fine Gael



Tania Doyle
Independent



Michelle Griffin
Green Party
Comhaontas Glas
(From January-June 2024)



Tom Kitt
Fianna Fáil



Gerard Sheehan
Aontú
(From June 2024)

Rush -Lusk



Cathal Boland
Independent



Brian Dennehy
Fianna Fáil
(Until June 2024)



Eoghan Dockrell
Fine Gael
From June 2024)



Adrian Henchy
Fianna Fáil
(Until June 2024)



Kevin Humphreys
Labour Party
(From December 2024)



Corina Johnston
Labour Party
(From July 2024)



Paul Mulville
Social Democrats



Robert O'Donoghue
Labour party
(Until November 2024)

Swords



Marian Buckley
Sinn Féin
(From June
-September 2024)



Darragh Butler
Fianna Fáil



Ian Carey
Green Party
Comhaontas Glas
(Until June 2024)



Luke Corkery
Fine Gael
(From June 2024)



Ann Graves
Sinn Féin
(From January-June/
September-November 2024)



James Humphreys
Labour Party



Darren Jack Kelly
Independent
(From June 2024)



Brigid Manton
Fianna Fáil
(Until June 2024)



Dean Mulligan
Independents 4 Change



Joe Newman
Independent



John Smyth
Sinn Féin
(From December 2024)

Mayors of Fingal



Mayor
Adrian Henchy
January-June 2024



Mayor
Brian Mcdonagh
June-December 2024



Deputy Mayor
Grainne Maguire
January-June 2024



Deputy Mayor
John-Kingsley Onwumereh
June-December 2024

Key Achievements 2024

Highlights:

- Malahide Castle showcased in TradFest Fingal Sessions on RTE
- Fingal County Council win Grand Prix at the Local Authority Members Association's (LAMA) All-Ireland Community and Council Awards
- Fingal County Council Announces Gaeltacht Scholarship Scheme
- Carnegie Library in Swords reopens after comprehensive refurbishment
- Church Fields, one of Ireland's largest affordable housing developments officially opens in Dublin 15
- New facilities for young people opens in Millennium Park, including parkour facility, chess tables and climbing poles
- Playground in Lanesborough Park, Dublin 11 opened
- Exciting new partnership announced between the Fingal Athletics League and Morton Games
- Beaches on the Fingal coastline win Blue Flag and Green Coast Awards
- Work begins on transformational €15m Balbriggan Quay Street and Harbour project
- Construction on new greenway connecting Malahide to Donabate gets underway
- Fingal completes Ireland's largest LED switch across its public lighting network
- Construction of Baldoyle Community Centre under way
- Fingal County Council officially launches newly enhanced walking routes and art trail in Skerries
- Free outdoor exercise programme launched for residents across Fingal
- Duggans appointed to construct Swords Cultural Quarter
- Fingal County Council and Ardgillan Castle Ltd. announce Studio Award 2024-2025
- Use of VR sees Fingal pick up three major Ireland eGovernment awards
- Extensive rollout of EV infrastructure begins as Dublin leads the charge
- Housing delivery continues in Swords with opening of homes at Bowden Court
- Mayor officially opens Meakstown Community Centre
- Snugborough Interchange upgrade located along one of Dublin's busiest routes in Dublin 15 officially opened
- Fingal Communities and Council honoured at Pride of Place Awards
- Fingal County Council shortlisted for 2024 SEAI Energy Awards
- Wildfire Management project on Howth Head wins the Climate Action Award at Chambers Ireland Awards

Reports/Plans/Strategies:

- Fingal Tourism Strategy 2024-2029 launched
- Active Together Local Sports and Physical Activity Plan
- Fingal Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) signs contracts with Empower Local Development CLG to deliver the Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP) 2024-2028
- Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) launched to build the economy and community elements within Fingal
- Fingal Library Service Development Plan (2024-2029) launched
- Fingal Heritage Plan 2024-2030 launched
- Climate Action Plan 2024-2029 launched
- Lusk Town Centre First Plan launched
- Future Fingal: An Economic Development Strategy launched

Grants:

- The National Transport Authority (NTA) awards €22 million to Fingal County Council for the creation and completion of new and under-construction walking and cycling infrastructure projects
- Hundreds of homes in Fingal available to buy at reduced cost under Affordable Housing Scheme
- Fingal approves over €4.5m in vacant property refurbishment grants
- Sports clubs across Fingal awarded €6.6m in grants under Community Sport Facilities Fund
- Fingal County Council unveils Capital Programme worth €1.57 billion

Corporate Plan

2019-2024 Review



Theme 1:
Quality of Life



Theme 2:
Quality of Climate Resilient Environment



Theme 3:
Quality Business Environment



Theme 4:
Quality in our Work

Support the Diverse Needs of the People of Fingal

Provide for the sustainable development of the county through the review of the County Development Plan - and the preparation of a new Plan

The Fingal Development Plan 2023 – 2029 was adopted in February 2023 and came into effect on 5th April 2023. A Ministerial direction in relation to the Plan was issued in July 2023. Following the adoption of the Development Plan, a priority list of Local Area Plans, Masterplans and Framework Plans be prepared over the lifetime of the Development Plan was agreed by the Members and work is ongoing on the first tranche of plans. Subsequent to this, the Flemington Local Area Plan was adopted in December 2024. Additionally, work commenced on the preparation of the Clonsilla Framework Plan, the Old Schoolhouse Masterplan as well as a Statutory Local Plan for Dunsink.

Facilitate the supply of housing, both public and private, in the county to provide sustainable, quality, affordable, mixed tenure housing options through land use activation and development management

The Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant Scheme continues to be promoted and attract strong interest assisting bringing vacant property back into use and provide homes. Some 91 applications were received, with 76 approved and others under assessment. New compulsory purchase order processes were commenced with respect to three vacant properties. One compulsory purchase order was completed with respect to another property. Occupation of the 14 vacant cottages as part of the St. Ita's Portrane restoration project continued in 2024.

The Affordable Housing team continues to enjoy significant success in rolling out affordable housing schemes across the county, on council-owned lands and in collaboration with others. i.e. Land Development Agency (LDA) and Approved Housing Bodies (AHBs). In 2024, seven affordable housing schemes were launched making 491 affordable homes available to people who would otherwise not have been able to afford to purchase.

Facilitate good quality private rented accommodation standards to enhance the quality of life for individuals and families living in the private rented accommodation sector

Facilitate access to good quality private rented accommodation through an annual inspections programme. In line with the strategy for the Private Rental Sector, the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) has set annual inspection targets for all local authorities. These targets are based on a percentage of properties registered with the RTB. In 2024 there were 18,844 tenancies registered with the Residential Tenancies Board (RTB) in the Fingal administrative area. An annual inspection target of 25% or 4,711 of these registered tenancies has been set by DHLGH. As part of the Council's Annual Inspection Programme, 5,321 inspections (113% of the target) of private rented properties were carried out in 2024.

Strive to ensure that all communities in Fingal irrespective of age, nationality, ethnicity, religious or cultural background are encouraged to participate in and avail of the services delivered by the Council

In 2024 2.3 million diverse visitors used Fingal County Council Community Centres. The Integration Team supports the work of the Migrant Integration Forum in promoting inclusion and inter-culturalism. An organisation-wide approach to inclusion and equality is supported with five strategic Pillars identified to deliver on the objectives of the Migrant Integration and Social Cohesion Strategy. In 2024 the Anti-Racism Step by Step Guide was launched and Anti-Racism mandatory training was rolled out across the organisation. The Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT) provides ongoing supports to International Protection (IP) applicants, Programme Refugees and Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection (BOTP) to enable them to live independently in the community through weekly clinics and programme initiatives and works closely with the Community Development Teams. Over 700 people took part in International Womens' Day events. All open attendance community development supports are inclusive e.g. Mens' Sheds/Womens' sheds/Traveller Initiatives/Ethnic groups, intergenerational etc. while targeted interventions are supported to reach and empower those harder to reach groups.

Operations continues to participate in this objective by providing park benches, playgrounds, walking trails and the usage of the parks themselves for social events for the community as a whole.

Provide a safe and sustainable public realm to meet the needs of all the citizens of the County

Walkability studies are conducted by the Age Friendly Team and are available for inclusion in key public realm projects.

The public realm, namely the road network, footpaths and paved areas are required to be secure, accessible, connected and well maintained. High quality upkeep of the public realm contributes to a positive image and foster a sense of community. Meeting the requirements in relation to accessibility/ mobility/ age friendly commitments is important in the retro-fitting of infrastructure within the public realm e.g., tactile paving, noise aids at crossings, mobility hubs placement of street furniture. Delivery of the Programme of Works, preventative and response maintenance programmes ensures the provision of a high quality public realm for citizens and visitors to the county. In terms of sustainability, the Council is committed to encompassing the principles of green infrastructure and whole life cost in terms of reinstatement and upgrading of existing infrastructure. Redesign and retrofitting, in order to ensure that the public realm better serves the needs of the citizen will also take place.

Operations continues to maintain and upgrade the public realm infrastructure such as footpaths, roads, cycleways along with our public parks, beaches and playgrounds.

Develop and enhance the arts and cultural identity of Fingal, make space for the arts connecting people and ideas and encouraging participation in all art forms

The implementation of the Fingal Arts Development Plan 2019-2025 continued in 2024 with the Public Arts Programme 'Infrastructure' and the awarding of grants, commissions and bursaries schemes.

A new Public Art Policy was developed following extensive research and consultation phase, the Public Art Policy 2025 – 2027 sets out to streamline procedures and principles on how we commission Public Arts in Fingal. 2024 saw a €1 million investment in Public Art with 10 new artworks including the launch of the Skerries Art Trail and The Butterfly Effect at the Snugborough Road Interchange. The Arts Office continued to offer funding to individuals, community groups, and organizations engaged in arts and cultural activities in line with Section 6 of the 2003 Arts Act and supported professional Fingal artists through a series of awards and opportunities with partner organisations.

The actions resulting from the eight-year framework agreement with the Arts Council of Ireland continued in 2024 on the two areas of agreement:
a) Research and Development
b) Building capacity

with the opening of the Carnegie Library in Swords, the successful completion of a new residential artist studio as part of a 10-dwelling development on Barrack Lane, Lusk and the ongoing development of the Swords Cultural Quarter, and Artist studios at 2-4 Dublin Street, Balbriggan. In 2024 the Arts Office expanded the reach of Music Generation into Special Education and Child and Youth services and estabilised music hubs in Swords and D15.

Provide dynamic and inclusive library spaces and services for the Community

The Fingal Libraries Development Plan 2024-2029, which was launched in March 2024, outlines a set of 24 objectives for the strategic direction of libraries in the County and was drafted following an extensive consultation process.

- In 2024, construction began on the Swords Cultural Centre site, which will house the new County Library. Planning for the Centre's management, operational functions, event programming and day to day running also began;
- Work progressed on the refurbishment of and extension to Skerries Library;
- Extensive improvement works started at Baldoyle Library and will be completed mid 2025;
- Plans to convert Ballisk House, the former Credit Union building in Donabate into a library were finalised and a contractor selected for the project. Work on the site commenced early in 2025 with a completion date set for Quarter 4 2025. Both footfall into libraries and loans (physical and digital) exceeded the 1 million mark in 2024;
- Balbriggan Library was awarded Library of Sanctuary status in 2024, reinforcing its commitment to creating a culture of welcome and inclusion, especially for refugees and asylum seekers.

Support culture and recreation and enable literacy, education and economic development through innovative programmes

The Libraries Department through the Creative Ireland programme and through programmes such as Healthy Ireland at Your Library, Right to Read and Europe Direct, engaged and informed citizens throughout 2024. The events team organised 3 high profile festivals in 2024: the Writers' Festival, the Festival of History and the Children's Literature Festival. Other high profile events/activities in 2024 included:

- A spectacular, illuminated procession through the streets of Balbriggan, to celebrate St Brigid, led by the Luxe Landscape Theatre Company and community groups.
- Silver Lining Virtual Music Appreciation Sessions with The Forget Me Nots Choir.
- Sustainable Creative Workshops with The Wizard of Creation in community settings and libraries across the County.
- A Literacy Project for students and parents in St. Luke's National School in Tyrrelstown, Dublin 15.

Fingal Local Studies and Archives re-launched Fingal Studies, a local history journal dedicated to recording and uncovering the history of Fingal, from the earliest times to the present day. Also in 2024, funding was received from the Chief Executive Innovation Fund to pilot a Book Bike. This is a mobile library on an electric cargo bike which we bring to events in Fingal to promote our library services and resources.

Community Development supported groups in a vast array of programmes including Fáilte Isteach, language programmes, digital awareness, music groups, community choirs, ethnicity celebrations, climate awareness programmes to support growth in these areas across the county.

The Operations Department continues to participate in this objective by providing casual trading pitches and allotments countywide to encourage culture and recreation through economic development.

Create effective pathways for citizens of Fingal to develop and participate in lifelong patterns of involvement in sport, recreation and leisure creating healthy lifestyles and building a sustainable approach to sport development

Community Development operate community centres across the county which provide space for a range of groups to operate. Fingal County Council Commuity Development also supports community and other programmes such as mental health initiatives e.g. Thrive Balbriggan in partnership with Mental Health Ireland.

Fingal Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) supported physical and mental well-being through the Healthy Fingal Programme.

Ensure our Existing and New Communities are Safe, Inclusive and Sustainable

Develop plans to facilitate the increase of supply of housing in the County

Quarter 4 2024 as per the 4Dublin Housing Returns: The number of sites with planning permission in Tier 1 is 98. The number of units with planning permission is 18,112. There are 49 active sites. There are 3,394 units under construction. There are currently 19 Strategic Housing Development Sites in Tier 1, with nine of these sites active. There are ten Large-scale Residential Developments in Tier 1, five are active, there is currently one Large-scale Residential Development site under a Judicial review.

Fingal County Council took in charge 27 estates in 2024. Building Control Authority inspected 663 buildings to ensure that the buildings complied with the Building Regulations so that they are safe for the occupants to live in and use.

Build a strong sense of place, identity and wellbeing through the development of equal, inclusive and connected Communities

The Community Development and Inclusion Office works closely with other departments, groups and agencies to promote community sense of responsibility, inclusivity and aids building sustainable communities. For example, the Safer Halloween Project saw 43 projects supported by Fingal County Council Community Development across the county. Throughout 2024 all registered and engaged Residents Associations and established Rural Networks were supported by Community Development to contribute to community cohesiveness, safety and inclusiveness.

The Estate Management Section will continue to engage with An Garda Síochána, other state agencies, support services and community organisations to create and foster safety communities.

The Council is committed to meeting its responsibilities to address the needs of the Traveller Community as set out in the Traveller Accommodation Programme 2025-2029, which was prepared and adopted in 2024. The Council will continue to engage with the Traveller Community and Approved Housing Bodies in relation to developing and delivering Traveller accommodation and supports.

Support the growth of strong and resilient neighbourhoods

Community Facilities and empowered local groups are at the heart of supporting the growth of strong and resilient neighbourhoods. Fingal County Council Community Development supports 38 Fingal County Council and community owned community centres.

Through the Fingal Community Facilities Network support is provided for managers, staff and volunteers of community facilities across the county. It provides a valuable networking support for all centre management and staff ensuring best practice transfer across centres. The various funding streams provided ensure that existing groups continue to grow while new groups work through a suite of predevelopment work with the support of a community officer. Fingal Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) supported the growth of strong and resilient neighbourhoods through the implementation of the Fingal Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP).

The Anti-Social Behaviour Unit in the Housing Department will continue to work with tenants, An Garda Síochána and various agencies. By addressing the root causes of anti-social behavior and promoting social inclusion, Fingal County Council seeks to create an environment where residents feel secure and connected. The new Housing Strategy which is currently at draft stage will aim to combat anti-social behavior in a multifaceted approach aimed at fostering safer and more cohesive communities. Our Construction and Delivery team have delivered a number of well-designed high quality housing schemes through the planning, design and construction process during the year also. The Community Development team continues to engage with existing and new communities across the county to support their development and integration.

Provide high quality parks and open spaces to meet the needs of all users and create a healthy environment

The Council continues to invest in the regional parks and open spaces through the Capital Works Programme and the Programme of Works. Parks and open spaces provide opportunities for passive and active recreation. Parks and open spaces help build and strengthen ties within communities by bringing people together for community events, including those who may be separated by ethnic or social background. A network of high-quality certified playgrounds demonstrates our commitment to the importance of play and child development. As part of Our Play Strategy an audit was carried out of play facilities across the County and this is guiding future development of play facilities with a number of priority locations identified for future facilities. Accessible equipment is being rolled out as part of an inclusive approach to play. Continued investment in sports pitches, recreational hubs and installation of outdoor exercise equipment meets the needs of a broad cross section of the community of all ability levels and age groups with additional facilities opening across the county year on year and others at planning and procurement stage. An audit of outdoor recreational facilities is nearing completion and this will help the prioritisation of the development of these facilities. A significant emphasis has been placed on providing age-friendly facilities across the county in the last number of years. A process of masterplanning for new regional parks strategically located around the county is ongoing to ensure that the provison of major new parks keeps pace with development in Fingal.

Operations continues to maintain and upgrade our current parks and open spaces for all the community.

Foster collaborative leadership among stakeholders in local community and economic development

The Fingal Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP) supported disadvantages areas and community integration, successfully meeting targets in 2024.

Fingal LCDC supported physical and mental well-being through the Healthy Fingal Programme. The Fingal LCDC commenced delivery of the Dublin Rural LEADER Programme.

Additional funding under the Local Enhancement Programme, the Community Recognition Fund, the Town and Villages Renewal Scheme, Community Facilities, Community Grants and Sports Grant Schemes supported local community and economic development with funds supporting online events and operational expenses of community groups, measures to repurpose open space and providing equipment to community groups and sports clubs.

She Leads initiatives focused on supporting the development of female community leaders. Comhairle na nÓg provides a place where the interest of future leaders in community initiatives can be encouraged and fostered.

Support the development of strong, safe and engaged communities to actively participate in civic life celebrating our identity through arts, culture, heritage and sport

Operations participates with this objective by hosting community events, such as Malahide Concerts, Wonder lights, etc.

Support local communities and residents to meet the needs of the most vulnerable in our society working with other agencies in Fingal

The Community Development and Inclusion Office works closely with other departments, groups and agencies to support them where possible to meet the needs of the most vulnerable individuals in society. The Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT) work with international protection applicants and beneficaries of temporary protection. Community Development officers work with target groups including Travellers, Ethnic Minority Groups, Older People.

The Fingal LCDC supported disadvantages areas and community integration through delivery of the SICAP Programme which successfully met targets in 2024.

Develop Engagement with Our Stakeholders

Ensure that our citizens, businesses and organisations can easily communicate with the Council

In 2024 the Community Development Team won the Community Engagement Award at the All-Island Pride of Place Awards. The Community Development and Inclusion staff work with agencies,community and voluntary groups, Elected Members, Ministers, T.Ds and various Government departments thus requiring a strong and varied skillset in communication types which staff display. An internal departmental communication structure is in place to continually improve communications and link to the Corporate communications team.

Engage and consult with citizens and stakeholders in a way that allows their views to be taken on board, through the use of both statutory and non-statutory processes

Continued engagement and consultation with organisations throughout the County such as Fingal PPN, Comhairle na n-Óg, the Age Friendly Alliance and use of the Council's consultation portal for both statutory and non-statutory purposes.

Strengthen and support stakeholders and statutory providers by collaborating in the economic and social development of the county

The Council supported economic and social development through collaboration with Dublin Fingal Chamber of Commerce on a variety of initiatives in 2024 including a Sustainability in Business Briefing during Climate Action Week 2024.

The Council collaborated with key stakeholders on the development and adoption of the Future Fingal: Economic Development Strategy, Fingal Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP), and the Future Fingal: Fingal Skills Strategy in 2024.

The Property Section progressed key acquisitions and disposals to support the economic development of the county and conducted public consultation on the Draft Stephenstown and Folkstown Little Framework Plans. The Council's three Enterprise Centres consolidated management in a new legal entity Innovate Fingal to drive innovation and the strategic development of the centres.

Strengthen, support and expand the work of the Fingal Public Participation Network (PPN)

Fingal Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) welcomed new PPN members to the LCDC in 2024 and provided briefings on the work of the LCDC.

The PPN supported by its staff facilitate the holding of two plenaries per year and elect members to key policy committes as required.

Action on Climate Change

Deliver on the specific actions in the Climate Action Plan to improve climate resilience

Water Planning Section produced a Domestic SuDS Guidance document to advice the public on how they can implement sustainable drainage in their properties.

- In 2024 a cross-departmental Climate Action Plan Implementation Team was established with 32 members.
- In 2024 of the total 162 actions in the Climate Action Plan, 91 actions were completed, 46 are in progress and 25 are not started. Of the 91 completed actions 83 are actions that occur annually.

Play a leadership role in transitioning to a decarbonised society

The Council has demonstrated a leadership role in transitioning to a decarbonised society through the implementation of its Climate Change Action Plan 2019-2024 and by building on this to develop its Climate Action Plan 2024-2029. This Plan 2024-2029 has four key targets to:

- Improve the Council's energy efficiency by 50% by 2030.
- Reduce the Council's greenhouse gas emissions by 51% by 2030.
- Make Dublin a climate resilient region by reducing the impacts of future climate change related events.
- Actively engage and inform our citizens on climate change.

The Council intends to meet these targets by implementing a series of climate mitigation and adaptation actions across six thematic areas including Energy and Buildings; Transport; Flood Resilience; Nature Based Solutions; Circular Economy and Resource Management; and Community Engagement.

Fingal County Council has led the way nationally on the conversion of the county's streetlights to LED with 98% converted so far, and also on the transition to an electric vehicle fleet with 30% of the Councils fleet now electric. The Councils' Active Travel section is working to increase the uptake of active travel within the county and a significant programme of work is underway.

- In 2024 The Fingal Climate Action Plan 2024-2029 was Adopted.
- This Plan identified Balbriggan as the Fingal decarbonisation zone.
- Codema with the support of Fingal County Council applied for Interreg NW EU project E2-Cuties (Engaged Energy- Communities in Urban areas with Technology Integrated Energy Systems).
- Dublin Climate Action Week (9th - 15th Sept 2024) was organised in co-operation with the four Dublin Authorities.
- Community Climate Action Fund 2024: 25 applicants with over 160 varying projects received grants to the value of €1,127,000.

Promote and protect the biodiversity of the county and work to restore ecosystems and ecosystem services

Twenty one priority actions were implemented or progressed during 2024 such as the implementation of the Woodland Management Plans for the Ward and St. Catherine's Park woodlands, Little tern Conservation Project on the beach in Portrane, the control of invasive species, such as Giant Hogweed, Japanese Knotweed, Himalayan Balsam, Rhododendron and Mink, the development of a masterplan for the Ward River Valley Park is ongoing, two weirs and rock armour were removed from the Ward River and a fishpass is under construction at Ushers' Lake, the implementation of 22 Tidy Towns Biodiversity Plans is ongoing and the Biodiversity Plan for the Beaverstown Golf Club was completed. Preparation has also started on planning guidance documents for general biodiversity conservation in developments, hedgerow management and nesting facilities in buildings.

Promote and enforce a culture of compliance within the county to advance Climate Action commitments

The Climate Action Awareness Officer along with the Environmental Awareness Officer promotes climate action awareness within the county.

- The Climate Action and Environmental Awareness Team continue to run social media campaigns on best environmental practice and to celebrate national and local environmental campaigns.
- In 2024 Fingal's Climate Action Department provided Climate Literacy Training in 10 secondary schools in Fingal through the provider Education for Sustainability. Through this, 263 students and 10 teachers took part in the training. We will continue to reach out to Primary/Secondary school students.
- The Fingal Climate Action Team regularly update Fingal County Council's website with information about the Climate Action Plan and Climate Action works/initiaitives across the County.
- Fingal's Environmental Inspection Plan and EPA's assessment have been ciompleted for 2024.

Foster a strong local economy through environmentally sustainable businesses

- The Council developed and adopted the Future Fingal: Economic Development Strategy for the county which has sustainability as a key theme.
- The Council continued to meet commitments under the Circular Cities Declaration.
- The Council's Urbact EcoCore project progressed through its action planning stage in 2024 with the testing of pilot actions such as a Sustainability for Business Briefing and the development of case studies illustrating sustainable practices with companies in Balbriggan.
- The Council also developed an Investment Guide for the industrial lands in Balbriggan promoting sustainable development and engaged in a European Urban Initiative City to City Exchange with ECO3 Park in Nokia, Finland to learn best practice in innovation and the circular economy.

Protect Our Environment and Heritage

Promote and protect the built and cultural heritage of the county

Annual Programme of Grant support administration including the Built Heritage Investment Scheme, the Historic Structures Fund and the Stitch in Time Grant, to protect the architectural heritage of the county. Planning reports and advice provided related to protected structures and Architectural Conservation Areas. Investments made in conservation of heritage properties and protected structures owned by the council throughout the year. Heritage training was provided in traditional skills.

The Fingal Heritage Plan 2024-2030 was launched in March 2024 and ongoing implementation included undertaking the following projects; Fingal Oral Heritage Audit; Fingal Traditional Skills courtyard at Flavours of Fingal; Blas: Fingal's Food Heritage 2024; Fingal Gravestone Recording at Mulhuddart and St. Margaret's graveyards and the Howth Community Heritage Audit. In addition a post-excavation phase of Digging Drumanagh included dissemination via Drumanagh Day 2024 in Rush and the production of the Digging Drumanagh Archaeology Ireland Heritage Guide No. 107, as well as the world-wide coverage of the story of the Roman fig. Two 3D heritage tours of Malahide Demesne Church and Lanistown Castle were recorded with the Digital Officer.

Monthly meeting of the Fingal Heritage Network were held throughout the year and the Network collectively undertook Heritage Night 2024 and contributed to the Fingal Heritage Network Booklet 2024. The booklet highlights the work of the historical societies and heritage groups across the county. National Heritage Week 2024 saw over 50 in person events across Fingal with Friends of Clonmethan, the Dublin-Fingal County Award 2024 winners. The Heritage Officer also administers the Community Monument Fund in Fingal for the National Monuments Service, Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. Five archaeological monuments received a total of €405,639.75 in funding in 2024.

The Heritage Officer also undertook consultee reports for 98 Planning permissions; 20 Large-scale Residential Developments and 30 Compliances with an additional 39 reports for compliance with estate naming conditions. The Conservation Office is based in the Architect's Department and delivers a Work Programme related to the built heritage of Fingal. This comprises of administering three grant schemes – The Built Heritage Investment Scheme, the Historic Structures fund and the Stitch in Time grant. It also prepares planning reports as an internal consultee for the Planning Department, participates in pre-planning meetings, advises the Planning Department in relation to the architectural heritage of the county for the Development Plan review, inputs to the Fingal County Council Monuments/ Structures at Risk Programme, inputs into climate change initiatives as related to the historic built environment, responds to Elected Member's queries and questions, responds to correspondence/emails from the public and others related to the built environment. It also reviews and updates the Record of Protected Structures for the county. The County Architect is a Grade 1 RIAI registered Architect and several members of the Department also have individual accreditation. The Department advises client departments in regard to the Council's property portfolio of historic and protected structure and provides architectural services for projects involving historic structures.

Operations Department participates with this objective by promoting and maintaining the built and cultural heritage which would be located in the parks Fingal County Council manage.

Promote the unique urban, rural and coastal landscape character of Fingal

- Royal Canal Urban Greenway, land acquisition, design and Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) reviews ongoing and planning application due for submission in 2025.
- The R132 Connectivity Project, at detailed design with construction phase expected to begin in 2025.
- Harry Reynolds Road Pedestrian and Cycling Route, is now substantially completed.
- Consultancy frameworks for various pedestrian and cycling projects in the Blanchardstown, Castleknock, Clonsilla, and Mulhuddart/Dublin 15 Area with the initial project being the Pedestrian and Cycle Bridge at Granard Bridge Castleknock and Cycling Routes was recently awarded.
- Broadmeadow Way Bridge construction over Malahide Estuary and Weir completed in 2024. Works on Nothern Estuary to commence 2025.
- Fingal Coastal Way emerging preferred route consultation completed. Completion of preliminary design phases underway in 2025.
- Sutton-Malahide preferred option consultation completed, planning documentation being prepared for submission to An Bord Pleanála in 2025.
- Ongar-Barnhill Works Contract has commenced, bridge over railway currently under construction, with expected completion in Q2 2025.
- Consultancy frameworks for Swords, Kinsealy and Donabate commenced for a range of projects across these areas.
- Swords Main Street project commenced, consultants appointed Q2 2024.

Support the unique cultural heritage of Fingal and the Irish language

In 2024, there were 49 different creative projects/initiatives across the three separate funding streams of Creative Communities, Cruinniú na nÓg and the Decade of Centenaries Commemoration programme.

Promote the sustainable management of waste and the circular economy

The Council continued to meet commitments under the Circular Cities Declaration.

The National Waste Management Plan for a Circular Economy was launched in 2024. -See Annual Report prepared by the Regional Waste Managment planning offices.

We will continue to promote the sustainable management of waste and the circular economy through the Waste Enforcement and Environmental Awareness Work Programmes (including Green Schools programme) and also through the Sustainable Fingal initiative.

The Council adopted the Circular Cities Declaration in January 2023. Fingal County Council's Climate Action Plan 2024-2029 includes a set of actions under Circular Economy and Resource Management and an accompanying Community Engagement action list. A review of the Bring Bank Network is also taking place. The Fingal Reusable Cup Campaign will launch in 2025 and roll-out countwide over the next number of years. The aim is to eliminate single use cups from retailers selling takeaway beverages.

Fingal's Draft Litter Management Plan will go to Public Consultation in March 2025 and for Adoption in Summer 2025.

Reduce the environmental impact of Council activities

Community Development: Thirty Community centres audited for water and waste management as part of the Community Facilities Keen to be Green Initiative.

As of December 2023, the Council has improved its energy efficiency by 54.8% toward its 2030 Energy Efficiency target, as per SEAI Monitoring & Reporting 2023 Report on Public Sector Energy Performance. MS Teams has been provided to all staff to reduce the need to travel to meetings. The Council is transitioning to an EV fleet with 40% now electric. EV charge points have been provided in staff and operational carparks. The Council has Environmental Management Systems in place aimed at reducing waste and increasing recycling in offices and depots.

Ensure our coast, beaches and waterways are managed in a sustainable manner

See Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) website and gismap for ecologicial status of rivers, estuaries and coastal waters in Fingal. With the exception of one monitoring station, all monitoring points have either moderate or poor quality status and all river and transistional waters are at risk of not meeting the Water Framework target of good ecological status in 2027 (the sluice and Baldoyle Estuary are under review in this regard).

Operations Department continues to ensure this objective is met, by the provision of lifeguards and water safety equipment all year-round and during the bathing season. Along with additional beach bins during the summer months.

Promote and Enable Sustainable Economic Growth

Foster collaborative leadership in the development of future skills in the County

The Council developed and adopted the Future Fingal: Fingal Skills Strategy in 2024 and incorporated good practice learnings from participation in the Interreg SKYLA Project. The Council participated in transnational meetings and good practice exchanges with the Interreg SKYLA Project Partners in 2024.

The Council held another successful Xplore Your Future Expo in The Helix in October 2024 with collaboration from key stakeholders.

The Council continued to work closely with Dublin Regional Skills Forum on emerging challenges for businesses and adapting training provision to meet employer's requirements. Empower continued to provide training to disadvantaged groups and individuals under SICAP.

Support and promote the sustainable economic development of Fingal

The Council continued to support business through collaborations with Dublin Fingal Chamber, the Fingal Skills Strategy Group and the DBEC Partnership.

The Council also developed the Future Fingal: Economic Development Strategy to guide the economic development of the county to 2040 and which features sustainability as a key theme, and the Future Fingal: Fingal Skills Strategy to forecast and address existing and future skills needs in the county.

The Council continues to meet its commitments under the Circular Cities Declaration and in 2024 explored best practice in innovation and the circular economy in an European Urban Initiative City to City Exchange with ECO3 Park in Nokia, Finland.

In 2024 the Council led its Urbact EcoCore network partners through the action planning stage and piloted a number of test actions in Balbriggan including the delivery of a Sustainability in Business Briefing during Climate Action Week, the development of sustainability case studies with businesses in Balbriggan and the development of Investment Guidance promoting sustainable economic development for the industrial lands in Balbriggan.

Support the performance, innovation, competitiveness, productivity and success of business in Fingal

The Council has explored international best practice through the Interreg SKYLA and Urbact EcoCore Projects during 2024, as well as the European Urban Initiative City to City Exchange Programme to support the economic development and innovation in Fingal. Learnings from these projects have informed recommendations and actions in the Council's Economic Development and Skills Strategies.

The Council continues to work closely with key stakeholders such as Dublin Fingal Chamber, Dublin Regional Skills Forum and various education/training providers, industry and other local authorities to promote business in Fingal through collaborations on projects, funding applications and marketing and promotion measures.

Support local economic development by promoting Fingal as a location in which to invest and by developing and implementing sectoral policy initiatives

The Council continued to liaise with the Dublin Regional Skills Forum on emerging challenges for businesses and training to meet employer's requirements.

Operations continues to assist with this objective by keeping the area in a clean and tidy condition which in turn helps promote the area for economic development, an example of this is the Dublin Enterprise Zone which is home to a large amount of multi-national companies.

Grow and Enable Sustainable Tourism

Strengthen the proposition and marketing of tourism in the County

The Fingal Tourism Strategy was launched in 2024 and an associated implementation plan is underway. Collaboration with national agencies, Fáilte Ireland and Tourism Ireland, continued to promote Fingal as a tourist destination to both the domestic and international visitor through campaigns including 'Keep Discovering' and 'Winter in Dublin'. Promotional initiatives included 'Fingal The TradFest Sessions' which raised awareness of Fingal as a destination with national and US TV audiences on RTE and PBS, and in 2024 Fingal County Council also initiated and led an innovative project between all Dublin Local Authorities to showcase jointly for the first time at IrishFest Milwaukee, the Dublin and Fingal proposition, and specifically address the challenge of growing tourism activity during the shoulder season. Also, as part of the #WinterInDublin campaign by Fáilte Ireland, Howth harbour hosted one of two large fireworks displays on New Year's Eve. The event was livestreamed across the globe, and the videography and other generated content is part of the ongoing international campaign to draw visitors to Dublin in the low season.

Operations continues to support this objective utilizing our parks, beaches and open spaces.

Facilitate the creation of a Fingal Food and Drink Tourism Destination

The Fingal Food and Drink Policy was launched in 2024 and an associated implementation plan is underway. The Fingal Food Network continues to grow from strength to strength and in 2024 agreed to develop a formal structure to work on behalf of the Food and Drink sector in Fingal as part of the broader Tourism Strategy and Food and Drink Policy Collaboration Framework. The network also partnered with Fingal County Council to promote Fingal as a food and drink tourism destination through a series of marketing initiatives including a showcase at the launch of the Food and Drink Policy and the Flavours of Fingal County Show in early July.

Promote heritage led tourism initiatives at Fingal Heritage properties

Work continued in 2024 by Fingal County Council and its Operator at Newbridge House to achieve accreditation under the Museum Standards Programme for Ireland (MSPI). The mid-way review by the adjudicators was very positive. Currently forecast for completion in 2026, this will significantly improve the authenticity of the visitor experience.

There was ongoing work and investment throughout year improving infrastructure at Fingal Heritage Properties supporting heritage tourism with key works at Ardgillan Castle, Newbridge House and Guinness Bridge.

Operations continues to support this objective by maintaining some of these areas when requested.

Optimise and expand visitor experiences at all Fingal visitor attractions and events

The main driver of improvements to the visitor experiences in 2024 was the Capital Programme, of which the highlights were:

- Completion of the sustainable energy upgrade at Malahide Visitor Centre;
- Completion of LED lighting replacement at Malahide Visitor Centre;
- Completion of the conservation and strengthening of the Silver Bridge;
- Completion of the enabling works for the red barn project at Skerries Mills;
- Commencement of site enabling works at Skerries Martello Tower; and
- appointment of a design team to plan a mechanical and electrical upgrade on Newbridge House.

In 2024, there were several improvements carried out to the existing infrastructure at each visitor attraction. Among these the development of the Courtyard Kitchen in Newbridge in the summer, which is a major new activity as visitors can enjoy cookery and food preparation demonstrations by local chefs and restauranteurs.

Operations continues to support this objective by our daily litter picking, road and footpath maintenance, our playgrounds, parks, beaches and open spaces.

Provide and Maintain Strategic Infrastructure

Activate lands by delivering infrastructure to facilitate the delivery of housing, economic development and sustainable communities

Work on Residential Zoned Land Tax (RZLT) and Vacant Site Levy is ongoing.

Deliver a sustainable transport system for all citizens

- Church Fields Link Road and Snugborough completed 2024;
- Turvey Avenue Scheme completed 2024;
- Harry Reynolds Road Pedestrian and Cycle Route completed 2025 delivered a 3km fully Segregated Pedestrian and Cycle Route;
- Ongar-Barnhill Scheme commenced on site; bridge over railway currently under Construction, expected completion q2 2025; and
- Kinsealy to Portmarnock Station walking and cycling route preferred route consultation completed, preliminary design and environmental assessment underway.

Operations assists with the maintenance and upkeep of any new sustainable transport system.

Deliver work programmes that develop and maintain strategic, physical and green infrastructure of the county

- Construction of the bridge across Malahide Estuary completed 2024, a critical piece of infrastructure forming part of the Broadmeadow Way Greenway. Works on northern causeway to commence 2025;
- The Sutton-Malahide scheme is currently undergoing review to ensure it is in compliance with the New Cycle Design Manual issued by the NTA, with planning documentation being prepared for submission to An Bord Pleanála towards Q3 2025;
- Similarly the Royal Canal Greenway is currently undergoing review, to ensure it is in compliance with the New Cycle Design Manual issued by the NTA. A planning application shall be submitted in 2025;
- The Harry Reynolds Road Pedestrian and Cycling Route is now substantially completed, which has delivered 3km of fully segregated walking and cycling route connecting 6 schools in Balbriggan with 13 controlled crossing point at various locations along the 3km route;
- The R132 Connectivity Project, which is at detailed design with construction phase expected to begin in 2025, will deliver 3km of an Active Travel Route along the R132 around Swords and allow permeability across it also from east to west and west to east. The Pedestrian and Cycle scheme at Granard Bridge Castleknock will deliver connectivity along a section of Castleknock Road to the transport hub at Castleknock train station;

- Works have begun on project 1 of Sustainable Swords - Transformation of Main Street. Fingal Coastal Way: emerging preferred route consultation completed. Completion of preliminary design phases underway in 2025;
- Works were completed on the River Valley All Weather Pitch facility in Swords and work on the development of Porterstown Recreational Hub (including the floodlit 6 lane running track) and the first phase of Bremore Regional Park Recreational Hub in Balbriggan were also completed;
- The first phase of the Swords Regional Park at Miller's Glen, Oldtown, Swords (including new sports, play and recreational facilities) was opened to the public;
- The Rathbeale Archaeological Park was also opened to the public;
- Works were progressed on the upgrade of Lanesborough Park with the development of the destination playground;
- Work progressed on the preparation of the Ward River Regional Park Development Project and works commenced on priority conservation and woodland management in the park; and
- works progressed on the feature entrance gatehouse and related landscape works at Bremore Castle.

Operations have many Capitals projects and work programmes which coincide with Planning and Strategic Infrastructure to develop and maintain the physical and green infrastructure of the county.

Improve Democracy, Governance, Openness and Transparency

Provide the highest quality of service to our Councillors and all Elected Representatives

The Council continues to deliver a broad range of services to the public in an open and transparent manner. There Is a continuous focus on improving service delivery across the organisation.

Ensure good governance, openness and transparency within the Council

The Chief Executive and her Management Team and staff engage in a positive and open manner with the Local Government Audit Service and the Audit Committee to ensure that best practice in corporate governance is adhered to throughout the year.

The Council is committed to complying with all legislative requirements with regard to FOI, GDPR, Protected Disclosures and public procurement, as well as providing information to the public on our website in a transparent and open manner.

Ensure that the democratic functions of the Council are performed in an open, informed and effective way

The Chief Executive and the Management Team continue to work closely with the Elected Members as well as County stakeholders e.g. businesses, community groups, etc. Through the Strategic Policy Committees, the Elected Members continued to fulfil their policy making role with the Corporate Policy Group advising and assisting the Elected Council in the formulation, development, monitoring and review of policy.

Meetings continued to be serviced and webcast to ensure the transparency of the democratic function.

Inform citizens through effective communications programmes

The Council's Communications Strategy provides for an extensive programme of external communications in order to promote the Council's activities and increase awareness of the work that we do for our citizens.

The Council is also committed to ensuring that our information is in plain English, is end-user friendly and translated to different languages.

Deliver Quality Services

Deliver services in the most efficient and effective manner

The Council continues to deliver a broad range of services to the public in an open and transparent manner. There is a continuous focus on improving service delivery across the organisation.

Foster a culture of continuous improvement in all our activities

By implementing a culture of continuous improvement, the Council regularly looks at processes to see where and how improvements can be made and by measuring performance against metrics established at operational and strategic levels.

Use digital technologies to enable and transform our workplace and the delivery of services

Digital Services continued its digitalisation programme in 2024. New systems introduced included the ePlanning Portal, enabling submission of Planning Applications online. Systems replaced or upgraded included the Housing system, Document Management system, and cloud migration of the Council Meeting Management system. The large number of software applications that facilitate Council services were supported throughout the year.

The audio-visual and meeting technologies in the Council Chamber were upgraded in 2024. A project was commenced to upgrade all laptops and PCs to Windows 11. The Council's technology infrastructure was upgraded where required, including network upgrades, WiFi upgrades, and Teams meeting rooms implementations. Server availability was 99.98% and network availability was 99.99% for the year.

The Digital Services Department supported the 2024 Local Elections in Fingal and ensured a smooth process from a technology perspective.

The implementation of the Council's Digital Fingal strategy continued during the year, including completion of Virtual Reality headsets to Libraries, and eight additional on-street and community centre WiFi installations. The "Demystifying IoTs" event was organised by Smart Balbriggan as part of Science Week.

Cyber-crime continues to be an on-going and ever-changing threat to the Council. Cyber-security measures were continually reviewed and enhanced as required during the year.

Apply the principles of good design, delivery, management and informed decision making to all projects, programmes and delivery of services

The Council is committed to and is cogniscant of the principles of good design, delivery, management and informed decision in order to provide an effective programme delivery of all projects, programmes and services.

Perform statutory obligations in a way that ensures fairness and efficiency for both the community being protected and those being regulated

The Council is committed to complying with all statutory and legislative requirements in the delivery of its functions and carrying out these requirements in the most efficient and effective way.

Deliver on the Public Sector Duty under the Irish Human Rights and Equality Act 2014

The Council is cognisant of its Public Sector Duty and training for staff is provided through our Diversity and Equality Programmes. Within the Migrant and Social Cohesion Strategy, the Council continues to embrace the cultural diversity within the County.

Strengthen Organisational and Staff Development

Build a workforce of the future by recruiting, retaining and developing high quality and motivated staff

- Recruitment of suitable qualified staff continues while ensuring skills and competencies align with our organisational needs.
- Competency based Performance and Development Framework is integral to the recruitment processes and continuously informs our training and development initiatives which are in place for all staff.
- Annual PMDS process enables us to assess performance, identifies areas for improvement and guides succession planning efforts.
- Wellbeing Strategy successfully implemented.

Protect and promote Health, Safety and Wellbeing amongst our staff

- Health and Safety Programmes and Wellbeing Programmes are in place for staff.
- Safety Awareness Programmes, Inspections and Safety Audits continued at worksites.
- Pro-active attendance management process is in place.
- In-house provision of Staff Welfare Services continues. Employee Assistance Programme in place.

Develop capacity and capability of the organisation

- Performance Management through annual PMDS.
- Training and Development Programme enhances individual capabilities and strengthens our organisational resilience.
- The Competency Framework is an integral part of the recruitment and selection procedure.
- Extensive tailored training and development opportunities offered to staff and successfully completed.
- Building a robust and adaptable workforce.

Manage the organisation effectively

The effective management of the Council is ensured through the Executive Management Team structure, led by the Chief Executive, supported by Departmental and team meetings and underpinned by the PMDS process. Strategic HR Management continues to support organisational growth and performance management.

Strategic Policy Committee

Programme Reports 2024



Climate Action, Biodiversity and Environment

Chairperson: Cllr Joe Newman
Council Members: Cllr JK Onwumereh, Cllr Siobhan Shovlin, Cllr Ruth Coppinger (June-Nov 24), Cllr Brian McDonagh, Cllr David Healy
External Members: Tara Byrne, Paul Flynn, Sarah Zimmerman

Council Members Pre June 2024: Cllr David Healy, Cllr Mary McCamley, Cllr Aoibhinn Tormey, Cllr Pamela Conroy, Cllr Joe Newman, Cllr Paul Mulville
External Members: Seamus McGrath, Edward Stevenson

Meeting Date	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update
26/03/2024	Dublin Agglomeration Noise Action Plan 2024 - 2029	Presentation given by Brian Reynolds. Presentation **NOTED**
	Environmental Inspection and Compliance Plan (RMCEI)	Presentation given by John Daly. Presentation **NOTED**
	Clothes Swap Shops Report	Report given by Catherine O'Donovan and **NOTED**
	"Greener by Default"	Motion **AGREED**
	Designated poster areas for the Local or General Elections within a voluntary poster free zone	Report **ACCEPTED**
	Staffing for Biodiversity Plan	Report **ACCEPTED**
17/12/2024	Community Climate Action Fund	Presentation given by Community Climate Action Co-ordinator and **NOTED**
	Promoting Sustainable Climate Action in Fingal Schools	Report discussed and Report **ACCEPTED**
	Electric Vehicle Charging	Report discussed and Report **ACCEPTED**



Community, Sports and Culture

Chairperson: Cllr Eoghan Dockrell
Council Members: Cllr Mary McCamley, Cllr John Walsh, Cllr Angela Donnelly, Cllr Tom Kitt, Cllr James Humphreys
External Members: Brenda Vanderzee, Abi Wise

Council Members Pre June 2024: Cllr Joan Hopkins, Cllr JK Onwumereh, Cllr John Walsh, Cllr Gráinne Maguire, Cllr Brendan Ryan, Cllr Cathal Boland
External Members: Abbi Wise

Meeting Date	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update
27/03/2024	Workplan 2024	The report was **AGREED**
	Fingal Heritage Plan 2024 – 2030	Presentation given by Christine Baker, Heritage Officer. Presentation was **NOTED**
	Update on Creative Ireland - Funding Call and Cruinniú na nÓg	Presentation given by Lilian Whelan, Senior Executive Librarian Presentation was **NOTED**
	Local Sport and Physical Activity Plan 2024 – 2029	Report was **NOTED**
11/12/2024	Department Update on 2024 Work Programme	Presentations and reports were given and **NOTED**



Economic Enterprise and Tourism Development

Chairperson: Cllr Kieran Dennison
Council Members: Cllr Tony Murphy, Cllr Tom O'Leary, Cllr James Humphreys, Cllr Siobhan Shovlin, Cllr Ellen Troy, Cllr Jimmy Guerin
External Members: Anthony Cooney, Eric Fleming, Peader O'Kelly

Council Members Pre June 2024: Cllr Darragh Butler, Cllr Ian Carey, Cllr Ted Leddy, Cllr Anthony Lavin, Cllr Siobhan Shovlin, Cllr Howard Mahony, Cllr Breda Hanaphy, Cllr Tony Murphy
External Members: Anthony Cooney, Eric Fleming, Yetunde Joyce, Helen Keng Mobit

Meeting Date	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update
10/12/2024	SPC Framework and Role of the EETD SPC	Presentation by John Quinlivan Director of Services. The presentation was **NOTED**
	SPC Policy Programme and Updates	Presentation by John Quinlivan, Director of Services. The presentation was **NOTED**
	Strategic Development for Economic Development	Presentation by John Quinlivan, Director of Services. The presentation was **NOTED**
	Local Economic and Community Plan Update	Presentation by Aoife Sheridan, Senior Executive Officer. The presentation was **NOTED**
	Appointments to Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor	John Quinlivan, Director of Services, explained the background to the Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor and that the Mayor (Cllr. Brian McDonagh), Chairperson of the SPC (Cllr. Kieran Dennison) and one other member of the SPC would be appointed. Cllr. Tony Murphy proposed appointing Cllr. Tom O'Leary. This was seconded by Cllr. James Humphreys and **AGREED**
	Events Strategy	Declan Power, Senior Executive Officer gave an overview and update. The report was **NOTED**



Housing

Chairperson: Cllr Robert O'Donoghue (June-Nov)
Council Members: Cllr Gerard Sheehan, Cllr Breda Hanaphy, Cllr Ted Leddy, Cllr John Burtchaell, Cllr Aoibhinn Tormey, Cllr Cathal Haughey
External Members: David Branagan, Jimmy Doran, Jo Fulham

Council Members Pre June 2024: Cllr Robert O'Donoghue, Cllr Brigid Manton, Cllr James Humphreys, Cllr Natalie Treacy, Cllr Michelle Griffin, Cllr John Burtchaell, Cllr Kieran Dennison, Cllr Adrian Henchy
External Members: Finbarr Geaney, Dayakar Reddy Komirelly, John Uwhumiakpor, Anthony Cooney

Meeting Date	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update
25/03/2024	Update on Tenant-in-Situ (TIS)	Presentation on TIS process And **NOTED**
	Update on Affordable Housing	Presentation was given and **NOTED**
	Community Action Tenants Union (CATU) Engagement	The report was **NOTED**
26/11/2024	The Land Development Agency (LDA)	Invitation issued to all Councillors to attend presentation by the LDA outlining delivery, targets and planned developments
	Disability Strategy Update	A presentation was given and **NOTED**
	Summary of Social Housing Assessments (SSHA) 2024	A presentation was given and **NOTED**



Marine and Coastal Management

Chairperson: Cllr Angela Donnelly
Council Members: Cllr Paul Mulville, Cllr Corina Johnston, Cllr Cathal Boland, Cllr Grainne Maguire, Cllr Dean Mulligan
External Members: Alison Regan, Charles Sargent, Máire O'Brien

Council Members Pre June 2024: Cllr Eoghan O'Brien, Cllr Adrian Henchy, Cllr Brian Dennehy, Cllr Robert O'Donoghue, Cllr Ann Graves, Cllr Paul Mulville, Cllr Tom O'Leary, Cllr Karen Power, Cllr Cathal Boland, Cllr David Healy
External Members: Máire O'Brien, James Magrane, Stephen Kennedy

Meeting Date	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update
13/03/2024	Coastal Monitoring in Fingal	A presentation given by David Fahey, OPW. The presentation was **NOTED**
	Introduction to Maritime Area Regulatory Authority (MARA)	Presentation on the role of the MARA was given by Rory O'Leary. The presentation was **NOTED**
	Report on the plans, proposals, and status of the OPW Pilot Coastal Monitoring Survey Programme	Presentation and report were **NOTED**
	OPW Update, Pilot Coastal Monitoring Survey Programme	Presentation and report were **NOTED**
	Report on An Bord Pleanála – Planning Application – Portrane/Rush	The report **NOTED**
27/11/2024	Outdoor Recreation Plan	Presentation was given and **NOTED**
	Update on Balleally Landfill	Presentation was given and **NOTED**
	Coordinated Response to Coastal Erosion	Report was **ACCEPTED**
	MARA Application for Portrane Coastal Protection Scheme	Report was **ACCEPTED**



Planning, Strategic Transport and Infrastructure

Chairperson: Cllr Eoghan O'Brien
Council Members: Cllr Cathal Boland, Cllr John Smyth, Cllr Luke Corkery, Cllr Tania Doyle, Cllr Eimear Carbone-Mangan
External Members: Kevin Tolan, Anthony Cooney, Paul Arnold

Council Members Pre June 2024: Cllr Brian McDonagh, Cllr Tania Doyle, Cllr Dean Mulligan, Cllr Steve O'Reilly (Feb 24), Cllr Tom Kitt, Cllr Brian Dennehy
External Members: Paul Arnold, David Branagan

Meeting Date	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update
12/03/2024	SPC Work Programme 2024	A presentation report was given to the Members. The report was **AGREED**
	Major Studies/LAP's	The update was **NOTED**
	Residential Zoned Land Tax	The update was **NOTED**
	Major Capital Project Delivery	A detailed presentation was given and **NOTED**
	Development Contribution Waiver Scheme Update	An update was given and **NOTED**
	Expected Timeline on Delivery of Objective CSO61	The Chief Executive's Report was **ACCEPTED**
10/12/2024	Major Capital Project Delivery	Presentations were given and **NOTED**
	Major Studies/LAPs	A presentation was given and **NOTED**
	Water Planning -Domestic SuDS	An update was given and **NOTED**
	Update on Taking in Charge	An update was given and **NOTED**
	Enforcement Update	A presentation was given and **NOTED**
	Strategic Policy Committee Work Programme 2025	An overview of Committee's Work Programme 2025 was given to the Members which was **AGREED**



Public Realm Transportation /Mobility Management

**Transport and Infrastructure Management January-June 2024*

Chairperson: Cllr Darragh Butler
Council Members: Cllr Darren Jack Kelly, Cllr Malachy Quinn, Cllr Corina Johnston, Cllr Joan Hopkins, Cllr Patrick Quinlan
External Members: Michael Lenehan, Siobhan O'Donnell, John Fox

Council Members Pre June 2024: Cllr Tom O'Leary, Cllr Angela Donnelly, Cllr Ann Graves, Cllr Jimmy Guerin, Cllr Eoghan O'Brien, Cllr Karen Power
External Members: Michael Lenehan, Sinead Kavanagh

Meeting Date	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update
05/03/2024	Update on harbour bye-laws	A presentation was given and **NOTED**
	Update on casual trading bye-laws	A presentation was given and **NOTED**
	Identify and Record joy-riding hotspots within Fingal	The report was **ACCEPTED**
25/11/2024	Strategic Policy Committee Membership, Role and Work Programme 2025	A presentation was given by Mary T. Daly, Director of Operations. The presentation was **NOTED**
	Fingal Road Safety Plan	A presentation was given by Larry Bergin, Road Safety Officer, on the Fingal Road Safety Plan. The presentation was **NOTED**
	Active and Sustainable Transport Update	A presentation was given by Sinead Murphy, Senior Engineer. The presentation was **NOTED**
	Active Travel Strategy and STEP UP project	A presentation was given by Larry Bergin, Road Safety Officer, outlining the STEP UP scheme and Fingal's involvement. The presentation was **NOTED**

Joint Policing Committee

Membership and Activities

Membership:

15 Local Authority Members:
Cllr Ian Carey (Chair), Cllr Adrian Henchy, Cllr Grainne Maguire, Cllr John Walsh, Cllr Anthony Lavin, Cllr Tony Murphy, Cllr Robert O'Donoghue, Cllr Ann Graves, Cllr Tania Doyle, Cllr Dean Mulligan, Cllr James Humphreys, Cllr John Kingley Onwumereh, Cllr Pamela Conroy, Cllr Ted Leddy.

1 x vacancy unfilled, due to resignation of Cllr Daniel Whooley.

Oireachtas Members:
Alan Farrell TD, Louise O'Reilly TD, Senator Lorraine Clifford-Lee, Duncan Smith TD, Senator Emer Currie.

PPN (Community) Representatives:
Angela Rogers, John Fox
5 x vacancies for PPN Representatives on Fingal JPC.

An Garda Síochána:
Chief Superintendent Peter Duff (DMR-N) and Chief Superintendent Michael McNulty (DMR-W).

Fingal County Council: AnnMarie Farrelly, Chief Executive; Mary T. Daly, Director of Services, Operations and Water Services; and Liam Burke, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Department.

Activities:

The Fingal Joint Policing Committee is established under the Garda Síochána Act 2005, and its function is to serve as a forum for consultations, discussions and recommendations on matters affecting the policing of the Local Authority's administrative area, and in particular to keep under review –

- The levels and patterns of crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour in that area (including the patterns and levels of misuse of alcohol and drugs)
- The factors underlying and contributing to the levels of crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour in the area.
- This is managed through the Annual Work Programme of the Joint Policing Committee which sets out four strategic areas for collaboration between Fingal County Council and An Garda Síochána.

In 2024, the Fingal Joint Policing Committee met on the following dates:

- 1st March 2024 via Microsoft Teams
- 31st May 2024 via Microsoft Teams

No further meetings were held in 2024. Local Elections took place on Friday 7th June 2024, and new Councillors were elected to Fingal County Council.

The Policing, Security and Community Safety Act 2024 commenced on 14th May 2024, and provided for the establishment of a Local Community Safety Partnership model to build on the work of and replace the Joint Policing Committee Structure. Arrangements for the establishment of Fingal LCSPs are ongoing.

Financial Position

Statement Of Internal Financial Control (SIFC)

Introduction

I, AnnMarie Farrelly, Chief Executive (CE) of Fingal County Council am responsible for the annual financial statement (AFS), prepared by the Director of Finance, in accordance with the accounting code of practice issued by the Minister under section 107 of the Local Government Act, 2001.

I certify that the financial statements of Fingal County Council for the year ended 31 December 2024, are in agreement with the books of account and have been prepared in accordance with the accounting requirements of the Minister of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

The AFS is subject to external audit, by an auditor of the Local Government Audit Service, whose purpose is to form an independent opinion of the accounts and state whether the annual financial statement presents fairly the financial position of the local authority and of its income and expenditure for the period in question, and whether the transactions of the audited body conform with the statutory or other authorisation under which they purport to have been carried out.

The AFS reports on the day-to-day activity of Fingal County Council in the form of the Statement of Comprehensive Income & Expenditure, summarised by Division. The Statement of Financial Position outlines the Fingal County Council overall financial position as of the 31st of December 2024.

The Statement of Comprehensive Income represents expenditure and income on the day-to-day running of the Fingal County Council.

The key sources of income for Fingal County Council are as follows:

	Current Year €	Previous Year €
Goods & Services	67,518,892	71,461,092
Grants & Subsidies	126,339,261	92,776,770
Other Contributions (as appropriate)	1,755,892	6,919,393
Rates	161,624,202	154,729,089
Local Property Tax	12,366,308	9,779,302

Activity on the Income and Expenditure account for 2024 is as follows:

The increase in income is driven by additional Government grants as well as additional income from Commercial rates. The increased expenditure is driven by increased activity across all areas of the council particularly housing and operations. In addition it reflects the rollout by the Council of the Increased Cost of Business and Power Up grant both of which were funded by DETE.

	Current Year €	Previous Year €
Income	381,355,103	335,665,646
Expenditure	(338,932,640)	(290,938,651)
Transfers to Capital	(42,422,187)	(44,726,742)
Exceptional Item	0	0
Surplus/(Deficit) for	278	252
Prior Year Adjustment	0	0
Opening Revenue Reserve	15,980,456	15,980,204
Closing Revenue Reserve	15,980,734	15,980,456

The overall surplus for 2024 is minimal and in line with previous years.

The Statement of Financial Position (Balance Sheet) represents the total financial activity of the council for the year together with comparative year figures as appropriate.

The statement includes assets and liabilities as follows:

- Assets both recently constructed/purchased and historical assets
- Work in progress and preliminary schemes- mainly roads and housing
- Long Term Debtors – housing loans
- Current Assets- including Stock, Debtors, Cash at bank
- Current and long term liabilities- mortgage and non-mortgage loan borrowings
- Various Reserves/Balances

The Net Assets Fingal County Council, at the end of 2024 total €3,647m and are as follows:

	Current Year €	Previous Year €
Fixed Assets	3,264,473,271	3,162,400,573
Works in Progress	217,673,968	134,172,736
Long Term debtors	383,597,780	307,245,595
Current Assets	510,124,911	473,982,431
Current Liabilities	(191,115,618)	(164,992,722)
Net Current Assets/ (Liabilities)	4,184,754,312	3,912,808,613
Creditors (Amounts greater than 1 year)	(537,341,795)	(458,409,879)
Net Assets/(Liabilities)	3,647,412,517	3,454,398,734

A Statement of Funds Flow was introduced as part of AFS 2011. While the guidance of International Accounting Standard 7 Statement of Cash Flows has been followed, the business of local authorities is substantially different to most private sector organisations and therefore some minor changes to the format have been agreed to ensure the data displayed is meaningful and useful within the local government sector.

System of Internal Financial Controls

As Chief Executive of Fingal County Council, I acknowledge my responsibility for ensuring that an effective system of internal financial control is maintained and operated by the Fingal County Council. This responsibility is exercised in the context of the resources available to Fingal County Council. Also, any system of internal financial control can provide only reasonable and not absolute assurance that assets are safeguarded, transactions authorised and properly recorded, and that material errors or irregularities are either prevented or would be detected in a timely manner. Maintaining the system of internal financial controls is a continuous process and the system and its effectiveness are kept under ongoing review.

Financial Control Environment

As Chief Executive of Fingal County Council, I confirm that a financial control environment containing the following elements is in place:

- Financial responsibilities have been assigned at management level with corresponding accountability.
- Reporting arrangements have been established at all levels where responsibility for financial management has been assigned.

- Formal procedures have been established for reporting significant control failures and ensuring appropriate corrective action.
- There is an Audit Committee which as part of its work programme regularly review the internal financial control system.
- Procedures for all key business processes have been documented.
- There are systems in place to safeguard the assets.

Administrative Controls and Management Reporting

As Chief Executive of Fingal County Council, I confirm that a framework of administrative procedures and regular management reporting is in place including segregation of duties and a system of delegation and accountability and, in particular, that:

- Procedures for key business processes have been documented.
- There are systems aimed at ensuring the security of the ICT systems.
- There are systems in place to safeguard the assets of the Local Authority and
- There are appropriate capital investment control guidelines and formal project management disciplines in operation.

Procurement Compliance

Fingal County Council ensures that there is an appropriate and ongoing focus on good practice in tendering and purchasing and that procedures are in place to ensure compliance with all relevant procurement guidelines.

Internal Audit and Audit Committee

As Chief Executive, I can confirm that Fingal County Council has an internal audit function with appropriately trained personnel, which operates in accordance with a written charter. Its work is informed by analysis of the financial risks to which Fingal County Council is exposed and its annual internal audit plans are based on this analysis. I am satisfied that there are procedures in place to ensure that the reports of the internal audit function are followed up.

I can confirm that Fingal County Council has an effective audit committee which carries out an annual effectiveness review of their activities. I can also confirm that an Audit Committee is in place in accordance with the requirements of Section 122 of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended).

The statutory functions of audit committees as set out in section 59 and 60 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014 are as follows:

1. To review financial and budgetary reporting practices and procedures within the Local Authority that has established it;
2. To foster the development of best practice in the performance by the Local Authority of its internal audit function;
3. To review any audited financial statement, auditor's report or auditor's special report in relation to the Local Authority and assess any actions taken within that Authority by its Chief Executive in response to such a statement or report and to report to that authority on its findings;
4. To assess and promote efficiency and value for money with respect to the Local Authority's performance of its functions; and

5. to review systems that are operated by the Local Authority for the management of risks.

I recognise that the audit committee plays a crucial role in the governance framework of Local Authorities, particularly in the context of increased public sector accountability. They have an independent role in advising the Council on financial reporting processes, internal control, risk management and audit matters as part of the systematic review of the control environment and governance procedures of the local authority.

I acknowledge the Audit Committee's role in the risk management process and in the continuing review of the control environment and governance procedures in Fingal County Council.

Risk and Control Framework

Fingal County Council has implemented a risk management system which identifies and reports key risks and the management actions being taken to address and, to the extent possible, mitigate those risks.

A corporate risk register is in place which identifies the key risks and evaluates and grades them according to their significance. The register is reviewed and updated by the Management Team on a regular basis. There is also a risk register in place for each service division and these are also reviewed and updated on a regular basis.

The outcome of these assessments is used to plan and allocate resources to ensure risks are managed to an acceptable level. The risk registers which detail the controls and actions needed to mitigate risks and responsibilities for the operation of controls are assigned to specific staff.

As Chief Executive, I confirm that key risks and related controls have been identified and processes have been put in place to monitor the operation of those key controls and report any identified deficiencies.

The Statement of Internal Financial Control will be included in the draft Annual Report submitted to Council members by 30 April each year and thereafter included in the published Annual Report prepared and adopted by the Council by 30 June each year.

