COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 8TH DECEMBER 2025

ITEM NO. 01

CONFIRMATION AND RE-AFFIRMATION OF MINUTES

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Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

Minutes of the County Council Meeting held on Monday, 10th November, 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:

Maguire, Grainne
McCamley, Mary
McDonagh, Brian
Mulligan, Dean
Mulville, Paul
Murphy, Tony
Newman, Joe
O'Brien, Eoghan
O'Leary, Tom
Onwumereh, JK
Quinlan, Patrick
Quinn, Malachy
Redwood, Helen
Ryan, Brendan
Sheehan, Gerard
Shovlin, Siobhan
Smyth, John
Tormey, Aoibhinn
Troy, Ellen
Walsh, John

Apologies for inability to attend were received for Councillor Tania Doyle and Councillor Ted Leddy.

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); Paul Carroll (Director of Services /Housing Services and Community Development); Mary Egan (Director of Services/People, Corporate & Digital Services); John Quinlivan (Director of Services/Economic, Enterprise, Tourism and Cultural Development); Fionnuala May (County Architect); Liz Hartigan (Administrative Officer).

F/462/25 (Agenda Item No)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

F/463/25 (Agenda Item No 1)

Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of Council Meeting held on Monday 13th October 2025

Minutes of the County Council Meeting held on Monday 13th October 2025 which had been circulated were considered.

Councillor J. Humphreys raised a query in relation to the minutes as minute item F/424/24a had not referenced the relevant standing order.

Following discussion, the Mayor Councillor T. O'Leary read into the record an email issued to Councillor D. Healy in relation to ruling his six submitted motions out of order under Standing Order 157.

Following further discussion the Mayor instructed that a roll call vote be taken for the Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of Council Meeting held on Monday 13th October 2025 without amendment and on a division the voting resulted as follows:

FOR: 22 TWENTY TWO
AGAINST: 10 TEN
ABSTAIN: 5 FIVE

FOR: Councillors Cathal Boland, Darragh Butler, Eimear Carbone-Mangan, Luke Corkery, Kieran Dennison, Eoghan Dockrell, Jimmy Guerin, Breda Hanaphy, Cathal Haughey, Darren Jack Kelly, Tom Kitt, Grainne Maguire, Mary McCamley, Tony Murphy, Joe Newman, Eoghan O'Brien, Tom O'Leary, JK Onwumereh, Malachy Quinn, Siobhan Shovlin, John Smyth, Aoibhinn Tormey.

AGAINST: Councillors Mark Boland, Angela Donnelly, David Healy, Joan Hopkins, James Humphreys, Corina Johnston, Dean Mulligan, Paul Mulville, Brendan Ryan, John Walsh.

ABSTAIN: Councillors John Burtchaell, Brian McDonagh, Patrick Quinlan, Helen Redwood, Gerard Sheehan.

The Mayor **DECLARED** "That the minutes of the County Council Meeting held on Monday 13th October 2025 be **ADOPTED."**

F/464/25 (Agenda Item No 2)

Nominations

a **Appointment of seven Members to the Fingal North (DMR North) Local Community Safety Partnership**

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

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

"That Councillor Eoghan Dockrell be appointed to the Fingal North (DMR North) Local Community Safety Partnership."

It was proposed by Councillor E. O'Brien, seconded by Councillor D. Butler and **AGREED**:

"That Councillor Cathal Haughey be appointed to the Fingal North (DMR North) Local Community Safety Partnership."

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

"That Councillor David Healy be appointed to the Fingal North (DMR North) Local Community Safety Partnership."

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

"That Councillor Corina Johnston be appointed to the Fingal North (DMR North) Local Community Safety Partnership."

It was proposed by Councillor T. Murphy, seconded by Councillor J. Guerin and **AGREED**:

"That Councillor Darren Jack Kelly be appointed to the Fingal North (DMR North) Local Community Safety Partnership."

It was proposed by Councillor A. Donnelly, seconded by Councillor B. Hanaphy and **AGREED**:

"That Councillor Malachy Quinn be appointed to the Fingal North (DMR North) Local Community Safety Partnership."

b **Appointment of seven Members to the Fingal West (DMR West) Local Community Safety Partnership**

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

The Mayor, informed the Members that eight (8) expressions of interest were received for the seven (7) appointments.

Ms Mary Egan, Director of People, Corporate and Digital Services, informed the Members that group voting can apply for these appointments, as set out in Schedule 10 of the LG Act 2001, as amended, and detailed the process of group voting.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

The Mayor called for a 3minute recess.

In accordance with the group voting system a group was formed comprising of Councillors J. Walsh, M. McCamley, B. Ryan, M. Boland, C. Johnston and J. Humphreys. This group put forward the name of Councillor J. Walsh:

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

"That Councillor John Walsh be appointed to the to the Fingal West (DMR West) Local Community Safety Partnership."

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

"That Councillor Kieran Dennison be appointed to the to the Fingal West (DMR West) Local Community Safety Partnership."

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

"That Councillor Ted Leddy be appointed to the to the Fingal West (DMR West) Local Community Safety Partnership."

It was proposed by Councillor E. O'Brien, seconded by Councillor C. Haughey and **AGREED**:

"That Councillor Eimear Carbone Mangan be appointed to the to the Fingal West (DMR West) Local Community Safety Partnership."

It was proposed by Councillor T. Murphy, seconded by Councillor DJ. Kelly and **AGREED**:

"That Councillor Gerard Sheehan be appointed to the to the Fingal West (DMR West) Local Community Safety Partnership."

It was proposed by Councillor D. Mulligan, seconded by Councillor P. Mulville and **AGREED**:

"That Councillor John Burtchaell be appointed to the to the Fingal West (DMR West) Local Community Safety Partnership."

It was proposed by Councillor C. Haughey, seconded by Councillor J. Guerin and **AGREED**:

"That Councillor Angela Donnelly be appointed to the to the Fingal West (DMR West) Local Community Safety Partnership."

F/465/25 (Agenda Item No)

QUESTIONS

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

"That in accordance with Standing Order No. 51, Questions numbered 3 to 12 be **ADOPTED**."

F/466/25 (Agenda Item No 3)

Councillor P. Quinlan - Social Housing Support Recipients in receipt of Housing Assistance Payments (HAP)

F/467/25 (Agenda Item No 4)

Councillor C. Haughey - Car-Sharing Services in the Fingal Area

F/468/25 (Agenda Item No 5)

Councillor JK Onwumereh - Nature Education Centre in Fingal

F/469/25 (Agenda Item No 6)

Councillor M. Quinn - Local Authority Home Loan Scheme

F/470/25 (Agenda Item No 7)

Councillor J. Humphreys - Draft Development Contribution Scheme 2026-2030- Upgrade Existing Cycle Lanes

F/471/25 (Agenda Item No 8)

Councillor A. Donnelly - Update on Pilot Project in a Regional Park

F/472/25 (Agenda Item No 9)

Councillor J. Walsh - Guidelines for Pet Ownership in Social and Affordable Housing

F/473/25 (Agenda Item No 10)

Councillor L. Corkery - Fingal Litter Management Plan 2025-2028

F/474/25 (Agenda Item No 11)

Councillor J. Smyth - Compost/Mulch Facilities

F/475/25 (Agenda Item No 12)

Councillor B. Ryan - Disposing of Household Rubbish in Public Bins

F/476/25 (Agenda Item No 13)

Report of Committees

a **Report of Corporate Policy Group (CPG) Meeting held on Tuesday 21st October 2025**

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

"That the recommendations contained in the report of Committee of Corporate Policy Group (CPG) Meeting held on Tuesday 21st October 2025, are hereby **ADOPTED.**"

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

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

"That the recommendations contained in the report of Committee of Corporate Policy Group (CPG) Meeting held on Monday 3rd November 2025, are hereby **ADOPTED.**"

c **Report of Howth Malahide Area Committee Meeting Services B held on Wednesday 5th November 2025**

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

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

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

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

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

F/477/25 (Agenda Item No 14)

Financial Matters

a **Overdraft Facility Renewal 2026**

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

"That the Council approve, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, the securing of Overdraft Accommodation on the Council's Revenue Account to a limit of €25m for the period 1st January 2026 to 31st December 2026."

F/478/25 (Agenda Item No 15)

Proposed Disposal of Properties

a **Notice of Proposed Lease of Land at Ballymastone, Donabate, Co. Dublin to Donabate Golf Club CLG., Balcarrick, Co. Dublin**

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

"That land at Ballymastone, Donabate, Co. Dublin, as referred to in the Notice under S183 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended and dated 30th October 2025, be leased to Donabate Golf Club CLG., Balcarrick, Co. Dublin in accordance with the terms specified therein."

F/479/25 (Agenda Item No 15b)

Proposed disposal of Fee Simple Interest of Dwellings

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

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

F/480/25 (Agenda Item No 16)

Declarations of Roads

a **Grey's Lane, Howth, Co Dublin**

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

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

F/481/25 (Agenda Item No 17)

Draft Old School House Masterplan, Clonsilla

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

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

"That the Old School House Masterplan, Clonsilla is hereby **ADOPTED**."

F/482/25 (Agenda Item No)

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Mayor, Councillor T. O'Leary, informed the Members an emergency motion had been received and was ruled out of order.

F/483/25 (Agenda Item No 18)

Chief Executive's Report

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

The Mayor advised the Members that a motion has been received.

The following motion was proposed by Councillor J. Burtchaell and seconded by Councillor H. Redwood:

“That the Chief Executive and Housing & Community Development Dept note the increasing levels of private tenancy Notice of Terminations (NoT's) being issued in the county with the Council informed of 105 NoT's for the Dublin 15 area alone year to date, recognising that this will inevitably result in increasing numbers of homeless families given the dire shortage of alternative private rented accommodation or even emergency accommodation in some cases and work to develop a response to address this intensifying crisis.”

Following discussion the motion was **AGREED**.

The Mayor advised the Members that an additional motion had been received and was ruled out of order.

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

F/484/25 (Agenda Item No 19)

Mayor's Business - Councillor T. O'Leary

a **Councillor T. O'Leary - Civic Reception - Swords Community Person**

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

The motion was **AGREED**.

F/485/25 (Agenda Item No 20)

Conference Report

a **Irish Energy District Annual Conference (IrDEA), 13th November 2025, Raddison Blu Hotel, Dublin 8**

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

F/486/25 (Agenda Item No 21)

Correspondence

a **Letter dated 9th October 2025 from Monaghan Co County - Re: Nursing Homes and Care Facilities for the Elderly**

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

b **Letter dated 16th October 2025 from Galway City Council - Re: Extension of Free Fares for Under-9s to Commercial Bus Operators**

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

c **Letter dated 22nd October 2025 from Wexford County Council - Re: Inheritance Tax**

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

d **Letter dated 22nd October 2025 from Wexford County Council Re- Stout's Law**

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

F/487/25 (Agenda Item No 22)

Departmental/Ministerial Correspondence

a **Email received 7th October 2025 from Minister of Health's office - Re: Item 26a - Cllr B. McDonagh - WHO Intersectoral Global Action Plan on Epilepsy and other Neurological conditions February 25 Council Meeting**

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

MOTIONS - STATUTORY FUNCTIONS

F/488/25 (Agenda Item No 23)

Councillor B. Ryan - Dishing of Public Footpaths

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

Following discussion the motion was **AGREED**.

F/489/25 (Agenda Item No 24)

Councillor B. Hanaphy - Youth Services

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

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

Following discussion the motion was **AGREED**.

F/490/25 (Agenda Item No 39)

Councillor J. Hopkins - A List of Primary Schools with School Wardens

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

The report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Meeting concluded at 20.06.

MAYOR _____ DATE _____

Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

Minutes of the Annual Budget Meeting held on Tuesday, 18th November, 2025 in the Council Chamber - County Hall, Swords, at 2.00 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

Apologies for inability to attend were received for Councillor Tania Doyle.

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); Paul Carroll (Director of Services /Housing Services and Community Development); 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); Liz Hartigan (Administrative Officer).

F/509/22 (Agenda Item No 1)

Draft Annual Budget for Financial Year Ending 31st December 2026

The Draft Annual Budget for Financial Year ending 31st December 2026 which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**.

The Mayor, Councillor T. O'Leary, gave a brief introduction and outlined the proposed format for the meeting, whereby, Mr. Oliver Hunt, Head of Finance, would give an overall presentation on the Budget.

Each Division would then be examined individually, and Members would be afforded an opportunity to pose questions at the end of the presentations.

The Mayor advised that the Members were required by law to consider and note each Division, and votes would be taken on the various motions.

The Mayor also advised the Members that he had received five Motions, three of which had been ruled out of order. The other two Motions would be heard at the end of the divisional presentations.

Mr. Oliver Hunt, Head of Finance, thanked his colleagues in Fingal County Council and his team in the Finance Department for their work in the compilation of this Budget.

Mr. Hunt then gave the following presentation to the meeting:



2026 Budget - objective

The overall objective for the 2026 budget is to continue to sustain and enhance quality services and to increase funding to deliver the required infrastructure projects in the County.

2026 Budget – engagement with Members

- *Updated all Members through OP&F on budgetary pressures.*
- *Facilitated engagement with all parties and independents in June and July on budgetary strategy.*
- *July Council meeting LPT variation for 2026 considered.*
- *Capital plan at October meeting highlighted areas that required additional funding.*
- *Ongoing engagement with CPG throughout process on budgetary strategy.*

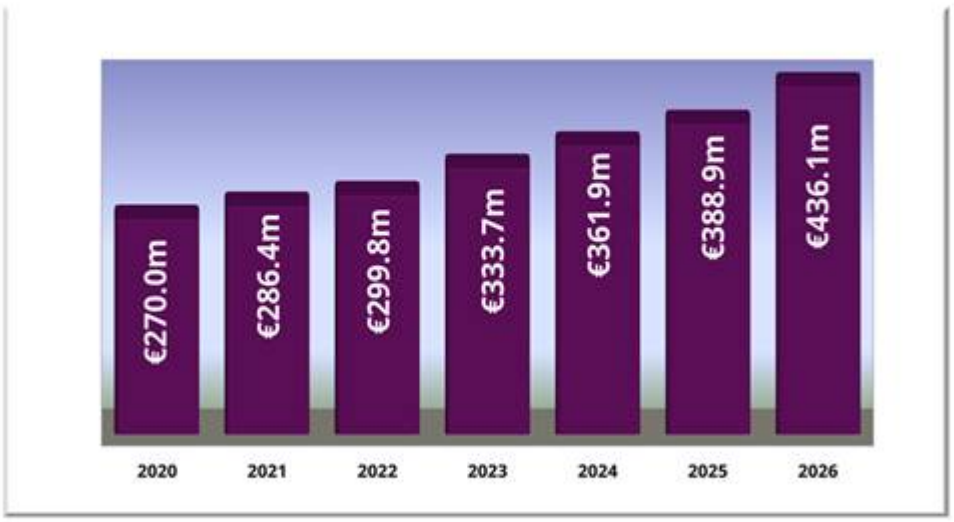
2026 Budget – engagement with Members

- *Budget book issued to all Members on 6th November.*
- *Facilitated submission of questions with replies issued in advance of the meeting.*
- *Online budget briefing held for all Members on Wednesday 12th November.*
- *Facilitated the submission of motions in advance of the meeting.*
- *CPG meet yesterday evening again on the budget and recommended its adoption.*

2026 Budget

Division	Description	Budget 2025	Budget 2026	Variance
€M				
EXPENDITURE				
A	Housing & Building	135.8	160.3	24.6
B	Road Transportation & Safety	44.0	47.4	3.4
C	Water Supply & Sewerage	18.9	15.3	(3.6)
D	Development Incentives & Controls	36.2	40.1	3.9
E	Environmental Protection	54.8	59.4	4.7
F	Recreation and Amenity	73.7	86.4	12.7
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	1.9	2.2	0.3
H	Miscellaneous Services	23.6	24.9	1.3
		388.9	436.1	47.2
€M				
INCOME				
A	Housing & Building	(127.4)	(156.8)	(29.3)
B	Road Transportation & Safety	(9.6)	(11.5)	(1.9)
C	Water Supply & Sewerage	(15.6)	(10.6)	5.1
D	Development Incentives & Controls	(10.8)	(11.0)	(0.2)
E	Environmental Protection	(9.3)	(10.3)	(1.1)
F	Recreation and Amenity	(5.5)	(7.5)	(2.0)
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	(0.4)	(0.5)	(0.1)
H	Miscellaneous Services	(29.7)	(29.7)	(0.0)
		(208.4)	(237.9)	(29.5)
	Commercial Rates	(167.8)	(175.8)	(8.0)
	Local Property Tax	(12.7)	(22.4)	(9.7)
	Total Income	(388.9)	(436.1)	(47.2)

Revenue Budgets 2020 – 2026



2026 Budget

- Payroll €6.8m
  - Includes provision for new roles.
  - Excludes UE funded staff.

- Operations (ex payroll & CT) €4.1m
  - Road Maintenance
  - Public lighting
  - Parks
  - Playgrounds
  - Public conveniences
  - Additional €1.0m to POW
  - Harbours / Recycling facilities / Cemeteries

2026 Budget

- Increased funding for capital projects €6.0m across
  - Community Centres
  - Housing Maintenance
  - Libraries
  - Operations
  - Heritage Properties
  - Balbriggan Swimming Pool

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2026 Budget

Community & EETCD additional expenditure €2.5m

(ex payroll & CT)

including

- New community facilities
- Community grants
- Arts
- Tourism
- Heritage properties
- Economic Development

2026 Budget

Housing €20.5m

(ex payroll & CT)

Including

- RAS / P&A / LTL
- DRHE
- Grants
- Housing maintenance

2026 Budget

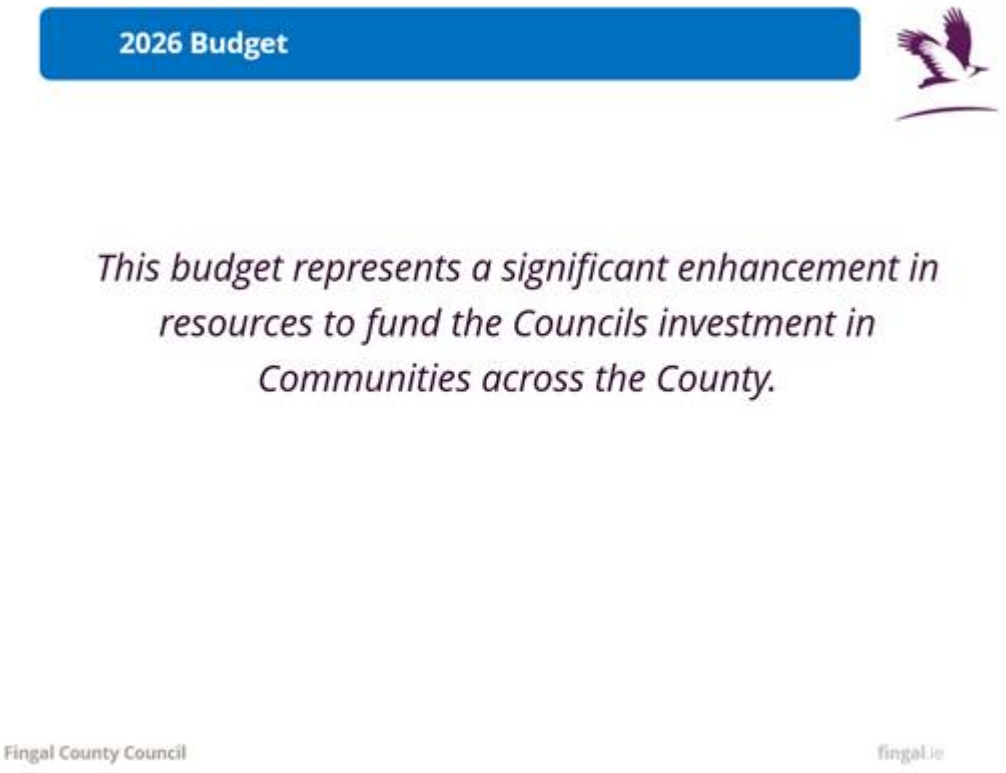
Other areas

- Pensions €3.2m
- Digital Services €1.7m
- Dublin Fire Brigade €1.5m

2026 Budget

2026 budget reflects review of income headers:

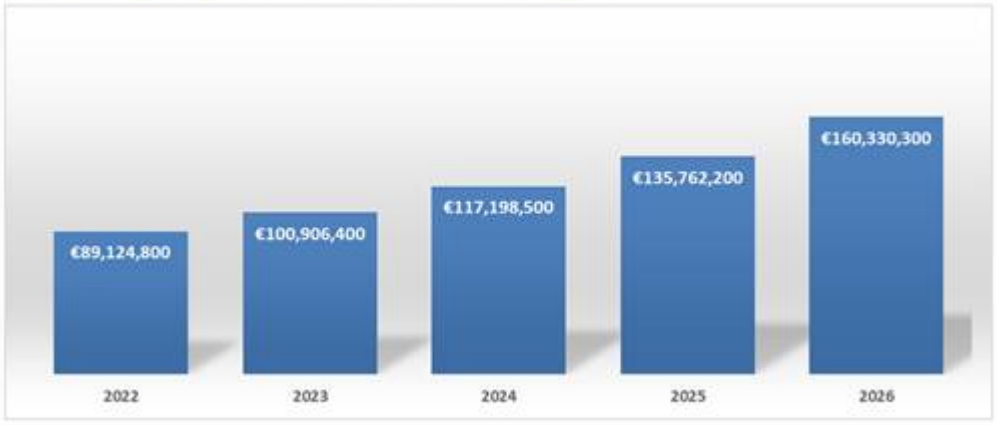
- Housing Rents
- Parking
- Commercial Rates



Mr. Paul Carroll, Director of Services, Housing & Community Development, gave a detailed report on the main provisions contained in the Annual Budget for Division A – Housing and Building, under the following headings:



Housing Department Annual Budget



Fingal County Council Housing and Building

Housing Department Annual Budget





Increase of €24.6m / 18% in Budget 2026

Driven by an increase in housing supply, activity and operational needs.

Housing Supply

Additional housing stock & improvements to private homes:

- ↑ AHB Payment & Availability - €15.8m
- ↑ Croí Conaithe Vacant Homes Refurbishment Grant - €2.7m

Housing Maintenance

- ↑ Increase in housing stock & maintenance activity - €2.3m

Homeless Accommodation Provision

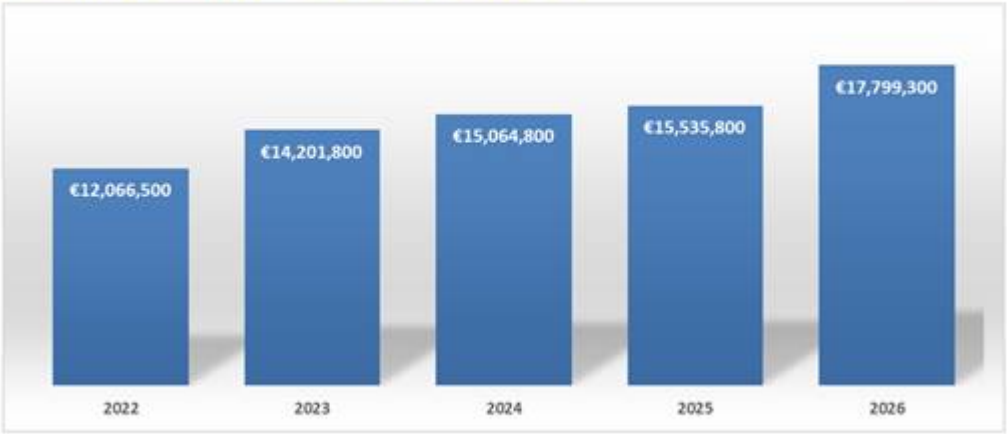
- ↑ Homeless Provision Contribution to DRHE - €1.26m

Cost Rental

- ↑ Management & Maintenance of Churchfields Cost Rental Scheme - €1.4m

Fingal County Council Housing and Building

Housing Maintenance Expenditure



Fingal County Council Housing and Building

Housing Maintenance Expenditure







Increase of €2.3m in Budget 2026 to fund Housing Maintenance

- Over 7,452 social homes being managed between FCC-owned & leased stock
- Older stock has more complex needs
- 15,000 maintenance requests each year
- Increase in Revenue to Capital Transfer to support funding of works to Housing Stock listed on Capital Programme
- Preventative Maintenance
  - Annual service of c. 5,897 heating systems incl. boilers
  - Smoke & Heat detector upgrades
  - External painting & joinery repairs to 1,000 homes

Fingal County Council Housing and Building

Housing Rents

	Current	New scheme	
Rent	12%	17%	% of assessable income
Subsidiary earner rent	40.00	60.00	Increase in the maximum rent
Minimum rent	22.00	30.00	
Self employed income	500.00	600.00	Increase assessable income.

Housing Rents

Weekly Income	Existing	17%
€278	€33.36	€47.26, or €37.26 with OAP discount
€344	€41.28	€58.48
€450	€54.00	€76.50
€650	€78.00	€110.50

Housing Rents – excluded income

Fully disregarded

a) Child benefit
b) Fostering allowances
c) Allowances for care of a child with disability.
d) Disability Allowance under 18s
e) Respite Care Grants
f) Higher Education Grants
g) Fuel Allowance
h) Living Alone Allowance.
i) Extra Allowance for people aged 80 and above.
j) Assistance received from any charitable organisation.

Partial disregards

k) Community Employment Programme
l) Back to Work Allowance

Housing Rents

- Estimated Differential Rent Income 2026 - **33.1m**
- Total Estimated Rent Income 2026 – **38.3m**
  (includes all rent account types incl. Differential Rents)
- Proactive approach to tackling Rent Arrears - up to and including legal action
- Arrears decreased by 1.2m in 2025
- Introduction of online payments portal "Pay my Rent Online" October 2025
- Tenants are also able to access weekly Rent Charge & Rent Balance through this portal







The Council then **NOTED** the provisions made in the Annual Budget for Division A – Housing and Building.

DIVISION B – ROAD TRANSPORTATION AND SAFETY

Ms. Mary T. Daly, Director of Services, Operations, and Mr. David Storey, Director of Services, Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel & Sports, gave a detailed report on the provisions contained in the Annual Budget for Division B – Road Transportation and Safety under the following headings:

Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

Division B

Road Transport & Safety

Budget 2026

Revenue Expenditure **€ 47.3m**

Revenue Income **€ 11.5m**

Regional and Local Roads Maintenance, Bridges, Area Works Programme, Footpaths, Traffic, Public Lighting, Parking








Main Elements of Expenditure

B03 and B04 - Regional & Local Road Maintenance	**€28.8m**

- Non-Discretionary Roads Work Programme (Local and Regional)
- Discretionary Roads Works Programme (Area Works Programme)
- Provision for footpaths, cycle lanes, surface dressing, gully cleaning, winter maintenance and management of grass verges.

B05 - Public Lighting (incl. Area Works Prog)	**€5.1m**
B06 - Traffic Management (incl. Area Works Prog)	**€5.3m**
B08 - Road Safety & School Wardens	**€3.6m**
B09 - Car Parking	**€1.3m**

Maintenance and Improvement Regional (B0305) and Local Roads (B0405 & B0406)

- Improvement and Maintenance works undertaken when carrying out restoration works to roads, footpaths, cycle lanes and bus enhancements.
- A record is kept of all footpath repairs as per requests from the public and Councillors. Approx 10% of the footpath works are provided for in the Area Work Programme. Remainder is from the Maintenance and Improvement budget.
- Footpaths done at 197 locations in the county to date.
- Additional provision for Winter Maintenance and Weather Events

Main Sources of Income

Anticipated Income from Pay & Display Schemes	€3.0m (Net €1.7m)
Local Property Tax Roads	€3.9m
National Transport Ireland and TII	€2.6m
Other Income • Road Opening Licence Fees • Abnormal Loads • Taking in Charge • Hoarding Licences • Street Furniture Licences	€1.5m

Draft Pay Parking Bye-Laws - Consultation

- Strategic Policy Committee (4th March)
- 2 Councillor Briefings (March and May)
- Advert and Fingal Consult Portal (July/Aug)
- Social Media
- 3 Area Committees (October)
- Fingal Draft to SPC (December)
- Corporate Policy Group (December)
- Report to Council on Public Consultation and presentation of final Draft Bye-Laws for adoption (January 2026)
- Budget 2026 – Provision for increased income of €1m) to fund 3 extra traffic wardens, additional staffing and maintenance



Area Programme of Works 2026

Regional and Local Roads (Pavement Man System) - LPT

Roads Reconstruction/Restoration/Overlay	€3,900,000

Area Works Programme 2026

• Roads Special Works Programme	€1,625,900
• Traffic Management Works	€1,500,000
• Public Lighting	€456,000
Total	**€3,581,900**

Draft Area Work Programme to Area Committee December 2025/January 2026

Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

Division B

Road Transport & Safety

Active Travel

Road Safety, Promotion & Education



Road Safety, Promotion & Education

Main items of Expenditure

School Wardens	€ 1,215,700
Publicity & Promotion	
➢ Shared Mobility	€ 300,100
➢ Active Travel	€ 378,300
➢ Road Safety	€ 12,100

Road Safety, Promotion & Education

Main Sources of Income

- Publicity & Promotion € 20,000
  **Bike Week
- Active Travel (NTA Funded) € 1,094,600

Road Safety, Promotion & Education











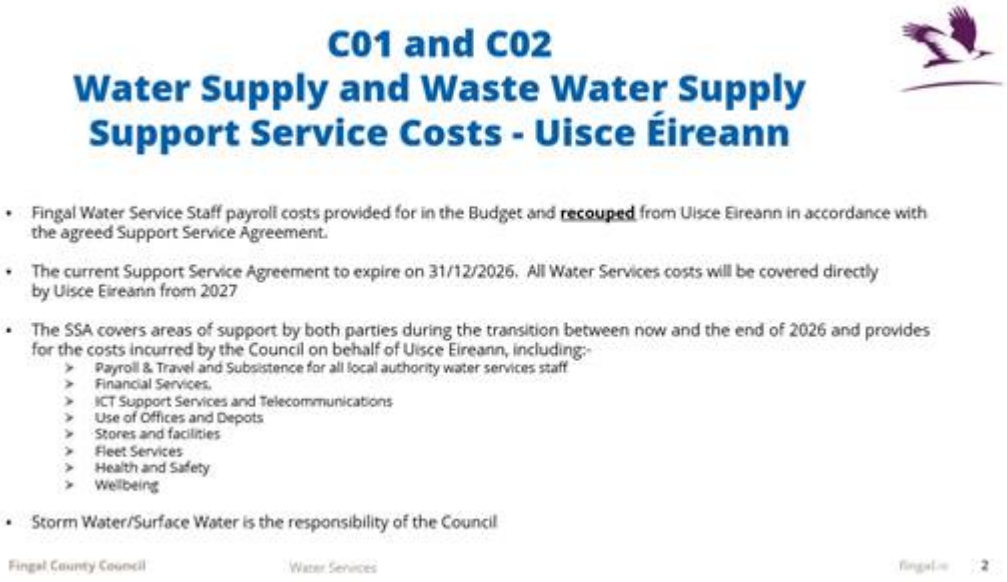


The Council then **NOTED** the provisions made in the Annual Budget for Division B – Road Transportation and Safety.

DIVISION C – WATER SERVICES

Ms. Mary T. Daly, Director of Services, Operations Department, gave a detailed report on the provisions contained in the Annual Budget for Division C – Water Services, under the following headings:





C04 – Operation and Maintenance of Public Conveniences - €

- Revenue Provision to meet the costs of maintenance and ongoing cleaning of all existing and new Public Conveniences in the County.
- Rising costs due to additional cleaning during summer months and additional maintenance because of Anti-social behavior and significant damage to toilets.
- Eco, Modular, Changing Place (Single Door Entry) Units and Portaloo's
- Total No. of Units = 38 Blocks, 164 cubicles





Fingal County Council Dept. Name 3

C0802 – Storm Water Maintenance of Pumping Stations (5), Stormwater pipes, manholes, outfalls and screens







Fingal County Council Dept. Name 4



Transfers to Capital

The overall provision for transfer to capital requiring Council approval in Division C is as follows:-

Budget 2025	Revised 2025	Budget 2026
€ 200,000	€ 200,000	€ 200,000

Fingal County Council Dept. Name 5

The Council then **NOTED** the provisions made in the Annual Budget for Division C – Water Services.

DIVISION D – DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT

Mr. Matthew McAleese, Director, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure, Mr. John Quinlivan, Director, Economic, Enterprise, Tourism and Cultural Development, Mr. Paul Carroll, Director of Services, Housing & Community Development, gave a detailed report on the main provisions contained in the Annual Budget for Division D – Development Management, under the following headings:

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Fingal County Council



Planning & Strategic Infrastructure

Expenditure 2026	**€11.5m**
Major element of expenditure is Payroll	€8.1m
Total Income	**€2.5m**
Planning Application Fees	€1.6m
Commencement Notices	€250K

Planning & Strategic Infrastructure

Planning Applications / Decisions:

- 1,193 applications lodged to end September 2025.
- 865 of the 1,193 applications were E applications via portal (73%)
- 1,054 decisions issued to end September 2025. (837 grants / 213 refusals)

Large Scale Residential Developments:

- 12 Large Scale Residential Development (LRD) applications have been received to end September 2025
- 15 Decisions issued (8 grants, 0 refusals and 7 for further information) to end September 2025. The total combined number of units granted through LRD applications was 1,808.

Strategic Housing Developments:

- 4 SHD's remaining with An Coimisiún Pleanála for decision.

Planning & Strategic Infrastructure

E-PLANNING PORTAL

- Work is on-going and progressing nationally with the LGMA in relation to the introduction of ePlanning.
- Planning portal went live in Fingal County Council in March 2024.
- Increased use of portal by Applicants/Agents in 2025 – 73% of valid applications to date.

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Economic Enterprise Tourism & Cultural Development

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Economic, Enterprise, Property & Local Development

	Expenditure	Income
2025 Adopted	9.442m	6.556m
2025 Revised	9.559m	6.868M
2026 Proposed	10.041m	6.847m

- Strategic Framework – Future Fingal / Sustainable Fingal
- Industrial Lands Development
- Landbank Development & Property Services
- Investment & Funding Opportunities
- Marketing & Promotion
- Local Development Support
- Enterprise Development & Local Enterprise Support

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Urban & Rural Regeneration

	Expenditure	Income
2025 Adopted	2.506m	0.625m
2025 Revised	2.518m	0.612m
2026 Proposed	2.366m	0.297m

- URDF & RRDF Funding Schemes
- Our Balbriggan & Expansion of Town Centre First
- Town & Village / Rural Area Renewal Programmes
- Commercial / Town Centre Enhancement Schemes
- Derelict Sites (Div E)







Tourism Development & Promotion

	Expenditure	Income
2025 Adopted	1.011m	0.009m
2025 Revised	1.100m	0.016m
2026 Proposed	1.341m	0.150m

- Tourism Strategy Implementation
- Food Strategy Implementation
- Tourism Irl & Failte Irl
- Tourism Stakeholder & Sector Relationships
- Fingal Destination
- Marketing & Promotion









Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council



Community Development Office
Interagency Support

PPN & Comhairle na nÓg

Fingal Public Participation Network

Fingal Comhairle na nÓg Your Local Youth Council

	Expenditure	Income	Nett
2025 Adopted	€182,600	€110,700	€71,900
2025 Revised	€145,300	€125,500	€19,800
2026 Proposed	€191,800	€125,500	€66,300

Transfers to Capital

The overall provision for transfer to capital requiring Council approval in Division D is as follows:-

Budget 2025	Revised 2025	Budget 2026
€1,625,000	€1,625,000	€1,660,000

The Council then **NOTED** the provisions made in the Annual Budget for Division D – Development Management.

DIVISION E – ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Mr. David Storey, Director of Service, Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel & Sports, Mr. Oliver Hunt, Head of Finance and Ms. Mary T. Daly, Director, Operations Department, gave a detailed report on the main provisions contained in the Annual Budget for Division E – Environmental Services under the following headings:



Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

Division E

Environmental Services

Budget 2026

Environment Division

Litter Management	**Fire Service (Dublin City Council)**	**Climate Action, Community Climate Action Fingal**
Recycling and Bottle Banks	**Landfill Aftercare/ Historical Landfills & Contaminated land**	**Waste Enforcement & Regulation** **Poolbeg WTE**
Air Quality & Noise Pollution	**Environmental Awareness**	**Water Quality** -Bathing Water -Water Pollution Complaints -Water Framework Directive Farm and Septic Tank inspections and S.4 licences

Balleally Landfill to Rogerstown Park
Enabling Works

8 Work Packages designed and delivered through Consultancy framework and Fingal County Council:

- **Landfill Gas System management**
- **Leachate Balancing infrastructure**
- **Leachate Cells Pumping upgrades**
- **Settlement Monitoring**
- **Renewable Energy Feasibility Study**
- **Electrical Substation Upgrade**
- **Maintenance shed & Fire Main**

Litter Management

- There are currently 4 Litter Wardens whose roles are to enforce the Litter Pollution Acts. An additional 4 Litter Wardens to be recruited in 2026
- They raise awareness with the public and businesses in the County regarding littering & dog fouling.
- 1722 complaints to include littering, dumping, abandoned cars & dog fouling were assigned to the Litter Wardens for investigation.
- 8,564 patrols were carried out at Bring Bank locations and Litter black spots up to 31st October 2025.
- The Litter Management Plan 2025 – 2028 was adopted in July 2025



Litter Management

Fines Issued 2025	Warning Notices 2025
254	22

The Litter Wardens continued to raise awareness of the issue of dog fouling on beaches in 2025 and its potential impact to water quality.

They carried out extra inspections over the weekends in 2025, prior to planned bathing water sampling.

They engaged with dog owners and dispensed dog poo bags & made people aware of their responsibilities to clean up after their dogs.



Fingal County Council

Bottle Banks & Textile Banks - E02

Collection & Recycling of Glass Bottle & Textiles



Fingal County Council

Climate Action

The budget allocation covers costs associated with the following:

- Operation of the Climate Action Section, which co-ordinates activities associated with the implementation of the Climate Action Plan 2024 – 2029 (CAP)
- Salary Costs are recoupable for both the Climate Action Coordinator and the Climate Action Officer.
- Costs associate with CODEMA's work program for 2026:

2026 Work programme	259,316
E2CUTIES (Interreg Project)	63,882
Total	323,198

E2CUTIES costs recoupable for 2026: **€57,994**

Fingal County Council

Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

Environment Division

Community Climate Action Fingal (CCAF)

- €1.124m awarded to Fingal from DECC for the period 2024-2026.
- €527k was spent in 2024; €595k expected spend in 2025 and 2026.
- 25 Applicants representing 60 Community/Sports Organisations allocated funding in 2024 for range of projects across the 5 themes.
- Projects underway with some already complete.
- Phase 2 was launched in October in 2025.

Fingal County Council

Community Climate Action Fingal



Fingal County Council

Environment Division

Environmental Awareness €375k

- Delivered workshops on waste prevention and the circular economy through initiatives like Picker Pals, Recycling & Composting for Schools, Education for Sustainability, and the Rubbish Film Festival. Supported An Taisce's Green-Schools Programme.
- Promoted circular fashion through the ReLove Fashion Competition and Let's Fix Fashion Programme, encouraging students and communities to challenge fast fashion practices.
- Partnered with the Rediscovery Centre on initiatives such as Bike Reuse and Recycled Paint. Additional projects included Replay Instruments and Clothes Swap Kits for schools and communities.
- Funded 40 community projects through the Anti-Litter & Anti-Graffiti Grant, provided Adopt-a-Patch materials, supported the Gum Litter Taskforce, and provided litter picking and dog fouling equipment.
- Promoted food waste recycling through public events and workshops, supported over 50 groups in leaf mould composting, and provided educational sessions at Estuary Recycling Centre and during tenant inductions.

Fingal County Council

Environment Division



Fire Service

- Provided by Dublin City Council.
- Costs apportioned by population, households, rateable valuation.
- Provision in Fingal Budget 2026 - €27.32M.

Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

Division E

Operations

Budget 2026

Operations

Street Cleaning, Recycling and Burial Grounds -

- E02 - Recycling Facilities and Bring Centres **€4.2m**
  - Provision for Wages, Minor Contracts and Security
  - Income **€1.4m**
- E06 - Operation of Street Cleaning Service **€9.7m**
  - Street Cleaning, Leasing of Solar Bins, Provision of New Litter Bins
- E09–Operation and Maintenance of Burial Grounds **€3.2m**



Transfers to Capital

The overall provision for transfer to capital requiring Council approval in Division E is as follows:-

Budget 2025	Revised 2025	Budget 2026
€900,000	€860,000	€850,000

Fingal County Council Environmental Services

The Council then **NOTED** the provisions made in the Annual Budget for Division E – Environmental Services.

DIVISION F – RECREATION & AMENITY

Ms. Mary T. Daly, Director, Operations, Mr. John Quinlivan, Director, Economic, Enterprise, Tourism & Cultural Development, Mr. Paul Carroll, Director, Housing & Community Development, and Mr. David Storey, Director of Service, Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel & Sports, gave a detailed report on the main provisions contained in the Annual Budget for Division F – Recreation & Amenity under the following headings:


Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council
Division F
Recreation & Amenity
Budget 2026
Revenue Expenditure €86.4 m
Revenue Income €7.4m
Fingal County Council
Recreation & Amenity


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Fingal County Council
Operations
Outdoor Leisure Areas
F03
Parks , Playgrounds & Beaches
€31.5m
Fingal County Council
Recreation & Amenity

FINGAL PUBLIC REALM

26 New Estates Taken into Charge in 2025	19 Estates TIC in Dublin 15 - 2025	Additional 25 New Estates planned in 2026
Approx 70 HA additional space taken into maintenance between 2020 and June 2025	168 Playing Pitches	8 All Weather Pitches
32 MUGA'S	73 Playgrounds	10 Agility Trails
42 Fitness Equipment	Swim Shelters	Casual Trading Pitches



Fingal County Council Recreation & Amenity

Parks, Pitches, Open Spaces, Playgrounds & Beaches

- Regional Parks
- Neighbourhood Parks and Residential open spaces
- All-weather Pitches and Multi-Use Games Areas
- Tennis Courts; Cricket Grounds; Bowling Greens;
- Elmgreen and Corballis Golf Clubs
- Playgrounds and Skate-Parks;
- Christmas Trees, Floral Displays;
- Biodiversity Works
- Day to day maintenance of Beaches, Carparks and Lifeguard Service
- Lifeguard Service;
- Casual Trading Pitches
- Discretionary Parks
- Works Programme across the 3 areas



Fingal County Council Recreation & Amenity

Area Programme of Works 2026

- Parks and Open Spaces = €1,440,400
- 2026 Increase of €290,000

Draft Area Work Programme to Area Committee
December 2025/January 2026

F0303 - Beaches & Lifeguard Service - €432,800







Lifeguard Service June – September 2025

	Rescue	Rescue Craft	1st Aid	Lost Child	Advice Given	Accident Prevented	Other
Balbriggan	1	0	45	10	301	68	16
Skerries South	2	0	90	0	525	42	16
Loughshinny	0	0	6	0	85	16	3
Rush North	0	0	1	0	25	0	2
Rush South	1	0	7	0	268	29	10
Portrane	0	0	0	0	24	0	1
Donabate	1	0	40	7	374	59	7
Malahide	29	12	17	2	598	300	10
Portmarnock	1	1	101	25	1297	169	33
Sutton	19	2	36	13	507	126	30
Howth	0	0	16	2	219	23	7
JUN-SEPT FULL RETURNS	54	15	359	59	4223	832	135

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Fingal County Council

Operations

Parks , Playgrounds & Beaches

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Fingal County Council

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Local Development

	Expenditure	Income
2025 Adopted	4.262m	3.810m
2025 Revised	5.184m	4.753m
2026 Proposed	4.668m	4.196m

- LCDC
- Community Grants
- Social Inclusion
- Rural Development
- Healthy Ireland

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Coiste um Fhorbairt Pobail Áitiúil Fhine Gall
Fingal Local Community Development Committee

Healthy Communities

Dublin Rural LEADER

SICAP





Cultural Development - Libraries

	Expenditure	Income
2025 Adopted	12.948m	0.466m
2025 Revised	13.016m	0.592m
2026 Proposed	14.471m	0.416m

- Book fund target maintained
- Capital transfers
- Library Operations, events & festivals
- Opening hours at all libraries
- My Open Library expansion
- Creative Ireland





Cultural Development - Arts

	Expenditure	Income
2025 Adopted	4.493m	0.100m
2025 Revised	4.661m	0.205m
2026 Proposed	4.996m	0.217m

- Day to Day Arts Activities
- Arts Centre Subventions
- Capital Transfer & Loan Payment
- Artists Support & Contributions
- Community Arts Festivals



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Fhine Gall
Fingal County
Council

Tourism & Cultural Development – Heritage Properties / Visitor Attractions

	Expenditure	Income
2025 Adopted	2.804m	0.547m
2025 Revised	2.905m	0.561m
2026 Proposed	4.375m	0.558m

- Day to Day Operation Sites as Visitor Attractions
- Support, Subvention & Modernisation of Companies
- Protection & Conservation of Heritage
- Product Development with Fáilte Ireland
- Development & marketing
- Capital Transfers





Tourism & Cultural Development – Festivals & Events

	Expenditure	Income
2025 Adopted	4.063m	0.222m
2025 Revised	4.262m	0.292m
2026 Proposed	4.426m	0.222m

- Events Strategy
- Funding & Supporting Community Events
- Events Programme – Increasing Costs
- Events Partners - Sponsorship Programme
- Events Programme Review

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Fingal County Council

Community Department

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Community Development Office
Community Development Supports

	Expenditure	Income	Nett
2025 Adopted	€3,281,900	€3,500	€3,278,400
2025 Revised	€3,233,800	€0	€3,233,800
2026 Proposed	€4,714,500	€0	€4,714,500

Community Development Office
Strategic Supports



	Expenditure	Income	Nett
2025 Adopted	€170,000	0	€170,000
2025 Revised	€125,000	0	€125,000
2026 Proposed	€186,400	0	€186,400

Community Development Office
Funding Supports



	Expenditure	Income	Nett
2025 Adopted	€300,000	€2,500	€297,500
2025 Revised	€550,000	€2,500	€547,500
2026 Proposed	€550,000	€2,500	€547,500

Fingal County Council

Community Development Office
Facilities Supports

Fingal Community Facilities Network
Connecting Communities



	Expenditure	Income	Nett
2025 Adopted	€3,006,700	0	€3,006,700
2025 Revised	€3,034,700	0	€3,034,700
2026 Proposed	€3,415,100	0	€3,415,100

Fingal County Council

Community Development Office
Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT)

FINGAL INTEGRATION



	Expenditure	Income	Nett
2025 Adopted	€255,000	€193,700	€61,300
2025 Revised	€324,900	€380,300	€(55,400)
2026 Proposed	€367,100	€490,800	€(123,700)

Fingal County Council

Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

Sport Development Office

Fingal County Council Recreation & Amenity

Sport Development Office

F401 – Sports Capital Grants	€ 974,500
F404 – Active Living Programme	€ 1.969m
F404 – Castlelands Swimming Pool	€ 1.1m





Fingal County Council

Active Living Programme

D404	Expenditure	Income
2025 Adopted	1.893m	0.630m
2025 Revised	1.867m	0.607m
2026 Proposed	1.969m	0.555m

- Community activity programmes
- Mass participation events
- Primary school swim programme
- Club equipment grants
- Disability/inclusion programmes
- Education/training
- Outdoor recreation programmes



Fingal County Council

Castlelands Swimming Pool

Provision made in revenue budget 2026 to support the planning and construction of a Swimming pool in Balbriggan.

