

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

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Swords
Co Dublin

Monday, 16th June 2025

**To Each Member of the Climate Action, Biodiversity, Environment
Strategic Policy Committee**

Dear Member

A meeting of the **Climate Action, Biodiversity, Environment Strategic
Policy Committee** will be held **Hybrid in the Conference Room 3A6 -
County Hall, Swords/ MS Teams at 4.30 pm on Tuesday, 24th June,
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 the Climate Action, Biodiversity, Environment SPC meeting held on Tuesday 25th March 2025.**
- 2 **Draft Litter Management Plan Consultation Report**
- 3 **Water Action Plan - Priorities and Governance**
- 4 **Community Climate Action Fund**

MOTIONS

- 5 **Councillor D. Healy - Building a Zero Carbon Ireland**

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**CLIMATE ACTION, BIODIVERSITY, ENVIRONMENT STRATEGIC
POLICY COMMITTEE**

TUESDAY 24TH JUNE 2025

ITEM NO. 02

DRAFT LITTER MANAGEMENT PLAN CONSULTATION REPORT

Presentation to be given on the night

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Water Action Plan Priorities and Governance

Environment SPC – Fingal County Council

Margaret Keegan– Regional Coordinator
Local Authority Waters Programme
24th June 2025

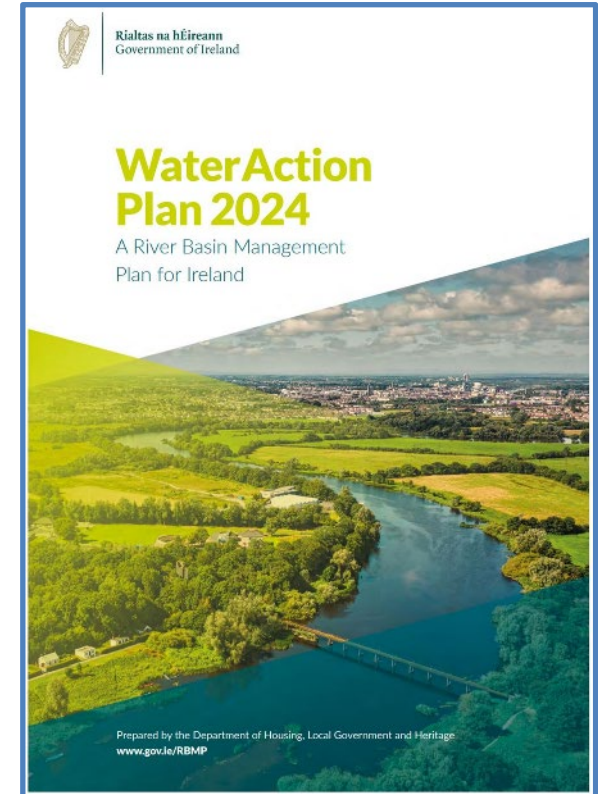


Water Action Plan 2024 - Introduction

Launched September 2024

- Government commitment to protecting & restoring Ireland's natural waters by complying with the requirements of the Water Framework Directive
- Accelerate the identification and implementation of the **right measures in the right places** to both restore and protect all water bodies

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gov.ie - River Basin Management Plan 2022 - 2027

River Basin Management Planning

A helicopter view

Cycle 1 2009-2015

- Multiple River Basin Management Plans
- Local Authority-led with consultancy support
- Significant step forward in technical assessments

Cycle 2 2018-2021

- National Plan with Areas for Action
- Integrated catchment science and management
- Risk-based approach promoting targeted action
- New Governance structures developed

Cycle 3 2022-2027

- Building on Cycle 2
- Data, evidence-base and tracking implementation – transparency on what is being done.
- A place in the plan for everyone

“The right
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Some Expected Key Outcomes

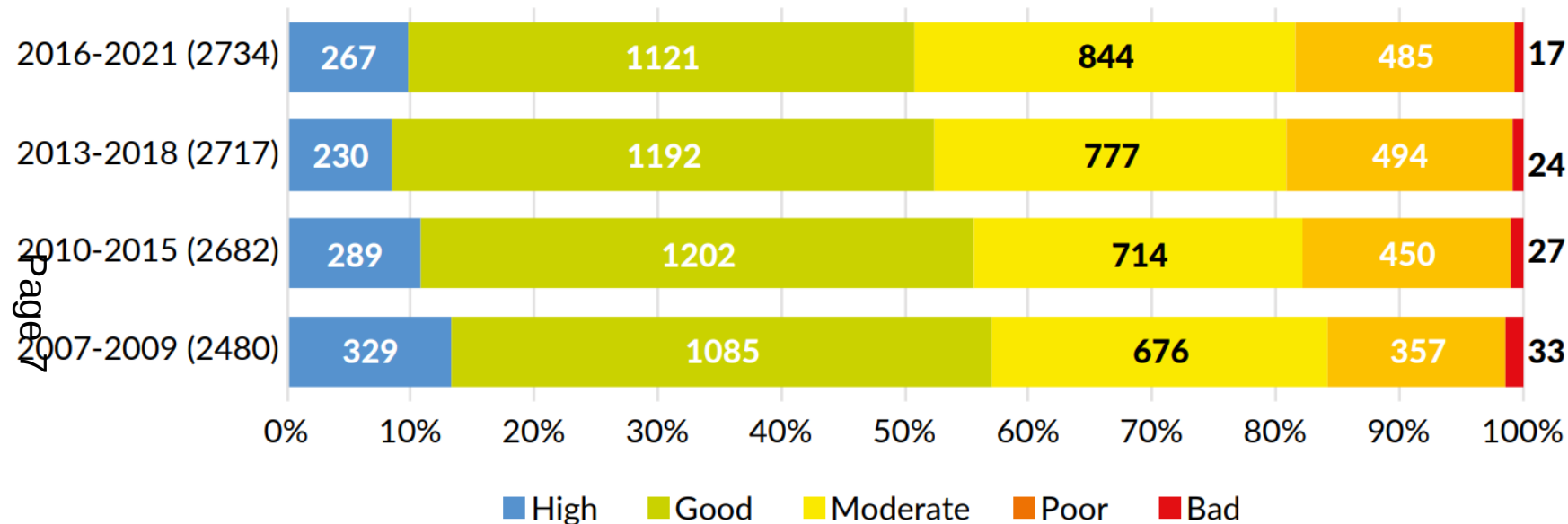
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- 7 Sectoral Action Plans and 46 Catchment Management Plans
- 46 Catchment Community Fora
- Focused attention in 517 Areas for Action
- 4,500 farms inspected per year under National Agriculture Inspection Programme
- 15,000 application in the Farming for Water EIP – including nature based solutions on farm
- Mitigation of 270 barriers under the National Barriers Mitigation Programme
- Uisce Eireann investment in 108 WWTPs, 77 collection networks and 92 related national programmes – €2.3 bn
- Programme Delivery Office in the DHLGH – track implementation

Ecological Status of Monitored Surface Water Bodies - National

Surface Water Ecological Status

(Monitored Rivers, Lakes, Estuaries & Coastal)

