Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

Minutes of the County Council Meeting held on Monday, 7th July, 2025 in the Council Chamber - County Hall, Swords, at 5.00 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillors:

Boland, Cathal
Boland, Mark
Burtchaell, John
Butler, Darragh
Carbone-Mangan, Eimear
Corkery, Luke
Dennison, Kieran
Dockrell, Eoghan
Donnelly, Angela
Guerin, Jimmy
Hanaphy, Breda
Haughey, Cathal
Healy, David
Hopkins, Joan
Humphreys, James
Johnston, Corina
Kelly Darren Jack
Kitt, Tom

Councillors:

McCamley, Mary
Mulligan, Dean
Mulville, Paul
Newman, Joe
O'Brien, Eoghan
O'Leary, Tom
Onwumereh, JK
Quinlan, Patrick
Quinn, Malachy
Redwood, Helen
Shovlin, Siobhan
Smyth, John
Tormey, Aoibhinn
Troy, Ellen
Walsh, John

Apologies for inability to attend were received for Councillor Tania Doyle, Councillor Ted Leddy, Councillor Grainne Maguire, Councillor Brian McDonagh, Councillor Brendan Ryan and Councillor Gerard Sheehan.

The Mayor, Councillor Tom O'Leary presided.

OFFICIALS PRESENT

AnnMarie Farrelly (Chief Executive); Oliver Hunt (Head of Finance); David Storey (Director of Services/Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel & Sports); Matthew McAleese (Director of Services /Planning and Strategic Infrastructure); Mary Egan (Director of Services/People, Corporate & Digital Services); John Quinlivan (Director of Services/Economic, Enterprise, Tourism and Cultural Development); Mary T Daly (Director of Services/Operations); Liam Burke (Senior Executive Officer); Catherin O'Donovan (Senior Executive Officer); Ciara O hAodha (Senior Executive Officer); Pauline Burke (Administrative Officer).

F/294/25 (Agenda Item No)

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Mayor, Councillor T. O'Leary, at the start of the meeting, reminded Members that Standing Orders would apply to all aspects of the meeting. The Mayor also informed the Members one Emergency Motion was received and was ruled out of order.

F/295/25 (Agenda Item No 1)

Confirmation and Re-affirmation of Minutes

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

Minutes of the County Council Meeting held on Monday 9th June 2025 which had been circulated were considered.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor T. O'Leary seconded by Councillor M. McCamley and **RESOLVED –**

"That the minutes of the County Council Meeting held on Monday 9th June 2025 be **ADOPTED."**

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

Minutes of the Annual County Council Meeting held on Friday 13th June 2025 which had been circulated were considered.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor M. McCamley seconded by Councillor E. O'Brien and **RESOLVED –**

"That the minutes of the Annual County Council Meeting held on Friday 13th June 2025 be **ADOPTED."**

F/296/25 (Agenda Item No)

QUESTIONS

It was proposed by Councillor T. O'Leary, seconded by Councillor E. O'Brien and **RESOLVED**:

"That in accordance with Standing Order No. 51, Questions numbered 2 to 13 be **ADOPTED** with the agreed amendment."

F/297/25 (Agenda Item No 2)

Councillor P. Mulville - Playful Street Pilot Scheme

F/298/25 (Agenda Item No 3)

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

F/299/25 (Agenda Item No 4)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Draft Sports Audit

F/300/25 (Agenda Item No 5)

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

F/301/25 (Agenda Item No 6)

Councillor M. Quinn - Right Sizing Scheme

F/302/25 (Agenda Item No 7)

Councillor J. Newman - Office of the Planning Regulator

F/303/25 (Agenda Item No 8)

Councillor D. Healy - Beach Management Practices

F/304/25 (Agenda Item No 9)
Councillor D. Healy - Beaches and Dunes for Climate Adaptation

F/305/25 (Agenda Item No 10)
Councillor C. Haughey - Ramp heights installed by Fingal County Council

F/306/25 (Agenda Item No 11)
Councillor B. Ryan - Active Travel Programme

F/307/25 (Agenda Item No 12)
Councillor A. Tormey - Cost of Branding Consultants - Swords Cultural Quarter

F/308/25 (Agenda Item No 13)
Councillor J. Humphreys - Bus Shelter Enhancement Programme (BSEP)

F/309/25 (Agenda Item No 14)
Report of Committees

a **Quarterly Report of Strategic Policy Committee Meetings**

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

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

The report of the Organisation, Procedure & Finance Committee Meeting held on Monday 9th June 2025, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED**. It was proposed by Councillor T. O'Leary, seconded by Councillor J. Walsh, and **NOTED.**

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

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

"That the recommendations contained in the report of Committee of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Services (B) Meeting held on Thursday 12th June 2025, are hereby **ADOPTED.**"

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

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

"That the recommendations contained in the report of Committee of Corporate Policy Group (CPG) Meeting held on Wednesday 2nd July 2025, are hereby **ADOPTED.**"

F/310/25 (Agenda Item No 15)

Financial Matters

a **Local Property Tax (LPT)**

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

Mr Oliver Hunt, Head of Finance, gave a presentation to the Members.

The Mayor informed the members four motions were received:

Motion One

The following motion was submitted and proposed by the Mayor Councillor T. O'Leary and seconded by Councillor E. O'Brien:

MOTION TO VARY THE BASIC RATE OF LOCAL PROPERTY TAX IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE AREA OF FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

"That the County Council determines in pursuance of the provisions of Section 20 of the Finance (Local Property Tax) Act 2012 (as amended), that the basic rate of Local Property Tax stand varied **downwards** by **5.0 per cent** for the period 1st November 2025 to 31st October 2026 in respect of relevant residential properties situated in the administrative area of Fingal County Council."

Motion Two

The following motion was submitted and proposed by Councillor P. Mulville and seconded by Councillor J. Walsh:

"That the County Council resolves that there be no variation to the Local Property Tax rate for the year 2026."

Motion Three

The following motion was submitted and proposed by Councillor J. Smyth and seconded by Councillor M. Quinn:

"The Local Property Tax, a tax on the family home, has been in place for 12 years now. During that time, it has added to the already huge strain on household budgets with a cost of living crisis spiralling out of control.

The burden of poor planning and ineffective cost curtailment measures has fallen heavily on workers and their families with many households having had to make significant sacrifices just to get by.

The Council has few opportunities apart from this to reduce the burden for households here in Fingal. Sinn Fein supports using this rare opportunity to do exactly that.

Sinn Féin is proposing that the full variation of minus 15% is applied in relation to the local property tax."

Motion Four

The following motion was submitted and proposed by Councillor A. Tormey and seconded by Councillor L. Corkery:

"To reduce LPT by -4%."

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

It was **AGREED** to take a 3 minute recess.

Following discussions, the Mayor then instructed that a roll call vote be taken on the motion Local Property Tax stand varied downwards by 5.0 per cent and on a division the voting resulted as follows:

FOR: 17 SEVENTEEN
AGAINST: 16 SIXTEEN
ABSTAIN: 0 ZERO

FOR: Councillors Cathal Boland, Darragh Butler, Eimear Carbone-Mangan, Luke Corkery, Kieran Dennison, Eoghan Dockrell, Jimmy Guerin, Cathal Haughey, Darren Jack Kelly, Tom Kitt, Joe Newman, Eoghan O'Brien, Tom O'Leary, JK Onwumereh, Siobhan Shovlin, Aoibhinn Tormey, Ellen Troy.

AGAINST: Councillors Mark Boland, John Burtchaell, Angela Donnelly, Breda Hanaphy, David Healy, Joan Hopkins, James Humphreys, Corina Johnston, Mary McCamley, Dean Mulligan, Paul Mulville, Patrick Quinlan, Malachy Quinn, Helen Redwood, John Smyth, John Walsh.

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

The Mayor read the resolution into the record.

"That the County Council determines in pursuance of the provisions of Section 20 of the Finance (Local Property Tax) Act 2012 (as amended), that the basic rate of Local Property Tax stand varied **downwards** by **5.0 per cent** for the period 1st November 2025 to 31st October 2026 in respect of relevant residential properties situated in the administrative area of Fingal County Council."

The Mayor then declared the resolution **RESOLVED.**

F/311/25 (Agenda Item No 16)

Proposed Disposal of Properties

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

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 D. Mulligan and **RESOLVED**:

"That land at Pinnock Hill, Swords, Co. Dublin, as referred to in the Notice under S183 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended and dated 30th May 2025,

be disposed of to St Michael's House in accordance with the terms specified therein."

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

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 P. Mulville and **RESOLVED**:

"That the grant of wayleave at Ballymastone, Donabate, Co. Dublin as referred to in the Notice under S183 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended and dated 24th June 2025, be granted to St. Patrick's Gaelic Football Club, in accordance with the terms specified therein."

F/312/25 (Agenda Item No 16c)

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

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED.** It was proposed by Councillor S. Shovlin and seconded by Councillor T. Kitt and **RESOLVED**:

"That land at Porterstown Road, Porterstown, Dublin 15, as referred to in the Notice under S183 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended and dated 27th June 2025, be disposed of to Castlethorn Developments Luttrellstown Limited in accordance with the terms specified therein."

F/313/25 (Agenda Item No 17)

Declarations of Roads

a **Park Road, Rush, Co Dublin**

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

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

F/314/25 (Agenda Item No 18)

Draft Litter Management Plan 2025 - 2028

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**. A presentation was given to the Members by Ms Catherine O'Donovan, Senior Executive Officer, Environment Division.

During the course of discussion, the Mayor informed the Members Councillor D. Healy submitted proposed amendments.

The following amendment was proposed by Councillor D. Healy and seconded by Councillor J. Hopkins-

Amendment 1

a) Insertion of a box under Main Litter Contributors in Fingal section pages 15-17:
"Take-aways / fast food
"Dealing with packaging from takeaway food consumed in public places, especially in our seaside towns, is a significant challenge for the Council, including emptying bins and addressing litter."

b) include a green tick action on p. 18:
"Return takeaway packaging to the business it came from."

c. include a green tick action on p.19
"Engage with the Local Authority on managing litter/waste from your premises in particular take-away packaging/litter."

d. include a green tick action on p.20:
"We will engage with Businesses who sell take away food to reduce waste and eliminate litter from their premises, including by means of s.16 notices where necessary."

e. include an action on p.38 reflecting the text under c and d above.

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

It was then proposed by Councillor D. Healy and seconded by Councillor J. Hopkins-

Amendment 2

a) amend text on p. 32 from:
"Beaches are litter picked daily and raked once per week during the bathing season which runs from June to September. Additional bins are provided during this period."
to
"Most beaches are litter picked daily and raked once per week during the bathing season which runs from June to September. Additional bins are provided during this period.
"Balcarrick Beach in Donabate is managed according to a Green Coast protocol which involves removing litter while ensuring seaweed and other natural debris is left on the beach to support beach and dune ecosystems and ecosystem services. The Council will consider extending this approach, fully or partially to other beaches, particularly those facing erosion challenges, subject to the availability of resources."

b) include an action on p.39 reflecting the text under a) above.

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

It was proposed by Councillor. T. O'Leary, seconded by Councillor. J. Newman and **RESOLVED** that –

"This
Council resolves to in accordance with the Litter Pollution Act 1997 to: Adopt the Litter Management Plan
2025 – 2028 as presented to Council on 7th
July 2025 as amended."

The Mayor, Councillor T. OLeary read the resolution into the record.

F/315/25 (Agenda Item No 19)

Draft Homeless Action Plan

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**. A presentation was given to the Members by Mr Liam Burke, Senior Executive Officer and Ms Pauline Burke, Administrative Officer, Housing Department.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor K. Dennison and seconded by Councillor JK. Onwumereh and **RESOLVED:**

"This Council resolves to in accordance with Section 37 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2009 to: Adopt the Homeless Action Plan 2025 - 2027 as presented to Council on 7th July 2025."

The Mayor, Councillor T. OLeary read the resolution into the record.

F/316/25 (Agenda Item No 20)

Chief Executive's Report

SUSPENSION OF STANDIND ORDERS

It was **AGREED** to extend the meeting to conclude item 20.

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

F/317/25 (Agenda Item No 21)

Mayor's Business - Councillor T. O'Leary

a Councillor T. O'Leary - Zoning of Lands for Residential Homes in Fingal

It was agreed to defer this item.

F/318/25 (Agenda Item No 22)

Conference Report

a AILG Induction Training Day New Councillors

The notice which had been circulated was **NOTED**.

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

The notice which had been circulated was **NOTED**.

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

The notice which had been circulated was **NOTED**.

F/319/25 (Agenda Item No 23)

Correspondence

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

F/320/25 (Agenda Item No 24)
Departmental/Ministerial Correspondence

It was noted there was no business on this item.

MOTIONS - STATUTORY FUNCTIONS

F/321/25 (Agenda Item No 32)
Councillor J. Newman - Local Area Plan Updates

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

The report was **ACCEPTED**.

F/322/25 (Agenda Item No 36)
Councillor M. McCamley - Visits to Heritage and Cultural Sites

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

The report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Meeting concluded at 20.10.

MAYOR _____ DATE _____

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ITEM NO. 02

NOMINATIONS

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ITEM NO. 02a

APPOINTMENT OF TWO MEMBERS TO REGIONAL HEALTH FORUM DUBLIN NORTH-EAST

The Health Service Executive (HSE) in Ireland has undergone significant structural changes recently, primarily driven by the Sláintecare vision of creating a more integrated, efficient, and patient-centered healthcare system. The most prominent change is the establishment of six new Health Regions.

The HSE Dublin and North East is one of these six regions and covers the area of Dublin North City and County, Louth, Meath, Cavan and Monaghan. These regions are now responsible for the planning and coordinated delivery of health and social care services within their respective geographies. In light of the introduction of the new Health Regions, the Department of Health proposes to increase the number of Regional Health Forums from four to six to align with the new Health Region geographies. Consequently, the membership of the Health Forums will need to be aligned to these geographies.

The Department of Health undertook an analysis to determine how many councillors, and from which Councils, should sit on each Health Forum. To account for population increases, one additional representative was added for every 50,000 increase in population at a Local Authority level between 2002-2022. This results in an increase in Health Forum membership from 148 to 158 nationally.

As you are aware, the Regional Health Forum - Dublin North East has comprised of 6 members from Fingal County Council.

Current Members of Regional Health Forum- Dublin North-East:

Cllr Aoibhinn Tormey;	Cllr Tom Kitt;	Cllr Kieran Dennison;
Cllr Mary McCamley;	Cllr Eimear Carbone-Mangan	Cllr Tom O'Leary

Under these proposals, the membership from Fingal County Council will increase to 8 representatives.

DNE	Current Forum	New Forum	Additions
Fingal County Council	6	8	+2

Therefore, two additional Fingal County Council nominees are now required to the Regional Health Forum – Dublin North East.

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ITEM NO. 03

SCHOOL STREETS INITATIVE

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on current plans, if any, to expand the School Streets Initiative, as in place at Grove Road and The Rise, Malahide, across Fingal County Council's administrative area; and if not, the reason for same?"

Reply:

The Fingal County Council Active Travel Unit has recently completed work on a new School Street at Rush National School.

As part of European Mobility Week, we have two trial School Street projects planned, one for Donabate Community College and Gaelscoil na Mara in Donabate, and another at Thornleigh ETNS.

The Active Travel Unit is continuously delivering improvements at school fronts, both as standalone projects and as part of linear Active Travel schemes, in the form of "school zones" and "school streets".

The Safe Routes to School programme are funded by National Transport Authority (NTA), administered by An Taisce and delivered by Fingal County Council. Currently, through this programme, there are five Round 2 schools at preliminary design stage and seven Round 3 schools. The Active Travel Unit is working with An Taisce on school travel surveys and related preparatory work for Round 3. These projects are scheduled to commence the design process later this year.

The Active Travel Unit has reviewed requests received on our project tracker and identified an initial 10 schools across eight locations that will be brought forward. These schools are now in the preliminary design stage. These projects will deliver a mix of “school zones” and “school streets”. We will update the Councillors in due course.

Finally, it is Fingal County Council policy that where a linear Active Travel scheme passes a school, that school will receive detailed *front-of-school* treatments as part of the overall works.

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

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ITEM NO. 04

SOCIAL HOUSING APPLICATIONS

Question: Councillor P. Quinlan

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report in tabular form, on the number of social housing applicants on Fingal County Council's social housing list for the years 2020 - 2024, showing end of year totals and the most recent figures available for 2025?"

Reply:

The figures below include the number of applications on the Standard Housing list from 31st December 2024 and 14th August 2025. The Gross Need number includes Referrals, i.e. applicants already listed on their primary local authority's housing list; Transfers, i.e. people who are already accommodated; and HAP transfers, i.e. people whose housing need is deemed to be met through HAP. Accordingly, the Net Need figure excludes those categories whose housing need is deemed to be met or whose application is already accounted for in another local authority area.

Year	Total on Waiting list	Net Need
2020	13026	5458
2021	13556	5888
2022	14017	6374
2023	14368	6800
2024	14712	7788

2025 (14/8/20225)	**13971**	**7779**

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

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ITEM NO. 05

HOUSING ADAPTATION GRANTS

Question: Councillor M. Quinn

"To ask the Chief Executive, to make available the most up to date figures on how many Housing Adaptation Grants applications are currently outstanding and the timeline from application to granting of such applications in Fingal?"

Reply:

As of 1st August 2025, there are 377 open applications pending approval. Current processing timelines are:

- **Stairlifts:** 8-10 weeks
- **Bathroom Adaptations:** 12-14 weeks
- **Extensions:** 20-26 weeks

Timelines in many cases are heavily impacted by interaction between the Housing Department and applicants with respect to providing the correct documentation. Additional staffing arrangements have recently been implemented to improve processing times.

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

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ITEM NO. 06

REVENUE FROM PARKING CHARGES

Question: Councillor C. Haughey

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on how much revenue was raised by Fingal County Council through parking charges in 2022, 2023 and 2024, and if there is an estimate of how much would be raised if the changes proposed in the Draft Parking Bye-laws were to be implemented, for 2026?"

Reply:

Fingal County Council Parking Income 2022-2024

The total income from Car Parking over the past 3 years (including revenue from on-street parking, car parks, parking permits and parking fines) is as follows:

2022 - €2,144,952

2023 - €2,248,422

2024 - €2,367,899

2025 - €1,129,530 (January to June)

2026 Estimate (based on proposed increases in the Draft Parking Control Bye-Laws): €3,370,000

Income from parking is used to fund general operational expenditure and to cover costs such salaries, the parking contract, traffic wardens and enforcement. The Net income for 2022 – 2024 was as follows:

2022 - €1,341,397

2023 - €1,420,793

2024 - €1,410,151

2025 - €631,263 (January to June)

An estimated income projection for parking is provided for when preparing the draft Revenue Budget each year.

Preparation of the Budget for 2026 is currently being prepared and an estimated increase in income from paid parking will be provided for in the Draft Revenue Budget 2026.

The submissions on the Draft Parking Control Bye-Laws are currently being assessed and the Draft Parking Control Bye-Laws will be brought to each Area Committee in October. The Draft Parking Control will then go to the Public Realm, Transportation/Mobility Management Strategic Policy Committee for recommendation to the Full Council. The approval of the Draft Parking Control Bye-Laws is a Reserved Function of the Council.

Source of Reply:
Mary T. Daly Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 07

HOUSING LIST NUMBERS

Question: Councillor G. Sheehan

"To ask the Chief Executive to report on the number of people currently on Fingal County Council's housing list for 2025 to date compared to the same period in 2024?"

Reply:

The figures below include the number of applications on the Standard Housing list from 31st December 2024 and 14th August 2025. The Gross Need number includes Referrals, i.e. applicants already listed on their primary local authority's housing list; Transfers, i.e. people who are already accommodated; and HAP transfers, i.e. people whose housing need is deemed to be met through HAP. Accordingly, the Net Need figure excludes those categories whose housing need is deemed to be met or whose application is already accounted for in another local authority area.

Year	Gross Need	Net Need
2024	**14712**	**7788**
2025 (14/8/2025)	**13971**	**7779**

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

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ITEM NO. 08

FUNDING INCREASE FOR DOG WARDENS

Question: Councillor E. Troy

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the number of Dog Wardens for the Fingal administrative area and if any available additional funding has been applied for, as there is an enormous increase in dog ownership?"

Reply:

Fingal County Council's Dog Wardens Service is a contracted service. Six Dog Wardens are currently employed under this contract to provide a dog warden service in Fingal's Administrative Area.

In 2025, two additional Dog Wardens were employed which increased the number of Dog Wardens from six to eight, as additional funding was provided by the Department of Climate, Environment and Energy.

Source of Reply:
David Storey, Director of Service, Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel & Sport

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ITEM NO. 09

NAMING AND COMMEMORATIVE MEMORIAL COMMITTEE UPDATE

Question: Councillor J. Smyth

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the recent work and meetings of the Naming and Commemorative Memorial Committee including future plans and actions?"

Reply:

The Naming and Commemorative Memorial Committee elected members were appointed following the Local Elections in 2024.

Following consultation with the Community Department and the PPN network; the external Committee members were appointed following nomination process via the PPN network to ensure each Local Electoral Area (LEA) is represented on the Committee and through final approval at the April sitting of the Full Council.

The current committee members are below:

Elected Members:

Cllr Darragh Butler;	Cllr Cathal Haughey;	Cllr David Healy
Cllr James Humphreys;	Cllr Darren Jack Kelly;	Cllr Ted Leddy
Cllr Joe Newman;	Cllr Siobhan Shovlin;	Cllr Malachy Quinn
Cllr Eimear Carbone-Mangan		

External Members:

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

The Committee meets as required as per requests received and validated.

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

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ITEM NO. 10

SUPPORTS TO INCREASE CHILDCARE PLACES ACROSS FINGAL

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

"To ask the Chief Executive what steps the Council is taking to support the increase and expansion of much needed childcare and after school spaces across the Fingal area, in particular given the acute demand due to the rapid population increase in Fingal?"

Reply:

The Fingal Development Plan 2023 – 2029 supports the provision of appropriate childcare facilities throughout Fingal. The provision of high-quality accessible childcare and after-school facilities in existing and new communities is an important factor for economic and social wellbeing. In line with the DEHLG Childcare Facilities Guidelines for Planning Authorities 2001, the Council encourages the provision of such facilities in new and existing residential developments, within employment zones, town and neighbourhood centres, within educational buildings and close to public transport nodes. The Council also continues to engage with Fingal County Childcare Committee (FCCC) regarding proposals for new facilities.

Specifically, Section 4.5.1.7 of the Plan outlines policies and objectives seeking the provision of high-quality childcare in the optimum locations. In addition, the provision of childcare facilities is a use which is 'permitted in principle' and 'open for consideration' within a large number Zoning Objectives and planning applications lodged for such uses are assessed on a case-by-case basis, in terms of contribution towards the achievement of the Zoning Objective and Vision and compliance and consistency with the policies and objectives of the Development Plan.

It is considered that the policies and objectives of the Development Plan, taken in conjunction with the Development Management provide a robust framework for the provision of future development proposals/initiatives for childcare facilities.

Fingal County Council actively supports the development of childcare facilities through its network of community facilities across the county. At present, there are 15 childcare services operating in community facilities across Fingal, providing high quality childcare, serving almost 500 children.

All childcare services operating in community facilities are supported by state funding schemes, with both community and private providers recognised as equal partners as per the Governments *Together for Better* funding model. This ensures that children in Fingal—regardless of the type of provider or venue—continue to benefit from high-quality, inclusive, and well-funded early learning opportunities.

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

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ITEM NO. 11

CHILDCARE FACILITIES

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report, in tabular format, of the number of childcare/crèche facilities in the Fingal County Council administrative area which have been granted planning permission, but not yet commenced, completed or operational, including the location of same and the relevant planning reference?"

Reply:

Planning Reference:	Decision Date:	Location:	Commenced:
LRD0005/S3	14/05/2024	Lands West of Golden Ridge & East of Kenure Park, Skerries Road, Rush, Co Dublin	No Commencement notice
F24A/1010E	13/05/2025	Lands in the Townland of Kinsaley including part of the grounds of Lamorlaye,, Back Road, Malahide, Co. Dublin	No Commencement notice
LRD0051/S3E	15/08/2025	Phoenix Park Racecourse, Castleknock, Dublin 15	No Commencement notice

F22A/0136	29/06/2022	Belcamp Hall (Protected Structure), Malahide Road, Belcamp, Dublin 17	No Commencement notice
LRD0021/S3E	04/09/2024	Lands to the Front & Rear of Clonsilla Inn, Porterstown, DUBLIN 15	No Commencement notice
LRD0018/S3E	16/06/2025	Estuary West Lands at Holybanks, Swords, Co Dublin	No Commencement notice
F24A/1010E	13/05/2025	Lands in the Townland of Kinsaley including part of the grounds of Lamorlaye,, Back Road, Malahide, Co. Dublin	No Commencement notice
LRD0043/S3E	24/01/2025	Lands to the south of Back Road and to the east of Kinsealy Lane, Kinsaley, Broomfield, Malahide, Co. Dublin	No Commencement notice
LRD0056/S3E	27/05/2025	Winterwood, Carpenterstown Road, Dublin 15, D15YH4C	No Commencement notice
LRD0046/S3	01/07/2025	Former Teagasc Research Centre, Malahide Road, Kinsealy, Dublin 17,	No Commencement notice
F24A/0644E	30/01/2025	Hearse Road, Donabate, Co Dublin	No Commencement notice

Information on crèches operating in the County is not held by the Council and may be available from Fingal County Childcare Committee.

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

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ITEM NO. 12

TAKEN-IN-CHARGE APPLICATIONS

Question: Councillor E. Dockrell

"To ask the Chief Executive how many open 'Taken-in-Charge' applications the Council is currently dealing with and if any internal analysis has been undertaken, which details common issues that have arisen in these estates that have slowed-down the 'Taken-in-Charge' process from formally completing, and furthermore, for residential estates that have completed construction, does Fingal County Council communicate through information campaigns, leaflets or otherwise, how residents can go about the 'Taken-in-Charge' process?"

Reply:

The Council has 48 developments with formal Taking-in-Charge (TIC) requests, and an additional 327 developments recorded in our TIC tracking system. The process for taking an estate in charge is that the Developer brings the estate up to the correct standard and submits all the necessary documentation to allow the Council to check the estate and begin the statutory process. The statutory process typically begins with a TIC request from the Developer once the development is at the correct standard. The normal delay is that the estate is not to the correct standard (outstanding TIC works) or that the necessary information (CCTV of surface water pipelines or Road Safety Audit) has not been uploaded. The TIC specifications and Planning permission detail exactly what is to be built and what standard the estate must be brought up to and it is not possible for the Council to change or add other requirements.

As per Section 11 of the Roads Act: *the Council must publish in one or more newspapers circulating in the area where the road which it is proposed to declare to be a public road is located a notice indicating the times at which, the period (which*

shall be not less than one month) during which and the place where a map showing such road may be inspected and stating that objections or representations may be made in writing to the road authority in relation to such declaration before a specified date (which shall be not less than two weeks after the end of the period for inspection). Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act, as amended, does allow a separate process where the majority of owners can initiate the TIC process. This can be used by the residents following 4 years after the planning permission has expired and was included in the legislation in 2010 to assist with estates where the Developer was gone. There are more details and a sample form on the council's website at https://www.fingal.ie/housing-fingal/taking-charge-information in appendix 15 Plebiscite TIC Request.

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

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ITEM NO. 13

DERELICT SITES REGISTER

Question: Councillor E. Dockrell

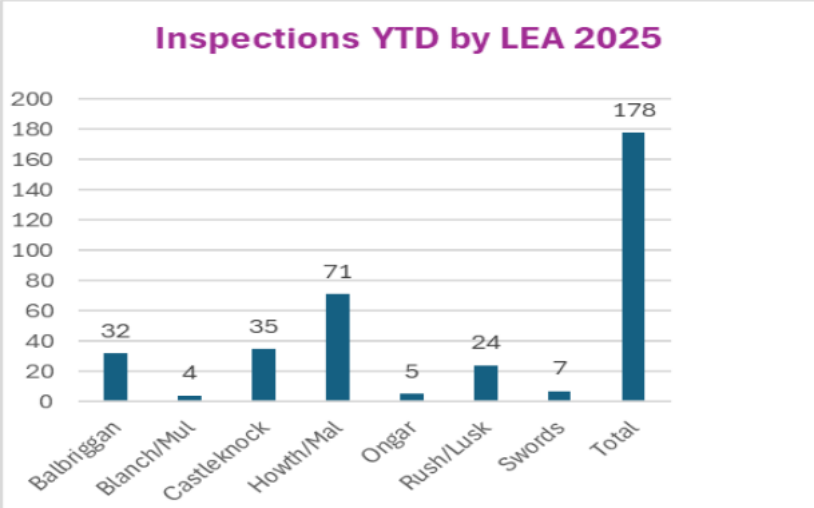
"To ask the Chief Executive how many derelict site report forms have been received by the Council so far in this Council's term and what percentage of these forms have resulted in action by the derelict sites team, i.e. in inspections carried out or the property being added to the Derelict Sites Register (with analysis broken down by LEA if possible)?"

Reply:

This year the Derelict Sites team have received 9 no. new reports of possible derelict sites from members of the public. As part of county wide ongoing action to address dereliction, a further 112 no. sites have been identified by the Derelict Sites section and other officials within Fingal County Council for further investigation.

100% of these reports have been referred for inspection in accordance with the Derelict Sites Act, 1990, as amended.

There have been 178 no. inspections carried out to the end of August 2025. These inspections focus on the 121 no. new referrals and follow up inspections on existing active files. These inspections are broken down by LEA in the chart below:



As a result of the inspections carried out, 110 no. statutory notices have been issued to the end of August 2025. These are broken down by LEA in the following table where:

Section 11 Notice – Notice of Measures to be carried out to render the site non derelict.
Section 8(2) – Intent to place property on the Derelict Sites Register.
Section 8(7) – Notice of entry onto the Register.
Section 22 – Notice of determined market value of property.
Section 23 – Levy demand on property.
Section 8(3) – Notice of removal of property from the Register.

	Section 11	**Section 8(2)**	**Section 8(7)**	**Section 22**	**Section 23**	**Section 8(3)**
Balbriggan	17	8	4	3	8	1
Blanchardstown, Mulhuddart		1	1			
Castleknock	5					
Howth, Malahide	16	1	1		1	
Ongar	1	1	1			
Rush, Lusk	11	7	6	2	1	
Swords	6	4	1		2	
Total	**56**	**22**	**14**	**5**	**12**	**1**

Of the 56 Section 11 Notices issued to registered owners this year, 9 no. notices have been complied with in full to date. The 47 No. sites which have not yet complied will be progressed in line with the provisions of the Derelict Sites Act 1990, as amended.

Source of Reply:

John Quinlivan, Director of Services, Economic, Enterprise, Tourism, & Cultural Development

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ITEM NO. 14

FINGAL COASTAL WAY

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

"To ask the Chief Executive to report on when the Options Report for the Fingal Coastal Way preferred route will be published and to outline the next phases in this project?"

Reply:

The Fingal Coastal Way by the Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Transportation Department is a proposed linear greenway to link Newbridge Demesne (Donabate) with Bremore Castle (Balbriggan) via the coastal towns of Rush, Loughshinny and Skerries.

Following a public consultation in 2022 the emerging preferred route has been published since 2023.

Subsequent developments such as the new pedestrian bridge in Donabate and the proposed road over rail bridge by the LDA development of Castlelands have brought about changes to the emerging preferred route.

The Options Report that establishes the preferred route and closes out Phase 2 is imminent (expected by October 2025). Phase 3 (Design and environmental evaluation) will commence thereafter.

This project is funded by Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) and their project management guidelines (PE-PMG-02041) are thus applicable and the various phases are shown hereunder:



Planning and Design	Phase 0	Scope and Pre-Appraisal
	Phase 1	Concept and Feasibility
	Phase 2	Options Selection
	Phase 3	Design and Environmental Evaluation
	Phase 4	Statutory Processes
Construct / Implement	Phase 5	Enabling and Procurement
	Phase 6	Construction and Implementation
	Phase 7	Close out and Review

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

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ITEM NO. 15

ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING POINTS

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

"To ask the Chief Executive to confirm when the Public Electric Vehicle Charging Points will be rolled out and fully operational across the county?"

Reply:

It is anticipated that the first sites below will commence construction in November 2025. Additional sites will be identified in 2026.

- Fingal County Council (FCC) Baldoyle Regional Park
- FCC Bath Road Balbriggan
- FCC Bridgefield Car Park Malahide
- FCC Chapel Lane, Swords
- FCC Donabate Community Centre
- FCC Howth Harbour
- FCC Riasc / Liam Rodgers CC
- FCC Lusk Sports Hub
- FCC Malahide Beach
- FCC Millers Glen Pitch
- FCC Porterstown Park
- FCC Portmarnock Sports & Leisure Centre
- FCC Quay Street
- FCC Skerries Mills Carpark
- FCC St. Catherine's Park

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

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ITEM NO. 16

APPEALS / COMPLAINTS SYSTEM

Question: Councillor B. Ryan

"To ask the Chief Executive to indicate whether the Council is confident that all appeals against decisions are dealt with in a truly independent way and are not influenced by, or referred to, the original decision-maker?"

Reply:

Fingal County Council strives to provide the best customer service possible to our citizens. However, if for any reason a member of the public is dissatisfied with our service provision, they may make a formal complaint to the Complaints Officer. The Complaints Officer will investigate the matter and respond to the complainant within 15 working days as outlined in the Citizen Charter.

If the complainant is not satisfied with the response issued, they may appeal the response within 4 weeks to the Appeals Officer who will carry out an independent review on the response issued by the Complaints Officer. This review will be carried out with a more Senior Officer within the relevant section/department to which the complaint relates. The final decision on the Appeal sits with the Appeals Officer.

In the event that the complainant remains dissatisfied with the response of the Council, they may avail of the opportunity to refer their complaint to the Office of the Ombudsman who will carry out an independent review of the responses issued by the Council.

This process is in line with best practice and largely aligned to that of other public bodies and local authorities nationally.

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

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ITEM NO. 17

TENANT-IN-SITU

Question: Councillor J. Humphreys

"To ask the Chief Executive to confirm if Fingal County Council's 2025 Tenant-in-Situ budget is now fully exhausted, resulting in 32 homes purchased this year (down from 121 in 2024), and the pausing of 60 approved applications, what immediate measures did the Council take to protect these families from eviction while the scheme is paused; did the Executive engage with the Department of Housing to secure additional funding for Tenant-in-Situ for 2025 to ensure no eligible tenant in Fingal is made homeless because the Council exhausted funds from central government?"

Reply:

Fingal County Council has a projected number of acquisitions for this year of 60 by year end based on our €20m allocation. Fingal County Council recently received confirmation from the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage that an additional €6m is being made available to support second hand acquisitions in 2026. This funding stream includes Tenant-In-Situ, Capital Assistance Scheme and Buy & Renew, and this additional funding is intended to facilitate the commencement of the acquisitions process for targeted acquisitions during this year, under the above three categories, including some tenant in situ acquisitions that meet the updated scheme requirements, to be closed in 2026.

For Applicants who contact us regarding homelessness advice in general, and tenant-in-situ in particular, we advise them to contact Fingal County Council's Housing Department in the first instance to enable a review of their circumstances

to be undertaken and for staff to carry out any assessments which may be required.

The staff in the Housing Team provide advice and support to applicants in relation to the provision of emergency housing support or other prevention measures as needed.

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

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ITEM NO. 18

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

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ITEM NO. 18a

REPORT OF CORPORATE POLICY GROUP MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 1st SEPTEMBER 2025

Development Contribution Scheme 2026 - 2030

Mr. Brian Murray, Senior Executive Officer, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department, gave a presentation to the CPG in relation to the Development Contribution Scheme 2026- 2030.

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

Guidelines under Section 28 of the National Planning Framework - Housing Growth Requirements

Mr. Matthew McAleese, Director of Services, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department, gave the members a verbal update in relation to the Section 28 Guidelines, outlining the process involved and possible timelines.

Following discussion, it was **AGREED** by the members of CPG that a briefing for all members would be arranged in advance of the October Full Council meeting.

2025 Presidential Election

Ms. Mary Egan, Director of Services, People, Corporate & Digital Services, gave an updated presentation to the CPG in relation to the process for the 2025 Presidential Election.

Following discussion, it was **AGREED** that, as the Ministerial Order in relation to the Presidential Election has not yet issued, the Special Meeting of the Council proposed for 8th September be rescheduled.

It was also **AGREED** that an examination would take place on the possibility to facilitate a hybrid format for this Special Meeting and the proposal brought forward for agreement by Council. Councillor Ryan did not agree to facilitating a hybrid format for this meeting.
It was further **AGREED** that, depending on when the Ministerial Order is signed, the Special Meeting could be held on either the evening of Friday, 12th September or the evening of Wednesday, 17th September.

Signed: Tom O'Leary
Mayor

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ITEM NO. 18b

REPORT OF BLANCHARDSTOWN MULHUDDART/CASTLEKNOCK/ONGAR SERVICES B AREA COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 4TH SEPTEMBER 2025

ITEM NO. 18b

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
Tyrrelstown FC	€1477.59	Mitre Impel JNR Lite 290g white/black/or €139.48 Mitre Impel JNR	Y	2023 - €2,868.96	€1,477.59 The club wants to use the Essential Sports

		Lite 370g white/black/gr €139.48 Mitre Impel JNR Lite 320g white/black/ye €139.48 Precision Rechargeable Electric Ball Pum €168.02 Hit Sport Black Mesh Panelled Ball Bag €181.33 Standard Corner Pole 22Mm Dia X 1.83M Lo 21.01 Pro HX Run On Touchline Medi Bag + Medic €180.00 Pro HX Team Medi Bag + Astro Medical Kit €194.83 Precision Electronic Whistle €179.56 TIS PRO 025 Stopwatch €153.62			Equipment Grant to purchase footballs, an electric ball pump, ball carrier bags, medical bags, training poles, stopwatches, and whistles
Dublin Sonics Basketball Club	€4,000	Storage Cabinet & Trolley €1619.98 Instra 360 Camera €734 Backboards €1646	Y	2023 - €2,815 2022 - €3,000	€4,000 The club aims to utilise the Large Sports Equipment Grant to acquire a storage cabinet and trolley, a camera for recording

					games, and replacement backboards. The total project will cost €4,267.98
Verona F.C. Sports and Leisure Club	€4,000	Goal Posts €4,428.00	Y	2021 - €2,000	€4,000 the club wants to use the Large Sports Equipment Grant to purchase portable aluminium football goals. The total project will cost €4,428.
St Mochta's Football Club	€1,480	Bazooka football goals €1,480	Y	2022 - €2,825	€1,480 The club wants to use the Essential Sports Equipment Grant to purchase Bazooka football goals. The total project will cost €1,480.

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

Signed: **Councillor E. Cabone-Mangan**
Area Chairperson

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ITEM NO. 19

FINANCIAL MATTER

No business

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ITEM NO. 20

PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF PROPERTIES

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

File Ref: LD 1604

27th August 2025

To: Each Member of the Council

Re: Notice of Proposed disposal of land and grant of wayleave at Baldoyle Racecourse Park, Baldoyle, Co. Dublin to ESB Networks

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It is proposed to dispose of land at Baldoyle Racecourse Park, Baldoyle, Co. Dublin, comprising an area of 9 square meters approximately shown outlined in red on Drawing No. LD-4026-25 dated 26th February 2025 and to grant a permanent wayleave comprising an area of 560 square meters approximately as shown coloured in yellow on Drawing No. LD-4026-25 dated 26th February 2025 to ESB Networks, in accordance with Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 and subject to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 on the following terms and conditions:

1. That the purpose of the disposal is for the construction 1 no. substation and associated ancillary works to facilitate the placement of electric bicycle charging stations and the grant of a permanent wayleave to ESB Networks at Baldoyle Racecourse Park, Baldoyle, Co. Dublin.

2. That the land to be disposed of comprises 9 square meters approximately as shown outlined in red on Drawing No. LD-4026-25 dated 26th February 2025.

3. That the permanent wayleave comprises 560 square meters approximately as shown coloured yellow on Drawing No. LD-4026-25 dated 26th February 2025.

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

5. That any and all terms and conditions are as set out in the ESB Networks Connection Agreement Ref: DOC-300409-AWV.

6. That the applicant shall ensure full reinstatement of the lands following completion of the works.

7. That all health and safety legislation will be complied with, and the required insurance and indemnity documentation will be provided to Fingal County Council prior to the commencement of any work.

8. That it is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure, if applicable, compliance with planning permission and to obtain the required consents from the relevant statutory bodies relating to the works.

9. That each party shall be responsible for their own VAT, Stamp Duty and other costs arising.

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

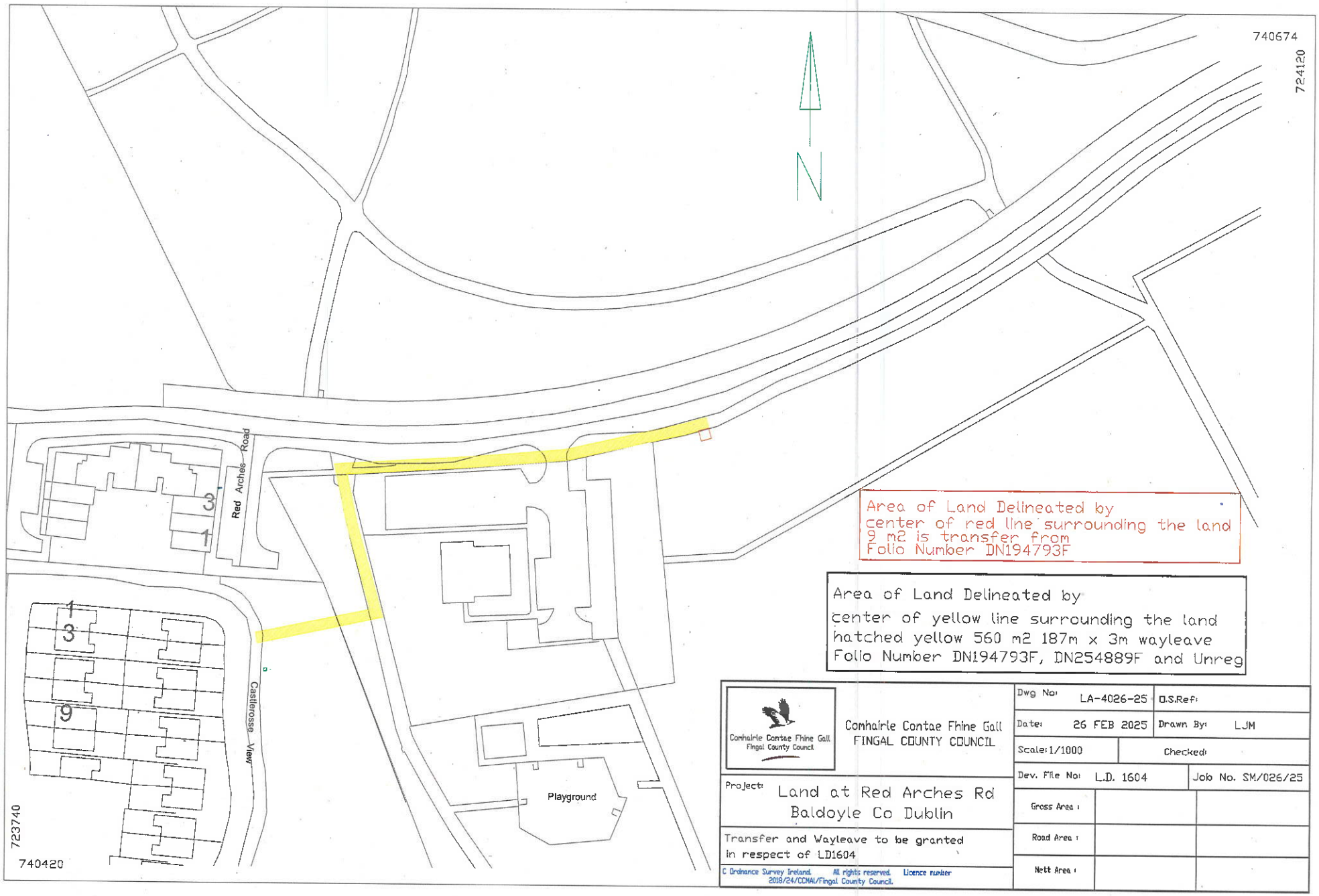
The land to be disposed of was acquired from:

- Alcove Developments Limited in 2005 for open space purposes
- Helsingor Limited in 2011 for open space purposes
- Helsingor Limited in 2017 for community purposes.
- Monobrio Designated Activity Company in 2025 for open space purposes

Notice is hereby given that a report on this matter will be included on the agenda for the Howth/Malahide Area Committee (Services B) meeting scheduled to be held on Wednesday 3rd September 2025 and this matter will be included on the Council Agenda for consideration at the meeting of Fingal County Council to be held on Monday, 8th September 2025

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


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

File Ref: LD 1572

27th August 2025

To: Each Member of the Council

Re: Notice of proposed disposal of land and grant of wayleave at Corduff Community Resource Centre, Blackcourt Road, Corduff, Dublin 15 to ESB Networks

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It is proposed to dispose of land at Corduff Community Resource Centre, Blackcourt Road, Corduff, Dublin 15 comprising an area of 6.8 square meters approximately, as shown outlined in red on Drawing No. LA-4068-24 dated 21st August 2024 and to grant a permanent wayleave comprising an area of 85 square meters approximately as shown coloured yellow on Drawing No. LA-4068-24 dated 21st August 2024 to ESB Networks, in accordance with Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 and subject to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 on the following terms and conditions:

1. That the purpose of the disposal is for the construction of 1 no. Substation and associated ancillary works to facilitate the upgrade of the electrical system of Corduff Community Resource Centre and the grant of a permanent wayleave to ESB Networks at Corduff Community Resource Centre, Blackcourt Road, Corduff, Dublin 15.

2. That the land to be disposed of comprises 6.8 square meters approximately as shown outlined in red on Drawing No. LD-4068-24 dated 21st August 2024.

3. That the permanent wayleave comprises 85 square meters approximately as shown coloured yellow on Drawing No. LD-4068-24 dated 21st August 2024.

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

5. That any and all terms and conditions are as set out in the ESB Networks Connection Agreement Ref: 5000499549.

6. That the applicant shall ensure full reinstatement of the lands following completion of the works.

7. That all health and safety legislation will be complied with, and the required insurance and indemnity documentation will be provided to Fingal County Council prior to the commencement of any work.

8. That it is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure, if applicable, compliance with planning permission and to obtain the required consents from the relevant statutory bodies relating to the works.

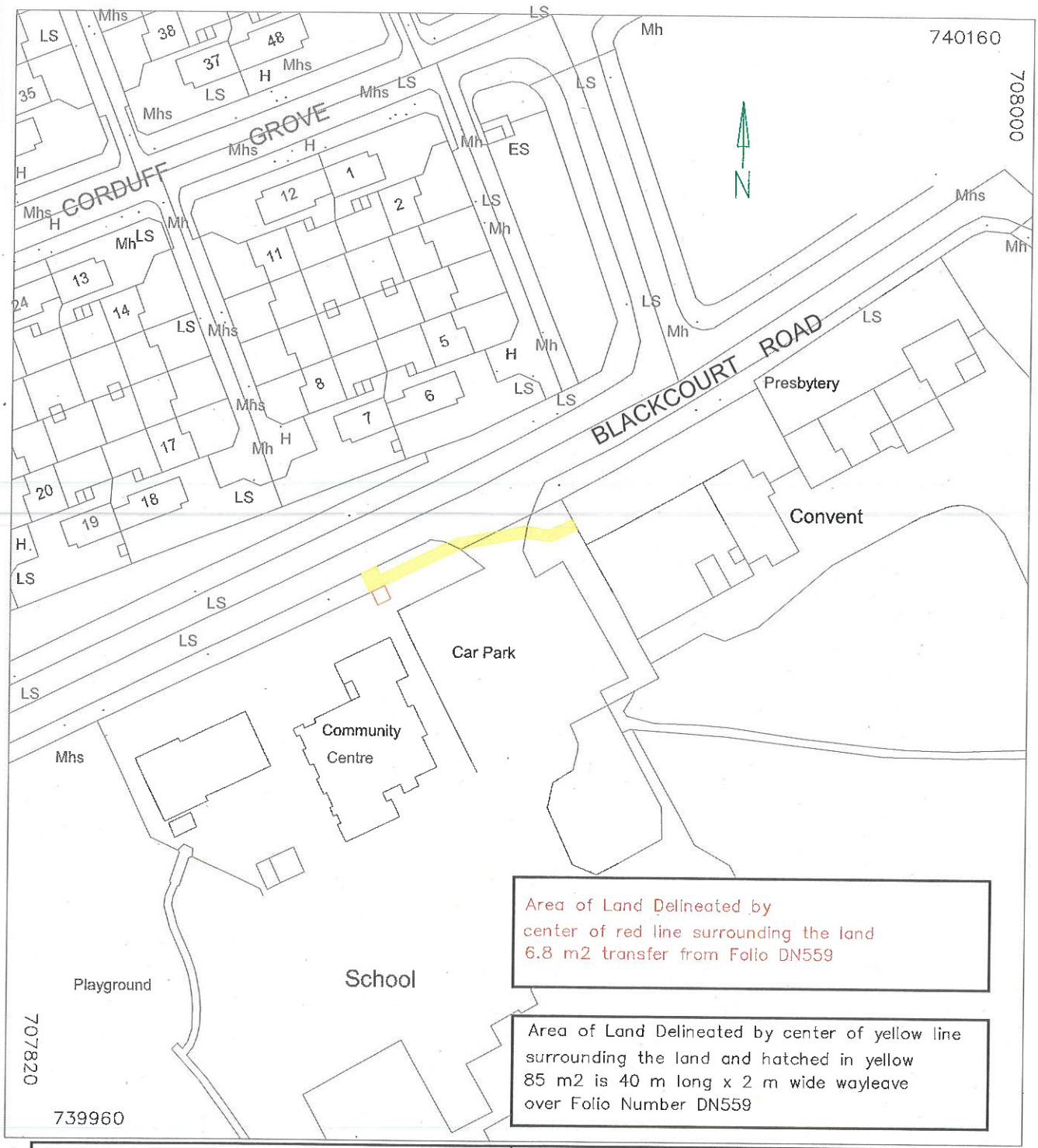
9. That each party shall be responsible for their own VAT, Stamp Duty and other costs arising.

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

The land to be disposed of was acquired from Dublin Corporation in July 1991 for community purposes.

Notice is hereby given that a report on this matter will be included on the agenda for the Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee (Services B) meeting scheduled to be held on Thursday 4th September 2025 and this matter will be included on the Council Agenda for consideration at the meeting of Fingal County Council to be held on Monday, 8th September 2025.

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



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Project:
Land at Corduff Resource Centre

Land to be disposed to :
ESBN

Gross Area :		
Road Area :		
Nett Area :		

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COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER 2025

ITEM NO. 21

DECLARATION OF ROADS

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COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 8TH SEPTMEBER 2025

ITEM NO. 21a

DUNSOGHLY WAY, FINGLAS, DUBLIN 11

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 – 1793
Taking In Charge – Dunsoghly Way
DED: Blanchardstown-Abbotstown, TL: Cappoge

Road Name	Length	Description
Dunsoghly Way	411m	From junction of Dunsoghly Drive and Dunsoghly Way, outside No. 1 Dunsoghly Way, heading north-west for 150m to outside No. 37 Dunsoghly Way, head north-east 95m to outside No. 47 Dunsoghly Way From outside No. 30 Dunsoghly Way, heading north-east 95m to outside No. 20 Dunsoghly Way, head south-east 11m to outside No. 19 Dunsoghly Way, head south-west 60m to outside No. 10 Dunsoghly Way.
	Total Length: 411m	

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Road Schedule

BC Number – 1793
Taking In Charge – Dunsoghly Way
DED: Blanchardstown-Abbotstown, TL: Cappoge

Road Name	Length	Description
Dunsoghly Way	411m	From junction of Dunsoghly Drive and Dunsoghly Way, outside No. 1 Dunsoghly Way, heading north-west for 150m to outside No. 37 Dunsoghly Way, head north-east 95m to outside No. 47 Dunsoghly Way From outside No. 30 Dunsoghly Way, heading north-east 95m to outside No. 20 Dunsoghly Way, head south-east 11m to outside No. 19 Dunsoghly Way, head south-west 60m to outside No. 10 Dunsoghly Way.
	Total Length: 411m	

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Dunsoghly Way Estate

Taking in Charge Map SCALE: 1:500

Surface Water Sewer			
Manhole No.	Cover Level	Invert Level	Pipe Diameter
SMH1-1	66.250	64.000	225mmØ
SMH1-2	65.545	63.407	225mmØ
SMH1-3	65.445	63.358	225mmØ
SMH1-4	65.400	62.967	NA
HB MH - A	65.300	62.933	225mmØ
SMH2-1	65.950	64.250	225mmØ
SMH2-2	65.900	64.250	225mmØ
SMH2-3	65.250	62.898	225mmØ
HB MH - B	63.390	61.760	225mmØ
SMH3-1	65.300	62.210	225mmØ
SMH3-3	64.750	61.735	225mmØ
HB MH - C	63.390	61.327	225mmØ
SMH4-1	65.080	63.750	NA
SMH4-2	65.415	63.815	NA
SMH4-3	65.415	63.845	NA
SMH4-4	65.335	63.110	NA

Foul Sewer			
Manhole No.	Cover Level	Invert Level	Pipe Diameter
FMH1	66.250	64.750	150mmØ
FMH2	65.600	63.870	150mmØ
FMH3	65.350	63.850	150mmØ
FMH4	66.000	64.500	150mmØ
FMH5	65.950	64.500	150mmØ
FMH6	65.300	63.600	150mmØ
FMH7	65.340	63.280	225mmØ
FMH8	64.850	63.030	225mmØ
FMH9	63.390	61.760	225mmØ

Site location QR code

SENIOR ENGINEER: COLIN GALLAGHER

DATE: May 2025	SURVEYED BY: S. Boylan		ALL FOUL AND SURFACE WATER SEWERS ARE 225mm DIA UNLESS STATED.
CHECKED BY: P. Gillespie	DRAWN BY: S. Boylan		SCALED DIMENSIONS T TO BE USED.
APPROVED BY: C. Gallagher	BC. BC 1793		LENGTH OF ROADS ARE AS ON THE ATTACHED ROAD SCHEDULE.
DRAWING NUMBER: BC-1793-1001	REV.	SCALE: 1:500 @ A1	WATER MAINS 100mm DIA. UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.
		OS Ref. 3130 15/20	

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Fingal County Council

Inspectorate Division

TAKING IN CHARGE: Dunsoghly Estate, Finglas
Cappoge Blanchardstown-Abbotstown

Areas proposed to be taken in charge

Foul Water System proposed to be taken in charge.

Surface Water System proposed to be taken in charge.

Watermains proposed to be taken in charge.

Hydrant

Sluice Valve

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COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 8TH SEPTMEBER 2025

ITEM NO. 21b

HANSFIELD PHASE 2, PHIBBLESTOWN, DUBLIN 15

DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS

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

Road Schedule

BC Number – 1797
Taking In Charge – Hansfield Phase 2
DED: Phibblestown, TL: Blanchardstown-Blakestown

Road Name	Length	Description
Park Crescent	327m	From junction of Hansfield Avenue and Park Crescent, outside No. 29 Hansfield Avenue, heading south for 140m, to junction of Park Crescent and Park Heights, head south-west 187m to outside No. 1 Park Crescent.
Park View	203m	From junction of Hansfield Avenue and Park View, outside No. 24 Park View, heading south for 126m, passing junction of Park View and Park Grove, to No. 9 Park View, head south-east 77m to junction of Park View and Park Crescent.
Park Grove	166m	From junction of Park View and Park Grove, outside House No. 16 Park View, head east 108m to cul de sac outside No. 11 Park Grove.

		From House No.14 Park Grove, heading south 58m to cul de sac outside No.20 Park Grove
	Total Length: 696m	

Road Schedule

BC Number – 1797
Taking In Charge – Hansfield Phase 2
DED: Phibblestown, TL: Blanchardstown-Blakestown

Road Name	Length	Description
Park Crescent	327m	From junction of Hansfield Avenue and Park Crescent, outside No. 29 Hansfield Avenue, heading south for 140m, to junction of Park Crescent and Park Heights, head south-west 187m to outside No. 1 Park Crescent.
Park View	203m	From junction of Hansfield Avenue and Park View, outside No. 24 Park View, heading south for 126m, passing junction of Park View and Park Grove, to No. 9 Park View, head south-east 77m to junction of Park View and Park Crescent.
Park Grove	166m	From junction of Park View and Park Grove, outside House No. 16 Park View, head east 108m to cul de sac outside No. 11 Park Grove. From House No.14 Park Grove, heading south 58m to cul de sac outside No.20 Park Grove
	Total Length: 696m	

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MH	CL	IL	Pipe
SF8	62.44	60.29	525
SF9	62.45	60.69	525
SF10	62.26	60.72	525
SF10.1	62.59	60.95	525
SF10.2	62.83	61.10	450
SF10.3	63.14	61.52	300
SF10.3.1	62.89	62.00	300
SF10.3.1.1	63.01	62.12	225
SF10.3.2	63.01	62.18	300
SF10.4	62.75	61.74	300
SF10.4.1	62.85	61.70	225
SF10.5	62.95	61.66	300
SF11	62.78	60.92	450
SF12	62.54	61.41	375
SF13	63.02	61.66	300
SF13A	62.88	61.80	300
SF14	62.73	61.83	300

MH	CL	IL	Pipe
F2.6	62.62	57.82	375
F2.6.4	62.94	59.39	225
F2.6.5	63.16	59.99	225
F2.6.6	62.84	61.01	225
F2.6.6.1	63.01	62.18	225
F2.6.7	62.97	61.64	225
F2.7	62.87	57.89	375
F2.7A	62.98	57.90	375
F2.7B	63.13	57.91	375
F2.8	62.99	58.02	375
F2.8A	62.71	58.14	375
F2.9	62.52	58.24	375
F2.9A	62.66	58.33	375
F2.9B	62.65	58.56	375
F2.9C	62.46	58.73	375
F2.9.2	62.26	58.87	375
F2.9.2A	62.52	59.19	375
F2.9.3	62.44	59.25	375
F2.10	62.34	58.31	225

Site location QR code

Hansfield Phase2

Taking in Charge Map SCALE: 1:500

SENIOR ENGINEER: COLIN GALLAGHER			
DATE: May 2025	SURVEYED BY: S. Boylan		ALL FOUL AND SURFACE WATER SEWERS ARE 225mm.DIA UNLESS STATED.
CHECKED BY: P. Gillespie	DRAWN BY: S. Boylan		SCALED DIMENSIONS T TO BE USED.
APPROVED BY: C. Gallagher	BC . BC 1780		LENGTH OF ROADS ARE AS ON THE ATTACHED ROAD SCHEDULE
DRAWING NUMBER: BC-1797-1001	REV.	SCALE: 1:500 @ A1	WATER MAINS 100mm DIA. UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.
		OS Ref. 3129-A / C	

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Fingal County Council

Inspectorate Division

TAKING IN CHARGE Hansfield Phase 2

Phibblestown Blanchardstown-Blakestown

Areas proposed to be taken in charge

Foul Water System proposed to be taken in charge.