It is hoped the tendering process will begin in Q2 of 2026 and construction will begin in Q4 of 2026

There is also provision of €50K in the budget to begin a primary school swimming lessons programme in 2026.





Sports Capital Grants

These grants were awarded in 2024 and it is hoped all projects to be completed over a 3-4 year period. Below are the total costs for the scheme. In the 2026 budget there is a provision of €974,500 towards projects which will complete.

Club/Project	Project Cost	FCC Contribution	Capital Grant
Rivervalley Rangers – replacement AWP	€88,745	€26,623	€50,304
Swords Celtic - AWP	€502,633	€150,789	€112,122
St Sylvester's GAA – new gym/changing rooms refurb	€538,434	€161,530	€120,427
Skerries Bowling Club – training pitch	€98,864	€29,659	€45,981
Rush Athletic – training pitch	€267,497	€80,249	€124,981

Sports Capital Grants

Club/Project	Project Cost	FCC Contribution	Capital Grant
Lucan Cricket Club – practice pitch	€41,938	€12,581	€24,382
Mountview Youth & CC – Pitch refurb/building upgrades	€275,656	€82,696	€192,959
Flemington Community Centre – accessible gym	€131,294	€39,388	€77,718
Balbriggan Cricket Club – changing rooms	€116,741	€35,022	€76,354
Hartstown Sports & Leisure – upgrade AWP	€270,940	€81,282	€189,658
Lucan BMX – safety gate replacement	€31,200	€9,360	€14,485
Totals	**€ 2,363,943.35**	**€ 709,183.01**	**€ 1,029,371.58**

Transfers to Capital

The overall provision for transfer to capital requiring Council approval in Division F is as follows:-

Budget 2025	Revised 2025	Budget 2026
€6,961,900	€6,961,900	€11,577,200

Fingal County Council Recreation & Amenity

The Council then **NOTED** the provisions made in the Annual Budget for Division F – Recreation and Amenity Services.

DIVISION G – AGRICULTURE, FOOD & THE MARINE

Ms. Mary T. Daly, Director, Operations and Mr. David Storey, Director of Service, Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel & Sports, gave a detailed report on

the main provisions contained in the Annual Budget for Division G – Agriculture, Food and Marine under the following headings:





G02 - Operation and Maintenance of Piers and Harbours



G02 - Operation and Maintenance of Piers and Harbours

Harbours - €740,400

- Operation and General Maintenance (Balbriggan, Skerries, Rush, Loughshinny)
- Wages, Minor Contracts, Materials and Plant Hire
- Implementation of Harbour Bye-Laws - Berthing Fees, Services, Parking, Abandoned Boats.

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Dog Shelter & Dog Warden Services

- Midland Animal Care provide dog shelter services for stray dogs picked up by the Dog Warden and dogs who have been surrendered by their owners. The dogs are then either reclaimed by their owners or are re-homed to members of the public or to rescue shelters.
- Number of dogs brought to shelter up to 31st Oct 2025:
  - Strays 123
  - Surrenders 15
  - Re-claimed 16
  - Re-homed to rescue 58
  - Re-homed to public 45
  - In shelter @ 31st October 2025 8
    - (Reclaimed and rehomed figures include some dogs that were registered in 2024)
  - No of Dog related CRMs:
  - (1 January to 31st October 2025) 350



Dog Wardens

- There are 8 Dog Wardens who provide a 7-day service and patrol all areas including towns, housing estates, beaches & parks to ensure compliance with Control of Dogs legislation.
- Investigate dangerous dog reports, issue 10-day notices to owners who do not have a Dog Licence, issue fines for breach of Control of Dogs legislation, enforce park byelaws, conduct Licence checks in housing estates, attend court cases and ensure compliance with the XL Bully Regulations.

Dog fines/Licences	2025 (up to 31st October 2025)
No of fines issued	165
Total amount of fines paid	€ 24,671
No of annual licences purchased	8416
No of Lifetime licences purchased	561
Income from Licences	€ 242,380
No of Certificate of Exemption for XL Bully's issued	151



Dog Wardens

The Dog Wardens attend various festival/events throughout Fingal to include "Flavours of Fingal", Howth Maritime Festival, Litter Awareness Days on numerous beaches and a coordinated Day of Action with Balbriggan Garda District to advise dog owners of their responsibilities

The Dog Wardens assist Garda and other statutory agencies in addition to other Council Departments in relation to exercising functions under The Control of Dogs Act 1986 and 1992 and Control of Dogs (XL Bully) (Amendment) Regulations 2025.



Horse Shelter & Welfare

Under Control of Horses Act 1996, the Council has powers to collect and impound any stray horse that may cause a danger to people or property or cause a nuisance. The Horse Welfare and Inspection Programme continues on Dunsink Landfill

Fingal County Council Agriculture, Food & The Marine

Transfers to Capital

The overall provision for transfer to capital requiring Council approval in Division G is as follows:-

Budget 2025	Revised 2025	Budget 2026
€150,000	€150,000	€0

Fingal County Council Agriculture, Food & The Marine

The Council then **NOTED** the provisions made in the Annual Budget for Division G – Agriculture, Food and The Marine.

DIVISION H – MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES

Ms. Mary Egan, Director, People, Corporate & Digital Services, and Mr. Oliver Hunt, Head of Finance gave a detailed report on the main provisions contained in the Annual Budget for Division H – Miscellaneous Services under the following headings:


Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council
Division H
Miscellaneous Services
Budget 2026
Revenue Expenditure €24.9m
Revenue Income €29.7m
Fingal County Council


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Fingal County Council
CORPORATE SERVICES
Fingal County Council
Miscellaneous Services

Corporate Services

Priorities

- Members' Expenses / Allowances
- Register of Electors
- Voter.ie for 2026
- Building Facilities



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DIGITAL SERVICES

Digital Services

Revenue spend:

Budget 2026 - €12.5m
Budget 2025 - €10.4m

Priorities:

- myFingal Online Portal Programme
- Field Service Programme
- Microsoft Power Platform solutions
- New Stock Management System
- Microsoft Copilot Generative AI projects
- eHousing Programme (Phase 2)
- ePlanning Programme (Phase 2)



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PEOPLE SERVICES

Fingal County Council Miscellaneous Services fingal.ie

People Services

Budget 2025 - **€5.1m**

Priorities

- Learning & Development - €946k
- HR Administration - €648k
- Recruitment - €386k
- Health & Safety- €560k
- Network Fingal Forum - €320k
- Wellbeing - €167k

Pension and Retirement costs **€25.4m**

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FINANCE

Commercial Rates – 4% increase

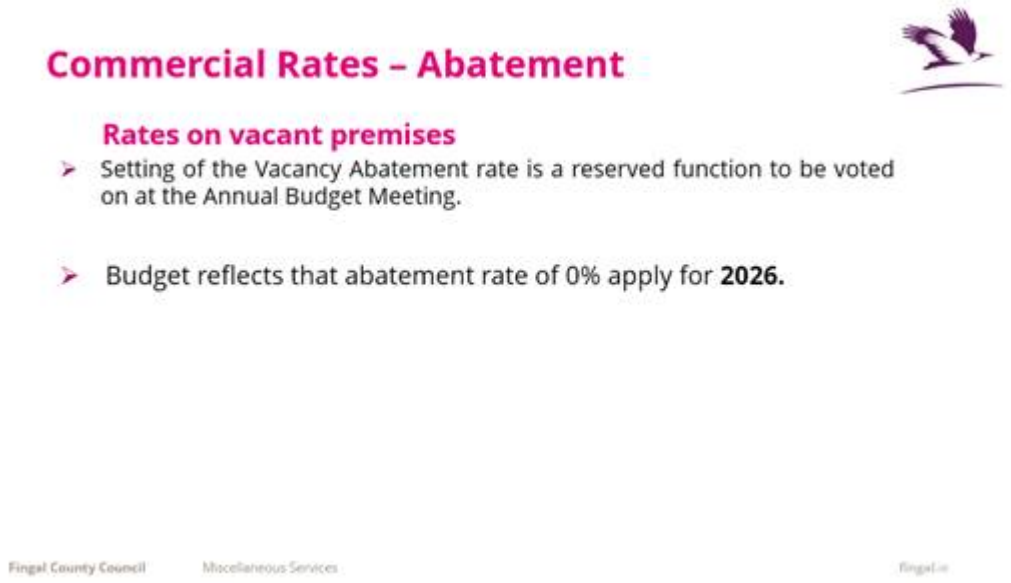
Rate Band		No	4.0% rate increase value	% of rate accounts contribution to rate increase	no of rate payers in band	% of rate payers in band	Annual increase in rates impact (based on max value)
from €	to €						
0	1,000		14,01	0.2%	18	0.2%	40.00
1,001	5,000		324,44	4.8%	1603	46.3%	200.00
5,001	10,000		288,50	4.3%	107	35.7%	400.00
10,001	20,000		336,69	5.1%	62	9.8%	800.00
20,001	50,000		722,02	10.7%	59	9.2%	2,000.00
50,001	100,000		624,38	9.3%	23	3.6%	4,000.00
100,001	500,000		1,296,33	19.3%	17	2.7%	20,000.00
>500,001			3,112,30	46.3%	3	0.5%	
			6,721,74	100.0%	6,427	100.0%	
Ratepayers paying more than €20k pa			5,757,047	86%	1032	16%	
Ratepayers paying less than €20k pa			964,698	14%	5,395	84%	

- For 74% of business a 4% rate increase will cost less than €400 pa.
- 4% is significantly below the cumulative rate of inflation since 2020 which is in excess of 20%
- 2020 revaluation saw 75% of business see a rate decrease (55% decrease in excess of 10%).
- During 2024 €17m of ICOB, ICOB2 and Power Up grants issued to eligible businesses in Fingal.

Miscellaneous Services

Finance

- Administration of Rates including:- €19.7m
  - Provision for rates loss arising out of valuation appeals process;
  - Refund of rates on vacant properties (2024 and prior);
  - Bad debt provisioning;
  - Rates administration.





The Council then **NOTED** the provisions made in the Annual Budget for Division H – Miscellaneous Services.

Mr. Oliver Hunt, Head of Finance, responded to the Members queries. Ms. AnnMarie Farrelly addressed the meeting, advising the Members that the budget present was a sustainable budget for Fingal.

At 4:45pm, the Mayor, Councillor T. O'Leary advised the Members that the meeting was adjourned. The meeting reconvened at 5.15pm.

The Mayor advised the Members that he would now deal with Motions.

The following Motion in the names of Councillors Ryan, Walsh, Humphreys, McCamley, M. Boland, McDonagh, Johnston, Donnelly, Hanaphy, Quinn, Smyth, Mulville, Hopkins, Mulligan, Burtchaell, Redwood, & Healy:

"This Council resolves to adjourn the current meeting to Friday 28th November, when a revised Budget will be considered, which excludes the proposed increase in social housing rents for 2026."

was proposed by Councillor John Walsh and seconded by Councillor Mary McCamley.

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

FOR: 18 Eighteen
AGAINST: 21 Twenty-One
ABSTAIN: 0 Zero

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

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

The Mayor then **DECLARED** the Motion lost.

A second Motion in the names of Councillors Guerin, Sheehan, Tormey, Butler & Troy:

"That the draft 2026 budget as presented be amended as outlined

Reduce Division A - Table F income - Rents from Houses	**2,700,000**

Reduce expenditure as outlined below	
Reduce Capital Transfers	
F0403 Community Facilities	530,000
A0101 Maintenance of LA Housing Units	530,000
F0201 Library Service Operations	520,000
B0304 Regional Road Bridge Maintenance	50,000
E0901 Maintenance of Burial Grounds	50,000
F0504 Heritage/Interpretive Facilities Operations	520,000
Reduce Programme of Works	
B0405 Local Roads General Maintenance Works	160,000
F0301 Parks, Pitches & Open Spaces	145,000
B0602 Traffic Maintenance	150,000
B0502 Public Lighting Improvement	45,000
Total	**2,700,000**

and adopt the budget as amended."

was proposed by Councillor Jimmy Guerin and seconded by Councillor Tony Murphy.

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

FOR: 21 Twenty-One
AGAINST: 18 Eighteen
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, Ted Leddy, Grainne Maguire, Tony Murphy, Joe Newman, Eoghan O'Brien, Tom O'Leary, JK Onwumereh, Gerard Sheehan, 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, Brian McDonagh, Dean Mulligan, Paul Mulville, Patrick Quinlan, Malachy Quinn, Helen Redwood, Brendan Ryan, John Smyth, John Walsh.

The Mayor then **DECLARED** the Motion carried.

BUDGET – MOTION 1

The following Motion was read into the record of the meeting by the Mayor, Councillor T. O'Leary. It was proposed by Councillor A. Tormey, seconded by Councillor K. Dennison and **AGREED**:

"That the County Council adopts for the Financial Year ending 31 December 2026, the Annual Budget set out in Tables A to F as amended."

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

FOR:	**21**	**Twenty-One**
AGAINST:	**18**	**Eighteen**
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, Ted Leddy, Grainne Maguire, Tony Murphy, Joe Newman, Eoghan O'Brien, Tom O'Leary, JK Onwumereh, Gerard Sheehan, 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, Brian McDonagh, Dean Mulligan, Paul Mulville, Patrick Quinlan, Malachy Quinn, Helen Redwood, Brendan Ryan, John Smyth, John Walsh.

BUDGET – MOTION 2

The following Motion was read into the record of the meeting by the Mayor, Councillor T. O'Leary. It was proposed by Councillor O'Leary, seconded by Councillor E. O'Brien and **AGREED**:

"That the County Council determines in accordance with the budget as adopted the rate as set out in Table A to be the Annual Rate on Valuation to be levied for the Financial Year ending 31 December in 2026 for the purposes set out in Table A".

BUDGET – MOTION 3

The following Motion was read into the record of the meeting by the Mayor, Councillor T. O'Leary. It was proposed by Councillor A. Tormey, seconded by Councillor E. O'Brien and **AGREED**:

"That the County Council approves of the transfer to the Capital Account of the sums provided for various Capital purposes in the Annual Budget for 2026 as amended"

BUDGET – MOTION 4

The following Motion was read into the record of the meeting by the Mayor, Councillor T. O'Leary. It was proposed by Councillor K. Dennison, seconded by Councillor E. Carbone-Mangan and **AGREED**:

"That Fingal County Council makes a scheme for the abatement of rates in respect of vacant properties in accordance with the provisions of Section 9 of the Local Government Rates and Other Matters Act 2019, as amended.

Such a scheme in respect of vacant property will provide for an abatement of 0% of rates due to Fingal County Council by a liable person for the financial year ending 31 December 2026"

The Meeting concluded at 6:50pm

MAYOR _____ DATE _____

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ITEM NO. 02

NOMINATIONS

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COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

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ITEM NO. 02a

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO POSITIONS - INNOVATE FINGAL

Innovate Fingal CLG is a company established to operate the county's three Enterprise Centres.

To ensure the public interest is represented at Board level, 2 Board Director positions are reserved for elected members nominated by Fingal County Council, one of whom is to be the Chair of the Economic Development SPC.

Local Advisory Committees are being established to provide advice to the Board on each site and to ensure connection to local knowledge and interest. 2 positions are reserved on each Committee for elected members from the Local Electoral Area, to be nominated from Fingal County Council.

Accordingly, nominations are hereby sought for the following positions –

1. Membership of the Board of Innovate Fingal –
    - The Chair of the Economic SPC is to take a seat on the company Board.
    - Nomination of one elected member of the Council to the Board of Innovate Fingal

    It should be noted that these positions will be those of Board Directors.

2. Nominations to Local Advisory Committees at –
    - BEAT – 2 Members from the Swords / Balbriggan Area
    - BASE – 2 Members from the Dublin 15 Area
    - DRINEN – 2 Members from the Howth / Malahide Area

    It should be noted that these positions will not be those of Board Directors.

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ITEM NO. 02b

APPOINTMENT OF 1 MEMBER TO THE DUBLIN BELFAST ECONOMIC CORRIDOR (DBEC) POLITICAL ADVISORY GROUP

The Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor (DBEC) partnership was launched in 2021 and comprises 8 Local Authorities and two Universities. The aim of DBEC is to jointly support initiatives that will boost economic growth throughout the region for mutual benefit. As part of the partnership, a Political Advisory Group provides a forum for views, collaboration and relationship development at political level.

Each Local Authority holds 3 seats to be nominated from within the political membership of each Council.

Having considered the matter of membership of the group, the Organisation, Procedures & Finance Committee determined that the nomination process for Fingal should henceforth be as follows -

- the Chair of the Economic Enterprise & Tourism Strategic Policy Committee

- an elected Member of the Economic Enterprise & Tourism Strategic Policy Committee to be agreed by the SPC membership

- an elected Member to be nominated from Full Council

The Chair of the SPC, Cllr Kieran Dennison and the SPC member, as agreed by the SPC, Cllr Tom O'Leary, have taken up their positions on the Group.

Accordingly, a nomination is hereby sought for the third Fingal position on the Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor (DBEC) Political Advisory Group.

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ITEM NO. 02c

APPOINTMENT OF ONE MEMBER TO THE AIRPORT REGIONS COUNCIL (ARC)

Nominations are sought for the appointment of one Member to The Airport Regions Council due to the resignation of Councillor James Humphreys for this Regions Council.

Fingal County Council is a member of the Airport's Regions Council (ARC), the European Association of regional and local authorities with an airport situated within their territory. The vision of the organisation is to promote sustainable planning and airport growth, taking into account environmental and citizen concerns.

On a regular basis, ARC organises two conferences and assemblies (one in Spring and one in Autumn). Usually, the conference takes place on a Thursday and the Assembly on the Friday. During the last years; one takes place in Brussels and the other in a member's place.

In 2026, the Spring one will take place in Manises (Valencia Airport, Spain) on 21st and 22nd May 2026. The Autumn one will take place in Brussels together with the final event of the EU funded project PULSAR focused on new approaches to reduce aviation noise. The date is not fixed yet, but most probably the second half of November.

Plus, these regular meetings, members can join virtually the 3 internal working groups every 3 months (AI, hydrogen and Urban Air Mobility) plus 3 or 4 webinars during the year.

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ITEM NO. 03

IRISH REFUGEE PROTECTION PROGRAMME

Question: Councillor P. Quinlan

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide details of the number of housing support allocations made to refugees, resettled under the Irish Refugee Protection Programme, by Fingal County Council, either directly or through Approved Housing Bodies, in recent years, including any statistics and details on such allocations, and specific initiatives or partnerships that support refugee resettlement in Fingal?"

Reply:

There have been no allocations to Fingal County Council tenancies or nominations to Approved Housing Bodies made under the Irish Refugee Protection Programme or other Refugee Resettlement programmes.

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

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ITEM NO. 04

INACTIVE PLANNING PERMISSIONS

Question: Councillor J. Walsh

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline, in tabular format, the total number of dwellings, including houses and apartments, not yet commenced on sites which have full planning permission but are inactive in each year since 2019; the number of inactive planning permissions across both residential and mixed-use developments and to provide a list of current inactive sites of ten dwellings or more?"

Reply:

Fingal County Council monitors quarterly data on new residential planning permissions and construction activity for the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage's 4Dublin Housing Pipeline Returns. This exercise was originally established by the Dublin Housing Supply Coordination Task Force under the Construction 2020 Strategy.

These returns provide a quarterly snapshot of residential planning permissions and housing construction activity for development sites of 10 units or more.

As of October 2025, there are 8,312 live permissions on active sites across the County.

The following table outlines the inactive sites for end of each year since 2019 and the unit breakdown.

Year End	Total Inactive Sites	Total Units Not Commenced	Houses Not Commenced	Apartments Not Commenced
2019	51	4336	1709	2627
2020	53	5806	1583	4223
2021	56	7092	1253	5839
2022	49	7626	1494	6132
2023	57	13664	3471	10193
2024	49	8733	1644	7089

The following is the list of Planning Applications that were inactive as of our last 4Dublin Housing Supply Survey conducted for Q3 2025:
F14A/0488/E1, F20A/000, F21A/0654, F21A/0701, F21A/0709, F22A/0034, F22A/0136, F22A/0426, F22A/0477, F22A/0579, F22A/0581, F22A/0608, F22A/0652, F22A/0678, F22A/0713, F23A/0504, F23A/0712, F24A/0169, F24A/0644E, F24A/0675E, F24A/0781E, F24A/0895E, FW19A/0099, FW19A/0189, FW20A/0059, FW21A/0251, FW22A/0034, FW22A/0047, FW22A/0147, FW22A/0152, FW23A/0013, FW24A/0388E, FW24A/0471E, LRD0001/S3, LRD0006/S3, LRD0012/S3, LRD0019/S3, LRD0021/S3E, LRD0025/S3E, LRD0035/S3, LRD0043/S3E, LRD0047/S3E, LRD0051/S3E, LRD0056/S3E, SHD/009/21, SHD/011/20, SHD/015/20, SHD/016/21, SHD/018/21

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

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ITEM NO. 05

NATIONAL SPEED LIMIT IMPLEMENTATION

Question: Councillor JK Onwumereh

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the implementation of the National Speed Limit that was scheduled to be completed by the 30th June 2025; and to confirm if there are areas or roads not covered, and if so, why?"

Reply:

All Local Authorities are following the same process for the National Speed Limit Implementation with the focus on increasing road safety by altering the speed limits on public roads.

The National Speed Limit Implementation is being rolled out on a country-wide basis led by the Department of Transport (DoT). This has been broken into three phases:

- Phase 1 Local Rural Roads
- Phase 2 Urban Areas and National Secondary Roads
- Phase 3 Other Areas (e.g. schools & other special circumstances)

The original target date was 30th June 2025 for Phase 2; however, this was delayed due to unforeseen issues that arose during the initial implementation process as advised by the DoT.

To progress the work on the Phase 2 Urban Core Areas, all Local Authorities were awaiting a Circular and technical guidance to issue from the DoT. These were issued on the 16th October 2025 in conjunction with the Minister directing all Local Authorities to start the Phase 2 process. The objective is to have the 30km/h speed limits in built-up and urban areas operational by 31st March 2027.

As previously advised, the introduction of these 30km/h speed limit changes will be implemented by Local Authorities through the adoption of Special Speed Limit Byelaws, rather than by changing default limits. A special speed limit is a speed limit set locally by each Local Authority and must be in accordance with Setting and Managing Speed Limits in Ireland Guidelines (now updated). As outlined in section 9 of the Roads Traffic Act 2004 the making and adoption of special speed limit requires statutory public consultation and is a reserved function of the Council.

Similar to other Local Authorities, Fingal County Council Engineers are currently examining the technical guidance issued to commence Phase 2 of this process.

Country wide, the speed limit changes will come into effect on the dates specified by each Local Authority in their new Byelaws. Signs showing the new speed limits will be installed at appropriate locations, so that all road users are aware of any change.

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

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ITEM NO. 06

‘GREENER BY DEFAULT’ CATERING

Question: Councillor D. Healy

"To ask the Chief Executive what catering contracts have been entered into by the Council over the last twelve months, and to what degree these contracts have followed the "Greener by Default" model recommended by the Climate Action, Biodiversity and Environment Strategic Policy Committee, as well as what contracts for catering are expected to be initiated or reviewed in the next 12 months and what is planned as regards the "Greener by Default" model in those contracts?”

Reply:

The Fingal County Council Green Public Procurement Strategy 2024-2026 outlines the Council’s commitment to keeping sustainability to the forefront of everything it does and adopting green procurement strategies to achieve a more sustainable future for our community and promote eco-innovation, climate action, and circular economy. The strategy provides a clear mandate for sustainability through procurement.

Fingal County Council Departments are requested to consider incorporating the ‘Greener by Default’ approach to procurements with a food service requirement.

The tender for the main catering contract for Fingal County Council was published in 2022 with the initial contract in place from July 2023 for a period of 2 years with options to extend for an additional 4 x 12 months. When this contract is retendered the ‘Greener by Default’ model will be included as part of the tender requirements.

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

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ITEM NO. 07

FINGAL REUSABLE CUP PROJECT

Question: Councillor C. Haughey

"To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the Fingal Reusable Cup Project, trialled in Malahide and Rush, and to advise if the project has been a success, detailing how many businesses are taking part, will it be rolled out elsewhere and if the Council has had engagement with the Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment on a levy on single-use cups, while also acknowledging the first Cup Project nationally, in Killarney, has lost most participating businesses?"

Reply:

The 6-month pilot 'Fingal Reusable Cup Project' commenced in Malahide and Rush on 17th May 2025 and finished on 17th November 2025. The aim of the project was to significantly reduce and potentially eliminate single use cups within these locations with the anticipation of rolling this out across Fingal in the future. A total of 18 businesses signed up to participate in the project – 12 in Malahide and 6 in Rush.

As part of this pilot, we trialled an advanced 'tap to borrow' reusable cup solution for customers partnering up with Tech suppliers Vytal and local businesses. This was an option made available to customers who did not have their own reusable cup. Unfortunately, there was a relatively poor uptake on the 'tap to borrow' part of the project despite many efforts to continuously engage with businesses by providing supporting materials for customer promotion, attempts at introducing loyalty schemes, rewards for staff who promote the project, the level of support is wavering as there is no real incentive for businesses to commit.

It is widely acknowledged both in Fingal, Killarney and elsewhere that the introduction of the 'Latte Levy' into legislation would be of real benefit to this and other similar type projects however, it has been advised by the Department that there is a delay in the introduction of the levy.

On a positive note, some businesses have reported increases in the number of customers bringing their own reusable cups which is a success of the project. One business reported an increase of over 60%.

Following the end of the pilot, it is our intention to fully evaluate the project and look at different ways of supporting the project in 2026 that might encourage and increase participation to include concentrating more on the customer end of things and increasing the number of people having their own reusable cups when going for a take-away. This is primarily a behavioural change project and will take time to embed into our communities.

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

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ITEM NO. 08

FINGAL HARRIERS

Question: Councillor H. Redwood

"To ask the Chief Executive, noting that Fingal Harriers hosted the Equestrian Event at Flavours of Fingal 2025, which clearly runs contrary to the spirit of the motion passed at the May 2025 Council meeting to ban fox-hunting on all council-owned land in Fingal, whether the Council intends to invite Fingal Harriers to host the Equestrian Event at Flavours of Fingal 2026 and to dissociate itself from Fingal Harriers and fox-hunting, in general, for all Council run events going forward?"

Reply:

The Motion previously passed committed the Council to ensuring that fox hunting is not facilitated on Council owned lands. This commitment has been honoured and will continue to be.

The Events Programme is under review and engagement is taking place with stakeholders in relation to what should be included in the new/revised programme. As part of discussions at SPC, CPG and Area Committee, Members have had an input and will have the opportunity to consider further when the proposed Programme is presented to Council in February 2026.

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

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ITEM NO. 09

DEFECTIVE BLOCK GRANT SCHEME

Question: Councillor M. Boland

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update, in tabular form, on the number of houses in Fingal that have been confirmed as being identified impacted by defective blocks, together with the number of properties currently awaiting test results, and to confirm whether Fingal County Council has now been approved for inclusion in the Defective Block Grant Scheme and, if not, what steps are being taken to be included in this scheme?"

Reply:

There were 11 houses identified by Fingal County Council as being impacted by defective blocks.

On the 21st September 2023, the Council formally requested the Housing Agency to consider making a recommendation to the Minister to designate Fingal County Council for its entire administrative area as a designated Local Authority for the purposes of the Enhanced Grant Scheme as per S.I. No. 347 of 2023, 'the Remediation of Dwellings Damaged by the Use of Defective Concrete Blocks Regulations 2023'. As part of this submission, the Councils opinion and the reports received from the house owners were forwarded to the Housing Agency for their consideration.

In 2024, the Housing Agency commenced its investigations and consultations required under the Act. Last June 2025, the Housing Agency completed their report and sent it to the Minister for consideration.

Once a decision is made, the Council will contact all the properties affected and inform them on what happens next. Should the Minister decide to include Fingal on the scheme, then residents affected by defective blocks will be able to make applications for funding through the Council for the rebuilding works. On the 29th October 2025, the Council has requested an update from the Housing Agency in relation to the Minister's decision. We are still awaiting this update.

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

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ITEM NO. 10

REVISED HOUSING TARGETS

Question: Councillor L. Corkery

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a timeline for the expected statutory process regarding the forthcoming variation arising from Ministerial Guidelines instructing Local Authorities to update housing targets in line with the revised National Planning Framework?"

Reply:

The Revised National Planning Framework (NPF) was approved by the Oireachtas in April 2025. The Revised NPF sets high-level policy for national growth and development, revised to account for recent demographic changes.

The Revised NPF also sets updated targets for population and housing growth, with National Policy Objective 42 targeting the *delivery of approximately 50,000 additional homes per annum to 2040*. These new targets reflect the results of Census 2022 and research by the Economic and Social Research Institute (ESRI) and others.

In July 2025, the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage issued Section 28 Guidelines, *NPF Implementation: Housing Growth Requirements* and accompanying circular. These Guidelines provide detailed guidance on how City and County Councils should vary their statutory development plans in order to incorporate the updated targets of the Revised NPF.

Section 13 of the Planning & Development Act, as amended, outlines the timeline for varying the County Development Plan. Fingal County Council intends to publish the variation aligning the Development Plan to these updated targets.

This variation will be published in the coming weeks and will go on public display for not less than 4 weeks. A notice of the proposed variation of the development plan will also be published in one or more newspapers circulating in the area. This notice will outline that a copy of the proposed variation may be inspected at a stated place or places and at stated times during a stated period of not less than 4 weeks (and the copy of the draft variation shall be kept available for inspection accordingly), and that written submissions or observations with respect to the proposed variation made to the planning authority within the said period will be taken into consideration before the making of the variation.

Written submissions received by the planning authority shall be published on a website maintained by or on behalf of the authority within 10 working days of their receipt.

Not later than 8 weeks after publication of the notice, the Chief Executive shall prepare a report on any submissions or observations received under that subsection and shall submit the report to the Elected Members for their consideration.

The Elected Members shall consider the proposed variation and the report of the Chief Executive. The consideration of the variation and the Chief Executive's report shall be completed not later than 6 weeks after the submission of the CE Report to the members.

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

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ITEM NO. 11

GARDA CLEARANCE FOR SOCIAL HOUSING AND HAP APPLICATIONS

Question: Councillor J. Smyth

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline what is the average length of time for garda clearance; anti-social behaviour assessments, in relation to social housing and housing assistance payments (HAP) applications to be completed?"

Reply:

As outlined in Section 15 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions Act) 1997, the Council has the authority to seek information from An Garda Síochána in relation to a housing applicant's request for housing support. Garda clearance and anti-social behaviour assessment do not form part of the HAP application process.

The processing time for an Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) check can vary depending on the specific circumstances of each case. Whilst Fingal County Council doesn't track or record response times for all vetting applications, a recent sample of checks showed response times from An Garda Síochána ranged from between 7 to 30 working days.

Given the continuing strong level of social housing delivery by Fingal County Council and Approved Housing Bodies, the Housing Department continues to develop a strong working relationship with An Garda Síochána across the Fingal area. As part of this ongoing work, the Council has recently written to the relevant

Chief Superintendents on the matter, to identify what efficiencies can be made and we will continue to pursue this matter.

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

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ITEM NO. 12

DIFFERENTIAL RENT SCHEME

Question: Councillor B. Ryan

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide details of the number of Council tenants and HAP tenants that will be subject to rent increases as a result of the proposed changes to the Differential Rent Scheme, based on current numbers?"

Reply:

All 6,965 social housing accounts and 2,283 Housing Assistance Payments (HAP) accounts will be subject to some level of increase. The Differential Rent Scheme includes a hardship provision, as a safeguard for tenants experiencing financial difficulty.

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

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ITEM NO. 13

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

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COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 8TH DECEMBER 2025

ITEM NO.13a

REPORT OF ORGANISATION, PROCEDURE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE (OP&F) HELD ON MONDAY 10TH NOVEMBER 2025

MATTERS OF ORGANISATION AND PROCEDURE

Amendment to the appointment of Members to the Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor (DBEC) Political Advisory Board

Mr. John Quinlivan, Director of Service, Economic, Enterprise, Tourism and Cultural Development, advised the Members of the current arrangement in relation to Fingal's representation on the DBEC Political Advisory Board, advising that, on occasion, Fingal are under represented on the Board due to this arrangement.

Mr. Quinlivan outlined the proposed amendment to the appointment of Members to this Board i.e. (i) that the Mayor is not automatically appointed to the Board and (ii) that the third representative would come from either the relevant SPC or from the Full Council.

Following discussion, it was **AGREED** that the Mayor would not automatically become a member of DBEC.

Following a roll call vote, it was **AGREED** that the third representative to DBEC would be nominated from the Full Council.

The Mayor **DECLARED** that the nomination for the third Member of the Board would be brought to the Full Council Meeting to be held on Monday, 8th December.

Update on CRM System

Ms. Mary Egan, Director of People, Corporate and Digital Services gave a presentation to the Members.

Following discussion, the presentation was **NOTED,** and it was **AGREED** that a written response to the queries raised would be circulated to all Members.

Finance Matters

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

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

Following discussion, the report was **NOTED**

Report on all Strategic Financial Matters facing the Council

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

Following discussion, the report was **NOTED**

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ITEM NO. 13b

REPORT OF BALBRIGGAN/RUSH-LUSK/SWORDS AREA COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2025

APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING

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

ACTIVITY FUNDING GRANTS APPLICATIONS

Name of Applicant Group	Total Funding Amount Applied for in Respect of this Application	Summary of What Funding is Required For and breakdown of Items	Has this Group Applied for Funding Previously? Y/N	Total Amount of Funding Group has Received to Date and Broken Down by Year	Total Amount of Funding Proposed by the Fingal Executive and rationale for Approval
Garristown Market GA-003620	€3000	4M x 8M Gazebo	N	N/A	€3000
Donabate Portrane Community First Responders GA003636	€2985	3x Defibrillators	N	N/A	€2985

Royal Oak Residents Committee GA-003648	€1320	Community Centre Santa Mince pies, biscuits, cakes Disco Kids - Entertainer Balloon Modeller Decoration Selection Boxes Insurance Tea, Coffee, Milk	Y	2025 - €1095.46	€1299.25
The Bold Woman Association GA-003618	€396	Insurance	Y	2024 - €2997.89	€395.94
Fingal Africa Association GA-003632	€1156	Dance class Instructor Public Liability insurance dance studio rental	N	N/A	€1156
Revival Social Active Retired Group GA-003647	€1684	Trolley Bus Hire	N	N/A	€1684
Cairde Balbriggan GA-003649	€2084	Chairs Tables and trolley Filing cabinet Flasks Printer	N	N/A	€2084
Balbriggan Women's Development Group GA-003650	€3000	5 new sewing machines. Maintenance of 7 old machines. Padded Chairs. Fabric. Sewing accessories	N	N/A	€3000

Sustainable Skerries GA-003631	€1226	Insurance	Y	2024 - €3000	€1226
Ballyboughal Hedgerow Society GA-003646	€3200	Rob Birtwistle Emma Birtwistle David Thompson Ross Thompson	Y	2025 - €600.00 2024 - €3000.00	€2400
Rush Senior Citizens GA-003643	€1094	Band Burco Boiler Phone Two First Aid Online Courses First Aid Equipment	Y	2025 - €1800 2024 - €2,438.00	€1094
Ballyboughal Town of the Staff Council CLG GA-003654	€2918	Community storage shed	N	N/A	€2918

It was **proposed** by Councillor Luke Corkery **seconded** by Councillor Joe Newman that this Committee recommends that the County Council APPROVE of the Community Funding in the foregoing report.

APPLICATIONS FOR SPORTS FUNDING

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

ACTIVITY FUNDING GRANTS APPLICATIONS

Name of Applicant Group	Total Funding Amount Applied for in Respect of this Application	Summary of What Funding is Required For – 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
Malahide Swords Canoe Club	€4,000	Seakayaks 2200 Paddles 1500 Buoyancy aids 1080 They will promote greater inclusion of children with disabilities and participation by disadvantaged groups in water sports	Y	2023 - €3,000 2021 - €2,000	€4,000 This equipment will allow the club to be more inclusive to people with additional needs and disadvantaged groups
Lir Swim club	€1,450	1 x Coaches Stopwatch €80.00 50 x Swim Caps €300.12 10 x Ankle Straps €69.99 20 x Kick Boards (Bundle Deal) 20 x Pull Buoys (Bundle Deal) 20 x Mess Bags (Bundle Deal)	Y	2021 - €425 20 20 - €1,000	€1,450 This grant will be used to improve essential equipment and increase participation year-round within the club for boys and girls

		20 x Snorkels (Bundle Deal) 999.00			
Rush Boxing Club	€1,499	boxing gloves 10oz x 16 €413.16 boxing gloves 16oz x 25 €589.70 headgear x 12 €496.58	Y	2020 - €1,000	€1,499 this grant is essential in purchasing equipment that will improve both the participation and safety standards of young boys and girls in the club.
Skerries Badminton Club	€1,650	Badminton Shuttles x 50 boxes	N	N/A	€1,500 Due to the high number of games and practice sessions there is continuous wear and tear on the club's Badminton Shuttles
Lusk United AFC	€1,500	Heavy duty nets x 4 €560 16 x 6 goal posts x 1 set €980	Y	2024 - €3,000 2020 - €1,000	€1,500 These goals posts and nets will enhance the club's ability to increase capacity for training and games for both boys' and girls' juvenile teams It will also enhance the quality and

					safety from the current equipment

It was **proposed** by Councillor Luke Corkery **seconded** by Councillor Joe Newman that this Committee recommends that the County Council APPROVE of the Sports Funding in the foregoing report.

Signed: **Councillor Luke Corkery**
Area Chairperson

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ITEM NO. 13c

REPORT OF CORPORATE POLICY GROUP (CPG) MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 17th NOVEMBER 2025

Budget 2026

Mr. Oliver Hunt, Head of Finance, gave an update to the CPG in relation to the 2026 Budget, advising that, following the briefing session with Members, a recommendation from CPG was now being sought.

Following discussion, the CPG, with the exception of Cllr. B. Ryan, **AGREED** to recommend Budget 2026 to Full Council at the meeting on Tuesday, 18th November.

Signed: Tom O'Leary
Mayor

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MONDAY 8TH DECEMBER 2025

ITEM NO. 13d

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

APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING

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

ACTIVITY FUNDING GRANT APPLICATIONS

Name of Applicant Group	Total Funding Amount Applied for in Respect of this Application	Summary of What Funding is Required For and breakdown of items	Has this Group Applied for Funding Previously? Yes/No	Total Amount of Funding Group has Received to Date and Broken Down by Year	Total Amount of Funding Proposed by the Fingal Executive and rationale for Approval
CoSA – Pace GA-003579	€790.00	Workshop for Volunteers and Venue	YES	€1,500.00 - 2024 €1,940.00 - 2023	€900.00
Mulhuddart Men's Shed	€2,790.00	Table Saw	YES	€2,072.88 - 2023	€2,790.00

GA-003662					
Greater Cochin Club GA-003671	€3,000.00	AV Rental Band DJ Kids Entertainment Insurance	YES	€2,000.00 - 2025 € 3,000.00 - 2024	€1,000.00
Blakestown & Mountview Youth Initiative GA-003669	€2,828.00	Interactive White Board	YES	€3,000.00 - 2024 € 3,000.00 - 2023	€2,828.00
Woodpark Residents Association GA-003676	€1,344.00	Children's Entertainment Insurance Christmas Lights Room Hire	YES	€1,217.00 - 2024 €1,980.33 - 2023	€1,344.00

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

Signed: _____

Councillor E. Cabone-Mangan
Area Chairperson

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FINANCIAL MATTERS

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ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

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Financial Review

Introduction:

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

Income & Expenditure Account

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

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

Balance Sheet

The Annual Financial Statement (AFS) includes valuations for fixed assets and includes local authority houses, land, buildings, equipment, heritage assets, plant and machinery, road networks and the surface water element of our drainage network. The total value of fixed assets reflected in the balance sheet at the 31st December 2024 is €3.341bn.

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

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

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

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

Financial Outlook

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

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

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

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

AnnMarie Farrelly
Chief Executive
31st March 2025

Fingal County Council

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

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

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

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

1.4 When preparing financial statements we have:

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

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

Chief Executive

Date 31/3/2025

Director of Finance

Date 31/3/2025

Independent Auditor's Opinion to the Members of Fingal County Council

I have audited the annual financial statement of Fingal County Council for the year ended 31 December 2024 as set out on pages 5 to 24, which comprises the Statement of Accounting Policies, Statement of Comprehensive Income, Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Funds Flow and Notes to and forming part of the Accounts. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in its preparation is the Code of Practice and Accounting Regulations as prescribed by the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

Responsibilities of the Council and the Local Government Auditor

The Council, in accordance with Section 107 of the Local Government Act, 2001, is responsible for the maintenance of all accounting records including the preparation of the Annual Financial Statement. It is my responsibility, based on my audit, to form an independent opinion on the statement and to report my opinion to you.

Scope of the audit of the financial statement

I conducted my audit in accordance with the Code of Audit Practice, as prescribed under Section 117 of the Local Government Act, 2001. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the annual financial statement. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made in the preparation of the financial statement, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Council's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

I planned and performed my audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which I considered necessary in order to provide sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the annual financial statement is free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error.

Opinion on the financial statement

In my opinion the annual financial statement, which has been prepared in accordance with the Code of Practice and Accounting Regulations for local authorities, presents fairly the financial position of the Fingal County Council at 31 December 2024 and its income and expenditure for the year then ended.

Statutory Audit Report

I have also prepared an associated audit report as provided for in Section 120(1) (c) of the Local Government Act, 2001.

Michelle McLoughlin
Principal Local Government Auditor

Date: 30th September 2025

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1. General

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

2. Statement of Funds Flow (Funds Flow Statement)

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

3. Accruals

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

4. Interest Charges

Loans payable can be divided into the following two categories:

- Mortgage related loans
- Non- mortgage related loans

4.1 Mortgage Related Loans

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

4.2 Non Mortgage Related Loans

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

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

5. Pensions

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

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

6. Agency and Other Services

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

7. Insurance

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

8. Provision for Bad & Doubtful Debts

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

9. Fixed Assets

9.1 Classification of Assets

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

9.2 Recognition

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

9.3 Measurement

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

9.4 Fixed Assets Revaluation

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

9.5 Disposals

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

9.6 Depreciation

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

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

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

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

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

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

9. Government Grants

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

10. Development Debtors & Income

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

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

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

12. Debt Redemption

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

13. Lease Schemes

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

14. Stock

Stocks are valued on an average cost basis.