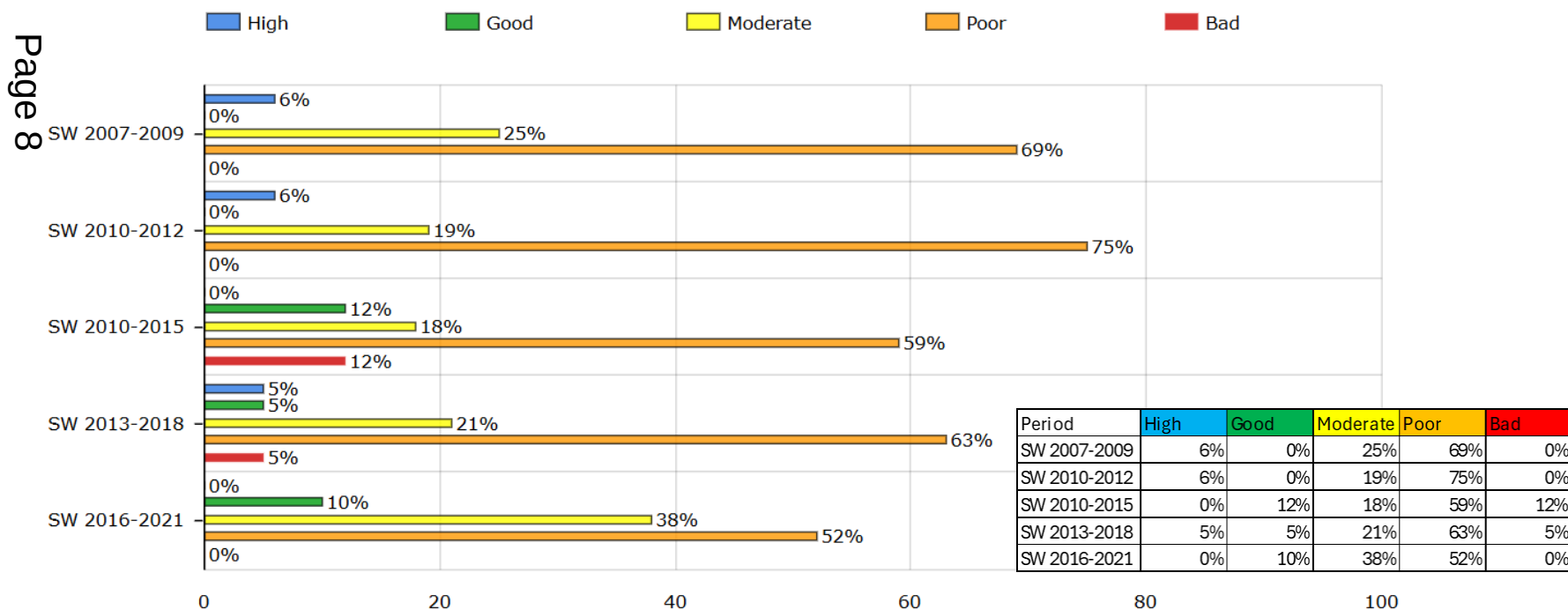


Category	No Change	Declined	Improved	Net Change
Rivers	1,628	371	398	27
Lakes	167	29	28	-1
Transitional	40	19	11	-8
Coastal	27	9	6	-3
Total	1,862	428	443	15
Percentage	68.1 %	15.7 %	16.2 %	0.5 %

Figure 13: Ecological status of monitored surface water bodies across each of the main assessment periods from the first assessment in 2007-2009 to the present assessment period (number of water bodies indicated).

Ecological Status of Monitored Surface Water Bodies - Fingal

- 21 surface waterbodies in Fingal
- 10% achieving their ecological objective vs. 52% national
- One High status objective waterbodies - Northwestern Irish Sea (HA 08) (Coastal)
- No Bad status sites – Rogerstown Estuary improved from Bad to Poor 2016-21



Fingal - Ecological Status

- 10% Good or High
- Less than national average (52%)