Signed by: Dated:



Chief Executive **08/04/2025**

Revenue Account Statement
For the year ended 31st December 2024

Expenditure	Draft 2024 €	2023 Audited €
Housing and Building	107,568,212	94,865,186
Roads Transportation and Safety	40,799,050	36,224,984
Water and Sewerage	11,219,519	17,092,162
Development Incentives and Controls	48,023,290	27,874,193
Environmental Protection	53,224,359	47,991,896
Recreation and Amenity	62,574,612	55,696,686
Agriculture, Education, Health and Safety	1,732,440	1,555,916
Miscellaneous	11,235,522	9,637,628
Total Gross Expenditure	**336,377,005**	**290,938,651**

Income	Draft 2024 €	2023 Audited €
Housing and Building	107,342,655	97,154,193
Roads Transportation and Safety	9,674,613	10,436,385
Water and Sewerage	15,722,836	17,117,958
Development Incentives and Controls	27,132,701	8,101,584
Environmental Protection	6,303,117	11,698,921

Revenue Account Statement
For the year ended 31st December 2024

Income	Draft 2024 €	2023 Audited €
Recreation and Amenity	5,536,579	4,155,812
Agriculture, Education, Health and Safety	468,401	485,603
Miscellaneous	29,536,531	22,006,799
Total Income	**201,717,433**	**171,157,255**
Net Expenditure	**134,659,572**	**119,781,396**
which is funded by:		
County Rates	161,624,202	154,729,089
Local Property Tax	12,366,308	9,779,302
Pension Related Deduction	0	0
Total	**173,990,510**	**164,508,391**
Surplus/(Deficit) for Year before Transfers	39,330,938	44,726,995
Transfers from/(to) Reserves	(39,330,403)	(44,726,742)
Overall surplus/(Deficit) for the year.	535	253
Incoming Balance @ 1st January 2024	15,980,457	15,980,204
Closing Balance @ 31st December 2024	**15,980,992**	**15,980,457**

Capital Account Statement
For the year ended 31st December 2024

Expenditure (Net of Internal Transfers)*	Draft 2024 €	2023 Audited €
Housing and Building	300,343,347	199,606,651
Roads Transportation and Safety	55,904,872	36,138,966
Water and Sewerage	1,657,570	1,031,830
Development Incentives and Controls	35,659,061	57,988,676
Environmental Protection	1,752,731	3,128,467
Recreation and Amenity	38,909,121	32,402,705
Miscellaneous Services	13,068,011	17,363,220
	447,294,714	**347,660,515**

Capital Account Statement
For the year ended 31st December 2024

Income (Net of Internal Transfers)*	Draft 2024 €	2023 Audited €
Housing and Building	265,513,618	180,311,147
Roads Transportation and Safety	29,259,820	16,089,746
Water and Sewerage	1,412,385	1,089,351
Development Incentives and Controls	86,406,856	108,893,175
Environmental Protection	2,374,325	-3,536,088
Recreation and Amenity	6,262,381	15,351,630
Miscellaneous Services	16,262,524	14,018,532
	407,491,908	**332,217,493**
Surplus/(Deficit) for year	**(39,802,806)**	**(15,443,022)**
Balance (Debit)/Credit @ 1st January 2024	**250,314,745**	**265,757,767**
Balance (Debit)/Credit @ 31 December 2024	**210,511,939**	**250,314,745**

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

Service Delivery Reports

Airport Noise Competent Authority

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2024
Ensure the noise generated by aircraft activity at Dublin Airport is assessed and provide for the application of the ICAO balanced approach where a noise problem is identified.	An aircraft noise assessment commenced in December 2022 and continued during 2024 to assess the impact of the airport operating in three-runway format. The noise climate continued to change during the year and the airport authority was directed to provide updated data to ANCA. A Noise Action Plan for Dublin Airport (2024-2028) was made on 9th December 2024. The plan reviews the aircraft noise situation in surrounding communities, highlighting areas for improvement and potential future developments, such as changes to noise management measures and infrastructure upgrades.
Ensure that the aircraft noise implications of planning applications at Dublin Airport are assessed.	Ten planning applications were referred to ANCA during 2024 by the planning authority for an assessment of potential aircraft noise impacts. Eight of these applications presented no aircraft noise potential and no further detailed consideration was required for new noise management or control measures. A preliminary noise assessment by ANCA in Q1 2024, determined that a planning application submitted in December 2023 to increase passenger capacity to 40 million passengers per year required detailed noise assessment. A direction from ANCA to the airport authority to provide additional data information was issued in March 2024. In December 2024, the planning authority referred a planning application to ANCA relating to an increase in permitted passenger capacity at Dublin Airport to 36 million passengers per year. The planning authority deemed this application invalid in January 2025 and the assessment received no further consideration.
Monitor compliance and effectiveness of noise mitigation measures and operating restrictions in place at Dublin Airport.	ANCA carried out a review during 2024 of the effectiveness of the noise mitigation measures in place at Dublin Airport in achieving the outcomes established by the noise abatement objective. The report is available to view and download from the ANCA website. ANCA published the compliance report of the airport authority relating to compliance by airport users with noise mitigation measures and operating restrictions.

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2024
Informing communities.	A multi-annual programme to create a comprehensive network of aircraft noise monitors around Dublin Airport was completed by the airport authority during 2024. The project, coordinated by ANCA, delivered twenty-five monitors that provide detailed information for departing and arriving aircraft in a wide variety of community locations. The data can be viewed online on a near-live and historical replay basis.

Architects

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2024
To provide a quality professional Architectural Service to meet the requirements of the client departments and Council Initiatives.	Architectural services and advice have been delivered to various Council Departments throughout 2024 across a range of project types. The diverse services offered ranged from feasibility studies, site assessment, statutory consent processes, tender and contract administration, procurement, cost, planning and control, urban and interior design and administration of conservation grants to protect the built heritage. The services were provided in relation to various project types including new build, extensions, refurbishment, conservation and maintenance services. The services covered many building types - housing, public buildings, offices, historic buildings and design of the public realm. Services were also provided to assist with development and monitoring of the Council's Climate Action Plan 2024-2029.
Assist with built heritage protection issues including managing the Architectural Conservation Office and the assessment and administration of grant supports and Council Initiatives.	The Conservation Office has delivered a work programme comprising grants – administration of the Built Heritage investment scheme, the Historic Structures Fund and the Stitch in Time grant, planning reports as an internal consultee for the Planning Department, participation in preplanning meetings, work related to the architectural heritage of the county, input to the FCC Monuments/ Structures at Risk programme, input into Climate Change initiatives as related to the historic built environment, responses to Elected Member queries and questions, responding to correspondence/emails from the public and others.
To engage with relevant Government departments in relation to budget approvals, administration of grant schemes and policy on the built environment as it relates to the Council.	The Architects Department have engaged with relevant Government Departments via our client Council departments for all funded capital projects and grant schemes.
To ensure that building projects commissioned by the Council meet statutory requirements in relation to Planning, Health and Safety, Building Control and Environmental and Heritage protection.	All statutory requirements have been met regarding Planning, Health and Safety, Building Control and Environmental and Heritage protection. In addition, an effective suite of controls is in place to ensure ongoing compliance.

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2024
To manage and implement efficient cyclical and planned maintenance services for existing Fingal housing stock and to efficiently manage re-let repairs of existing and newly acquired stock including implementation of Council climate change action plan.	Cyclical planned and response maintenance programmes were carried out in Council housing stock throughout the year including boiler, window and door replacement and retrofit programmes. Re-let repairs were carried out on properties throughout the county. Process improvements were applied to all programmes.
To manage construction budgets and process contractor claims for payment efficiently and fairly.	Budgets were managed for capital and maintenance projects for client department; Requirements of the CWMF and the OGP were applied to cost control activities. There was close engagement with the Central Procurement Unit.





Foundation stone laid for new Cultural Centre in Swords

Community and Sports Development

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2024
To provide developmental and management support to voluntary Fingal County Council facility Committees.	The Community Development Office (CDO) provides a range of supports at varying levels to 38 FCC owned, leased and community owned facilities across the county. Supports include board of management mentoring in areas such as good governance, business and financial planning, project development, environmental awareness projects, funding applications, convening the Fingal Community Facilities Network through the provision of a range of master classes, training and collaborative supports. In 2024 the CDO provided €2,365,777 in financial support to Council owned and supported community facilities across the county.
Continue to manage the upkeep and renovation of old facilities.	The CDO continued to develop and implement a community centre improvement works programme to ensure that Fingal's older community facilities are maintained to an appropriate standard. In 2024 the Council spent €2,103,434 on upgrading these facilities. Throughout 2024, grant funding to the value of €203,421 was awarded to non-Council owned facilities under the remedial works grant scheme.
Supports to Community and Voluntary programmes of activities.	In 2024 grant funding to the value of €474,915 was provided by the Community Development Office to support Activity, Summer and Halloween Projects. Funding of €8,000 was provided to Volunteers Ireland in support of the Community Volunteers programme and the ongoing work of connecting communities through volunteering.
Fingal Public Participation Network (PPN).	During 2024, 92 new member groups registered on the PPN network increasing total membership by 12%, bringing the total membership to 843. Throughout the year, the CDO provided administrative support to the PPN until the arrival of the PPN staff. Plenaries were held in May and September 2024.









Official opening of Meakstown Community Centre

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2024
Fingal Migrant Integration and Social Cohesion Policy.	The CDO provided oversight and guidance to ensure the delivery of the 25 actions identified under the five strategic pillars set out in the Migrant Integration and Social Cohesion Strategy 2019 – 2024. During Fingal Inclusion Week 2024, 70 events across Fingal were supported.
Fingal Comhairle na nÓg.	Ongoing support was provided to Fingal Comhairle na nÓg throughout 2024 to assist with the development of research on the chosen subject topic for 2024 'Promoting Youth Spaces and accessibility in Fingal'. A funding provision of €35,000 was made to enhance the support provided and increase stakeholder engagement. Fingal Comhairle na nÓg held their Annual Youth Conference in October with over 80 young people in attendance.
Continue to support the work of Age Friendly Fingal Alliance; Continue to support the work of Age Friendly Ireland.	Ten in-person meetings were facilitated to support the work of the Older Persons Council; six in-person meetings were facilitated to support the work of the Age Friendly Alliance. Three online interdepartmental meetings were held. In May, the Age Friendly team supported the hosting of the Fingal's Older People's Council (OPC), Annual Conference, 130 Fingal older adults attended the conference. In July, the Fingal Age Friendly team hosted the Vintage Picnic, Arts Creativity and Music Festival in Swords Castle. Over 700 older people attended the event. Two information events for older people were held in Blanchardstown (March) and Balbriggan (Sept). In October, the Fingal Age Friendly team supported 16 events across the county to celebrate Positive Ageing Week. Fingal hosted the National Age Friendly Awards in November. Two information events for older people were held in the Blanchardstown (March) and Balbriggan (September). Numerous consultation events across the county were organized for the consultants for the Age Friendly Strategy. The intergenerational Project in Balbriggan continued after the shared-island project finished. The Community Development and Inclusion Office was successful in attaining a place in the EU Korale Project. This is a four-year EU programme focusing on tackling loneliness through public policy. The Fingal partners are focusing on loneliness in older people and look forward to learning from European counterparts and sharing some of the good practices in Fingal.





Fingal Comhairle na nÓg visit the Chamber in County Hall, Swords







National Age Friendly Awards 2024







Fingal Age Friendly hosts Vintage Picnic 2024 at Swords Castle









Celebrations at the Mayor's Awards 2024











Fingal County Council host the annual "Shine A Light" Event in Swords Castle and Park

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2024
Fingal Sports Office continued implementation the aims of Fingal Sport Vision Statement 2019-2021, Fingal Active, Together Local Sport and Physical Activity Plan 2024–2029.	FCC Sports Office conducted various training, workshops, and tailored physical activity programmes for individuals of all ages and skill levels, providing activity opportunities, shared information, and offered financial aid to support sustainable initiatives. In 2024, the FCC Sports Office engaged with 70,763 participants across 154 programmes. An increase in programmes was due to the movement of development officers to area based and running more community-based programmes. On a weekly basis there are over 500 people taking part in weekly programmes of Parent and Toddler, Fingal on the Move and Active for Life classes. A notable highlight in 2024 was the launch of Fingal's Local Sports Plan Active Together 2024-2029; The plan lays out a strategic framework focused on six key commitments: prioritising sports and physical activity; improving accessibility for everyone; raising the profile and visibility of sports activities; emphasising outdoor participation; enhancing quality facilities; and fostering stakeholder collaboration. **Malahide Sports Festival** In the wake of the successful Summer Paris Olympics 2024, the Fingal Sports Office launched a new sports festival that showcased various Sport Ireland National Governing Bodies. The event featured 30 sporting organizations, offering "come and try" opportunities, and attracted over 8,500 participants throughout the day. **Fingal's Park and Trails Challenge** During the Summer, under the Active Cities Dublin banner Fingal Sports Office, 'Leave No Trace' Ireland and the other 3 Dublin local authorities collaborated to provide essential information about Fingal's routes, including directions, parking options, and safety guidelines for parks and trails. Active Cities also highlighted wheelchair accessibility, playgrounds, picnic areas, and 'off-leash' dog zones, promoting the motto: 'Get Up, Get Outdoors, Get Active.' In the Summer, over 3500 individuals registered for the Parks and Trails challenge.

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2024
Fingal Sports Office continued implementation the aims of Fingal Sport Vision Statement 2019-2021, Fingal Active, Together Local Sport and Physical Activity Plan 2024–2029.	**Fingal's School Athletics League** April 2024, 48 primary schools participated in Fingal's Athletics League running events, culminating in 2,400 children taking part across four preliminary races, with a finals day held at ALSAA. Finals day brought all the schools together, where they earned points based on their runners' performances in the races. The event was live-streamed, allowing schools and parents to follow along, and participants could later revisit the day. **Safeguarding Courses** Ongoing delivery of safeguarding courses; Fingal Sports Office continue to facilitate this vital club governance alignment for Fingal clubs, ensuring child welfare is paramount in all sporting considerations. **Women in Sport Week** During Women in Sport Week, Fingal Sports Office collaborated with over 20 local sports clubs to provide opportunities for girls, teens and women to try new sports and all clubs were required to have a follow on/sustainable opportunity after the week. Women in Sport Week come and try included 850 participants across the week trying out a new session. Fingal's Exercise Energise saw 17 schools come together during Women in Sport Week, 680 teenage girls were introduced to new activities to promote continued positive lifestyle choices. **HER Outdoors Week** Fingal delivered Her Outdoors Week in August – a Sport Ireland Initiative, where females were offered the chance to partake in outdoor activity using their local outdoor amenities including Snorkeling, Yoga and Dip, Paddleboarding, Orienteering, Cycling, intro to Triathlon and Rowing. **Late Night Basketball/Football** Continued growth of Flemington Friday Night Basketball and FAI Late Night League, which has attracted excellent numbers and facilitated soft communication channels for Community Gardaí and difficult-to-reach target groups through both sports.
	School Programmes Try Track and Field and SportsCon are further primary school athletic interventions to encourage primary schools to try athletics, aiming to sustain an ongoing concept with teachers through upskilling. 3,635 primary school children took part in the 2024 MarathonKids programme, promoting sustained exercise in primary schools.







Launch of "Building Bridges Forging Pathways Beyond Prejudice" Exhibition









Fingal Sports Festival 2024, held at Malahide Castle and Gardens







Fingal Sports Festival 2024, held at Malahide Castle and Gardens

Corporate Services

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2024
To ensure the effective delivery and transparency of democratic processes within the Council.	The Chief Executive and her team continued to work closely with the Elected Members as well as County stakeholders e.g. businesses, community groups, etc. Through the Strategic Policy Committees, the Elected Members continued to fulfill their governance and oversight role. Meetings continued to be serviced and webcast to ensure the transparency of the democratic function.
To ensure the provision of good customer service across the organisation.	The Customer Care Unit consists of trained agents who aim to resolve queries at the first point of contact for the customer. In 2024 our Agents dealt with: • Phone calls: 112,380 • Emails: 29,521 • In-person queries: 22,723
To uphold the Citizen Charter and good customer service.	In accordance with the Council's Citizen's Charter, all complaints received were processed and responded to in a timely manner during 2024.
To ensure effective internal and external communications and the promotion of Council activities.	In accordance with the Council's Communications Strategy, an extensive programme of internal and external communications was implemented to promote the Council's activities and increase awareness of the work that we do for our citizens. In 2024 there were: • 1,713,755 visitors to our website, fingal.ie which was a 19% increase on 2023. • 3,812,440 page views which was an 11% increase on 2023 • 88,998 followers of our corporate social media channels which was a rise of 21% on 2023. • The Residential Satisfaction Survey 2024, which was carried out by REDC, showed: • 50% of resident are aware of the work of Fingal County Council, a rise of 13% from 2022. • 62% of residents feel informed about the working the Council, a rise of 15% from 2022. • 67% of residents are satisfied with the work of the Council, a rise of 9% from 2022. • 52% of residents feel the Council provides value for money, a rise of 2% from 2022. • 70% of residents trust the Council, a rise of 5% from 2022.

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2024
To promote the use of the Irish language through the implementation of the Irish Language Scheme.	Fingal County Council continued to fulfil the requirements of the Irish Language Legislation and promote the language for example through events, Gaeltacht scholarships and staff training. A member of Senior Management was appointed to oversee matters in relation to the obligations in the Official Languages Act and all staff were regularly updated regarding these. The Council met the 1 in 5 and 5% targets in Section 10a regarding advertising as well as continuing to meet other requirements of the Act.
To ensure all Corporate buildings are improved, maintained and protected to the highest possible standard.	During 2024 the Buildings Facilities Team ensured that all corporate buildings were maintained and protected to the highest standard. The staff play a key role in maintaining the Council's commitment to Energy Efficiency and continual improvement through the management of the Council's Energy Management System ISO 50001:2018.







Fingal celebrates Seachtain na Gaeilge with Ceol, Craic and Gaeilge in County Hall, Swords

Digital Services

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2024
Promote innovative solutions through the mediums of Web, GIS, CRM, Data Analytics, BPI, Open Data and Knowledge Management.	The transition from the Council's old Customer Relationship Management (CRM) system to Dynamics 365 has been completed and is now live across all Departments in Fingal. In conjunction with the move to Dynamics 365, a new and enhanced Councillors' Portal has been completed and is live for all Elected Members, TDs and Senators. The project has achieved its original objective of a standardised and uniform approach for all customer contacts. The new system has been fully embraced by staff and Elected Members alike. There are now 349 datasets published on the Fingal Open Data Portal and data.gov.ie, which is a 44% increase since 2023.
To implement best practice in IT governance.	A new IT User Acceptance Policy for staff was approved. Digital Services continued to work on enhancing efficiency in IT operations, mitigating risks, minimising costs, and ensuring improved regulatory compliance as business requirements evolve.
Implementation and management of required infrastructure for IT systems and services.	The Council's server and network infrastructure was managed and upgraded where required to ensure that it performed reliably in 2024. Server availability for the year was 99.98% and network availability was 99.99%. Infrastructure upgrades included: network switch upgrades in depots and libraries; implementation of additional Teams Meeting rooms; and Wi-Fi roll out in Fingal County Council locations and Irish Water Depots. The Council Chamber in County Hall had an extensive audio-visual refit in 2024.
Deliver an efficient support service for our staff and Councillors and members of the public.	The service desk dealt with 11,384 tickets from staff in 2024. 209 calls were logged by Councillors. I.T. Support was provided for all Council Meetings. Digital Services continued to support Corporate Services and the Customer Care Unit in providing and improving the telephony solution for customers.
Encourage and support communities and businesses to reap the full rewards of a digitally enabled society.	The WIFI4EU scheme was improved with the replacement of three access points in Balbriggan, giving a more consistent and stronger signal. There were 32,888 public Wi-Fi (WIFI4EU) visitors during the year. Five community centres received public Wi-Fi installations, bringing the total number of community centres with free public Wi-Fi to twenty-one.

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2024
Encourage and support communities and businesses to reap the full rewards of a digitally enabled society.	There were 41,616 public Wi-Fi (community centre) visitors during the year. Fifteen community centres received digital information screens, along with an audio-visual document suite, and training was provided for community centre managers. Five smart benches were installed across FCC, replacing existing damaged smart benches. Four new projects were piloted under the CE Innovation Fund 2024. Virtual Reality Libraries and VR 3D Planning Consultations, which were piloted in 2023, won three Ireland eGovernment Awards in 2024. Smart Balbriggan received €9k from Science Foundation Ireland to run a science week event. The 'How it's made: Demystifying IOTs' three-day event ran from the 14th – 16th of November, involving artists from Balbriggan, academics, and FCC staff showcasing the relevance of the Internet of Things to our communities and lives.
Analysis, design and deployment of secure IT systems to support business processes.	Digital Services continued to maintain and support approximately 65 applications that facilitate Council services and processes. The National ePlanning Portal was implemented in conjunction with the LGMA. In May, the first phase of the NEC Housing application went live as part of the eHousing programme of works. The Council meetings management system, ModernGov, was migrated to a cloud-hosted solution.
Deploy Enterprise Architecture to ensure that the Councils Corporate Strategy utilises proper technology systems architecture to achieve its goals.	Data Protection Impact Assessments were carried out on new and updated systems.
To meet the expectations of an increasingly digitised world and improve the experience of those interacting with the Council.	Digital Services implemented three projects relating to document management. A business model and framework was developed for digitising existing paper files and moving them into the Council's Document Management system, and a migration tool was built to enable importing of digitised files. Projects are currently underway in Housing Loans and Housing Allocations to digitise physical files using these tools. A redaction tool was also implemented within the document management system which has resulted in increased efficiency in the processing of documents.

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2024
Successfully manage the Council's I.T. Programme and Project Lifecycle and related Resourcing.	The 2024 Local Elections took place successfully without IT issues. The tender for Supply of I.T. Managed Services to Fingal County Council was successfully awarded following a three-step tender procedure. The Windows 11 rollout project is in progress to ensure the Council meets technology and security requirements. The ePlanning and eHousing programmes and other projects progressed as planned.
Establish and maintain enterprise vision, strategy, and programme to ensure information assets and technologies are adequately protected.	IT security remains a priority due to the continuous threat from cybercriminals. Security measures are continuously being reviewed and improved.



CE Innovation Fund Winners

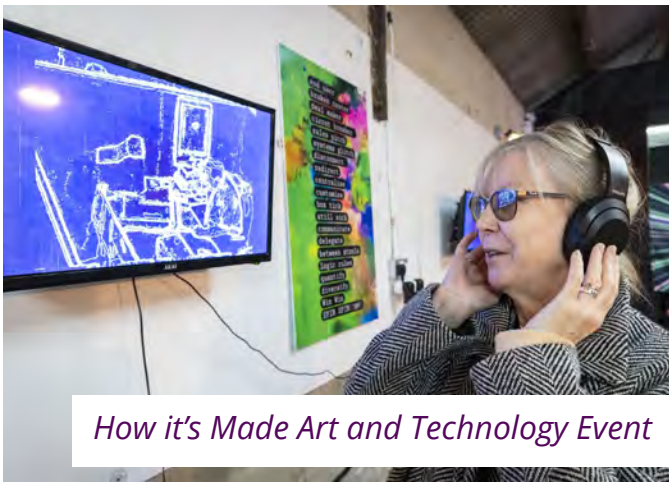


History of Technology Exhibition









How it's Made Art and Technology Event



eGovernment Award Winners

Economic, Enterprise, Tourism and Cultural Development

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2024
Foster a strong local economy and promote environmentally sustainable business.	The Council adopted the Future Fingal: Economic Development Strategy. The Council continued to meet commitments under the Circular Cities Declaration. In 2024, the Council continued work with DCU and DAA on collaborative sustainable projects, lodging two applications for funding. The Council's Urbact EcoCore Network progressed through its action planning stage and testing pilot actions, i.e. Sustainability for Business Briefing and video case studies illustrating sustainable practices with companies in Balbriggan. The Council engaged in a European Urban Initiative City to City Exchange with ECO3 Park, Nokia, Finland to learn best practice in innovation and the circular economy.
Channel a range of supports to local businesses in Fingal. To promote entrepreneurship, foster business start-ups and develop existing micro and small businesses. To drive job creation and to provide accessible high quality supports for new business ideas.	The Council's three Enterprise Centres consolidated management in a new legal entity, Innovate Fingal, to drive innovation and the strategic development of the centres and continued to support start-up and growing businesses through the provision of enterprise space, remote working space and related supports. In 2024 LEO Fingal continued to implement the actions from the Local Enterprise Development plan (2021/2024). These actions provide businesses in Fingal with the support and skills to scale and increase employment throughout the county. LEO Fingal continued to focus on helping businesses explore and expand into export markets, increase collaboration and other supports, including the provision of mentoring and networking events. A total of €1.25 million in financial aid was approved to 197 Fingal businesses for various grant aid schemes including Measure One funding, Trading Online Vouchers and Energy Efficiency Grants. Core portfolio client businesses reported an increase of 197 net new jobs at the end of 2024. In total, 4,035 places were booked by clients for Training/ Networking/ Events/ Webinars both online and in-person. Local Enterprise Week proved hugely successful with over 900 businesses participating. Business clinics and mentoring assignments were delivered to 1,060 clients.















Flavours of Fingal 2024



Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2024
Channel a range of supports to local businesses in Fingal. To promote entrepreneurship, foster business start-ups and develop existing micro and small businesses. To drive job creation and to provide accessible high quality supports for new business ideas.	127 Trading Online Vouchers were approved during the year, with the scheme discontinued in December. 14 Start Your Own Business courses were delivered to 195 aspiring entrepreneurs. Other core popular business development initiatives continued including networking platforms run by LEO Fingal. Fingal Business Network hosted four business networking events, while Fingal Enterprising Women Network also met quarterly. Fingal hosted National Women's Enterprise Day on behalf of the four Dublin Local Enterprise Offices with more than 300 female entrepreneurs in attendance. The Fingal Exporter Programme continued to provide the necessary assistance to Fingal businesses seeking to grow internationally in the first half of 2024, replaced by the inaugural "Get Exporting" programme rolled out nationally by Enterprise Ireland and the Local Enterprise Offices, with 11 Fingal companies approved for the programme. A further 20 businesses were approved for the "TAME" (Exporter's) grant. The Green for Business programme accelerated during 2024, with some 36 Fingal businesses completing the programme. Seven of these went on to be approved for the new Energy Efficiency Grant aimed at enabling Fingal businesses to become more sustainable. LEO Fingal ran another successful Student Enterprise Programme, with over 1,000 students participating from 20 Fingal second level schools.
Implement and manage local community and economic development programmes including (SICAP) and LEADER.	The Fingal SICAP Programme performed strongly, meeting annual targets, with a budget of €1.52 million to support disadvantaged areas and an additional budget to provide assistance to the Ukrainian community. The LEADER Programme is overseen by the Dublin Rural LEADER Local Action Group (LAG) which comprises representation from South Dublin, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown and Fingal LCDC's and delivery on the new Dublin Rural LEADER Programme commenced.
Foster collaborative leadership among stakeholders in local community and economic development.	The Fingal Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) was adopted and new members joined the Fingal LCDC from the PPN and Elected Members following local elections in June. The Healthy Ireland Co-ordinator delivered the Healthy Fingal work programme. The Council continued to collaborate closely with partners on the Dublin-Belfast Economic Corridor.

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2024
Foster collaborative leadership among stakeholders in local community and economic development.	The Future Fingal: Fingal Skills Strategy Group was adopted, incorporating good practices from European Partners in the Interreg SKYLA Project. The Council delivered the Xplore Your Future TY Skills Expo in 2024. The Council completed participation on 2 EU CERV Projects, one on Green Skills and another on Inclusion for 2024.
Implement Our Balbriggan 2019–2025 Rejuvenation Plan.	The Town Regeneration Office continues to deliver projects and programmes through the Our Balbriggan Rejuvenation Project, Town Centre First Measures, Derelict Sites, Urban Regeneration Development Fund Programmes, Rural Regeneration Development Programmes and Town and Village Renewal Schemes. The Our Balbriggan Rejuvenation Plan continued to be delivered with the appointment of an Integrated Design Team for the DeBruns site on Bridge Street and the opening of a new Pocket Park. The Quay Street, Harbour and Environs project went on site in May 2024 and is advancing through it's delivery programme. This transformative and ambitious scheme, funded by the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund and Fingal County Council, will create a new family friendly civic space in a low traffic, pedestrianised environment in the centre of Balbriggan. The Creative Hub at 2-4 Dublin Street, which had received planning permission, moved to the detailed design phase in 2024 and will go to procurement in early 2025. The Creative Hub will have 8 flexible workspaces, a courtyard, gallery, STEAM, enterprise and multi-media spaces in line with the objectives for a SMART Balbriggan. Work continues at the Boathouse and the Bathhouse beside the Martello Tower. Significant progress on all these projects will continue in 2025. Work programmes progressed across all work streams in the Our Balbriggan Rejuvenation Pillars including Economic Development, Education, Skills and Training, Community Development, Public Realm and Sustainability, Climate Action and Biodiversity.

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2024
Strengthen the proposition and marketing of tourism in the County.	The Fingal Tourism Strategy was launched in 2024 and an associated implementation plan is underway. Collaboration with national agencies Fáilte Ireland and Tourism Ireland continued to promote Fingal as a tourist destination to both the domestic and international visitor through campaigns including “Keep Discovering” and “Winter in Dublin”. Promotional Initiatives included ‘Fingal: The TradFest Sessions’ which raised awareness of Fingal as a destination with national and US TV audiences on RTE and PBS, and in 2024 Fingal County Council also initiated and led an innovative project between all Dublin local authorities to showcase jointly for the first time at IrishFest Milwaukee, the Dublin and Fingal proposition, and specifically address the challenge of growing tourism activity during the shoulder season. Also, as part of the #WinterInDublin campaign by Fáilte Ireland, Howth Harbour hosted one of two large fireworks displays on New Year’s Eve. The event was livestreamed across the globe, and the videography and other generated content is part of the ongoing international campaign to draw visitors to Dublin in the low season.



Launch of the Fingal Tourism Strategy 2024-2029



Launch of "Future Fingal: An Economic Development Strategy"



Launch of the second season of TradFest – The Fingal Sessions

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2024
Facilitate the creation of a Fingal food and drink tourism destination.	The Fingal Food and Drink Policy was launched in 2024 and an associated implementation plan is underway. The Fingal Food Network continues to grow from strength to strength and in 2024 agreed to develop a formal structure to work on behalf of the Food and Drink sector in Fingal as part of the broader Tourism Strategy and Food and Drink Policy Collaboration Framework. The network also partnered with Fingal County Council to promote Fingal as a food and drink tourism destination through a series of marketing initiatives including a showcase at the launch of the Food and Drink Policy and the Flavours of Fingal County Show in early July.
Promote heritage led tourism initiatives at Fingal Heritage Properties.	Work continued in 2024 by Fingal County Council and its Operator at Newbridge House to achieve accreditation under the Museum Standards Programme for Ireland (MSPI). The mid-way review by the ajudicators was very positive. Currently forecast for completion in 2026, this will significantly improve the authenticity of the visitor experience.
Optimise and expand visitor experiences at all Fingal visitor attractions and events.	The main driver of improvements to the visitor experiences in 2024 was the Capital Programme, of which the highlights were: • Completion of the sustainable energy upgrade at Malahide Visitor Centre • Completion of LED lighting replacement at Malahide Visitor Centre • Completion of the conservation and strengthening of the Silver Bridge • Completion of the enabling works for the red barn project at Skerries Mills • Commencement of site enabling works at Skerries Martello Tower • Appointment of a design team to plan a mechanical and electrical upgrade on Newbridge House In 2024, several improvements to the existing infrastructure at each visitor attraction. Among these was the development of the Courtyard Kitchen in Newbridge in the summer, which is a major new activity as visitors can enjoy cookery and food preparation demonstrations by local chefs and restauranteurs.

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2024
Implement the Fingal Arts Development Plan 2019-2025.	The implementation of the Fingal Arts Development Plan 2019-2025 continued in 2024 with the focus of the work on supporting the Swords Cultural Quarter, the development of the Carnegie Library and the "Our Balbriggan" rejuvenation project. A new Public Art Policy was developed following extensive research and consultation phase, the Public Art Policy 2025 – 2027 sets out to streamline procedures and principles on how we commission Public Arts in Fingal.
Implement the Eight Year Framework Agreement with the Arts Council.	The actions resulting from the eight-year framework agreement with the Arts Council of Ireland continued in 2024 on the two areas of agreement: **a)** Research and Development **b)** Building capacity With the opening of the Carnegie Library in Swords, the successful completion of a new residential artist studio as part of a 10-dwelling development on Barrack Lane, Lusk and the ongoing development of the Swords Cultural Quarter, and Artist studios at 2-4 Dublin Street, Balbriggan.







Launch of Culture Night Fingal 2024

Environment, Climate Action and Active Travel

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2024
Implementation of the National Waste Management Plan for a Circular Economy 2024-2030. See www.mywaste.ie.	Implementation of the national waste management plan for a circular economy is ongoing.
Aftercare of historic and closed landfills.	• 9/10 planned specific engineering works (SEW) at Rogerstown Park completed in 2024, with the 1 remaining SEW to be completed in 2025. • A full review of the Barnageeragh Certificate of Authorisation was completed with and submitted to the EPA. • Remediation works to part of the clay cap at Dunsink Landfill commenced in 2024. This required the importation of soil.
Monitor air and noise pollution.	Environmental inspections and activities related to this activity are reported to the EPA in the National Enforcement Priorities Progress Report 2024, available here. The report enumerates a wide range of activities including complaints, planned inspections and permitting/licencing activities. This report together with the reports from other local authorities will be evaluated by the EPA later this year. In 2024, 138 noise complaints and 53 air complaints were received by the Air and Noise Unit, with all complaints investigated and enforcement action taken as appropriate.
Enforce waste regulations.	The number of routine and non-routine waste inspections undertaken in 2024 was 1,457.

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2024
Operate dog and horse control service.	**Dog Control Service** In 2024, the Dog Warden Service continued to carry out enforcement activities under the Control of Dogs Act 1986 to include daily patrols of parks/open spaces/beaches/streets, issuance of fines for breach of legislation/bye-laws, door to door licence checks, attendance at Fingal events such as the Flavours of Fingal and Howth Prawn Festival, Environmental Awareness Days, attendance in court over non-payment of fines, assistance to An Garda Síochána when requested. • 429 fines were issued in relation to dog offences • 1872 x 10 Day Notices were issued • 10,292 Annual Dog Licences were purchased • 742 lifetime licences were purchased • €309,720 – Revenue from Dog Licences • 579 Dog-related complaints received **New legislation introduced in 2024:** Control of Dogs (XL Bully) Regulations 2024. From October 1st, 2024, the new regulations prohibit the importing, breeding, selling, and re-homing of XL Bully dogs. It will be illegal to own an XL Bully without a Certificate of Exemption from 2025. • 21 Applications for Certificate of Exemptions received • 8 Certificate of Exemptions issued **Dog Shelter:** In 2024, Dublin County Dog Shelter continues to provide a dog shelter service for stray, seized or surrendered dogs where they were looked after in the hope they can be reunited with their owner or rehomed. • 27 – Dogs in the Shelter on 1st January 2024 • 162 - Stray/Seized Dogs brought to Shelter • 39 - Surrendered by owners • 24 – Reclaimed by owners • 103 - Rehomed to Rescue • 54 - Rehomed to Public • 26 - PTS • 17 - Dogs in the Shelter on 31st December 2024 **Control of Horses:** • The Animal Welfare project continues Dunsink Landfill with DAFM, where regular welfare inspections are undertaken. • During the Winter months of 2024, 12 Hay feeders were filled weekly by the Operations Department to ensure adequate forage and water. • 9 Horses Removed from Landfill • 26 Horses seized from the public realm • 5 Horses reclaimed • 28 Horses rehomed









Goat project on Howth Head wins Climate Action Award

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2024
Operate litter warden service.	This service is operated in line with the Litter Pollution Acts 1997–2009. There are currently 4 Litter Wardens (LW) in Fingal. A review of the LW Service was completed by the Litter Management Team in 2024. The key focus is addressing CRM's/Cllrs Reps, Bottle Banks and Litter Blackspots with the Litter Wardens being assigned their daily tasks in advance of each workday. • 417 reports of alleged Abandoned Vehicles received. • 7 abandoned cars removed/destroyed • 10 Burnt out vehicles removed • 6,104 Litter Patrols carried out • 886 Litter related CRM's received • 265 Litter Fines issued • 22 Warning Notices issued The Draft Litter Management Plan 2025-2027 was prepared and completed in 2024 and will go to public consultation in 2025.
Protect surface, ground and coastal waters.	Environmental inspections and activities related to this activity are reported to the EPA in the National Enforcement Priorities Progress Report 2024 available here. The report enumerates a wide range of activities including complaints, planned inspections and permitting/licencing activities. This report together with the reports from other local authorities will be evaluated by the EPA later this year. The number of routine and non-routine wastewater inspections undertaken in 2024 was 1,321.
Provide an Environmental Awareness Programme.	The Council supported 133 schools in the Green Schools Program, with 29 New Green Flags awarded to Fingal Schools in 2024 across the 10 Green Flag Themes. Continued collaboration with the Dublin Local Authorities, the Regional Waste Management Office, and Composting Ireland to roll out the Composting for Schools Programme which introduces and subsidises composting of food and garden waste in schools. A total of 39 schools signed up to the Programme in Fingal at the end of 2024. Continued support of litter progammes such as the Picker Pals in national schools and provided litter pickers through the 10 Community Centres. Picker Pals Litter initiative delivered to 89 new classes across 43 primary schools. This is in addition to 120 Picker Pals classes already participating in the programme.

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2024
Provide an Environmental Awareness Programme.	Funded 39 Anti-Litter and Anti-Graffiti projects in communities county-wide to the value of €39,612.89 under the Fingal County Council Communities4Environment 2024 Anti-Litter and Anti-Graffiti (ALAG) Grant Scheme. In partnership with 10 community centres, litter kits were provided for Fingal individuals and communities. Litter kits and doggie dispensers were also provided directly to several community groups and schools. Funded 67 environmental workshops run by 16 environmental projects with schools and community groups to the value of €32,000. Promoted and facilitated the Fingal Instruments Project, whereby instruments handed in at recycling centres are assessed, cleaned, repaired, and redistributed back into communities and schools. The Fingal 'Keen to be Green' initiative is ongoing, designed to assist centre managers in becoming more sustainable in the delivery of their community services. The centres are currently on their 'water' phase of the programme. Promotional campaigns were carried out in cooperation with the Communications Department to address litter, beach and marine environments, food waste, biodiversity, and general environmental awareness. The Community Leaf Mould composting initiative continued to be extremely well-received across Fingal communities. 49 new applications were received in 2024 with 144 leaf mould cages set up in 87 locations (inclusive of additional cages added to existing locations). 124 lids and weed barriers were allotted, 25 pitch forks and 23 watering cans were distributed. 45 training workshops were provided. As part of the ReUse initiatives with the Rediscovery Centre, a total of 325 x 5L tins of paint were delivered to Fingal community groups in 2024 for use in public areas to help make them look cleaner, fresher, and more inviting.
	The Environmental Awareness 6-month Cinema Campaign commenced in August 2024 and this year's focus was on cigarette butts and disposable vapes and the damage they are causing our environment. The 40 second advert was shown across five cinemas in Fingal - Swords, Balbriggan, Blanchardstown, Charlestown and Santry, with a total reach of over 480,000 people across the campaign. Fingal's Shore to Sea Campaign launched in September 2024 at Velvet Strand, Portmarnock. The roll-out will continue in 2025.

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2024
Implement Flood Protection Schemes in co-operation with the OPW.	The OPW undertook a Scheme Viability Review (SVR) of the Malahide and Portmarnock Schemes. The Portmarnock scheme was found to be unviable based on cost benefit analysis. The SVR for Malahide examined a number of options which were found to be unviable on cost benefit grounds. An additional option of a self-rising barrier was found to be viable on cost benefit grounds, however, this is a new device not previously used in Ireland, and it is not clear whether it is appropriate at this location.
Climate Action.	In 2024, the Fingal Climate Action Plan 2024-2029 was adopted with the following targets: • Improve the Council's energy efficiency by 50% by 2030; • Reduce the Council's greenhouse gas emissions by 51% by 2030; • Make Dublin a climate resilient region by reducing the impacts of future climate change related events; and • to actively engage and inform our citizens on climate action. The governance and reporting frameworks are established to ensure the effective delivery of actions outlined in the Climate Change Action Plan for 2024-2029. In 2024, a cross-departmental Climate Action Plan Implementation Team was established with 32 members. FCC reported to the LGMA on Climate Action KPIs. Data on the implementation of the Climate Actions across FCC were collated in Dec 2024. In 2024, of the total 162 actions in the CAP, 91 actions were completed, of which 83 are annual actions and 46 are in progress. The Climate Change Action Plan Annual Progress Implementation Report 2024 is being drafted. • This Climate Action Plan identified Balbriggan as the Fingal decarbonisation zone. • Codema, with the support of Fingal County Council, applied for in Interreg NW EU project E2-Cuties (Engaged Energy-Communities in Urban areas with Technology Integrated Energy Systems). • Dublin Climate Action (9th - 15 Sept 2024) was organised in cooperation with the four Dublin Local Authorities. • In 2024, Fingal's Climate Action Department provided Climate Literacy Training in 10 secondary schools in Fingal through the provider Education for Sustainability. Through this 263 students and 10 teachers took part in the training.

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2024
Climate Action.	• The Climate Action and Environmental Awareness Team continue to run social media campaigns on best environmental practice and to celebrate national and local environmental campaigns. • The Fingal Climate Action Team updated the Fingal County Council website with information about the Climate Action Plan and Climate Action works across the County. Community Climate Action Fund in the amount of €1.127m allocated to Fingal County Council by DECC. 25 applications were received from a range of community groups/tidy towns/sports groups/recreational facilities across Fingal with approximately 160 different projects being granted funding across the five themes of Energy/Travel/Food and Waste/ Local Climate and Environmental Action/Shopping and Recycling and included projects such as solar PV, insulation, replacement windows/doors/building fabric, bike repair stations, bike charging points/lockers, purchase of reusable cups to eliminate single-use, and biodiversity projects such as tree/bulb planting and native hedging. The overall aim is to reduce carbon emissions within communities throughout Fingal. A total of €461,780 was paid out in grants for projects to 21 applicants by the end of 2024.
Provide Bring Banks.	The Council operates two civic amenity sites (Estuary and Coolmine), and a network of 58 Bring Banks for glass and 29 for textiles, throughout the county. In 2024: • A total of 5,478 tonnes of glass was collected and recycled from Fingal Bring Banks. • A total of 229 tonnes of textiles were collected from textile banks.



Fingal Launches Climate Action Plan 2024-2029









Bike Disco event in Phoenix Park, Dublin, as part of European Mobility Week



Launch of EV public charging point rollout





Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2024
Protected Cycle Lanes – management of the design and construction of numerous protected cycle lane projects.	New Walking and Cycling Infrastructure: • R132 Blakes Cross to Quickpenny Lane • Included 5.4 km of Walking and Cycling facilities • 1 km of Quiet Zone along Kilhedge Lane • SRTS treatment at Corduff National School • 8 Bus Stops along the route The following projects are in the design and planning stage: • Seatown Road, Swords • Donabate, Portrane R126 Cycle Paths • Coney Hill, Balbriggan R132 Cycle Paths • Paddy's Hill to Broomfield via Naomh Mearnóg GAA • Clonee to Blanchardstown Shopping Centre • Auburn Avenue to 12th Lock Walking and Cycling Scheme • Castleknock to Blanchardstown via Farmleigh • Snugborough Road – National Aquatic Centre to Ongar • Seapark Hill to Seamount Park (temporary solution completed in 2024) • Feltrim Road Active Travel Project • Baldoyle Circle Active Travel Project (Baldoyle Phase II)
Towns and Villages.	Works are continuing in the development of an Active Travel Plan for a number of our towns and villages: *Balrothery Active Travel Plan* – An active travel plan is being developed that will identify projects to provide the infrastructure to support and encourage active travel. The projects under the plan will be grouped by deliverable timeframes and will be cognisant of funding streams. To date, public consultation, traffic and topographical surveys and other data collection has been carried out. The plan is currently being finalised and Options Development is underway. *Skerries Active Travel Plan* – This project aims to create a plan for Skerries that identifies projects that can be developed over the coming years in the lifetime of the Development Plan. The projects identified can be taken forward to identify appropriate funding streams and programmes of works where they can be developed and delivered. Currently, data collection and traffic surveys have been conducted. The Baseline Condition report and the Long List of Options report are being generated. The project team are Preparing for Part VIII Planning which will be initiated in Q1 2025.

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2024
Towns and Villages.	*Public Realm Improvements to a Pedestrianised New Street, Malahide* – This project aims to provide an upgrade of footpaths and street surfaces, a new landscaping scheme, improved outdoor dining and new public seating areas. It also includes a water feature, bicycle parking and will incorporate essential Sustainable Urban Drainage (SUDs) and public lighting improvements. The public realm upgrades designed also support Fingal's Climate Action objectives, providing a car-free environment with improved air quality and reduced emissions at the centre of Malahide village. A multidisciplinary Integrated Design Team were appointed to commence a detailed design phase. *Skerries Harbour Road* – This is a public realm and walking and cycling scheme that aims to rejuvenate the Skerries Harbour Road and Red Island area, which is a peninsula on the edge of Skerries and is a popular destination point for visitors and locals. The project team are Preparing for Part VIII Planning which will be initiated in Q1 2025.
Connectivity/Permeability – review and enhancement of existing infrastructure to promote overall connectivity for Active Travel users.	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. The following projects have been completed to date: • Footpath Installation at Beaverstown Road, Donabate. • Installation of Zebra Crossing and ancillary works at Balscadden. • Installation of Zebra Crossing at Scoil Chormaic. • Installation of pencil bollards at St Theresa's. • Construction of shared surface at Balgriffin Park from R106 junction to the Dublin City Council boundary. • Junction tightening, tactile dropped kerbs and associated landscaping at 3 no. junctions in Offington Estate, Sutton. • Tightening of junction on entrance to Duncarrig Estate, Howth. • Footpath installation at Howth Summit Bus Stop, Howth. • New footpath at Delwood Park, Blanchardstown. • New dropped kerbs at Old Navan Road, Mulhuddart.



Fingal students take part in programme to encourage road safety







Biodiversity art competition presentation with Fingal County Council and Swords Tidy Town

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2024
Strategic Planning – preparation and implementation of an Active Travel Strategy.	The Active Travel Unit continues to provide input into planning and policy frameworks at a local, regional and national level. Active Travel considerations will continue to be a requirement of future planning permissions – new developments shall give appropriate space for walking and cycling, and provide connectivity and permeability to adjoining neighbourhoods.
Road Safety Office	**Safe Routes to School (SRTS)** Aims of the SRTS Programme: • Improve safety at the school gate by providing 'front of school' treatments to alleviate congestion and improve access; • Improve access routes to school by improving walking and cycling infrastructure; and • increase the number of students who cycle to school by expanding the amount of bicycle parking spaces **SRTS Round 1 – Tranche 2 – Safe Routes to School** **Tranche 2 works are complete at the following schools** • Ladyswell NS • Scoil Choilm Community NS • Scoil Ghráinne Community NS • Pope John Paul II NS **SRTS Round 2** In December 2024, design works began on round two of the SRTS programme. There are several stages to go through, including information gathering, preliminary design, detailed design and procurement and contractors are expected on site late Q2 of 2026. The schools included in round 2 are: • Holy Family JNS, Forest Fields, Swords • Scoil Bhríde Buachaillí, Blanchardstown • Scoil Bhríde Cailíní, Blanchardstown • St Helen's SNS, Portmarnock • St. Colmcille's Girls' NS, Swords **SRTS Round 3** An Taisce have announced the schools to be included in round 3 of the Fingal SRTS programme these are: • Broadmeadow CNS • Donabate Portrane ETNS • Holywell ETNS • Malahide/Portmarnock ETNS • Scoil Mhuire Junior School • Scoil Thomáis • St Nicholas of Myra NS Kinsealy

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2024
Road Safety Office.	An Taisce have commenced engagement with the schools and following this process the works will be progressed by Fingal County Council. **Management of the school wardens** Our Road Safety Office continue to manage and oversee the daily operation of 106 school wardens across the county. **Fingal/Axa Roadsafe Roadshow** In November, Fingal hosted the Fingal/Axa Roadsafe Roadshow, which saw over 1000 secondary school students attend. The show depicts what happens with driver inexperience and overconfidence, with the aim to educate and highlight the various safety skills these young students need before they or their friends start driving. **RSA Campaigns** Throughout the, year the Fingal Road Safety Office also promote all the Road Safety Authority campaigns such as National Slow Down Day and Amber Thursday as well as regularly updating the public on severe weather events and road safety issues.
Preparation and publication of Fingal's Road Safety Plan.	The latest version of Fingal's Road Safety Plan is currently drafted and under review ahead of being reviewed by members of the RSWTG at our next meeting. Following a gap due to Covid-19, the Fingal Road Safety Working Together Group has now returned to holding quarterly meetings. The current membership of the new group includes 3 elected members, An Garda Síochána, Dublin Fire Service, The National Transport Authority, Transport Infrastructure Ireland, Dublin Airport Authority, The Road Safety Authority and staff from Planning and Strategic infrastructure, FCC Operations and the Active Travel/Road Safety Office.
Mobility and behavioural change – rolling out various Active Travel projects and event to raise awareness and promote a modal shift.	hroughout 2024, the Active Travel Team held numerous initiatives and events internally and externally to raise awareness and promote a sustainable modal shift. **Events 2024** Bike Week 2024 and European Mobility Week 2024 were our two flagship awareness campaigns, with the Active Travel unit hosting events across the county to highlight the importance of active travel. While these high-profile events play a key role, lasting behavioural change is driven by our ongoing programmes and initiatives. Some of our key programmes and initiatives are listed below:

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2024
Mobility and behavioural change – rolling out various Active Travel projects and event to raise awareness and promote a modal shift.	**Programmes and Initiatives to Support Walking and Wheeling** • Learn 2 Cycle with a Disability Courses x 38 courses, approx. 570 participants in 2024 • Men's Walk and Talk Groups x 5 groups • Community Walking Groups x 2 groups • Adult Cycling Courses x 2 • Community Learn 2 Cycle Lessons for Children x 2 • Cycling Without Age in 4 locations • Bike Share Schemes operated by Tier and Bleeper x 30,000 journeys • Skerries Community Car • Schools Active Travel Talks • Staff eBike Trials • Staff Lease Bike by Bleeper Trials • Fresh Air Fridays – over 30 schools partaking • Balance Bike Buddies x 6 courses • Sofa to Saddle x 4 courses • The Men's Shed National Walk in Newbridge House – over 100 participants • ABC Bike Safety Checks across Fingal for the Winter Months in 6 locations • Winter Safe Cycling Staff Talks • Tandem Cycling Pilot Training Course x 6 new Stokers trained • TY Bike Maintenance Courses x 6 • eCargo for Community Groups and Business Trials x 8 groups • Gearing up for Training with Local Sports Clubs • The Ongar Bike Library • Shared Public eCargo Bike – Laurel Lodge • Community Bike Ride Leader Training Course – 8 new leaders trained up • 8 new walking buses set up around the county • Primary school upcycling bike decoration workshops x 2 • Community nature walk and talks x 4 • Quiet Streets initiative commenced **Learn 2 Cycle Tracks** Two new dedicated Learn 2 Cycle Tracks were completed in 2024. These tracks have hosted numerous courses, events and workshops already and are quickly becoming a vital part of our education and behavioural change work. The tracks are located in Millennium Park and Brackenstown.

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2024
Mobility and behavioural change – rolling out various Active Travel projects and event to raise awareness and promote a modal shift.	**Cycle Friendly Employer Audit** Fingal undertook the Cycle Friendly Employer Audit as part of CFE Accreditation. The report scored FCC in the high silver category with a number of changes that we can make to move into the Gold Category. **Bicycle Parking Infrastructure** 76 of Bicycle Parking Stands were installed across the county. Additionally, a total of 30 toast racks (one rack holds 10 bikes) and 32 scooter racks (one rack holds 20 scooters) were supplied to schools, sports clubs, and community centres across the Fingal Area with the aim of increasing the number of sustainable travel journeys and reducing the number of private car journeys.



Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Brian McDonagh takes possession of an eCargo bike during European Mobility Week









Fingal Climate Action Festival in Millennium Park, Blanchardstown

Finance

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2024
Active Debt Management (Rates/PEL/NPPR).	In 2024, 99.6% of Commercial Rates were collected. Revenue from the Non-Principal Private Residence (NPPR) charge was €252.7k in 2024.
The Management of Accounts Payable and Treasury Management Cash Outflows.	Accounts Payable processed €692.8m of payments during 2024. The treasury management and cashflow was actively managed throughout the year.
Effective Management of Liability Claims and Insurance Policies.	All claims against the Council were proactively managed and investigated by the Council. We continued to engage with our insurers with regards to the insurance policies in place.
Ensure Budgets are reviewed and monitored.	Revenue account budgets and Capital Plan are reviewed regularly with each department.
Production of 3 Year Capital Programme.	The 2025 -2027 Capital Plan was presented to Councillors in October 2024.
Production of Annual Budget.	The 2025 Budget was presented to Council on 3rd December 2024.
Production of Annual Financial Statement.	The 2023 Financial Statements were completed in March 2024 with the Auditor's Report signed in September 2024.
To achieve best practice and value for money in procurement.	The Central Procurement Unit (CPU) conducted procurement processes identified in the Annual Procurement Plan during 2024. A total of 313 procurements, with an estimated value of €564.4m, commenced and 280 contracts, with a value of €118.36m, were awarded during the year. The CPU also carried out monitoring and reporting on procurement compliance and performance across the organisation to the Executive Management Team.

Housing Services

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2024
Delivery of housing in Fingal County Council in line with the Housing Strategy and Housing for All.	A total of 1,299 social housing units were delivered in 2024 via build, acquisitions, leasing and HAP streams. A target of delivering 825 under new build and leasing social housing units during 2024 was set for Fingal. At the end of the year, a total of 1,299 units were delivered under these streams with a significant number in the pipeline for short and medium term delivery. The Local Authority Home Loan continued to be a popular option for people who could not secure home financing from a commercial lender, with over €8.1m in home loans advanced in 2024. These loans help fund the purchase of new, second hand and Affordable Purchase Homes including a number of FCC tenant purchases. The Affordable Housing team continue to manage the affordable housing schemes for housing developments on FCC owned and third party owned lands and sites developed by other housing partners i.e. LDA and AHBs. In 2024, 7 Affordable Housing schemes were launched making 491 Affordable Homes available to people who would otherwise not have had mortgage approval to purchase on the open market. The Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant Scheme continued to attract strong interest and bring properties back into use. Some 91 applications were received with 76 applications approved and the remainder under assessment. New Compulsory Purchase Order CPO processes were completed for one property and commenced for three vacant properties. Occupation of the 14 vacant cottages as part of the St. Ita's Portrane restoration project continued in 2024.
Delivery and Management of Homeless Services in accordance with the Homelessness Action Plan 2022 – 2024.	Continued progress has been made with the implementation of the objectives of the Homelessness Action Plan 2022-2024. During 2024, the Homeless Team completed 732 homeless assessments, comprising 397 families and 335 single or couple households. A total of 128 households were assisted to exit homelessness via the provision of: • 66 social housing tenancies • 62 Homeless - HAP tenancies

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2024
Delivery and Management of Homeless Services in accordance with the Homelessness Action Plan 2022 – 2024.	Additionally, 354 households were prevented from entering homeless services via the provision of: • 107 social housing tenancies • 247 Homeless HAP tenancies There is ongoing engagement and collaboration with various stakeholders regarding the provision and delivery of homeless services.
Administration of the Housing Assistance Payment Scheme.	HAP continued to be administered in 2024 through the online application portal. 287 tenancies were set up by Fingal County Council in 2024 and 4,214 tenancies have been set up since HAP was introduced in Fingal in 2017.
Management and Maintenance of Housing Stock/Vacancies/Voids.	The Council manages Rent Accounts for over 6,700 tenancies. The Council continued to deliver estate management and housing maintenance service to over 6,600 tenancies, incorporating a wide range of housing stock. There were 14,763 response maintenance requests received in 2024, an increase of 12.6% on the previous year. The Estate Management Section received 1,556 complaints pertaining to allegations of anti-social behaviour, representing an increase of 14.7% on the previous year. The void property turnaround time is within the department recommended period of 12 weeks, with the number of re-let works completed in 2024 as 128. The vacancy rate on council stock at 31/12/24 was 5%, which includes a high number of new properties coming into stock in Q4. Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme works were completed on 127 social housing units, bringing them to a BER of B2 or higher. The planned maintenance programme 2024 delivered: • 150 smoke heat carbon alarm replacements; • 1022 houses were painted; and • 172 Boiler replacements were also carried out on a needs basis.
Implementation of the Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019 - 2024.	The implementation of the objectives of the Traveller Accommodation Programme (2019 – 2024) has progressed, with ongoing refurbishment works and the provision of accommodation in line with the needs of the Traveller population in the Fingal administrative area.

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2024
Implementation of the Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019 - 2024.	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. The New Traveller Accommodation Programme 2025 – 2029 was adopted by the Elected Members at the Council Meeting on 11th November 2024 and the Housing Department continues to liaise with FCC County Architects on various ongoing projects as well as the commencement of a number of new projects.
Facilitate Access to Good Quality Private Rented Accommodation through an Annual Inspections Programme.	In line with the Strategy for the Private Rental Sector the DHLGH has set annual inspection targets for all local authorities. These targets are based on a percentage of properties registered with the RTB. In 2024, there were 18,844 tenancies registered with the RTB in the Fingal administrative area. An annual inspection target of 25%, or 4,711, of these registered tenancies has been set by DHLGH. As part of the Council's Annual Inspection Programme, 5,321 inspections (113% of the target) of private rented properties were carried out in 2024.
Deliver Sufficient and Appropriate Housing Solutions for Disabled Persons.	Private Household Grants: There were 683 applications received for the Housing Adaptation Scheme for Older People and People with a Disability in 2024. 437 of these were approved with grants of over €2.4m paid out. Council owned dwellings: Through the Disabled Persons Adaptation Grant Scheme, 125 new applications were received in 2024. Works concluded on 73 minor adaptations applications and one extension were completed to Council owned dwellings. Minor adaptations includes level access showers, ramps, stairlifts and grabrails. These grants are 80% funded through Departmental Grants.

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2024
Support the Provision of Mixed Tenure, Quality and Affordable Housing.	The Council continued to advance a number of mixed tenure schemes across the county in 2024. Works progressed on the mixed tenure scheme at Hayestown, Rush to build 51 affordable and 10 social homes. Works on the first phase of 300 mixed tenure homes at Church Fields, Mulhuddart comprises of social, cost rental and affordable housing units which also includes the Eastern Linear Park, continued on site in 2024. With the first handover of completed units in late 2024, works on the mixed tenure development at Balmoston, Donabate progressed on site in 2024 over a phased delivery. The phased handover of completed units commenced in late 2024. Works commenced on site in late 2024 on mixed tenure developments in Ballisk Park, Donabate and in Baile na Móna, Swords. The Housing Department continues to engage with a variety of stakeholders to secure new housing provision in line with Government targets, including new build and turn-key arrangements. Increased collaboration between the Affordable Housing and Home Loans Teams with the continued roll out of Housing Information Events for prospective affordable purchasers and home loan applicants.





Visit of Bowden Court Affordable Housing development in Swords









Visit of Church Fields Affordable Housing development in Dublin 15



Law

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2024
To provide legal services to the Chief Executive and all Council Departments.	Legal services are provided to the Chief Executive and Council Departments as requested.

Libraries

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2024
Implement the Libraries Development Plan 2024-2029.	The 2024-2029 plan was launched in Malahide Library on 01/03/2024 by the Mayor of Fingal Cllr. Adrian Henchy.
Space and Place: Fingal Libraries will provide welcoming, democratic, safe and sustainable hubs at the heart of our communities. We will work in partnership with other departments to develop and maintain library buildings that meet the highest standard of construction, energy efficiency and service delivery.	Construction began on the Swords Cultural Centre site, which will house the new County Library. Planning for the Centre's management, operational functions, event programming and day-to-day running also began. Work progressed on the refurbishment of and extension to Skerries Library. Extensive improvement works started at Baldoyle Library in August 2024 to enhance the user experience. Plans to convert Ballisk House, the former Credit Union building in Donabate into a library were finalised and a contractor was selected for the project toward the end of 2024. Balbriggan Library was awarded Library of Sanctuary status in 2024, reinforcing a commitment to creating a culture of welcome and inclusion, especially for refugees and asylum seekers.
Engagement and Collaboration: Fingal libraries will engage and collaborate with local, national and community groups, to provide inclusive, diverse and relevant services and programming. We will communicate our plans and programmes through all mediums and look to engage with various models of delivery.	Engagement continued with community groups including women's sheds, age friendly groups and Prosper Fingal. Three brochures were delivered, spanning programmes for spring, summer and autumn/winter. These were widely distributed and made available online. We promoted our events and services to diverse audiences on a range of social media platforms.
Access and Inclusion: Fingal Libraries will provide accessible and inclusive places for all to visit. We will improve opening hours through the My Open Library system and continue to develop special collections, digital and other resources that meet the needs of the County's diverse population.	May and June were the busiest months for 'My Open Library' at Baldoyle Library with 2,739 visits recorded. Both footfall into libraries and loans (physical and digital) exceeded the 1 million mark in 2024. Backpacks full of sensory-friendly resources were made available under the Community Recognition Fund.

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2024
Culture and Knowledge: Fingal Libraries will provide citizens with access to cultural, creative, and learning opportunities to reflect the lifelong learning needs of a changing society. We will reflect national programmes across themes of creativity, literacy, sustainability and age friendly initiatives.	Programmes were delivered in all areas of Skills for Life including digital and media literacy. Right to Read and Healthy Ireland at Your Library programming was delivered. Attendance of 55,341 was recorded at library programmed events. Fingal Studies, Fingal Local Studies and Archives local history journal was re-launched. A Book Bike - a mobile library on an electric cargo bike - which we bring to events to promote library services and resources, was designed and launched, with funding from the Chief Executive Innovation Fund.
Creative Fingal: Implement delivery of the Creative Fingal strategy 2023-2027 in line with high level strategic priorities identified during the consultation process. The identified strategic priorities for Fingal include the following areas: Town Centre first; Changing demographics; Digitisation and ongoing transformation; Making cities and counties great places to live, work and invest in; Climate action.	84 events/workshops were held across the County with an attendance of 75,000. Cruinniú na nÓg events for children and young people held across Fingal included a music festival for teenagers. Brigid in Balbriggan procession of light attracted 3,000 attendees. The Shared Ireland programme enabled connections for the Forget Me Nots choir. Creative Ireland supported the Vintage Picnic. Festival in a Van toured Fingal and entertained at Prosper houses and at traveller accommodation sites.





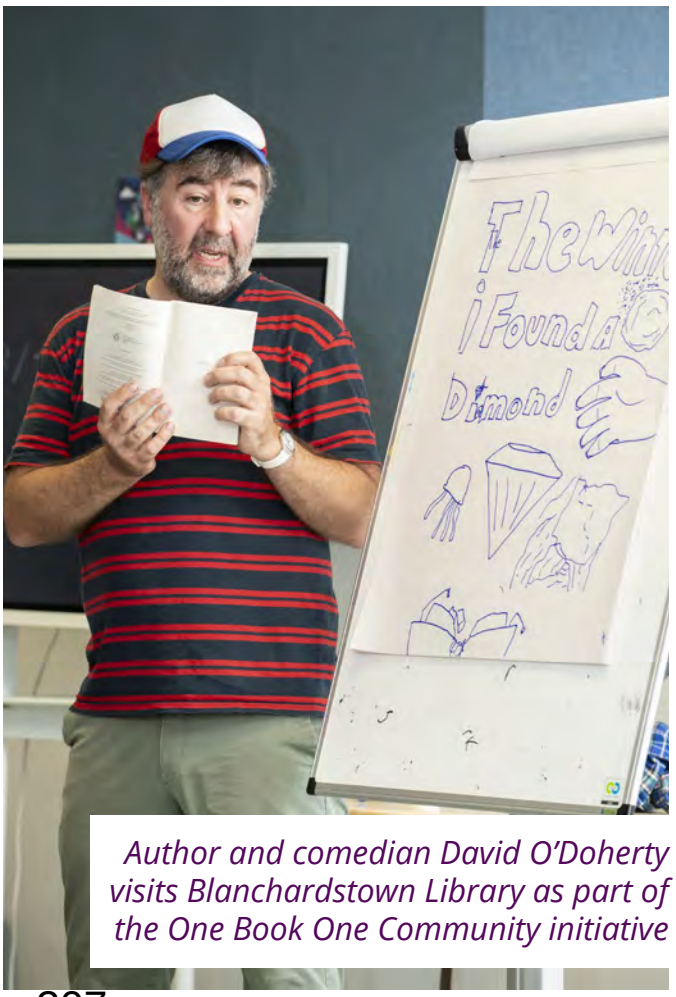


Fingal Libraries continue its family literacy project with parents and children selected by St. Luke's National School, Tyrrelstown









Author and comedian David O'Doherty visits Blanchardstown Library as part of the One Book One Community initiative





Balbriggan Library becomes first in Dublin to win Sanctuary Award





Sensory Resource Backpacks Launched in Fingal Libraries



Fingal mobile library in operation





Virtual Reality in Libraries



Public Launch of The Carnegie Library, Swords



Operations Department

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<tr><th>Service Delivery Objective</th><th>Assessment Report 2024</th></tr>
<tr><td>Management and Maintenance of Regional and Local Roads, Traffic Management, Road Safety.</td><td>The Council is responsible for managing 264kms of regional and 1011kms of local roads in the County. There are also 65kms of National Roads including motorways in the county managed by TII. Maintenance work including surface drainage, road and footpath repairs and replacement, traffic management and public lighting is delivered through various Programmes of Work and the annual maintenance programmes delivered from the depots in Coolmine, Fancourt, Swords and Malahide. During times of low temperatures 48% of the roadways were gritted. The Council continued to manage its stock of 35,500 public lights with completion of 100% of lights now converted to LED as part of the LED Energy Efficiency Programme.