15. Work-in-Progress & Preliminary Expenditure

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

16. Related Parties

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

17. Interest in Local Authority Companies

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

18. Accounting for Expenditure

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

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

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT STATEMENT)

FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

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

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

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

	Notes	2024	2023
		€	€
Fixed Assets	1		
Operational		1,699,577,896	1,564,445,686
Infrastructural		1,164,724,574	1,155,590,687
Community		111,038,181	102,977,088
Non-Operational		366,046,034	339,387,112
		3,341,386,685	**3,162,400,573**
Work-in-Progress and Preliminary Expenses	2	**217,673,968**	**134,172,736**
Long Term Debtors	3	**383,597,780**	**307,245,595**
Current Assets			
Stock	4	676,296	700,196
Trade Debtors & Prepayments	5	203,586,199	63,297,783
Bank Investments		251,547,942	397,047,942
Cash at Bank		54,220,731	10,557,934
Cash in Transit		93,743	2,378,576
		510,124,911	**473,982,431**
Current Liabilities			
Bank Overdraft		-	-
Creditors & Accruals	6	189,810,704	163,998,096
Finance Leases		1,304,914	994,626
		191,115,618	**164,992,722**
Net Current Assets / (Liabilities)		**319,009,293**	**308,989,709**
Creditors (Amounts greater than one year)			
Loans Payable	7	276,935,966	290,934,395
Finance Leases		2,593,381	1,832,540
Refundable Deposits	8	54,374,140	47,270,013
Other		203,438,308	118,372,931
		537,341,795	**458,409,879**
Net Assets / (Liabilities)		**3,724,325,931**	**3,454,398,734**
Represented By			
Capitalisation	9	3,341,386,685	3,162,400,573
Income WIP	2	184,952,057	151,589,606
General Revenue Reserve		15,980,734	15,980,456
Other Specific Reserves		-	-
Other Balances	10	182,006,455	124,428,099
Total Reserves		**3,724,325,931**	**3,454,398,734**

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

STATEMENT OF FUNDS FLOW (FUNDS FLOW STATEMENT)

AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2024

	Note	2024 €	2024 €
REVENUE ACTIVITIES			
Net Inflow/(outflow) from Operating Activities	**17**		**(114,451,630)**
CAPITAL ACTIVITIES			
Returns on Investment and Servicing of Finance			
Increase/(Decrease) in Fixed Asset Capitalisation Funding		178,986,112	
Increase/(Decrease) in WIP/Preliminary Funding		33,362,451	
Increase/(Decrease) in Reserves Balances	**18**	51,301,381	
Net Inflow/(Outflow) from Returns on Investment and Servicing of Finance			**263,649,945**
Capital Expenditure & Financial Investment			
(Increase)/Decrease in Fixed Assets		(178,986,112)	
(Increase)/Decrease in WIP/Preliminary Funding		(83,501,232)	
(Increase)/Decrease in Other Capital Balances	**19**	3,189,025	
Net Inflow/(Outflow) from Capital Expenditure and Financial Investment			**(259,298,320)**
Financing			
Increase/(Decrease) in Loan & Lease Financing	**20**	(4,214,108)	
(Increase)/Decrease in Reserve Financing	**21**	3,087,951	
Net Inflow/(Outflow) from Financing Activities			**(1,126,157)**
Third Party Holdings			
Increase/(Decrease) in Refundable Deposits			**7,104,127**
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	**22**		**(104,122,036)**

1. Fixed Assets

	Land	Parks	Housing	Buildings	Plant & Machinery (Long and Short Life)	Computers, Furniture and Equipment	Heritage	Roads and Infrastructure	Water and Sewerage Network	Total
	€									
Costs										
Accumulated Costs at 1st Jan	359,221,945	27,770,899	1,307,800,690	321,075,272	16,933,541	1,538,988	1,099,130	1,081,406,466	202,059,449	3,318,906,380
Additions - Purchased	28,137,743	334,453	123,971,824	500,000	2,784,120	-	-	-	-	155,728,140
Additions - Transfer WIP	-	80,074	16,309,153	7,568,944	-	-	-	13,175,076	-	37,133,246
Disposals\Statutory Transfers	(19,434)	-	(6,767,965)	(799,855)	(697,376)	-	-	-	-	(8,284,629)
Revaluation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
Historical Costs Adjustments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
Accumulated Costs 31/12/2024	**387,340,254**	**28,185,425**	**1,441,313,702**	**328,344,361**	**19,020,286**	**1,538,988**	**1,099,130**	**1,094,581,542**	**202,059,449**	**3,503,483,137**
Depreciation										
Accumulated Depreciation at 1st Jan	-	16,285,017	-	121,695	10,193,859	1,377,874	-	-	128,527,361	156,505,807
Provision for year	-	395,621	-	-	1,621,178	102,537	-	-	4,041,189	6,160,525
Disposals\Statutory Transfers	-	26,756	-	-	(596,636)	-	-	-	-	(569,880)
Accumulated Depreciation 31/12/2024	**-**	**16,707,394**	**-**	**121,695**	**11,218,402**	**1,480,411**	**-**	**-**	**132,568,550**	**162,096,451**
Net Book Value at 31/12/2024	**387,340,254**	**11,478,031**	**1,441,313,702**	**328,222,667**	**7,801,884**	**58,577**	**1,099,130**	**1,094,581,542**	**69,490,899**	**3,341,386,685**
Net Book Value at 31/12/2023	359,221,945	11,485,881	1,307,800,690	320,953,577	6,739,682	161,113	1,099,130	1,081,406,466	73,532,088	3,162,400,573
Net Book Value by Category										
Operational	42,120,059	-	1,441,313,702	208,283,675	7,801,884	58,577	-	-	-	1,699,577,896
Infrastructural	652,133	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,094,581,542	69,490,899	1,164,724,574
Community	-	11,478,031	-	98,578,220	-	-	981,930	-	-	111,038,181
Non-Operational	344,568,062	-	-	21,360,772	-	-	117,200	-	-	366,046,034
Net Book Value at 31/12/2024	**387,340,254**	**11,478,031**	**1,441,313,702**	**328,222,667**	**7,801,884**	**58,577**	**1,099,130**	**1,094,581,542**	**69,490,899**	**3,341,386,685**

2. Work in Progress and Preliminary Expenses

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

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

3. Long Term Debtors

A breakdown of long term debtors is as follows:

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

* Includes HFA agency loans

4. Stocks

A summary of stock is as follows:

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

5. Trade Debtors and Prepayments

A breakdown of debtors and prepayments is as follows:

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

6. Creditors and Accruals

A breakdown of creditors and accruals is as follows:

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

7. Loans Payable

(a) Movement in Loans Payable

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

(b) Application of Loans

An analysis of loans payable is as follows:

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

* Includes HFA Agency Loans

8. Refundable Deposits

The movement in refundable deposits is as follows:

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

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

9. Capitalisation Account

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

	2024 Balance @ 01/01/2024 €	2024 Purchased €	2024 Transfers WIP €	2024 Disposals/ Statutory T/F's €	2024 Revaluation €	2024 Historical Cost Adjustments €	2024 Balance @ 31/12/2024 €	2023 Balance @ 31/12/2023 €
Grants	753,366,069	124,471,824	20,302,521	-	-	-	898,140,414	753,366,069
Loans	165,411,519	-	-	-	-	-	165,411,519	165,411,519
Revenue Funded	14,874,216	-	-	(48,219)	-	-	14,825,997	14,874,216
Leases	13,276,099	2,608,400	-	(627,316)	-	-	15,257,182	13,276,099
Development Contributions	92,398,449	10,909,651	9,261,782	(19,434)	-	-	112,550,447	92,398,449
Tenant Purchase Annuties	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unfunded	173,885,866	13,353,063	-	-	-	-	187,238,930	173,885,866
Historical	2,060,686,906	1,459,387	-	-	-	(7,567,819)	2,054,578,473	2,060,686,906
Other	45,007,256	2,925,816	7,568,944	(21,841)	-	-	55,480,174	45,007,256
Total Gross Funding	**3,318,906,380**	**155,728,140**	**37,133,246**	**(716,810)**	**-**	**(7,567,819)**	**3,503,483,137**	**3,318,906,380**
Less: Amortised							(162,096,451)	(156,505,807)
Total *							**3,341,386,685**	**3,162,400,573**

* As per note 1

10. Other Balances

A breakdown of other balances is as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

11. Capital Account Analysis

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

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

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

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

12. Mortgage Loan Funding Position

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

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

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

13. Summary of Plant and Materials Account

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

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

14. Analysis of Transfers to/from Reserves

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

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

15. Analysis of Revenue Income

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

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

16. Over/Under Expenditure

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

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

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

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

18. Increase/(Decrease) in Reserve Balances

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

19. (Increase)/Decrease in Other Capital Balances

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

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

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

21. Increase/(Decrease) in Reserve Financing

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

22. Analysis of Changes in Cash & Cash Equivalents

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

23. Revenue Commissioners: Level 1 Compliance Intervention Letter

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

24. Development Contribution Waiver Scheme

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

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

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

APPENDICES

APPENDIX 1

ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE

FOR PERIOD ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

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

SERVICE DIVISION A

Housing and Building

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

SERVICE DIVISION B

Road Transport & Safety

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

SERVICE DIVISION C

Water Services

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

SERVICE DIVISION D

Development Management

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

SERVICE DIVISION E

Environmental Services

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

SERVICE DIVISION F

Recreation and Amenity

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

SERVICE DIVISION G

Agriculture, Eductaion,Health and Welfare

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

SERVICE DIVISION H

Miscellaneous Services

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

APPENDIX 3
ANALYSIS OF INCOME FROM GRANTS AND SUBSIDIES

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

APPENDIX 4

ANALYSIS OF INCOME FROM GOODS AND SERVICES

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

APPENDIX 5

SUMMARY OF CAPITAL EXPENDITURE AND INCOME

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

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

APPENDIX 6

ANALYSIS OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ON CAPITAL ACCOUNT

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

Note: Mortgage related transactions are excluded

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APPENDIX 7
Summary of Major Revenue Collections for 2024

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

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

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

APPENDIX 8
INTEREST OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN COMPANIES

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

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

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

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Auditor's Report to the Members of Fingal County Council

1 Introduction

I have audited the Annual Financial Statement (AFS) of Fingal County Council for the year ended 31 December 2024, which comprises the Statement of Accounting Policies, Statement of Comprehensive Income, Statement of Financial Position, Funds Flow Statement and notes to and forming part of the accounts. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in its preparation is the Code of Practice and Accounting Regulations for Local Authorities, as prescribed by the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

My main statutory responsibility, following completion of the audit work, is to express my independent audit opinion on the AFS of the Council, as to whether it presents fairly the financial position at 31 December 2024 and its income and expenditure. My audit opinion, which is unmodified, is stated on page 4 of the AFS.

The Council is by law, responsible for the maintenance of all accounting records including the preparation of the AFS. It is my responsibility, based on my audit, to form an independent opinion on the statement and to report my opinion. I conducted my audit in accordance with the Code of Audit Practice. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the AFS. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgments made by the Council's management in the preparation of the AFS, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Council's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

I planned and performed my audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations, which I considered necessary to provide sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statement is free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error.

This report is prepared in accordance with Section 120(1) (c) of the Local Government Act, 2001 and should be read in conjunction with the audited AFS.

2 Financial Standing

2.1 Statement of Comprehensive Income

The Council broke even for the year after net transfers to reserves of €30.7m (2023: €44.7m). The cumulative surplus at 31 December 2024 was €15.98m. Net variances between the adopted budget and the actual outturn are

summarised in Note 16 to the AFS. The approval of the members, as required by S.104 of the Local Government Act, 2001, was obtained.

Chief Executive's Response

Overall expenditure through the revenue account in 2024 (including capital transfers) amounted to €370m reflecting the continued investment in all aspects of the Council's activities.

2.2 Statement of Financial Position

The Statement of Financial Position recorded an increase of €270m in 2024, with year-end net assets and total reserves of €3,724m. The Council has maintained strong reserves with sufficient bank and investments at the year end to fund operations. A summary of the most significant movements in the Council's finances is outlined in sections 2.3 to 2.6 below.

Chief Executive's Response

This increase in 2024 reflects the continued increased capital investment across the County. The Council currently has capital projects valued in excess of €700m onsite.

2.3 Fixed Assets and Work in Progress

Fixed Assets increased from €3,162m in 2023 to €3,341m in 2024. The increase in the year is mainly attributable to increased social housing stock (€140m), land acquisitions (€28m) and development of road infrastructure (€13m). Work in progress increased to €218m in 2024 (2023: €134m) reflecting the increase in capital expenditure in the year.

Chief Executive's Response

The increase in fixed assets and work in progress reflects the continued investment in all aspects of the County's development including housing, infrastructure, parks, active travel, community etc.

2.4 Current Assets

Current assets increased from €474m in 2023 to €510m in 2024. The most notable changes in the year can be summarised as follows:

Significant movements in current assets	2024 €m	2023 €m
Government Debtors	155.7	17.4
Bank Investments	251.6	397.0
Cash at Bank	54.2	10.6

Government debtors included recoupable expenditure incurred on capital housing projects of €100m. Outlay on these projects had a corresponding adverse effect on bank investments. Cash at bank was higher than in the prior year on the basis of planned expenditure in January. This further reduced the value of bank investments at the end of the year.

Chief Executive's Response

The increased government debtor arises primarily due a timing difference with regards to the funding of housing delivery. FCC is required to provide the upfront funding for acquisitions / construction costs with DHLGH providing the grant funding once the full claims process is completed. FCC continues to engage with DHLGH with regards to streamlining and making more efficient the funding and claims process for housing projects given the significant increase in the scale of delivery by the Council.

2.5 Government Debtors

The main components of government debtors at the 31 December 2024 are outlined below:

Significant Government Debtors	2024 €m	2023 €m
Capital Housing Projects	100.3	10.7
Development Levy Waivers	34.3	-
Payroll Allocation	10.8	-
Water Services Central Management Charge	4.4	-

At 31st July 2025, €23.5m in development levy waivers and €6.9m for capital housing projects were still outstanding.

As noted in section 2.4 the increase in government debtors had a significant impact on bank investments. The length of the debtor cycle and the corresponding effect on treasury management should be given due consideration in the context of committed outlay for current projects and the approval of future capital projects.

Chief Executive's Response

As outlined in 2.4 the government debtor has increased primarily due to timing differences arising on expenditure on housing construction and acquisition and when funding is received from the DHLGH. FCC continues to engage with DHLGH with regards to streamlining and making more efficient the funding and claims process for housing projects given the significant increase in the scale of delivery in Fingal. In addition to this, a number of claims under the development levy waiver scheme that were outstanding at year end are expected to be paid in the coming weeks.

2.6 Long Term Creditors

Long term creditors increased by €79m in the year to €537m (2023: €458m). The most significant increase related to loans under the Capital Advance Leasing Facility (CALF) of €85m. CALF and equity loans of €203m at the year-end are matched by a corresponding long term debtor.

Chief Executive's Response

The Capital Advance Leasing Facility is a key housing delivery mechanism and the increased creditors reflects the increased delivery of housing in this area.

3 Income Collection

3.1 Summary of Income Collection

Sources of Income	Yield 2024	Yield 2023	Debtors 2024 €m	Debtors 2023 €m
Rates	100%	99%	0.6	2.5
Rent	79%	75%	8.1	8.7
Housing Loans	97%	97%	0.6	0.5

Collection yields for each of the main collection accounts has remained consistent with previous years. Rates and loans continued to outperform the national average reported in the 'Overview of the Work of the Local Government Audit Service Year Ended 31 December 2023'.

Rent collection showed modest improvement in 2024, with a reduction in the number of accounts with arrears of up to €10k. The comparatively low yield for rents is largely due to accounts with arrears exceeding €10k. Cumulative arrears on 224 accounts account for 37% of all arrears.

Invoices for rates are raised in the Council’s financial management system (Agresso), however transactions for loans and rents are managed in separate stand-alone systems. To reflect the relevant loans and rents charges, it is necessary to post journals to Agresso. During 2024, the Council migrated to a new separate standalone rents system (NEC). The introduction of NEC has not mitigated the risk associated with the need to post manual journals to Agresso. Detailed reconciliations continue to be produced to ensure the correctness of amounts recorded in NEC, Agresso and the AFS.

Consideration should be given to the integration of all financial systems to Agresso to consolidate financial reporting and administrative arrangements and to reduce the risk of error and omission.

The Council are in the process of replacing their current loan system (Cygnus) with Agresso, the changeover is expected in Q3 2025.

Chief Executive's Response

Debt control management in relation to commercial rates, housing loans and rent continues to be a high priority of the Council.
Work is ongoing on the Loans System changeover to Agresso with the expected go live date in the coming months. A significant volume of background work has been undertaken by the Loans team to ensure accuracy of the data being transferred to Agresso. The new Loans module on Agresso should alleviate the need for loans journals as part of the AFS.
There has been a significant focus on arrears management in the rents collection team, including the adoption of an enhanced proactive engagement strategy with particular emphasis, in the first instance, on early-stage arrears cases and litigation when necessary. It should be noted that arrears have reduced further in 2025.

3.2 Rates

The collection yield in 2024 remained very high, increasing to 99.9%. Arrears have decreased by 76% to €0.6m. The table below shows the improvement in arrears for every range of debtor balance.

Debtor balance (range)	No. of Accounts 2024	Debtor Balance € 2024	No. of Accounts 2023	Debtor Balance € 2023	No. of Accounts Variance	Debtor Balance € Variance
=>€10k	44	€1,038,574	75	€2,080,026	(31)	(€1,041,452)
<€10k and =>€1k	202	€724,532	291	€1,087,996	(89)	(€363,464)
<€1k and =>€1	150	€60,721	165	€65,152	(15)	(€4,431)
<€1, zero, or >(€1)	6022	€8	5794	(€4)	228	€12
In credit <=(€1)	214	(€1,213,900)	172	(€730,402)	42	(€483,498)
Total	**6,632**	**€609,935**	**6,497**	**€2,502,768**	**135**	**(€1,892,833)**

Accounts in credit have increased by €0.5m, largely due to credits arising from revaluation appeals and overpayments in the year. Refunds have been processed in 2025 or credits offset against 2025 rate charges for a large portion of this balance.

Excluding accounts in credit, the year-end debtor balance is €1.8m. A rates capital reserve of €14m was created during the COVID19 period to cover potential losses. The balance on this reserve at the year end, after transfers to the Income and Expenditure Account, was €4.8m. On the basis of the collection yields achieved in recent years, the Council should plan to utilise the remaining €4.8m.

Rates revaluation reserve

Following a revaluation of properties by Tailte Eireann, a number of ratepayers lodged appeals. A rates revaluation reserve was created to cover future potential liabilities arising from determinations in favour of rate account holders. There were 28 appeals still outstanding at 31 December 2024, including three accounts held by an entity who is a significant contributor to the Council's rate base. Determination of these appeals is not expected in the near future with judicial review pending. During the year a further €14m was transferred from the Income and Expenditure Account to increase the reserve to €87.6m, 97% of which relates to this entity.

Chief Executive's Response

The Council continues to take a robust approach to the collection of commercial rates arrears. The rate collection team continue to engage with those in arrears on an ongoing basis, to put in place suitable repayment arrangements and take enforcement measures where there are instances of non-payment of rates.
The COVID-19 reserve continues to be unwound as part of the annual budgetary process.
The Council continues to monitor the financial impact of the remaining valuation appeals with the Valuation Tribunal. The revaluation reserve is in place to mitigate against the financial risk arising from these appeals, since 2020.

3.3 Housing Rents

The collection yield for rents for the year is 79% compared to 75% in the previous year. The improvement in the collection rate is in part due to €522k in arrears written off in the year, but also the increase in credit balances. After excluding accounts with credit balances, tenants' arrears are €10m. The table below shows improvements in all ranges of debtor balances with the exception of accounts with arrears exceeding €10k.

Debtor balance (range)	No. of Accounts 2024	Debtor Balance € 2024	No. of Accounts 2023	Debtor Balance € 2023	No. of Accounts Variance	Debtor Balance € Variance
> €10k	224	€3,721,841	205	€3,304,165	19	€417,677
>€5k and <€10k	382	€2,704,183	400	€2,785,625	(18)	(€81,442)
> €1k and <€5k	1,165	€2,871,568	1,362	€3,249,530	(197)	(€377,962)
> €1 and < €1k	2,476	€735,338	2,913	€909,015	(437)	(€173,677)
< €1 or €0	657	€6	218	€4	439	€2
In credit	2,976	-€1,943,998	2,456	-€1,550,281	520	(€393,717)
Totals	**7,880**	**€8,088,938**	**7,554**	**€8,698,053**	**326**	**(€609,119)**
* Note: Excludes the Parnell Estate apartments rented privately and with minimal arrears						

Improved collections in the year are acknowledged, however, overall arrears remain persistently high. €8.9m of the total rent arrears are owed by tenants for three years or more.

To mitigate the risk of increasing arrears, debt management practices and procedures should be followed in full, up to and including enforcement. As the Council continues to increase its stock of social housing, additional demands will inevitably be placed on debt management. In this regard, legacy issues need to be resolved and resources focused on collectable debt.

Chief Executive's Response

The Council acknowledges the improvements observed in all ranges of debtor balances with the exception of those accounts with arrears exceeding €10k. There has been a significant focus on arrears management in the rents collection team, including the adoption of an enhanced proactive engagement strategy with particular emphasis, in the first instance, on early-stage arrears cases and litigation when necessary. Further training has also been provided to the rent collection team with a specific focus on debt collection, to facilitate more targeted approaches on longer-term debtors.
A number of cases suitable for enforcement procedures have been escalated appropriately in line with our procedures, with legal proceedings now underway in several cases up to and including an eviction on foot of a court order. In addition a new payments app will launch in September 2025 to facilitate ease of payment.

3.4 Housing Loans

The collection yield for housing loans has remained consistent with the previous year at 97%. After adjusting for accounts in credit totalling €1,372k, arrears at the balance sheet date amounted to €1,963k. Of the accounts in arrears, €1,692k (86%) is attributable to 53 accounts with arrears in excess of €10k. The Council has engaged with borrowers in relation to these arrears and efforts in this regard are evidenced by the reduction in the number of accounts in this bracket from 62 in the previous year. Mortgage to Rent arrangements or repossession proceedings are being progressed in some cases. However, it is also noteworthy that arrears on 38 of the 53 accounts have increased in 2024 and efforts to regularise this position should be sustained.

Debtor balance (range)	No. of Accounts 2024	Debtor Balance € 2024	No. of Accounts 2023	Debtor Balance € 2023	No. of Accounts Variance	Debtor Balance € Variance
=>€10k	53	€1,692,218	62	€1,769,837	(9)	(€77,620
<€10k and =>€1k	52	€249,972	66	€331,791	(14)	(€81,819)
<€1k and =>€1	48	€20,459	63	€28,407	(15)	(€7,948)
<€1, zero, or >(€1)	883	(€2)	177	(2)	706	0
In credit <=(€1)	1,200	(€1,371,920)	1,251	(€1,629,210)	(51)	€257,290
Total	**2,236**	**€590,727**	**1,619**	**€500,824**	**617**	**€89,903**

Credit balances include a loan redemption received in late December. There are also a number of overpaid accounts where balances have not been capitalised due to lack of engagement from borrowers.

Chief Executive's Response

The Loans Arrears team engages with tenants in arrears on a regular and ongoing basis. The Council is keen to progress LA Mortgage to Rent in instances where the borrowers wish to remain in their home. Where the Council needs to progress matters through the legal process, we have actively engaged the Council's Law Department. There is a particular focus on early arrears cases to prevent arrears increasing and the situation escalating.

3.5 Bad Debt Provision

The bad debt provision reduced from €38m in 2023 to €35m in 2024.The reduction in bad debt provision was based on management's assessment of the risk profile of debtor balances. The largest provisions include:

Bad Debt Provision	2024 €m	2023 €m
Rates	0.3	1.9
Rents	8.9	8.7
Development Contributions	24.0	26.2

There is also a reserve of €3.6m in relation to loans not covered by the Mortgage Arrears Resolution Process. The bad debt provision has been reviewed and is considered adequate.

Chief Executive's Response

The bad debt provisions will continue to be reviewed annually for each income stream. It should be noted that while provision for bad debts is made every effort is made by FCC to collect all outstanding debts due to it.

4 Control of Fixed Assets

A number of issues pertaining to the reconciliation of land assets between the Fixed Asset Register and the Property Interests Register have been reported

at previous audits. The updated position in relation to issues raised is outlined below.

•There are 222 assets included on the PIR that are not registered with Tailte Eireann. Registration is being progressed for 59 of these assets through external law firms.

•There are 498 Council land assets included in the PIR that are registered to other individuals or entities. Progress since the last audit where 591 land assets were identified is welcomed, however 406 of the 498 land assets are still awaiting an in-house review. FCC are engaging with Tailte Eireann regarding transfer of title of 33 land assets from Dublin City Council to Fingal County Council and a further 59 are currently assigned to law firms.

•It was reported in previous audits that 575 land assets that were separately identifiable in the PIR costing in excess of €10k each were not recorded in the FAR. Progress in bringing a number of these assets onto the FAR is acknowledged. I also note complications regarding valuations in bringing the 345 land assets related to road enhancement works onto the FAR. Efforts to bring remaining identified assets onto the FAR should be maintained until the issue is fully resolved.

Chief Executive's Response

The Council has assigned 59 assets to law firms to progress first registration. In respect of the remaining assets, the Property Section is liaising with the relevant internal departments to ensure that records are available to progress those registrations which are planned.
The Council has reviewed the status of the 498 assets on PIR which are registered to other individuals/entities and are progressing registration on a number of these. The remaining 406 assets consist mainly of open space which have been taken in charge. The Council is taking the approach of registration in order of priority for areas greater than 10 acres and zoned lands. The Property Section is liaising with the relevant internal departments to ensure that records are available to progress the remaining first registrations.
The land asset over €10k will be brought onto the FAR as the Council's title becomes regularised.

5 Capital Account

5.1 Capital Account Overview

Cumulative surplus reserves on the capital account at 31 December 2024 were €254.7m (2023: €250.3m). Transfers from the Income and Expenditure Account accounted for the increase of €4.4m in the year. Total capital

expenditure in the year was €567.7m (2023: €347.6m) most of which related to housing (€284m) and development management (€173m).

Housing includes €124m in housing acquisitions as well as expenditure on the delivery of large scale housing developments (sections 5.5 to 5.7) and loan advances under the Capital Advance Leasing Facility.

Development management capital projects include the Swords Civic and Cultural Centre and Balbriggan URDF projects (sections 5.9 and 5.10) and land acquisitions for commercial development. Current year expenditure also includes €87.5m in development levy waivers that is matched by a corresponding amount of income in the year.

The closing balance on the capital account of €254.7m is made up of reserves of €464m and deficit balances of €209.3m. Unfunded expenditure accounts for €103m of the cumulative deficit balances. The most significant debit and reserve balances on the capital account are outlined below:

Significant Reserve Balances on Capital Projects	2024 €m	2023 €m
Development Levies	212.7	173.0
Asset Management Contingency	28.7	17.0
Swords Cultural Quarter	23.7	24.3
Housing Procurement Contingency	23.5	23.4
Insurance Investments	19.3	19.2

Significant Unfunded Deficit Balances on Capital Projects	2024 €m	2023 €m
Stephenstown Industrial Estate	40.3	33.4
Land at Dubber Cross, Margarets Road	26.6	26.6
Land at Balheary, Swords	10.7	10.7
Land at Mooretown, Swords	9.3	8.3
Land at Cherryhound Kilshane	8.5	8.5

In October 2024 the 2025-2027 Capital Programme was presented to the members in accordance with Section 135 of the Local Government Act 2021. The programme identified over 300 projects with an estimated spend of €1,569m over the three years, two thirds of which relate to housing. Under the plan, an estimated €308m will be funded from Council resources.

Chief Executive's Response

The capital reserves must be viewed in the context of the Council's ambitious Capital Programme. The delivery of this programme will be critical on the continued support of funding partners such as DHLGH, NTA etc. as well as support of Members through the annual budget.
The unfunded debit balances primarily relate to the acquisition of land for industrial development. It will be critical that Members make any necessary

funding available for the development of these lands over the coming years so the value can be realised to fund the debit balances.

5.2 Affordable Housing

The Local Authority Affordable Purchase Scheme assists eligible applicants to purchase a home at a discounted price. Attached to each discounted unit is an equity charge for the discounted amount to be repaid by the purchasers to the Council within 40 years or earlier if the house is sold. The value of the equity stake may fluctuate in proportion to the market value of the house.

The Council provided €3m in equity related loans in 2024. This figure is expected to increase in subsequent years as additional units are delivered. Management should ensure robust systems and procedures are in place to facilitate calculation of the relevant equity charge and collection of same as amounts become repayable.

The largest schemes in development in 2024 were Balmoston (section 5.5), Church Fields (section 5.6) and Aster Park.

Chief Executive's Response

As part of the 2025 initiative to migrate the housing loans portfolio from Cygnus to Agresso, the development of a centralised Equity Register within Agresso was identified as a key deliverable. Ascendas Business Solutions has successfully created a software tool within Agresso to support this objective. A comprehensive procedural document has been prepared, detailing the prerequisites for using the tool, step-by-step implementation guidance, and support for confirmation and troubleshooting. This ensures consistency and accuracy in managing equity-related transactions.

5.3 Unsold Affordable Properties - General

The Council retain 406 unsold affordable properties on the fixed asset register. The properties were acquired for resale under the former affordable housing scheme. At the year-end bridging loan finance to acquire the properties amounted to €42.1m, there were no loan redemptions during the year. These properties are currently managed on the following basis:

•244 unsold affordable units leased to Approved Housing Bodies (AHB) under the Social Leasing Scheme to address social housing needs. Council approval for these leases lapsed in 2022.

•162 unsold affordable units at the Parnell Estate are managed by a property company on the Council's behalf (section 5.4).

Chief Executive's Response

Fingal County Council participates in the DHLGH's working group on legacy

unsold affordable units across the Country. As part of this it will be a matter for DHLGH to make the appropriate funding available to regularise the financing of these units.

5.4 Unsold Affordable Apartments - Parnell Estate

As reported in previous audit reports, 162 Council owned apartments in the Parnell Estate, Mulhuddart, were leased to private tenants via a property management company. To regularise this situation, the Council made the decision that all vacated apartments were to be allocated to social housing under an AHB caretaker agreement. The units were not tenanted with new Council nominees and management subsequently took back control of the vacant units, currently standing at 43 apartments. These apartments remain unoccupied.

The remaining apartments are leased to private tenants under lease agreements with the property management company. Rents charged on these units are below market rates. There is no planned timeframe for when control of these apartments will revert to the Council. Plans to offer cost rental tenancies to existing tenants may be hindered by current rent charged on these properties.

As reported at the last audit, substantial fireproofing works are required on all apartments alongside pyrite remediation works. There has been limited progress in this regard during the year. A pilot scheme of fireproofing works on one block of apartments is expected to commence in September 2025. On completion of works, the vacant apartments in this block will be allocated to social housing.

The Council's agreement with the private property company to manage the private rented apartments was extended until 31 December 2025. The award of this contract extension was not subject to competitive procedure.

Chief Executive's Response

Following extensive surveying, assessment and design work, a remedial works programme has been prepared to address the various building issues. A procurement competition took place this year and a contractor is currently on site undertaking the first phase works, with further phases to follow. The management company has been engaged to deal with various tenancy issues.
The commencement of the remedial works in 2025 will now facilitate the tendering for management services in 2026.

5.5 Balmoston Mixed Tenure Development

Phase one of this mixed tenure development is comprised of 433 homes; 40% private and 60% split between social (86 units), affordable (86 units) and cost rental properties (87 units).

The social units are funded by the Department and are progressing on site.

The affordable units will be sold directly to eligible purchasers nominated by the Council. Department funding of €10.5m was confirmed for the affordable units in phase one to cover the difference between the market price and the base price. During 2024 and 2025 eligible purchasers for the affordable units in phase one were identified and the Council equity percentage and contribution amount approved.

The cost rental units were acquired by an Approved Housing Body with phased handover of these units scheduled in 2025 and 2026.

During 2024, management exercised its option in the contract with the developer to add 175 homes (112 affordable and 63 social) at Ballisk Park at a cost of €60.4m. Department funding for the social units and the affordable units has been confirmed.

Chief Executive's Response

The overall Balmoston development will deliver a large number of homes in Fingal across multiple tenure types.

5.6 Church Fields Mixed Tenure Development - Phase 3

The construction contract for phase three of this development was awarded in 2023 with a value of €130.4m, including the Affordable Housing Subsidy. The agreement was for the construction of 300 units (40 social, 80 cost rental and 180 affordable) and parks infrastructure.

In October 2024, the Council exercised its option under the development agreement to extend the contract to include an additional 107 social units and 110 affordable units at a cost of €93.3m. Construction work commenced on both contracts in 2024 with a phased handover of all units scheduled throughout 2025 and 2026.

The development will be funded as follows:

Social units: Department funding of €63.4m has been confirmed.

Cost rental units:

•The Department have approved funding of €12m.

•Remaining costs of €25.8 will be funded by the Council using €21.2m in loan finance from the Housing Finance Agency (HFA). The loan will be repayable over 30 years by the Council.

Affordable units:

•The Department have approved funding of €18m for the initial 180 units

•Base cost of €88.1m will be paid by Council nominated eligible purchasers

•The Council will receive €4.8m from the developer for transfer of the land

•An application for funding under the Affordable Housing Fund for the additional 110 units was submitted with approval pending.

At the date of review, 20 of the 40 social units were complete and handed over and eligible purchasers nominated for a number of the affordable units.

Chief Executive's Response

The overall Churchfields development will deliver a large number of homes in Fingal across multiple tenure types, the development is progressing at pace.

5.7 Mooretown Swords

The first phase of the development includes 274 units (151 affordable and 123 social housing). The construction contract was awarded during the year with a value of €108m. The development will be funded as follows:

Social units: Department funding has been confirmed.

Affordable units:

•Base cost of €55.3m will be paid by Council nominated purchasers

•The Council will receive €7.1m from the developer for the transfer of land

•Approval for funding under the Affordable Housing Fund is pending.

The contract for engineering consultancy was awarded at a value of €647k. The award was not subject to competitive procedure.

Works commenced in late 2024.

Chief Executive's Response

The delivery of social and affordable housing continues on this site with the approval of the DHLGH. Funding from the Affordable Housing Fund was approved in principle in July 2025 to the value of €15.1m in respect of the 151 affordable units in phase 1.
The direct appointment of an engineering consultant was considered justified in terms of achieving value for money, as without this timely appointment the Section 179A planning permission would have lapsed, and the project would have been delayed for a number of years incurring significant additional costs and delaying the delivery of new homes.

5.8 Broadmeadow Greenway

This new greenway between Malahide Castle and Newbridge House will be circa 6km in length when complete, running via the railway causeway and in part across the Broadmeadow Way Estuary. The project is being developed in a Special Area of Conservation (SAC) and Special Protection Area (SPA) resulting in considerable planning, technical and environmental challenges. The total estimated cost of the project is €42m can be summarised as follows:

- Design, procurement and consultancy €8.5m

- Land and property costs €1.5m

- Construction costs €32m (including a provision for project specific risks)

Construction of the greenway is in three separate phases. Phase one for the construction of the footbridge and access ramps across the Broadmeadow Way Estuary completed during the year.

Irish Rail were awarded contracts for the design and procurement of the bridge, access ramps and project management services. The contracts were not subject to competitive procedure on the basis that the greenway is being constructed on a live railway embankment.

Contracts for ground investigation enabling works and ecology consultancy were awarded without competitive procedure.

At the end of 2024 cumulative expenditure on the project of €18m was fully funded by the National Transport Agency (NTA). Allocated funding from the NTA is confirmed annually. Future costs incurred in excess of allocated funds may require funding from Council resources.

The procurement process for the second phase of construction for the Donabate causeway is expected to commence in 2025.

Chief Executive's Response

Contracts for the design and procurement of the bridge, access ramps and project management services were awarded to Irish Rail who have primary responsibility for the operation of the railway.
This project is an extremely complex one in terms of design, environmental constraints, seasonal working constraints and health and safety concerns. The involvement of Irish Rail is crucial to the successful delivery of the project. Irish Rail prohibit any other operator to work on the railway.
Irish Rail awarded contracts to sub-contractors using their existing frameworks which were procured in line with Public Procurement requirements. Contracts for ground investigation enabling works and ecology consultancy awarded without competitive procedure were due to the complex operating constraints involved. All contracts awarded were assessed in value for money terms and considered to be acceptable.

5.9 Quay Street and Environs Public Realm Works

This project forms part of the Balbriggan Rejuvenation Plan. Estimated capital costs for the project are €23.5m. The project has been approved for URDF funding of €15.5m with the balance to be funded by the Council.

Construction contracts were awarded as follows:

•Public Realm Works €18.6m

•Repair & renewal works to the existing RNLI Boathouse €0.6m

Works commenced in 2024 and are due for completion in November 2026.

Chief Executive's Response

The investment in the Quay Street and environ public realm works is a significant element of the wider Balbriggan Rejuvenation Plan which is a key project of the Council. The ongoing support of our funding partners will be critical to the delivery of this plan.

5.10 Swords Cultural Quarter

This project includes the construction of the Swords Civic and Cultural Centre in addition to 36 apartments at Seatown Road. Separate contracts were awarded in 2023 for the civic centre building and the apartments for €51.8m and €20.1m respectively.

Construction of the civic centre is being funded by the Council from its own resources. Total costs associated with this building are estimated at €70m

including consultancy fees (€9m) and property acquisitions under compulsory purchase order (€2.3m).

The Council has drawn down €20 in loan finance, with approval from Members for an additional €20m.

The Department have approved funding for the social housing apartments. Construction works on both contracts commenced during the year.

Chief Executive's Response

The development of the Swords Cultural Quarter is a very significant project for the Council which will deliver additional housing as well as enhance the cultural fabric of the County. The contractor went on site in Q3 2024 and both projects are progressing well in line with approved budgets and financing arrangements. The Council will continue to monitor project costs and funding to ensure that commitments are managed within available resources.

6 Approved Housing Bodies

In 2024, the Council advanced €79m to AHBs for capital projects under the Capital Advance Leasing Facility, a notable increase on the previous financial year (€13m). Expenditure on payment and availability agreements also increased to €38.5m (2023: €31m). Further substantial increases to this figure are expected in subsequent years as capital projects approved in 2024 are completed and units are tenanted. Under the Accounting Code of Practice committed expenditure for the duration of these contracts (30 years) has not been reflected in the AFS.

Management should ensure robust systems are in place to facilitate management of these contracts, ensuring terms and conditions of funding are adhered to and units are tenanted with Council nominees. On the basis of current and expected growth in revenue expenditure in the long term, consideration should be given to an information system that can be integrated with existing financial management and tenancy management systems.

Chief Executive's Response

The housing department will put structures in place in order that the current housing management system can be utilised for oversight of AHB units.

7 Development Contribution Waiver Scheme

In 2023, to incentivise housing supply and help reduce housing construction costs, the Government introduced the Temporary Development Contribution Waiver Scheme for residential developments that commenced between 25 April 2023 and 24 April 2024 and completed no later than 31 December 2025.

The scheme was subsequently extended to include qualifying developments with a commencement date up to 31 December 2024, with completion required no later than 31 December 2026.

Under the scheme, it is the DHLGH rather than the developer who pays the relevant charge to the Council. This waiver is recorded in the capital account with further details disclosed in Note 24 to the AFS. During 2024, Fingal County Council granted €87.5m in Development Contribution Waivers compared to €8.4m in 2023, an increase of €79.1m.

Management are required to ensure appropriate procedures are established to identify developments where conditions of the scheme have not been met, and repayment of the relevant amounts waived should be pursued.

Chief Executive's Response

Procedures are in place to ensure that developments not in compliance with the Waiver Scheme will be identified and followed up in line with the provisions of the Scheme.

8 Increased Cost of Business Grants (ICOB) & Power Up Grants

As part of the national Budget 2024, the Government approved a national package of €257 million for the ICOB grant.

Each business verified their eligibility by self-declaration. Local Authorities managed the processing of payments and this included verifying that the declaration was complete and the applicant was rates compliant as per the scheme's criteria.

Accordingly, the audit of expenditure under this scheme, which amounted to €11m in Fingal County Council for the year ended 31 December 2024, was limited to the specific responsibilities of local authorities, as set out above, and did not include the verification of other eligibility criteria declared by the applicants. The accounting treatment for the grant is set out in Note 25 in the AFS.

Recipients of the ICOB grant trading in the retail and hospitality sector were also were also eligible to apply for Power Up Grants in 2024. The AFS recorded €5.7m in payments under this scheme.

Chief Executive's Response

The Increased Cost of Business Grants and Power Up Grants support with a total value of €16.7m were rolled out to over 1400 business across the County during 2024.

9 Corporate Affairs & Governance

9.1 Statement on Internal Financial Control (SIFC) and Governance Statement

In accordance with Circular LG08-2025, Local Authorities are now required to prepare and publish a SIFC and a Governance Statement as part of their Annual Reports for 2024. The SIFC, which is signed by the Chief Executive, includes their summary of the financial standing of the local authority and the key internal financial controls. The Governance Statement affirms the Council's compliance with the Local Government Code of Governance obligations and is signed by the Cathaoirleach / Mayor of the Council and the Chief Executive.

The annual report of Fingal County Council, which includes the SIFC and the Governance Statement, was published in April 2025.

Statements contained in the SIFC have not been included in the scope of this audit.

Chief Executive's Response

The Council have prepared a Statement of Internal Financial Control which has been included in the 2024 Annual Report.

9.2 Internal Audit Function

There were seven internal audit reports completed and brought to the Audit Committee in 2024. The unit also carried out five in-depth checks to support the Council's quality assurance work on the Public Spending Code.

Progress on implementation of the recommendations contained in the National Oversight and Audit Committee (NOAC) report on internal audit is acknowledged. Management should ensure that the remaining outstanding recommendations are implemented.

Chief Executive's Response

The Council is committed to promoting the highest standards of corporate governance throughout the organisation and Internal Audit is an important element in facilitating this goal.
The recommendations made in the NOAC report are being addressed locally wherever possible. The recommendations require conformance with Global Internal Audit Standards. FCC Internal Audit will continue to work with colleagues of the Local Government Internal Audit Network and the CCMA to ensure progress toward conformance both locally and where wider sectoral context is required. Actions have been included in the IA Development Action Plan regarding both the NOAC report recommendations and gaps identified from a self-assessment against the IIA Standards. Progress will be monitored

by the Audit Committee.

9.3 Audit Committee

The Audit Committee met regularly during the year and continues to deliver on its governance and oversight functions by reviewing risk registers and monitoring the implementation of recommendations made by internal and external audit. The 2024 annual report of the Audit Committee was presented to Council in March 2025.

Chief Executive's Response

The Audit Committee is an important part of the overall control assurance framework within the Council. The Audit Committee will continue to be supported by the Council in the delivery of its key legislative and governance functions.

9.4 Fraud and Other Irregularities

The Council referred one matter to An Garda Siochána. This will be reviewed again at the next audit. The financial impact of this matter is not expected to be material to the financial statements.

Chief Executive's Response

The auditor's comments are noted. The Council shall continue to engage with and support An Garda Síochána in the processing of this matter. As outlined by the auditor subject matter of the referral does not pose a risk to the financial standing of the Council.

9.5 Fraud and Corruption Policy

The Council's fraud and corruption policy "Fraud and Corruption Policy and Contingency Plan" was approved by the Council in February 2024.

Chief Executive's Response

The Council's Fraud and Corruption Policy is a key document that outlines the Council's commitment to integrity and honesty and details procedures for reporting and investigating potential fraud and corruption.

9.6 Local Authority Companies

The Council's interest in companies is set out in Appendix 8 to the AFS and outlines brief financial details for each company. With the exception of one company, results for 2023 are reported. The financial statements of these companies are audited by private firms.

Malahide Castle and Newbridge House Limited, a subsidiary of Fingal County

Council, reported a loss in 2023. The audit report contains an emphasis of matter paragraph in relation to going concern. At the time of audit, management accounts for 2024 were not available for review.

It is the responsibility of management to implement and maintain proper controls and procedures to ensure propriety and to exercise appropriate oversight and governance of all subsidiary companies.

Chief Executive's Response

The Council's appointed directors on the boards of subsidiary companies have had training available to ensure they fully understand their responsibilities as directors including oversight of the companies' finances.
At the end of 2024 the board of Malahide Castle and Newbridge House Limited agreed a three-year plan (2025-2027) to see the company return to profitability. The latest financial projections forecast a return to profitability for the company by the end of 2025. The board do not anticipate any requirement for FCC to fund the company.

Acknowledgement

I wish to record my appreciation for the courtesy and co-operation extended to audit by the management and staff of the Council.



Michelle McLoughlin
Principal Local Government Auditor
30 September 2025

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COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

Audit Committee Report on its Consideration of the 2024 Audited Financial Statements and Associated Statutory Audit Report

Section 121 (3) of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended by Section 60 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014, requires the Audit Committee to report to the Council on its consideration of the audited Annual Financial Statement (AFS) and the Statutory Audit Report.

On 3rd November 2025, the Audit Committee met with the Local Government Auditor, Ms. Michelle McLoughlin, and considered and discussed the audited Annual Financial Statement and Statutory Audit Report for Fingal County Council for the year ended 31st December 2024.

The audit was carried out in accordance with the Code of Audit Practice, as prescribed under Section 117 of the Local Government Act, 2001.

The Audit Committee is pleased to note the unqualified opinion of the local government auditor as follows:

'In my opinion the annual financial statement, which has been prepared in accordance with the Code of Practice and Accounting Regulations for local authorities, presents fairly the financial position of the Fingal County Council at 31 December 2024 and its income and expenditure for the year then ended.'

Overview of key discussion points:

- The Audit Committee discussed the contents of the Statutory Audit Report with Ms. McLoughlin, who provided explanations and clarifications on her findings and on the Chief Executive's responses to her findings.

- The Audit Committee reviewed the findings with a view to prioritisation based on the findings of the Local Government Auditor. As per its legislative requirements, the Audit Committee will be overseeing the implementation of the Local Government Auditor's findings and associated recommendations.

- The Local Government Auditor made a number of positive comments on matters investigated during the external audit process namely:
    1. The overall external audit went very well and was largely positive.
    2. The Council experienced a significant increase in activities during the reporting year and performed well with the scaling up of capacity and operations to cope with this increased level of activity.
    3. The responsiveness to the external audit of the staff in general and the executive team in particular was excellent throughout the external auditing process.
    4. She also noted the very good working relationship developed with the internal auditor and his team.
- The Local Government Auditor raised a number of key concerns and suggested improvements in the following areas:
    1. The amounts owed by the Government to the Council was extremely high at the year end and measures should be taken to reduce this level in future years to mitigate any liquidity risks that may arise as a result.
    2. The Council should take steps to improve internal processes to reduce the level of arrears, legacy debt and general indebtedness but particularly in the area of housing rents.
    3. The ongoing difficulties with private tenancy arrangements in the Parnell Estate housing scheme was raised again and additional measures should be taken by the Council to expedite resolutions to these legacy matters.
    4. There should be more clarity provided in relation to public procurement rules, approvals and processes to ensure that these important measures are fully understood at every level in the organisation.

       More resources should be made available to address the number and value of assets owned by the Council that are not yet reflected in the Financial Statements.
- The Audit Committee wish to confirm that the Audited Annual Financial Statement, the Statutory Audit Report, and our general discussion with Ms. McLouglhin, will continue to inform the Audit Committee's work and will be considered during the development of the Internal Audit Plan for 2026.

- The Audit Committee will also monitor the implementation of recommendations made by Ms. McLoughlin during the coming year through regular management reports and presentations.