Surface Water System proposed to be taken in charge.

Watermains proposed to be taken in charge.

Dead of dedication area

Hydrant

Sluice Valve

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COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 8TH SEPTMEBER 2025

ITEM NO. 21c

AVONDALE PARK, MULHUDDART, DUBLIN 15

DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS

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

Road Schedule
BC Number – 1799
Taking In Charge – Avondale Park
DED: Blanchardstown-Tyrrelstown, TL: Tyrrelstown

Road Name	Length	Description
Avondale Park	1397m	From junction of Parnell Drive, heading West for 50m passing the junction of between apartment block 3 & 4, Avondale Park including the loop road, starting from this junction, heading North for 101m and then heading West for 178m to the turning at the West side of Block 1, heading South for 183m and heading East at the junction for 180m and heading North for 85m to the starting point. Between Block 1 and Block 2, and between Block 2 and Block 3, there are 2 parallel North-South lanes that last 250m each. There are 2 sections of West-East lanes at each side of the central green spaces that last 60m.
	Total Length: 1397m	

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Road Schedule

BC Number – 1799
Taking In Charge – Avondale Park
DED: Blanchardstown-Tyrrelstown, TL: Tyrrelstown

Road Name	Length	Description
Avondale Park	1397m	From junction of Parnell Drive, heading West for 50m passing the junction of between apartment block 3 & 4, Avondale Park including the loop road, starting from this junction, heading North for 101m and then heading West for 178m to the turning at the West side of Block 1, heading South for 183m and heading East at the junction for 180m and heading North for 85m to the starting point. Between Block 1 and Block 2, and between Block 2 and Block 3, there are 2 parallel North-South lanes that last 250m each. There are 2 sections of West-East lanes at each side of the central green spaces that last 60m.
	Total Length: 1397m	

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MANHOLE SCHEDULE

Manhole No.	Invert Depth	Pipe Diameter	Manhole No.	Invert Depth	Pipe Diameter
F01	Missing	225	S01	2300	900
F02	Missing	225	S02	1920	300
F03	2760	225	S03	2730	225 - 300
F04	1390	225	S04	1450	225
F05	1200	225	S05	1600	225
F06	1560	225	S06	2150	225
F07	1415	225	S08	2120	900
F08	1350	225	S09	2450	900
F09	1450	225	S11	2230	900
F10	Information Missing		S12	1950	900
F11	1805	225	S16	2170	225 - 275
F20	2565	225	S17	1680	225
F21	2420	225	S18	2380	225
F22	1650	225	S19	(Manhole Closest to Tank 1)	
F23	1830	225	S20	1360	225
F30	1640	225	S21	2170	225
F40	2920	225	S24	2390	225
F41	2345	225	S25	1450	225
F42	1965	225	S26	1515	225
F43	1865	225	S27	1480	225
F44	2170	225	S28	2280	225
F50	2060	225	S32	2840	300-225
F51	1445	225	S33	1910	300
F60	2405	225	S34	3140	225-300
F61	2405	225	S35	1945	225
F70	1420	225	S36	1425	225
MHF1	Information Missing		S37	1060	225 - 300
MHF2	Information Missing		S38	1285	225
MHF3	Information Missing		S39	1510	225
MHF4	Information Missing		S41	1840	225
MHF5	Information Missing		S42	2710	225
MHF6	Information Missing		S43	2220	900
MHF7	Information Missing		S44	3040	225
			S45	Information Missing	
			S46	3090	225
			S47	Information Missing	
			S48	Immediately beside S47?	
			S49	2390	225
			S50	1450	225
			S51	1560	225
			S54	1445	225 - 255
			S55	Concealed under pitch?	
			S61	2445	225
			S62	1650	225
			S64	2830	225
			S65	990	225
			S66	1530	225
			S67	2590	225
			S68	1690	225
			MHS2	2725	225
			MHS3	1520	150-225
			MHS4	Vortex Separator	
			MHS5	2250	225

Site location
QR code

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Surface Water Discharge From Avondale

Retaining Wall

Head Wall (Surface Water Discharge From Wellview Estate)

Existing 900 Ø Foul Drain

Existing 900 Ø Foul Drain

Enclosed play area

Tank 5
V: 1542m3
IL: 66.86

Tank 4
V: 919m3
IL: 60.08

Tank 2
V: 366.6m3
IL: 58.72

Tank 1
V: 750m3
IL: 60.715

Block 1
Block 2
Block 3
Block 4
Block 5
Block 6
Block 7
Block 8
Apt Block 1
Apt Block 2
Apt Block 3
Apt Block 4
Apt Block 5
Apt Block 6
Apt Block 7
Apt Block 8

Avondale Park

Avondale Court

Parslickstown Gardens

AVONDALE PL

WELLVIEW CRES

PARSLICKSTOWN COURT

100mmØ Watermain running to FAS Industrial units

Connection From Parslickstown Gardens

From Parslickstown Gardens

Connection From Wellview

Ecocover green roofs
Underground attenuation tank To Be Taken In Charge Landscape Maintenance To Be Taken In Charge Landscape Maintenance Responsibility of Estate Management Company

600mm dia attenuation tank providing 225mm wide storage below invert

Community Garden

MHF1 MHF2 MHF3 MHF4 MHF5 MHF6 MHF7 MHS2 MHS3 MHS4 MHS5

Garden Areas Within Curtilage of Apartment Blocks 5 and 6: Underground Services Only To Be Taken In Charge. Landscape Maintenance To Remain Responsibility of Estate Mangement Company

Garden Area Within Curtilage of Apartment Blocks 1: Underground Services Only To Be Taken In Charge. Landscape Maintenance To Remain Responsibility of Estate Mangement Company

Avondale Park

Taking in Charge Map SCALE: 1:500

SENIOR ENGINEER: COLIN GALLAGHER			
DATE: July 2025	SURVEYED BY: S. Boylan	ALL FOUL AND SURFACE WATER SEWERS ARE 225mm DIA UNLESS STATED.	
CHECKED BY: P. Gillespie	DRAWN BY: S. Boylan	SCALED DIMENSIONS T TO BE USED.	
APPROVED BY: C. Gallagher	BC.: BC 1799	LENGTH OF ROADS ARE AS ON THE ATTACHED ROAD SCHEDULE.	
DRAWING NUMBER: BC-1799-1001	REV.	SCALE: 1:500 @ A1	WATER MAINS 100mm DIA. UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.
		OS Ref. 3061-24	

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Fingal County Council

Inspectorate Division

TAKING IN CHARGE

Avondale Park, Mulhuddart
Tyrrelstown Blanchardstown-Tyrrelstown

Areas proposed to be taken in charge.

Foul Water System proposed to be taken in charge.

Surface Water System proposed to be taken in charge.

Watermains proposed to be taken in charge.

Hydrant

Sluice Valve

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COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 8TH SEPTMEBER 2025

ITEM NO. 21d

AVONDALE COURT, MULHUDDART, DUBLIN 15

DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS

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

Road Schedule

BC Number – 1800
Taking In Charge – Avondale Court
DED: Blanchardstown-Tyrrelstown, TL: Tyrrelstown

Road Name	Length	Description
Avondale Court	55m	From the junction Parnell Drive, heading West for 55m to cul-de-sac.
	Total Length: 55m	

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Road Schedule

BC Number – 1800
Taking In Charge – Avondale Court
DED: Blanchardstown-Tyrrelstown, TL: Tyrrelstown

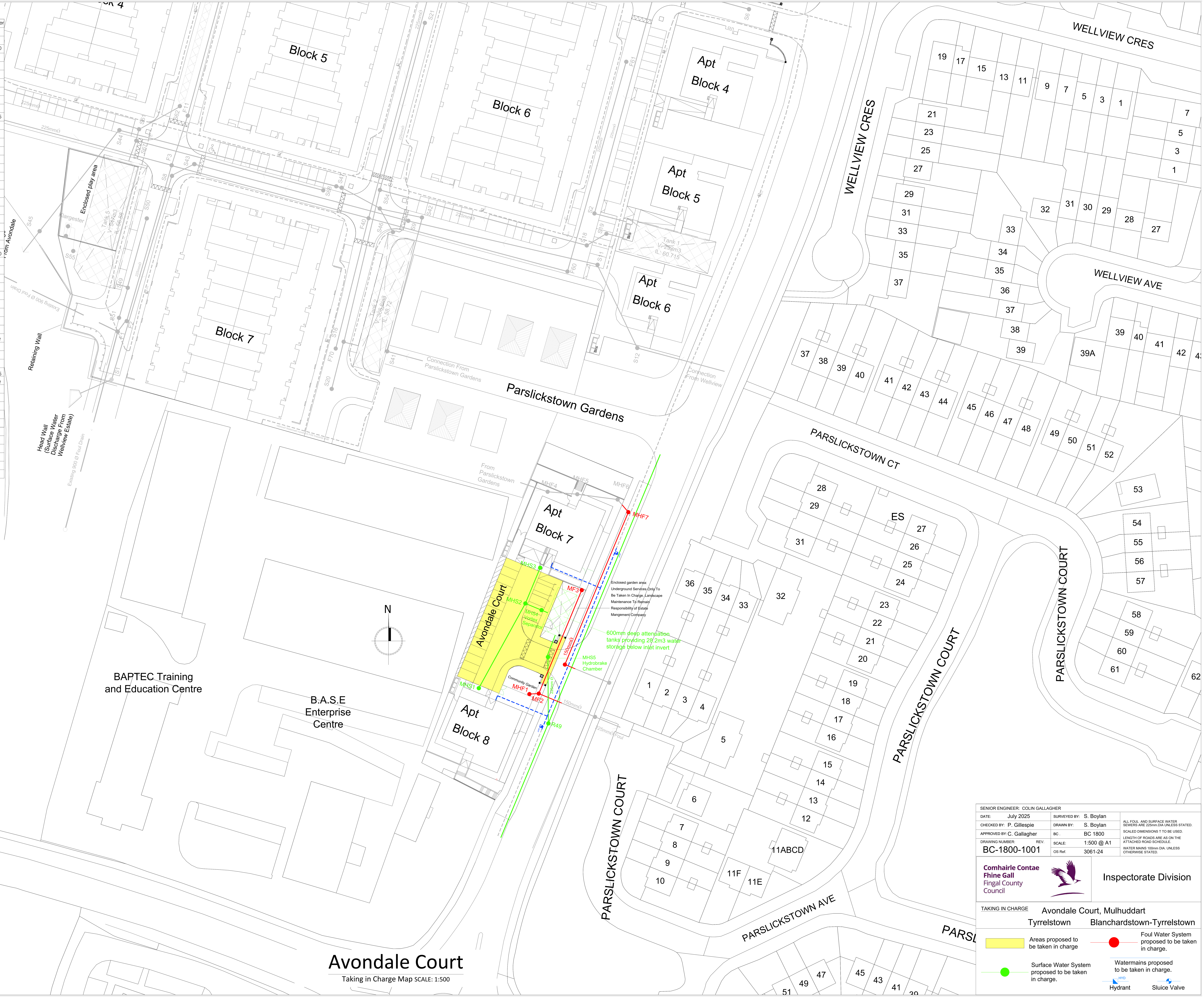
Road Name	Length	Description
Avondale Court	55m	From the junction Parnell Drive, heading West for 55m to cul-de-sac.
	Total Length: 55m	

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MANHOLE SCHEDULE

Manhole No.	Invert Depth	Pipe Diameter	Manhole No.	Invert Depth	Pipe Diameter
F01	Missing	225	S01	2300	900
F02	Missing	225	S02	1920	300
F03	2760	225	S03	2730	225 - 300
F04	1390	225	S04	1450	225
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F06	1560	225	S06	2150	225
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F40	2920	225	S24	2390	225
F41	2345	225	S25	1450	225
F42	1965	225	S26	1515	225
F43	1865	225	S27	1480	225
F44	2170	225	S28	2280	225
F50	2060	225	S32	2840	300-225
F51	1445	225	S33	1910	300
F60	2405	225	S34	3140	225-300
F61	2405	225	S35	1945	225
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			S65	990	225
			S66	1530	225
			S67	2590	225
			S68	1690	225
			MHS2	2725	225
			MHS3	1520	150-225
			MHS4	Vortex Separator	
			MHS5	2250	225

Site location
QR code



Avondale Court

Taking in Charge Map SCALE: 1:500

SENIOR ENGINEER: COLIN GALLAGHER			
DATE: July 2025	SURVEYED BY: S. Boylan		ALL FOUL AND SURFACE WATER SEWERS ARE 225mm.DIA UNLESS STATED.
CHECKED BY: P. Gillespie	DRAWN BY: S. Boylan		SCALED DIMENSIONS T TO BE USED.
APPROVED BY: C. Gallagher	BC .	BC 1800	LENGTH OF ROADS ARE AS ON THE ATTACHED ROAD SCHEDULE.
DRAWING NUMBER: REV. BC-1800-1001	SCALE:	1:500 @ A1	WATER MAINS 100mm DIA. UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.
	OS Ref.	3061-24	

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Fingal County Council

Inspectorate Division

TAKING IN CHARGE
Avondale Court, Mulhuddart
Tyrrelstown Blanchardstown-Tyrrelstown

Areas proposed to be taken in charge

Foul Water System proposed to be taken in charge.

Surface Water System proposed to be taken in charge.

Watermains proposed to be taken in charge.

Hydrant

Sluice Valve

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COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 8TH SEPTMEBER 2025

ITEM NO. 21e

BALROY HALL, CASTLEKNOCK, DUBLIN 15

DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS

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

Road Schedule

BC Number – BC 1796
Taking In Charge – Balroy Hall, Castleknock, Dublin 15.
DED Castleknock-Knockmaroon. TL Diswellstone.

Road Name	Length	Description
Carpenterstown Road	129m	From Junction of the Carpenterstown Road and entrance to Balroy Hall, head west for 129m to the exit point of The Balroy Hall complex. (Footpath, verge and cycle lane only)
Total Length = 129m		

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Road Schedule

BC Number – BC 1796
Taking In Charge – Balroy Hall, Castleknock, Dublin 15.
DED Castleknock-Knockmaroon. TL Diswellstone.

Road Name	Length	Description
Carpenterstown Road	129m	From Junction of the Carpenterstown Road and entrance to Balroy Hall, head west for 129m to the exit point of The Balroy Hall complex. (Footpath, verge and cycle lane only)
Total Length = 129m		

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Surface Water			
Manhole No.	Cover Level	Invert Level	Pipe Dia.
EX SMH 3A	60.50	60.33	375
EX SMH 3	60.23	60.04	375
EX SMH 2	60.70	60.85	375
EX SMH 1	61.61	61.14	375
SA	60.82	60.67	375
S0	59.85	59.71	375
PI	59.93	59.86	225

TIC of Yellow Shaded sections only
(Footpath/verge/Cycle lane)

Balroy Hall, Carpenterstown
(External sections only)
Taking in Charge Map SCALE: 1:500

Site location QR code

SENIOR ENGINEER: COLIN GALLAGHER			
DATE: June 2025	SURVEYED BY: S. Boylan		ALL FOUL AND SURFACE WATER SEWERS ARE 225mm DIA UNLESS STATED.
CHECKED BY: P. Gillespie	DRAWN BY: S. Boylan		SCALED DIMENSIONS T TO BE USED.
APPROVED BY: C. Gallagher	BC. BC 1796		LENGTH OF ROADS ARE AS ON THE ATTACHED ROAD SCHEDULE.
DRAWING NUMBER: BC-179-1001	REV.	SCALE: 1:500 @ A1	WATER MAINS 100mm DIA. UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.
		OS Ref. 3195-10/15	

Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

Inspectorate Division

TAKING IN CHARGE: Balroy Hall (External sections only)
Diswellstone Castleknock-Knockmaroon

Areas proposed to be taken in charge
Foul Water System proposed to be taken in charge.
Surface Water System proposed to be taken in charge.
Watermains proposed to be taken in charge.
Hydrant
Sluice Valve

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COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER 2025

ITEM NO. 22

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION – SPECIAL MEETING

As per Circular F.04/25; the term of office of the current President expires on 10th November 2025. Article 12.3.3 of the Constitution provides that an election for the office of President shall be held in the 60-day period before the expiry of the term of office of the President.

Article 12.4.2 of the Constitution provides that every candidate, who is not a former or retiring President, must be nominated either by:

(ii) not less than twenty persons, each of whom is at the time a member of one of the Houses of the Oireachtas, or
(ii) by the Councils of not less than four local authorities as defined by law.

Following the signing of the Presidential Election Order by the Minister on Wednesday 3rd September 2025, the Mayor of Fingal County Council has called a Special Meeting of the Council to be held on Friday 12th September 2025 at 5.00pm in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Swords to consider the nomination of a candidate for presidential election.

Subject to the agreement of the Council, it was agreed at the September meeting of the CPG that Councillors could attend this Special Council meeting via a hybrid option. However, potential candidates will be required to attend in person and present in person in the Chamber.

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Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

Nomination Process for Presidential Candidates

Fingal County Council

September 2025

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President of Ireland - Nomination Process

Nomination of candidates for President of Ireland

As per Circular F.04/25; the term of office of the current President expires on 10th November 2025. Article 12.3.3 of the Constitution provides that an election for the office of President shall be held in the 60-day period before the expiry of the term of office of the President.

Article 12.4.2 of the Constitution provides that every candidate, who is not a former or retiring President, must be nominated either by:

(i) not less than twenty persons, each of whom is at the time a member of one of the Houses of the Oireachtas, or
(ii) by the Councils of not less than four local authorities as defined by law.

Nomination of candidates by County Council

As per Circular F.04/25; the nomination of candidates for a presidential election by city, city and county, and county councils is regulated by law under section 16 of the Presidential Elections Act 1993. It is a reserved function.

The main points arising are as follows:

- councils may, by resolution, resolve to nominate one candidate,
- not less than 3 clear days' notice of the intention to propose the resolution must be given in writing to every person, who, at the time when the notice is given, is a member of the council,
- a resolution under section 16 of the Act cannot be passed before the making of the Presidential Election Order. This Order, which is made under section 6 of the Act, sets out the last day on which the Presidential Returning Officer may receive nominations, the date and time of the poll at the election and other details, and
- the resolution of the council must be given effect by means of a nomination paper (as prescribed in regulations) sealed with the seal of the council and delivered to the Presidential Returning Officer.

Presidential Election Order

The Presidential Election Order was signed by Minister James Browne on Wednesday 3rd September 2025.

The window for nominations is open for 21 days and must be delivered to the Presidential Returning Officer by noon on 24 September 2025. Polling day is set for Friday 24 October (7am - 10pm).

President of Ireland - Eligibility Criteria

Presidential Candidates Nomination Eligibility

An eligible candidate must be:

- an Irish Citizen
- 35 years of age or older

- Proof of both is required to be provided to Fingal County Council prior to be being considered for nomination, e.g. passport.

Fingal County Council Nomination Eligibility Process

- A person, who has met the eligible criteria above, and who is seeking Fingal County Council's nomination is required, in the first instance, to secure the sponsorship of ***four Elected Members of Fingal County Council***, as per Fingal County Council Standing Order No. 143, and submit the completed Presidential Candidate Nomination Form (Appendix II attached).

- Please note Sponsorship nominations will be accepted by email from Fingal County Council Elected Members official councillor email address.

- Applicants should note that, if a bio is submitted, it will be circulated to all Elected Members of Fingal County Council.

Fingal County Council Nomination Process for Presidential Candidates

Fingal County Council Nomination Process

1. Once the Presidential Candidate Nomination Form has been validated by the Corporate Services Department of Fingal County Council; applicants will be invited to a Special Meeting of Fingal County Council to address the County Council.

2. Please consult Fingal County Councils Special Meeting Procedure for information and guidance on the procedure on the Special Meeting (Appendix I attached).

3. Please note receipt of completed nomination forms must be received 3 clear days before Fingal County Council's Special Meeting is due to take place.

Fingal County Council Special Meeting

- Following the signing of the Presidential Election Order by Minister James Browne, the Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Tom O'Leary has called a Special Meeting of the Council for Friday 12th September 2025 (5pm).

- The prospective candidates who have met the eligibility criteria, and who have secured the sponsorship of four Elected Members of Fingal County Council **in advance**, will be invited to this Special Meeting.

- Only the prospective candidates who attend the meeting **in person** will be permitted to address the meeting.

Appendix I: Fingal County Council Special Meeting Procedure

Fingal County Council Special Meeting Procedure

- Only the prospective candidates who have met the eligible criteria, who have secured the sponsorship of four Elected Members of Fingal County Council **in advance**, and who attend the meeting **in person** will be permitted to address the meeting.

- At the special meeting; a maximum of two hours will be allocated to the meeting.

- A maximum of one hour will be allocated to the prospective candidates to address the Elected Members. The time allowed will be distributed evenly amongst the attending candidates subject to a maximum allowed time of fifteen minutes per candidate to include candidate's presentation and questions from Elected Members.

- Time available will be dependent on the number of prospective candidates.

- The Mayor will call on Elected Members to duly propose and second prospective candidates to go forward to a vote.

- Where one candidate achieves a majority of Elected Members present and voting on the first count, they will be deemed successful.

- Where no candidate achieves such a majority, that/those candidate(s) with the lower/lowest number of votes will be eliminated and another vote will be taken. This process will continue until one prospective candidate achieves the majority of the Elected Members voting.

- If no candidate achieves a majority of Elected Members votes; it will be deemed that no person is being nominated by Fingal County Council to be a candidate at the Presidential Election to the Office of President.

- Following the vote, the formal resolution required to exercise the Elected Members reserved function to nominate one named candidate will be put to the Elected Members for agreement.

Appendix II: Fingal County Council Presidential Candidate Nomination Form

Fingal County Council Presidential Candidate Nomination Form

Candidate Details:

Contact Details:

Name: _____

Address: _____

_____

_____

Mobile phone No: _____

Email address: _____

Occupation (if any): _____

Eligibility Details:

Date of Birth: _____

Irish Citizen Status: _____

Copy of Passport Enclosed: Yes ☐ No ☐

Sponsorship of Four Fingal County Council Elected Members Secured: Yes ☐ No ☐

Copy of completed Sponsorship Form Enclosed: Yes ☐ No ☐

Candidate Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Submissions of Presidential Candidate Nomination Form:

Please submit completed nomination form with accompanying documentation to:

Postal Submissions:

Meetings Administrator, Corporate Services Department, County Hall, Main Street, Swords, Co. Dublin K67 X8Y2

Electronic Submissions: Email: presidentialelections@fingal.ie

Sponsorship of Four Fingal County Council Elected Members

Sponsor One

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Sponsor Two

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Sponsor Three

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Sponsor Four

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Candidate Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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Abbreviations

AFCCP	Age Friendly Cities and Counties Programme
AFI	Age Friendly Ireland
CIC	Citizens Information Centre
DCU	Dublin City University
DDLETB	Dublin and Dun Laoghaire Education and Training Board
FAFA	Fingal Age Friendly Alliance
FCC	Fingal County Council
HAFH	Healthy Age Friendly Homes
HSE	Health Service Executive
ICOP	Integrated Care for Older People
IGP	Intergenerational Practice
LECP	Local Economic and Community Plan
NTA	National Transport Authority
OPC	Older People's Council
PPN	Public Participation Network
WHO	World Health Organisation

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Foreword – Senan Turnbull, Chair Age Friendly Alliance–

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This Strategy document has been put together over the past eight months following extensive consultation with key stakeholders, not least the older residents of Fingal and the agencies and organisations who work to enhance the quality of life that older people aspire to and deserve.
It has been a challenging process to find agreed priorities across the diverse experiences and expectation of the hundreds of older people who participated. It was also challenging to define actions and outcomes that the organisations and agencies could deliver on, over the next five years.

What has been agreed at the Alliance and by Fingal County Council is an overview of the international and national policy context of why and how the strategy has come about; a profile of Fingal's population, a description of the process of putting the strategy together and most importantly the Actions that have been agreed as priorities for delivery during the lifetime of this document to the end of 2030. It will require the continuous engagement of all the agencies through the Alliance to see these targets achieved in collaboration with older people. Contexts will change and it will be the core work of the Alliance over the next five years to ensure that the Strategy is flexible and adaptable to those changes while continuing to focus on the expected developments in services and facilities.

This document would not have been possible without the work of key individuals. Members of the Alliance were instrumental in reviewing drafts, suggesting improvements, and supporting the work of our consultants at MCA, who facilitated the public meetings, compiled the initial drafts, and oversaw the design process. Key staff in Fingal County Council's Community Department had the onerous task of making sense of the disparate strands of ambition and possibilities to ensure that the Strategy was as coherent as possible.

My personal thanks to all.

Senan Turnbull
Independent Chair, **October** 2025

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Foreword – AnnMarie Farrelly, Chief Executive Fingal County Council

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I am pleased to present the third Fingal Age Friendly Strategy of the Fingal Age Friendly Alliance. This strategy has been informed by detailed demographic analysis and shaped through extensive engagement with the public, stakeholders, and sectoral partners. It sets out a comprehensive vision and practical actions to support the continued development of an age friendly county, one in which older people are supported, included, and empowered to thrive and actively contribute to their communities.

This Strategy builds on the foundations of our previous Age Friendly Strategies and aligns with relevant international, national, and local policy frameworks. Grounded in robust research and meaningful consultation, it identifies the key challenges facing older people in Fingal today and responds with a coordinated, multi-agency Action Plan.

The strategy is structured around four core thematic areas:

- **Health and Wellbeing**
- **Mobility and Accessibility**
- **Safe and Attractive Neighbourhoods**
- **Information and Participation**

These themes underpin seven strategic objectives, which will be delivered through 34 SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic and Time-bound) actions. While implementation will be a shared endeavour of the Fingal Age Friendly Alliance. Fingal County Council is proud to act as the lead coordinating agency. We are committed to maintaining momentum and ensuring accountability in achieving the vision set out in this Strategy:

"For Fingal to build on its recognition as an age friendly community, one that values the rich diversity of its older residents, alleviates loneliness through promoting inclusion, and empowers older people to lead meaningful lives while realising their full potential."

Fingal is widely recognised for its youthful, diverse population, boasting one of the youngest demographic profiles in Ireland. Simultaneously, we are experiencing significant demographic change: 21% of our population is now aged 55 and over, with this cohort growing by 59% since 2011, far outpacing the national average growth rate of 35%. These trends are projected to continue, and it is critical that we prepare for the evolving needs of our ageing population.

Our approach must be dual-focused, celebrating the dynamism of our young communities while also ensuring that older people are empowered to live active, fulfilling lives in an inclusive, connected environment and supporting intergenerational relations. Strategic planning today will ensure that Fingal is ready to meet the needs of the emerging generation of older people.

The successful implementation of this Strategy will depend on strong collaboration across agencies, sectors, and communities. As the host organisation for the Fingal Age Friendly Alliance, Fingal County Council reaffirms its commitment to leading and facilitating this shared journey, working in partnership with all stakeholders to make Fingal a truly age friendly county.

AnnMarie Farrelly
Chief Executive, Fingal County Council, **October** 2025

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Fingal Age Friendly Programme Manager

Fingal County Council Community Department

Fingal Inter-Departmental Team

Fingal Older People's Council

MCA Consulting

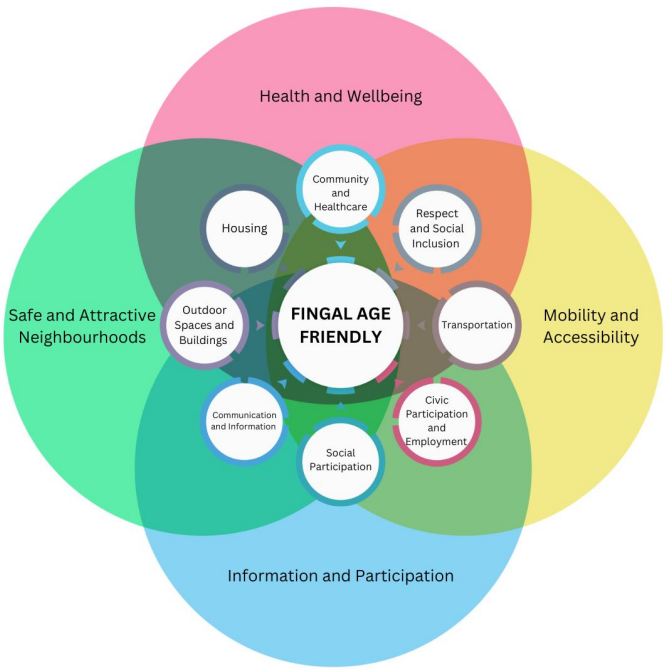
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Executive Summary

This Strategy builds on strong foundations and a proven commitment by the organisations represented on the Age Friendly Alliance, to enhancing the lives of older people in Fingal. As Fingal's population grows older and more diverse, the strategy acknowledges the need to evolve and respond to emerging challenges. The doubling of the population aged 70 and over since 2011, along with a significant cohort currently aged 40–50, signals a need to prepare for future demand on age-related services.

Consultation feedback was instrumental in shaping the Strategy, highlighting both achievements and service gaps. The willingness of older people to share their experiences and suggestions, combined with the collaboration of the Fingal Age Friendly Alliance, will ensure a more aligned, inclusive, and proactive approach to service delivery.

By focusing on the four key themes: Health and Wellbeing; Safe and Attractive Neighbourhoods; Mobility and Accessibility; and Information and Participation, the Strategy offers a comprehensive roadmap to address these needs.



The effective implementation of the Fingal Age Friendly Strategy (2026–2030) depends on strong collaboration, regular monitoring, and ongoing accountability. The Action Plan represents a shared commitment by stakeholders to lead and deliver on key initiatives. An Annual Implementation Plan will guide actions each year, with progress reviewed quarterly by the Fingal Age Friendly Alliance. The Older People's Council will play a key role in reviewing and shaping the plan to ensure older people's voices remain central. A comprehensive Annual Progress Report will track achievements, challenges, and guide future priorities, keeping the strategy transparent, effective, and responsive.

As Fingal continues to grow, balancing the vibrancy of a youthful population with the needs of its older residents will be vital. This strategy will build on previous work to ensure Fingal is a place where people of all ages can live, age, and thrive in a supportive, accessible, and age friendly environment.

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1. Introduction

Fingal County is home to a growing and vibrant population of older people who make a vital contribution to the social, cultural, and economic life of the region. As people are living longer, healthier lives, the demographic profile of Fingal is changing significantly, and the number of older people is projected to continue rising over the coming decades. This demographic shift presents both opportunities and challenges that require a coordinated, thoughtful, and inclusive response. In recognition of this, Fingal County Council is delighted to present the *Fingal Age Friendly Strategy 2026–2020*, a comprehensive plan to ensure that Fingal remains a great place to live and grow old in, where everyone, regardless of age, is valued, respected, and supported to live full and active lives. In line with Age Friendly Ireland, and for the purpose of this Strategy, older people include those aged 55 and over. This allows a proactive approach to supporting people as they approach older age, rather than waiting until they experience age-related challenges. This approach reflects the understanding that planning, prevention, and early intervention lead to better outcomes for individuals and communities and helps create communities that are more prepared for the needs of an ageing population. It's about ensuring people not only live longer but live better.

The vision for this Strategy is grounded in Fingal's commitment to creating inclusive communities that enable older people to participate fully in all aspects of life. Whether it is access to quality public spaces, transportation, healthcare, housing, lifelong learning, or social inclusion, we recognise that an age friendly approach benefits everyone—older people today, and all of us into the future.

The Strategy builds on the success and learnings from previous strategies published in 2012 and 2018 and shaped by the voices of older people across Fingal, as well as the many organisations and service providers who support them. Throughout 2024, extensive consultations were undertaken, including public engagement events, focus groups, surveys, and meetings with stakeholders. Older people shared their lived experiences, identified priorities, and voiced both the opportunities and barriers they face in their daily lives. The data gathered has guided the development of this Strategy and has helped identify key areas for action. Importantly, it has also highlighted the need for strong local collaboration and national advocacy.

The implementation of this Strategy will be overseen by the Fingal Age Friendly Alliance, a partnership of statutory, community and voluntary organisations working collaboratively to deliver age friendly outcomes for the county's older residents. The Alliance will be responsible for driving the delivery of the Strategy's goals through a dedicated Action Plan that outlines clear, measurable steps and timelines.

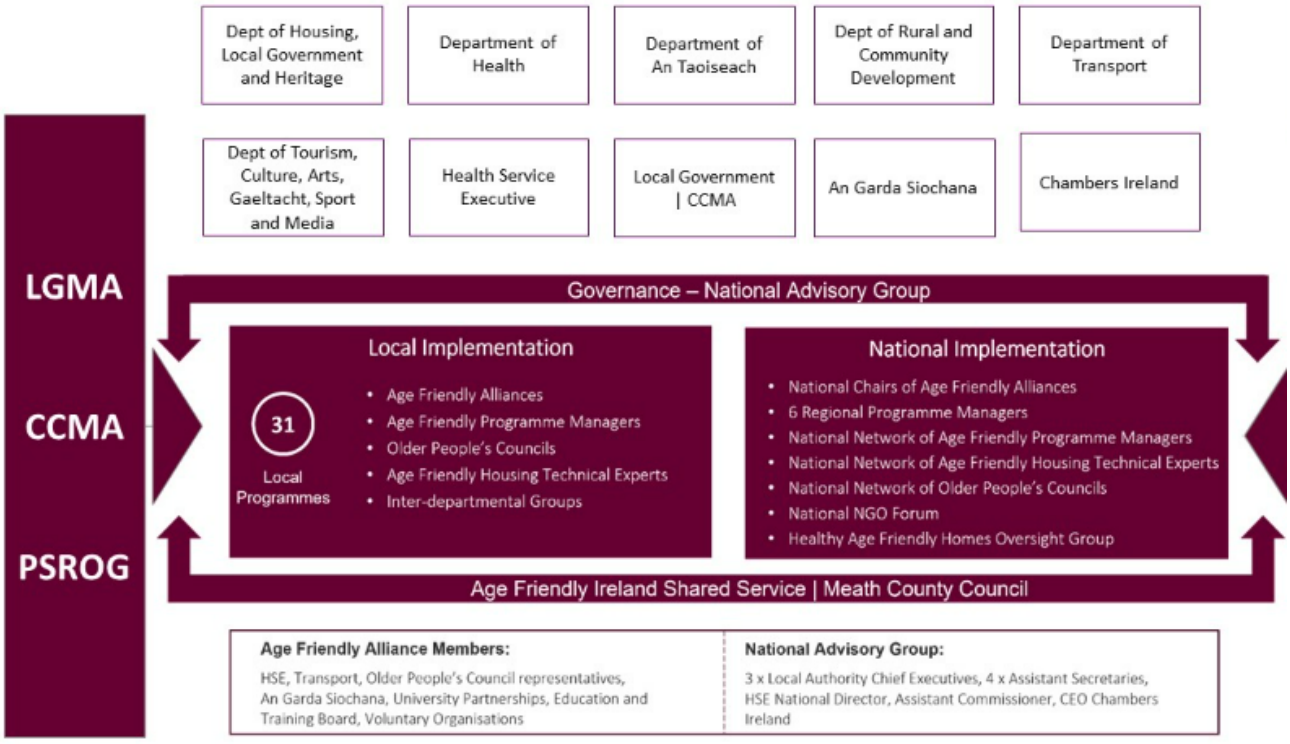
However, we acknowledge that not all the challenges identified during the consultations fall within the remit or influence of the Alliance. Where local resolution is not possible, these issues will be referred to Age Friendly Ireland for national-level consideration and response, ensuring that the voices of Fingal's older people continue to be heard at the highest levels.

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2. The Age Friendly Cities and Counties Programme

The Age Friendly City and Counties programme in Ireland grew from the World Health Organisation's (WHO) Age Friendly initiative (WHO 2005). In recognition of the need to support our ageing society, the Age Friendly Cities and Counties Programme (AFCCP) was established. Age Friendly Ireland (AFI), a national shared service of Local Government hosted by Meath County Council is responsible for delivering this programme through local authorities. Age Friendly Ireland is overseen by the National Advisory Group, consisting of representatives from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Department of Health, Department of Transports, Department of Rural and Community Development, representatives of Local Authority Chief Executives, HSE, An Garda Síochána Commissioner and Chambers Ireland.

Fig. 2.1 Age Friendly Ireland Structures and Governance Chart



Source: Age Friendly Ireland 2025

Age Friendly Ireland guides and supports 31 Local Authority-led age friendly programmes across the country. These programmes address a wide range of environmental, economic, and social determinants that impact the daily lives of older people, aligning closely with the WHO's framework for age friendly communities.

Age Friendly Ireland promotes a collaborative, multi-agency approach to planning and service delivery at local authority level. Under the leadership of local authorities, and through the coordinated efforts of key stakeholders, this integrated approach ensures that actions are not developed in isolation but are part of a cohesive strategy. Partner agencies align their resources to deliver joined-up solutions

across areas such as the built environment, housing, health, safety, lifelong learning, social inclusion, and cultural and physical engagement.

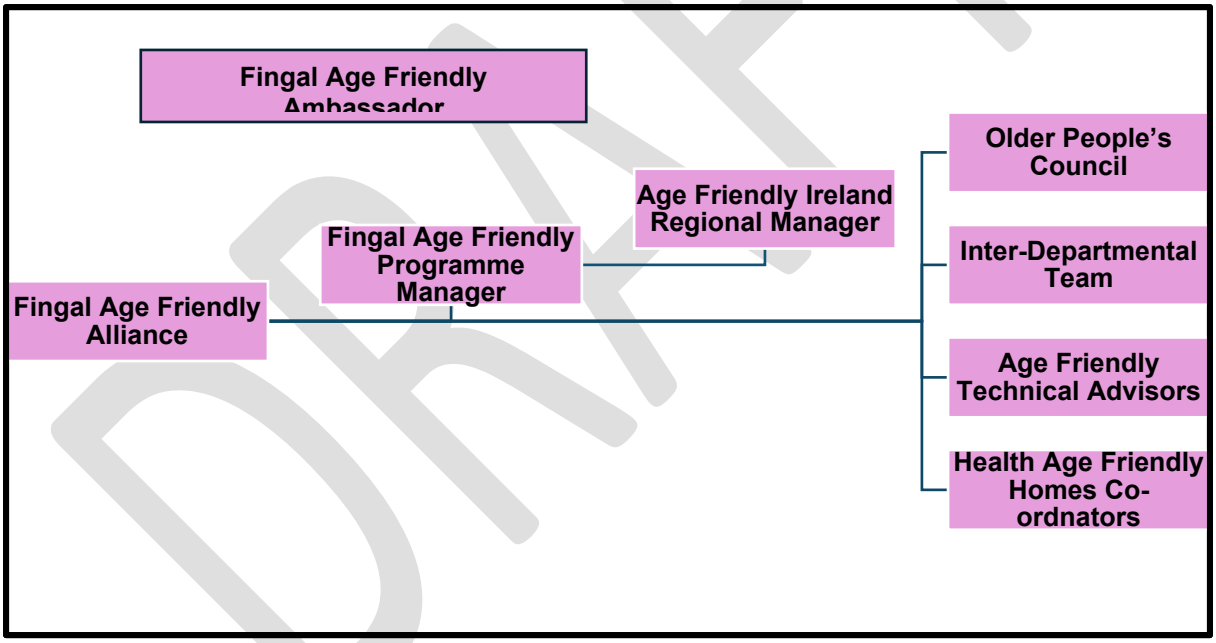
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3. Age Friendly Fingal

In 2011, Fingal County Council signed the Dublin Declaration on Age Friendly Cities and Communities, marking a commitment by Fingal to address the needs and opportunities of its older residents. This is the third Age Friendly Strategy to be delivered by Age Friendly Fingal, building on the successful delivery of the previous strategies from 2012–2017 and 2018–2023.

Age Friendly Fingal is committed to creating an environment where older people can live active, healthy, and fulfilling lives. The programme focuses on improving the quality of life for older people by ensuring that Fingal's communities are inclusive, accessible, and responsive to their needs. The Strategy aims to enhance public services, promote safe mobility, support social inclusion, and foster intergenerational connections. It also emphasises the importance of creating age friendly spaces that promote physical, mental, and emotional wellbeing. By engaging with older people, local organisations, and service providers, Age Friendly Fingal strives to build a community where all ages can thrive together.

Figure 3.1 Age Friendly Fingal Framework



A robust framework supports the implementation of the Age Friendly Programme and the delivery of this Strategy's actions. The programme is overseen by the Age Friendly Alliance, with Fingal Older People's Council ensuring that the voice of older people informs and influences relevant policies and initiatives. The Interdepartmental Team works to embed Age Friendly principles across all aspects of Fingal's operations. Delivery is further supported by Age Friendly Technical Advisors and Fingal's Age Friendly Programme Manager, with support from Age Friendly Ireland's Regional Manager. Fingal's Age Friendly Ambassador plays a key role in promoting awareness and engagement with Age Friendly initiatives. Their roles are outlined below.

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Fingal's Age Friendly Alliance

Fingal's Age Friendly Alliance is a cross-sectoral partnership that brings together key organisations and stakeholders committed to making Fingal a better place in which to grow older. The Alliance plays a central role in leading and overseeing the implementation of the Fingal Age Friendly Strategy. Chaired by an Independent Chair, the Alliance includes members from a wide range of agencies and groups, including:

- An Garda Síochána
- Dublin and Dun Laoghaire Education and Training Board
- Dublin City University (DCU)
- Healthy Fingal
- Health Service Executive (HSE)
- Local Link
- Fingal County Council Elected Representatives
- Fingal County Council Housing and Community Departments
- Fingal County Council Libraries Department
- Fingal Older People's Council

The Alliance serves as the main coordinating and decision-making body for Age Friendly initiatives in Fingal. Its core responsibilities include:

- Driving Implementation: Overseeing the delivery of the goals and actions set out in the Age Friendly Strategy and ensuring that all partners are working together effectively.
- Promoting Collaboration: Encouraging joint initiatives between agencies, services, and community groups to meet the needs of older people in a holistic way.
- Monitoring Progress: Tracking outcomes, measuring impact, and reporting regularly on the progress of the strategy's implementation.
- Identifying and Addressing Gaps: Responding to challenges raised by older people and stakeholders and referring issues beyond its remit to Age Friendly Ireland for national-level action.
- Championing Older People: Ensuring that the voice of older people is central to planning and decision-making, and that they are involved in shaping the services and supports that affect their lives.

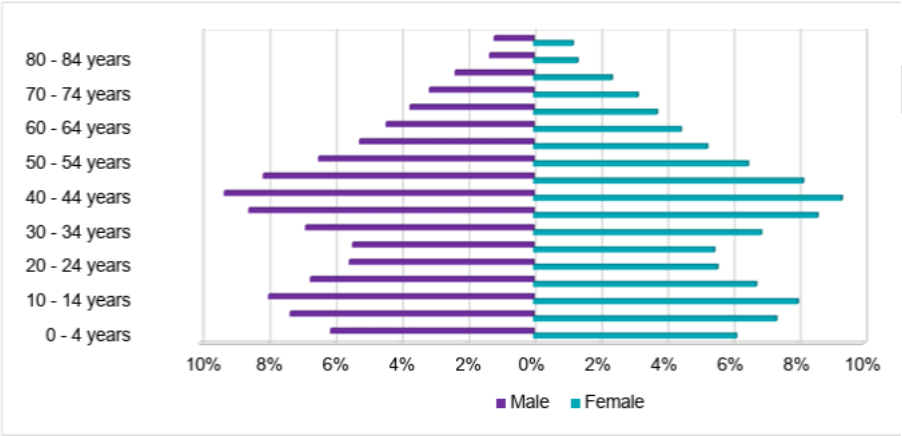
By bringing diverse organisations together with a shared purpose, Fingal's Age Friendly Alliance ensures that age friendly actions are not just the responsibility of one agency but a joint commitment to building an inclusive, supportive community for all.

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4. Demographic Profile of Older People in Fingal

Fingal County is one of Ireland's fastest-growing counties in Ireland with a blend of urban, suburban, and rural communities. As of the 2022 Census, the population reached 330,506, marking an 11.6% increase since 2016, well above the national growth rate. This rapid growth, driven by both inward migration and natural population increases, has contributed to Fingal maintaining one of the youngest demographic profiles in the country. However, alongside this youthful population, there is a marked and growing cohort of older adults. While those aged 55 and over currently represent about 21% of the population, this group has grown by 59% since 2011, far exceeding the national average increase of 35.8%. The increase is expected to accelerate in the next 10-15 years driven by a rise in the number of people currently in their 40s and 50s, who make up a significant proportion of Fingal's population

Figure 4.1 : Percentage of Population by Age and Sex in Fingal 2022



Source: CSO

Diversity among Fingal's older population

Fingal's older population reflects a growing diversity in terms of health, caregiving roles, ethnicity, and nationality, all of which have important implications for the development of inclusive, age friendly policies. A significant and increasing number of older people are living with disability. In 2022, 23,571 people aged 55 or older identified as have a disability, highlighting the need for targeted supports and accessible services to enable full participation and quality of life for older people with disabilities.

Caring responsibilities are another key aspect of diversity among older people. A total of 6,175 people aged 55+ identified as unpaid carers in 2022, with the largest share in the 55–59 age group (2,235 carers). These older carers often support spouses, adult children with disabilities, or grandchildren, placing additional emotional and physical demands on them. As the population ages, these dual roles, as older individuals and caregivers require recognition and support.

Living alone can significantly impact the wellbeing of older people, particularly in areas such as social isolation, access to services, and health outcomes. It is unclear how many people aged 55 and over are living alone in Fingal, as of Census 2022, 6,929 people aged 65 and over were living alone, of which 2,036 were aged 80 years or over. Older people living alone are more vulnerable to social isolation, particularly those who are widowed, have limited mobility, or live in more rural or poorly

connected areas. Targeted supports for this group, including right-sizing housing options and enhanced social inclusion initiatives will be essential in creating a more age friendly Fingal where older people living alone can remain safe, connected, and supported. Social isolation is not just experienced by those living alone, it is recognised that this can be felt even when surrounded by people living in towns and villages across the county representing a further dimension to this complex societal challenge.

Ethnic and cultural diversity is also a growing feature of older age in Fingal. While the majority of older residents in Fingal are Irish nationals, a notable 6,765 people aged 55 and over are non-Irish nationals. This figure, alongside trends showing increased numbers of residents born outside Ireland (26.7% in 2022), suggests an increasingly multicultural older population. Ensuring that services are culturally competent, linguistically accessible, and reflective of diverse life experiences will be essential to fostering a truly inclusive, age friendly environment in Fingal. Moreover, it is crucial to continue engaging these communities to better understand and respond to their specific needs and aspirations as they age.

Although Fingal has traditionally been seen as a county of young families, the population aged 70 and over has doubled since 2011, and the large numbers currently in the 40–50 age bracket indicate a coming surge in demand for age-related services in the next 10 to 15 years. These demographic shifts highlight the urgent need to prepare for an ageing population. **Fingal's shifting demographics demands a robust, forward-thinking age friendly strategy to ensure adequate support, infrastructure, and services are available to meet the current and future needs of a diverse cohort of older people.** As the county develops, promoting inclusion, accessibility, and active ageing will be essential to building a truly age friendly Fingal.

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5. Strategy Development

The development of this strategy employed a robust and inclusive methodology, ensuring that the voices of older people and the wider community were central to the process. The approach combined extensive public consultation, targeted engagement with key stakeholders, and surveys to gather diverse perspectives and insights.

As with previous Age Friendly Strategies in Fingal, this strategy is structured around the eight thematic areas identified by the WHO (2007) as augmented and categorised by the WHO Age Friendly Environments in Europe project (AFEE) 2018. However, in the public consultation phase in the development of this strategy there was strong emphasis placed on gaining insight and identifying priorities from the seven Local Electoral Areas in Fingal County Council within those eight strategic focus areas.



Figure 5.1 Fingal Age Friendly Strategy Roadmap

The initial stages involved a desktop review of Census 2022 data and relevant reports and strategic policy documents. This review informed the selection of relevant locations and target groups for consultation meetings.

Engagements

A broad and inclusive engagement approach was adopted to inform the development of the Age Friendly Strategy. Public participation was promoted through posters in community venues, direct outreach to older persons' groups, communication via the Public Participation Network (PPN), and coordination with stakeholder organisations such as the Older People's Council (OPC) and the Age Friendly Alliance. Fingal County Council Community Development Officers played a key role in mobilising local engagement and encouraging participation from older people and their representative groups.

A total of 23 consultation events were held across the county, attracting 482 participants. These localised sessions provided an accessible platform for individuals and groups to share their experiences, voice concerns, and offer suggestions. Many attendees represented community or advocacy organisations, broadening the range and depth of input collected.

Key stakeholders, including the Age Friendly Alliance and the Older People's Council, were actively involved through dedicated meetings. Their insights were essential in shaping the Strategy's direction and ensuring alignment with the needs and aspirations of older people. In addition, each member of the Council's Age Friendly Interdepartmental Team was interviewed, with findings integrated into the overall analysis.

To complement the qualitative input, a survey was disseminated both online and in hard copy, the responses received, providing additional valuable data on the priorities and challenges facing older people in Fingal. (Appendix 1- Survey questionnaire)

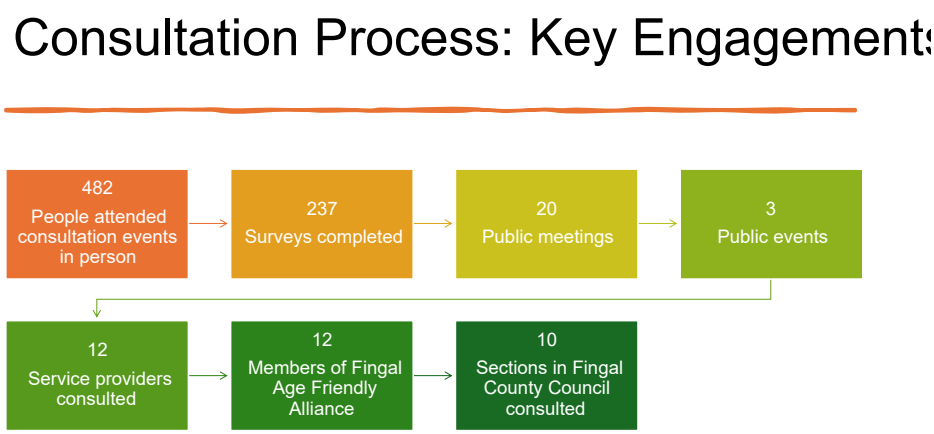


Figure 5.2 Consultation Process

Reaching Underrepresented Groups

Early feedback identified gaps in participation from certain groups, including men, members of the Traveller and migrant communities, as well as people with disabilities. The engagement process was adapted to address this by organising targeted sessions with these groups, ensuring their perspectives were included in the Strategy's development. The PPN, with over 600 member groups, supported outreach which enabled engagement with a broad spectrum of community organisations, enhancing the strategy's inclusivity and depth.

Data Analysis

Data from consultations, targeted engagement, surveys, and stakeholder interviews was analysed to identify recurring themes and priority areas. This evidence-based process informed the development of a strategy that is responsive to the unique demographic and social context of Fingal.

The collaborative, multi-agency approach used placed the voices of older people at its core. By integrating broad public input with targeted outreach and data analysis, a strong foundation for an inclusive and actionable Age Friendly Strategy was built.

6. The Strategy

Fingal *Age Friendly Strategy (2026-2030)* sets out the vision of Fingal as an Age Friendly County. Since its inception, Age Friendly Fingal has been committed to enhancing the quality of life for older people through a diverse range of initiatives, in collaboration with organisations, agencies and volunteer groups. These efforts have helped create an inclusive, supportive and empowering environment where older people can thrive, remain active, and continue to contribute meaningfully to their communities.

However, with a growing and more diverse population of older people, it is necessary to evaluate the work that has been done and continuously improve to ensure that the needs and interests of a changing cohort of older people are met. While the majority of the respondents in the consultations provided constructive and positive feedback, gaps in service provision and their priorities were identified. For the service providers represented on the Age Friendly Alliance, this process provided a strong foundation from which to jointly develop services for older people. While older residents identified many gaps, they also acknowledged the positive actions already taken. This feedback should guide and encourage greater alignment of delivery of services over the next four to five years.

Vision

Fingal builds on its recognition as an age friendly community, one that values the rich diversity of its older residents, alleviates loneliness through promoting inclusion, and empowers older people to lead meaningful lives while realising their full potential.

Mission

To work together as partners to enhance the wellbeing of older people in Fingal through:

- Improving the provision of, and access to key services, supports and facilities.
- Addressing gaps in service provision and creating synergies through co-ordination of an interagency approach in partnership with local communities.

Values

Our core values in approaching delivery of this Strategy are:

Inclusion: Recognise the diversity of our older population and as a priority striving (strive) towards equality of access for all regardless of ethnicity, economic or social status.

Collaboration: Partner with others to lead by example, set high standards, and create an environment where all available resources are effectively coordinated and used to deliver the Strategy for the greatest benefit to current and future generations of older people

Innovation: To be pioneering in introducing new ways of addressing everyday challenges and needs of older people by piloting and bringing forward new ideas, methods and approaches.

Strategic Goals

This Strategy aims to address some of the challenges identified in the consultation process with older people across the county. The challenges are varied, reflecting both the diverse needs of a heterogeneous older population and the geographic differences across Fingal, where urban, suburban, and rural areas each present unique issues. However, the consultations highlighted similar issues across the county which are presented under four overall themes.

The four thematic areas relate directly to the eight domains of the WHO's Age Friendly Communities.



Figure 6.1 Thematic areas and Domains

These four key themes emerged from the analysis of the findings from the community and stakeholder consultations:

1. Health and Wellbeing
2. Safe and Attractive Neighbourhoods
3. Mobility and Accessibility
4. Information and Participation

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THEME A: HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Progress has been made with the introduction of the health and wellbeing programmes for older people. Health Promotion talks in libraries and community centres with the HSE and Healthy Fingal provide older residents with information on maintaining health and preventing illness. Exercise programmes both in person and online have been developed by Fingal's Sports Officers for all levels of ability including walking groups, sofa to saddle programme, aqua-aerobics and exercise classes for older people. Tai Chi and Yoga are among the regular classes available in Fingal Libraries. FCC Community Development Officers continue to support groups through the provision of training and funding.

Objective 1: Optimise Health outcomes for older people

During the consultation process issues were identified pertaining to health services across the county. While recognising constraints in the HSE and staff shortages as well as the rising ageing population, concerns were raised about a lack of basic health services in some of the more rural

areas in Fingal with long waiting times to see GPs. Older people are cognisant of the benefits of taking preventative measures to ensure their health and wellbeing. However, there is lack of awareness of the health and exercise programmes and a need for clearer pathways to accessing these programmes. Information on health-monitoring devices to enable older people to remain living at home is lacking, as is financial support in the form of grants for these devices.

Further challenges highlighted include a need for training in digital literacy for healthcare access via smartphones and deficits in transport to hospitals across the county along with the cost of carparking at hospitals, this is addressed under Theme C: Mobility and Accessibility.

Actions

To support older people in Fingal to overcome challenges on access to health services and health promotion initiatives, as well as supports to remain living at home, the Strategy will:

- Promote initiatives and campaigns to enhance and support the health and wellbeing of older people.
- Support older people to prevent and manage chronic disease
- Deliver the Frailty Prevention Programme currently being developed by the HSE and AFI
- Continue to promote and develop programmes of physical activities for older people across the county.
- Promote cycling for exercise and mobility
- Implement initiatives to address substance misuse in older people
- Introduce a programme to target those experience loneliness and isolation
- Support older people with dementia and their carers through dementia cafes
- Develop partnerships between the Healthy Age Friendly Homes Programme and external stakeholders

Objective 2: Build strong and inclusive services

The need for clearly designated, visible, and welcoming age friendly spaces for older people, such as ground-floor areas in public libraries, arose during consultations. There is a need for a coordinated approach to expand the age friendly towns and communities' initiative to ensure inclusivity in design, planning, and service delivery. There is a variance in the range of supports reported by participants for senior groups. While many groups appreciate the support they received, a need for structured supports to navigate and access the full range of available services and resources was identified.

Actions

- Fingal County Council will continue to provide capacity building supports to community groups which benefit older people through capacity building, networking and funding supports.
- Using existing expertise such as community leadership and healthy ageing DCU will deliver training sessions and short courses to support groups and individuals.
- Age Friendly Towns initiative will be expanded to other towns in Fingal.
- Work will commence on attaining a designation of Age Friendly Sports Campus in a major facility in Fingal.

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Theme B: Safe and Attractive Neighbourhoods

Significant progress has been made in recent years to ensure that neighbourhoods in Fingal are safe, accessible, and welcoming for older people. Key improvements include the introduction of age friendly parking spaces across the county, along with walkability audits aimed at enhancing the public realm to ensure older people feel secure and confident in their neighbourhoods. Fingal County Council continues to actively support local initiatives such as Tidy Towns, enhancement groups, and community gardens, all of which contribute to creating more attractive and inclusive environments.

Fingal continues to incorporate principles of universal design in newly developed housing schemes and public building. Two Healthy Age Friendly Homes Coordinators, are assigned to Fingal to provide guidance to older people on home adaptation grants and support services, enabling them to age safely in place. Two members of staff have been designed as Age Friendly Technical Advisors and have received training to ensure they continue to offer expertise on public domain and inclusive housing design and assist in the development of suitable housing options. To further support community safety, regular safety talks by An Garda Síochána equip older residents with practical information on personal security and crime prevention. These combined efforts reflect a strong commitment to building communities where older people can live independently, safely, and with dignity.