The following applications were processed during 2024:

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<tr><td>Management and Maintenance of Regional Parks, Open Spaces, Pitches and Recreational Facilities.</td><td>The Council continues to manage and maintain over 5,000 acres (2,000 Ha) of public open spaces at our regional, local and neighbourhood parks and 4 allotment sites with over 800 allotments. Within the parks and open spaces, we provide:
• 71 playgrounds
• 168 grass playing pitches
• 11 all-weather playing facilities
• 7 cricket pitches
• 31 Multi Use Games Areas (MUGA’s)
• 4 skateparks
• 1 BMX track
• 10 public tennis courts
• 7 boules locations with 12 boules courts
• 41 separate locations for adult exercise</td></tr>
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Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2024
Management and Maintenance of Harbours, Litter Management, Provision of Burial Grounds, Public Conveniences.	In total 88kms of Fingal's coastline is maintained by the Operations Department which includes the 10 designated beaches at Balbriggan, Skerries South, Loughshinny, Rush South and North, Portrane, Donabate (Blue Flag Award and Green Coast Award 2024), Portmarnock (Blue Flag Award 2024), Sutton Burrow Beach, Claremont Howth, which are all lifeguarded during the bathing season, along with Malahide (required by risk assessment). 27 lifeguards were employed from June to early September 2024. Continuous monitoring of seawater samples was carried out during the bathing season to ensure compliance with the Bathing Water Quality requirements. Harbours and piers at Balbriggan, Skerries, Loughshinny and Rush were managed and maintained during the year. Skerries Harbour was the subject of an application to An Bord Pleanála for permission to upgrade the sheet piling supporting the newer section of the Pier and permission was granted on 04/09/24. The Harbour Bye-Laws were made by resolution of the Council on 16/01/24 and then came into effect on the 01/03/24. Litter and Cleansing crews continued with their cyclical and response programmes within the public realm across the County and supported the work of Tidy Towns Groups and other local volunteers. The Council continues to provide a Burial Ground service, with a total of 1,434 burials facilitated throughout the County during 2024.
To support the delivery of major Commercial and Community events as appropriate.	A significant number of events were held in our regional parks, open spaces and in the public realm during 2024. While a huge number of events were supported by the Operations Department in 2024, the following list provides a flavour of the variety of larger scale events across the County: • Flavours of Fingal • Rush Harbour Festival • Malahide Concerts • Skerries Regatta • Cool Running Ice Skating Rink, Millennium Park • Castleknock Village Festival • Sunday Market at St. Catherine's Park • St. Patrick's Day Parades in townsand villages across the County • Cricket T201 Series • Wonder Lights at Malahide









Fingal completes LED switch across its public lighting network

People Services

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2024
To foster and embed an effective performance management and development culture in the organisation.	An effective Performance Management Development System is being implemented and supported by competency frameworks, an annual training and development plan which enhances employee skills and capabilities, and a financially assisted Further Education Programme which supports employee development and overall organisational success. By integrating these into our normal business processes, it creates a sustainable and effective performance management and development culture that benefits both employees and the organisation.
To implement a programme that promotes wellbeing, equality and diversity in the workplace.	Staff wellbeing activities and new wellbeing initiatives are regularly promoted by the Council's Staff Wellbeing Officer and through the Wellbeing Strategy, and by the staff forum – Network Fingal Forum and a network of informal social groups formed by staff members. Equality and Diversity is integrated in to the business process of the organisation and training is provided to staff. These programmes aim to enhance employee satisfaction, foster an inclusive culture, and ensure equal opportunities for all employees.
To optimise the availability and skills of the Council's human resources.	Staff vacancies are being filled in a timely manner and there is a dynamic mobility programme in place allowing for the deployment of staff, having regard to operational requirements and career development aspirations. An annual training programme is implemented on-line and in person. It enhances the skill levels of employees through targeted training and development programmes. Flexible working arrangements, such as remote work and job sharing, are available while a proactive attendance management is in place.
To promote a safe and healthy work environment.	There is a proactive and dynamic safety regime of safety inspections, safety auditing and accident investigation in place. In addition, staff are required to attend safety training courses on a structured and regular basis. The Staff Welfare Officer promotes mental, physical, financial and social wellbeing goals.

Planning and Strategic Infrastructure

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2024
Deliver strategic infrastructure (physical and green) in the County.	The Harry Reynolds Road Pedestrian and Cyclist Route which is a 3km fully segregated Pedestrian and Cyclist Route Project was progressed in 2024 by the contractor and is now substantially complete with snags works currently being undertaken. The consultancy framework for various pedestrian and cycling projects in the BCMO/Dublin 15 area, with the initial project being the Pedestrian and Cycle Bridge at Granard Bridge Castleknock and Cycling Routes, was recently awarded to RPS Group. The appointed consultants are currently progressing the Pedestrian and Cycle Bridge at Granard Bridge Castleknock. The Royal Canal Urban Greenway is currently at Stage 4 preliminary design which is currently undergoing review, to ensure it follows the New Cycle Design Manual issued by the NTA, and this in turn requires updating the Environmental Impact Assessment Report as a result of the design changes. A planning application is expected to be submitted in 2025. The R132 Connectivity Project is currently at detailed design stage with various contracts undertaken in 2024 - CCTV, GPR, TOPO and GI all to inform the design in evidence based detailed design to ensure value for money at the construction stage and to meet project objectives. The stage 1 procurement process of the construction works took place in 2024 and the stage 2 procurement process will be taking place in 2025 and following this will be the appointment of a contractor to start construction. **Snugborough Interchange** upgrade was completed at road level in July 2024 and at underpass level in November 2024. **Ongar Barnhill Road** Bam Civil Ltd. advanced construction of the scheme which includes a bridge over the railway. The expected completion date is in Q2 2025. As part of the **Broadmeadow Way**, construction of the bridge across Malahide Estuary is complete. This is the first completed works contract and a critical piece of infrastructure forming part of the Broadmeadow Way. Construction of this environmentally and technically challenging project has been divided into different works packages which will be delivered in stages. The works on the Northern Causeway will commence in summer 2025 and the landward works in Donabate are expected to commence towards the end of 2025. It is anticipated that the opening of the Broadmeadow Way will be in 2026.

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2024
Deliver strategic infrastructure (physical and green) in the County.	However, because of the seasonal constraints of working within the estuary, along with the technical challenges of building on the Northern Causeway, works may extend to 2027. Works on the **Donabate Pedestrian and Cycle Bridge** are progressing well on site and the bridge is expected to be completed in March 2025. Work is progressing on the early phase development of the **Donabate Transport Projects**, which comprise a number of major projects with the objective of improving transport, active travel infrastructure and road safety on the Donabate-Portrane peninsula. The design of the **Sutton to Malahide Walking and Cycle Scheme** is progressing through preliminary design. The team is in the process of drafting the Environmental Impact Assessment Report, a Natura Impact Statement and CPO documents. A planning application is scheduled to be lodged at the end of Q3 2025. A multi-disciplinary Consultancy team has been procured for the detailed design and construction supervision of the public realm at **Swords Cultural Quarter Public Realm**. Detailed design commenced in Dec 2024 and is scheduled for completion in July 2025 after which construction procurement and construction will progress. A multi-Disciplinary Engineering Consultancy team has been appointed for the Option Selection, Preliminary Design and preparation of the application for Planning Consent for **Swords Main Street Transformation Project**. Work is progressing on the early phases of this project. Preliminary design work for the **Fingal Coastal Way** is progressing along urban roads. Coordination continues with affected landowners to work towards finalising the position of the route in rural areas. Liaison with Irish Rail, Gas Networks Ireland, Eirgrid, TFI and Dublin Bus continues to ensure coordination of the proposed scheme with existing infrastructure and utilities. A non-statutory public consultation on the **Kinsealy to Portmarnock Station Walking and Cycling Route** yielded more than 100 meaningful and helpful submissions and the aim now is to progress from the Emerging Preferred Route stage to the Preferred Route stage and ensuing the statutory process required to deliver this project.

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2024
Deliver strategic infrastructure (physical and green) in the County.	A consultant is to be appointed to further develop the **Swords Western Distributor Road** project that will provide both a vehicular and an active travel connection between Miller's Glen and the proposed new Metro North station at Lissenhall. A brief is being developed to procure a consultant to progress the concept and completed feasibility study to provide an active travel link between **Rush and Lusk** and the Rush/Lusk train station. Works progressed on the development of Phase 1 and the completion of accommodation works for the **Ballymastone Recreational Hub** in Donabate. Planning approval was obtained for the upgrade of **Corduff Park** in Dublin 15 and for the development of a new playground at **Laurel Lodge, Castleknock**. Works were progressed on the **Ward River Regional Park Development Plan,** including the completion of the restoration or part restoration of some historic features and path network in the Regional Park. Works were progressed on **Bremore Regional Park in Balbriggan** with the completion of significant landscaping works and the reconstructed gatehouse in the vicinity of **Bremore Castle**. The destination playground at **Lanesborough Park** was opened to the public. The upgraded playground at **Howth Promenade** was officially opened in addition to the new playground and garden at **Garristown Library**. A new park and playground at **Seamount, Malahide** was opened to the public. Work was progressed on the approved actions in the **Fingal Biodiversity Action Plan 2023-2030**. A planning application was lodged with An Bord Pleanála for the **Rathmore Recreational Hub in Lusk**.

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2024
Promote and Enforce Building Regulations and Construction Product Regulations.	In 2024, commencement notices for 7,553 new buildings were submitted through the BCMS system, with over 25% of them going through a desktop technical review at completion stage. Also, the Council dealt with 460 Fire Safety Certificates and 286 Disability Access Certificates. The Building Control Authority carried out over 633 on-site Building Control inspections. Building Control is the Market Surveillance Authority for Construction Products in the Fingal area. The target products in 2024 were concrete (EN 12620); bituminous mixtures (EN13043); unbound and hydraulically bound materials (EN 13242) and masonry units (dense and lightweight aggregates) (EN 771-3).
Ensure appropriate action is taken on unauthorised development.	In 2024, the Planning Enforcement issued 269 warning letters and 91 enforcement notices while managing its ongoing caseload of investigations and enquiries from the public. 18 new cases were referred to the Law Department during 2024 bringing to 41 the number of enforcement cases with the Law Department or at varying stages in the legal system.
Ensure planning decisions are transparent and are decided in accordance with proper planning and sustainable development.	Planning decisions are decided in accordance with statutory requirements.1,757 planning applications received; 1,577 decisions made. 1 SHD decision was made by An Bord Pleanála in 2024 which was to refuse permission. 12 applications for Large Scale Residential Developments (LRD) were lodged to Fingal County Council in 2024. 19 decisions on LRD applications were made by Fingal County Council, 10 decisions were made to grant permission and/or to grant amendments to existing applications, 5 decisions have been made to refuse permission and 4 requests for further information issued.
Manage the Taking in Charge Statutory Process.	The Council had a record year for Taking in Charge in 2024 with a total of 27 estates taken in charge as well as 7 estates taken into maintenance and one road scheme taken into maintenance. The Council also tendered on etenders for a Framework of Consultants to assist in preparing the documentation and management of contractors to bring legacy estates up to the taking in charge standard.
Preparation/ review of County Development Plan - set out the strategy and objectives for the sustainable development of the County.	The Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 was adopted in February 2023 and came into effect on the 5th of April 2023. Following adoption of the Development Plan, a priority list of LAP's, Masterplans and Framework Plans to be prepared over the lifetime of the Development Plan was agreed by the Elected Members and work continues with respect to these plans. The Donabate Framework Plan was approved by the Members in March 2024 and the Flemington LAP was adopted in December 2024. The Progress Report with respect to the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 was undertaken and provided to the Elected Members in February 2025.

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2024
Delivery of a sustainable transport system for all citizens.	The adopted Capital Plan 2023-2025 contains a range of schemes that are currently being advanced including: • **Royal Canal greenway** land acquisition, design and EIAR reviews and planning application due for submission in 2025. • **Harry Reynolds Road:** is now substantially complete. • **Consultancy frameworks for various pedestrian and cycling projects in the BCMO/Dublin 15 area**, with the initial project being the Pedestrian and Cycle Bridge at Granard Bridge Castleknock and Cycling Routes was recently awarded. • **Ongar-Barnhill:** Includes footpaths and cycleways and future proofing for bus lanes. Expected completion in Q2 2025. • **Snugborough Interchange:** Which includes footpaths, cycle paths and bus lanes was completed in 2024. Active travel link into Waterville Park in Q1 2025. • **Broadmeadow Way:** advance works contracts underway. • **Fingal Coastal Way:** preliminary design work progressing along urban roads.
Promote and Protect Biodiversity.	21 priority actions were implemented or progressed during 2024 such as: the implementation of the woodland management plans for the Ward and St Catherines Park woodlands, little tern conservation project on the beach in Portrane, the control of invasive species such as Giant Hogweed, Japanese Knotweed, Himalayan Balsam, Rhododendron and Mink, the development of a masterplan for the Ward River Valley Park is ongoing, 2 weirs and rock armour were removed from the Ward River and a fishpass is under construction at Ushers Lake, the implementation of 22 Tidy Towns Biodiversity Plans is ongoing and the Biodiversity Plan for the Beaverstown Golf Club was completed. Preparation has also commenced on planning guidance documents for general biodiversity conservation in developments, hedgerow management and nesting facilities in buildings.
Supporting Housing for All – a New Housing Plan for Ireland.	Ongoing residential development. Quarter 4 2024 as per the 4Dublin Housing Returns: The number of sites with planning permission in Tier 1 is 98. The number of units with planning permission is 18,112. There are 49 active sites. There are 3,394 units under construction. There are currently nineteen SHD Sites in Tier 1, with nine of these sites active. There are ten LRDs in Tier 1, five are active, there is currently one LRD site under a Judicial Review.

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2024
Develop a Coastal Management Policy.	The Council continued to progress the Fingal Pilot Projects for Coastal Monitoring in collaboration with the OPW during 2024. A **Maritime Area Consent (MAC)** application was lodged with the **Maritime Area Regulatory Authority (MARA)** in respect of the **Coastal Flood Risk and Erosion Risk Management (CFERM)** plan for **The Burrow, Portrane**.
Promote and protect the built and cultural heritage of the County.	The new **Fingal Heritage Plan 204-2030** was launched in March 2024 and implementation is ongoing. A number of community-based projects were progressed including **Digging Drumanagh 2024** which focused on post-excavation. As part of special analysis, a 2000 year old fig without parallel in Ireland was identified. The story captured public imagination and resulted in worldwide positive media coverage for Fingal County Council. **Drumanagh Day 2024** shared the results of specialist analysis so far, the local community and the production of an *Archaeology Ireland Heritage Guide No. 107* further disseminated the results of the project nationally. The **Fingal Oral Heritage Audit** is the first such audit and resulted in a total of 676 recorded items and an appearance on TG4,**Fingal Traditional Skills Courtyard** was developed for Flavours of Fingal with demonstrations of a mix of traditional building and craft skills form stone carving to lace work. Phase 2 of **BLAS: Fingal's Food Heritage Project** developed lesson plans for primary school teachers, added to the Storymap, developed a series of recipe cards and produced a video on the history of walled gardens **Fingal Gravestone Recording** sessions took place in Mulhuddart Graveyard and St Margaret's Graveyard. **Howth Community Heritage Audit** worked with Howth Peninsula Heritage Society to undertake an audit of the built, natural and cultural heritage of Howth to include two community workshops and a survey. The audit was published and launched in September 2024. Digital heritage is a means to provide accessibility to the wider public. The Heritage Officer has worked with the Digital Officer to produce 3D tours of Malahide Demesne Church and Lanistown Castle, which are not currently accessible to the public. A number of in-person events and online projects featured, including the launch of the **Fingal Heritage Network Booklet 2024**, and **Heritage Night 2024** took place for National Heritage Week. Monthly meetings with the **Heritage Network** and a refresh of the membership of the **Fingal Heritage Forum** at strategic points in the Heritage Plan process also took place.

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2024
Promote and protect the built and cultural heritage of the County.	The Heritage Officer also administers the **Community Monuments Fund 2024** in Fingal for the National Monuments Service, Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. Five projects received funding in 2024 totalling €405,639.75, for St Columba's Towers Swords, Balrothery Tower House, Lanistown Castle, St Fintan's Church Graveyard and St Doulough's Church and Graveyard. The Heritage Officer prepared consultee **planning reports** for: 98 Planning Permissions 20 LRDs 30 Compliances **Naming of Developments** - A total of 39 reports for compliance with naming conditions were requested from the Heritage Officer in 2024. **Infrastructural Projects:** review of documentation, input, and cross-departmental advice for Fingal's infrastructural projects including Dublin Airport, Lusk Town Centre, Ward River Regional Park, Canal Loop Greenway and Fingal Coastal Way.





Seamount Park Playground opening, Malahide



Howth Harbour playground opening











Official opening of Snugborough Interchange upgrade



Fingal Heritage Network



Heritage Plan Launch



Fingal Heritage Network Booklet



St. Margaret's graveyard and gravestone recording workshop





Heritage Week event celebrating harvesting, milling and bread in Fingal

Appendices

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(Until 29th November)

SWORDS ELECTORAL AREA

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Council Membership of Standing Committees of the Council (January-June 2024)

AREA COMMITTEES

Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords
Members of Balbriggan, Rush-Lusk and Swords Electoral Areas.
Area Chairperson: Councillor Ian Carey

Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar
Members of Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart, Castleknock and Ongar Electoral Areas.
Area Chairperson: Councillor Tom Kitt

Howth-Malahide
Members of Howth-Malahide Electoral Area
Area Chairperson: Councillor Eoghan O'Brien

ORGANISATION AND PROCEDURE COMMITTEE

All Elected Members are members of this Committee.

CORPORATE POLICY GROUP

Mayor: Councillor Adrian Henchy

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, HERITAGE CULTURE AND CREATIVITY SPC

Councillors Joan Hopkins (Chairperson), Cathal Boland, Gráinne Maguire, JK Onwumereh, Brendan Ryan, John Walsh

Non-Elected Nominees: Abbi Wise

TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGEMENT SPC

Councillors Tom O'Leary (Chairperson), Ann Graves, Karen Power, Jimmy Guerin, Eoghan O'Brien, Angela Donnelly

Non-Elected Nominees: Sinead Kavanagh, Michael Lenehan

ECONOMIC ENTERPRISE AND TOURISM DEVELOPMENT SPC

Councillors Darragh Butler (Chairperson), Tony Murphy, Ian Carey, Ted Leddy, Siobhan Shovlin, Breda Hanaphy, Howard Mahony, Anthony Lavin

Non-Elected Nominees: Anthony Cooney, Eric Fleming, Yetunde Joyce, Helen Keng Mobit

HOUSING SPC

Councillors Robert O'Donoghue (Chairperson, until Nov 2024), Brigid Manton, James Humphreys, Natalie Treacy, John Burtchaell, Kieran Dennison, Adrian Henchy, Michelle Griffin (from January 2024)

Non-Elected Nominees: Finbarr Geaney, Anthony Cooney, Dayakar Reddy Komirelly, John Uwhumiakpor

CLIMATE ACTION, BIODIVERSITY AND ENVIRONMENT SPC

Councillors David Healy (Chairperson), Mary McCamley, Joe Newman, Paul Mulville, Aoibhinn Tormey, Pamela Conroy

Non-Elected Nominees: Edward Stevenson, Seamus McGrath,

PLANNING STRATEGIC TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT SPC

Councillors Brian McDonagh (Chairperson), Tania Doyle, Dean Mulligan, Tom Kitt, Brian Dennehy, Punam Rane (until January 2024), Steve O'Reilly (from February 2024).

Non-Elected Nominees:
Paul Arnold, David Branagan Maguire, Pamela Conroy, Tania Doyle, Tony Murphy, Adrian Henchy, Michelle Griffin, James Humphreys, Ted Leddy

MARINE AND COASTAL MANAGEMENT SPC

Councillors Eoghan O'Brien (Chairperson), Adrian Henchy, Brian Dennehy, Robert O'Donoghue, Ann Graves, Paul Mulville, Tom O'Leary, Karen Power, Cathal Boland, David Healy

Non-Elected Nominees:
James McGrane, Stephen Kennedy, Máire O'Brien

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Councillors Cathal Boland, Mary McCamley, Tom O'Leary (from March 2024), Punam Rane (until January 2024)

JOINT POLICING COMMITTEE

Councillors Ian Carey (Chairperson), Ann Graves, Anthony Lavin, Dean Mulligan, JK Onwumereh, Robert O'Donoghue, Gráinne

LOCAL TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Councillors Breda Hanaphy, Robert O'Donoghue, Siobhan Shovlin

Council Membership of Standing Committees of the Council (June-December 2024)

AREA COMMITTEES

Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords
Members of Balbriggan, Rush-Lusk and Swords Electoral Areas.
Area Chairperson:
Councillor Tom O'Leary

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Members of Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart, Castleknock and Ongar Electoral Areas.
Area Chairperson:
Councillor Councillor JK Onwumereh

Howth-Malahide
Members of Howth-Malahide Electoral Area
Area Chairperson:
Councillor Aoibhinn Tormey

ORGANISATION AND PROCEDURE COMMITTEE

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CORPORATE POLICY GROUP

Mayor: Councillor Brian McDonagh

COMMUNITY, SPORTS AND CULTURE SPC

Councillors Eoghan Dockrell (Chairperson), Mary McCamley, John Walsh, Angela Donnelly, Tom Kitt, James Humphreys

Non-Elected Nominees:
Brenda Vanderzee, Abi Wise

PUBLIC REALM, TRANSPORTATION / MOBILITY MANAGEMENT SPC

Councillors Darragh Butler (Chairperson), Darren Jack Kelly, Malachy Quinn, Corina Johnston, Joan Hopkins, Patrick Quinlan

Non-Elected Nominees:
John Fox, Michael Lenehan, Siobhan O'Donnell

ECONOMIC ENTERPRISE AND TOURISM DEVELOPMENT SPC

Councillors Kieran Dennison (Chairperson), Tony Murphy, Tom O'Leary, James Humphreys, Siobhan Shovlin, Ellen Troy, Jimmy Guerin

Non-Elected Nominees:
Anthony Cooney, Eric Fleming, Peader O'Kelly

HOUSING SPC

Councillors Robert O' Donoghue (Chairperson), Gerard Sheehan, Breda Hanaphy, Ted Leddy, John Burtchaell, Aoibhinn Tormey, Cathal Haughey

Non-Elected Nominees:
David Branagan, Jimmy Doran, Jo Fulham, John Uwhumiakpor

CLIMATE ACTION, BIODIVERSITY AND ENVIRONMENT SPC

Councillors Joe Newman (Chairperson), David Healy, JK Onwumereh, Siobhan Shovlin, Ruth Coppinger, Brian McDonagh

Non-Elected Nominees:
Tara Byrne, Paul Flynn, Sarah Zimmerman

PLANNING STRATEGIC TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT SPC

Councillors Eoghan O'Brien (Chairperson), Cathal Boland, Ann Graves, Luke Corkery, Tania Doyle, Eimear Carbone-Mangan

Non-Elected Nominees:
Paul Arnold, Anthony Cooney, Kevin Tolan

MARINE AND COASTAL MANAGEMENT SPC

Angela Donnelly (Chairperson), Paul Mulville, Corina Johnston, Cathal Boland, Gráinne Maguire, Dean Mulligan

Non-Elected Nominees:
Máire O'Brien, Charles Sargent, Alison Regan

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Councillors Cathal Boland, Mary McCamley, Tom O'Leary

LOCAL TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Councillors Breda Hanaphy, Robert O'Donoghue (until November 2024), Ruth Coppinger (until November 2024)

Councillor Membership of Other Bodies (January-June 2024)

AIRPORT REGIONS CONFERENCE (ARC)

Councillors Cathal Boland

ARDGILLAN CASTLE LTD

Councillor Gráinne Maguire

ASSOCIATION OF IRISH LOCAL GOVERNMENT (AILG)

Councillors Gráinne Maguire, Kieran Dennison, Cathal Boland

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Councillors Cathal Boland, Mary McCamley, Punam Rane (until Jan 2024), Tom O'Leary (from March 2024)

BALLEALLY LIAISON COMMITTEE

Councillors Brian Dennehy, Robert O'Donoghue, Paul Mulville, Cathal Boland, Adrian Henchy

BASE ENTERPRISE CENTRE

Councillors Steve O'Reilly, JK Onwumereh, Punam Rane (until Jan 2024)

BEAUMONT HOSPITAL BOARD

Councillors Punam Rane (until Jan 2024), Tom O'Leary (from March 2024)

BLANCHARDSTOWN COMMUNITY POLICING FORUM

Councillors Ted Leddy, John Walsh

BLANCHARDSTOWN LOCAL DRUG AND ALCOHOL TASK FORCE

Councillors Ted Leddy, Natalie Treacy, Michelle Griffin

COMHAIRLE NA NÓG

Councillors Siobhan Shovlin, Joan Hopkins, Brendan Ryan, Michelle Griffin

COUNTY HERITAGE FORUM

Councillors Cathal Boland, Howard Mahony, Pamela Conroy, JK Onwumereh, Brendan Ryan

DBEC POLITICAL ADVISORY BOARD

Councillors Adrian Henchy (Mayor), Tony Murphy, Howard Mahony

DRAÍOCHT

Councillors Mary McCamley, Howard Mahony

DRINAN ENTERPRISE CENTRE

Councillors Eoghan O'Brien, Anthony Lavin

DUBLIN AND DÚN LAOGHAIRE EDUCATION AND TRAINING BOARD

Councillors Brigid Manton, John Walsh, Cathal Boland, Pamela Conroy, Siobhan Shovlin

DUBLIN NORTH EAST DRUG TASK FORCE

Councillor Brian McDonagh

EASTERN AND MIDLAND REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

Councillors Robert O'Donoghue, David Healy, Brigid Manton

EIRGRID EAST MEATH-NORTH DUBLIN GRID COMMUNITY

Councillors Cathal Boland, Brian Dennehy

FINGAL AGE FRIENDLY ALLIANCE COMMITTEE

Councillors Ann Graves, Brigid Manton, Mary McCamley, Eoghan O'Brien

FINGAL LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (LCDC)

Councillors Mary McCamley, Cathal Boland, Joan Hopkins

FINGAL BIODIVERSITY FORUM

Councillors Eoghan O'Brien, Joe Newman, Ian Carey, John Walsh, Joan Hopkins, Punam Rane (Until Jan 2024), Steve O'Reilly (From Feb 2024)

FINGAL COASTAL LIAISON GROUP

Councillor Tony Murphy

FINGAL SPORTS PARTNERSHIP COMMITTTEE

Councillors Adrian Henchy, Tom Kitt, Steve O'Reilly, Punam Rane (until Jan 2024)

FINGAL TOURISM LIMITED

Councillors Adrian Henchy, Gráinne Maguire

GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF DCU

Councillor Jimmy Guerin

HANSFIELD SDZ STEERING GROUP

All Councillors from Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Electoral Areas

HOWTH SAAO MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Councillors David Healy, Joan Hopkins, Brian McDonagh, Jimmy Guerin

INTER LOCAL AUTHORITY SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FIRE AND AMBULANCE SERVICES AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Councillors Tania Doyle, Howard Mahony, Kieran Dennison, Darragh Butler

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Councillor Tony Murphy

JOINT FINGAL AND SOUTH DUBLIN LIFFEY VALLEY MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mayor Adrian Henchy and all Councillors from Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Electoral Areas

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LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS ASSOCIATION (LAMA)

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LOCAL TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (LTACC)

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Councillors Gráinne Maguire, Tony Murphy, Dean Mulligan, Brigid Manton, Brian McDonagh, Ann Graves, Brendan Ryan

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OUR BALBRIGGAN LEADERSHIP GROUP

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TOWN CENTRE FIRST – LUSK TOWN TEAM

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WOMEN'S CAUCUS

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FINGAL BIODIVERSITY FORUM

Councillors Luke Corkery, David Healy, Paul Mulville

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Councillors Cathal Haughey, Eoghan Dockrell, Corina Johnston, Eoghan O'Brien

MILL HILL LTD.

Councillor Tom O'Leary

NAMING AND

COMMEMORATIVE MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

Councillors Malachy Quinn, Joe Newman, Darragh Butler, Cathal Haughey, David Healy, James Humphreys, Darren Jack Kelly, Ted Leddy, Siobhan Shovlin, Eimear Carbone-Mangan

NORTH DUBLIN REGIONAL DRUG AND ALCOHOL TASK FORCE

Councillors Luke Corkery, Corina Johnston, Darren Jack Kelly, Dean Mulligan, Malachy Quinn, Robert O'Donoghue (until Nov 2024)

NUCLEAR FREE LOCAL AUTHORITIES SECRETARIAT (NFLA)

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Councillor Eoghan Dockrell

ST. MARGARET'S LIAISON GROUP

Councillor Dean Mulligan

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Councillors Corina Johnston, Eoghan Dockrell, Robert O'Donoghue (until Nov 2024)

SÉAMUS ENNIS ARTS CENTRE

Councillor Cathal Boland

ST. MARGARET'S COMMUNITY LIAISON GROUP

Councillor Ian Carey

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Meetings Held in 2024

Meeting	Number of Meetings held
Full Council	**11**
Balbriggan/Rush-Lush/Swords (Services A) Area Committee	**9**
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords (Services B) Area Committee *Meeting adjourned in December 2023 took place on 04/01/2024	***10**
Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar (Services A) Area Committee	**9**
Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar (Services B) Area Committee	**9**
Howth/Malahide (Services A) Area Committee	**9**
Howth/Malahide (Services B) Area Committee	**9**
Special Meeting	**2**
Annual Meeting *Annual Meeting was adjourned on 21/06/2024*	***2**
Budget Meeting	**1**
Organisation, Procedures and Finance Committee	**5**
Climate Action, Biodiversity, Environment Strategic Policy Committee	**2**
Community Development, Heritage Culture and Creativity Strategic Policy Committee (January-June 2024)	**1**
Community Development, Heritage Culture and Creativity Strategic Policy Committee (June-December 2024)	**1**
Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development Strategic Policy Committee	**2**
Housing Strategic Policy Committee	**2**
Planning Strategic Transport and Infrastructure Development Strategic Policy Committee	**2**
Transport and Infrastructure Management Strategic Policy Committee (January-June 2024)	**1**
Transport and Infrastructure Management Strategic Policy Committee (June-December 2024)	**1**
Marine and Coastal Management Strategic Policy Committee	**2**

Attendance at Meetings (January-June 2024)

Councillor	Number of meetings attended
Cathal Boland	**20**
John Burtchaell	**15**
Darragh Butler	**17**
Ian Carey	**19**
Pamela Conroy	**17**
Brian Dennehy	**18**
Kieran Dennison	**14**
Angela Donnelly	**17**
Tania Doyle	**15**
Ann Graves	**18**
Michelle Griffin	**16**
Jimmy Guerin	**18**
Breda Hanaphy	**18**
David Healy	**15**
Adrian Henchy	**21**
Joan Hopkins	**12**
James Humphreys	**19**
Tom Kitt	**18**
Anthony Lavin	**17**

Councillor	Number of meetings attended in 2024
Ted Leddy	12
Gráinne Maguire	16
Howard Mahony	18
Brigid Manton	19
Mary McCamley	18
Brian McDonagh	13
Dean Mulligan	16
Paul Mulville	20
Tony Murphy	9
Joe Newman	19
Eoghan O'Brien	18
Robert O'Donoghue	20
Tom O'Leary	20
Steve O'Reilly (From 12th Feb)	10
JK Onwumereh	14
Karen Power	18
Punam Rane (Until 29th Jan)	2
Brendan Ryan	19
Siobhan Shovlin	17
Aoibhinn Tormey	12
Natalie Treacy	15
John Walsh	15

Attendance at Meetings (June-December 2024)

Councillor	Number of meetings attended
Cathal Boland	20
Marian Buckley (Until 15th July)	1
John Burtchaell	13
Darragh Butler	20
Eimear Carbone-Mangan	20
Ruth Coppinger (Until 29th November)	10
Luke Corkery	17
Kieran Dennison	20
Eoghan Dockrell	14
Angela Donnelly	22
Tania Doyle	12
Ann Graves (From 9th September; Until 29th November)	9
Jimmy Guerin	18
Breda Hanaphy	18
Cathal Haughey	20
David Healy	18
Joan Hopkins	14
Kevin Humphreys (From 18th December)	1
James Humphreys	20

Councillor	Number of meetings attended
Corina Johnston	**19**
Darren Jack Kelly	**20**
Tom Kitt	**19**
Ted Leddy	**19**
Gráinne Maguire	**17**
Mary McCamley	**20**
Brian McDonagh	**17**
Dean Mulligan	**15**
Paul Mulville	**21**
Tony Murphy	**13**
Joe Newman	**21**
Eoghan O'Brien	**15**
Robert O'Donoghue (Until 29th November)	**10**
Tom O'Leary	**20**
JK Onwumereh	**19**
Patrick Quinlan	**15**
Malachy Quinn	**20**
Brendan Ryan	**18**
Gerard Sheehan	**16**
Siobhan Shovlin	**16**
John Smyth (From 18th December)	**1**
Aoibhinn Tormey	**16**
Ellen Troy	**17**
John Walsh	**18**

Local Elections (Disclosure of Donations and Expenditure) Act 1999

Councillor	Donations and Expenditure Disclosed (€)
Cathal Boland	**0**
John Burtchaell	**0**
Darragh Butler	**0**
Eimear Carbone-Mangan	**0**
Ruth Coppinger	**1660.29**
Luke Corkery	**0**
Kieran Dennison	**0**
Eoghan Dockrell	**0**
Angela Donnelly	**0**
Tania Doyle	**0**
Ann Graves	**0**
Jimmy Guerin	**0**
Breda Hanaphy	**0**
Cathal Haughey	**0**
David Healy	**1000**
Joan Hopkins	**625**
James Humphreys	**0**
Kevin Humphreys	**0**
Corina Johnston	**0**
Darren Jack Kelly	**0**

Councillor	Donations and Expenditure Disclosed (€)
Tom Kitt	**0**
Ted Leddy	**0**
Grainne Maguire	**0**
Mary McCamley	**0**
Brian McDonagh	**0**
Paul Mulville	**0**
Tony Murphy	**0**
Joe Newman	**0**
Eoghan O'Brien	**0**
Rob O'Donoghue	**1500**
Tom O'Leary	**0**
John Kingsley Onwumereh	**0**
Patrick Quinlan	**0**
Malachy Quinn	**0**
Brendan Ryan	**0**
Gerard Sheehan	**0**
Siobhan Shovlin	**1000**
John Smyth	**0**
Aoibhinn Tormey	**0**
Ellen Troy	**0**
John Walsh	**900**

Payments to Councillors in 2024

Councillor Payments made to Councillors under Section 142 of the Local Government Act 2001	Amount (€)
Total Expenses paid to members in respect of attendance at meetings of the County Council and its Committees: • (January – June 2024) • (July – Dec 2024)	 **162,608.41** **158,754.85**
Total Representational Payments	**1,156,521.53**
Strategic Policy Committee Chairpersons Allowance Total	**49,583.68**
Mayors Allowance (January – June 2024) Mayors Allowance (July – Dec 2024)	**14,373,75** **15,948.70**
Deputy Mayors Allowance (January – June 2024) Deputy Mayors Allowance (July – Dec 2024)	**2,874.74** **2,989.74**

Councillors Expenses and Representation at Conferences in 2024

Expense Type	Home (€)	Abroad (€)	Total (€)
Fees	**3,300.00**	**0**	**3,300.00**
Travel and Subsistence	**2,551.75**	**0**	**2,551.75**

**For details of Conference Payments – see Appendix VIII*

Conferences/Seminars/Training attended by Councillors in 2024

Name of Conference	Venue	Date	Councillors in Attendance	Travel/ Sub/ Expenses (€)	Conference Fee (€)
LAMA Spring Seminar 2024	Abbey Hotel, Donegal Town, Co. Donegal	19th and 20th January 2024	Kieran Dennison		160
AILG Elected Member Training Programme – Module 1 – Annual Declarations, Donations, Code of Conduct and Local Representation Allowance Update (Northern and Western, Midlands and Eastern Region)	Fairways Hotel, Dundalk, Co. Louth	25th January 2024	Kieran Dennison		85
AIR Conference – Southern Regional Assembly	Adare, Co. Limerick	7th and 8th February 2024	Brigid Manton		160
			Kieran Dennison		160
AILG Annual Training Conference 2024	Arklow Bay Hotel, Co. Wicklow	14th and 15th February 2024	Kieran Dennison		170
			Cathal Boland	106.65	170
			Gráinne Maguire		170
AILG Elected Member Training Programme – Module 2 – Local Election Preparation – Briefing from the Electoral Commission	Hotel Kilkenny, Co. Kilkenny Hudson Bay Hotel, Athlone, Co. Roscommon	21st March 2024 23rd March 2024	Kieran Dennison Cathal Boland		85 85

Name of Conference	Venue	Date	Councillors in Attendance	Travel/ Sub/ Ex-penses (€)	Confer-ence Fee (€)
AILG Elected Member General Induction Training – Southern Regional Assembly	Radisson Blu Hotel, Co. Cork	13th July 2024	Kieran Dennison		85
Patrick McGill Summer School – "On The Brink"	The Highlands Hotel, Glenties, Co. Donegal	18th to 20th July 2024	Kieran Dennison		100
AILG Autumn Training Seminar 2024	Hillgrove Hotel, Co. Monaghan	11th and 12th September 2024	Kieran Dennison		170
			Tom O'Leary		170
			Cathal Boland	250.17	170
			Gráinne Maguire	415.89	170
			Mary McCamley	441.95	170
AILG September Training Module – "An Overview of the Planning System" – Eastern and Midlands Region	Bridge House Hotel, Tullamore, Co. Offaly	28th September 2024	Cathal Boland	143.32	85
			Paul Mulville	214.50	85
LAMA Autumn Seminar	Newgrange Hotel, Navan, Co. Meath	17th and 18th October 2024	Kieran Dennison		170
			Mary McCamley	381.20	170
			Cathal Boland	98.76	170
AILG October Training Module – "Local Authority Finance and Budget" – Southern Region	Sligo Park Hotel, Co. Sligo	24th October 2024	Kieran Dennison		85

Name of Conference	Venue	Date	Councillors in Attendance	Travel/ Sub/ Expenses (€)	Conference Fee (€)
AILG October Training Module – "Local Authority Finance and Budget" – Eastern and Midland Region	Radisson Blu Hotel, Co. Limerick	November	Cathal Boland	237.54	85
AILG Cross-Border Event – "Respectful Leadership – Raising the Bar"	Carrickdale Hotel, Dundalk, Co. Louth	7th November 2024	Mary McCamley	261.77	N/A
			Kieran Dennison		N/A
AILG November Training Module – "Government Legislation Policy Programme 2024" – Southern Region	Tower Hotel, Co. Waterford	14th November 2024	Kieran Dennison		85
AILG November Training Module – "A Councillor's Guide to Home Upgrade Grants"	Claregalway Hotel, Co. Galway	16th November 2024	Cathal Boland		85
				Total	**Total**
				2,551.75	**3,300.00**

Part 15 Local Government Act 2001 - Contraventions

There were no contraventions of Part 15 of the Local Government Act 2001 in 2024.

Section 22 of the Protected Disclosures Act 2014

There was one Protected Disclosure in 2024.

Freedom of Information Requests / Customer Complaints / Ombudsman Queries

Applications Received/Processed	
Applications received	190
Decisions made	179
Applications on hand at 31st December	11
Nature of Information Sought	
Personal (to applicant)	51
Non-Personal	139
Mixed	0
Granted	40
Part-Granted	91
Refused	39
Transferred	2
Withdrawn/Outside FOI	18
Appeals	
Appeals to Information Commissioner	1
Ombudsman Complaints	
Complaints received	37
Complaints responded to	37

Subject of Complaints	
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	2
Operations and Water Services	1
Housing	31
Finance	0
Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel and Sport	1
Community	0
Economic, Enterprise, Tourism and Cultural Development	0
Corporate Services and Governance	2
Libraries	0
Citizen Charter Complaints	
Complaints received	197
Complaints responded	191
Subject of Complaints	
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	17
Operations and Water Services	32
Housing	96
Finance	4
Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel and Sport	11
Community	0
Economic, Enterprise and Tourism	2
Corporate Services and Governance	24
Libraries	11

Performance Indicators 01/01/2024 - 31/12/2024

** All Figures in Appendix XII are correct at time of printing*

Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
Housing: H1	**A.** No. of dwellings in the ownership of the Local Authority at 1/1/2024	5,842	
	B. No. of dwellings added to the Local Authority owned stock during 2024 (whether constructed or acquired)	348	
	C. No. of Local Authority owned dwellings sold in 2024	12	
	D. No. of Local Authority owned dwellings demolished in 2024	0	
	E. No. of dwellings in the ownership of the Local Authority at 31/12/2024	6,178	
	F. No. of Local Authority owned dwellings planned for demolition under a DHLGH approved scheme at 31/12/2024	0	
Housing: H2	**A.** The percentage of the total number of Local Authority owned dwellings that were vacant on 31/12/2024	3.72%	
	The number of dwellings within their overall stock that were not tenanted on 31/12/2024	230	

Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
Housing: H3	**A.** The time taken from the date of vacation of a dwelling to the date in 2024 when the dwelling is re-tenanted, averaged across all dwellings re-let during 2024	33.76 weeks	
	The number of dwellings that were re-tenanted on any date in 2024 (but excluding all those that had been vacant due to an estate-wide refurbishment scheme)	79	
	The number of weeks from the date of vacation to the date the dwelling is re-tenanted	2,667 weeks	
	B. The cost expended on getting the dwellings re-tenanted in 2024, averaged across all dwellings re-let in 2024	€21,269.64	
	Total expenditure on works necessary to enable re-letting of the dwellings	€1,680,301.60	
Housing: H4	**A.** Expenditure during 2024 on the maintenance of LA housing compiled from 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024, divided by the no. of dwellings in the LA stock at 31/12/2024, i.e. the H1E less H1F indicator figure	€1,926.30	
	Expenditure on maintenance of LA stock compiled from 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024. *Expenditure includes direct labour, contracted works, plant and machinery and material costs.*	€11,900,674.80	
	Planned maintenance and expenditure that qualified for grants, ie; Sustainable Energy Authority Ireland (SEAI) grants for energy efficient retro-fitting works are included		
Housing: H5	**A.** Total number of registered tenancies in the LA area at 31 December 2024		This figure will be supplied directly to the LGMA by the Residential Tenancies Board (RTB)
	B. Number of rented dwellings inspected in 2024		Figures will be provided by the DHL-GH

Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
	C. Percentage of inspected dwellings in 2024 which were found to be not compliant with Standards Regulations		Figures will be provided by the DHLGH
	D. Number of dwellings deemed compliant in 2024 (including those originally deemed non-compliant)		Figures will be provided by the DHLGH
	E. The number of inspections (including re-inspections) undertaken by local authorities in 2024		Figures will be provided by the DHLGH
Housing: H6	**A.** Number of adult individuals in emergency accommodation that are long-term (ie 6 months or more within the previous year) homeless as a % of the total number of homeless adult individuals in emergency accommodation at the end of 2024		Dublin Regional Homeless Executive to provide this data for the 4 Local Authorities
	The number of adult individuals classified as homeless and in emergency accommodation on the night of 31 December 2024 as recorded on the PASS system		Dublin Regional Homeless Executive to provide this data for the 4 Dublin Local Authorities
	The number out of those individuals who, on 31/12/2024, had been in emergency accommodation for 6 months continuously, or for 6 months cumulatively within the previous 12 months		Dublin Regional Homeless Executive to provide this data for the 4 Dublin Local Authorities
Housing: H7	**A. (1)** Total number of houses retrofitted between 01/01/2024 and 31/12/2024 under the Social Housing Retrofit Programme		Data to be provided by the LGMA Housing Delivery Co-Ordination Office
	A. (2) Number of houses that achieved a BER rating of B2 or above between 01/01/2024 and 31/12/2024 under the Social Housing Retrofit Programme		Data to be provided by the LGMA Housing Delivery Co-Ordination Office

Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
Housing: H7	**A. (3)** Number of heat pumps installed in those houses between 01/01/2024 and 31/12/2024 under the Social Housing Retrofit Programme		Data to be provided by the LGMA Housing Delivery Co-Ordination Office
	B. Total annual energy savings in MWH from houses retrofitted between 01/01/2024 and 31/12/2024 under the Social Housing Retrofit Programme		Data to be provided by the LGMA Housing Delivery Co-Ordination Office
	C. Total carbon emission reduction tCo2 from houses retrofitted between 01/01/2024 and 31/12/2024 under the Social Housing Retrofit Programme		Data to be provided by the LGMA Housing Delivery Co-Ordination Office
Roads: R1 **Pavement Surface Condition Index (PSCI) Ratings**	**The percentage of total Regional road** that received a PSCI condition rating in the 24 month period prior to 31/12/2024		Data for all local authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO
	The percentage of total Local Primary road that received a PSCI condition rating in the 24 month period prior to 31/12/2024	51.47%	Data for all local authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO
	The percentage of total Local Secondary road that received a PSCI condition rating in the 24 month period prior to 31/12/2024	53.36%	Data for all local authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO
	The percentage of total Local Tertiary road that received a PSCI condition rating in the 60 month period prior to 31/12/2024	92.09%	Data for all local authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO
	The percentage length of (a) Regional, (b) Local Primary and (c) Local Secondary roads that received a PSCI condition rating in the 24 month period prior to 31/12/2024 and the percentage length of (d) Local Tertiary roads that received a PSCI condition rating in the 60 month period prior to 31/12/2024, in each of the following PSCI rating categories: 1-4, 5-6, 7-8 and 9-10	Info not yet provided by RMO	Data for all local authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO

Topic	Indicator	Value		Comment	
Roads: R2 Road Works	**Road type**	**1-4 Rating**	**5-6 Rating**	**7-8 Rating**	**9-10 Rating**
	(a) Regional				
	(b) Local Primary	0.83%	24.06%	22.79%	3.8%
	(c) Local Secondary	53.36%	1.86%	21.76%	7.99%
	(d) Local Tertiary	4.07%	25.96%	49.69%	12.37%
	A1. Kilometres of regional road strengthened during 2024			Data for all local authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO	
	A2. The amount expended on regional roads strengthening work during 2024			Data for all local authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO	
	A3. The average unit cost of regional road strengthening works per square metre (€/m2)			Data for all local authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO	
	B1. Kilometres of regional road resealed during 2024			Data for all local authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO	
	B2. The amount expended on regional road resealing works during 2024			Data for all local authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO	
	B3. The average unit cost of regional road resealing works per square metre (€/m2)			Data for all local authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO	
	C1. Kilometres of local road (ie total of primary, secondary and tertiary) strengthened during 2024			Data for all local authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO	
	C2. The amount expended on local road strengthening works during 2024			Data for all local authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO	
	C3. The average unit cost of local road strengthening works per square metre (€/m2)			Data for all local authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO	

Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
Roads: R2 Road Works	**D1.** Kilometres of local road resealed during 2024		Data for all local authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO
	D2. The amount expended on local road resealing work during 2024		Data for all local authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO
	D3. The average unit cost of local road resealing works per square metre (€/m2)		Data for all local authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO
Motor Tax: R3	**A.** The percentage of motor tax transactions which were dealt with online (i.e. transaction is processed and the tax disc is issued) in 2024	N/A	
Road Opening Licensing and Inspections: R4	**A.** Total number of T2, T2',T3,T4s issued by the local authority between 01/01/2024 and 31/12/2024	2,217	
	B. Total number of T5 notifications received from licence holders between 01/01/2024 and 31/01/2024	2,362	
	C. Percentage of licences that have been reviewed by the local authority prior to entering the guarantee period	97%	
	D. Percentage of licences that have been subject of an inspection prior to entering the guarantee period	4%	
Water: W1	Percentage of drinking water in private schemes in compliance with statutory requirements in respect of the monitoring of the quality of private drinking water supplies during 2024		Data for all local authorities will be obtained directly from the Environmental Protection Agency

Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
Water: W2	Number of local authority registered schemes monitored in 2024		Data for all local authorities will be obtained directly from the Environmental Protection Agency
	Total number of registered schemes in 2024		Data for all local authorities will be obtained directly from the Environmental Protection Agency
Waste/ Environment: E1	**A.** The number of households, which availed of a 3-bin service offered by a licensed operator at 31/12/2024		This data will be supplied by the National Waste Collection Permit Office
	B. The percentage of households within the local authority that the number at A represents		This data will be supplied by the National Waste Collection Permit Office
Environmental Pollution: E2	**A1.** Total number of pollution cases in respect of which a complaint was made during 2024	2,555	
	A2. Number of pollution cases closed from 1/1/2024 to 31/12/2024	2,474	
	A3. Total number of cases on hands at 31/12/2024	145	
	The opening number of cases carried forward from the year end 2023	64	
Litter Pollution: E3	**A1.** The percentage of the area within the LA that when surveyed in 2024 was unpolluted or litter free		Data will be submitted by the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications
	A2. The percentage of the area within the LA that when surveyed in 2024 was slightly polluted		Data will be submitted by the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications

Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
Litter Pollution: E3	**A3.** The percentage of the area within the LA that when surveyed in 2024 was moderately polluted		Data will be submitted by the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications
	A4. The percentage of the area within the LA that when surveyed in 2024 was significantly polluted		Data will be submitted by the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications
	A5. The percentage of the area within the LA that when surveyed in 2024 was grossly polluted		Data will be submitted by the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications
Green Flag Status: E4	**A.** The % of schools that have been awarded/renewed green flag status in the two years to 31 December 2024	41%	
	Schools which attained a Green Flag for the first time in 2024	2	
	Schools which renewed their Green Flag in 2024	27	
	Schools which held a Green Flag from 2023 and therefore do not require renewal until 2025	29	
Energy Efficiency Performance: E5	**A.** The cumulative percentage of energy savings achieved by 31/12/2024 relative to baseline year (2009)		Data for all Local Authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO
Public Lighting: E6	**A.** Total annual consumption of the public lighting system		Data for all Local Authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO
	B. Average wattage of each public light		Data for all Local Authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO

Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
Public Lighting: E6	**C.** Percentage of the total system that LED lights represent		Data for all Local Authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO
	Number of LED lights in the public lighting system		Data for all Local Authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO
	Number of non-LED lights		Data for all Local Authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO
Climate Change: E7	Does the local authority have designated FTE climate action resources under the following headings?		This data will be collected directly from the LGMA
	Climate Action Coordinator (Yes/No/WIP)		This data will be collected directly from the LGMA
	Climate Action Officer (Yes/No/WIP)		This data will be collected directly from the LGMA
	Does the Local Authority have a Climate Action Team?		This data will be collected directly from the LGMA
Planning: P1	**A.** Buildings inspected as a percentage of new buildings notified to the Local Authority	8.95%	
	Total number of new buildings notified to the local authority i.e. buildings where a valid Commencement Notice was served in the period 1/1/2024 to 31/12/2024 by a builder or developer to the local authority, in accordance with section 6(2)(k) of the Building Control Act 1990 and Part II of the Building Control Regulations 1997 (S.I. No. 496 of 1997) as amended by the Building Control (Amendment) Regulations 2004 (S.I. No. 85 of 2004) and the Building Control (Amendment) Regulations 2009 (S.I. No. 351 of 2009)	7,073	Waivers introduced through legislation in 2024 greatly increased the numbers of number buildings on the Commencement Notices, but this does not match what actually commenced thus distorting the figures for 2024

Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
Planning: P1	Number of new buildings notified to the local authority in 2024 that were the subject of at least one on-site inspection during 2024 undertaken by the local authority under section 11 of the Building Control Act 1990	633	
Planning: P2	**A.** Number of Local Authority planning decisions which were the subject of an appeal to An Bord Pleanála that were determined by the Board on any date in 2024	189	
	B. % of the determinations at A which confirmed (either with or without variation) the decision made by the Local Authority	60.85%	
	Number of An Bórd Pleanála determinations confirming the Local Authority's decision (either with or without variation)	115	
Planning: P3	**A.** Total number of planning cases referred to or initiated by the local authority in the period 01/01/2024 to 31/12/2024 that were investigated	269	
	B. Total number of investigated cases that were closed during 2024	380	
	C. Percentage of the cases at B that were dismissed as trivial, minor or without foundation or were closed because statute barred or an exempted development	55.79%	
	D. Percentage of the cases at B that were resolved to the Local Authority's satisfaction through negotiations	0.53%	
	E. Percentage of the Cases at B that were closed due to enforcement proceedings (i.e. remedied in response to a warning letter issued under section 152 of the Act or to an enforcement notice issued under section 154 of the Act or where a prosecution was brought under section 157 or an injunction was sought under section 160 of the Act)	43.68%	

Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
Planning: P3	**F.** Total number of planning cases being investigated as at 31/12/2024	1,059	
	In order to compile B to E above, the following must be provided:		
	Number of cases at 'B' above that were dismissed as trivial, minor or without foundation or were closed because statute barred or an exempted development	212	
	Number of cases at 'B' above that were resolved to the Local Authority's satisfaction through negotiations	2	
	Number of cases at 'B' above that were closed due to enforcement proceedings (i.e. remedied in response to a warning letter issued under section 152 of the Act or to an enforcement notice issued under section 154 of the Act or where a prosecution was brought under section 157 or an injunction was sought under section 160 of the Act):	166	
Planning: P4	**A.** The 2024 Annual Financial Statement (AFS) Programme D data divided by the population of the Local Authority area per the 2022 Census	€48.33	
	AFS Programme D data consisting of D01 – Forward Planning, D02 – Development Management, D03 – Enforcement (inclusive of the relevant Programme D proportion of the central management charge) for 2024	€15,974,701	
Planning: P5	**A.** The percentage of applications for fire safety certificates received in 2024 that were decided (granted or refused) within two months of their receipt	17.32%	
	B. The percentage of applications for fire safety certificates received in 2024 that were decided (granted or refused) within an extended period agreed with the applicant	42.78%	
	The total number of applications for fire safety certificates received in 2024 that were not withdrawn by the applicant	381	

Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
Planning: P5	The number of applications for fire safety certificates received in 2024 that were decided (granted or refused) within two months of the date of receipt of the application	66	
	The number of applications for fire safety certificates received in 2024 that were decided (granted or refused) within an agreed extended time period	163	
Fire Service: F1 (Cost per Capita of the fire service)	**A.** The Annual Financial Statement (AFS) Programme E expenditure data for 2024 divided by the population of the LA area per the 2022 Census figures for the population served by the fire authority as per the Risk Based Approach Phase One reports: AFS Programme E expenditure data consisting of E11 - Operation of Fire Service and E12 - Fire Prevention (inclusive of the relevant Programme E proportion of the central management charge) for 2024:		Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
Fire Service: F2	**A.** Average time taken, in minutes, to mobilise fire brigades in Full-Time Stations in respect of fire		Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	B. Average time taken, in minutes, to mobilise fire brigades in Part-Time Stations (retained fire service) in respect of fire		Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	C. Average time taken, in minutes, to mobilise fire brigades in Full-Time Stations in respect of all other (non-fire) emergency incidents		Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	D. Average time taken, in minutes, to mobilise fire brigades in Part-Time Stations (retained fire service) in respect of all other (non-fire) emergency incidents		Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
Fire Service: F3	**A.** Percentage of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance at scene is within 10 minutes		Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	B. Percentage of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance at the scene is after 10 minutes but within 20 minutes		Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade

Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
Fire Service: F3	**A.** Percentage of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance at scene is within 10 minutes		Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	B. Percentage of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance at the scene is after 10 minutes but within 20 minutes		Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	C. Percentage of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance at the scene is after 20 minutes		Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	D. Percentage of cases in respect of all other emergency incidents in which first attendance at the scene is within 10 minutes		Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	E. Percentage of cases in respect of all other emergency incidents in which first attendance at the scene is after 10 minutes but within 20 minutes		Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	F. Percentage of cases in respect of all other emergency incidents in which first attendance at the scene is after 20 minutes		Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	Total number of call-outs in respect of fires from 1/1/2024 to 31/12/2024		Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	Number of these fire cases where first fire tender attendance at the scene is within 10 minutes		Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	Number of these fire cases in which first fire tender attendance at the scene is after 10 minutes but within 20 minutes		Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	Number of these fire cases in which first fire tender attendance at the scene is after 20 minutes		Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	Total number of call-outs in respect of all other emergency incidents (i.e. not including fire) from 01/01/2024 to 31/12/2024		Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade

Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
Fire Service: F3	Number of these non-fire cases in which first fire tender attendance at the scene is within 10 minutes		Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	Number of these non-fire cases in which first fire tender attendance at the scene is after 10 minutes but within 20 minutes		Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	Number of these non-fire cases in which first fire tender attendance at the scene is after 20 minutes		Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
Library Service: L1	**A.** Number of visits to libraries per head of population for the LA area per the 2022 Census	3.16	
	B. Number of items issued to library borrowers in the year	1,066,217	
	C. Library active members per head of population.	0.17	
	D. Number of registered members of the library in the year	51,350	
	Number of visits to its libraries from 01/01/2024 to 31/12/2024 per automatic counters if used	1,045,611	
Library Service: L2	**A.** The Annual Financial Statement (AFS) Programme F data for 2024 divided by the population of the LA area per the 2022 Census	56.23	
	B. The annual per capita expenditure on collections over the period 01/01/2024 to 31/12/2024	3.07	
	AFS Programme F data consisting of F02 - Operation of Library and Archival Service (inclusive of the relevant proportion of the central management charge for Programme F) for 2024	€18,585,525	

Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
Library Service: L2	The Annual Financial Statement (AFS) Programme F data for 2024 divided by the population of the LA area per the 2022 Census	€1,013,848	
Youth and Community: Y1	**A.** Percentage of local schools involved in the local Youth Council/Comhairle na nÓg scheme	68	
	Total number of second level schools in the Local Authority area at 31/12/2024	34	
	Number of second level schools in the Local Authority area from which representatives attended the local Comhairle na nÓg AGM held in 2024	23	
Groups associated with Public Participation Network PPN: Y2	**A.** Number of organisations included in the County Register at 31/12/2024 and the proportion of those organisations that opted to be part of the Social Inclusion College within the PPN	862/141	
	Total number of organisations included in the County Register for the Local Authority area as at 31/12/2024	862	
	Total number of those organisations that registered for the first time in 2024	90	
	Number of organisations that opted to join the Social Inclusion Electoral College on whatever date they registered for the PPN	141	
Corporate: C1	**A.** The wholetime equivalent staffing number as at 31 December 2024	1525.31	
Corporate: C2	**A.** Percentage of paid working days lost to sickness absence through medically certified leave in 2024	3.07%	
	B. Percentage of paid working days lost to sickness absence through self-certified leave in 2024	0.43%	

Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
Corporate: C2	Total number of working days lost to sickness absence through medically certified leave in 2024	13,392	
	Total number of working days lost to sickness absence through self-certified leave in 2024	1,483	
	Number of unpaid working days lost to sickness absence included within the total of medically certified sick leave days in 2024	2,767	
	Number of unpaid working days lost to sickness absence included within the total of self-certified sick leave days in 2024	3	
	If any staff are on long-term sick leave (i.e. a continuous period of more than 4 weeks), include a text note of the number of staff on long-term sick leave	23	
Corporate: C3	**A.** The per capita total page views of the Local Authority's websites in 2024	12.8	
	B. The per capita total number of followers at end 2024 of the Local Authority's social media accounts (if any)	0.834	
	The cumulative total page views of all websites operated by the Local Authority for the period from 01/01/2024 to 31/12/2024 obtained from a page tagging on-site web analytics service or equivalent	4,231,968	
	The total number of social media users who, at 31/12/2024, were following the Local Authority on any social media sites	275,671	
	The number of social media accounts operated by the Local Authority	56	
	Indicate if there was a change to the cookie policies on the Local Authority sites and the date this came into effect	No	

Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
Corporate: C4	A. All ICT expenditure in the period from 01/01/2024 to 31/12/2024, divided by the WTE number supplied under the C1 indicator	€5,525.09	
Corporate: C5	Total of ICT expenditure in 2024	€8,427,470.92	
	A. All ICT expenditure calculated in C4 as a proportion of Revenue expenditure	2.49%	
	Total revenue expenditure from 01/01/2024 to 31/12/2024 before transfers to or from reserves	€338,932,640.00	
Finance: M1	**A.** Cumulative surplus/deficit balance at 31/12/2020 in the Revenue Account from the Income and Expenditure Account Statement of the AFS	€15,979,679	
	B. Cumulative surplus/deficit balance at 31/12/2021	€15,979,812	
	C. Cumulative surplus/deficit balance at 31/12/2022	€15,980,204	
	D. Cumulative surplus/deficit balance at 31/12/2023	€15,980,457	
	E. Cumulative surplus/deficit balance at 31/12/2024*	€15,980,735	Unaudited AFS
	F. Cumulative surplus or deficit at 31/12/2024 as a percentage of Total Income in 2024 from the Income and Expenditure Account Statement of the AFS*	4.32%	Unaudited AFS
	G. Revenue expenditure per capita in 2024	€1,025.49	Unaudited AFS (Population 329,218 - Census 2022)

Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
Finance: M1	**H.** Revenue expenditure per capita in 2024 excluding significant out of county / shared service expenditure		Only Applicable to Dublin City, Laois and Limerick
	The 2024 Total Income figure from the Income and Expenditure Account Statement of the AFS	€369,667,555	Unaudited AFS
	The 2024 Total Expenditure figure on the Income and Expenditure Account Statement of the AFS	€338,932,639	Unaudited AFS

Finance: M2	**Collection Levels by Year**	**(a) % Rates**	**(b) % Rent and Annuities**	**(c) % Housing Loans**
	Individual percentage figures for 2020	93.00%	80%	96.50%
	Individual percentage figures for 2021	92.50%	77.4%	100%
	Individual percentage figures for 2022	98.1%	76.1%	96.8%
	Individual percentage figures for 2023	99.1%	75.3%	97%
	Individual percentage figures for 2024* (Unaudited AFS)	99.9%	78.7%	96.8%

Finance: M3	**A.**1 Per capita total cost of settled claims for 2024	€2.61	
	If self-insured, enter 0 for claims settled under excess		

Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
Finance: M3	Total Cost of claims settled under excess for 2024:	€0	
	The following data is required for self-insured local authorities		
	Number of notified claims for 2024:	146	Notified claims broken down as 70 Injury 76 Damages
	Number of settled claims for 2024:	139	Settled claims broken down as 49 Injury 90 Damages
	Total cost of settled claims for 2024:	€861,685.25	Cost of settled claims broken down as €765,627.94 Injury and €96,057.31 Damages
Finance: M4	**A.** Overall central management charge as a percentage (%) of total expenditure on revenue account	15.9%	Un-Audited AFS
	B. Total payroll costs as a percentage (%) of revenue expenditure	30.8%	Un-Audited AFS
	Overall central management charge from the Local Authority FMS and defined in the Annual Budget	€53,751,757	CMC (actual) expenditure €57,589,494 less CMC (actual) income €3,837,737= CMC (NET) €53,751,757
	Total payroll costs from Appendix 1 of the AFS for 2024 (including Salaries, Wages and Pensions)	€113,758,470	Un-Audited AFS

Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
Economic Development: J1	**A.** The per capita number of jobs created with assistance from the Local Enterprise Office during the period 1/1/2024 to 31/12/2024 per 100,000 of population	59.84	
Economic Development: J2	**A.** The number of trading online voucher applications approved by the Local Enterprise Office in 2024 per 100,000 of population	38.58	
	B. The number of those trading online vouchers that were drawn down in 2024 per 100,000 of population	14.58	
Economic Development: J3	**A.** The per capita number of participants who received mentoring during the period 1/1/2024 to 31/12/2024 per 100,000 of population	321.98	
	The number of jobs created with assistance from the Local Enterprise Office during the period 1/1/2024 to 31/12/2024	197	
Economic Development: J4	**A.** Does the Local Authority have a current Tourism Strategy?	Yes	
	B. Does the Local Authority have a designated Tourism Officer?	Yes	
Economic Development Spend: J5	The spend on local economic development by the local authority in 2024 per head of population:	€ 244.75	

Members' Security Allowance 2024

Councillor	Security Allowance (€)
Adrian Henchy	0
Angela Donnelly	0
Ann Graves	0
Anthony Lavin	0
Aoibhinn Tormey	0
Breda Hanaphy	0
Brendan Ryan	0
Brian Dennehy	0
Brian McDonagh	0
Brigid Manton	0
Cathal Boland	0
Cathal Haughey	0
Corina Johnston	0
Darragh Butler	0
Darren Jack Kelly	0
David Healy	0
Eimear Carbone-Mangan	0
Ellen Troy	0
Eoghan Dockrell	0
Eoghan O'Brien	0
Gerard Sheehan	0
Grainne Maguire	0

Councillor	Security Allowance (€)
Howard Mahony	**0**
Ian Carey	**0**
James Humphreys	**0**
Jimmy Guerin	**0**
Joan Hopkins	**0**
Joe Newman	**0**
John Burtchaell	**997.00**
John Walsh	**0**
John Smyth	**0**
John Kingsley Onwumereh	**0**
Karen Power	**0**
Kevin Humphreys	**0**
Kieran Dennison	**0**
Luke Corkery	**0**
Malachy Griffin	**0**
Malachy Quinn	**0**
Mary McCamley	**0**
Natalie Treacy	**0**
Patrick Quinlan	**0**
Paul Mulville	**0**
Pamela Conroy	**0**
Rob O'Donoghue	**0**

Councillor	Security Allowance (€)
Ruth Coppinger	**0**
Siobhan Shovlin	**833.64**
Steve O'Reilly	**0**
Tania Doyle	**0**
Ted Leddy	**0**
Tom Kitt	**0**
Tom O'Leary	**0**
Tony Murphy	**0**
Total	**1830.64**

Fingal County Outdoor Recreation Plan

Briefing Note

The National Outdoor Recreation Strategy 'Embracing Ireland's Outdoors 2023-2025', developed by the Department of Rural & Community Development (DRCD), aims to sustainably develop and manage Ireland's outdoor recreation sector and promote social, health and economic benefits for communities. The Strategy has been developed in response to the growing appreciation of outdoor spaces following the Covid-19 pandemic and seeks to balance the development of outdoor recreation facilities with the protection of landscapes, habitats and built heritage. The Strategy's vision is "Ireland's outdoors, a world of activities for all" and outlines the following goals:

- Make rural Ireland a top destination for outdoor activities and adventure tourism
- Promote sustainable use of natural assets to support activities like walking, cycling and canoeing
- Focus on responsible outdoor activity and protecting landscapes and habitats
- Drive employment growth in rural areas by enabling local businesses and entrepreneurs to capitalise on tourism in a sustainable way
- Prioritise projects to enhance access for those with disabilities and the elderly

The Department of Rural & Community Development (DRCD) has made an allocation of €30,000 to Fingal County Council to develop a County Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP), with Council's across the country receiving similar funding to develop county-specific CORP's. DRCD issued guidelines for the preparation of the CORP which included guidance on the composition of a County Outdoor Recreation Committee to oversee the development of the CORP. Fingal's CORP includes representatives from Fingal County Council, Fingal LEADER Partnership, Failte Ireland, Leave No Trace, Waterways Ireland and TU Dublin.