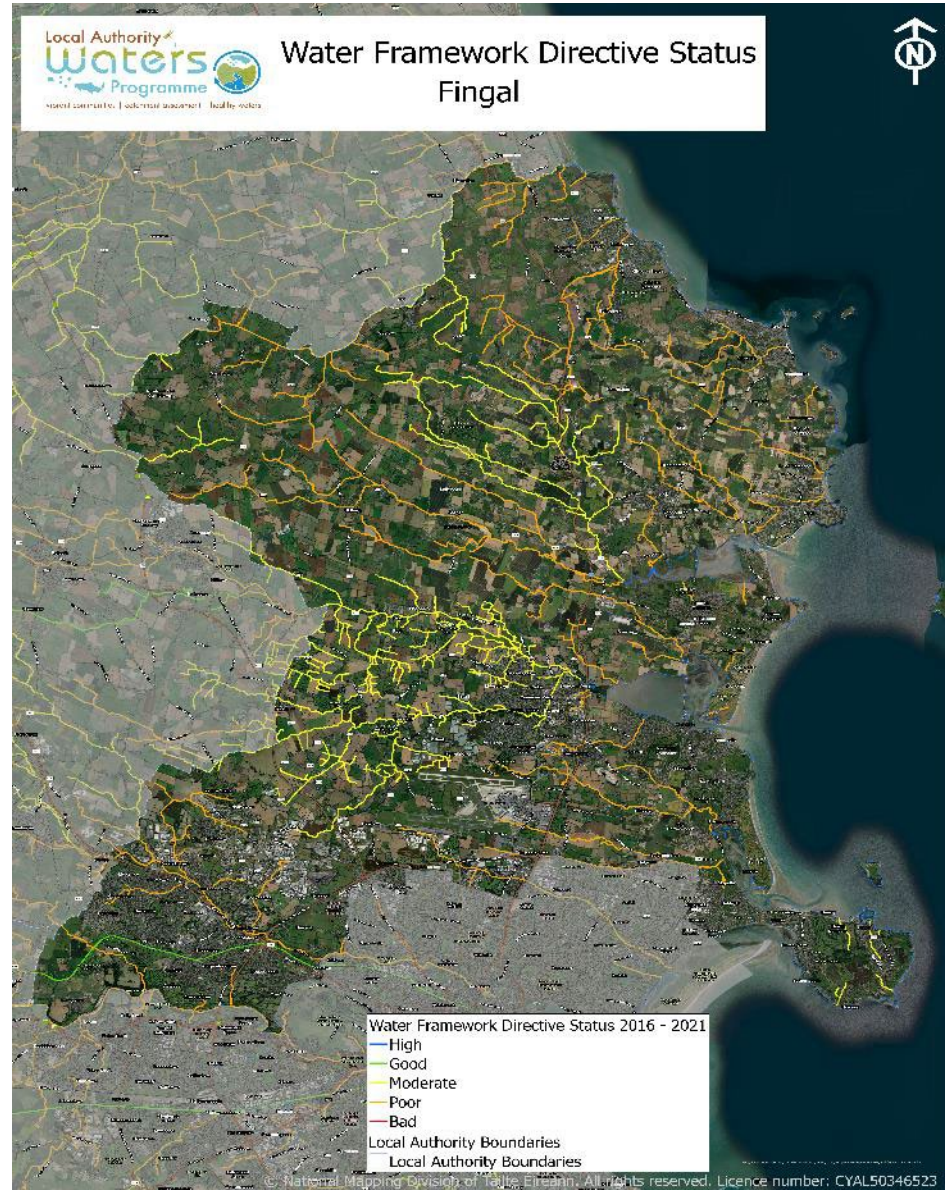
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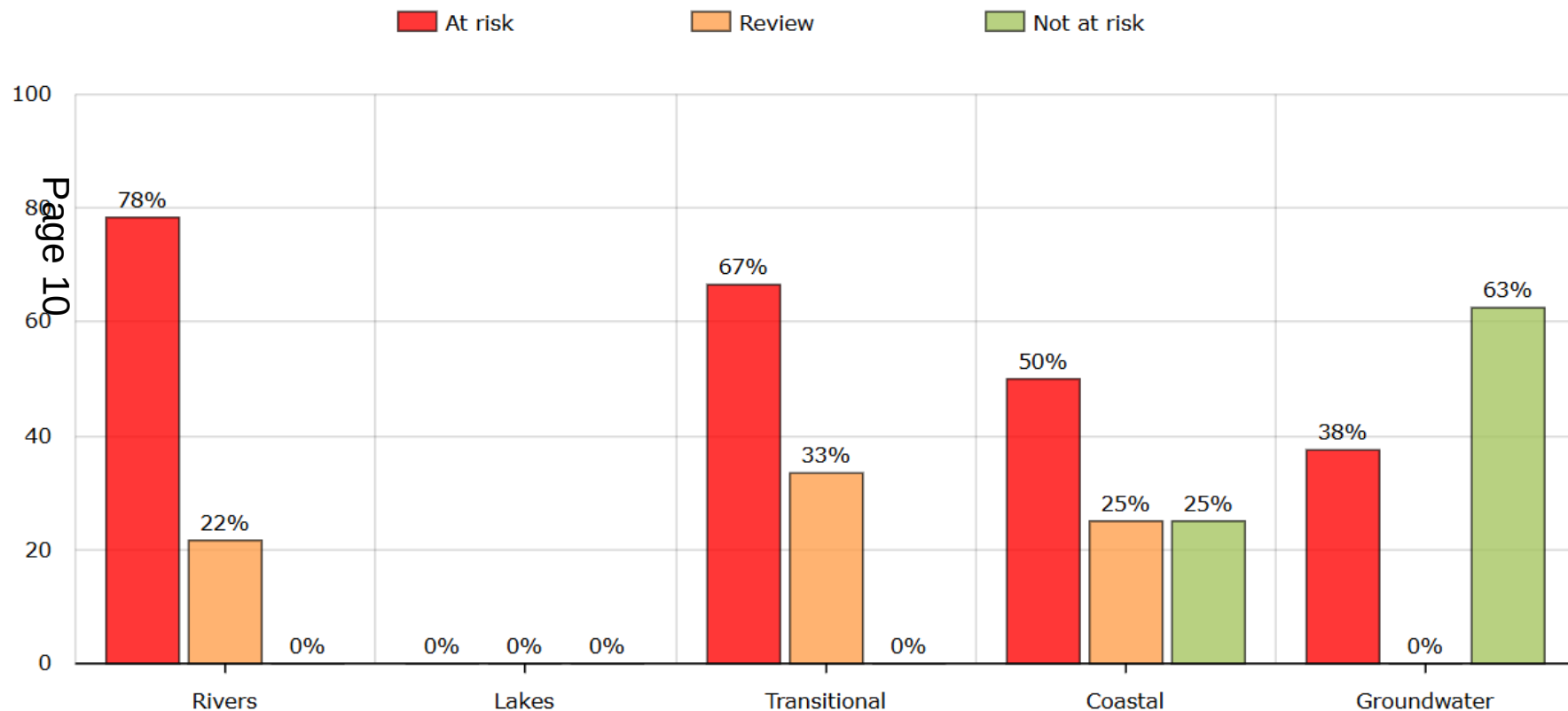


Pollution tolerant

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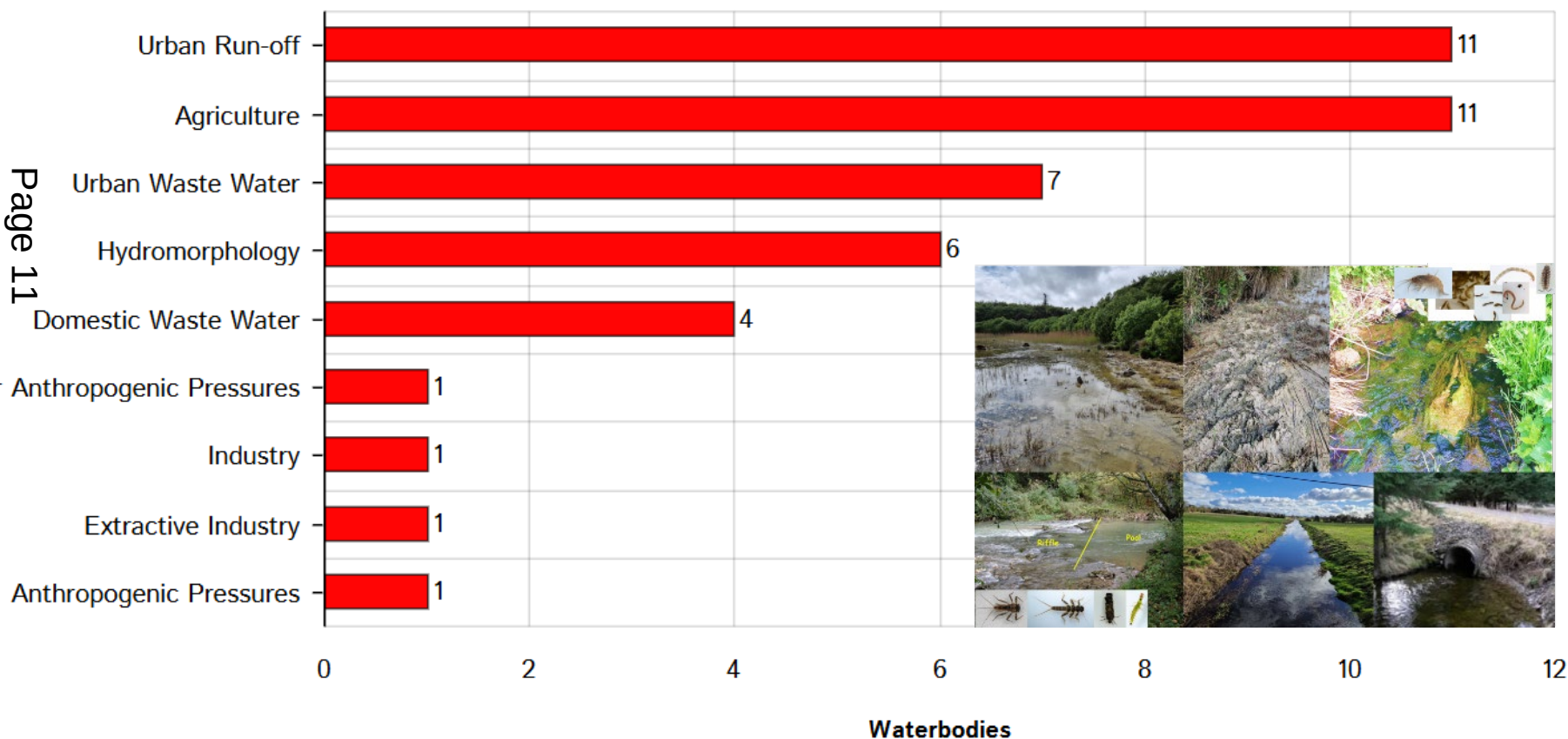
WFD risk of Monitored Surface Water Bodies - Fingal