Objective 3: Improve safety and security for older people

Participants in the consultation process expressed a range of concerns related to safety and security, both in public spaces and within their homes. Personal safety fears are heightened in public parks, where anti-social behaviour and the presence of unsupervised dogs contribute to feelings of vulnerability and isolation. The growing use of e-scooters and bicycles on footpaths, combined with a perceived lack of Garda presence, adds to these anxieties. Additionally, the increasing shift to online services has introduced new risks, with many older people expressing fear and uncertainty about navigating websites, clicking links, or falling victim to scams.

Actions

- **Crime prevention advice** for older people to enhance personal safety and safety in the home.
- Provision of workshops to help older people stay safe on the roads as drivers, cyclists and pedestrians.
- Provision of online safety training designed for older people

Objective 4: Enhance accessibility in public spaces

Consultations with older people revealed a broad range of challenges related to the public realm, infrastructure, and outdoor accessibility. A consistent concern was the deficit in amenities such as public seating, toilets and safe walking routes, as well as suitable carparking. Many parks and open spaces lack basic features like benches, lighting, and accessible toilets, essential for older people to comfortably enjoy outdoor areas. While acknowledging the value of regional parks across the county, participants noted their large scale can discourage use by older people and highlighted the need for smaller more accessible parks designed for rest and relaxation. They also noted a shortage of outdoor exercise facilities in some areas.

Outdoor accessibility was another major issue, particularly the poor condition of footpaths, which it was reported are often uneven, cracked, or obstructed by parked vehicles, posing serious safety risks for those with mobility aids and challenges. In the more rural areas, narrow and busy roads make

walking hazardous. The lack of clear signage to separate walkers and cyclists adds further safety concerns. Overall, these findings highlight a pressing need for more inclusive, well-maintained, and safe outdoor environments to support older people's mobility, wellbeing, and social engagement.

Actions

- Integrate walkability studies into major infrastructure programmes to ensure that public realm developments are designed to meet the needs of older people.
- Identify additional areas suitable for additional age friendly car parking spaces during walkability audits.
- Develop and promote age friendly walking routes.

Objective 5: Facilitate provision of age-appropriate housing

Consultations highlighted significant housing-related challenges, particularly around the lack of suitable, age friendly options to support ageing in place or facilitate rightsizing. There is a clear deficit of smaller, accessible homes that would allow older residents to right-size within their own communities, with few affordable or appropriate properties available for purchase. There is a demand for sheltered housing, assisted living, and retirement villages, with a preference for these to be located locally to maintain social connections and community ties.

Another key issue is the lack of accessible information and support for home retrofitting and maintenance. Older people reported difficulties in understanding and accessing grants and in evaluating the affordability or cost-effectiveness of energy efficiency upgrades. There is a strong sense among older people for the need for greater housing choice, clearer guidance, and financial support to remain safe, independent, and comfortable in their homes without being pressured to relocate for the benefit of younger populations

Actions

- Implement and formalise proposed practices in relation to the new Right-Sizing Policy
- Expand the Healthy Age Friendly Homes (HAFH) Programme.
- Provide a minimum percentage of homes developed to Universal design standards.
- Encourage the delivery of age friendly homes as referenced in policies and objectives of the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029

Theme C: Mobility and Accessibility

Fingal County Council has made significant strides in enhancing mobility and accessibility for older residents through a range of initiatives. The introduction of Active Travel programmes, such as Cycling Without Age has created opportunities for older people to enjoy safe, leisurely cycling experiences, fostering both physical wellbeing and social engagement. The Trishaw is now available in three locations to allow those who can no longer cycle themselves enjoy the cycling experience.

To further support independent travel, a Community Car Scheme was established, offering convenient and reliable transport for older people to attend essential appointments in their community. In addition, over 20 age friendly car parking spaces have been strategically installed throughout the county to ensure easier access to services and amenities. Complementing these efforts, Local Link has tailored and expanded its rural transport routes to better serve the specific needs of older residents in rural Fingal, enhancing their connectivity and reducing isolation. In addition, Public Libraries in Fingal have been awarded the Age Friendly Charter, recognising the considerable improvements made to facilities and services for older people in recent years.

Objective 6: Improve availability and access to public transport for older people

Consultation findings across Fingal highlighted several critical challenges affecting older people's access to public transport and related infrastructure. One of the most prominent concerns is the lack of direct bus routes to essential destinations such as hospitals. Poor cross-county connectivity and inadequate transport options in growing communities like Lusk and Donabate further compound the issue. The limited frequency of existing services, the lack of synchronisation between bus and train schedules, and the unreliable nature of some infrastructure, such as train station lifts also present significant barriers to mobility for older residents.

Participants also pointed to physical accessibility and comfort as areas needing urgent improvement. This includes the need for more bus shelters, seating, and designated, secure parking, especially in town centres. There is also a strong demand for the expansion and better promotion of age friendly transport options such as Local Link to medical and retail facilities, as well as community car schemes. Additionally, older people expressed concerns about safety, poor taxi availability in rural areas like Garristown, the usability of parking meters that rely solely on apps, and a lack of respect or inclusion when using public transport. The need for clearer communication and awareness around available services was a recurring theme, as many older people feel socially excluded or uninformed and increasingly isolated.

Actions

- Engage with AFI to address identified gaps in transport provision with the National Transport Authority (NTA)
- Work with local transport providers to explore how current resources can be used to better facilitate the needs of older people to access local hospitals in Fingal.
- Support the expansion of the community car scheme to additional locations in Fingal. Provide support and assistance to further develop the Cycling Without Age Initiative across the county.
- Identify opportunities to promote bike share as a viable form of public transport for older adults and pilot age friendly bike share initiatives

Theme D: Information and Participation

A wide range of initiatives to promote the active participation of older people in community life, celebrating their contributions while ensuring inclusion, creativity, and connection, have been implemented across Fingal. Events such as the *Vintage Picnic*, which welcomes over 600 participants annually, create joyful spaces where older people can engage in music, dance, and cultural expression. Libraries across Fingal also play a key role, offering tailored programmes and hosting events during the Bealtaine Festival to celebrate creativity in later life. In addition, Fingal supports Positive Ageing Week by partnering with community centres countywide to showcase a vibrant, active image of ageing and encourage meaningful community involvement.

Targeted programmes such as Walk and Talk and Men on the Move provide accessible ways for older people, particularly older men, who are often underrepresented in social initiative to stay physically active and socially connected.

Information-sharing and empowerment are central to Fingal's approach. Biannual Information Events for Older People provide valuable advice and resources from a range of public and voluntary organisations, while the Annual OPC Conference offers a platform for senior groups to voice concerns and shape policy. Ongoing support for senior social groups and intergenerational projects such as Cricket4All and Cross Border–Cross Generations help bridge generational divide and

strengthen community ties. Lifelong learning and digital skills training delivered by our Alliance members in DDLETB and DCU empower older people to stay engaged and informed. DDLETB also provides tutors for classes in a wide variety of topics to groups across the county in clubs and libraries These efforts are further complemented by the weekly Age Friendly Newsletter, which keeps older residents updated on services, opportunities, and initiatives throughout Fingal and beyond

Objective 7: Embrace Active Participation of Older People in Society
Older people across the county have highlighted a broad range of challenges that hinder their full and active participation in society, particularly around communication, access to information, social engagement, and inclusion. A consistent theme is the digital divide. Many older people do not use smartphones or struggle with online platforms, leaving them behind in an increasingly digital-first environment. Websites are often difficult to navigate, and critical updates are not always delivered reliably. There is a strong desire for more human-based communication and printed materials, including local newsletters, physical information points in community centres, and better use of non-digital outlets like local radio. Calls were made for the creation of a one-stop information shop or expanded citizen information-type service.

In terms of civic and social participation, many respondents reported a lack of accessible venues. There's also a need for increased subsidies for social and physical activities, such as swimming, line dancing, and exercise classes, to accommodate those on fixed income. Older people called for more volunteer opportunities and better awareness of the Volunteer Centre, alongside improved funding access for community and voluntary organisations. Demand exists for more intergenerational activities to reduce barriers between generations and promote inclusivity and wellbeing. Finally, participants highlighted broader inclusion issues and accessible sports options for those with reduced mobility. Older residents have asked for joined up, coordinated communication efforts and greater recognition of the valuable social, civic, and cultural contributions they continue to make.

Actions

- Explore the possibility of developing a schedule of drop-in clinics for older people with Citizen's Information Centre (CIC) in conjunction with libraries.
- Organise Information/Showcase in local communities to provide information for older people on the services and activities available in their area.
- Establish a database for the distribution of information specifically for older people to include individuals, groups, service providers and social media channels.
- Develop an older volunteer enabler initiative to promote volunteer roles for older people in Fingal.
- Extend existing intergenerational work to enable and empower older people to participate in their communities and facilitate transfer of knowledge and skills between the generations.
- Design intergenerational programs that pair older residents with students for cultural, educational, or mentorship exchanges.

Challenges and issues identified during consultations were presented to Fingal Age Friendly Alliance to identify and agree on actions. For each action, a lead organisation and a timeframe for implementation have been agreed upon to ensure accountability and timely progress. Issues identified which fall outside the remit of the Alliance, will be forwarded to Age Friendly Ireland for consideration and discussion at the national level. Oversight for the implementation of the action plan below rests with the Alliance, supported by other structures in place within Age Friendly Fingal.

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An annual report will provide an update on progress, and any changes or additions to the plan will be ratified by the Alliance to maintain transparency and collective agreement throughout the process.

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7. Action Plan

The themes and objectives in the Action Plan have been aligned with the National Age Friendly Programme. The plan has been developed to deliver SMART actions with clear measurable outcomes, organised under four key themes. These themes collectively cover the eight strategic focus areas of the National Programme. Objectives have been established in each of the four themes, with SMART actions designed to directly support their achievement. Overall, the strategy comprises four themes, seven objectives and 34 specific actions.

Figure 6.1 Thematic areas and Domains

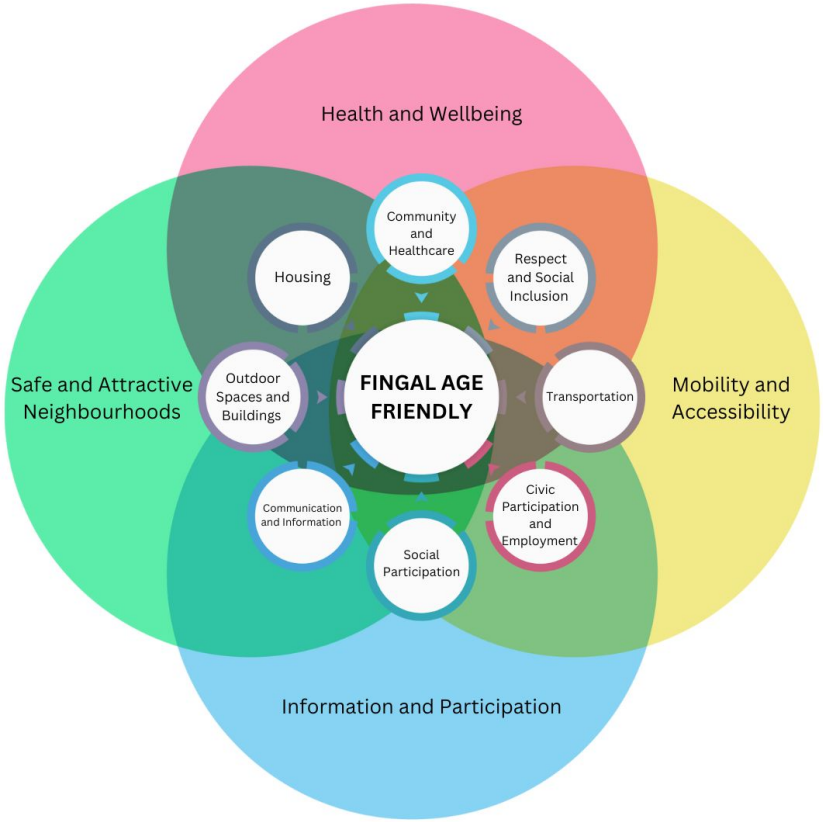
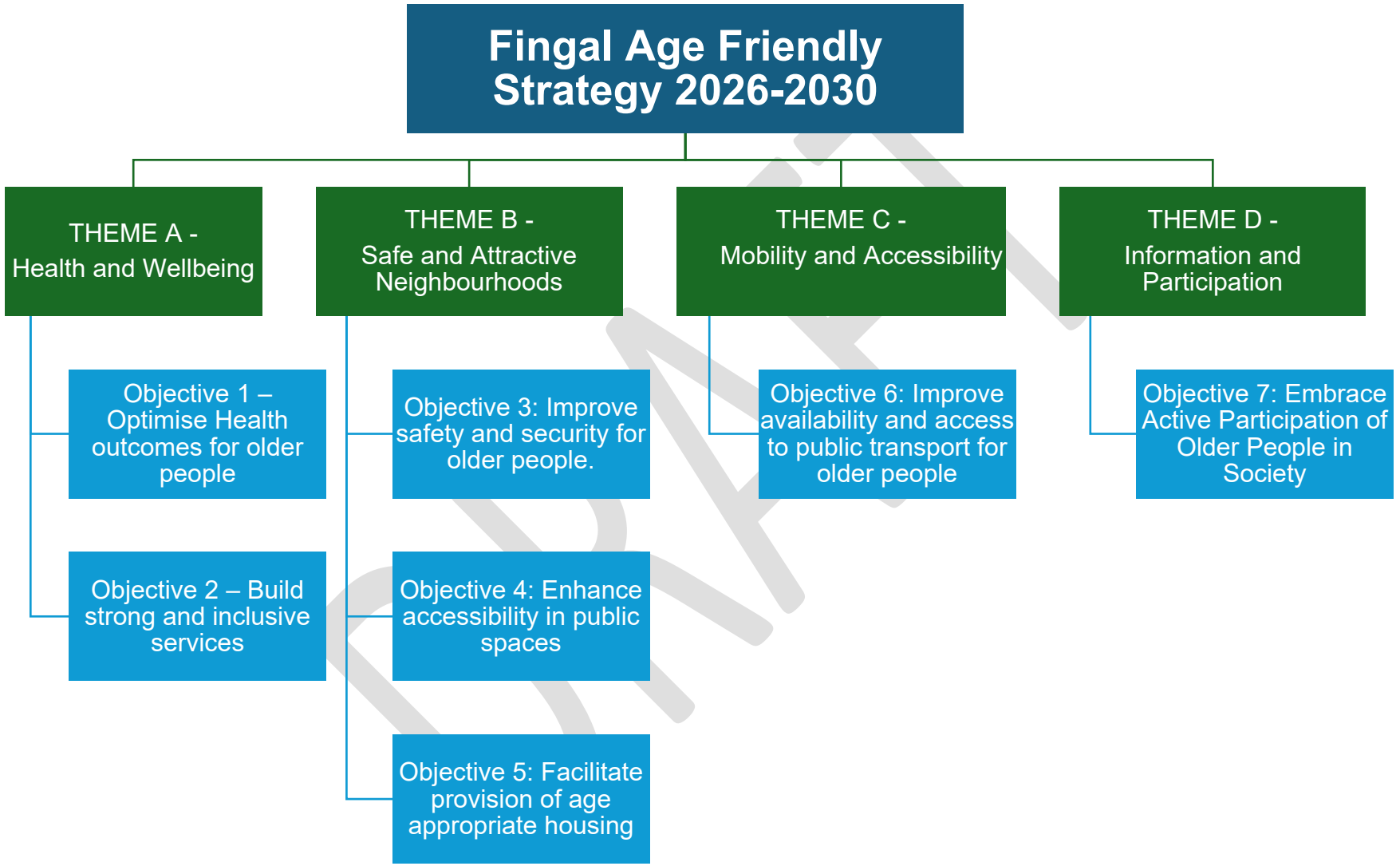


Fig. 7.2 Structure of Fingal Age Friendly Strategy 2026-2030



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Theme A: Health and Wellbeing							
Objective 1 – Optimise Health outcomes for older people							
No.	**Action**	**Description**	**Lead Partner(s)**	**Supporting Partners**	**Timescale**	**Indicators**	**Target Areas**
1.1	Promote initiatives and campaigns to enhance and support the health and wellbeing of older people. Support older people to prevent and manage chronic disease.	1. Promote both national and targeted local campaigns in relation to healthy eating & active living, cancer prevention, brain health, dementia awareness self-management support, smoking cessation, reduction in binge drinking and mental health and wellbeing. 2.County-wwide health and wellbeing information campaigns to support early intervention, prevention and self-management of chronic disease. 3.Plan, support and promote activities during National Positive Ageing Week 4.Distribution of HSE booklet on services for older people	HSE (Health Promotion and Improvement Team)	Healthy Ireland at your Libraries Co-ordinator, Healthy Fingal Coordinator, Fingal Sports Office, HSE Older persons/Mental Health and Primary Care services	2026-2030	1.Data capture of older people accessing stop smoking services 2.Data capture of campaigns/information sessions delivered to HSE staff and local community members 3.Activities completed and attended during positive ageing week 4.No of booklets disseminated	Entire County

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1.2	Deliver Frailty Prevention Programme	Promote HSE's new Age Friendly Healthy Programme Course in frailty prevention.	HSE	Age Friendly Fingal. Community Centres	2026-2029	One course in 2026 with the aim of increasing in subsequent years. Number will depend on delivery method and interest among groups	Entire county
1.3	Implement & promote a programme of physical activities for older people	Launch a campaign to improve health and fitness of older people. Provide structured and easily accessible exercise for different mobility levels on an annual basis. 1.Run an annual "Active for Life", programme of physical activities for older people. 2.Identify gaps in physical activities for older people in Fingal, through the Fingal Active Cities Dublin Initiative in line with Fingal Sports	Fingal Active Cities & Sports Dept	Libraries HSE Age Friendly Fingal/OPC	2026-2030	Active for life programme to increase from 6 to 8 locations by 2026 250-300 older people per week participating in Active for Life exercise programmes.	Entire county

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		Office, Local Sports Plan 2024-2029. 3.Undertake campaigns to promote the benefits of physical activity for older people. Promote "active for all" in campaigns and promotions and ensure the visibility of older people in promotional material.					
1.4	Encourage older people to cycle for exercise and mobility	Activities to increase access to cycling for older people	Active Travel & Sports	Age & Opportunity	2026-2030	Sofa to Saddle Programmes. 40 new people per year (4 courses)	Areas to be agreed
1.5	Implement initiative to address Substance misuse in older people	Targeted programme of support and information provision to target alcohol misuse and binge drinking amongst older men 55-74. Information campaign on alcohol misuse and binge drinking.	HSE Healthy Fingal Office	n/a	2026-2030	Data capture of older adults reporting a decrease in binge drinking	Targeting areas of disadvantage/ areas of identified need
1.6	Programme to tackle loneliness and isolation amongst older people	Explore good practice initiatives identified in the KORALE EU Project on loneliness with a view to piloting these initiatives in	FCC Community Dept	HSE (PHN) DCU Alone Libraries Age Friendly Skerries	2026-2030	Pilot 2 social engagement initiatives in 2026 and roll-out to other	Roll out successful initiatives, prioritising areas with

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		Fingal and showcasing best practice.				identified areas from 2026-2030	identified needs.
1.7		Continue to support groups to develop and engage with Walk & Talk	Sports/Active Travel	Get Ireland Walking	2026-2028	Increased presence of Walk & Talk Groups from 5 to 15 across the County	Entire County
1.8	Support older people with dementia and their carers	Continue to support Dementia Cafes in Fingal. Identify gaps and support the expansion of dementia cafes in areas identified	FCC Community Development	HSE ASI	2026	Support the establishment of 1 café in an area with an identified need.	Dublin 15
1.9	Develop partnerships between the Healthy Age Friendly Homes Programme and external stakeholders	Develop working relationships with key stakeholders and service providers to align actions to support older people to age well while continuing to live in their own home. Promote the Healthy Homes Initiative with relevant agencies to ensure relevant supports for older people to remain living in their own homes	Age Friendly Ireland/Healthy Homes	n/a	2026-2030	Increase in referral numbers or an increase in referrers.	Entire County

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Objective 2 – Build strong and inclusive services							
No.	**Action**	**Description**	**Lead Partner(s)**	**Supporting Partners**	**Timescale**	**Indicators**	**Target Areas**
2.1	Continue to provide capacity building supports to community groups	Through the Community Department's First Steps Programme provide capacity building, networking opportunities, and funding supports for groups and activities for older people	FCC Community Dept	DCU DDLETB	2026-2030	The number of groups for older people supported each year. No of newly established groups.	Entire County
2.2		Harness DCU-led training modules. Use university existing expertise in areas such as healthy ageing, community leadership and digital literacy, to deliver training sessions or short courses.	DCU	DCU	2026-2030	Number of training sessions delivered, disaggregated by topic (healthy ageing, community leadership, digital literacy).	Entire County
2.3	Build on the Age Friendly Towns initiative	Designation of additional towns to Age Friendly status	Fingal Community Section	FCC EETCD FCC Operations An Gardai Local businesses Other FCC Depts identified	2026-2030	Revisit Age Friendly Skerries 1 no. new Ag Friendly Town	Skerries Area to be identified
2.4	Age Friendly Sports Campus	Establish an Age Friendly National Sport Campus	Age Friendly Fingal/Age Friendly Ireland	National Sports Campus & other identified partners	2026-2027	1 no. Age Friendly Sports Campus in Fingal	To be identified

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Theme B: Safe and Attractive Neighbourhoods							
Objective 3: Improve safety and security for older people							
No.	**Action**	**Description**	**Lead Partner(s)**	**Supporting Partners**	**Timescale**	**Indicators**	**Target Areas**
3.1	Provide regular safety information for older people across the council area.	Provision of crime prevention advice to older people to enhance personal safety, safety in the home.	Fingal Community Office	An Garda Síochana Age Friendly Programme OPC	2026-2030	To engage on a minimum of 20 occasions with associated groups, annually Participate in Age Friendly Fingal Information Events x 2 annually	Entire county
3.2	Road Safety	Deliver road safety talks to older people as drivers, cyclists and pedestrians	Age Friendly Fingal Road Safety Authority	OPC Community Officers	2026-2030	Deliver a minimum of 1 Mobility Matters programme for older people annually	Entire county
3.3	Online Safety	Online Cyber Safety Training	DDLETB	n/a	2026	1 training session per annum	Entire County

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Objective 4: Enhance accessibility in public spaces							
No.	**Action**	**Description**	**Lead Partner(s)**	**Supporting Partners**	**Timescale**	**Indicators**	**Target Areas**
4.1	To upgrade and expand public realm infrastructure that is age friendly	Link walkability studies with significant infrastructure programmes to inform public realm infrastructure including urban planting to ensure works meet the needs of older people.	Age Friendly Fingal	OPC Town Team Projects FCC Access Officer	2026-2030	The number of development programmes which include age friendly walkability audits/consultations as part of the programme	Entire County
4.2	Age friendly carparking spaces	Identify areas suitable for age friendly car parking spaces as identified during walkability audits	Age Friendly Fingal	OPC Active Travel	2026-2030	No of additional carparking spaces	Entire County
4.3	Age friendly walking routes	Develop and promote age friendly walking routes	Active Travel	Get Ireland Walking Tidy Towns	2026-2028	Establish 2 walking routes in each LEA designated age friendly (6 in total)	Entire County

Objective 5: Facilitate provision of age-appropriate housing							
No.	**Action**	**Description**	**Lead Partner(s)**	**Supporting Partners**	**Timescale**	**Indicators**	**Target Areas**
5.1	Implement and formalise proposed practices in relation to the new Right Sizing Policy	Launch and Implement a rightsizing initiative to ensure that housing meets the needs of older people and rightsizing options available to those who wish to avail of it.	Fingal CC Housing section	Approved housing bodies	2026	Rightsizing policy implemented	Entire County

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		Impact study to be conducted by academic partners. Strategy launched, actioned and communicated to older property owners that wish to downsize.					
5.2	Expand the Healthy Age Friendly Homes (HAFH) Programme	Provide a signposting and hands on advice to older people through the Age-Friendly Homes initiative. One to one provision of support for older people in their own homes by dedicated professional staff with universal knowledge of supports and interventions that help maintain independent living	AFI/ Healthy Homes	FCC Housing Dept	2026-2030	Increase to 600 home visits per year.	Entire County
5.3	Provide a minimum percentage of homes developed to Universal design standards	Fingal County Council to continue to implement their policy of 30**%** of social homes in new housing developments to be developed to Universal Design standards, making them age friendly. All new housing developments proofed for compliance with Minimum Universal design limits.	Fingal Housing Section	n/a	2026-2030	Continued increase in Universal Design social housing stock from commencemen t of Strategy.	Entire County
5.4	Implement and formalise	Encourage delivery of age friendly housing as per	Planning Dept	Fingal County Council	2026-2030	Compliance with the stated	Entire County

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	proposed age friendly practices as referenced in policies and objectives of the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029	Section 3.5.7.1 of the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 and as required by Objective DMSO37: Age Friendly Housing of the Development Plan which requires that new residential developments in excess of 100 units provide 10% of the units as age friendly accommodation. Objective SPQHO19 of the Development Plan seeks to ensure a range of housing options for older people and includes the requirement that all Local Area Plans (LAP's) and Masterplans are assessed for suitability so as to provide housing for older people.				Development Plan objectives is ongoing through the Development Management and policy/plan-making functions of Fingal County Council.	

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Theme C: Mobility and Accessibility							
Objective 6: Improve availability and access to public transport for older people							
No.	**Action**	**Description**	**Lead Partner(s)**	**Supporting Partners**	**Timescale**	**Indicators**	**Target Areas**
6.1	Explore the development of transport routes in Fingal to hospitals i.e. Beaumont and satellite hospital (Josephs) and Connolly Hospital.	High level engagement with national organisations through AFI is required to address the identified gaps in transport provision. Liaise with local transport providers to explore how current resources can be used to better facilitate the needs of older people to access local hospitals	Age Friendly Alliance	FCC HSE Active Travel Unit An Garda Síochána Local Link NTA Dublin Bus Bus Eireann	2026-2028	Improved services for older people to hospitals in Fingal.	Entire County
6.2	Support the expansion of the community car initiative	Identify funding sources that would support the expansion of the community car scheme to additional locations in Fingal and add additional schemes across the County	Local Link	Car Share Operators & Local Link	2026-2030	Improved access to Community Cars across Fingal through increase from 1 to 3 community cars.	Donabate, Mulhuddart and Castleknock
6.3	Cycling without Age	Provide support and assistance in the further development of the Cycling Without Age Initiative leading to Inclusion of additional areas in the Cycling Without Age Scheme	Active Travel	-	2026-2030	Addition of 3 more towns & villages involved in Cycling Without	Skerries, Malahide, Santry, Dublin 15 and Baldoyle

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						Age, bringing total to 6.	
6.4	Bike Share	Identify opportunities to promote bike share as a viable form of public transport for older adults and pilot age friendly bike share initiatives.	Active Travel	Bleeper Bike	2026 – 2028	Increase uptake in bike share among the overs 55's	Skerries, Malahide, Castleknock and Howth

Theme D: Information and Participation							
Objective 7: Embrace Active Participation of Older People in Society							
No.	**Action**	**Description**	**Lead Partner(s)**	**Supporting Partners**	**Timescale**	**Indicators**	**Target Areas**
7.1	Enhance access to information for older people in Fingal.	Explore the possibility of developing a schedule of drop-in clinics for older people with CIC in conjunction with libraries.	Citizens Information Centre	Libraries	2026-2030	Develop a pilot in an area to measure success and roll out in areas identified with biggest needs	Entire County
7.2	Information/Showcase Events for Older People	Provision of information for older people on services and activities available in their area	Community Dept	Fingal Age Friendly Alliance	2026-2030	2 showcases per year	Entire County
7.3	Advertise all Age Friendly Fingal events	Establish a database for the distribution of information specifically for older people to include individuals, groups, service providers	Age Friendly Fingal	FCC Comms OPC Fingal Age Friendly Alliance	2026-2030	Database increase year-on-year.	Entire County

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		and social media channels					
7.4	Develop an Older Volunteer enabler initiative	Scope out opportunities to promote volunteer roles for older people in Fingal	Fingal Volunteer Centre Age Friendly Fingal	Fingal Community Department	2026	Develop a pilot initiative in year 1 to be rolled out in identified areas. 1 event per year.	Entire County
7.5	Extend Intergenerational Practice (IGP) in Fingal	Devise and resource a programme to build on existing intergenerational work to enable and empower older people to participate in their communities and facilitate transfer of knowledge and skills between the generations.	FCC Community Dept. DDLETB	Libraries FCC Arts Office DCU Schools, Youth Clubs, OPC, social and activity groups for older people	2026-2029	1 no. Intergenerational Programme Framework developed for Fingal area. Expand by one area per year for duration of the Strategy	Entire county
7.6		DCU to design intergenerational programs that pair older residents with students for cultural, educational, or mentorship exchanges.	DCU	Age Friendly Fingal. National youth groups	2026-2027	Number of intergenerational programmes designed and launched Number of older adults and students participating	Entire county

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						Number of sessions or contact hours completed	
7.7	Continue to provide supports to empower older people with essential literacy skills to navigate modern life.	Continue to organise talks, workshops and advice sessions throughout the library network in Fingal covering essential skills, including digital skills, media literacy, financial literacy, health awareness and sustainable lifestyles.	Libraries DDLETB	Organisations providing information in literacy skills. Other FCC Depts	2026-2030	Number of events organised and audience numbers	Entire area

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8. Monitoring and Evaluation

The successful implementation of the Fingal Age Friendly Strategy (2026-2030*)* relies on ongoing monitoring, collaboration, and accountability. To ensure that actions are progressing as intended and continue to reflect the needs of older people, a structured monitoring and evaluation framework will be put in place.

An **Annual Implementation Plan** will be developed at the beginning of each year, outlining specific actions, lead agencies, expected outputs, and timelines. Progress on these actions will be monitored through quarterly meetings of the Fingal Age Friendly Alliance, with regular updates provided by the lead agencies.

The **Older People's Council** will play a key role in reviewing the Action Plan, offering feedback and recommendations to the Alliance. This ensures that the views, ideas, and concerns of older people remain central to the Strategy's delivery. Outcomes and progress will be communicated widely to ensure transparency and to raise awareness of available supports and initiatives.

The **FCC Interdepartmental Team** will convene as needed to advance key projects, particularly those aligned with emerging funding opportunities or national programmes. Fingal's Age Friendly Programme will also maintain active links with the Regional and National Age Friendly offices to align with national policy and best practice.

A comprehensive Annual Progress Report will be compiled and presented at the first Alliance meeting of each year. This report will assess achievements, highlight challenges, and inform priorities for the year ahead, ensuring the strategy remains responsive, accountable, and focused on improving the lives of older people in Fingal.

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9. Supporting the implementation of the Strategy and Action Plan

A comprehensive framework has been established to support the delivery of the Action Plan, with defined roles and responsibilities assigned to the following groups and individuals.

Fingal Older People's Council
Fingal's Older People's Council (OPC) serves as the representative voice of older people across the county. Integral to the Fingal Age Friendly Programme, the OPC collaborates closely with Fingal Age Friendly Alliance, and Age Friendly Alliance to inform and influence both local and national policies affecting older people. Comprising individuals with diverse backgrounds and experiences, the OPC meets regularly to discuss issues pertinent to older people and to co-design solutions that enhance their quality of life.

The OPC actively contributes to various initiatives in Fingal, including the development of this Strategy, the organisation of information, cultural and social gatherings. They participate in local and national consultations to ensure the voice of older people in Fingal is included in all decisions that impact on them. Through these efforts, the OPC ensures that the perspectives and needs of older people are central to community planning and service delivery in Fingal.

Fingal Age Friendly Ambassador
The Age Friendly Ambassador for Fingal plays a pivotal role in advocating for and promoting age friendly policies and practices within the county. This honorary position is held by Terry Prone, media personality and communications. With her extensive experience in strategic communication and media relations, Terry is well-equipped to champion the Age Friendly Programme in Fingal. She is committed to standing up for issues facing society and aims to change attitudes towards ageing.

Age Friendly Fingal

- **Interdepartmental Team**: Fingal's Inter-departmental Team comprises of representatives from across departments in Fingal, including Housing, Communications, Active Travel, Planning, Architects, Community Development, Libraries and Economic Development. The team works collaboratively to ensure that the age friendly agenda is incorporated into Fingal County Council's work across the organisation.

- **Age Friendly Technical Advisor**: A core principle of the Government's housing policy is to enable older individuals to live independently and with dignity in their own homes for as long as possible. FCC have two Age Friendly Technical Advisors who play a vital role as the primary point of contact for age friendly housing-related and public domain technical inquiries, particularly in the areas of designing for life and universal design principles. This role involves referring to best practice models from other regions and sharing technical plans and development specifications. Additionally, the advisors provide appropriate contacts for individuals outside the local authority who can offer technical guidance, especially concerning universal design and crime prevention through environmental design principles.

- **Age Friendly Programme Manager**: The Programme Manager plays a central role in coordinating and driving the implementation of the Age Friendly Strategy (2026-2030) across the county. Working closely with key stakeholders, including the Age Friendly Alliance, the OPC, and internal departments, the Programme Manager ensures that age friendly principles are embedded in local policies, services, and initiatives. The role involves strategic planning, stakeholder engagement, monitoring progress against action plans, and reporting on outcomes. Additionally, the Programme Manager acts as a liaison with AFI, supporting the

alignment of local efforts with national objectives, and fostering innovation and best practice in promoting active, healthy, and inclusive ageing in Fingal

Age Friendly Ireland (AFI)

- **Healthy Homes Co-ordinators**: This service is overseen AFI with two co-ordinators allocated to Fingal. They are integral to ensuring that older people in Fingal have access to safe, comfortable, and appropriate housing that supports their health, wellbeing, and independence. They act as a central point of contact for older people in the community, offering information and support on housing-related services such as home adaptations, repairs, and energy efficiency measures. They work closely with local and national agencies, including health services, social services, and non-governmental organizations, ensuring a holistic approach to addressing the housing needs of older people. Additionally, the coordinator assists older individuals and their families in making informed decisions about home modifications, whether it involves safety features like grab rails or ramps, energy efficiency improvements, or enhancing overall accessibility.

- **Age Friendly Regional Manager (Eastern Region) -** The Regional Manager plays a key role in supporting the implementation of the Age Friendly Programme across Fingal and neighbouring local authorities. The Regional Manager provides strategic guidance, facilitates knowledge sharing, and ensures consistency with national age friendly policy and frameworks. They act as a critical link between local Age Friendly Programmes and the national office, offering support on best practices, capacity building, and coordination of regional initiatives. The role also involves fostering collaboration across local authorities to enhance the delivery of age friendly actions and ensure a cohesive approach to improving the quality of life for older people across the region.

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10. Policy Context

Fingal's Age Friendly Strategy (2026-2030) is set within an inter-connected network of international, national and local strategies and policies, many of which are informed by global trends and drivers for change. It is vital that during the bottom-up process of the Strategy formulation phase, that goals, objectives and actions that ultimately form Fingal's Age Friendly Strategy are congruent, complement, and are consistent with these Strategies and Policies to address the challenges and issues raised.

While the timelines for the development and implementation of these Strategies and Policies are not always the same, every effort is made to ensure that they align to maximise their effectiveness. This section presents an overview of some key relevant International, National and Local Strategies and Policies.

International

OECD Skills Strategy for Ireland (2023)
This strategy highlights the importance of fostering greater participation in lifelong learning, particularly for older people, to adapt to the evolving labour market and societal changes. The strategy emphasises the need to strengthen incentives for both individuals and employers to engage in lifelong learning and to make learning opportunities more flexible and accessible. This approach aims to equip older individuals with the necessary skills to remain active and competitive in the workforce, thereby supporting their economic participation and wellbeing.

WHO: National programmes for age friendly cities and communities: a guide (2023)
In April 2023, the World Health Organization (WHO) released a comprehensive guide to developing national programmes for age friendly cities and communities. This guide aims to assist countries in creating environments that support older individuals in living healthy, active, and fulfilling lives. It outlines a step-by-step approach encompassing leadership, stakeholder engagement, resource allocation, capacity building, and monitoring. The guide emphasises the importance of partnerships and networks in fostering age friendly initiatives and provides a living toolkit to support implementation.

National

Healthy Ireland Framework (2019–2025)
The Healthy Ireland Framework 2019–2025 aims to improve the health and wellbeing of the population. A core objective of the framework is to enable people to age with confidence, security, and dignity in their own homes and communities for as long as possible. This aligns with the broader vision of an age friendly Ireland, where older people can live healthy, active lives and participate fully in society. There are several key relevant initiatives under the framework including promoting healthy ageing by encouraging older people to maintain physical and mental health through regular activity, balanced nutrition, and social engagement. Supporting independent living and community integration are also key as well as implementing policies that address the specific needs of older people, including the development of a statutory scheme for homecare to improve access to services.

Housing for All – A New Housing Plan for Ireland (2021)
Housing for All, Ireland's National Housing Plan, places a strong emphasis on supporting older people to remain in their homes and communities for as long as possible. Aligned with the Programme for Government's vision of an age friendly Ireland, the plan promotes independent living, community participation, and access to a range of suitable housing and health supports. It reiterates many of the

key initiatives recommended in the Policy Statement Housing Options for Our Ageing Population and supports a national network of Age Friendly Technical Advisors, enhanced funding for Housing Adaptation Grants for Older and Disabled Persons, and the continued use of the Capital Assistance Scheme to facilitate age-appropriate housing solutions.

Housing Options for Our Ageing Population – Policy Statement (2019)
The Irish Government's *Housing Options for Our Ageing Population* policy aims to support older to live independently within their communities. Key initiatives include dedicated social housing, rightsizing opportunities, Age Friendly Technical Advisors, the implementation of Universal Design Principles, increased funding for housing adaptation grants and capital assistance to support the development of housing for older individuals.

National Positive Ageing Strategy (2013)
The National Positive Ageing Strategy (NPAS) provides a high-level framework aimed at promoting positive ageing across Ireland. It outlines four national goals: removing barriers to participation, supporting health and wellbeing, enabling independent living, and using research to inform policy. These goals emphasise the need for a whole-of-government approach to address the social, economic, and environmental factors that impact older people.

National Strategic Framework for Lifelong Guidance (2024–2030)
The National Strategic Framework for Lifelong Guidance (2024–2030) outlines Ireland's vision for a unified, high-quality guidance system that supports individuals across all stages of life, including older people. While the framework does not explicitly focus on older people, its emphasis on access, inclusion, and universal design ensures that guidance services are accessible to all individuals, regardless of age. This approach is particularly relevant for older people seeking to re-enter the workforce, transition careers, or engage in lifelong learning. By promoting lifelong career mobility and guidance within various sectors, including public employment services, the framework aims to provide older individuals with the support needed to make informed decisions about their education, career, and life choices

National Volunteering Strategy (2021–2025)
This Strategy aims to make volunteering more inclusive and accessible, including for older people. The Strategy encourages the creation of flexible volunteer roles, supports diversity, and works to remove barriers to participation, such as digital illiteracy and transportation issues. While not specifically targeting older people, it promotes volunteer opportunities that allow older people to contribute in ways that suit their needs, such as short-term, virtual, or home-based roles. The Strategy also focuses on supporting volunteer organisations to engage older volunteers and create welcoming environments. This approach aligns with age friendly volunteering principles, which emphasise flexibility, inclusivity, and leveraging the strengths of older volunteers.

Our Shared Future: Policy Statement on the Future of the Community and Voluntary Sector in Ireland (2020)
The Government's National Policy, *Our Shared Future*, outlines a comprehensive approach to fostering a sustainable, inclusive, and empowered society. While the Policy encompasses various aspects of community development, its implications for older people and age friendly communities are particularly significant. The policy emphasises the importance of creating environments that support the wellbeing and active participation of all citizens, including older people. It supports the development of age friendly communities through policies that promote accessible housing, healthcare, and social services tailored to the needs of older people. By fostering collaboration between government agencies, local authorities, and community organisations, the policy facilitates the creation of environments where older people can live independently and participate fully in community life. This holistic approach ensures that the voices of older people are heard, and their needs are met, contributing to the overarching goal of a more inclusive and equitable society.

Programme for Government: Securing Ireland's Future (2025)
The Programme for Government, *Securing Ireland's Future*, outlines a comprehensive approach to supporting older people and fostering age friendly communities. Recognising the importance of enabling older people to live independently and remain integrated within their communities, the government commits to several key initiatives such as an expansion of home supports services including meals-on-wheels and care and repair scheme and increasing housing adaptation grants.

Project Ireland 2040: National Planning Framework (2018)
Project Ireland 2040 acknowledges the need to plan for Ireland's ageing population by prioritising accessible services, healthcare, and appropriate housing. It calls on local authorities and Age Friendly Programmes to deliver a range of housing options that support older people to live independently in their communities. Key priorities include accessible, well-located homes, opportunities to downsize, and accommodation with care supports, all designed using universal design principles. The framework reinforces the role of local government in creating inclusive, age friendly environments that promote healthy, connected, and confident living for older adults.

Sláintecare – A New Health Service for Ireland (2022)
Sláintecare aims to transform the health and social care system to ensure equitable access to services based on need, not ability to pay. A central focus of Sláintecare is to support older people in living healthy, independent lives within their own communities, thereby reducing reliance on acute hospital services. Key initiatives include Integrated Care for Older People (ICOP), Healthy Age Friendly Homes Programme and community-based supports to help older people stay healthy in their own homes and communities. These initiatives reflect Sláintecare's commitment to addressing the needs of older people through integrated, community-based care models.

Sustainable, Inclusive and Empowered Communities: A Five-Year Strategy to Support the Community and Voluntary Sector in Ireland (2019–2024).
The Strategy outlines the Irish Government's vision to strengthen communities through enhanced collaboration with the community and voluntary sector. It promotes social inclusion initiatives which encourages community support for vulnerable older people, enabling them to live securely and independently in their homes. This aligns with the broader goal of fostering inclusive communities where all members have an opportunity to participate fully and benefit from available services. The Strategy acknowledges the pivotal role of community and voluntary organisations in delivering, often essential, services that support older people. By enhancing the capacity of these groups, the Strategy aims to improve the quality of life for older people, ensuring they remain active, engaged, and supported within their communities.

Local Policy

Fingal County Council's Corporate Plan (2022–2026)
The Corporate Plan highlights Fingal County Council's commitment to fostering an inclusive environment that supports the wellbeing of older people. It emphasises the importance of creating age friendly communities by embedding age-inclusive principles across housing, mobility, public spaces, and community services. This aligns with the objectives of this strategy, which focuses on enhancing the quality of life for older people through accessible infrastructure, supportive services, and opportunities for social participation.

Fingal County Development Plan (2023–2029)

The Development Plan outlines a comprehensive approach to supporting older residents through accessible housing, community engagement, and age friendly infrastructure. A key policy, SPQHO22, mandates that 30% of new social housing units be designed with universal accessibility, facilitating 'ageing in place' and accommodating diverse mobility needs. The plan also promotes the development of senior living communities, including retirement homes and sheltered accommodation, within towns and villages to ensure proximity to essential services and social inclusion. Beyond housing, the plan emphasises the importance of integrating age friendly principles into urban planning. This includes the provision of accessible green spaces, safe outdoor environments, and the incorporation of social and care facilities within residential developments.

Fingal Local Economic and Community Plan (2023–2028)
The Fingal Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) provides a strategic framework for fostering inclusive economic and community development in the county. While the LECP does not explicitly focus on older people, its objectives encompass principles that indirectly support the wellbeing of older people. The plan emphasises the importance of social inclusion, aiming to alleviate poverty and deprivation, and to ensure that all citizens, including older people, can participate actively in society.
Through collaborative efforts involving various stakeholders the LECP contributes to initiatives that enhance the quality of life for older residents. These initiatives focus on improving access to services, promoting social participation, and ensuring that the needs of older people are considered in community planning and development.

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Appendix 1 Consultation Survey

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Survey Introduction

Fingal County Council in partnership with Fingal Age Friendly Alliance are preparing an Age Friendly Strategy for Fingal. The purpose of this strategy is to identify and deliver a range of actions that will support Age Friendly Living in Fingal and to enable improvement in all aspects of life.

We appreciate you taking time to complete our survey, your ideas will be used to shape Fingal County Council's Age Friendly Strategy (2025 - 2029).
PLEASE FORWARD COMPLETED HARD COPIES OF THIS SURVEY TO:

Cathrina Murphy
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Blanchardstown
Dublin 15
email: cathrina.murphy@fingal.ie

* 1. Consent Questions.

Electronic Consent: Please confirm the following

Yes I have read the above information

Yes I voluntarily agree to participate

* 2. Do you consider yourself an older person living in Fingal? (Tick one only) Yes

No (if your answer is no, then this survey is not for you)

About You

3. How long have you lived in Fingal? (Tick one only)

30 Years and longer

20 to 29 Years

10 to 19 Years

5 to 9 Years

Less than 5 Years

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4. Please indicate your gender?

Male

Female

Other

Prefer not to say

5. What age group do you belong to?

Under 55

55-59

60-64

65-69

70—74

75-79

80-90

Over 90

Prefer not to say

6. Which Electoral Area do you five in?

Balbriggan

Castleknock

Howth - Malahide

Blanchardstown - Mulhuddart

Swords

Ongar

Rush - Lusk

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7. Do you currently five: (Please select only one item)

Alone	In a Nursing Home
With Spouse/Partner	Community Independent Living Centre
With a family member	Prefer not to say
Living in a family unit with spouse/partners and child/children	
Other (please specify)	

Fingal Age Friendly Survey

1. Health and Wellbeing

8. Do you know where to contact, should you need to avail of health services in your area e.g., Home Care Support, Meals on Wheels, Day Care Centre Activities for example?

Yes

● No

9. Are you aware of other focal health services in your area such as befriending or advocacy services ?

Yes

No

If Yes please specify service

10. Can you access Healthcare related transport (via TFI Local Link Louth heath Fingal) for outpatient hospital / Private healthcare appointments from your area?

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No

Don't know

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11. Is there a 'Meals on Wheels' service in your area?

Ye

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No

No, but would avail of one if provided

No, and not interested in availing of one

Don't know

12. How have you been coping with the aftermath of the restrictions associated with the Covid 19 pandemic?

Not coping well	Poorly	Fairly Well	Well	Very well

13. What services and supports would help you when feeling lonely and isolated?

Fingal age Friendly Survey

2. Mobility, Accessibility and Transport

14. Have you access to sufficient transport?

Yes

● No

15. How would you rate public transport in your area? Please rate.

Very unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Average	Satisfactory	Very satisfactory

16. Would you use local public transport if available?

Yes

● No

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17. If you do not/would not choose to use available focal public transport, tell us why?

18. Do you think that it is easy for older people to get around the Fingal area?

Yes

No

19. What (if anything) would help to improve your access to public areas and services in Fingal? You can select more than J item.

Improved public transport to services in Fingal

Improved pavements and walking routes

Improved roadways

More free bicycles / tricycles available for the public

Other (please specify)

Improved cycling routes

Designated Age Friendly Parking

More designated parking for disabled drivers

None of the above

Social and Civic Engagement

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20. Are you involved with any of the following types of community/social groups? Please select all that apply

Active Retirement

group Arts / Culture /

Languages Bridge

Club

Residents Association/Tidy Towns

Day Care Centre

Gardening / Climate Action /Environmental

Heritage Group

Leisure / Sports (swimming, golf, bowling, GAA, Walking Group etc.)

Libraries / Book Club

Men's Shed / Men's group

Social Clubs (cards/dancing/bingo etc.)

Volunteering

Women's Shed / Women's group

None of the above

Other (Please advise in box below)

21. Would you consider participating in any of the following? (You can select more than one answer)

Volunteering

Older Peoples Council

Joining a community group

22. Do you feel there are opportunities for you to get involved in your focal community?

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No

Don't know

What would encourage you to participate and what type of group would you like to see in
your area? (please specify)

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23. Are you aware of any of the following supports/services/events/programmes for older people supported by Fingal County Council? (Please select all that apply)

- Age Friendly Fingal
- Older People's Council
- Fingal Heritage / Heritage Week
- Bealtaine Festival
- Library / Arts Programmes for older people
- Fingal Sports for Older People (e.g. Nordic Walking, Swimming)
- Vintage Picnic
- Flavours of Fingal

24. How often have you experienced discrimination on the grounds of age within Fingal?

- Once
- A few times
- Many times
- Frequently
- Never

25. If yes, can you explain briefly what happened and can you suggest ways to overcome age related discrimination?

26. Do you feel older people are currently adequately represented in focal decision making and policy development ?

- Yes
- No

27. How would you rate the overall "age-friendliness" of local businesses in Fingal? (Please select only one item)

Very Poor	Poor	About Average	Good	Very Good

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28. How would you rate access to employment opportunities for older people in Fingal? (Please select only one item)

Very Poor	Poor	About Average	Good	Very Good

29. Please tell us what would help to improve 'age friendliness' within local businesses?

3. Safe, Attractive Neighbourhoods and Housing

30. Do you feel safe in your own home?

- Yes
- ● No
- Don't know

31. How do you rate your level of safety where you live?

Very Poor	Poor	Average	Good	Very Good

32. How would you rate your opportunity to access outdoor spaces and public buildings?

Very Poor	Poor	Average	Good	Very Good

33. What actions could Fingal County Council take in order to improve the opportunities for older people to enjoy our public spaces?

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34. Do you have a personal Pendant or Wrist Alarm and / or part of the over 65's Senior Alert Scheme?

Ye

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No

No, I need more information about this

Housing

35. What would be the most important factors for you in considering moving to an appropriate accommodation? Please select from options below:

Same location / neighbourhood

Near services / shops etc.

Near public transport

Near to community amenities

Living closer to family members

Move to smaller home / downsize existing

Move to independent sheltered housing within the community

Move to nursing home

Supports in moving home

Not applicable, I do not intend moving home

Other (please specify)

36. Do you feel that there is enough information/support available to help you remain living in your current home as you age (e.g. Housing Adaptation Grant, Healthy Home Co-ordinator etc.) ?

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No

37. If you have applied for Fingal Housing Grants what was your experience?

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4. Communications and Information

38. Are you kept up to date about what's happening in your area?

Yes

● No

39. If you needed to find out information related to ageing (either for yourself or a family member), please select as many from the fist below of the sources of information that you would likely use:

Active Retirement groups

Age Friendly Ireland

An Garda Sfochana, Community Policing Unit

Church / Religious groups

Citizen Information Service

Community Notice Board

Family / friends

Fingal County Council

Healthcare Providers (Health Centre, GP's, Hospital etc.)

Helplines (e.g. Citizens Information, Senior Helpline, Alone, Age Action, Money Advice and Budgeting Service)

Internet

Other (please specify)

Leaflets

Library

Local newspapers & magazines

National newspapers & magazines

Local Radio

National Radio

Social Media (Facebook/WhatsApp/etc)

TV

Websites

None of the above

40. Do you feel you are kept up to date on information on your rights

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and entitlements?

Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Always

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41.What area/s would you like to have more information about? Please tick relevant option/s

- Social Groups and Activities
- Volunteering Opportunities
- Employment Opportunities
- Health Services (Home Care/etc)
- Transport
- Computer/mobile phone/technology
- Your Rights and Entitlements
- Home Care Services
- Financial matters (e.g. money and budgeting)
- Accessibility

42. Do you have access to the internet in your home?

- Yes
- No

If no, please answer question 43.

43. Please advise from the below fist what reason (if any) you do not use technology and / or the internet? (Please select all that apply)

- Can't afford internet access
- No equipment— smartphone / laptop etc.
- Can't afford to buy technology
- No interest in accessing / using technology
- Don't know how to use / access it
- Have a smartphone / tablet, but don't know how to use it

44. How and where do you mostly access the internet? Please select the device(s) and location(s) where you mostly access the internet below

	Do not use	At Home	Local Library	Local Community Centre	Free WiFi points	Other
Smart Phone	■	■	■	■	■	■
Tablet / I Pad	■	■	■	■	■	■
Laptop / Computer	■	■	■	■	■	■

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45. Would you like to take part in training on accessing the internet and using digital technology?

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No

Final Questions

46. In general, what are the three most important issues where change is needed *to support older people*

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47. What can be done to support older people to participate fully in all aspects of life in Fingal?

48. What could be done to address these challenges and to help older people to access the focal services?

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49. What do you believe older people can and do contribute to life in Fingal? (You can tick more than one)

Life long Experience and

enthusiasm A different

perspective

Professional Skills and expertise

Available time for productive use in the community

Other (please specify)

50. Is there anything else you want to say to us?

51. Would you like to attend a consultation meeting on zoom to elaborate on your views in relation to older people?

Yes

No

If yes please provide email address to receive details and to register

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Chief Executive's Management Report

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Chief Executive's Foreword

I hope you enjoyed the summer break and got to enjoy all that Fingal has to offer. Our parks, beaches and harbours as well as our heritage properties are always popular choices for visitors looking to enjoy a day out and were particularly busy over the last couple of months. Maintaining our outdoor spaces and visitor attractions to excellent standards is something we take pride in and I was very pleased that Skerries and Portmarnock beaches were awarded the highest ranking in the latest IBAL (Irish Business Against Litter) Report. The report noted that Portmarnock deserved a 'special mention' for being "exceptionally freshly presented and maintained". The IBAL inspectors said there are "excellent facilities for waste disposal and clearly marked recycling bins/clothing donation units". Inspectors also made particular reference to the Skerries Beach Toy Library- Borrow, Play Return, describing it as a "lovely feature", and the "excellent signage throughout" the area including St. Patrick's Way and Art Trail; Skerries Islands; Active Travel 'Cycling without Age, Skerries'; 'Safari in Skerries' and 'Adopt a Beach'". The very positive report on Portmarnock Beach noted that it had made a "dramatic improvement". IBAL inspectors said that "based on the very minimal litter observed over a long stretch of beach / car park area / pathway, it would seem that the council are very attentive at Portmarnock". There was also praise for the availability of clean and well labelled litter bins as well as mention of the exceptional cleanliness of the walking paths leading to the beach noting their 'excellent condition'. I wish to extend my thanks to the Operations Department and the operational crews on the ground who work diligently to ensure these areas of natural beauty remain clean and safe for visitors Our collaborations with Tidy Towns groups and local volunteer groups have also been instrumental in achieving such good results and I also wish to extend my thanks to all involved.

National Heritage Week took place from August 16th – 24th and was a truly enjoyable, educational and inspirational week for those who took part. This year's theme 'Exploring our Foundations' invited us to celebrate the building blocks of our heritage from landscapes to buildings and traditional skills to stories. Celebrating Fingal's archaeological, built natural and cultural heritage, a huge number of events took place across the county to promote awareness of our heritage, thereby encouraging its conservation and preservation. From architectural tours of Malahide Castle and Newbridge House and walks through the historical demesne of Kenure with Rush Tourism to braving the elements with the coastal Eire 6 Howth Walk & Talk, there was a varied and interesting programme which appealed to all ages and interests. Our native language is vibrant and alive when spoken and a wonderful evening of Ceol, Craic agus Gaeilge to celebrate our language was held in County Hall Swords on Monday August 18th.

A podcast as Gaeilge was also produced featuring some Fingal staff and what Heritage means to them. Performances from the Fingal Mummers in Ballyboughal, Create your own Castle in Ardgillan Castle and genealogy workshops in Swords made up some of the 50 events which were well attended and really captured the essence of the week.

I am very pleased that Fingal County Council has been shortlisted in several categories in this year's Excellence in Local Government Awards. This year, Chambers Ireland received a record number of applications for these awards, with Fingal receiving nominations for the following:

- Howth Maritime & Seafood Festival *(Festival of the Year*)
- Promotion of Affordable Housing scheme (*Communications*)
- Fingal Sports Festival (*Health & Wellbeing*)
- Sheltered Housing at Monastery Court, Lusk (*Age Friendly Initiative*)
- Meakstown Community Centre and Bloom Community Garden (*Supporting Sustainable Communities*)

As with previous years, the calibre of submissions is extremely high and to be shortlisted in these categories is a testament to the ongoing work we carry out across a range of activities for the people of Fingal. The awards, which are sponsored by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, aim to acknowledge and celebrate the work being carried out by Local Authorities all over Ireland. On behalf of myself and the Executive Management Team, I wish to congratulate our teams who have demonstrated such commitment and diligence through their work on these projects and initiatives. The awards take place on Thursday, November 27th in the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Northwood and I know you will join with me in wishing our colleagues the very best of luck on the night.

The best of the weather may be behind us but we still have some fantastic events to look forward to in the coming months in Fingal with the spectacular annual Fingal Festival of Fire on Halloween evening in locations across Fingal, Christmas Tree Lighting events, Christmas Markets and New Year's Eve fireworks all ahead of us! I look forward to bringing you more information on these and other events next month.

Best wishes,

AnnMarie Farrelly
Chief Executive

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Learning & Development Update

Learning & Development	Year to date
Number of courses	221
Number of Attendees	2101
Number of Training Days	1841

Throughout September, courses will be delivered in the areas of the A-Z of Local Government, Data Analytics, Pre-Retirement Planning, Fire Warden, First Aid, Supervisory Skills for outdoor staff and many more.

Wellbeing

As we continue prioritising the health, wellbeing, and resilience of our staff, the Wellbeing Team remains committed to developing and enhancing the Wellbeing Programme by introducing new initiatives.

Staff engagement and feedback play a vital role in shaping these efforts and ensures that wellbeing is seen as everyone's responsibility across Fingal County Council. By implementing staff activities that support a healthy, safe and positive working environment our approach ensures that the four pillars of the Wellbeing Strategy are fully met.

- Physical Wellbeing
- Mental Wellbeing
- Social Wellbeing
- Financial Wellbeing

HSU – Health & Safety Unit

The HSU is committed to ensuring that safety measures are in place by undertaking a proactive blended approach which creates an effective safe and healthy working environment. This includes undertaking risk assessments, safety audits and inspections, encouraging hazard reporting and taking corrective action. This approach is essential for preventing incidents and improving future safety practices in Fingal County Council.

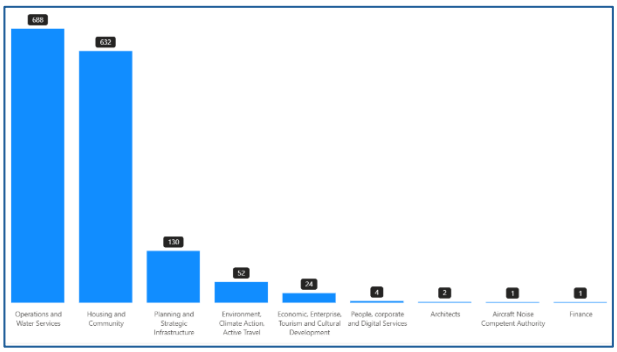
Customer Services

Customer Care Unit Statistics.