The Council appointed consultants (Outscape) to assist with the development of the Fingal CORP. Over the last 3 months the Council has conducted public consultation, engagement with key stakeholders and stakeholder workshops to review consultation feedback, geographical context, existing challenges and future opportunities.

The Fingal CORP sets out a framework under the following six key objectives, which align with DRCD Guidance:

1. Leadership & Collaboration – to establish a cohesive, co-ordinated approach at county level

2. Environment – to protect landscapes/habitats through sustainable planning & development
3. Awareness – promote responsible enjoyment of the outdoors
4. Opportunities – increase participation, particularly for young people and under-represented groups
5. Infrastructure & Access – enhance access to outdoor space for all
6. Expertise – build capacity among stakeholders

The Fingal CORP aims to ensure alignment of objectives with the National Strategy, address local needs, prioritise investment in outdoor recreation infrastructure, balance the expansion of outdoor recreation facilities with environmental protection, increase participation in outdoor activities and promote collaboration and community engagement.

Fingal has a unique landscape, the CORP aims to safeguard coastal areas, heritage sites and biodiversity while also looking at ways to expand inland opportunities to bring health and well-being, community participation and economic growth benefits.

The CORP provides a framework for future funding applications to the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) which aims to fund projects which promote activities in nature i.e. walking, canoeing, mountain biking, orienteering and wild swimming. Set out below are examples of activities which the CORP and ORIS funding aim to support.



Activities on confined courses or pitches i.e. golf, football, show jumping or motorised activities ie. Quads/scramblers are ***not eligible*** for ORIS funding. Projects on sports grounds, MUGA's, within town parks, acquisition of land, refurbishment of buildings and walking/running tracks around sports pitches/grounds/playgrounds are ***not eligible*** for ORIS funding.

The Council sought expressions of interest for ORIS projects in January/February 2025 and has submitted the following project proposals to DRCD for consideration:

Project Development Measure – funding to a maximum of €50,000

- Royal Canal Water-based Sports Feasibility Study
- Greenway linking Balrothery to Ardgillan Park Feasibility Study

Measure 1 – funding to a maximum of €40,000

- Skerries Swim Shelter
- Rush Swim Shelter

- Donabate Swim Shelter
- Rush Play Trail

Measure 2 – funding to a maximum of €200,000

- Fingal Camino

Measure 3 – funding to a maximum of €500,000

- Improve accessibility at Balbriggan Boathouse & Bathhouse

The Fingal CORP is intended to provide a framework to support future ORIS funding applications over the next five years to progress the delivery of outdoor recreation facilities across the county, subject to the ORIS funding eligibility criteria.

The Fingal CORP will support the implementation of the National Outdoor Recreation Strategy 'Embracing Ireland's Outdoors 2023-2025' and provide a structure for the Council to engage with local stakeholders and Elected Members to plan for and meet community needs for outdoor recreation in a balanced and sustainable way.

The County Outdoor Recreation Committee will oversee the implementation of the Fingal CORP with the support of a cross-department team within the Council.



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Coastal Trail Signage, Malahide, Co Dublin, Courtesy Fiona McCann, from Fáilte Ireland's content pool

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Introduction

The need for a Fingal County Outdoor Recreation Plan

In 2022, a national outdoor recreation strategy 'Embracing Ireland's Outdoors 2023-2027' was launched by the Department of Rural and Community Development (DRCD). The strategy specifically called out the development of County Outdoor Recreation Plans (CORP) across Ireland:

"At County level, our ambition is to achieve a more planned and coordinated approach between the many stakeholders, with the introduction of a County Outdoor Recreation Committee and the development of an Outdoor Recreation Plan for each County."

Aside from the national ambition, there is a collective recognition within county Fingal amongst key stakeholders that the development of a County Plan provides an opportunity for a more collaborative approach towards optimising the positive impacts of outdoor recreation.

What is Outdoor Recreation?

Outdoor recreation means activities that take place in the natural environment such as walking, canoeing, mountain biking, orienteering and wild swimming. It does not include activities that take place outdoors on confined courses or pitches (such as golf, football, show jumping) or motorised activities (such as quads/scramblers) except for motorised mobility aids. A full definition and activities list can be found in 'Embracing Ireland's Outdoors 2023-2027'

Benefits of Outdoor Recreation

The development of the national strategy and significant financial investment has been in response to an acknowledgement of the many benefits outdoor recreation brings to communities in Ireland. This includes mental and physical health benefits, as well as economic and social benefits. 'Embracing Ireland's Outdoors' outlines evidence of the increased demand for outdoor recreation and the substantial benefits it brings.

- Overseas visitors who participated in outdoor recreation spent €1.7 billion in 2019.
- Visitors to Coillte forests have nearly doubled between 2018 and 2021.
- 97,000 cases of disease were prevented in Ireland due to physical activity participation in 2019 providing a total cost saving of over €405 million.
- Recreational walking is by far the most participated in sport or physical activity in Ireland.

Development of the Plan

The development of this Plan was led by Outscape between November 2024 – March 2025 on behalf of a Steering Group of Fingal county outdoor recreation stakeholders. The process followed the guidance set out in 'Guidelines for Development - County Outdoor Recreation Plans' developed by DRCD (2024). The Project Team included:

- Fingal County Council
- Fáilte Ireland
- Fingal Leader Partnership
- Fingal Sport Office (Local Sports Partnership)
- Local Authority Water Programme (LAWPRO)
- Technological University Dublin
- Ardgillan Castle

In line with the national guidelines, the Steering Group guided the direction of the Plan's development, reaching consensus on strategic priorities and actions following a period of:

- Desk research, GIS mapping, and site visits
- Key stakeholder consultations
- In-person public consultation events
- A public online survey

This document represents a summary of the outputs of the development process and sets out the strategic priorities and actions for the next five years in County Fingal.

This Plan is subject to SEA/Appropriate Assessment screening.



Strategic context

Embracing Ireland's Outdoors

'Embracing Ireland's Outdoors 2023-2025', Ireland's national outdoor recreation strategy, aims to strengthen the sustainable development of the outdoor recreation sector and drive economic and health benefits to communities, while protecting landscapes, habitats and built heritage. The implementation of the strategy is a key deliverable under 'Our Rural Future' rural development policy 2021-2025.

Several actions within this Fingal Plan have been adopted as a direct response to the national strategy, including the establishment of a County Outdoor Recreation Committee (CORC) and a County-wide Stakeholder Forum.

Other national strategies

Several other national strategies have also informed this Fingal Plan, including:

- National Landscape Strategy 2015-2025
- National Biodiversity Action Plan 2023-2030
- Tourism Policy Framework 2025–2030
- Child and Youth Participation Strategy 2019–2023
- National Physical Activity Plan for Ireland (2016, reviewed 2020)
- Sport Ireland Policy on Sport and Physical Activity in the Outdoors (2020)
- Sport Ireland Participation in Sport by People with Disabilities (2017)
- Coillte Strategic Vision (2022)

Regional and local strategies

The development of this Plan has also been shaped by regional and local strategies including;

- Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029
- Dublin Regional Tourism Development Strategy 2023-2027
- Fingal Tourism Strategy 2024-2029
- Future Fingal: An Economic Development Strategy (2024)
- Local Economic and Community Plan 2023 - 2028
- Local Sport and Physical Activity Plan 2024 - 2029
- An Active Travel Strategy for Fingal (2023)
- Keeping it Green - An Open Space Strategy for Fingal (Draft)
- Climate Action Plan 2024-2029
- Fingal Biodiversity Action Plan 2023 - 2030
- Fingal Heritage Plan 2024 - 2030
- Leader Local Development Strategy for Dublin Rural 2023 – 2027
- Space for Play – A Play Policy for Fingal

Key trends

Several national and global trends have informed the development of the Fingal Plan:

Increase in demand: A growth in interest and participation in outdoor recreation in Ireland and globally.

Activities: Soft activities, such as walking and cycling, represent the most significant segment of outdoor recreation and consumer demand for soft activities is set to continue. There is a rise in new activities such as open water swimming and stand up paddleboarding.

Ageing population: The population in Ireland is getting older and the number of older people taking part in outdoor recreation is expected to increase, along with a growth in multi-generational participation in outdoor recreation.

Closer to home: People are seeking opportunities to participate in outdoor recreation 'closer to home'.

Sustainability: People are increasingly concerned about the environment and behaving more sustainably.

Wellbeing: The global trend to improve our physical and mental wellbeing is driving a desire to integrate health and wellbeing into leisure and tourism choices.

Consultation summary

Consultation with national stakeholders, and Fingal stakeholders, including the public, has been critical to informing the current position of outdoor recreation in Fingal and the five-year actions included in the Plan.

National stakeholder consultation

National organisations and strategic governing bodies were informed of the Plan development process and invited to engage in the Plan development process. These included:

- Dept of Rural and Community Development
- Transport Infrastructure Ireland
- Fáilte Ireland
- Coillte
- Leave No Trace
- Active Disability Ireland
- Sport Ireland Outdoor
- National Parks and Wildlife Service
- Inland Fisheries
- National Built Heritage Service
- National Monuments Service
- Heritage Ireland
- Office of Public Works
- Mountaineering Ireland
- Ireland's Association of Adventure Tourism
- Irish Farmer's Association
- Irish Cattle and Sheep Farmer's Association
- Irish Natura and Hill Farmer's Association
- Irish Creamery Milk Supplier's Association
- Cycling Ireland
- Canoeing Ireland
- Horse Sport Ireland
- Speleological Union of Ireland
- Angling Council of Ireland
- Water Safety Ireland
- Swim Ireland

Fingal consultation:

Local and regional organisations: One-to-one consultation took place with the following stakeholders, some of whom were represented on the Steering Group:

- Fingal County Council Officers:
  - Biodiversity
  - Heritage
  - Park and landscape
  - Greenways
  - Accessibility
  - Economic development
  - Water Safety Development
  - Tourism
- Fingal Sports Office (Local Sports Partnership) – including Active Cities and Healthy Fingal co-ordinators, Outdoor Swimming Programme
- Fingal LEADER Partnership
- Fáilte Ireland
- Local Authority Water Programme
- Technical University Dublin

Public consultation: Public consultation was carried out in early 2025 through:

- 2 Public 'drop in' events held in Malahide and Blanchardstown Libraries
- An on-line survey which remained open for three weeks

These provided an opportunity to obtain input from local people, activity providers, educators, outdoor recreation clubs, the land-owning community, and visitors to the County.

They presented a series of questions that were designed to 'test' the extent to which the public agreed with emerging draft actions.

In total, 241 respondents were received through the on-line survey. 87% of respondents were Fingal residents or landowners with the majority located in the east of the County – Skerries, Swords, Malahide, Loughshinny, Balbriggan and Howth. Rural areas were less represented (2%) likely due to the lack of outdoor recreation provision, fewer settlements and a more dispersed population.

8% of respondents visited the County for outdoor recreation and 2% work in Fingal but live elsewhere (Dublin, Meath and Kildare).

There was good representation from every defined age category.



Blanchardstown Library, January 2025

Stakeholder insights (in brief):

Walking is the most popular activity followed by passive enjoyment of the outdoors (wildlife watching, picnicking), leisure cycling, watersports (canoeing, sailing, SUP), open water/wild swimming and running.

Whilst existing outdoor recreation facilities are generally high quality, there is a need for greater provision – notably community trail development within rural areas, open water swimming facilities and greater walking and leisure cycling connectivity along the coast

Beaches play a significant role in outdoor recreation across the County. It is recognised that they have a high standard of cleanliness and environmental protection. However, there is a desire for greater accessibility programming to allow more people to enjoy them.

People in Fingal enjoy the outdoors for outdoor recreation and appreciate the landscapes and heritage in which their activities take place.

There is an opportunity for greater collaboration amongst all those involved in outdoor recreation development, management and promotion across the County.

Current situation



Skerries Mills, Skerries, Co Dublin, Courtesy Shannon Heritage DAC, from Fáilte Ireland's content pool

Environment & heritage

Fingal has a rich and varied landscape comprising coastline, rolling countryside and historic demesnes. What the County lacks in upland areas, waterfalls, lakes, valleys and forestry estates, it more than makes up for with its varied coastline of beaches, dunes and cliffs. This is its biggest draw, and the County celebrates it by embracing its natural and built heritage.

Away from the coast, the landscape is less dramatic but no less beautiful. Comprising many houses and estates from the 17th to the 19th centuries close to historical settlements, all of which give way to its inner, agricultural and rural heartland.

Multiple international and national environmental designations* are in place along the east coast of Fingal to help protect and conserve its beaches, cliffs, dunes, islands, estuaries and coastal waters. These include Rogerstown Estuary SAC and SPA, North Dublin Bay SAC, and Skerries Island NHA.

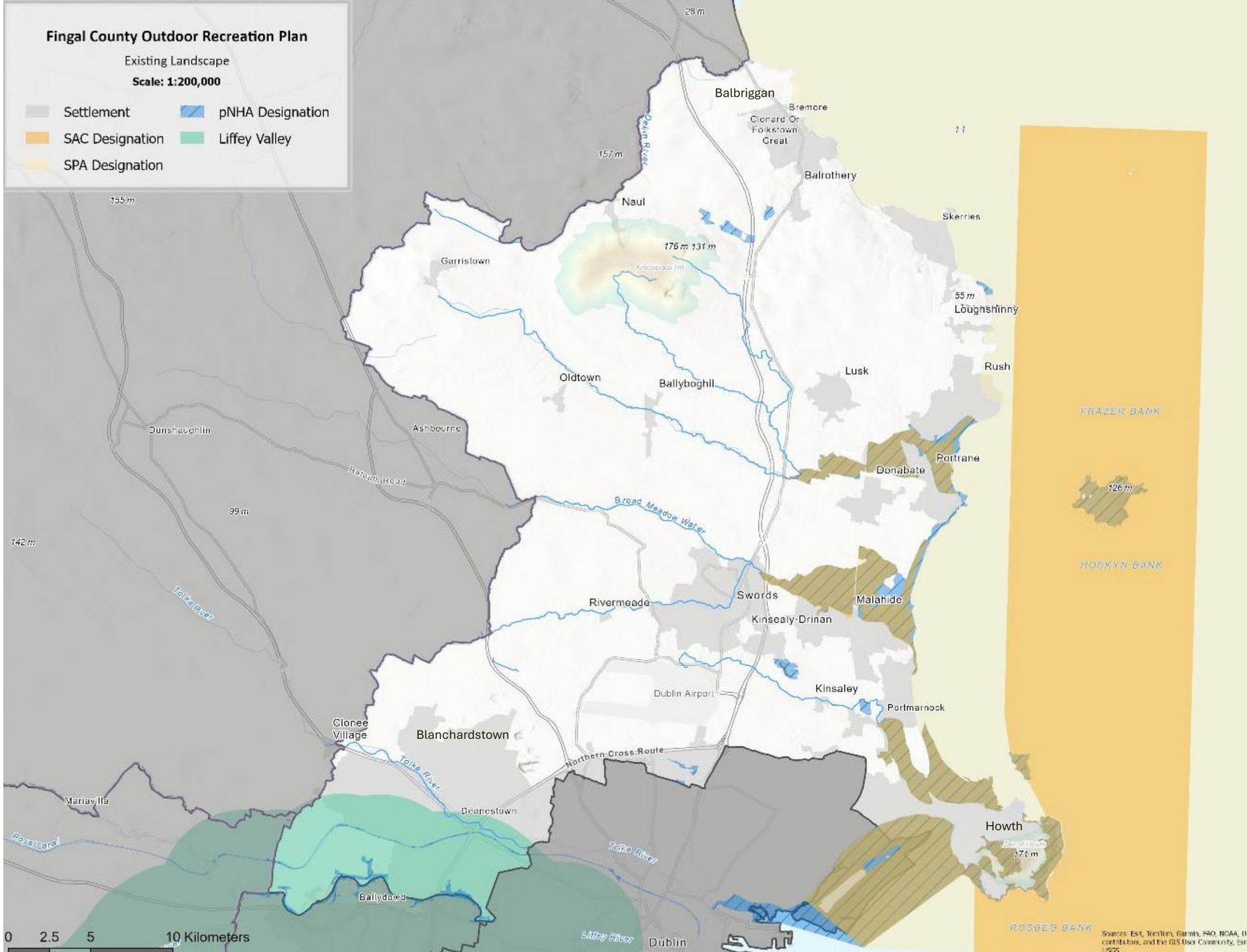
Despite this, it is acknowledged that there is impact from recreation through loss of habitat and disturbance.

It is also recognised that the condition of many of the designated areas is decreasing – notably the estuaries and around Howth Head.

*Environmental designations in County Fingal:

- SPA = Special Protection Area
- SAC = Special Area of Conservation
- NHA = Natural Heritage Area
- pNHA = Proposed Natural Heritage Area

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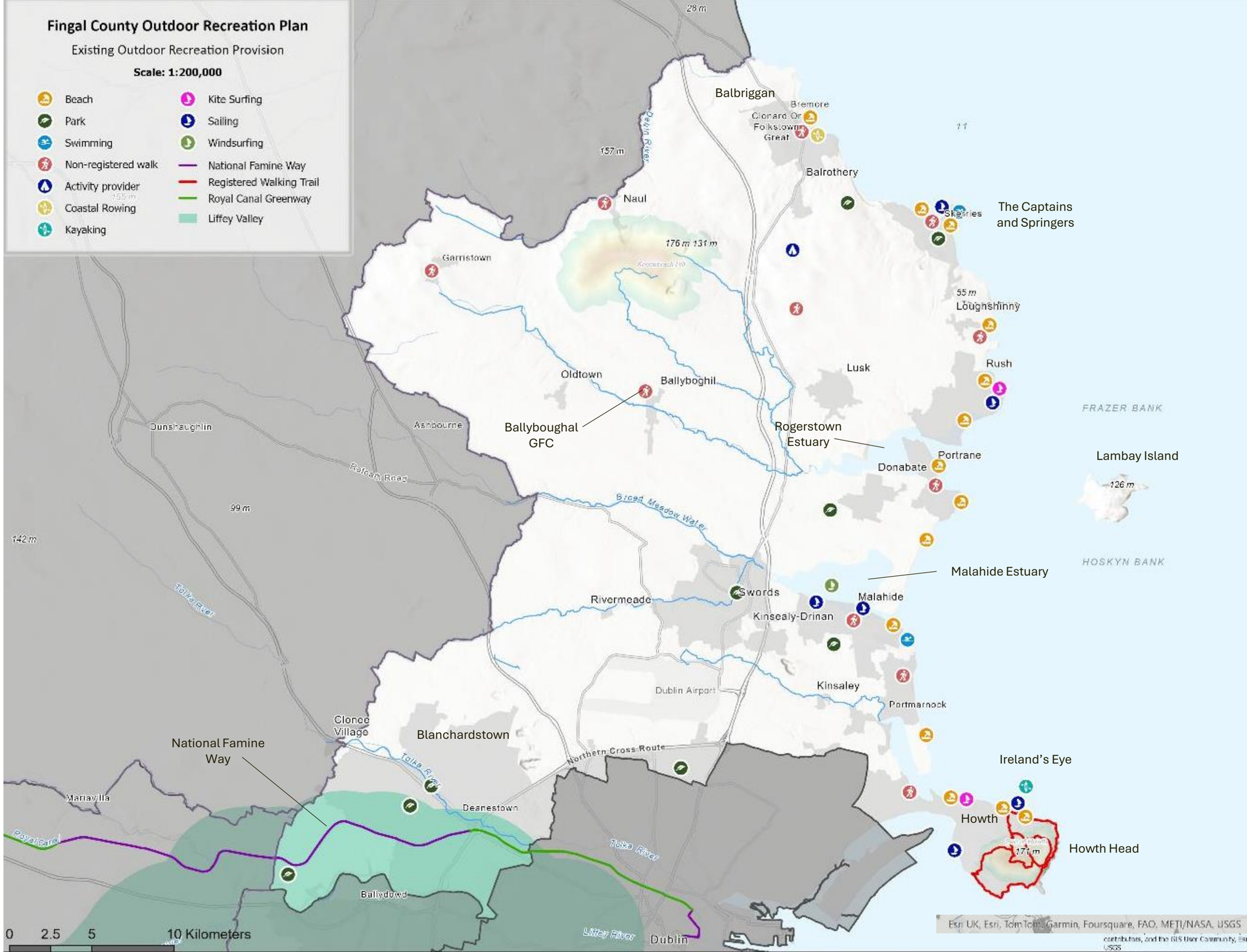


Infrastructure and access

Access refers to the infrastructure and arrangements in place that facilitate people to enjoy their natural places and spaces for various forms of outdoor recreation.

The County's landscape and its proximity to Dublin City shape the outdoor recreation offer and possibilities.

Most outdoor recreation activities are carried out on the east coast of Fingal, near urban centres where the County's primary formal and informal recreation assets are found. This includes beaches, public parks, amenity areas, water access points, walking trails, active travel routes, recreation hubs etc.



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Infrastructure and access

Walking

Walking is largely confined to the coast, Greenways, public parks, formal demesnes, beaches, pitch loops and coastal walks.

Only 5 formal walking trails are included on the Sport Ireland Outdoors National Trails Register. These are the Cliff path, Black Linn trail, Bog of Frogs trail and Tramline trail at Howth, and the Royal Canal Greenway (comprising the National Famine Way).

The remainder of the formal walking routes are found within the 2000 hectares of public parks and greenspaces across the County, including Malahide Castle and Demesne, Ardgillan Castle and Demesne, Santry Demesne Regional Park and St Catherines Park.



Newbridge House and Farm Courtesy Brigita Stankaityte (Bond) - Fáilte Ireland's content pool

Other waymarked routes are promoted as coastal walks, including St Patricks Way and Art Trail, Howth to Baldoyle, Malahide to Portrane and Loughshinny to Skerries.

All of the beaches in the County are accessible for walking.

Within the rural west of the County, there is a lack of formal, safe off-road community walking trail provision. However, there is anecdotal evidence that sports pitches are used for walking and running within rural communities – including Ballboughal GFC, Man O'War GFC and Clann Mhuire GFC.

Cycling

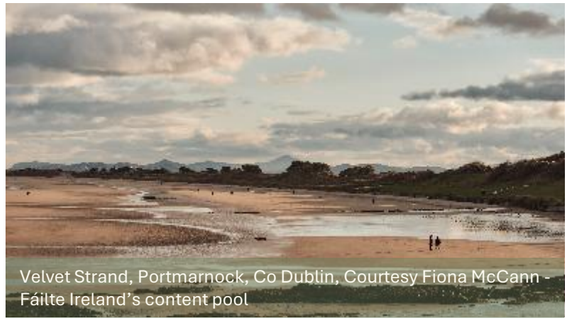
There is an exciting and ambitious programme of Greenway and active travel infrastructure development across the County. To date, three Greenways have been developed - Royal Canal Greenway (at Ashtown), Baldoyle - Portmarnock Greenway Cycle Route and Hartstown / Huntstown Rivervalley Swords.

Although quite limited, off-road, leisure cycling is provided within publicly accessible regional parks and demesnes, as well as recreational hubs at Millenium Park and Swords which provide Learn2Cycle Tracks.

Like walking, provision is limited within rural areas.

Beaches

Beaches form a central part in the provision of outdoor recreation within Fingal. There are 14 beaches in the County, of which 10 have seasonal lifeguards.



Velvet Strand, Portmarnock, Co Dublin, Courtesy Fiona McCann - Fáilte Ireland's content pool

Two of the beaches are Blue Flag beaches (Donabate / Balcarrick and Portmarnock / Velvet Strand) which acknowledges their high-water quality (to Bathing standards – published on the Fingal County Council website) sound environmental management, environmental education, safety and facilities. Donabate / Balcarrick also holds a Green Coast Award for its natural and unspoilt environment.

Sea swimming

Sea swimming has been cited as growing in popularity and demand, no longer a 'niche' activity throughout the country. This reflects national trends strongly supported within the national swimming strategy 2024-2027. This upward trend is also seen within Fingal.



Springers, Skerries – Courtesy Outscape

Access for sea swimming is possible at the County's beaches and designated swimming access points - The Captains and Springers, Skerries, and Low Rock, Portmarnock. In some areas, communities have laid marker buoys to create courses and designated swimming areas. An audit of sea swimming provision being carried out by Council seeks to understand current provision and future development opportunities.

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Watersports

There are a range of watersports activities carried out all along the coast of Fingal, including sailing, coastal rowing, Stand Up Paddleboarding (SUP), kayaking and canoeing, windsurfing and kitesurfing. However, it is widely considered that there are many barriers to these activities due to membership costs, equipment hire, accessibility of training etc.

There is limited access to inland waterways due to a lack of infrastructure.



Silhouettes, Skerries Sunset Tours, Dublin, Courtesy Skerries Sunset Tours - Faílte Ireland's content pool

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Fingal recreation assets

The coastline

The coast of Fingal is one of the County's greatest attractors due to its natural beauty, heritage and the enduring appeal of its pristine beaches and dramatic cliffs. For those visiting Dublin, it provides an opportunity to escape the City and enjoy the sea air and open space.

Fingal's coastline is a playground for walking, cycling and watersports activities. Access to beaches can be difficult due to the challenging and dynamic environment with shifting sands and coastal erosion. Seasonal programming helps to increase participation; however, it is recognised that more can be done to encourage those with disabilities and from under-represented groups to participate in activities.



Courtesy Fingal Co Co

Howth Head

At Howth Head, a series of National Trails registered walks take visitors along a stunning section of coastline within the County. Positioned above spectacular sea cliffs, the walking trails provide exceptional viewpoints to Irelands Eye, Dublin Bay and surrounding coastline

The area forms part of Howth Head SAC and Howth Head Coast provides an iconic backdrop for Fingal recreation as a unique offering when compared to the remainder of the County. Its location close to Dublin City, and excellent public transport links, means it has become a key visitor destination within the County attracting c.500,000 per year. This brings visitor management and environmental protection issues to this sensitive landscape.

Malahide Castle and Gardens

Located in the heart of Malahide town, the 800-year-old castle at Malahide is one of Ireland’s most iconic landmarks and marketed as a tranquil retreat just minutes away from Dublin.

Alongside the castle, the demesne is known for its exotic plants, natural beauty and greenspace, where locals and visitors can avail of its network of formal trails through its parkland, formal gardens and woodland.

It provides safe, off-road walking and leisure cycling opportunities within Malahide. Its gentle topography and consistent surfacing makes it accessible for much of the population.



Howth Cliff Walk, Howth Head, Co Dublin, Chair Davitt, from Fáilte Ireland’s content pool



Malahide Castle, Gardens,, Courtesy Brigita Stankaityte (Bond), from Fáilte Ireland’s content pool

Opportunity and awareness

Opportunity

Walking, leisure cycling, running, open water swimming and watersports are the most popular activities carried out in Fingal. This is reflective of a relative abundance of access, clubs and participation programmes that engage people with these activities.

These trends broadly reflect national patterns of participation in outdoor recreation (*Irish Sports Monitor 2023*).

Fingal Sports Office (Local Sports Partnership) is one of the key providers of participation opportunities, through a variety of programmes supported by 'Active, Together' – the County's Local Sports and Physical Activity Plan (2024-29) with the aim of

Inspiring Active Lifestyles for all in Fingal

These programmes exist to engage with the community through weekly and monthly events and leadership training:

- **Walking:** Men's Walk and Talk, Woodlands for Health, Get Ireland Walking, Active Cities Dublin, Revive and Thrive, parkrun (at 14 venues), Communities get Moving, walking buses.
- **Cycling:** Cycling Without Age, Learn2Cycle, cycling buses.
- **Open water swimming:** water safety and education programmes in partnership with Swim Ireland, Dance and Dip.
- **Watersports:** Watersports Camp for All, Community sailing.
- **National and local events:** Women in Sports Week, HER Outdoors Week, Bike Week, National Walking Day, beach festivals.
- **Activity providers:** Several outdoor recreation activity providers offer a diversity of participation opportunities that include walking tours, kayaking/canoeing, SUP, sailing.
- **Key partnerships:** Sport Ireland, Cycling Ireland, Swim Ireland, Active Disability Ireland, Vision Sports Ireland, Get Ireland Walking, Mental Health Ireland, Technological University Dublin.

Consultation identified that several barriers to participation exist, including a lack of access to equipment, perception of 'hard to reach' activities (e.g. sailing, kayaking/canoeing) and awareness of programming. Access to beaches was one of the key barriers – notably for those with disabilities.

Awareness

Awareness is about linking people to their outdoor recreation opportunities by providing them with the right information with which to encourage and enable responsible* participation.

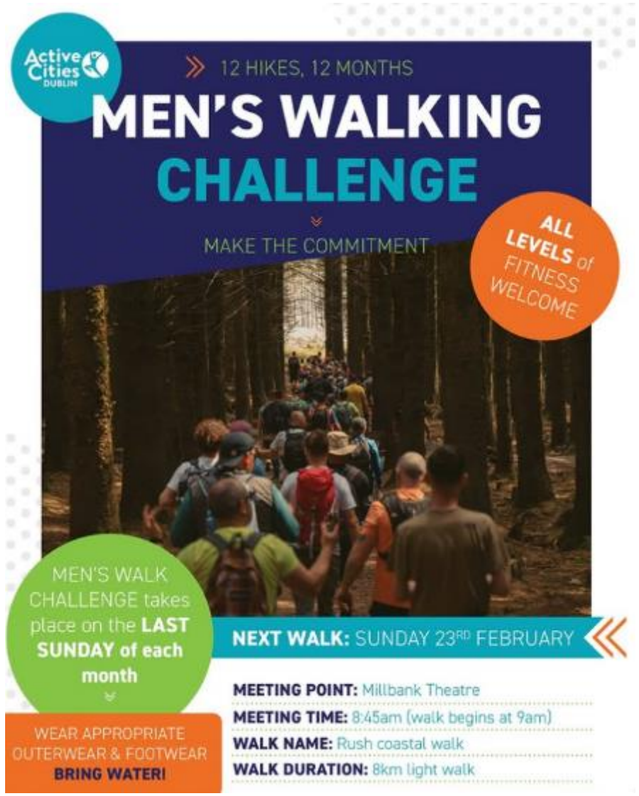
Platforms that promote outdoor recreation in Fingal include (but are not necessarily limited to):

- **Visit Fingal and Fingal Walks:** Managed by the Tourism section of Fingal County Council and embedded within the Council website.
- **VisitDublin.com**: Managed by Fáilte Ireland, promotes activities to do in and around Dublin – including Fingal through Dublin Discovery Trails (Balbriggan and Malahide) and Dublin Coastal Trail (Skerries, Malahide, Howth).
- **Discoverireland.ie:** Including Visit Dublin and Dublin Coastal Trail under the 'Dublin Surprising by Nature' brand proposition.
- **Getirelandactive.ie:** A Sport Ireland database with information on participation opportunities including clubs, events, and access locations.
- **Activity provider websites**: Including details of multi-activity adventure tours and details of activity-specific opportunities.

Although there are multiple platforms, these are largely tourism driven. The County is lacking a single, centralised resource that can promote, and champion the outdoor recreation offering and engage with the local population.

*Responsible participation

The need to promote responsible behaviour in the outdoors is recognised among all Fingal stakeholders. Responsible behaviour in the outdoors messaging is included on most platforms, but to a limited extent.



Examples of opportunities and awareness platforms linking people to outdoor recreation opportunities in Fingal

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Outdoor recreation stakeholders in Fingal

Fingal has an engaged and motivated array of stakeholders who already play an active role in the development, management, and promotion of outdoor recreation.

However, there is a collective recognition amongst stakeholders that the development of this Plan provides an opportunity for a more collaborative approach towards optimising the positive impacts of outdoor recreation.

The County does not currently have a County Outdoor Recreation Officer (CORO) to lead on the development, management and promotion of outdoor recreation. In the absence of a dedicated staff resource, the project Steering Group has brought together key statutory stakeholders to direct the development of this Plan.

This stakeholder map outlines the primary stakeholders involved in outdoor recreation in Fingal and their roles and responsibilities.

Users	
General public	Wide range of residents from local communities and visitors
Clubs	A range of clubs across most activities – predominantly walking

Tourism/Promotion Organisations	
Fáilte Ireland	Visit Dublin
Fingal Co Co	Visit Fingal

Environment & Heritage	
National Parks and Wildlife Service	North-Eastern Division Statutory responsibility to manage, maintain and develop state owned National Parks and Nature Reserves Ensure compliance of designations
Fingal Co Co	Biodiversity and Heritage Officers overseeing the implementation of • Fingal Biodiversity Action Plan 2023 - 2030 • Fingal Heritage Plan 2024 - 2030

Landowners	
Fingal Co Co	2000 hectares of publicly accessible greenspace Recreational Hubs Trails and waymarked ways
Private landowners	West of County is largely private, agricultural land

Participation Organisations	
Fingal Co Co	Participation programmes (alongside partners)
Fingal Sports Office (Local Sports Partnership)	Participation programme Infrastructure development Walking and Cycling Officers Sports Development Officers
Swim Ireland	Participation and engagement programmes in partnership with Fingal Sports Office
Cycling Ireland	Participation programmes in partnership with Fingal Sports Office
Technological University Dublin	Participation programmes in partnership with Fingal Sports Office

Development, Management & Maintenance Organisations	
Fingal Co Co	Greenspace management Development of infrastructure ORIS applications
Fingal LEADER Partnership	Administer funding Community engagement
Transport Infrastructure Ireland Fingal Co Co	Proposed Greenways

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Fingal's Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Challenges (SWOC)

This SWOC presents an at-a-glance summary of the current situation of outdoor recreation in Fingal. It has helped to steer the direction of the County's strategic priorities and ultimately influence the specific actions within this Plan.

Strengths

- Highly attractive landscape, rich natural environment and abundance of built and cultural heritage
- A young, diverse and fast-growing population
- Proximity of high quality, accessible green and blue spaces
- Ambitious leadership focused on delivering strategies and plans on active travel, sport, leisure and biodiversity
- Proximity to Dublin

Weaknesses

- Limited County-scale collaboration on projects
- Geographic distribution of infrastructure and access is along the coast and Dublin 15
- Lack of community provision in rural west Fingal
- Limited offering for those with disabilities
- Some examples of harm to environment and heritage
- Lack of centralised information on facilities and programmes

Opportunities

- Greater collaboration and co-operation amongst those involved in outdoor recreation at County level
- Secure funding for the appointment of a new County Outdoor Recreation Officer within Council
- Remove barriers to, and increase opportunities for participation
- Support ongoing development projects - Greenways, Fingal Camino, Phase 2 of the Dublin Coastal Trail
- Develop a consistent voice and approach to messaging
- Ensure environment and heritage are incorporated in planning and development of outdoor recreation

Challenges

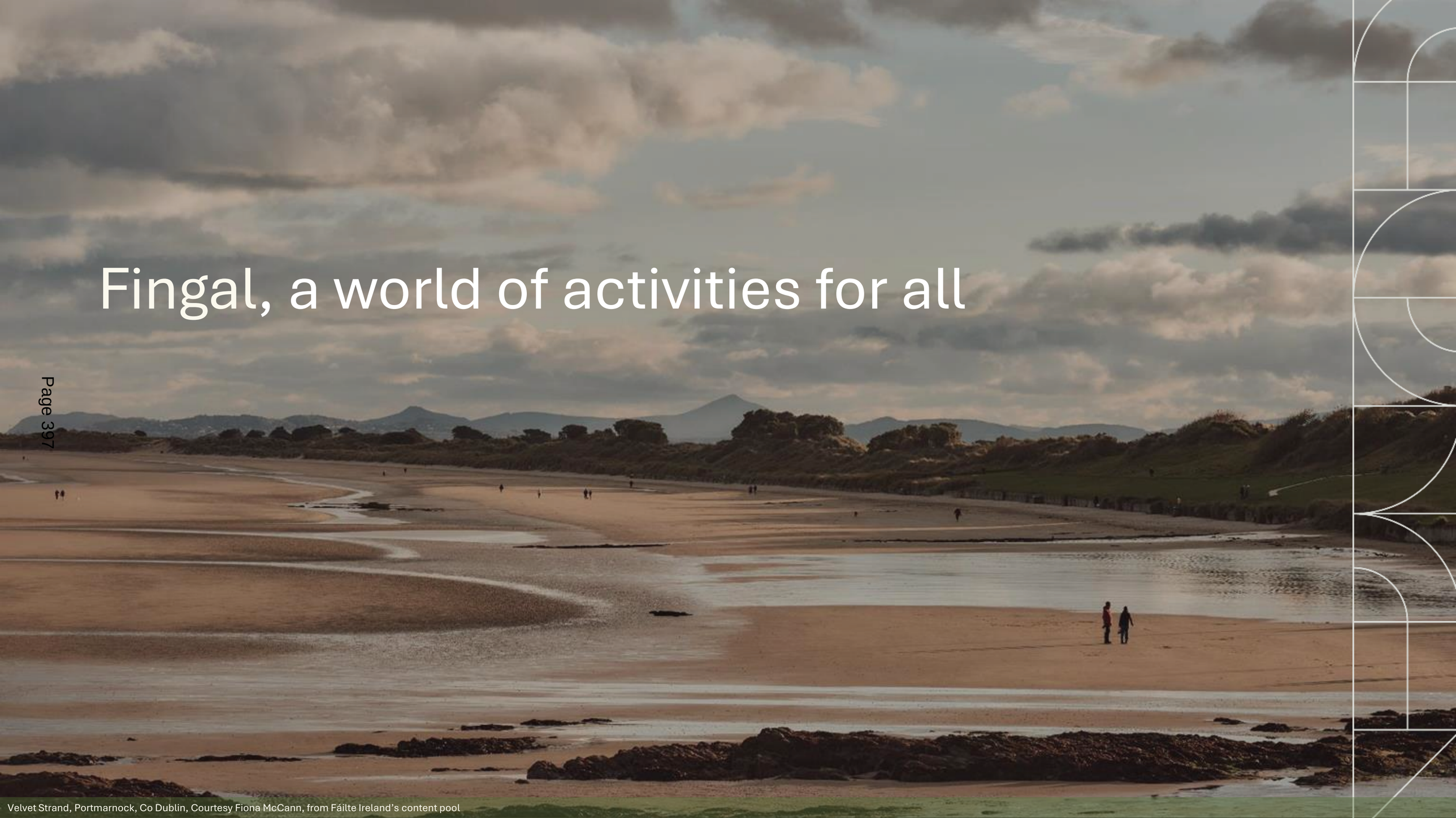
- Resourcing - need for a new County Outdoor Recreation Officer to drive forward the implementation of the CORP
- Change can be challenging
- Reliance on outdoor recreation in protected areas
- Fingal as a brand gets lost due to its proximity to Dublin
- Ensuring responsible behaviour in the outdoors

Strategic objectives and action plan



Malahide Coastal walk, Malahide, Co Dublin, Courtesy Fiona McCann, from Faílte Ireland's content pool

Fingal, a world of activities for all



Velvet Strand, Portmarnock, Co Dublin, Courtesy Fiona McCann, from Fáilte Ireland's content pool

Strategic priority statement

‘The priority for outdoor recreation in Fingal over the next five years is to enhance and expand the outdoor recreation offer and explore sustainable development opportunities, fostering a vibrant community which encourages all to enjoy the natural environment and heritage, and experience a high quality of life’

Malahide Castle, Malahide, Co Dublin, Courtesy Shannon Heritage DAC, from Fáilte Ireland’s content pool

Strategic objectives

The strategic objectives are defined within the 6 themes of ‘Embracing Ireland’s Outdoors’.

Leadership & collaboration

To create a more co-ordinated, cohesive approach across Fingal to ensure co-ordination and collaboration and ensure best use of our resources

Environment & heritage

To protect Fingal’s environment and heritage through better planning and development of outdoor recreation

Access & infrastructure

To protect and improve access to Fingal’s outdoors, for the benefit of all across the County

Awareness

To create awareness of Fingal’s outdoor recreation opportunities and how to enjoy them responsibly

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Opportunities

To increase and support the number of people active in the outdoors across Fingal, especially young people and under-represented groups

Expertise

To improve the knowledge, skills, and expertise of Fingal’s stakeholders and partners

Leadership and collaboration

Why is this important?

Ireland's National Outdoor Recreation Strategy 'Embracing Ireland's Outdoors' (2022), calls out the need for a joined-up and cohesive approach to outdoor recreation at County level

Across Fingal there are numerous organisations involved on a day-to-day basis in the planning, development, management, maintenance and promotion of outdoor recreation. These include public and private landowners who own or manage land on which outdoor recreation takes place, the local authority, and associated state bodies. In addition, Fingal Sport Office (Local Sports Partnership) and several private sector businesses are involved directly in facilitating participation in outdoor recreation activities.

With so many organisations involved, it is essential that everyone works together collaboratively to learn from each other, prevent duplication of effort, and maximise scarce resources. This will ensure that those using the outdoors will be rewarded with the best outdoor recreation experience possible.

However, to sustainably grow the outdoor recreation offering and continue to develop quality experiences additional resource and strengthening of relationships is vital.

What is our ambition?

Our ambition is to ensure that those involved directly or indirectly in outdoor recreation work together in a supportive and collaborative way to provide a seamless approach across the county to outdoor recreation.

As set out in the national outdoor recreation strategy each County in Ireland is required to set up a

- County Outdoor Recreation Committee (CORC).
- County Stakeholder Forum.

The CORC will ensure co-operation and collaborative working between the key stakeholders directly or indirectly involved in outdoor recreation whilst the Stakeholder Forum will provide a mechanism to allow wider stakeholder representation in decision-making.

To help drive forward the delivery of the CORP, we will seek to:

- Secure funding for the appointment of a new County Outdoor Recreation Officer (CORO).
- Establish a cross-directorate committee to bring together key internal outdoor recreation stakeholders.

In the absence of a CORO, the responsibilities for delivering the CORP will fall to appointed Council departments overseen by the working group.



Cycle Path, Ardgillan Castle & Demesne, Balbriggan, Co Dublin, Courtesy Shannon Heritage DAC, from Fáilte Ireland's content pool

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Leadership and collaboration

Objective **To create a more co-ordinated, cohesive approach across Fingal to ensure co-ordination and collaboration and ensure best use of our resources**				
No.	Action	Timescale	Lead Delivery Organisation	Stakeholders
1.1	Establish a County Outdoor Recreation Committee (CORC) in line with '*Guidance for Establishment of County Outdoor Recreation Committees and County Outdoor Stakeholder Forums*' (Dept of Rural Community and Development) to ensure co-operation and collaborative working between the key stakeholders directly or indirectly involved in outdoor recreation at a County level.	2025	FCC	Key strategic County stakeholders
1.2	Establish a Stakeholder Forum to ensure wider stakeholder representation and consultation on outdoor recreation in Fingal.	2025	CORC	Public / communities, PPN, Tidy Towns
1.3	Establish a cross-directorate Council Outdoor Recreation Committee to bring together all staff involved in outdoor recreation projects to ensure collaborative working within the Council.	2025	FCC	Key Council departments
1.4	Secure the funding to appoint a County Outdoor Recreation Officer (ORO) to lead and coordinate the CORC and Stakeholder Forum and drive forward the implementation of the County Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP).	2025	FCC / CORC	Key Council departments

FCC – Fingal County Council

CORC – County Outdoor Recreation Committee

PPN – Public Participation Network

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Environment and heritage

Why is this important?

Fingal has a rich and diverse environment with unique landscapes and habitats including beaches, sand dunes, cliffs and rolling agricultural land. The County's built and cultural heritage also play an important role in preserving its history for communities and visitors.

Enjoying time in the outdoors to connect with nature and heritage is a core motivator for outdoor recreation participation. However, the natural environment is a precious and finite asset and recreation relies on a healthy and sustainable natural environment. Similarly, heritage must be protected for future generations to enjoy and to reconnect with our past.

There are several areas that are protected and designated by environmental legislation in Fingal such as Malahide Estuary, Howth Head, North Dublin Bay and Ireland's Eye. Likewise, built heritage is protected by multiple Sites and Monuments Records and associated zones, including Newbridge Demesne and Portrane Martello Tower.

All stakeholders in the County have a shared responsibility to fulfil the legal obligations to protect these natural and built heritage assets.

It is imperative that the environment and heritage is at the heart of Fingal's recreation planning and development in the future.

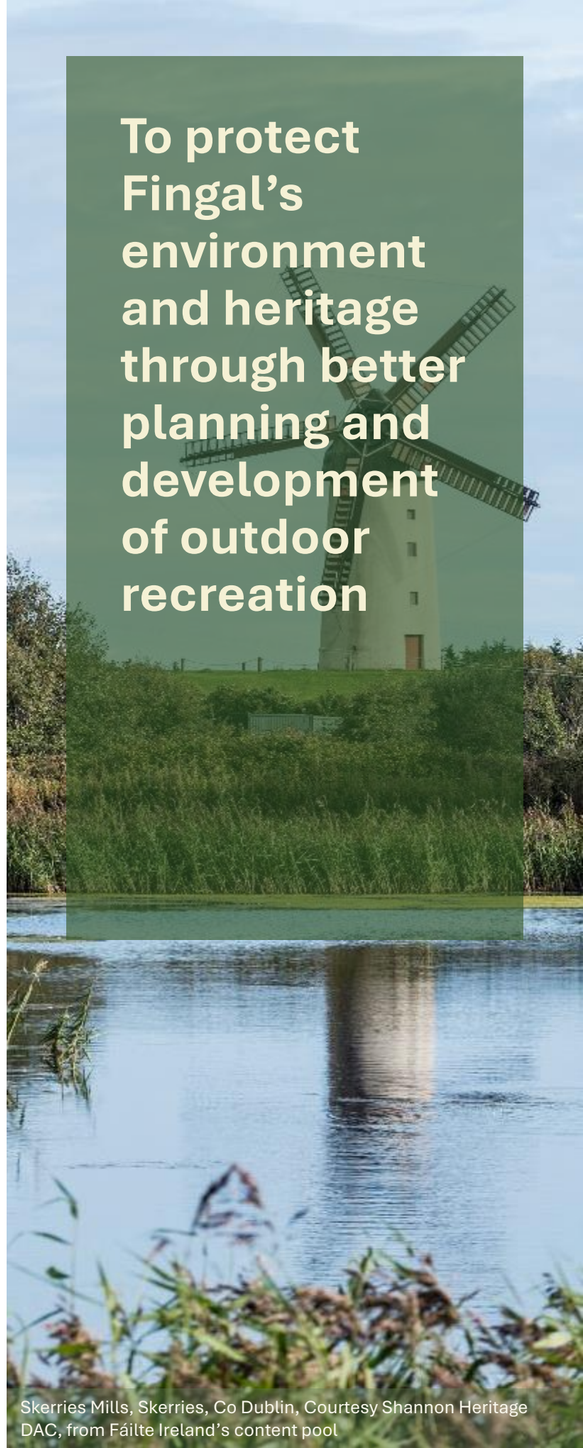
What is our ambition?

Our ambition is to ensure that environment and heritage is woven into the fabric of all outdoor recreation decision-making to secure the quality of our outdoor recreation experiences for future generations.

We hope to do this by:

- Ensuring the enhancement or restoration of environment and heritage will be considered from the earliest stages within project and programme development. This includes exploring areas where nature can be left to thrive and heritage enjoyed without the impact of human development.
- Ensuring greater collaboration between Council departments involved in outdoor recreation, as well as Biodiversity and Heritage teams to inform approaches and messaging around sustainable outdoor recreation in line with existing and future action plans.
- Exploring additional opportunities for safe, designated walking and leisure cycling routes within rural areas of the County. This will help to disperse visitors from popular, often sensitive areas which are seeing impacts due to high visitor numbers – particularly along the coast. Additionally, it will reduce the need for some people to travel by vehicle to engage in outdoor recreation activities resulting in an overall reduction in carbon emissions.
- Where possible, seeking to ensure that public transport and active travel opportunities are developed to connect local people and visitors to recreation sites.
- Ensuring that measures to reduce the impact of recreation on the natural environment in Special Amenity Areas are implemented so they can continue to be enjoyed by future generations whilst preserving and enhancing their special qualities. At Howth Head, this will include carrying out an annual pathway condition assessment of the trail system.

To protect Fingal's environment and heritage through better planning and development of outdoor recreation



Skerries Mills, Skerries, Co Dublin, Courtesy Shannon Heritage DAC, from Fáilte Ireland's content pool

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Environment and heritage

Objective **To protect Fingal's environment and heritage through better planning and development of outdoor recreation**				
No.	Action	Timescale	Lead Delivery Organisation	Stakeholders
2.1	Ensure that environment and heritage are incorporated within the planning and development of all future outdoor recreation projects and programmes – including consideration of suitability, sustainability, education and enhancement in line with existing and future action plans.	2025-2030	FCC	Fingal Biodiversity, Conservation and Heritage Teams, Stakeholder Forum, Council Working Group, LAWPRO
2.2	Ensure that environment and heritage are standing items at all Cross Directorate meetings.	2025-2030	FCC	Fingal Biodiversity and Heritage Teams
2.3	Ensure all future outdoor recreation projects align with the Council's Climate Action Plan.	2025-2030	FCC	NPWS, OPW, LAWPRO
2.4	Carry out annual pathway condition assessment of looped pathway network on Howth Head and carry out repairs as required.	2025-2026	FCC	Sport Ireland, FCC, Howth Pathways
2.5	Ensure that visitor management measures in Special Amenity Areas are implemented to reduce the impact of recreational use in the natural environment, whilst enhancing biodiversity and nature connection.	2025-2026	FCC	FCC, SAAO Committee, NPWS

FCC – Fingal County Council

LAWPRO – Local Authority Waters Programme

CORC – County Outdoor Recreation Committee

NPWS – National Parks and Wildlife Service

OPW – Office of Public Works

SAAO – Special Amenity Area Order

Access and infrastructure

Why is this important?

To participate in outdoor recreation, users require access to the land and waterways which is either in state or private ownership.

In Fingal, most outdoor recreation activities take place along the coastline and within publicly accessible greenspace (parks, recreation hubs), located mainly in the east and south of the County.

As there are no forest parks and there is limited public land across the County, managing existing resources to create sustainable outdoor recreation provision is vital.

There is a recognition that the offering for Fingal could be significantly enhanced and expanded geographically to provide more opportunities to all.

The maintenance of current and future infrastructure is also essential to ensure a safe and quality experience.

What is our ambition?

Our ambition is to build on existing provision by delivering high quality, accessible, enjoyable and sustainable outdoor recreation opportunities and experiences across the whole of the County. These must be supported by sufficient management and visitor servicing facilities where appropriate, for both local people and visitors to Fingal.

We hope to do this by:

- Continuing to deliver on Greenways and active travel routes, whilst exploring future options for safe on and off-road leisure cycling and walking infrastructure and connectivity to encourage greater dispersal amongst communities throughout the County – particularly within more rural areas.
- Ensuring that existing and new facilities meet the needs of currently under-represented groups – including inclusive outdoor recreation facilities and experiences.
- Ensuring sustainable management and maintenance approaches are prioritised and built into future development plans.
- Implementing recommendations within the current ongoing Sports Audits – including provision of open water swimming facilities.
- Monitoring and managing water quality standards along the coast and inland waterways and better dissemination of information to the public.
- Working with businesses and the community to support the development of outdoor recreation opportunities and visitor services (e.g. mobile coffee, catering, saunas etc.) in order to enhance the range, quality and availability of experience opportunities – a key objective within the ‘Fingal Tourism Strategy 2024 – 2029’.

Any recreation planning and development will have the environment and heritage at its fore. It will also be led by the data and trends in outdoor recreation, notably the popularity of walking and ‘closer to home’ opportunities for recreation.

To protect and improve access to Fingal’s outdoors, for the benefit of all across the County



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Access and infrastructure

Objective **To protect and improve access to Fingal's outdoors, for the benefit of all across the County**				
No.	Action	Timescale	Lead Delivery Organisation	Stakeholders
3.1	Continue to support delivery of ongoing projects throughout the County, including Greenways and active travel routes, the Fingal Camino and the Dublin Coastal Trail.	2025-2030	FCC	Fáilte Ireland
3.2	Continue to support the Active Travel work programme as a method to increase the connectivity between communities and greenspace throughout the County.	2025-2030	FCC	Stakeholder Forum, Community
3.3	Ensure that all new outdoor recreation projects incorporate active travel and public transport considerations when being planned including, where possible, new connections and linkages to areas of population.	2025-2030	FCC	Fáilte Ireland, FLP
3.4	Ensure future outdoor recreation projects, where possible, meet accessibility standards for all.	2025-2030	FCC	Active Disability, Stakeholder Forum, PPN, Community
3.5	Implement the recommendations from the County Sports Audits, where possible – including provision and improvement of beaches and open water swimming facilities – toilets, buoys, changing shelters, hooks, ramps, steps, signage, showers etc..	2025-2030	FCC	Stakeholder Forum
3.6	Undertake an accessibility and inclusivity audit of all existing recreation sites and facilities (toilets, car parks, buildings etc) across the County.	2025-2030	FCC	FLP, Active Disability, DPRO, Stakeholder Forum, PPN, Community
3.7	Explore potential opportunities for community trail provision across the County.	2025-2030	FCC	FLP, DPRO, Stakeholder Forum, PPN, Community
3.8	Carry out an audit of public water recreation access points and identify areas of need for greater provision within the County.	2025-2027	FCC	Stakeholder Forum, LAWPRO

FCC – Fingal County Council
FLP – Fingal LEADER Partnership
PPN – Public Participation Network
DPRO – Disabled Persons Representative Organisations
LAWPRO – Local Authority Waters Programme

Access and infrastructure

Objective **To protect and improve access to Fingal's outdoors, for the benefit of all across the County**				
No.	Action	Timescale	Lead Delivery Organisation	Stakeholders
3.9	Pilot a scheme to provide safe, leisure cycling routes on rural roads within the County and, if deemed successful, replicate this concept across the County encourage greater connectivity to rural areas.	2025 - 2030	FCC	FLP, Stakeholder Forum
3.10	Continue monitoring water quality along the coast and inland waterways and disseminate results widely to the public.	2025 - 2030	FCC	UE, NPWS, LAWPRO
3.11	Carry out an audit of existing outdoor recreation assets (including trails, signage – interpretation, trailhead - waymarking, fingerposts, benches, parking – bicycle and cars - toilets etc.) within the regional and neighbourhood parks.	2025 - 2030	FCC	-
3.12	Engage with minority sports to explore development opportunities where possible.	2025 - 2030	FCC	Mountaineering Ireland, Swim Ireland, Canoe Ireland
3.13	Continue to support the implementation of 'Space for Play – A Play Policy for Fingal'.	2025 - 2030	FCC	-
3.14	Identify further Public Rights of Way which give access to seashore, mountain, lakeshore, riverbank or other places of natural beauty or recreational utility.	2025 - 2030	FCC	FLP, Active Disability Ireland, DPRO, Stakeholder Forum, PPN, Community

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UE - Uisce Éireann

FLP – Fingal LEADER Partnership

NPWS – National Parks and Wildlife Service

LAWPRO – Local Authority Waters Programme

DPRO – Disabled Persons Representative Organisations

PPN – Public Participation Network

Awareness

Why is this important?

Fingal has a wealth of places and opportunities where people can enjoy the outdoors. A key barrier to people visiting the outdoors, is a lack of awareness of what is available. Therefore, it is important to have accurate and accessible information on all places and opportunities, communicated in a coherent manner, promoted to both locals and visitors, users and non-users.

There is a recognition in Fingal that communication on places and opportunities is across a variety of platforms using a range of approaches for promotion. It is important to consolidate this messaging to simplify its delivery. Additionally, it is important to use messaging to assist with dispersing people away from sites and areas which are experiencing pressures due to high visitor numbers.

Raising awareness of how to behave in a responsible manner in the outdoors is also critical. This includes encouraging users to take responsibility for their own safety and minimising their impact on the environment and landowners.

Whilst the Leave No Trace Ireland message is mentioned in some communications in Fingal, there is a need for greater focus on responsible behaviour messaging.

What is our ambition?

Our ambition is to create a coordinated, collaborative and consistent approach to marketing and promoting the many recreation facilities and opportunities (including participation programmes) that Fingal has to offer, as well as promoting responsible behaviour messaging for both locals and visitors.

We will develop a Communication Strategy to achieve greater collaboration and consistency in messaging for all stakeholders - making it easy for people to know 'where they can go' and 'what they can do'.

Key to this will be to develop a resourced interactive platform, with one central digital database that details all recreation facilities and opportunities to inspire locals and visitors to make the most of the facilities within the County.

At a local level, the Communication Strategy will include engaging with communities to identify local heroes to help promote the opportunities and messaging through a range of appropriate communication channels.

Engagement with national partners will be central to this ambition to educate, inform and amplify the responsible behaviour messaging to users of the outdoors in Fingal.



Outscape

Awareness

Objective **To create awareness of Fingal's outdoor recreation opportunities and how to enjoy them responsibly**				
No.	Action	Timescale	Lead Delivery Organisation	Stakeholders
4.1	Develop a Communication Strategy to achieve greater collaboration and consistency in messaging when sharing and signposting information with locals and visitors, including: • Aligning Fingal's outdoor recreation with existing brand to maintain consistency • Creating a single authoritative digital database, interactive maps and website that details all recreation sites, trails, pre-visit information (including in accessible formats), programmes (e.g. participation, hire), events, public transport and active travel connectivity • Using 'local heroes' to help market and promote the opportunities available particularly to under-represented and hard to reach groups • Collaborate with Leave No Trace Ireland to ensure inclusion of Leave No Trace principles	2025-2026	FCC	Fáilte Ireland, Stakeholder Forum, DPRO, Sport Ireland, LNTI
4.2	Support the roll out of the national '*Responsible Use of the Outdoors*' campaign at a local level.	2027-2030	FCC	LNTI, Stakeholder Forum, PPN

FCC – Fingal County Council

DPRO – Disabled Persons Representative Organisations

LNTI – Leave No Trace Ireland

PPN – Public Participation Network

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Opportunities

Why is this important?

Spending time in the outdoors and participating in outdoor recreation brings a multitude of benefits to individuals:

- their physical health improves as they become more physically active
- their mental health improves as time spent outdoors, increases the levels of happiness and life satisfaction
- their social well-being improves as they gain opportunities for social interaction reducing feelings of loneliness, isolation and improving overall quality of life

It is acknowledged however that there is unequal access to the outdoors across society with multiple social and economic barriers preventing people engaging in outdoor recreation. In particular there is under-representation from women and girls, older adults, young people, people with disabilities, ethnic minorities, unemployed and those from areas of high social need.

In Fingal, there is a range of participation programmes and initiatives that focus on cycling, walking and water safety, and which cater for some of these under-represented groups within the community. This includes – Woodlands for Health, Active Cities Dublin, Revive and Thrive, Men's Walk and Talk and Get Ireland Walking. However, there is a recognition, that opportunities exist to significantly improve the range of programmes and initiatives for these groups. This is of particular importance given the County's diverse and growing population

What is our ambition?

Our ambition is to ensure that as many local people as possible across Fingal can enjoy its outdoors and reap the benefits of doing so. We particularly want to encourage use of the outdoors from local groups that are currently under-represented.

In addition, we want to continue to welcome visitors to Fingal's outdoors and allow them to make the most of facilities that are on offer.

We will achieve this by:

- Considering how recreation sites can be made more physically accessible, especially to those with physical, sensory and intellectual disabilities by removing barriers
- Exploring opportunities to introduce, resource and sustain participation in activities for new individuals and groups
- Co-ordinating and delivering a wider range of targeted programmes designed to make outdoor recreation more inclusive by engaging more individuals and specific groups



Paddle Boarding, Skerries Sunset Tours, Dublin, Courtesy Skerries Sunset Tours, from Fáilte Ireland's content pool

Opportunities

Objective **To increase and support the number of people active in the outdoors across Fingal, especially young people and under-represented groups**				
No.	Action	Timescale	Lead Delivery Organisation	Stakeholders
5.1	Co-ordinate the delivery of a wide range of targeted programmes including (but not limited to) Watersports Camp for All, HEROutdoors Week, Woodlands for Health and ParkFit / Beach Yoga, Open Sea Swim events which focus on encouraging the following target groups to engage in outdoor activity: • Women • Children and young people • Disability • Under-represented groups	2025-2030	FCC	LSP, Stakeholder Forum, FLP, PPN, Community, Active Disability Ireland, Healthy Fingal, Age Friendly Ireland
5.2	Identify and increase the opportunities to participate in a range of priority activities through coordinating and facilitating a variety of programmes. Priority activities to include; walking, open water swimming, cycling, water sports.	2025-2030	FCC	LSP, Stakeholder Forum, FLP PPN, Community
5.3	Collaborate with Leave No Trace Ireland to ensure all activities and programmes are delivered in line with Leave No Trace principles.	2025-2030	FCC	LNTI

FCC – Fingal County Council

LSP – Local Sports Partnership (Fingal Sports Office)

FLP – Fingal LEADER Partnership

PPN – Public Participation Network

LNTI – Leave No Trace Ireland

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Expertise

Why is this important?

In recent years, there has been a significant increase in government funding for outdoor recreation, including capital projects through DRCD's Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme. Concurrently, the number of organisations involved in planning, developing, managing, maintaining and promoting outdoor recreation, from statutory organisations to community groups, has also grown. 'Embracing Ireland's Outdoors' recognises that there has been limited investment in capacity building and the speed of growth has meant that:

"many outdoor recreation practitioners are operating with insufficient knowledge, skills, and expertise".

In Fingal, several experienced and engaged stakeholders are involved in programme delivery and planning, development, management and maintenance of outdoor recreation. Whilst there are many examples of excellent practice, in some locations such as Howth Cliffs and many of the coastal locations around the County, the pressures from visitors represents an opportunity for greater management.

In addition to the expertise of practitioners, 'Embracing Ireland's Outdoors' recognises that information and evidence is critical to better develop and monitor projects and programmes.

In Fingal, there are a small number of visitor counters but largely there is limited information and evidence that supports decision-makers' plans and improve the offering.

What is our ambition?

Our ambition is to equip those working, volunteering and participating in the outdoor recreation sector in Fingal with the knowledge, skills, and expertise they need to thrive.

Fingal will work towards exploring funding opportunities (e.g. through dormant accounts) to help resource internal staff on best practice approaches to development and management of outdoor recreation – including identifying training needs amongst stakeholders and communities on aspects of safety, environment, heritage and visitor behaviour.

Continuing to engage with the Visitor Safety Group will be central to developing a more skilled, knowledgeable sector, reflecting good practice throughout Ireland, (e.g. for sea swimming). This will provide opportunities to attend training events and seminars, experience best practice in action and network with other practitioners internal and external to the County.

We understand that gathering evidence such as visitor numbers and patterns of visitor behaviour, compared against emerging trends, will be important to understand and plan for outdoor recreation impacts. Therefore, we will explore opportunities to collate data from a range of outdoor recreation facilities throughout and beyond the period of the CORP.

To improve the knowledge, skills, and expertise of Fingal's stakeholders and partners



Howth Foraging, Tour, Howth Hill, Co Dublin, Courtesy Hugo McCann, from Fáilte Ireland's content pool

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Expertise

Objective **To improve the knowledge, skills, and expertise of Fingal's stakeholders and partners**				
No.	Action	Timescale	Lead Delivery Organisation	Stakeholders
6.1	Continue to support engagement with open water swimming groups to provide training and safety advice.	Throughout	FCC/Swim Ireland	Water Safety Ireland, Stakeholder Forum
6.2	Continue to engage with the Visitor Safety Group (VSG) to build capacity in safety and visitor management issues.	Throughout	FCC	-
6.3	Ensure that visitor monitoring is implemented as part of all future outdoor recreation development to understand usage, help target promotion and support funding of development and maintenance costs.	Throughout	FCC	DPRO, Fáilte Ireland
6.4	Deliver training both internally and externally on the opportunities available under ORIS funding.	Throughout	FCC	Stakeholder Forum, PPN

FCC – Fingal County Council

DPRO – Disabled Persons Representative Organisations

PPN – Public Participation Network

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Chief Executive's Management Report

14th April 2025
Item No. 27

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Chief Executive's Foreword

Next month will see communities across Fingal come together as the Street Feast returns on May 24th and 25th. This fantastic global event, now in its 15th year, encourages residents to organise gatherings with neighbours and friends to share food and conversation and really fosters a sense of belonging, inclusivity and support within our communities. Last year in Fingal, there were over 50 Street Feasts bringing together thousands of people in their own localities for gatherings ranging from smaller groups to larger numbers. Organising a Street Feast in your area is very straightforward and gives people the opportunity to become involved in a community event while sharing delicious food and getting to know their neighbours. Hosts can avail of a free party pack that includes essentials such as bunting, invitations, and posters. The event is designed to be flexible: whether it's a small get-together on a residential street or a larger event in a community hall, the goal is to foster connections, celebrate local culture, and build a sense of belonging. Since its inception, Street Feast has been celebrated by 750,000 people across Ireland and the hope is to reach 1 million by 2030. Residents in Fingal can register to host a Street Feast via the official website StreetFeast.ie whether you choose to host and event or indeed attend one in your locality, I hope you enjoy the experience.

Back in 2019, Balbriggan residents were surveyed on their key priorities for their town. The findings of the survey on a host of topics shaped the ongoing Our Balbriggan Rejuvenation Programme. One of the main themes which emerged from surveying the people of Balbriggan was the need for a public swimming pool. I am delighted that Fingal County Council has progressed to the next of a €10m public swimming pool in Castlelands, Balbriggan. An integrated design team led by UK-based company ReCreation has developed preliminary plans. It is expected the project will be ready to go to planning by the end of this year and, subject to funding, construction could commence by the end of 2026. The new facility will incorporate a changing village, reception area with café and a viewing gallery and will be a huge asset to Balbriggan and surrounding towns. Coupled with the ongoing work which will transform Balbriggan's streetscape and harbour area and the recent opening of the Harry Reynolds Road Pedestrian & Cycle Route, the swimming pool will be of immense importance to the people of the locality and I look forward to seeing construction begin onsite by the end of next year.