Chairperson, Fingal County Council Audit Committee

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 8th DECEMBER 2025

ITEM NO. 15

PROPOSED DISPOSALS

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COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

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

File Ref: LD 1598

30th October 2025

To: Each Member of the Council

Re: Notice of proposed disposal of land at Skerries Community Centre, Thomas Hand Street, Skerries, Co. Dublin, to Gas Networks Ireland, P.O. Box 51, Gasworks Road, Cork

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It is proposed to dispose of land at Skerries Community Centre, Thomas Hand Street, Skerries, Co. Dublin, comprising an area of 9 square meters approximately as shown outlined in red on Drawing No. LA-4036-25 dated 20th March 2025 to Gas Networks Ireland; P.O. Box 51, Gasworks Road, Cork 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 above-ground gas network infrastructure by Gas Networks Ireland on land at Skerries Community Centre, Thomas Hand Street, Skerries, Co. Dublin.

2. That the subject land is shown outlined in red on Drawing No. LA-4036-25, dated 20th March 2025 comprising a total area of 9 square metres approximately.

3. That the Council shall dispose of the subject lands for a consideration in the total amount of €1,000.00 (one thousand Euro) plus VAT, if applicable.

4. That the purchaser shall maintain the boundary feature, within the land acquisition only, between the subject plot and the adjoining property to the satisfaction of the Council.

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

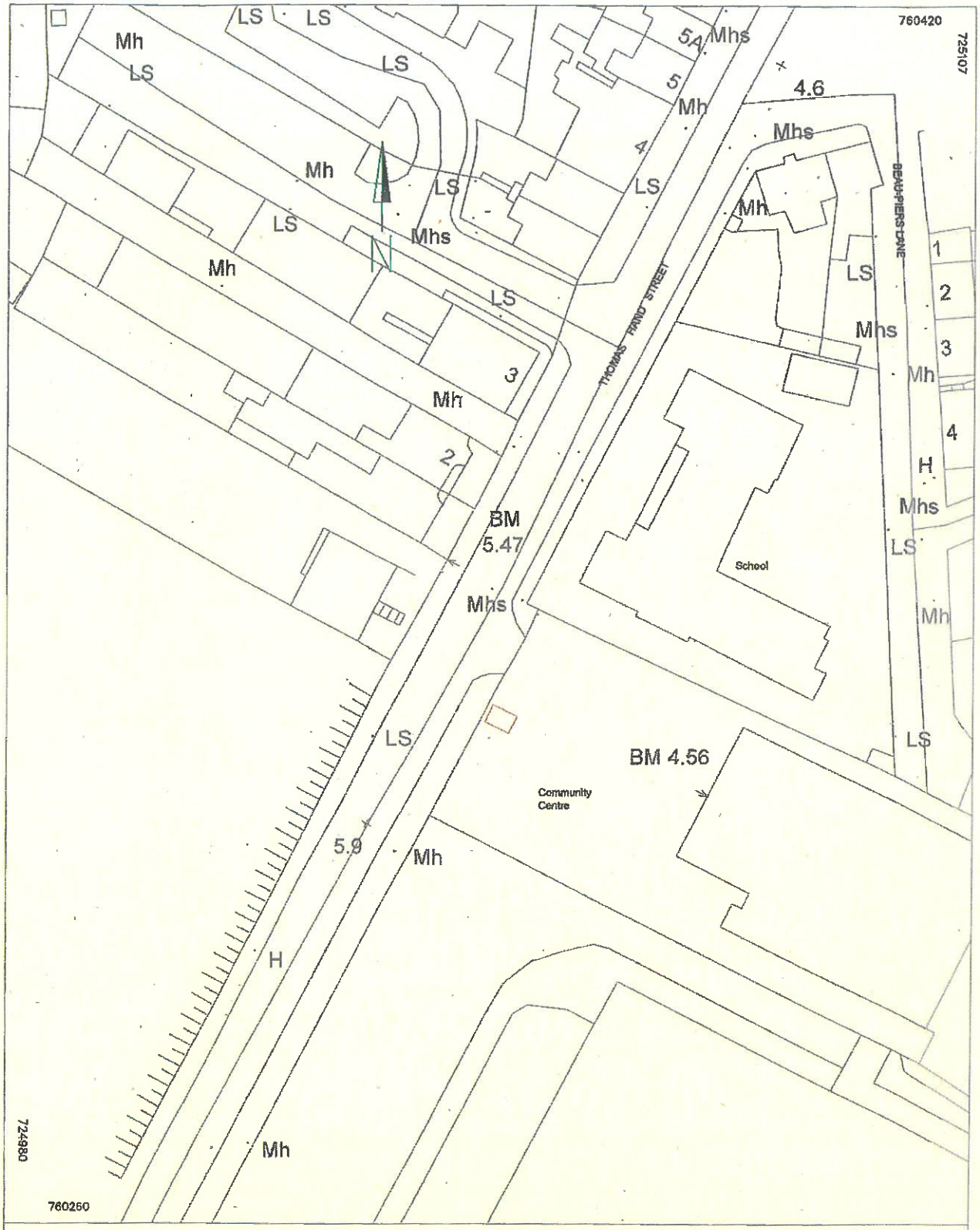
6. That this disposal is subject to the necessary approvals and consents.

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

The land to be disposed of was acquired from Clanhugh Developments Limited in 1985 for community/open space purposes.

Notice is hereby given that a report on the proposed disposal will be included on the Agenda of the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services B) meeting scheduled for Thursday 13th November 2025 and the proposed disposal will be included on the Agenda for consideration at the meeting of Fingal County Council to be held on Monday 8th December 2025.

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



Area of Land delineated by
center of red line surrounding the land
9 m2 from Folio DN32240F.

Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

Project: Land at Thomas Hand Street
Skerries, County Dublin

Transfer in respect of LD1598

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

File Ref: LD 1605

30th October 2025

To: **Each Member of the Council**

Re: **Notice of proposed disposal of land at Clonard Road, Flemingtown, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin to Phoenix Tower Ireland III Limited, Suite 311, Q House, Furze Road, Sandyford Industrial Estate, Dublin 18.**

It is proposed to dispose of land at Clonard Road, Flemingtown, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin, comprising an area of 1,200 square metres approximately as shown outlined in red on Drawing No. LA-4049-25 dated 28th April 2025 to Phoenix Tower Ireland III Limited, Suite 311, Q House, Furze Road, Sandyford Industrial Estate, Dublin 18 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 purpose of the disposal is the erection of a telecommunications tower by Phoenix Tower Ireland III Limited on land at Clonard Road, Flemington, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin.

2. That the subject land is shown outlined in red on Drawing No. LA-4049-25 dated 28th April 2025 comprising an area of 1,200 square metres approximately.

3. That the Council shall dispose of the subject lands for a consideration in the total amount of €16,000.00 (sixteen thousand Euro) plus VAT, if applicable.

4. That the purchaser shall maintain the boundary feature between the subject plot and the adjoining property to the satisfaction of the Council.
5. That the purchaser shall be prepared to pay the Council's reasonable legal costs, valuer's fee and surveyor's fee incurred in this transaction.

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

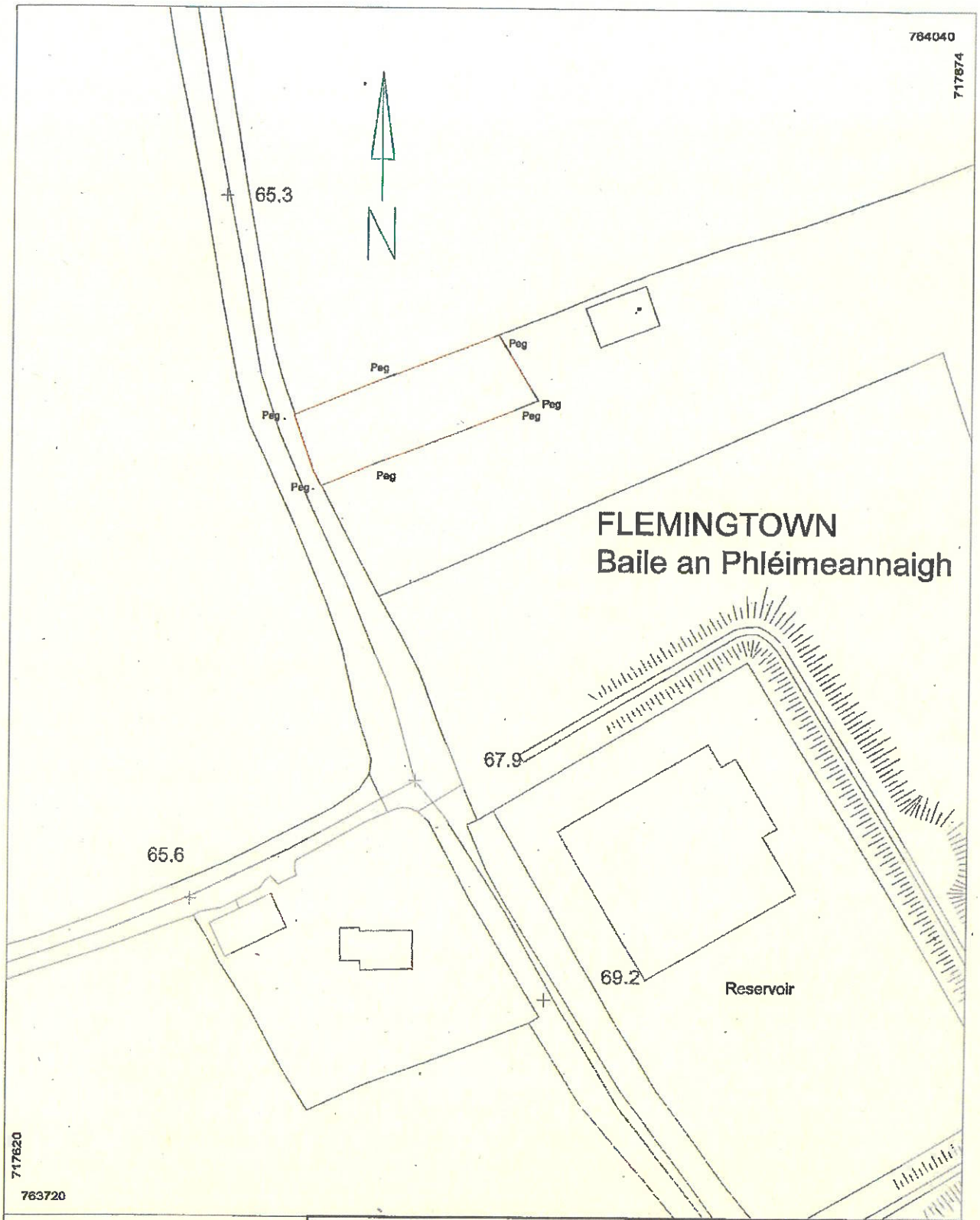
7. All other terms and conditions shall be set out in the legal documentation.

The land to be disposed of was acquired from Christopher Sweetman in 2007 for water services purposes.

Notice is hereby given that a report on the proposed disposal will be included on the Agenda of the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services B) meeting scheduled for Thursday 13th November 2025 and the proposed disposal will be included on the Agenda for consideration at the meeting of Fingal County Council to be held on Monday 8th December 2025.

Aoife Brendan

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



Area of Land Delineated by center of red line surrounding the land 1200 m2 to be transferred by Fingal from folio number DN179979F

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Fingal County Council

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

Project:
Land at Flemingtown
Balbriggan Co Dublin

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

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

File Ref: LD 1633

30th October 2025

To: Each Member of the Council

Re: Notice of proposed lease of land Balheary Road, Swords, Co. Dublin to Swords Celtic Football Club, Balheary Road, Swords, Co. Dublin.

It is proposed to grant a lease of land at land at Balheary Road, Swords, Co. Dublin, comprising an area of 8,610 square metres approximately as shown outlined in red on Drawing No. LA-4108-24 dated 11th December 2024 to Swords Celtic Football Club, Balheary Road, Swords, Co. Dublin in accordance with Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 and subject to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 on the following terms and conditions:

1. That the purpose of the lease is to facilitate the development of new all-weather playing facilities by Swords Celtic Football Club at Balheary Road, Swords, Co. Dublin.

2. That the property is shown on Drawing No. LA-4108-24 dated 11th December 2024, comprising an area of 8,610 square meters approximately. A formal map delineating the area and any rights of access will be attached to the final lease.

3. That Fingal County Council shall grant a lease to Swords Celtic Football Club for a term of 35 years, to commence on a date to be agreed, following receipt of statutory approval.

4. That the rent shall be in the total amount of €100.00 (one hundred Euro) per annum, plus VAT if applicable, provided the site is used for Sporting, Community and Recreational uses only, and for no other purpose.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

13. That the lessee must seek consent of the Council before undertaking any works, alterations or development, including the erecting of any structure, making any excavation or submitting an application for planning permission. This is to protect the Council's position as lessor and in consideration of good estate management.

14. That the lease can be terminated by either party giving three months' notice in writing.

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

16. That in the event of the lessee failing to comply with any of the terms, conditions, warranties, covenants or the obligations and stipulations herein contained or

becoming dissolved or going into liquidation, the Council may revoke this Agreement by giving the lessee notice in writing to that effect or unless otherwise stated in such Notice, this agreement shall cease immediately upon such Notice having been given.

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

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

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

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

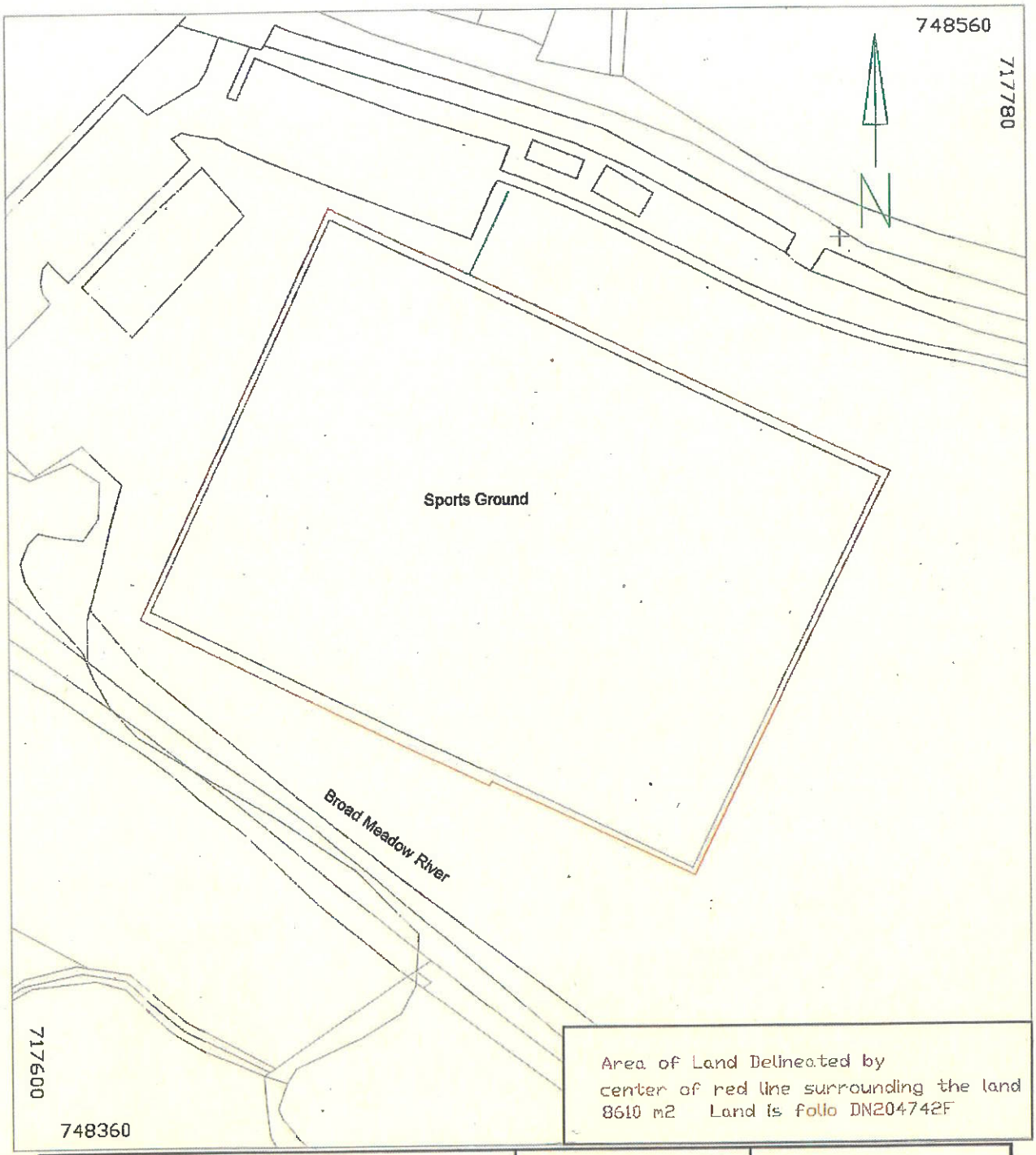
21. All other terms and conditions shall be set out in the legal documentation.

The land to be leased was acquired from the Eastern Health Board in 1974 for housing purposes

Notice is hereby given that a report on the proposed disposal will be included on the Agenda of the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services B) meeting scheduled for Thursday 13th November 2025 and the proposed disposal will be included on the Agenda for consideration at the meeting of Fingal County Council to be held on Monday 8th December 2025.

Aoife Brendan

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



Area of Land Delineated by
center of red line surrounding the land
8610 m2 Land is folio DN204742F

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Dwg No: LA-4108-24	O.S.Ref:
Date: 11 Dec 2024	Drawn By: LJM
Scale: 1/1000	Checked:
	Job No. SM/108/24

Project:
Land at Swords Celtic Grounds

Land to be leased to :
Swords Celtic

Gross Area :		
Road Area :		
Nett Area :		

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 8TH DECEMBER 2025

ITEM NO. 15d

PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF FEE SIMPLE INTEREST OF DWELLINGS

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

ADDRESS	LESSEE	APPLICANT / PURCHASER	DETAILS OF LEASE	ANNUAL GROUND RENT	PURCHASE OF FEE SIMPLE
36 Seagrange Avenue, Baldoyle, Dublin 13	William & Joan O'Toole	Mary Murphy	150 years from 23/09/1974	£18.00 = €22.85 x 31 = €708.35	€708.35 +€130.00 = €838.35
19 Seaview Terrace, Howth, Co. Dublin	Ena Moore	Stephanie Ennis	150 years from 01/02/1971	£0.05 = €0.06 x 31 = €1.86	€1.86 +€130.00 = €131.86
29 St. Nessan's Terrace, Howth, Co. Dublin	Margaret Hanway	Joseph Nicolas Hanway	150 years from 12/04/1971	£0.05 = €0.06 x 31 = €1.86	€1.86 +€130.00 = €131.86
42 Inbhir Ide, Malahide, Co. Dublin	Alan & Olive Barnes	Stephen & Anne Gunn	150 years from 12/01/1977	£0.05 = €0.06 x 31 = €1.86	€1.86 +€130.00 = €131.86

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 8TH DECEMBER 2025

ITEM NO. 16

DECLARATION OF ROADS

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COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 8TH DECEMBER 2025

ITEM NO. 16a

KINSEALY WOODS, CHAPEL ROAD, KINSEALY

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

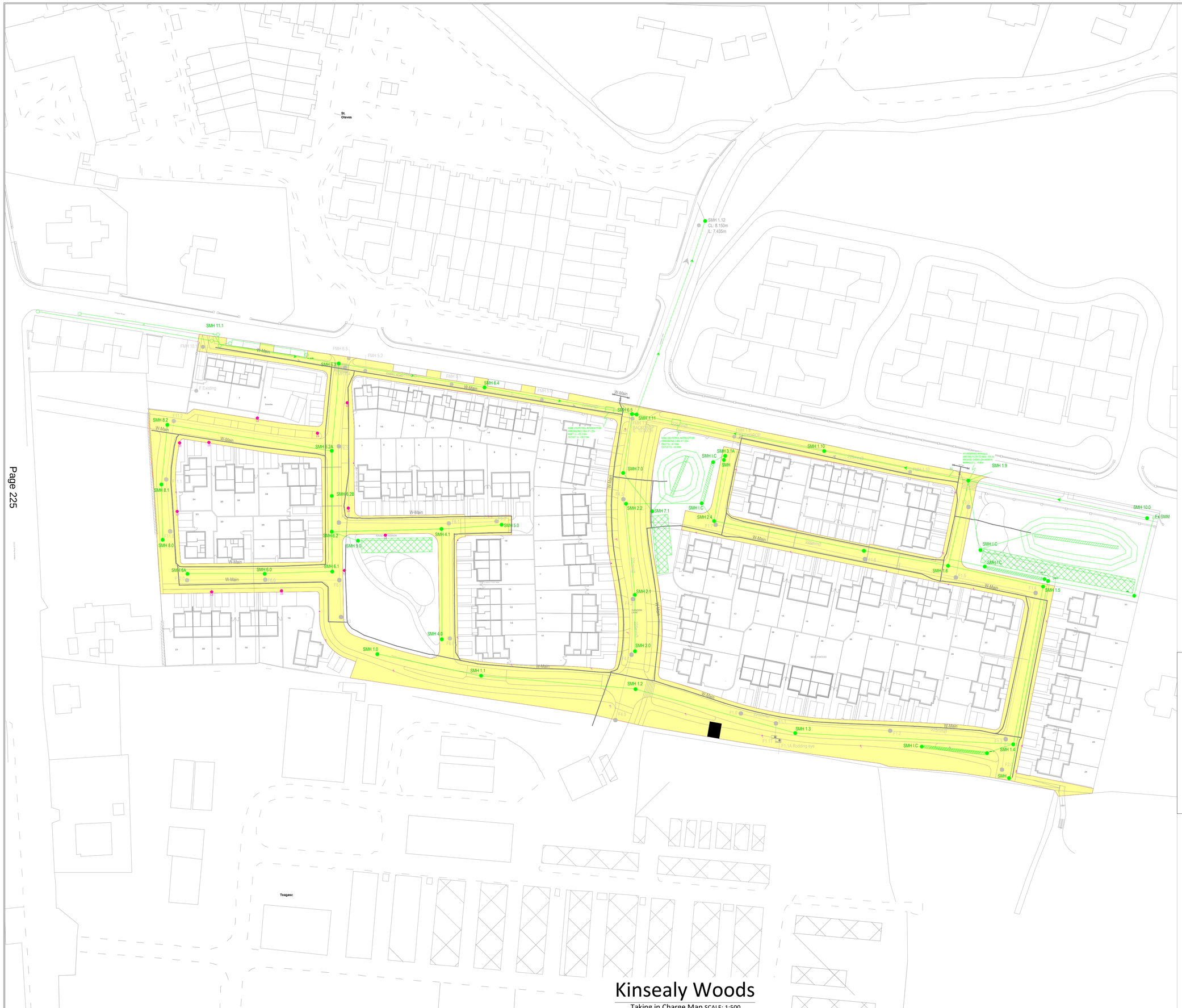
BC Number – 1812
Taking In Charge –Kinsealy Woods, Chapel Road, Kinsealy,
DED: Malahide, TL: Kinsealy,

Road Name	Length	Description
Kinsealy Manor	62m 30m 62m 55m 58m 70m 40m 48m 56m	From the junction of Chapel Road and Kinsealy Manor, turn right and head South for 30m, turn right and head west for 62m, turn left and head South for 55m, turn left and head East for 58m to outside No.30. From outside No.27 Kinsealy Manor head South for 70m, turn left 40m, turn left at No.15 Kinsealy Manor and head North for 48m, turn left and head East for 56m.
Gandon Lane	65m 92m	From outside No.15 Kinsealy Manor head East for 65m, turn left onto Gandon Lane and head North for 92m to end of Junction at Chapel Road.
Beechwood Road	130m 55m 123m 25m 30m	From outside No.11 Beechwood Road, head East for 130m, turn left and head North for 55m, turn left and head West for 123m to outside No.12 and end of junction. Outside No.3 Beechwood, head North for 25m to end of junction. From outside No.10 Beechwood, head North for 30m to junction of Chapel Road,
	Total= 1001m	

Road Schedule

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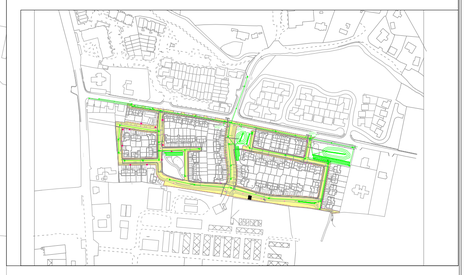
Road Name	Length	Description
Kinsealy Manor	62m 30m 62m 55m 58m 70m 40m 48m 56m	From the junction of Chapel Road and Kinsealy Manor, turn right and head South for 30m, turn right and head west for 62m, turn left and head South for 55m, turn left and head East for 58m to outside No.30. From outside No.27 Kinsealy Manor head South for 70m, turn left 40m, turn left at No.15 Kinsealy Manor and head North for 48m, turn left and head East for 56m.
Gandon Lane	65m 92m	From outside No.15 Kinsealy Manor head East for 65m, turn left onto Gandon Lane and head North for 92m to end of Junction at Chapel Road.
Beechwood Road	130m 55m 123m 25m 30m	From outside No.11 Beechwood Road, head East for 130m, turn left and head North for 55m, turn left and head West for 123m to outside No.12 and end of junction. Outside No.3 Beechwood, head North for 25m to end of junction. From outside No.10 Beechwood, head North for 30m to junction of Chapel Road,
	Total= 1001m	



Foul Manhole Positions			
	CL	IL	BD
RMH8	8.250	6.940	
RMH1.9	11.570	7.355	10.000
RMH1.8	11.000	7.555	8.510
RMH1.10	10.350	8.952	
F1.7	12.410	7.780	
F1.6	11.650	8.160	
F1.5	10.820	8.550	
F1.4	10.470	9.075	
F1.3	11.966	10.334	
F2.0	12.110	10.756	
F1.2	12.371	10.831	
F1.1	13.369	11.897	
F1.1T	13.576	12.213	
F1.1A-RE	15.484	14.559	
F1.0	13.709	12.305	
F4.3	12.439	11.030	
F4.2	13.800	11.550	
F4.1	14.570	11.810	13.260
F4.0	15.510	14.060	
F3.0	10.250	8.710	
RMH10.1	12.782	10.888	
RMH6.4	12.400	10.450	
RMH6.5	12.300	10.395	
RMH5.2	12.000	11.115	
RMH5.1	12.100	10.640	
RMH5.0	11.950	10.310	
RMH6.3	13.390	11.050	11.850
RMH6.2	14.720	11.620	13.320
RMH6.1	15.750	13.840	14.270
RMH7.0	16.400	14.160	
RMH8.1	13.960	11.960	12.510
RMH9.0	13.620	12.090	
RMH8.0	15.520	13.430	
RMH6	16.500	14.510	
RMH2	17.500	15.280	
RMH1	16.750	14.470	
RMH11.1	15.690	13.880	
RMH11.2	14.950	13.300	13.350
F.Existing	14.950	11.940	

Surface Water Manhole Positions			
	CL	IL	BD
SMH1.0	16.688	15.500	
SMH1.1	15.672	14.579	
SMH1.2	15.100	13.630	
SMH1.3	13.200	11.940	
SMH1.4	12.090	10.580	
SMH1.5	10.500	9.050	
SMH1.6	10.700	8.742	
SMH1.9	10.000	8.575	
SMH1.10	10.35	8.315	
SMH1.11	11.5	7.985	
SMH1.12	8.15	7.435	
SMH2.0	14.56	11.81	
SMH2.1	13.76	11.55	
SMH2.2	12.52	10.98	
SMH2.3	12.45	9.55	
SMH2.4	12.41	9.36	
SMH2.5	11.75	9.05	
SMH3.0	11.35	9.55	
SMH3.1A	11.27	9.64	
SMH4.0	15.480	13.600	
SMH4.1	14.121	11.783	12.387
SMH5.0	13.486	11.911	
SMH6.A	17.430	15.770	
SMH6.0	16.450	14.190	
SMH6.1	15.950	13.740	
SMH6.2	14.820	11.570	13.220
SMH6.2A	13.510	11.360	
SMH6.2B	14.260	11.470	
SMH6.3	12.400	10.975	
SMH6.A	17.430	15.770	
SMH6.4	12.000	10.975	
SMH6.5	11.500	10.075	
SMH7.0	12.01	10.23	
SMH7.1	12.78	10.27	
SMH8.0	16.750	14.180	
SMH8.1	15.780	13.620	
SMH8.2	14.980	13.360	
SMH9.0	14.906	11.756	
SMH11.0	12.631	11.268	
SMH11.1	12.6	11.175	
SMH11.2	13.357	11.930	
SMH11.0A	12.592	11.783	
SMH11.0B	13.862	13.136	
Ex SMM	10.000	8.670	
SMM01	10.51	8.86	
SMM02	10.510	9.050	
SMM03	12.73	10.58	

Key Plan



Kinsealy Woods

Taking in Charge Map SCALE: 1:500

SENIOR ENGINEER: COLIN GALLAGHER

DATE: Mar 2025	SURVEYED BY: F Mc Neary	ALL FOUL AND SURFACE WATER SEWERS ARE 225mm.DIA UNLESS STATED.
CHECKED BY: F McNeary	DRAWN BY: J.Burke	SCALED DIMENSIONS TO BE USED.
APPROVED BY: C. Gallagher	BC . BC No.1812	LENGTH OF ROADS ARE AS ON THE ATTACHED ROAD SCHEDULE.
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TAKING IN CHARGE Kinsealy Woods, Kinsealy - TIC

Kinsealy Malahide

Areas proposed to be taken in charge

Surface Water System proposed to be taken in charge.

Foul Water System I.W. Self Lay

Watermains proposed I.W. Self Lay

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COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 8th DECEMBER 2025

ITEM NO. 16b

ST. MARNOCK'S BAY, PHASE 1B (DÚN SÍ) PORTMARNOCK

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 – 1811
Taking In Charge – St. Marnock's Bay, Phase 1B, (Dún Sí) Station Road, Portmarnock.
DED: Portmarnock, TL: Portmarnock

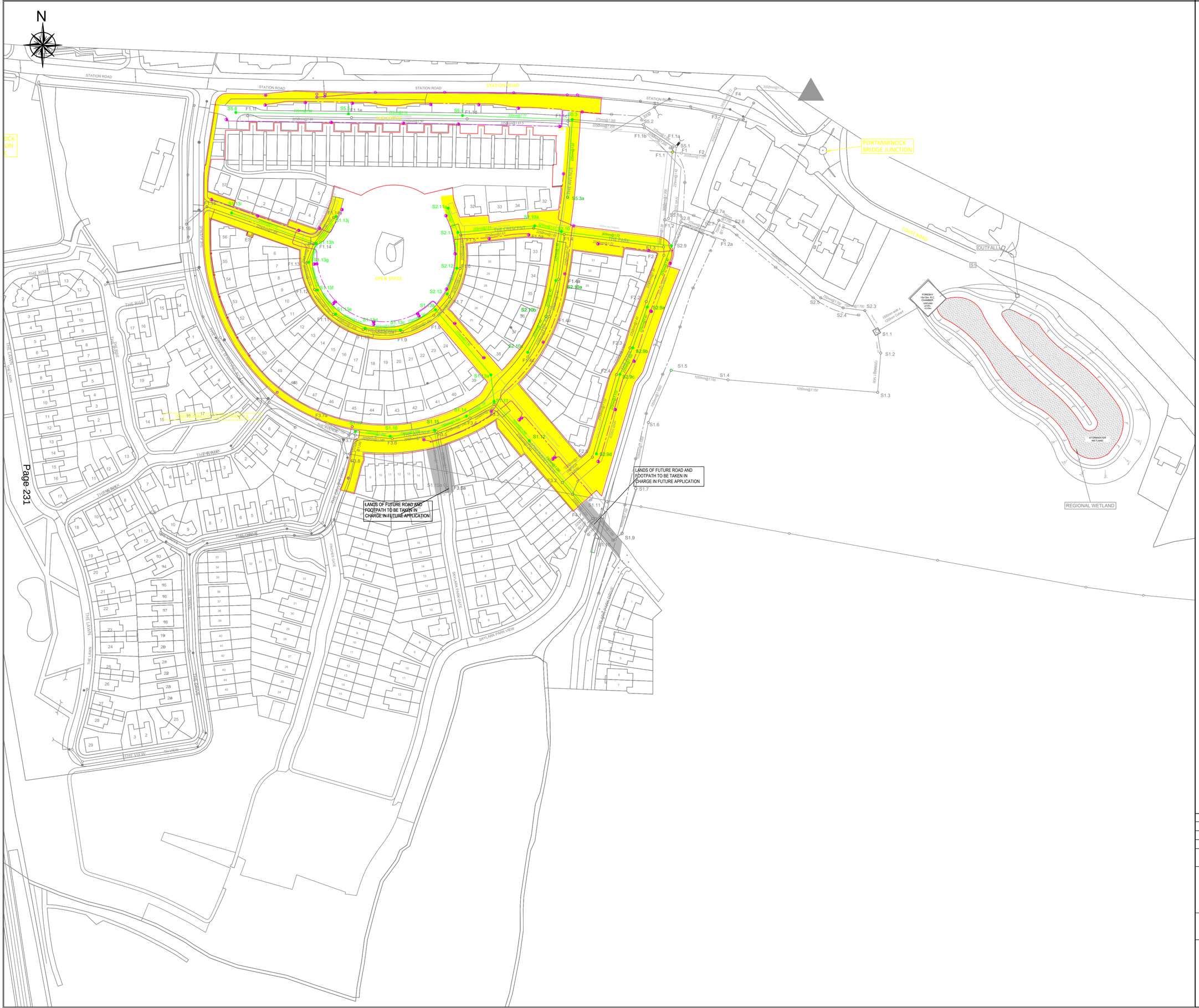
Road Name	Length	Description
The Avenue	285m	From the junction of Station Road turn right onto the Avenue And head South for 285m to outside No.44 The Avenue.
The Park	125m	From outside No.5 the Park, head West for 125m to outside No.32 the Crescent.
The Crescent	67m 208m	From the junction of the Avenue outside No.57 head East for 67m to outside No.4 the Crescent. From outside No.5 The Crescent, head South, continue around the open space for 208m to end of junction outside No32 The Crescent.
The Park Monument View	145m 95m	From outside No.5 The Park, head South for 145m, turn right and head North for 95m to outside No.20 Monument View.
	Total= 925m	

Road Schedule

BC Number – 1811
Taking In Charge – St. Marnock's Bay, Phase 1B, (Dún Sí) Station Road, Portmarnock
DED: Portmarnock, TL: Portmarnock,

Road Name	Length	Description
The Avenue,	285m	From the junction of Station Road turn right onto the Avenue And head South for 285m to outside No.44 The Avenue.
The Park,	125m	From outside No.5 the Park, head West for 125m to outside No.32 the Crescent.
The Crescent,	67m 208m	From the junction of the Avenue outside No.57 head East for 67m to outside No.4 the Crescent. From outside No.5 The Crescent, head South, continue around the open space for 208m to end of junction outside No32 The Crescent.
The Park, Monument View.	145m 95m	From outside No.5 The Park, head South for 145m, turn right and head North for 95m to outside No.20 Monument View.
	Total= 925m	

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FOUL SEWER			
MANHOLE No.	COVER LEVEL	INVERT LEVEL	PIPE DIAMETER (mm)
F1.1b	9.20	7.64	225
F1.1c	9.18	7.56	225
F1.1d	9.16	7.24	225
F1.1e	9.05	7.18	225
F1.1f	9.10	7.10	225
F1.1g	9.32	7.00	225
F1.1h	9.21	6.90	225
F1.1i	9.07	6.79	225
F1.1j	8.90	6.68	225
F1.1k	8.61	6.51	225
F1.1l	8.21	6.05	225
F1.1m	7.75	5.50	225
F1.1n	6.85	4.78	225
F1.1o	6.56	4.48	225
F1.1p	6.03	3.58	B.D.3.66
F1.2	5.56	1.21	300 B.D.3.11
F1.3	4.15	1.00	300
F1.4	4.15	0.97	300
F2	4.15	0.91	300
F3	3.50	0.79	300
F4	2.86	0.69	300
Pump Station F3.14a	8.88	0.47 7.43	225
F1.1d F1.4c	9.16 8.26	7.24 6.30	225
F1.4b	7.68	5.62	225
F1.4a	7.23	5.07	225
F1.4	6.56	4.48	225
F3.8	10.42	7.02	225
F3.7	10.12	6.97	225
F3.6	9.92	6.88	225
F3.5	9.57	6.78	225

FOUL SEWER - continuation			
MANHOLE No.	COVER LEVEL	INVERT LEVEL	PIPE DIAMETER (mm)
F3.4	9.14	6.69	225
F3.3	8.77	6.62	225
F3.2	8.91	6.37	225
F2.5	8.22	6.20	225
F2.4	7.78	5.74	225
F2.3	7.62	5.56	225
F2.2	6.91	4.82	225
F2.1	6.06	3.83	225
F1.3	6.03	3.58	B.D.3.66
F3.7a	10.25	8.55	225
F3.7	10.12	6.97	B.D.8.30
F3.5a	9.85	7.87	225
F3.5	9.51	6.78	B.D.7.58
F4.1	8.66	6.54	225
F3.1	8.84	6.34	B.D.6.45 225
F3.2	8.91	6.37	
F1.2a	5.23	1.40	300
F1.2	5.56	1.21	
F1.1f	8.02	6.13	225
F1.1e	6.56	4.72	225
F1.1d	5.26	3.34	225
F1.1c	4.48	2.36	225
F1.1b	4.07	2.13	225
F1.1a	4.15	2.02	225
F1.1	4.15	1.00	B.D.2.02

SURFACE WATER SEWER			
MANHOLE No.	COVER LEVEL	INVERT LEVEL	PIPE DIAMETER (mm)
S1.13i	9.28	7.93	225
S1.13h	9.18	7.74	300
S1.13g	9.07	7.70	300
S1.13f	9.14	7.63	300
S1.13e	9.35	7.56	300
S1.13d	9.23	7.49	300
S1.13c	9.09	7.33	375
S1.13b	8.84	7.25	375
S1.13a	8.60	7.10	300
S1.13	8.79	5.61	750
S1.12	9.06	5.50	750
S1.11	8.66	5.14	B.D.5.29 900
S1.10	8.55	5.09	900
S1.9	8.50	5.07	900
S1.8	7.87	4.85	1050
S1.7	7.80	4.84	B.D.5.00 1050
S1.6	7.53	4.80	1050
S1.5	7.22	4.24	B.D.4.76 1050
S1.4	6.37	3.29	B.D.4.02 1050
S1.3	4.96	2.55	B.D.2.70 1200
S1.2	4.68	2.53	1200
S1.1	4.63	1.62	B.D.1.92 1800 x 1200
Culvert S1.13j	8.86	1.90 7.85	225
S1.3h	9.18	7.74	
S1.17	10.10	5.74	750
S1.16	9.92	5.71	750
S1.15	9.59	5.67	
S1.14	9.16	5.64	750
S1.13	8.79	5.61	
S1.15a	9.83	8.36	225
S1.15	9.59	5.67	B.D.3.08

SURFACE WATER SEWER - continuation			
MANHOLE No.	COVER LEVEL	INVERT LEVEL	PIPE DIAMETER (mm)
S2.13	8.59	7.01	225
S2.12	8.19	6.59	225
S2.11	7.68	6.00	225
S2.10A	6.85	5.24	225
S2.10	6.56	4.08	300
S2.9	5.81	4.16	B.D.4.09 375
S2.8	5.40	3.95	375
S2.7	5.23	3.22	B.D.3.58 750
S2.7a	5.40	3.21	750
S2.6	5.07	3.20	750
S2.5	4.88	3.10	750
S2.4	4.79	3.08	750
S2.3	4.70	3.06	750
S1.1	4.63	1.62	B.D.1.92
S2.11a	7.46	6.10	225
S2.11	7.68	6.00	225
S2.10c	8.24	6.72	225
S2.10b	7.72	6.12	225
S2.10a	7.25	5.56	225
S2.10	6.56	4.98	225
S2.9d	8.23	6.69	225
S2.9c	7.78	6.24	225
S2.9b	7.62	6.06	225
S2.9a	6.93	5.41	225
S2.9	5.81	4.16	B.D.4.42
S5.6	8.20	6.61	225
S5.5	6.59	5.22	225
S5.4	5.28	3.86	300
S5.3	4.46	2.86	B.D.2.93 375
S5.2	4.07	2.73	375
S5.1	4.15	2.65	375
Pond		2.63	
S5.3a	6.01	4.61	225
S5.3	4.46	2.86	B.D.3.02
S5.1a	5.55	3.83	225
S5.1	4.15	2.65	B.D.2.80
S1	4.15	2.18	300
Pond		2.60	

SENIOR ENGINEER: COLIN GALLAGHER

DATE: Sept 2025	SURVEYED BY: SW		ALL FOUL AND SURFACE WATER SEWERS ARE 225mm DIA UNLESS STATED.
CHECKED BY: Shane Harding.	DRAWN BY: F MCNeary		SCALED DIMENSIONS T TO BE USED.
APPROVED BY: C. Gallagher	BC . BC No.1811		LENGTH OF ROADS ARE AS ON THE ATTACHED ROAD SCHEDULE.
DRAWING NUMBER: 1000 REV.	SCALE: 1:1000 @ A1		WATER MAINS 150mm DIA. UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.
	OS Ref. 2991		

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TAKING IN CHARGE

St. Marnocks Bay, Phase 1B.
Portmarnock, TL: Portmarnock

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

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COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 8TH DECEMBER 2025

ITEM NO. 16c

CLONROSS, BLANCHARDSTOWN, 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 – BC1801 Clonross
Taking In Charge – Clonross, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15.
DED Blanchardstown-Abbottstown. TL Blanchardstown.

Road Name	**Length**	**Description**
Navan Road	70m	From Junction of the Navan Road and entrance to Clonross apartment complex, head south-east for 70m (External section only - Footpath)
	Total = 70m	

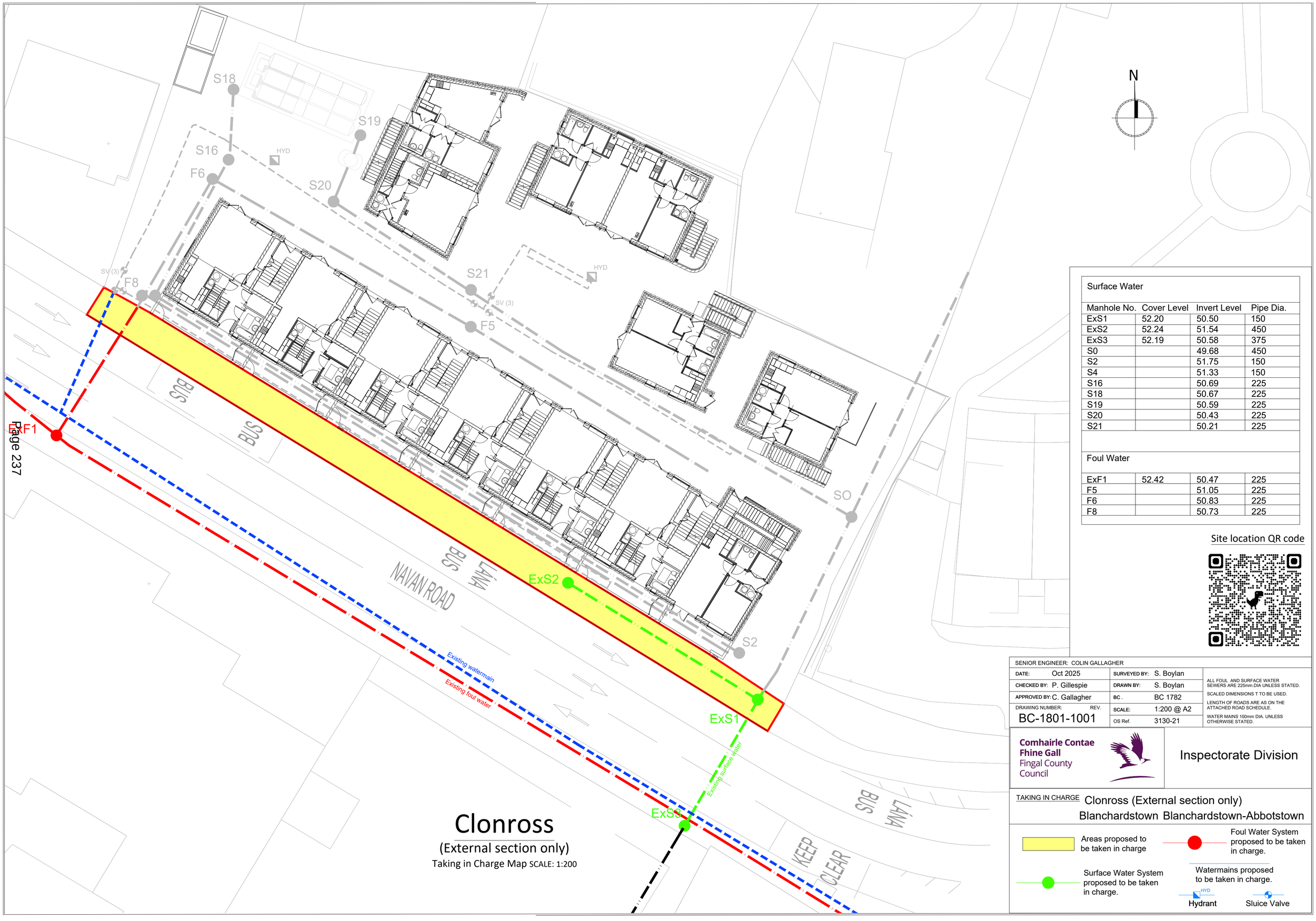
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Road Schedule

BC Number – BC1801 Clonross
Taking In Charge – Clonross, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15.
DED Blanchardstown-Abbottstown. TL Blanchardstown.