EPA Characterisation: Significant Pressures impacting At Risk Waterbodies – Fingal

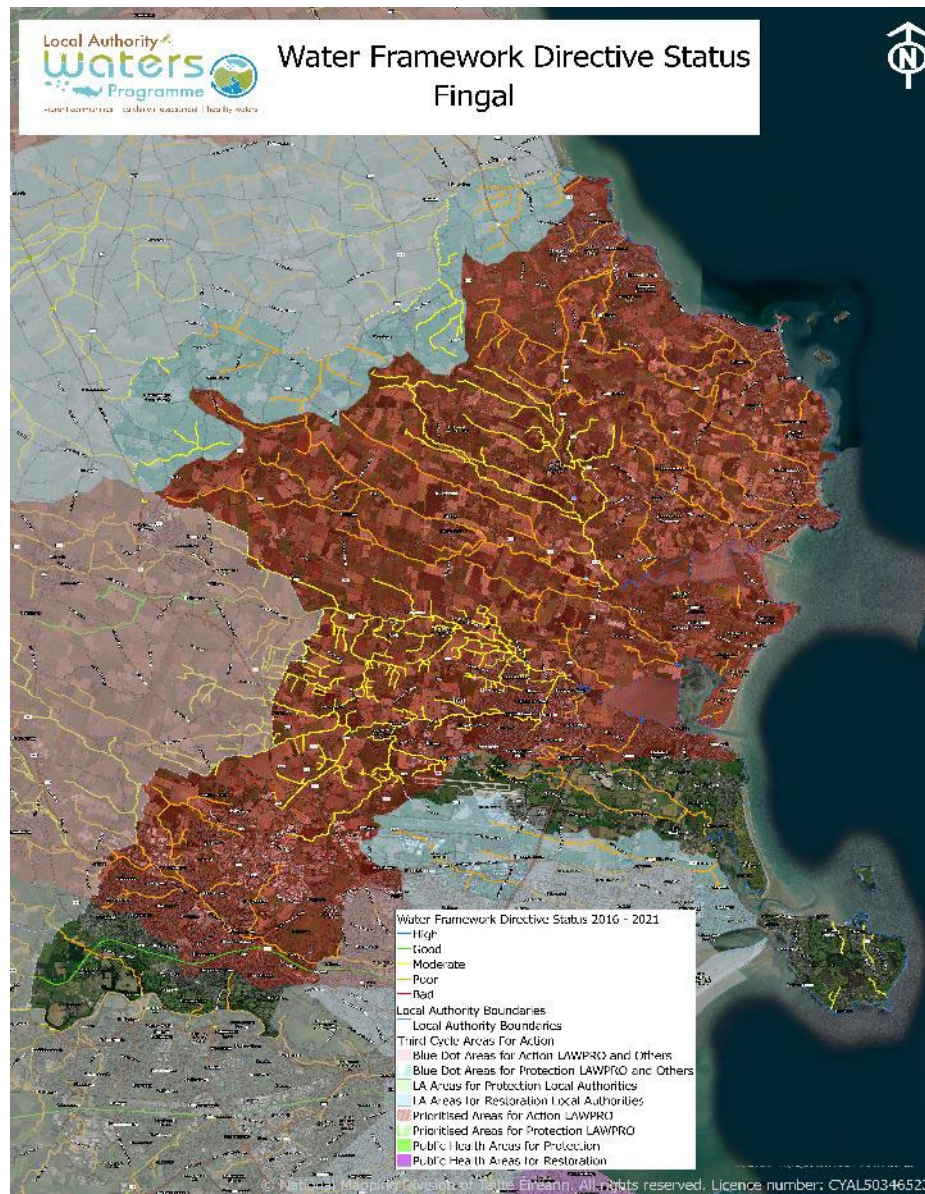
Significant Pressures Impacting At Risk Waterbodies

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Fingal Areas for Action

- **Two** LAWPRO led Priority Areas for Action (PAA's) in 2nd cycle RBMP (2018-2023)
- LAWPRO work programme expanded to **five** PAA's in Fingal (2024-2027)
- **Two** Fingal County Council co-led Areas for Action (AFA's) 2024-2027



LAWPRO 2nd cycle PAA progress

- **Two** LAWPRO led Priority Areas for Action (PAA's) in 2nd cycle RBMP – *both carried forward & expanded into 3rd cycle*
 - Rogerstown Estuary catchment and contributing rivers
 - Upper Tolka Catchment – headwaters of Tolka river.

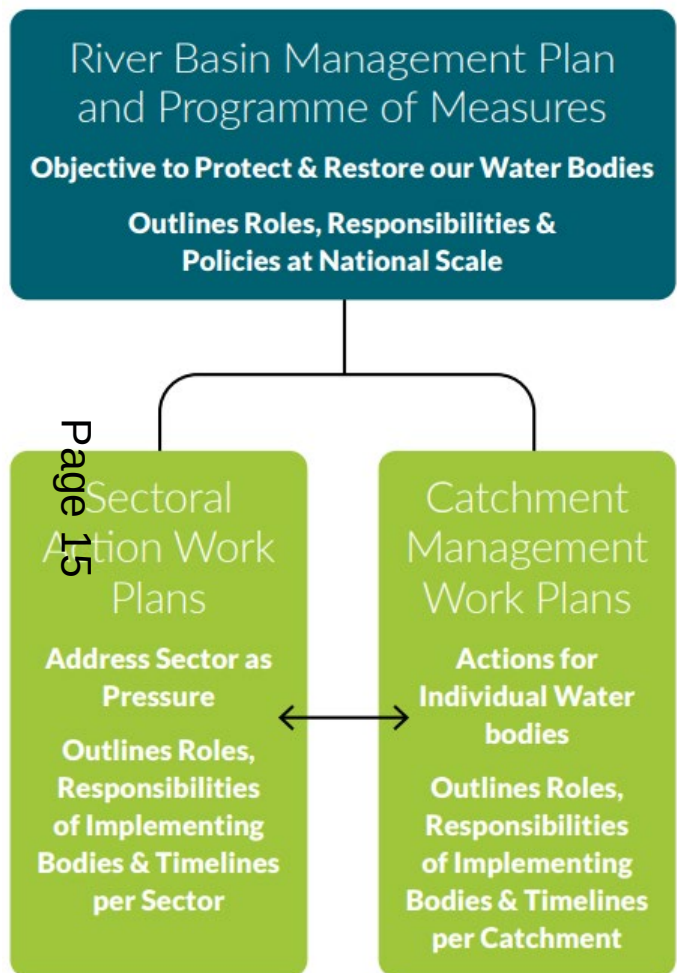
Challenging Catchments

- Ballyboghill stream discharging to Rogerstown Estuary at Poor status since monitoring began in 1991.
- Significant interventions required over time to achieve objectives
- Incremental progress: Rogerstown Estuary & Tolka headwater no longer at Bad status