Swords Castle Town Park Concerts have become a much anticipated highlight of the social calendar. This year we welcome back the hugely popular country star Nathan Carter and support acts from the Dolly Parton Tribute and Jem and The BeezNeez on Friday, July 25. Fans of all ages have been treated to Nathan's sell out performances in Swords Castle in recent years and last year with the concerts staged in Swords Town Park, even more of his followers were able to see him in action. The following evening the legendary purveyors of punk and new wave anthems, The Boomtown Rats, will take to the stage with support from special guests The Undertones and Iann Brennan. Year after year this concert series grows in popularity and it is a testament to the flawless staging and fantastic venue that we are in a position to attract top local and international talent to Fingal. Tickets are available now and are sure to sell out so make sure you secure your place and have a very enjoyable evening!

Dublin Climate Action Week 2025 (#DCAW25) will take place from Monday 12th to Sunday 18th May 2025. Fingal County Council, Dublin City Council, South Dublin County Council, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, the Dublin Metropolitan Climate Action Regional Office (CARO) and Codema have again collaborated to organise the week's events which are guaranteed to engage and showcase our ongoing commitment to addressing climate action. National Bike Week will align with Dublin Climate Action Week, bringing together climate action and active travel to highlight the strong connection between sustainable transportation and climate solutions. In Fingal, Millennium Park Blanchardstown and Malahide Demesne will host fantastic family fun days and there will also be demonstrations, workshops and local festivals all focussing on how the small changes we make can positively impact the environment. The full programme of events will be released shortly but in the meantime, you can find out what is happening in your area at www.dublinclimateactionweek.ie

Best wishes,

AnnMarie Farrelly
Chief Executive

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Number of Current Job Offers	64

Learning & Development Update

Learning & Development	Year to date
Number of courses	79
Number of Attendees	814
Number of Training Days	727

Throughout April, courses will be delivered in the areas of Managing Safely in Construction, Fire Warden, Safe Disposal of Needlesticks/Sharps, First Aid, Safety Representative Training and many more.

Wellbeing Update

The Wellbeing Team continues to introduce new initiatives to support mental health for all staff members. These initiatives aim to create a supportive and positive environment where employees can thrive, reduce stress, improve resilience, and ensure staff have access to mental health support whenever needed.

HSU – Health & Safety Unit

The HSU during the month of March 2025 revised assessments and procedures pertaining to the various tasks involving manual handling, harbour management, e-bike sharing, Architects personnel site inspections, fall protection systems and chainsaw works. Site safety inspections and audits continued during the month along with VDU assessments including remote assessments. To date 30 incidents have been investigated, 102 site safety inspections and safety audits have taken place, and 65 VDU assessments have been completed

Customer Services

Customer Care Unit Statistics – March 2025

Total No. of Calls dealt with by CCU	Total No. of Emails dealt with by CCU	Presenting In Person
11,001	**1,077**	**2,907**

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.

"Representation figures are unavailable this month due to the recent migration to Dynamics 365. Reporting will resume in time for the next update."

Building Facilities

Period Dignity – Funding 2025

A collaborative project between Building Facilities, Libraries and Community which commenced in 2022 following a small trial in 2021.

The Period Dignity pilot project is across 16 of FCC Community Centres, Fingal Libraries, Draiocht and available to the public in both Corporate Council Buildings.

In 2023 funding of €10,000 was received from the Department of Health, it was estimated this helped close to 8,000 Fingal residents who required period products.
Funding for 2024 of €15,000 was provided to the Council from the Dept of Health, it was estimated this helped close to 13,000 Fingal residents who required period products.
Building Facilities submitted a comprehensive proposal for funding for 2025 and have received confirmation that €15,000 will be provided to the Council from the Dept of Health following the recent success of the scheme and for an increased service relating to period dignity.

COMMUNICATIONS

Digital Statistics

The number of visitors to the finagl.ie website in March was 160,574 which was an increase of 40,000 on February. The increase was driven by interest in the St Patrick's Day parades and visitors coming to the site looking for information. Planning Lists, Affordable Housing, Recycling Centres and Jobs were, along with the home page, the other most visited pages. There were 320,268 page views during the month and the average time spent on the site was two minutes and four seconds

The number of Facebook followers rose by 786 to 39,348 and there were 1.9m impressions and 8,800 engagements.

Instagram now has 13,358 followers having added 513 new followers in the past month. It had 309,000 impressions and 3,600 engagements during March.

The number of LinkedIn followers is now 11,264 The engagement rate of February was 2.05% from 43,658 impressions.

The number of followers on X is now 23,468 which is a reduction of 32 on February.

The growth of WhatsApp continued with a 14% increase in followers over the month to 2,920 followers.

The numbers currently following the other corporate channels are Threads (1,295), TikTok (1,033) and Bluesky (391).

Six videos were added to the Council's You Tube Channel which saw the number of subscribers grow to 1,690. Videos posted included the opening of the Harry Reynolds Road, the Skerries Harbour Public Realm Improvements and a progress report on the new Baldoyle Community Centre.

Videos can be viewed at
https://www.youtube.com/@FingalCountyCouncilVideo/videos

The Communications Unit continues to look at adding other channels in order to maximise reach. The total number of followers across the nine social media channels is 93,077, a rise of 911 from February.

Press Releases

There were 27 press releases issued during March. Topics included the Hide FM project, the renewal of the Dublin Airport Local Area Plan, the appointment of Terry Prone as Fingal's Age Friendly Ambassadoor, Balbriggan Swimming Pool and Seachtain na Gaeilge.



Media Queries

Media queries received by the Communications Unit during March included questions about Hide FM, Social Housing, Signage, Dunsink, Dublin Airport and Local Community Safety Partnerships.

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Samhain Festival Funding

In conjunction with Tourism Ireland and Failte Ireland there is a new emphasis on the Halloween Festival in 2025 in the way Ireland is marketed overseas.

To support this five counties are to be chosen as "Samhain hubs", with additional funding to support the development of the festival. Fingal County Council is one of approximately 10 counties that have been shortlisted and who are now invited to competitively bid for hub status and funding.



Fingal is uniquely placed to make a strong bid, as there are already numerous ticketed events in the heritage properties, as well as public fireworks displays in the larger urban centres. A successful bid will involve pulling all of this together and adding the additional focus on authentic Samhain folk arts and experiences. A decision will be made on this by Failte Ireland in May.

Fingal Tourism Strategy

An inaugural meeting of the Tourism Advisory Group took place in the Carnegie Library, Swords on the 11th of March.



The Advisory Group is described in the Tourism Strategy as an oversight group, to steer the strategy initiatives and ensure they have greatest impact.

The advisory group heard about early progress on the Fingal Tourism Strategy and Fingal Food Policy 2024-2029 in relation to:

- The product audit brief for tourism
- The emerging marketing plan
- The Food Markets, especially Swords

Fingal Food Network

The Fingal Food Network Committee met on 24th March to discuss priorities for Q2 2025. It was reported that the formalisation of the network including establishing the network as a CLG and the setting up of a bank account were progressing well. The membership fee for 2025 was agreed.

The main priority for members was branding and marketing, especially in respect of social media presence and promoting the network at Flavours of Fingal. Members of the Committee had recently met with the Events team to discuss enhancing the Network's presence at Flavours of Fingal. The Council's agreement to facilitate a branding workshop in early April was welcomed.

EVENTS



Swords Concerts 2025

The Boomtown Rats & Nathan Carter Concerts are selling very well, with much higher sales than at the same point last year. Tickets and all details can be found on www.eventsinfingal.ie



St Patrick's Day Parades Feedback

The feedback from the seven parades across the county was very positive. To ensure we continually improve and adjust events we have conducted a survey of over 370 participants from the last 3 years, so far we have received c. 40 responses. This feedback will help us make adjustments and improvements in future parades, subject to budgetary approval.



Fingal Proms 2025

We have just published details of this years Fingal Proms with the headline act being Ronan Collins Showband Hits Show, tickets are €10+ booking fee from www.eventsinfingal.ie

Hosting this event in a parish hall and community centre has allowed us to cut back on high infrastructure costs from using heritage sites.



Flavours of Fingal

Planning is progressing well on Flavours of Fingal which is due to be held on the 5th & 6th of July in Newbridge House. The planning licence has been submitted and the newspaper ads published. The programming of the show is progressing well. Highlights will include the Fingal Food Show, Farmers, Traditional Skills of Ireland and the Sports & Active Travel Departments from Fingal.

HERITAGE PROPERTIES

Meitheal 2025

Meitheal is Failte Ireland's flagship trade event, a 2 day face to face workshop that gives the Irish tourism industry and overseas tourism buyers from over 20 different countries the opportunity to meet and do business. This year's event took place on 1st and 2nd April at the INEC, Killarney and Fingal's visitor attractions were well represented with representatives from Malahide Castle, Newbridge House, Casino Model Railway Museum and for the first time, Skerries Mills all in attendance.



Brambles at Ardgillan Castle

The redecoration of the tea rooms in the castle are due to take place in early May, giving the main cafe rooms a smarter and more appealing look. Discussions are taking place with the café operator in respect of upgrading the furniture to provide a more comfortable environment for visitors in keeping with the heritage environment.



Brambles Kiosk

In preparation for the busy season ahead, Brambles Café has recently re-opened the kiosk adjacent to the playground at Ardgillan Castle & Gardens in advance. This kiosk offers visitors a convenient spot to purchase a variety of refreshments, including teas, coffees, snacks, and ice creams, enhancing the overall experience for families and individuals enjoying the playground and its scenic surroundings. Several improvements have been made to the kiosk including the lowering of the hatch and new outdoor furniture. Further cosmetic improvements such as planting and painting will be completed in the coming weeks.

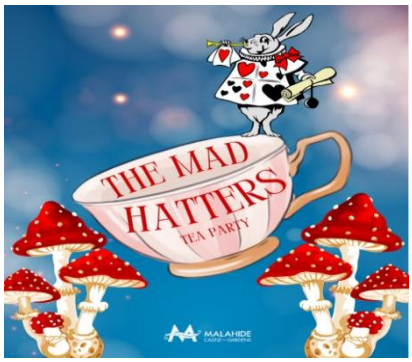
Newbridge House and Farm

The success of the recently launched Courtyard Kitchen at Newbridge House and Farm will host an exciting BBQ Masterclass demonstration by Man Street chefs. This interactive event will allow guests to learn essential tips and techniques as well as receive recipes and menu cards to recreate the magic at home in advance of the al fresco dining season. Places are limited so booking early is essential.



Mad Hatter's Tea Party at Malahide

This Easter a Mad Hatter's Tea Party, a family-friendly event will be staged on the West lawn. It is planned to be a fun-filled time, with laughter and amusement for all. Guests will enjoy a whimsical afternoon of games, comedy, and many surprises. Prizes will be awarded for the most imaginative and creative hats, which invites all attending to bring their finest headwear.



A discount available to staff and Councillors using the discount code: **MADHATTERS10** and book via https://bookings.malahidecastleandgardens.ie/Event/MADHATTERT

Swords Castle



A new wireless intruder alarm has been installed in Swords Castle, which is an upgrade on the established system that was no longer functioning properly. This will ensure the highest level of protection for the site with new hubs located in the Chapel, Constables Tower and tourist office pavilion.



Following several years of service to the Swords Recreation and Development Community Employment Scheme as a tour guide Theresa O'Shea has retired.

CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Arts

Public Art



Hide FM – 94.3 - Ireland's first community radio licence agreed between Coimisiun na Mean and a local authority went live from 24th March – 20th April. The radio artwork by Garrett Phelan brings focus to the birds observed at the Rogerstown Estuary and is part of the long-standing public art project – The Hide Project which includes a functional sculpture, website and set of prints – The Hide Suite. The Radio station was launched at the Lusk Cultural Centre and includes an exhibition of the full Hide Suite Prints, open daily to the public. The Radio Station broadcasts 24 hours a day.



Creative Places Balbriggan



Creative Places Balbriggan Coordinator Cormac McDonagh met with Balbriggan artists from the Scéal Collective at The Warehouse on Vauxhall Street to inform them of the 3-year programme that will work with artists and community groups through socially engaged Arts Practices. There will also be artists' support workshops to help develop the artist communities in the town as the needs are identified. Research and development for Creative Places Balbriggan continues and other meetings throughout March included Ardgillan Castle, Irish Institute of Music & Song, DDLETB Adult Education Services, Tidy Towns, Local Arts Curators, and Castlelands & Flemington Community Centres.

Youth & Education

Space Crafts, STEAM initiative



5th class pupils of Scoil Mhuire National School participated in our Space Crafts initiative delivered in partnership with DIAS Dunsink.

They are the second school to engage this month in the science and art workshops designed and facilitated by artists Aileen Murphy, Julia McConville and Mary Jo Galligan.

Music Generation Fingal at Crannóg Nua

Music Generation Fingal has initiated a pilot music project at Crannóg Nua, a residential care facility in Portrane for at-risk youth. Led by musician Eoghan McGale, this project aims to inspire young people in care to engage with music making and music performance.

Carnegie Library



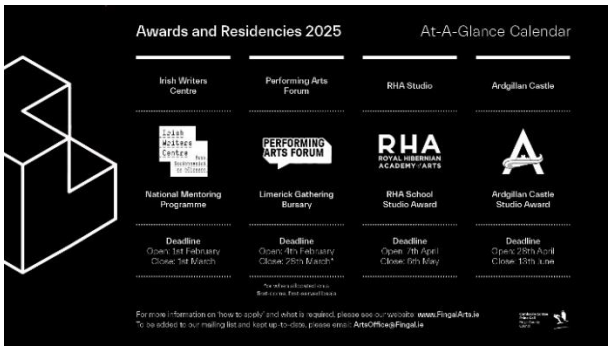
The Arts Office recently invited expressions of interest from community groups based in Swords and the wider Fingal area for the regular use of the first-floor space at Carnegie Library for arts and cultural activities. Interested groups were required to submit details of their activities, preferred dates and duration of use, and proof of Employer Liability and Public Liability insurance. Successful groups will be required to sign an agreement and complete the necessary induction and training in order to use the space.

Swords Cultural Quarter

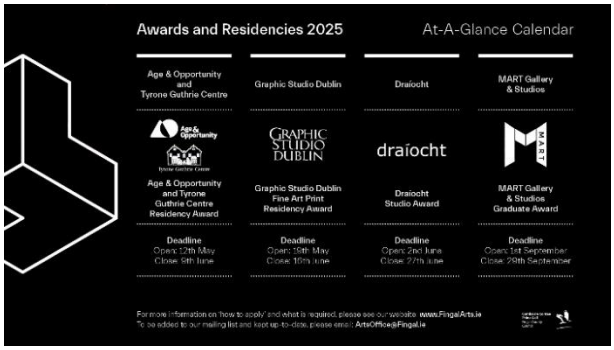
As part of the research for Swords Cultural Quarter, representatives from the Arts Office, Architects Department and O'Donnell & Tuomey recently attended a site visit to Meta's Dublin headquarters. The visit focused on exploring the design and functionality of the maker space, as well as the public art installations commissioned by Meta, providing valuable insights for the development of cultural and creative spaces.

Arts Services

Fingal Artists' Support Scheme Artists Awards & Residencies Programme



An at a glance calendar was created to highlight a range of upcoming awards and residencies for 2025 with the aim of giving artists advanced notice of upcoming opportunities. The calendar also showcases the various arts organisations that Fingal annually partners with and provides a time stamp for the opening and closing dates for each award.



The eight awards announced were Irish Writers Centre National Mentoring Programme (now closed) Performing Arts Forum's Limerick Gathering Bursary (now closed), RHA school Studio Award, the Ardgillan Castle Studio Award, Tyrone Guthrie Centre and Age & Opportunity residency award, the Graphic Studio Dublin Fine Art Print Residency Award, Draíocht Studio Award, and MART Gallery and Studios Graduate Award.

The calendar is available to download on www.FingalArts.ie

Draíocht

Draíocht is delighted that our landmark project 'NEST', was shortlisted for a LAMA award. The Award ceremony took place in Cork on February 22nd. Draíocht attended and together with The Mayor and CE, accepted our framed plaque.



Our March/April programme is very full with the variety and range of events that we are known for, on offer to the public. Performances such as Sharon Shannon, Jason Byrne, Chris Kent, Grey Matter, Michael Harding all selling out. The Blanchardstown Resonance performance gives a platform to local emerging singers/songwriters and spoken word artists. March 2025 saw the third Blanchardstown Resonance performance take place. Draíocht working in partnership with D15 singer/songwriter, Aisling Moore. It is a celebration of the talent and diversity in Dublin 15 with Draíocht, as their local venue, providing financial, marketing and technical support enabling these artists have a platform for their work at a crucial time in their careers.

Our current exhibition is 'First Draft', by Blanchardstown native, Rich Gilligan. Presented in partnership with the Fingal Arts Office, it is the 13th Edition of the Amharc Fhine Gall series which supports a Fingal artist. Additional events to amplify the work of the artist have been programmed over April.

The children/youth arts programme at Draíocht is continuing to both bring work outside the walls of Draíocht as well facilitating events in the building. Tours, workshops and family days are just some of the events taking place, as the Dance Artist in Residence programme continues to engage with our local primary schools.

Our full programme of performance, children/youth arts and visual art exhibitions as well as artists mentoring, and residency opportunities are available on www.draiocht.ie

Seamus Ennis Arts Centre

Music

Seisiún Palaistíneach - featuring Irish ensemble FARÓ alongside Palestinian trio (Abdullah Al Bayyari (oud), Leen Maarouf (vocals), and Latif Midoume (tabla)) in a celebration of music and unity. 41 booked.The Muddy River - Accoustic concert featuring music from Neil Young, Bob Dylan and Van Morrison hosted in our theatre. Attendance = 93 (Sold out)
Multi-instrumentalist & composer Dee Armstrong, with accompaniment. Attendance = 31



Traditional Slow Session for March with Paudie O'Connor had 30 tickets booked for in person attendance and 21 online
St Patricks Day Music Session with 55 attendees (Sold out)
Singing Session: Our regular singing sessions are a free event that welcomes participants either in person or via zoom to share songs in a relaxed and supportive singing circle. This month's special guest was Eva Caroll. Attendance = 29 (in person and online)
David Munnelly, Mick Conneely & Caitriona Ní Cheannabháin. Traditional Irish performance featuring singer Caitriona Ní Cheannabháin. Attendance = 30

Comedy

Gearoid Farrelly – sold out event with 94 attendees.

Cinema

King Frankie. 2025 Nominee for Best Film at the IFTA's. Attendance = 35. Memories of a Burning Body - Attendance = 8

Visual Arts

Ongoing Art Classes with Noel Manning
Crafternoon Tea featuring Wood Jewellery Making Workshop. Attendance = 10 (Sold Out)
Tiffani Love Art Exhibition, 'Footpaths.' Exhibition will run from February 23 to April 6, 2025

Workshops and Other Events

The Ultimate Bubble Show - Kids interactive theatre performance featuring Guinness world record holder Ray Bubbles who performed his bubble show for children in our theatre with 2 sell out shows. Attendance = 182
The Pop Up Gaeltacht is a free event we run every month. Bookings = 22 (free event)
March Céilí Beag with 9 parents and toddlers in attendance.
International Women's Day Dance & Movement Workshop – sold out. Attendance = 16

Libraries

Schools Programme

To celebrate Technology Week (Thursday, 17th – Wednesday, 23rd April) classes from local primary schools are invited to the library for STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths) workshops with Anyone4Science.

As part of Blanchardstown Library's Family Literacy Project, parents and children selected by Scoil Mhuire in Blakestown worked with literacy experts Stephen Brett and Colm O'Donovan throughout the month of March. The mobile library service and children's author and illustrator Alan Nolan also visited the school. Stephen Brett gave a series of talks in Blanchardstown Library for all parents of primary school children on effective strategies to support their child's reading development. The Literacy Project will run again later this year.

Secondary school students preparing for Leaving Certificate Irish oral examinations were invited to Blanchardstown, Balbriggan and Swords Libraries to practice their conversational Irish with comedian Áine Gallagher.



Spring Into Storytime

Spring into Storytime is part of the national Right to Read programme, which aims to promote literacy and reading for fun. Story sessions for children will take place in all Fingal libraries during the month of April.

Skills for Life

MABS, the Money Advice and Budgeting Service, will offer budgeting and money management sessions in a number of library branches in April. Marie Keegan will give a talk on Age Action's Care & Repair programme, which assists older people to remain in their homes, in Blanchardstown library in April.

As part of the Healthy Ireland at your Library program, Dr. Caoimhe Hartley will facilitate an informative session on menopause health in Balbriggan Library on 29th March.

Upcoming Local History Events for Adults

Upcoming library events for adults in April include Frank Whearity's talk on the rise and fall of Kenure house and estate and the families who lived there in Rush Library. Dr. Bernard Kelly will give a presentation in Skerries Library for people who are considering or have researched some topic of local history.

Creative Fingal

Weaving the Threads of Heritage, a contemporary art exhibition celebrating Fingal's rich textile history and manufacturing legacy, opens at Ardgillan Gallery on Saturday, April 12th, at 2 pm. Funded through the Creative Fingal Creative Communities Open Call 2024, this project brings together artists, historians, and the local community in a vibrant exploration of Fingal's textile heritage. Featuring original works by a group of artists, the exhibition draws inspiration from the region's past—particularly a unique collection of artefacts from the former Smyth & Co hosiery factory in Balbriggan.

Through this exhibition, and a series of accompanying workshops, two centuries of community and craftsmanship are reimagined and woven into a contemporary artistic dialogue.

Inclusive Creativity

Inclusive Creativity – a collaboration between Fingal Libraries and Creative Fingal will commence in April. Adults who are supported by Prosper Fingal are invited to participate in a series of sustainable arts & crafts workshops in library branches across the county. Workshops include upcycled art, eco-friendly 3D art, textile arts, nature crafts and green gardening arts. Each session is designed to promote eco-consciousness while allowing participants to enjoy the creative process. This collaborative programme will also offer workshops to older age groups in Fingal Libraries and other community settings over the coming months.

World Book Day

To celebrate World Book Day (6th March) five children's authors visited libraries and schools across Fingal between 3rd - 7th March. This was the third year of the Fingal Libraries World Book Tour, which gives primary school children an opportunity to meet favourite authors. The children were gifted a copy the author's book.

Fingal Mobile Library visited the new Tuath housing development in Lusk on World Book Day.

The residents of Kilhedge Gardens were delighted to make use of the Mobile Library and Fingal Libraries also donated some new books for the residents own 'Little Library'.

Seachtain na Gaeilge

Events took place across Fingal library branches to celebrate Seachtain na Gaeilge. These included a 'pop-up Gaeltacht' event in Blanchardstown Library with comedian Áine Gallagher, a performance of Irish music and songs by singer Antaine Ó Faracháin and piper Nollaig Mac Cárthaigh in Malahide Library, comic book drawing workshops for children as Gaeilge, and Irish language story time.





One Dublin One Book

This year, marks 20th anniversary of the One Dublin, One Book initiative. Dublin: Written in our Hearts, a new anthology of fiction, poetry, essays and memoir pieces collated in celebration of the city, is the book choice for 2025. Balbriggan Library is delighted to host two of the anthology's contributors for an event on 15th April. Authors Kevin Curran and Niamh Campbell, both from North County Dublin, will be in conversation with Katy Conneely, presenter of Dublin City FM's All about Books, to discuss the influences of suburban living on their writing.

Economic Development

Fingal Skills Strategy

FUTURE FINGAL:
FINGAL
Skills STRATEGY
IDEAS COLLABORATION ACTION

In support of Logistics & Supply Chain Skills Week (31st March – 5th April) and as an initiative of Future Fingal: Fingal Skills Strategy, Fingal County Council hosted a Transport & Logistics Skills and Training information event in County Hall Atrium on 1st of April.

The event was organised in collaboration with the Transport & Logistics Sectoral sub-group to raise awareness of the career opportunities within the industry, to attract new talent and skills to the industry and to support the industry with skills and career development signposting. The event was very well received and supported by key industry and education/training stakeholders.

LOGISTICS & SUPPLY CHAIN SKILLS WEEK
31 March - 5 April 2025

Exhibitors on the day included Dublin Regional Skills Forum, City of Dublin ETB, Dublin Dun Laoghaire ETB, TU Dublin, Fingal Chamber Skillnet, Freight Transport Association Ireland and the Local Enterprise Office.



The Deputy Mayor, Councillor John Kingsley Onwumereh opened the event acknowledging the contribution of all stakeholders in the Transport & Logistics Sectoral Sub-Group and the importance of the Transport & Logistics sector to the Fingal economy.





Guest speaker, David Macken from Hawthorn Logistics ("Young Freight Forwarder of the Year 2025") outlined his career progression within the industry and shared his experiences as a student of the Apprenticeship programme whilst working for Hawthorn Logistics. David's story was very insightful and sure to inspire the next generation of your Freight Forwarder's.



A panel discussion followed where industry and academic experts from the Skills Strategy Implementation Group and T&L Skills Subgroup shared insights, challenges and opportunities for the industry. Panellists included, Frank Kilbride (Aramex), Co-Chair SSIG, Terry Allen (Hawthorn Logistics), T&L Skills Sub Group Chair, Natasha Kinsella (Dublin Regional Skills Forum and Seamus Kavanagh (Irish International Freight Association).

Xplore Your Future Fingal TY Skills Expo 2025

Plans are underway for the 2025 Xplore Your Future Skills Expo which is open to all TY students in Fingal secondary schools and is scheduled to take place in the Helix, DCU on the 14th of October 2025 building on the success of the last two TY Skills Expo Events.



Xplore The Sector – Student Skills Competition

The "Xplore the Sector" Skills Competition, part of the "Xplore Your Future" TY Students Skills Expo, invites secondary school teams in Fingal to research and market career opportunities in the Construction and Transport & Logistics sectors. Teams must identify at least five jobs in their chosen sector, document their research methodology, and create a marketing piece to promote these jobs to their peers. The competition aims to raise awareness of career opportunities and build a future talent pipeline for these vital industries.



Skyla Project

The SKYLA team are preparing for their fifth project transnational city visit held in Vilnius, Lithuania from 08th- 09th April. The event will focus on comparing and improving policy change alert mechanisms, visiting on the field experiences in Vilnius and focusing on solutions for the twin transition and planning partnerships needs and next steps.



The Agenda will includes: Interactive Peer Review Workshops, Study Visits to TECHIN the Vilnius Centre for Technology and Engineering Training and the Manufacturing Innovation Valley to examine and learn from their good practices and explore potential future working synergies.



The SKYLA mid-term review took place in February to review partner project progress with the Lead Partner announcing a funding call to Skills pilot action which issued in Q1 2025. The Council is preparing an application proposal for a pilot action which would enable the delivery of a key action under Theme 2: Increasing Awareness of Future Fingal: Fingal Skills Strategy due for submission by the 15th of April.

URBACT–EcoCore

The EcoCore Project
Green Transition in Small Cities along Transport Corridors

Following on from the success of Project EcoCore LAMA Award, Fingal County Council continues to lead the URBACT EcoCore Project which comprises a network of 9 small cities/towns in Europe focussing on challenges and opportunities for green growth and sustainable economic development along transport corridors.

The Council, as Lead Partner, has developed a plan to capture and share project insights and learnings through a series of Podcasts – "Green Transition in Small Cities" which will be available to city officials, urban planners, policymakers, sustainability professionals, local businesses and the general public towards year end.





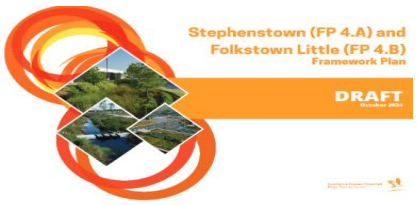
The Council's Project team are preparing for the next Transnational City Visit to Alba Iulia, Romania (19th – 22nd May), where the draft Integrated Action Plans (IAP's) of each city will undergo peer review for improvement.
An URBACT networking event, organised by the EMRA National URBACT Contact Point, Dr Karl Murphy, was held in Sligo on the 5th of March. The EcoCore project team met with nine Irish URBACT Project partners and delivered an update on the EcoCore Project with all partners sharing insights and learnings on their URBACT projects.



Sligo's Business Improvement District (BID) provided insights to their collaborative working approach with Sligo County Council and showcased the public realm open space at Queen Maeve Square which now operates as a multi-functional public space, providing a community friendly area with transferability of usage from day to evening. The proposed installation of an awning cover will provide a future proofed European style outdoor space for all to enjoy.



Stephenstown and Folkstown Little Framework Plans

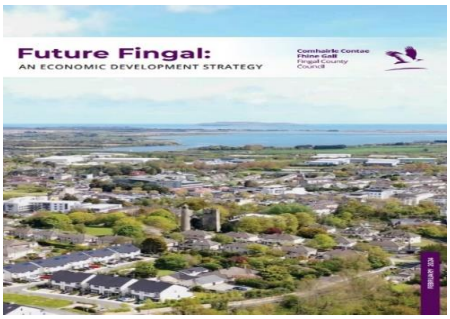


The Draft Stephenstown (FP 4.A) & Folkstown Little (FP 4.B) Framework Plan was on public display from 17th October to 15th November 2024.

Following public consultation, the public submissions received on the Framework Plan are under review for the preparation of the Chief Executive's report for the consideration of the Elected Members.

Future Fingal: Economic Development Strategy

The Economic Development team is progressing the implementation of actions, including the development of a Marketing Plan under the Future Fingal: Fingal Economic Development Strategy.



Sustainable Fingal

SUSTAINABLE FINGAL
An initiative of Fingal County Council

Planning is underway with Fingal Chamber on a series of Business Sustainability Briefings with a particular focus on food waste to coincide with national Climate Action Week in May 2025 (12th – 16th May)

Five one-hour information events are planned throughout the Fingal administrative area with invitations to issue to local food-based businesses. This is a great opportunity for business in the food sector to learn sustainable business practices from Amy Irwin, Conscious Kitchens and to hear from other Fingal food businesses who made substantial cost, energy and resource saving following the implementation of sustainable business measures.

Future Fingal: Fingal Sustainability Strategy

A tender has issued to appoint consultants to assist with the development of the Future Fingal: Fingal Sustainable Strategy. The Strategy will have an external focus on providing support to existing businesses in Fingal to encourage the incorporation of sustainability measures into operating business models and collaboration as the County transitions from a linear to a more circular economy model across all business sectors and operating in partnership with local communities.

The EETCD Department continue to liaise with representatives from DCU and DAA to explore a work programme for 2025 to progress potential collaborative sustainable projects. 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

As Fingal County Council is a signatory of Circular Cities Declaration, we continue to engage with the Circular Cities & Regions Initiative. The Council has applied to participate in the CCRI Communities of practice working groups in the area of providing support to local circular businesses.

Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor (DBEC)



The Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor Summit 2025 was held on 27th February 2025, this highly successful event highlighted DBEC's ambition to shape and influence policy to enable a higher performing cross border economy. Attendees heard from the policy makers, leaders, including the Mayor of Fingal as co-chair of DBEC's Political Advisory Group, and key private sector partners from along the corridor.

The event had more than 500 attendees and brought DBEC to the market, creating a greater understanding of the importance of the corridor in respect of cross border trade, connectivity, net zero ambitions and leveraging the corridor to maximise its global reach.

LOCAL AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Fingal Local Community Development Committee

The Fingal LCDC continues to oversee and administer the key areas of LEADER and SICAP and the various Local Development and Community Development funding programmes under its remit. The LCDC also manages the Healthy Ireland Initiative and the implementation of the community element and review of economic elements of the Fingal Local Economic & Community Plan.

The March LCDC meeting focused on LECP Theme 4 – Healthy, Inclusive, Connected Communities and discussed approaches to advance delivery on objectives under this theme. The next meeting of the LCDC will take place on 7th May 2025.

SICAP

The annual SICAP budget for 2024 was €2,036,355.06 which included a separate funding provision for new arrivals.

The 2025 budget allocations are outlined below in respect of the delivery of the Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme (SICAP):

- **SICAP Budget 2025 -** €1,568,717.00
- **New Arrivals Budget 2025 -** €375,372.00

Empower, the SICAP Programme Implementer, delivered the 2024 End-of-Year Review, confirming that both KPI 1 and KPI 2 targets were successfully achieved. They also presented the strategic objectives for SICAP in 2025 and outlined the KPI targets for the year ahead.

The formal approval of the 2025 Annual Plan and the 2024 Annual Performance Review took place at the LCDC meeting on March 4th.

LEADER Programme

Fingal LCDC and Fingal LEADER Partnership are responsible for the LEADER Programme 2023 – 2027 in the Dublin rural area. The Dublin Rural LEADER (LAG) includes rural areas in the administrative areas of Fingal, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown and South Dublin.

The Dublin Rural LAG met on 12th December 2024 and approved 3 Projects for funding. The next Dublin Rural LAG meeting is scheduled for the 29th April 2025.

LEADER continues to seek applications from Individuals, Farm Families, Rural Businesses, Community & Voluntary Groups and Social Enterprises. Help is available to guide applicants through the process.

More details: www.dublinruralleader.ie or contact rdinfo@fingalleaderpartnership.ie

Local Enhancement Programme 2025

The Local Enhancement Programme 2025 launched on 3rd December 2024.

Community and Voluntary Groups in Fingal applied for funding under the Local Enhancement Programme (LEP) 2025. The Programme is designed to provide both capital and current funding support to a wide and diverse range of local groups. Funding is available to support small capital works/improvements, the purchase of equipment for community use; tables and chairs, tools and signage, laptops and printers, lawnmowers, canopies and training equipment etc., as well as capital costs; electricity costs, refuse charges, heating charges, rental/lease costs, insurance bills.



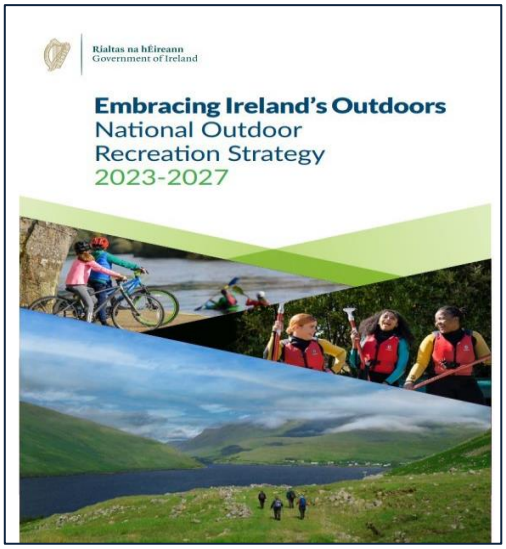
Fingal County Council had been allocated a total of €268,827 in funding for Groups across the county €230,423 in Capital Funding and €38,404 in Current Funding.

The Evaluation Committee Meeting for the Current Funding Scheme was held on 27th January 2025, followed by the Evaluation Committee Meeting for the Capital Funding Scheme on 28th January 2025.

All proposed funding has now been submitted to the Department of Rural & Community Development (DRCD) for final approval and notifications will be issued to all applicants when allocations are approved by DRCD.

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS)

The Council has prepared the County Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP) under the guidance of the County Outdoor Recreation Committee which will be brought to the April Council Meeting.



Applications under the 2024/2025 Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) funded by the Department of Rural & Community Development were submitted in March - 2 applications were submitted under the Project Development Measure for feasibility studies for water based sports facilities on the Royal Canal and a greenway linking Balrothery to Ardgillan Castle, 4 applications were submitted under Measure 1 for swim shelters in Rush, Skerries & Donabate and for a play trail in Rush, 1 application for the Fingal Camino was submitted under Measure 2 and 1 application for works around Balbriggan Boathouse and Bathhouse was submitted under Measure 3.

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Woodlands for Health

The Woodlands for Health Programme promotes mental well-being through guided walks in natural settings. Planning is underway for the programme in Newbridge Demesne, Donabate, which supports mental health service users with light exercise in a tranquil woodland setting. We are also looking at a new addition in Millennium Park, Dublin 15, which expands access to this impactful initiative. Delivered in partnership with Healthy Fingal, HSE Mental Health Services and Fingal County Council's Sports Office, it fosters recovery, connection, and wellness through nature-based activity.



Smoke Free Homes Challenge

The Smoke Free Homes Challenge has expanded to include both Ladyswell National School and Corduff Senior National School. Delivered by Healthy Fingal, the HSE, and Empower, the programme encourages families to make their homes and cars smoke-free. Quit Smoking Advisors will visit classrooms to educate students on the dangers of smoking and vaping, while parents receive support materials and information on signing up for the June challenge. A fun colouring/drawing competition also reinforces the smoke-free message for students.



Community Recognition Fund 2023

The Community Recognition Fund (CRF) 2023, funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development, approved the Council's project proposals in March 2023. Fingal County Council has received an allocation of €1,813,912 for 26 projects across Fingal with €1.4 million claimed to date. Projects were required to be completed by 18th October 2024; however, a number of projects have been granted extensions by the DRCD. Several projects have been completed with some in the process of closing and the Council continues to submit drawdown claims as the projects reach completion.

Community Recognition Fund (CRF) 2024

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:

On February 24th, Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht, Dara Calleary TD, announced over €14 million in funding for 185 community projects nationwide under the Community Recognition Fund 2024.
In Window 2 7 projects in Fingal received funding of c. €596,000 in February 2025:

- Donabate Portrane Community Centre - Safety and Accessibility Works
- St Margaret's GAA Club Astroturf Installation
- Baldoyle Forum - Fire Safety Upgrades
- Corduff Resource Centre Fire Safety Upgrades
- Blanchardstown Centre for Independent Living Electric Wheelchair Accessible Van
- Phibblestown Community Centre Astroturf Resurfacing (€50,000)
- O'Dwyers GAA Club, Balbriggan - Supply and Installation of Perimeter Fencing





Application Window 3:

The third and final public call for applications under this funding stream was announced in November with a submission deadline in December 2024.

Project proposals have been evaluated and submitted to the Department of Rural and Community Development (DRCD), and we are now awaiting approval.

ENTERPRISE CENTRES

Following an agreement by the Boards of Directors of BASE, Beat and Drinan Enterprise Centres to consolidate the management of all three centres, the Council has now formed a new legal entity "Innovate Fingal" to drive innovation and focus on the strategic development of the 3 Enterprise Centres.

An online briefing session was held for elected members on the 31st of March.

All three Enterprise Centres have space available to start-up businesses and businesses/individuals who wish to avail of remote working options and facilities. Bespoke options or generic office fitouts can be considered. Occupancy rates at the Council's three enterprise centres are all over 90%. The three Enterprise Centres currently support 65 businesses and over 320 direct jobs.

TOWN REGENERATION OFFICE

Our Balbriggan 2019 – 2030 Rejuvenation Plan – A Socio-Economic Strategy

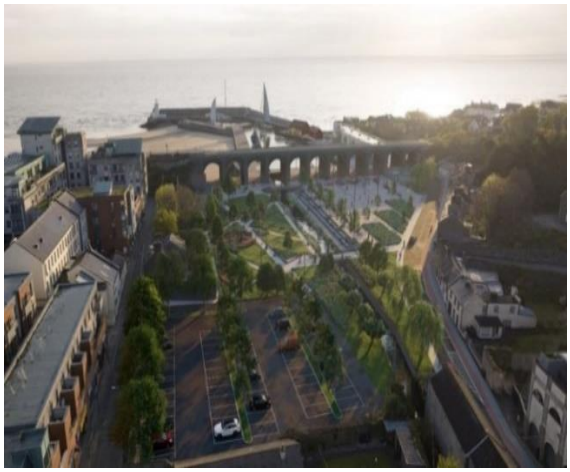


The Our Balbriggan Programme Office continues to support the local Leadership Group, in the stewardship and oversight of the implementation of the Balbriggan Socio-Economic plan 2024 – 2030. Four multi-stakeholder groups meet periodically, to progress opportunities around Economic Development, Education, Skills & Employment, Community Development and Sustainability, Climate Action and Bio-diversity Pillar. The Public Realm Pillar is chaired by the County Architect and reports directly to the Chief Executive.

After a mid-point governance review in 2024 the Rejuvenation programme horizon was extended to 2030, to bring it in line with the Urban Regeneration Development Fund (URDF), supported by the Department of Housing, Heritage and Local Government.

The Balbriggan Leadership Group, independently chaired by Dr. David Begg, met on March 19th. The meeting formally adopted a set of new Pillar Action Workplans for the period 2025 – 2030 and will now move into implementation phase.

The Council have appointed contractor John Craddock Ltd and work is progressing on schedule, on the redevelopment of the Quay Street, Harbour & Environs area which is due to be substantially completed by December 2025. Work continues to progress well across key elements of the Quay Street & Harbour site.



Phase 1 Works have been completed to include the completion of improvements at the Town Car Park and works to the River Walls and Riverbed. The Town Car Park has now re-opened, with Electrical Vehicle Chargers due to be installed Q2 2025. Phase 2 has commenced with the heritage restoration of the RNLI Boathouse building for commercial use, the new public toilets are now constructed to roof level, with the new harbour building and kiosks being progressed. Phase 3 will incorporate the construction of 2 pedestrian bridges, with substantial completion of the Toilet Block & Kiosk and Harbour Buildings.

The planting of trees on the south-side of the new redeveloped plaza area has commenced, this follows the planting of 20 additional trees around the Quay Street Car Park area and along the adjoining River Bracken.

The Our Balbriggan Programme Office continues to provide regular updates on the project through social media Channels and includes detailed information on frequently asked questions. Up to date information on the project is available on Balbriggan.ie







Tender pack documents for 2 – 4 Dublin Street are currently under review. 2 - 4 Dublin Street is to be transformed into a new Creative Hub with 8 workspaces at 2 Dublin Street and an ancillary connected space at 4 Dublin Street which will support STEAM education, training and enterprise activities supported by Fingal Arts Office & SMART Balbriggan. Planning permission was granted at Council in October 2023.



An Integrated Design Team has been appointed for the DeBruns site and are progressing work on design options based on best possible uses and site constraints. Stakeholder engagement sessions with local community, civic and business groups, and neighbouring properties have been completed. Insights gained have been incorporated into the pre-design report which has been submitted to FCC for review.

The Programme Office is currently reviewing a Feasibility Study for a Swim Platform, prepared by Langan Consulting (Marine) Engineers, including options and costings.

An Internal Project Team has been established from the Town Regeneration Office, Our Balbriggan Programme Office and FCC Architects to progress the Boathouse and Bathhouse project. Enabling works have now been completed. Engineers have been appointed to the project, which is set to be substantially completed by end Q1 2026. An application was submitted to the Outdoor Recreation Scheme in March to support costs associated with the scheme and its environs.



The Our Balbriggan Office continues to generate regular and unique content across all social media channels, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn with over 13,000+ followers across its 5 social media channels.



Lár Bailte ar dTús
Town Centre First

Town Centre First – Lusk

Following the completion of the Lusk for Life Plan, two applications for Project Development Measure funding were submitted to the Department of Rural and Community Development for their consideration and both projects have now been approved for funding.

Both projects were identified in the Lusk Town Centre First Plan and include measures to develop appropriate facilities in Lusk's Central Parks and the feasibility of a farmers' market.

A consultant has been appointed to produce a feasibility study for the farmers market project, and preparatory work is ongoing regarding the Lusk Central Parks project.



A meeting of the Lusk town team was held on February 13th during which both projects were discussed, it was also agreed to amend the composition of the town team.

Town Centre First – Balrothery

A visit to Blessington, Co. Wicklow was held on February 6th with members of the Town Regeneration Office and the Balrothery town team as part of the capacity building measures. The visit was a huge success, with many key insights gained regarding successful projects undertaken by the Wicklow Town Team, and how elements of these projects could be replicated in Balrothery.

An output report has been completed and this will be discussed with the Town Centre First group at a meeting soon.



Town Centre First – Ballyboughal

A visit by the Town Centre First group in Ballyboughal to the town of Boyle, Co. Roscommon is now scheduled to take place in April which will allow the group to share insights.

An output report from the capacity building process which was undertaken by the Town Regeneration Office over the past number of months has also been finalised and will be presented to the Ballyboughal group at a separately scheduled meeting in the coming weeks.



Town Centre First – Donabate

The final capacity building meeting took place in Donabate on the 27th of March where a Draft Action Plan for the town was presented which had been identified by the Town Centre First group over the past number of months.



Town Centre First – Rush

Following a successful first Town Centre First meeting in Rush on the 21st of February, an open invitation was issued to all interested residents, members of community groups and members of the business community to attend the next meeting. A consultant was also appointed to oversee capacity building sessions with the group.

A second meeting subsequently took place on the 24th of March which included a presentation on the concept of placemaking, and a presentation on how the process will proceed. Further meetings are planned for the coming months.



Town & Village Renewal Schemes

The Town Regeneration Office is currently facilitating two approved projects under this scheme from 2023. A Phase 4 development of Floraville Park in Skerries (€55,800) and upgrades to the Rush Community Centre (€64,350) have been approved by the Department of Rural and Community Development. Both projects are on schedule to be completed by October 2025.
A fresh call for projects has been announced by the Department of Rural and Community Development for 2025. The Town Regeneration Office will be seeking Expressions of Interest for suitable projects to be submitted to the Department for the scheme in the coming weeks.



Streetscape Enhancement Scheme 2024

A second Streetscape Enhancement Scheme for 2024 was launched in November and a number of expressions of interest were received by the closing date for applications of 29 November. Under the new scheme, up to 75% of the cost of improvements, up to a maximum grant amount of €1,500 per eligible property, is available, subject to terms and conditions.

Nine applications have been approved for funding totalling €12,635.28 for a variety of works including painting, green enhancement, and signage enhancement. Letters of Offer have been issued to these successful applicants and improvement works will be carried out over the coming months.



Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme Project

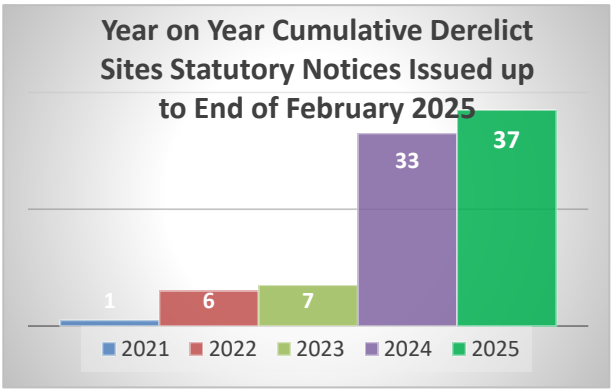
One project has been approved under the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme for 2024, "Sea Swimming at Skerries Springers".

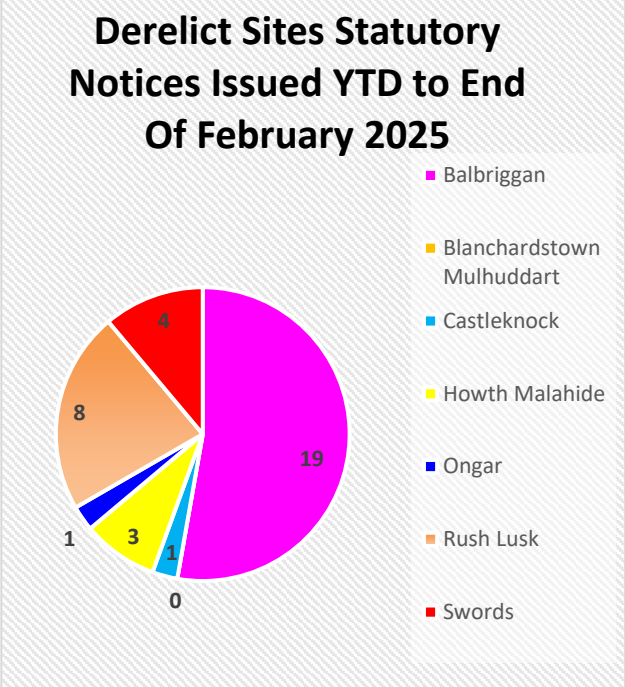
A progress report has been received from the appointed consultant, which confirms that the study is due to be completed on schedule.

A meeting with the local Swimmers group took place on Friday 21st March in conjunction with the Operations department where an update was given regarding the status of the feasibility report.

Derelict Sites

36 statutory notices have issued to owners of Derelict properties to the end of February 2025. This compares to a total of 33 at this point in time in 2024.





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.

As a result of ongoing activity in 2024 and 2025, 49 properties were brought out of dereliction by availing of grants available through the local authority, compliance with Section 11 statutory notices (completing measures to take properties out of dereliction), while 19 were added to the derelict sites register.

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

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Local Enterprise Office

LEO Fingal provides a broad suite of support services to stimulate enterprise and enable small businesses to succeed. Some of the LEO highlights for March 2025 are as follows:

Local Enterprise Week 2025



Local Enterprise Week 2025, held from 3rd to 7th March, was a tremendous success, with strong participation from Fingal's business community. Over the course of the week, individuals had the opportunity to register for one or more of the 13 business events, which we actively promoted. The interest was substantial, with something for everyone - from those just starting out to those expanding their businesses, women in business, and food producers. Experienced trainers and professionals from relevant fields provided valuable insights, and networking opportunities were excellent. Feedback from participants was extremely positive, with many highlighting the value and relevance of the diverse range of workshops covering digital tools, productivity, food business, sustainability, and more.

Fingal Enterprise Awards 2025



The Fingal Enterprise Awards competition is organised annually by the Local Enterprise Office to acknowledge the achievements of small businesses. This is part of a national competition in which one overall winner from each of the 31 Local Enterprise Office areas will compete for the National awards.

This year, six businesses were short-listed from the applications received, all of which were assessed by the Fingal LEO independent panel of judges. Following their visit to the Fingal dragon's den, the six applicants took centre-stage at the Fingal Enterprise Awards final on 4th March. The Fingal prize fund this year was €10,000. The overall winner **Cozmotec CG Consulting Ltd** scooped the top prize of €5,000 investment in their business. Cuty Gupta of Cozmotec will now progress to represent Fingal at the National Enterprise Awards final in the Mansion House in May 2025. The six finalists were:

- The Good Trading & Sourcing Co Ltd, T/A Jack Murphy Clothing - Sarah Murphy (Skerries)
- Cozmotec CG Consulting Ltd - Cuty Gupta (Swords)
- Gigi Supplements Ltd - Jennie Haire (Santry)
- Mizz Rio Bridal - Mags Morgan (Ballyboughal)
- Vistona Ltd - Dave Byrne (Rush)
- Anyscor Ltd - Colin Deering (Skerries)

Fingal Business Supports Briefing



Local Enterprise Office
BUSINESS SUPPORTS BRIEFING

The Fingal Business Supports Briefing, held during Local Enterprise Week in March, was a great success with 142 attendees.
The LEO team provided valuable guidance on training, events, mentorship, and grants, outlining next steps for further support.
The event included a lively Q&A session, with many business owners and managers staying for one-on-one consultations with LEO team. Following the briefing, numerous participants booked individual sessions for the Business Advice Clinic. Due to high demand, registrations for Business Advice Clinics, Start Your Own Business Courses, and Grant Application Workshops have surged.

Interest in the next briefing is strong, promoted through social media, Fingal Enterprise News, and the weekly e-newsletter. Feedback from attendees has been overwhelmingly positive, with many signing up after visiting our website or being encouraged by LEO staff. Recommendations from friends also contributed to the high turnout, along with the promotional leaflet for Local Enterprise Week.

Student Enterprise Programme



Wild Cards from Mount Sackville Secondary School will represent the county at this year's Student Enterprise Programme National Final on Thursday, 8th May at the Mullingar Park Hotel.

Following an exciting Fingal County Final on 13th March at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Blanchardstown, these students stood out among over 1,300 participants from 21 schools, showcasing exceptional creativity and entrepreneurial spirit. A total of 15 schools competed in the county final, with the best young entrepreneurs now advancing to the prestigious national stage.

The Student Enterprise Programme, delivered by the 31 Local Enterprise Offices nationwide, is Ireland's largest student entrepreneurship initiative, empowering over 26,000 students each year to create, develop, and market their own businesses.

In the Junior Category, the students representing Fingal at the National Final are Rachel Dore and Isla Tanner, and Loreto Secondary School, Balbriggan, with their project, Rachel's and Isla's Self Care, an enterprise focussing on self-care baskets

In the Intermediate Category, Maida-Fatima Riaz, Angelin Bijoye and Abi Solai from Hansfield Educate Together Secondary School, Dublin 15, will showcase their enterprise, Ecochew, which focuses on an innovative solution for chewing gum disposal, ensuring a cleaner environment.

In the Senior Category, Emily O'Donnell, Aaliyah Heeze and Sarah Forbes from Mount Sackville Secondary School, Castleknock, secured their place with Wild Cards, an innovative business centred on handmade, ecofriendly cards.

The Fingal County Final was hosted by TV personality Síomha Ní Ruairc, with entertainment by renowned DJ Marty Guilfoyle, adding to the lively atmosphere. This year's competition in Fingal, which engaged 1,300 students, is proudly supported by Blanchardstown Centre, One4All, and SimTech Aviation, whose contributions to the prize fund continue to encourage young entrepreneurs to strive for entrepreneurial success. Fingal's finalists now set their sights on the National Final in May, where they will compete to be named Ireland's next top young entrepreneurs.

Food Sectoral Supports



LEO Fingal hosted the Dublin Food Chain regional Food networking event for Local Enterprise Week in the Castleknock Hotel, attended by some 80 food producers eager to hear from Stephen Carr from Pizza Sorrento and Ciaran Fitzpatrick from Cookie Dó, two Dublin-based food producers who shared their stories of growth and the challenges along the way. Laura Harper Trading Director Marks & Spencer explained how the strategy of M&S Ireland is to have more locally based food producers in their supplier listings.

Evaluations and Approvals Committee

The Evaluation and Approvals Committee (EVAC) approved eight projects for funding at its March meeting, bringing to €257,097 the total approved year to date 2025, for 16 applicants across Business Feasibility, Priming and Expansion Grants. The next EVAC meeting will be held in County Hall Swords on the 30th of April 2025.

Management Development

LEADERSHIP FOR ACCELERATED GROWTH

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Local Enterprise Office

The Leadership for Accelerated Growth programme kicked off on the 12th of March 2025 in the Carlton Hotel Dublin Airport. This programme is attended by 17 businesses from Dublin City and Fingal LEO's. The programme facilitates established businesses within the Dublin 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. At the opening of the event on 12th March, certificates of completion were presented to the previous cohort.

Energy Efficiency Grant Scheme



The Local Enterprise Office (LEO) Energy Efficiency Grant was recently revamped and relaunched with several significant changes, the main one being its increase from €5,000 to €10,000 and a change from match funding to now covering up to 75% of eligible costs.

The Energy Efficiency Grant is an excellent opportunity for small businesses to continue their business more sustainably and efficiently, which will benefit them in the long run. To apply, businesses need to be solvent and operating within Fingal for at least six months. Seven companies in Fingal have so far qualified for this grant. So far this year there has been a very strong level of interest in this scheme with enquiries coming from restaurants, pubs and coffee shops. Three companies have been approved so far and many more are currently going through the approval process.

Trading Online Voucher Scheme



Trading Online Voucher (now expired) scheme supported small businesses by allowing them to enhance their online offering by providing a grant of up to €2,500 for ecommerce and digital marketing activities, as well as giving businesses a better understanding of how they can exploit E-Commerce opportunities for their business. A total of 39 applications have been approved in the amount of €88,138. year to date. The Trading Online Voucher scheme has now closed and only applications received on or before 13th December 2024 are being considered for approval and payment in 2025. An enhanced "Grow Digital" initiative takes its place (featuring grant value €5k plus digital consultancy assignments).

Business Advice Clinics and Mentoring



LEO Fingal provides one to one business support services through Business Advice Clinics and a Mentoring programme, both online and in person. These services are provided free of charge to small businesses.

The Fingal mentor panel consists of a variety of skilled and experienced mentors from a range of business backgrounds. In 2025 so far 182 clients availed of one-to-one appointments in Business Advice Clinics, with consistently high demand for this service among Fingal businesses. 76 clients have so far signed up for business mentoring.

A new Mentor panel has been procured and Mentors are currently on-boarding. A Mentor Induction meeting will be held on 4th April and LEO Staff will present an overview of the LEO portfolio, following this there will be regular meetings to keep mentors informed and provide a platform for knowledge sharing

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.

Seven MFI loan applications have been processed in January 2025. LEO Fingal supports MFI applicants with a Mentor who assists with the application process to maximise their prospects of approval.

Training and Events

Training & events from LEO Fingal for small business owners has had a strong start to the year with 1206 participants year to date. There have been three Start Your Own Business courses with 36 participants.

LEO Fingal continues to see buoyant demand for courses in 2025.

Internationalisation and Export Development

The new "Market Explorer Grant" has replaced the TAME Grant from 1 January 2025. The grant is available to small enterprises in the manufacturing and international trading sectors (with up to 50 employees). The amount of the grant is to a maximum of €10,000 or 50% of eligible costs. The object of the financial offer is to support the development of export-oriented businesses by incentivising support to research and explore activities in new markets.

Support for the grant applies when eligible companies seek to explore either a new geographic market for an existing product/service or an existing geographic market for a new product/service. LEO Fingal has approved one application for this grant in the amount of €9,520.



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.

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.

Fingal Enterprising Women Network



The first event of 2025 for the Fingal Enterprising Women Network: **"Accelerate Action: The Neuroscience of Making it Happen"** took place on Thursday, 6th March 2025 at the Crown Plaza Hotel, Santry. Over 130 female entrepreneurs gathered together along with guest speaker Dr. Sabina Brennan who inspired, motivated, and connected with this incredible network of businesswomen. As part of Local Enterprise Week 2025, it was an energizing and impactful way to celebrate International Women's Day.

Grow Digital Voucher & Digital for Business

Grow Digital

A Digital Tool for every Business

The new Grow Digital Voucher offers SMEs with up to 50 employees financial support to embrace digital technology. A digital for business project report must be completed within the previous two years.

LEO Fingal have approved the second eligible application and are working to increase awareness of this support with businesses throughout Fingal.

LEO Fingal have approved 20 Digital for Business Programmes year to date.

We have also launched a Digital Boost Webinar to educate prospective applicants about the Digital Supports available including Digital for Business and Grow Digital, the second of which will run on 10th April as a Dublin Region event.

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Area Business Totals for February 2025

Area	Public CRM's	Rep CRM's	Area Questions	Area Motions	Headed Items
Balbriggan/Swords	427	76	33	12	1
Castleknock/Mulhuddart	225	151	14	4	2
Howth/Malahide	214	94	9	4	1
Total	**866**	**321**	**56**	**20**	**4**

Works Programme

Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area - Parks

Free Tree Giveaway for National Tree Week, Ward River Valley Park.





Free Tree Giveaway for National Tree Week, Newbridge Demesne.



Planting of 'Oak Orchard' research project in Balbriggan.





National Tree Week Event at Ardgillan Demesne.

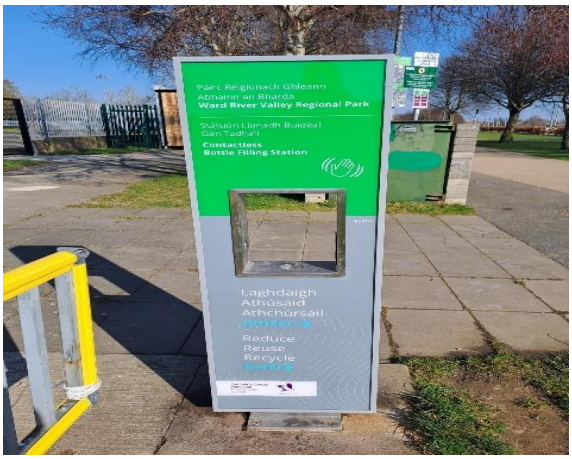




The planting of 3 new Giant Redwood trees in in Santry Demesne within the Redwood Avenue.



Two new Water refill stations were installed in the Ward River Valley Park and Santry Demesne to replace the older models.





Area General Maintenance Programme

Drainage works at Knocknaggin Road, by Balbriggan Roads crew.



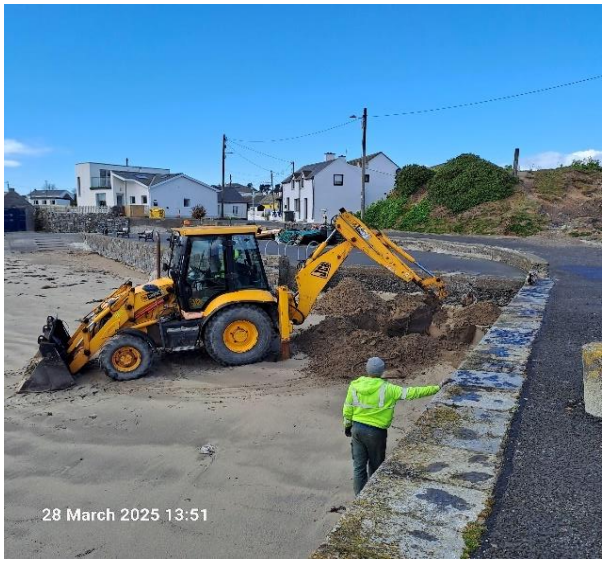




Footpath installation at Windmill Rise, Swords.



Maintenance works being carried out at Loughshinny Harbour.







Howth/ Malahide Area

Roads / Footpaths - Kinsealy Lane



Installation of new footpath along Kinsealy Lane.

Road Patching





Road Patching works along Yellow Walls Road, Malahide.

Burial Grounds and Beaches



New water pipes for additional water taps around cemetery. Fingal Burial Grounds works carried out by outdoor staff.



Vandalism to West Pier public toilets (Beach hut style), Howth.



Following damage - removal of broken tiles Howth toilets in preparation for new replacements.



Damage to entrance gate at Burrow Beach awaiting repair/ replacement.



New water taps installed at Balgriffin burial grounds by Council staff.



Root grinding preparation at St Fintan's burial grounds to commence in the next week.



Ongoing fly tipping issue at Howth/Malahide clothes banks.



Preparations underway in advance of launching the lifeguard huts for the Howth Malahide area.

Howth/Malahide Parks

Tree Planting



Avenue of Liquidambar 'Slender Silhouette' street trees planted along Hole in the Wall / Moyne Road junction.



Malahide Demesne



New Dura surface laid in front of Malahide Castle.



New surface Eastern side Malahide Castle.

Malahide Castle Sports Pavilion & Café



Following a successful procurement process, contracts have now been signed between Fingal County Council and the new Operator of the Malahide Castle Sports Pavilion and Café. We look forward to welcoming new members and customers to the refurbished facilities over the coming years.

Malahide Concerts Series 2025

The Planning Licence Application has been received for the 2025 Malahide Concert Series.

The Acts and dates listed in the application are as follows:

- 17th June - Charli xcx
- 25th June - Iron Maiden
- 26th June - Neil Young
- 28th June - Justin Timberlake
- 29th June - Alanis Morrissette
- 30th June -Duran Duran plus Nile Rodgers & Chic
- Friday, 4th July - Mumford & Sons

Talbot Botanic Gardens



Newly planted Australian North Border



Well drilling West Lawn Malahide Demesne.





Bluebell walk West Lawn.



Acacia pravissima in flower in the Australian Garden.



Back field car park lining completed following resurfacing works.





Bed prepared / planted for Portmarnock tidy towns as part of programme of works.

Tree week give aways in the Demesne and Portmarnock.











Portmarnock Programme of Works



A new feature wall constructed to display refurbished pump.



Pump installed and paving completed.

Commemorative Grove tree planting



Howth Pathways



Upgrade of the path carried out along with boundary markers installed. Ready for another busy year of walkers.



Preparation work for markers.





Maintenance works continues on the Bog of Frogs loop, Howth. Raising the paths up away from pooling water and installing water bars where needed.



Graffiti on walls Howth Walkway.



Wall after graffiti was removed.



New signage for livestock Howth Pathway.

Castleknock/ Mulhuddart Area

St Catherine's Park Tree Giveaway



Tree giveaway in Millennium Park March 2025



St Margarets Flower beds





2 flower beds in St Margarets.

Castleknock Elms edging works open space.

Edging works carried out in Castleknock Elms open space.
Approx. 120M of footpath was edged and cleaned.



Footpath laid in Ongar Woodland

Footpath laid in Ongar Woodland, this footpath is approx. 1.50M long and 2M wide.



This footpath goes from Hansfield Lane opposite Scoil Grainne Playground.
Footpath cleaning Snugborough Road.

Blanchardstown Village Perennial Flower Bed



Planting of Polyanthus plants in new Perennial Flower bed in Blanchardstown Village.

Castleknock Village and Mulhuddart Community Centre.





Planting winter/Spring bedding in Castleknock Village and Mulhuddart Community Centre.

Castlefield Park Clonsilla Hedgecutting

140m of hedging cut back along railings in Castlefield Park in Clonsilla.





Ground clearance at castellated gateway in St Catherine's Park Lucan.



New fencing in Ongar.

Car Parking Services

Review of Parking Control Bye-Laws

The Operations Department is in the process of reviewing the Fingal Parking Control Bye-Laws 2020.

A presentation on the proposed amendments and timeline for review was presented to the Public Realm, Transportation/Mobility Management Strategic Policy Committee Meeting on the 4th March 2025. A briefing and Q&A with Fingal Councillors on the proposed changes took place on Wednesday 12th March.

A meeting took place with the Department of Agriculture Food and the Marine on 25th March 2025 to discuss parking in Howth and to outline the proposals by the Council to introduce a pay parking scheme for Howth. A scheme is currently being designed for the Area, and there will be further consultation with DAFM and the Elected Members. A further briefing and Q&A will be held with the Fingal Councillors in April 2025 prior to the Bye-Laws going on public display.