Road Name	**Length**	**Description**
Navan Road	70m	From Junction of the Navan Road and entrance to Clonross apartment complex, head south-east for 70m (External section only - Footpath)
	Total = 70m	

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Surface Water			
Manhole No.	Cover Level	Invert Level	Pipe Dia.
ExS1	52.20	50.50	150
ExS2	52.24	51.54	450
ExS3	52.19	50.58	375
S0		49.68	450
S2		51.75	150
S4		51.33	150
S16		50.69	225
S18		50.67	225
S19		50.59	225
S20		50.43	225
S21		50.21	225
Foul Water			
ExF1	52.42	50.47	225
F5		51.05	225
F6		50.83	225
F8		50.73	225

Site location QR code

Clonross

(External section only)

Taking in Charge Map SCALE: 1:200

SENIOR ENGINEER: COLIN GALLAGHER

DATE: Oct 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 1782	LENGTH OF ROADS ARE AS ON THE ATTACHED ROAD SCHEDULE.
DRAWING NUMBER: REV. BC-1801-1001	SCALE:	1:200 @ A2	WATER MAINS 100mm DIA. UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.
	OS Ref.	3130-21	

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TAKING IN CHARGE Clonross (External section only)
Blanchardstown 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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COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 8TH DECEMBER 2025

ITEM NO. 17

DRAFT DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTION SCHEME 2026-2030

Background / Legislative Basis

Section 48 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, enables a Planning Authority when granting planning permission under Section 34 of the Act, to attach conditions requiring the payment of a contribution in respect of public infrastructure and facilities benefiting its administrative area. This relates to public infrastructure and facilities that are provided by or on behalf of the local authority.

The Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government issued guidelines to Planning Authorities, in January 2013, regarding the preparation of Development Contribution Schemes entitled "*Development Contributions – Guidelines for Planning Authorities*" (2013). Fingal County Council has had regard to these Guidelines in preparing this Development Contribution Scheme.

The current Development Contribution Scheme was adopted by the Council on 14th December 2020 and expires on 31st December 2025. It is proposed to introduce a new Scheme with effect from 1st January 2026 subject to the approval of the Council. At the October 2025 Council meeting, the Chief Executive reported that a Draft Development Contribution Scheme, in accordance with Section 48 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000, as amended, was prepared and the Members agreed to put the Draft on public display.

Notice of the making of the Draft Scheme was published confirming that the Draft Scheme was on public display from 14th October 2025 to 27th November 2025 inclusive. The Draft Scheme report was available for inspection on the Council's consultation portal www.consult.fingal.ie and at the Council's offices in Swords and Blanchardstown.

A presentation on the Draft Scheme was brought before the Corporate Policy Group and the Transportation & Infrastructure Management Strategic Policy Committee. A copy of the Draft Scheme was issued to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage. Submissions or observations with respect to the Draft Scheme were accepted up to 27th November 2025.

Pursuant to Section 48 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, the Chief Executive is required to prepare a report on the submission/observations received following the expiration of the public display period. The Chief Executive Report shall:

(I) list the persons or bodies who made submissions or observations under this section,
(ii) summarise the issues raised by the persons or bodies in the submissions or observations, and
(iii) give the response of the Chief Executive to the issues raised, taking account of the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

The Scheme, if adopted, will be operative for a period of five years, from 1st January 2026 to 31st December 2030 but can be revised at any time following a review, during that period.

Contributions under the Draft Scheme

Recognising the need to increase funding for Class 3 (Community & Parks) and the potential additional incomes sources for Class 1 projects, the draft scheme proposes the percentage contributions allocation between the classes towards the eligible costs as follows:

Class of Public Infrastructural Development	**Residential Development - € per sqm**	**Industrial / Commercial Development - € per sqm**	**% Allocation**
Class 1: Transportation and Active Travel Infrastructure & Facilities	€67.33	€52.58	50%
Class 2: Surface Water Infrastructure & Facilities (incl. Flood Relief)	€ 1.35	€ 1.05	1%
Class 3: Community Facilities, Parks & Open Space Amenities & Biodiversity related Infrastructure, Tourism, Cultural & Library Development, Economic Development and Regeneration infrastructure	€ 65.99	€ 51.53	49%
Total of Contributions Payable	**€ 134.67**	**€ 105.16**	**100%**

Submissions Received from Public Consultation

A list of the submissions received, and a summary of the issues raised, together with the Chief Executive's response, is set out below. For the convenience of Members, the proposed Draft Scheme is also attached.

22 submissions were received:

1. Ryan Fitzmaurice
2. Cllr. David Healy
3. Balbriggan Community Council
4. Gerald O'Halloran
5. Glenveagh Homes Ltd
6. Aer Lingus
7. Fingal Chamber
8. DAA plc
9. Construction Industry Federation
10. The Land Development Agency
11. John Spain Associates on behalf of Park Developments
12. John Spain Associates on behalf of Cairn Homes Properties Ltd.
13. MKN Property Group
14. Dublin Port Company
15. John Spain Associates on behalf of Rohan Holdings
16. Stephen Little & Associates for Evara Limited
17. John Spain Associates on behalf of Camgill Conway
18. Downey on behalf of Carroll Estates Ltd.
19. Ibec
20. IPUT plc
21. Cllr. David Healy
22. Friends of the Irish Environment

Summary of Issues Raised

(1) Level of Contribution:

Submission no's: 5,6,7,8,11,12,14,15,17,18,19,20

The submissions raised concerns regarding the level of contribution; that the new scheme was departing from previous schemes in that all areas included in a planning application would be assessable for contributions arising from new wording at paragraph 17 and associated effects on the cost of development. The new Scheme would bring into scope hard surface commercial lands such as storage areas, public realm space, drainage infrastructure, landscaped areas, airport operational infrastructure, and non-revenue generating industrial lands, logistics hubs etc. at the same rate as buildings. Submissions referenced this would have the effect of increasing the contributions significantly, potential "double charging or "cumulative charging", the need for additional exemptions or new wording to deal with future

development of the areas such as change of use, to prevent double charging to be included in the new scheme.

If the Scheme intended to capture all of these non-building areas, the submissions raised concerns with regard to inconsistency of approach with other authorities, competitiveness of Fingal in the Dublin region for investment and future viability issues.

Submissions also referenced the need for a reduced rate for such areas if subject to charge under the new Scheme.

Response:

The issues raised as set out in the submissions are noted. The wording in the draft Scheme was intended to bring clarity for areas over which development occurs which are not buildings.

Recommendation:

It is proposed to **amend** the wording of Paragraph 17 to bring greater clarity to the basis for charging elements of development that are not buildings.

The following text will be removed:

~~*In terms of calculating the level of development contribution, the following applies:*~~

~~*(a) Insofar as the development – per the relevant grant of permission, the subject matter of a s.48 Development Contribution Condition – is for a building or buildings, same shall be calculated by reference to the gross floor area of the building(s) in square metres.*~~

~~*This means the gross floor area determined from the internal dimensions of the proposed buildings including the gross floor area of each floor including mezzanine floors.*~~

~~*(b) Insofar as the development – per the relevant grant of permission, the subject matter of a s.48 Development Contribution Condition – does not comprise a building(s), same will be calculated by reference to size of the development/area over which the development occurs in square metres.*~~

~~*(c) Insofar as the development - per the relevant grant of permission, the subject matter of a s.48 Development Contribution Condition – comprises both building(s) and other areas (non-buildings), same shall be calculated by reference to: (a) gross floor area of the building(s) in square metres; plus (ii) the size of the development/area (non-buildings) over which the development occurs in square metres.*~~

The following text will be inserted:

Subject to the possible application of the exemptions or reductions set out hereinafter, in terms of calculating the level of development contribution, the following applies

The floor area of the proposed development (with the exception of items identified in Table A) shall be calculated as the gross internal floor area of all relevant floorspace. Gross internal floor area is measured from the internal measurement of the floorspace on each floor of the building and includes internal walls, partitions, passages, and storage areas.

Table A:

Carport / Undercroft - any development that has a carport / undercroft (or other similar structure, excluding bus shelters) will have the entire area comprising of the carport / undercroft (or other similar structure) and covered by the roof / ceiling / other similar structure included in the area used for the calculation of the development contribution. This excludes lightwells within a development not covered by a roof.

Building on Stilts or Partially on stilts - any development that consists of a building on stilts or partially on stilts (or similar structure) will have the entire usable (i.e. greater than 1.8 m) area under the building (or other similar structure) and covered by the roof/ ceiling/ other similar structure included in the area used for the calculation of the development contribution.

Basement / Underground Parking / Service Areas - any development having a basement / underground parking / service areas (or similar structure) will have the area of the basement / underground parking / service areas (or similar structure) and covered by the roof / ceiling / other similar structure included in the area used for the calculation of the development contribution. The area to be included for the calculation of the contribution will include the area of any ramp leading into the basement/ underground parking/ service areas that is covered by a roof /

ceiling / other similar structure. If the basement / underground parking consists of more than one level, then the area of each level will be included for the calculation of the contribution.

Surface Car-parking Development - for the purpose of calculating the development contribution, ancillary and non-ancillary surface car-parking development shall be calculated by reference to size of the area over which the development occurs in square meters.

Airport Runway Development – for the purpose of calculating the development contribution, airport runways shall be calculated by reference to size of the area over which the development occurs in square meters.

Airport Operational Infrastructure Development – for the purpose of calculating the development contribution, airport operational infrastructure which does not provide floorspace shall be calculated by reference to size of the area over which the development occurs in square metres (airport operational infrastructure includes matters such as kerbs, roads, apron areas, public transport infrastructure, taxiways and storage areas required to operate an airport).

Open storage/hard surface commercial space development, excluding car-parking - for the purpose of calculating the development contribution, same shall be calculated by reference to size of the area over which the development occurs in square meters.

(2) Contribution Rates:

Submission no's: 2,7,8,9,11,12,13,16,17,18,20,21

The submissions related to the rates charged in the proposed Scheme. One submission queried the increase from the 2021 rates. A number of the submissions

sought that the rates be either reduced, not increased / not subject to annual indexation to support the viability of residential and non-residential development.

One submission queried the rationale for charging a higher rate for residential development, suggesting that a higher charge should apply to non-residential development or in the alternative, that both rates should be equal. One submission referred to the additional charge for retention development permissions.

Response:

The issues raised in respect of contribution rates as set out in the submissions are noted.

The table below show the rates of contribution at the commencement of the current Scheme and the annual increases with indexation being applied.

Year	Residential	Ind/Commercial	% Increase
2020	98.21	76.69	
2021	98.21	76.69	0.0%
2022	106.46	83.13	8.4%
2023	121.34	94.78	14.0%
2024	128.84	100.61	6.2%
2025	132.68	103.61	3.0%
2026	**134.67**	**105.16**	**1.5%**

The rates proposed in the new scheme to apply from the 1st January 2026 are the current 2025 rates with a 1.5 % increase being applied for inflation in 2025. Indexation of rates is reviewed each year to ensure that there is sufficient revenue deriving from the Scheme to fund infrastructure. It should be noted that the Council is subject to inflationary pressures when incurring expenditure on capital projects.

The difference in rates proposed between different types of development in the new scheme reflects the approach taken in the current Development Contribution Scheme and previous schemes. The charge for retention development permissions is considered reasonable to discourage unauthorised development.

The proposed rates reflect the balance that needs to be struck between funding the necessary infrastructure across the County and the need to encourage economic activity in the County.

Recommendation:

No change.

(3) Contribution in lieu of shortfall in Open Space Provision:

Submission no's : 9,11,12,13,16,17,18

The submission related to the increase and scale of rates to be applied in lieu of open space provision. Several submissions referenced lack of detail in the Scheme as to how the rates were derived. Reference was made regarding the lack of a phased payment arrangement. References were made querying the contribution being applied as there was a separate standard contribution applicable for class 3 infrastructure. Submissions referenced inconsistency in applying the contribution in the context of national planning policy including Compact Settlement Guidelines and its effect on large residential / apartment developments, dense and infill developments.

Response:

Section 4.4 part (iv) Public Open Space – of the *Sustainable and Compact Settlements guidelines for Planning Authorities* states that: *'All statutory development plans should include a strategy for the provision of an integrated hierarchy of public open spaces and corridors across the plan area to meet the needs of the planned population. The availability of accessible and high quality public open spaces within all settlements that are part of a wider GBI network will be important in creating sustainable settlements. This should include a hierarchy of multifunctional public open spaces and corridors that are accessible and provide for the recreational needs of the planned population, while also creating space for nature and ecosystem services.*'

Fingal County Council has an established strategy in terms of quantity, quality and accessibility as set out in Section 4.5.2.1 and Table 14.11: Public Open Space and Play Space Hierarchy and Accessibility Standards and *Objective DMSO51* of the *Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029* as well as Fingal's Open Space strategy - *Keeping it Green- An Open Space Strategy for Fingal.* This strategy is integral to the planned provision of Public Open Space throughout the county both through Development Management and by Fingal County Council itself.

The overall minimum standard for Public Open Space provision in accordance with *Objective DMSO51* of the *Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029* is 2.5 hectares per 1,000 population which relates to Class 1 and Class 2 Public Open Space. This caters for the provision of both active recreational open space and local residential open space requirements and needs of new residential developments.

Objective DMSO51 – Minimum Public Open Space Provision states: *Require a minimum public open space provision of 2.5 hectares per 1000 population. For the purposes of this calculation, public open space requirements are to be based on residential units with an agreed occupancy rate of 3.5 persons in the case of dwellings with three or more bedrooms and 1.5 persons in the case of dwellings with two or fewer bedrooms.*

There is an established hierarchy of Public Open Space provision set out in Section 4.5.2.1 and Table 14.11: Public Open Space and Play Space Hierarchy and Accessibility Standards of the *Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029*. This hierarchy relates to Class 1 and Class 2 Public Open Space as per the *Fingal County Council Development Contribution Scheme 2021-2025* (under Section 48, Planning & Development Act 2000, as amended).

Class 1 Public Open Space is provided as Local, Neighbourhood and Regional Parks and caters primarily for active recreation – e.g. playing pitches, all-weather pitches etc.

Class 2 Public Open Space is located within a residential development and is provided as Pocket Parks and Small Parks. Depending on their size, these areas of Public Open Space accommodate playground facilities, kick about areas and passive recreation.

Table 14.11: Public Open Space and Play Space Hierarchy and Accessibility Standards of the *Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029* clearly outlines the standards in terms of size, accessibility and usage etc.

Section 5.5.3 of the *Sustainable and Compact Settlements guidelines for Planning Authorities (January 2024)* states that: '*Public open spaces in residential schemes refers to the open spaces that form part of the public realm within a residential development. This is distinct from a public park.*'

In this regard, *Public Open Space in residential schemes* is considered Class 2 Public Open Space as it relates to Table 14.11 of the Fingal Development Plan and is calculated as a percentage of the development site area. This is the 'on-site' provision of Public Open Space. While a public park as it relates to Table 14.11 of the Fingal Development Plan is considered Class 1 Public Open Space.

Where there is deemed to be a shortfall of Public Open Space provision in accordance with the overall minimum standard for Public Open Space provision in accordance with *Objective DMSO51* of the Development Plan, a financial contribution may be sought within the terms of Section 48 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) in lieu of provision within an application site. This ensures that the Class 1 Public Open Space requirement for the new population generated by this new residential development is catered for in terms of public infrastructure for active recreation in Local Parks, Neighbourhood Parks and Regional Parks. It is noted that in certain larger developments, the applicant may have Class 1 Public Open Space in their ownership to meet the full requirements of Public Open Space provision requirements.

Paragraph 35 of the Draft scheme states *"the Council may facilitate the phased payment on contributions payable under the Scheme".*

It is accepted the level of contribution has increased significantly from the current scheme. The rates proposed in the draft Scheme had regard to land values and the increasing costs incurred by the Council in developing lands.

The viability of development arising from increased contributions as set out in the submissions is noted. The rates have been reviewed further, it is proposed to amend the rates as set out below.

Recommendation:

Amend Paragraph 20: by removing the text in red inserting the text in green as set out below:

This contribution in lieu of open space will be levied at the following rates: -

- *Class I Open Space - €150,000 per acre ~~€618,000 per Hectare~~ to purchase land based on the value of amenity land, plus €150,000 per acre ~~€500,000 per Hectare~~ for development costs.*
- *Class II Open Space - €450,000 per acre ~~€2,470,000 per Hectare~~ to purchase land in residential areas, plus €150,000 per acre ~~€500,000 per Hectare~~ for development costs.*

(4) Contribution in lieu of Play Facilities:

Submission no's: 8,9,11,12,13,17,18,21

The submissions related to the increase and scale of rates to be applied in lieu of play facilities. Submissions referenced how the rates were derived. They also referred to the lack of a phased payment arrangement. References were made querying the new contribution being applied as there was a separate standard contribution applicable for class 3 infrastructure. References were made querying the contribution being applied as there was a separate standard contribution applicable for class 3 infrastructure.

Response:

The issues raised in respect of applying the Contribution as set out in the submissions are noted.

Recommendation:

It is proposed to remove this Contribution from the new Scheme by removing the text in red below which is contained in Paragraph 21 to 25 of the draft Scheme in respect of the Contribution in lieu of Play facilities.

~~***Play Area/Facilities***~~

~~*The Fingal County Development Plan 2023-2029 provides the discretion to the Council to determine a financial contribution in lieu of all or part of the requirement for the provision of play facilities in a particular development. (Ref. Policy CIOSP 14 and Objective CIOS044)*~~

~~*Play provision is required in line with the Public Open Space and Play Space Hierarchy and Accessibility Standards outlined in the Fingal County Development Plan. (Ref. Table 4.2)*~~

~~*The Council has approved Fingal's first Play Policy, Space for Play – A Play Policy for Fingal, which aims to provide a framework for the provision of safe, accessible, inclusive, natural and engaging play spaces for all children and adolescents up to the age of seventeen. The Play Policy provides the basis on which the current and future play provision throughout the County will be developed to the highest quality in line with international best practice.*~~

~~*This contribution in lieu of play facilities will be levied at the following rates: - €444.00 per Sq. Metre of play area required.*~~
~~*The above contribution will apply to all relevant permissions including provision of residential units to the Council for social housing and under Part V of the PDA.*~~

~~*These rates may be reviewed by the Council from time to time having regard to market conditions. The contributions collected will be used for the provision of open space, recreational and community facilities and amenities and landscaping works – see Appendix 2.*~~

(5) Methodology / Procedural issues:

Submission no's: 2,8,9,11,12,17,21

Submissions made references to the methodology used in the composition of the Scheme; referring to the lack of detail in terms of the methodology used by the Council in respect of non-building / hard surface commercial areas being assessable and the charges applying to a shortfall in either open space provision or play facilities. References were made to what effect the Development Pipeline Analysis may have contributed to the perceived major changes in the Scheme. References were also made to lack of detailed costings for the projects identified in Appendix 3 of the Scheme to support and justify the rates / charges to apply.

Response:

The issues raised as set out in the submissions are noted.

The Development Contribution Scheme has been prepared in accordance with Section 48 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended and in line with the "*Development Contributions – Guidelines for Planning Authorities*" (2013).

The Development Pipeline Analysis forecast a development pipeline of approx. 2.6 million square metres over the period 2026 – 2030: 1.35 million m² residential and 1.25 million m² industrial/commercial development. The potential yield from the Scheme is forecasted at approx. €312m when applying the 2026 proposed rates to each type of development. Appendix 1 of the Scheme sets out the eligible costs identified across three classes of public infrastructure provision The eligible costs derive from the project list in Appendix 3 of the Scheme.

Recommendation:

No change.

(6) Appendix 3 Projects List:

Submission no's: 1,8,13,14,15,17

A number of submissions either sought further detail on the projects listed in Appendix 3 of the Scheme while other submissions referenced the inclusion or omission of specific projects.

Response:

The issued raised as set out in the submissions are noted. Appendix 3 of the Scheme gives a list of projects that have been identified for funding from development levies over the lifetime of the scheme. The list is indicative, and it should not be interpreted that only projects listed can be funded from development contributions received under the Scheme. The list was informed by both the Council's Capital Programme and projects that are expected to proceed during the operative period of the Scheme. At the beginning of Appendix 3 it states: *"The project list is indicative only, priorities may change, and other projects may be added and funded as they arise over the course of the Scheme."*

The projects referred to in the submissions may also be levy funded should they be prioritised during the lifetime of the Scheme. The advancement of projects will be dependent on several factors including the availability of alternative funding sources.

The annual Capital Programme provides further detail of projects identified for delivery with associated funding sources on a rolling three-year basis. Monies received under the Scheme will be spent on the provision of public infrastructure in accordance with Section 48 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended.

Recommendation:

No change.

(7) Exemptions - Airport Operational Infrastructure:

Submission no's: 6,7,8,22

A number of submissions sought exemptions in relation to the provision of Airport Operational Infrastructure. Another submission disagreed with an exemption being included in the new Scheme.

Response:

The issued raised in the submissions setting out the financial and other effects on levying Airport Operational Infrastructure are noted. It is proposed to provide an exemption for Airport Operational Infrastructure as set out below.

Recommendation:

Amend Paragraph 28: Exemptions to include the following text:

> *Airport Operational Infrastructure which does not provide floorspace (such as kerbs, roads, apron areas, public transport infrastructure, taxiways and storage areas required to operate an airport).*

(8) Car-parking:

Submission no's: 2,3,7,21

A number of submissions referred to various types of car-parking defined in the draft Scheme and various associated car parking related issues.

Response:

The various issues raised in respect of car-parking as set out in the submissions is noted. It is proposed to amend the draft Scheme to include a number of exemptions, reductions and clarifications, where relevant, in the new Scheme.

Recommendation:

Amend Paragraph 28: Exemptions by removing the text in red inserting the text in green as set out below:

- *Car-parking is exempt in the following circumstances:*
  - ~~*Carparking in residential developments.*~~
  - ~~*(i) Carparking integrated within a structure when ancillary to the proposed use of the structure. (When not exempt, i.e. when use is non-ancillary, it will be measured on the basis of the gross floor area.)*~~

  - *Residential ancillary car-parking in residential developments and in line with County Development Plan standards, whether surface or non-surface.*

  - *Underground, multi-storey or undercroft car-parking integrated within a building when ancillary to the proposed use of the building.*

Amend Paragraph 29: Reductions by including the text in green as set out below:

> *Car-parking in residential developments assessed as being in excess of County Development Plan standard requirements will be subject to a 50% reduction in the residential development rate on a per square metre basis.*

The text below will be inserted at the end of Paragraph 28 which sets out developments which will not be exempt:

- *Stand-alone underground, multi-storey or undercroft carparking.*

(9) Exemptions - Communal, social and cultural facilities associated with a housing development:

Submission no's: 2,21

Submissions referenced an exemption for "*Communal, social and cultural facilities associated with a housing development".*

Response:

Any changes to the proposed Scheme would need to be clearly defined to ensure their applicability to any future grant of permissions. Providing any form of exemption

will reduce the potential revenue yield from the scheme over its lifetime and may affect the ability of the Council to provide infrastructure.

Recommendation:

No change.

(10) Exemptions - Cost Rental / Affordable Housing:

Submission no's: 2,5,10,12,13

A number of submissions sought exemptions for Cost Rental and Affordable Housing.

Response:

The issues raised as set out in the submissions are noted. The proposed Scheme is unchanged from the current Scheme in respect of Cost Rental Housing. It is proposed to amend the Scheme to give clarity that Affordable Housing will not be exempt.

Recommendation:

The text below in green to be inserted at the end of Paragraph 28 which sets out developments which will not be exempt:

> *(i) Housing Units which are provided as Cost Rental Accommodation or Affordable Housing under the Affordable Housing Act 2021.*

(11) Exemptions - Common circulation areas in multi-unit residential buildings:

Submission no's: 2,5,21

A number of submissions sought an exemption for common circulation areas in multi-unit residential buildings.

Response:

The issues raised in the submissions are noted. It is proposed to provide an exemption for this issue.

Recommendation:

Amend Paragraph 28: Exemptions to include the following text:

"Common circulation areas, bin and bicycle storage areas solely for the use of residents in multi-unit residential buildings."

(12) Renewable Energy Developments:

Submission no's: 2,8,18,21

A number of submissions referred to Renewable Energy Developments, indicating that applying a non-building / surface area-based contribution and the €1,000 charge per each 0.1mw *above an installed capacity of 0.5MW* was an additional charge and was in effect "double charging". One submission referenced whether the €1,000 charge per each 0.1MW was subject to indexation and if not, should be indexed.

Response:

The issues raised in the submissions are noted.

Paragraph 28(r) of the Draft Scheme states: *"Renewable energy development with a capacity up to 0.5MW will be exempt. Larger capacity development will be charged at a €1,000 per each 0.1MW above an installed capacity of 0.5MW.*

No additional contribution is proposed in the new Scheme. The €1,000 charge is not subject to annual indexation.

It is accepted that greater clarity should be provided in the new Scheme that one form of charge applies to these developments.

Recommendation:

The following text will be relocated to Paragraph 18, which refers to the contributions to be paid, as follows:

> ***Renewable Energy Development:***
>
> *Renewable energy development with a capacity over 0.5MW will be charged at a €1,000 per each 0.1MW*

Paragraph 28(r) of the Draft Scheme which relates to exemptions will now read as follows: *"Renewable energy development with a capacity up to 0.5MW will be exempt.*

(13) Section 49 Development Contributions:

Submission no's: 2,21

The submissions raised the issue of Section 49 development contributions in areas to be served by Metrolink.

Response:

The issues raised in the submissions are noted. Section 49 development contributions are separate to Section 48 development contributions. The Development Contribution Scheme sets out the basis for seeking development contributions under Section 48 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended.

Recommendation:

No change.

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Development Contribution Scheme

2026-2030

(under Section 48, Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended)

Introduction

1. Section 48(1) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended ("**the PDA**"), enables a planning authority, when granting a planning permission under section 34 of the PDA, to include Conditions requiring the payment of a contribution in respect of public infrastructure and facilities benefiting development in the area of the planning authority, and that is provided, or that is intended will be provided, by or on behalf of a local authority (*regardless of other sources of funding for the infrastructure and facilities*).

2. Section 48(2)(a) of the PDA requires that the basis for the determination of a contribution under s.48(1) be set out in a development contribution scheme made under s.48. Further, s.48(2)(b) provides that such a development contribution scheme may make provision for the payment of different contributions in respect of different classes or descriptions of development.

3. Section 48(3) of the PDA provides that a development contribution scheme:

   - Shall state the basis for determining the contributions to be paid in respect of public infrastructure and facilities, in accordance with the terms of the scheme (*s.48(3)(a)*).

   - In stating the basis for determining the contribution to be paid, the scheme must indicate the contribution to be paid in respect of the different classes of public infrastructure and facilities which are provided for or to be provided by any local authority and the planning authority shall have regard to the actual estimated cost of providing the classes of public infrastructure and facilities, except that any benefit which accrues in respect of the existing development may not be included in any such determination (*s.48(3)(b)*).

   - May allow for the payment of a reduced contribution or no contribution in certain circumstances, in accordance with the provisions of the scheme (*s.48(3)(c)*).

4. Section 48(15) of the PDA outlines that a planning authority may facilitate the phased payment of contributions under s.48 and may require the giving of security to ensure payment of contributions.

5. Pursuant to s.28 of the PDA, the Minister has published guidelines entitled "*Development Contributions – Guidelines for Planning Authorities*" (2013). Fingal County Council has had regard to these Guidelines in preparing this Development Contribution Scheme.

Public Infrastructure and Facilities

6. Section 48(17) of the PDA defines "*public infrastructure and facilities*" as follows:

> "(a) the acquisition of land,
> (b) the provision of open spaces, recreational and community facilities and amenities and landscaping works,
> (c) the provision of roads, car parks, car parking places, sewers, wastewater and water treatment facilities, service connections, watermains and flood relief work,
> (d) the provision of bus corridors and lanes, bus interchange facilities (including car parks for these facilities (infrastructure to facilitate public transport, cycle and pedestrian facilities, and traffic calming measures,
> (e) the refurbishment, upgrading, enlargement or replacement of roads, car parks, car parking spaces, sewers, wastewater and water treatment facilities, service connections or watermains,
> (f) the provision of high-capacity telecommunications infrastructure, such as broadband,
> (g) the provision of school sites,
> (h) any matters ancillary to paragraphs (a) to (g)."

7. This Development Contribution Scheme provides funding for three general classes of "*public infrastructure and facilities*", namely:

- Class 1: Transportation and Active Travel Infrastructure & Facilities:

- Including for the provision of roads (*including pedestrian and cycling facilities*), refurbishment, upgrading, enlargement or replacement of roads, bridges, harbours, car parks, provision of bus corridors and other infrastructure to facilitate public transport, traffic calming measures and smarter travel projects not covered by National Transport Authority grants, the acquisition of land and any ancillary matters.

- Class 2: Surface Water Infrastructure & Facilities (incl. Flood Relief):

- Including for the refurbishment, upgrading or replacement of networks, upgrade and refurbishment of pump stations, separation of combined sewers (not the responsibility of Uisce Éireann), localised flood relief and provision or retrofit of nature-based systems.

- Class 3: Community Facilities, Parks & Open Space Amenities & Biodiversity related Infrastructure, Tourism, Cultural & Library Development, Economic Development and Regeneration infrastructure:

- Including the provision or refurbishment of community facilities, public conveniences and any ancillary matters relating to same as part of its approach to delivering key social infrastructure.

- Including the provision of recreational facilities, open space amenities, public playgrounds, outdoor sports facilities, walkways in parks and open spaces, urban woodland and landscape improvement works. This includes provision for the implementation of the adopted Fingal Biodiversity Action Plan 2023- 2030 and significant improvements to multi-functional green infrastructure and nature-based solutions to enhance the resilience and utility of parks and public outdoor spaces.

- To meet Fingal's substantial population growth, development contributions will support the delivery, upgrading or enhancement of infrastructure and climate action measures to support development of land for economic purposes.

- Development Contributions will provide funding for tourism, cultural and regeneration initiatives and projects across the county.

- Libraries form a key part of Fingal's community, cultural and recreational infrastructure. Given the County's strong population growth, it is essential that new and existing communities have equitable access to high-quality library facilities and services. Development contributions will support the provision, expansion and enhancement of library buildings and inclusive community spaces to meet the needs of Fingal's growing and diverse population.

Note: Water Supply and Wastewater services are now in the remit of Uisce Éireann. Therefore, there is no provision in this Development Contribution Scheme for water and wastewater projects.

Review of Previous Development Contribution Scheme

8. The preparation of this Development Contribution Scheme was informed by, *inter alia*, a review of the current 2021 – 2025 Development Contribution Scheme. In this regard, it is noted that between January 2021 and August 2025 payments received amounted to €188m from invoices generated to the value of €261m.

   Approx €158m of levies has been applied to capital expenditure since January 2021. For information purposes, examples of projects enabled by development contributions are included in *Appendix 2* to this Development Contribution Scheme.

Basis for Determination of Contribution

9. The primary objective of this Development Contribution Scheme is to encourage economic activity while partly funding the provision of essential public infrastructure, without which development could not proceed. Since the introduction of same, development contributions have enabled much essential public infrastructure to be funded (*in combination with other sources of funding*).

10. The basis for determining the development contributions to be paid under this Development Contribution Scheme in respect of "*public infrastructure and facilities*" is as follows:

    (a) The amount of the costs which are attributable, in the years up to 2030, to each of the specified classes of public infrastructure and facilities.

    These costs are given in Table B of *Appendix 1* of this Development Contribution Scheme.

    (b) The aggregated areas, in square metres, of projected development, in the years to 2030.

    These aggregated floor areas are given in Table C of Appendix 1 of this Scheme.

    (c) The development contributions payable per square metre of the residential development and of industrial/commercial development were determined upon consideration of a number of factors including:

    (i) Eligible costs of projects;
    (ii) Expected quantum of development;
    (iii) The level of existing contribution rates; and
    (iv) An examination of current market conditions.

Development Contribution Scheme

11. This Fingal County Council Development Contribution Scheme 2026 - 2030 ("**the Scheme**") is made under Section 48 of the PDA.

12. Under the Scheme, Fingal County Council will, when granting a planning permission under s.34 of the PDA, include Conditions for requiring the payment of a contribution (*the amount of which is indicated below under the heading Level of Contribution*) in respect of public infrastructure and facilities benefiting development in the County of Fingal and that is provided, or that it is intended will be provided, by or on behalf of Fingal County Council (*regardless of other sources of funding for the infrastructure and facilities*).

13. The "*development*" for the purposes of the Scheme shall be the development the subject matter of the grant of planning permission in respect which the s.48 Development Contribution Condition has been imposed.

14. The Scheme shall apply to relevant planning applications lodged with Fingal County Council from 1 January 2026.

15. In the case of an existing grant of planning permission, granted prior to 1 January 2026 which has not yet commenced, the applicable scheme is the Development Contribution Scheme in place at the date of lodging the relevant planning application to which the permission relates.

16. In the case of planning applications made prior to 1 January 2026, the applicable scheme is the Development Contribution Scheme in place at the time of lodging the relevant planning application.

Level of Contribution

17. Subject to the possible application of the exemptions or reductions set out hereinafter, in terms of calculating the level of development contribution, the following applies:

    ~~(a) Insofar as the development – per the relevant grant of permission, the subject matter of a s.48 Development Contribution Condition – is for a building or buildings, same shall be calculated by reference to the gross floor area of the building(s) in square metres.~~

    ~~This means the gross floor area determined from the internal dimensions of the proposed buildings including the gross floor area of each floor including mezzanine floors.~~

    ~~(b) Insofar as the development – per the relevant grant of permission, the subject matter of a s.48 Development Contribution Condition – does not comprise a building(s), same will be calculated by reference to size of the development/area over which the development occurs in square metres.~~

    ~~(c) Insofar as the development - per the relevant grant of permission, the subject matter of a s.48 Development Contribution Condition – comprises both building(s) and other areas (non-buildings), same shall be calculated by reference to: (i) gross floor area of the building(s) in square metres; plus (ii) the size of the development/area (non-buildings) over which the development occurs in square metres.~~

    The floor area of the proposed development (with the exception of items identified in Table A) shall be calculated as the gross internal floor area of all relevant floorspace. Gross internal floor area is measured from the internal measurement of the floorspace on each floor of the building and includes internal walls, partitions, passages, and storage areas.

Table A:

Carport / Undercroft - any development that has a carport / undercroft (or other similar structure, excluding bus shelters) will have the entire area comprising of the carport / undercroft (or other similar structure) and covered by the roof / ceiling / other similar structure included in the area used for the calculation of the development contribution. This excludes lightwells within a development not covered by a roof.
Building on Stilts or Partially on stilts - any development that consists of a building on stilts or partially on stilts (or similar structure) will have the entire usable (i.e. greater than 1.8 m) area under the building (or other similar structure) and covered by the roof/ ceiling/ other similar structure included in the area used for the calculation of the development contribution.
Basement / Underground Parking / Service Areas - any development having a basement / underground parking / service areas (or similar structure) will have the area of the basement / underground parking / service areas (or similar structure) and covered by the roof / ceiling / other similar structure included in the area used for the calculation of the development contribution. The area to be included for the calculation of the contribution will include the area of any ramp leading into the basement/ underground parking/ service areas that is covered by a roof / ceiling / other similar structure. If the basement / underground parking consists of more than one level, then the area of each level will be included for the calculation of the contribution.
Surface Car-parking Development - for the purpose of calculating the development contribution, ancillary and non-ancillary surface car-parking development shall be calculated by reference to size of the area over which the development occurs in square meters.
Airport Runway Development – for the purpose of calculating the development contribution, airport runways shall be calculated by reference to size of the area over which the development occurs in square meters.
Airport Operational Infrastructure Development – for the purpose of calculating the development contribution, airport operational infrastructure which does not provide floorspace shall be calculated by

reference to size of the area over which the development occurs in square metres (airport operational infrastructure includes matters such as kerbs, roads, apron areas, public transport infrastructure, taxiways and storage areas required to operate an airport).

Open storage/hard surface commercial space development, excluding car-parking - for the purpose of calculating the development contribution, same shall be calculated by reference to size of the area over which the development occurs in square meters.

18. Under the Scheme, the contributions to be paid (except where an Exemption or Reduction applies) in respect of the different classes of public infrastructure and facilities are as follows:

Class of Public Infrastructural Development	**Residential Development - € per square metre**	**Industrial / Commercial Development - € per square metre**
Class 1: Transportation and Active Travel Infrastructure & Facilities	€67.33	€52.58
Class 2: Surface Water Infrastructure & Facilities (incl. Flood Relief)	€ 1.35	€ 1.05
Class 3 : Community Facilities, Parks & Open Space Amenities & Biodiversity related Infrastructure, Tourism, Cultural & Library Development, Economic Development and Regeneration infrastructure	€ 65.99	€ 51.53
Total of Contributions Payable	**€ 134.67**	**€ 105.16**

Note 1: These rates of contribution shall be effective from 1st January 2026 to 31st December 2030.

Note 2: Indexation in accordance with the Society of Chartered Surveyors Ireland (SCSI) Tender Price Index will apply annually from 1 January 2027. Having regard to economic or other circumstances and, subject to the approval of

the Elected Members, it may be decided not to apply this indexation for a particular year(s).

Note 3: New extensions to existing developments will be charged at the above rates also (except where an Exemption or Reduction applies).

Renewable Energy Development:
Renewable energy development with a capacity over 0.5MW will be charged at a €1,000 per each 0.1MW

Contribution In Lieu of Open Space ~~and Play Facilities~~

19. The Fingal County Development Plan 2023-2029 provides the Planning Authority with discretion to determine a financial contribution in lieu of all or part of the open space requirement for a particular development. This shortfall is based on the Overall Public Open Space requirements as outlined in the current Development Plan standards. (Ref. Objectives: DMSO51 DMSO52, DMSO53, DMSO54 and DMSO57)

20. This contribution in lieu of open space will be levied at the following rates: -

- Class I Open Space - €150,000 per acre to purchase land based on the value of amenity land, plus €150,000 per acre for development costs.

- Class II Open Space - €450,000 per acre to purchase land in residential areas, plus €150,000 per acre for development costs.

Classification of Open Space	Type of Open Space*	Description
Class I	• Regional Park • Urban Neighbourhood Park • Local Park	Generally, Parks & Public Open Spaces larger than 2 hectares in area and designed to accommodate a wide variety of facilities and uses due to their size including public playgrounds over 400 sq. metres in area, sports fields and extensive walking and cycling infrastructure. Passive recreational and biodiversity areas ware also accommodated in these parks and open spaces.
Class II	• Small Park • Pocket Park	Generally, Public Open Spaces between 500 sq. metres and less than 2 hectares in area, located within and preferably overlooked by residential development. They are designed to accommodate small play areas

		suitable for young children and do not generally include facilities for organised sports.

Type of Open Space*: As defined in Table 4.2 Public Open Space and Play Space Hierarchy and Accessibility Standards -Fingal County Development Plan 2023-2029

The above contribution will apply to all relevant permissions including provision of residential units to the Council for social housing and under Part V of the PDA.

~~***Play Area/Facilities***~~

21. ~~The Fingal County Development Plan 2023-2029 provides the discretion to the Council to determine a financial contribution in lieu of all or part of the requirement for the provision of play facilities in a particular development. (Ref. Policy CIOSP 14 and Objective CIOS044)~~

22. ~~Play provision is required in line with the Public Open Space and Play Space Hierarchy and Accessibility Standards outlined in the Fingal County Development Plan. (Ref. Table 4.2)~~

23. ~~The Council has approved Fingal's first Play Policy, Space for Play – A Play Policy for Fingal, which aims to provide a framework for the provision of safe, accessible, inclusive, natural and engaging play spaces for all children and adolescents up to the age of seventeen. The Play Policy provides the basis on which the current and future play provision throughout the County will be developed to the highest quality in line with international best practice.~~

24. ~~This contribution in lieu of play facilities will be levied at the following rates: -~~

    - ~~€444.00 per Sq. Metre of play area required.~~

~~The above contribution will apply to all relevant permissions including provision of residential units to the Council for social housing and under Part V of the PDA.~~

25. ~~These rates may be reviewed by the Council from time to time having regard to market conditions. The contributions collected will be used for the provision of open space, recreational and community facilities and amenities and landscaping works – see Appendix 2.~~

Retention Permission

26. All retention permissions will be charged a multiple of two times the appropriate rates.

Exemptions

27. For the purposes of the applicability of the exemptions set out hereunder, the "*development*" shall be the development the subject matter of the grant of planning permission to which a s.48 Development Contribution Condition has been imposed.

28. The following categories of development will be exempted from the requirement to pay development contributions under this Scheme:

(a) Development comprising the first 40 square metre of an extension to a residential dwelling. This exemption is cumulative and limited to 40 square metre in total per dwelling. Subsequent extensions over the first 40 square metre shall be charged at the residential rate.

- This exemption will not apply to development for which retention permission is sought.

(b) Development comprising a domestic extension for accommodation of disabled/eligible person(s) are exempted in full in cases where an occupant of such an extension meets the medical requirements attached to the eligibility requirements of a Housing Adaptation Grant, Disabled Persons Grant, Housing Aid for Older People Grant or Mobility Aids Grant.

(c) New build residential development for accommodation of disabled/eligible person(s) is exempted in full in cases where an occupant of such a dwelling meets the medical requirements attached to the eligibility requirements of a Housing Adaptation Grant, Disabled Persons Grant, Housing Aid for Older People Grant or Mobility Aids Grant.

(d) Development comprising an attic conversion.

(e) Development of a domestic garage and/or garden shed.

(f) Common circulation areas, bin and bicycle storage areas solely for the use of residents in multi-unit residential buildings.

(g) Elements of outdoor recreational developments other than buildings - such as golf courses, sports/playing pitches and tennis complexes.

(h) The development of agricultural buildings used for the purpose of horticulture and agriculture including for the purpose of housing livestock, dairy farming, training of horses, growing of produce, storage and other uses directly related to primary food production and the rearing and breeding of livestock and glasshouses and poly tunnels used for agricultural purposes by persons primarily engaged in farming.

(i) Developments by organisations, including registered charities, having exemption from income tax and corporation tax under Section 207 of the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997 (as amended) and currently holding an exemption certificate from the

Revenue Commissioners. The development must be exclusively for the primary purpose of the organisation, and not to be used for profit or gain.

(j) Non-commercial community related developments by voluntary non-profit making groups, clubs or organisations. The development must be exclusively for the primary purpose of the organisation, and not to be used for profit or gain.

(k) Not for Profit Community Childcare development.

(l) Non-fee-paying primary school and secondary school development.

(m) Development comprising renovations to restore/refurbish a structure deemed to be a "*Protected Structure*" in the Fingal County Development Plan, where the Council is satisfied that works substantially contribute to the conservation or restoration of the structure. The works must be carried out to a high architectural conservation standard as set out in national guidance on Architectural Conservation (i.e. Architectural Heritage Protection Guidelines for Planning Authorities and the Dept of Housing, Local Government and Heritage "Advice Series"). Evidence of same must be submitted to the satisfaction of the Planning Authority.

- This exemption will not apply to development for which retention permission is sought.

(n) Extensions to a structure deemed to be a "*Protected Structure*" in the County Development Plan, for private residential purposes (provided the extension is subservient in scale).

- This exemption does not apply to new build within the curtilage of the protected structure but to extensions only.

- This exemption will not apply to development for which retention permission is sought.

(o) Change of use applications: with the exception that any net additional floor space and/or area of development will be charged at the applicable rate.

(p) Development comprising internal layout alterations where no additional floor area is created, and external walls are not being removed.

(q) Development comprising signage, Shop front, entrance gates, vehicular entrances, outdoor dining spaces/seating, railings, fencing, antennae structures, bus shelters, switch rooms, substations, power lines, gas skids, ancillary plant rooms, pump houses, bike sheds.

(r) Telecommunication infrastructure both mobile and broadband being deployed as part of a government endorsed telecommunications strategy, plan or initiative. In addition, masts, antenna, dish and other apparatus/equipment for communication purposes.

(s) Renewable energy development with a capacity up to 0.5MW will be exempt~~. Larger capacity development will be charged at a €1,000 per each 0.1MW above an installed capacity of 0.5MW.~~

(t) Demolition and Rebuild: Where permission is granted to demolish in part or in full an existing building and replace with another, then the development contribution payable is to be calculated as follows:

- Where a contribution has been previously paid – the contribution will be levied on the increased floor area of the new build over the old.
- If no contribution was previously paid: the contribution will be levied on the development in full.

Note: Demolition must be necessary to facilitate the proposed development. The Scheme does not provide for any rebate or refund in this regard. Agents/Applicants shall provide evidence of prior payments made when applying for permission to expedite assessment and to avail of this exemption.

(u) Carparking is exempt in the following circumstances:

~~- Carparking in residential developments.~~

~~(i) Carparking integrated within a structure when ancillary to the proposed use of the structure. (When not exempt, i.e. when use is non-ancillary, it will be measured on the basis of the gross floor area.)~~

- Residential ancillary car-parking in residential developments and in line with County Development Plan standards, whether surface or non-surface.

- Underground, multi-storey or undercroft car-parking integrated within a building when ancillary to the proposed use of the building.

(v) Development of social housing units shall be exempt in the following circumstances:

(i) If the development is by, or on behalf of Fingal County Council, and will become part of the Council's social housing stock. Deduction/refunds cannot be claimed retrospectively.

~~(ii)~~ They are provided in accordance with an agreement made under Part V of the PDA and where Part V agreement(s) has been executed prior to the lodgement of a commencement notice. ~~Deduction/refunds cannot be claimed retrospectively.~~

(iii) If the development is housing units planned and constructed as Social housing, which is proposed to be carried out by, or on behalf of, a body approved for the purposes of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992.

(w) Airport Operational Infrastructure which does not provide floorspace (such as kerbs, roads, apron areas, public transport infrastructure, taxiways and storage areas required to operate an airport).

For clarification purposes, the following developments **will not be exempt** from Development Contributions: -

(i) Fee Paying Schools

(ii) Third level Institutions

(iii) Private Medical Facilities, private hospitals, Primary Care Centres, Consultants Rooms etc. including ancillary buildings

(iv) Student Accommodation

(v) Housing Units which are provided under a Leasing Arrangement

(vi) Housing Units which are provided as Cost Rental Accommodation or Affordable Housing under the Affordable Housing Act 2021

(vii) The construction or extension of an airport runway and/or any airport car-parking (these are not considered airport operational infrastructure).

(viii) Stand-alone underground, multi-storey or undercroft carparking.