Total No. of Calls dealt with by CCU
July - 10,271
August – 8,399

CRM

Staff continue to work on the Customer Relationship Management System (CRM) and issue responses to representations from Elected Members (Councillors, TDs and Senators) and complaints submitted by the public. The total number of representations were 793 in July and 741 in August broken down as follows.



Digital Services

Housing Online Portal

The Housing Online Portal was launched in July, which will provide secure, convenient access to a range of housing services.

Services available now:
Existing tenants can now register on https://housingonline.fingal.ie/ to view their current rent account balance and rent charge.



Services Coming Soon:
We will be adding additional services in the near future, including online rent payments, applying for Social Housing, Choice Based Letting and Logging Repairs.

Smart Balbriggan

In July, Smart Balbriggan hosted the **CONNECT Centre Quantum & Answers Trailer** from Trinity College, alongside the Smart Balbriggan **Internet of Things (IoT) Comic Strip Art Exhibition** at the Flavours of Fingal event. These initiatives provided members of the public with interactive opportunities to learn about quantum physics, technology, and the evolution of IoT through creative storytelling.



On August 8th and 9th, Smart Balbriggan organised **a two-day symposium** focused on Artificial Intelligence, with sessions held in Balbriggan and at Trinity College Dublin. The event brought together scientists, academic researchers, and artists in collaboration with the SCÉAL Collective, funded by Research Ireland.

The artists will now spend a couple months developing an art exhibition, workshops, music events and more to engage the community about science and technology.



These will be part of the annual "How It's Made" festival, now in its third year, which will take place from November 13–15, 2025, under the theme "Unmasking AI" and is funded by Science Week (Research Ireland).



COMMUNICATIONS

Digital Statistics

The fingal.ie website had 280,083 visitors during July and August which was an increase of 110,000 from June. The number of page views rose by 255,100 to 618,581 while the average time spent on the site reduced by three seconds to 1 minute and 58 seconds.

Figures for the first eight months of the year are down on the same period in 2024. There have been 1,156,247 visitors and 2,529,910 page views since January and visitors have spent an average of 1 minute and 59 seconds on the site.
The most popular pages during July and August were: Planning Applications, Affordable House and the Recycling Centres page. The page detailing new homes available under the Church Fields Phase 2 development had over 21,423 page views.

The number of followers across the nine corporate social media channels rose over the summer by 3,580 to 102,178. The Facebook account now has 42,892 followers and the number of views rose to 5,002,324 up by 13.3% from previous 60 days. There were 20,938 interactions. The most popular post was on August 18th about Lions Mane Jellyfish with 271,710 views and 765 interactions.

Instagram now has 15,585 followers and had 746,215 views during the two months from a reach of 47,434. There were 5,360 interactions which was an engagement rate of 9%. The most read post was about Jellyfish with a reach of 11,089 and 289 interactions.

The number of LinkedIn followers is now 11,991. There were 61,748 impressions and 901 reactions which was an engagement rate of 8.4%. The number of followers on X rose by 40 to 23,438 and there was an engagement rate of 3.1% from 278,180 impressions.

The WhatsApp channel now has 3,369 followers while the numbers currently following the other corporate channels are Threads (1,541), TikTok (1,076) and Bluesky (446).

Twelve videos were added to the Council's You Tube Channel since June which saw the number of subscribers grow to 1,840. Videos published included New Woodland Pathway at Tolka Valley Park Blanchardstown, Three Fingal groups to take part in the Annual Pride of Place Competition 2025 and Exploring Sand Dunes and Coastal Ecosystems at Balbriggan Beach which were the most viewed.



Press Releases

There were 39 press releases issued during July and August, covering topics such as the Fingal Festival of History, Pride of Place, Quiet Streets, Blanchardstown Library of Sanctuary, Hartstown Community Centre and the Interactive Climate Story Map.

Media Queries

Media queries received by the Communications Unit during in the same period included questions about Abandoned Cars, Fingal Festival of History, Presidential Election, Part Vs, Childcare, Ardgillan Castle, Seagulls and Waste Management.

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TOURISM DEVELOPMENT

Irishfest, Milwaukee



Supported by Failte Ireland and Tourism Ireland, members of the tourism team in EETCD joined up with colleagues from SDCC and DCC to promote Dublin as part of the Failte Ireland 'Winter in Dublin' campaign as well as the new brand 'Ireland Home of Halloween' at Irishfest, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Irishfest is the largest Irish festival in the USA and the world's largest celebration of Irish culture and music in the world attracting over 130,000 visitors over 4 days.

Ireland Home of Halloween



Fingal County Council is one of the seven destinations awarded funding under Fáilte Ireland's new Home of Halloween Destination Development Pilot Scheme for 2025–2028, receiving funding of €100K annually to craft immersive, culturally rooted Halloween experiences. This investment is part of a broader €1.5 million initiative to position Ireland as the global home of Halloween, generate regional economic growth, and attract tens of thousands of visitors.



Summer Food Markets



Fingal's Summer Food Markets programme is continuing across Malahide, Swords, and Donabate every Saturday, showcasing a mix of local food producers and handmade crafts.

The food markets will run until the end of September, with two additional Halloween Food Markets in Swords and Malahide in October, tying into our Home of Halloween campaign. The food markets offer residents and visitors an opportunity to enjoy and support local businesses.

ORIS funding for Feasibility Study for water-based activities on the Royal Canal



Following a successful application to Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS), Fingal County Council have secured a grant of €50,000 to undertake a feasibility study on locating a water sports hub in the Clonsilla area of the Royal Canal. EETCD will start work on the criteria for the study in September in conjunction with other stakeholders and interested parties.

Fingal Food Circle



After the successful launch of the new brand at Flavours of Fingal, and the new membership drive, the Fingal Food Circle membership has now closed until Spring 2026.

The Network is now busy gearing up for their Autumn programme, supporting food markets, commencing their new Pilot project with Fáilte Ireland on developing the network and saleable experience. The project commences on 8th September and runs through until November, in addition to several planned events for the network.

EVENTS

Howth Maritime & Seafood Festival

Get ready for a splash of excitement as the Howth Maritime & Seafood Festival sails back into the picturesque fishing village of Howth for this Free Family Fun Event www.eventsinfingal.ie



Fingal Pride '25

Fingal Pride took place Saturday 30th August at Swords Castle. A festival of diversity, inclusion & PRIDE in Fingal! We'll have DJ's, performers, circus acts & a céilí on Main Stage, a pride history talk & poetry event in the chapel, arts, crafts, community information, workshops and fun.
https://dublinpride.ie/fingal-pride/





188,000 in Festival and Events Funding for Summer/ Autum season

Just over €188.000 in festival and events funding to support a wide range of festivals and events taking place across the County during August & September. The funding will help enhance community engagement, cultural expression, and tourism throughout Fingal.

The following festivals or events have been approved for funding

- Garristown Summer Festival
- Loughshinny Summer Festival
- Taylor Hill Family Fun Day
- Rush Harbour Festival
- Rush Air Display
- Harvest Time Festival
- Spud Fest
- Howth Roots and Blues Festival
- Donabate Portrane Summer Festival
- Safer Blanchardstown
- Naul Gardening & Flower Club Annual Flower Show
- Howth Yacht Club 2025 Autumn League
- International Cricket Series
- All Ireland Festival of Solo Piping & Drumming
- Skerries Eco Festival
- Baldoyle World Food Festival
- Lambay Rowing Challenge
- Round Rockabill Rowing Race
- India Day
- Fingal Pride

This funding reflects Fingal County Council's ongoing commitment to nurturing local culture, supporting sport and the arts, promoting wellbeing, and celebrating the rich diversity of communities across the county.

HERITAGE PROPERTIES

Newbridge House and Farm
Malahide Castle and Gardens

We are delighted to share that both Newbridge House & Farm and Malahide Castle & Gardens have received the 2025 Tripadvisor Travellers' Choice Award, placing them among the top 10% of visitor attractions worldwide.

What makes this recognition especially meaningful is that it is driven entirely by positive visitor reviews and ratings from the past year. It is a genuine reflection of the memorable experiences that visitors have had at these two much-loved attractions.



The Travellers' Choice Award highlights destinations that consistently deliver exceptional experiences. Thanks to the fantastic feedback from our visitors, Newbridge House and Farm and Malahide Castle & Gardens are now proudly representing Fingal on the global stage.

Casino Model Railway Museum

A new experience in Fingal's event offering, the Malahide Food Market launched this summer in the scenic grounds of the Casino Model Railway Museum, conveniently located beside Malahide DART station. Organised by Fingal County Council in collaboration with the Fingal Food Circle and Fingal Farmers Group, the market is running on the fourth Saturday of each month from July to September.

The market showcases a selection of artisan foods, organic local produce, and handcrafted goods from talented Fingal based producers and makers. It provides a welcoming, community focused atmosphere for families and food lovers alike.



Free entry to both the market and the Casino Model Railway Museum is offered during market hours, making it an accessible and enjoyable day out for all.

This initiative highlights Fingal's ongoing support for local food, farming, and craft communities, while enriching the cultural and tourism offering in Malahide.

Swords Castle



Following a busy Summer, Swords Castle continues with a full programme of events for late Summer and early Autumn. Recent highlights include a very popular Quilting exhibition by the East Coast Patchwork Group in early August as well as the Digging History event as part of Heritage Week.

Fingal Pride and Family Fun Day took place on the last weekend of August. Highlights for September include a concert with the Lambay Singers, a Scouting weekend, a Swords Autism Awareness Group event, a traditional Irish music session and a Library festival.

Skerries Mills





Skerries Mills hosted a well-attended Harvest Time Festival on 23rd August; activities for all the family included music, artisan foods, demonstrations, harvest knot-making as well as crafts for children.

CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Arts Development

Public Art

Adam Gibney – Thrive Balbriggan Pride of Place





The Arts Office was delighted to support our colleagues in community and our partnership with Thrive Balbriggan and libraries on their bid for Pride of Place with Adam Gibney's groundbreaking public art project Tidal Composition 1 – Fall & Rise, a unique artwork that was developed with members of the Empower group and Thrive in Balbriggan.

Ballough Place Residential Artist Studio

Four qualified and experienced architects and designers were invited to develop a creative and functional interior fit-out design for a Per Cent for Art commission for the newly constructed residential artist's studio in Lusk. Submissions were received on August 20th and will be assessed in early September. One design will be selected for further development and implementation.



Creative Places Balbriggan

The first Creative Places Balbriggan event took place at the Lark Concert Hall.

It was the first of a series of Arts Funding information Clinics and featured presentations from the County Arts Officer Sarah O'Neill on Fingal Professional Development Awards, Bursaries and Funding.

This was followed by Lucy Tevlin, Aoife Tunney and Orla Clancy from Creative Europe Desk Ireland who presented on Pathways to European Funding for Artists and Organisations.

The final speaker was visual artist Paul Hallahan who presented and discussed on his Culture Moves Ireland funded residency in Reykjavik, Iceland which helped to develop his work.

The event closed with a Q &A between attendees and presenters.



The clinic was a free event and was fully booked on the day with a great turnout from local artists and community representatives.

Awards and Residencies Programme

Fingal Arts Office awarded several awards and residency this month.



The **Draíocht artist studio residency award** is visual artist James McLoughlin. This residency consists of the use of Draíochts visual artist studio rent free for a period of four months.



The selected artist award the **Ardgillan Castle Studio award 2025-2026** is Maria Atanakovic. The award offers a funded studio space for professional artists for a one-year period starting 1st October 2025. The Studio Award includes full coverage of studio rental, utilities, and administration costs, offering artists an invaluable opportunity to develop their practice in supportive environment.

The selected artist for the **RHA School Studio award** is Elieen O'Sullivan. This prestigious award provides one professional artist a funded studio space in the RHA for one year beginning at the end of October 2025.



Application window will open on the 1st September 2025 for the The **MART Gallery & Studios Graduate Award**. This opportunity aims to support the professional development of recent graduates from Fingal with a fully funded studio space over 12 months beginning in January 2026.

Loughshinny Boathouse Studio Award

Maria McSweeney is the successful recipient of the **Loughshinny Boathouse Studio Award**. The aim of the award is to provide a fully funded studio for a professional visual artist to research and develop new work in response to the coastal environment of Loughshinny. A total of 33 applications were received and assessed on the 7th of August, representing a 106% increase compared to last year. Five submissions were from international artists based in France, Germany, Finland and China.

Bastille Day Film Screenings



As part of the Bastille Day celebrations in Ireland, the French Embassy in association with Fingal Arts Office presented a special French Film Programme from 1st to 14th July 2025 in The Carnegie. Celebrating French culture and marking the close friendship between Ireland and France we provided 2 free film screenings of family and adult films produced in France.

Maria McSweeney is a lens-based visual artist and trained scuba diver



She will commence her residency at the boathouse in early September. She plans to create a site-specific body of work focused on seaweed species present in Loughshinny; exploring their connections to underwater and coastal landscapes, geological and ecological histories, and their vital role in biodiversity and climate change. She develops 35mm and Super 8 underwater films onsite using seaweed, seawater and other natural materials, alongside an outdoor darkroom of her own design.

Carnegie

The Carnegie TU Graduate



Recent graduate and Swords resident Vicky Ochala has been awarded the 2nd Carnegie TU recent graduate award. Vicky will receive critical, production, and administrative support, with a focus on transitioning to professional practice through mentorship-driven activities, including visits from artists, curators, and practitioners relevant to the recipient's discipline. Vicky will be provided with deskspace, access to rehearsal/exhibition space at the Carnegie, a stipend and professional development support customised to her needs.

Draíocht

Summer 2025 has been a busy one in Draíocht. The D15 Youth Theatre presented their devised piece 'Ladybird or Beetle' to sold out performances. Summer projects included Filmmaking and Songwriting / recording / performing for 13 to 17 year olds. The 'Shapes and Structures' response space for children in the First Floor Gallery, based on Maria Atanackovic's Exhibition, 'Navigating Space' gave children the opportunity to respond in a hands on way. Structured workshops as well as time drop-in times over the July/August period increased family's access to our spaces and resources. It was a popular initiative with word-of-mouth recommendations from parents and repeat visits, increasing the footfall.

September will see us start a very busy performance period. Draíocht is presenting 4 shows in the Dublin Theatre Festival. The two children's pieces that are part of that programme 'The Maker' and 'The Leap' are sold out as in the preview of the Three Sisters. The latter has 'Derry Girl 'Saoirse Monica Jackson headlining the cast and has proved to be very popular with a large waiting list for tickets.

Maria Atanackovic's Exhibition 'Navigating Space' runs until 20th September. Our next Exhibition,' Unquiet Layers, works by Brigid Flannery' will open on October 15th. This Exhibition will be over both Ground and First Floor galleries



The joint Fingal Arts Office and Draíocht Studio Artist Award, for September to December 2025, has been awarded to expanded printmaker, James McLoughlin. Full details on www.draiocht.ie

Seamus Ennis Arts Centre

July and August saw our Garden Party summer season of performances, films and family events kick into gear, with a new exhibition opening in August, this time with 'I can buy myself flowers' by Tom Byrne.

Garden Party Season

Over the summer months we welcomed artists and audiences from Ireland and abroad, featuring John Francis Flynn, The Wran, The 4 of Us, Session Americana, Aslan, The Seeger Sessions Revival and True Strays. Audiences came from all over the country to attend the Garden Party events in the Pipers Garden outdoor space, with a bar and BBQ in situ.

John Francis Flynn, celebrated Irish singer and multi-instrumentalist is an artist whose work bridges traditional and contemporary folk music. He was supported on the night by The Wran, a dynamic trad fusion band from the Comeraghs in Wexford.



The 4 of Us need no introduction, and we had all 4 of them (the full band), sharing their soulful lyrics and compelling melodies, with a fair bit of dancing thrown in.

We welcomed back Session Americana, a band of incredible artists whose constant collaboration, swapping of instruments and songs, was a joy to hear.

We were delighted to that Aslan, with new frontman Lee Tomkins, were supported by The Swings, a young contemporary pop rock group from Balbriggan.



Rounding out the summer was the incredible 13 piece group The Seeger Sessions Revival and the Bristol-based duo, True Strays, who brought roots and rock to our closing event.



In addition we had a weekend of cinema with The Greatest Showman (joined by circus performers), Paddington for the kids and A Music & Movie Quiz, a tense affair which ended in a dance off for the final prize of the night.

Visual Arts

Our current exhibition, 'I Can Buy Myself Flowers' by Tom Byrne opened at the start of August. Known for his diverse range of work, including portraits, landscapes, and abstract pieces, often exploring themes of Irish history, culture, and spirituality. He creates luxurious textures in nuanced, lush layers of paint and structured layers of colour, creating a very tactile result. Byrne is also recognised for his involvement in the punk movement, which influenced some of his early work, including album cover designs and street art and he was commissioned to do portraits by Hollywood filmmaker Elizabeth Banks, Matthew Rhys and Kerri Russell. Exhibition runs until September 30.





Libraries

Blanchardstown Library awarded Library of Sanctuary status



Blanchardstown Library was awarded Library of Sanctuary status by Places of Sanctuary Ireland in recognition of the work that goes into making the library a champion for inclusion and welcome. Following Balbriggan Library, Blanchardstown is the second library in Fingal to be given Library of Sanctuary recognition. Dr Veronica Crosbie, chair of Places of Sanctuary, presented the award at a ceremony hosted in the Library on 7th July.

Heritage Week

Libraries celebrated National Heritage Week with events for adults and children, including biodiversity workshops for children, author visits, talks from Bat Conservation Ireland and the Skerries Historical Society, and a workshop on seed saving. Fingal Local Studies and Archives held open days on 20th and 21st August and organised an exhibition on 'The Sale of Balbriggan' in Bremore Castle on 21st and 22nd August.

Magic of Stories Festival





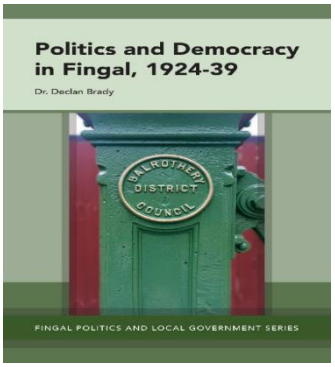
The programme for this year's Magic of Stories, Fingal Festival of Children's Literature, was launched on Monday, 11th August at Swords Castle by the Mayor of Fingal, Cllr. Tom O'Leary. He was joined by County Librarian Betty Boardman, Festival Creative Director Shane Hegarty, children's author and illustrator Úna Woods, illustrator Tarsila Kruse and a group of enthusiastic young readers. Now in its fourth year, the Magic of Stories Festival has established itself as one of Ireland's premier celebrations of children's literature. Fingal Libraries will build on the success of previous years to deliver a fun-filled day of author visits and creative activities at Swords Castle on Saturday, 27th September. This year's festival will feature events across the Little Library Tent, the Chapel, the Story Tent, the Tall-Tales Tent, and the Creative Zone. Children will have the opportunity to meet their favourite authors and illustrators including Eoin Colfer, Steve McCarthy, Aoife Dooley, Pádraig Kenny and many more. In the Creative Zone, children will be encouraged to try out different ways of making art and expressing creativity. Book gifting remains a key feature of the festival, and attendees can get their books signed by the authors. Once again, Alan Nolan has created The Magic of Stories Activity Book, available at Fingal library branches.

This year's festival also introduces a short story competition and a poetry competition, which will be judged by renowned author Eoin Colfer. Prizes will be awarded at the festival.

Culture Night

Fingal Libraries is delighted to present an exciting programme of free cultural events across several libraries on Culture Night, Friday 19th September. Venues include Swords Library, Blanchardstown Library, Balbriggan Library, Malahide Library and Local Studies and Archives. The programme includes music from the Blanchardstown Brass Band and the Balbriggan Gospel Choir. Balbriggan Library will host 'From Celtic Roots to African Beats' an uplifting fusion of African and Irish traditional and folk music. Malahide Library will present a harp music recital. There will be plenty of engaging activities for children including balloon modelling, face painting, a draw-along with author and illustrator Alan Nolan, a comedy variety show, and a mask-making workshop. Children's author and creative writing teacher Conor Kostick will facilitate a creative writing workshop for teenagers in Swords Library. The Chapel in Swords Castle is the setting for a special Culture Night 'Wavin' Words' poetry and music event. Fingal Local Studies & Archives will host an open evening where members of the public can view items from the collections. A genealogist will be on hand to answer family history questions.

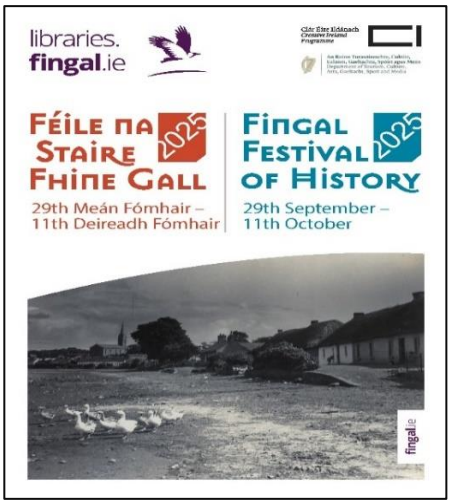
Politics and Democracy in Fingal, 1924-39



Local Studies and Archives will present an exhibition based on Dr. Declan Brady's book Politics and Democracy in Fingal, 1924-39, in the Atrium, County Hall, on Culture Night.

This book is the first publication in a six-part series on politics and local government in North County Dublin. Politics and Democracy in Fingal, 1924-39 will be launched on Monday, 22nd September at The Carnegie in Swords and will be distributed free-of-charge through Fingal Library branches and as an eBook on BorrowBox.

Fingal Festival of History



A photocall to present the programme for this year's Fingal Festival of History took place at The Carnegie in Swords on Monday 25th August with Fingal's Deputy Mayor Cllr. Gráinne Maguire in attendance. Fingal's ninth annual Festival of History will run from Monday, 29th September to Saturday, 11th October 2025 throughout library branches. This year's programme includes 13 talks and a heritage tour. There will be talks from Myles Dungan, Turtle Bunbury, Flor MacCarthy and many more. A full day of talks, History at the Library Day, will take place on Saturday, 4th October in The Carnegie on North Street, Swords.

Sustainable Development Goals Week

This year, Sustainable Development Goals Week takes place from 19th-28th September and Fingal Libraries has organised events to raise awareness of sustainability. These include a composting talk from GLAS Community Garden, a workshop on seed saving, a talk from Bat Conservation Ireland, and a presentation on how to make your garden a biodiverse haven for birds.

Economic Development

Fingal Skills Strategy Update – September 2025

FUTURE FINGAL:
FINGAL Skills STRATEGY
IDEAS COLLABORATION ACTION

- Next Fingal Skills Strategy Group Meeting: 15th September 2025
- Focus: Inaugural Fingal Skills Summit: Venue, Riasc Centre, Feltrim Road, Swords.
- Summit Date: 18th November 2025

Xplore Your Future Fingal TY Skills Expo – Update – September 2025



- Date: 14th October 2025
- Venue: The Helix
- Focus: TY Students in Fingal Area

This annual event is free, interactive and is designed to help Fingal TY students explore lots of future career possibilities.

This year's Expo is set to be the largest yet with over 2,500 students from 22 schools across Fingal registered to attend. Approx. 80 exhibitors at the Expo.

Xplore Your Future Competition - Student Skills Competition (Construction, Transport & Logistics)



- Invitations to enter competition issued to 36 secondary schools in Fingal Region.
- Closing date for entries: 19th December 2025.
- Focus: To build awareness of the wide variety of careers and job opportunities in specific industry sectors.
- Aramark and Glenveagh are partnering with FCC to support students with their entries.
- Categories: Senior Category and Junior Category,

Further details are available here:
Student Skills Competition 2025 | Fingal County Council

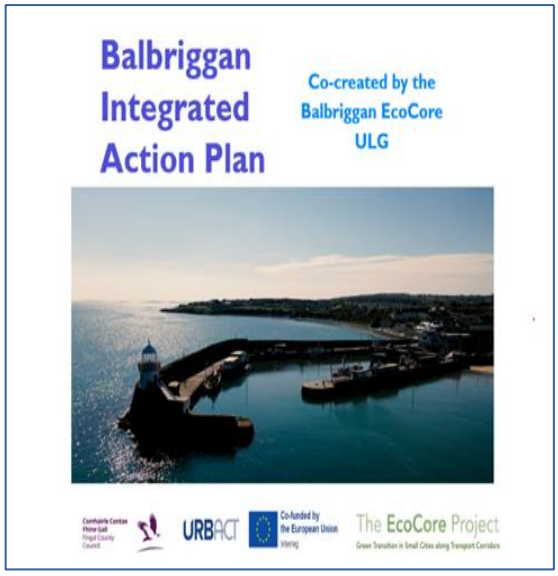
Interreg Skyla Project – Update – September 2025

- Next Meeting: Bialystock (Poland) 30th September 2025
- Focus: Identify indicators to measure and monitor effectiveness of policy Improvements.
- Liaising with partners & key stakeholders on project themes and building on good practices.

URBACT–EcoCore – Update – September 2025

The EcoCore Project
Green Transition in Small Cities along Transport Corridors

- Next Meeting: Dubrovnik (Croatia) 24th September 2025
- Focus: Final Integrated Action Plans
- Workshops on local challenges and opportunities for green transition.



- To be presented to partners at the Dubrovnik meeting.
- Final local event in Balbriggan being planned in December 2025.



- Podcast Recording: 8th & 9th September 2025
- Focus: the successes, challenges, and learnings of project partners throughout the URBACT EcoCore journey. The podcasts will be recorded with input from all project partners and several local stakeholders.

Sustainable Fingal - Update – September 2025

- Consultants appointed to develop the Future Fingal: Fingal Sustainability Strategy. Work commencing in September.

Circular Cities - Update – September 2025

- Ongoing engagement on CCRI Community of Practice
- Feasibility study from EcoCore Hackathon in progress on a Circular Hub and Digital Platform for the Balbriggan area.

LOCAL AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Fingal LCDC

- Next LCDC Meeting: 3rd September 2025
- Healthy Ireland & LECP: Ongoing implementation and review

SICAP Update

- Budget 2025: €1.57M + €425,000 for New Arrivals plus additional allocation of €50,000 awarded for New Arrivals
- Mid-Year Review: Annual Plan and Programme of works presented and approved by Committee.

LEADER Programme Update

- LAG Meeting: 26th August 2025
- 11 projects approved
- Applications currently open for Leader Funding: For rural individuals, businesses & community groups

Local Enhancement Programme (LEP) 2025

- Budget 2025: €280,000
- Funding Awarded: 92 Fingal community groups (announced 13th June 2025)
- Additional Support: €38,404 allocated for everyday costs (e.g. electricity, heating, insurance etc.)

County Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP)

- Presented to Full Council April 2025, and approved
- Submitted Plan to DRCDG April 2025.

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS)

- Funding Secured: €210,500 for 5 projects
- Swim Shelters (€40K each): Donabate, Rush, Skerries
- Feasibility Studies:
- Greenway (Balrothery to Ardgillan Park) – €40,500
- Royal Canal 'Canal Quarter' – €50,000
- One Unsuccessful application: Rush Play Trail



Additional ORIS Applications with DRCDG:

An announcement regarding funding awards under Measure 2 and 3 is awaited from DRCDG. Fingal County Council applied for the following projects:

- Fingal Camino (Measure 2)
- Balbriggan Boathouse & Bathhouse upgrades (Measure 3)

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hi Healthy Ireland | Healthy Fingal

Healthy Steps

- 3 GP Referral walks in Balbriggan, Donabate, and Dublin 15.
- Developed By Healthy Fingal and supported by the HSE and Active Travel
- 99 people registered
- Extended until the end of September.
- Linking participants to free indoor activities developed by the sports office for the Autumn/Winter period.



Breathe Strong

- Healthy Fingal is supporting Coolmine Lodge Therapeutic Centre.
- Deliver tailored physical activity programs and one-to-one Quit Smoking support to individuals recovering from drug addiction.



Let's Play Rush Summer Sports Day



- Families enjoyed traditional races including sprints, egg-and-spoon, and tug of war, with medals presented by the Mayor of Fingal.
- Play zones featured Giant Jenga, Connect 4, street artists, and face painting for all ages.
- Let's Play Rush, made up of local community groups and supported by EETCD, organised the event to foster participation and community spirit across the town.

Community Recognition Fund (CRF) 2023

- Funded by the DRCDG
- Fingal allocated €1,813,912 for 26 projects
- Meeting with DRDCDG held in August to analyse submitted claims (€1.6 million)
- EETCD continues to submit drawdown claims as the projects reach completion.

Community Recognition Fund (CRF) 2024

Application Window 1 – €630K (Aug 2024)

Projects:

- 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

ENTERPRISE CENTRES

Following an agreement by the Boards of Directors of BASE, Beat and Drinan Enterprise Centres to consolidate the management of all three centres, the Council has now formed a new legal entity "Innovate Fingal" to drive innovation and focus on the strategic development of the 3 Enterprise Centres.

The Council approved the lease of BASE and Drinan Enterprise Centres to Innovate Fingal at the April Council Meeting. An official launch event for Innovate Fingal will be scheduled in Q4 2025.

All three Enterprise Centres have space available to start-up businesses and businesses/individuals who wish to avail of remote working options and facilities. Bespoke options or generic office fitouts can be considered. Occupancy rates at the Council's three enterprise centres are all over 90%. The three Enterprise Centres currently support 65 businesses and over 320 direct jobs.

TOWN REGENERATION OFFICE

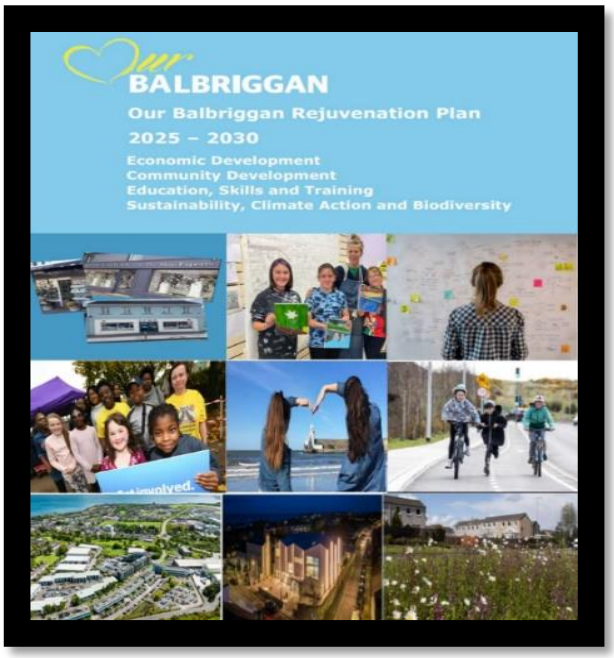
Our Balbriggan 2019 – 2030 Rejuvenation Plan – A Socio-Economic Strategy

The Our Balbriggan Programme Office continues to support the governance of the Balbriggan Leadership Group responsible for the implementation of the Balbriggan Socio-Economic plan 2025 – 2030. Four multi-stakeholder pillar groups meet periodically, to progress opportunities around Economic Development, Education, Skills & Employment, Community Development and Sustainability, Climate Action and Bio-diversity. The Public Realm Pillar is chaired by the County Architect and reports directly to the Chief Executive.



The Balbriggan Leadership Group, is independently chaired by Dr. David Begg and provides stewardship and oversight of the implementation of the Balbriggan Socio Economic plan 2024 – 2030

The Leadership Group meet four times a year to review progress and challenges of its four Pillar Groups and receive updates from its Pillar Chairs and a detailed update on the Urban Regeneration Development. Membership comprises the five Balbriggan locally elected councillors and senior representatives from the Public Sector and Local and Community Development stakeholders.



Members of the Leadership group receive updates on the Urban Regeneration Development Programme funded public Infrastructure programme. The June meeting was provided with an update on the De Bruns site and the emerging preferred option with a more detailed presentation by the IDT to follow at its next meeting.

The Council appointed contractor John Craddock Ltd on the redevelopment of the Quay Street, Harbour & Environs area in Q2 2024. Work is due to be substantially completed by Q1 2026. Work continues to progress well across key elements of the Quay Street & Harbour site.



Phase 4 works have commenced with the heritage restoration of the RNLI Boathouse building continuing and work is progressing on the slating of the roof. The new public toilets, harbour pavilion buildings and kiosks are progressing well, the cladding system has been completed, with the cladding panels currently being installed. The harbour buildings, kiosks and RNLI Boathouse are due to be completed by November 2025, with substantive upgrades to Quay Street ongoing. Further works in this phase will incorporate construction of 2 pedestrian bridges, and ongoing construction of exposed aggregate finish at the Plaza due for completion by Q4 2025.





The Our Balbriggan Programme Office continues to provide regular updates on the project through social media Channels and includes detailed information on frequently asked questions. Up to date information on the project is available on Balbriggan.ie.



Tender documentation to appoint a contractor for the redevelopment of 2-4 Dublin Street is due to be published shortly. The property and adjoining commercial unit are set 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 & local stakeholders. Planning permission was granted at Council in October 2023.



An Integrated Design Team, McCullough Mulvin Architects, have been appointed for the DeBruns site and are progressing work on design options based on best possible uses and site constraints. Stakeholder engagement sessions with local community, civic and business groups, and neighbouring properties were completed, insights gained have been incorporated into a pre-design report.

Options contained in the report have undergone preliminary scrutiny, based on scheme objectives and financial and economic viability and a preferred option is emerging. More design work is required before bringing back to stakeholders in Q4 2025 with the intention of proceeding to a Part 8 planning public consultation process in 2026.

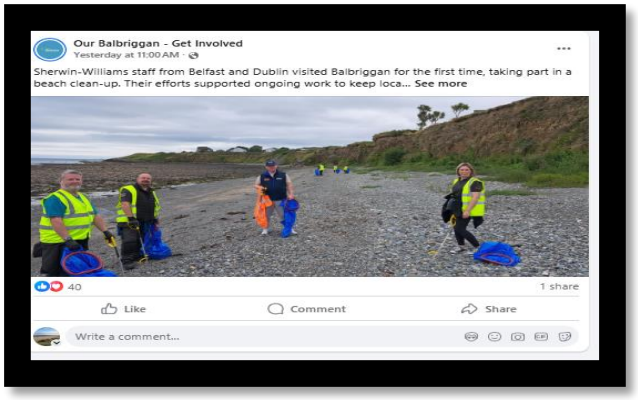
A Feasibility Study for a Swim Platform has been completed by Langan Consulting (Marine) Engineers, the Programme Office are reviewing the proposed options and costs before progressing next steps.

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. Environmental screening reports, a developed conservation design, and an approach to erosion controls for the embankment have been developed and completed. An application was submitted to the Outdoor Recreation Scheme in March to support costs associated with the scheme and its environs and approval is awaited. Project completion is due in 2026.



Following the publication of a Draft Open Spaces Scheme for Balbriggan, Chieftan's Drive / Moylaragh Road on Consult.ie, in May it is proposed to bring a report to the Balbriggan ACM in September. The proposed scheme includes a Half MUGA, and other outdoor enhancements including seating. The scheme in conjunction with FCC Sports, Community & Operations Teams is in response to an identified need for amenities in North-West Balbriggan, particularly among young people.





The Our Balbriggan Office continues to generate regular and unique content across all social media channels, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn with over 13,500+ followers across its 5 social media channels.

Lár Bailte ar dTús
Town Centre First

Town Centre First – Lusk

Following the completion of the Lusk for Life Plan, two applications for Project Development Measure funding were submitted to the Department of Rural and Community Development for their consideration and both projects were approved for funding.

These were identified in the Lusk Town Centre First Plan and include measures to develop appropriate facilities in Lusk's Central Parks and the feasibility of a farmers' market for Lusk.

A feasibility study examining possible locations for the creation of a farmers' market is in the final stages and the Town Regeneration Team are expecting this report in the coming weeks. This included a town hall meeting which was held in the Lusk Cultural Centre on June 14th which was well attended.

On June 17th, an online meeting of the Town Team was held where important progress was made regarding the implementation of the Town Plan.

A number of local stakeholder capacity building workshops have been held in July and August with the last one held 28th August.







Town Centre First – Balrothery

A launch event to promote Balrothery's new Town Centre First Health Check is expected to take place soon. The Health Check contains many key objectives which the new town team have identified as important steps towards creating a more economically and socially vibrant and inclusive village. The launch event will create public awareness of the plan and the new town team. The Town Regeneration office looks forward to working closely with the new town team to help deliver key enhancements for the people of Balrothery.



Town Centre First – Ballyboughal

A launch event will also take place shortly to promote Ballyboughal's new Town Centre First Health Check.

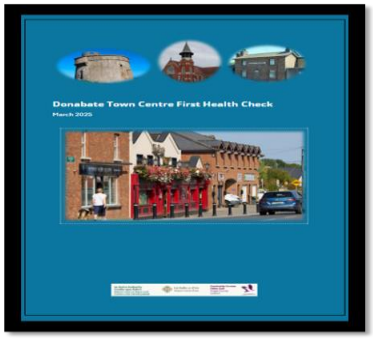
The document is the culmination of many months of hard work and dedication from members of the community and contains important actions which the new town team have identified and will have a pivotal impact in creating a village which better caters for all of its residents and businesses. The launch event will create public awareness of the document and the new town team. The Town Regeneration office looks forward to working closely with the new town team to help deliver key enhancements for the people of Ballyboughal.



Town Centre First – Donabate

Donabate is the third town this year to complete a Town Centre First Health Check Plan. A launch event for the towns Plan will happen shortly. This plan will benefit the new Town Team in assisting to address actions identified during the stakeholder engagement and capacity building process which took place over recent months.

The inaugural meeting of the Donabate Town Team took place on the 31st July where first steps were taken in addressing the actions identified. The Town Regeneration Office looks forward to working closely with the new Town Team in the months and years ahead.



Town Centre First – Rush

On July 14th and August 18th, the Town Regeneration Office held engagement workshops with the business community in Rush to devise actions for the new Rush Town Centre First Plan.

A combined workshop for both community and businesses in is due to take place in the coming weeks.



Town & Village Renewal Schemes

The Town Regeneration Office is currently facilitating two approved projects under the Town & Village Renewal Scheme from 2023.

A Phase 4 development of Floraville Park in Skerries (€55,800) and upgrades to the Rush Community Centre (€64,350) have been approved by the Department of Rural and Community Development. Both projects are on scheduled to be completed by October 2025.

A new call for projects in 2025 was announced by the Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht (D.R.C.D.G) in March. The Town Regeneration Office sought and received Expressions of Interests from a wide variety of internal and external stakeholder groups by the closing date of 13 June 2025.

A total of five applications which best met the eligibility requirements of the scheme have been selected and submitted by Fingal County Council to the D.R.C.D.G. totalled €1,035,450.



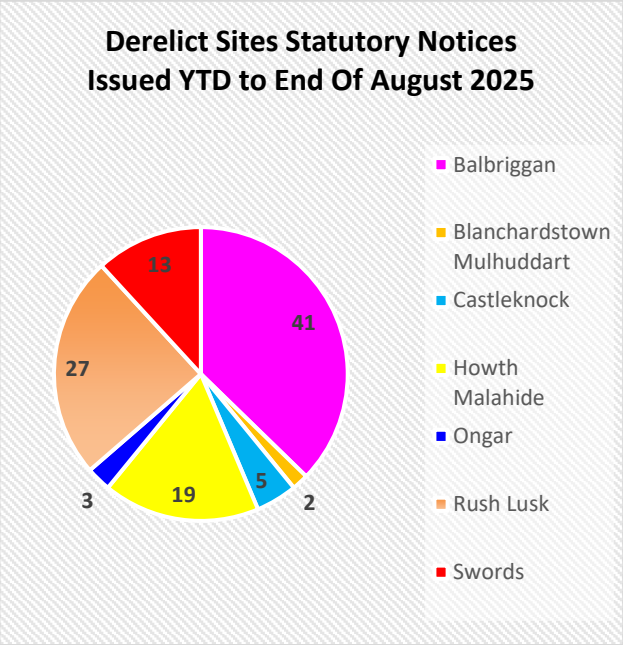
Streetscape Enhancement Scheme 2024

Nine applications have been approved for funding in the most recent scheme totalling €12,635.28 for a variety of works including painting, green enhancement, and signage improvement. Works are currently being completed on approved applications.

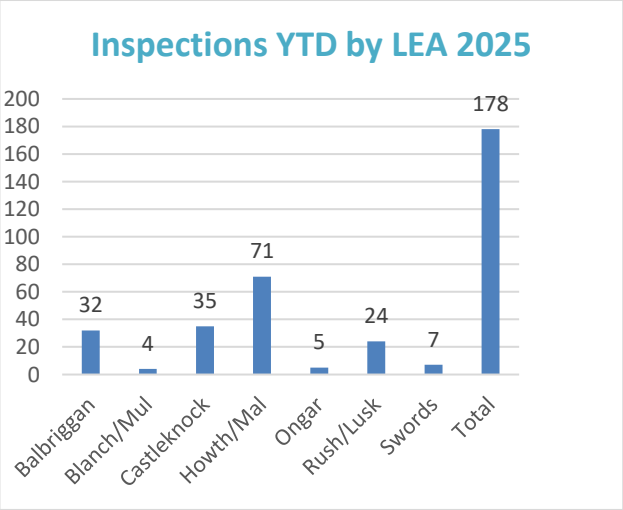


Derelict Sites

110 statutory notices have issued to owners of Derelict properties under the Derelict Sites Act, 1990 since the start of 2025 resulting in a further 14 derelict site being added to the Derelict Sites Register and bringing the total number on the Register to 28.



There has been a total of 178 inspections carried out year to date in 2025 through referrals from members of the public and through the activity of the Derelict Sites team.



The Derelict Sites team continues to focus on engagement with the owners of these derelict sites and will continue identifying further derelict sites across the county.

The Town Regeneration Office actively encourages the reporting of potential derelict sites. Referrals can be made by accessing the Report Form on Fingal County Council's public website and emailing the completed form to derelictsites@fingal.ie

Local Enterprise Office

LEO Fingal provides a broad suite of support services to stimulate enterprise and enable small businesses to succeed.

Fingal Business Network



The next Fingal Business Network event takes place on Friday 26th September in the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Blanchardstown. Exporting Success for Fingal Small Businesses is the theme helping local businesses to expand their client base into International markets.

This networking event includes guest speakers such as Colm Reilly of OCO GLobal, Anne-Marie McAteer from Intertrade Ireland, Jason Gaynor from Enterprise Ireland and Deirdre Carroll and Andrew O'Rourke from Local Enterprise Office Fingal. Attendees will have a chance to assess their export readiness and understand next steps as well as available supports. There will be valuable time to network with like-minded entrepreneurs and business owners and enjoy a networking lunch.

Fingal Business Supports Briefing



Local Enterprise Office

BUSINESS SUPPORTS BRIEFING

On July 9, LEO Fingal hosted its first Online Business Supports Briefing, building on the success of previous in-person events. The online trial attracted 134 registrants and received highly positive feedback. Attendees had the opportunity to engage directly with the LEO team through an open Q&A session.

Due to the success of the July event, the next Online Business Supports Briefing is scheduled for September 3. The July session saw strong participation from local business owners, who benefited from expert advice on training, mentorship, and grant opportunities.

Interest continues to grow in Business Advice Clinics, Start Your Own Business Courses, and Grant Application Workshops. The upcoming briefing will offer even more chances to access these valuable supports. As before, the LEO Fingal team will provide live Q&A sessions and one-on-one consultations to help participants take the next step in their business journey.

Food Sectoral Supports

DUBLIN FOOD CHAIN

The Dublin Food Chain has been hosting a Summer series of online events. The first event featured Fingal's very own Tom Keogh of Keoghs Crisps and was held on 14th of August. The next event features Sam Dunnigan of Strong Roots on August 28th. These events are run regionally across the Dublin region on behalf of the four Dublin Local Enterprise offices and have gained strong online attendance throughout the summer.

Evaluations and Approvals Committee

The Evaluation and Approvals Committee (EVAC) approved 5 projects for funding at its August meeting, bringing to €596,006 the total approved year to date 2025, for 31 applicants across Business Feasibility, Priming and Expansion Grants. There was an additional €2,160 IP Start & a €30,000 GradStart Grant approved prior to the meeting and noted at the meeting. The next EVAC meeting will be held in person on the 24th of September 2025.

Management Development



There is a new Leadership for Business Acceleration programme running from September through to November across the Fingal and Dublin City region. The programme lasts 10 weeks and will be held in the Carlton Hotel, Dublin Airport, the Skyline Hotel and also online. The participants will finalise a business plan as part of the programme and will graduate at the end of the programme with a certification of achievement. These programmes have proved to be very successful, giving businesses a strong plan from which they can then grow and expand over the next one to two years.

Energy Efficiency Grant Scheme





The Local Enterprise Office (LEO) Energy Efficiency Grant was recently revamped and relaunched with several significant changes, the main one being its increase from €5,000 to €10,000 and a change from match funding to now covering up to 75% of eligible costs. The Energy Efficiency Grant is an excellent opportunity for small businesses to continue their business more sustainably and efficiently, which will benefit them in the long run. To apply, businesses need to be solvent and operating within Fingal for at least six months.

This year has seen strong interest in this scheme with enquiries coming from restaurants, pubs and coffee shops. Nine companies have been approved year to date, with several businesses currently working on applications.

Two Success Story videos have been produced to highlight the benefits of this grant. Stories by Ola (Balbriggan) and PJ's Party & Childcare (Balbriggan).

Trading Online Voucher Scheme



Trading Online Voucher scheme (now expired) supported small businesses by allowing them to enhance their online offering by providing a grant of up to €2,500 for ecommerce and digital marketing activities, as well as giving businesses a better understanding of how they can exploit E-Commerce opportunities for their business.

Before the scheme closed, a total of 45 applications were approved in 2025, in the amount of €94,138. The Trading Online Voucher scheme has now closed, and the LEO team will continue to process grant payments from applications approved before the closing date. Approved applicants have 6 months from the date on their Letter of Offer to draw down their voucher before it expires. An enhanced "Grow Digital" initiative has taken its place (featuring grant value €5k plus digital consultancy assignments).

Business Advice Clinics and Mentoring



LEO Fingal provides one to one business support services through Business Advice Clinics and a Mentoring programme, both online and in person. These services are provided free of charge to small businesses and are extremely popular. The Fingal mentor panel consists of a variety of skilled and experienced mentors from a range of business backgrounds. In 2025 so far 417 clients availed of one-to-one appointments in Business Advice Clinics and 203 clients have signed up for mentoring, with consistently high demand for this service among Fingal businesses.

Microfinance Ireland Loans

LEO Fingal provides a loan scheme through its partnership with Microfinance Ireland, with loans from €5,000 up to €50,000 per approved applicant. LEO Fingal is actively promoting the availability of loans from businesses that have difficulty raising finance from their bank. Applications are processed and assessed by LEO Fingal and submitted to MFI (Microfinance Ireland). Applications submitted through LEO Fingal are eligible for a 1% reduced interest rate of 5.5% APR if submitted through the Local Enterprise Office. So far this year 20 MFI loan applications have been processed. Anyone applying for MFI through LEO Fingal will be supported by an expert mentor who guides applicants through the application process to help maximise their prospect of approval.

Training and Events

LEO Fingal continues to provide vital training to owner managers with 2,061 participants year to date. There have been six Start Your Own Business courses with 77 participants and our first Digital Marketing course of 2025 commenced on 12th June and is ongoing for 10 weeks. The seventh Start Your Own Business course commences on 1st July 2025.

Internationalisation and Export Development

The new "Market Explorer Grant" has replaced the TAME Grant from 1 January 2025. The grant is available to small enterprises in the manufacturing and international trading sectors (with up to 50 employees). The amount of the grant is to a maximum of €10,000 or 50% of eligible costs. The object of the financial offer is to support the development of export-oriented businesses by incentivising support to research and explore activities in new markets. Support for the grant applies when eligible companies seek to explore either a new geographic market for an existing product/service or an existing geographic market for a new product/service. LEO Fingal has approved three applications for this grant in the amount of €19,100 with interest in the grant increasing and several businesses currently working on submissions.

Export Development Programme



The Export Development programme "Get Exporting" is continuing throughout all 31 LEOs, Get Exporting is designed to support companies at every stage of their journey to achieve new export sales. Through the Export Development Pathway, the aim is to simplify the export journey for businesses and help build the knowledge, confidence and strategies needed to succeed in global markets. Get Exporting is a collaborative effort between the Local Enterprise Offices, Enterprise Ireland, and delivery partner OCO Global.

Following recommendation based on an export readiness assessment 11 Fingal businesses were among the 120 nationally, progressing through the programme. Following stage 2 'Workshops' 60 businesses will now progress to the 'In Market Visit' stage of the programme which includes 7 Fingal businesses. Those not progressing can still be considered at a future stage and in the meantime can avail of the support they need to develop their businesses from their Local Enterprise Office.

Grow Digital Voucher & Digital for Business



Leo Fingal have approved 43 Digital for Business programmes year to date at a cost of €92,700 and have also approved 7 Grow Digital Vouchers worth €18,741.66. The latest Digital Boost Webinar was held on Friday August 22nd and it educates prospective applicants about the Digital Supports available including Digital for Business and Grow Digital.

Lean for Business



Lean into working smarter, not harder!

Lean For Business is designed to encourage clients to adopt Lean business principles in their organisations to increase performance and competitiveness. Lean is for all companies, regardless of sector – not just for manufacturing companies.

LEO Fingal supports approved clients with a consultant who use Lean tools and techniques that help companies across the globe to address competitiveness issues within their businesses by building the capability of their people to identify problems, improve operations and create a more innovative organisation. Twelve clients have been approved for this programme in 2025. A free workshop will take place online on 4th September 2025 and attendees will learn from LEAN consultants "Lean Thinking, & How Small Changes can have a Big Impact!"

Pheonix FM – Business Beats



Pheonix FM pre-recorded a 10-part series interviewing business owners from across Fingal, many of which were LEO Fingal clients. The LEO team hosted the launch of this series, 'Business Beats' in the council Chamber in Blanchardstown on 22nd August. LEO team members took part in interviews throughout the 2-hour live broadcast and have since received expressions of interest from businesses that tuned in.

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Area Business Totals for June / July 2025

Area	Public CRM's	Rep CRM's	Area Questions	Area Motions	Headed Items
Balbriggan/ Swords	1,133	240	50	13	3
Castleknock/ Mulhuddart	1,015	282	21	11	0
Howth/ Malahide	591	140	7	7	2
Total	**2,739**	**662**	**78**	**31**	**5**

Works Programme
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area - Parks

Balbriggan

New ghost island line marking to provide road safety improvement at dangerous bend. Cats eye also to be installed.





Road resurfacing works at Ballymadun including new drainage system and road safety improvement works, designed and overseen by road maintenance engineers and by the traffic engineer for the Balbriggan area.







Skerries

New wall at Churchfields in Skerries, part of the Programme of Works







Landscaping planting at Skerries Town Park



Garristown

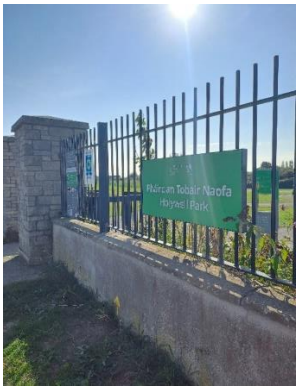
FCC crew carrying out maintenance works at Garristown Village



Swords

A new water refill station installed in Holywell Park as part of park upgrade works. New Park signage has also been installed including a new park name sign.





Three new inclusive play panels were installed in Rivermeade playground along with a new replacement slide, undertaken as part of general maintenance and upgrade works.







Balrothery

New steps and handrails at new tennis building at Glebe park, Balrothery.



Landscaping works at Naul Village.



Newbridge

Recently Conservation Restoration works at the Walled Garden Newbridge Demesne.



Ardgillan

Road resurfacing works in Ardgillan, part of the Capital Works Programme.







Beaches



The bathing season is coming to an end, full time lifeguard service concludes on Sunday 31st of August. Our Blue Flag Beaches (Donabate and Portmarnock) will be manned the first two weekends in September, concluding on Sunday 14th September.

Howth/ Malahide Area



Cutting back vegetation for pedestrians usage of footpath Howth/Sutton.



Coopers wood, Kinsealy.
Cutting back vegetation for pedestrian path.



Playgrounds – upgrades, repair & maintenance





PSLC Playground

A playhouse and large embankment has been removed, area was levelled and new play units were installed.

The trampoline is wheelchair accessible. The new play panels and musical instruments are inclusive play units - designed for children with and without additional needs.

Bayside basketball courts.

The rings and back boards of the basketball courts in Bayside needed to be replaced, mainly due to wear and tear.



Bayside playground extension



Extension completed with wheelchair accessible roundabout and playhouse unit for younger children.

Roads / Footpaths – Howth/Malahide

Milford, Malahide.

Below - New pathway laid adjacent to Milford estate and the estuary.



Seabury gardens

Below - Pathway laid connecting Seabury/Malahide with the Rugby club.



Depot Works

Below - The Howth Malahide Roads Crew replaced 170 linear metres (400 square metres) of defective footpaths on the coast road from Sutton High School to Baldoyle Rd Junction.





Below - The Howth Malahide Roads Crew replaced defective concrete footpaths on Estuary Rd Malahide.







Roads Program of Works

Below - Carrickbrack Rd in Sutton was resurfaced as part of the 2025 POW. As part of the works all the gullies and frames were replaced as they had all failed from fatigue and age.

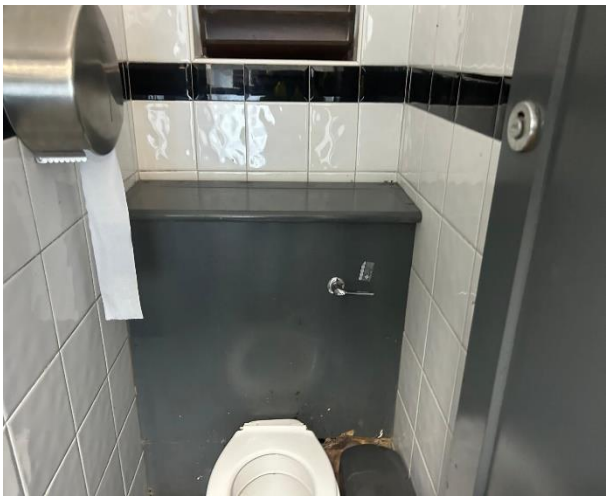




Cleansing, Beaches and Graveyards

Below - Malahide village toilets new tiling and toilets installed.





Below - New eco toilet installed Balscadden car park Howth.





Below - Vandalised doors at Howth market toilets contractor to action repairs.





Below - New 3.5 ton dumper and grab hook delivered to Fingal Balgriffin burial grounds.





Below - Vandalised flower boxes at new street Malahide.







Below - Kilbarrack burial grounds restoration to gate pillar and refit of gates





Below - Life guard huts Howth / Malahide concrete supports in place

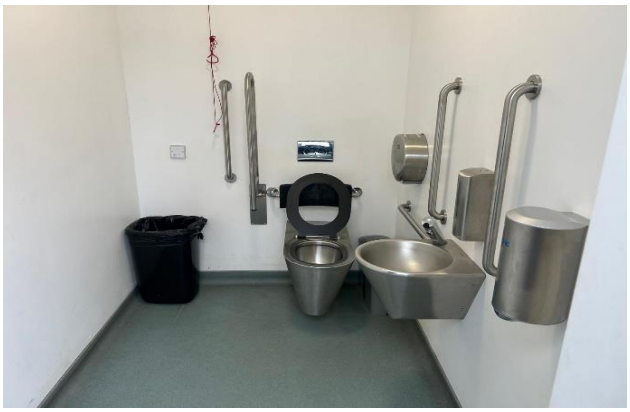




Below - Ongoing deep cleaning of our public toilets Howth / Malahide.









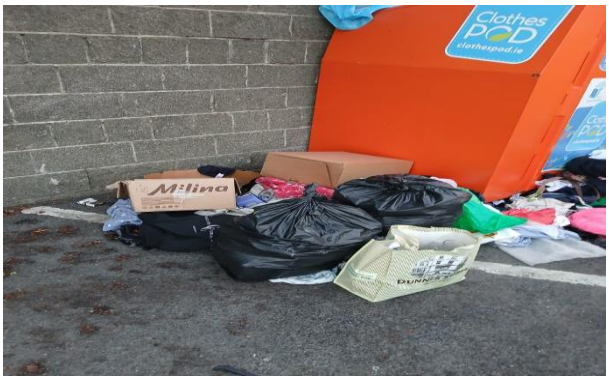
Below - As requested, new second lifebuoy installed at Balscadden beach, Howth.





Below - Ongoing fly tipping fingal clothes bank entrance to burial grounds.





Malahide Parks & Open Spaces

Maintenance work Post Concerts

Below - Aeration works at Concert site.







Below - Reinstatement works of concert site.



Malahide Demesne Meadows

Below - cutting and bailing the meadows in Malahide Demesne.







Talbot Botanic Gardens

Asiatic Gardens



Above - New wooden dragon carving at the pond in the Asiatic gardens.

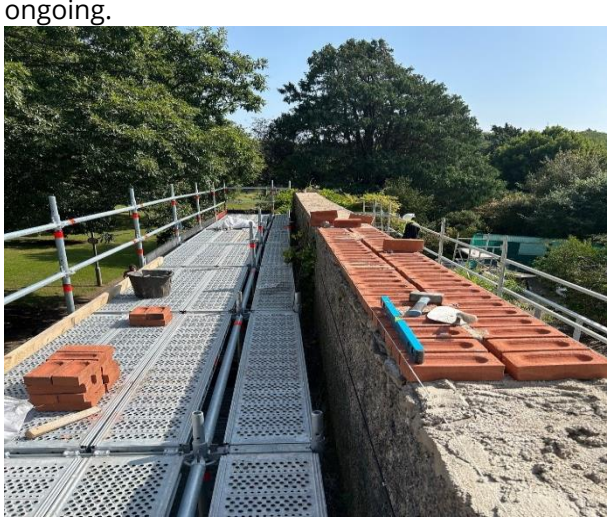
Peach house



Peach house before construction



Below - Careful restoration of the peach house is ongoing.







Alpine house



Above and below - Foundations poured for frames at Alpine House



Dutch House



Above - foundations laid for Dutch house too.