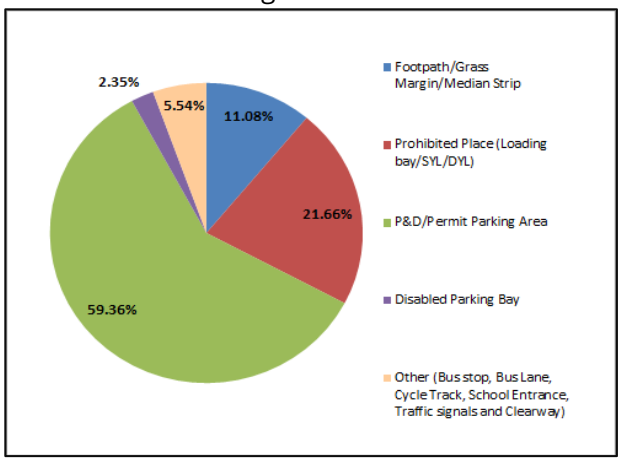
February 2025

There were a total of 1191 parking tickets issued during February 2025.

Main Ticketing Locations:

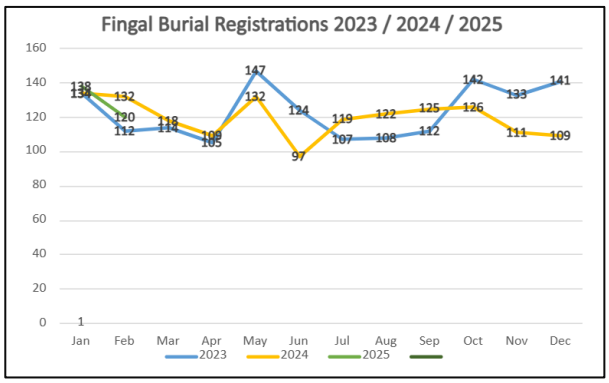
Location	Main Ticket Locations February 2025
North Street - Swords	106
Main Street - Swords	97
Bridgefield Car Park - Malahide	79
Strand Street - Skerries	46
South Strand Skerries	45
Harbour Road - Skerries	42
Dublin Street - Balbriggan	36
Church Street - Skerries	33
The Green - Malahide	32
Church Road - Malahide	32

Breakdown of Parking Offences:



Burial Ground Services

There were 120 Interments in Fingal Cemeteries during February 2025.



Kellystown Burial Ground

Following award of contract in Q4 2024, the works contractor has mobilised on site and commenced work in late February on the next phase of development. An access road and site infrastructure has already been completed under and earlier contract.

This current phase of development will provide approx. 650 grave plots, structures for the storage of ashes including columbarium walls and memorial plots, a small services building, a carpark and extensive site infrastructure and landscaping.

The current construction works are expected to be complete by end of year with the operation of the cemetery expected to follow in early 2026.

Traffic Operations County-Wide

Balbriggan/Swords Area

New Signage Swords Area





Swords – Thornleigh - Children Crossing Warning signage on both approaches to playground area.

New Signage Portrane Area





Portrane – Quay Road - Pedestrian Warning signage on both approaches. Maximum Vehicle Width Warning sign.

Road Markings

R129 Roscall Crossroads – New road markings installation.



Junction R122 and L1070- road markings renewal.



Castleknock/Mulhuddart

Road Markings Castleknock/Mulhuddart



Yield road markings in Castlefield Woods repainted.

Programme of Works for New Signals

Below: Images of the recently completed pedestrian crossing added to existing signalised junction at Tower Road/Lower Road/Knockmaroon Road junction.





Howth Malahide Traffic POW 2025

Below: Shark's teeth refreshed on ramps on the Grange Road and R124 (works ongoing).





Below: Sharks Teeth refreshed on the Carrickbrack Road by St Sabinas school.



Fleet Management & Plant Hire Unit

83 Plant Hires were put in place from 22/02/2025 to 28/03/2025, engaging 19 suppliers.

Recently, the department hired a VW ID4 Fully electric vehicle on a 36-month hire.



Also hired, on a 36-month contract, was a 7-seater fully electric VWID Buzz, for the Events Department. This was wrapped for the events team, as seen below at the St. Patricks Day Celebrations.



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

2025 POW Works in Progress/Ongoing:

- Latchford Close to Old Hansfield Lane walkway beside playing pitches at Phibblestown Community Centre, Ongar
- New Haggart Cottages, Balleally
- Porterstown Park Main Carpark, Porterstown

2025 POW Works Commenced:

- Lanesborough Park, Charlestown
- Parnell Green / Church Road Walkway, Mulhuddart
- Chapel Close Green / Bremore Green Pedestrian Walkway, Balbriggan



Installation of decorative light at entrance to Kenure Woods

Works on the public lighting column replacement programme have commenced.

Public Lighting Column Replacements Completed:

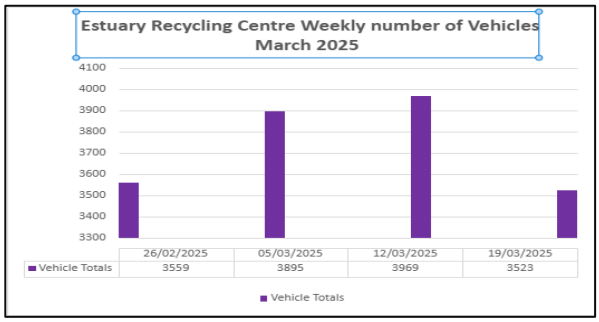
- Dromheath Green, Mulhuddart
- Wellview Estate, Mulhuddart

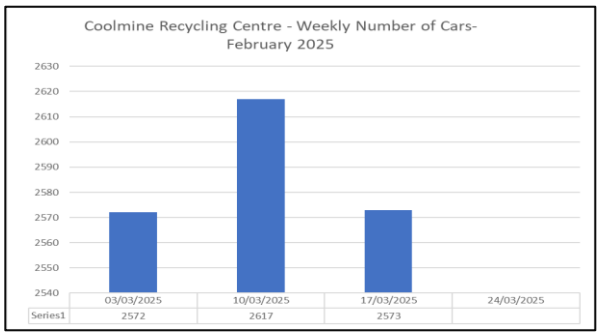
Other public lighting works completed:

- Installation of public lighting on pedestrian walkway from Riverside Court/Old Corduff Road to N3 underpass.

Recycling Centres Update

Provision was made in the 2025 Revenue Budget for Increases in charges which commenced on 1st January 2025.
The Council is currently in the process of recruitment of additional Recycling Centre Operators to commence the new opening hours at Coolmine.

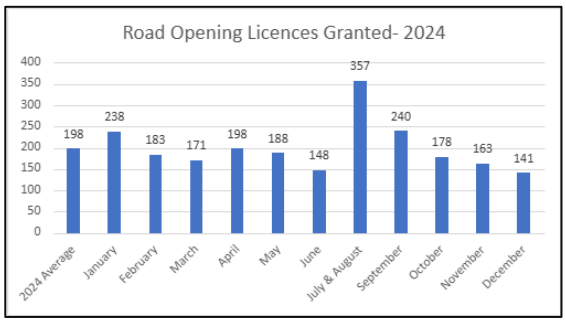


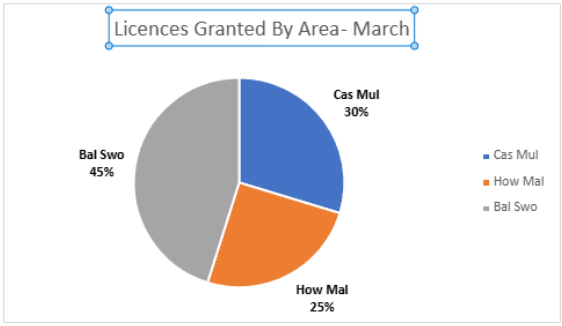


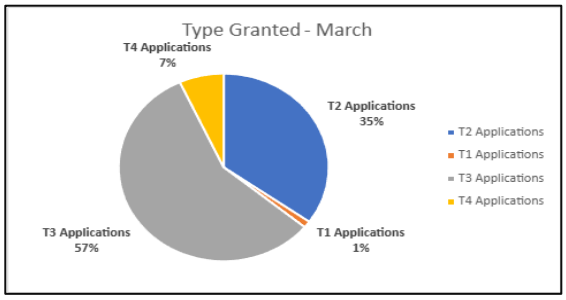
Licenses

- Road Opening Licenses

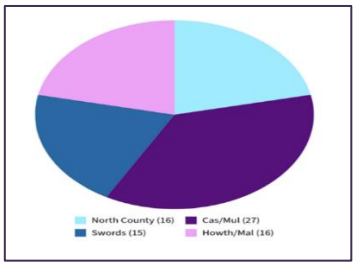
The Licensing unit continues to process and manage the licensing system for the County. Applications are allocated by area for examination and conditioning which includes reviews of the existing carriageway, footpaths, cycleways, and grass verges. Applicants submit temporary traffic management plans for review to ensure all works are carried out safely within the public domain.
175 Licences were granted in the month of March**, 64% of which were granted by way of automation**. Clerk of Works in each area continue to carry out regular inspections following road opening works by Utilities.







Pitch Playability Applications 2024/25



See above Pie Chart outlining the number of Pitch Playability Applications received for the 2024/25 playing season, in total we have received 77 applications as outlined above including three from schools.

We have received a total of €64,160 as of the 27th of January in Grass Pitch Allocation Fees for the 2024/2025 playing season.

Casual Trading License

Fingal County Council have received a total of 32 renewal applications for the 2025/26 Trading period covering the trading of Hot Food, Tea & Coffee, Ice Cream and Flowers.
All 32 Applicants have paid & are licenced for the upcoming period.
We have also received a total of 15 new applications which we are currently processing.
The Operations Department is in regular communication with our traders and area inspectors continue to be carried out to assist in delivery of quality service and ensure compliance.

Pilot Scheme Beach Mobile Saunas

The Council will be issuing an Expression of Interest on a pilot scheme for Mobile Saunas at the Council beaches during the summer months. 6 month seasonal licences will be issued under the Casual Trading Bye-Laws 2021.

- Street Furniture Licences & remaining Parklets

A total of 20 Street Furniture Licences have been issued in 2025.
All 20 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 three applications which we are currently processing.
The removal of the remaining parklets by the Council's contractor has been completed.
Footpath buildouts will be progressed accordingly in each area taking into consideration drainage, adjoining trees, public lighting etc. for the businesses which expressed their interest in one and were deemed suitable following their recent parklet removal.



Surface Water

Stormwater Capital Programme 2025-2027

Fingal County Council are continuing to progress projects in the 2025-2027 Stormwater Capital Programme. The 3-year programme includes 16 projects estimated at €1.7 million. Below is a brief update in relation to the status of some of the projects.

Howth Stormwater Culvert

Detailed design has been approved for WPB. It is envisaged that works will commence on site in June for WPB. A road closure is required for this work and is currently being finalised. In parallel the detailed design is progressing for WPA which is the required works to the culvert on main street.

Burrow Beach SW Outfall Pipeline Repair

Works commenced on site in mid-March with the removal of the existing pipeline. Anchor block installation works are ongoing. These works are being executed by FCC Direct Labour under a design provided by consultants, Malachy Walsh and Partners.





Ballyboughal Main St Storm water Extension

All pipework is now complete, several additional road gullies were also installed. Footpath reinstatement works are ongoing and will be completed in early April with a final road reinstatement planned for Q2 2025.





Lusk Network Remedial Works

Site investigation works took place and a final design completed. The works included alterations to the existing network to remove localised restrictions. Footpath and road reinstatements are complete.

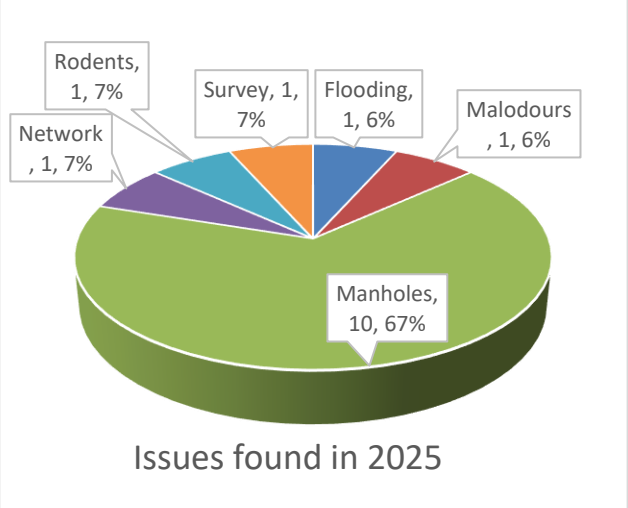
A tender has been drafted to appoint a Contractor to carry out a permanent road reinstatement. Tendering is underway to appoint a Contractor for permanent road reinstatement for a May commencement.





Storm Water Maintenance

The types and volumes of issues reported are shown in the chart.



Storm Water Connections:

To date 6 Stormwater Connection Applications have been processed in 2025.

Networks

Swords

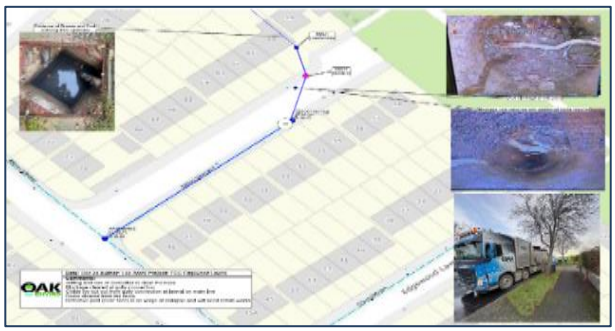
Continued investigation of blockages and overground flooding in Rivervalley, Swords, Hilltown, Forrest Avenue, Rathingle Rd, Cherry Garth and Rivervalley Lawns estates. Following completion of investigations, the condition of the network will be assessed, and the feasibility of follow-on works will be discussed. Assisting Roads Department with network surveys in **Brackenstown Park** for an upcoming project.

Malahide/Portmarnock

Chalfont repair/maintenance work anticipated to commence in April. A tender is being drafted for specialized underground works and dig and repair by Direct labour will be commenced in April.

Dublin 15

Investigation surveys were carried out in Edgewood Lawn, Grove Road, Mulhuddart and & Damastown. Remedial works will follow.



A contractor has been procured for surveys in Grove Road, Mulhuddart and & Damastown to determine the condition of the networks in these areas and determine the cause of blockages and overground road flooding.

Assets

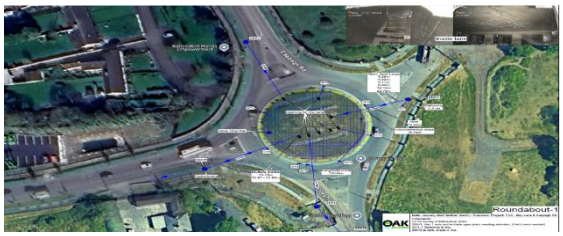
Ironworks Continue Stormwater manhole cover and frame replacement. Manhole and frame replacements were carried out at Pinnock Hill and Feltrim in Swords.

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 is cleaning of two tanks. To help determine future maintenance costs and challenges for SUDs devices of this type.



Water Quality

Lambourne Road

Investigations carried out in conjunction with Environment Dept.

The Environment department are following up with owners of properties misconnected to the surface water network.

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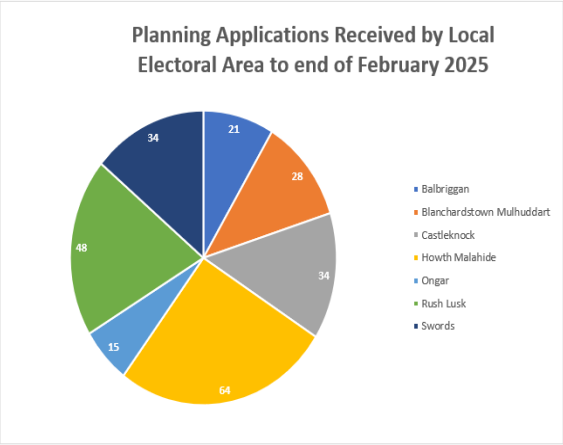
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Planning Applications

There have been 244 planning applications received from 1st January 2025 to 28th February 2025. This is including 165E applications via the LGMA portal. 58 applications were invalid leaving a total of 186 valid applications. The volume of applications received by Local Electoral Area (LEA) are detailed in the table below.

There have been two Large-scale Residential Development (LRD) applications made to the Local Authority from 1st January 2025 to 28th February 2025, 1 decision has been made on Large Scale Residential Developments.

An Bord Pleanála have not issued any decisions on SHD applications in the period from 1st January 2025 to 28th February 2025.



Planning Decisions

A total of 327 planning decisions have been issued from 1st January 2025 to 28th February 2025. There have been 195 decisions to grant permission and 51 refusals of permission.

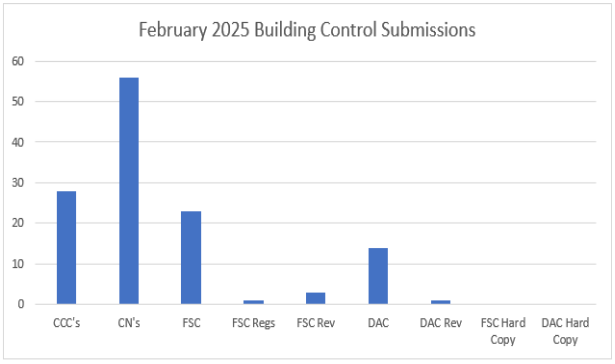
Building Control Admin

In February 2025, there were 126 building control submissions made via BCMS.

This was made up of 56 Commencement notices, 28 Compliance of Completion Certificates, 27 Fire Safety related Certificates and 15 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 157 decisions in February 2025 relating to Fire Safety and Disability Access Certificates. This was made up of 31 decisions to grant and 126 extensions of time.



Strategic Policy Unit

Fingal Development Plan - Two Year Progress Report.

The Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department has published the Two-Year Progress Report on the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029. The Development Plan was adopted in February 2023 and the Report sets out the progress made in delivering the Objectives contained within the Plan across all Council Departments based on the themes/chapters set out in the Development Plan.

Local Area Plans, Masterplans and Framework Plans

The first round of Plans emanating from the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 continue to be progressed. The draft Clonsilla Framework Plan was published in January and a well-attended public consultation event was held on the 6th of February in Blanchardstown library. The public consultation stage has concluded, and the Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department is reviewing the over 300 submissions received before finalising the Framework Plan.

Further preparatory background analysis is being undertaken in relation to a number of other plans/studies, including advancement through the procurement process.

Dublin Airport LAP

At a meeting of Fingal Co. Co. held on Monday 10th March 2025, the Elected Members agreed to extend the life of the Dublin Airport LAP 2020 for a period not greater than 5 years.

Residential Zoned Land Tax

The Residential Zoned Land Tax (RZLT) is a tax aimed at activating serviced and residentially zoned land for housing. Local authorities are responsible for identifying lands which are subject to RZLT.

On the 31st of January 2025, Fingal Co. Co. published the annual RZLT map for 2025 followed on the 1st of February 2025 by the publication of the draft annual map for 2026, identifying land currently in scope for the tax, land proposed to be removed from the current scope and land proposed to be included.

Consultation in relation to the annual 2025 RZLT map and draft 2026 RZLT map concluded on the 1st of April 2025 and the Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department will now commence to review submissions received.

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Built Environment Division



Building Control

- Seven building control inspections were carried out in February, covering 25 houses.
- Two Section 11 requests for further information were issued, with no Section 8 enforcement notices.

Taking in Charge

- Two housing estates are scheduled for taking in charge in April 2025: Hansfield Phase 1, Wilkinsons Brook.
- There are 39 developments with formal Taking in Charge requests, and an additional 328 developments recorded in our system, of which 62 are expected to remain private.
- Our appointed contractor has commenced Taking in Charge works in Cianlea, Swords.
- Taking in Charge works have been completed in Chloch Choirneal, Balrothery, and the contractor will soon begin works in Hoar Rock, The Sanctuary, and Rockabill.
- We have evaluated Stage 1 of the competition for a single-party framework to appoint consulting engineers to project-manage Taking in Charge works for estates where bonds have been sequestered. We will be advertising Stage 2 of the competition in April 2025 with the aim of having the consulting engineers appointed in June 2025.

Dangerous Structures

- 3 dangerous structures have been reported in March 2025 so far.
- A total of 106 dangerous structures remain active in our database.

Pictures



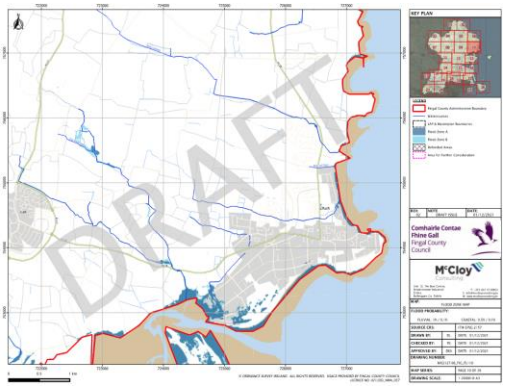
Checking drainage installation for a house in Garristown.



Checking level access and drainage detail to a threshold of a house in Oldtown.

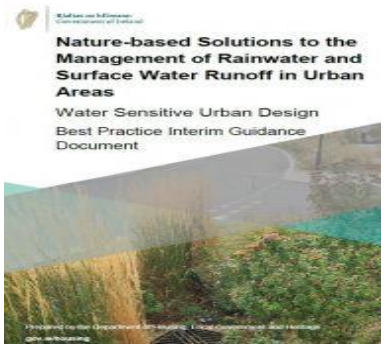
Development Management

- 134 no. new planning files have been received.
- 16 no. Additional Information files have been received and 2 clarifications of Additional Information.
- 16 no. Compliance Submissions have been received; 18 no. have been processed.
- 7 no SHD/LRD applications have been received; 5 no. has been assessed.
- 1 no. Part 8/Part XI applications have been received; 1 no. has been processed.
- Pre-planning consultations – Staff from Planning (Water Services) have engaged in 2 no pre-planning discussions and with developers to discuss issues related to the provision of water services and to ensure the implementation of flood risk management and sustainable drainage systems on site.
- Flood Risk Assessments/ Drainage Strategies
- FCC WSFP staff completed liaising with the appointed consultants developing the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment for the County Development Plan. The SFRA flood mapping & report has been completed.
- The Water Services Planning Dept responded to motions received from the councillors under the motion headings of green infrastructure, flooding, Irish Water & re-zoning.

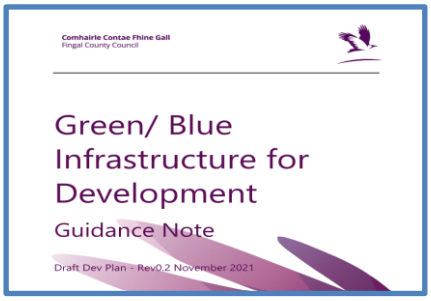


- A new document "Nature-based Solutions to the Management of Rainwater and Surface Water Runoff in Urban Areas - Water Sensitive Urban Design - Best Practice Interim Guidance Document" has been issued by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. It is intended as a high-level best practice interim guidance document for all those whose work impacts on the urban environment, for urban planners and all built environment professionals involved in the planning process.

This includes engineers, architects and landscape architects and shows how to move towards a more systematic and sustainable approach to urban planning and design that seeks to mimic the natural water balance of rural areas through "water sensitive urban design".



- Sustainable Drainage System (SuDS) – The Fingal SuDS guidance document (Green/Blue Infrastructure for Development) has been reviewed to include changes in technical standards. This document along with the SFRA documents have been incorporated into the new development plan.



Incorporating Sustainable Drainage Systems in Residential Developments



The GDSDS has outlined SuDS as a sustainable way to manage surface water as we prepare to meet the challenges of climate change. This example of Millers Glen in Swords, shows an example of surface water being held onsite, providing treatment via appropriate planting, and then discharging at greenfield runoff rate. This is a move away from the traditional method of collecting all surface water via piped systems which can often no longer manage the intense rainfall`s being experienced.

Surface Water Management Plans (SWMP)

The procurement process has begun for the preparation of Surface Water Management Plans for *Northwood, Kilbarrack and Baldoyle.* Scoping and tender documents have been prepared and the project has been released for tender. Tenders were back at the end of June 2024. and recommendations for award have been made for McCloys Consultant Engineers. Completed SWMP`s for Northwood, Kilbarrack and Baldoyle were submitted to FCC and approved in January 2025.

McCloys Consulting Engineers are currently preparing the SFRA for Dubber.

JBA Consultant Engineers have been requested to submit a quotation for a SWMP for Barnhill.

Domestic SuDS Guide

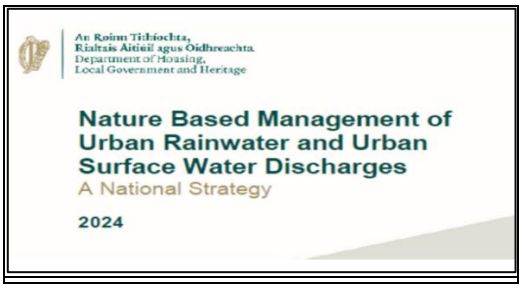
- McCloys Consulting Engineers have been appointed to produce a Domestic SuDS Guide for FCC. This was completed in Q3 2024.

Green Blue Roofs Guidance Document

- McCloys Consulting Engineers have been appointed to produce a Green Blue Roofs Guidance Document for FCC. This was awarded in Q3 2024.

National Guidance

- The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage has issued "Nature Based Management of Urban Rainwater and Urban Surface Water Discharges a National Strategy" in May 2024.



Transportation Planning

PSI 001 Snugborough Interchange upgrade
The contractor is continuing to carry out snagging at the interchange.

PSI 002 Ongar Barnhill Road
Bam Civil Ltd. constructed most of the new bridge over the railway line during 2024. Road surfacing will continue during Q2 along the length of the scheme. Installation of surfacing, subbase, ducting, watermains, kerbs and footpaths will also continue during Q2. It is intended that traffic will be diverted onto some of the new Barberstown Lane South in Q2 2025 following surfacing works. There will be temporary traffic management on the R149 in Q2 at the junction with Barberstown Lane South while the new junction is being formed. The overall scheme is expected to be completed in Q3 2025. Updates for the scheme will be posted on www.fingal.ie/ongar-barnhill



PSI-039 – R132 Connectivity Project

Project summary
Consultation with the National Transport Authority (NTA) and with Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII), regarding the connection with Metro Link is ongoing with Monthly Coordination/Progress meetings.
Detailed design stage is currently underway with information results received from all the surveys recently undertaken to make evidence based informed decisions on the design and this is progressing as programmed.
Meetings continue to be held with the various departments of Fingal County Council together.



Meetings and Workshops
A workshop meeting was held in December at Malahide Castle to discuss all the Swords projects that are being planned and may be carried out on site over the next 5 years in Swords, as well as knowledge sharing on projects timelines and phasing plus also gathering feedback on them.

Planning & Strategic Infrastructure is undertaking analysis of how these projects and associated timelines may impact Swords, with a view to looking at what mitigation measures may be required. These analyses are being carried out by DBFL Engineers, including microsimulations and an accurate map showing the possible impacts on key locations. These maps will be available in April 2025.

Coordination/Progress meetings with NTA and TII/Metrolink which are being held monthly will continue in 2025. Monthly meetings with Uisce Éireann are being held to discuss and align the details of a State Body Agreement for the foul water sewer across the Estuary Roundabout to be incorporated into the project.

A first workshop meeting was held this month at the DBFL office to align the information to be included in the ITT documents for the stage 2 of construction. The second workshop meeting is scheduled for the 4th of April to finalise this process.

Peer Review

A tender was published in December 2024 for the Peer Review of the tender documents for the R132 Connectivity Project. The tender closing date was in Mid Jan 2025. The tender received was assessed and now the contract documents signing will be undertaken. The assessment of the tender documents will be carried out by RPS Consulting Engineers in April 2025 in parallel with the NTA, which will evaluate the tender documents independently.

SAQ Stage 1 for the construction stage

The documentation (Suitability Assessment Questionnaire) for the stage 1 of the procurement process for the construction phase was published on eTenders and stayed in the market until 10/10/2024. All the clarifications received were all responded by the project team. The closing date for submissions has now passed and a total of 8 submission tender were received. The project team has been assessing these 8 tender responses in November and held a final meeting on 27/11 to select the tenders for the second stage of the procurement process. Following this meeting the tender assessment report was drafted and approved in December. The CE Order was signed in January 2025 and successful and unsuccessful letters were issued. We are now moving to the stage 2 of the procurement process. Once the detailed design documents are completed the Stage 2 tender documentation will be undertaken.

ESB Application for new power connections:

New power connections were requested this week from the ESB for new Traffic Signals, Toucan Crossings and for Traffic Cameras along the R132 road and at the roundabouts to be converted into new junctions.

All submissions are now being processed by the ESB. A tracker has been created and fortnightly calls are being made requesting updates about the submissions. No deadlines have yet been provided by the ESB.

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 currently finalising the snag list with the Design Team. It is anticipated that the handover of the project Safety File and sign off on the snag list will be completed by the end of April.











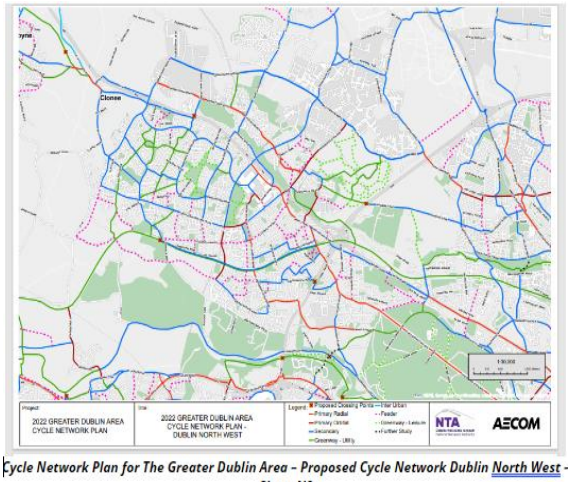




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Consultancy Framework for Dublin 15 Walking and Cycling Projects

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 and Cycling Bridge at Granard Bridge Castleknock

The first contract as part of this framework will be to undertake phases 2 to 4 for a new Pedestrian and Cycling Bridge at Granard Bridge Castleknock Road which will cross the Dublin Maynooth railway and Royal Canal, parallel to the existing road bridges over the canal and railway, with access for pedestrians and cyclists only. This will form an integral part of the walking and cycling route for Blanchardstown to Phoenix Park which is a proposed route in the NTA's Greater Dublin Area Cycle Network Plan. This will also improve pedestrian and cycle safely at Granard Bridge and further promote the use of more sustainable travel patterns, in line with Government Policy and the cycle network plan for the greater Dublin area.

Meetings and Project Programme

Monthly meetings between Fingal County Council and RPS are being held to progress the project and discuss key points, such as route options and possible constraints to be overcome. In addition, an ecological survey was carried out this month in the Castleknock area to gather valuable data and a better understanding of the local ecosystem ensuring that any future developments or environmental strategies are informed by the best available ecological information.

Meetings with Irish Rail / Dart+ West team are being held monthly to discuss both projects and align them. A preliminary draft feasibility report was developed this month by RPS and reviewed by the FCC project team. In addition, four route options were developed for further discussion in April.

The project programme has been commenced by the design team with the Concept Development and Options Selection phase 2 now underway. Next phase will be moving onto phase 3 "preliminary design", before moving to phase 4 and 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.



Site location



Street View

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.

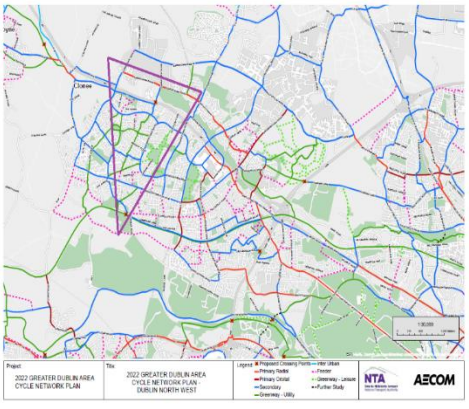


Figure 1 - Cycle Network Plan for The Greater Dublin Area - Clonsilla to Damastown area highlighted in purple

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 is ongoing.

Landowner liaison is also ongoing. FCC have requested a letter of consent from Waterways Ireland and Irish Rail for FCC to make a Planning Application to ABP on their Lands so continuing to work through matters raised by Irish Rail & WI.

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.

This forms a direct link to and from the only local secondary school, Malahide Community School (MCS) - reducing a 4km route by bike or car to a c. 1.5km walk/cycle and helping to reduce traffic volumes through the centre of the town.

Consultants from a newly formed framework will undertake this project. As part of the procurement process a project Brief and contract documentation was prepared and issued. An internal meeting has been held in relation to the preparation of landownership maps. The maps are now being reviewed, and the landowners have been identified.

The tender negotiations have been completed, and the contract documents will be signed as soon as the agreed price has been formalised.





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. The Road Safety Audit report is currently being prepared. 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 recently published Cycle Design Manual has led to some improvements being incorporated into the overall scheme design including revised layouts for crossings and bus stops to comply with the new standards. Following this review the preliminary design will be frozen. 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 updated and will be circulated to prescribed bodies. Following completion of the preliminary design, documents will be prepared for a planning application to An Bord Pleanála. This includes preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement, Natura Impact Statement and Compulsory Purchase Order documentation.

Engagement with potentially impacted property owners, businesses and stakeholders is ongoing. Meetings have been held with Irish Water to ensure coordination of the scheme with planned and existing assets. A search of unregistered lands is ongoing for production of the deposit maps for the land acquisition. On completion of the preliminary design, the project team will contact landowners to discuss the compulsory purchase order process and the scheme and acquisition requirements. Draft documents are being prepared for the submission to An Bord Pleanála.



Above- *Artist visual of possible layout for the Sutton to Malahide Pedestrian and Cycle Route at Portmarnock*

Swords Cultural Quarter Public Realm

The new proposed Public Realm is a key feature of the overall Swords Cultural Project. The pedestrian priority public spaces framed between the Castle, the SCC Building and Fingal offices (County Hall) will serve as a civic amenity space providing a place for festivals, events, markets as well as an everyday meeting place for the local community.



Above- *visualisation of the Part 8 proposals for the SCQ public realm layout at North Street*

The Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department has procured a Multi-Disciplinary Consultancy team for the detailed design and construction supervision of the public realm at Swords Cultural Quarter. Consultants are now progressing with the detailed design phase for the Swords Cultural Quarter Public Realm.

Swords Main Street Transformation

Swords Main Street is a key recommendation from the Sustainable Swords Strategy. The project aims to enhance and transform Main Street, the heart of Swords into a destination, which encourages people to stay longer and enables a more attractive, people-friendly, diverse, and enjoyable town centre experience for local residents, businesses and visitors alike. At its core, this ambitious transformation seeks to reimagine Main Street as a hub of urban activity, with distinctive character and vitality while fostering a sense of community and connectivity through the provision of high-quality public realm to enhance the human experience of the place.



Above- *Artist impression of possible intervention at Swords Main Street presented in Sustainable Swords Report 2022 which shows enhanced traffic calming, high quality street furniture and planting and enhanced pedestrian and cycle facilities.*

The Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department has appointed a multi-Disciplinary Engineering Consultancy for the Option Selection, Preliminary Design and preparation of the application for Planning Consent for Swords Main Street Transformation Project. The commencement meeting occurred in January 2025. The tender process to procure a tree survey, traffic and parking surveys and topographical and GPR surveys is underway. The consultant is also progressing with ecological and environmental walk over assessments.

The project is beginning the option identification and selection phase. Data collection which feeds into the option selection is ongoing. The consultant has provided a Land use survey, geotechnical report, disability audit, collision analysis and problem identification report.

A communications workshop was carried out in March where the scheme objectives were identified, the initial project risks mapped and the scheme consultation and engagement plan for statutory and non-statutory consultation was considered.

The initial set up of the transport model to analyse any traffic management interventions proposed as part of Swords Main Street Transformation is ongoing.

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Kinsealy Walking and Cycling Routes

The Kinsealy Walking and Cycling scheme aims to provide a high-quality walking and cycling routes between Kinsealy and Portmarnock train station, and between Kinsealy and Malahide Castle and gardens. These two walking and cycling routes will form a link from Kinsealy to sustainable transport at Portmarnock and Malahide train stations.

A successful non-statutory public consultation concluded in January 2025, and this yielded more than 100 meaningful and helpful submissions on the proposed walking & cycling scheme from Kinsealy to Portmarnock train station. These submissions are now being categorised and analysed and they will be used to inform the process to progress from the Emerging Preferred Route stage to the Preferred Route stage. Thereafter the preliminary design will commence with the accompanying environmental screening and closely followed by the statutory process required to deliver this part of the project.

The Malahide to Kinsealy part of the project will be brought forward as phase 2 of the project at a later date.



Artist visual of the greenway from Kinsealy to Portmarnock



Artist visual of the proposed upgrades to Station Road

Fingal Coastal Way

Preliminary design work is progressing along urban roads. Coordination continues with affected landowners to work towards finalising the position of the route in rural areas. A coastal erosion study along parts of the route in the proximity of high coastal cliffs have concluded. This will inform the preferred location of the greenway in this area. Liaison with Irish Rail, Gas Networks Ireland, Eirgrid, TFI and Dublin Bus continues to ensure coordination of the proposed scheme with existing infrastructure and utilities.

Broadmeadow Way Greenway

Various ecological surveys are ongoing. Progress on the detailed design phases of the other elements of this project continue. The tender period for the SAQ to establish a framework for works contractors for the various landward works contracts is complete and evaluation to take place in April 2025. It is expected that the landward elements of the Broadmeadow Way in Donabate i.e. from Newbridge Demesne, through Kilcrea lands to the east side of Corballis railway underpass will be open for use once that works package is complete.

Construction of this environmentally and technically challenging project has been divided into different works packages which will be delivered in stages:

- Construction of the Broadmeadow Estuary Bridge took place in 2024. Works are complete.
- Construction of the greenway along the Northern Causeway will commence during the summer months of 2025.
- Construction of the greenway along the Southern Causeways will commence during the summer months of 2026.
- Construction of the Donabate landward works and the Malahide landward works will take place during 2025 and 2026.
- It is anticipated that the opening of Broadmeadow Way will be in 2026. However, because of the seasonal constraints of working within the estuary, along with the technical challenges of building on the Northern Causeway, works may push in to 2027.



New estuary bridge and ramps looking northwards towards Donabate



Model Images of Viewing Platform on Southern Causeway

Portrane Road, Donabate

The Portrane Road Enhancement Project involves works to widen the existing narrow footpath on the northern side of the road in order to provide a suitably wide and safe footpath for pedestrians to use in the vicinity of two national schools (St. Patrick's Boys National School and Scoil Phádraic Cailíní). The project also involves works to provide safe pedestrian crossings and appropriate traffic calming facilities. Third-party lands are required to widen the path and, in this regard, An Bord Pleanála approved the Council's application for a Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) for the project so that the Council can acquire the necessary lands. However, an affected landowner has commenced Judicial Review proceedings against An Bord Pleanala's decision to approve the CPO. Consultation with the landowner continues in this regard.

Donabate Pedestrian and Cycle Bridge

Work is nearing completion on site. Support structures to take the weight of the bridge were constructed on either side of the railway. Bridge beams, spanning over the railway, were lifted into place under night-time railway possession at the start of January. The concrete deck of the bridge was poured, and temporary working platforms and edge protection railings were installed to allow works to be carried out on the bridge with the minimum number of further railway possessions. The steel frames for the permanent edge protection railings are installed and following a short delay in shipping, the Kalwall Parapet Panels arrived on site last week and are currently being installed. Ancillary work such as bridge deck weatherproofing, drainage, public lighting and pathway access either side of the bridge etc. will follow on thereafter. Work on the bridge is expected to be completed at the end of April 2025.



Bridge showing some Kalwall parapet panels being installed

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 exercises can be undertaken, most likely in Q2 2025. Further stages of work, relating to environmental assessment, planning consent, etc. will follow on later in 2025 and in subsequent years, as appropriate.

PSI-019 N3 M50 to Clonee

Aecom/ Roughan O'Donovan are appointed to assess bus priority measures on the N3 between the M50 and Clonee. This scheme is funded by Transport Infrastructure Ireland. They are also examining active travel links across the N3. The focus is between the Mulhuddart interchange and Clonee as the NTA bus connects project has already a scheme in development from Junction 3 into the city. Route options are being considered and when an emerging route option has been developed a public engagement will be carried out. This is likely to be in Q3 2025.

PSI-068 Portmarnock Railway Bridge Pedestrian & Cycle Improvement Works

Improvement works to existing overpass railway bridge OBB21 (which is currently grassed and formerly used as a cattle pass) will facilitate a safe and direct active travel route from Drumnigh Manor to Portmarnock Train Station and beyond via a new linear park which runs north-south, parallel to the railway track within the Saint Marnock's Bay/Sky Lark Development.

The bridge is located over the Dublin to Belfast Railway line c500m south of Portmarnock Train Station. It is in the ownership of Irish Rail and is currently fenced off and not in use.

The proposed improvement works involve re-surfacing the existing bridge deck with an SMA surface and this will become a shared two-way footpath/cycleway.

Detailed design is finalised and a set of documents required for the construction works are being prepared. Engagement with Irish Rail is progressing well in relation to the bridge works licence agreement. Landowner legal agreements are being progressed which are required for access and rights of way until such time as the developments are taken in charge. Once all licences/agreements are in place, construction is likely in May 2025.



Heritage Officer



Fingal Oral Heritage Training

The need for training in the gathering of oral history was identified as part of the Fingal Oral Heritage Audit. Arlene Crampsie and Daniel Carey, members of the Oral History Network of Ireland gave an intense and informative training session in Lusk Community Cultural Centre on the 04 March. Legal considerations, best practice and project planning were covered. It is envisaged a session on deposition will be undertaken with the County Archivist next.

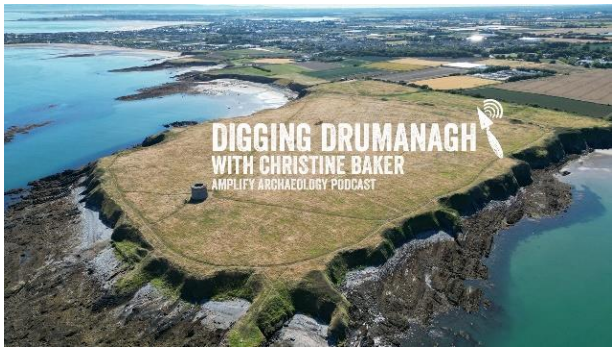


Fingal Fieldnames 2025

The Fingal Fieldnames project seeks to record the unique field names found in Fingal that offer insight into the history of the area
The project was first launched in 2018 and many names have been gathered since then-see https://meitheal.logainm.ie/fingal-fieldnames/

A new phase of the project got underway with a free training workshop in Sword's Carnegie Library on the 26 March. To find out more about this exciting project or to become a volunteer, visit https://www.fingal.ie/.../service/fingal-fieldnames-project.
The next session will be in the Village Inn, Ballyboughal on Wednesday 16 April at 7pm.

Digging Drumanagh



Episode No.44 of the Amplify Archaeology Podcast series features Digging Drumanagh. 'This headland is home to one of the most important promontory forts in Ireland, where an innovative community archaeology programme is uncovering connections between Iron Age Ireland and the Roman World. You can find Amplify Archaeology on all major podcast platforms or on our website at the link below: https://www.abartaheritage.ie/digging-drumanagh-amplify.../'

Grants:
A successful application by the Heritage Office was made to the Heritage Council for the County Heritage Plan Grant totalling €37,500. The grant will support the implementation of the Fingal Heritage Plan 2024-2030 and include the following projects;

- Fingal Coastal Zone Project
- Historic Street Elements Audit
- Digging Drumanagh 2025
- Fingal Traditional Skills 2025
- Fingal Oral Heritage Training & Pilot
- Fingal Fieldnames 2025

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Affordable Home Purchase Scheme & Cost Rental:

Link to Affordable Housing landing page can be found here.

For anyone interested in making an application for an affordable home it is important that they view the eligibility criteria on www.fingal.ie/affordablehousing and have all required all documents ready to upload in PDF **before** submitting an application on the portal to have the best change possible in being successful.

Affordable Housing Schemes Update

Scheme	Status	Affordable Homes
Balleally Rise	Closed	20 Homes Sold
Kilmartin Grove	Closed	36 Homes sold
North County Homes	Closed	16 Homes sold
Wilkinson's Brook	Now Sale Agreed	57 Homes sold
Aster Park, Rush	Assessment of applications ongoing	71 of 96 Homes sale agreed
Balmoston, Ballymastone, Donabate	Assessment of applications ongoing	80 of 86 Homes sale agreed
Churchfields 3A	Assessment of applications ongoing	126 of 180 Homes sale agreed
Ballisk Park, Donabate	Portal closed March 19th – (Application assessments currently underway)	112 homes for sale
Baile na Mona, Mooretown, Swords	Portal Opening Q2	151 homes for sale
Church Fields 3B	Portal opening Q3	110 homes for sale
Church Fields -Cost Rental	Information coming soon	80 Apartments for long term lease

Update on Ballisk Park



The Application Portal for Ballisk Park, Donabate on closed on 19th March. 475 applications have been received and assessments are currently underway. It is expected that the first provisional offers of properties will be issued in the coming weeks.

Affordable Housing Team Site Visit - Balmoston



On Friday 21st March, the Fingal Affordable Housing team went on site to view the 2 & 3 Bed homes in Balmoston, Donabate for sale as part of the Affordable Housing Scheme. The team also had the opportunity to view the progression of the building of Ballisk Park. During the site visit the team met Claire who has recently moved into her new Affordable home, Claire spoke about her experience buying an Affordable home and said *"the Affordable Housing team at Fingal County Council were continuously supportive throughout my purchasing process"* and said *"I am confident in saying that without the opportunity to avail of the Affordable Housing scheme with Fingal County Council it would not have been possible to purchase the property that I can now call my home in the town I've always wanted".*

Fingal Affordable Housing Team wish Claire and all our purchasers many years of happiness in their new homes and will continue to work hard to help more people achieve the purchase of a new homes through Fingal's Affordable Housing Schemes

Cost Rental

The Housing, Architects and Finance Departments are working in collaboration to prepare the tender documents for Stage 2 of the Management company tender competition

It is anticipated that the cost rental scheme will be available for applications in Q3 2025.

For more details
www.fingal.ie/affordablehousing

Social Housing Delivery Acquisition Programme 2022 - 2026

LA Units Delivered

Units Delivered	2022	2023	2024	Total
AHB CALF Acquisition		6	2	**8**
CAS Acquisitions	7	169	15	**191**
LA Acquisitions	74	58	125	**257**
Total	**81**	**233**	**142**	**456**

Please note the end of year figures for 2024 are still to be verified.

Construction Programme

Summary of delivery of social unit numbers in the pipeline	Units
Under Construction	536
Schemes with Planning Approval and Tender Stage	110
Planning and Design	310
Part V	847
TOTAL	1,803

Units Delivered

Units Delivered	2022	2023	2024	Total
⊞ Build	361	386	360	**1,107**
⊞ Leasing	140	74	63	**277**
Total	**501**	**460**	**423**	**1,384**

Units Projected For Delivery

Units Projected	2024	2025	2026	Total
⊞ **Build**	**30**	**803**	**1,201**	**2,034**
Total	**30**	**803**	**1,201**	**2,034**

Please note the end of year figures for 2024 are still to be verified.

Scheme Update since last month (Further detailed information available in Appendix 4)

Recently Completed

18 Homes delivered in Hollyfield, Dublin 15 in partnership with Cluid Housing.





Schemes on Site

Seatown Road, Swords

Works for the delivery of 36 social homes at Seatown Road, Swords is progressing well. This work is being delivered in tandem with the delivery of the civic and cultural building for the Swords Cultural Quarter.



Ballisk Park, Donabate

On behalf of Fingal County Council, Glenveagh have commenced the construction of 175 new homes at "Ballisk Park", New Road, Donabate following the granting of planning permission under the S179A process. The development will be a mixed tenure scheme of 63 social and 112 affordable homes.



Church Fields 3A, Dublin 15

Works are continuing on the mixed tenure scheme of 300 new homes at Churchfields 3A. The development will deliver 40 social, 180 affordable and 80 cost rental new homes in this phase. The first **16** 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 progressing on the delivery of 57 new social homes at Holywell, Swords. Planning for this development of 1, 2 and 3 new bedroomed 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 homes was granted under the S179A process.



Remount Court, Lusk

Construction has commenced on the delivery of 18 new social homes at Remount Court, Rathmore Road, Lusk. Planning for this development of 1, 2 and 3 bedroomed homes was granted under the S179A process.



Asset Management Section

Energy Efficiency Retrofitting Programme

The 2025 Energy Retrofit Programme is currently progressing, with Fingal County Council allocated €3,196,000 by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, targeting 94 housing units.

Energy Efficiency Retrofit 1st April 2025	
Completed	**Areas**
9	D15
Onsite	**Areas**
11	D15
Upcoming	**Areas**
18	Fortlawn, D15
Tender Prep	**Areas**
14	Whitestown, D15
Planned	Seatown, Brega

Planned Maintenance Programme 2025

External painting, joinery repairs, boiler replacements, and smoke and heat detector upgrades.

Planned Maintenance Programme 1st April 2025	
Painting completions	**101**
Boiler Replacements	**To commence Q2**
Heat / Smoke Detector Replacement	**To commence Q2**

Voids

Casual Voids 1st April 2025	
In lettings process	**54**
In relet works	**77**
Void Unavailable	**14**
Total	**145**

New to stock 1st April 2025	
New to stock properties	**178**

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 72 new tenancies in 2025 to date with approximately 4275 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

All tenancies have now received a 6 month Rent statement by post.

Following the introduction of new debt management processes and procedures through 2024, **arrears have reduced by some €500,000** in just the first three months 2025. New processes initiated include bi-annual statements and letters to all tenants and quarterly statements and letters to tenants in arrears and the hard work of the dedicated housing team in this regard is acknowledged.

The Rents team will continue to encourage any tenant who is having trouble paying their rent to engage with the Council to examine possible solutions and offer support to ensure that arrears do not continue to escalate.

However, there are instances where tenants do not engage or make alternative payment arrangements, and, in those situations, the Council will take further action.

The Rent Arrears Team have issued 39 Tenancy warning so far in 2025, with 15 further cases listed for Court hearing in April and May to obtain Orders for Possession. 6 Orders for Possession have been obtained following court hearings in 2025.

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, 1,680 inspections have been conducted in 2025, with 554 of them being inspected in March. The team will continue to work this year with the contractor improving and streamlining the process and utilising all avenues to ensure that compliance improves, and the target is reached.

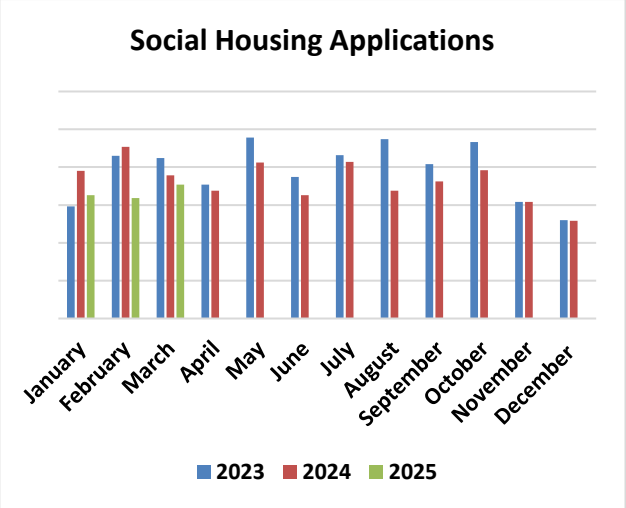
Housing Tenancy Services Report

Housing Support

Housing Support issue list positions to applicants on a yearly basis. Applicants will be updated accordingly. Annually a Social Housing Assessment Summary is completed in accordance with Section 21 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2009. The purpose of the Assessment is to capture the total number of households qualified for social housing support. The Summary of Social Housing Assessment (SSHA) was returned to the Department of Housing Local Government and Heritage on 2nd December 2024.

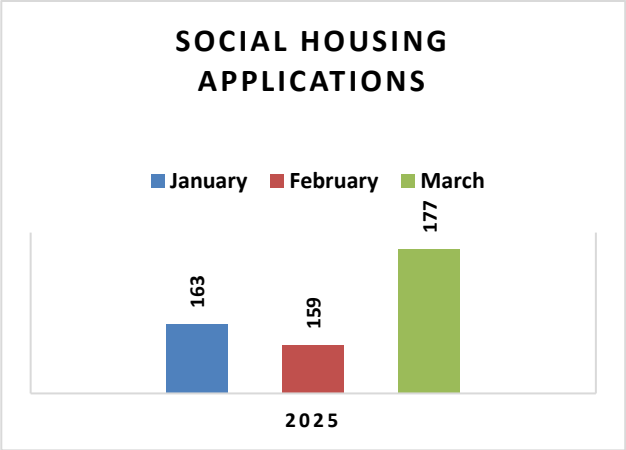
Housing Support receive a large volume of Housing Applications, Medical Applications, Amendment requests and appeals.

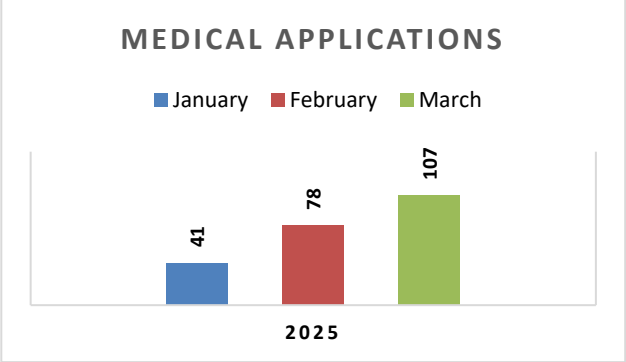
Year on year comparison by month.

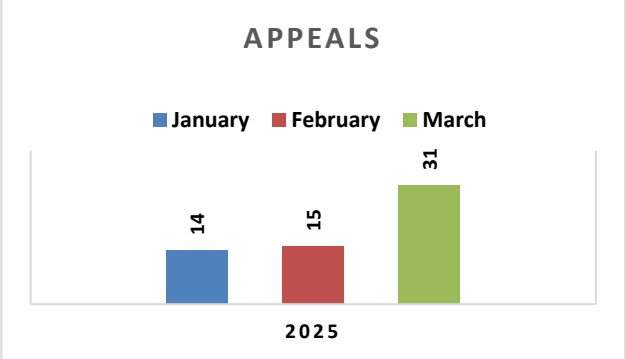


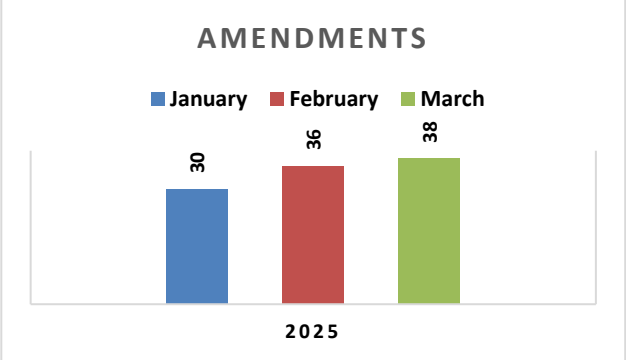
Circular 48/2022 and changes being implemented via the Social Housing Assessment (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2022, the Social Housing Eligibility Bands increased with effect from 1st January 2023. As a result, an increase of Social Housing Applications was received.
Figures for 2024 depict a consistent growth in applications being received in comparison to 2022 figures.

Applications received





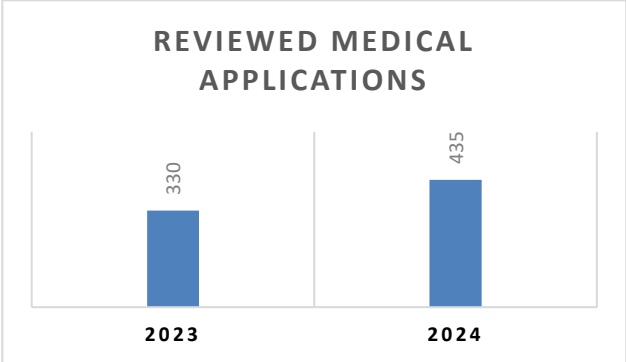




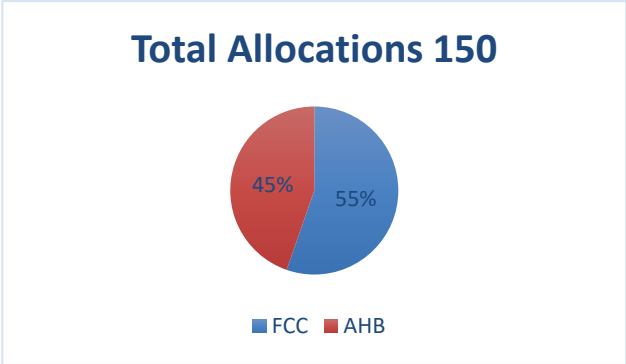
Housing Support Appeals

Applicants are reminded, that an appeal must be received within 28 days of a decision being communicated in writing to be eligible for review.

Medical applications reviewed

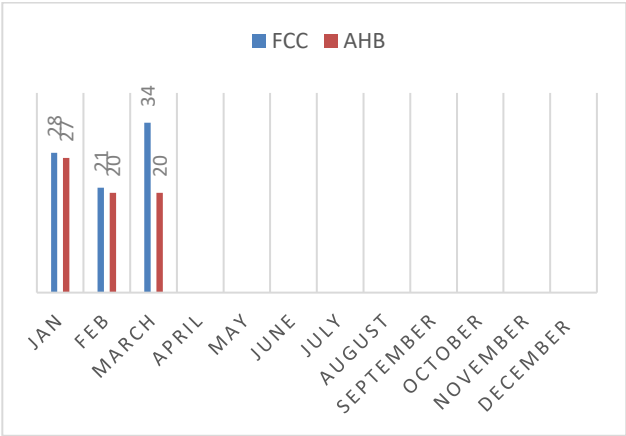


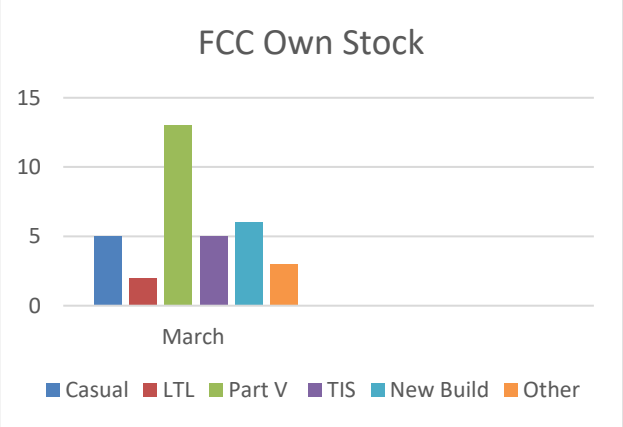
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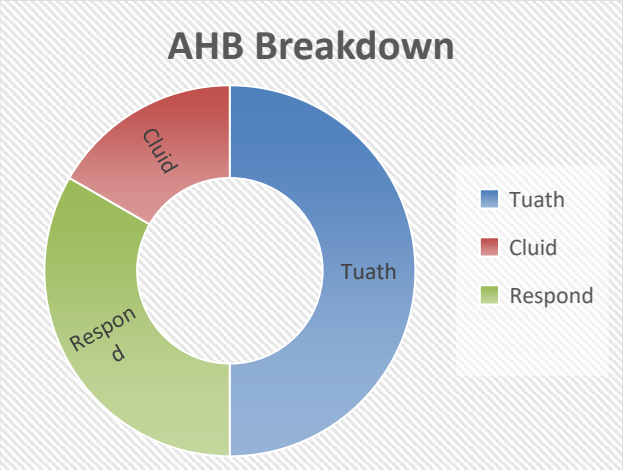
The above chart depicts the total number of properties allocated since the beginning of 2025.

The chart below shows the breakdown of allocations per month.





67 of the **150 allocations have been in collaboration with several Approved Housing bodies.** The other **83** properties were allocated using Fingal County Councils own stock.



Tuath have received the most nominations from Fingal County Council during the month of March.

The collaboration between Local Authorities and Approved Housing Bodies is continuing to have a positive impact on the delivery of social housing.

The Approved Housing Bodies inform Fingal County Council when an applicant has accepted and signed a tenancy following a nomination from Housing Lettings.

Choice Based Letting's Advertised Properties in March



Internal image of advertised property at Meadowbank Road, Miller's Glen, Swords, Co Dublin

Advertisement Period	Property	Bed	Type	Number of Views	Expressions of interest
26th February – 4th March	Dublin Street Flats, Baldoyle, Dublin 13	1	Apt	1180	150
5th – 11th March	Kilmartin Grove, Hollystown, Dublin 15	1	Apt	1385	240
5th – 11th March	Applewood Main Street, Swords, Co Dublin	1	Apt	1213	226
12th – 18th March	Meadowbank Road, Miller's Glen, Swords, Co Dublin	2	Apt	1521	334
12th – 18th March	Cedar Grove, Ridgewood, Swords, Co Dublin	2	Apt	1296	232
19th – 25th March	Kilmartin Grove, Hollystown, Dublin 15	1	Apt	1256	267
			Total	7851	1449

Applicants who do not have access to this portal should contact Choicebasedlettings@fingal.ie to request their unique username and password.

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Homeless Services.

Homeless Exits 2025

During March 2025, 35 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	6	11	0	17
Homeless Prevention	11	7	0	18
Total	17	18	0	35

There was a total of 18 homeless prevention cases and 17 who exited emergency accommodation comprising:

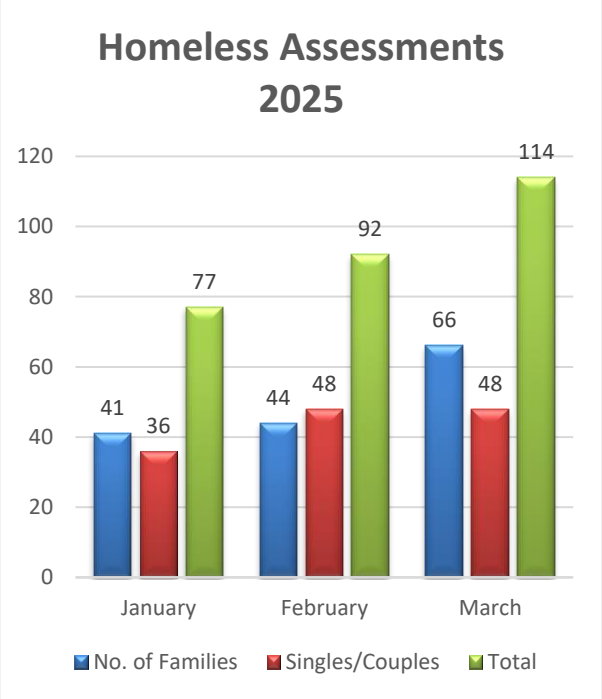
7 allocations of social housing support to homeless prevention cases, 11 exited emergency accommodation and 6 from Homeless HAP Tenancies.

17 Homeless HAP tenancies, comprising 11 homeless preventions and 6 who exited emergency accommodation and 0 from Direct Provision.

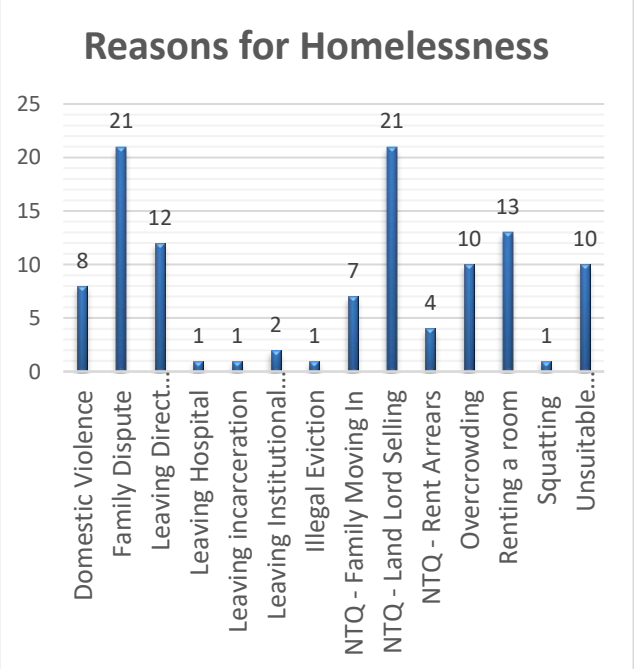
Homeless Assessments

Fingal's Homeless Team continues to engage with those experiencing homelessness to offer advice and support. Homeless Assessments continued to be carried out.

In March 2025, there were a total of 114 full homeless assessments completed – comprising 66 families and 48 singles/couples.



During March 2025, of the 114 Homeless Assessments carried out, 28% cases resulted from a Notice to Termination (NOT) having been served and 21% of cases result from family/relationship breakdown. Most of the other presentations to the Homeless Section are from Renting a room (11%), leaving Direct Provision (11%) and overcrowding (9%). The remaining 23% 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 21 reported rough sleeping cases in January 2025. 9 of the clients have taken up Emergency Accommodation and we continue to work with 5 others in an effort to provide a suitable solution.

There are 5 registered long term entrenched rough sleepers (1 couple and 3 males) from the Fingal Area. We will continue to work with him to provide him with suitable supports.

Cold Weather Strategy 2024/2025

As part of the Cold Weather Strategy for 2024/2025 the DRHE has provided for a total new capacity of 192 permanent beds. There are an additional 104 beds that can be activated as part of the Extreme Weather Emergency Protocol for 2024/25 when a weather warning is triggered.

There is emergency accommodation available through the 4 Dublin Local Authorities and the DRHE along with our outreach providers will monitor the weather and likely changes to weather warnings over the coming days and activate extreme weather emergency accommodation as required.