Reductions

29. For the purposes of the applicability of the reduction set out hereunder, the "*development*" shall be the development the subject matter of the grant of planning permission to which a s.48 Development Contribution Condition has been imposed.

30. The following categories of development may pay a reduced rate of development contributions, as stated, under the Scheme.

(a) Buildings associated with the processing, distribution, supply or sale of fruit, vegetables, or any Agri or market gardening products are subject to a 50% reduction in the commercial development rate.

(b) Extensions to Protected Structures for commercial purposes are subject to a reduction of 50% of in the commercial development rate, where the extension is subservient in scale to the protected structure. The reduction does not apply to new build within the curtilage of the protected structure but to extensions only.

(c) Car-parking in residential developments assessed as being in excess of County Development Plan standard requirements will be subject to a 50% reduction in the residential development rate on a per square metre basis.

(d) Open storage/Hard surface commercial space development, other than car parking, will be liable for development contributions subject to a 66.66% reduction in the commercial development rate unless the use is ancillary, in which case no charge shall apply to the open storage/hard surface area.

Reductions will not apply to any of the above developments for which retention permission is sought.

Temporary Planning Permissions

31. Developments permitted by way of a single permission of a temporary duration or cumulative temporary permissions of not greater than 5 years in total, shall be exempt. Subsequent permissions which cause the total duration to exceed 5 years but not more than 10 years shall have a 50% reduction to the applicable rate. Subsequent permissions which cause the total duration to exceed 10 years will be fully assessable for the purposes of applying development contributions (less any previous payments under the 5 to 10-year reduction provision).

Payment Of Contribution

32. Conditions requiring payment of the development contribution provided for in the Scheme will be imposed on all decisions to grant planning permissions made following the making of the Scheme by the Council. As set out above, the operative date of the scheme is from 1 January 2026.

33. The development contributions under the Scheme shall be payable prior to the commencement of development or as otherwise agreed in writing with the Council (*with such agreement to be in writing prior to the commencement of development*).

34. Contributions shall be payable at the index adjusted rate pertaining to the year in which implementation of the planning permission is commenced, as provided for in Note 2 to the table at Article 18 above.

35. The Council may facilitate the phased payment on contributions payable under the Scheme, and the Council may require the giving of security to ensure payment of contributions. Phased payments must be agreed in writing *with such agreement to be in writing prior to the commencement of development*) and strictly adhered to.

36. The Council, in accordance with statutory powers, may recover as a simple contract debt in a court of competent jurisdiction any contribution (including interest and legal costs) due to it under the terms of the Scheme. Furthermore, the Council may instigate enforcement action under the PDA as amended, in respect of unpaid development contributions and associated costs and fees.

Ring Fencing of Income

37. Money accruing to Fingal County Council under the Scheme shall be accounted for in a separate account and shall be applied to the provision of public infrastructure, facilities and their enabling costs on a countywide basis.

Appeal to An Coimisiún Pleanála

38. An appeal may be brought to the An Coimisiún Pleanála where the applicant for planning permission made under section 34 of the PDA (or the relevant section of subsequent Act(s)) considers that the terms of the Scheme have not been properly applied.

Review of the Scheme

39. The Scheme may be reviewed from time to time by the Council having regard to circumstances prevailing at the time. After a review of the Scheme, a new Scheme may be made. The Scheme is effective from 1 January 2026 to 31 December 2030, unless a New Scheme is made in the interim. The duration of the Scheme may be extended beyond 2030 if considered appropriate subject to the approval of the elected members.

Effective Date

40. This Scheme is effective in respect of permissions granted from 1 January 2026.

Appendix 1

Costs attributable in the lifetime of the Scheme to the classes of infrastructure and facilities:

Class of Infrastructural Development	Eligible Costs Included in Scheme €m	Contributions Projected For Allocation €m	Contributions Allocated %
Class 1: Transportation Infrastructure & Facilities	€208.35m	€156.00m	50%
Class 2: Surface Water Infrastructure & Facilities (incl. Flood Relief)	€4.17m	€3.12m	1%
Community Facilities, Parks & Open Space Amenities & Biodiversity related Infrastructure, Tourism, Cultural & Library Development, Economic Development and Regeneration infrastructure	€204.18m	€152.88m	49%
Total costs included in Scheme	**€416.70m**	**€312.00m**	**100%**

Table B: Costs included in Scheme

Projected Residential development and projected Industrial / Commercial development (in the years 2026 – 2030):

Residential	Industrial/Commercial
1,347,500 m2	1,242,504 m2

Table C: Projected Development

Appendix 2

Projects enabled by development contributions under the 2021-2025 Development Contribution Scheme

Class 1: Transportation

- Donabate Relief Road/Hearse Road Donabate R132
- Ongar to Barnhill Link
- Rathbeale Road Upgrade
- Snugborough Interchange
- Park road rush
- Churchfields link road
- Back Road Bridge Malahide
- Pedestrian and Cycling Bridge at Granard Bridge Castleknock
- Kinsealy Walking and Cycling Routes
- Kellystown Road Upgrade
- Fingal Coastal Way
- Roads Investment Programme - Operations
- Swords Cultural Quarter Public Realm Works

Class 2: Surface Water (incl. Flood Relief)

- Portrane Canal Works (Surface Water) -
- Howth Surface Water Culvert
- Holywell Pump Station relocation -
- Beaverstown Surface Water Scheme
- Burrow Beach Surface Water Outfall Pipeline Repair
- Dublin 15 Area – Surface Water Network
- Howth/Sutton Surface Water Network (excluding Surface Water Culvert Project)
- Ballyboughal Surface Water Network
- Lusk Surface Water Network
- Surface Water Infrastructure Programme (non-pipe network infrastructure).
- Surface Water Pumping Stations Capital Improvements.
- Malahide/Portmarnock Surface Water Network
- Malahide/Portmarnock (Seabury, Chalfont, Kelvin Close, Heather Walk, Carrickhill Walk, Carrickhill and Ardilaun) Foul Sewer Infiltration
- Flood Alleviation Works Donabate/Swords

Class 3: Community & Parks Facilities & Amenities

- **Development of New Regional Parks including:**
  - Ward River Valley including the full restoration of historic water features, construction of a fish by-pass on the Ward River and restoration of Walled Gardens and historic path network and the preparation of the Park Development Plan
  - Rogerstown Park, Park Development Preparation
  - Baldoyle Racecourse 1st Phase including provision of new main car park

- **Upgrading of Existing Regional Parks including:**
  - Bremore Regional Park. The construction of 3 new car parks, upgrade of Bells Lane and boundary works installation of Calisthenics facilities and new play areas.
  - Ardgillan Demesne
  - Newbridge Demesne and Walled Garden Improvements
  - St. Catherine's Park Lucan, Extension of Regional Park

- **Development of New Recreational Hubs and Sports Facilities**
  - Completion of Porterstown Recreational Hub in Dublin 15.
  - Construction of 1st Phase of the Ward River Recreational Hub
  - Construction of the 1st Phase of the Bremore Regional Park, Northern Recreational Hub.
- **Upgrading of Existing Recreational Hubs & Sports Facilities including**
  - Skerries Town Park – Upgrading of All-weather Sports Pitch and All-weather Tennis Courts
  - Broomfield Malahide – Upgrading of 3 Sports Pitches and provisin of section of Greenway.
- **Development of New Local/Neighbourhood Parks including**
  - Completion of Park Development Plan for Naul Village Park
  - Completion of Park Development Plan for Recreational Hub at Rathmore Park Lusk
  - (Donabate, Lusk, Rush, The Naul, Northwest Balbriggan)

- **Upgrading of Existing Local/Neighbourhood/Town Parks**
  - Restoration of Shackleton Gardens, Clonsilla
  - Glebe Park Balrothery improvements to sports pitches and path network.
  - Provision of new facilities in Millenniun Park, Blanchardstown including Parkour course

- **Development of New Play Facilities**
  - Garristown Library Playground
  - Skerries Town Park Playground
  - Lanesborough Park Playground

- **Redevelopment/Expansion of Existing Play Facilities**

- Howth Promenade Playground Upgrade

- **Implementation of Fingal Biodiversity Action Plan**
  - River restoration, Ward River Swords
  - Park development and extension of Turvey Nature Park, Donabate
  - Clearance of Turvey depot for nature education centre
  - Development of new wetlands in Racecourse Park, Baldoyle
  - Development and implementation of wildfire management strategy Howth
  - Heathland and wetland restoration Howth
  - Invasive species control e.g. Rhododendron, Cherry laurel and Seabuckthorn
  - Development of Newbridge Demesne as national rare farm breed hub
  - Dune protection works, Portmarnock
  - Hedgerow Management in open space throughout Fingal
  - Woodland management St Catherines Park, Lucan

- **Commission and Implement Conservation & Management Plans for Upgrade of Landscapes & Gardens.**
  - Ardgillan Demesne Conservation Management Plan
  - Shackleton's Mills Conservation Management Plan

- **Green Infrastructural Improvements (Nature Based Solutions to improve Resilience and Climate Change Adaptation)**

Appendix 3

Projects to benefit from the Development Contribution Scheme 2026-2030

The project list is indicative only, priorities may change, and other projects may be added and funded as they arise over the course of the Scheme.

Class 1: Transportation and Active Travel Infrastructure

- Swords Cultural Quarter Public Realm Works
- Seamount Road Footpath Connectivity Project
- Ongar to Barnhill Link Road (Cycle facilities included)
- Lusk-Rush cycle route
- Airport Transport Related Infrastructure
- Canal Loop Greenway Lucan to Royal Canal
- Donabate Distributor Road Ph2
- Blakes Cross Improvements
- Fingal Coastal Way
- Fosterstown Link Road
- Kellystown Road
- Swords Main Street Transformation Project
- Fingal Cycling Training Facilities
- Non SRTS
- Bicycle Parking
- Fingal Quiet Streets
- Baldoyle to Howth Phase 2 (Dublin Road to Dublin Street)
- Rathingle/Rivervalley Rd Swords"
- Permeability Links North County
- "Skerries - Harbour Road (Footpath build-outs)"
- New Street Malahide Improvement Scheme
- Skerries Active Travel Plan
- Balrothery Active Travel Review
- Broomfield to Paddys's Hill via Naomh Marnog GAA Active Travel Route
- Castleknock to Blanchardstown via Farmleigh
- Feltrim Road cycle infrastructure
- Donabate to Portrane (R126) - Distributor Rd to Portrane Avenue Active Travel Routes
- Claremount Bridge
- Glen Ellen/Balheary Road Junction

- R132 Active Travel Route
- Swords Western Distributor Road
- Turvey Ave and Portrane Road Footpath Enhancement Project
- Roads Investment Programme – Operations
- Damastown Industrial Estate
- Stephenstown Industrial Estate Phase 1
- Cherryhound Lands
- Upgrade Works for Industrial/Business Parks
- Stephenstown Industrial Estate Phase 2
- Dubber Industrial Lands
- Naul Road Upgrade

Class 2: Surface Water Infrastructure and Facilities (incl. Flood Relief)

- CSO Separation projects - Separate combined and storm water flows to reduce overflows.
- Flood Relief Schemes - Localised flood relief schemes. Flood protection to cities, towns and villages.
- Network replacement projects - Upsizing or replacement of old SW pipes.
- Stormwater Pump Station Upgrades
- Outfall improvements and Coastal flooding/erosion mitigation - Repair stormwater outfalls, reduce erosion.
- Pilot Schemes, Green infrastructure - Working with other sections to implement green infrastructure schemes and monitor progress
- Catchment modelling/ Flood studies/master plans and LAPS.
- Climate Change Flood Projects Retrofit existing roads with SUDs
- Climate Change Flood Projects Retrofit existing parks with SUDs.
- Climate Change Flood Projects Retrofit existing housing estates with SUDs
- Green Infrastructural Improvements (Nature Based Solutions to improve Resilience and Climate Change Adaptation in line with the Climate Action PLan) e.g. , Rain Gardens and Constructed Wetlands.

Class 3: Class 3: Community Facilities, Parks & Open Space Amenities & Biodiversity related Infrastructure, Tourism, Cultural & Library Development, Economic Development and Regeneration infrastructure

- Development of New Regional Parks Including the following:
  - Swords Regional Park (Including Broadmeadow Park)
  - Dunsink Park (Former Landfill)
  - Baldoyle Racecourse Park
  - Rogerstown Park (Former Balleally Landfill)

- Upgrading of Existing Regional Parks Including the following:
  - Bremore Regional Park (Including Recreational Hub)
  - Ardgillan Demesne (Including new car parking and access infrastructure)
  - Newbridge Demesne (including upgraded car parking and link to Turvey/Donabate)
  - Malahide Demesne Improvements
  - Santry Demesne Improvements (Including upgrades to access and walled garden)
  - Tolka Valley Regional Park (Including new Recreational Hub)
  - St. Catherine's Park Lucan (Park extension including improvements to Recreational Hub)

- Development of New Recreational Sports Hubs Including the following:
  - Rush Recreational Hub at (St. Catherine's Park, Rush)
  - Rathmore Park Recreational Hub, Lusk
  - Racecourse Park Baldoyle All-weather facilities
  - St. Doolagh's Recreational Hub
  - Dunsink Recreational Hub
  - Swords Eastern Recreational Hub

- Upgrading of Existing Recreational Hubs & Sports Facilities Including the following:
  - Porterstown Park
  - Broomfield Malahide
  - Tyrrellstown Park, D15

- Development of New Local/Neighbourhood/Town Parks Including the following:
  - Naul Village Park
  - Hamlet Lane Park Balbriggan

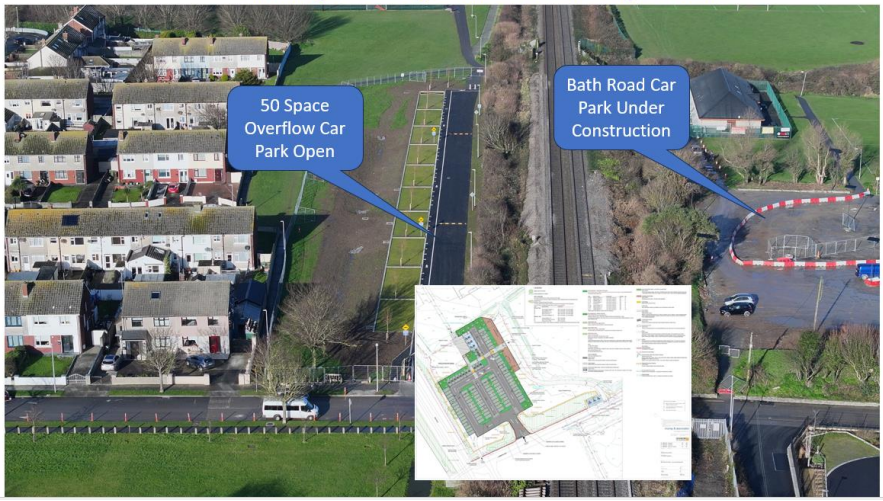
- Upgrading of Existing Local/Neighbourhood/Town Parks Including the following:
  - Glebe Park Balrothery
  - Skerries Town Park
  - Swords Town Park
  - Millpond Park Balbriggan
  - Drumanagh Promontory
  - Kenure Park Rush
  - St. Catherine's Park Rush (excluding the Recreational Hub)
  - Rathmore Park Lusk (excluding the Recreational Hub)
  - Ridgewood Swords
  - Holywell Swords
  - Kettles Park Swords
  - Corballis Beach Car Park and Picnic Area
  - Seabury Park Malahide
  - Robswalls Park Malahide
  - Seamount Park Malahide
  - Seagrange Park Baldoyle
  - Howth Seafront & Promenade
  - Ladyswell Park/Mick Walsh Park
  - Corduff Park Dublin 15
  - Lanesborough Park, Meakstown
  - Hartstown Park D15
  - Hazlebury Park D15
  - Ongar Park D15
  - Beechpark / Shackleton's Gardens
  - Millennium Park, Blanchardstown
  - Tír na nÓg Park
  - Waterville Park

- Development of New Play Facilities (approximately 3 per annum provided directly by the Council)
- Redevelopment/Expansion of Existing Play Facilities (Significant Upgrade of 3 existing playgrounds per annum)
- Implementation of Fingal Biodiversity Action Plan
- Commission Conservation & Management Plans for Upgrade of Landscapes & Gardens
- Green Infrastructural Improvements (Nature Based Solutions to improve Resilience and Climate Change Adaptation in line with the Climate Action Plan) e.g. Community Gardens, Rain Gardens, Constructed Wetlands and Constructed Tree Pits,
- Community Centre North County
- Community Centre Dublin 15

- Community Centre Southeast Fingal
- Community Centre Improvement & Climate Action Works
- Community Centre Feasibility Studies
- Buzzardstown House
- Sluagh Hall
- 56 Church Street
- Naul Community Centre
- 38th Scouts Den Kenure Park Rush
- Oldtown Community Centre
- Lohunda Gate Lodge
- Improvement Works to Libraries
- Baldoyle Library - General Works
- Donabate Library/Ballisk House
- Howth Library
- Balbriggan Youth Recreation Spaces
- Town & Village Applications Programme

Bath Road Car Park & Overflow Car Park

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Cascades Water Feature – Ward River Regional Park

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Bremore Regional Park

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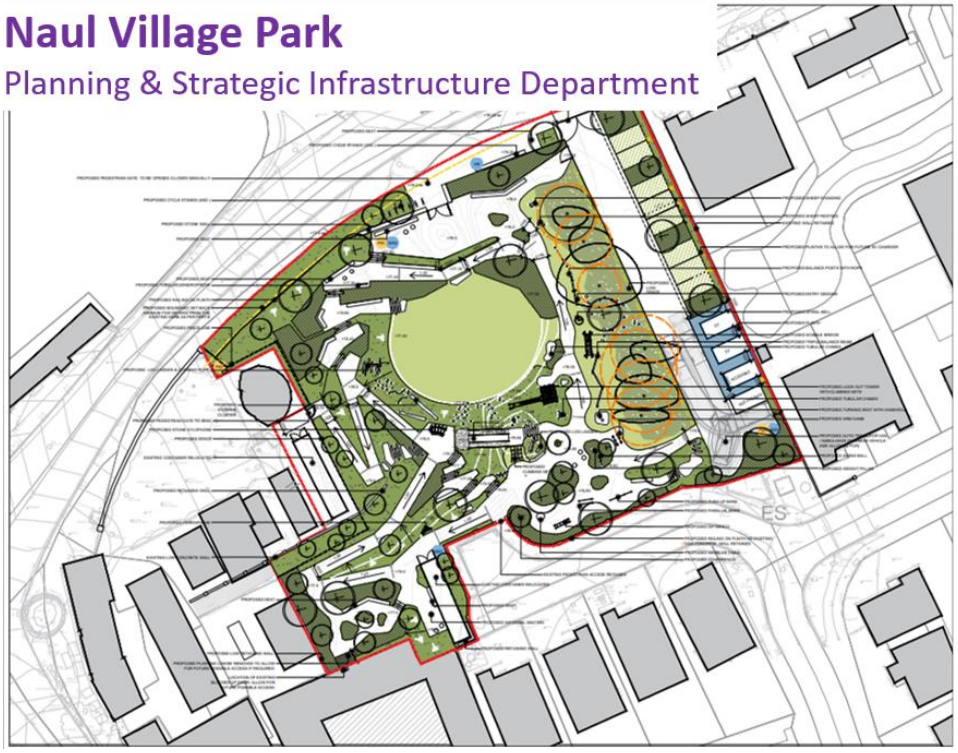
Meakstown Community Garden – Lanesborough Park

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Racecourse Park Baldoyle – Development Project

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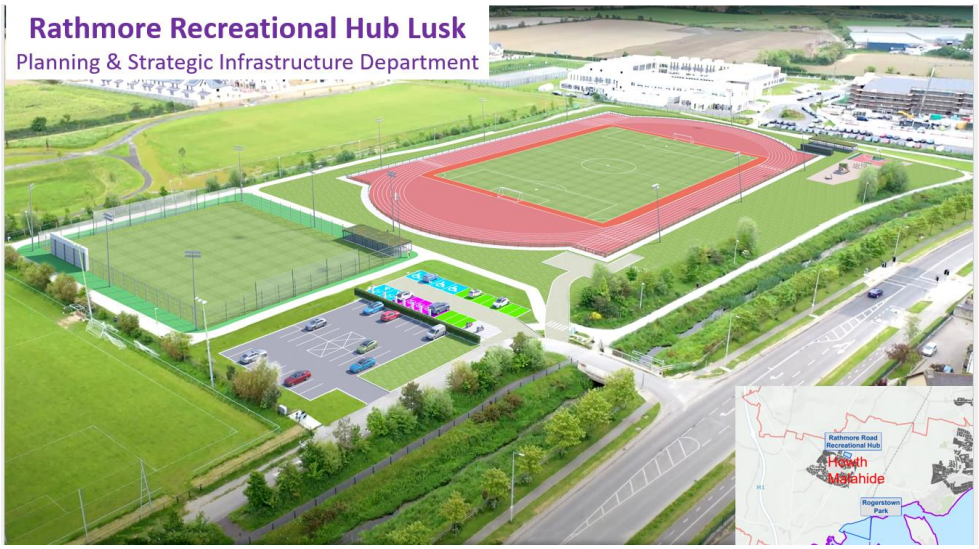


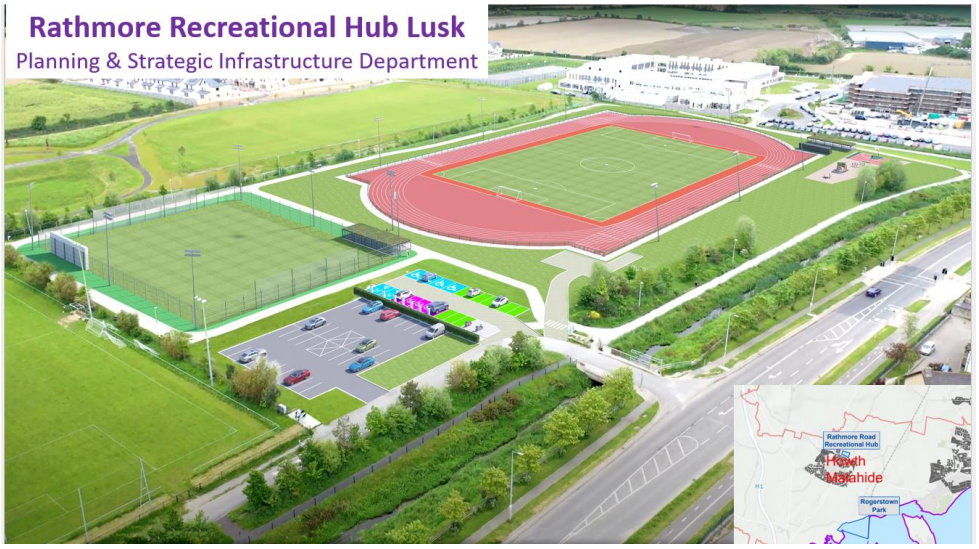


Corduff Park Improvements including New Playground

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- Playground Contractor Appointed
- Contract for Park Works including All-weather facilities under evaluation


Rathmore Recreational Hub Lusk
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Barnwell Roundabout – Aerial View



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FINGAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2023-2029



Chief Executive's Report

NPF IMPLEMENTATION: HOUSING GROWTH REQUIREMENTS GUIDELINES

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1. Introduction

1.1 Requirement to Review the Current Development Plan Core Strategy

The Revised National Planning Framework (NPF) was approved by the Oireachtas in April 2025. The Revised NPF sets high-level policy for national growth and development, revised to account for recent demographic changes.

The Revised NPF also sets updated targets for population and housing growth, with National Policy Objective 42 targeting the *delivery of approximately 50,000 additional homes per annum to 2040*. These new targets reflect the results of Census 2022 and research by the Economic and Social Research Institute (ESRI) and others.

Under Section 10 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, the Core Strategy of the Fingal County Development Plan must be consistent with the national and regional development objectives of the National Planning Framework.

In July 2025, the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage issued Section 28 Guidelines, *NPF Implementation: Housing Growth Requirements* and an accompanying circular. These Guidelines provide detailed guidance on how City and County Councils should review their statutory development plans in order to incorporate the updated targets of the Revised NPF.

The Guidelines set new annual housing delivery targets for each local authority. Policy and Objective 1 of the Guidelines requires these to be incorporated into City and County Development Plan, while Policy and Objective 2 allows for the provision of up to 50% over and above the housing growth requirement for each local authority.

Finally, Policy and Objective 3 requires planning authorities to incorporate the objectives and targets set out in the Guidelines in into City and County Development Plans as quickly as possible through the variation of adopted plans.

The Guidelines also state that planning authorities should review the adequacy and capacity of existing zoned lands and consider the zoning of alternative lands where necessary.

Fingal County Council must now review the Core Strategy of the Fingal County Development Plan 2023-2029 (FCDP) and ensure it is consistent with the Revised NPF. This report outlines the new housing growth requirements set by the Revised NPF and the Guidelines. It then summarises the capacity audit of existing zoned land across the County.

This review has been undertaken in accordance with the *Development Plan Guidelines* (2022) and has taken account of infrastructural and servicing provision for relevant zoned lands. Finally, this report sets out the Chief Executive's recommendations for achieving the objectives of the Revised NPF and the *NPF Implementation: Housing Growth Requirements* Guidelines.

As required by the NPF Implementation Guidelines, a copy of this report will be provided to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage and the Office of the Planning Regulator.

1.2 Existing Housing Target Requirements and Capacity

The existing Core Strategy of the Fingal County Development Plan 2023-2029 sets population and housing growth targets for each area and settlement in the County to 2029. These targets are consistent with the previous 2018 version of the National Planning Framework and the 2020 *Housing Supply Target Methodology for Development Planning* Guidelines, which have now been superseded.

The purpose of the Core Strategy is to set the expected population, housing, and employment growth for the County, to set overall land use zoning targets, and to provide a settlement hierarchy for the County which directs development appropriately over the plan period. The Core Strategy must be consistent with the National Planning Framework, the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy for the Eastern and Midlands Region, and relevant national guidelines.

As outlined in the Development Plan, at its adoption, there was more zoned land than required to deliver the housing growth targets. The analysis showed the existing zoned lands contribute towards National Strategic Outcomes relating to compact growth, sustainable mobility, climate action and a transition to a low carbon and climate resilient society. All zoned lands were considered capable of delivering residential development within the County and contributing in a positive manner to the achievement of the above NSOs.

The Development Plan as adopted provided a total of 1,014 hectares of available zoned land or lands zoned for a mixture of uses including residential, with capacity for 35,001 units or 5,834 per annum.

Table 1 below outlines the current Core Strategy housing growth requirements and the Development Plan capacity for the County for the period 2023-2029:

Table 1: Existing Housing Targets and Capacity (FCDP 2023-2029 Core Strategy)

Existing Housing Supply Target 2023-2029	Annual Housing Target	Residential Zoned Land (Ha.) (2023)	Capacity (Homes, 2023)	Annual Housing Capacity
16,425 homes	**2,738 homes/year**	**1,014 ha**	**35,001**	**5,834**

1.3 *NPF Implementation: Housing Growth Requirements* Guidelines

The *NPF Implementation: Housing Growth Requirements* Guidelines published in July 2025 provide updated targets for housing supply at local authority level. The targets are based on population and housing demand projections undertaken by the Economic and Social Research Institute (ESRI) in 2024 (incorporated into the NPF First Revision) and on unmet structural housing demand since 2016. The Guidelines set a target of addressing this unmet demand in the near term and up to 2034.

The Guidelines set new, long-run "Annual New Housing Growth Requirements" for each local authority to 2034 and beyond to 2040.

Table 2: New Annual Housing Targets 2025-2040 (NPF Implementation Guidelines)

Period	National	Fingal
2025-2034	55,598/year	3,153/year
2035-2040	41,312/year	2,146/year
Total	**803,852 homes**	**44,406 homes**

The Guidelines also provide for 'additional provision' of up to 50% above the baseline housing growth requirement, which recognises that a proportion of zoned lands are not activated over the period of a development plan. This is an increase from the 25% uplift previously allowable. Policy and Objective 2 states that this 'additional provision' of up to 50% should be reflected within the relevant City or County Development Plan.

The Guidelines also state that additional provision should be justified, and that "*the criteria for the selection of land and sites should be carried out in accordance with the existing provisions of the "Development Plans - Guidelines for Planning Authorities" (2022).*"

The current Fingal County Development Plan is due to expire in April 2029. Under the Planning and Development Act 2024, new development plans will have a 10-year lifespan. The NPF Implementation Guidelines therefore state that planning authorities "*should consider as an immediate priority the suitability of lands for development over a 12 year plus period (to encompass the remaining period of the current adopted plan and the lifespan of the new 10-year development plan).*"

1.4 Revised housing requirements

The following tables set out the new housing requirements for Fingal as set by Appendix 1 of the *NPF Implementation: Housing Growth Requirements* Guidelines, and the potential maximum 50% additional provision. The Guidelines set a new annual housing growth requirement of **3,153** homes for Fingal to 2034. As discussed in Section 1.5 below, it is recommended that the full allowance of additional provision (i.e. an additional 50%) should be accounted for in reviewing the Core Strategy.

The Revised National Planning Framework population and housing growth projections run to 2040. As a result, the Guidelines set annual housing requirements for Fingal which run to 2040. This also reflects the aim for longer-term and more strategic 10-year

development plans under the Planning and Development Act 2024. The targets aim for unmet demand from 2017 to 2024 to be cleared over the period 2025-2034; as a result, annual targets are slightly lower from 2035.

Table 3: Fingal Revised Annual Requirements

Baseline and headroom provision	2023 Existing Target	Adopted Development Plan	New requirement to 2034	New requirement 2035 to 2040
100%	1,717 homes	2,738 homes	3,153	2,146
150%	N/A	N/A	4,730	3,219

Table 4: Total Housing Requirements for Fingal County Council to 2029

A	B	C	D	E
Adopted Plan Annual (Target & Capacity)	New Annual to 2034	150% New Annual	Requirement with headroom 2025 to 2029	New CDP requirement 2023 to 2029
2,738 homes target, 5,834 homes capacity	3,153	4,730	23,650	29,126

1.5 Recommended Additional Provision

The NPF Implementation Guidelines outline new housing supply requirements for each local authority. The Guidelines also allow planning authorities to provide for 'additional provision' of up to 50% over and above the baseline requirement when zoning land and allocating settlement targets through Development Plan Core Strategies.

It is a policy and objective of the Guidelines that this additional provision be reflected in City and County Development Plans, subject to consistency with the NPF, national policy, and necessary environmental assessments. The NPF Implementation Guidelines (and Section 4.4.3 of the Development Plan Guidelines 2022) state that additional provision allows for a choice of sites to be developed locally and avoids restricting the supply of new housing development through inactivity on a particular landholding or site.

The NPF Implementation Guidelines also state that the increase in maximum additional provision (from 25%) is "in light of the urgent need to increase housing delivery and to optimise the ability to deliver on the housing requirements of the Revised NPF."

It is recommended that Fingal County Council adopt the full allowance of 50% above the baseline requirement in reviewing the Core Strategy. Given the scale of new housing required nationally, the urgency of addressing existing and forecast housing need, and the need to plan for unforeseen challenges, it is considered that the full additional provision allowance is justified for the remainder of the Development Plan period.

2. Existing Zoned Land Capacity in Fingal (2025)

2.1 Introduction

The *NPF Implementation: Housing Growth Requirements* Guidelines require planning authorities to review existing zoned land capacity. As Fingal County Council has a new, increased housing growth requirement, this review of land capacity will examine potential shortfalls to the end of the Development Plan period and beyond as well as any requirement for additional housing land in the short to medium term.

This report reviews and summarises the capacity of existing residential zoned lands under the adopted Fingal County Development Plan. This summarises work undertaken to assess the status and capacity of all suitable residential zoned lands in the County.

Section 2.4 of the NPF Implementation Guidelines states that:

> *Planning authorities in all instances should prepare a 'Settlement Capacity Audit' as part of a review or variation process in line with the provisions of the "Development Plans - Guidelines for Planning Authorities" (2022), in order to both identify zoned serviced/serviceable lands, and to highlight infrastructural requirements.*

A detailed review of zoned lands in the County has been undertaken, including in each settlement identified by the Development Plan. This exercise has used the Council's GIS system, making use of an extensive database of lands across the County. This exercise collated potential sites via GIS and assessed and categorised sites based on development activity and planning criteria.

This section summarises the review and identifies existing residential zoned lands in the County and their potential housing yield. It also assesses what lands are likely to be serviceable and deliverable within the short to medium term. Finally, it compares this to Fingal's new housing requirements, identifying potential shortfalls.

2.2 Approach and Methodology

Residential zoned lands across all areas of the County have been identified as part of this review. This exercise has examined lands that not already substantially developed, that are suitable for residential development, and are zoned for residential or mixed use under the following zoning objectives:

- RA, Residential Area
- RS, Residential
- MRE, Metro and Rail Economic Corridor
- MC, Major Town Centre
- TC, Town and District Centre
- LC, Local Centre
- RV, Rural Village.

This review also draws on sites identified through ongoing monitoring of housing delivery in the County. This monitoring incorporates work undertaken for the 4Dublin Housing Pipeline Returns, a quarterly project monitoring housing supply in the four Dublin local authorities and co-ordinated by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

The planning status for all sites has been identified through ongoing monitoring and through a site-by-site planning analysis. This analysis also excluded lands with major site constraints or designations restricting development. All sites identified are mapped and recorded in the Council's GIS database.

This exercise meets the requirements of the NPF Implementation Guidelines to prepare a Settlement Capacity Audit. This also meets the requirements of the Development Plan Guidelines (2022), which require a strong evidence base for the land use zoning set by the Core Strategy.

The purpose of Settlement Capacity Audits is to distinguish lands within/adjacent to settlements based on servicing and deliverability. According to Section 4 of the Development Plan Guidelines, audits must consider factors including transportation access, water supply, and foul and surface water drainage.

The Revised NPF requires planning authorities to prioritise zoned lands on the basis of servicing. National Policy Objective 103 states that lands that cannot be serviced within the life of a development plan should not be zoned for development. Settlement Capacity Audits provide the evidence base for this prioritisation. They ensure that development plans can prioritise lands for zoning in an evidence-based and impartial manner.

The review has examined lands both within and outside existing settlements and urban areas. The review examines the capacity for residential development within existing settlements as required by the Development Plan Guidelines.

2.3 Housing Delivery Since 2023

Monitoring carried out for the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage's 4Dublin Housing Pipeline Returns shows that 6,770 new homes have been completed in the County under the current Development Plan, out of a total zoned land capacity in 2023 of 35,001. This is based on data from the monitoring of development sites as part of the 4Dublin Housing Pipeline Returns and draws on direct on-the-ground surveys of developments. Of the approximately 1,014 hectares of available residential land provided in 2023 by the Development Plan, c. 199 hectares have been or are being developed.

Table 5: Housing delivery under the current Development Plan

Residential land developed since 2023	Homes built Q2 2023 - Q3 2025
c. 199 ha.	6,770

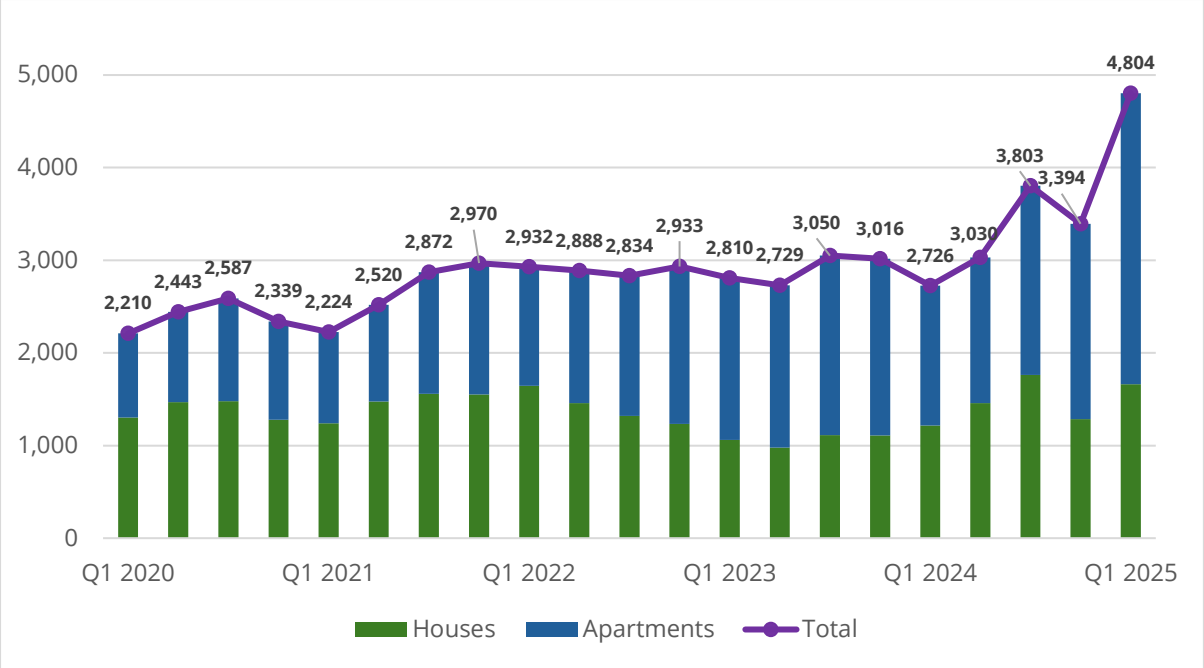
The housing delivery pipeline in Fingal remains strong at present, according to Housing Pipeline Returns data. 4,381 new homes were under construction as of October 2025, while 11,972 new homes were permitted but not yet commenced. Furthermore, approximately 4,000 new homes are currently under assessment through the planning process (awaiting a decision from either Fingal County Council or An Coimisiún Pleanála).

Table 6: Permissions not commenced, under assessment, under construction

Permissions Not Commenced (homes)	Applications Under Assessment (homes)	Homes Under Construction (Oct. 25)
c. 12,000	c. 4,000	c. 4,400

The number of units under construction at each quarterly Housing Pipeline Return count has steadily risen since 2020, as shown below. Construction activity has been particularly strong over 2024 and 2025.

Figure 1: Units under construction each quarter, 2020 - 2025



Data from the Central Statistics Office (CSO) indicates that new housing delivery in Fingal has been rising steadily from 2020 (when completions dropped due to the COVID-19

pandemic) up to the present. CSO data indicates that housing delivery in Fingal has been relatively stable compared to the national level (with the exception of pandemic-related falls in 2020). While new dwelling completions at national level fell between 2023 and 2024, completions have continued to rise in Fingal. CSO completions data and 4Dublin Housing Pipeline Returns data are not directly comparable due to differences in how data is collected.

Overall, delivery is relatively strong and trending upwards in Fingal. However, as Table 7 indicates, a further increase in delivery is required to meet new housing requirements for the remainder of the Development Plan period.

Table 7: Housing Targets versus Delivery, 2023-2029

(A) New CDP housing requirement 2023 to 2029	(B) Homes built Q2 2023 - Q3 2025	(A) –(B) Total required to 2029
29,126	**6,770**	**22,356**

2.4 Zoned Residential Land Capacity

The Settlement Capacity Audit has reviewed existing residential-zoned lands across the County. In total, c. 790 ha. of undeveloped zoned residential land has been identified in the County. Of this, 224 ha. already has permission in place for residential development (as of October 2025), and 566 ha. has no planning permission in place. A further 199 ha. has been developed since the adoption of the current Development Plan in April 2023.

Table 8: Summary of All Existing Residential Zoned Land Capacity (ha.)

Total not developed	Not developed, with permission	Not developed, no permission	Developed since April 2023
790	**224**	**566**	**199**

General housing density assumptions have been applied across the lands identified, to estimate the potential number of homes that could be provided. For the purpose of this exercise, a density assumption of 50 homes per hectare has been applied for all residential zonings with the exception of RV 'Rural Village,' for which a density assumption of 20 homes per hectare has been applied due to its rural nature. These densities are in line with the ranges set out in the *Sustainable Residential Development and Compact Settlements* Guidelines. These are high-level assumptions across all sites and densities would vary greatly at the level of individual sites based on location and site characteristics. These are therefore reasonable mid-level assumptions and a reasonable approach for estimating capacity.

Applying these general housing density assumptions across all identified residential zoned lands without permission would result in a yield of approximately 23,000 units.

Table 9: Summary of all existing residential zoned land capacity

Existing Residential Zoned Land, without Permission	Approx. Capacity (units)
566 ha.	**c. 23,000**

2.5 Land Available in Short to Medium Term

While a substantial amount of zoned residential land is present in the County, not all of this land can be expected to be developed within the lifetime of the current Fingal County Development Plan (i.e. by 2029). This is for a variety of reasons.

The Settlement Capacity Audit exercise has categorised all undeveloped residential-zoned lands based on whether or not they are in scope for the Residential Zoned Land Tax. This provides a useful means of excluding lands that are not suitable or available for development in the short to medium term.

2.5.1 Residential Zoned Land Tax

The purpose of the Residential Zoned Land Tax (RZLT) is to activate zoned and serviced residential land for development. Its purpose is to activate both existing planning permissions and zoned and serviced lands with no permission.

Local authorities are responsible for identifying lands within the scope of the RZLT and publishing a map of all lands in scope. Lands within the scope of RZLT comprise lands that are:

- Zoned for residential development, or a mixture of uses including residential;
- Serviced or with access to infrastructure including water, wastewater, surface water drains, roads, footpaths and public lighting; and,
- Not affected by contamination, significant archaeological remains, or other physical conditions which would preclude development.

The RZLT also excludes lands which are already used for commercial trades or professions servicing existing communities, for a mix of uses, or for public services, community facilities, transport, energy, telecoms, water/wastewater, waste management, and sports and recreation, or subject to a statutory designation precluding development.

Local authorities therefore must remove lands from the scope of the RZLT where they are not serviced and available for infrastructure. The definition of lands outside the scope of the RZLT overlaps with the requirements of the NPF and the Development Plan Guidelines.

Under Section 4.5.2 of the Development Plan Guidelines, Settlement Capacity Audits should assess sites based on whether they have access to water, wastewater, surface water drains, roads, footpaths and public lighting. These criteria are also used for the RZLT.

Fingal County Council has mapped all lands within the scope of the RZLT in 2025, in accordance with the Residential Zoned Land Tax Guidelines. This process has categorised lands based on whether they are serviced and potentially available for residential development. This process has included public consultation and allowed submissions and appeals to An Coimisiún Pleanála from landowners who consider their lands to be out of scope.

The 2025 RZLT map therefore allows for the identification of lands that are zoned for residential or mixed use but are not likely to be brought forward for development within the lifetime of the current Development Plan. As the RZLT lands within scope in 2025 are mapped, they have been incorporated into the Settlement Capacity Audit exercise.

Table 10 outlines the application of the RZLT scope to the Settlement Capacity Audit exercise.

Table 10: Summary of Settlement Capacity Audit lands in RZLT scope (ha.)

All Lands not Developed, in RZLT	Lands not Developed, with Permission, in RZLT	Lands not Developed, no Permission, in RZLT	Lands not Developed, no Permission, NOT in RZLT
601	**209**	**393**	**173**

As noted in Section 2.4, the Settlement Capacity Audit identified approximately 566 ha. of undeveloped lands zoned for residential or mixed use and with no permission or active development on site. However, of these, c. 173 ha. are removed from the scope of the RZLT.

These lands are therefore unlikely to be available or suitable for development in the short term. This leaves 393 ha. of identified lands that are available within the remainder of the Development Plan period to 2029. Applying the general density assumptions outlined in Section 2.4 above would result in a yield of approximately 17,700 units.

Table 11: Land available in short term (to 2029)

Existing residential zoned land, without permission	Undeveloped lands, no permission (ha.), RZLT in scope	Approx. capacity (units)
566 ha.	**393 ha.**	**17,723**

2.6 Summary of Land Available and Land Required

The existing Development Plan Core Strategy (which was prepared having regard to the requirements of the previous 'Housing Supply Target Methodology' Guidelines (2020)) provided over and above the required zoned land to meet the original, adopted housing supply target. As outlined in Section 1 of this report, Fingal County Council had a housing growth requirement of 16,425 and capacity of 35,001 homes for the County for the Development Plan period 2023-2029.

Now, the Revised NPF and the NPF Implementation Guidelines have set a new, higher housing target. They have also set a new potential allowance for additional zoned land provision of 50% above baseline requirements, which is based on a recognition by Government of the need to account for headroom and lands not activated.

As Table 12 shows, when taken together, the previous targets for 2023-2024, alongside the new targets for 2025-2029 and planning for 50% additional provision, result in a total requirement of 29,126 for the whole Development Plan period.

A total of 6,770 new units have been completed under the current Development Plan (to Q3 2025), leaving 22,356 outstanding. With identified residential zoned land capacity (not including permissions) of 17,700, a shortfall of c. 4,600 is identified.

Table 12: Identified Shortfall for Development Plan Period

New housing requirement 2025-2029 (150%)	New CDP housing requirement 2023 to 2029	Homes built Q2 2023 - Q3 2025	Requirement (150%) to 2029 minus delivery	Potential residential capacity to 2029	Total shortfall
23,650	**29,126**	**6,770**	**22,356**	**17,723**	**4,633**

The following section of this report outlines the recommended approach to addressing this identified shortfall, in accordance with the NPF Implementation Guidelines.

3. Recommended Approach

3.1 Introduction

The previous sections have outlined the new housing targets which must be incorporated into the Core Strategy of the Fingal County Development Plan 2023-2029, and the existing and potential capacity of settlements and zoned lands in the County. Section 2 summarised the shortfall between the County's existing residential zoned land provision and the County's new annual housing growth requirements.

This section outlines the means by which it is proposed to secure the objectives of the Revised NPF and the NPF Implementation Guidelines. This section discusses the recommendations for amending the Core Strategy to ensure a robust supply of residential zoned land to 2029 and beyond, and to ensure that Fingal's allocation of new national housing supply targets will be delivered. Section 4 then summarises the Chief Executive's recommendations arising from this report.