Howth Pathways

Fast seasonal growth needs to be monitored and cut back. Keeping the pathways a safer place for the public to walk. Numerous kilometres cut by crew.



Above and below - Sheilmartin hill, entrance to pathway.



Tweedy's lane

This part of the red loop was very overgrown in parts. The crew cut back a lot of growth here, allowing a safer passage through this section. We will continue to monitor growth through the season.

Vegetation was very heavy here in parts, brambles at eye height too. Safer walking conditions now along this looped path.



Kettles Park, Kinsealy.



Above and below - Kettles park playing fields have been reseeded after the drainage/levelling works were carried out.



Open Spaces - Howth



Above and below - Steel edging installed along the green open space at Howth harbour front.



Castleknock/Mulhuddart Area

Below - Ash Die back tree removals on the Clonsilla Road.



New Pollinator border at Melville Road.

Before and after Photos of new Pollinator Bed Designed by Foreman of Works Paul Rattigan Operations Coolmine.



New border planted on Pecks Lane / Castleknock Road.





Premier Business Park Flail Works





Lanesborough Park

Below - Footpaths . Works consisting of weed eating, grass cutting, footpath cleaning, hedge cutting along footpaths.





Lanesborough Park works



New border at Clonsilla church

Below - new Border planted at Clonsilla church. Works consisted of planting 120 perennial plants and spreading of 2 Ton of bark Mulch. Also 10m2 of new footpath and a new Park Bench.



Limelawn Programme of Works





Roselawn Programme of Works







Car Parking Services

June 2025

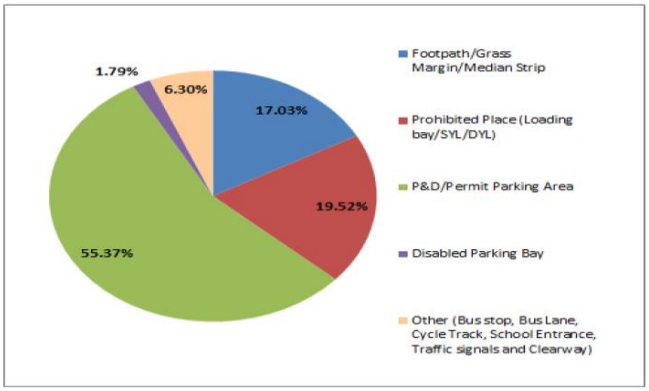
There were a total of 1286 parking tickets issued during June 2025.

Main Ticketing Locations:

Top 10 Locations

Location	Main Ticket Locations June 2025
North Street - Swords	134
Bridgefield Car Park - Malahide	83
South Strand Skerries	65
Main Street - Swords	63
Harbour Road - Skerries	47
Coast Road - Malahide	42
The Green - Malahide	41
Strand Road Portmarnock	37
Drogheda Street - Balbriggan	35
Strand Street - Skerries	33

Breakdown of Parking Offences:



July 2025

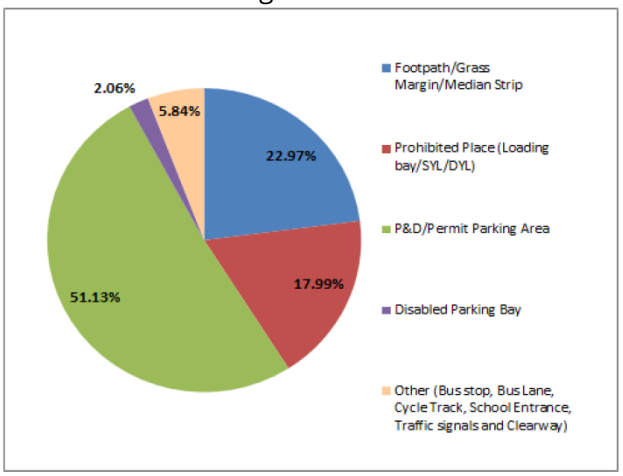
There were a total of 1506 parking tickets issued during July 2025.

Main Ticketing Locations:

Top 10 Locations

Location	Main Ticket Locations July 2025
North Street - Swords	137
Burrow Road Sutton	111
Bridgefield Car Park - Malahide	100
Main Street - Swords	77
South Strand Skerries	75
Harbour Road - Skerries	64
Golf Link's Road Portmarnock	58
Harbour Road Howth	45
Strand Road Portmarnock	41
Church Road - Malahide	40

Breakdown of Parking Offences:

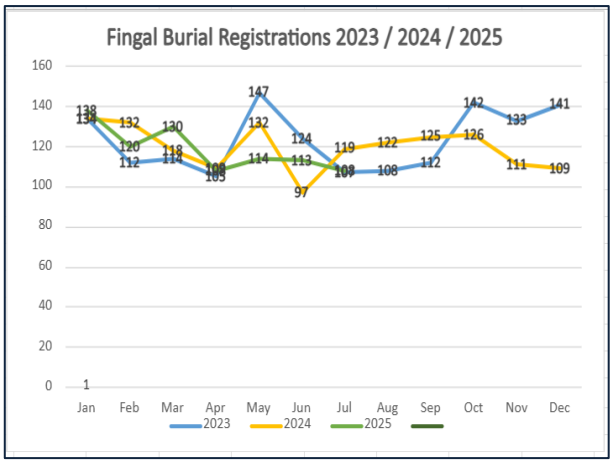


Parking Control Bye-Laws

The Operations Department went out on public consultation with proposed amendments to Fingal County Council Parking Control Bye-Laws 2020. Provision for additional income will be included in the Draft Budget 2026 and will fund the engagement of 4 additional Parking Wardens to increase parking compliance and enforcement. The closing date for submissions is 28th August 2025. To date 553 submissions have been received. Submissions will be reviewed and draft bye-laws will be brought for noting to each of the 3 Area Committees in October.

Burial Ground Services

There were 113 Interments in June 2025 and 108 in July 2025 in Fingal Cemeteries.



Kellystown Burial Ground

Kealy Construction were appointed to construct the second phase. They commenced work on site in March and are expected to finish in December 2025.

The Council's Operations Department is fully funding the delivery of this project with €3.15m from the Council's agreed Capital Programme 2025-27 and will take over the operation of the new cemetery when it opens in early 2026.

Traffic Operations County-Wide

Default Speed Limits Update

Regarding the 30kph in built up & urban areas, the Department of Transport originally communicated that there would be a default speed limit of 30kph set for these. This was changed as there is no definition of urban areas in legislation with regards to the setting of speed limits. In order to implement a default 30kph in urban areas, there would need to be updated legislation which would take some time.

Therefore the Department of Transport communicated to Councils that we were to proceed with the review and implementation of urban speed limits by special speed limit bye-laws rather than a change in the default speed limit. In order to undertake the process of setting special speed limits in built up & urban areas, the Guidelines for Setting and Managing Speed Limits in Ireland are being revised. They have not yet been issued to us. The best timeframe we have is that they will be issued in Q3 2025 via a new Circular. The circular will direct the LA's to commence the process of reviewing speed limits in our areas and to set speed limits in accordance with the new Guidelines. We attended a workshop where feedback was taken on board from Traffic Engineers to assist with the finalising of revisions to the Guidelines which we are still waiting for.

The Council have not received any further information from the Department of Transport.

Balbriggan/Swords Area

Naul R122 and R108- Traffic management scheme works partially completed for the installation of a new Zebra Crossing and junction improvement works.





Balbriggan –Chapel Street, Saints Peter and Paul J.N.S. Uncontrolled crossing and footpath improvement works completed.



Howth Malahide Area

Footpath resin treatment to Kinsealy Shopping Centre Access/Egress for pedestrian safety.





POW 2025: Construction underway for two uncontrolled crossings on the Back Rd.





Burrow Road-Sutton

370 flexible Anti parking bollards installed to prevent parking (at request of AGS). Additional double yellow lines also installed.









Below - Extension of Yellow Box by Main entrance to Burrow Beach-Sutton with new anti-parking bollards being installed.



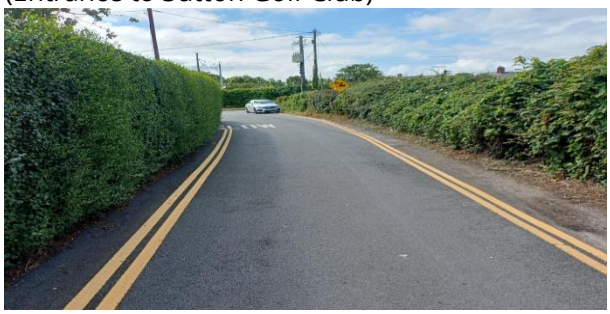


Lining Works refresh on Grange Road

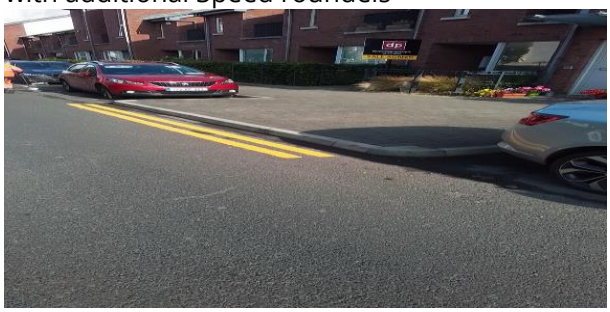




Lining Works refresh on Burrow Rd-Sutton (Entrance to Sutton Golf Club)



New Double Yellow Lines Red Arches –Baldoyle with additional Speed roundels





Ramp repair and new lining by car park exit of Malahide community school.



Castleknock/Mulhuddart Area

New Signals 2025 – Dublin 15

Below - The Civil and Electrical works are complete for the new signalised pedestrian crossing on Clonsilla Road. The lights are awaiting a power connection for the ESB.



Road marking/lining in Dublin 15



Above - SLOW road marking added on the R149.



Above - Yield road markings on each arm and mini roundabout road markings at the junction of The Wood/The Way/Deerhaven Walk.

Fleet Management & Plant Hire Unit

90 Plant Hires were put in place from 25/07/2025 to 25/08/2025, engaging 21 suppliers.

Public Lighting

Works on the 2025 Public Lighting Programme of Works is progressing.

2025 POW Works jobs Completed to date:

- Village Road / Raheny Roundabout, Lusk
- Dromheath Drive, Mulhuddart
- Warrenstown Green roundabout, Corduff
- Kenure Woods Park entrance, Rush
- Gartan Drive, Swords (two lights were installed here)
- The Nurseries, Swords
- Latchford Close to Old Hansfield Lane walkway beside playing pitches at Phibblestown Community Centre, Ongar
- Millstead Estate entrance, Blanchardstown
- Parnell Green / Church Road Walkway, Mulhuddart
- Turvey Avenue, Donabate - between Beresford Estate and Waterleaf Estate
- Lanesborough Park, Charlestown
- New Haggart Cottages, Balleally
- Glasmore Park Entrance, Swords
- Porterstown Park Main Carpark, Porterstown
- Balgriffin Park, Balgriffin
- Kinsealy Lane, at Bright Sparks Montessori, Kinsealy
- Feltrim Road, besides Feltrim Quarry, Swords
- Streamstown Lane, Malahide
- Howth Village, Howth - East Pier Car Park between Abbey Street and Toilets



Above - Upgrade of public lighting with decorative lighting at Howth Village East Pier Carpark.
Top: Before upgrade. Bottom: After upgrade

Below - Installation of new lighting on Kinsealy Lane



2025 POW Works in Progress/Ongoing:

- Chapel Close Green / Bremore Green Pedestrian Walkway, Balbriggan

Works on the public lighting column replacement programme have commenced.

Public Lighting Column Replacements Completed:

- Dromheath Green, Mulhuddart
- Wellview Estate, Mulhuddart

Public Lighting Column Replacements ongoing:

- Lohunda Estate, Coolmine
- Thormanby Lawns, Howth



Cable location of ESB supply cables into public lighting columns, Lohunda Estate



Installation of column sleeves, ducting and new public lighting columns, Lohunda Estate



Transferring of ESB supply cables into new columns and section pillars, Lohunda Estate



Removal of old columns, Lohunda Estate



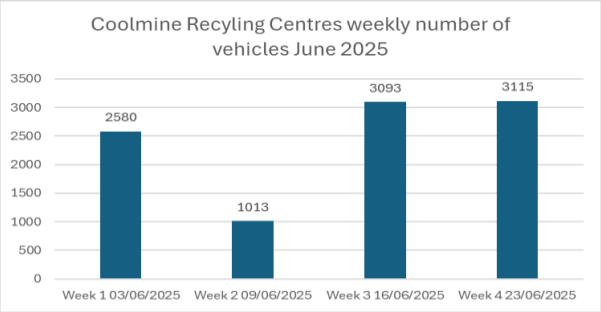
Reinstatements around new columns and section pillars, and footpath reinstatement to ESB section pillar, Lohunda Estate

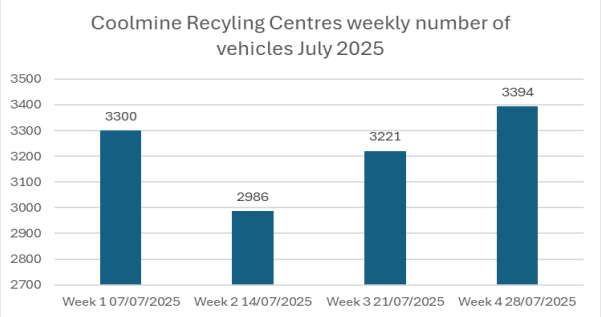
Other public lighting works completed:

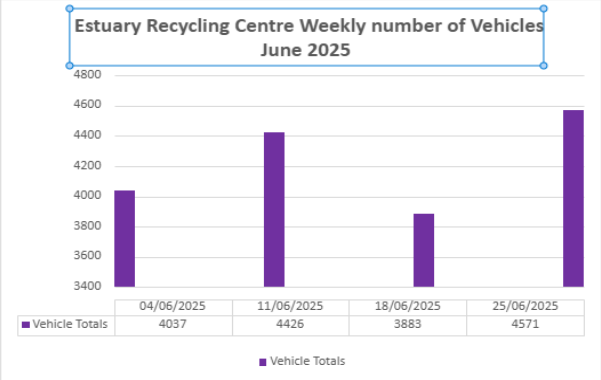
- Installation of public lighting on pedestrian walkway from Riverside Court/Old Corduff Road to N3 underpass.
- New columns installed at Skerries Mills pedestrian walkway

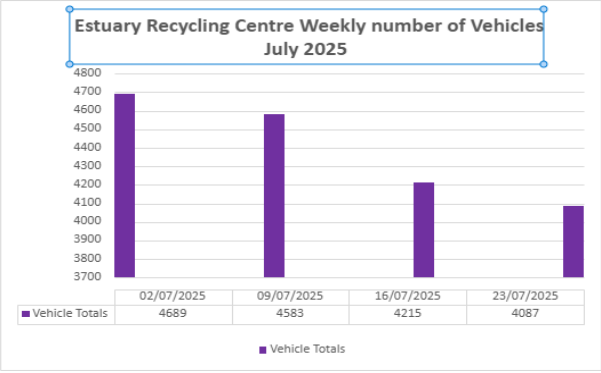
Recycling Centres Update

The Council is currently in the process of recruitment of additional Recycling Centre Operators to commence the new opening hours at Coolmine.





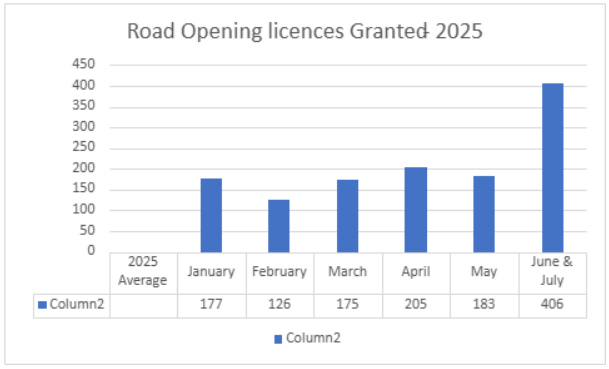


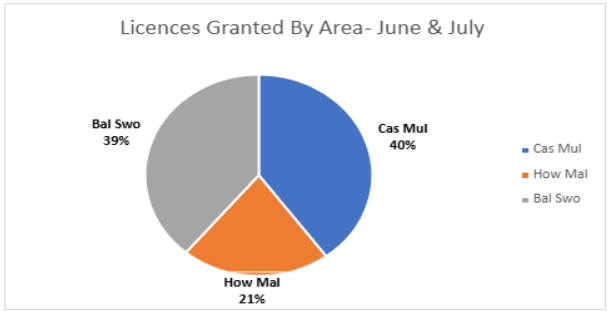


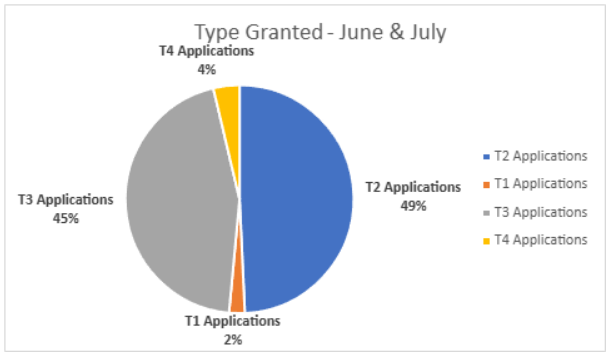
Licenses

Road Opening Licenses

The Licensing unit continues to process and manage the licensing system for the County. Applications are allocated by area for examination and conditioning which includes reviews of the existing carriageway, footpaths, cycleways, and grass verges. Applicants submit temporary traffic management plans for review to ensure all works are carried out safely within the public domain.
406 Licences were granted in the months of June & July**, 49% of which were granted by way of automation**. Clerk of Works in each area continue to carry out regular inspections following road opening works by Utilities.







Bus Enhancement Scheme

Fingal have been allocated €500,000 for the NTA Bus Stop Enhancement Programme in 2025. This has been allocated between the 4 operational areas - €125,000 to Howth/Malahide, €125,000 to Dublin 15 €125,000 to Swords and €125,000 to Balbriggan. Following a meeting with the NTA in May 2025 a list of proposed works at 20 locations were prepared for each area and this list has been forwarded to the NTA for approval. The plan is for the work to be completed by November to drawdown the grant.

Grass Pitch Applications 2025/26

Fingal County Council are currently processing grass pitch applications for the 2025/2026 playing season. To date FCC has received a total of 72 applications with further applications expected over the next couple of weeks from schools.
Applications & pitch maps can be found on the Fingal County Council website / Grass Pitch Applications.

Casual Trading License

Fingal County Council has a total of 44 valid Casual Trading Licences for the 2025/26 trading season covering trading of Hot Food, Tea & Coffee, Ice Cream and Flowers. All 44 traders are fully licenced for the 2025 trading season. We are currently processing 3 additional applications. The Operations Department is in regular communication with our traders and area inspectors continue to be carried out to assist in delivery of quality service and ensure compliance. Once complete we envisage a total of 47 Casual Traders operating in the Fingal Administrative area, the highest number to date.



Pilot Scheme Beach Mobile Saunas

Fingal County Council now has a total of 5 Mobile Sauna trading units operating at five different locations throughout the county.
Seasonal licences have been issued under the Casual Trading Bye-Laws 2021.

Street Furniture Licences

A total of 29 Street Furniture Licences have been issued in 2025.
All 29 business have paid their licence fee & have been issued with their Licence, which must be displayed prominently in the front window of their business premises.
We have also received an additional six applications which we are currently processing & provisional inspections are being carried out.



Harbours

Skerries: The Council are awaiting approval of Foreshore Licences from DAFM to carryout permanent works and repairs to the habour. In the meantime based on a recent assessment it is clearly evident that the cavities have deteriorated further in the restricted area. Restricted access is in place for pedestrians & fishermen.

Emergency works are now required to be carried out to the sheet piles at the Harbour to prevent further deterioration in the restricted area.

Balbriggan: The Council is currently preparing an application for submission to MARA to provide for dredging of the Harbour.

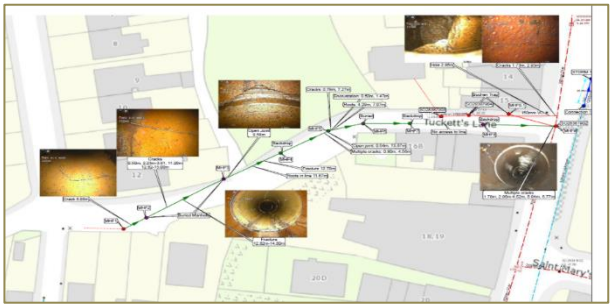
Surface Water

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

This project consists of the design and construction of a Stormwater culvert replacement on Howth Main Street (Work Package A) and the separation of a combined sewer on Tuckett's Lane, Howth (Work Package B). Site investigations for WP B will be taking place W/C 25-29th August. A road closure application to facilitate these works is in place. Further CCTV survey works are planned for WP A in the coming weeks, This is required to have a full condition survey of the culvert on main street before finalizing the areas that require replacement.



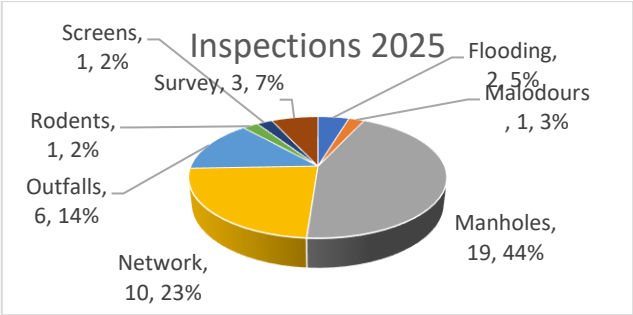


Lusk Network Remedial Works

A review is being carried out of potential works for Phase 3 of this scheme.

Storm Water Maintenance

The types and volumes of issues reported are shown in the chart.



Storm Water Connections:

To date 16 Stormwater Connection Applications have been processed in 2025.

Networks

Swords

Investigations of blockages and overground road flooding in Rivervalley, Swords, Hilltown, Forrest Avenue, Rathingle Rd, Cherry Garth and Rivervalley Lawns estates are now complete. Condition Assessment reports are being broken up into work packages. Tenders will be drafted for external specialized works and a work programme for Council's Direct Labour crews.

Rivervalley





Malahide/Portmarnock

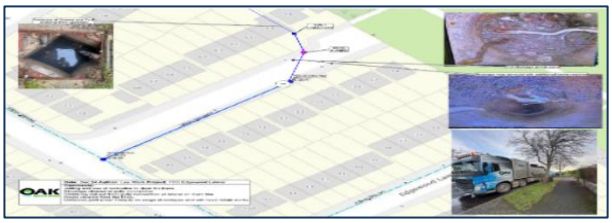
Below - **Chalfont** Estate invasive repair work was completed in late May. Following a tender process a contractor has been appointed to undertake UV CIPP Liner works in late August.



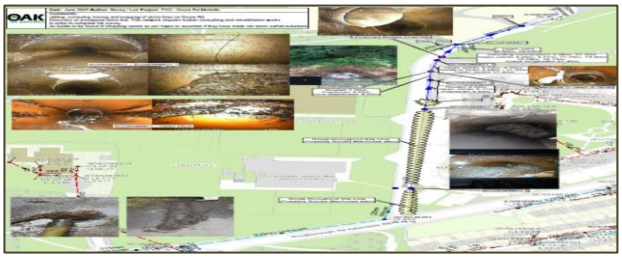


Dublin 15

Below - Investigation surveys carried out in Edgewood Lawn (**Corduff**), Grove Road, Mulhuddart and Damastown are now complete. Remedial work, involving UV CIPP lining was carried out in Corduff. Works in Grove Road, Mulhuddart and Damastown requiring robotic removal of restrictions, liner installations and raising of buried access points are now complete, with some remaining elements to be completed in house.

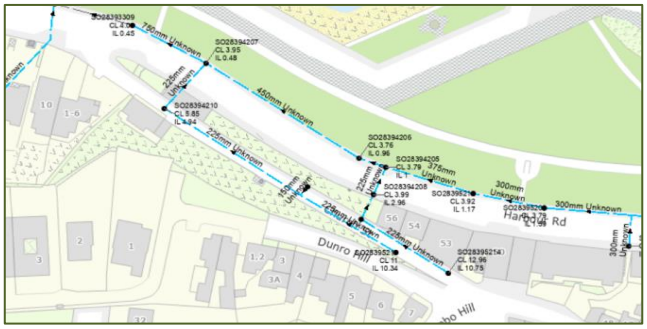


Below - Grove Rd



Howth

Below - Following investigation works network improvements have been identified for the **Church Street**, Dunbo Hill and R105 areas of Howth. Project scoping and feasibility is now complete. The next phase of this project is to draft a design. This will be completed in-house. Current projections are that investigative works will commence on site in October.



Ironworks

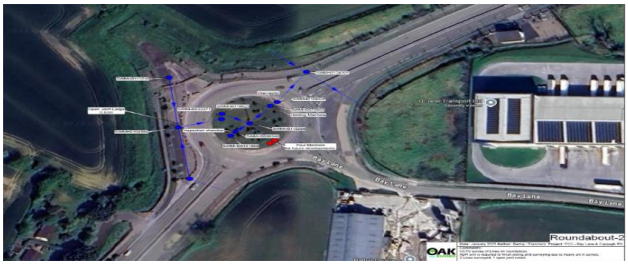
Stormwater manhole cover and frame replacement is ongoing countywide. Manhole and frame replacements were carried out at Pavillion's in Swords(3), Glen Ellan in Swords(5), Rush(4), Donabate(2), Skerries(1) & Howth (1).

Underground Stormwater storage Assets

Continuing Identification and recording of underground storm water management assets county wide.

Cappagh/N2/N3 Link Road SUDS

A contractor has surveyed and cleaned two tanks in a pilot, to help determine future maintenance costs and challenges for SUDs devices of this type.



PLANNING AND STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE (PSI)

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Planning Applications

The figures recorded for July 2025, a total of 164 planning applications were received, including 152 electronic applications via the LGMA's national portal of these, 35 applications were deemed invalid, resulting in 129 valid applications.
During the July period, three Large-scale Residential Development (LRD) applications were submitted to the Local Authority, with two decisions issued on LRD applications.
Additionally, An Coimisiún Pleanála has not issued any decisions on Strategic Housing Development (SHD) applications during this period.

Planning Decisions

During July 2025, a total of 166 planning decisions were issued. This includes 96 decisions to grant permission and 24 refusals of permission (the remaining figures include Time Extensions (AI)/ Invalid Applications and Withdrawn Applications).

Building Control Admin

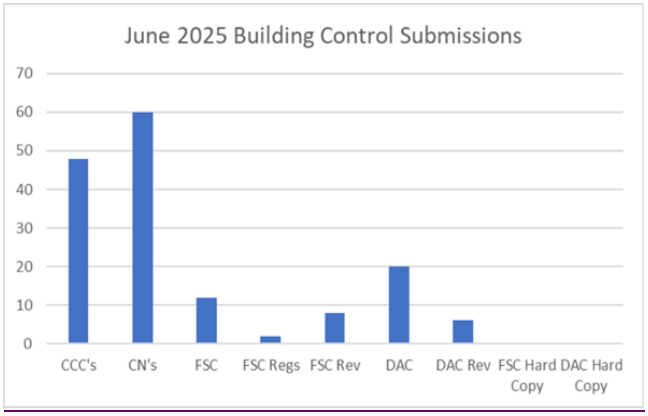
In June 2025, there were 156 building control submissions made via BCMS.
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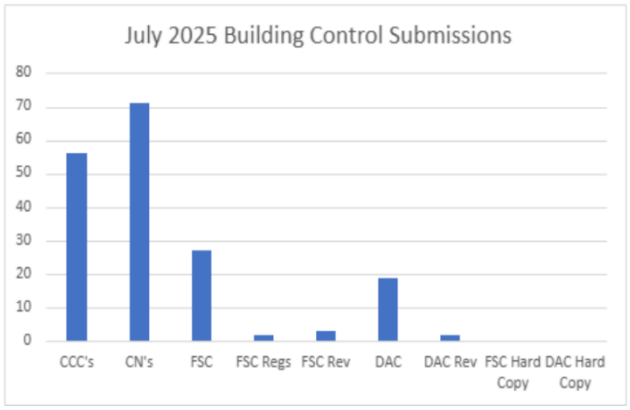
In July 2025, there were 180 building control submissions made via BCMS.
This was made up of 71 Commencement notices, 56 Compliance of Completion Certificates, 32 Fire Safety related Certificates and 21 Disability Access related Certificates.

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 162 decisions in June 2025 relating to Fire Safety and Disability Access Certificates. This was made up of 73 decisions to grant, 4 refusals and 85 extensions of time.

The Building Control Admin team processed 128 decisions in July 2025 relating to Fire Safety and Disability Access Certificates. This was made up of 60 decisions to grant, 63 extensions of time and 5 refusals.





Strategic Policy Unit

Local Area Plans, Masterplans and Framework Plans

The first round of Plans emanating from the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 continue to be progressed.

The Clonsilla Framework Plan was adopted by the Elected Members at the sitting of Fingal Co. Co. on the 12th May 2025.

The draft Old School House Masterplan was on public display between 30th June and 11th August 2025. This Masterplan provides for the sustainable development of the lands having regard to their unique local setting. Over 270 submissions have been received. These are currently being summarised and responded to and will form part of the Chief Executive's Report to be issued to the Members in the coming weeks. This Masterplan will then be brought before the Members for agreement.

Further preparatory background analysis is being undertaken in relation to a number of other plans/studies, including advancement through the procurement process.

Residential Zoned Land Tax

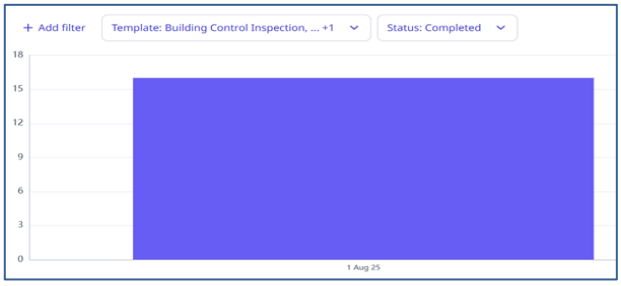
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On the 31st January 2025, Fingal Co. Co. published the annual RZLT map for 2025 followed on the 1st February 2025 by the publication of the draft annual map for 2026, identifying land currently in scope for the tax; land proposed to be removed from current scope; and land proposed to be included.

The local authority has concluded a review of all submissions received on foot of public consultation for the annual RZLT map for 2025 and the draft annual RZLT map for 2026. 11 appeals have been submitted to An Coimisiún Pleanála and are being assessed.

Built Environment Division



Building Control

- 16 building control inspections were carried out in August 2025, covering 33 Buildings.
- There was 1 no. Section 11 request for further information issued during the month of August 2025.

Taking in Charge

There following 5 developments are up for taking in charge in September 2025.

1. Hansfield phase 2 in Ongar Dublin 15.
2. Dunsoughly in Finglas
3. Footpath in front of Balroy Hall on the Carpenterstown Road
4. Avondale Park in Mulhuddart
5. Avondale Court in Mulhuddart

There are also 4 developments in the process of being taken into maintenance. These developments are

1. Wellview Terrace in Mulhuddart,
2. Avondale Place in Mulhuddart,
3. Liscappagh In Cappagh D15
4. Minnow housing estate in Mulhuddart

There are 48 developments with formal Taking in Charge requests, and an additional 327 developments recorded in our system.

The Council have recently appointed a Consultant for managing Taking in Charge works where we have taken the bond. The first contract is for Chapelwood, Alderwood and Redwood in Dublin 15

Dangerous Structures

- 9 dangerous structures were reported in June 2025.
- A total of 110 dangerous structures remains active in our database.

Pictures



Checking Insulation in a wall of an apartment block in Rush



Checking a cavity in a wall in Garristown

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, signage, road marking and water infrastructure is being completed. The ESB are installing cabling and associated equipment to enable power for the public lighting and traffic signals. It is intended that traffic will be diverted onto some of the new Barberstown Lane South in the coming weeks. There will be temporary traffic management on the R149 in Q3 Q4 at the junction with Barberstown Lane South while the new junction is being formed. In late august two new toucan crossings were commissioned at the Barnwell roundabout. Also, the link from the roundabout to the Barnwell Road was completed which includes a new two-way cycle track and new signalised junction. The overall scheme is expected to be completed in Q4 2025. Updates for the scheme will be posted on www.fingal.ie/ongar-barnhill







PSI-039 – R132 Connectivity Project



Project summary

The Tender Pack is currently being finalized along with the contract procurement documents.

Meetings and Workshops

Following workshop meeting of various projects in the Swords area and discussions, as well as knowledge sharing on it projects timelines and phasing plus also gathering feedback on these projects to assist in managing the mitigation measures that may be required at key locations.

Monthly meetings with Uisce Éireann are being held monthly to discuss and align the details of a State Body Agreement for the foul water sewer across the Estuary Roundabout to be incorporated into the project.

Coordination/Progress meetings with NTA and TII/Metrolink which are being held monthly and is continuing through 2025.

PSI-005 Harry Reynolds Road Pedestrian and Cyclist Route

The Harry Reynolds Road Pedestrian and Cyclist Route for this key infrastructure project for Balbriggan consisting of 3km fully segregated Pedestrian and Cyclist Route connecting 6 schools in Balbriggan. This Project is now at substantial completion.

The official opening ceremony was held on the 28th of March 2025 with the Mayor of Fingal and the Minister for Climate, Environment and Energy and the Minister for Transport attending. The contractor is continuing to with 80% of snags completed. The permanent commemorative plaque is being prepared for installation on site.

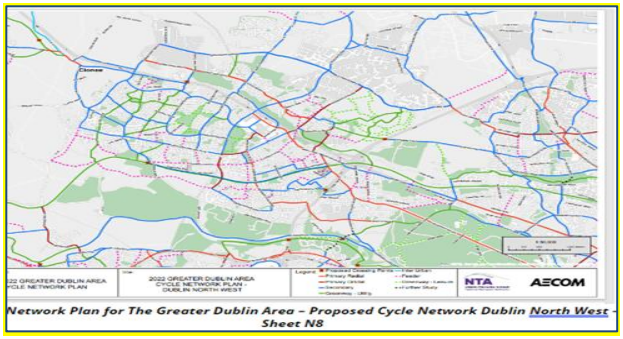
Comparison Photos of before and after Harry Reynolds Road Pedestrian and Cyclist Route Project





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.



Network Plan for The Greater Dublin Area – Proposed Cycle Network Dublin North West - Sheet N8

RPS Engineers Consulting Ltd was appointed Fingal County Council Consultants for the Framework for Dublin 15 Walking and Cycling Projects.

PSI 063 – Pedestrian & Cycling Scheme at Granard Bridge

The first contract as part of this framework will be to undertake phases 2 to 4 for a new Pedestrian and Cycling Bridge at Granard Bridge Castleknock Road which will cross the Dublin Maynooth railway and Royal Canal, parallel to the existing road bridges over the canal and railway, with access for pedestrians and cyclists only. This will form an integral part of the walking and cycling route for Blanchardstown to Phoenix Park which is a proposed route in the NTA's Greater Dublin Area Cycle Network Plan. This will also improve pedestrian and cycle safely at Granard Bridge and further promote the use of more sustainable travel patterns, in line with Government Policy and the cycle network plan for the greater Dublin area.

Meetings and Reports

Monthly meetings between Fingal County Council and RPS are being held to progress the project and discuss key points, such as route options and possible constraints to be overcome.

In addition, an ecological inspection 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. Monthly meetings held, between the newly appointed consultant's conservation architects and the Project Design Team to discuss key aspects of the Granard Bridge Project, ensure that the design and planning proposals are well-integrated and provide an opportunity to collectively assess the site and align on key design and conservation considerations moving forward.

The design team has developed several route options along with the preferred route option which will be included into the next phase of the project which will included as part of the non-statue Consultation.

Project Programme

The project programme has begun by the Project Design Team with the Concept Development and Options Selection phase 2 now underway. Next phase will be moving onto phase 3 preliminary design before to phase 4 the statutory processes to obtain planning for the project. Throughout these phases there will be the requirement for regular consultation with all stakeholders including public representatives. This project design will allow for a much-needed Pedestrian and Cycling link from the new Bridge north to the Roselawn Road/Castleknock Road junction and south to the Laurel Lodge Road/Castleknock Road junction. No alternations are proposed to these existing junctions only to tie into the existing junction's infrastructure.


Granard Bridge Site location



Granard Bridge Street View



Granard Bridge Aerial Photo

For more information and keep updated on the project, please see a recent set-up web page for the new Pedestrian and Cycling Bridge at Grange Bridge Castleknock Road.
Pedestrian & Cycling Bridge at Granard Bridge, Castleknock Road, Dublin 15 | Fingal County Council

PSI -036 Clonsilla-Damastown Cycle Route

Fingal County Council have been working on the Clonsilla-Damastown Cycle Route project brief and the tender documentation are now finalised for tender publication under the Single Party Framework for Engineering Consultancy Services for Pedestrian and Cycling Route Projects in the Dublin 15 Area.

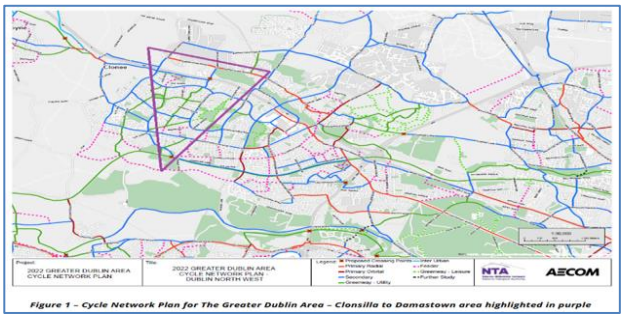


Figure 1 – Cycle Network Plan for The Greater Dublin Area – Clonsilla to Damastown area highlighted in purple

PSI – 004 Royal Canal Urban Greenway

The project team from the Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department is continuing to finalise the preliminary design in consultation with all the key stakeholders, the National Transport Authority, Irish Rail 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.
In November 2024 Fingal County Council requested consent from Waterways Ireland and Irish Rail to make a planning application for the Royal Canal Urban Greenway on their Lands to An Bord Pleanála/An Coimisiún Pleanála. Fingal County Council received consent from Irish Rail in July 2025 to proceed with making an application their Lands to An Bord Pleanála/An Coimisiún Pleanála.

The project is currently at preliminary design stage and the project team are in constant engagement with Waterways Ireland and are now undertaking the investigation of some design changes following request by Waterways Ireland for alterations of the Towpath/Embankments in specific section areas between the Kildare border and Collins Bridge interfaces between the existing facilities and the proposed scheme. Current Landowner checks and land referencing are being maintained and kept up to date for the project.

Following completion of the preliminary design, all the required documents which includes the Environmental Impact Assessment Report will be prepared prior to making the planning application to An Bord Pleanála/An Coimisiún Pleanála.

PSI – 065 Seamount Road Footpath Connectivity Project

Seamount Road Footpath Connectivity Project will provide for improved accessibility for all road users, in particular pedestrian users as there were no pedestrian footpaths along the eastern end of Seamount Road on the approach to the new development's entrance.

The route also forms one of the local health walks (Sli Na Slainte), the coastal walk between Malahide and Portmarnock. The route also connects to the park lands at Robswall and Paddy's Hill and forms a direct link to and from the only local secondary school, Malahide Community School (MCS) - reducing a 4km route by bike or car to a c. 1.5km walk/cycle and helping to reduce traffic volumes through the centre of the town.

The CE order for the project has been approved and RPS have been awarded the Contract for consultancy services. The initial project meeting with the design team from RPS has taken place and the Design Team is now working on route options.





S2M Pedestrian and Cycle Scheme

The preliminary design drawings have been reviewed by the NTA, and the stage 2 road safety audit has been, and an equality audit were completed. Revised preliminary design general arrangement drawings have been received which have incorporated the recommendations of the Road Safety Audit and the Equality Audit into the scheme where required. These are under review.

Pavement design drawings, drainage drawings and drawings to identify the locations of utilities within the scheme have been received and are under review. The project will liaise with utilities to discuss any required diversion works. Public Lighting preliminary design is progressing.

The latest revision of the Cycle Design Manual has led to some improvements being incorporated into the overall scheme design including revised layouts for crossings and bus stops to comply with the new standards.

Design for structures along the route is progressing using the findings from the Ground Investigations. This includes design of the Malahide Tennis Boardwalk, promenade extension at Baldoyle, Sluice River Bridge, Station Road culvert and Burrow Court retaining wall.

Wintering bird surveys have been completed which are required to feed into the planning application. An updated scoping report has been completed and will be circulated to prescribed bodies.

Following completion of the preliminary design, documents will be prepared for a planning application to An Bord Pleanála. This includes preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement, Natura Impact Statement and Compulsory Purchase Order documentation.

A revised scoping report has now been circulated to prescribed bodies. The scoping study is a key element of the EIAR process and signifies commencement of the development of an EIAR. All relevant comments from the various consultees during the consultation process (both in May 2023, and May 2025), along with comments from any pre-application meetings which may take place as part of the planning process, will be fully addressed as required within the EIAR.

Engagement with potentially impacted property owners, businesses and stakeholders is ongoing. On completion of the preliminary design, the project team will contact landowners to discuss the compulsory purchase order process and the scheme and acquisition requirements.

Meetings have been held with Irish Water to ensure coordination of the scheme with planned and existing assets.

A search of unregistered lands is ongoing for production of the deposit maps for the land acquisition. Draft documents are being prepared for the submission to An Coimisiún Pleanála.



Above- Artist visual of possible layout for the Sutton to Malahide Pedestrian and Cycle Route at Portmarnock

Swords Cultural Quarter Public Realm

The new proposed Public Realm is a key feature of the overall Swords Cultural Project. The pedestrian priority public spaces framed between the Castle, the SCC Building and Fingal offices (County Hall) will serve as a civic amenity space providing a place for festivals, events, markets as well as an everyday meeting place for the local community.



Above- visualisation of the Part 8 proposals for the SCQ public realm layout at North Street.

The Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department has procured a Multi-Disciplinary Consultancy team for the detailed design and construction supervision of the public realm at Swords Cultural Quarter.

Consultants are now progressing with the detailed design phase for the Swords Cultural Quarter Public Realm. Discussions are ongoing with the National Monument Services and an application for Ministerial Consent will be made for the public realm works as the design progresses. The tender pack and contract documents for the public realm works are being developed alongside the detailed design.

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 Main Street central public realm, pedestrian amenity zones, raingardens and new street trees

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 consultant has completed various baseline studies. The project is at the option identification and selection phase. The consultant has provided a Land use survey, geotechnical report, disability audit, collision analysis, Ecology and Environment report and problem identification report.

The tree survey, traffic surveys, parking surveys and topographical and GPR surveys have all been completed. A concept development workshop is planned to progress the option selection and preliminary design for the scheme.

The initial set up of the transport model to analyse any traffic management interventions proposed as part of Swords Main Street Transformation is ongoing. Traffic data captured in recent surveys will be fed into the model to allow for various scenarios for traffic flow to be modelled.

PSI-041 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 150 submissions on the proposed walking & cycling scheme from Kinsealy to Portmarnock train station. These submissions have been categorised, analysed and used to inform the process to progress from the Emerging Preferred Route stage to the Preferred Route stage.

The Options Report (concluding Phase 2) will be available in October 2025. The preliminary design and environmental screening (Phase 3) will commence in Q4 of 2025, followed by the statutory process (Phase 4) required to deliver this part of the project.



Artist visual of the greenway from Kinsealy to Portmarnock



Artist visual of the proposed upgrades to Station Road

PSI-009 Fingal Coastal Way

Liaison with utilities and coordination with existing infrastructure are on track and ongoing (Irish Rail, Gas Networks, Eirgrid, TFI and Dublin Bus). This includes the proposed bridges over Rogerstown Estuary and over the rail at Beaverstown Golf Club – application has been made for approval in principle, and these are being assessed by Irish Rail now.

Preliminary design work is progressing along urban roads and a coastal erosion study concluded that was used to locate the greenway nearer to the cliff's edge where applicable to minimise land take and severance.

PSI-023 Swords Western Distributor Road Extension

The Swords Western Distributor Road (SWDR) is within the Oldtown and Mooretown development site, providing access to the Rathbeale Road from the lands to its north and south respectively. The SWDR has cycle tracks in both directions. The SWDR Extension is proposed to extend east to the R132 and the proposed Estuary Park and Ride facility (Metro North) as an extension of the existing carriageway and active travel facilities at Millers Avenue.

Egis (formerly Barry's Transportation) has been appointed to further develop this project to Phase 2 (Options Selection). The Options Report (closing out Phase 2) is expected by the end of 2026.



Proposed SWDR Extension to Metrolink Route

Broadmeadow Way Greenway

Progress on the detailed design phases of the other elements of this project is continuing.

A stage 1 Tender assessment has been completed in advance of a 2-stage tender process to establish a framework for works contractors for the various landward works contracts. The landward elements of the Broadmeadow Way in Donabate i.e. from Newbridge Demesne, through Kilcrea lands to the east side of Corballis railway underpass will be delivered through this framework.

Construction of this environmentally and technically challenging project has been divided into different works packages which will be delivered in stages:

- Construction of the Broadmeadow Estuary Bridge took place in 2024. Works are complete.
- The tender for the construction of the greenway along the Northern Causeway is being finalised and this will be issued during 2025. It is expected that construction of the Northern Causeway will not be completed until 2027
- Construction of the greenway along the Southern Causeways will commence during the summer months of 2026.
- Construction of the Donabate landward works and the Malahide landward works will take place during 2025 and 2026.
- Due to the seasonal constraints of working within the estuary, along with the technical challenges of building on the Northern Causeway, it is expected that the opening of the Broadmeadow Way will be in 2027.



New estuary bridge and ramps looking northwards towards Donabate



Model Images of Viewing Platform on Southern Causeway

Portrane Road, Donabate

The Portrane Road Enhancement Project involves works to widen the existing narrow footpath on the northern side of the road in order to provide a suitably wide and safe footpath for pedestrians to use in the vicinity of two national schools (St. Patrick's Boys National School and Scoil Phádraic Cailíní). The project also involves works to provide safe pedestrian crossings and appropriate traffic calming facilities. Third-party lands are required to widen the path, and in this regard the Council is using a Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) to acquire the necessary lands. Notices to Treat were issued to affected landowners in July. Tender documents, for the appointment of a contractor to construct the works, are expected to issue to the market in September.

Donabate Pedestrian and Cycle Bridge

All FCC construction works and snags on the Donabate Pedestrian Bridge have now been completed. Two items outside the Council's direct control remain to be addressed by third parties before the bridge can be opened to the public. Irish Rail and the Commission for Railway Regulation need to formally approve the bridge to operate above the railway, and the ESB need to provide power to the adjacent development site to facilitate safe and publicly lit access to the bridge. It is expected that these items will be closed out in the coming weeks and the bridge will then be officially opened to the public.



Image of the Donabate Pedestrian Bridge after completion of snagging works (August 2025)



Completion of snagging works and bridge ID plates on the west public facing side (August 2025)

Donabate Transport Projects

The Donabate Transport Projects comprise a number of projects with the objective of improving transport 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, and;
- 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 number of potential options have been identified for both Phase 2 of the Donabate Distributor Road and the Blakes Cross Junction Upgrade. The emerging preferred route alignment and the emerging preferred junction layout have now been determined. The emerging preferred options are expected to go on public display in October, and preliminary design is expected to follow on in 2026.

Tender documents, for the appointment of a consultant to progress the next phases of the project, are expected to issue shortly. Work relating to environmental assessment, planning consent and detailed design is expected to be carried out throughout 2026, and in subsequent years, as appropriate.

PSI-019 N3 M50 to Clonee

Aecom/ Roughan O'Donovan are appointed to assess bus priority measures on the N3 between the M50 and Clonee. This scheme is funded by Transport Infrastructure Ireland. They are also examining active travel links across the N3. The focus is between the 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 Q4 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 railway overbridge 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.

The bridge works licence agreement with Irish Rail is being finalised. There are further items to be agreed with Irish Rail that are required post appointment of the Contractor and prior to commencement of works to ensure the safety of the railway is safeguarded. It is not envisaged that this will require a significant amount of time.

Agreements with landowners on either side of the bridge are progressing well.

Subject to the required agreements being in place, the Contractor shall be appointed. It is a requirement of Irish Rail that 4 weeks' notice is given from appointment of the contractor to commencement of the works. Works are expected to take up to 3 weeks.



PSI-024 Kellystown Road

The delivery of the Kellystown Road is an objective of the development plan. Preliminary design is being carried out for a part 8 planning application for the road which will link from the Diswellstown Road to the new Barberstown Lane South. It is intended that this scheme will be advanced to planning stage in late 2025. At the western end planning permission (Dart West Railway Order) has been granted for a new bridge over The Royal Canal and railway at Barberstown level crossing which will tie into the Kellystown Road. Some of the eastern part of this road is being delivered through planning consents which fall in the Kellystown Local Area Plan. The design includes active travel for the extent of the project.

Heritage Officer

Fingal Heritage Week 2025

National Heritage Week 2025 took place between Saturday 16 and Sunday 24 August 2025. In Fingal, there were just over 60 in-person events from archaeology at Swords Castle to swift talks in Lusk. There were events for all interests including lashúl making with Balbriggan Traveller Project to turas threorithe tríd Ghaeilge at Malahide Castle and from the Fingal Mummers in Ballyboughal to the hugely well-attended heritage walks in Rush.





The annual Fingal Heritage Network Heritage Night drew a full house, while there were opportunities to see inside lesser opened buildings as with the tour of St Mary's Church in Clonsilla. Thank you to all who hosted, contributed to and participated in celebrating the theme Exploring our Foundations.



Celebrating 10 Years of Community Archaeology in Fingal

Over the past 10 years Fingal County Council has been leading the way nationally, by promoting awareness, best practice and understanding of the local archaeological resource among individuals and community groups. To mark this milestone an exhibition was held in Swords Castle during heritage week. The exhibition features photos from the digs at Swords & Bremore Castle, and Drumanagh, exhibitions, seminars and community groups such as Resurrecting Monuments and projects like Heritage X Climate. It is hoped to show it at various venues around the county.

In tandem a post-excavation event was running in the grounds of Swords Castle with volunteers processing the animal bone from our community dig in Drumanagh earlier in the year.



Fingal Coastal Zone Project

This project aims to raise awareness of Fingal's rich maritime heritage and to promote and demonstrate how we can help to record sites and finds. The first of four training sessions took place On the Velvet Strand, Portmarnock on 16 August 2025. Dan Atkinson and Conn Herriot from AMS Ltd. showed how to record the wreck remains encountered on the strand. A toolkit and recording sheets are available on https://www.fingal.ie/fingal-coastal-zone-project





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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 and have all the required documents ready to upload in PDF **before** submitting an application on the portal to have the best chance possible in being successful.
www.fingal.ie/affordablehousing

Affordable Housing Schemes Update

Scheme	Status	Affordable Homes
Balleally Rise	Closed	20 Homes Sold
Kilmartin Grove	Closed	36 Homes sold
North County Homes	Closed	16 Homes sold
Balmoston Ph 1	All Sale Agreed	86 Homes sold
Wilkinson's Brook	All Sale Agreed	57 Homes sold
Aster Park, Rush	Assessment of applications ongoing	90 of 96 Homes sale agreed
Churchfields 3A	Assessment of applications ongoing	176 of 180 Homes sale agreed
Ballisk Park, Donabate	Assessment of applications ongoing	84 of 112 homes sale agreed
Baile na Mona, Mooretown, Swords	Assessments are ongoing	9 of 151 homes sale agreed
Church Fields 3B	Assessments are on going	110 homes for sale
Church Fields - Cost Rental	Information coming soon	80 Apartments for long term lease
Clonrath Hill	Information coming soon	6 homes
Balmoston Phase 2	Information coming soon	76 homes

Baile na Mona & Church Fields (2nd) Affordable Housing Developments

The application portals for 151 & 110 new Affordable homes in Baile na Mona Swords, and Church Fields, Dublin 15 closed in July and August with over 600 & 700 applications submitted respectively. The assessment of applications on both developments is in progress. Applications are assessed strictly in time and date order of submission. If your application is reached and further information is required, the assessment team will contact you directly. Please bear with us as we work through the large volume of applications received.

Ballisk Park, Donabate



A limited number of 3-bedroom Affordable homes have become available for sale by Fingal County Council and developers Glenveagh at Ballisk Park, Donabate. The application portal will go live at 10 a.m. on September 5th. Full scheme details are available to view www.fingal.ie/affordablehousing

80 Cost Rental Apartments Coming Soon to Church Fields, Dublin 15

Fingal County Council's Affordable & Cost Rental team is delighted to announce the upcoming launch of 80 cost rental apartments in Church Fields, Dublin 15**.** These brand-new homes will be available for long-term lease under the Cost Rental model**,** offering secure**,** high-quality accommodation at rates below market rent.

What is Cost Rental?

Cost Rental housing is designed to provide affordable rental homes for people who are above the social housing income limits but still struggle to afford market rents. Rent is based on the cost of building, managing, and maintaining the homes – not market rates.

Who Can Apply?

To be eligible for Cost Rental housing, applicants must:

- Be aged **18 years or over**
- Have a **net household income of €66,000 or less per annum**
- Not be in receipt of **social housing supports** (including HAP or RAS)
- Not own or have a legal interest in a property
- Be able to afford the rent and comply with the terms of the tenancy

Full details, including how to apply, will be available shortly at: www.fingal.ie/affordablehousing

Social Housing Delivery

Part V, Social Turnkey & CALF Programme

Delivery of new homes has remained strong over the course of Quarter 2 under the various delivery mechanisms. The first Part V Affordable agreement has progressed, and the homes will launch later in the year with more to deliver via this mechanism throughout the County.

3 Part V homes delivered in Folkstown Park, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin.



1 Part V home delivered in Clonsilla, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15.

39 Homes delivered in partnership with Respond housing in Meadowbanks, Swords, Co. Dublin





3 Homes delivered in partnership with Tuath housing in Semple Woods, Donabate, Co. Dublin





Construction Programme

Summary of delivery of social unit numbers in the pipeline	Units
Under Construction	573
Schemes with Planning Approval and Tender Stage	110
Planning and Design	179
Part V	1,194
TOTAL	2,056

Scheme Update since last month (Further detailed information available in Appendix 4)

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 **30** 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 **33** new social homes have been delivered.



Mooretown, Swords

Construction has commenced on the delivery of 274 new homes at “Baile na Móna”, Mooretown, Swords. This will be a mixed tenure scheme of 123 social and 151 affordable homes. Planning for this development was granted under the S179A process.



Holywell, Swords

Construction is progressing on the delivery of 57 new social homes at Holywell, Swords. Planning for this development of 1, 2 and 3 bedroomed new homes was granted under the S179A process.



Mourne View, Skerries

Construction has commenced on the delivery of 14 new social homes at Mourne View, Skerries. Planning for this development of 2, 3 and 4 bedroomed new homes was granted under the S179A process.



Remount Court, Lusk

Construction has commenced on the delivery of 18 new social homes at Remount Court, Rathmore Road, Lusk. Planning for this development of 1, 2 and 3 bedroomed homes was granted under the S179A process.



Balmoston Phase 2, Ballymastone, Donabate

Construction work has commenced on the delivery of new homes in Phase 2 of Balmoston. This is a mixed tenure development, which will deliver 72 social and 75 affordable units in several phases through 2026 and 2027.



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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 25th Aug 2025	
Completed	**Areas**
31	D15, Swords
Onsite	**Areas**
59	D15, Swords, Balbriggan
Upcoming	**Areas**
29	D15, Balbriggan
Tender Prep	**Areas**
9	D15, Balbriggan, Swords

Planned Maintenance Programme 2025

External painting, joinery repairs, boiler replacements, and smoke and heat detector upgrades.

Planned Maintenance Programme 25 Aug 2025	
Painting completions	**389**
Boiler Replacements	**110**
Heat / Smoke Detector Replacement	**142**

Voids

Casual Voids 25th Aug 2025	
In the lettings process	**20**
In relet works	**66**
Void Unavailable	**12**
Total	**98**
New to stock as of 25th Aug 2025	
New to stock properties	**126**

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 **191 new HAP tenancies** in 2025 to date with approximately 4405 HAP tenancies established since HAP commenced in 2017.

The HAP team is on hand to deal with any queries from applicants and landlords in person at the Housing Department in the Fingal County Council Blanchardstown Office, by phone at 01 8905000 via the CCU or through email at hap@fingal.ie.

Rents

Following the introduction in 2024 of new debt management processes and procedures, **rent arrears have reduced by €1m** since 01/01/2025. New processes initiated include bi-annual statements and letters to all tenants and quarterly statements and letters to tenants in arrears.

The Rents team will continue to engage with tenants who experience challenges paying their rent.

The Rents Team have issued **123** Tenancy Warnings year to date. Six Orders for Possession have been obtained following court hearings in 2025. The Rents **collection rate in August 2025 shows an increase of €1.8m** on the same month in 2024.

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 Dwellings for 2025 has been received from the Department of Housing. Currently 4,321 inspections have been conducted in 2025, with 3793 of them qualifying towards the Dwellings target. There were 613 inspections carried out in July. 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

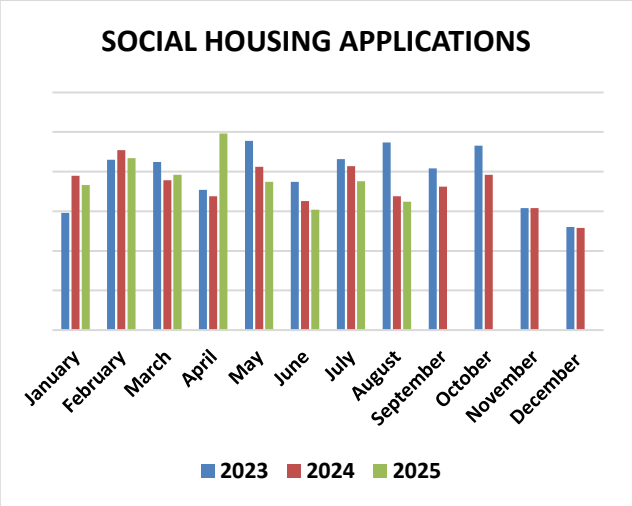
Housing Support

In accordance with Circular 24/2025 as released on 31st July 2025, the Summary of Social Housing Assessment (SSHA) is due for return to the Department of Housing Local Government and Heritage on 1st December 2025. Letters will issue in the coming weeks to all applicants required to complete the SSHA. Following the successful launch of the online HNA System in 2022, applicants will be advised to complete the assessment where possible online. Reminder letters will issue to applicants who have yet to complete their assessment. All facilities will be available to applicants at the Customer Care Counters and in the Fingal Libraries for those individuals requiring assistance in completing their Housing Needs Assessment. Hard copy forms will be available, if necessary.