The Dublin Region Outreach Service is working directly with rough sleepers from 7am to 1am daily and assists any individuals they meet to take up emergency accommodation.
We would also continue to ask the public for their assistance during this time to let us know if they come across someone sleeping rough on our website here or call 01 872 0185 or via our free app Dublin City Rough Sleeper Alerts available on both Apple & Android Platforms.

Dublin Street Outreach Service Tel: 01 872 0185 from 7 am to 1 am

The DRHE in partnership with Dublin Simon. Outreach and the PMVT Intake team are assertively working on the streets offering accommodation to all rough sleepers. The teams are very familiar with the locations of people sleeping rough across the Dublin Region and persistently work with individuals to support them into emergency accommodation. This process can take time and multiple contacts, as some people do not want to engage but the teams persevere with every person working to achieve a successful outcome.

The service operates 365 days a year, until 1 am. The Outreach Teams also ensure that people sleeping rough are linked with other appropriate health services such as addiction and mental health services to prevent further rough sleeping. PMVT's Housing First Intake team links rough sleepers to permanent accommodation with long-term support.
All emergency accommodation is now 24-hour, with food and shower facilities provided.

National Housing Strategy for Disabled People 2022-2027 Implementation Plan

Action 1.2.2 of the National Housing Strategy for Disabled People 2022-2027 Implementation Plan states that Local authorities and the HSE must work together to plan and deliver on housing targets for disabled people in the community (including de-congregation) in line with the forthcoming Disability Services Action Plan.

The HSE Mental Health Housing Coordinator from Parkgate Hall liaises with the Homeless Services Team on a monthly basis.

Currently 17 Fingal County Council clients have been identified, two have been housed in January 2025 and two more are ready for nomination.

A second sub-group has been created between Fingal County Council and an Interim Disability Case Manager. The HSE have identified 5 new clients, all of whom have Medical Priority and are currently being reviewed for long term allocations

Homeless Action Plan 2022- 2024

The DRHE, with the approval of all 4 local authorities in the Dublin region, has finalised the Homeless Action Plan Framework for Dublin 2022-2024. This Plan is the first plan to be put into operation since Ireland signed the Lisbon Declaration on combatting homelessness in June 2021, which aims to end homelessness by 2030.

It will follow on from the previous Homeless Action Plan for 2019- 2021 and continues with the three key themes of **Prevention, Protection and Progression.**

The Plan was developed based on a detailed consultative process including submissions from various Stakeholders, interested organisations, Service Providers, Members of SPCs of the four Local Authorities, the Dublin Joint Homelessness Consultative Forum and the Statutory Management Group.

Preventing Homelessness, Notices to Quit and Tenant In-situ Acquisitions

Fingal County Council is aware that households in the Fingal area who may have received a notice to quit, which is also referred to as a notice of termination, from their landlord may be worried or unsure of what to do.

Fingal County Council and the Dublin Regional Homeless Executive (DRHE) would like to advise anyone affected of the services that are available to them in these circumstances.

We strongly encourage tenants residing in the Fingal area, who have been issued with a notice of termination, to contact Fingal County Council as soon as they receive a notice from their landlord. The contact details for Fingal County Council are provided at the bottom of this page.

When the tenants contact Fingal County Council, staff in the Housing Department will take note of the termination date.

The Council advises the tenant to refer the notice to Threshold, a service funded by the DRHE to provide a Tenancy Protection Service for private renters in the Dublin Region, including Fingal. Threshold can also be contacted directly on Freephone 1800 454 454 or via their website www.threshold.ie which contains more information and advice on the validity of your notice.

The Council's first response will be to try to prevent homelessness. This includes assessing the person's position on the social housing list, providing advice on applying for Choice Based Lettings, advising the person on the level of Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) they may be eligible to receive, and, in some cases, assessing if the Council can acquire the dwelling where the tenants reside if it is being offered for sale.

Placement in emergency accommodation will be a last resort if no other alternative can be identified.

The Council will continue to deal with notice of termination queries and cases as expeditiously as possible and progress tenant in-situ acquisitions while taking account of funding limits, circulars and guidance issued by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

Fingal County Council continues to liaise with other Dublin and neighboring local authorities to deal with tenancy issues that may require an inter-authority approach. In particular, we are working closely with our colleagues in the other Dublin Local Authorities on the implementation of the Government policy and guidance, with a focus on the needs of tenants.

Whilst the Council will, in the context of current circumstances, adopt flexibility in dealing with potential acquisitions of properties with tenants in situ, any acquisition is subject to appropriate due diligence and checks before any commitment is made to acquire, including, for example, determining that a valid notice of termination is in place, the tenant has a social housing need, and the condition and valuation of the property.

The Government has put forward options to allow tenants who are not eligible for social housing to remain in their homes, including schemes to support the purchase of homes and a Cost Rental in-situ Scheme. The Cost Rental Tenant-in-Situ Scheme is available for tenants who are not eligible for social housing and are at risk of homelessness. The DHLGH has advised that local authorities are to be the first point of contact for this scheme, but it is managed by the Housing Agency. Under the scheme, the Housing Agency can purchase a property and rent it to the tenant. Fingal County Council will undertake an initial assessment of the tenant's circumstances and refer details to the Housing Agency for consideration, where the tenant is at risk of homelessness and the Cost Rental Tenant-in-Situ scheme applies. The Housing Agency will then contact the landlord about the purchase of the property.

Where a tenant wishes to purchase their home from the landlord, local authorities can provide advice about the Local Authority Home Loan scheme. The Government is examining implementing a 'right of first refusal' for tenants to purchase their homes, as well as expanding the First Home shared equity scheme. The Council will be able to provide more information on these when available.

Works around preventing homelessness, assessing notices of termination, and responding to tenant and landlord in-situ queries are being led on by the Council's Homelessness section, taking a tenant-centred approach, supported by staff dedicated to dealing with tenant in-situ housing acquisitions.

The contact details below, including a dedicated email address NTQEnquiries@fingal.ie, should be used by tenants who may have received a notice of termination or a landlord who has issued a notice of termination to their tenants and who may wish to sell their property to the Council.

The key contact details are:

Fingal County Council Housing Department

Monday to Thursday, 9 am to 5.00 pm,

Friday 9 am to 4.30 pm:

Tel. **01 890 5000 or homeless@fingal.ie**

Email: **NTQEnquiries@fingal.ie**

Dublin Region Homeless Executive, Central Placement Services:

Freephone: 1800 707 707

Traveller Accommodation Programme

The Council is committed to meetings its responsibilities to address the needs of the Traveller Community as set out in the Traveller Accommodation Programme 2025 -2029 to provide sustainable Traveller specific accommodation and supports.

Council officials continue to liaise and engage with the Traveller Community, Traveller Advocacy Groups, Welfare Services, Child Services, Mental Health Services and other services and agencies to resolve issues when and where possible.

Caravan Loan Scheme

The Council implements the National Caravan Loan Scheme in accordance with Department of Local Government and Heritage Guidelines.

Recent delivery of caravans to Halting Sites





Illegal Occupiers

A number of illegal occupiers parked caravans on Damastown Avenue in Dublin 15 in March & April. Statutory Notices have been issued and the illegal occupiers, the trailers and their occupants have been notified to vacate the area. Since the issuing of notices, additional trailers have arrived onsite, and notices have been also issued to these illegal occupiers.





Illegal Occupiers on Damastown Avenue

Dumping on site

Illegal dumping on halting sites continues to be an issue. Fingal County Council have engaged our contractor to remove the waste, and a letter will be issued to residents advising that waste collection is provided on site for the disposal of household waste and to refrain from engaging in such activities on site.



Waste dumped at St Philomena's Park Halting Site

Fire Safety

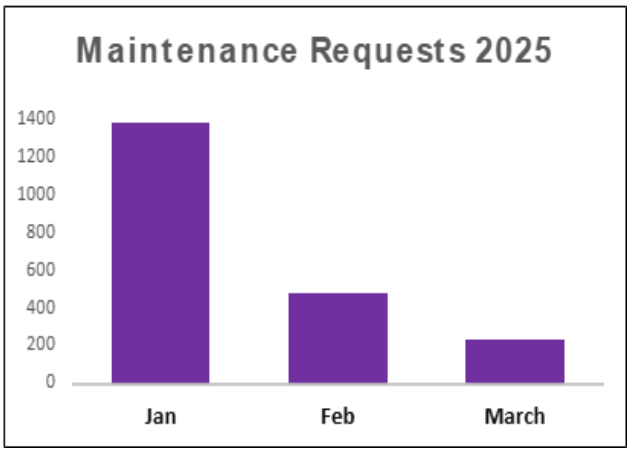
Fire Safety remains one of the top priorities for the safety of all of our tenants on our Halting Sites and Group Housing Schemes. The Annual Service and Maintenance of Portable Fire Equipment on Fingal County Council Traveller Accommodation Sites has been completed and additional fire safety equipment was installed across several of our Halting Sites. In addition to this, we have completed a Fire Safety Audit in Caravans and a leaflet drop to all of our Halting sites.





Copy of leaflet provided to occupants

Housing Maintenance



To date, Estate Management have conducted 26 interviews with Fingal tenants and issued five Tenancy Alerts for breaches of the Tenancy Agreement.

Boiler Servicing Programme 2025

The 2024 Programme had a 84% completion rate across the County.

The 2025 Programme of work is now underway, with Contractors working across the County in areas such as Blackmills Grove, Strandmill Road, Strand Road, Cardy Rock Road/Ave/Walk/Sq, Lambeecher Estate and Russell's Terrace.

Anti-Social Behaviour/Inspectorate Unit

The Council is committed to investigating all reports of ASB and will take all preventative measures possible. All complaints are received in confidence by the ASB Unit. There has been an increase in petrol bomb attacks in the Dublin 15 area which are currently under investigation. Fingal County Council are actively engaged with An Garda Síochána in relation to these issues.

Tenant Induction Courses will be scheduled in 2025 for all new developments.

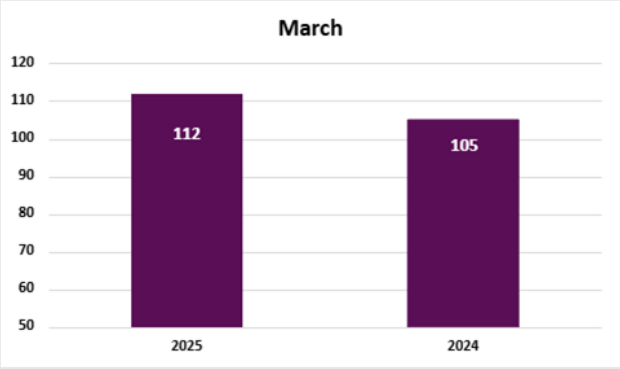
ASB Caseload Management

Complaints Mar 2025	Total	Active	Monitoring	Closed
Balbriggan	34	8	19	7
Rush / Lusk	2	1	1	0
Swords	16	7	7	2
Howth/Malahide	13	7	5	1
Blanchardstown / Mulhuddart	42	11	16	15
Ongar	2	0	0	2
Castleknock	3	0	0	3
Total	112	34	48	30

Surrenders on Estate Management Grounds 2025

January **(**5), February (6), March (3) surrenders**.**

Monthly Breakdown of February ASB Complaints Received 2025/2024



Anti-Social Behaviour Interventions

Interviews Held 2025	20
Interviews Held 2024	108
Tenancy Alerts 2025	**5**
Tenancy Alerts 2024	36
Tenancy Warnings 2025	**1**
Tenancy Warnings 2024	9

Inspectorate March 2025

Traveller Specific Site Inspections 2025	**403**
Traveller Specific Site Inspections 2024	2072
Housing Inspectors Report January 2025	**575**
February 2025	**857**
March 2025	**1076**

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 11th February 2025 with the next meeting on the 15th April 2025.

The Forum was originally tasked with assisting the Ukrainian Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection. However, considering Departmental guidance and the work of the Council's newly formed Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT) in assisting the target cohorts below the remit of the Forum has expanded to include

1. Applicants for International Protection (IP Applicants)
2. Those with Refugee, Subsidiary Protection, or Permission to Remain status
3. Programme Refugees
4. Beneficiaries of Temporary Accommodation (BOTPs).

The support provided by the Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT) is set out in this link

https://www.fingal.ie/LocalAuthorityIntegrationTeam

OfferAhome\Pledge Accommodation

The monthly recognition payment (ARP) is presently **€800** per month for vacant properties and **€800** per month to host a Ukraine person in your home.

In accordance with the recent Government announcement this will be reduced to €600 per month. The relevant legislation requires the Houses of the Oireachtas to approve the proposal on the rate before the Ministerial order to effect a change is signed. As the payment is payable monthly in arrears, the first payment at the reduced rate will be received by hosts on 8th July 2025.

To pledge fully Vacant accommodation, please visit the national portal at https://offerahome.ie or for enquiries, e-mail offerahome@fingal.ie.

To pledge a room in your home, this can be done through the Irish Red Cross via www.redcross.ie

Note **Helping Irish Hosts** can offer support and advice to both hosts and guests in pledge accommodation.

See website https://www.helpingirishhosts.com for further information.

Vacant Homes

The Vacant Homes Team continues to engage with persons relevant to circa 300 potentially vacant properties(private) to encourage them to bring them back into use and advise of schemes that are available to assist this with on-going follow up of properties reported as vacant to the Council and those identified by way of Council survey. Information on Vacant Council Stock is set out in the Asset Management section of this Housing Department Report.

The Vacant Homes Team commenced the statutory CPO process with respect to 3 vacant dwellings in 2024, one of which has come back into occupation and possession was taken of the property below in Wellview estate, Mulhuddart on 1st April 2025 to conclude the CPO process. This long-term vacant property will now form part of the Council's Social Housing stock and be allocated to a social housing applicant upon completion of repairs





CPO property Wellview, Dublin 15

This represents the third private owned long – term vacant property in Wellview estate that has been dealt with by the Vacant Homes Team. In addition to the above property, 2 other properties in the estate are back in use through the work of the Vacant Homes Team. One was purchased by FCC under the Buy and Renew scheme and is now occupied by a Council tenant and the other came back into use via the provision of Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant with new owners now in situ. 19 properties have come into occupation recently following either CPO proceedings, threat of CPO proceedings or general engagement with parties relevant to the properties. Refurbishment works are completing at a property in Hazelbury Park, Clonee where CPO was finalised in 2024, and the property will be allocated to a social housing applicant shortly.



Refurb works complete in CPO property Hazelbury Pk, Clonee

The Croí Cónaithe Vacant Homes Refurbishment Grant Scheme is also in utilisation to address vacancy and dereliction and provide homes with increasing enquiries, applications, and grant approvals regarding the scheme.

Croí Cónaithe Vacant Homes Refurbishment Grant

This scheme was launched in July 2022. On the 1st May 2023, the scheme was further extended with the eligibility criteria allowing for properties built pre-2008 to qualify and grants increasing to €50k (vacant) and €70k (vacant and derelict).

The expansion of the scheme allows for properties to be rented on the private rented market whereas previously the property had to be the applicant's principal private residence. 198 applications have been received since launch of the scheme. 21 new applications received in 2025 with additional applications expected shortly based on engagement with potential applicants. 129 applications are approved which equates to €6.6m in approved funding.

Promotion of the scheme is ongoing by the Vacant Homes Team. 6 information events were held to promote the scheme in 2024, 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.

For enquiries on the scheme and other schemes to bring properties back into use, please contact the Council's Vacant Homes Office via e-mail at vacant.homes@fingal.ie. Vacant properties can also be reported to this address for investigation.

Recently received VPRG application





Works nearing completion – Before photos and work nearing completion photos









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Community Development

Community development is a process where community members come together to take collective action and generate solutions to common problems. Community wellbeing, economic, social, environmental and cultural challenges are often solved through collective action being taken at a grassroots level. Community development ranges from small initiatives within a local group to large initiatives that involve the broader community.

Building community capacity, strengthening community participation, and involving people in decisions that affect their lives is a complex process and can only be achieved by working with local communities and agencies who have responsibility to the people in those communities.

This month the Community Development Office worked in partnership with a number of community groups and partners to support many projects/Initiatives including;

International Women's Day

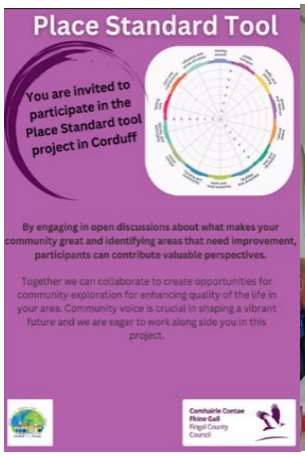
Fingal International Women's Day 2025 is a significant initiative led by Fingal County Council's Community Development Department, designed to celebrate and raise awareness of this important global occasion.

This year, an extensive programme of over 62 events took place across the county from March 3rd to March 10th, highlighting the achievements, contributions, and roles of women in our communities. All events were supported with funding administered by the community development office.

Corduff Place Standards Tool

The Place Standard Tool is being used by the Community Department in Corduff as an innovative approach to community development. This tool promotes a comprehensive understanding of "place" by examining the crucial relationship between its physical and social elements. It employs 14 themes, each with guiding questions and prompts, to facilitate productive conversations and inform assessments for improvement of a local area.

This initiative is designed to be inclusive, encouraging active participation from community members and local services and agencies alike. The tool is fostering open conversations, gathering data, and driving a shared vision for Corduff. With strong participation from locals, schools, and various stakeholders; the project is now halfway through and has engaged over 45 people.





Street Feast Road Show, Balbriggan

A roadshow to encourage local communities who might want to run a Street Feast in Fingal this May was held in Balbriggan last month. Coordinated by the FCC Community Development Office, the roadshow provided information and practical advice to the many members of the local community who dropped by, with past hosts of successful street feasts across the county giving their advice and experience.

The Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Brian McDonagh was on hand to help, and the whole event was captured by Phoenix FM for a future broadcast.

Anyone who would like to run a Street feast on May 24th and 25th should register with StreetFeast.ie and for more information contact marketing@neighbourhoodnetwork.ie



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.

St Margarets Community Centre

The Community Development Office were delighted to welcome representatives of the newly formed management committee for the refurbished St Margaret's Parish Hall back to the centre on 14th March. The centre had received extensive electrical and maintenance upgrades. An official opening of this centre is planned for early May.

The Community Development Office is working with a local stakeholder group; St Margarets Amenities CLG, who have received the management licence to operate the centre on behalf of Fingal County Council.

The community facility is regarded as the central hub of the local community and will support a range of new and existing activities and services in St Margarets. The Community Centre can accommodate new and existing community groups, local school and parish initiatives.



Baldoyle Community Centre

Construction of the new state of the art community facility at Baldoyle Racecourse Park is progressing well. The campus will comprise of a community centre and large carpark that will service local recreational amenities. A site visit took place on the 21st of March with the Mayor of Fingal, local elected representatives and council officials in attendance. The new community centre will be open to the local community in the last quarter of 2025.

The Community Development Office is working with the local community on the operational model of the centre in anticipation of this date.



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 Fingal Comhairle members who are attending the National Comhairle showcase of projects are preparing their annual project to present at the event on the 15th of April. Three Comhairle members were nominated to attend a Network of Practice for Young People's Consultation. Two members recently attended the Data and Analytics Unit Consultation and Youth Advisory Group.



Fingal Public Participation Network



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's Strategy 2025 – 2026 has been drafted and will be presented to members at the upcoming Plenary meeting on 3rd April for their consideration. Membership of Fingal PPN currently stands at 890 groups, with 9 new groups joining last month.

The Staff of the PPN attended the annual PPN staff conference and meeting in Galway last week where there was a great exchange of information and ideas between all 31 PPNs. Planning is underway for the DCU PPN Summer School which takes place in May.

Age Friendly Fingal

Age Friendly Fingal is committed to driving a collaborative, multi-sectoral approach to supporting interventions that will significantly help to improve the quality of life of the current population of older people in Fingal and future generations.



Terry Prone has kindly agreed to serve as the Age Friendly Ambassador for Fingal. In this voluntary role, Terry will support the Age Friendly programme in Fingal and nationally and help raise awareness of age-friendly practices. With her extensive background in communications and recent advocacy on aging-related issues, Terry is well-positioned to leverage her PR expertise to promote the programme's efforts. Her involvement will undoubtedly help enhance the lives of older people in Fingal and beyond.

Fingal Age Friendly Strategy

Fingal's Age Friendly Alliance has increased the frequency of its meetings to support the development of the Age Friendly Strategy. The actions to be undertaken by the organisations and departments represented on the Alliance, including the HSE, An Garda Síochána, Local Link, DCU, DDLEB as well as FCC Libraries, Housing, and Community Departments, to address the challenges identified during the consultations, are nearing completion. It is expected that the Alliance will approve the draft Strategy by the end of May, for presentation to Councillors for consideration.

Fingal's OPC attend Age Friendly Training



In March 2025, the Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary of Fingal's Older People's Council (OPC) participated in a training session organised by Age Friendly Ireland at Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council. The session focused on Age Friendly Ireland's structure, values, and the role of the OPC. Key topics included the OPC's terms of reference, the relationship between the Age Friendly Programme Manager and OPC Chair, and best practices for preparing and managing meetings. The training also provided an opportunity for OPC representatives to network, exchange insights, and learn from one another.

Integration Office:

Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT)

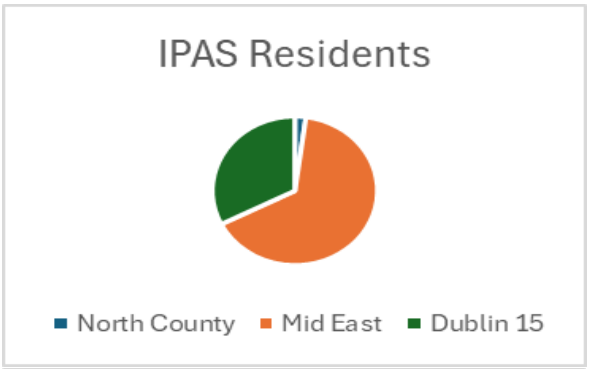
The role of the Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT) is to provide ongoing integration supports to International Protection (IP) applicants, Programme Refugees and Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection (BOTP) to enable them to live independently in the community.

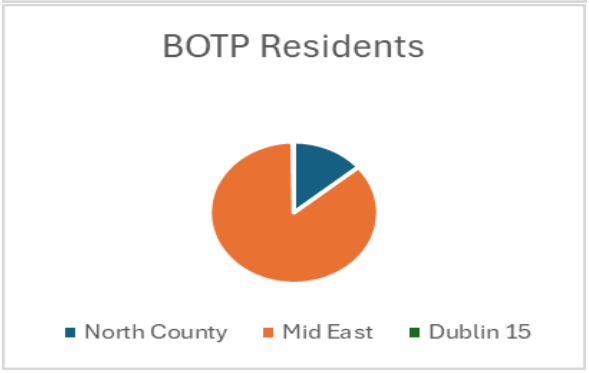
The LAIT continue to host clinics across the three geographical areas of North County, Mid-East and Dublin 15 in IPAS Accommodation Centres and BOTP Designated Accommodation Centres (DAC).

The latest accommodation statistics have been provided by the LGMA (Local Government Management Agency) and UCTAT (Ukrainian Crisis Temporary Accommodation Team).

Geographical Area	BOTP Residents	IPAS Residents
North County	74	55
Mid-East	458	1673
Dublin 15	1	829
Total	533	2557

These figures are represented in the graphs below:





Connections Expo

The LAIT team are engaged in preparations for a targeted Connections Expo, an initiative developed by the LAIT to support Accommodation Centres hosting both IP and BOTP residents. This initiative will be held in the mid-east area, in partnership with an accommodation centre and in collaboration with community, voluntary and statutory stakeholders. In this instance it is in response to an identified need for a range of supports for IPAS Residents. The aim is to increase awareness of the resources available to residents in the local area and to foster stronger community ties.

Integration Team:

Building Bridges Exhibition

During March (Anti-Racism Month) and April, the Integration Office is raising awareness by showcasing our Building Bridges: Forging Pathways Beyond Prejudice Exhibition in Balbriggan Library. This unique exhibition services as a platform to foster dialogue that champions diversity, equality and inclusion.



Fingal Integration Office raises awareness by marking International Anti Racism Day to staff and residents of Fingal.

During the week of the 18th– 23rd March. Fingal County Council Integration Office invited staff to raise awareness by wearing red to work.



Fingal County Council Integration Office marks International Anti-Racism Day – Lighting Fingal Buildings in Red.
The 21st of March marked International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. This day highlighted the harmful impact of racism on individuals and communities. Fingal County Council highlighted its commitment to equality, inclusion and diversity by lighting our buildings in County Hall and Civic Offices in red.

FINGAL INTEGRATION International Anti-Racism Day

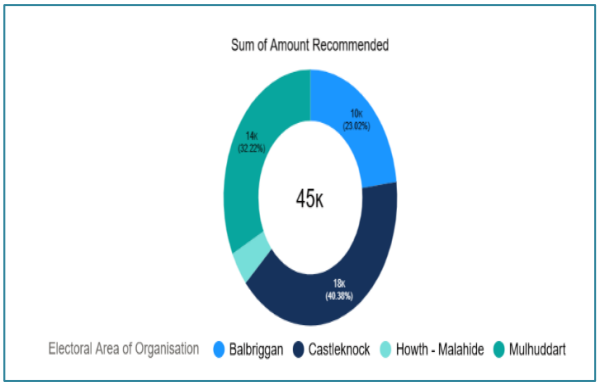
Funding

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

Community Activities Funding up to 20th March 2025.



To date, Communities Activities Funding has been awarded to 17 projects in the amount of €44,576.44.

Castleknock/Mulhuddart (12 projects)	€32,363.45
Balbriggan (4 projects)	€10,263.00
Howth/Malahide (1 projects)	€1,950

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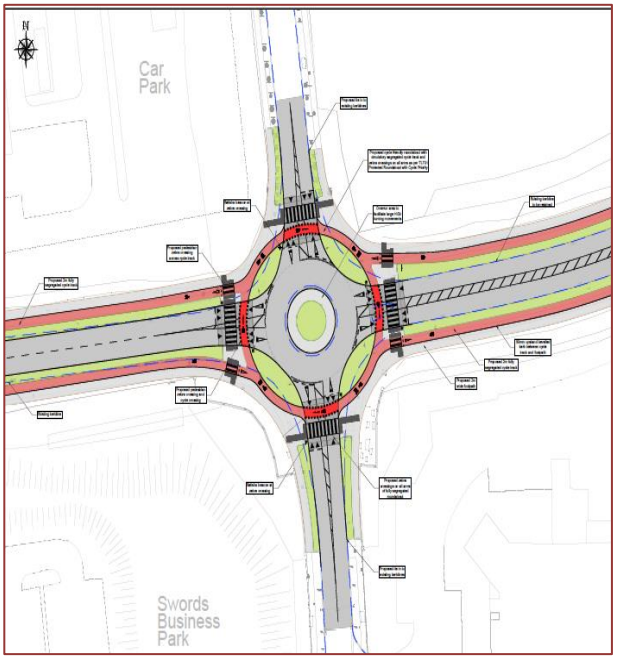
R132 Blakes Cross to Quickpenny Lane

Works on the R132 have been fully completed with the Contractor having completed the snagging items along the route.
The Project has been handed over to our Operation Section for regular maintenance.
The Final Road Safety Audit on the operational phase of the new project has been completed and all items addressed that were raised during the process. The full safety file and as constructed drawings are being finalised by the Contractor and Design Team for inclusion as part of the hand over.



Seatown Road Swords:

The Project Team is working with the design team to finalise the detailed design in advance of going to tender for the appointment of a contractor to progress to the Construction Stage in 2025, subject to approvals and funding.



Donabate Portrane R126 cycle paths:

The Design Team is currently preparing an options report for the proposed walking and cycling infrastructure with the preferred option identified in the report. Further details will be presented to Councillors at ACM in due course.

Coney Hill Balbriggan R132 cycle paths:

An options report is being finalised with the preferred option established in the report.
The project Team is at an advanced stage in progressing works on the southern end of this project that may be delivered separately to the overall project. This is being progressed to tie in and provide connectivity to other projects that are at and advanced stage in this area on the northern end of Balbriggan.
Further details will be presented to Councillors at ACM in the coming months.

St Cronan's Brackenstown Road Cycle lanes:

The project team is currently liaising with the contractor and design team to close out on snagging works for this project before final hand over to Fingal's Operations Department. The contractor has been on site recently to address the snagging works and agree final account. The Road Safety Audit has been completed and the items identified within the audit process are currently being addressed by the Design Team and the Contractor. We have commenced the handover procedure with FCC's Operations Department with a view to completing over the coming weeks.

Howth-Malahide Area:

Baldoyle-Howth Protected Cycle Lane Scheme Phase 2

The brief to appoint a multi-disciplinary design team has been prepared and is currently being reviewed. Once the brief is agreed, the tender documents will be published. An update will also be given at ACM level.

Paddy's Hill to Broomfield

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.

he 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.



Seapark Hill to Old Golf Course Link Park

The tender for the appointment of an Integrated Design Team from a Single Party Framework has been published. The tender return date is 4th April. Following receipt of the tender submission, the Active Travel Unit will assess the tender, appoint the design team and commence design phase of this project.



Feltrim Road Cycle Infrastructure

Topographical & Traffic Surveys are complete. Two non-statutory consultations have been carried out. The initial sections of the draft options selection report have been prepared by the Consultant and are currently being reviewed by FCC. The Design Team are continuing with the options assessment.

BMCO Area:

Snugborough Road – NAC to Ongar

The preliminary design phase is ongoing. The consultant has received the stage 1 road safety audit on the emerging preferred option. The latest drawings are being updated taking into account the various bus stops along the route which will be upgraded as part of the project. The latest draft preliminary design report is being updated taking this into account. Draft screening reports have been issued with feedback sent back to the ecologist. These are being updated accordingly. Further updates will be provided over the coming months, through this report and at ACM level.

Clonee to Blanchardstown Shopping Centre

The preliminary design phase is ongoing. Initial discussions have taken place with local landowners and site meetings have taken place. Further site investigations have taken place at pinch points along the R147 with drawings updated accordingly. A stage 1 road safety audit is about to commence, and environmental & appropriate screening is underway.

Castleknock to Dunsink Lane

Detailed design continues with meetings taking place with relevant internal and external stakeholders. Accommodation works and tree removal works have been carried out and associated new tree planting has been ordered. The suite of drawings required for the tender package are nearing completion and tender documentation is being finalised for review by the project team.



Hartstown/Huntstown/Mountview Road

Fingal County Council are progressing on finalising the design for roundabout and junction upgrades. Improvements to 2 signalised junctions at Hartstown Road/Hartstown Link Road and at Hartstown Road/Mountview Road with Blakestown Road/Shelerin Road are planned along with 2 roundabouts at the junction of Huntstown Way with Ashfield Way/Huntstown Park and at the junction of Huntstown Way with Castlewood. Traffic surveys have been completed for the 2 signalised junctions and a workshop is planned in the coming weeks with the NTA.



Castleknock to Blanchardstown via Farmleigh

The feasibility study has started, and traffic and drone surveys have taken place. A topographical survey has been completed and has been issued to the designers to inform the study. Feasibility and route options are currently being discussed between the design team and Active Travel.

Towns & Villages

Works are continuing in the development of an Active Travel Plan for several of our Towns & Villages. Details are outlined below.

New Street

An Integrated Design Team has been appointed and has commenced with the detailed design phase of this scheme. Judicial Review proceedings challenging the Part 8 approval for the Public Realm Improvements are ongoing.



Balrothery Active Travel Plan

Two public consultations have been completed, along with public consultation reports. Topographical and traffic surveys have been completed. The consultant is currently finalising the draft report for 'An Active Travel Plan for Balrothery' for FCC review. The Consultant is now also progressing Options Comparison and Assessment.

Skerries Active Travel Plan.

The Project Team together with the Consultant are working through the process and data collection and surveys.

A report outlining a Long List of Options was generated by the consultant and the Active Travel Department. FCC and the consultant have workshopped the contents of the draft report and the agreed modifications are underway.

Skerries Harbour Road & Red Island Loop:

The Part 8 Planning Process commenced in early March and the project consultation process remains open until April 17th. There is a lot of interest in this project and submissions from the public and community groups and others are coming in. These submissions will be reviewed after the closing date and will be assessed and presented to the members in the consultation and Managers report at the June Full Council Meeting.



Connectivity/Permeability

We are continuing to receive various requests for Permeability and Connectivity improvements from various stakeholders across the county. These requests are being recorded in detail for evaluation through a multi criteria analysis.
The projects are then reviewed across the departments to identify if an appropriate means of delivery can be established on the ground.
Several projects identified through this process are being developed through the design phases for execution on the ground.

Other projects are being progressed in the areas at either design or construction stage. These Connectivity and Permeability improvements are being delivered in cooperation with our Operations Department. These projects will enhance local communities and provide improved walking and cycling infrastructure within the county.

Greenway connectivity support teams have been convened to review, design, and deliver active travel infrastructure that will enhance accessibility between the proposed strategic greenways and residential, educational, amenity and commercial zones. These support projects have been set up for Fingal Coastal Way, Broadmeadow Way/Sutton to Malahide Greenway and Royal Canal Greenway. This will help to optimise the use of the proposed greenway by both leisure and commuter users.

Newtown Bridge, Balheary Road:

Jons Civil Engineering has been appointed to complete the construction of the project. Gullies have been installed north of the bridge and the contractor has been progressing works associated with the installation of ducting and chambers for the provision of services.



We have negotiated and managed to include the installation of the ducting for the 38KV supply as part of the works to avoid further disruption later this year in the area.

Wild Cat Lane:

Connectivity improvement works has been undertaken along Wild Cat Lane in Skerries over recent weeks and the scheme is now in operation. Active Travel have received positive feedback from users and other stakeholder groups. This lane was previously a space that was overgrown and used as a regular dumping ground. The laneway has now been transformed into an attractive space for children to walk and cycle to the nearby school and offers green spaces and planting areas that will be maintained by the school as part of the Green Schools initiative.







Donabate Permeability - Phase 1:

This project involves the provision of a walking and cycling path in Beverton open space. The footpaths from the end of the cul de sacs in Turvey Green, Turvey Drive and Turvey Woods will be extended into the Beverton open space to join the new pathway being provided in the green open space.

A Non-Statutory Consultation was conducted with the residents and locals in the Donabate area to provide observations on Phase 1 of this project. The consultation period ran from Friday 20 December 2024 until 23.59hrs Friday 31 January 2025.

Consultation period has now closed with 76 submissions received. The submissions are currently being categorised to generate a "Public Consultation Report" to be published on the Fingal County Councils consultation portal.

The submissions received are being considered as part of the detailed design process.

A consultant has been engaged to conduct the required environmental screenings in advance of proceeding through the Section 38 process and the exempted development process under the Planning & Development Regulations 2001-2013. Detailed design of the project is taking place in conjunction with the screening process.



https://maps.app.goo.gl/MpYTPWvURvnoBCoP7

Donabate Permeability - Phase 1 | Fingal County Council Online Consultation Portal

Access to Balscadden Bay Beach, Howth.

A consultant has been appointed to assess the access stairs to Balscadden Bay Beach, Howth, and to recommend improvements. A site visit has been undertaken by the Consultant and they have shared their initial findings with the Active Travel Team. The Consultant will now move to finalise their recommendation report.

Learn 2 Cycle Tracks;

Plans are in place for the construction of another ***Learn 2 Cycle Track at Holywell Swords***. This will bring us to three in the county. The Active Travel Team are currently in the process of appointing a Contractor to carry out the works and works are expected to commence in April. This will provide another facility for our Walking & Cycling Officers to provide courses and supports for those of all abilities who are willing to take up and learn to cycle.

Secure Bicycle Parking Infrastructure

A number of locations across the county have been identified and are currently being reviewed for the provision of bicycle parking infrastructure.

Safe Routes to School

Round 1 – Tranche 1

A brief update is provided below for each school site and associated construction works completed to date since the appointment of the works contractor.

Rush and Lusk Educate Together

All works are complete for this project.

Castaheany ETNS / St.Benedict's NS

All works are complete for this project.

Bayside Junior & Senior School

All works are complete for this project. Following representations, and subsequent assessment by the Active Travel Unit, the Belisha Beacons on the raised pedestrian crossing have been removed and replaced with Pedestrian Crossing signs (RUS066).

Round 1 – Tranche 2

The works contractor for the Safe Routes to School Tranche 2 contract has completed all works at each of the four school sites. A brief update is provided below for each school site and associated construction works completed to date since the appointment of the works contractor.

Ladyswell National School, Mulhuddart

Works are complete at Ladyswell NS. Junction tightening has taken place at a number of locations in Dromheath estate along with new tactile paving. Footpaths have been widened across green open space. New public lighting has now been installed on the open space. The road surface outside the school has been upgraded and a new coloured surface has been laid to further highlight the school zone.

Ladyswell NS, Dromheath Gardens



Scoil Ghráinne Community NS, Hansfield

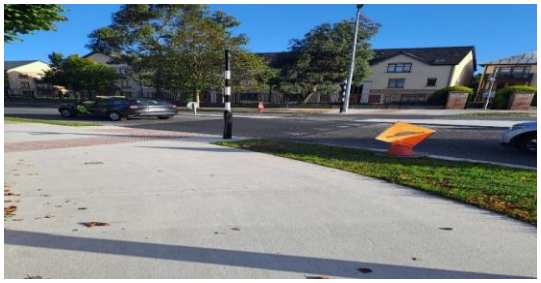
All footpath repairs, new bus parking area, bollard installation, new zebra crossing, road resurfacing works are now complete.



Scoil Ghráinne CNS

Scoil Choilm Community NS, Porterstown

Works are complete at Scoil Choilm where 3 new zebra crossings have been installed at various locations to make it safer for both pedestrians and cyclists. All bollards are now installed with protected kerbs included at the busy 4 arm junction.



Scoil Choilm CNS

Pope John Paul II NS, Malahide

Substantial Completion for the Safe Routes to School project at Pope John Paul II National School, Malahide, was achieved in December 2024. The proposed resurfacing works are scheduled to follow shortly, with anti-skid works planned in the coming weeks.

Safe Routes to School Round 2

- An Taisce has announced Round 2 of the Safe Routes to School Programme. Fingal County Council, as the client, has appointed Clifton Scannell Emerson Associates as the Project Supervisor for the Design Process (PSDP) in compliance with Regulation 6 of the Safety, Health, and Welfare at Work (Construction) Regulations 2013, for the following Fingal schools selected:

- St Helen's SNS, Limetree Avenue, Portmarnock, Co. Dublin
- Scoil Bhríde, Cailíní & Buachaillí, Church Avenue, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15
- St Colmcille's Girls NS, Chapel Lane, Swords, Co. Dublin
- Holy Family JNS, Forest Fields, Swords, Co. Dublin

Murphy Geospatial has successfully completed the on-site topographical surveys as part of the defined scope of works. The final report is scheduled for submission in the first week of March 2025.

The Drynam Heath Quiet Street

Project is focused on identifying and addressing potential road safety issues during the preliminary design phase. The primary objectives of the project include enhancing pedestrian and cyclist safety, reducing traffic speeds, and ensuring accessibility for all road users. To support these goals, consultants have been hired to conduct a comprehensive Road Safety Audit (RSA), as well as an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and Appropriate Assessment (AA). Traffico has successfully completed the on-site Road Safety Audit as part of the defined scope of works. The final report is scheduled for submission during the last week of February 2025.

Rush National School:

Works have been completed to facilitate the 'School Street' along Channel Road in Rush. The scheme is underway and monitoring of operation of the School Street is ongoing.

Sustainable Traffic Management Measures

Relocation of Taxi Rank Malahide

The taxi rank in Malahide is being relocated. The revised location has been informed by our meetings with the various internal and external stakeholders, including An Garda Síochána, Residents, Businesses and Taxi Drivers.

The queue for the taxi rank will now be located outside 'Seomra Tae' on Main Street, Malahide, facing west.

Information leaflets have been distributed to the public and taxi drivers. Work has commenced and the new arrangement is expected to be in operation by the weekend of the 4th of April, weather permitting.

New Learn 2 Cycle Track, Holywell Park, Swords

A tender competition has been conducted to appoint a contractor to undertake works on a new Learn 2 Cycle Track at Holywell Park, Swords.

It is intended that works will commence on site in the coming weeks.

Learn2Cycle with a Disability

Learn2Cycle with a Disability lessons are progressing very well, with continued demand for the lessons.

From April-May, lessons are running in three locations:

- Kinsealy, Liam Rodgers Community Centre
  Starts Friday 25/04/2025 to 30/05/2025
- Portmarnock Sports & Leisure Centre April
  Starts Monday 28/04/2025 to 16/06/2025
- Rivervalley Swords May
  Starts Saturday 03/05/2025 to 07/06/2025

A full list of 2025 Courses is available on our website

https://www.fingal.ie/activetravel/mobility/learn2cycle

With over 40 courses planned for 2025, it promises to be a very busy year.

Learn 2 Cycle for Children Aged 6-12 years

We are delighted to continue our Learn 2 Cyle lessons, to teach children aged 6 – 12 how to cycle.

Current courses:

- March 2025: Saturdays 2.30-4pm, Millennium Park Learn2Cycle track, Blanchardstown
- May 2025: Saturdays 2.30pm-4pm, Brackenstown Learn2Cycel track, Swords
- July 2025: Saturdays 2.30-4pm, Millennium Park Learn2Cycle track, Blanchardstown

There has been great demand from the community for this course, and we are working with our cycle trainer to provide more lessons during 2025, to meet demand.





Balance Bike Buddies – Millennium Park

The Balance Bike Buddies Course in Millennium Park continues each Saturday morning in Millennium Park, due to demand, we have added a second course earlier in the morning. Our next courses start on Saturday 26th April in Brackenstown, Swords, times and booking details will be promoted across Fingal Social Media channels.

Picker Pals & Fingal Active Travel

The Active Travel Unit is excited to announce a collaboration with the environmental organization Picker Pals. Together, we are developing engaging communication materials to promote sustainable transport among schoolchildren in a fun and interactive way.

These materials will include games, posters, and photo boards, designed to capture children's interest and spread awareness.

We recently met with some of the Picker Pals reporters to discuss the benefits of active travel

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h34UdMx6GZI

There are also plans to use these resources to further engage with schools and parents, reinforcing the message of sustainability and encouraging active travel habits in the community.

Bleeper Lease E-Bike for Staff

The Bleeper staff lease bike trial is continuing, and staff feedback so far in 2025 has been excellent, with several staff members using the bikes to commute.
The Bleeper lease bike trial is available for staff based in Blanchardstown. Staff can avail of a free trial of Bleeper LeaseBike with the trial lasting from four weeks (with potential to extend, depending on level of demand).

- Choose from a folding e-bike or trekking e-bike – see example images below.
- Staff must collect the bike from the Blanchardstown Civic Offices, and return the bike to the same location at the end of the trial.

For more information, please email
Emma.court@fingal.ie



Staff Pooled Bikes

The new staff pooled bike scheme was launched in Swords, County Hall in December with two eBikes available through the Bleeper Bike App. To sign up for shared eBikes

- Email Building Facilities for Bike Bunker access
- Download the Bleeper App
- Register with your FCC email
- Search 'My Private Scheme'
- Enter Scheme name: 'Fingal Staff Bikes'
- Await the confirmation from Bleeper The bikes are available from the middle Bike Bunker in Swords, and we plan to have the two bikes available in the Civic Offices, Blanchardstown in January 2025.

For more information, please email
active.travel@fingal.ie



HER Move TY Girls Cycling Course

The Active Travel Unit, in collaboration with Cycling Ireland, is excited to bring the HER Move cycling course, as a pilot course in Fingal. The program aims to equip Transition Year (TY) girls with essential cycling skills, while also providing an opportunity to develop videography and photography skills. Participants will learn how to safely navigate on bikes, while also capturing their journey through media, making for an engaging and educational experience.
The course will not only help students develop cycling proficiency but will also empower them to tell the story of their experience through creative media, fostering confidence, teamwork, and leadership. We are scheduling in the course and hope to run it in the next academic term.

Sofa to Saddle March 2025

Two new Sofa to Saddle courses are starting in March 2025, and will be held in Catherines Park and Newbridge House.

Sofa to Saddle is a 6-week course run by Age & Opportunity and The Active Travel Section of Fingal County Council. The goal of the course is to get people over 50 years of age back cycling. These courses have proven to be hugely popular.

The course will help participants to relearn the basics of cycling independently, focusing on balance, bike control, gearing and braking.

The course is free to take part in, but registering is vital as places are limited.

Course dates below:

- Tuesday 18th March in Newbridge House from 11am to 12:30pm.
- Wednesday 19th March in St Catherine's Park from 11am to 12:30pm

For more information, please email stephen.mcginn@fingal.ie

Balance Bike Buddies 2025

Our first Balance Bike Buddies Courses of the year begin on Saturday 8th March in Millennium Park. Due to the phenomenal demand, we have added a second course to the programme.
Course 1 – 9:45am – 10:30am
Course 2 – 10:30am – 11:15am

The courses offer toddlers aged between 2 and 5 a safe and structured introduction to cycling and provides parents with the tools to keep the learning up away from the courses.
8 Courses are planned across Millennium Park and Brackenstown for 2025. For more information,
please email stephen.mcginn@fingal.ie

Park Pedal

The first ever Park Pedal meet up to place on Saturday 1st March at 9am in Millennium Park. This pilot initiative is an adaptation of Cycling Irelands Community Bike Rides, was supported by Blanch Wheelies CC and targeted families with young children who want to cycle in an off road and enclosed environment.

The Day went very well and it is hoped to run more over the summer months

For more information email:
active.travel@fingal.ie



Public Shared eCargo Bike

We have extended the Dublin 15 eCargo Bike Share scheme with Bleeper Bike for another 12 months. The bike has been relocated to Laurel Lodge where it is available to hire through Bleeper Bike.

Simply contact customercare@bleeperactive.com for details on how to access the bike



Wheelchair Tandem Bike Service

The Wheelchair Tandem Bike will be available free of charge to the public and training in how to use it and operate the Bike Bunker will be provided.

The Bike is a unique and innovative bicycle designed to be a tandem vehicle for individuals with mobility impairments. It combines a wheelchair with a tandem bike, allowing the person in the wheelchair to participate in cycling activities with another cyclist.

This type of bicycle offers an opportunity for individuals with disabilities to experience the outdoors, get exercise, and engage in cycling activities in a way that wouldn't be possible on a traditional bike.

If you'd like more information, email cyclingwithoutage@fingal.ie and we'll get back to you.

Cycling Without Age

The Cycling Without Age initiative will launch from Malahide Castle in January 2025. The Trishaw will be co-located with the Wheelchair Tandem Bike and be available to book by emailing Cyclingwithoutage@fingal.ie and requesting a trip.



We are on the lookout for new volunteers in the Malahide area. If you would be interested in signing up or getting more information, please email stephen.mcginn@fingal.ie



Skerries Community Car

The Skerries Community Car is available to book for local trips to the doctors, pharmacist, shops and for social occasions. This volunteer led scheme is vital for fighting social isolation and a valuable service to the people of the Skerries and the surrounding areas.

The car has completed 84 Trips in Q1, helping people get to everything from the shops, doctors appointments, social occasions and mass

To book the service or to sign up as a volunteer simply call Flexibus on 046 9074830 or email flexibus@locallinklmf.ie



Car Share Schemes

There are three car share providers operating in Fingal. Go Car, Yuko and Drive You. Between them, they are helping to reduce the number of private vehicles on our roads and contributing to lower emissions.

Month	Number of Trips	Number of Shared KMs
August	1802	166,577km
September	1713	142,466km
October	1724	145,767km
November	1479	105,383km
December	1321	104,845km
January	1669	116,516km
February	1532	113,798km

EVPZ

The Active Travel section in partnership with The ESB and the three Car Share Operators recently launched two new shared EV mobility hubs in Swords and Malahide. The hubs each have two electric vehicles on site with a dedicated charger in each location. The Pilot Project aims to increase the number of shared vehicle journeys completed by EV, making the already environmentally friendly form of transport even more sustainable. For more information on the EVPZ eHubs project, you can check out https://esb.ie/what-we-do/esb-ehubs



Community eCargo Bikes

The Active Travel unit have been promoting the Community eCargo Bike initiative and are receiving applications from interested community groups. We are looking forward to providing more community groups with cargo bikes in 2025.

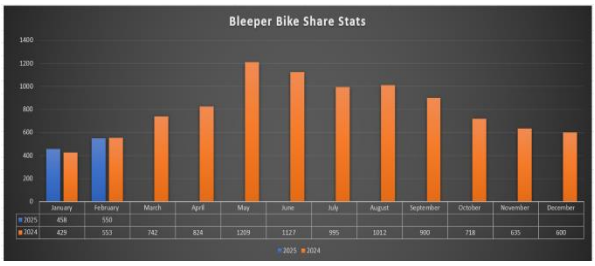
Swords Tidy Towns have joined the trials and recently received their eCargo Bike and have been putting it to good use.



We have partnered with various Tidy Towns Groups, Picker Pals, Dunsink Observatory, The Old Irish Goat Herders as well as our own Operations Team in Newbridge House and The Mayor of Fingal. The bikes have been a valuable asset for the groups and have replaced countless journeys by motor vehicle. We are keen to expand the programme in 2025 and are interested in hearing from Community Groups and small businesses who wish to apply, interested groups can email active.travel@fingal.ie



Bike Share Schemes



Bleeper Bike

The new Bleeper Bike Operating Zone came into effect from Dec 1st 2024 and the introduction of the Fingal pass has seen a positive impact on trips to date. Despite the smaller operating zone, the trip numbers have increased year on year in December and January, this despite very challenging weather conditions in both months.



The new service saw the introduction of the Fingal Pass. This pass gives residents of Fingal their first 30 minutes of every Bleeper trip for free.

Fingal Pass Applications: 168 (28/02/25)
Approved Applications: 120

Refusal Reasons
Non-Fingal Residents: 4
No Bleeper Account yet: 44

Bleeper Bike Monthly Report

450 Bleeper bike journeys started within Fingal operating zone in February
There were an additional 100 Journeys that took place outside of Fingal using the Fingal Pass
455 bike journeys ended within existing Fingal operating zone in February
Saturdays & Sundays (17%) recorded the highest usage
Ongar, Carpenterstown and Castleknock were the most popular starting points.
Estimated emissions avoided: 97.5kg of CO2

ENVIRONMENT

Climate Action

Decarbonisation Zone Balbriggan

E2Cuties



The Engaged Energy-Communities in Urban Areas with Technology Integrated Energy Systems (E2 Cuties) is a four-year Interreg North-West Europe initiative that received funding in Q4 2024 and will officially begin in April 2025. Fingal's Climate Action Team and Codema have progressed the initial project phases in preparation for the kick off meeting in April.

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.
A site visit was undertaken with Codema, Climate Action team, Our Balbriggan and Balbriggan Sustainable Community.

Our Balbriggan- Sustainability, Climate Action and Biodiversity Pillar

The Climate Team continue to support the development of the Sustainability, Climate Action and Biodiversity Pillar Action Plan.

Dublin Climate Action Week 12th -19th May

FCC hosting event for four Dublin Local Authorities. FCC will partner with Active Travel to promote Climate Action during Bike Week.

12 - 18 May 2025
DUBLIN CLIMATE ACTION WEEK

Reporting on the Climate Action Plan

The Climate Action Team presented a progress report on the implementation of the Climate Action Plan 2024-2029 to the Climate Action, Biodiversity and the Environment SPC.



Climate Action Resources- Libraries

A review of Climate Action recourses was undertaken for the library Services with recommendations made for additional resources.

Local Authority Climate Action WEBINAR SERIES 2025

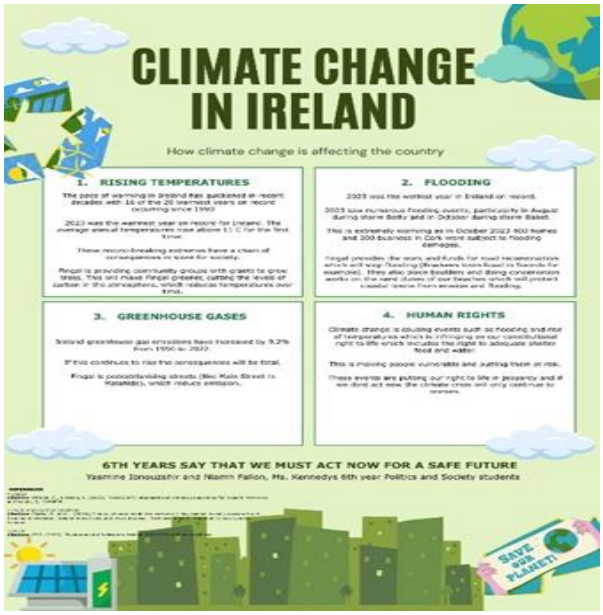
The Local Authority Services National Training Group (LASNTG) has organised a series of Webinars commencing in March, will cover a broad range of topics relevant to the work of climate action teams in their capacity to:

- Foster local authority climate leadership,
- Implement adaptation and mitigation measures,
- Promote behavioural change, and
- Optimise funding opportunities

The Webinar Series is being delivered as part of the Local Authority Climate Action Training Programme.

Malahide Community School

The Climate Action Team received a presentation from Politics and Society Class on climate action in Fingal.



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.

Community Climate Action Fingal

A 2nd drawdown to the value of €285,796 has been submitted to DECC for completed and vouched projects.

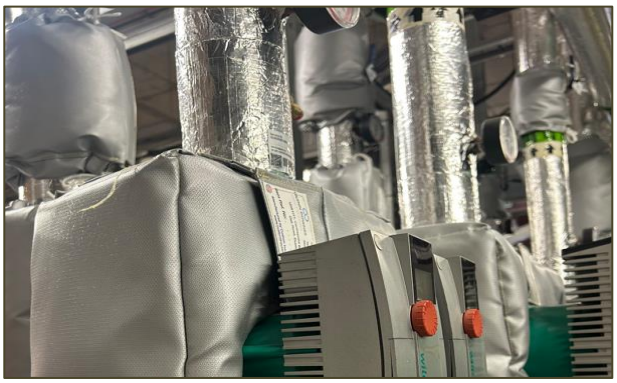
Projects recently completed include installation of bike storage lockers at Donabate Portrane Community Centre and in Ballyboughal, biodiversity garden at the Arch Club Portmarnock and pipe insulation and boiler upgrade works at the Portmarnock Sports and Leisure Club. Brackenstown Scouts in Swords insulated the building and replaced the old windows and doors which has made a huge difference to the building creche tenants/ users.

Community Climate Action Projects update:

March-25	**55 Projects Completed**
	23 Projects In-Progress
	68 Projects Not Yet Started

An announcement from DECC on Phase 2 of the CCAF is expected in Quarter 2.

Photo: Portmarnock Sports and Leisure Club Pipe Insulation for Efficiency



Climate Action Awareness

Fingal Reusable Cup Project

- Reducing Waste, One Community, One Cup at a time
- Pilot in Malahide/Rush to launch on 17th May
- Aim to eliminate single use cups on a phased basis across Fingal
- Fingal working with VOICE Ireland, Vytal & Community Groups
- Cost Neutral for Businesses
- Free for Customers to borrow cup
- Charge of €9 if unreturned within 14days
- Can be returned to any participating business

Why?

- Ireland wastes 22,000 single use cups p/hr , 200,000,000 p/yr
- 7/10 people own a reusable cup, only 1/10 people use them

Environmental Awareness

Replay Instruments Project

The Environmental Awareness Officer had the privilege of meeting with representatives from both Crosscare Donabate and Music Generation, along with the participants in the guitar lessons as part of the Instruments Project. This initiative is a shining example of how the circular economy is making waves at the grassroots level, and it's exciting to see the positive ripple effect that it is creating. Rush Youthreach received a donation of instruments this month giving more young people the opportunity to explore their musical potential.



Workshops and Educational Outreach

In an engaging and informative workshop on Waste Management and the Circular Economy, there was the chance to spark fresh conversations and inspire action among Transition Year students at the Estuary Recycling Centre, which was followed by a tour of the site. This was organised in partnership with Network Forum Fingal, and gave students firsthand experience of sustainable practices in action—making a real impact on how they'll approach waste in the future as they all left having signed a circular living pledge.





Tenant Education

The Environmental Awareness Officer has been helping our community stay informed with a focus on domestic waste management practices, by participating in three Tenant Induction Courses. It's amazing to see so many people eager to take responsibility for the environment, and these courses continue to empower individuals to make sustainable choices.

Green-Schools Support

It was a busy month with Green-Schools renewal visits, assisting schools as they apply for their Green Flag. This year, 20 schools are applying for their Green Flags across a variety of themes, including Litter & Waste, Water, Travel, Biodiversity, Global Citizenship, Marine Environment and Primary Climate Ambassadors. The energy and enthusiasm from these schools is absolutely infectious, and it's fantastic to see so many of them embracing environmental stewardship. Here is Buí, member of Ghaelscoil Bhaile Brigín's Green-School's Committee helping with food waste management.



Community Engagement:

Supporting local efforts is always a highlight. With Spring Clean Up season underway Community Centres, Residential Groups, and Schools have been supplied with litter pickers, helping them continue their important local clean-up efforts. Every small action contributes to a cleaner, greener environment.

Tree Planting Events

What a joy it was to join Deputy Mayor John Kingsley Onwumereh at a tree planting event hosted by the Blakestown Drive Community Group at Rath Dara Community College. Additionally, the Environmental Awareness Officer also participated in Portmarnock Community School's Tree Planting Action Day in collaboration with Easy Treesie. The sense of togetherness and dedication to improving our environment was truly uplifting at both events.



Relove Fashion

Exciting news from the Relove Fashion initiative! Two of our Fingalian applicants have made it to the grand final on April 30th—one individual entry and one from Le Chéile Secondary School. We're cheering them on and wishing them the very best of luck as they continue to shine in this fantastic competition.

Information Dissemination

The Environmental Awareness Officer has also been sharing vital environmental information on social media, helping spread awareness and action across the community. From EPA's National Stop Food Waste Day (March 1st) to An Taisce's National Spring Clean (April) and ERP's Vape & E-Cigarette Waste Disposal Guidelines, to make sure that everyone has the tools to make informed, eco-friendly choices.

RTE Nationwide

Nationwide visited the Estuary Recycling Plant to cover the role of Fingal County Council in the Reuse Paint Project, in collaboration with the Rediscovery Centre.



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.

There was one litter fine case before the courts in March, which resulted in a guilty verdict.



Litter Fines & Warning Notices – 2025

Month	Fines	Warning Notices
January	16	1
February	9	2
March	18	1

Litter Management Cases for March 2025

Cases March 2025	Amount
Muck on road	3
Abandoned cars	17
Inspection of bring banks	382
Inspection of dumping black spots	402
Report of dumping	68
Unauthorised signage	5
Request for Dog fouling signs	3
Walking patrols	4
Councillor rep inspection	5

Draft Litter Management Plan

- Public Consultation on the Draft Litter Management Plan commenced on Thursday 27th March and will close on Wednesday 7th May 2025.
- 3 x Stakeholder Engagement Workshops with EM's, Community Groups in February
- Recurring themes included requests for increase in the no. Of Litter Wardens, increased visibility, Campaigns on dog fouling
- Submissions can be made via https://consult.fingal.ie/en/browse



Abandoned Vehicles

There were 470 reports of alleged Abandoned Vehicles received in 2024.

From 1st January – 31st March 2025, 119 reports of alleged Abandoned Vehicles have been received. Burnt-out vehicles are also reported to the Environment Department.

The Litter Wardens carry out an initial inspection of all reported abandoned and burnt-out vehicles.

To report a suspected abandoned vehicle the following information is required and should be emailed to environment@fingal.ie

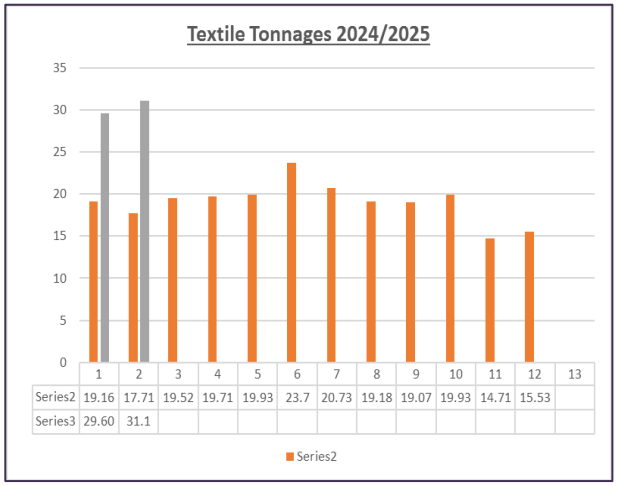
- Vehicle Registration
- Colour / Make / Model
- Exact Location
- Period of time that vehicle has not been moved
- Name and Contact Number of person reporting the vehicle

Information on Abandoned Vehicles can be found on the Fingal County Council website:

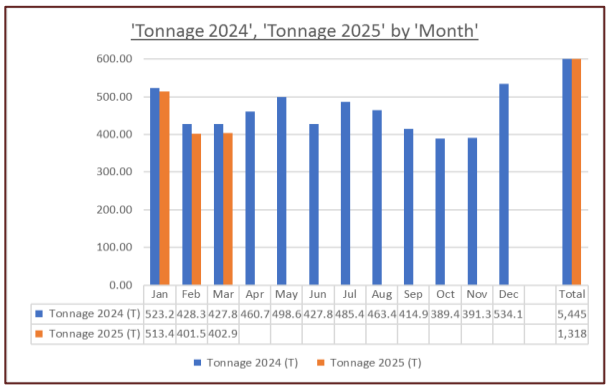
https://www.fingal.ie/council/service/abandoned-vehicles

	Abandoned Vehicles Lifted		Burnt out Vehicles Lifted	
MONTH	2024	2025	2024	2025
January	0	0	6	0
February	2	0	0	1
March	2	2	3	2
April	2		0	
May	0		0	
June	1		0	
July	0		0	
August	0		0	
September	0		0	
October	0		0	
November	0		0	
December	0		1	
	7	**2**	**10**	**3**

Bring Banks



The total volume of Textiles collected in **February 2025** was **31 tonnes**. This compares with a collection volume of 19 tonnes in February 2024.



The total volume of Glass collected to date in **March 2025** was **403 tonnes**. This compares with a collection volume of 428 tonnes in March 2024.

Control of Dogs

The dog wardens continue to carry out enforcement in relation to breaches of the Control of Dogs Act 1986, Control of Dog Regulations 1998, Parks and Open Spaces byelaws and Beach and Foreshore byelaws. They also educate dog owners on the responsibilities of keeping a dog and remind owners to pick up after their pets when in public places. Dog owners should ensure that they hold a valid licence for their dog and if issued with a 10-day notice by the dog wardens, should present their licence to controlofdogs@fingal.ie within the 10 days provided on the notice. Failure to do so may result in a fine being issued for failing to produce a dog licence when requested to do so by a dog warden and keeping a dog without a valid licence.

There were 87 x 10 Day Notices and 15 Fines issued by the dog wardens during March 2025.

Month	10 Day Notices		Fines Issued		Fines Paid	
	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025
January	217	10	20	3	€1997.50	€550
February	297	82	38	5	€2135	€2244
March	234	87	40	15	€2525	€1121
April	277		35		€2073	
May	408		38		€2420	
June	247		58		€2180	
July	29		88		€3550	
August	15		52		€4600	
September	29		23		€2919.70	
October	15		13		€2321	
November	104		19		€2185	
December	0		5		€1700	

The Animal Welfare Section received 30 complaints in relation to dogs from 1st of March 2025 to 31st of Mar 2025.

Service	No of complaints per service from 1st of Mar 2025 to 31st of Mar 2025
Env - Dog Fine Appeal	1
Env - Dog on Dog Attack	0
Env - Dog on Person Attack	2
Env – Dog warden assistance, garda request	1
Env - Pollution - Issue with Dog	10
Env - Restricted Breed Dog	6
Env - Surrendered Dog	0
Env- Stray Dog	10
Grand Total	**30**

Dog Licences and Fines

The below table shows the number of annual and lifetime licences purchased during February 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.



	Purchased		Purchased			
	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		64		€27,320	€
May	1193		90		€36,460	€
June	1045		87		€33,080	€
July	843		49		€23,720	€
August	865		67		€26,680	€
September	762		47		€21,820	€
October	804		65		€25,180	€
November	654		46		€19,520	€
December	310		20		€9000	€
Total for	10, 292	1590	742	105	€309,720	€46,500

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 March 25 there were 16 dogs in the shelter. Up to 31st of March 2025, 14 dogs were brought to the shelter by the dog wardens as stray or surrenders and none were surrendered by members of the public. Of these 30 dogs, one was reclaimed by a member of the public, 6 were rehomed to Rescue, 3 were rehomed to members of the public and 1 was PTS. As of 31st of March there were 19 dogs remaining in the shelter.

The shelter has a **Facebook page Dublin County Dog Shelter** and **Instagram Account @dublincountydogshelter** which they actively update with strays and dogs wishing to be rehomed.

Dogs in Shelter at the start of Mar 2024	25	Dogs in Shelter at start of Mar 2025	16
Stray/Seized dogs brought to Shelter	11	Stray/Seized dogs brought to Shelter	14
Surrendered by owners	0	Surrendered by owners	0
Reclaimed	4	Reclaimed	1
Rehomed to Rescue	4	Rehomed to Rescue	6
Rehomed to Public	5	Rehomed to Public	3
PTS	1	PTS	1
Dogs in Shelter at the end of March 2024	22	Dogs in shelter at end of March 25	19

HORSES

Welfare checks are continuing on the horses on Dunsink Landfill.

Ops continue to provide Hay to the horses (6 x Hayfeeders being filled but will increase if required)

No. Of horses seized in 2024: **35**



Landfill Aftercare

Site clearance works commenced in the Southeastern section of the Dunsink Landfill site where stockpiles of soil and debris are being screened out and reused for landfill improvement works. Works commenced in March are enabling works to allow for drainage improvements works to be carried out at the same location in the coming months.