In order to maintain a robust supply of residential zoned land for development, it is recommended to provide for lands sufficient for approximately 5,000 new units, through the following measures:

- The re-zoning of additional lands not currently zoned for development, with capacity for approximately 2,500 units.
- Active land management is underway for the strategic reserve lands at Dunsink incorporating a statutory Local Area Plan. This will provide a plan-led approach to the development of Dunsink and will facilitate the early release of approximately 2,500 new units.
- Several consequential amendments to the Fingal County Development Plan arising from and supporting the above steps.

3.2 Additional Land Use Zonings

In order to maintain the supply of suitable residential zoned lands for development, it is recommended to re-zone a limited quantity of lands not currently zoned for residential development. This will comprise land with capacity for approximately 2,500 units and will be brought forward as part of a Variation to the Fingal County Development Plan 2023-2029.

The Development Plan Guidelines (2022) and the Revised National Planning Framework set criteria for choosing lands for development. These prioritise lands that are serviced or capable of being serviced within the short term, including connections to transportation access, water supply, and foul and surface water drainage.

The Revised NPF also requires at least 40% of all homes nationally, and 50% of new homes targeted in Dublin City and Suburbs, to be within existing built-up settlement footprints, and requires compact and sequential patterns of growth.

Lands are being examined across the County with a view to identifying sites potentially suitable for development.

During this ongoing exercise, it has become apparent that certain categories of land are not suitable for re-zoning at this point. This exercise has concluded that High Amenity zoned lands are not appropriate for re-zoning at this point. High Amenity areas are the most sensitive parts of the County and include important habitats, landscapes, and heritage features. The High Amenity zoning is intended to protect the most scenic and environmentally valuable lands in the County and to reinforce their character, distinctiveness and sense of place. High Amenity lands have therefore not been considered further in this exercise, to preserve their integrity and long-term sustainability.

Lands zoned RC 'Rural Cluster' were considered for potential re-zoning. However, no such lands are now identified as appropriate for re-zoning through this ongoing exercise as these lands are generally not suitably located for delivering housing at the scale required. Similarly, RC 'Rural Cluster' is not being considered as a suitable new zoning for any sites not currently zoned for residential use, as Rural Cluster lands are generally intended to meet small-scale rural-generated housing need and would not be suitable for delivering the scale of housing required.

Furthermore, while economic zonings such as GE 'General Employment' or HT 'High Technology' were initially considered for potential re-zoning, it is recognised that demand for employment land remains strong in Fingal in the context of continued economic growth. Therefore, the re-zoning of employment lands is not recommended at this time. Furthermore, piecemeal changes to employment lands are not considered appropriate at this stage, as a more comprehensive and strategic review of employment lands will be undertaken for the next Development Plan.

The sites to be recommended for re-zoning to residential uses are being identified on the basis of the proper planning and sustainable development of the County and the need to ensure the compact growth and sequential development of existing settlements.

The ongoing selection of land suitable for re-zoning is also informed by the County's settlement hierarchy, as set out in the Core Strategy of the Development Plan. Furthermore, this exercise is focussing on lands that could be brought forward in the short term (by 2029), and lands that require significant infrastructure provision will not be recommended for re-zoning at this stage.

While the lands being examined are not currently zoned for residential development, the final recommendation will comply with the requirements of the Development Plan Guidelines and relevant national and regional requirements. The intended outcome of this exercise is to identify and recommend lands that have access to necessary infrastructure and social services, have no significant challenges or impediments to

development and have capacity to deliver new housing within the lifetime of the Development Plan.

It is envisaged that the lands to be identified will have the capacity to deliver in the region of 2,500 new units during the lifetime of the Fingal County Development Plan 2023-2029. The lands to be identified will be brought forward imminently in a forthcoming Variation to the Fingal County Development Plan.

3.3 Active Land Management

It is further recommended that the Council provide for the release of lands currently zoned for residential development but designated as Long-Term Strategic Reserve.

There are two Strategic Reserve areas in the County, at Dunsink (including 160 ha. of residential zoned land) and Lissenhall (224 ha. of mixed-use zoned land). Both areas are recognised as significant longer-term strategic landbanks in the Dublin Metropolitan Area Strategic Plan (MASP) of the Eastern and Midlands Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES) 2019-2031.

Lands at Lissenhall are not suitable for development at present. These lands require improvements to surrounding transport infrastructure including the progression of the Metrolink.

Dunsink comprises the largest bank of undeveloped land within the M50 and is strategically located. It is recognised as a major strategic landbank in the RSES with long term potential to develop a new district centre, subject to enabling infrastructure including the LUAS extension to Finglas.

Work has progressed to prepare a local statutory plan for Dunsink, in line with Objective CSO31 of the Development Plan. This builds on the feasibility study undertaken for the area.

It is recommended that the Council now provide for the early release of the first phase of development at Dunsink, with capacity for approximately 2,500 units. This is to be progressed in a phased approach, given the scale and nature of Dunsink and the requirement to adopt a longer-term strategic approach to ensure the creation of a sustainable future neighbourhood.

The statutory plan for entirety of the lands at Dunsink, a draft Local Area Plan, will be published in early 2026. This LAP will provide for the phasing of Dunsink lands, with the first phase to allow land for approximately 2,500 units and associated services/infrastructure to be progressed under the current Development Plan.

Dunsink presents a unique opportunity for the sustainable development of a well-located new neighbourhood within the M50. The LUAS extension to Finglas has received planning permission, and the Council is in a strong position to plan for necessary infrastructure and funding and to provide infrastructure and housing on publicly owned lands in the area.

It is recommended that the Fingal County Development Plan 2023-2029 be varied to remove the 'Long Term Strategic Reserve' designation from the Dunsink lands. It is also recommended that the text of relevant portions of the Development Plan be amended to reflect the new plan-led approach to Dunsink and to facilitate the early release of the remainder of the additional housing land required for the County to 2029.

3.4 Other Required Amendments to the Development Plan

The changes in housing targets and the recommended release of lands outlined in this report would necessitate several amendments to the text of the Fingal County Development Plan 2023-2029. These are required to ensure consistency with the Revised NPF, the NPF Implementation Guidelines, and the recommended land use zoning and designation changes. It is recommended that all consequent amendments be brought forward as part of a formal variation of the Development Plan.

Recommended amendments include re-drafting Table 2.14 of the Development Plan (the Core Strategy Table). This is to reflect the new housing requirement, to allocate the new requirement across the settlement hierarchy, and to outline total lands zoned across the County. The existing County settlement hierarchy will remain in place, and the distribution of new residential zoned lands has been guided by the settlement hierarchy as required by national and regional policy.

Furthermore, a series of changes to the text of Chapter 2 of the Development Plan are required. All references to the previous Housing Supply Target are to be replaced with the new housing growth requirement. As noted, policy related to Dunsink would also be amended to reflect the accelerated progression of a statutory plan for the area.

3.5 Compliance with National and Regional policy

The recommended approach has been informed by the proper planning and sustainable development of the County and by relevant national and regional policy. In particular, the Revised National Planning Framework puts compact growth and sustainable development at the heart of the planning system. The recommended provision of additional residential zoned land for approximately 5,000 new units would prioritise lands within or contiguous to existing settlements.

Half of the recommended land provision will comprise the release of long-term strategic reserve lands in Dunsink. These lands are within the Dublin City and Suburbs urban area and can be connected to existing and planned services and transportation. The variation therefore would comply with National Policy Objective (NPO) 4 of the Revised NPF, which requires at least half of future population growth to be focused in the existing cities and their suburbs.

The variation would also comply with NPOs 7-9, which required at least 40% of all homes nationally (50% targeted for cities and 30% for other settlements) to be within the built-up footprint of existing settlements.

The site selection process has prioritised lands that can deliver compact and sequential patterns of growth. It has also prioritised lands that can be accessed by public transportation. This also ensures that denser and more sustainable patterns of development can be achieved, avoiding car-dependent urban sprawl-type growth and more efficient land use.

3.6 Conclusion

The recommended amendments to the Fingal County Development Plan 2023-2029 would ensure a robust supply of zoned residential land in the County, with additional land provided for approximately 5,000 new units.

This would ensure that revised, higher housing targets can be met in the short term and address unmet need for new housing from recent years. The recommended boost to zoned land supply would also set the basis for the next Development Plan and ensure that long-term growth is planned for now in accordance with the Revised National Planning Framework.

4. Chief Executive's Recommendation

4.1 Chief Executive's Recommendation

The Fingal County Development Plan 2023-2029 must be consistent with the revised national housing target set by the Revised National Planning Framework, as detailed by the *NPF Implementation: Housing Growth Requirements* Guidelines for Planning Authorities.

In order to align with the objectives of the Revised National Planning Framework, the following next steps are recommended:

- To vary the Fingal County Development Plan 2023-2029 to provide for lands sufficient for approximately 5,000 new units, with the following amendments recommended:
    - To vary the Fingal County Development Plan 2023-2029 to zone for approximately 2,500 residential units on additional residential-zoned land, in order to provide in part for the additional housing land supply necessary to meet Fingal County Council's new annual housing delivery requirement.
    - To vary the Fingal County Development Plan to remove the 'Long-Term Strategic Reserve' designation for Dunsink and to provide that development in Dunsink will be in accordance with a forthcoming Local Area Plan for the area. This will provide a plan-led approach to the development of Dunsink and will facilitate the early release of the remainder of the additional housing land required for the County to 2029, with capacity for approximately 2,500 new units.
- To vary Fingal County Development Plan to update Table 2.14 (the Core Strategy table) to reflect the new housing delivery requirement, to allocate this requirement across the settlement hierarchy, and to reflect updated zoned land allocations.
- To vary the Fingal County Development Plan to incorporate a series of amendments to the text necessary to reflect the above changes and the adoption of the Revised National Planning Framework.
- To progress a statutory Local Area Plan for Dunsink in Q1 2026.

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Annual Service Delivery Plan 2026



Our Mission

To provide a high-quality people-centred service, enable planned growth, lead on climate action and celebrate our cultural heritage.

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Introduction

Fingal County Council's Annual Service Delivery Plan (ASDP) 2026 is adopted by the Members of the County Council in the context of delivering the objectives of the Corporate Plan 2025-2029.

The Service Plan sets out that principal services the Local Authority intends to provide to the public in the period to the end of 2026. Alongside these principal services, the ASDP sets out the service funding, service delivery objectives, performance measurements of these services. In doing so, the ASDP is a reference point for the citizens of Fingal for information on the services and performance standards that they can expect from their Local Authority.





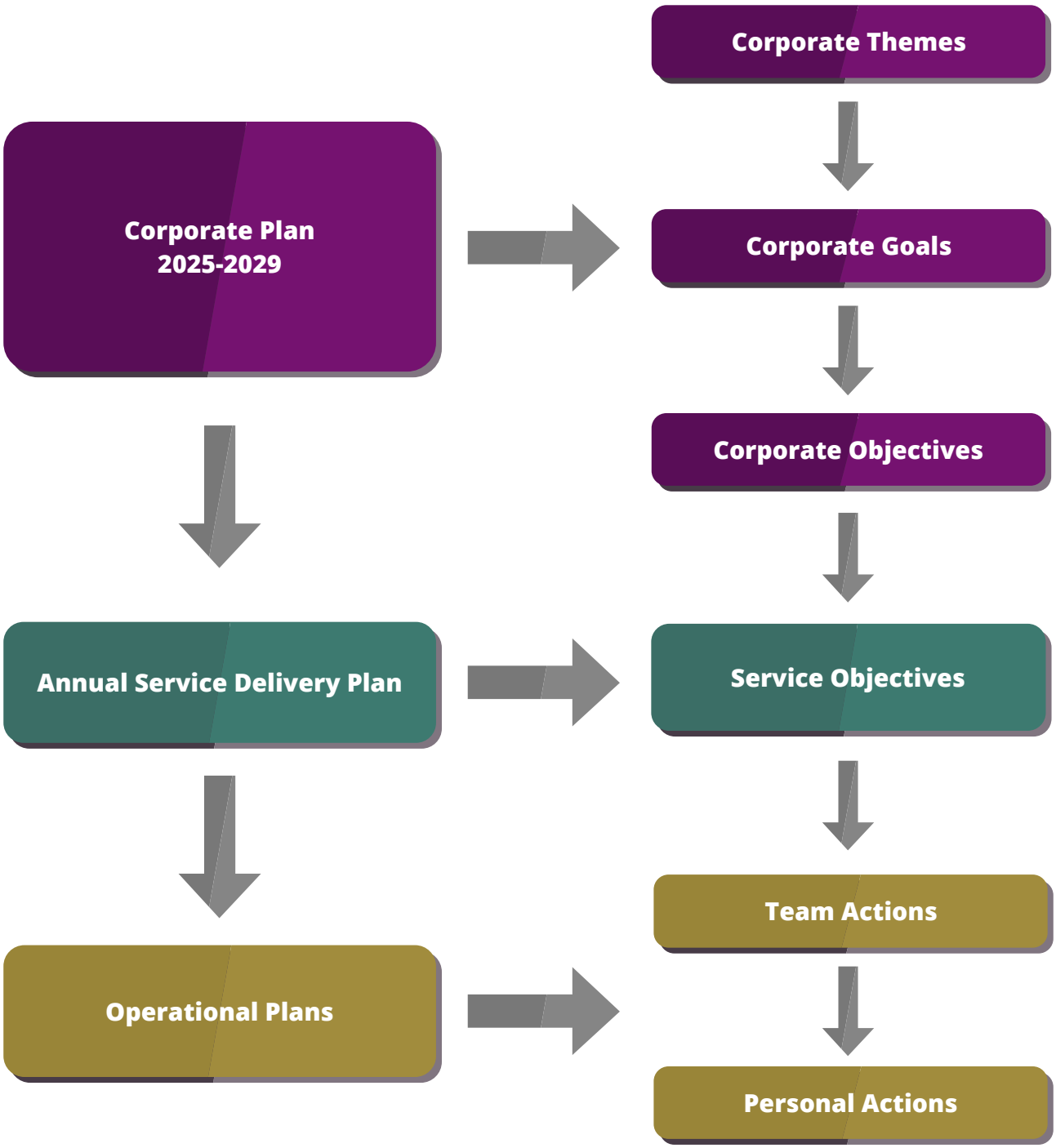
Organisational Priorities

The Corporate Plan sets out the Mission, Strategic Priorities and Strategic Objectives of Fingal County Council over the five year term of office of the Council.

The Annual Service Delivery Plan sets out the principal service delivery objectives and priorities for each individual year.

These service objectives then cascade into Operational Team Plans and the objectives and actions of individual staff members through the PMDS Process.

The below figure sets outs of the hierarchy of plans and objectives in the business planning structure:



The priorities and objectives set out in the Corporate Plan provide the framework within which services are to be delivered by the Executive of the Council.

This Service Delivery Plan sets out how these priorities and objectives will be progressed in 2026.



Organisational Structure

Fingal County Council's services are arranged around a number of main functional departments. The principal services are provided through the following Service Delivery Departments:

- Economic, Enterprise, Tourism and Cultural Development
- Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel and Sports
- Housing and Community Development
- Operations
- Planning and Strategic Infrastructure

These departments are supported by enabling departments within the organisation which, though not charged with direct service provision, provide essential supports across all departments in order to facilitate the service provision and work programmes.

The Support Departments are:

- Architects
- Corporate Services
- People Services
- Digital Services
- Finance
- Law

Fingal County Council has been designated as the Competent Authority for the purposes of aircraft noise regulation at Dublin Airport. This is administered by the Aircraft Noise Competent Authority.

Organisational Resources

The Budget for the year ending 31st December 2026 was presented to and approved by the Members on 18th November 2025 and provides for a total expenditure of €433m.

Division	Service Description	Expenditure (€)	% of Budget	Spend per head of population (€)
A	Housing and Building	159,800,300	36.88	483.50
B	Road Transport and Safety	46,968,200	10.84	142.11
C	Water Services	15,283,200	3.53	46.24
D	Development Management	40,060,800	9.24	121.21
E	Environmental Services	59,449,000	13.72	179.87
F	Recreation and Amenity	84,734,000	19.55	256.38
G	Agriculture, Food and The Marine	2,164,000	0.50	6.55
H	Miscellaneous Services	24,893,900	5.74	75.32
Total		**433,353,400**	**100**	**1,311.18**

The overall objective for the 2026 budget is to continue to sustain and enhance quality services and to increase funding to deliver the required infrastructure projects in the County.

Staffing resources available to the Council as of 31st December 2025 are as follows:

Employee Category	Total
Clerical/ Administrative	777
Managerial	11

Employee Category	Total
Outdoor	543
Professional/ Technical	315
Total	**1,646**

Recruitment activity has continued this year with a total of 95 competitions held in 2025. The opportunity to progress within the Local Authority sector, the public service generally and the private sector has resulted in a highly competitive recruitment and retention environment and significant levels of turnover have continued.

Implementation and Monitoring

This Annual Service Delivery Plan sets out the principal services the Council proposes to deliver by the end of December 2026 within existing constraints on funding and resources.

The ASDP will be monitored by the Executive Management Team and progress on matters will be reported through the monthly Chief Executive Report at Council Meetings.

Service Departments

Community

Community Development Division

The Community Development Division is comprised of several key sections which work to support and empower the vast array of voluntary community groups across the County.

The Community Development Division's work is delivered under seven pillars:

- Community Development Office
- Facility Management Unit
- Fingal Integration Office
- Funding Support and Professional Guidance
- Strategic Support
- Inter-agency Support
- Fingal Age Friendly Programme

Work under the auspices of these pillars can vary substantially, which is a reflection of the rapid and diverse population growth in the County. Work across these areas frequently involves partnerships with a broad spectrum of internal and external stakeholders including: voluntary and community groups, agencies and service providers.

The work across this division shares a key focus on supporting and empowering local voluntary groups, so that over a period of time, they in turn will be in a position to provide a range of social and development opportunities for local people across the County.

Principal Services and Financial Resources:

The table below sets out the budgetary provision adopted by the Members of Fingal County Council in Budget 2026 to fund these services:

Principal / Budget Service	Service Description	Total (€)
64790017	Community Grant Expenses	369,900
64790033	Facilities Unit	88,600
64790013 64790019 64790021	Designated Facilities Community Facilities Other Facilities	581,300

Principal / Budget Service	Service Description	Total (€)
64790010 64790025 64790026 64790027 64790029	Community Activity Grant Funding North County Balbriggan Socio Economic Mid-East Dublin 15	600,000
4MN90006	Public Participation Network (PPN)	71,100
64790039 64790008 4MN90008	Local Authority Integration team (LAIT) Integration Ukrainian Support	106,000
45390006	Comhairle na nÓg	35,000
64790031	Age Friendly County	92,500
Total		**€1,944,400**

Principal Service Objectives

The table below sets out the principal services that will be delivered during 2026:

Corporate Plan Reference Number	Annual Service Delivery Plan Number	Service Objective	Performance Measurement
CP-T3.G03.02.04.08	SDP26-C-01	Supporting delivery of targeted programmes, initiatives, or events to empower communities	Number of community members actively participating in high quality, targeted programmes or events
CP-T3.G3.01	SDP26-C-02	Assist in the delivery of Tenant Induction Programmes	Number of Tenant inductions delivered
CP-T3.G3.01	SDP26-C-03	Residents Association Support	Number of Residents Associations supported
CP-T3.G3.05 CP-T6.06	SDP26-C-05	To provide developmental and management support to voluntary Fingal County Council facility committees	Number of meetings held
CP-T1.03 CP-T3.01.03.04.05 CP-T6.01.02.03.05	SDP26-C-06	Provision and upkeep of Community Centres	Number of existing facilities maintained and new facilities completed Number and scale of upgrades to existing facilities completed Number of remedial funding awarded for non-council owned facilities
CP-T3.G03.02.04.08	SDP26-C-07	Funding to community and voluntary groups	Revised Grant Scheme implemented Number of Grants issued

Corporate Plan Reference Number	Annual Service Delivery Plan Number	Service Objective	Performance Measurement
CP-T3.04	SDP26-C-08	Supporting Fingal Public Participation Network (FPPN)	Number of groups registered with PPN
CP-T3.02	SDP26-C-09	Migrant and Refugee Supports	Number of clinics held Number of Community Integration Forum Meetings held Number of complaints received re gaps in service delivery Review Migrant Integration and social cohesion strategy
CP-T3.04	SDP26-C-10	Oversight contract Comhairle na nÓg	Number of schools engaged with the Youth Council
CP-T6.01.07	SDP26-C-11	Fingal Age Friendly Programme	Number of Alliance Meetings Number of Older People's Council meetings supported

Economic, Enterprise, Tourism and Cultural Development

The Economic, Enterprise, Tourism and Cultural Development Department (EETCD) promotes local employment, productivity enhancement and economic and cultural growth and development of the County.

This is achieved by working in partnership with inter alia local businesses, arts and community groups, Chambers of Commerce, state agencies and higher education institutes.

Policy initiatives are developed and implemented across key areas of investment promotion and facilitation, economic, industrial and local development, skills development, sustainable business, tourism development and marketing, the regeneration of towns and villages through a place-making and Town Centre First approach, urban and rural development, participation in EU Programmes and local enterprise support.

The cultural life of the County will continue to be supported by the Arts and Events offices providing extensive programmes and supporting the County's two arts centres, Draíocht and Seamus Ennis Centre, the Creative Ireland Programme and the economic and community development potential of festivals and events.

Actions as outlined in the ASDP are implemented.

The Future Fingal: Economic Development Strategy provides the strategic framework for economic development in the County, and guides the Local Economic and Community Plan, Fingal Skills Strategy, Sustainable Fingal Strategy, Tourism and Food Strategies and the County's participation in the Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor Initiative.

Fingal's Local Economic and Community Plan sets a short-term framework for economic and community work in Fingal, in 2026 the LCDC will review the LECP Implementation Plan in line with LECP guidelines. The Economic, Enterprise and Tourism SPC and LCDC will continue to oversee the implementation of the LEADER, SICAP, Healthy Fingal and Slaintecare Healthy Communities Programmes and the Fingal County Outdoor Recreation Strategy.

The Xplore Your Future Skills Expo will be delivered in 2026, along with the Fingal Skills Summit. The Council will also lead a pilot project on neuro-inclusion with Skills Strategy stakeholders.

Active participation in and support of regional economic initiatives under the Dublin Belfast Economic Partnership (DBEC) will continue in 2026.

Participation in European projects will continue in 2026 and the Council awaits funding decisions of a number of Horizon project applications. The Council continues to work on the Interreg SKYLA Project, while the Urbact EcoCore Project will close in Q1 2026. The Council will continue to monitor European funding calls for alignment with Council priorities.

Implementation of The Fingal Tourism Strategy 2024-2029 and the Fingal Food and Drink Policy 2024-2029 will continue in collaboration with local and national tourism, food and drink partner and stakeholders.

These strategies complement the Local Enterprise Development Plan 2024-2030, which is delivered by the Local Enterprise Office with funding provided by Enterprise Ireland. The network of Enterprise Centres in the County will continue to receive support.

The work programme of the EETCD Strategic Policy Committee, the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) and the functioning Enterprise Centre Network and the Visitor Attractions – Heritage Properties will continue to be supported.

Progressing the planning and delivery of infrastructure on Council owned industrial land will be a priority in 2026. The Council will continue to monitor and respond to demand for investment land and acquisition of lands for current and future needs as opportunities arise.

The Town Regeneration Office continues to work closely with key stakeholders in Fingal's Town and Villages to formulate Town Centre First Plans, establish new Town Teams, source funding and implement identified actions. The Town Regeneration Office is currently active in the implementation of identified actions in Balbriggan, Lusk, Rush, Donabate, Ballyboughal and Balrothery with additional programmes to be developed in other Towns and Villages in 2026.

The Libraries Department operates 10 branch libraries, Local Studies and Archives, 4 mobile library vans and a housebound service. Libraries in Fingal are progressive and innovative and provide accessible, democratic, inclusive and dynamic spaces in which people can meet, engage, create and learn. Library staff organise an extensive range of cultural, educational and recreational events and activities throughout the year and since the start of 2022 coordinate the Creative Ireland programme for Fingal.

Principal Services and Financial Resources:

The table below sets out the budgetary provision adopted by the Members of Fingal County Council in Budget 2026 to fund these services:

Principal / Budget Service	Service Description	Total (€)
D04	Industrial and Commercial Facilities	870,900
D05	Tourism Development and Promotion	1,341,400
D06	Community and Enterprise Function	3,684,600
D09	Economic Promotion and Development	6,366,100
D10	Property Management	1,286,800
D11	Heritage and Conservation Services	27,000
E10	Derelict Sites	246,700
F01	Contribution to External Bodies Leisure Facilities	86,000
F02	Operation of Libraries and Archival Services	13,664,700
F04	Community Grants and Recreational Development	1,180,200
F05	Operation of Arts Pro-gramme/Festivals and Concerts	8,454,500
Total		**37,208,900**

Principal Service Objectives

The table below sets out the principal services that will be delivered during 2026:

Corporate Plan Reference Number	Annual Service Delivery Plan Number	Service Objective	Performance Measurement
CP-T2.G2.06 CP-T2.G1.06	SDP26-EETCD-01	Foster a strong local economy, promote environmentally sustainable business and support the management and development of the corporate estate	Support economic development in County Progress and implement the Future Fingal Economic Development Strategy Prepare the Future Fingal: Sustainable Fingal Strategy for adoption to support environmentally sustainable economic development in the County and promote the circular economy Support regional economic development through Dublin Business Economic Corridor (DBEC) Partnership Commence planning for the delivery of road infrastructure on industrial lands in Cherryhound Commence planning for the delivery of Phase 1 road infrastructure on industrial lands at Stephenstown Support and progress the development of the Council's industrial, infrastructural, housing and recreational land holdings through project delivery, property acquisitions and disposals Progress and implement the Future Fingal Fingal Skills Strategy Deliver Fingal Xplore Skills Expo Deliver Fingal Skills Summit

Corporate Plan Reference Number	Annual Service Delivery Plan Number	Service Objective	Performance Measurement
CP-T2.G2.06	SDP26-EETCD-02	Channel a range of supports to local businesses in Fingal; **A)** To promote entrepreneurship, foster business start-ups and develop existing micro and small businesses **B)** To drive job creation and to provide accessible high quality supports for new business ideas	Key Performance Indicators and outputs to be assessed on a quarterly and annual basis. Metrics and targets are set out in the Local Enterprise Development Plan, in accordance with the mechanism outlined in the Service Level Agreement between Enterprise Ireland and Fingal County Council
CP-T2.G2.06	SDP26-EETCD-03	Implement and manage local community and economic development programmes including (SICAP) and LEADER	Programmes delivered effectively Progress and implement LEADER Programme
CP – T6.G6.04	SDP26-EETCD-04	Foster collaborative leadership among stakeholders in local community and economic development to drive job creation and to provide accessible high quality supports for new business ideas	Support Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) Review Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) Implement Healthy Ireland Implement Slaintecare Healthy Communities Programme Progress and implement the Fingal County Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP) Participation and delivery of EU Projects Progress delivery of projects under various funding streams

Corporate Plan Reference Number	Annual Service Delivery Plan Number	Service Objective	Performance Measurement
CP – T1.G1.08 CP - T2.G2.06	SDP26-EETCD-05	Implement Our Balbriggan Rejuvenation Plan and Town Centre First Regeneration Policy	Progress and Implement the Our Balbriggan Rejuvenation Plan's Objectives Delivery of Urban Regeneration Development Fund (URDF) Funded Projects Progress and implement actions under Smart Balbriggan Objectives Prepare and Implement Town Centre First Plans and Town Centre First Health-checks Take a proactive approach in dealing with derelict sites and vacancy Identify and avail of opportunities for Regeneration Initiatives – Town Centre First, URDFand RRDF Progress and implement Streetscape and Shopfront Improvement Schemes across the County
CP – T2.G2.06	SDP26-EETCD-06	Strengthen the proposition and marketing of tourism in the County	Progress and implement the Fingal Tourism Strategy Implementation of the collaboration framework with internal, local, and national tourism, food and drink stakeholders Agree an innovative, value added, best practice destination, tourism, food and drink marketing plan Develop a County wide audit of tourism and food and drink assets
CP – T2.G2.06 CP – T3.G3.08	SDP26-EETCD-07	Facilitate the creation of a Fingal food and drink tourism destination	Implement Food and Drink Policy Support the Fingal Food Circle as an industry network in its further development

Corporate Plan Reference Number	Annual Service Delivery Plan Number	Service Objective	Performance Measurement
CP – T2.G2.06 CP – T3.G3.08	SDP26-EETCD-07	Facilitate the creation of a Fingal food and drink tourism destination	Enable more prominent food offerings at heritage properties Encourage and track local production and supply Develop new and existing food and drink markets
CP – T1.G1.08 CP – T2.G2.06	SDP26-EETCD-08	Promote heritage led tourism initiatives at Fingal Heritage Properties	Increase number of heritage events at heritage properties Work in tandem with operators to perform restoration works and expand collections Participate in Museum Standards Programme for Ireland (MSPI) in at least one heritage property
CP - T1.G1.08 CP – T.G2.06	SDP26-EETCD-09	Optimise and expand visitor experiences at all Fingal visitor attractions and events	Implement ambitious Capital Programme to protect, conserve, develop and improve Fingal County Council visitor attractions Increase the number of large-scale events at heritage properties Establish a more collaborative approach to how visitor attractions are marketed
CP – T3.G1.06	SDP26-EETCD-10	Implement the Fingal Art Development Plan 2019 - 2029	The Fingal Art Development Plan has been extended to 2019 – 2029 Actions as outlined in the Plan are implemented.
CP – T3.G1.06	SDP26-EETCD-11	Implement the Eight Year Framework Agreement with the Arts Council	Actions as outlined in the Framework Agreement are implemented
CP-T3.G3.05 CP-T3.G3.06	SDP26-EETCD-12	Implement the Fingal Library Service Development Plan 2024-2029	Actions as outlined in the Plan are implemented

Corporate Plan Reference Number	Annual Service Delivery Plan Number	Service Objective	Performance Measurement
CP-T3.G3.05 CP-T6.G6.05	SDP26-EETCD-13	Provide welcoming, democratic, safe, and sustainable libraries at the heart of our communities	Preparation for the new County Library in the Swords Cultural Quarter progresses The newly refurbished and extended Skerries Library is open to the public Donabate Library has relocated to Ballisk House and is open to the public
CP-T3.G3.03 CP-T3.G3.04 CP-T3.G3.06 CP-T3.G3.08	SDP26-EETCD-14	Engage and collaborate with local, national and community groups, to provide inclusive, diverse, and relevant library services and programming	Collaborative programming is developed with the expertise of local and national groups A diverse range of community led and inclusive, creative, and cultural events is delivered through the Creative Ireland Programme Models of community engagement with the makerspace initiative are explored
CP-T4.G4.01 CP-T4.G4.03	SDP26-EETCD-15	Provide accessible and inclusive libraries for all to visit and enjoy	'My Open Library' is operating at Baldoyle, Blanchardstown, Donabate, Malahide and Skerries Libraries Creative Ireland funding and the expertise of creative practitioners are leveraged to ensure that everyone has access to creative activities Specialist collections and resources that support literacy, life skills and life-long learning are improved Access to new technologies and services is provided to support people in navigating the digital world

Corporate Plan Reference Number	Annual Service Delivery Plan Number	Service Objective	Performance Measurement
CP-T3.G3.06 CP-T4.G4.01	SDP26-EETCD-16	Provide citizens with access to cultural, creative, and learning opportunities through library services	Adequate funding for book collections, both physical and electronic, is maintained High quality informal educational and skills for life programming is provided across all ages and socio-economic groups The publication and digitisation programme at Local Studies and Archives continue to explore Fingal's rich history

Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel and Sports

The Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel and Sports Department provides a wide range of services principally in the area of Environmental Protection, Enforcement and Awareness, Control of Dogs and Horses, Climate Action, Active Travel initiatives and Sports Programmes.

The Department also manages closed and historic landfills, a network of bring banks (bottle, aluminium and textiles), Environmental Awareness and Education Programmes and initiatives including delivery of the national 'Green Schools' programme.

The Environmental Inspection Plan (RMCEI) details the planned activities of environmental enforcement and regulation by the Council in the areas of Waste, Water, Air, Noise and Litter.

'Driving Climate Action' is one of the six core themes of the Fingal County Council's Corporate Plan, highlighting its importance in the work of the Council. The Climate Action team is responsible for ensuring the implementation of the Fingal County Council Climate Action Plan and reporting on progress.

Active Travel is a priority for the Department as part of its ongoing commitment to Climate Action. The Department also manages a road safety section and the provision of a school warden service.

The Sports Section deliver innovative sports programmes to promote physical wellbeing, provide training, administer grant funding and raise the profile of sport in Fingal.

Principal Services and Financial Resources:

The tables below set out the budgetary provision adopted by the Members of Fingal County Council in Budget 2026 to fund these services by category:

Environment and Climate Action:

Principal / Budget Service	Service Description	Total (€)
E101 E103 E0199	Landfill Operation and Aftercare	1,196,300 893,700 658,300
E0201 E0202 E0204 E0299	Recovery and Recycling Facilities Operations	23,900 4,177,400 31,400 512,100
E0501 E599	Litter Management	711,200 431,500
E0701 E0702 E799	Waste Regulations, Monitoring and Enforcement	34,400 1,045,600 445,300
E0801 E899	Waste Management Planning	237,300 49,500
G404 G405 G499	Veterinary Service Welfare Service Service Costs	920,600 181,900 187,200
E0301 E399	Waste to Energy Facilities Operations	896,400 200
E1101 E1199	Operation of Fire Service	27,322,900 1,500
E1301 E1302 E1399	Water Quality, Air and Noise Pollution	714,900 1,727,400 1,022,700
E1501 E1599	Climate Change and Flooding	1,840,300 396,600

Principal / Budget Service	Service Description	Total (€)
E0503	Environmental Awareness	€375,100
Total		**46,035,600**

Active Travel:

Principal / Budget Service	Service Description	Total (€)
B0801	Road Safety School Wardens	1,215,500
B0802	Publicity and Promotion Road Safety	701,900
B0899	Service Support Costs	1,574,800
Total		**3,492,200**

Sport:

Principal / Budget Service	Service Description	Total (€)
F404	Community Sport and Recreational Development	3,069,400
F401	Sports Capital Grants	974,500
Total		**4,043,900**

Principal Service Objectives

The table below sets out the principal services that will be delivered during 2026:

Corporate Plan Reference Number	Annual Service Delivery Plan Number	Service Objective	Performance Measurement
CP-T5.G5.SO4	SDP26.ECAATS.01	Implement the National Waste Management Plan for a Circular Economy 2024 -2030	See EPA Annual Report
CP-T1.G1.S01 CP-T5.05.S04 CP-T5.05.S05 CP-T6.G6.S01 CP-T6.G6.S04 CP-T6.G6.S05 CP-T6.G6.S06 CP-T6.G6.S07 CP-T6.G6.S08	SDP26.ECAATS.02	Aftercare of historic and closed landfills	Compliance with EPA Landfill Licence requirements Continuous improvement of site infrastructure and landscape
CP-T1.G1.SO1 CP-T1.G1.SO6 CP-T5.G5.SO4 CP-T6.G6.SO3 CP-T6.G6.SO7 CP-T6.G6.SO8	SDP26.ECAATS.03	Implement Environmental Inspection Plan for Air Quality and Noise Pollution Control	EPA rating for Local Authority enforcement produced annually
CP-T5.G5.SO4 CP-T6.G6.SO3 CP-T6.G6.SO7 CP-T6.G6.SO8	SDP26.ECAATS.04	Implement Environmental Inspection Plan for Waste Enforcement and Regulation	EPA rating for Local Authority enforcement produced annually

Corporate Plan Reference Number	Annual Service Delivery Plan Number	Service Objective	Performance Measurement
CP-T6.G6.SO1 CP-T6.G6.SO3 CP-T6.G6.SO7 CP-T6.G6.SO8 CP-T6.G6.SO9	SDP26.ECAATS.05	Operate Dog Warden and Dog Shelter Services	Number of Dog Licenses purchased Number of investigations (D365's) completed Number of fines issued Number of dogs rehomed or reclaimed
CP-T6.G6.SO1 CP-T6.G6.SO3 CP-T6.G6.SO7 CP-T6.G6.SO8 CP-T6.G6.SO9	SDP26.ECAATS.06	Operate a Horse Control Service	Number of horses rehomed or reclaimed
CP-T6.G6.SO1 CP-T6.G6.SO2 CP-T6.G6.SO3 CP-T6.G6.SO4 CP-T6.G6.SO7 CP-T6.G6.SO8 CP-T6.G6.SO9	SDP26.ECAATS.07	Operate Litter Warden Service	Number of patrols completed Number of Investigations (D365s) completed Number of fines issued
CP-T3.G5.S04 CP-T5.G5.S04 CP-T6.G6.S01 CP-T6.G6.S05 CP-T6.G6.S06 CP-T6.G6.S07 CP-T6.G6.S08	SDP26.ECAATS.08	Implement Environmental Inspection Plan for protection of Surface, Ground and Coastal Waters	Deliver on all water quality related monitoring/ inspections/enforcement as specified in the Annual RMCEI Plan with specific emphasis on EPA National Priorities

Corporate Plan Reference Number	Annual Service Delivery Plan Number	Service Objective	Performance Measurement
CP-T3.G3.SO2 CP-T3.G3.SO4 CP-T5.G5.SO2 CP-T5.G5.SO4 CP-T5.G5.SO5 CP-T6.G6.SO9	SDP26.ECAATS.09	Provide an Environmental Awareness Programme	Number of Green Flags awarded to schools Number of Environmental and Waste Reduction Awareness campaigns and educational programmes delivered
CP-T5.G5.SO2 CP-T5.G5.SO4 CP-T5.G5.SO5 CP-T6.G6.SO1 CP-T6.G6.SO8	SDP26.ECAATS.10	Co-ordinate the delivery and implementation of the Climate Action Plan (CAP) 2024-2029	Support and monitor the implementation of CAP actions Support and inform the CA Steering Group and CA SPC Coordinate the reporting and evaluation of the CAP including the preparation of an Annual Progress Report for submission to DECC, and a full report for Councilors and the public Delivery of CAP actions Support the implementation of Climate Action in the Decarbonisation Zone in Balbriggan Delivery of the Community Climate Action Programme Delivery of Climate Action Awareness campaigns

Corporate Plan Reference Number	Annual Service Delivery Plan Number	Service Objective	Performance Measurement
CP-T6.G6.SO1 CP-T6.G6.SO3 CP-T6.G6.SO7 CP-T6.G6.SO8 CP-T6.G6.SO9	SDP26.ECAATS.11	Provide Bring Banks for glass bottles and textiles	Tonnage of glass and textiles collected and recycled Number of Bottle Bank sites in Fingal
CP-T1.G1.SO1 CP-T1.G1.SO3 CP-T2.G2.SO2 CP-T2.G2.SO3 CP-T2.G2.SO4 CP-T2.G2.SO5 CP-T3.G3.SO1 CP-T3.G3.SO2 CP-T3.G3.SO3 CP-T3.G3.SO5 CP-T3.G3.SO8 CP-T5.G5.SO1 CP-T5.G5.SO2 CP-T5.G5.SO3 CP-T5.G5.SO4 CP-T5.G5.SO5 CP-T6.G6.SO1 CP-T6.G6.SO2	SDP26-ECAATS-12	Strategic Planning	Inputs to statutory planning processes such as Local Area Plans, Masterplan, Strategic Infrastructure, i.e. MetroLink

Corporate Plan Reference Number	Annual Service Delivery Plan Number	Service Objective	Performance Measurement
CP-T6.G6.SO3 CP-T6.G6.SO4 CP-T6.G6.SO5 CP-T6.G6.SO6 CP-T6.G6.SO7 CP-T6.G6.SO8 CP-T6.G6.SO9	SDP26-ECAATS-12	Strategic Planning	Inputs to statutory planning processes such as Local Area Plans, Masterplan, Strategic Infrastructure, i.e. MetroLink
CP-T1.G1.SO1 CP-T1.G1.SO3 CP-T2.G2.SO2 CP-T2.G2.SO3 CP-T2.G2.SO4 CP-T2.G2.SO5 CP-T3.G3.SO1 CP-T3.G3.SO2 CP-T3.G3.SO3 CP-T3.G3.SO5 CP-T3.G3.SO8 CP-T5.G5.SO1 CP-T5.G5.SO2 CP-T5.G5.SO3 CP-T5.G5.SO4 CP-T5.G5.SO5	SDP26-ECAATS-13	Protected Cycle Lanes – management of the design and construction of numerous protected cycle lane projects	Progress and deliver protected cycle lanes from NTA funded works programme 2026

Corporate Plan Reference Number	Annual Service Delivery Plan Number	Service Objective	Performance Measurement
CP-T6.G6.SO CP-T6.G6.SO2 CP-T6.G6.SO3 CP-T6.G6.SO4 CP-T6.G6.SO5 CP-T6.G6.SO6 CP-T6.G6.SO7 CP-T6.G6.SO8 CP-T6.G6.SO9	SDP26-ECAATS-13	Protected Cycle Lanes – management of the design and construction of numerous protected cycle lane projects	Progress and deliver protected cycle lanes from NTA funded works programme 2026
CP-T1.G1.SO1 CP-T1.G1.SO3 CP-T2.G2.SO2 CP-T2.G2.SO3 CP-T2.G2.SO4 CP-T2.G2.SO5 CP-T3.G3.SO1 CP-T3.G3.SO2 CP-T3.G3.SO3 CP-T3.G3.SO5 CP-T3.G3.SO8 CP-T5.G5.SO1 CP-T5.G5.SO2 CP-T5.G5.SO3	SDP26-ECAATS-14	Towns and Villages enhancements – mobility reviews and public realm projects with an emphasis on Active Travel	Progress and deliver active travel review/public realm projects from NTA funded works programme 2026

Corporate Plan Reference Number	Annual Service Delivery Plan Number	Service Objective	Performance Measurement
CP-T5.G5.SO4 CP-T5.G5.SO5 CP-T6.G6.SO1 CP-T6.G6.SO2 CP-T6.G6.SO3 CP-T6.G6.SO4 CP-T6.G6.SO5 CP-T6.G6.SO6 CP-T6.G6.SO7 CP-T6.G6.SO8 CP-T6.G6.SO9	SDP26-ECAATS-14	Towns and Villages enhancements – mobility reviews and public realm projects with an emphasis on Active Travel	Progress and deliver active travel review/public realm projects from NTA funded works programme 2026
CP-T1.G1.SO1 CP-T1.G1.SO3 CP-T2.G2.SO2 CP-T2.G2.SO3 CP-T2.G2.SO4 CP-T2.G2.SO5 CP-T3.G3.SO1 CP-T3.G3.SO2 CP-T3.G3.SO3 CP-T3.G3.SO5 CP-T3.G3.SO8 CP-T5.G5.SO1	SDP26-ECAATS-15	Connectivity/ Permeability – review and enhancement of existing infrastructure to promote overall connectivity for Active Travel users	Number of infrastructure interventions delivered on foot of a request for connectivity enhancements which promote active travel for all users

Corporate Plan Reference Number	Annual Service Delivery Plan Number	Service Objective	Performance Measurement
CP-T5.G5.SO2 CP-T5.G5.SO3 CP-T5.G5.SO4 CP-T5.G5.SO5 CP-T6.G6.SO1 CP-T6.G6.SO2 CP-T6.G6.SO3 CP-T6.G6.SO4 CP-T6.G6.SO5 CP-T6.G6.SO6 CP-T6.G6.SO7 CP-T6.G6.SO8 CP-T6.G6.SO9	SDP26-ECAATS-15	Connectivity/ Permeability – review and enhancement of existing infrastructure to promote overall connectivity for Active Travel users	Number of infrastructure interventions delivered on foot of a request for connectivity enhancements which promote active travel for all users
CP-T1.G1.SO6 CP-T3.G3.SO1 CP-T3.G3.SO3 CP-T3.G3.SO4 CP-T3.G3.SO8 CP-T6.G6.SO1 CP-T6.G6.SO3 CP-T6.G6.SO4 CP-T6.G6.SO5 CP-T6.G6.SO7	SDP26-ECAATS-16	Safer Routes to School - deliver programme, encouraging a transport modal shift for school goers Management of the School Wardens	Number of schools signed up to the Safer Routes to School Programme and percentage of projects completed Management of the school warden service to ensure effective and efficient service to schools in the County

Corporate Plan Reference Number	Annual Service Delivery Plan Number	Service Objective	Performance Measurement
CP-T6.G6.SO8 CP-T6.G6.S09	SDP26-ECAATS-16	Safer Routes to School - deliver programme, encouraging a transport modal shift for school goers Management of the School Wardens	Number of schools signed up to the Safer Routes to School Programme and percentage of projects completed Management of the School Warden service to ensure effective and efficient service to schools in the County
CP-T1.G1.SO6 CP-T3.G3.SO1 CP-T3.G3.SO3 CP-T3.G3.SO4 CP-T3.G3.SO8 CP-T5.G5.SO1 CP-T6.G6.SO1 CP-T6.G6.SO3 CP-T6.G6.SO4 CP-T6.G6.SO5 CP-T6.G6.SO7 CP-T6.G6.SO8 CP-T6.G6.SO9	SDP26-ECAATS-17	Road Safety Preparation and publication of Fingal's Road Safety Plan Promote and Improve Road Safety	Publication of Fingal's Road Safety Plan Establish and maintain Fingal County Councils Road Safety Working Together Group (RSWTG)

Corporate Plan Reference Number	Annual Service Delivery Plan Number	Service Objective	Performance Measurement
CP-T1.G1.SO1 CP-T1.G1.SO3 CP-T2.G2.SO2 CP-T2.G2.SO3 CP-T2.G2.SO4 CP-T2.G2.SO5 CP-T3.G3.SO1 CP-T3.G3.SO2 CP-T3.G3.SO3 CP-T3.G3.SO5 CP-T3.G3.SO8 CP-T5.G5.SO1 CP-T5.G5.SO2 CP-T5.G5.SO3 CP-T5.G5.SO4 CP-T5.G5.SO5 CP-T6.G6.SO1 CP-T6.G6.SO2 CP-T6.G6.SO3 CP-T6.G6.SO4 CP-T6.G6.SO5	SDP26-ECAATS-18	Mobility and Behavioural Change – Promoting transport modal shift	Promote and Support Active Travel Projects such as Bike Week and all events which promote active travel in the County Support and promote walking as a mode of active travel in the County Support projects such as bike share, e-bike share, e-cargo bikes for businesses, e-bikes for staff

Corporate Plan Reference Number	Annual Service Delivery Plan Number	Service Objective	Performance Measurement
CP-T6.G6.SO6 CP-T6.G6.SO7 CP-T6.G6.SO8 CP-T6.G6.SO9	SDP26-ECAATS-18	Mobility and Behavioural Change – Promoting transport modal shift	Promote and Support Active Travel Projects such as Bike Week and all events which promote active travel in the County Support and promote walking as a mode of active travel in the County Support projects such as bike share, e-bike share, e-cargo bikes for businesses, e-bikes for staff
CP-T1.G1.SO1 CP-T1.G1.SO3 CP-T2.G2.SO2 CP-T2.G2.SO3 CP-T2.G2.SO4 CP-T2.G2.SO5 CP-T3.G3.SO1 CP-T3.G3.SO2 CP-T3.G3.SO3 CP-T3.G3.SO5 CP-T3.G3.SO8 CP-T5.G5.SO1 CP-T5.G5.SO2 CP-T5.G5.SO3 CP-T5.G5.SO4	SDP26-ECAATS-19	Provision of Bike Parking	Increase the amount of bike parking available to cyclists throughout the County

Corporate Plan Reference Number	Annual Service Delivery Plan Number	Service Objective	Performance Measurement
CP-T5.G5.SO5 CP-T6.G6.SO1 CP-T6.G6.SO2 CP-T6.G6.SO3 CP-T6.G6.SO4 CP-T6.G6.SO5 CP-T6.G6.SO6 CP-T6.G6.SO7 CP-T6.G6.SO8 CP-T6.G6.SO9	SDP26-ECAATS-19	Provision of Bike Parking	Increase the amount of bike parking available to cyclists throughout the County
CP-T3.G3.S03 CP-T6.G6.S01 CP-T6.G6.SO3 CP-T6.G6.SO4 CP-T6.G6.SO5 CP-T6.G6.SO7 CP-T6.G6.SO8 CP-T6.G6.SO9	SDP26-ECAATS-20	Develop programmes to support physical wellbeing	Number of specific programmes with emphasis on target groups (school, youth, women in sport, older adults, and disability sports)
CP-T3.G3.S03 CP-T6.G6.S01 CP-T6.G6.SO5 CP-T6.G6.SO8 CP-T6.G6.SO9	SDP26-ECAATS-21	Provide safeguarding, first aid, autism in sport and disability training for volunteers and identify additional training needs for coaches, clubs and volunteers and provide courses	Number of people who complete safeguarding training and any additional courses

Corporate Plan Reference Number	Annual Service Delivery Plan Number	Service Objective	Performance Measurement
CP-T3.G3.S03 CP-T6.G6.S01 CP-T6.G6.S03 CP-T6.G6.SO4 CP-T6.G6.SO8 CP-T6.G6.SO9	SDP26-ECAATS-22	Administer local sports club and capital grants	Distribute over €150K in local sports equipment grants
CP-T3.G3.S03 CP-T6.G6.S01 CP-T6.G6.SO7 CP-T6.G6.SO8 CP-T6.G6.SO9	SDP26-ECAATS-23	Collaborate with National Governing Body's (NGB) to develop programmes and engage people from all communities	Number of people engaged through all the NGB programmes
CP-T1.G1.S06 CP-T3.G3.S03 CP-T3.G3.S05 CP-T6.G6.S03 CP-T6.G6.S04 CP-T6.G6.SO7 CP-T6.G6.SO8 CP-T6.G6.SO9	SDP26-ECAATS-24	Internal cross collaboration with regards to provision/ access to sports facilities to include recreational hubs, swimming pool, outdoor recreation	Publication of Fingal's Sports Facilities Audit and data collected from School Swim Programme
CP-T3.G3.S03 CP-T6.G6.S01 CP-T6.G6.SO3 CP-T6.G6.SO4 CP-T6.G6.SO5	SDP26-ECAATS-25	Provide large scale mass participation events promoting sport and physical activity and taking place in Fingal's regional parks, beaches or facilities	Number of people in attendance at events

Corporate Plan Reference Number	Annual Service Delivery Plan Number	Service Objective	Performance Measurement
CP-T6.G6.SO7 CP-T6.G6.SO8 CP-T6.G6.SO9	SDP26-ECAATS-25	Provide large scale mass participation events promoting sport and physical activity and taking place in Fingal's regional parks, beaches or facilities	Number of people in attendance at events

Housing

The Housing Department remains steadfast in its commitment to delivering the Government's "Housing for All" strategy. This National Framework is built on four key pathways that promote sustainable housing development in optimal locations, while responding to the diverse needs of our communities. We play a central role in driving collaboration across the construction sector, local communities, and stakeholders throughout the housing and community landscape to achieve these goals.