LA Support and Coordination

- Focus on
 - National Agricultural Inspection Plan
 - Data sharing (Land Parcel Information System, Organic Manure Movements)
 - Training – LA Services National Training Group strategy, Catchment Science Management
 - LA Liaison Meetings
- Support LA in prioritising their work
- Knowledge sharing – WFD App
- Development of template for LA Action Plans

Relationship between RBMP, Sectoral Action Work Plans and Catchment Management Work Plans



- 7 Sectoral Action Work Plans

Sector	Lead authority
Agriculture	DAFM, Teagasc
Hydromorphology	DHLGH, IFI, OPW, DAFM
Forestry	DAFM – Forest Service
Urban Wastewater	Uisce Éireann
Peat	NPWS, Bord na Móna, Local Authorities
Drinking Water Source Protection	NFGWS, Uisce Éireann, Local Authorities
Invasive Alien Species	NPWS, Local Authorities

- 46 Catchment Management Work Plans

Local Authority Water Action Plans

- Local Authority Liaison meetings - meetings between LAWPRO and the LAs in each of the 5 LAWPRO Regions
- Opportunity to support the needs of LAs to deliver their objectives under the RBMP
- Forum for discussion of approach of Local Authorities to address actions under the Water Action Plan 2024
- Support template development
 - Discussion across LAWPRO
 - Sectoral Action Plan Template
 - Existing RMCEI Report Structure
 - LA Input - Working Group
 - Discuss with EPA



Nature Based Solutions

- **NbS National Strategy**
- **NbS Demonstrators 2025 - €250,000**
- **Training**
 - Town Centre First NbS Training
 - Local Authority NbS Training (CARO, LASNTG)
 - NbS Holistic Design Course (Professional bodies – Engineers Ireland etc)

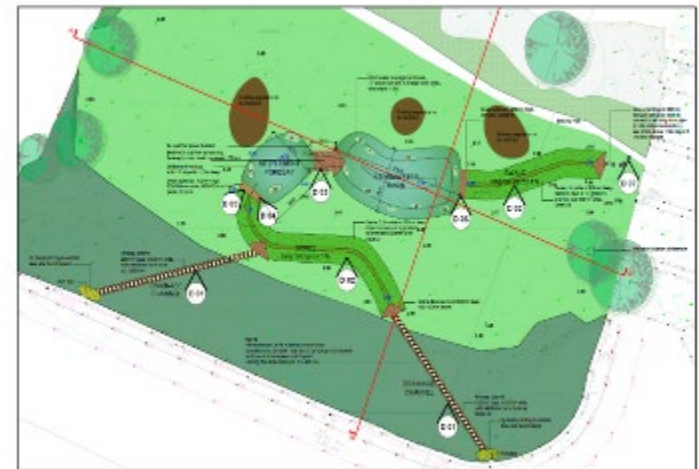
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LAWPRO NbS Guidance Document

- **NbS National Conference**
- **NbS Intervisibility Mapping**
- **Interreg North-West Europe – ResiRiver project**
- **Rainwater Management Plan – Guidance for LA's**



Demonstrator Project – Carrick on Suir
LAWPRO Support Provided

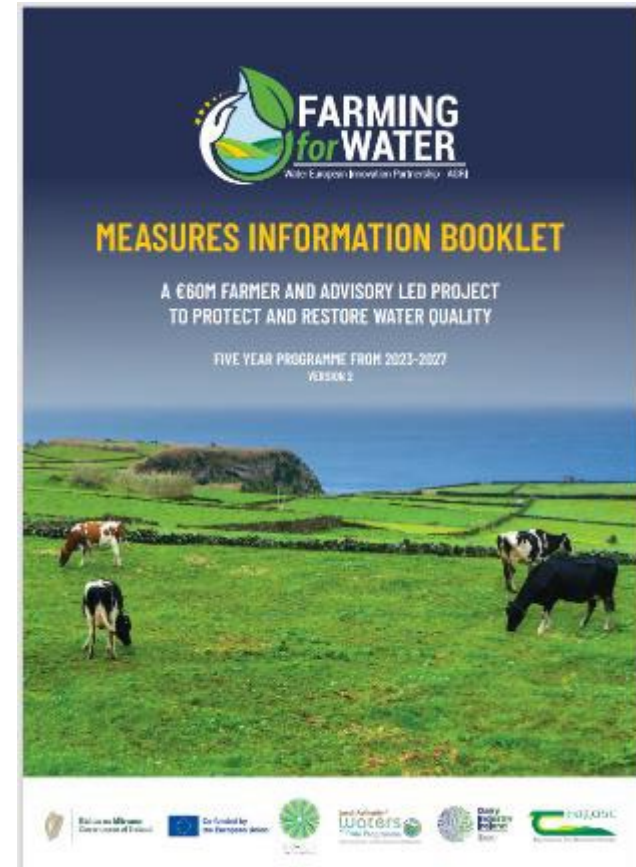


Layout of NbS Features

[Publications - Local Authority Water Programme](#)

Project Overview & Goals:

- The Farming for Water (FFW) project, part of the EIP-AGRI initiative, aims to tackle water quality issues while promoting sustainable agricultural practices and delivering environmental benefits.
- Largest EIP undertaken in the State to date
- **Collaboration & Innovation:** The project brings together farmers, researchers, policymakers, and other stakeholders to co-develop practical, scalable solutions that go beyond regulatory requirements.
- **Funding & Support:** With €50 million from DAFM and the European Commission for farmer payments and €10 million in administrative support from DHLGH, the initiative is well-funded to support on-the-ground actions.
- **Leadership & Timeline:** Led by the Local Authority Waters Programme (LAWPRO) in partnership with Teagasc and Dairy Industry Ireland, the programme launched in March 2024 and will run until 2027, engaging a wide network of collaborators including other supporting stakeholders.