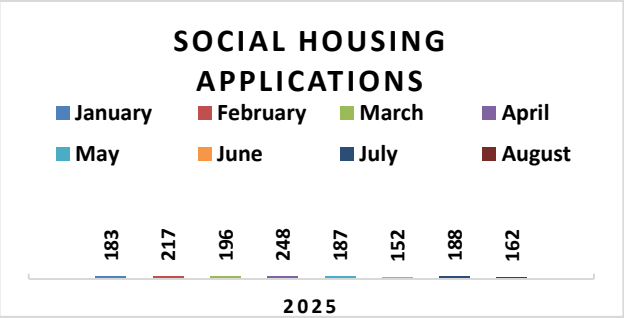
2025 Housing List Position are available on the Choice Based Lettings Portal. This is a static list position and will be issued and updated on CBL yearly. Further information can be sought via, choicebasedlettings@fingal.ie

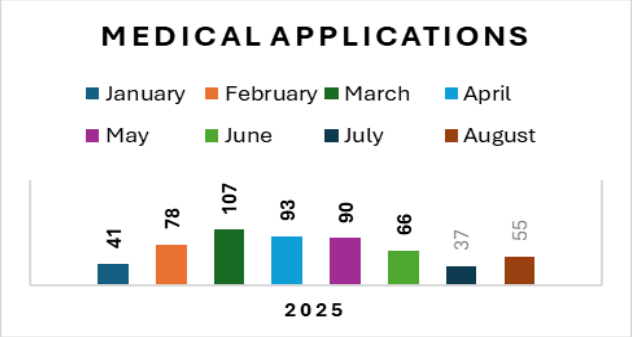
Housing Support receive a large volume of Housing Applications, Medical Applications, Amendment requests and appeals.

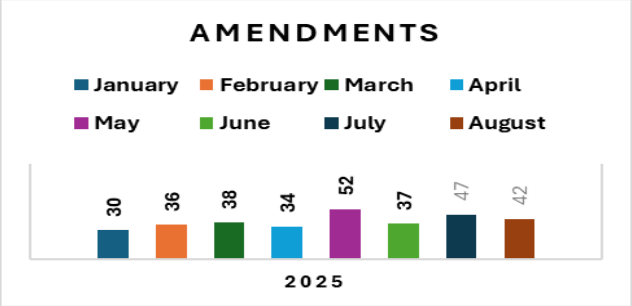
Year on year comparison by month



Applications received



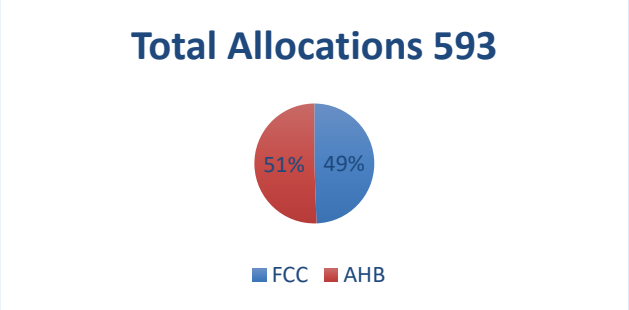




Housing Support Appeals

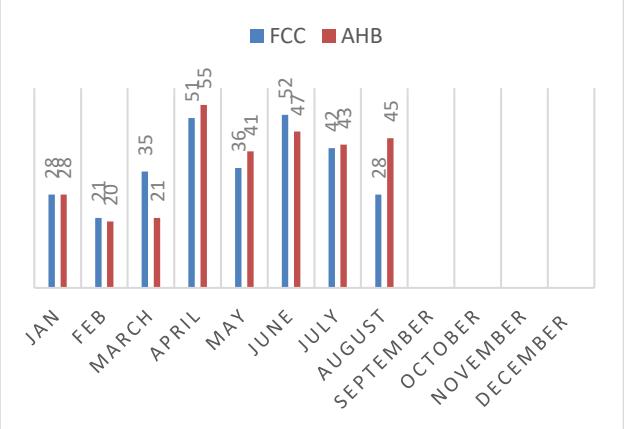
Applicants are reminded, that an appeal must be received within 28 days of a decision being communicated in writing to be eligible for review.

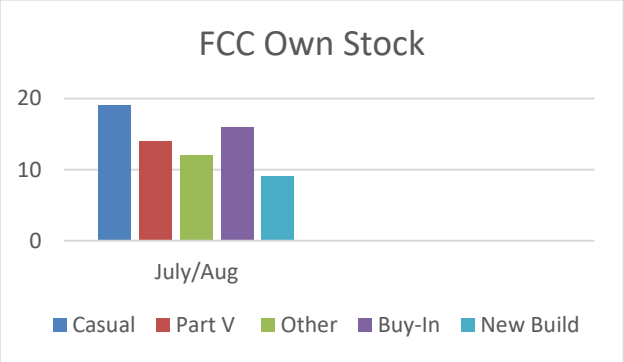
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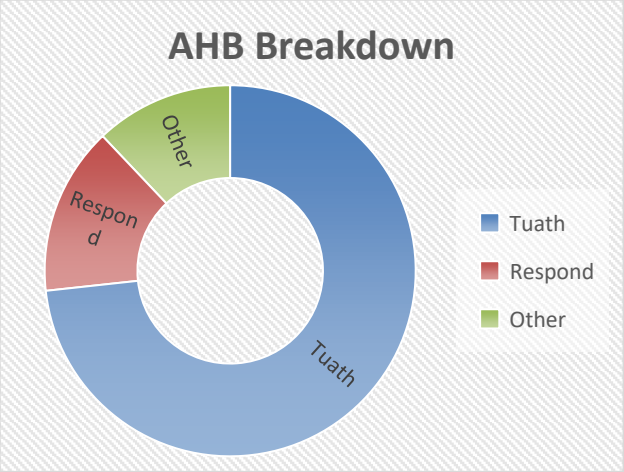
The above chart depicts the total number of properties allocated since the beginning of 2025.

The chart below shows the breakdown of allocations per month.





300 of the **593 allocations have been in collaboration with several Approved Housing bodies.** The other **293** properties were allocated using Fingal County Councils own stock.



Tuath have received the most nominations from Fingal County Council during the months of July and August. 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 July & August



Internal image of advertised property at Kilmartin Grove, Hollystown, Dublin 15

Advertisement Period	Property	Bed	Type	Number of Views	Expressions of interest
2nd- 8th July	Avondale Park, Mulhuddart, Dublin 15	2	House	1740	352
2nd- 8th July	Canal View Terrace, Hansfield, Dublin 15	2	Apt	1568	350
9th – 15th July	Delhurst Lane, Ongar, Dublin 15	2	Apt	1316	206
9th – 15th July	St Catherine's Green Rush, Co Dublin	3	House	1414	183
23rd – 29th July	Clonmethan Green, Oldtown, Co Dublin	3	House	1185	171
23rd – 29th July	Sheepmoor Avenue, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15	3	House	1235	142
6th - 12th August	Kilmartin Grove, Hollystown, Dublin 15	2	House	1863	488
13th – 19th August	Chapel Avenue, Naul Road, Balbriggan, Co Dublin	3	House	1224	184
13th – 19th August	Fortlawn Drive, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15	3	House	1141	159
20th – 26th August	Cardy Rock Avenue, Balbriggan, Co Dublin	3	Duplex	1042	118
			Total	**13728**	**2353**

Applicants who do not have access to this portal should contact Choicebasedlettings@fingal.ie to request their unique username and password.

Homeless Services.

Homeless Exits 2025

During July/August 2025, 86 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	Total
EA	9	18	27
Homeless Prevention	24	35	59
Total	33	53	86

There was a total of 53 homeless prevention cases and 27 who exited emergency accommodation comprising:

35 allocations of social housing support to homeless prevention cases, 18 exited emergency accommodation.

33 Homeless HAP tenancies, comprising 24 homeless preventions and 8 who exited emergency accommodation and 1 from Direct Provision.

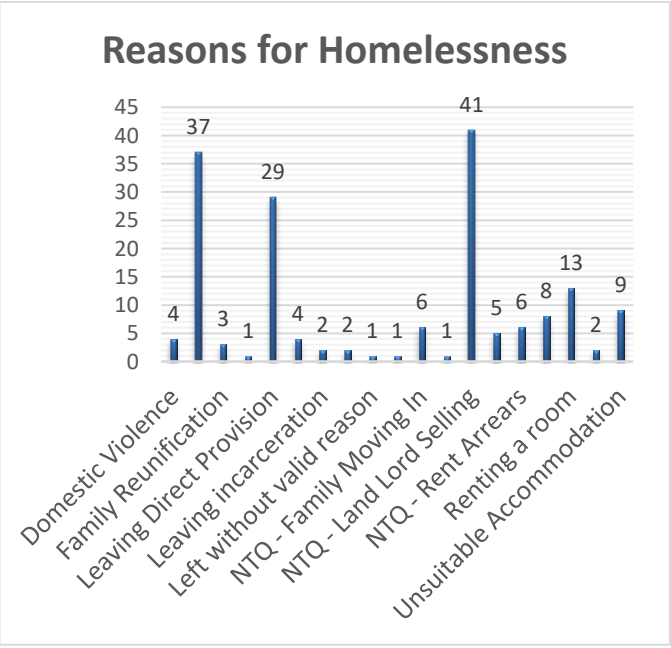
Homeless Assessments

Fingal's Homeless Team continues to engage with those experiencing homelessness to offer advice and support. Homeless Assessments continue to be carried out.

In July/August 2025, there were a total of 169 full homeless assessments completed – comprising 96 families and 73 singles/couples.



During July/August 2025, of the 175 Homeless Assessments carried out, 34% of cases resulted from Notice to Termination (NOT) having been served, 21% cases resulted from family/relationship breakdown and 17% were from leaving direct provision. Most of the other presentations to the Homeless Section are from Renting a room (7%) and Overcrowding (5%). The remaining 16% 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 104 reported rough sleeping cases 2025. 24 of the clients have taken up Emergency Accommodation and we continue to work with 15 others in an effort to provide a suitable solution.

There are 8 registered long term entrenched rough sleepers (2 couples, and 4 males) from the Fingal Area. We will continue to work with them to provide suitable supports.

Dublin Street Outreach Service Tel: 01 872 0185 from 7 am to 1 am

The DRHE in partnership with Dublin Simon. Outreach and the PMVT Intake team are assertively working on the streets offering accommodation to all rough sleepers. The teams are very familiar with the locations of people sleeping rough across the Dublin Region and persistently work with individuals to support them into emergency accommodation.

This process can take time and multiple contacts, as some people do not want to engage but the teams persevere with every person working to achieve a successful outcome.

The service operates 365 days a year, until 1 am. The Outreach Teams also ensure that people sleeping rough are linked with other appropriate health services such as addiction and mental health services to prevent further rough sleeping. PMVT's Housing First Intake team links rough sleepers to permanent accommodation with long-term support.

All emergency accommodation is now 24-hour, with food and shower facilities provided.

National Housing Strategy for Disabled People 2022-2027 Implementation Plan

Action 1.2.2 of the National Housing Strategy for Disabled People 2022-2027 Implementation Plan states that Local authorities and the HSE must work together to plan and deliver on housing targets for disabled people in the community (including de-congregation) in line with the forthcoming Disability Services Action Plan.

The HSE Mental Health Housing Coordinator from Parkgate Hall liaises with the Homeless Services Team on a monthly basis.

Currently 18 Fingal County Council clients have been identified, 5 have been housed in 2025 and 1 more has been nominated to housing, awaiting tenancy sign up.

A second sub-group has been created between Fingal County Council and an Interim Disability Case Manager. The HSE have identified 6 new clients, all of whom have Medical Priority and are currently being reviewed for long term allocations. One client has refused a property and we are currently reviewing the options for him.

A third sub-group has been created with St. Michaels House, the first meetings has been held and a list of clients is being collated by their team.

Homeless Action Plan 2025- 2027

The Homeless Action Plan 2025-2027 was adopted at the Council Meeting in July. It has also been adopted by DCC and SDCC and it will go before the next Council meeting in Dun Laoghaire Rathdown.

Preventing Homelessness, Notices to Quit and Tenant In-situ Acquisitions

Fingal County Council is aware that households in the Fingal area who may have received a notice to quit, which is also referred to as a notice of termination, from their landlord may be worried or unsure of what to do. Fingal County Council and the Dublin Regional Homeless Executive (DRHE) would like to advise anyone affected of the services that are available to them in these circumstances.

We strongly encourage tenants residing in the Fingal area, who have been issued with a notice of termination, to contact Fingal County Council as soon as they receive a notice from their landlord. The contact details for Fingal County Council are provided at the bottom of this page.

When the tenants contact Fingal County Council, staff in the Housing Department will take note of the termination date.

The Council advises the tenant to refer the notice to Threshold, a service funded by the DRHE to provide a Tenancy Protection Service for private renters in the Dublin Region, including Fingal. Threshold can also be contacted directly on Freephone 1800 454 454 or via their website www.threshold.ie which contains more information and advice on the validity of your notice.

The Council's first response will be to try to prevent homelessness. This includes assessing the person's position on the social housing list, providing advice on applying for Choice Based Lettings, and advising the person on the level of Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) they may be eligible to receive.

Placement in emergency accommodation will be a last resort if no other alternative can be identified.

Fingal County Council continues to liaise with other Dublin and neighboring local authorities to deal with tenancy issues that may require an inter-authority approach. In particular, we are working closely with our colleagues in the other Dublin Local Authorities on the implementation of the Government policy and guidance, with a focus on the needs of tenants.

Whilst the Council will, in the context of current circumstances, adopt flexibility in dealing with potential acquisitions of properties with tenants in situ, any acquisition is subject to appropriate due diligence and checks before any commitment is made to acquire, including, for example, determining that a valid notice of termination is in place, the tenant has a social housing need, and the condition and valuation of the property.

The Government has put forward options to allow tenants who are not eligible for social housing to remain in their homes, including schemes to support the purchase of homes and a Cost Rental in-situ Scheme. The Cost Rental Tenant-in-Situ Scheme is available for tenants who are not eligible for social housing and are at risk of homelessness. The DHLGH has advised that local authorities are to be the first point of contact for this scheme, but it is managed by the Housing Agency. Under the scheme, the Housing Agency can purchase a property and rent it to the tenant. Fingal County Council will undertake an initial assessment of the tenant's circumstances and refer details to the Housing Agency for consideration, where the tenant is at risk of homelessness and the Cost Rental Tenant-in-Situ scheme applies. The Housing Agency will then contact the landlord about the purchase of the property.

Where a tenant wishes to purchase their home from the landlord, local authorities can provide advice about the Local Authority Home Loan scheme. The Government is examining implementing a 'right of first refusal' for tenants to purchase their homes, as well as expanding the First Home shared equity scheme. The Council will be able to provide more information on these when available.

Works around preventing homelessness, assessing notices of termination, and responding to tenant and landlord in-situ queries are being led on by the Council's Homelessness section, taking a tenant-centred approach, supported by staff dedicated to dealing with tenant in-situ housing acquisitions.

The contact details below, including a dedicated email address NTQEnquiries@fingal.ie, should be used by tenants who may have received a notice of termination or a landlord who has issued a notice of termination to their tenants and who may wish to sell their property to the Council.

The key contact details are:

Fingal County Council Housing Department

Monday to Thursday, 9 am to 5.00 pm,

Friday 9 am to 4.30 pm:

Tel. **01 890 5000 or homeless@fingal.ie**

Email: **NTQEnquiries@fingal.ie**

Dublin Region Homeless Executive, Central Placement Services:
Freephone: 1800 707 707

Traveller Accommodation Programme

The Council remains committed to fulfilling its responsibilities under the Traveller Accommodation Programme 2025 to 2029 by providing sustainable, culturally appropriate Traveller specific accommodation and supports.

Council officials continue to actively engage with the Traveller Community, Traveller advocacy groups, and relevant support services, including welfare, child protection, and mental health service, as well as other agencies, to address and resolve issues wherever possible.

The Housing Department and the Architects Department are working in close collaboration on upcoming projects as outlined in the Traveller Accommodation Programme 2025–2029

LTACC

The remaining dates for the LTACC Meetings for 2025 have now been confirmed with the members of the Committee. In the coming months, members of the LTACC will participate in Traveller cultural awareness training to support them in fulfilling their committee responsibilities.

To date in 2025, meetings have been well attended and considered highly productive. Estate Management remains committed to working collaboratively with all stakeholders to support the delivery and ongoing maintenance of Traveller-specific accommodation throughout the county.

Caravan Loan Scheme

The Council continues to implement the National Caravan Loan Scheme in accordance with Department of Local Government and Heritage Guidelines.

Recent delivery of caravans to St Brigid's Halting Sites





Illegal encampments

Illegal encampments on both Council owned and private lands continue to pose an ongoing challenge for Council officials.

Ongoing cross-departmental collaboration is essential to support the securing of vacant sites and landbanks, in order to reduce areas that are frequently used for illegal encampments throughout the year.

In July, a significant number of vehicles were removed from the Damastown area with the assistance of An Garda Síochána, contractors, and the Estate Management team.

Illegal encampments can be reported to the Estate Management section by emailing **estatemanagement@fingal.ie**

Below - Illegal occupiers in Damastown





Dumping on sites

Illegal dumping on halting sites remains an ongoing issue. Council contractors frequently clear dumped waste from these sites, incurring significant costs to the Council.

Letters continue to be sent to residents reminding them that household waste collection is available on-site and urging them to refrain from illegal dumping.



Waste dumped at Moyne Park Halting Site



Waste dumped at St Philomena's Park Halting Site

Fire Safety

Fire safety remains a top priority for the protection of all tenants on our Halting Sites and Group Housing Schemes. The annual service and maintenance of portable fire equipment on Fingal County Council Traveller Accommodation Sites has been completed, with additional fire safety equipment installed at several halting sites. Furthermore, a fire safety audit of caravans has been carried out, accompanied by a leaflet distribution to all halting sites.

The Estate Management Section is working closely with Dublin Fire Brigade to organize Fire Safety Training Days for both North Dublin and the Dublin 15 area. LTACC Members have been informed of these planned sessions and have committed to promoting and supporting the training.

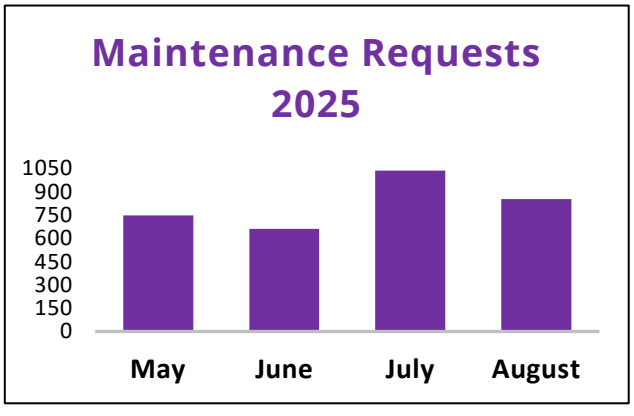
In addition, new notices have been placed on all powerhouse doors to advise that there is no entry permitted to the powerhouse by unauthorised persons.



Wastewater Treatment System – new contract

Managing the Waste Water Treatment System at the Council's stock remains a focus of the Estate Management, maintenance section, with a new Waste Water Contract finalised in July.

Housing Maintenance



To date, Estate Management has received 8,058 maintenance requests, conducted 41 interviews with Fingal tenants and issued 39 Tenancy Alerts for breaches of the Tenancy Agreement.

Boiler Servicing Programme 2025

The 2025 Programme of work continues, with Contractors working across the County in areas such as Clonsilla, Tyrellstown, Blanchardstown Village, Santry, Baldoyle, Howth, Swords, Rush, Balbriggan, Garristown, and Malahide.

Anti-Social Behaviour / Inspectorate Unit

The Council remains committed to thoroughly investigating all reports of anti-social behaviour and implementing appropriate preventative measures. All complaints are treated with strict confidentiality by the Anti-Social Behaviour Unit, which works in close partnership with An Garda Síochána to address and manage such issues effectively.

To date in 2025, several Tenant Induction Courses have been delivered, with additional sessions planned.

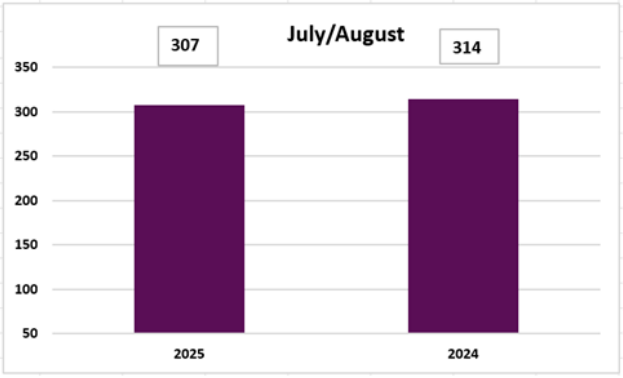
ASB Caseload Management

Complaints July/August 2025	Total	Active	Monitoring	Closed
Balbriggan	74	29	39	6
Rush / Lusk	41	19	10	12
Swords	71	27	26	18
Howth/Malahide	39	22	9	8
Blanchardstown / Mulhuddart	25	10	8	7
Ongar	8	1	5	2
Castleknock	6	0	5	1
Total	264	108	102	54

Surrenders on Estate Management Grounds 2025

January (5), February (6), March (3), April (6), May (5), June (2) July (10), Aug (5).

2025/2024 comparison of ASB complaints received in the months of July and August.



Anti-Social Behaviour Interventions

Interviews Held 2025 to date	61
Interviews Held 2024	108
Tenancy Alerts 2025	15
Tenancy Alerts 2024	36
Tenancy Warnings 2025	4
Tenancy Warnings 2024	9

Inspectorate June 2025

Traveller Specific Site Inspections 2025	1026
Traveller Specific Site Inspections 2024	2072
Housing Inspectors Report January 2025	575
February 2025	857
March 2025	1076
April 2025	909
May 2025	947
June 2025	826
July /Aug 2025	1736

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 meetings held on the 10th June 2025 and the 6th August 2025 with the next meeting scheduled for the 7th October 2025. The Forum was originally tasked with assisting Ukrainian Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection. However, considering Departmental guidance and the work of the Council's newly formed Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT) in assisting the target cohorts below the remit of the Forum has expanded to include

1. Applicants for International Protection (IP Applicants)
2. Those with Refugee, Subsidiary Protection, or Permission to Remain status
3. Programme Refugees
4. Beneficiaries of Temporary Accommodation (BOTPs).

The support provided by the Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT) is set out in this link

https://www.fingal.ie/LocalAuthorityIntegrationTeam

OfferAhome\Pledge Accommodation

The monthly recognition payment (ARP) of **€800** per month for vacant properties and **€800** per month to host a Ukraine person in your home was recently reduced to **€600** in accordance with the new Government policy. The first payment at the reduced rate was received by hosts on 8th July 2025.

To pledge fully Vacant accommodation, please visit the national portal at https://offerahome.ie or for enquiries, e-mail offerahome@fingal.ie.

To pledge a room in your home, this can be done through the Irish Red Cross via www.redcross.ie

Vacant Homes

The Vacant Homes Team continues to engage with persons relevant to vacant properties(private) to encourage them to bring them back into use and advise of schemes that are available to assist this with on-going follow up of properties reported as vacant to the Council and those identified by way of Council survey. Information on Vacant Council Stock is set out in the Asset Management section of this Housing Department Report.

The Vacant Homes Team commenced the statutory CPO process with respect to 3 vacant dwellings in 2024, one of which has come back into occupation and possession was taken of the property below in Wellview estate, Mulhuddart on 1st April 2025 to conclude the CPO process. This long-term vacant property will now form part of the Council's Social Housing stock and be allocated to a social housing applicant upon completion of refurbishment works.



CPO property Wellview above, Dublin 15

This represents the fourth 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, 3 other properties in the estate are back in use or coming back into use through the work of the Vacant Homes Team. 1 was purchased by FCC under the Buy and Renew scheme and is now occupied by a Council tenant and the 2 others came back into use via the provision of Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant with new owners now in situ.

A long-term vacant property in Hazelbury Park, Clonee where CPO was finalised earlier in 2025 was refurbished and allocated in July.



Refurb works complete in CPO property Hazelbury Park, Clonee

In addition, the Croí Cónaithe Vacant Homes Refurbishment Grant Scheme is also in utilisation to address vacancy and dereliction and provide homes with increasing enquiries, applications, and grant approvals regarding the scheme.

Croí Cónaithe Vacant Homes Refurbishment Grant

This scheme was launched in July 2022. On the 1st May 2023, the scheme was further extended with the eligibility criteria allowing for properties built pre-2008 to qualify and grants increasing to €50k (vacant) and €70k (vacant and derelict). The expansion of the scheme allows for properties to be rented on the private rented market whereas previously the property had to be the applicant's principal private residence.

226 applications have been received since launch of the scheme. **49** new applications received in 2025 with additional applications expected shortly based on engagement with potential applicants. **18** further applications were approved over the summer months bringing to **170** applications that are approved which equates to **€8.65million** in approved funding with further applications to be approved shortly.

Promotion of the scheme is ongoing by the Vacant Homes Team. A very well information event attended event took place at the Bracken Court Hotel, Balbriggan on the 8th April 2025 with Council's Architectural Conservation Office also present to provide information on conservation grants that are available to assist restore properties. The Council's Vacant Homes Team hosted an information stand at the Fingal Tented Village at the Flavours of Fingal show on the 5th July 2025 and 6th July 2025 to promote the scheme and deal with enquires from citizens.

A further information event will be held on the 23rd September 2025 at the Grand Hotel, Malahide. The Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland(SEAI) will also be present at this event to advise on how SEAI grants can be used in conjunction with the Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant.

For enquiries on the scheme and other schemes to bring properties back into use, please contact the Council's Vacant Homes Office via e-mail at vacant.homes@fingal.ie. Vacant properties can also be reported to this address for investigation.

Recently approved VPRG application





Works complete Property - Before and after









COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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Funding

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 several community groups and partners to support many projects/Initiatives including;

Fingal Street Feasts



Seventy-one Street Feasts took place in Fingal earlier this summer in partnership with the Community Office and Neighbourhood Network, supporting social inclusion, multi culturalism and diversity in an age friendly environment. Fingal residents are invited to participate in the development of their street feasts and are supported by the community development office and Neighbourhood Network to take on the planning themselves to foster future community decision makers. Over 6532 residents were brought together for Street Feasts in 2025.

Cardy Rock Residents Association Family Day, Balbriggan



In late July the residents of Cardy Rock in Balbriggan enjoyed a fantastic day, of fun, crafts, sports, yoga, water ballon pitching, and even prized bingo for their Summer Family Day. The weather held steady so everyone could enjoy the fun. There were certificate presentations to four residents who made a substantial difference to the estate. The Community Department were delighted to financially support this event with our Activities Funding Grant.

Rivermeade Summer Project 2025

One of 41 funded Summer Projects in 2025, the *Rivermeade – Crosscare Summer Project* facilitated over 75 young people to participate in a broad range of activities to great success. Located in rural west – Swords, the estate has 175 family homes and is home to Mary Queen of Ireland NS.

The summer project developed in collaboration with residents facilitated local young people living in the estate to take part in a broad range of activities thanks to the commitment and dedication of the community volunteers who worked closely with *Crosscare* to deliver, supervise and coordinate the activities. The success of the programme and this local motivation has led to some of these volunteers to work with Fingal County Councils Mid-East Team to re-develop the Rivermeade Residents association.

MidEast Region - Fingal Resident Associations

The continued support of newer developments in St Marnock's Bay in Portmarnock & Mooretown in Swords alongside more established areas such as Waterside in Malahide and Thormaby in Howth has seen a rise in the number of Residents Association (RA's) across the Mideast begin to develop and seek support from the community development department. The Mideast team within the Community Development department have reached out to each group, delivered presentations, conducted on-site meetings and distributed our recently updated *Resident Associations Handbook a*s well as providing information on opening bank accounts and securing relevant insurance for example. This increased activity, evidences the desire of local groups to implement structures promoting local participation and community cohesion. Once established and registered with the PPN, the RA's will have access to funding supports, can prepare deputations (where necessary) and avail of additional opportunities such as training supports if required.

Judging in the IPB Pride of Place competition 2025

Judging in the 2025 all island IPB Pride of Place Competition took place in Fingal in late August, with the judges visiting communities in Swords, Balbriggan and Coolmine, Dublin 15.

Rivervalley Community Centre represented Fingal in the Urban Neighbourhoods & Housing Estates category, while the Thrive Balbriggan Mental Health Project competed in the Community Wellbeing category. In Dublin 15, Coolmine Lodge took part in the Bio-diversity and Climate Action category, with special emphasis on the bio-diversity elements of their recovery programme. Last year, Fingal County Council won the overall award for Best Community Engagement in Pride of Place, which celebrates the best in community development on the island of ireland. The Pride of Place finals will be held in Limerick this November and we wish the three fingal finalist the very best of luck on the night.



Rivervalley-Departmental Cross Collaboration

As Rivervalley in Swords prepared for Pride of Place, an opportunity to apply for Anti- Graffiti Funding via the environmental department presented itself. Exploring opportunities for engaging local youth, learning and improving the Green and Brown bottle banks located close to the Community Centre, the idea of an environmental 'art' project was pitched. With support from the local *Cross Care* Youth service, the manager of Rivervalley Community Centre and FCC's Environmental department who were instrumental in ensuring the project went ahead; a successful application to the Anti-Graffiti funding scheme was made. An established artist will now work with local youths to create seasonal images that reflect the local environment and encourage users of the banks to reduce, reuse and recycle.

The Community Development Office actively seek to work in collaboration with agencies to maximise service delivery and resources to communities across Fingal.

Fingal County Council's Community Development Office Leads Innovative Partnership with Neighbourhood Network to Strengthen Churchfield and Mulhuddart Communities

Fingal County Council's Community Development Office is proud to lead a new strategic partnership with Neighbourhood Network. This collaborative initiative represents a shared commitment to enhancing community life in Churchfields, Mulhuddart, Dublin 15, through inclusive engagement and local empowerment.

The 18-month programme, initiated and coordinated by the Community Development Office, aims to foster stronger ties among residents, encourage volunteering, support the formation of local groups, and enhance collaboration with support services.

Neighbourhood Network brings a creative and people-focused approach to this partnership, helping to design and deliver tools, events, and supports that empower residents to take the lead in shaping their community. This complements the Community Development Office's strategic goal of building resilient, sustainable, and well-connected neighbourhoods throughout Fingal.

By joining forces, Fingal County Council and Neighbourhood Network are laying the groundwork for lasting positive change, ensuring that Churchfields is not just a place to live, but a vibrant, engaged community where everyone feels connected and supported.



Mulhuddart Place Standards Tool: Community-Led Workshops Driving Change

Since July Fingal County Council's Community Development Department have been successfully rolling out a series of Place Standards Tool workshops in Mulhuddart, Dublin 15. To date, four workshops have been delivered, engaging 41 participants from a diverse range of local residents, service providers, and council staff.

The initiative aims to foster community development, participation, and engagement in Mulhuddart, Dublin 15. The Place Standards Tool directly builds on principles of community voice and gathers valuable community input to inform and guide community development in the area. The community department's workshops are designed to be interactive and community led. Through "walk-and-talk" routes and small group discussions, participants contribute their lived experiences on fourteen themes ranging from identity and belonging, public transport to social interaction and safety.

The Community Development Department remains committed to this community-centred approach, with more sessions scheduled to continue the dialogue and gather further input from residents.









Fingal Comhairle na nÓg

Throughout the summer break, Fingal Comhairle na nÓg have had two in person meetings. The group continue to work hard on progressing their annual project on school stress. Four participants attended the Comhairle na nÓg Regional Event in Dublin. One young person has been chosen as a member of the Hub na nÓg Youth Advisory Group. Three young people attended an event in Dublin 'Sunbed use in Ireland and policy options to reduce skin cancer'. The group participated in a consultation with Eurospeak on their Democracy Tree project, which is funded by the European Union and currently in its piloting stage.



Community Facilities Management Support

The Building Facilities Unit provides financial and management support to 38 community facilities across Fingal. The Unit also manages the Capital Works programme for the Community Development Office.

Hartstown Community Centre



The official handover of Hartstown Community Centre by Vision Contracting to Fingal County Council took place on Friday 22nd of August. Keys to the centre were handed over by John Healy and Aidan O'Connell of Vision Contracting. The major refurbishments cost in the region of €2 million. The comprehensive refurbishment has transformed Hartstown Community Centre into a modern, accessible, and energy-efficient facility. Fingal County Council's Community Development team will provide ongoing support to the centre, working closely with the local community to ensure its continued success and responsiveness to local needs.

Upgrades include a full rewiring of the building, installation of accessible toilets, essential repairs to the stage, replacement of fire doors, and upgrades to the all-weather pitch. These improvements will ensure the centre can continue to serve the growing & diverse needs of the Hartstown community.

Enhancing Inclusion; Sensory Kits Arrive in Community Centres



Sensory kits have been delivered to community centres across Fingal to support individuals with sensory processing needs. These resources help create more inclusive and welcoming environments for neurodivergent individuals, including those with autism and ADHD. Staff have received training and guidance on using the kits effectively. The Project was delivered by the Community Facility Network.

Fingal PPN



Fingal PPN ran three information sessions over the month of July for member groups. The 'Your Community' and the PPN information evenings were attended by over 70 members, and were held in Castleknock, Balbriggan and Portmarnock. The informative sessions discussed the Role of the PPN, its structure, decision making processes, and the opportunities it provides members to have a voice in their community and influence policy. Further information sessions will be held across Fingal in the coming months

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.

Towards an Age Friendly Shopping Centre: Pavilions Shopping Centre



Age Friendly Fingal, with the support of Age Friendly Ireland, recently undertook a walkability audit of the Pavilions Shopping Centre as part of the journey toward achieving Age Friendly Recognition. This initiative follows the successful delivery of Age Friendly Business Training to management and staff, aimed at enhancing awareness and service quality for older customers.

While the centre already demonstrates a good level of accessibility, the audit identified several barriers that may impact older people's comfort and ease of movement. This exercise reinforced the value of listening to the lived experiences of older customers. The findings have been compiled into a report for the management team's review and consideration. It is expected that the centre will explore and commit to appropriate actions to address these issues.

As part of ongoing collaboration, Pavilions SC will partner with Age Friendly Fingal to host an Information Showcase and Fashion Show for Older People on 30th September, in celebration of Positive Ageing Week in Fingal. This event will highlight the Centre's commitment to creating a welcoming and inclusive environment for all ages.

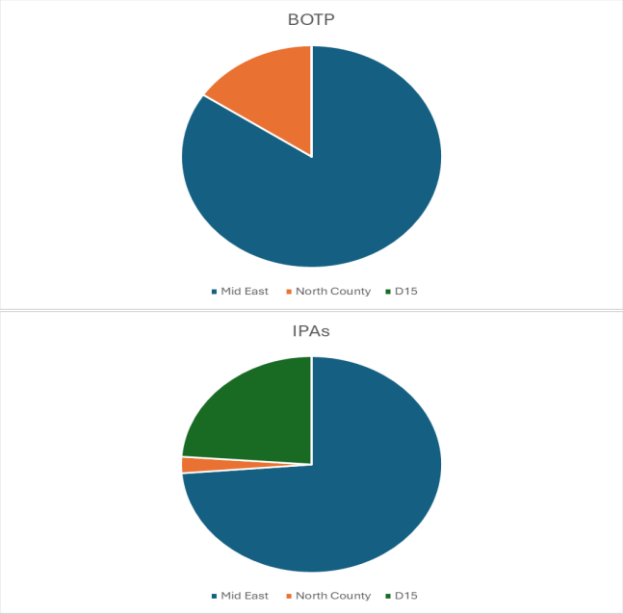
Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT)

The role of the Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT) is to provide ongoing integration supports to International Protection (IP) applicants, Programme Refugees and Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection (BOTP) to enable them to live independently in the community.

The LAIT continued to host integration clinics across the three geographical areas of North County, Mid-East and Dublin 15 in IPAS Accommodation centres and BOTP Designated Accommodation Centres (DAC).

The latest accommodation statistics as of 25th July 2025 have been provided by the LGMA (Local Government Management Agency) and UCTAT (Ukrainian Crisis Temporary Accommodation Team).

Geographical Area	BOTP Residents	IPAS Residents*
North County	59	54
Mid-East	320	1629
Dublin 15	0	527
Total	**379**	**2210**



Connections Expo

On the 18th of September 2025, Fingal LAIT will hold our next Connections Expo, an initiative developed by the Integration Office to support Accommodation Centres hosting both IP and BOTP residents in response to specific identified needs. This event will be held in the mid-east area in collaboration with community, voluntary and statutory stakeholders and will target women's education, employment and wellbeing needs.

Refugee Week Ireland - 'Community as a Superpower'

The Integration Office ran a series of events across Refugee Week. We hosted an Art Competition in collaboration with Crosscare InReach Team the theme of which was *"What does community mean to you?"* We received a great response (some pictures included).

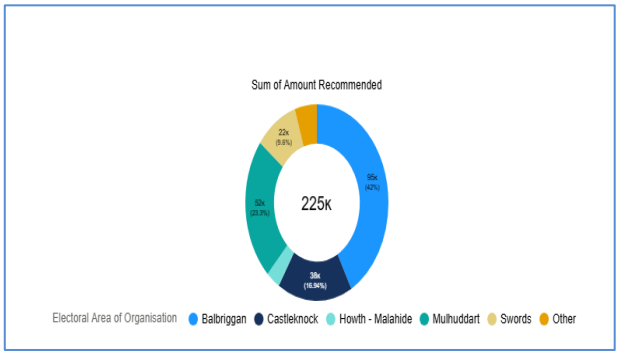


Funding

Community Activities funding is to support community and voluntary groups to develop initiatives that support, community group development, social inclusion initiatives, community events, climate action/environmental enhancement, integration or intercultural Initiatives.

A funding scheme has also been provided for in the Community Development Programme to support Health & Safety enhancement works in non-council owned community facilities.

Community Activities Funding



To date, Communities Activities Funding has been awarded to 97 projects in the amount of €225,194.05.

Castleknock/Mulhuddart (39 projects)	€96,027.60
Balbriggan/Swords (54 projects)	€122,047.45
Howth/Malahide (4 projects)	€7,119.00

Summer Project Funding 2025



Fingal County Council has approved a total of **€88,782** in funding for the 2025 Summer Project Programme, supporting 41 community-based groups in delivering recreational and educational activities for young people during the summer period.

The initiative prioritises voluntary-led efforts, with funded projects required to operate for a minimum of 8 hours over two days for volunteer-led groups, and 5 days for agency-led or paid-staff organisations.

The 2025 programme includes a diverse range of activities delivered across Fingal, with:

- 15 projects led by local volunteers
- 11 projects hosted in community centres
- 8 projects run by Foróige Youth Services
- 7 projects led by Crosscare Youth Services

This funding demonstrates Fingal County Council's ongoing commitment to youth engagement, community development, and the promotion of inclusive, supportive environments for young people during the summer months.

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Protected Cycle Lanes: BLRS Area:

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 Operations Section for regular maintenance. The Final Road Safety Audit on the operational phase of the new project has been completed, and all items addressed that were raised during the process.

Seatown Road Swords:

The Project Team working in conjunction with the Design Team have finalised the tender documentation for the construction stage. It is intended to go to tender in Q3 2025.

Donabate Portrane R126 cycle paths:

The Design Team have prepared an options report, and it is currently being reviewed by the Project Team. Further details will be presented to Councillors at ACM in due course.

Coney Hill Balbriggan R132 cycle paths:

The Project Team is working with the Design Team to progress works on the southern end of this project to link other projects that are at an advanced stage in this area on the northern end of Balbriggan. The Project Team is progressing with the procurement of a Contractor to carry out the works identified at Flemington Road Junction and improvements to existing walking and cycling infrastructure along the R132.

Howth-Malahide Area:

Baldoyle-Howth Protected Cycle Lane Scheme Phase 2

The brief to appoint a multi-disciplinary design team to bring this project from the Options Development Stage through to completion. The brief has been drafted. Once the brief and timeline are agreed, the tender documents will be published.

Feltrim Road Active Travel Project

The emerging preferred option for the design has been identified for much of the route, with the options for the final link and junction still under consideration with the design team. After finalising the Emerging Preferred Option for the final link and junction, the phase 2 cost plan will be furnished to FCC.

Landscaping plans adjacent to, and throughout the length of the scheme are being developed in tandem with the design team. Discussions and consultation are ongoing with the Planning Department with respect to the connection to Waterside via the school extensions development lands, short-cutting the route for the public to/from Waterside to Drinan.

BMCO Area:

Snugborough Road – NAC to Ongar

The preliminary design phase is ongoing. The consultant has received the stage 1 road safety audit on the emerging preferred option. The latest drawings have been updated taking into account the various bus stops along the route which will be upgraded as part of the project.

The latest draft preliminary design report is being updated taking this into account. Draft screening reports have been issued with feedback sent back to the ecologist. These are being updated accordingly. Further updates will be provided over the coming months, through this report and at ACM level.

Clonee to Blanchardstown Shopping Centre

The preliminary design phase is ongoing. Initial discussions have taken place with local landowners with site meetings held. Further site investigations have taken place at pinch points along the R147 with drawings updated accordingly in agreement with the NTA following a workshop. A stage 1 road safety audit is underway, and draft environmental & appropriate screening reports have been issued to FCC for discussion.

Castleknock to Dunsink Lane

Detailed design and the works tender package are finished. A tender competition to procure a contractor to carry out the works commenced on the 14th August 2025.

It is anticipated the works will commence on site in Q4 2025.



Hartstown/Huntstown/Mountview Road

Fingal County Council is progressing on finalising the design for roundabout and junction upgrades. Improvements to 2 signalised junctions at Hartstown Road/Hartstown Link Road and at Hartstown Road/Mountview Road with Blakestown Road/Shelerin Road are planned along with 2 roundabouts at the junction of Huntstown Way with Ashfield Way/Huntstown Park and at the junction of Huntstown Way with Castlewood. A non-statutory public consultation has closed and a draft public consultation report is now being prepared.



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

Detailed design activities across the integrated design team are ongoing and are progressing on programme.



Balrothery Active Travel Plan

The Consultant has produced a Draft Active Travel Plan for Balrothery. A presentation of the plan was made to the June ACM with a follow up meeting providing more detail to local representatives in July 2025.

Following the meeting with elected members the Draft Plan was finalised and issued to the SEA Statutory bodies, with respect to environmental screening.

Pending the outcome of the feedback from the Statutory bodies, (and amendments, should they be required), it is expected that Determinations on the Plan will be made and the Active Travel Plan for Balrothery will be published.
Individual projects coming out of the Plan (subject to the above) are under consideration at present. The co-dependency between projects, delivery mechanisms and costs are being assessed in the meantime to ensure the projects are progressing at pace subject to the overarching plan.
Once the projects are suitably developed, they will be brought through their own statutory process, and this will be brought to the members at a time that is suitable subject to the above.

Skerries Active Travel Plan.
The optioneering phase is now underway with the detailed analysis of several proposed interventions to aid in the generation of the final report.
A workshop based on the current proposals will commence in early September with the relevant FCC internal Departments to gather feedback to proposals.
On completion of the workshop Active Travel intend engaging a communication consultant to assist with the non-statutory public engagement phase of the project in Q4 of this year.

Skerries Harbour Road & Red Island Loop:
The Part 8 Planning Process commenced in early March and concluded with the Part 8 presentation to the full council meeting on 9th June 2025. The proposal was approved at this meeting.

The project now moves to the detailed design phase with the conduct of underground surveys underway. Consultation with the local stakeholders will be facilitated in advance of construction phase in 2026.

Connectivity/Permeability
We are continuing to receive various requests for Permeability and Connectivity improvements from various stakeholders across the county. These requests are being recorded in detail for evaluation through a multi criteria analysis.

The projects are then reviewed across the departments to identify if an appropriate means of delivery can be established on the ground.
Several projects identified through this process are being developed through the design phases for execution on the ground. Other projects are being progressed in the areas at either design or construction stage. These Connectivity and Permeability improvements are being delivered in cooperation with our Operations Department. These projects will enhance local communities and provide improved walking and cycling infrastructure within the county.

Greenway connectivity support teams have been convened to review, design, and deliver active travel infrastructure that will enhance accessibility between the proposed strategic greenways and residential, educational, amenity and commercial zones. These support projects have been set up for Fingal Coastal Way, Broadmeadow Way/Sutton to Malahide Greenway and Royal Canal Greenway. This will help to optimise the use of the proposed greenway by both leisure and commuter users.

Newtown Bridge, Balheary Road:
Jons Civil Engineering were appointed to complete the construction of the project. The pedestrian guardrail is scheduled for completion on the week ending 29/08/2025. Substantial completion of the works for the Newtown Bridge (Balheary Road) Active Travel Scheme occurred on the 18th of June 2025 and Jons Civil Engineering have since demobilised from site. Suir Engineering on behalf of the ESB are currently carrying out works in this area in relation to the Mainscourt 38kV Grid Connection.

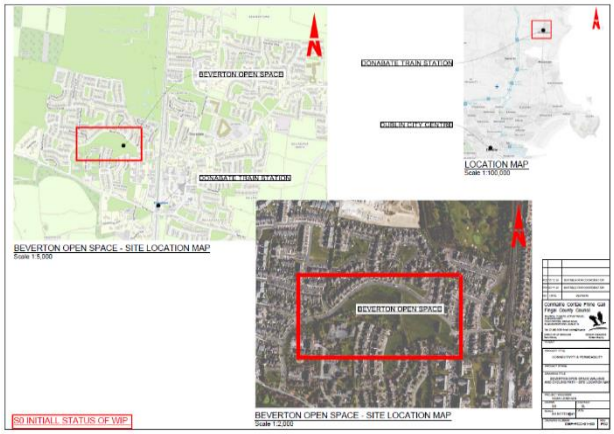




Donabate Permeability - Phase 1:

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.

These works are current at the tender stage with quotations due by the start of September. Is it intended to appoint the successful contractor quickly with a view to completing the works in Q3 2025.



Seapark Hill Active Travel Project

A multi-disciplinary design team is appointed and working on the project alignment with the latest survey information to optimise the design in tandem with the landscape architects.

Access to Balscadden Bay Beach, Howth.

The Consultant's assessment of the existing stairs at Balscadden Bay Beach is complete. Feasibility of progressing a preferred option is currently being reviewed in the context of the site's various physical and environmental constraints. FCC plan to engage with the existing land owners.

Broomfield to Paddy's Hill

Brief and tender documents have been prepared to appoint a consultant from the NTA Multiparty Framework to carry out the 'Concept Development and Options Selection' stage. The extent of the scheme and various other constraints are under consideration at present by Fingal County Council. Indicative study area for the Paddy's Hill to Broomfield scheme is outlined below. The scheme will dove-tail into the works ongoing by Planning & Green Infrastructure at St Sylvesters GAA club and R124.



Secure Bicycle Parking Infrastructure

Several locations across the county have been identified for the provision of bicycle parking infrastructure. The project team have appointed a contractor with works scheduled to commence the week of the 25/08/2025.

Road Safety:

Safe Routes to School

Round 1 – Tranche 1

A brief update is provided below for each school site and associated construction works completed to date since the appointment of the works contractor.

Rush and Lusk Educate Together
All works are complete for this project.

Castaheany ETNS / St.Benedict's NS
All works are complete for this project.

Bayside Junior & Senior School
All works are complete for this project.

Round 1 – Tranche 2
The works contractor for the Safe Routes to School Tranche 2 contract has completed all works at each of the four school sites. A brief update is provided below for each school site and associated construction works completed to date since the appointment of the works contractor.

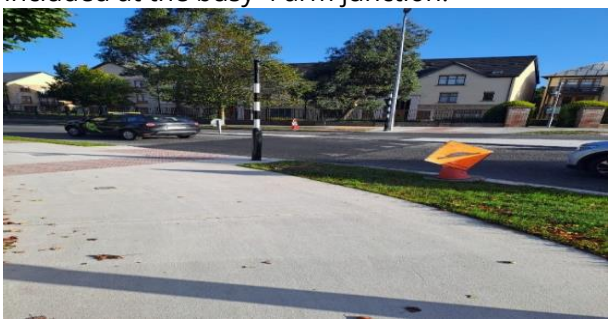
Ladyswell National School, Mulhuddart
Works are complete at Ladyswell NS. Junction tightening has taken place at several locations in Dromheath estate along with new tactile paving. Footpaths have been widened across green open space. New public lighting has now been installed on the open space. The road surface outside the school has been upgraded and a new coloured surface has been laid to further highlight the school zone.

Scoil Ghráinne Community NS, Hansfield
All footpath repairs, new bus parking area, bollard installation, new zebra crossing, road resurfacing works are now complete.



Scoil Choilm Community NS, Porterstown
Works are complete at Scoil Choilm where 3 new zebra crossings have been installed at various locations to make it safer for both pedestrians and cyclists.

All bollards are now installed with protected kerbs included at the busy 4 arm junction.



Pope John Paul II NS, Malahide
Completed

Construction works for the Safe Routes to School project at Pope John Paul II National School, Malahide, were completed in March 2025. Minister Darragh O'Brien officially inaugurated the project on 26th May 2025. The safe route is now open to the public.

Safe Routes to School Round 2
Fingal County Council has appointed Clifton Scannell Emerson Associates (CSEA) as the Project Supervisor for the Design Process (PSDP), in accordance with Regulation 6 of the Safety, Health, and Welfare at Work (Construction) Regulations 2013. The appointed schools are:

- St Helen's SNS, Limetree Avenue, Portmarnock, Co. Dublin
- Scoil Bhríde, Cailíní & Buachaillí, Church Avenue, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15
- St Colmcille's Girls NS, Chapel Lane, Swords, Co. Dublin
- Holy Family JNS, Forest Fields, Swords, Co. Dublin

The preliminary design for Round 2 of the Safe Routes to School project has been completed by the appointed designer and is currently under review by Fingal County Council. A detailed cost estimate has also been prepared and submitted to the National Transport Authority (NTA) to ensure alignment with budgetary constraints and safety standards.

Safe Routes to School Round 3

Round 3 of the Fingal Safe Routes to School programme includes the following seven schools:

- Broadmeadow Community National School (CNS)
- Donabate Portrane Educate Together National School (ETNS)
- Holywell Educate Together National School (ETNS)
- Malahide/Portmarnock Educate Together National School (ETNS)
- Scoil Mhuire Junior
- Scoil Thomáis
- St Nicholas of Myra National School, Kinsealy

The programme is currently in the early engagement phase, during which An Taisce is working closely with each of the selected schools to develop their outline delivery plans. This collaborative approach ensures that the needs and context of each school community are considered in shaping safer, more accessible routes for students.

The Drynam Heath Quiet Street

The project was completed and officially inaugurated by Mayor Cllr Tom O'Leary on 29th July 2025. The once-heavily trafficked street is now limited to pedestrians and cyclists, creating a safer and friendlier residential environment. Data is being captured on an ongoing basis to evaluate this project. There has been excellent feedback from the local residents' association. The Active Travel unit plans to expand this programme in the coming months.

School Wardens:

Our school wardens continue to work across the county withy the service to take a summer break from June 27th. The Road Safety office developed some promotional material this month to highlight the role our wardens play in keeping the county's school children safe on their daily commute, this can be found here.

European Mobility Week:

The Road Safety Office is currently identifying two areas adjacent to schools where temporary **School Streets** can be implemented during European Mobility Week. The initiative aims to enhance safety at the school front and encourage walking and cycling among students.

The schools under consideration for this initiative are:

- Gaelscoil Na Mara & Donabate Community College
- Thornleigh Educate Together National School

Fingal Road Safety Working Together Group:

In line with Ireland's Government Road Safety Strategy 2021 – 2030 Fingal County Council have established its Road Safety Working Together Group. The group is chaired by the Road Safety Officer and consists of 3 elected members, Cllr Angela Donnelly, Cllr Darren Jack Kelly, Cllr David Healy, as well as representatives from An Garda Siochana, Dublin Fire Brigade, The Department of Transport, The National Transport Authority, Dublin Airport Authority, The Road Safety Authority and Fingal County Council staff. The aim of the group is to co-ordinate multi-agency road safety policy and implementation at a local level.

Rush National School:

Works have been completed to facilitate the 'School Street' along Channel Road in Rush. The scheme is underway and monitoring of operation of the School Street is ongoing.

New Learn 2 Cycle Track, Holywell Park, Swords

The first courses on the new Learn 2 Cycle Track have taken place and the facility is open to the public. The feedback has been very positive and the location is quickly becoming a focal point for children in the park. The facility was funded through the Department of Rural and Community Development through The Community Recognition Fund.





Learn2Cycle with a Disability

Learn2Cycle with a Disability lessons are progressing very well, with continued demand for the lessons. Lessons are currently running in Meakstown and Applewood.

Upcoming lessons for September are:

- Rivervalley Community Centre Starts Saturday 06/09/2025
- Tyrrelstown Community Centre, starts Friday 19/09/2025

A full list of 2025 Courses 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:

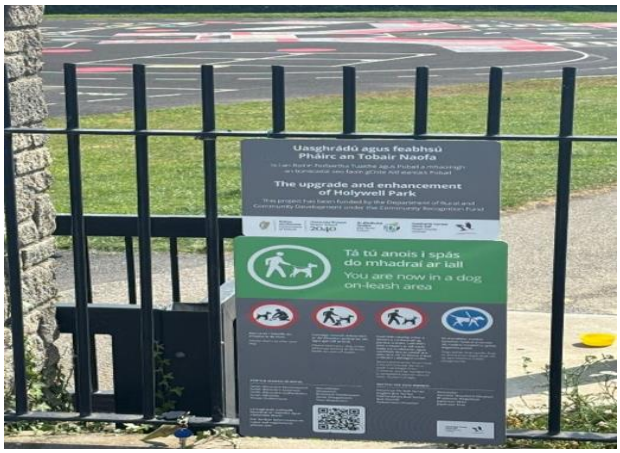
- Holywell Learn2Cycle track Swords, Starts Saturday 23 September 11.30am and 12.15pm courses
- Brackenstown Learn2Cycle track Swords, starts Sat 6 September, 2.30pm and 3.15pm courses

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 – Holywell Park

Our Balance Bike Buddies Courses in Holywell Park are up and running with nearly 40 children taking part on Saturday mornings.
The six-week courses are proving extremely popular and the Learn 2 Cycle tracks are providing safe and secure venues for them.



European Mobility Week Bike Disco 2025

European Mobility Week runs from 16-22 September. The Active Travel unit in collaboration with the OPW and Dublin City Council, will hold the annual Bike Disco event in Phoenix Park. Details of this event will be circulated shortly.

Skerries EcoFest

The Active Travel Team will be participating in Skerries EcoFest on Sunday, 29 September. We'll be sharing information on our current initiatives and courses available to the community.
On the day, e-cargo bikes will be on display, showcasing the benefits of this sustainable mode of transport and the positive impact it can have for families, businesses, and the wider 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

Staff polled bikes are available in County Hall, Swords through the Bleeper Bike App. To sign up for shared eBikes

- Email Building Facilities for Bike Bunker access
- Download the Bleeper App
- Register with your FCC email
- Search 'My Private Scheme'
- Enter Scheme name: 'Fingal Staff Bikes'
- Await the confirmation from Bleeper The bikes are available from the middle Bike Bunker in Swords, and we plan to have the two bikes available in the Civic Offices, Blanchardstown in January 2025.

For more information, please email active.travel@fingal.ie



Girls Influencer Cycling Campaign

Fingal Active Travel have collaborated with Dublin City Council Active Travel, to hire 3 influencers to create videos encouraging teenage girls and women to cycle in Dublin. The videos feature the female influencers using the active travel network of cycle lanes in Fingal and Dublin city.

HER Move TY Girls Cycling Course

We are currently working on scheduling in schools to participate in the HER Move Cycling Course, in collaboration with Cycling Ireland, 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.

Fingal eBike Connect Scheme

In April the Active Travel Section launched the eBike Connect Scheme for the Donabate/Portrane area, this scheme gives residents the opportunity to apply for a subsidised eBike for a 3-month period. The purpose of the scheme is to show people the benefits of eBikes in relation to commuting and remove barriers that may exist towards buying or leasing your own eBike.

The second round of bikes will go out in August 2025 and due to the phenomenal demand and feedback we are doubling the number of bikes available, residents from Donabate/Portrane interested in applying for round 2 of the scheme can contact customercare@bleeperactive.com and they will take you through the process



Sofa to Saddle August 2025

We celebrated the final week of our four Sofa to Saddle Courses this week by bringing the groups to Carlingford to enjoy a lovely cycle along the Greenway. Some of the group cycled over 22km to the border with Northern Ireland, their longest cycle to date. The day was a great success and we are looking forward to continuing the courses in 2026.



Sofa to Saddle is a 6-week course run by Age & Opportunity and The Active Travel Section of Fingal County Council. The goal of the course is to get people over 50 years of age back cycling. These courses have proven to be hugely popular.



The course will help participants to relearn the basics of cycling independently, focusing on balance, bike control, gearing and braking. We are looking for interested participants for future courses.

For booking information, please contact Stephen.mcginn@fingal.ie

Dublin 15 Bike Library

Following the success of the Ongar Bike Library Pilot project, we are extending the bike library to cover the entire Dublin 15 area. A large number of expressions of interest have been received and we hope to see the first wave of bikes being deployed in the next two weeks. Interested participants can still sign up through the jotform and Bleeper Bike will be in touch.
https://form.jotform.com/241503900081343



The bike library offers participants a free three-month trial on an eBike, eCargo Bike or an eLongtail bike and aims to show them the benefits and versatility of eBikes as a primary mode of transport.

eBike Transport Pilot Project

The Active Travel Section in partnership with UCD and Irish Rail are running an electric bike pilot project in Balbriggan. Initially, we are seeking six people who currently drive to Balbriggan Train Station and use the train 3 to 5 days a week to take part in a 6-month trial.