Environmental Inspection Plan

The Environmental Inspection Plan (RMCEI Plan) has been finalised and submitted to the EPA for approval. The overall objective of the Plan is to identify and prioritise enforcement activities under key areas such as Litter Management, Water Pollution, Waste Enforcement & Regulation and Air & Noise Pollution to ensure that Fingal County Council effectively complies with its obligations under all environmental legislation. The Inspection Plan takes account of a range of National Enforcement Priorities as well as several Local Environmental Priorities for 2025. The National Priorities for 2025 are as follows:

Waste Priorities

- ✓ Tackling Significant Illegal Waste Activity
- ✓ Construction and Demolition Activity
- ✓ Waste Data & Waste Flows
- ✓ Household & Commercial Waste
- ✓ Producer Responsibility Initiatives and Additional Local Priorities



Water Priorities

- ✓ Pressures from agriculture (slurry soiled water collection and storage)
- ✓ Pressures from agriculture (slurry and fertiliser spreading)
- ✓ Domestic Wastewater Treatment Systems (DWWTS) and Septic Tanks
- ✓ Discharge licences and Misconnections
- ✓ Local priorities and water quality monitoring

Air & Noise Priorities

- ✓ Solid Fuel
- ✓ Air Quality Monitoring and Data Use
- ✓ Environmental Noise Directive
- ✓ Local Air and Noise Investigations



A detailed summary of all inspections completed in 2024 (RMCEI Data Return) was submitted to the EPA in February 2025 in conjunction with a National Enforcement Priorities (NEP) Report to tell the story behind the inspection undertaken and how key assessment criteria were met. Further info on the NEP Report 2024 can be found at: **https://www.fingal.ie/national-enforcement-priorities-progress-reports**

For 2025 a total of 12,832 inspections are planned across 4 key areas involving 25 officers and part-time staff (3,700 workdays).

	Completed 2024	Planned 2025
Waste	1,464	1,541
Litter	6,398	9,781*
Water Pollution	1,066	1,090
Air & Noise	520	420

*Litter patrol figures changed in 2024 to a CRM callout basis

SPORTS OFFICE

Exercise : Energise HerMoves Day

Fingal Sports Office hosted the Exercise: Energise HerMoves Multi-Sports and Activity Day at the National Indoor Arena, Abbottstown, on March 5th. The Day, part of Women in Sport Week 2025, brought together over 300 teenage girls from ten secondary and community schools across Fingal. The schools are enrolled in this year's Exercise: Energise Programme with a total of fourteen schools participating. The Exercise: Energise programme is targeted at inactive girls to encourage them to try out new sports and physical activity. The girls are also included in choosing the activity following one of the principles of Sport Ireland's HerMoves campaign.

The Multi-Sports and Activity Day featured many activities, with Table Tennis, Volleyball, Pitch & Putt, and Rowing making their debut. In total, twelve National Governing Bodies provided expert coaching and "come-and-try" sessions in sports such as Rugby, Cricket, Hockey, Football, Ultimate Frisbee, Tennis, Basketball, and Athletics. The girls also got to show their creative side by designing their own "kicks" for a HerMoves competition.





Women in Sport Week (3rd March - 9th March)

Women in Sport Week takes place each year in March and is a national initiative coordinated by Sport Ireland. The aim of Women in Sport Week is to celebrate every woman and girl who plays, coaches, officiates, works and promotes Women in Sport. Fingal Sports Office supported and promoted several activities as part of week.

Over 170 participants registered to engage with the Online Workshop Promoting Strength, Health and Wellness Before, During, and After Menopause' with Dr Diane Cooper from Edufit. The Workshop encouraged women to undertake exercise to protect their health and the many activities during the week provided them with opportunities to take up a new sport.

Twenty Fingal clubs opened their doors for the week and encouraged new members to join. Activities ranged from Boules, Pickleball, Padel, Rugby, Social Soccer, Gaelic Football, Tennis, Golf, Lawn Bowling, running and self-defence were on offer. Clubs on average gained up to five to ten new members looking to join their club and highlighted the many activities available to women and girls in the County.



HER SPACE WITH ACTIVE CITIES
MINDSET. SELF-DEFENCE. FITNESS

Her Space programme started on Monday the 3rd of March as Women in Sport Week commenced. The programme had 30 females' sign up for the 8-week programme. This holistic programme blends self-defense training, mindset empowerment, and fitness, creating a safe space for Her Mind & a safe space for Her Body.



Men's Walking Challenge 2025

Our first two walks have been very successful with a total of 117 men participating on our walks that took place in Howth in January and Rush in February. We created a 12-Month community engagement initiative to support men in (re)connecting with themselves in a safe, non-judgemental environment in which they can connect with their surroundings and other men. It includes 12 guiding walks/hikes with a new location on the last weekend of each month. Throughout the year we will engage with community organisations such as Men's Sheds and the HSE to target inactive men. By encouraging healthy habits such as walking to daily and weekly routines, can have a positive impact on wellbeing. The benefits for both body and mind are significant.



SportsCon Masters Research

Fingal Sports Office are delighted to collaborate with TU Dublin on a Masters Research Project investigating the effectiveness of the well-established Sports Conditioning programme. This project using funding from Sport Ireland's Evaluation Grant Scheme assesses the programmes focus on fundamental movement skills and its effects on increased participation in physical activity in both school and club environments. Two Dublin 15 schools will be involved in the initial part of the study as well as input from local sports clubs with results and recommendations expected by Q4 of this year.



Fingal Athletics League 2025

The Fingal Athletics League launched in March and this year's programme will include 60 primary schools and 2,700 students participating in 5 race meets. The first two race meets took place in Porterstown Park and Newbridge House in March, followed by a second round of race meets in April. The culmination of the programme will bring all schools to ALSAA Sports Complex in May.

Fingal County Council and Morton Games announced the continuation of their partnership, founded last year. The partnership continues its mission to promote the growth and development of athletics in Fingal.





Balbriggan Swimming Pool

The project has now moved to detailed design and planning stages. It is expected the project will be ready to go to planning by the end of this year and, subject to funding, construction could commence by the end of 2026.

An integrated design team led by UK-based company ReCreation has developed preliminary plans. The new facility will incorporate a changing village, reception area with café and a viewing gallery. It will be located south of the area's soon to be constructed Link Road at Castlelands, directly opposite the site of a proposed new school.



FINANCE

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Rates

Overall Commercial Rates collection to the end of March 2025 is running at 45%.

Rates Collection	
Rates collected €m	€74.8m
Rates collected %	45%

Development Levy Income

Development levy income collected to the end of March is €14.5m.

Development Levy Income YTD Mar 2025	
Levies Receipted	€14.5 m
Levies Collected as a % of 2024	20%

Payroll

Overall payroll spend to the end of March was €22.2m which is c. **96.2%** of budget YTD.

Payroll	
Salaries & Wages €m	€22.2m
Percentage of Budget YTD.	96.2%

Procurement

Outlined below is a summary of the overall procurement activity at end of March

No. of contracts awarded (details below) for year to date	49	
Value €m	7.58m	
Procurements ongoing at end of March		
No. of procurements awaiting tender responses	16	(i)
Value €m	23m	
No. of procurements under evaluation	29	(ii)
Value €m	30	
No. of procurements at approved	10	(iii)
Value €m	39m	

Notes:
(i) Procurements awaiting tender responses – tender responses awaited at end of March
(ii) Procurements under evaluation – tender responses submitted and being evaluated at end of the March
(iii) Procurements at approved – Tender responses have been evaluated and approved. Pre- contract award processes ongoing at end of March

Appendix 1
Revenue Account – Income & Expenditure

REVENUE ACCOUNT INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION AT 31 MARCH 2025

	EXPENDITURE			INCOME			NET
	Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent to date	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised	€
Housing & Building	28,928,529	123,749,800	23%	27,834,657	126,862,200	22%	1,093,873
Road Transport & Safety	7,601,192	36,814,800	21%	2,137,495	9,063,700	24%	5,463,697
Water Services	3,179,480	13,233,400	24%	3,754,913	15,070,000	25%	-575,433
Development Management	6,626,968	25,261,800	26%	2,774,349	10,206,000	27%	3,852,620
Environmental Services	12,158,309	48,948,700	25%	4,218,563	8,761,100	48%	7,939,746
Recreation & Amenity	14,568,459	59,101,400	25%	882,931	4,375,600	20%	13,685,527
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	439,040	1,575,200	28%	71,457	422,700	17%	367,584
Miscellaneous Services	5,200,957	21,053,000	25%	6,646,459	29,588,900	22%	-1,445,502
Central Management Charge	13,781,839	59,137,800	23%	1,079,422	4,073,900	26%	12,702,417
Local Property Tax / GPG				3,175,075	12,700,300	25%	-3,175,075
Rates				41,937,875	167,751,500	25%	-41,937,875
	92,484,773	**388,875,900**	**24%**	**94,513,196**	**388,875,900**	**24%**	**-2,028,423**

Appendix 1 – continued
Capital Account – Income & Expenditure

CAPITAL ACCOUNT INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 31/03/2025					
		Balance at 0/01/2025 €	Expenditure YTD €	Income YTD €	Balance at 31/03/2025 €
A	Housing & Building	-9,686,875	45,847,798	-14,789,803	21,371,120
B	Road Transport & Safety	9,980,266	11,429,420	-553,600	20,856,086
C	Water Services	-10,327,807	523,417	-212,940	-10,017,330
D	Development Management	-175,344,430	5,730,927	-18,846,552	-188,460,055
E	Environmental Services	-15,418,209	860,465	-262,500	-14,820,244
F	Recreation & Amenity	-11,766,355	6,817,491	-829,800	-5,778,664
H	Miscellaneous Services	-42,102,959	3,951,418	-3,636,056	-41,787,597
	Total	**-254,666,369**	**75,160,936**	**-39,131,251**	**-218,636,684**

Appendix 1 – continued
Summary of Corporate Debtors

SUMMARY OF CORPORATE DEBTORS TO 31/03/25				
	Balance at 01/01/2025 €	Balance at 31/03/25 €	Current debt €	> 1 Year €
RATES	687,390	93,037,488	92,215,649	821,839
LOANS	2,130,037	1,906,609	173,066	1,733,543
RENTS	10,032,929	9,498,452	3,230,344	6,268,108

Figures for rents and loans are unadjusted by credits/prepayments
Value of debit at 31/12/2024 was €1,823,834.70 with a credit of €1,136,445.02

Appendix 2
Number of Contracts Awarded to the end of March

Description of Procurement	Supplier Name	Legal Address	Current Value of Contract (excl. VAT)	Contract Start Date	Contract End Date	Actual Duration	Contract Award Date	Arrangement Type
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 Consercation Ltd, Donard,	Donard, Co.Wicklow	€ 930,587.02	04/04/2025	03/03/2026	12	25/02/2025	Call Off Contract
Road Surfacing Inlay Quickpenny Road, Lusk	Breedon Surfacing Solutions Ireland Ltd.,	Rosemount Business Park, Ballycoolin Road, Dublin	€ 33,475.00	28/04/2025	09/05/2025	2 weeks	27/03/2025	Contract
Road surfacing inlay, St Maurs Est Rush	John McQuillan Contract Ltd	11 Ballinderry Road, Lisburn	€ 73,936.70	21/04/2025	02/05/2025	1	27/03/2025	Contract
Weekly Bin Collections & Ad hoc Skip Collections from Halting Sites in Fingal Area (2025)	Starrus Eco Holdings Ltd t/a Panda Waste Management Solutions Ltd	Ballymount Road Upper, Ballymount, Dublin 12	€ 85,000.00	01/01/2025	13/12/2025	12	01/01/2025	Contract
Portable Toilet Units for use at Traveller Accommodation Sites	Norspace Ltd	Unit 17, 1st Avenue, Cookstown Ind Estate, Tallaght, D24	€ 55,000.00	01/01/2025	13/12/2025	12	01/01/2025	Contract
Consultancy Services for Castleland Swimming Pool Design Team	ReCreation Group	60 Chorley, New Road, Bolton, BL1 4DA	€ 359,079.75	24/03/2025	24/10/2025	7	24/03/2025	Contract
Post and Rope Fencing Project Nose of Howth	Stirue Fencing	Priestown, Dunleer Co. Louth	€ 55,800.00	14/01/2025	28/02/2025	6	13/01/2025	Contract
Requirement for Road Inlay and Ancillary Works, Seatown Park, Housing Estate, Swords	D M Morris Ltd	8 Parklands Office Park, Southern Cross Road, Bray.	€ 110,780.00	01/04/2025	01/06/2025	2	25/03/2025	Call Off Contract
Provision of Services for Software Renewal for the Autodesk Software Suite.	NTI Diatec	Unit 17, The Seapoint Building, Clontarf Road, Dublin 3	€ 181,774.19	01/03/2025	29/02/2028	36	10/03/2025	Contract
Hire of excavator and operator at the former Dunsink Landfill and Environs	Anthony Patton Plant Hire Ltd	Cloghran, Co.Dublin	€ 85,800.00	18/03/2025	17/03/2026	12	26/03/2025	Contract

Supply and install of new calisthenic/outdoor equipment to Hartstown park	Outfit Outdoor Equipment Ltd	James Street, Kiltimagh, Co Mayo	€ 44,630.00	01/04/2025	01/10/2025	6	25/03/2025	Call-Off Contract
Requirement for Supply only of ready mix concrete	Keegan Quarries	Millenium Business Park, Cappagh Road, Finglas	€ 64,240.00	01/04/2025	31/12/2025	9	03/03/2025	Contract
Engineering Services for the upgrade of Skerries Town Park including GAA & soccer sports pitches, ancillary structures and path 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	€ 89,300.00	23/01/2025	31/03/2025	3	23/01/2025	Contract
Environmental Monitoring at Dunsink and Balleally Landfill sites 2025	McQuillan Environmental (John McQuillan Contracts Ltd)	6 Caulside Drive, Antrim, BT41 2DU	€ 223,985.50	17/02/2025	16/02/2026	12	17/02/2025	Call-Off Contract
Landscape Architect Led Integrated Design Team Consultancy Services for Public Realm Improvements for a Pedestrianised New Street, Stage 2b	Dermot Foley Landscape Architects (DFLA)	Argus House, Blackpitts, Dublin 8	€ 325,072.50	04/03/2025	04/04/2026	13	21/02/2025	Call-Off Contract
Hire of Volvo EW60E compact wheeled excavator	Larry Kiernan Plant Hire	Grougha, Ring Commons, Balbriggan, Co Dublin	€ 62,100.00	01/04/2025	30/03/2028	36	12/02/2025	Call-Off Contract
Dye & Durham Ltd Lawlink Subscription 2025	Dye & Durham Ltd	31-36 Ormond Quay Upper, Dublin 7	€ 68,484.00	01/01/2025	31/12/2025	12	11/02/2025	Contract
Requirement for Logix BI and NEC Housing drawdown services	Nathean Technologies	3 Lyncon Court, IDA Science & Technology Park, Snugborough Road, Blanchardstown, D15	€ 140,400.00	01/01/2025	31/12/2025	12	10/02/2025	Contract
Tree Removal Works at Comyn Manor and R132	Twin Tree Care Ltd	Sequoia House, 73 Torcaill, Portmarnock, Co Dublin	€ 36,350.00	17/02/2025	17/04/2025	2	07/02/2025	Contract
Road Lining for Swords/Balbriggan Area	MacLochlainn (Roadmarkings) Limited	Bishopswood Lane, The Ward, Co. Dublin	€ 51,205.10	14/01/2025	31/12/2025	11.5	04/02/2025	Call-Off Contract
Legal Conveyancing Services for the acquisition of social turnkey properties for Fingal County Council	Beauchamps LLP	Riverside Two, Sir John Rogerson's Quay, Dublin 2	€ 256,650.00	04/02/2025	03/02/2027	24	04/02/2025	Call-Off Contract
Ongoing Commissioning, operation & maintenance of existing EV charging points to include enabling works for change over from existing supplier.	Hall Power t/a ePower	1 Technology House, Rockgrove Ind Est, Little Island, Cork	€ 34,100.00	30/01/2025	29/01/2026	12	30/01/2025	Contract
25 HP Zbook High Spec Laptops	Datapac Ireland	Robinhood House, Robinhood Road, Dublin 22	€ 38,225.00	22/01/2025	21/01/2026	12	29/01/2025	Contract

Support for Cygnus Housing Loan Application	Gemini Consultants Ltd	AW House, 6-8 Stuart Street, Luton, LU1 2SI, UK	€ 45,386.33	01/04/2025	31/12/2025	9	29/01/2025	Contract
Property Management Services for Council Owned Unsold Affordable Properties at Parnell Estate, Ladyswell, Dublin 15	Paula Barrett Properties Ltd	22 Northumberland Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4	€ 240,000.00	01/01/2025	31/12/2025	12	21/01/2025	Call-Off Contract
Preparation of Dunsink Statutory Local Plan	RMLA Ltd	Unit 3B, Santry Industrial Estate, Santry Avenue, Dublin 9	€ 685,765.00	20/01/2025	19/01/2026	12	20/01/2025	Call-Off Contract
Macadam Material	Roadstone Ltd	Fortunestown, Tallaght, Dublin 24	€ 97,280.00	14/01/2025	31/12/2025	11.5	14/01/2025	Call-Off Contract
Tradfest - Irelands Premier Winter Music & Culture Festival	TASCQ CLG (t/a The Temple Bar Company)	Second Floor, 1-5 Crampton Court, Temple Bar, Dublin 2	€ 120,000.00	01/01/2025	31/12/2025	12	10/01/2025	Contract
Security Services for Coolmine Recycling Centre	Secure Management Solutions	2055 Castle Drive, D24 X2XT	€ 34,784.50	02/01/2025	31/12/2025	12	08/01/2025	Contract
Purchase of three sports equipment storage units to be installed in local parks & controlled by an app	BoxUp SA	Avenue des Baumettes 9, 1020 Renens, Switzerland	€ 70,000.00	06/01/2025	31/12/2025	12	06/01/2025	Contract
Maintenance of GPS Vehicle Tracking System	Transpoco (E-Pire Ltd)	Innovation House, DCU Alpha Innovation Campus, Old Finglas Rd, Glasnevin, Dublin 11	€ 80,000.00	31/12/2024	30/12/2025	12	03/01/2025	Contract
Photography Services for Fingal County Council	Coalesce Ltd	78 Landscape Park, Churchtown, Dublin 14.	€ 62,080.00	15/01/2025	14/01/2027	24	15/01/2025	Contract

Appendix 3 – NTA Active Travel Allocations 2025

Active Travel Investment Grants: 2025 Allocations		
Project Code	**Project Name**	**2025 Allocation**
	Fingal County Council	
FCC/12/0001	Broadmeadow Estuary Cycle & Pedestrian Bridge	€ 6,500,000
FCC/13/0001	S2M Extension Sutton to Malahide	€ 460,000
FCC/14/0001	Royal Canal Cycle Route (12th Lock-KCC) (CN2) inc. Deep Sinking Coolmine	€ 400,000
FCC/18/0001	Harry Reynolds Road Cycleway in Balbriggan	€ 3,000,000
FCC/20/0001	Donabate Ped and Cycle Bridge	€ 1,000,000
FCC/21/0001	National Aquatic Centre (NAC) to Ongar Village	€ 130,000
FCC/21/0002	Baldoyle to Howth Phase 2 (Dublin Road to Dublin Street)	€ 120,000
FCC/21/0004	Donabate Hearse Rd/Main St/Portrane Rd (Link 1 & Link 2)	€ 185,000
FCC/21/0005	Damastown to Clonsilla Cycle Route	€ 150,000
FCC/21/0006	Clonee to Blanchardstown Shopping Centre	€ 185,000
FCC/22/0001	Castleknock, Auburn Ave.	€ 1,820,000
FCC/22/0004	Hartstown/Huntstown/Mountview Rd D15	€ 135,000
FCC/22/0005	St Cronins Road	€ 25,000
FCC/22/0006	Rathingle/Rivervalley Rd Swords	€ 50,000
FCC/22/0007	Balbriggan road mill street and Drogheda st	€ 60,000
FCC/22/0009	Permeability Links North County	€ 250,000
FCC/22/0010	R132 Ministers Road to Blakes Cross and Kilhedge Lane	€ 300,000
FCC/22/0011	Skerries - Harbour Road	€ 140,000

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
Complaints investigated	Litter	389	1556
	Waste (non C&D)	638	724
	C&D Waste	9	7
	Water and Wastewater	101	75
	Air & Odour	37	54
	Noise	99	146
	TOTAL COMPLAINTS	**1,273**	**2,562**
Inspections	Routine Waste Inspections	1124	572
	Non-Routine Waste Inspections	416	463
	Litter Patrols & investigations	3232	6398
	Routine Water & Wastewater Inspections	720	930
	Non-Routine Water & Wastewater Inspections	133	136
	Routine Air & Noise Inspections	61	122
	Non-Routine Air & Noise Inspections	134	200
	Planning Inspections	416	630
	TOTAL INSPECTIONS	**6,236**	**9,451**
Enforcement Actions	Litter Fines	463	295
	Waste Warning Letters	96	109
	Directions under S14 of WMA	101	74
	Other waste enforcement	52	31
	Water & Wastewater	29	9
	Air Enforcement Action	0	21
	Noise Enforcement Action	10	11
	TOTAL ENFORCEMENT	**751**	**550**
Prosecutions initiated	Litter	62	36
	Waste	16	5
	TOTAL PROSECUTIONS	**78**	**41**

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	FCC	Social	St. Ita's, Portrane Portrane Ave - Google Maps	5 Restoration of existing cottages.	On-Site	Q4 2022	Q2 2025
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	Glenveagh Living Ltd	Mixed Tenure	Balmoston Ph1., Donabate 53°29'21.2"N 6°07'58.1"W	87 Social 86 Cost Rental 86 Affordable	On-Site	Q3 2023	Phased delivery
Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock/ Ongar	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Church Fields 3A 53°24'44.7"N 6°23'39.0"W - Google	40 Social 80 Cost Rental 180 Affordable	On-Site	Q4 2023	Phased delivery
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk /Swords	FCC	Social	Seatown Road, Swords 53°27'35.4"N 6°13'04.7"W Google Maps	36 36 x 2 Bed	On-Site	Q1 2024	Q4 2026
Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/ Castleknock/ Ongar	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Church Fields 3B 53°24'44.7"N 6°23'39.0"W - Google Maps	107 Social 110 Affordable	On-Site	Q4 2024	Q4 2026
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Ballisk Park, New Road, Donabate 53°29'02.6"N 6°08'27.5"W	63 Social 112 Affordable	On-Site	Q4 2024	Q4 2026
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social - Elderly	North Street, Swords 53°27'38.6"N 6°13'06.7"W - Google Maps	13 Social 6 x 1 Bed 7 x 2 Bed	Enabling works complete.	Q1 2025	Q2 2026
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Holywell, Swords 53°26'48.1"N 6°12'42.8"W	57 Social 20 x 1- bed 29 x 2-bed 8 x 3-bed	On-Site	On-Site	Q4 2026

Schemes on Site (Continued)

Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Mourne View, Skerries. 53.580404, -6.122225	14 Social 11x 2-Bed 3 x 3-Bed 1 x 4-Bed	On-Site	On-Site	Q4 2025
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Rathmore, Remount, Lusk 53.521142, -6.161451	18 Social 2 x 1 bed 12 x 2 bed 4 x 3 bed	On-Site	On-Site	Q4 2025
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	TBC	Mooretown Phase 1, Swords. https://maps.app.goo.gl/R8eAG1aoLXh1nL2J9	123 Social 151 Affordable	On-Site	On-Site	Q4 2026

Appendix 5 - Continued
Schemes with Planning Approval and at Tender stage

Area Committee	Provider	Funding Stream	Site Name	No. Units	Status Detail	On-Site Date	Handover (Est.)
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	North and East Housing Association	Social – Elderly	Garristown 53°34'03.7"N 6°22'42.1"W - Google Maps	6 Social 3 x 2-bed 3 x 1-bed	Planning granted.	TBC	TBC
Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart/ Castleknock/Ongar	FCC	Social – Elderly TBC	Blakestown Cross, Mulhuddart 53.399869, -6.401776 Google Maps	30 Social 16 x 1 Bed 14 x 2 Bed	Consultants to be appointed.	Q1 2026	Q4 2026
Howth/Malahide	FCC	TBC	Tuckets Lane 53.385248, -6.066128 Google Maps	8 Social 4 x 1 Bed 4 x 2 Bed	On-hold	TBC	TBC
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Woodside, Swords. 53.453901, -6.210574 Google Maps	34	Planning granted.	Q1 2026	Q1 2027
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Park Road, Kenure, Rush. 53.532278, -6.102176 Google Maps	32	Planning granted.	Q1 2026	Q1 2027

Appendix 5- Continued
Schemes at the Pre-Planning Stage

Area Committee	Provider	Funding Stream	Site Name	No. Units	Status Detail	On-Site Date	Handover (estimated date)
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	TBC	O' Dwyers, Balbriggan. https://maps.app.goo.gl/inSEC4Qq3QSBHQHp8	80	Pre-Planning.	TBC	TBC
Howth/Malahide	FCC	Social	Fingerpost, Malahide	4	Pre-planning.	Q4 2025	Q1 2027
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Balmoston Ph2, Donabate 53°29'21.2"N 6°07'58.1"W	86 Social 86 Affordable	Planning granted (in appeal period).	TBC	TBC
Blanchardstown	FCC	Social	Fortlawn, Blanchardstown	21	Pre-Planning.	TBC	TBC
Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/ Castleknock/ Ongar	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Mayeston, Dublin 11 53°24'28.4"N 6°17'02.1"W - Google Maps	119 39 x 1 Bed 68 x 2 Bed 12 x 3 Bed	Pre-Planning.	TBC	TBC

*The above-estimated timelines are indicative and subject to a successful planning and procurement process.

Appendix 5- Continued

CALF Delivery in partnership with Fingal County Council

Area Committee	AHB	Funding Stream	Scheme Name	No. of Units	Projected Substantial Completion*
Balbriggan/ Rush-Lusk/ Swords	Tuath	CALF	Semple Woods	3	Q2 2025
Balbriggan/ Rush-Lusk Swords	Respond	CALF	Meadow Banks, Oldtown, Swords	84	Q2 2025
Balbriggan/ Rush- Lusk Swords	Tuath	CALF	The Paddocks, Golf Links Road, Skerries	97	Q3 2025
Balbriggan/ Rush- Lusk Swords	Tuath	CALF	Folkstown Park, Balbriggan	22	Q2 2025
Balbriggan/ Rush- Lusk Swords	Oaklee	CALF	Harmans Rest, Donabate	44	Q3 2026
Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart, Castleknock/Ongar	Cluid	CALF	Hollyfield, Hollystown, Dublin 15	22	Q2 2025
Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart, Castleknock/Ongar	Tuath	CALF	Kilmartin Grove, Dublin 15	32	Q3 2025
Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart, Castleknock/Ongar	Tuath	CALF	Whitehaven, Northwood, Santry D9	94	2026
Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart, Castleknock/Ongar	Tuath	CALF	Niven Oaks, Santry D9	170	2026
Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart, Castleknock/Ongar	Respond	CALF	Pipers Square, Charlestown, St. Margarets Road, Finglas, D11	211	Q4 2025
Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart, Castleknock/Ongar	Respond	CALF	Pipers Square, Charlestown, St. Margarets Road, Finglas, D11	95	2026

*The above-estimated timelines are indicative and subject to change

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

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MAYOR'S BUSINESS – COUNCILLOR B. MCDONAGH

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COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 14th APRIL 2025

ITEM NO. 28a

MAYOR'S BUSINESS

YOUNG CARERS' GRANT

Motion: Councillor B. McDonagh

"That this Council calls on the Government to support young carers by measures a Young Carers' Grant; guaranteed respite days for young carers; school-based initiatives that support the educational needs of young carers; additional home care supports."

Report:

As this motion is specifically for the elected members; no report is required in this instance.

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

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COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 14th APRIL 2025

ITEM NO. 28b

MAYOR'S BUSINESS

FAMILY HOMELESSNESS

Motion: Councillor B. McDonagh

"That this Council notes the increase in family homelessness and calls on the Government to reinstate the Housing (Homeless Families) Bill 2017 to tackle family homelessness."

Report:

As this motion is specifically for the elected members; no report is required in this instance.

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

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COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 14TH APRIL 2025

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CONFERENCE REPORT

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AILG Elected Members March 2025 (In-Person) Training



Embracing Equality - Cultivating Inclusive Local Communities"

AILG Elected Member Training Programme Module 2 (In-Person) March 2025

20th March 2025	Southern Region	The Falls Hotel, Ennistymon
09.30am – 10.00am	***Registration and Tea/Coffee***	
10.00am – 10.05am	***Opening, Introduction and Welcome*** *Cllr. Jimmy McClearn, Vice President AILG*	
	Speaker: Vicki Casserly *Carer, Advocate, and Elected Councillor at South Dublin County Council* **Speaker: Paul Allen** *District Supervisor in Local Government* **Embracing Equality - Cultivating Inclusive Local Communities** is a practical training session designed to equip elected members with the knowledge and tools to remove barriers and promote independent living for people with disabilities. The session provides an overview of **Universal Design (UD)**—the principle that environments, services, and information should be accessible to all, regardless of ability. Participants will explore how UD can be applied in public spaces, buildings, and services to create truly inclusive communities. Key legislation, including the **Equal Status Act, the Disability Act 2005, and the upcoming European Accessibility Act 2025**, will be discussed, highlighting legal responsibilities and best practices. The training will also cover **wayfinding** in public spaces, ensuring clear, accessible navigation. Additionally, attendees will receive guidance on **inclusive language and literacy,** helping them communicate effectively with all citizens. This training empowers public representatives to advocate for and implement meaningful change, fostering equality and accessibility for everyone.	
11.15am	***Tea/Coffee break (15 minutes)***	
12.00 - 12.45pm	***Questions and Answers followed by Close & Lunch***	

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22nd March 2025	Northern & Western and the Eastern & Midlands	Clayton Hotel, Galway
09.30am – 10.00am	***Registration and Tea/Coffee***	
10.00am – 10.05am	***Opening, Introduction and Welcome*** *Cllr. Jimmy McClearn, Vice President AILG*	
	Speaker: Vicki Casserly *Carer, Advocate, and Elected Councillor at South Dublin County Council* **Speaker: Paul Allen** *District Supervisor in Local Government* **Embracing Equality - Cultivating Inclusive Local Communities** is a practical training session designed to equip elected members with the knowledge and tools to remove barriers and promote independent living for people with disabilities. The session provides an overview of **Universal Design (UD)**—the principle that environments, services, and information should be accessible to all, regardless of ability. Participants will explore how UD can be applied in public spaces, buildings, and services to create truly inclusive communities. Key legislation, including the **Equal Status Act, the Disability Act 2005, and the upcoming European Accessibility Act 2025**, will be discussed, highlighting legal responsibilities and best practices. The training will also cover **wayfinding** in public spaces, ensuring clear, accessible navigation. Additionally, attendees will receive guidance on **inclusive language and literacy,** helping them communicate effectively with all citizens. This training empowers public representatives to advocate for and implement meaningful change, fostering equality and accessibility for everyone.	
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Association of Irish Local Government

AILG 2025 ANNUAL TRAINING *Conference*



Limerick Strand Hotel — ***2/3 April 2025***

'Local Government for the Next Generation'

An Taoiseach, Micheál Martin has been invited to open the Annual Conference on Wednesday and Minister John Cummins TD, Minister of State for Local Government and Planning, will be the keynote speaker for the conference dinner on Thursday 3rd April.

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Comhairle Cathrach & Contae Luimnigh
Limerick City & County Council

AILG Association of Irish Local Government Aontas Rialtas Áitiúil na hÉireann

Registration begins from 5.00pm Wednesday 2nd and 9.00am Thursday 3rd April 2025.

AILG 2025 ANNUAL TRAINING *Conference*



Wednesday 2nd April

5.00pm *Registration for Delegates from 5pm*

7.00pm *Official Opening of Annual Conference*
Cllr. Kieran O'Hanlon, President AILG and Cathaoirleach Metropolitan District of Limerick

John Moran, Mayor of Limerick
Cllr. Dan McSweeney, Príomh Chomhairleoir, Limerick City and Council Council
Dr. Pat Daly, Director General, Limerick City and Council Council

8.30pm **Dinner for Delegates**

Thursday 3rd April

9.00am *Registration for Delegates from 9am*

10.00am *Conference Session One*
Chairperson: *Cllr. Kieran O' Hanlon, President AILG 2024/25*

'Local Democracy Taskforce – How to shape our Future Local Government'

Speaker(s):
Cllr. Declan Bree, Mayor of Sligo.
Dr. Aodh Quinlivan, Director of the Centre for Local and Regional Governance UCC.
Ms. Heather Humphreys, former TD and Minister for Rural and Community Development.

11.30am **Round table discussion / Q&A with Delegates**

12.30pm **Lunch**

AILG 2025 ANNUAL TRAINING *Conference*

Thursday 3rd April

14.00pm ***Conference Session Two***

Chairperson: *Cllr. Jimmy McClearn, Vice President AILG 2024/25*

'Local Government & Tourism – Opportunities on an All-Island Basis'

Speaker(s):

Elaine O'Connor, Ryder Cup 2027 Coordinator, Limerick City and County Council.

14.15pm Lisa O' Kane, Head of Impact, Northern Ireland Local Government Association (NILGA).

Panellist(s)

Cllr Alison Bennington, NILGA President
Cllr. Dermot Nicholl, NILGA Executive Member
Dr. Joe Kelly Historian & Author

Panel Discussion and Q&A with Delegates

16.00pm **Meeting Rooms available for party meetings**

19.30pm **Conference Dinner**



Guest Speaker: Minister John Cummins TD,
Minister for Local Government and Planning.

CONFERENCE SPEAKERS



Cllr. Kieran O' Hanlon
President AILG 2024/25

Limerick City and County Councillor Kieran O'Hanlon is the current President of AILG. The City North area member, who resides in Rhebogue, was elected at the Associations AGM in Mullingar on the 25th of July 2024 and is the first elected member from Limerick to hold the prestigious position of AILG President.



Cllr. Jimmy McClearn
Vice President AILG 2024/25

Cllr. Jimmy McClearn is a member of Galway County Council. A native of Killimor, Jimmy served on the County Council from 1991 to 2004, and again from 2009, for the Loughrea area. Cllr. McClearn served as Cathaoirleach of Galway County Council for 2019-20.



Heather Humphreys
Former TD and Minister for Rural and Community Development.

Heather Humphreys, born in Drum, County Monaghan, is a former Irish Fine Gael politician who served as Minister for Rural and Community Development and Minister for Social Protection from 2020 to 2024. Prior to being elected as a TD for Cavan–Monaghan in 2011, Heather also served as a Councillor on Monaghan County Council from 2003, serving one term as Mayor.



John Cummins TD
Minister of State for Local Government and Planning

John Cummins is Ireland's Minister of State for Housing, Local Government, and Heritage, appointed in Jan 2025 following his election as TD at the 2024 General Elections. Previously, he served as a Senator (2020–2024) on the Labour Panel and was a member of the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Housing. A dedicated public servant, he was first elected to Waterford City Council in 2009 at age 21, serving as Mayor twice (2013/14, 2015/16).



Dr. Aodh Quinlivan
Director of the ICLRD

Aodh is Director of the International Centre for Local and Regional Development (ICLRD). He worked at Cork County Council (1994–2000) while completing his PhD. Aodh joined UCC as a lecturer in 2000, becoming an 'Above the Bar' lecturer in 2005. As Director of the BSc and MSc Government programmes, his research focuses on local government and public sector management.



Elaine O' Connor
Ryder Cup 2027 Coordinator for Limerick City and Co.Co

Elaine O'Connor is the Ryder Cup 2027 Coordinator for Limerick City and County Council, bringing over 30 years of experience in managing sports, culture, youth, and community programmes. Her extensive background includes roles in event management, programme development, and community engagement.



Alison Bennington
President of NILGA

Councillor Alison Bennington has worked in Local Government for 38 years and has a long standing record of delivery in Leisure Arts and Parks. She was elected President of NILGA for the 2024/25 term. Within Council Alison sits on various committees, is Veterans Champion and is Chair on several school Governors Boards.



Cllr. Declan Bree
Mayor of Sligo

Councillor Declan Bree was first elected to Sligo County Council in 1974 and has retained his seat at each subsequent election, making him one of the longest serving councillors in Ireland with over 50 years of service. Declan has served at many levels in local, regional and national politics and is the current Cathaoirleach of Sligo County Council.



John Moran
Directly Elected Mayor of Limerick

John Moran is the first directly elected Mayor of Limerick, inaugurated on 21 June 2024. Born in Birmingham and raised in County Limerick, he holds a law degree from University College Dublin and a master's from the Wharton School. His career spans roles as a Wall Street lawyer, investment banker, and Secretary General of the Department of Finance (2012–2014).



Lisa O' Kane
Head of Impact at NILGA

Lisa O'Kane is the Head of Impact at the Northern Ireland Local Government Association (NILGA), bringing over 20 years of experience across three local councils and NILGA. She has a proven track record in public affairs, EU affairs, economic development, and tourism.



Dr. Joe Kelly
Historian & Former Member of the Western Development Commission (WDC)

Dr Kelly is an Historian, Teacher Author, and Former Member of the Western Development Commission (WDC). Dr Kelly has a keen interest in politics, local and national. He is a frequent contributor to Highland Radio in Co. Donegal, and has given lectures in Irish on historical topics on the Donegal station of Raidió na Gaeltachta at Doirí Beaga. He is a Peace Commissioner, and Commissioner for Oaths.



ARC Assembly

ARC AIRPORT REGIONS COUNCIL

Vienna Airport

May 23, 2025
09:00 - 13:30

Dear Member,

We are delighted to invite you to our upcoming Spring Conference and General Assembly in May.

May 22: Conference on "Dealing with Aviation Noise: Present and Future Approaches".
May 23: ARC General Assembly.

The conference will be a valuable opportunity to discuss current challenges and innovative solutions related to aviation noise management. We aim to bring together experts, stakeholders, and members to exchange insights and shape the future of quieter aviation.

Conference Details:

Date: May 22, 2025
Venue: Vienna Airport
Time: 13:00 – 17:00

We also have some confirmed speakers:

1. Ana Garcia Sanz-Pardo, SENASA, Spain
2. Laurent Leylekian, ONERA, France
3. John Stewart, UECNA, UK
4. Representative of Dialogue Forum, Vienna (TBD)
5. Representative of Fingal Council County (TBD)
6. Representative of Villes & Aeroports (TBD)

Vienna Airport will host a dinner on **May 22**.
Information on the dinner details to follow.

General Assembly:

📅 **Date:** May 23, 2025
📍 **Venue:** Vienna Airport
🕘 **Agenda:**

- **09:00 – 10:30:** Workshop (only for ARC Members)
- **10:30 – 11:00:** Coffee Break
- **11:00 – 12:30:** General Assembly
- **12:30 – 13:30:** Finger food and networking
- **13:30 – 15:00:** Tour bus around airport (10 people minimum)

We look forward to your participation!

Kind regards,
ARC Secretariat

Register here for both events →

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 14th APRIL 2025

ITEM NO. 30

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6th February, 2025.

TO: EACH LOCAL AUTHORITY

A Chara,

I write to inform you that at the January 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, this Local Authority would call on the Government to put in place a financial support scheme within the grant aid for older people form to include people in medical need that they would be able to apply for financial aid to help them purchase a generator to allow them to power electric medical devices where loss of power occurs."***

Is mise le meas,

C. Farrell

Ciara Farrell,
Meetings Administrator.

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7th February, 2025.

TO: EACH LOCAL AUTHORITY

A Chara,

I write to inform you that at the January 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 expresses its fullest appreciation for all of the work done by the Council staff and staff of other agencies and volunteers who worked 24/7 to alleviate the hardships caused by the recent severe weather event. The Council now calls on the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to (a) immediately release funds to replenish Local Authority financial resources used to manage the emergency and (b) provide additional adequate funds (or otherwise provide financial arrangements) for Local Authorities impacted to arrange a local scheme to compensate homeowners and businesses for property damage, lost stock or foods or other reasonable uninsured damages caused by snowfall or electricity cuts, and that this Notice of Motion be circulated to all Local Authorities."***

Is mise le meas,

C. Farrell

Ciara Farrell,
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7th February, 2025.

TO: EACH LOCAL AUTHORITY

A Chara,

I write to inform you that at the January 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, given the recent weather events, Limerick City and County Council (a) calls on Uisce Éireann to install generators at every pumping station in the country (b) calls on the ESB to cut back / cut down all trees and / or branches that are in danger of damaging the infrastructure and (c) calls on the Government to set up a special emergency phone number which is activated prior to and manned during all orange and red weather alerts."***

Is mise le meas,

C. Farrell

Ciara Farrell,
Meetings Administrator.

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Our Ref: 02/2025-27

11th February, 2025

To/ **Each Local Authority**

At the Ordinary meeting Sligo County Council held on 10th February, 2025, the Elected Members agreed the following resolution:

"That this local authority calls on the government to abolish any plans of introducing further Carbon Taxes for the foreseeable future. A copy of this motion to be forwarded to all local authorities within the state."

Sinéad Branley
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Our Ref: 02/2025-26

11th February, 2025

To/ **Each Local Authority**

At the Ordinary meeting Sligo County Council held on 10th February, 2025, the Elected Members agreed the following resolution:

"That this local authority calls on the government to desist from increasing the V.A.T. of 9% to 13.5% on electricity costs that is planned to come into effect from May 2025. A copy of this motion to be forwarded to all local authorities within the state."

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Our Ref: 02/2025-28

11th February, 2025

To/ **Each Local Authority**

At the Ordinary meeting Sligo County Council held on 10th February, 2025, the Elected Members agreed the following resolution:

"That this local authority calls on the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage to reinstate the Tenant in Situ scheme and increase the financial threshold limit in line with the current housing market prices in County Sligo. A copy of this motion to be forwarded to all local authorities within the state."

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Our Ref: 02/2025-46

11th February, 2025

To/ **Each Local Authority**

At the Ordinary meeting Sligo County Council held on 10th February, 2025, the Elected Members agreed the following resolution:

"It is evident now that this government is incapable of delivering its own yearly housing targets, and the number of families living in emergency accommodation is increasing by at least 16% per year with an estimated 4,000 children homeless in Ireland. I am once again calling on the Government to implement an eviction ban, only in cases where the Tenant are abiding with the letting contract, this would protect both Tenant and the landlord. A copy of this motion to be sent to all Councils within the state."

Sinéad Branley
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Our Ref: 02/2025-47

11th February, 2025

To/ **Each Local Authority**

At the Ordinary meeting Sligo County Council held on 10th February, 2025, the Elected Members agreed the following resolution:

"This local authority calls on the Government to initiate a fixed penalty fine of €10,000 on any retailer or person who sells or provides children under the age of 18 with e-liquids, vape kits, or nicotine-containing products. To also ask that the H.S.E. create an awareness campaign to highlight the dangers of vaping.

A copy of this motion to be sent to all Councils within the state."

Sinéad Branley
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11th February 2025.

Nikkii Halloran
A Senior Executive Officer,
Fingal County Council.

Re: Your Ref: SK/LB1104-30

Motion passed by Fingal County Council for the Chief Executive to write to the Minister for Finance and all local authorities calling for the introduction of enabling legislation to allow county councils to levy Transient Visit Tax.

Dear Nikki,

I refer to copy of your correspondence of 15th October to Minister Chambers received by the Finance SPC at the November meeting of the Committee regarding the above.

At our January meeting the Committee asked if the matter would be discussed at a political level by your Elected Members. We have also written to the other Dublin local authorities to see if a wider discussion can be arranged on this topic as it is very much a priority in our SPC's Work Programme.

Yours sincerely,

Séamas McGrattan

Cllr Séamas McGrattan,
Chairperson Finance Strategic Policy Committee
Dublin City Council

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Comhairle Contae
Átha Cliath Theas
South Dublin County Council

13 February 2025 **Ref: M3/0225**

Dear Meetings Administrator,

Re: Motion passed at meeting of South Dublin County Council held on the 10th February 2025

The following Motion was agreed at the Council meeting of South Dublin County Council held on the 10th February 2025:

"South Dublin County Council formally backs the call for a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty and urges the Irish Government to support the initiative for a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty. If passed, a letter should be sent to all local Councils and the Minister for the Environment."

I should be grateful for your comments at your earliest convenience. Please quote our reference **M3/0225** on all correspondence.

Yours sincerely,

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Miriam Reilly
Meetings Administrator
Corporate Services Department

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Comhairle Contae
Ros Comáin
Roscommon
County Council

Date: 17th February 2025
Re: Plenary Meeting of Roscommon County Council

Dear Meetings Administrator

At a recent Plenary Meeting of Roscommon County Council, the following motion was agreed by the Members:

To write to the Department of Agriculture, Department of Transport, and Department of Environment, for an incentive to be put in place for landowners to move trees off the roadside.

It was agreed to circulate this motion to all Local Authorities.

Yours sincerely

Karen Hanley

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Karen Hanley
Meetings Administrator
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Local Enterprise Office

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Comhairle Contae
Ros Comáin
Roscommon
County Council

Date: 17th February 2025
Re: Plenary Meeting of Roscommon County Council

Dear Meetings Administrator

At a recent Plenary Meeting of Roscommon County Council, the following motion was agreed by the Members:

To write to the Minister for Communications that all emergency frontline services have access to the GOV NE system to use any network available in the major emergency events to ensure communication channels remain open. It was also agreed to circulate this to all Local Authorities.

Yours sincerely

Karen Hanley

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Karen Hanley
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Comhairle Contae
Ros Comáin
Roscommon
County Council

Date: 17th February 2025
Re: Plenary Meeting of Roscommon County Council

Dear Meetings Administrator

At a recent Plenary Meeting of Roscommon County Council, the following motion was agreed:

To write to the next Minister for Education requesting the introduction of extra time for students with Dyslexia, Dyscalculia and other learning difficulties sitting second level examinations. The lack of extra time is a severe disadvantage to such students at this crucial time in their lives. It was also agreed to circulate this to all Local Authorities.

Yours sincerely

Karen Hanley

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Comhairle Contae
Ros Comáin
Roscommon
County Council

Date: 5th February 2025
Re: Plenary Meeting of Roscommon County Council

Dear Meetings Administrator

At a recent Plenary Meeting of Roscommon County Council, the following motion was agreed by the Members:

In light of over 40 trees falling during Storm Darragh, damaging power lines and leaving homes and businesses without power for days, I propose this Council writes to Nicholas Tarrant, MD of ESB Networks, and Keith Leonard, Head of the National Emergency Coordination Group. They should ensure compliance with wayleaves and exclusion zones near overhead powerlines, requiring forestry owners to meet clearance standards. ESB Networks should take pre-emptive measures ahead of storms to prevent similar outages. Additionally, compliance with the DAFM Standards for Felling & Restoration near public roads must be enforced to prevent road safety hazards during extreme weather.

Subsequent to the submission of this motion the events of Storm Éowyn have further highlighted to need for action on this matter.

It was agreed to circulate this motion to all Local Authorities.

Yours sincerely

Karen Hanley

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12th February 2025

DN_13-59108/25

RE: Item 38 – JK Onwumereh - Increasing number of incidents involving Scramblers and Scooters

Executive Director
Fingal County Council

Please be advised that the Garda National Roads Policing Bureau is currently working with the Department of Transport in these matters. The Department of Transport is currently preparing a working draft of the regulations but progress has been slow to date due to competing other commitments.

Once draft regulations are completed it is proposed that further consultations will take place between the Department of Transport, LGMA and An Garda Siochana to progress matters and for discussions on the types of vehicles and terrains to target.

Please note that the JPC normally answers such queries.

Signed:

Majella Armstrong

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL
19 FEB 2025

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Ms Ciara O hAodha
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24 February 2025

Reference No: DFAT-THO-00436-2025

Dear Ms O hAodha,

On behalf of the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade, Mr Simon Harris TD, I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 13 February 2025 in relation to Item 43 – Councillor B McDonagh – Occupied Territories Bill.

Your letter is receiving attention at the moment.

Yours sincerely,

L. Christian

Lorraine Christian
ivate Secretary to the Tánaiste and
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24 February 2025

Reference No: DFAT-THO-00441-2025

Dear Ms O hAodha,

On behalf of the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade, Mr Simon Harris TD, I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 13 February 2025 in relation to Item 44 – Councillor P Mulville – Occupied territories Bill.

Your letter is receiving attention at the moment.

Yours sincerely,

L. Christian

Lorraine Christian
Private Secretary to the Tánaiste and
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Ms Nikki Halleran, Senior Executive Officer,
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27th February 2025

Ref: Item 40 – Cllr T. Murphy – Bus Shelters – For All Bus Stops

Dear Ms Halleran,

I refer to your correspondence dated 10th December 2024 in relation to a motion which was adopted at a meeting of Fingal County Council regarding the above matter. I apologise for the delay in responding.

Each Local Authority (LA) in Ireland including Fingal County Council, has received an allocation of €500,000 in 2025 under the Bus Stop Enhancement Programme (BSEP).

This BSEP funding is intended to cover works that will be delivered through the LA, in collaboration with the NTA, to enhance bus stop facilities at bus stopping locations within its administrative area.

The NTA will be engaging further with each LA over the next few weeks to agree a programme of such works for 2025, and discussions regarding the provision of new bus shelters within each LA's administrative area are planned as part of this engagement.

I trust that the above is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

Hugh Creegan

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Hugh Creegan,
Chief Executive (Interim)

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Comhairle Contae
Dhún na nGall
Donegal County Council

www.ccdhunnangall.ie www.donegalcoco.ie

27th February 2025

Re: Control of Dogs in Public Spaces

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:

"That this Council takes action on dog owners who are not controlling their dogs properly in our communities, i.e. chasing sheep etc or are a danger to the public, children etc, and that a rule is brought in that all dogs must be on a lead while in public spaces such as towns, beaches, walks, trails etc."

It was further agreed to circulate same to all other local authorities for their consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Patsy Lafferty
Meetings Administrator

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Our Ref: 03/2025-30

4th March, 2025

To/ **Each Local Authority**

At the Ordinary meeting Sligo County Council held on 3rd March, 2025, the Members agreed the following resolution:

"That Sligo County Council call on the Minister for Justice to immediately prohibit the use of counselling and therapy notes in all cases of gender-based violence. Survivors must be able to seek support without fear that their private records will be used against them. Protecting their confidentiality is essential for ensuring justice and safety."

It was further agreed by the Elected Members that a copy of the resolution would be circulated to all local authorities.

Sinéad Branley
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Our Ref: 03/2025-46

4th March, 2025

To/ **Each Local Authority**

At the Ordinary meeting Sligo County Council held on 3rd March, 2025, the Members agreed the following resolution:

"That this local authority calls on the Minister for Education and Youth, Helen McEntee, and the Irish Government to bring in legislation to ensure that every child with additional needs has a place in their local Primary and secondary school. A copy of this motion to be sent to all local authorities within the state."

Sinéad Branley
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From: Louise Heeney <louise.hand@meathcoco.ie>
Sent: 06 March 2025 12:02
Subject: PL-FP Adoption of Variation No. 3 to the Meath County Development Plan 2021-2027, as varied
Importance: High

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A Chara,

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 13 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) that Meath County Council, being the Planning Authority for County Meath, at their meeting on 27 January 2025, made Variation No. 3 to the Meath County Development Plan 2021-2027, as varied. Please find attached a copy of the Newspaper Notice.

Variation No. 3 had three proposed Amendments 01 to 03 (all were adopted on 27 January 2025).

Details of Variation No. 3 to the Meath County Development Plan 2021-2027, as varied can be viewed at **https://consult.meath.ie/**

The consolidated version of the Meath County Development Plan 2021-2027 (including Variations No.1, No.2 & No.3) can be viewed at **Consolidated Meath County Development Plan 2021-2027 (incl. Variations 1, 2 & 3)**

Kind regards



Linda O'Grady
Senior Executive Planner

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Roads Act 1993
Road Regulations 1994

Temporary Closure of Roads in connection with Saint Patrick's Day parades in Trim, Dunboyne, Ratoath, Ballivor, Kells, Navan & Ashbourne

Meath County Council has made an order to temporarily close the following roads/streets to facilitate the holding of Saint Patrick's Day parades on Monday, **17 March 2025**

Trim – R-161-87 Market St, L-8015-0 Patrick St, R-161-87 Emmet St and R-933-2 Castle St, Trim, Co Meath
R-161-87 Market St from its junction with Emmet St to its junction with Castle St from 1pm to 5pm
L-8015-0 Patrick St from its junction with R-161 Emmet St to its junction with R-160 Ring Road from 2.30pm to 5pm
R-161-87 Emmet St from its junction with L-8015-0 Patrick St to its junction with Market St from 2.30pm to 5pm
R-933-2 Castle St from its junction with R-161-87 Market St to the entrance of Castle St car park from 2.30pm to 5pm

Dunboyne - L-22191, L-2271 & L-2228, Dunboyne, Co Meath
L-22191 Industrial Estate Road for a distance of 180m northwest of its junction with L-2271(old Navan Road) from 1pm to 4pm
L-2271 from its junction with L-22191 to its junction with L-2228 (old R156) from 1pm to 4pm
L-2228 from its junction with L-2271 to its junction with L-2221 Rooske Road from 1pm to 4pm

Ratoath - R-125, R-155 & L-1006 Skyrne Road, Ratoath, Co Meath
R-125 from Steeplechase Hill Roundabout to Jamestown Roundabout from 10.30am to 3pm
R-155 from its junction with L-1006 Skyrne Road to its junction with L-1014 (roundabout at Tesco) from 10.30am to 3pm
L-1006 Skyrne Road from its junction with R-125 to its junction with R-155 from 10.30am to 3pm

Ballivor - R-156-19 from An Gleib to Ballivor Garda Station from 11am to 3pm

Kells - Circular Rd, Canon St, Suffolk St, Farrell St, Cross St, Castle St, Carrick St & Lord Edwards St from 2pm to 5pm

Navan - Trim Road from the junction at Navan Enterprise Board to Railway St, Railway St, Canon Row, Abbey Road from the junction at Canon Row to Navan Garda Station, Kennedy Road Trimgate St, Market Square, Ludlow St & Bridge St from 1pm to 5pm

Ashbourne - Broadmeadow Street from 9am to 4pm Declan Street, Frederick Street & Killegland Street from 1.45pm to 4pm

Diversion and information signage will be in place. Access for residents and property holders will be facilitated throughout the closure period.

Roads Act 1993
Road Regulations 1994

Temporary Closure of L5607, Woodfarm to Balfaddock (Knowth Monument), Co Meath

Meath County Council has made an order to temporarily close a section of L5607 between its junction with N51 and the junction of L1607 and L5607 Balfaddock. The closure will be in the immediate vicinity of the Knowth Monument.

The closure will be from 8am, Tuesday 18 March to 6pm, Tuesday 25 March 2025 for 24hrs per day.

This road closure is required to facilitate ESB cable ducting in the carriageway on behalf of the Office of Public Works.

Alternative Routes
Diversion route will be via N51.

Diversion and information signage will be in place for the duration of the proposed work. Access for residents and property holders will be facilitated throughout the closure period.

Planning & Development Act 2000 (As Amended)
Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (As Amended)

Notice of Adoption of Variation No. 3 to the Meath County Development Plan 2021-2027, as varied.

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 13 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) that Meath County Council, being the Planning Authority for County Meath, at their meeting on 27 January 2025, made Variation No. 3 to the Meath County Development Plan 2021-2027, as varied.

Variation No. 3 had three proposed Amendments 01 to 03 (all were adopted on 27 January 2025).

Details of Variation No. 3 to the Meath County Development Plan 2021-2027, as varied can be viewed at https://consult.meath.ie/

The consolidated version of the Meath County Development Plan 2021-2027 (including Variations No.1, No.2 & No.3) can be viewed at Consolidated Meath County Development Plan 2021-2027 (incl. Variations 1, 2 & 3) and also at the office of Meath County Council, Buvinda House, Dublin Road, Navan, Co Meath, C15 Y291, during normal opening hours **(online viewing available at public counter only).**

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COMHAIRLE CONTAE AN CHLÁIR | CLARE COUNTY COUNCIL

11th March, 2025.

Our Ref: March25 – 19/JC/AC

Dear Meeting Administrator,

At the March meeting of Clare County Council, the members passed the following resolution and agreed that this request should be circulated to all Local Authorities:

"I call on the Minister for Children and Disability, Norma Foley to provide funding for all of the valid applications made by Early Years Educators across the country through the Building Blocks Capital Investment Program 2025. A pillar service with major waiting lists and need across the country requires sufficient focus and funding now to ensure those who have taken the time and invested money in developing projects that prove a need in their area should be funded as a matter of urgency to see delivery of much needed additional spaces in the next 12/18 months.
If agreed, I ask this motion is shared with other local authorities."

Yours sincerely,

John Corry,
A/Senior Executive Officer,
Corporate Services Department,
Rural Development Directorate.

An Rannóg Seirbhísí Corparáideacha
An Stiúrthóireacht um Fhorbairt Tuaithe
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Executive Director
Fingal County Council

With reference to the above I am directed by Chief Superintendent DMR North to forward the following correspondence.

Please see table below containing figures relating to anti-social behaviour for the DMR North for period 2022-2024.

The incident types included within this search were 'Affray/Riot/Violent Disorder', 'Assault Causing Harm', 'Assault Minor', 'Criminal Damage (Not by Fire)', 'Drunkenness Offences' and 'Public Order Offences'.

Incidents of Anti-Social Behaviour in DMR North for the period 2022 - 2024.							
Year	Affray/Riot/Violent Disorder	Assault Causing Harm	Assault Minor	Criminal Damage (Not by Fire)	Drunkenness Offences	Public Order Offences	Grand Total
2022	12	519	756	1738	435	954	**4414**
2023	15	520	847	1770	394	1006	**4552**
2024	29	502	801	1776	453	926	**4487**
Grand Total	**56**	**1541**	**2404**	**5284**	**1282**	**2886**	**13453**

Forwarded for your information and attention, please.

Sent on behalf of Chief Superintendent, DMR North
By Garda Sarah Connaughton|Divisional Office|Ballymun Garda Station
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Ireland's National Police Service

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COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
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ITEM NO. 31

DEPARTMENTAL/MINISTERIAL CORRESPONDENCE

No Business

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

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ITEM NO. 32

SMALL BURSARY APPLICATION FOR HOSTING SOCIAL INCLUSION EVENTS

Motion: Councillor JK Onwumereh

"Considering the recent and emerging challenges and threats to social inclusion and community cohesion, that the Chief Executive reconsider the need to increase the Small Bursary application for the hosting of social inclusion events from €250 as currently earmarked to a more realistic minimum amount of €500 to encourage more groups to participate in fostering the ideals of social inclusion in Fingal."

Report:

The allocated amount regarding this expenditure is set out in the 2025 annual budget. If an increased allocation per event is applied without a corresponding budgetary increase, it is noted that this will result in fewer successful groups being allocated the bursary. If the motion is passed, a budget increase will be sought in the 2026 Budget Allocation to facilitate this proposal.

It is also strongly recommended that a community and voluntary group engage with the community officers in advance of a planned event to scope out opportunities for funding from other sources.

Source of Report:
Paul Carroll, Interim Director of Housing and Community Development

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

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ITEM NO. 33

REFUGE CENTRES IN FINGAL

Motion: Councillor D.J. Kelly

"That the Chief Executive provide a report on how many Refuge Centres there are in Fingal and provide a breakdown of how many men, women and children are in these refuge centres."

Report:

We are aware of a number of services operating within Fingal however we would not have the numbers of clients in each facility.

Staff from Fingal County Council's Housing Department including professional social workers respond to referrals of domestic abuse cases within the Housing Department on an ongoing basis. This work involves case management, liaison with appropriate specialist services, making referrals, providing immediate support and ensuring the immediate safety of clients is ensured, particularly vulnerable clients.

In addition to cases made known to the social workers by Housing Support, Estate Management and Homeless teams, referrals are received from Domestic Abuse agencies, safeguarding teams, GP's, Gardai and from individuals experiencing abuse. The Social Workers regularly support victims of domestic abuse to self-refer to services in the area such as Sonas, Aoibhneas and Women's Aid in particular so that they can avail of risk assessments to ensure that their practical and emotional support needs are met in a holistic manner

while the Fingal County Council Social Worker maintains focus on the housing aspect of the case.

Current records indicate that at least 1 in 10 of the contacts received by the social work team relate to domestic abuse and that 12.5% of cases open to the team involve an element of domestic abuse.

Aoibhneas is a Dublin based refuge and support service for women and children who are victims and survivors of domestic abuse and coercive control. Fingal County Council's Housing and Architect's teams are supporting Aoibhneas to develop a new refuge for victims of domestic violence in North Fingal. A property has been acquired, the scheme is currently being designed, and the planning process will commence shortly.

Fingal County Council also met in recent weeks with representatives of Sonas with a view to exploring how we can work together to support the organisation through the various housing support schemes, such as CAS, that are available.

Source of Report:
Paul Carroll, Interim Director of Housing and Community Development

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ITEM NO. 34

PHOTOVOLTAIC PANELS ABOVE COUNCIL-OWNED OFF-STREET CAR PARKING AREAS

Motion: Councillor D. Healy

"That the Chief Executive carry out a feasibility analysis of placing photovoltaic panels above the parking areas of some of the over 5,000 off-street car parking spaces provided by the Council."

Report:

An extensive survey would be required to determine infrastructural and installation costs alongside the cost of the panels for installation in Council-owned car parks. The Operations Department has made no provision in the Revenue Budget 2025 for a feasibility analysis on the installation of photovoltaic panels.

Provision is made within the 2025 budget for the delivery of actions in the Climate Action Plan 2024 to 2029. This is not an action within the plan.

Source of Joint Report:
Mary T. Daly, Director of Operations
David Storey, Director of Environment, Climate Action and Active Travel and Sports

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ITEM NO. 35

FINGAL GREENER COMMUNITY AWARDS

Motion: Councillor D. Butler

"That the Chief Executive considers the re-introduction of the Fingal Greener Community Awards, which ran successfully prior to the Covid-19 pandemic and offered numerous benefits to the Fingal area, including fostering community spirit, environmental awareness and enhancing the visual appeal of our local areas."

Report:

Over the last number of years, the Annual Mayors Awards has awarded local Community Groups including Tidy Towns/Residents Associations for their efforts in helping to keep Fingal clean and tidy.

Should the format of the Mayors Awards change at any point in the future depending on the theme selected, the Environment Department will consider recommencing the Greener Communities Awards.

It is worth noting commencement of preparation of these Awards must be made well in advance of the awards ceremony and would not be considered feasible for 2025.

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

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ITEM NO. 36

FACTUAL AND ACCURATE INFORMATION

Motion: Councillor L. Corkery

"That the elected members of Fingal County Council commit to using factual and accurate information, based on credible sources, in this Council's discussions and debates."

Report:

As this motion is specifically for the elected members; no report is required in this instance.

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

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ITEM NO. 39

REMOVAL OF COUNCIL OPERATED TIME-LOCKED PUBLIC GATES

Motion: Councillor P. Mulville

"That the Chief Executive make arrangements to remove all Council operated time-locked public gates in the Council's administrative area which are impeding late night direct access for the public between residential areas."

Report:

As of the 1st April 2025, the time-locked gate at Ballisk and Beverton is now open 24 hours a day. The Council will review other Council operated time-locked public gates and access if they are impeding late night direct access for the public between residential areas.

Source of Report:
Mary T Daly, Director of Operations

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ITEM NO. 40

AUDIT OF IRISH LANGUAGE ROAD SIGNS IN FINGAL

Motion: Councillor E. Troy

"That the Chief Executive considers conducting an audit to ensure that the Irish language translations used on road signs in Fingal is correct."

Report:

Fingal County Council is aware of the requirements regarding bilingual signage and the use of correct translations and logainmneacha and systems are in place to ensure that any signs erected by the Council are in compliance with legislation. However, if any error occurs and is noticed by a member of the public this should be reported to us at, customercareunit@fingal.ie and arrangements will be made to correct the sign in a timely manner.

It should be noted that signage of a commercial nature may contain incorrect use of the Irish language. This signage is not erected by the Council. If the sign has been erected by a private entity or commercial business without the approval of the Council the sign will be removed. If the Irish language used on the approved sign is incorrect the Council can bring it to the attention of the business owner. Signs recently brought to the attention of the Council were not Council signs and had been erected by business owners.

This Council is committed to supporting the Irish Language and fulfilling any of its legislative responsibilities with regards to signs erected by the Council and are available to discuss any concerns Cllr. Troy or other councillors may have with regards to our signage. The Council does not propose to carry out an audit.

Source of Report:

Mary T. Daly, Director of Operations

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ITEM NO. 41

HOUSING LIST PRIORITY

Motion: Councillor T. Leddy

"That the Chief Executive gives consideration to including autism as a ground for medical priority on the housing list."

Report:

The criteria for seeking a medical priority to support an application for Housing Support is set out in the Allocations Scheme for Social Housing Support. The Medical Priority process is designed to support applicants who suffer from a chronic illness (physical or mental) or disability where the Chief Medical Officer considers that the persons' health will significantly deteriorate unless he/she is housed, and that housing will have a beneficial effect on that person. Each application is considered on its own merit.

In accordance with the terms of the scheme an applicant for Medical Priority must be an active social housing applicant or transfer applicant. The relevant supporting application forms (HMD – Form 1) must be completed in full and returned to the Housing Support team by post, email or in person. The introduction of the HMD Form in itself, is in accordance with the provisions of Circular 11/21 Social Housing (Amendment) Regulations 2021 which sets out clear requirements and specifies the information needed in order to be eligible to apply for a priority. The form must be completed by two healthcare professionals. This includes Hospital Consultants, General Practitioners, Mental

Health Nurses, Public Health Nurses, Social Workers and Occupational Therapists. Each case is assessed on its merits.

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