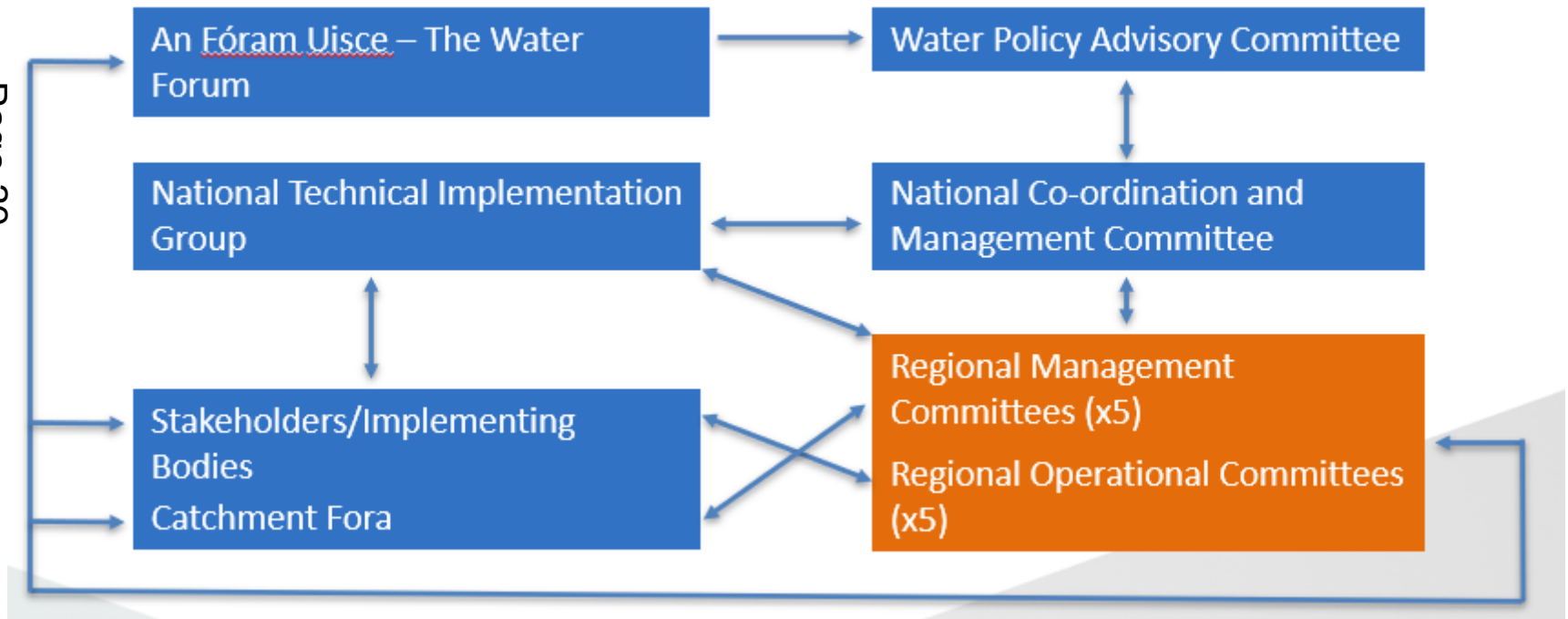


High Level Implementation Structures

Tier 1 National Management and Oversight	Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage	Policy, necessary legislation and ensuring appropriate resourcing of the Plan across Government Departments. Supported by the cross-government Water Policy Advisory Committee established to advise the Minister.
Tier 2 Technical Implementation and reporting	Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)	The catchment characterisation process, overseeing the national monitoring programme, chairing the National Technical Implementation Group and assisting and advising the Minister.
Tier 3 Regional Implementation	Local authorities	Each local authority with the support of the LAWPRO shared service is responsible for co-ordinating the implementation of measures within its functional area. This includes the direction of implementing bodies.

WFD Implementation Structures and their interactions

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Programme Delivery Office – Department of Housing Local Government & Heritage

- To oversee, co-ordinate, implement and enforce legislation and policies
- Review roles and responsibilities of implementing bodies
- High level policy direction
- Monitoring and Reporting on implementation progress
- Project Management of the Plan



Community Engagement

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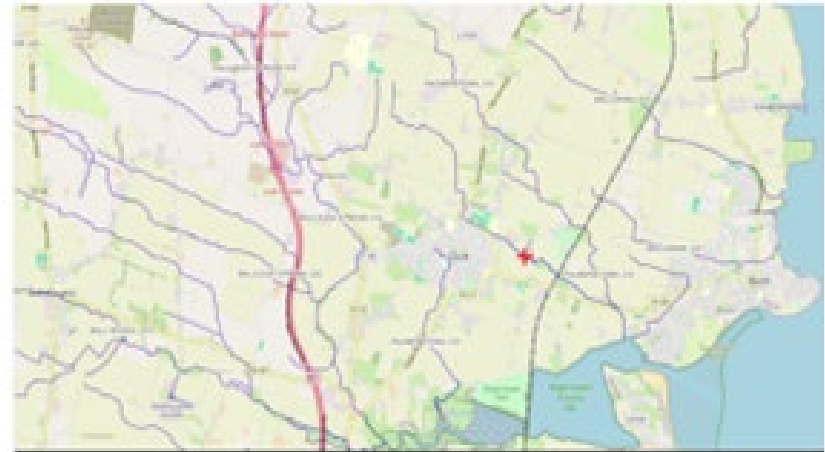
Community Water Development Fund: Fingal 2025

Community Water Development Fund 2025	
Total no. of grants sought at application stage nationally	135
Total value of grants sought at application stage nationally	€2,822,031.99
Total National Grant Funding recommended	€1,047,265
Total no. of grants awarded nationally	57
No. of applications received in ME Region	41
Value of applications received in ME Region	€777,329
Total no. of grants awarded in ME Region	11
Total value of grants awarded in ME Region	€263,346.33
Lusk Tidy Towns – Palmerstown Stream Restoration Project	€43,736

Community Water Development Fund 2025

Lusk Tidy Towns - Palmerstown Stream Restoration Project

- The project involves collaboration with consultants to develop a full ecological study with options for improvement and Hydrological, Hydro-morphological focus.
- There will also be a detailed report on the water quality commissioned and will include suggested options for mitigation or interception of the primary pollution sources.



Liffey Salmon Collaborative Project – Fingal/SDCC/DCC

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PROJECT BRIEF (1st Draft) Liffey Weirs project



April 2025



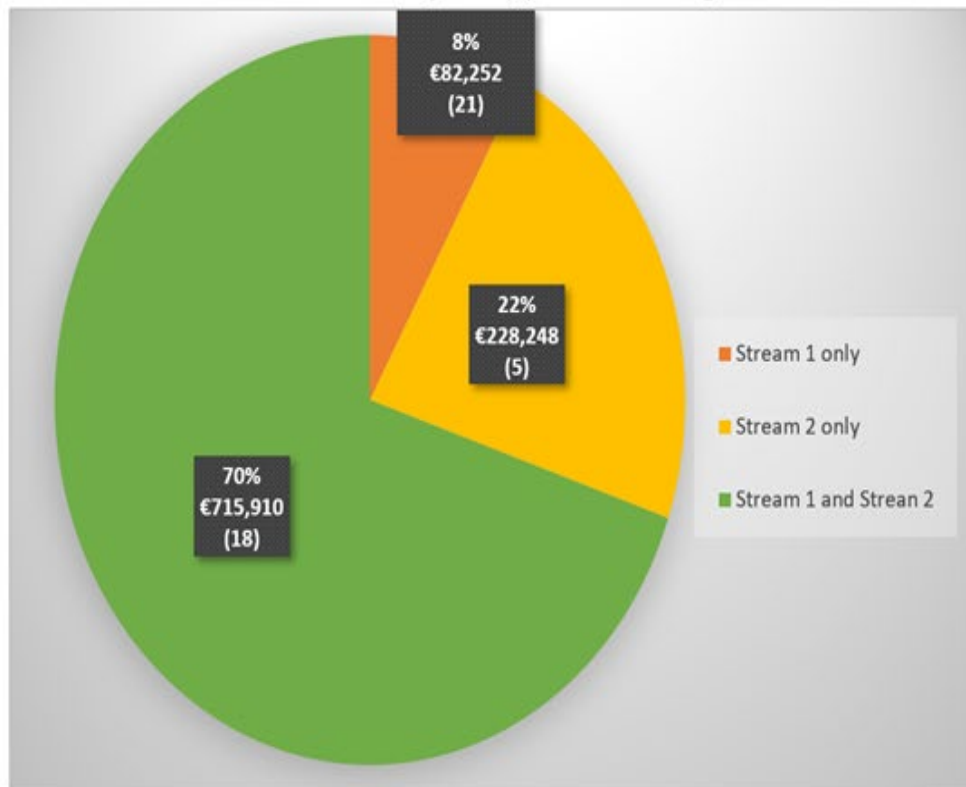
- Fingal Co Co (Hans Visser) has now submitted an Expression of Interest application to the National Barrier Mitigation Fund for the Liffey weirs project on behalf of Fingal, SDCC and DCC LAs.
- Quotations to be received back before the deadline of the formal application stage, which is the 16th June.