Participants will receive **free use of an electric bike** along with **secure bike storage at the station**. The aims of this project are to:

1. Reduce car journeys to Balbriggan Train Station
2. Demonstrate the convenience of eBikes for commuting
3. Showcase the benefits of safe, secure bike storage at train stations
4. Support a greener, more sustainable Balbriggan

Participants will also be entitled to use the Bleeper Bike, Fingal Pass, which will give you 30mins free use of Bleeper Pedal bikes in all their operating zones across Dublin. Expressions of interest will open in early September, but if you have any queries, please contact Stephen.mcginn@fingal.ie



Wheelchair Tandem Bike Service

The Wheelchair Tandem Bike will be available free of charge to the public and training in how to use it and operate the Bike Bunker will be provided.

The Bike is a unique and innovative bicycle designed to be a tandem vehicle for individuals with mobility impairments. It combines a wheelchair with a tandem bike, allowing the person in the wheelchair to participate in cycling activities with another cyclist.

This type of bicycle offers an opportunity for individuals with disabilities to experience the outdoors, get exercise, and engage in cycling activities in a way that wouldn't be possible on a traditional bike.

If you'd like more information, please email cyclingwithoutage@fingal.ie

Cycling Without Age

Over the summer Cycling Without Age has really taken off in Skerries and Malahide Castle with multiple trips per week in both locations. It has been fantastic to see such an increase in the service, with that though, we are on the lookout for new volunteer pilots for each area. If you would be interested in finding out more, please contact cyclingwithoutage@fingal.ie



There are now two ways to book a Cycling Without Age Trishaw trip. Details below

By Email:

Cyclingwithoutage@fingal.ie with your name, preferred location, preferred date and time.

Online:

Fill out the booking form and we'll be in touch.
https://forms.office.com/e/n9aTJLu7jd



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.

Over the summer, the number of bookings continues to grow and we are delighted to see it go from strength to strength.

To book the service or to sign up as a volunteer simply call Flexibus on 046 9074830 or email flexibus@locallinklmf.ie



EVPZ

The Active Travel section in partnership with The ESB, Yuko and Go Car recently launched two new shared EV mobility hubs in Swords and Malahide. The hubs each have two electric vehicles on site with a dedicated charger in each location. The Pilot Project aims to increase the number of shared vehicle journeys completed by EV, making the already environmentally friendly form of transport even more sustainable. For more information on the EVPZ eHubs project, you can check out https://esb.ie/what-we-do/esb-ehubs



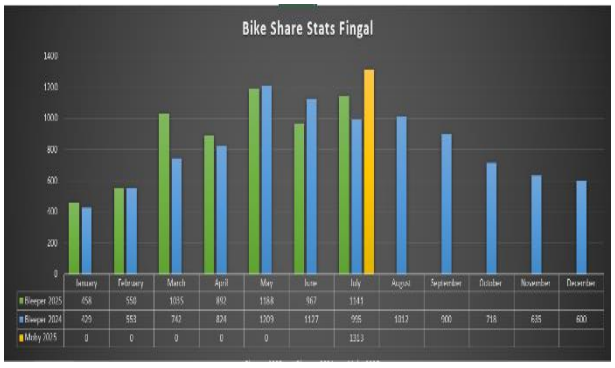
Month	Trips	KM Travelled
May	38	568km
June	92	2486km
July	42	2626km
August	67	3219km
September		
October		
November		
December		
Total 2025		

Moby Bikes in Fingal

There were nearly 850 eBike journeys across Dublin 15 for Moby in July. This is a brilliant start and we are looking forward to seeing this grow over the next number of months. We would remind customers to always finish your bike share journey in a responsible way that doesn't inconvenience other cyclists and the general public. Bikes should be tethered to a designated bike rack and left in a tidy position.



Bike Share Schemes



1313 Moby eBike journeys started within Fingal operating zone in July
Distance travelled by eBike = 4,622km
Average Trip Time: 21mins
Thursdays recorded the highest usage
Average Trip Distance: 3.52km
Estimated emissions avoided in Fingal this month: 600kg

Bleeper Bike

The Bleeper Bike Scheme had one of its strongest months of the past four years in the East and Central areas of the county in May. There has been a steady increase in Bleeper usage in Swords over the past two months, which we're very pleased to see. We removed the Bleeper Bike service from Dublin 15 in April due to vandalism, and this has greatly affected trip numbers in the West of the county in May, but we restarted our service in Castleknock Village in June and hope to expand the service further into Dublin 15 over July.



The new service saw the introduction of the Fingal Pass. This pass gives residents of Fingal their first 30 minutes of every Bleeper trip for free.

- Fingal Pass Applications: 355 (27/07/25)
- Approved Applications: 251
- Refusal Reasons
- Non-Fingal Residents: 6
- No Bleeper Account yet: 98

Bleeper Bike Monthly Report

815 Bleeper bike journeys started within Fingal operating zone in July
There were an additional 326 Journeys that took place outside of Fingal using the Fingal Pass
863 bike journeys ended within existing Fingal operating zone in April
Sundays (19.5%) and Saturdays (19%) recorded the highest usage
Howth, Baldoyle, and Portmarnock Station were the most popular starting points.
Estimated emissions avoided in Fingal this month:280kg of CO2 (Plus an additional 34kg from external Fingal Pass trips)

CLIMATE ACTION

Climate Stories

The Climate Action Team launched a new Climate Action Story Map, an interactive digital tool that showcases the diverse and impactful steps the Council is taking to address climate change. The tool was launched in July and can be viewed here: Climate Action in Fingal

The tool was developed to increase transparency and public engagement, the story map highlights key climate actions from departments across the organisation, from sustainable transport and energy efficiency to green infrastructure and education. In addition to place-based learning, this tool can be used to highlight initiatives that might not always be obvious to the public such as small-scale infrastructure or internal projects. By showcasing projects like these, the map can help the public better understand their purpose and role in climate resilience. By continuously updating the map, Fingal aims to raise the awareness of these often-overlooked elements.



Fingal Sustainable Energy Communities

The Climate Action Team met with the Fingal SEC mentors to explore ways of supporting the growth and development of SECs in Fingal. A SEC networking Day for all Sustainable Energy Communities in Fingal is planned for Oct 9th in Malahide Castle.

E2CUTIES

Work has continued on the E2-CUTIES project. The first project deliverable has been completed. This involved the Mapping and needs analysis of Balbriggan DZ for Balbriggan SEC. The purpose of which was to gain an initial understanding of the main needs, challenges and barriers that face the Balbriggan SEC. In the development of this report the socio-economic, spatial-technical and the policy and regulatory profile of the Balbriggan and Balbriggan SEC were considered.

Updates on the E2CUTIES project and can be viewed here: https://www.fingal.ie/e2-cuties

The project's goal is to improve energy efficiency in urban areas by empowering local energy communities to adopt integrated, energy-efficient solutions and fostering stronger collaboration between these communities and local authorities.

Our Balbriggan- Sustainability, Climate Action and Biodiversity Pillar

The Climate Team continue to support the implementation of the Sustainability, Climate Action and Biodiversity Pillar Action Plan.

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

Applicants are delivering grant funded climate actions. Below - Brackenstown Scouts installed new doors and windows to reduce heat-loss and improve efficiency of the Den.



Below - Balbriggan Golf Club have installed Solar PV as part of their journey towards sustainability.



The Community Climate Action Officer is engaging with community groups and sports clubs to prepare them for Round 2 funding which is expected to be announced in the coming months.

Climate Action Awareness:

Fingal Reusable Cup Project

The pilot Fingal Reusable Cup Project (FRCP) continues in both Rush and Malahide with all participating businesses stocked with reusable cups for members of the public to 'tap and borrow'.

Business Packs containing promotional materials and training guides were delivered to all businesses in July. We are currently working on the FRCP webpage and continue to engage with businesses to agree ideas to increase uptake from the public.

#SmallCupBigChange

Fingal Reusable Cup Project

Let's make Fingal Disposable Cup Free!

ENVIRONMENT

Environmental Awareness:

Anti-Litter and Anti-Graffiti Fund – Successful Applicants

This year's annual Anti-Litter and Anti-Graffiti Competition saw a remarkable 30% increase in applications, reflecting growing community engagement and environmental consciousness. Forty projects were successfully funded and are now underway, ranging from estate wall murals and litter clean-ups to biodiversity planting and community education initiatives. The diversity and creativity of these projects are a testament to the dedication of local groups. The fund is part-sponsored by the Department of Climate, Energy and Environment.

Gum Litter Taskforce – Anti-Gum Litter Event

Blanchardstown Shopping Centre hosted this year's anti-gum litter awareness event, led by the Gum Litter Taskforce (GLT). The campaign focused on behavioural change and fostering social responsibility around litter disposal. The event was well-attended by Mayor Tom O'Leary, Cllr. Angela Donnelly, Cllr. John Walsh, Castleknock Tidy Towns, Blakestown Drive Community Group, and the EcoChew team, winners of the Student Enterprise Programme, who distribute their innovative sustainable product aimed at tackling gum litter. The GLT team engaged with members of the public in interactive and light-hearted ways to raise awareness about gum litter and the importance of responsible disposal.



Tenant Inductions

The Environmental Awareness Officer has actively participated in several Tenant Induction Courses, providing practical guidance on domestic waste management. These sessions have been met with enthusiastic responses, empowering new tenants to adopt sustainable habits from the outset.

Media Engagement

The Environmental Awareness Officer was featured on RTÉ Nationwide, highlighting Fingal County Council's support for the Rediscovery Centre's recycled paint initiative. The segment also promoted the Replay Instruments Project and the Recycled Bikes Project, showcasing Fingal's commitment to circular economy principles.

Further media coverage included an article in The Irish Times by Joanne Hunt, spotlighting the Replay Instruments Project and a radio interview on Community Radio Kilkenny's Eco Show with Maurice O'Connor, promoting the same initiative.

Replay Instruments Project

Several donated instruments were delivered to the music room of an addiction centre, breathing new life into these preloved items. They will now serve as a source of joy, creativity, and therapeutic engagement for many.

Recycled Bikes Project

Adult bicycles were donated to two addiction centres, supporting staff and residents in embracing active travel. This initiative promotes physical and mental well-being while contributing to carbon reduction efforts.



Online Campaigns

The Environmental Awareness Officer promoted the My Waste campaign on the proper disposal of cigarette butts and beach litter prevention. These campaigns continue to raise awareness and encourage responsible behaviour among residents and visitors alike.





Litter Management

Litter Management Plan 2025 – 2028

The Litter Management Plan 2025 – 2028 was adopted at the Council meeting on 7th of July 2025. This ambitious new plan sets out the blueprint for how Fingal County Council will manage and prevent litter over the next 3 years and was developed following extensive consultations with the Elected Members, local businesses and community groups/key stakeholders.

The key elements of the new plan include a 7-day litter enforcement service, stricter enforcement of fines and penalties for littering and illegal dumping, including direct prosecution for repeat offenders, increase in the number of litter wardens, walking patrols and increased visibility of litter wardens, increased interaction with businesses, rollout of CCTV across the County and enhancing of existing cleaning and maintenance by our Operations teams in our towns, villages, beaches and parks.



- The Litter Wardens continue to deal with large amounts of littering and dumping throughout the county.
- Investigate and report on all D365 cases raised by the litter management section
- Bring banks in the Fingal area are inspected daily to ensure that there is no dumping and any evidence found is dealt with under the Litter Pollution Act
- Link in with Operations to see if any issues have arisen for their crews regarding illegal dumping/littering in their areas, carry out inspections and follow up with fines/warning notices where evidence is found.
- Report any dumping and littering to Operations division for removal and follow up on witness statements submitted by Fingal citizens.
- Site inspections are carried out following reports of muck on the roads from building developments and farming activities. Site/Farm owners are advised of their responsibilities to ensure the roads are kept clean of muck and that the building sites have a road sweeper/wheel wash facility in operation.
- Continue to raise awareness on the issue of dog fouling on beaches, pathways, parks and roads and target hot spots for dog fouling. Anti dog fouling signs are erected at various locations on foot of requests made and where complaints are received.
- Investigate and report on reports of abandoned cars, photographing and updating the litter app and the CRM system.
- Conduct walking patrols and engage with business owners regarding their responsibilities in keeping outside their premises clean and free of litter.
- The wardens continued the annual litter quantification surveys in June to quantity the litter present, inspecting and counting litter present, thus Identifying black spots, to enable Fingal County Council tackle litter more effectively.
- Attended tenant induction course outlining their responsibilities regarding litter.





Litter Fines & Warning Notices – July & August 2025

Month	Fines	Warning Notice
January	16	1
February	9	2
March	18	1
April	15	0
May	16	4
June	23	2
July	38	5
August	16	0

There were five cases before the district court in July, all cases were successfully prosecuted, and costs awarded.

Litter Management Cases for July - August 2025

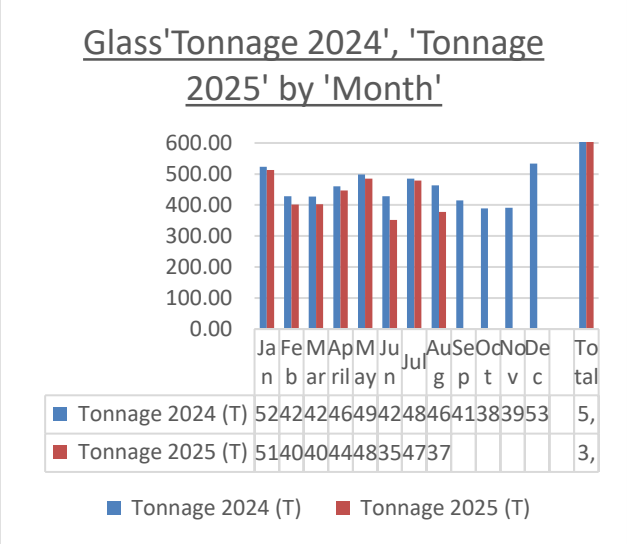
Cases July 2025	Amount
Muck on road	1
Env incident with witness	1
Inspection of bring banks	316
Inspection of dumping black spots	612
Unauthorised signage	1
Request for Dog fouling signs	4
Report of dumping by witness statement	1
Report of dumping from a car	1
Report of dumping 1 – 20 bags	18
Surveys	42

Cases August 2025	Amount
Muck on road	2
Inspection of bring banks	316
Inspection of dumping black spots	612
Request for Dog fouling signs	2
Report of dumping by witness statement	1
Report under general litter	2
Report of dumping 1 – 20 bags	15
Surveys	42

Bring Banks

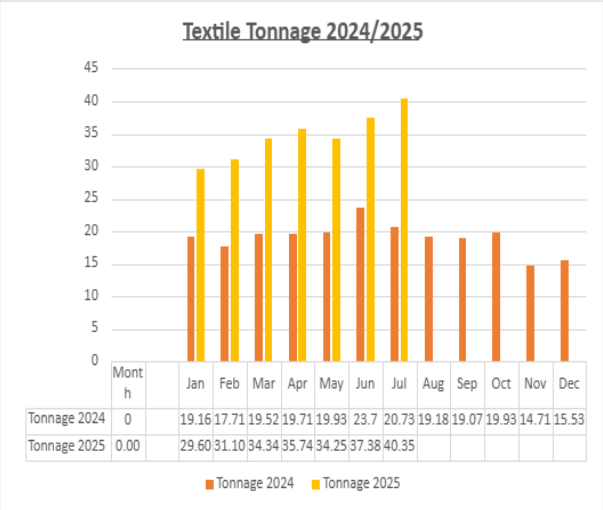
Bottle Banks

Glass volumes collected in July and August 2025 were **858 (T)**. This compares with a collection figure of 948 (T) in July and August 2024.



Textiles Banks

Textile volumes collected in June and July were **77 (T).** This compares with a collection figure of 45 (T) in July 2024.



Month		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Tonnage 2024	0	19.16	17.71	19.52	19.71	19.93	23.7	20.73	19.18	19.07	19.93	14.71	15.53
Tonnage 2025	0.00	29.60	31.10	34.34	35.74	34.25	37.38	40.35					

Abandoned Vehicle

From 1st January – 25th August 2025, 281 reports of alleged Abandoned Vehicles have been received by the Environment Department. Burnt-out vehicles are also reported to the Environment Department.

The Litter Wardens carry out an initial inspection of all reported abandoned and burnt-out vehicles. To report a suspected abandoned vehicle the following information is required and should be emailed to **environment@fingal.ie**

- Vehicle Registration
- Colour / Make / Model
- Exact Location
- Period of time that vehicle has not been moved
- Name and Contact Number of person reporting the vehicle

Information on Abandoned Vehicles can be found on the Fingal County Council website:
https://www.fingal.ie/council/service/abandoned-vehicles

	Abandoned Vehicles Lifted		Burnt out Vehicles Lifted	
	2024	2025	2024	2025
January	0	0	6	0
February	2	0	0	1
March	2	2	3	2
April	2	3	0	0
May	0	2	0	0
June	1	0	0	1
July	0	0	0	0
August	0	0	0	0
September	0		0	
October	0		0	
November	0		0	
December	0		1	
	7	**7**	**10**	**4**

A new system is currently being introduced whereby notices will be placed on reported abandoned vehicles with no licence plates/foreign registrations. This notice will give the owners 4 weeks to remove the vehicle from the location. Failure to remove the vehicle in this period will result in the vehicle being removed to an authorised treatment facility for disposal.

Animal Welfare

Dog Warden Service

The dog wardens continue to carry out enforcement in relation to breaches of the Control of Dogs Act 1986, Control of Dog Regulations 1998, Parks and Open Spaces byelaws and Beach and Foreshore byelaws. They also educate dog owners on the responsibilities of keeping a dog and remind owners to pick up after their pets when in public places. Dog owners should ensure that they hold a valid licence for their dog and if issued with a 10-day notice by the dog wardens, should present their licence to controlofdogs@fingal.ie within the 10 days provided on the notice. Failure to do so may result in a fine being issued for failing to produce a dog licence when requested to do so by a dog warden and keeping a dog without a valid licence. Over the summer months the dog wardens increased their patrols on the beaches and in the parks.

There were 94 x 10 Day Notices and 12 Fines issued by the dog wardens for the period 21st June 2025 to 30th of July and 224 x 10 Day Notices and 29 fines issued from 1st to 23rd August 2025.

Month	10 Day Notices		Fines Issued		Fines Paid	
	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025
January	217	10	20	3	€1,997.50	€550
February	297	82	38	5	€2,135	€2,244
March	234	87	40	15	€2,525	€1,121
April	277	85	35	11	€2,073	€1,770
May	408	99	38	15	€2,420	€4,443
June	247	81	58	12	€2,180	€1700
July	29	82	88	12	€3,550	€1221.50
August	15	224	52	29	€4,600	€2200
September	29		23		€2,919.70	
October	15		13		€2,321	
November	104		19		€2,185	
December	0		5		€1,700	
TOTAL	**1872**	**738**	**429**	**102**	**€30,606.20**	**€15,249.50**

The Animal Welfare Section created 65 x Dynamics cases in relation to dogs from 1st of July 2025 to 25th of August 2025. The Animal Welfare team also successfully dealt with 1805 emails in the period in relation to Control of Dogs.

Service	No of complaints per service from 1st of July 2025 to 25th August 2025
Env - Dog Fine Appeal	0
Env - Dog on Dog Attack	4
Env - Dog on Person Attack	2
Env – Dog warden assistance, garda request	2
Env - Restricted Breed Dog	34
Env - Surrendered Dog	1
Issue with Dog	2
Dog Signage	2
Env- Stray Dog	18
Grand Total	**65**

Dog Licences and Fines

The below table shows the number of annual and lifetime licences purchased during from 1st July 2025 to 25th of August 2025 in comparison with the same months in 2024. An annual dog licence fee is €20, and a lifetime dog licence fee is €140. We will continue to promote the requirement for a dog licence on social media platforms. It is a legal requirement to hold a valid licence for any dog you own or are responsible for under the Control of Dogs Act 1986. Failing to hold a valid licence for a dog that you are own or are responsible for can incur a fine.

Month	Annual Licences Purchased		Lifetime Licences Purchased		Income from Licences	
	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025
January	1078	843	87	54	€33,740	€24,420
February	1010	747	62	51	€28,880	€22,080
March	810	838	58	56	€24,320	€ 24,600
April	918	742	64	40	€27,320	€ 20,440
May	1193	753	90	45	€36,460	€ 21,360
June	1045	571	87	38	€33,080	€16,740
July	843	809	49	52	€23,720	€23,460
August	865	717	67	54	€26,680	€21,900
September	762		47		€21,820	€
October	804		65		€25,180	€
November	654		46		€19,520	€
December	310		20		€9000	€
Total for year	10, 292	6,020	742	390	€309,720	€175,000

We will continue to advertise the requirement for dog owners to hold a licence for their dogs on social media platforms.



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 July 25 there were 19 dogs in the shelter. During July and August 13 dogs were brought to the shelter by the dog wardens as stray or surrenders and 2 were surrendered by members of the public. Of these 34 dogs, 2 were reclaimed, 8 were rehomed to Rescue, 16 were rehomed to members of the public and 1 was PTS.

As of 25th of August 2025 there were 7 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 July 2024 **	19	Dogs in Shelter at start of July 2025 **	19
Stray/Seized dogs brought to Shelter	34	Stray/Seized dogs brought to Shelter	13
Surrendered by owners	4	Surrendered by owners	2
Reclaimed	5	Reclaimed	2
Rehomed to Rescue	23	Rehomed to Rescue	8
Rehomed to Public	9	Rehomed to Public	16
PTS	1	PTS	1
Dogs in Shelter at the end of August 2024	**19**	**Dogs in shelter at 25th of August 2025**	**7**

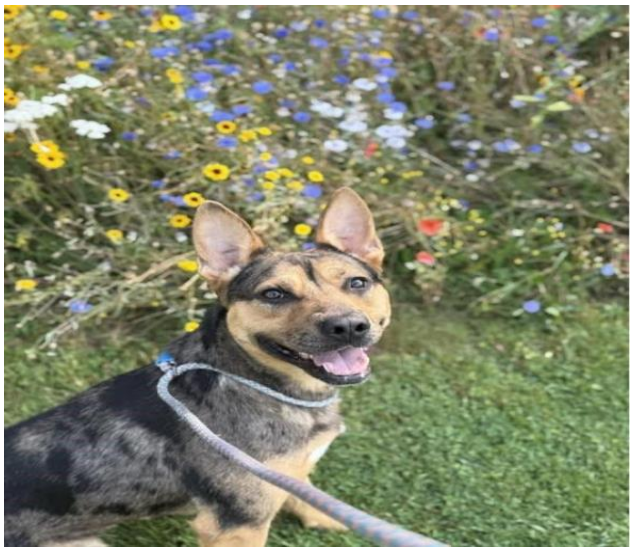
** Figures shown relate to the period 01/07/2024 to 23 /08/2024

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Contact the shelter on **087 391 4008**, WhatsApp or Facebook to make an appointment to see the dogs available for rehoming. Fingal County Council has shared this information on our own Facebook & Instagram pages.

Facebook: Dublin County Dog Shelter
Instagram: dublincountydogshelter



Henna is such a sweet and gentle girl once her morning bounce around is finished. She will sit calmly and wait and loves her toys and the water

Horses

Welfare inspections continue on Dunsink Landfill to monitor the numbers and welfare of the horses onsite. There are 12 hay feeders being filled by the Operations Department on a weekly basis to ensure adequate forage for the horses on the landfill.

During July and August, a total of 5 horses were seized from the public realm

Waste Enforcement & Regulation

Waste Bye-Laws Project

The Waste Enforcement section established a register of households availing of a waste collection service, as required under of the Waste Management Act, 1996. From this register, a reverse register was established using Eircodes to identify households who did not appear on the register.
Approximately 10,500 addresses were identified for inclusion in the reverse register.
These addresses were analysed and mapped. An initial batch of 4,000 addresses were selected to initiate engagement with the households and clarify how they are disposing of their waste.

Letters were sent to just over 4,000 addresses on 15th July, and reminder letters issued to approx. 3,200 on 1st August.

Door to door inspections started on 20/8/2025 for households who did not engage following the receipt of the letters.

Initial findings from the 1,743 households who engaged with us by 19/8 following the receipt of the letter were a mix of reasons

- houses vacant / being renovated (96),
- bins provided by a management company (509),
- bin service in place (692),
- households sharing bins with another person (246)
- households bringing their waste to authorised facility (200).

Work is required to improve the accuracy waste register in relation to management companies and those who have a bin accounts. We have commenced door to door investigation of dwellings who have not responded to letters.

AIR & NOISE

Air Pollution (Amendment) Bill 2025

The government has presented a bill entitled Air Pollution (Amendment) Bill 2025 before the Oireachtas. The bill updates some of the provisions for issuing notices and fines to improve enforcement and to make further provision to regulate the suppliers of fuel on the market (ie smoky coal and wood). The text of the bill is here: Air Pollution (Amendment) Bill 2025 – No. 52 of 2025 – Houses of the Oireachtas

Drones

The Government published a National Policy Framework for Unmanned Aircraft Systems on August 20th 2025. The policy framework does not appear to provide for a change in the law to permit local authorities to regulate drones with regard to noise. The policy does include an action.

"Relevant State agencies, government departments and local government will determine and request UAS Geographical Zones through the Irish Aviation Authority in line with the processes and procedures developed through the National Working Group on UAS Geographical Zones."

There are no details of how this policy will be implemented yet and we await the outcome of the National Working Group on UAS geographical zones

Planning Files

Planning compliance inspections were completed during July for the final outdoor summer concert held at Malahide Castle. These concerts were authorised under Event Licence PEL/001/25 and concert noise level limits were set as a condition of the licence. The promoter appointed an independent noise control consultant to monitor noise levels during each event and to liaise with the sound engineer and the Air and Noise Section of Fingal County Council. Noise levels were compliant with the noise levels as set out in Event Licence PEL/001/25.



Water Quality Protection

Storm Water Misconnection Mill Road, Blanchardstown

The WQ team working in collaboration with the Storm Water Dept have identified a source of pollution contributing to the Tolka River pollution event. Samples of the offending substance have been collected and sent to the laboratory for analysis which will hopefully lead to an identification of the pollution source.

Farm Inspections

The NIAP Q2 returns were made to the EPA and YTD Fingal County Council are on target to achieve the NAIP farm inspection target of 74 farms. Farm inspections to date indicate a high level of compliance across the county.

SPORTS OFFICE

Watersport Inclusion Camp

Fingal County Council, in partnership with Active Connections and Howth Yacht Club hosted the second Fingal Inclusive Water Sport Camp for children with additional needs. 20 children took part in the 4-day camp in Howth from July 7th – July 10th. The camp welcomed young participants of different abilities from all over Fingal to take part in Kayaking, paddleboarding and canoeing in a safe and supportive environment. With adaptive equipment, trained instructors, one to one support and a focus on fun, every child had the chance to experience the joy of water sports. Parents praised the camp's inclusive approach, noting how their children were encouraged and supported every step of the way.







Sport Inclusion and Disability Awareness Training and Sports Specific Inclusive Camps

Fingal Sports Office delivered Sport Inclusion & Disability Awareness Training to 67 volunteers for the Water sport Inclusion Games. The training, certified by Active Disability Ireland, gave participants an insight to working with people with various disabilities in sport and prepared them for the Water sport Inclusion games. During the month of July, Fingal Sport Co-funded officers held camps for children with disabilities. Soccer, Basketball, Rugby, Tennis and Cricket camps and sessions took place in locations all over the county during the month of July.





Flavours of Fingal

Fingal Sports Office had a fantastic setup in the Fingal Village at this year's Flavours of Fingal festival. Outdoors, the team hosted a variety of engaging activities including table tennis, badminton, and garden games, as well as the hugely popular Hang Tough bar, provided by Technogym. Technogym also brought along a body composition machine, which attracted long queues throughout the weekend.

Inside the marquee, the Sports Office team offered free goodies to members of the public who completed a short survey. The feedback gathered will help the team shape and improve area-based programmes across Fingal in the coming year.



Water Sport Inclusion Games

Fingal Sports Office supported the Water Sports Inclusion Games this summer that welcomed nearly 650 participants of all abilities to the estuary at Malahide Yacht Club on Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th July. For many participants this was their first time taking part in water sports activities. From sailing to paddleboarding, snorkelling to canoeing - every activity was adapted to meet individual needs, creating a truly inclusive experience. The event was ran by Sailing Ireland and Malahide Yacht Club, and groups of volunteers.







Woodlands For Health

Fingal Sports Office in conjunction with the Economic Development Dept Healthy Fingal recently launched the Woodlands for Health programme. This programme in partnership with the HSE aims to increase the health and well-being of over 100 participants through guided meditative walks.

The three locations in Balbriggan, Newbridge House and Millenium Park, Blanchardstown provided an ideal environment for HSE service-users as well as the general public to avail of physical activity in a natural environment to promote rehabilitation and well-being.





Summer Indoor Football in Balbriggan

The six-week Summer Indoor Football Programme concluded successfully in the final week of July at Balbriggan Sports Centre. Aimed at young people aged 12 to 16+, the programme was developed in partnership with the Fingal FAI officer as a follow on programme of the popular Late Night League. Weekly participation averaged 25–30 teenagers, with numbers increasing to 50 for two weeks when visiting Spanish students joined in with the teams. Their presence brought an extra element to the programme, with them impressing the group with their advanced technical skills.

Several of the local teenagers had previously taken part in late-night leagues and welcomed the opportunity to play with their peers in a structured environment. Initiatives such as this programme aim to encourage teenagers to continue playing football, the programme is also supported by An Garda Siochana with their presence each week at the programme.



HerOutdoors Week

Fingal Sports Office marked another successful HER Outdoors Week (11–17 August) with a diverse and community-driven programme aimed at inspiring women and girls to discover and enjoy the outdoors. The celebrations began with a fun, vibrant launch with Mayor Tom O'Leary in attendance, on Sunday, 10 August at Ardgillan Demesne. Over 90 participants enjoyed a scenic 3.5k trail walk through the park, in the summer sunshine, followed by an energising fun fitness workout on the lawn.

A Sport Ireland national initiative, HER Outdoors Week encourages more females to explore nature and try new activities. In partnership with local host clubs, Fingal Sports Office offered a wide range of experiences, with this year's focus on *bike* and *sea* activities. Highlights of the week included Come & Try session in BMX, sea-rowing, cycling, bike repair, sailing, and sea swimming

There was strong participation across all activities, with many trying the activity for the first time. Local clubs such as Sutton Dinghy Club, Fingal Rowing Club, Swords Cycle Club, and Aer Lingus Masters Swimmers using the week to promote their club for potential new members





Summer Series – ParkFit

Fingal Sports Office are now coming to the end of our ParkFit summer series. Participation numbers have been excellent throughout the summer, with consistent growth across all 14 locations. A new ParkFit location was added in Churchfields, Mulhuddart, in August, and has been growing since. The welcoming and supportive atmosphere has engaged communities in a positive way. Expert-led sessions, catering for all abilities, has made the classes accessible for everyone in the community. The programme continues to promote physical activity, social connection, and community wellbeing, and feedback from participants has been overwhelmingly positive.

Summer Series - Beach Yoga

Active Cities is delivering free weekly evening yoga sessions along the Fingal coastline, rotating between Balbriggan, Portmarnock, and Skerries. The sessions take place on the beach and attract close to 100 participants each week, ranging from complete beginners to experienced yoga enthusiasts. The programme promotes physical activity, mindfulness, and community wellbeing in scenic outdoor settings.

Summer Series – Parks and Trails

Launching on July 1st and running until September 1st, the Dublin Summer Parks & Trails Challenge forms part of the Active Cities Dublin programme. The initiative encourages residents and visitors to explore Dublin's parks and trails by completing any of the 24 pre-selected walks across the four Dublin local authority areas. Participants can use the Dublin Discovery Trails App to track their progress and be entered into prize draws. This challenge promotes physical activity, outdoor recreation, and tourism, while helping people discover hidden gems within Dublin's green spaces.





Fingal Sports Fest 2025

The Fingal Sports Festival took place on Sunday, August 24th, 2025, from 12 PM to 5 PM at Malahide Castle & Gardens, offering a free, family-friendly day filled with sports and activities. Organised by the Fingal Sports Office in collaboration with various over 30 Sport Ireland National Sporting Bodies, the festival invited visitors of all ages to try out a wide range of sports through interactive sessions and demonstrations. In addition to the sporting activities, the event featured inclusive family attractions such as tug-of-war, inflatable games, a toddler play area, and a picnic zone for relaxing between activities.







ARCHITECTS DEPARTMENT

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The National Age Friendly Recognition and Achievement Awards 2025 – Bowden Court, Swords

Showcasing Ireland's Commitment to Age Friendly Communities.

The National Age Friendly Recognition and Achievement Awards celebrate initiatives that make Ireland a better place to grow old, recognising efforts that promote dignity, inclusion, and an improved quality of life for older people through active community involvement and support.

Bowden Court Social Housing Scheme.

Fingal County Council is proud to announce that the Bowden Court social housing development has been shortlisted, under the Social Housing category, for the National Age Friendly Recognition and Achievement Awards 2025. Completed in September 2024, Bowden Court reflects Fingal County Council's commitment to building inclusive, age-friendly communities. The project was led by the Council's Architects Department, which managed the initial design and Part XI Public Consultation process. Following planning approval, a fully integrated design team was appointed, led by Paul Keogh Architects as the Employer's Representative (ER). The construction was carried out by Broomfield Construction Ltd. under the PW-CF5 Public Works Contract, converting the site of a former Operations Depot into a high-quality, purpose-built residential development.



Figure 1 – Front Entrance- Disabled parking and Easy Access

Located on Rathbeale Road, approximately 1.2 km northwest of Main Street, Swords, Bowden Court consists of eleven purpose-built apartments designed and constructed to universal design standards, fully informed by the principles of Age Friendly Ireland. The scheme offers a balanced mix of three three-bedroom units, four two-bedroom units and four one-bedroom units.



Figure 2 - Open Plan Design of Apartments

Spread across three floors, the development promotes intergenerational living and prioritises social inclusion, with a specific focus on supporting older tenants. Each unit is accessible and adaptable, designed to evolve with residents' needs, thus enabling independent, safe, and comfortable living within a supportive community.



Figure 3 - Transport Links- Conveniently Located Bus Stop

Its strategic location places residents within easy walking distance of key local services, including the upcoming Swords Cultural Quarter, shops and healthcare facilities, a local church, and seniors' social centres, as well as reliable public transport links. Bowden Court exemplifies how thoughtful urban planning can enrich lives, support aging in place, and foster vibrant, connected communities. The judging team visited the council and Bowden Court in August and the award winners will be announced later in the year.

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Rates

Overall Commercial Rates collection to the end of August 2025 is running at 84%.

Rates Collection	
Rates collected €m	€140.1m
Rates collected %	84%

Development Levy Income

Development levy income collected to the end of May is €17.0m.

Development Levy Income YTD May 2025	
Levies Receipted	€17.0 m
Levies Collected as a % of 2024	168%

Payroll

Overall payroll spend to the end of August was €57m which is c. **102%** of budget YTD.

Payroll	
Salaries & Wages €m	€57m
Percentage of Budget YTD.	102.1%

Procurement

Outlined below is a summary of the overall procurement activity at end of August

No. of contracts awarded (details below) for year to date	165	
Value €m	48.3m	
Procurements ongoing at end of August		
No. of procurements awaiting tender responses	7	(i)
Value €m	22.9m	
No. of procurements under evaluation	50	(ii)
Value €m	56.3	
No. of procurements at approved	20	(iii)
Value €m	44.9m	

Notes:
(i) Procurements awaiting tender responses – tender responses awaited at end of August
(ii) Procurements under evaluation – tender responses submitted and being evaluated at end of the August
(iii) Procurements at approved – Tender responses have been evaluated and approved. Pre- contract award processes ongoing at end of August

Appendix 1
Revenue Account – Income & Expenditure

REVENUE ACCOUNT INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION AT 31 AUGUST 2025

	EXPENDITURE			INCOME			NET
	Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent to date	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised	€
Housing & Building	78,052,176	123,749,800	63%	76,934,827	126,862,200	61%	1,117,349
Road Transport & Safety	24,296,133	36,814,800	66%	6,686,774	9,063,700	74%	17,609,359
Water Services	7,111,664	13,233,400	54%	10,223,198	15,070,000	68%	-3,111,534
Development Management	16,386,439	25,261,800	65%	6,512,964	10,206,000	64%	9,873,476
Environmental Services	33,114,646	48,948,700	68%	7,205,596	8,761,100	82%	25,909,050
Recreation & Amenity	40,342,301	59,101,400	68%	2,494,722	4,375,600	57%	37,847,579
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	1,299,132	1,575,200	82%	345,831	422,700	82%	953,302
Miscellaneous Services	12,910,540	21,053,000	61%	18,930,617	29,588,900	64%	-6,020,078
Central Management Charge	39,782,465	59,137,800	67%	2,669,919	4,073,900	66%	37,112,546
Local Property Tax / GPG				8,466,867	12,700,300	67%	-8,466,867
Rates				111,834,333	167,751,500	67%	-111,834,333
	253,295,496	**388,875,900**	**65%**	**252,305,647**	**388,875,900**	**65%**	**989,849**

Appendix 1 – continued
Capital Account – Income & Expenditure

CAPITAL ACCOUNT INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 31/08/2025					
		Balance at 0/01/2025 €	Expenditure YTD €	Income YTD €	Balance at 31/08/2025 €
A	Housing & Building	-9,686,875	209,724,361	-149,621,796	50,415,690
B	Road Transport & Safety	9,980,266	22,882,376	-14,157,394	18,705,248
C	Water Services	-10,327,807	1,621,987	-1,162,768	-9,868,588
D	Development Management	-175,344,430	28,108,187	-19,732,077	-166,968,320
E	Environmental Services	-15,418,209	2,341,432	-700,140	-13,776,917
F	Recreation & Amenity	-11,766,355	29,356,723	-14,808,100	2,782,268
H	Miscellaneous Services	-42,102,959	9,188,982	-9,822,701	-42,736,678
	Total	**-254,666,369**	**303,224,047**	**-210,004,976**	**-161,447,298**

Appendix 1 – continued
Summary of Corporate Debtors

SUMMARY OF CORPORATE DEBTORS TO 31/08/2025				
	Balance at 01/01/2025 €	Balance at 31/08/2025 €	Current debt €	> 1 Year €
RATES	687,390	27,688,651	27,159,967	528,683
LOANS	2,130,037	1,858,417	175,070	1,683,347
RENTS	10,032,929	8,955,646	2,970,118	5,985,528

Figures for rents and loans are unadjusted by credits/prepayments

Appendix 2

Page 122 to 133 **Number of Contracts Awarded to the end of May (No change to this as system was down)**

Description of Procurement	Supplier Name	Legal Address	Value of Contract (excl. VAT)	Contract Start Date (actual)	Contract End Date (actual)	Actual Duration (months)	Contract Award Date
Construction of Naul Village Park	Vision Contracting Ltd	Melbourne House, Melbourne Business Park, Cork	€2,975,795.35	06/08/2025	12/10/2027	26	06/08/2025
Supply of playground equipment for Millenium park playground refurbishment for Fingal County Council	Spraoi Linn Ltd	Ballygarran House, Kilmuckridge, Co. Wexford	€49,950.00	01/09/2025	01/12/2025	3	19/08/2025
Newbridge Demesne - Walled garden boundary wall remedial works	Francis Haughey Building Construction Ireland Ltd	21/23 St. Patricks Street, Keady, Co. Armagh BT60 3TQ	€118,888.50	02/04/2025	02/08/2026	16	02/04/2025
Interform Housing Web-based applications	Interform Ltd	6 York Terrace, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin	€130,300.00	01/06/2025	31/05/2026	12	01/06/2025
NEC RDBA Service (Sept 2025 -2027)	Nec Software Solutions	1st Floor, Imax Centre, 575 - 599 Maxted Road, Hemel, hemstead, Herdforshire, HP2 7DZ Uk	€130,731.00	15/08/2025	01/01/2028	40 months	15/08/2025
Flavours Event Management & Production	Invictus Event Management & Consultancy Ltd	3 Parc Glas, Rathcormac, Cork, P61 WV48	€506,568.10	01/07/2025	10/07/2025	10 Days	02/07/2025
Footpath widening and surface improvements, Lanesborough Park , Dublin 15	KT Civil Ltd	Corrydonnellan, Rathowen , Mullingar, Co Westmeath	€84,235.00	11/08/2025	01/09/2025	3 weeks	11/08/2025
Chalfont Estate, Malahide, Co Dublin - Pipe Rehabilitation - UV CIPP LIner and Robotic cutting	USSR Underground systems and Sewer Repair Ltd	Unit 14 Golden Mile Industrial Estate, Breaffy Road, Castle Bar, Co. Mayo	€30,896.00	15/08/2025	15/08/2026	12	15/07/2025
Seapark Hill Active Travel Project	Clifton Scannell Emerson Associates Ltd	The Highline, Bakers Point, Pottery Road, Dun Laoghaire	€98,710.00	21/05/2025	01/11/2027	30	21/05/2025
Purchase of 1 No. Jeep	Henry Ford & Sons	Boreenmamma Road, Balintemple, Cork	€33,225.00	08/08/2025	07/08/2026	12	08/08/2025
Purchase of 1 No. Electric Van	Setanta Vehicle Holdings	Setanta House, M50 Business Park, Ballycoolin, Dublin 15	€50,830.00	08/08/2025	07/08/2026	12	08/08/2025
Purchase of 20 No. 7.5 Ton Diesel Trucks	MMC Commercials	Mitsubishi House, JFK Drive, Naas Road, Dublin 12	€1,400,000.00	01/08/2025	30/07/2026	12	01/08/2025

Development and implementation of the Fingal Tourism Strategy 2025-2029 and Fingal Food & Drink Policy 2025-2029	Brouder Marketing	5A Humbert Street, Tubbercurry, Co. Sligo	€600,000.00	01/08/2025	31/12/2025	5	01/08/2025
Road Surfacing Inlay and ancillary works, Balbriggan Street, Skerries, Co. Dublin	Breedon Surfacing Solutions Ltd	Rosemount Business Park, Ballycoolin Road, Dublin 11	€102,266.00	24/08/2025	01/09/2025	1 week	01/07/2025
Concrete footpath construction in a serious of batches from 5 - 20 square meters at Asleigh Estate Castleknock Dublin 15.	John Browne Construction Ltd	Kelly Rahill & Co. 16 Town Hall Street, Co. Cavan	€36,540.00	04/08/2025	04/09/2025	1	16/06/2025
CCTV replacement works in Millenium park	SKS Communications Ltd	2 Robinhood Industrial Estate, Longmile Road, Dublin22	€112,030.00	01/08/2025	28/02/2026	7 Months	25/07/2025
Concrete footpath construction in a serious of batches from 3 - 6 square meters in various locations in Bayside Co Dublin	Pavement & Road Surfacing Ltd	Westwinds, Windmill Hill, Rathcoole, D24 VY90	€37,825.00	21/07/2025	08/08/2025	3 Weeks	21/07/2025
MUGA Upgrade for St. Catherine's Park, Rush	Outfit Outdoor Fitness Equipment Ltd	James Street, Kiltimagh, Co. Mayo	€115,590.00	18/07/2025	05/08/2025	3 Weeks	16/07/2025
Design and installation of a toddler playground at Meakstown, Community Centre, Dublin 11	Play & Leisure Services Ltd	31 Carrowdore Road, Greyabbey, Northern Ireland, BT22 2LU	€88,105.72	04/08/2025	04/02/2027	18	17/07/2025
Full drainage system installed to full size pitch at Hazelbury Park	O'Brien Landscaping	Unit B10 Swords Enterprise Park, Co. Dublin K67 E920	€112,216.00	18/08/2025	17/11/2025	3	10/07/2025
Concrete footpath construction in a serious of batches from 3 - 20 square meters at Pace Road, Littlepace, Ongar Dublin 15	John Browne Construction Ltd	Kelly Rahill & Co. 16 Town Hall Street, Co. Cavan	€34,650.00	23/07/2025	23/10/2025	3	16/06/2025
Managed Print Services Contract	Datapac	Robinhood House, Robinhood Road, Dublin 22	€70,000.00	26/08/2025	25/08/2026	12	11/07/2025
Provision of support, maintenance and training for the existing 3D Models for Public Consultation	RealSim Ltd	Unit 204, Business Innovation Center, Upper Newcastle Road< University of Galway	€37,500.00	06/06/2025	06/06/2027	24	04/06/2025
Engineering Consultancy Services for Swords Western Distributor Road	Barry Transportation	Classon House, Dundrum Business Park, Dundrum Road, Dublin 14	€395,108.64	04/06/2025	02/07/2027	24	04/06/2025
Traffic Management for Hedge and Grass cutting on R132	Swords Auto	Lawless's Yard, North Street, Swords, Co. Dublin	€42,934.96	17/02/2025	06/03/2025	1	06/02/2025

Repositioning of Seabees at Burrow, Portrane, Co. Dublin	Larry Kiernan Plant Hire Ltd	Ring Commons, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin	€77,886.00	02/09/2025	18/10/2025	2	09/07/2025
Commvault managed Service	Sureskills Ltd	2-4 Terminus Mills, Clonskeagh, Dublin 6 D06 VY62	€26,400.00	01/08/2025	31/07/2026	12	08/07/2025
Engineering Design Services for Rathmore Park Recreational Hub, Lusk	Design ID Consulting Ltd	23LR Workspace, 23 Lisburn Road, Hillsborough, B. Ireland, BT26 6AA	€80,655.00	09/06/2025	09/12/2026	18	30/04/2025
Development pipeline analysis to inform preparation of Development Contribution Scheme 2026-2028	EY, Ernst & Young Business Advisory Services	Harcourt Street, Dublin 2, D02 YA40	€65,000.00	01/06/2025	30/07/2025	2 Months	05/06/2025
Road Surfacing Inlay, Ballymadun, Co. Dublin	Roadstone Ltd	Fortunestown, Tallaght, Dublin 24	€105,231.48	21/07/2025	28/07/2025	1 Week	21/05/2025
Road Surfacing Inlay and ancillary works, Fancourt Road, Co. Dublin	Breedon Surfacing Solutions Ireland Ltd.,	Rosemount Business Park Ballycoolin Road Dublin 11	€159,110.00	21/07/2025	28/07/2025	1 Week	30/05/2025
Flavours Transport Services	Marathon Training & Events t/a Marathon Safety Solutions.	Suite 40, Block 5, Northwood Court, Santry, D9	€98,880.00	26/05/2025	07/07/2025	1.5	26/05/2025
Hire Of (i) 1 No. 85 Hp Plus, Four Wheel Drive Tractor, With Double Axel Trailer & Removable Sides, With Driver/Operative, (ii) 1 No. 180° Backhoe Excavator With Driver/Operative (iii) 1 No. Teleporter/Loading Shovel (12t - Rubber Tyred) With Driver/Operative (iv) 1. No John Deer Gater	Larry Kiernan Plant Hire Ltd	Grougha, Ring Commons, Balbriggan, Co.Dublin	€80,660.00	14/04/2025	15/09/2025	5	30/06/2025
Provision of Security Services including Uniformed on - site Security Presences on - site, response to alarm activation & Keyholding	Manguard Plus Limited	W7F Ladytown Business Park, Ladytown, Naas, Co. Kildare	€313,053.65	17/05/2025	17/11/2025	6	25/06/2025
The redevelopment of grass pitches and associated ancillary infrastructure at Broomfield Recreational Hub, Malahide	McAvoy Contracts Ltd	13A Fernhill Road, Annaclone, Banbridge, Co. Down BT32 5AF	€1,238,654.91	29/07/2025	19/10/2026	16	23/06/2025
Road inlay & Ancillary works, Jug Back Lane, Swords 2025	John McQuillan Contracts Limited	Ballinderry Road, Lisburn, BT28 2SA	€104,315.97	23/06/2025	25/08/2025	9 Weeks	19/06/2025
Road inlay & Ancillary works, Brackenstown Road, Swords	Siac Bituminous Products Limited	Monastery Road, Clondalkin C. Dublin	€72,692.00	23/06/2025	25/08/2025	9 Weeks	19/06/2025

Requirement for the purchase of 1 Electric van	Gowan Auto Ltd	Unit 2007, Orchard Ave, Citywest Business Camp, Dublin 24	€30,618.00	17/06/2025	16/06/2026	12	17/06/2025
Renewal of the subscription for 3x Chorus Pro Uniclass Create Architecture Licences	NBS by Hubexo	The Old Post Office, St Nicholas Street, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE11 RH	£72750.00	01/09/2025	31/08/2030	60	19/06/2025
Provision of Staff wellbeing promotional merchandise.	Richardson Promotional Goods Ltd	Unit 16 Balbriggan Business Park, Dublin. K32 XY70	€25,925.00	26/05/2025	26/05/2026	12	26/05/2025
Management Services for programme of events at Swords Castle and Carnegie Library	Invictus Event Management & Consultancy Ltd	3 Parc Glas, Rathcormac, Cork, P61 WV48	€60,000.00	15/02/2025	21/05/2025	3	26/05/2025
Provision of 3 x Safety Liaison Safety Officers for Grove Road CCU Desk	NOC Consultancy	Teach Na Fuinseoige, Coolronan, Ballivor, Co. Meath	€70,000.00	01/04/2025	30/06/2025	3	01/04/2025
Concrete footpath construction at Portersgate Residential Estate Clonsilla Dublin 15.	Citius Limited	Club Road, Ballymount, Dublin 22, D22 C2D0	€41,440.00	01/07/2025	01/01/2026	6	10/06/2025
Concrete footpath construction in a serious of batches from 5 - 20 square meters at Park Drive/Avenue/Green & Cosent Residential Estate Castleknock Dublin 15	John Browne Construction Ltd	Kelly Rahill & Co. 16 Town Hall Street, Co. Cavan	€35,510.00	20/06/2025	20/10/2025	4	10/06/2025
Flavours of Fingal County Show 2025 Hire of Generators, Tower Lights, Electricians and Teleporter	GH Energy Rentals Ltd	Unit 103 Bishopwoods Lane, Bishopwoods, The Ward, D11P2VR	€118,183.21	02/07/2025	09/07/2025	6 Days	12/06/2025
Purchase of 1 Ford Ranger Double Cab Jeep	Henry Ford & Sons	Elm Court, Boreenmanna Road, Balintemple, Cork, T12 HHW2	€40,439.00	30/05/2025	24/09/2025	4	30/05/2025
Tolka valley entrance and accessibility improvements for Fingal County Council	KT Civil Ltd	Corrydonlon, Rathowen, Co. Westmeath	€96,761.00	14/06/2025	15/07/2025	3 Weeks	06/06/2025
Roadmarkings for the Howth/Malahide area	Nuzum Road Services ltd	Mespil House, Sussex Road, Dublin 4	€56,123.50	09/06/2025	31/12/2025	7	03/06/2025
Provision of Public Relations/Communications (PR) Services (MMP066F)	Gibney Communications Ltd	Newmount House, 22-24 Lower Mount Street, Dublin 2	€200,000.00	19/08/1900	04/06/2026	12	04/06/2025

Supply and install of new calisthenic/outdoor exercise equipment to Millenium Park, D15	Outfit Outdoor Fitness Equipment Ltd	James Street, Kiltimagh, Co. Mayo	€58,790.00	01/07/2025	31/12/2025	6	27/05/2025
sCFT LEAN Business Programme	Jigsaw VAE Ltd t/a Jigsaw Better Business	2 Ballymore Road, Loughnavalley, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath	€355,500.00	08/05/2025	07/05/2027	24	08/05/2025
Deliver, Set Up & Monitor of Radio Frequency for 30 Working Days Licence Period of Radio Station & Production Days	Broadcast Technical Services	Unit 20 Bluebell Business Park, Old Naas Road, Dublin 12	€25,800.00	22/03/2025	22/04/2025	1	21/02/2025
Road inlay and ancillary works, Estuary Rd., Malahide	D.M. Morris Limited	13 Parklands Office Park, Southern Cross Road, Bray, Co. Wicklow	€83,586.00	26/05/2025	12/06/2025	3 Weeks	16/05/2025
Postal Collection Services	Print Post Ltd	Unit 4 Broomhill Park, Tallaght, Dublin 24	€180,000.00	01/04/2025	31/03/2026	12	28/04/2025
Concrete footpath construction in a serious of batches from 3 - 6 square meters at Red Arches Baldoyle Co Dublin.	Joe Duke & Company Ltd	Unit G9 Riverview Business Park, Nangor Road	€42,548.00	21/05/2025	06/06/2025	2 Weeks	13/05/2025
Consultancy Engineering Services for Feasibility Study for Dredging of Loughshinny Harbour for Fingal County Council	Ayesa (Formerly t/a Byrne Looby & Partners Ltd	H5 Oak Road, Centrepoint Business Park, Dublin12, D12 VW27	€249,605.00	03/06/2025	02/06/2029	48	19/05/2025
Resurfacing of Pecks Lane Castleknock Dublin 15	Breedon Surfacing Solutions Ireland Ltd.,	Rosemount Business Park, Ballycoolin Road, Dublin 13	€59,715.00	01/06/2025	01/12/2025	6	21/05/2025
Resurfacing of Dromheath Drive and Avenue Dublin 1	Breedon Surfacing Solutions Ireland Ltd.,	Rosemount Business Park, Ballycoolin Road, Dublin 14	€79,230.00	01/07/2025	01/10/2025	3	22/05/2025
Resurfacing of Hadleigh Court and Park Castleknock Dublin 15	Breedon Surfacing Solutions Ireland Ltd.,	Rosemount Business Park, Ballycoolin Road, Dublin 15	€46,520.00	01/06/2025	01/09/2025	3	20/05/2025
Road Markings for How/Mal area	Nuzum Road Services ltd	Mespil House, Sussex Road, Dublin 4	€52,491.85	28/05/2025	26/05/2026	12	12/05/2025
Consultancy Services for Portmarnock Railway Overbridge OBB21	Barry Transportation	Classon House, Dundrum Business Park, Dundrum Road, Dublin 14	€44,293.60	28/04/2025	28/09/2025	5	28/04/2025

Planting and Maintenance of Council-Owned Summer/Winter Floral Display Baskets/Planters for various locations within Fingal Administrative Area and the supply of a limited number of Units	Redlough Landscapes Ltd	Belgree, Hollystown, Dublin 15	€187,100.10	01/05/2025	31/12/2025	8	16/04/2025
Supply & Installation of Shelving & Miscellaneous Items for Skerries Library	Bushell Interiors Ltd	12 Heaney Ave. Parkwest, Dublin 12	€66,863.00	20/05/2025	25/07/2025	10 Weeks	20/05/2025
Migration of Data, CCR & Historical Data from Cygnus to Agresso Housing Loans Module and Impementation of a Debt management System	Ascendas Business Solutions Ltd	Market House, 15 Market Square, Dillonsland, Navan, Co. Meath C15 N525	€80,600.00	27/05/2025	27/05/2026	12	08/05/2025
Emergency Paving Repair Works at Newbridge House Courtyard	Francis Haughey Building Construction Ireland Ltd	21/23 St. Patrick Street, Keady, Co. Armagh	€46,484.00	19/05/2025	20/06/2025	5 Weeks	29/04/2025
Provision of NGN Phone Circuits for 2024 & 2025	Eir (Eir Evo)	Hibernia House,	€48,378.93	01/01/2024	31/12/2025	24	22/05/2025
Seamount Road Footpath Connectivity Project	RPS Consulting Engineers Ltd	Block 2, West Pier Business Campus, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin	€259,185.39	07/05/2025	07/05/2027	24	13/03/2025
Waste Management Services - provision of bins at beaches (Interim)	Bord Na Mona Offices	Bord Na Mona Offices, Main Street, Newbridge, Co. Kildare W12 XR59	€284,248.99	01/05/2025	31/10/2025	6	16/05/2025
Development & Implementation of FCS (Financial Contribution System)	EY Client Solutions Unlimited	Harcourt Centre, Harcourt Street, Dublin 2	€84,314.42	03/04/2025	30/04/2028	36	03/04/2025
Construction of a community garden at Meakstown - the adaptation and reuse of Bloom Garden 'A breathing space for Fingal'	Martin King Landscaping Ltd	Richardstown, Dromin, Dunleer, Co. Louth	€82,469.00	12/05/2025	10/07/2026	14	27/03/2025
Design and Construction of 2 no. Playgrounds at Corduff Park, Blanchardstown and Laurel Lodge, Castleknock, Dublin 15	Hawthorn Heights Ltd	75 Craigbrack Road, Eglington, Co. Derry, BT47 3BE	€824,670.00	01/06/2025	01/12/2026	18	14/05/2025
Resurfacing of a section of Carrickbrack Road Sutton Rd and ancillary works	Breedon Surfacing Solutions Ireland Ltd.,	Rosemount Business Park, Ballycoolin Road, Dublin	€119,415.00	26/05/2025	06/06/2025	2 Weeks	12/05/2025
Provision of Accounting, Audit and Financial Advisory Services for ANCA	Crowe Ireland Risk Limited	40 Mespil Road, Dublin 4, DO4 C2N4	€140,000.00	29/05/2025	29/05/2026	12	14/05/2025