€20,320 Community Water Development Fund seed funding – Liffey Salmon Project

LAWPRO Catchment Support Fund 2025

Stream	Grants sought	%	No. apps
Stream 1 only	€ 82,251.88	8%	21
Stream 2 only	€ 228,247.74	22%	5
Stream 1 and Stream 2	€ 715,910.08	70%	18
Total	€ 1,026,409.70		44

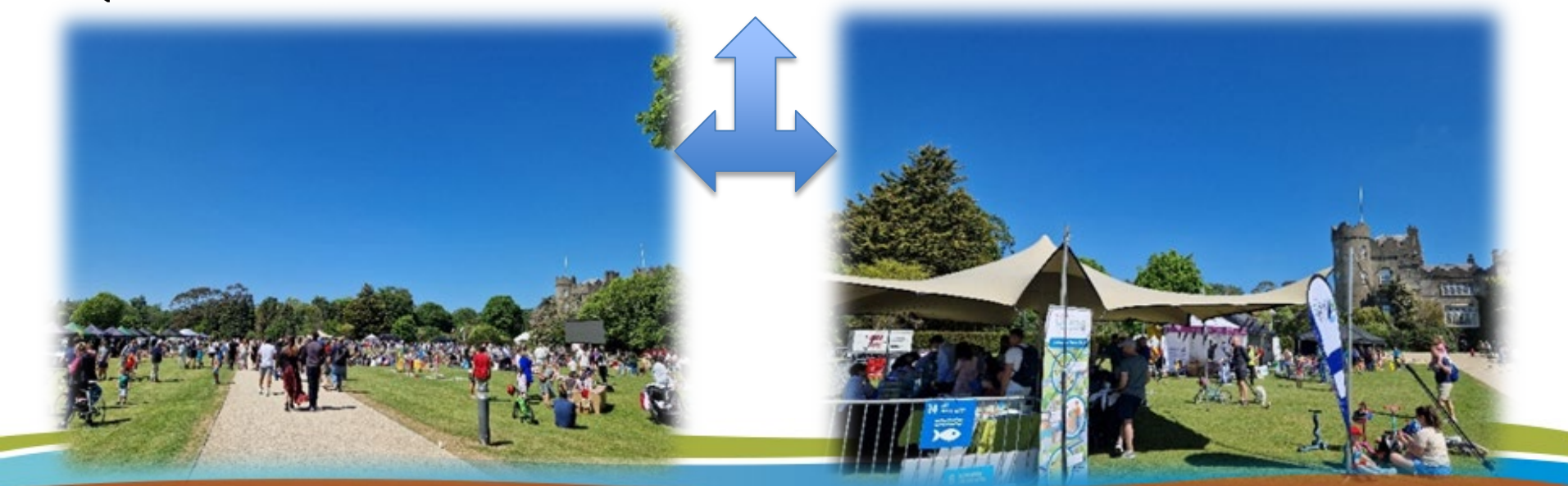
CSF 2025 – Summary at application stage



Potential for Liffey Rivers Trust Capacity Strengthening.

Fingal Community Engagements

- Baldoyle tidy towns in exploring a water quality project behind the Community boxing club.
- Sustainable Skerries in developing a misconnections project to pilot a community approach to solving a larger issue in terms of improving local WQ.
- Organised and participated in Fingal Family fun Day in Malahide Castle with lots of water quality engagement.



LAWPRO Small Funds & Projects Scheme

Turvey nature reserve world wetlands day event with Lusk Tidy Towns and
Birdwatch Ireland Fingal

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Take home message.....

- Implementation of the **right measure** in the **right place** is the key step to achieving water quality protection and improvements

But:

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- We need the data to establish the evidence-base to confirm that the measures are working.

This will be achieved by:

- **Working together** and **sharing data/information**, and
- **Monitoring** and **evaluating** the plan at **national, catchment, water body and individual measures scale**.



“Water is not a commercial product like any other but, rather, a heritage which must be protected, defended and treated as such”

EU Water Framework Directive

Thank you for listening



Community Climate Action Fingal

Funding Community projects to Reduce Emissions



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Who is Eligible?

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Not-for Profit organisations/ groups based in Fingal

Tidy Towns, Community Groups, Residents Organisations

Youth Clubs, Active Age, Mens/ Women's Sheds

Sports Clubs, GAA, Soccer, Sailing, Scouts, Tennis, Cricket, Cycling

Can have Charitable Status, Articles of Association, Regular minuted meetings/ AGM

Groups must be registered with PPN/ The Wheel

Please note *Schools and Educational facilities are not eligible, *This grant is not for 'learning' and does not cover workshops and festivals/ awareness events

*businesses/ commercial entities are not eligible, but projects can include working with businesses to reduce waste/ water/ energy

Applications can
cover up to 5
Climate Action
Themes



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This grant covers projects that reduce emissions

3 scales of grants are available in this competitive application process

Applications will be assessed and evaluated subject to funding availability

Projects are 100% funded but may be capped.

Allocations include VAT (except where VAT is reclaimable. Where VAT can be reclaimed the value of the VAT will not be included in the grant allocation).

Small Scale Projects - Up to €20K

Medium Scale Projects - €21K to €50K

Large Scale Projects - €51K to €100K

Themes - Project Ideas to Reduce Emissions

1. **Community Energy:** Solar Panels, Building Insulation, Upgrade of heating system /Heat Pump in a Community Building, LED Lighting in car park/ community area/ sports pitch/ tennis court
2. **Community Travel:** Cycle Parking infrastructure in Community area, bike lockers, bikeshare schemes, bike repair hubs
3. **Community Food & Waste:** Community Composting, Leaf Mould Cages, Community Food Bank/ sharing, Working with local businesses to reduce Food Waste & Packaging, Community Gardens
4. **Community Local Climate & Environmental Action:** Sand Dune/ river/watercourse/ Habitat Restoration, Planting Trees, Planting Biodiversity Area, Community Gardens, Allotments, Rainwater harvesting
5. **Community Shopping & Recycling:** Working with local businesses to reduce waste, introduce local return/ Repair/ swap schemes, reduce packaging, elimination of single use

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Next Steps

- ✓ Think about what projects can be included under each of the grant themes
- ✓ Look for 3 prices for each item: e.g. polytunnel, civil works, insulation, boiler upgrade, replacing LEDs, doors and windows, native trees & plants, water bottle filler, composting, reusable cups, swap shop items, solar PV, rainwater harvesting, electric gardening tools, bike lockers,
- ✓ Assess Your Buildings with an Energy Audit – is an SEAI €2k Voucher Support System available to you?
 - ✓ Schedule of Recommendations
 - ✓ Baseline Energy Consumption
 - ✓ Cost vs Impact Assessment
- ✓ Applicants to have minimum 3 Quotes for any items being applied for





Examples of funded projects in Round 1:

- Insulation
- Solar PV & battery
- Insulation
- Reusable Cups
- Bike lockers
- Biodiversity

A photograph of a green roof on a building. The roof is covered with a layer of green grass and small plants. The building is white, and the background shows a blue sky and a body of water.

Any Questions?

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Action Fingal

Supporting Community projects to Reduce Emissions

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CLIMATE ACTION, BIODIVERSITY, ENVIRONMENT STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE

TUESDAY 24TH JUNE 2025

ITEM NO. 05

BUILDING A ZERO CARBON IRELAND

Motion: Councillor D. Healy

"That this Strategic Policy Committee invite the Irish Green Building Council to present to a meeting of this Committee or to a separate briefing organised under the aegis of the Committee in relation to their report Building A Zero Carbon Ireland <https://www.igbc.ie/building-a-zero-carbon-ireland> and enter into a discussion with them with a view to the Council developing a policy on how we can decarbonise our own construction as well as facilitating and supporting the decarbonisation of other construction in the County."

Report:

If this Motion is passed, an invitation will issue to the Irish Green Building Council to attend a future Climate Action, Biodiversity & Environment SPC Meeting.

Source of report:

Grainne Carroll, Administrative Officer, ECAATS

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ITEM NO. 06

DATA CENTRES

Motion: Councillor H. Redwood

"In the context of the existential climate and environmental crisis and given the massive energy and water consumption that these facilities consume, this Committee calls on the Chief Executive to halt the further proliferation of data centres across the County."

Report:

As stated in Appendix 7 to the Fingal County Development Plan 2023-2029, a data centre is a physical facility composed of networked computers and storage that businesses and other organisations use to organise, process, store and disseminate large amounts of data.

In accordance with Section 34 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), the consideration of applications for planning permission for the construction of new data centres must have regard to a number of considerations including policies of the government or any minister that relate to proper planning and sustainable development, as well as to the provisions of the relevant Development Plan for the area.

With regard to government policy, in 2018, the government published its Statement on the Role of Data Centres in Ireland's Enterprise Strategy, which was subsequently updated in 2022 (see <https://enterprise.gov.ie/en/publications/publication-files/government-statement-on-the-role-of-data-centres-in-irelands-enterprise-strategy.pdf>) .

The 2022 government policy statement states that data centres are core digital infrastructure and play an indispensable role in Ireland's economy and society.

This policy statement signals the government's clear preference for data centre developments that are associated with strong economic activity and employment; make efficient use of the electricity grid, deliver renewable energy in Ireland.

It also underlines government commitment to ensuring the principles set out in the policy statement are *"effective in prioritising future data centre development that delivers strong economic benefits, sustainable energy plans, and a willingness to promote Ireland's national decarbonisation objectives through a fully supportive planning system and other regulatory regimes"*.

With regard to Development Plan policy as set out in the Fingal County Development Plan 2023-2029, it should be noted that Data Centres are not permitted in the majority of land use classes and are only open for consideration in the 'GE – General Employment', 'HI – Heavy Industry' and 'HT – High Technology' land use classes.

When being considered under these land use zoning categories, data centres are considered to be 'Space Extensive Developments'. As stated in Section 4.15.3 of the Development Plan:

Space extensive developments such as large warehousing units and data centres in most instances generate low intensity employment. The Council will support these facilities at appropriate locations on a case-by case basis. These facilities should not be located on lands that are more suitable for employment intensive developments/facilities, which are close to public transport infrastructure and built-up areas where compact growth is encouraged.

Following on from the above explanatory text, the Development Plan sets out Objective DMSO92 – Space Extensive Developments as follows:

Proposals for space extensive developments such as data centres are required to address the following:

- *Energy efficiency measures for the development to reduce the carbon footprint in support of national targets towards a net zero carbon economy, including renewable energy generation.*
- *The extent of energy demand and proximity to multiple high voltage strategic grid connections with significant electricity supply capacity available, including areas with high concentration of renewable energy electricity generators.*
- *The availability of appropriate infrastructure such as high voltage electricity, fibre optic cables, water and wastewater etc. to support the use as a data centre.*

- *Measures to support the just transition to a circular economy.*
- *Measures to facilitate district heating or heat networks where excess heat is produced.*
- *High-quality design approach to buildings which reduces the massing and visual impact of same. A visual impact assessment may be required in some circumstances, depending on the specific site.*
- *Details of employment numbers once operational.*
- *Details of the levels of traffic to and from the site at construction and operation stage.*
- *Evidence of sign up to the Climate Neutral Data Centre Pact.*
- *A decommissioning report which sets out the development strategy for the site if and when the data centre is no longer in use, in order to bring the site back to a future developable state.*
- *The principles for Sustainable Data Centre Development as per the Government Statement on the Role of Data Centres in Ireland's Enterprise Strategy (July 2022).*

Having regard to the above, and with reference to government policy as outlined previously, it is not considered appropriate or practicable to implement a halt on a specific category of private development which is provided for by government policy and by planning and development legislation.

However, in its function as planning authority, Fingal County Council will continue to ensure that all new applications for data centres are assessed in accordance with all relevant government policy and Development Plan Guidelines.

Source of report:

Dónall Ó Ceallaigh, Senior Executive Planner, SPU, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure

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ITEM NO. 07

FOREST OF FINGAL POLICY UPDATE

Motion: Councillor J. Newman

“That the Chief Executive provide an update on the Forest of Fingal Policy, detailing if there has been a low uptake of Nature based solutions in terms of the Climate Action Plan metrics and specifically indicate the progress with targets in the policy, relating to the increase of tree canopy cover, including a description of their medium term plans for: Reference 5.11 Annual Net Increase in Tree Canopy Cover, Forest of Fingal.”

Report:

1.72 Hectares of new woodland have been planted in Newbridge Demesne as part of the implementation of the woodland plan for that site.

Planting licences for two woodland planting areas at Ardgillan Castle and the Nevitt (10ha) have been submitted to the Forest Service. The Ardgillan application has been successful and the result of application at the Nevitt is still awaited.

90 acres of farmland have been acquired adjacent to St Catherines Park near Lucan to facilitate the extension of the ancient woodlands there. It is envisaged that these new woodland areas will be developed over the next 10 years through community tree planting events and some natural colonisation.

Source of report:

Kevin Halpenny, Senior Parks & Landscape Officer, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department

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DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS PLAN FOR TOWNS

Motion: S. Zimmermann

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Report:

Fingal County Council published the Annual Report on the Progress of the Climate Action Plan 2024-2029 on Fingal County Council website. This report details actions taken by Fingal County Council on the implementation of the Local Authority Climate Action Plan. The 2024 report can be seen here:

www.fingal.ie/sites/default/files/2025-05/final-fcc-climate-action-plan-progress-report-march-2025.pdf

Fingal County Council have developed a Story Map which details the climate actions taken by the various departments within Fingal. The story map can be viewed here: <https://www.fingal.ie/ClimateAction>

All actions such as Dublin Climate Action Week or the Reusable Cup Campaign are promoted on the Fingal County Council social media platforms.

Source of report:
Bridget Loughlin, Climate Action Co-ordinator

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