Construction of Learn 2 Cycle Track, Holywell Park, Swords, Co. Dublin	KT Civil Ltd	Rathowen, Co. Westmeath	€82,199.76	12/05/2025	12/08/2025	3	08/05/2025
Purchase 2 Electric Vans	Setanta Vehicle Importers	Setanta House, M50 Business Park, Ballycoolin, Dublin 15	€101,580.00	10/05/2025	09/05/2026	12	10/05/2025
Desilting of Millpond at Ward River Park, Swords, Co.Dublin	Rivus Ltd	Ballynagaragh, Kilbrittain, Co. Cork	€93,604.50	15/05/2025	15/08/2025	3	30/04/2025
Inlay and ancillary works of a section of Station Rd Lusk, Co Dublin	Breedon Surfacing Solutions Ireland Ltd.,	Rosemount Business Park, Ballycoolin Road, Dublin	€33,945.00	26/05/2025	13/06/2025	3 Weeks	06/05/2025
Swift Survey Fingal Towns	Birdwatch Ireland	Unit 20 Block B, Bullford Business Campus, Kilcoole, Greystones, Co. Wicklow	€42,360.00	25/05/2025	01/04/2026	11	17/05/2025
Supply, Installation and Commissioning of the CCTV & Recording System in Bell's Lane.	SKS Communications LTD	Unit 2 Robinhood Ind. Estate, Longmile Road, Dublin 22	€68,944.00	18/03/2025	18/07/2026	16	06/03/2025
Supply of Bitumen Emulsion 2025	Irish Tar, Colas Teoranta & Breedon	Irish Tar - Alexandra Road Dublin 11, Colas Teranta - Bluebell Industrial Estate Dublin 2, Bredon - Rosemount Business Park Ballycoolin	€171,827.00	01/06/2025	31/12/2025	7	29/04/2025
Swords Main Street Transformation - Traffic Survey Phase 1	Tracsis Traffic Data Ltd	Unit 43 Canal Walk, Parkwest, Dublin1 2	€48,830.00	28/04/2025	28/06/2025	2	02/05/2025
Specialist seeding and three-year management plan to develop a native hay meadow at Bremore Castle, Balbriggan	Eco Seed Ltd	Inverbrena Hall, Stella Marris Street, Strangford, Co. Down, BT30 7NJ	€37,030.00	10/03/2025	10/03/2028	36	29/04/2025
Purchase of Front Mounted Mowers	Dublin Grass Machinery	River Road, Ashtown, Dublin 15	€173,600.00	07/04/2025	06/04/2026	12	07/04/2025
Renewal of Microsoft 365 Licences (non-profit classification) for Libraries & Draíocht	Micromail Ltd	3 Nessan House, Riverview Business park, Bessboro Road, Blackrock, Cork T12 N2NC	€26,699.20	01/06/2025	31/05/2026	12	25/04/2025
Slip form kerbing, macadam footpath & ancillaries, Towerbay, Portrane	D.M. Morris Limited	13 Parklands Office Park, Southern Cross Road, Bray, Co. Wicklow	€81,908.80	14/04/2025	14/06/2025	2	11/04/2025
Road inlay & Ancillary works, Quay Road, Portrane	MCM Surfacing Ltd	Castlelumney Dunleer, Co. Louth	€60,786.80	14/04/2025	14/05/2025	1	10/04/2025

CCTV installation to Lanesborough Park D11 to include all necessary civil works	SKS Communications LTD	Unit 2 Robinhood Industrial Estate, Dublin 22	€200,790.00	01/06/2025	31/05/2028	36	23/04/2025
Installation of My Open Library system to Blanchardstown and Malahide libraries & installation of replacement lift to Malahide library for Fingal County Council	Demac Construction Ltd	7A Monaghan Court, Monaghan Street, Newry, Co. Down BT35 6BH	€499,810.00	11/03/2025	19/09/2026	18	11/03/2025
Environmental Consultancy Services – Ecological Clerk of Works - Rathmore Recreational Hub Development	Scott Cawley Ltd	71-73 Rock Road, College House, Rock Road, Black Rock, Dublin	€49,700.00	01/05/2025	01/11/2026	18	24/03/2025
Refurbishment of Playground at Ongar Open Space, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15	Play & Leisure Services	31 Carrowdore Road, Greyabbey, Northern Ireland, BT22 2LU	€199,995.72	22/04/2025	22/10/2025	6	31/03/2025
Certificate in Coaching for Fingal County Council Staff	Executive Coaching Solutions t/a Kingstown College	Ashgrove House, Ashgrove Industrial Estate, Dunlaoghaire	€25,500.00	04/02/2025	03/02/2026	12	04/02/2025
Control of and daily monitory of oil spill at Balbriggan Harbour	Pollution and Waste Services	Unit 107 Baldoyle Industrial Estate, Dublin 13	€36,280.67	13/01/2025	01/04/2025	3	13/01/2025
Maintenance and Management of a network of textile banks and provision of a textile recycling service for the materials collected from the banks for re-use and recycling	Textile Recycling Limited (TRL)	Unit 3, Bluebell Industrial Estate, Dublin, D12 YP99	€60,000.00	24/01/2025	23/07/2025	6	10/02/2025
Provision of Audit Services - Internal Audit	Crowleys DFK	16-17 College Green, Dublin 2	€200,000.00	21/02/2025	20/02/2027	24	21/02/2025
Road Surfacing, North Co Fingal, Local Roads 2025 (six locations)	Roadstone Ltd	Fortunestown, Tallaght, Dublin 24	€539,073.05	02/06/2025	30/09/2025	17 Weeks	07/04/2025
Road inlay/Overlay & ancillary works, R108, Co Dublin, Cooks Rd Junction to Knocksedan Demesne	Roadstone Ltd	Fortunestown, Tallaght, Dublin 24	€389,469.51	01/07/2025	29/08/2025	9 Weeks	05/02/2025
Purchase of up to 8 x Stand on Mowers	Southern Machinery Ltd	Donore, Naas Co. Kildare	€100,000.00	07/04/2025	06/04/2026	12	07/04/2025
Purchase of Compact Tractor	Dublin Grass Machinery	Ashbrook, River Road, Dublin 15, D15 N504	€52,800.00	07/04/2025	06/04/2026	12	07/04/2025
Cutting, Breaking & Removal of Reinforced concrete foundation & construction of a river channel at Ward River, Brackenstown, Swords	Rivus Ltd	Ballynagaragh, Kilbrittain, Co. Cork	€35,211.00	10/03/2025	10/06/2025	3	26/02/2025

Management and Operation of Malahide Castle Sports Pavilion	Campbell Catering t/a Aramark	Newenham House, Malahide Road, Northern Cross Dublin, D17 AY61	€1,151,487.66	26/03/2025	19/03/2029	48	13/03/2025
Logix Software Subscription 2025 - 2029	Nathean Technologies Ltd	3 Lyncon Court, IDA Science & Technology Park, Snugborough Road, Blanchardstown, D15	€75,601.00	01/01/2025	31/12/2029	48	10/01/2025
An initial contract to supply fit out and deliver six (6) Steel Anti Vandal Units to be used as Lifeguard Stations on beaches in the administrative area of Fingal County Council.	Shankill Business Centre Ltd, T/A Spectrum Portable Buildings	Station House, Station Road, Shankill, Dublin, D18 N1N2	€67,080.00	28/02/2025	31/05/2025	3	28/02/2025
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
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
Restoration of 3 No. Glasshouses at Talbot Botanic Gardens, Malahide Demesne	Oldstone Conservation Ltd, Donard,	Donard, Co. Wicklow	€930,587.02	04/04/2025	03/03/2026	12	25/02/2025
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
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
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
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
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
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
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

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
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
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
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
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
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
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
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
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
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
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
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
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
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
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

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
Installation of New Traffic Signals for Fingal County Council	Traffic Solutions Ltd	Unit 5, Block K, Maynooth Business Park, Maynooth, Co Kildare	€667,500.58	10/03/2025	12/12/2025	10	03/03/2025
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
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
Removal of Vessel from Balbriggan Harbour - "Wynd Up"	Marine Specialists Ltd	Larkins Cross, Barntown, Co Wexford	€89,300.00	23/01/2025	23/04/2025	3	23/01/2025
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
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
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
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
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
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
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
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

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
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
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
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
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
Macadam Material	Roadstone Ltd	Fortunestown, Tallaght, Dublin 24	€97,280.00	14/01/2025	31/12/2025	11.5	14/01/2025
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
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
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
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
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

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

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Project Code	Project Name	2025 Allocation
	Fingal County Council	
FCC/25/XXXX	SRTS (R2) - St Colmcille's Girls National School	€ 200,000
FCC/25/XXXX	SRTS (R2) - Holy Family Junior National School	€ 200,000
FCC/25/XXXX	SRTS (R2) - St Helen's Senior National School	€ 200,000
FCC/25/XXXX	Castleknock Rd - Auburn Ave to gates of Pheonix Park	€ 60,000
FCC/25/XXXX	SRTS (R3) - St Nichola's of Myra National School	€ 10,000
FCC/25/XXXX	SRTS (R3) - Scoil Mhuire Junior National School	€ 10,000
FCC/25/XXXX	SRTS (R3) - Scoil Thomáis	€ 10,000
FCC/25/XXXX	SRTS (R3) - Donabate Portrane Educate Together National School	€ 10,000
FCC/25/XXXX	SRTS (R3) - Holywell Educate Together National School	€ 10,000
FCC/25/XXXX	SRTS (R3) - Malahide/Portmarnock Educate Together National School	€ 10,000
FCC/25/XXXX	SRTS (R3) - Broadmeadow Community National School	€ 10,000
	Total:	**€ 20,000,000**
	Allocations Through Other NTA Funding Streams	
FCC/24/xxxx	Bus Stop Enhancement Programme	€ 500,000
FCC/22/0029	R132 Junction Upgrade Design	€ 5,800,000
FCC/24/0005	Waterville Junction upgrade	€ 385,000
FCC/25/00XX	Sustainable Traffic Management Measures	€ 1,000,000
Subtotal:		**€7,685,000**

Appendix 4
Summary of Environmental Complaints, Inspections and Enforcement Actions

		2023	2024	Q1 2025	Q2 2025
Complaints investigated	Waste (incl litter)	1,036	2,287	267	327
	Water and Wastewater	101	75	21	18
	Air & Odour	37	54	23	18
	Noise	99	146	47	102
	TOTAL COMPLAINTS	1,273	2,562	358	465
Inspections	Routine Waste Inspections	1124	572	27	131
	Non-Routine Waste Inspections	416	463	134	213
	Litter Patrols & investigations	3232	6398	2124	3088
	Routine Water & Wastewater Inspections	720	930	358	320
	Non-Routine Water & Wastewater Inspections	133	136	25	13
	Routine Air & Noise Inspections	61	122	8	10
	Non-Routine Air & Noise Inspections	134	200	70	123
	Planning Inspections	416	630	241	203
	TOTAL INSPECTIONS	6,236	9,451	2,987	4,101

Appendix 5
Housing Delivery Construction Programme
Schemes on Site

Area Committee	Provider	Funding Stream	Site Name	No. Units	Status Detail	On-Site Date	Handover (estimated)
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Hayestown, Rush 53°31'24.1"N 6°06'42.1"W - Google Maps	10 Social 51 Affordable	On-Site	Q2 2023	Phased delivery
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	Glenveagh Living Ltd	Mixed Tenure	Balmoston Phase 1, Donabate 53°29'21.2"N 6°07'58.1"W	87 Social 86 Cost Rental 86 Affordable	On-Site	Q3 2023	Phased delivery
Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart/Castleknock / Ongar	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Church Fields 3A 53°24'44.7"N 6°23'39.0"W - Google	40 Social 80 Cost Rental 180 Affordable	On-Site	Q4 2023	Phased delivery
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk /Swords	FCC	Social	Seatown Road, Swords 53°27'35.4"N 6°13'04.7"W Google Maps	36 Social 36 x 2 Bed	On-Site	Q1 2024	Q3 2026
Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart/Castleknock / Ongar	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Church Fields 3B 53°24'44.7"N 6°23'39.0"W - Google Maps	107 Social 110 Affordable	On-Site	Q4 2024	Phased delivery
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Ballisk Park, New Road, Donabate 53°29'02.6"N 6°08'27.5"W	63 Social 112 Affordable	On-Site	Q4 2024	Phased delivery
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social - Elderly	North Street, Swords 53°27'38.6"N 6°13'06.7"W - Google Maps	13 Social 6 x 1 Bed 7 x 2 Bed	Enabling works complete.	Q2 2025	Q 2026
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Holywell, Swords 53°26'48.1"N 6°12'42.8"W	57 Social 20 x 1- bed 29 x 2-bed 8 x 3-bed	On-Site	On-Site	Q3 2026

Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Mourne View, Skerries 53.580404, -6.122225	14 Social 11x 2-Bed 3 x 3-Bed 1 x 4-Bed	On-Site	On-Site	Q1 2026
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Remount Court, Rathmore, Lusk 53.521142, -6.161451	18 Social 2 x 1 bed 12 x 2 bed 4 x 3 bed	On-Site	On-Site	Q2 2026
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Mooretown Phase 1, Swords https://maps.app.goo.gl/R8eAG1aoLXh1nL2J9	123 Social 151 Affordable	On-Site	On-Site	Phased delivery
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Balmoston Phase 2, Donabate 53°29'21.2"N 6°07'58.1"W	72 Social 75 Affordable	On-Site	Q3 2025	Phased delivery

Appendix 5 - Continued
Schemes with Planning Approval and at Tender stage

Area Committee	Provider	Funding Stream	Site Name	No. Units	Status Detail	On-Site Date	Handover (Est.)
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	North and East Housing Association	Social – Elderly	Garristown 53°34'03.7"N 6°22'42.1"W - Google Maps	6 Social 3 x 2-bed 3 x 1-bed	Planning granted.	TBC	TBC
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Woodside, Swords. 53.453901, -6.210574 Google Maps	34	Planning granted.	Q1 2026	Q4 2027
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Park Road, Kenure, Rush. 53.532278, -6.102176 Google Maps	32	Planning granted.	Q1 2026	Q4 2027
Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart/ Castleknock/Ongar	FCC	Social – Elderly TBC	Blakestown Cross, Mulhuddart 53.399869, -6.401776 Google Maps	30 Social 16 x 1 Bed 14 x 2 Bed	Consultants to be appointed.	Q1 2026	Q4 2027
Howth/Malahide	FCC	TBC	Tuckets Lane 53.385248, -6.066128 Google Maps	8 Social 4 x 1 bed 4 x 2 bed	On-hold	TBC	TBC

Appendix 5- Continued
Schemes at the Pre-Planning Stage

Area Committee	Provider	Funding Stream	Site Name	No. Units	Status Detail	On-Site Date	Handover (Est)
Blanchardstown	FCC	Social	Fortlawn, Blanchardstown https://maps.app.goo.gl/xuML7oPaySiPZmf46	21	Pre-Planning.	TBC	TBC
Howth/Malahide	FCC	Social	Fingerpost, Malahide https://maps.app.goo.gl/zfhguqQj7vYYRJB99	4	Pre-planning.	TBC	TBC
Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart/ Castleknock/ Ongar	FCC	Social	Mayeston, Dublin 11 53°24'28.4"N 6°17'02.1"W - Google Maps	74	Pre-Planning	TBC	TBC
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	TBC	O' Dwyers, Balbriggan. https://maps.app.goo.gl/inSEC4Qq3QSBHQHp8	80	Pre-Planning.	TBC	TBC

*The above-estimated timelines are indicative and subject to a successful planning and procurement process.

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	Q3 2025 - Delivered
Balbriggan/ Rush-Lusk Swords	Respond	CALF	Meadow Banks, Oldtown, Swords	45 39	Q2 2025 - Delivered Q3 2025- Delivered
Balbriggan/ Rush- Lusk Swords	Tuath	CALF	The Paddocks, Golf Links Road, Skerries	95 2	Q2 2025 - Delivered Q3 2025
Balbriggan/ Rush- Lusk Swords	Tuath	CALF	Folkstown Park, Balbriggan	12	Q2 2025 – Delivered
Balbriggan/ Rush- Lusk Swords	Oaklee	CALF	Harmans Rest, Donabate	44	Q3 2026
Balbriggan/ Rush- Lusk Swords	Tuath	CALF	Whitehaven, Northwood, Santry D9	94	2026
Balbriggan/ Rush- Lusk Swords	Tuath	CALF	Niven Oaks, Santry D9	170	2026
Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart, Castleknock/Ongar	Cluid	CALF	Hollyfield, Hollystown, Dublin 15	22	Q3 2025
Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart, Castleknock/Ongar	Tuath	CALF	Kilmartin Grove, Dublin 15	32	Q2 2025 - Delivered
Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart, Castleknock/Ongar	Respond	CALF	Pipers Square, Charlestown, St. Margarets Road, Finglas, D11	211	Q4 2025
Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar	Respond	CALF	Pipers Square, Charlestown, St, Margarets Road, Finglas, D11	95	2026
Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart, Castleknock/Ongar	Tuath	CALF	Tyrrelstown Square, Hollywoodrath, Dublin 15	120	2026
Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart, Castleknock/Ongar	Oaklee	CALF	The Lodge, Clonsilla Lodge, Dublin 15	57	2026
Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart, Castleknock/Ongar	Respond	CALF	Hansfield Orchard, Hansfield, Dublin 15	54 37	Q1 2026 Q2 2026

*The above-estimated timelines are indicative and subject to change

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COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER 2025

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MAYOR'S BUSINESS –
COUNCILLOR T. O'LEARY

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COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 9th SEPTEMBER 2025

ITEM NO. 25a

MAYOR'S BUSINESS -
COUNCILLOR T. O'LEARY

CIVIC RECEPTION DUBLIN LADIES GAA FOOTBALL TEAM

Motion: Councillor T. O'Leary

"That this Council hosts a Civic Reception for the Dublin Ladies GAA All-Ireland winning football team in recognition of their recent achievements."

Report:

If this motion is passed; the Council will prepare a Civic Reception for the Dublin Ladies GAA All-Ireland winning football team.

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

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER 2025

ITEM NO. 26

CONFERENCES

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Mary McGee

From: Elaine Lynch <e.lynch@ailg.ie>
Sent: 24 July 2025 15:22
Cc: Tommy Moylan; Liam Kenny
Subject: SPC Chair Training (AILG–DHLGH) – Notification and Request for Confirmation of SPC Chairpersons
Attachments: SPC Chair Training Programme Flyer.pdf

Importance: High

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of Fingal County Council. Do not click on links or open attachments unless you are satisfied of the email's authenticity.

Dear Corporate Services Staff Member / Meetings Administrator,

The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, in conjunction with the Association of Irish Local Government (AILG), the Public Participation Networks Ireland (PPN), and the Institute of Public Administration (IPA), will deliver a specialised training workshop for Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) Chairs in early September.

This one-day workshop is designed to support elected members who serve as SPC Chairs and the staff who work directly with them. The training will focus on strengthening leadership capacity, enhancing collaboration with stakeholders, and supporting effective SPC functioning in line with relevant policy and procedural frameworks. Full details of the training, including an outline of the day's programme, are available in the attached flyer

Training Dates and Locations:

- **Tuesday, 2nd September | 9.15am – 4pm |** Midlands Park Hotel, Portlaoise (Eastern, Dublin & Midland / Northern & Western Regions)

- **Wednesday, 3rd September | 9.15am – 4pm |** Hotel Kilkenny (Southern Region)

We would be grateful if you could share the attached training information with elected members in your local authority who currently serve as SPC Chairs.
In addition, we would appreciate it if you could kindly confirm, by return email, the names of the elected members in your local authority who are currently serving as SPC Chairpersons.

Please note that attendance by support staff is limited to a maximum of two staff members per local authority to ensure balanced participation.
Registration links for each training day are included below. Early registration is encouraged, as places are limited.

Please click the Eventbrite link of your chosen venue below to register – or alternatively email info@ailg.ie

Date	Venue	Time	Applicable Region	Registration link
Tuesday 2nd September 2025	The Midlands Park	9.15am – 16.00pm	For Councillors/Local Authority Staff whose parent	https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/training-to-chairs-of-local-authority-strategic-policy-committees-spcs-tickets-1443925864129?aff=oddtdtcreator

	Hotel, Portlaoise		Councils are within the area of the *Northern & Western and the Eastern & Midlands Regional Assemblies.*	
Wednesday 3rd September 2025	Hotel Kilkenny	**9.15am – 16.00pm**	For Councillors/ Local Authority Staff whose parent Councils are within the area of the *Southern Regional Assembly*	**https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/training-to-chairs-of-local-authority-strategic-policy-committees-spcs-tickets-1443930558169?aff=oddtdtcreator**

Thank you in advance for your assistance and continued support. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions.

Kind regards,
Elaine

Elaine Lynch
Communications and Meetings Officer

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

IPA An Fóras Riaracháin Institute of Public Administration

Public Participation Networks Ireland

Training Day Schedule

Time	Session	Details	Speaker
09:15 – 09:45	**Registration & Networking**	- Light refreshments - Informal meet and greet	
09:45 – 10:00	**Welcome & Opening Remarks**	- Introduction by DHLGH - Overview of training purpose and Structure	DHLGH
10:00 – 11:00	**Session 1: Leading with Purpose: The Role and Skillset of the SPC Chair**	- Responsibilities before, during & after meetings - Pre-meeting preparation - Working with SPC Secretariat / Director of Services **- Round Table Discussion**	Local Authority Elected Member/ Chairing Skills Expert
11.00 - 11.15	**Break**	- Light refreshments	
11:15 – 12:15	**Session 2: SPC Chairing Skills in Action - Leading with Confidence and Clarity**	- Time management & agendas - Facilitation & communication - Active listening - Conflict resolution & impartiality - SPC structure and purpose - Review Guidelines - Work Programme alignment	Corinna Harte *Institute of Public Administration*
12.15 - 13.00		**- Round Table Discussion and Q&A**	
13.00 - 14.00	**Lunch**		
14:00 – 15:15	**Session 3: Collaborative SPC Leadership: Strengthening Participation, Relationships & Support Structures**	- Encouraging effective participation - Working collaboratively with PPN and stakeholders - Strengthening member engagement - Overview of the SPC Secretariat's Role - Key Support Function - Working Effectively with the SPC Chair **- Round Table Discussion and Q&A**	Charles Stanley Smith *PPN Network Representative* LGMA Representative
15.30 - 16.00	**Wrap-Up & Evaluation**	- Key takeaways summary - Feedback forms - Closing remarks	DHLGH / AILG

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Public Participation Networks Ireland

Training for SPC Chairs and Senior Officials Supporting Strategic Policy Committees (SPCs)



Tuesday 2nd September

Time: 9:15am - 16:00pm

REGISTER NOW

Regional Assembly Area:

Eastern, Dublin & Midland/ Northern & Western

Location: Midlands Park Hotel, Portlaoise

Wednesday 3rd September

Time: 9:15am - 16:00pm

REGISTER NOW

Regional Assembly Area:

Southern Region

Location: Hotel Kilkenny

Purpose of the Training:

This training is designed to enhance the effectiveness of Strategic Policy Committees (SPCs) by strengthening the capacity of SPC Chairs and Council Support Secretariat staff. The aim is to build a shared understanding of roles and responsibilities to ensure that SPCs function as participative, policy-focused, and well-coordinated structures within local government.

By improving leadership, communication, and procedural clarity, this training will support more inclusive, strategic and outcomes-driven SPC meetings – contributing to stronger local democracy and public engagement.

Training Objectives

Participants will:

- Develop confident leadership and chairing skills to lead effective and inclusive meetings.
- Gain clarity on the distinct but complementary roles of SPC Chairs and Secretariat staff.
- Build strong working relationships between Chairs, Directors of Services, and support teams.
- Ensure alignment with SPC Guidelines, Standing Orders, and statutory responsibilities.
- Strengthen soft skills in communication, facilitation, active listening, and conflict resolution.
- Enhance engagement with Public Participation Networks (PPNs) and key stakeholders.

Training Content Highlights

- Understanding the SPC framework, review process, and work programme
- Applying Standing Orders and meeting protocols effectively
- Defining the roles of Chairs and Secretariat – before, during & after meetings
- Strengthening Chairing Skills: time management, communication, leadership & impartiality
- Promoting participation and collaboration with members, PPNs and stakeholders
- Ensuring alignment with legal and policy frameworks

Who Should Attend:

- Elected Members serving as Chairpersons of Strategic Policy Committees (SPCs)
- Council support and secretariat staff who work directly with SPCs (attendance limited to a maximum of two staff members per local authority to ensure balanced participation)

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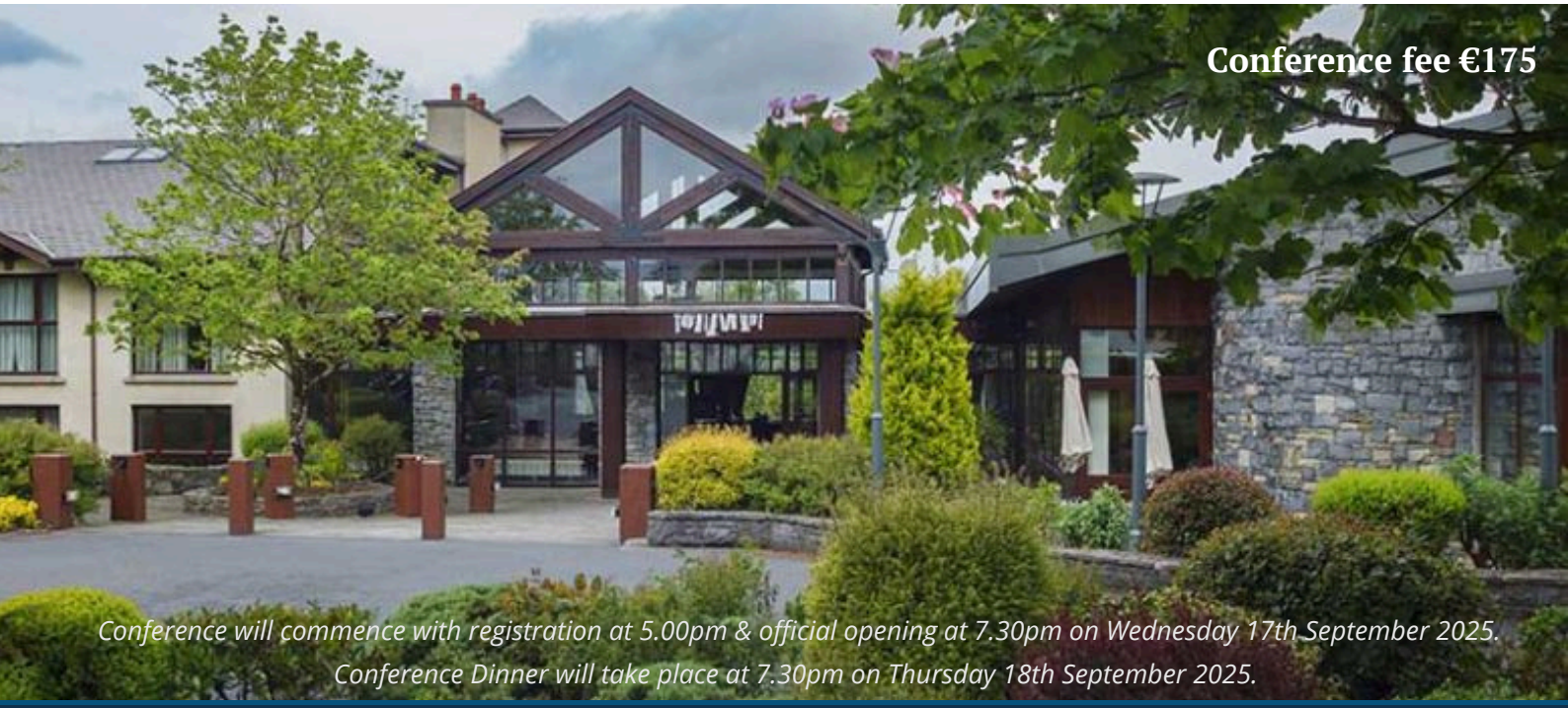
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17th & 18th September 2025

Westport Woods Hotel

Quay Rd, Westport Demesne, Westport, Co. Mayo, F28 KW53

Register via Eventbrite or email at info@ailg.ie



Conference fee €175

Conference will commence with registration at 5.00pm & official opening at 7.30pm on Wednesday 17th September 2025.
Conference Dinner will take place at 7.30pm on Thursday 18th September 2025.

ACCOMMODATION DETAILS

Westport Woods Hotel	**E:** info@westportwoodshotel.com	**T:** (0)98 25811
€160 B&B Single Occupancy / €189 B&B Double/Twin		
**** limited availability - early booking advised ** mention AILG conference to avail of preferred rate**		
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ELECTED MEMBER

2025 Training Programme (Sept - Dec)

Delivered by the Association of Irish Local Government



AILG 2025 Autumn Training Seminar

Wednesday 17th & Thursday 18th of September

Westport Woods Hotel (Mayo) REGISTER HERE

October Training Module

OPR Elected Member Planning Training

Thursday 9th October
from 9:30am - 1:00pm
Regional Assembly Area:
Eastern, Dublin & Midland/ Northern & Western
Location: Arklow Bay Hotel (Wicklow)

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Saturday 11th October
from 9:30am - 1:00pm
Regional Assembly Area:
Southern Region **Out of Region option** for Eastern, Dublin & Midland/ Northern & Western
Location: Horse & Jockey Hotel (Tipperary)

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November Training Module

Supporting Councillors: Responding to Mental Health, Suicide, and Addiction Issues

Thursday 13th November
from 9:30am - 1:00pm
Regional Assembly Area:
Southern Region
Location: Ravenport Resort (Waterford)

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Saturday 15th November
from 9:30am - 1:00pm
Regional Assembly Area:
Eastern, Dublin & Midland/ Northern & Western **Out of Region option** for Southern Region
Location: Radisson Blu Hotel (Athlone)

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Bookings can be made via Eventbrite or by emailing info@ailg.ie



ELECTED MEMBER
2025 WEBINAR TRAINING (SEPT - DEC)

10 **Canva Level 1 Training – Using Canva to Create Marketing Images**

Friday 26th September 2025 (Online)
from 10:00am - 11:30am

Register

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11 **Local Authority Budget Process 2026**

Friday 24th October 2025 (Online)
from 10:00am - 11:30am

Register

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12 **The European Accessibility Act – What Councillors Need to Know**

Friday 21st November (Online)
from 10:00am - 11:30am

Register

Registration for all webinars must be made in advance

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Maynooth University
National University of Ireland Maynooth

Why This Course?

- This Level 8 programme will equip councillors with the foundational knowledge to critically assess planning decisions within the wider context of national and regional development priorities.
- The programme will cover key planning policies and reforms, including the new Planning and Development Act 2024 and the revised National Planning Framework (NPF), alongside other emerging planning issues. Participants will explore how the spatial planning system operates within local government and across the planning hierarchy.
- The first credit-bearing university CPD programme in Ireland designed specifically for elected members on spatial planning, offering a recognised Level 8 qualification.

Course Details

Part-Time | 12 Weeks

Blended delivery: Mix of online and in-person sessions

Level 8 | Cert

Fees & Dates

Fees: The fee for this course is €1270.
Deadline: 15th October 2025
Commences: 15th November 2025

Applications

For more information, or to register your interest, email info@ailg.ie

Microcredential: The Planning System in Ireland - An Introduction to Planning Policy and Practice for Elected Members



Upon successful completion of this programme, participating councillors will be awarded 5 credits (for use with future programmes in Maynooth university) and a certificate of completion.

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Course Outline

Sessions will explore key themes such as:

- Key Concepts influencing today's planning system;
- The Planning Hierarchy From National to Local;
- Key Principles of Balanced Regional Development;
- The Role of the Councillor in Planning;
- Data and Evidence-Informed Policy-Making;
- Planning and the Environment;
- Planning and Housing; *and*
- Planning and Transport.

The course will be delivered in a hybrid in-person and online format, allowing students from across the country to participate and interact with each other and learn through assignments and peer-to-peer learning, building strong inter-personal relationships and professional networks at the same time.

Delivery:
The programme, comprising of seven sessions in total, will be delivered through a mix of in-person and online sessions.

Assessment:
Assessment will take the form of a 1,500-3,000 word report or briefing paper on a particular aspect of the Irish planning system and your role as a councillor.

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER 2025

ITEM NO. 27

CORRESPONDENCE REPORT

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Comhairle Cathrach & Contae Phort Láirge
Waterford City & County Council

Our Ref: HD/MNR/PJ/2025/255

1st July, 2025

Final County Council
County Hall
Main Street
Swords
Co. Dublin
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16 JUL 2025

Dear Local Authority,

The following was resolved and agreed by the members at a meeting of Waterford City and County Council held on 12th June, 2025.

"Waterford City & County Council calls upon the Central Bank to take all possible steps to discontinue facilitating the sale of Israeli bonds."

Please quote our reference number on all correspondence.

Yours sincerely,

Honor Dunphy
Meetings Administrator
hdunphy@waterfordcouncil.ie

Waterford City and County Council, City Hall, The Mall, Waterford.
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2024 - 2025 Wexford

Wexford
County Council

County Secretary

MD/ZP

14th July, 2025

Memo to All Local Authorities

To Whom It May Concern

At the June Meeting of Wexford County Council the Members passed the following motion:

"That this Council calls on the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, James Browne TD to amend Section 12 of the Residential Tenancy Act 2004 to eliminate blanket bans on pets in tenancy agreements thereby reducing the number of pets being surrendered and abandoned. If passed, this motion is circulated to all Councils nationwide."

I would appreciate if you could note the view of the Members and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Drea,
County Secretary
e-mail: **michael.drea@wexfordcoco.ie**
Phone: **053 9196260**

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COMHAIRLE CONTAE AN CHLÁIR | CLARE COUNTY COUNCIL

15th July, 2025.

Our Ref: July25 – 15/JC/AC

Dear Meetings Administrator,

At the July meeting of Clare County Council, the members passed the following resolution and agreed that this request should be circulated to all local authorities:

"Clare County Council calls on the Minister for Housing Local Government and Heritage, James Browne T.D, to review and amend the terms of the Defective Concrete Block Scheme to allow for applications, where individuals are living long term in supported housing provided by charitable bodies. These are the homes of these individuals & deserve equality of treatment with all other homeowners. If passed, that the motion be circulated to all LA's."

Yours sincerely,

John Corry,
A/Senior Executive Officer,
Corporate Services Department,
Rural Development Directorate.

An Rannóg Seirbhísí Corparáideacha
An Stiúrthóireacht um Fhorbairt Tuaithe
Áras Contae an Chláir, Bóthar Nua, Inis, Co. an Chláir, V95 DXP2

Corporate Services Department
Rural Development Directorate
Áras Contae an Chláir, New Road, Ennis, Co. Clare, V95 DXP2

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Comhairle Cathrach & Contae Phort Láirge
Waterford City & County Council

Our Ref: PJ/2025/256

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15th July, 2025

Dear Sir/Madam,

The following was resolved and agreed by the members at a meeting of Waterford City and County Council held on 10th July, 2025 members asked that it be forwarded to you.

"Carers Allowance and Benefit Reform
That the members of Waterford City and County Council call on the Minister for Social Protection Mr. Dara Calleary, to abolish means testing for Carers Allowance in Budget 2026. We further call on the Minister to introduce a fair and adequate payment for recipients of Carers Allowance and Carers Benefit one which truly reflects the time, dedication and compassionate care that carers provided everyday across Ireland".

Please quote our reference number.

Yours sincerely,

Honor Dunphy
Meetings Administrator
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cc: Mr. Dara Callerary TD, Minsiter for Social Protection
Mr. Jack Chambers TD, Minister for Expenditure

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Galway County Council

LK/tc

22nd July 2025

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RE: Resolution of Galway County Council – Announcement of HSE to Downgrade Portiuncula Hospital

A chara,

At the July meeting of Galway County Council, the following resolution was passed:

Galway County Council reaffirms its strong support for Portiuncula University Hospital, as recognised under Special Policy Objective H4 of the Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028, and acknowledges PUH's long term strategic importance in the county and beyond as a provider of essential healthcare services and also as a major employer and economic driver in Co Galway.

-Galway County Council calls on the Minister for Health and CEO HSE to support PUH's critical role in maternity care provision in the county and to recognise Portiuncula UH's strategic location as the most accessibly located maternity unit in the country just 800 meters off the M6 in providing crucial timely accessible maternity care for mothers infants and families across a wide and rural catchment in County Galway and to communities in Roscommon, Westmeath, Longford, Leitrim, Offaly, North Tipperary and beyond. Restriction of maternity services poses serious risks to women and infants, especially those in rural and socioeconomically disadvantaged areas with poor transport where they are now facing much increased travel times and reduced local access to crucial maternity services.

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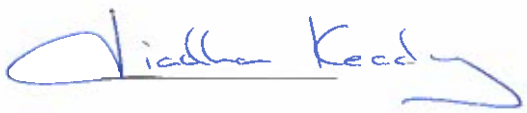
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A copy of this motion is sent to the Oireachtas Joint Health Committee, all Oireachtas Elected Representatives for the area, and all local authorities.

I would be obliged if you could consider and revert to me with your views on the above Motion so that I can advise the Elected Members.

Please arrange to reply directly to Ms. Liadhan Keady, County Secretary at secretary@galwaycoco.ie

Mise, le meas,



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Mise, le meas,



Ms. Liadhan Keady
County Secretary

Comhairle Cathrach na Gaillimhe
Galway City Council

8 August 2025

TO: Each Local Authority

Re: Galway City Council Resolution

A Chara,

At the July meeting of Galway City Council held 14 July 2025, the Members passed the following resolution under Agenda Items 8 Correspondence, 8(a). Donegal County Council: Dismantling of the Triple Lock.

“It was proposed that a letter of support issue in relation to the motion passed by Donegal County Council (copy attached) calling to safeguard the Triple Lock component of Irish neutrality. It was further agreed to circulate same to all authorities for their consideration.”

At the request of the Council, I am circulating this motion to all Local Authorities for the attention of Elected Members.

Mise, le meas,

Martha Duddy,
Administrative Officer,
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Cc. Cllr. Niall McNelis.

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13th June, 2025

To: Each Local Authority

Re: Dismantling of the Triple Lock

Dear Meetings Administrator,

I write to inform you that the members of Donegal County Council at their recent meeting resolved to adopt the following resolution:

"Do Chomhairle Contae Dhún na nGall, mar mheabhrúchán gur ghlac Comhairle na hEorpa le Dearbhú Seville i mí an Mheithimh 2002, rud a dheimhnigh nach raibh aon bhagairt ar neodracht na hÉireann mar thoradh ar Chonradh Nice, tugtar le fios gur dheimhnigh an Taoiseach a bhí ann ag an am, an tUasal Ahern, do Theach Laighean : "Athdhearbhaíonn an Dearbhú Náisiúnta ceangal na hÉireann le beartas neodrachta agus dearbhaíonn sé: nach bhfuil Éire páirteach in aon ghealltanas comhchosanta: go ndéanfaimid ár gcinneadh ceannasach féin maidir le ar cheart d'fhórsa cosanta na 26 Contae páirt a ghlacadh i dtascanna daonnúla nó bainistíochta géarchéime arna gcur ar bun ag an AE bunaithe ar an Ghlas Triarach ceadaithe ag na Náisiún Aontaithe, cinneadh an Rialtais agus glactha leis ag Teach Laighean ".

Tá Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall sásta gur bhain an Dearbhú Náisiúnta Sollúnta le hIonstraimí daingniúcháin de chuid na hÉireann a bhain le Conradh Nice agus gur cláraíodh é ina dhiaidh sin ag na Náisiúin Aontaithe, agus gur athdhearbhaigh rialtas Cowan na gealltanais ina dhiaidh sin tar éis diúltú do Chonradh Liospóin ar dtús in 2008.

Mar sin féin, is mian le Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall a ndíomá a chur in iúl maidir le rún agus polasaí an Rialtais deireadh a chur leis an Ghlas Triarach, ina ndearna an Taoiseach, an tUasal Martin, cur síos air roimhe seo mar "croílár neodrachta na 26 contae".

I bhfianaise an rúin an riachtanas maidir le sainordú ó na Náisiúin Aontaithe a bhaint, aithníonn an Chomhairle seo freagracht na Náisiún Aontaithe maidir le síocháin agus slándáil idirnáisiúnta a choinneáil agus tosaíocht Chairt na Náisiún Aontaithe mar dhoiciméad bunúsach de chuid an dlí idirnáisiúnta. Léiríonn an Glas Triarach gealltanas dlíthiúil agus polaitiúil ó stát na hÉireann i leith phrionsabail na Náisiún Aontaithe. Ag am ina bhfuil méadú ar éagobhsaíocht dhomhanda, iarrann an Chomhairle seo ar rialtas an tSaorstáit an Glas Triarach a chosaint mar chuid lárnach de neodracht na hÉireann agus brú a chur ar iarrachtaí chun síocháin agus taidhleoireacht a chur chun cinn.

Mar sin de tá Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall go láidir i gcoinne polasaí den chineál seo agus geallann siad go ndéanfar teagmháil le gach Comhairle Contae láithreach ag iarraidh orthu seasamh linn agus leis na forais rialtais cuí chun iad a chur ar an eolas faoina bhfreasúra."

Má cheadaítear an rún go ndéanfar é a scaipeadh ar chomhairlí eile taobh istigh den stát –

"Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall, recalling that in June 2002 the European Council adopted the Seville Declaration, which confirmed that the Nice Treaty posed no threat to Ireland's neutrality, notes that the then Taoiseach Mr Ahern confirmed to Teach Laighean that: " The National Declaration reaffirms Ireland's attachment to a policy of neutrality and confirms that: Ireland is not party to any mutual defence commitment: that we will take our own sovereign decision on whether 26 Counties defence force should participate in humanitarian or crisis management tasks mounted by the EU based on the Triple Lock of UN endorsement, Government decision and Teach Laighean approval".

Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall is satisfied that the Solemn National Declaration was associated with Ireland's Instruments of ratification of the Nice Treaty and subsequently registered at the UN, while the undertakings were subsequently reiterated by the Cowan government following initial rejection of the Lisbon Treaty in 2008.

However, Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall now wishes to express its dismay at the stated intention and policy of the Government to *dismantle the Triple Lock, which the Taoiseach Mr Martin previously described as "the core of 26 counties neutrality".*

In light of the intention to remove the requirement for a UN mandate, this Council recognises the responsibility of the United Nations in maintaining international peace and security and the primacy of the UN Charter as a foundational document of international law. The Triple Lock represents a legal and political commitment by the Irish state to the principles of the UN. At a time of heightened global instability, this Council calls on the Free State government to safeguard the Triple Lock as a core component of Irish neutrality and to redouble efforts to promote peace and diplomacy.

Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall therefore states its forceful opposition to such a policy and pledges to immediately contact all County Councils requesting them to join us in this course of action and to inform the appropriate government organs of their opposition."

It was further agreed to circulate same to all other local authorities for their consideration.

Yours sincerely,

P.P.

Patsy Lafferty
Meetings Administrator

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12th August, 2025

To: Each Local Authority

A Chara,

At a meeting of Tipperary County Council held on 14th July, 2025, the following resolution was considered and approved by the members and it was agreed to circulate it to all Local Authorities for support: -

"On behalf of the residents of Tipperary, the elected members of Tipperary County Council should write to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to urgently request the publication of regulations for renewable energy, including but not limited to biomethane, solar and wind energy, before any further grants are awarded to facilities by the government or any facilities are granted planning approval.

Furthermore, in recognition of the uncertainty caused by the absence of an up-to-date national regulation, this Council calls on the Minister to introduce a temporary pause on all large-scale projects.

This motion reflects the council's commitment to ensuring that renewable energy development proceeds in a manner that is appropriately planned, environmentally sustainable, respects people's rights and protects health and wellbeing of local communities who need to be prioritised in this legislation".

Yours sincerely,

Ger Walsh
Meetings Administrator

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Comhairle Contae
Dhún na nGall
Donegal County Council

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14th August, 2025

Re: National Affordable Housing Schemes

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 write to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to express concern over the exclusion through ineligibility of County Donegal from key national affordable housing schemes, including cost rental initiatives, and to request an urgent review of the eligibility criteria and geographic rollout of such schemes to ensure they are extended to rural and peripheral counties like Donegal, where housing need is significant but often underrepresented in national policy. If passed, I would ask that this motion is circulated to all other local authorities.

It was further agreed to circulate same to all other local authorities for their consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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Patsy Lafferty
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14th August, 2025

Re: Socio Economic Status & Equality Legislation

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:-

"Go dtacaíonn Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall le #cuiran10úleis (#addthe10th), comhghuaillíocht atá ag iarraidh go mbeidh stádas socheacnamaíoch aitheanta mar an 10ú bhforas de leithcheal a dhéantar, i reachtaíocht um chomhionannas na 26 Contae, a dtugtar An tAcht um Stádas Comhionann agus An tAcht um Chomhionannas Fostaíochta, Nollaig 2021, orthu. Iarrann muid ar an Rialtas i mBaile Átha Cliath reachtaíocht a leagan síos don athrú ríthábhachtach seo gan a thuilleadh moille".

"Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall supports #addthe10th an alliance which seeks to have socio- economic status recognized as the tenth ground of discrimination in the 26-Counties equality legislation, namely the Equal Status Act and the Employment Equality Act,1 Dec 2021. We call on the Government in Baile Átha Cliath to legislate for this important change without further delay".

It was further agreed to circulate same to all other local authorities for their consideration.

Yours sincerely,

P.P.

Patsy Lafferty
Meetings Administrator

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Mr. James Browne, TD
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14th August 2025

Dear Minister Browne,

At the July meeting of Offaly County Council, the members passed the following resolution:

On the proposal of Cllr. F. Moran, seconded by Cllr. D. Harvey,

"That this council asks the Minister for Housing to include Part 5 houses in the "Tenant Purchase Scheme." Also to write to every council to seek support of same"

I would be obliged if you would consider and revert to me with your views on the above motion so that I can advise the Elected Members on same.

Yours faithfully

Evan Fennell

Evan Fennell
Meetings Administrator,
Corporate Services,
Offaly County Council

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COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER 2025

ITEM NO. 28

DEPARTMENTAL/MINISTERIAL CORRESPONDENCE

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rom: Housing Minister <MINISTER@housing.gov.ie>
Sent on: Tuesday, July 15, 2025 3:04:50 PM
To: Corporate Services <Corporate.Services@fingal.ie>
Subject: RE: Signed Letter - Re Tenant in-situ Scheme - March Council Meeting Your Ref HPLG-MBO-01138-2025
Attachments: HPLG-MBO-01138-2025.pdf (70.26 KB)

Dear Ms. Ó hAodha

I am directed by James Browne, T.D., Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to refer to your email of 13th March 2025 on regarding the motion passed by the Members of Fingal County Council in relation to the Tenant in Situ scheme.

Tenant in Situ acquisitions have been an important measure in the prevention of homelessness since their introduction in 2023. Following an extension of the scheme in 2024, the Government agreed to continue such acquisitions in 2025 and has approved funding of €325 million for 2nd hand social housing acquisitions in 2025, including Tenant in Situ acquisitions.

The Department has recently issued a circular to all local authorities in relation to the extension of the scheme for 2nd hand acquisitions and the updated criteria, and all authorities have now received an individual funding allocation. Fingal County Council has been provided with a funding allocation of €20 million for 2025 and this gives the Council the flexibility to respond, while the Department continues to support its construction programme.

The approach to issue a funding allocation is a change to the approach in 2023 and 2024 when local authorities were issued a guide number of acquisitions. The intent is to allow local authorities negotiate the acquisition costs with venders / landlords and achieve best value-for-money.

It is a matter for individual local authorities to decide on which properties to acquire, working within the criteria and their funding allocation.

I trust the foregoing addresses the issued raised.

Yours sincerely,

Jack Savage
Private Secretary

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An Roinn Tithíochta,
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Department of Housing,
Local Government and Heritage

Monday 11th August 2025

Mayor O'Leary, a chara,

Firstly, we would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge your recent election as Mayor of Fingal County Council and wish to extend our best wishes to you for the term ahead.

The work you are undertaking, and the ongoing work and dedication of your elected colleagues on the council is essential to the running of our democracy at all levels, and the considered decision-making and leadership you show on the ground is more important and more needed than it has ever been.

Both of us have previously proudly served as elected representatives in our respective local authorities, and as such we understand not only the personal demands of your role, but also the unique ability to deliver locally in a way that matters – not just in the immediate sense but as in all robust governance, with a conscious eye to the coming years.

You are closest to those in your community who need support, and you hold to account the work and delivery of your local authority and its resources. You are keenly and most acutely aware of the needs of people locally, and we want to listen to and act on your inputs as we move forward.

All local authority areas, including your own, is experiencing a housing crisis, one that is impacting every family in one way or another. The crisis, which is a complex one without a single solution, is however rooted in high and increasing demand in response to changes in our population, coupled with a shortage of needed supply.

The response to the need for significantly scaled up delivery in a meaningful way is multi-faceted. We are driving forward at a Government level – and you, as leaders in our local authorities are critical in what has to be done.

It is our intention, as Ministers working in this Department, to continue to identify the roadblocks to the delivery of homes across social, affordable and private, to disentangle what is unnecessary, to make processes simpler, clearer, more transparent and at the same time speedier.

We have to treat this like the crisis it is.

Our work has most recently included measures to support local authorities such as:

- Introduction of a **single stage approval process** for all social housing projects under €200 million
- Publication of a **standardised design manual for quality housing** for all new build social housing projects

- **Extension of planning permissions for un-commenced housing developments** nearing the end of their duration, and ensuring judicial review delays don't count against the permission clock
- Our consultation on **planning permission exemptions** has opened, and will close at the end of this month [5pm on Tuesday August 26].
- New **guidelines to make apartment building more viable** without compromising on disability, fire safety, or environmental requirements
- **€42 million increase in the Local Property Tax (LPT) 'baseline funding' to Local Authorities** - bringing total allocations to €744 million next year. The additional Local Property Tax yield generated on foot of the changes must go directly to the local authorities
- A **newly established national planning body, An Coimisiún Pleanála,** commenced under the Planning and Development Act 2024

Action Required: Implementation of Guidelines under Section 28 of the National Planning Framework - Housing Growth Requirements

The measures we are requesting your local authority to take are not only urgent, but they are essential for the scaling up in home-building.

More residential land must immediately be identified for zoning

- Further to the approval of the *Revised National Planning Framework (NPF)* in April 2025, there is an urgent and immediate need for your development plan to be updated to reflect the requirements of the National Planning Framework in respect of the need for homes.

Guidelines under Section 28

- On Tuesday 29th July 2025, Guidelines under *Section 28 of the Planning and Development Act (2000) (as amended)* were published to provide new housing growth requirements to planning authorities in order to facilitate the revision and updating of your development plans in accordance with the *National Planning Framework*.
- The *Revised National Planning Framework* or NPF sets out the need to plan for approximately 50,000 additional households per annum to 2040 across the country, reflecting the Government's commitment to accelerated growth in new homes as our population continues to grow and change.
- The national target set out in the NPF also includes a provision for 'unmet demand' and it is an objective of these Guidelines that this unmet demand will be addressed in the near term, up to the year 2034.

Please Commence the Process of Revision or Variation

- Given the urgency, your authority should now commence the process of revising and varying the development plan against the new housing growth requirements as

quickly as possible to ensure that the growth requirements are reflected in the relevant City or County Development Plan, in accordance with the policies and objectives of the National Planning Framework.

- Priority should be afforded on an urgent basis to the relevant city or county development plan being updated to reflect the requirements of the Guidelines across a local authority administrative area, including in relation to settlements where Local Area Plans are required.
- For a variety of reasons, a relatively significant proportion of zoned lands are not activated over the period of a development plan. Planning authorities should therefore ensure that they address the scope for additional provision of up to 50% in excess of the baseline housing growth requirement, in light of the urgent need to increase housing delivery and to optimise the ability to deliver on the housing requirements of the NPF.

Immediate Action

- Local authorities must now proceed to act at speed to ensure that sufficient zoned and serviced land is made available for housing development.
- There should be no delay to commencing the process of reviewing and varying city and county development plans in accordance with the Guidelines.

Your role as a Mayor of Fingal County Council and that of your fellow councillors is pivotal in addressing our housing crisis, and the critical task immediately ahead of us is ensure that the capacity in the development plans to meet the housing need is brought up to date as quickly as possible.

We are working closely with infrastructure delivery bodies, including ESB Networks and Uisce Éireann, to ensure that they are equipped and responsive to the emerging infrastructure servicing needs that will arise from additional zoning. A significant focus on this critical infrastructure was part of the revised National Development Plan.

Once again, thank you for your work to date, and we will assist you in the next steps in any way we can.

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James Browne T.D.
Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage

John Cummins T.D.
Minister of State for Local Government and Planning

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MONDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER 2025

ITEM NO. 29

MEDICAL PRIORITY PROCESS – HOUSING SUPPORT

Motion: Councillor A. Donnelly

"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."

Report:

The criteria for seeking 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 a disability where the Council's 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.

Currently c.60 Applications for Medical Welfare priority is received per month, and the wait time is reducing considerably, with screening of applications taking place in the first instance prior to applications proceeding on to the Medical Welfare Committee where appropriate.

The Medical Welfare Process operated by the Council has undergone significant review in recent months and work to deal with significant numbers of applications received in recent years. A number of initiatives have been introduced to assist in progressing applications in a more timely manner, including the screening of applications and the addition of additional administrative and medical resources

allowing for more frequent meetings of the Medical Welfare Committee. A detailed update on the operation of the scheme was presented to the Housing SPC recently and details will be forwarded to the Councillor.

It is important to note that applicants with medical priority may have a need for a specific type of property for example, specially adapted or constructed to meet particular needs, and instances such as these can be the worst-case scenario in terms of waiting time.

Source of Report:
Paul Carroll, Director of Services, Housing & Community Development.

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ITEM NO. 30

DELIVERY OF A STATE-OF-THE-ART SPORTS COMPLEX AT THE BALLYMASTONE DEVELOPMENT

Motion: Councillor E. O'Brien

"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."

Report:

Since this motion was originally submitted, the Council has been informed that the Judicial Review proceedings were Struck Out with no further Order.

Phase 1 of the Ballymastone Recreational Hub has now been completed with a scheduled opening of the new pitch facilities in Autumn.

The Tender Pack for Phases 2 and 3 of the Recreational Hub has now been issued to a limited number of contractors approved through a Procurement Framework and it is planned to evaluate tenders received in mid-September and to award a contract for the works shortly thereafter.

Government funding for the Ballymastone Recreational Hub is conditional on and directly related to the provision of all of the Social and Affordable housing approved as part of the new housing developments at Ballymastone, Donabate. This project is more than just a state-of-the-art sports complex. In addition to an all-weather athletics track, sports pitches, skateboard park and playground; it also includes extensive walking and cycling infrastructure, roads and parking, and extensive lighting and landscaping.

A Judicial Review of this approved housing project creates uncertainty regarding the delivery of the related Social and Affordable units and in these circumstances, it was not possible for the Council to proceed with the development of the eagerly anticipated Ballymastone Recreational Hub which is currently at an advanced stage of planning and procurement.

In the event of a successful JR, there would have been a potential delay of 4-5 years to the delivery of 766 family homes, and the consequential delay in the delivery of the Recreational Hub with the associated additional inflationary construction costs.

If the JR failed, it would likely have resulted in a minimum two-year delay to delivery of the Recreational Hub and the additional inflationary construction costs associated with this delay.

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

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ITEM NO. 32

SHORT-TERM LETTING ENFORCEMENT

Motion: Councillor J. Burtchaell

"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."

Report:

The rules around short-term letting are based on regulations introduced in July 2019 as part of the measures to help address pressures in the private housing rental market.

Short-term letting is defined as the letting of a house or apartment, or part of a house or apartment, for any period not exceeding 14 days.

Residents, including home sharers, are allowed to let their entire principal private residence (house or apartment) on a short-term basis for a cumulative period of up to 90 days per calendar year where they are temporarily absent from their home.

Where the 90-day threshold is exceeded, change of use planning permission is required.

Where the house or apartment is not a 'principal private residence' the 90-day exemption does not apply, and change of use planning permission will be required for all short-term letting.

Where the Council is notified of an alleged short term let, the Planning Enforcement Section carries out an investigation on a case-by-case basis as to whether or not unauthorised development is taking place. Recourse to enforcement proceedings is available once it has been determined that unauthorised activity is taking place.

Proactively, in 2023 a comprehensive investigation of website(s) advertising short-term letting in Fingal was carried out by the Planning Enforcement section to ascertain whether or not unauthorised development was taking place, and enforcement proceedings were undertaken where appropriate.

The Planning Enforcement section also regularly monitor online activity in relation to short-term letting in the Fingal area directly and continue to proactively take appropriate enforcement action as a result.

In relation to enforcement action from 2019 to date, 68 warning letters have been issued in relation to short term lets, with 39 of those files now closed due to compliance as a result of action taken by the Planning Enforcement Section or action taken through legal proceedings.

Under plans announced in December 2022 (Registration of Short-Term Tourist Letting Bill), and after the Bill is signed into law, property owners offering accommodation for periods of up to and including 21 nights will be required to be registered with Fáilte Ireland who will monitor online platforms to ensure compliance with the obligation for advertised properties to have a valid registration number. Through data sharing arrangements, the establishment of the register will assist local authorities with the enforcement of planning requirements for Short Term Lets.

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

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ITEM NO. 42

PROVISION OF A FIRE OFFICER WITHIN FINGAL AREA

Motion: Councillor M. Quinn

"That the Chief Executive gives consideration to carrying out a review of the current arrangements in respect to the issuing of Fire Certs, with the view to providing a dedicated Fire Officer for the Fingal County Council Area."

Report:

As set out by the Dublin Agreement dated 26th February 2001, Dublin Fire Brigade (DFB) provide the Fire Authority functions for Fingal County Council. The functional area includes the 4 local authorities of Dublin, including Fingal County Council.

The functional area for the greater Dublin area is divided across 6 districts for Operational and Fire Safety delivery efficiency. Fingal County Council is covered by three districts, predominantly Foxtrot District.

DFB provides a comprehensive Operational Response, Fire Safety, Event Fire Safety and Community Fire Safety for Fingal County Council.

Foxtrot district is resourced by four experienced Fire Prevention Officers (FPO), with 6 other Fire Prevention Officers also in the Fingal area, all FPO's operate under The Fire Services Acts 1981 & 2003, the Building Control Act and Regulations and the Dangerous Substances Acts and Regulations. Additionally, the Chief Fire Officer and the Assistant Chief Fire Officer for Fire Safety are always available. These resources are considered to be sufficient to deliver the service.

DFB meet the Fingal Building Control team on a regular periodic basis and have a good working relationship.

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

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ITEM NO. 44

PROVISION OF FREE SUNSCREEN DISPENSERS

Motion: Councillor J. Walsh

"That the Chief Executive investigates the provision of free sunscreen dispensers in selected public parks and beaches from 2026 on a pilot basis in conjunction with the HSE."

Report:

Healthy Ireland SunSmart (hi Sun Smart) is the brand identity of Irelands National Skin Cancer Prevention Plan. The hi SunSmart brand is to be used for increasing public awareness and engagement in skin protective behaviours.

Healthy Ireland SunSmart campaign promotes five key sun safety actions: Slip on clothing, Slop on sunscreen, Slap on a wide-brimmed hat, Seek shade, and Slide on sunglasses.

Cork City Council, in partnership with the HSE Southwest and the National Cancer Control Programme, has installed free sunscreen dispensers in 4 park locations as a pilot programme. The dispensers are located adjacent to the park's playgrounds. This initiative is part of the Health Ireland SunSmart Campaign.

Fingal County Council will request further information from Cork City Council once their pilot programme ends. There is currently no revenue budget provision. In the meantime, the Council will engage with increasing public awareness via the hi SunSmart brand via our media channels.

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