In alignment with Fingal County Council's Corporate Plan 2025–2029, our department is focused on fostering inclusive communities and providing high-quality, people-centered services. Our strategic priorities include:

- Ensuring a consistent and adequate supply of housing
- Addressing the specific needs of people with disabilities
- Strengthening homelessness prevention and response services

Our approach is underpinned by the principles of accessibility, inclusivity, and sustainability.

Our work is guided by several key strategic documents:

- Fingal Development Plan 2023–2029 – outlines housing policies and land use zoning
- Climate Change Action Plan 2024–2029 – promotes sustainable building practices
- Age-Friendly Strategy 2026-2030 – supports accessible and adaptable housing for older adults

In addition to managing and maintaining the Council's housing stock - with a strong emphasis on reducing turnaround times for vacant properties and future-proofing our built assets - we continue to meet our statutory obligations under current legislation and regulatory frameworks. We also deliver complementary services, including:

- Regulation of private rental standards
- Administration of housing loans
- Provision of mobility, adaptation, and vacant homes grants

Our objectives are further aligned with critical strategies such as:

- Traveller Accommodation Programme 2025–2029
- Strategy for Housing Disabled People 2022–2027
- Fingal's Equality Action Plan 2025-2026

These initiatives reflect our commitment to measurable outcomes that support Fingal's vision of vibrant, sustainable places and connected communities.

While capital investment in social housing delivery is outlined in the Council's Capital Programme, the revenue budget continues to play a vital role in supporting the delivery of social housing under the four pathways of the Housing for All strategy.

Principal Services and Financial Resources:

The table below sets out the budgetary provision adopted by the Members of Fingal County Council in Budget 2026 to fund these services:

Principal / Budget Service	Service Description	Total (€)
A01	Maintenance and Improvement of Local Authority Housing Units	17,269,300
A02	Housing Assessment, Allocation and Transfer	2,745,400
A03	Housing Rent and Tenant Purchase Administration	2,970,800
A04	Housing Community Development Support	2,297,900
A05	Administration of Homeless Service	6,728,900
A06	Support to Housing Capital Programme	12,662,800
A07	RAS and Leasing Programmes	95,165,800
A08	Housing Loans	5,875,400
A09	Housing Grants	9,398,300
A11	Agency and Recoupable Services	2,446,000
A12	HAP Programme	866,200
A13	Cost Rental	1,373,500
Total		**159,800,300**

Principal Service Objectives

The table below sets out the principal services that will be delivered during 2026:

Corporate Plan Reference Number	Annual Service Delivery Plan Number	Service Objective	Performance Measurement
CP- T1.G1.05	SDP 26 H 001	Facilitate the supply of sustainable, adaptable, high-quality social housing	Combined total number of dwellings provided for social housing and data for each delivery type as a percentage of the national target (this to include our delivery partners)
CP- T1.G1.05	SDP 26 H 002	Facilitate the supply of sustainable, adaptable, high-quality private rental homes	Number of inspections of private rented tenancies in comparison to the target of 25%
CP- T1.G1.05	SDP 26 H 003	Facilitate the supply of sustainable, adaptable, high-quality homes under the Affordable Homes Act	Number of new affordable private sale and cost rental homes delivered in Fingal as a percentage of the national target (this is to include our delivery partners)
CP- T1.G1.05	SDP 26 H 004	Facilitate the supply of sustainable, adaptable, high-quality social homes adapted to suit a variety of needs	Number of housing grant applications processed and approved as a percentage of the annual target
CP- T1.G1.05	SDP 26 H 005	Facilitate the supply of sustainable, adaptable, high-quality private homes adapted to suit a variety of needs	Number of adaptation grants processed, approved as a percentage of the annual target.
CP- T1.G1.05	SDP 26 H 006	Facilitate the supply of sustainable, adaptable, high-quality homes through the acquisition of vacant properties	Number of properties acquired by Compulsory Purchase Order as a percentage of the annual target.

Corporate Plan Reference Number	Annual Service Delivery Plan Number	Service Objective	Performance Measurement
CP- T1.G1.05	SDP 26 H 007	Facilitate the supply of sustainable, adaptable, high-quality homes for people with additional housing needs	Number of objectives that are **(i)** commenced and **(ii)** met as set out in the FCC Housing Strategy for Disabled People 2021-2026
CP- T1.G1.05	SDP 26 H 008	Support Fingal citizens who are homeless or at risk of homelessness	The number of supports given to families and individuals that are homeless as measured by **(i)** The number of Homeless Assessments completed **(ii)** the reduction of the number of adult individuals considered to be Long-term Homeless **(iii)** the reduction of number of families accessing Emergency Accommodation in each period
CP- T1.G1.05	SDP 26 H 009	Support home-ownership for people who cannot obtain bank mortgages	Number of Local Authority Home Loans processed, refused and approved as a percentage of the annual target
CP- T1.G1.05	SDP 26 H 010	Facilitate the supply of sustainable, adaptable, and high-quality homes by future-proofing FCC social housing stock	Number of Fingal County Council owned homes that complete Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme works as a percentage of the annual funded target
CP-TI-GI-06	SDP 26 H 011	Prioritise environmentally sustainable building practices, supporting our climate and biodiversity goals, and provide healthy living conditions	Percentage of newly built social homes that achieve Home Performance Index (HPI) accreditation

Corporate Plan Reference Number	Annual Service Delivery Plan Number	Service Objective	Performance Measurement
CP-T3.G3.02	SDP 26 H 012	Enhance engagement, integration, and communication, ensuring that all residents have equitable access to housing services	Achieve national targets for the provision of suitable Housing for All Achieve the objectives as set out in the Fingal County Council Housing Strategy for Disabled People 2021 – 2026
CP-T6.G6.03	SDP 26 H 013	Ensure sustainable and efficient operation of Fingal County Council housing tenancies	**(i)** Number of tenant rent statements issued **(ii)** Number of rent arrears payment arrangements established via early tenant engagement **(iii)** Number of loan arrears payment arrangements established via MARP pathway
CP-T6.G6.06	SDP 26 H 014	Drive the accessibility, efficiency and user experience of Council housing services	Digital processes being developed. Uptake of digital processes as measured by **(i)** Number of tenants registered for Housing Online **(ii)** Number of tenants availing of MyCoCo online Rent Payment facility **(iii)** Number of HAP amendments processed via online Fingal County Council HAP Amendments Portal
CP-T6.G6.01	SDP 26 H 015	Deliver on Fingal's Vision through excellent service delivery, collaborative engagement and a supportive, inclusive workplace culture	Number of staff availing of JAM training to promote an inclusive workplace culture

Operations

The Operations Department is responsible for the management, maintenance and improvement of the public realm in the County as follows:

- Regional and Local Roads
- Regional and Local Parks
- Playgrounds
- Sports Facilities
- Public Open Spaces
- Domestic Recycling Centres
- Surface Water
- Street Cleaning
- Beaches
- Burial grounds
- Fleet Management
- Public Lighting
- Allotments
- Public Conveniences
- Litter Collection
- Harbours
- Car Parking

The Operations Department deals with severe weather events, provides for the implementation of traffic management measures, and undertakes tree management and maintenance. It is also responsible for the making and implementation of byelaws, the management of Road Opening Licences and Temporary Road Closure Orders, operation of car parking services, and management of events, including the concerts at Malahide Castle.

These services will be delivered by the Operations Department on a daily basis through a variety of planned and response work programmes and day-to-day operational challenges which cover the diverse range of services and functions carried out by this Department. In addition the Department will deliver the 2026 Programme of Works as agreed by the Elected Members.

Principal Services and Financial Resources:

The table below sets out the budgetary provision adopted by the Members of Fingal County Council in Budget 2026 to fund these services:

Principal / Budget Service	Service Description	Total (€)
B03	Regional Road – Maintenance Improvement	14,562,800

Principal / Budget Service	Service Description	Total (€)
B04	Local Road – Maintenance Improvement	14,267,200
B05	Public Lighting	5,118,100
B06	Traffic Management Improvement	5,377,200
B09	Car Parking	1,336,300
B10	Support to Roads Capital Programme	2,417,300
B11	Recoupable Services	638,000
C02	Storm Water Services	3,663,400
C04	Public Conveniences	2,016,900
D06	Local Community Safety Partnership	5,331,900
D10	Property Management (Allotments)	2,106,600
E02	Recovery and Recycling Facilities Operations	4,744,800
E06	Street Cleaning	9,750,500
E09	Maintenance of Burial Grounds	3,228,800
F03	Outdoor Leisure Areas Operations	31,556,500
G02	Operations and Maintenance of Piers and Harbours	740,400
H06	Weighbridges	17,300
Total		**106,874,000**

Principal Service Objectives

The table below sets out the principal services that will be delivered during 2026:

Corporate Plan Reference Number	Annual Service Delivery Plan Number	Service Objective	Performance Measurement
CP-T1-G3 CP-T5- G3	SDP26-O-01	Management and Maintenance of Regional and Local Roads, Public Lighting, Traffic Management and Car Parking	Improved rating in the Pavement Surface Condition Index Road Safety and Traffic Calming Measures Management and implementation of Speed Limits Management and maintenance of street lighting in the public realm Implementation of Car Parking Bye-Laws Delivery of approved Programme of Works for Roads, Traffic and Public Lighting
CP-T1-G3	SDP26-O-02	Management and Maintenance of Public Conveniences and Storm Water Network	Public Conveniences in the County maintained and cleaned for use by the public Additional cleaning during summer months Ongoing repair, replacement and preventative maintenance on all public conveniences Ongoing management and maintenance of Stormwater Pumping Stations and Networks

Corporate Plan Reference Number	Annual Service Delivery Plan Number	Service Objective	Performance Measurement
CP-T3-G5 CP-T3-G3	SDP26-O-03	Management and Maintenance of Regional Parks, Open Spaces, Pitches, Playgrounds, All-Weather Pitches and Recreational Facilities	Management of regional parks and open space in accordance with the Open Space Strategy for Fingal Delivery of approved Programme of Works in each area Management of street trees in accordance with the Fingal Tree Strategy
CP-T5-G5 CP-T1-G1	SDP26-O-04	Management of Civic Amenity Centres, Street Cleaning and Burial Grounds	Increase in use of Recycling Centres at Estuary and Coolmine Public realm areas clean and free of litter Provision of additional bins Delivery of burial ground services and ongoing development works at existing cemeteries
CP-T1-G3	SDP26-O-05	Management and Maintenance Harbours	Ensure safe use of the harbours and maintenance of the harbour structures Implementation of Harbour Bye-Laws and collection of Harbour Fees
CP-T2-G1 CP-T3-G4	SDP26-O-06	To support the delivery of major commercial and community events as appropriate	Provide the necessary supports through the licencing and other statutory process of major commercial and community events in Fingal

Planning and Strategic Infrastructure

The Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department plans and supports the sustainable development of the County though the Fingal Development Plan and the development management process. The Department also plans and delivers strategic infrastructure.

The Department manages the planning application, planning enforcement and building control functions of the Council. It develops the parks and green infrastructure of the County and progresses transportation and water services planning functions to deliver strategic infrastructure. It liaises with regional and national bodies on an ongoing basis to advance this delivery. It is responsible for the preparation of plans to enable the medium to long term development of the County.

These include the Fingal Development Plan, Local Area Plans, Masterplans, strategic roads and regional open space proposals. It carries out building inspections in respect of new development and derelict sites. It continues to ensure that the housing estates are built to the Taken-in-Charge standard. It has objectives relating to the assessment of strategic flood risks and the protection of the built heritage of the County. It also maps and compiles data in respect of development in the County to inform policy and decision-making at local and national level.

Principal Services and Financial Resources:

The table below sets out the budgetary provision adopted by the Members of Fingal County Council in Budget 2026 to fund these services:

Principal / Budget Service	Service Description	Total (€)
B03	Regional Road Maintenance/ Improvement	34,900
B10	Support to Roads Capital	1,273,600
C08	Local Authority Water and Sanitary Services	399,100
D01	Forward Planning	1,926,300
D02	Development Management	6,284,100
D03	Enforcement	1,206,500
D08	Building Control	1,530,000
D11	Heritage and Conservation Services	621,500

Principal / Budget Service	Service Description	Total (€)
E10	Safety of Structures and Places	128,600
E12	Fire Prevention	178,000
F03	Outdoor Leisure Areas Operations	2,321,300
F04	Community Sport and Recreational	428,500
Total		**16,332,400**

Principal Service Objectives

The table below sets out the principal services that will be delivered during 2026:

Corporate Plan Reference Number	Annual Service Delivery Plan Number	Service Objective	Performance Measurement
CP-T1.G1.01-02,06 CP-T3.G3.05-07 CP-T5.G5.02	SDP-26-PSI-1	Deliver strategic infrastructure (physical and green) in the County	Implementation of Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Capital Programme Ongoing progression of Parks Infrastructure Projects Recreational Park facilities including sports hubs, public play areas, greenways and roads infrastructure etc. Heritage Landscapes and Gardens restoration and management

Corporate Plan Reference Number	Annual Service Delivery Plan Number	Service Objective	Performance Measurement
CP-T1.G1.05 CP-T3.G3.07	SDP-26-PSI-2	Promote and Enforce Building Regulations and Construction Product Regulations and Energy Performance of Buildings Regulations	Support and advise the building industry through the promotion of a culture of compliance to enhance Building Standards in the County Manage Building Control Management System (BCMS), Targeted inspections, Enforcement
CP-T1.G1.01	SDP-26-PSI-3	Ensure appropriate action is taken on unauthorised development	Continued activity in planning enforcement, i.e. number of warning letters and enforcement notices issued, cases referred to court
CP-T1.G1.01-06,08 CP-T1.G1.02 CP-T2.G2.01-06 CP-T3.G3.01-02,05,07	SDP-26-PSI-4	Ensure planning decisions are transparent and are decided in accordance with proper planning and sustainable development	All planning decisions decided in accordance with statutory requirements
CP-T1.G1.01 CP-T1.G1.05 CP-T3.G3.07	SDP-26-PSI-5	Manage the Taking-in-Charge Statutory Process	Manage the Taking-in-Charge process to ensure that minimum standards met for areas to be taken in charge
CP-T1.G1.01-06,08 CP-T2.G2.01-06 CP-T3.G3.05-07 CP-T5.G5.02	SDP-26-PSI-6	Preparation/ review of County Development Plan - set out the strategy and objectives for the sustainable development of the County	Progression of the policies and objectives of the newly adopted Fingal County Development Plan 2023 – 2029 Delivery of agreed Local Area Plans, Masterplans and Studies to deliver housing and economic development Contribute to the economic and social development of the County

Corporate Plan Reference Number	Annual Service Delivery Plan Number	Service Objective	Performance Measurement
CP-T1.G1.01-06,08 CP-T2.G2.01-06 CP-T3.G3.05-07 CP-T5.G5.01-02	SDP-26-PSI-7	Delivery of a sustainable transport system for all citizens	Contribute to the development of sustainable transport policies Ongoing progression of Part 8 projects and Fingal County Council Capital Programme Engagement with other stakeholders Facilitate the delivery of MetroLink, BusConnects and DART Expansion Sustainable development at Dublin Airport
CP-T5.G5.02,04-05	SDP-26-PSI-8	Promote and Protect Biodiversity	Implement actions of: The Fingal Biodiversity Action Plan, The All Ireland Pollinator Plan, "Keeping it Green - an Open Space Strategy for Fingal", "Forest of Fingal– a tree strategy for Fingal." Implement the Dublin Bay Biosphere Programme of Works Overseeing the implementation of the Howth SAAO Operational Plan Establishment of the Liffey Valley SAAO committee
CP-T1.G1.01-06 CP-T1.G1.02 CP-T2.G2.01-06 CP-T3.G3.01-02,05,07	SDP-26-PSI-9	Supporting 'Housing for All' – a New Housing Plan for Ireland	Delivery of critical infrastructure to support housing delivery

Corporate Plan Reference Number	Annual Service Delivery Plan Number	Service Objective	Performance Measurement
CP-T5.G5.02	SDP-26-PSI-10	Develop a Coastal Management Policy	Work with the Coastal Liaison Group to address coastal change in Fingal including costal erosion and coastal flooding
CP-T3.G3.07	SDP-26-PSI-11	Promote and protect the built and cultural heritage of the County	Deliver and Implement actions of the Fingal Heritage Plan 2024-2030 Deliver and Implement actions of the Fingal Community Archaeology Strategy 2019-2023 Work cross departmentally to develop integrated protection and promotion of heritage Continue supporting Heritage as an amenity for Fingal

Support Services

Architects

Principal Service Objectives

The table below sets out the principal services that will be delivered during 2026:

Corporate Plan Reference Number	Annual Service Delivery Plan Number	Service Objective	Performance Measurement
CP – T1.G1.04 CP – T1.G1.05 CP – T1.G1.06 CP – T3.G3.05 CP – T3.G3.07 CP – T5.G5.01	SDP26 – A - 01	To provide a quality professional Architectural Service to meet the requirements of the client departments and Council Initiatives	Annual Work Programmes agreed with client departments
CP – T3.G3.07	SDP26 – A - 02	Assist with built heritage protection issues including managing the Architectural Conservation Office and the assessment and administration of grant supports and Council Initiatives	Built heritage of the County protected Number of grant schemes administered Number of grants issued Number of development proposals reviewed
CP – T1.G1.05 CP – T3.G3.05 CP – T6.G6.04	SDP26 – A - 03	To engage with relevant government departments in relation to budget approvals, administration of grant schemes and policy on the built environment as it relates to the Council	The interests of Fingal protected through effective operation of grants schemes and through input to and interpretation of policy matters Number of grant schemes Number of grants issued

Corporate Plan Reference Number	Annual Service Delivery Plan Number	Service Objective	Performance Measurement
CP – T3.G3.07 CP – T5.G6.01	SDP26 – A - 04	To ensure that building projects commissioned by the Council meet statutory requirements in relation to Planning, Health and Safety, Building Control and Environmental and Heritage protection	Practice procedures updated in accordance with changing legislation and accurate project recording
CP – T5.G5.03	SDP26 – A - 05	To manage and implement efficient cyclical and planned maintenance services for existing Fingal housing stock and to efficiently manage re-let repairs of existing and newly acquired stock including implementation of Council's Climate Change Action Plan	Painting, joinery maintenance and other planned maintenance programmes completed Response maintenance services complete Mechanical and electrical installations and maintenance carried out Void houses are inspected, tendered and repaired promptly Climate Change and Retrofit initiatives implemented
CP – T6.G6.03	SDP26 – A - 06	To provide commercial management and economic and construction advices including oversight To provide budgeting of construction projects including the processing of claims and payments efficiently and fairly	Accurate professional budgeting of projects Accurate recording of tender prices and claims Accurate recording and processing of payments within set timelines Claims and payments processed within defined timelines Economic advices and budgeting provided within agreed timelines during the project lifecycle

Corporate Services

Corporate Services provides services to the Members to allow them to perform their duties as elected representatives of the citizens of Fingal. Services include the preparation and circulation of all agendas, Council minutes, payment of Members expenses and preparation of the Register of Electors.

Services to the public through the Council's Customer Care Unit will continue to be enhanced during 2026 and the Communications Section will develop its role further in internal and external communication. The coordination of the activities of the Emergency Management Unit will also continue throughout 2026.

Facilities Management will continue to maintain and improve the Council's offices and libraries.

The Governance Unit within Corporate Services provides support to the Executive Management Team and other Council Departments. The Unit includes Freedom of Information, Data Protection, Risk Management and Internal Audit and supports the work of the Executive Management Team in achieving Corporate Governance objectives.

Principal Service Objectives

The table below sets out the principal services that will be delivered during 2026:

Corporate Plan Reference Number	Annual Service Delivery Plan Number	Service Objective	Performance Measurement
CP-T6.G6.03	SDP26-CS-01	To ensure the effective delivery and transparency of democratic processes within the Council	The number of Council and Committee meetings serviced and statutory requirements adhered to
	SDP26-CS-02	To ensure the provision of good customer service across the organisation through Customer Care Unit (CCU)	Number of interactions by CCU by phone, email and in person and all customer contacts dealt with in a timely manner
	SDP26-CS-03	To uphold the Citizen Charter and good customer service	Number of complaints processed within required timeframes

Corporate Plan Reference Number	Annual Service Delivery Plan Number	Service Objective	Performance Measurement
CP.T3.G3.07 CP-T6.G6.08	SDP26-CS-04	To promote the use and visibility of the Irish language and to implement Irish Language Legislation	Implementation of all Irish Language Legislation Improved availability of services through the Irish language. Visibility of the language through advertising, promotion and events. Participation in the Gaeilge 365 Programme with the other Dublin Local Authorities
	SDP26-CS-05	To ensure all Corporate buildings are improved, maintained and protected to the highest possible standard	All upgrades and maintenance requirements are carried out within agreed timelines, budget and in Health and Safety requirements
	SDP26-CS-06	To promote best practice in corporate governance	Full support to Executive Management Team
	SDP26-CS-07	To ensure that data and information held by the Council is protected and accessible	All relevant data protection legislation is adhered to and implemented and requests are processed within required timeframes
	SDP26-CS-08	To promote good governance through effective risk management and internal audit functions. Provide assurance to the Council, Management and the Audit Committee through the delivery of the Annual Internal Audit (IA) Plan	Maintenance of risk register Number of IA reports completed Number of Audit Committee meetings held

Corporate Plan Reference Number	Annual Service Delivery Plan Number	Service Objective	Performance Measurement
	SDP26-CS-09	To provide Major Emergency Management	Number of meetings with regional working/subgroups Number of training events arranged
CP-T6.G6.08	SDP26-CS-01	To ensure effective internal and external communications and the promotion of Council activities	Implementation of Communications Strategy Number of Page Visits to the Council's Website and social media accounts
CP-T6.G6.09		To ensure Fingal County Council is an equal opportunities employer in line with current best practice and regulatory guidelines	Fulfil our obligations under the Public Sector Equality and Human Rights Duty to eliminate discrimination, promote equality of opportunity and protect the human rights of staff, customers, service users and everyone affected by our policies and plans

Digital Services

Digital Services aims to support the delivery of modern Local Government services, powered by digital technology, in the following areas:

- Digital Services – we will provide easy to access digital local government services and encourage people to use these services by improving consistency and focusing on people's needs when we design those services.
- Digital communities – we will provide digital access, connectivity and support so everyone can improve their quality of life in our communities, while making sure that everyone is included;
- Digital Workforce – we will give our staff the technology, digital tools and skills they need to fully interact in a digital way;
- Digital Systems – we will improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the way we work by making the most of new technologies.

There are eight teams in the Digital Services Department with the following responsibilities:

- Business Applications – implement and manage departmental digital systems;
- Business Platforms – implement and manage cross-departmental digital systems;
- Digital Fingal – support communities, businesses and members of the public to leverage the full potential of broadband and digital technologies;
- Digital Workplace Transformation – provide staff with digital tools and skills;
- Geographical Information Systems – implement and manage geospatial infrastructure;
- Governance, Architecture and Security – ensure effective governance, information security and enterprise architecture;
- Infrastructure and Operations – implement and manage the council's digital infrastructure;
- Programme and Resource Management – management of digital programmes and projects.

Principal Service Objectives

The table below sets out the principal services that will be delivered during 2026:

Corporate Plan Reference Number	Annual Service Delivery Plan Number	Service Objective	Performance Measurement
CP-T4-G4-01	SDP26-DS-01	Implement and maintain digital systems for staff, councillors and members of the public	Digital systems provided and maintained at required availability levels Number of new/upgraded systems provided
CP-T4-G4-01	SDP26-DS-02	Increase the number of council services available online	Number of council services available online
CP-T4-G4-01	SDP26-DS-03	Implement and maintain an information security programme to protect information assets and technologies	Information assets and technologies are adequately protected
CP-T4-G4-01	SDP26-DS-04	Implement best practice in IT governance	Best practice achieved in IT procurement and IT governance Digital and ICT Strategy Action Plan created Digital Strategy created
CP-T4-G4-01	SDP26-DS-05	Implement and maintain required infrastructure for IT systems and services	IT infrastructure provided and maintained at required availability levels
CP-T4-G4-01	SDP26-DS-06	Provide a quality support service for staff, councillors and members of the public	Support service provided to the required service level

Corporate Plan Reference Number	Annual Service Delivery Plan Number	Service Objective	Performance Measurement
CP-T4-G4-02	SDP26-DS-07	Facilitate digital infrastructure including high-speed connectivity across Fingal	Digital infrastructure and high-speed connectivity facilitated
CP-T4-G4-02	SDP26-DS-08	Map telecommunications and ducting network	Telecommunications and ducting network mapped
CP-T4-G4-03	SDP26-DS-09	Provide staff with the digital skills training required to support the delivery of quality services	Digital skills training and awareness provided for staff
CP-T4-G4-03	SDP26-DS-10	Provide Broadband Connection Points	Broadband Connection Points provided
CP-T4-G4-03	SDP26-DS-11	Engage with communities to develop digital skills	Digital skills and awareness programmes implemented for communities
CP-T6-G6-06	SDP26-DS-12	Promote a strong digital workforce culture within the Council	Digital and AI tools provided for staff
CP-T6-G6-06	SDP26-DS-13	Deliver innovative user-centric digital solutions through a holistic approach encompassing innovation, service design, business process improvement, change management, project management and benefits realisation; and leveraging platforms such as CRM, GIS, and online self-service portals	Innovation workshops carried out Service Design workshops carried out Change Management workshops carried out Business Process Improvement workshops carried out Benefits Assessments carried out

Corporate Plan Reference Number	Annual Service Delivery Plan Number	Service Objective	Performance Measurement
CP-T6-G6-06	SDP26-DS-14	Manage IT Programmes and Projects to ensure that they are delivered on time, within budget and with the appropriate resources	IT Programmes and Projects implemented on time, within budget and with appropriate resources
CP-T6-G6-07	SDP26-DS-15	Use data analytics, GIS and AI to facilitate robust, evidence-based decision-making	Data analytics tools and solutions provided AI tools and solutions provided GIS tools and solutions provided GIS Strategy created Data Strategy created Data catalogue created

Finance

The Finance Department is responsible for oversight and management of the Councils finances. This includes monitoring and control of income and expenditure in all areas, arranging borrowing and leasing requirements and treasury management. The Finance Department aims to ensure that the overall finances of the Council are managed prudently.

The Department is divided into a number of distinct areas:

1. Revenue Collection;
2. Accounts Payable;
3. Treasury Panagement;
4. Procurement;
5. Financial Management and Control of both Revenue and Capital Expenditure and Agresso MS7 support;
6. Insurance claims management;

Principal Service Objectives:

The table below sets out the principal services that will be delivered during 2026:

Corporate Plan Reference Number	Annual Service Delivery Plan Number	Service Objective	Performance Measurement
CP-T6-G6-01	SDP26-F-01	Active Debt Management (Rates/NPPR)	Ongoing monitoring of collections
CP-T6-G6-01	SDP26-F-02	The Management of Accounts Payable and Treasury Management	Ensure all receipts and payments are managed correctly and are valid
CP-T6-G6-01	SDP26-F-03	Effective Management of Liability Claims and Insurance Policies	Have a robust claims management process in place
CP-T6-G6-01	SDP26-F-04	Ensure Budgets are reviewed and monitored	Budget reviews and ongoing engagement on budgetary issues with departments throughout the year
CP-T6-G6-03	SDP26-F-05	Production of 3 Year Capital Programme	Presented to Members annually

Corporate Plan Reference Number	Annual Service Delivery Plan Number	Service Objective	Performance Measurement
CP-T6-G6-03	SDP26-F-06	Production of Annual Budget	Budget presented to Members annually and agreed within statutory timeline
CP-T6-G6-03	SDP26-F-07	Production of Annual Financial Statement	Completion of the Annual Financial Statement in the statutory timeline
CP-T6-G6-01 CP-T6-G6-03	SDP26-F-08	To achieve best practice and value for money in procurement	Council is compliant with Public Procurement requirements

Law

The Law Department provides an in-house legal service to the Chief Executive and all Council Departments in relation to the Council's statutory functions.

The principal services are in the areas of:

- Conveyancing
- Litigation
- Code enforcement
- Debt recovery
- Local government
- Legal advice

Ongoing training continues to be provided to staff in the areas of professional development, legal knowledge and Information Technology (IT).

Principal Service Objectives

The table below sets out the principal services that will be delivered during 2026:

Corporate Plan Reference Number	Annual Service Delivery Plan Number	Service Objective	Performance Measurement
CP-T6.G6.O1 CP-T6.G6.O3	SDP26-L- 01	Provide legal services to the Chief Executive and all Council Departments	High quality legal advice and services provided

People Services

The People Services Department remains committed to delivering essential HR functions such as recruitment, staff learning and development, employee welfare and wellbeing, industrial relations, occupational health and safety, wages and salary administration, and superannuation.

In 2026, People Services will continue to prioritise strategic recruitment initiatives aimed at attracting and retaining staff for key positions. A focus will be placed on expanding learning and development opportunities for staff and fostering continuous professional growth to strengthen overall workforce capability.

People Services will continue to implement initiatives and programmes aimed at promoting work-life balance, offering health and wellness resources, and providing support services such as the Staff Welfare Officer and Employee Assistance Service. Promoting excellent attendance and ensuring a safe and healthy workplace environment is fundamental. Through these efforts, we are committed to creating a supportive and thriving work environment for all staff members.

Corporate Plan Reference Number	Annual Service Delivery Plan Number	Service Objective	Performance Measurement
CP - T6.G6.01	SDP26- PS - 01	Deliver on Fingal's vision through excellent service delivery, collaborative engagement and a supportive, inclusive workplace culture	Ensure Diversity and Equality is integrated into the organisation through an inclusive workplace culture Strategic Workforce Planning to be implemented and monitored which supports the delivery of the organisation's business strategies Vacancies filled in a timely manner Proactive attendance management in place
CP - T6.G6.02	SDP26- PS - 02	Nurture organisational wellbeing by enabling staff to reach their full potential through relevant training and development	Implementation of PMDS supported by the Council's Annual Learning and Development Plan, and Further Education Scheme Upskilling staff and supporting career growth. Staff Wellbeing activities and services implemented through the Wellbeing Strategy, Staff Welfare Officer and Employee Assistance Service Implementation of Occupational Health and Safety
CP - T6.G6.09	SDP26- PS - 03	Deliver on our Public Sector duty by ensuring that every individual has an equal opportunity to access, avail of and /or benefit from any service or function provided through the Corporate Plan	Implementation and review of HR policies to maintain transparency, effectiveness and compliance Provision of reasonable accommodations Ensure internal regular communications by keeping employees informed and engaged Efficient processing of payroll and superannuation

Competent Authority

Fingal County Council has been designated as the Competent Authority for the purposes of aircraft noise regulation at Dublin Airport.

Aircraft Noise Competent Authority

The Aircraft Noise Competent Authority (ANCA) is responsible to monitor, assess and regulate the management of aircraft noise at Dublin Airport. This function is carried out within the requirements of EU and Irish legislation, which provide for the application of the Balanced Approach to aircraft noise management where a noise problem at Dublin Airport is identified.

The Competent Authority's functions include the promotion of the sustainable development of air transport and improvement of the noise environment around the Airport.

Principal Services and Financial Resources:

The table below sets out the budgetary provision adopted by the Members of Fingal County Council in Budget 2026 to fund these services:

Principal / Budget Service	Service Description	Total (€)
E13	Water Quality, Air and Noise Pollution	1,377,100
Total		**1,377,100**

Principal Service Objectives

The table below sets out the principal services that will be delivered during 2026:

Corporate Plan Reference Number	Annual Service Delivery Plan Number	Service Objective	Performance Measurement
CP-T6-66-03	SDP26 01	Ensure the noise generated by aircraft activity at Dublin Airport is assessed and provide for the application of the ICAO balanced approach where a noise problem is identified	Noise situation at Dublin Airport is assessed in accordance with statutory requirements and regulatory decision published
CP-T6-66-03	SDP26 02	Ensure that the aircraft noise implications of planning applications at Dublin Airport are assessed	Planning applications at Dublin Airport are assessed within statutory timeframes
CP-T6-66-03	SDP26 03	Monitor compliance with noise mitigation measures and operating restrictions	Compliance with statutory requirements

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Chief Executive's Foreword

Another year is coming to a close and it has been a busy and extremely productive year for us in Fingal. There have been so many highlights throughout 2025 and those which particularly come to mind are in the areas of housing provision, improvements to community sporting facilities, economic supports and the promotion of arts, culture and heritage within Fingal. We have also focussed intently on areas of climate action and sustainability practices, building transport infrastructure for the future and the maintenance of our public spaces and shared amenities. The work we carry out on behalf of the people of Fingal would not be possible without considered financial planning for the coming years. A three-year Capital Programme worth €1.43 billion was approved at the October monthly meeting of the Council paving the way for the progression of the 121 current capital projects on site and the estimated 309 projects provided for over the lifespan of the plan. Not surprisingly, Housing accounts for the largest portion of investment with €884m allocated while €264m will be spent on Planning and Strategic Infrastructure projects. A further €116m is earmarked for projects planned by the Economic Enterprise Tourism and Cultural Development Department while €102m will be spent by Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel and Sport. This plan represents substantial investment in projects spanning several council departments which will be of strategic, social and economic benefit to the county for many years to come.

On Wednesday, November 19th the budget of €433m for 2026 was approved at a special meeting of the council. The passing of the budget ensures continuity and enhancement of service delivery as well as additional funding for infrastructure projects in the county. It is interesting to note that in 2016 the budget stood at €214m meaning that in just 10 years, the allocation for essential works and services has more than doubled. Certainly, this is testament to the growth of the county as a whole and in 2026 the council will spend €1,311 per person living in Fingal. Much work has gone into balancing the books for the coming year and while difficult proposals had to be considered, the resulting budget is a robust and manageable financial roadmap for the county. I wish to thank the Elected Members for their consideration and support of the budget and to the Head of Finance and his team for their meticulous work over the past months.

The Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Awards were held on Thursday, November 27th. This year, Fingal County Council was successfully shortlisted for initiatives in categories including Age Friendly, Health & Wellbeing, and Supporting Sustainable Communities.

We were delighted to accept the award for Meakstown Community Centre and Bloom Community Garden in the *Supporting Sustainable Communities* categories. The Centre and Garden, which were completely funded by the Council, are located in Lanesborough Park in Dublin 11 and are within a 10-minute walk for the majority of residents in the area. Both projects showcase how well-designed buildings and urban open spaces contribute positively to the liveability of our towns and cities. Fingal's gold medal Bloom Garden from 2023 was adapted and rebuilt beside the Centre through a collaborative effort between local residents, the Council and community organisations. The garden has a focus on sustainability, with all material used coming from council depots that are surplus from other projects and perfectly demonstrates the principle of 'Reduce, Reuse, Recycle'. May I offer my congratulations to everyone involved with this wonderful project and indeed all the entrants to this year's competition. To be shortlisted in 5 categories in such prestigious company is something we can all be very proud of.

Following previous successful schemes, it has been decided to provide free parking in a number of Pay & Display towns across Fingal for three Saturdays in December in the run up to Christmas. The towns in question are Balbriggan, Rush, Skerries, Swords and in Malahide (Bridgefield carpark only). Dates for the free parking are 6th, 13th, and 20th of December 2025. This initiative endeavours to support businesses in these towns by encouraging people to shop local and explore some of the artisan Christmas gifts on offer as well as soaking up the festive atmosphere in our localities. Continuing in that spirit, this year across the county there are 44 Christmas trees being erected, with 34 lit directly by the Council and the remainder illuminated by local community organisations. These stunning trees truly add to the excitement of the season as children and families look forward to Christmas.

Finally, as Christmas fast approaches, I would like to extend the compliments of the season to you all. May you enjoy a peaceful Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

Best wishes,

AnnMarie Farrelly
Chief Executive

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Learning & Development	Year to date
Number of courses	320
Number of Attendees	3254
Number of Training Days	2734

December will feature a strong focus on essential Health & Safety training to enhance awareness and support safer workplaces.

Wellbeing Update

The Wellbeing Team continues to actively implement and provide a range of supports and initiatives that foster a healthier, more resilient, and collaborative workforce. As 2025 draws to a close, preparations are underway to commence work on the 2026-2029 Fingal County Council Wellbeing Strategy. This framework has provided the foundation for the Wellbeing Team's initiatives, ensuring comprehensive support for staff in the areas of mental, physical, social, and 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.

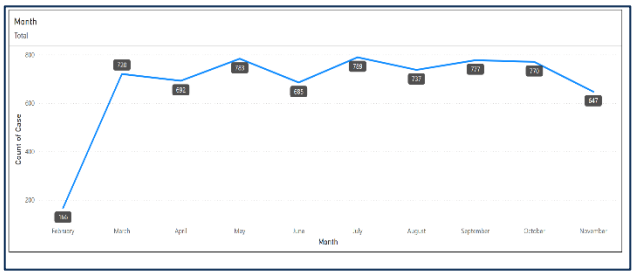
Customer Services

Customer Care Unit Statistics – November 2025

Total Calls CCU	Total Emails CCU
8,507	**1,645**

CRM

Staff continue to work on the Customer Relationship Management System (CRM) and issue responses to representations from Elected Members (Councillors, TDs and Senators) and complaints submitted by the public. The total number of representations for November was 647.



COMMUNICATIONS

The fingal.ie website had 146,685 visitors during November, a decrease of 12,230 from the previous period. The number of page views decreased by 39,982 to 324,629. The average time spent on the site rose to 2 minutes.

There have been 1,627,796 visitors and 3,594,829 page views since January and visitors have spent an average of 1 minute and 58 seconds on the site. The most popular page during November was the Ballymoston Phase Two page. Our Planning Applications page also had over 23,163 page views. The Facebook account rose to 44,134 followers (+2.2%) while the number of views rose by 89.3% to 3,221,437 from the previous month. There were 10,744 (+127.5%) interactions.

The most popular post was about a vehicle on Fire on the M1 (between J04 - Donabate and J05).

Instagram rose to 16,824 followers. Total views down by 1.8% to 706,414 (from 758,053) from the previous month, with a reach of 46,510 (up from 46,431). There were 7,833 (+34.2%) interactions. The most read post also related to a vehicle on fire on the M1.

The number of followers on X fell by 62 to 23,347; there was an engagement rate of 4.42% from 110,091 impressions.

The WhatsApp channel now has 3,519 followers while the numbers currently following our other corporate channels are Threads (1,602), TikTok (1,173) and Bluesky (473).

For our YouTube Channel the number of subscribers rose by 28 to 1,926 in November. Total views were 6,449. We now have 833 videos, with our latest including the new cost rental apartments opened at Church Fields development in Dublin 15 and the major new housing developments for Balbriggan and Skerries. We continue to webcast the monthly Council Meeting. The video on the Affordable Housing Scheme - Online Application Tutorial was our most viewed video in the month.

Press Releases

There were 23 press releases issued during November, covering topics such as Fingal Inclusion Week, the approval of the 2026 Budget, the opening of Churchfields cost rental, and the commencement of public consultation on the development of 21 homes in Fortlawn.

Substantial coverage included RTE, Irish Times, Irish Independent, along with other national and international outlets such as the BBC reporting on the killing of a stag at Newbridge Demesne. The Irish Independent also covered the Sutton extension planning case. There was also extensive coverage of the lodging of a Judicial Review into Metrolink plans.

An article on the Dublin Airport passenger cap (on back of an FOI request to the council) featured in the Irish Times. The launch of SparkPark in Dublin 15 was also in the spotlight (Irish Independent).



Foreman of Works at Newbridge House, Ivan Smith, speaking to RTE News following the stag killing.

Media Queries

Media queries received during November included the killing of the stag, the outsourcing of cost-rental management, the certification of historic landfill sites, the status of housing at Wilkinson's Brook, and safety concerns at the Carpenterstown/Porterstown junction.

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TOURISM DEVELOPMENT

Ireland Home of Halloween

Fingal's Home of Halloween 2025 delivered a highly successful programme of over 25 events across the county, blending history, folklore, food, arts, and entertainment to create a strong, place-based festival offer. The campaign achieved substantial visibility through coordinated PR, high-quality photography, real-time content creation, and consistently applied branding. New landing pages, extensive media coverage, and strong stakeholder cooperation contributed to increased visitor engagement and a valuable bank of imagery and insights for the future years of this festival. The initiative has laid a solid foundation for an even more strategically focused and locally distinctive programme in 2026.



Fingal Food Circle
Failte Ireland Food & Drink Action Plan Pilot Programme Finished

A Fáilte Ireland Food & Drink Pilot Programme in collaboration with Fingal Food Circle reached conclusion. It now aims to broaden its scope across the county, strengthen industry collaboration, and refine a model for coordinated networking. Key deliverables include updated datasets for markets, an expanded food map, and a focus on developing saleable, mystery-shopped visitor experiences. Next steps will be coordinated to progress best-practice implementation.

Fingal Tourism Together Sector Symposium

The second Fingal Tourism Together event of the year took place at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Blanchardstown on Wednesday, 5th November. This half-day symposium brought together tourism, food and drink businesses from across Fingal to strengthen collaboration and drive destination development. It was a comprehensive briefing on progress, the implementation of the Tourism Strategy and Food and Drink Policy, plans for 2026 and Fingal's ambition to become a leading visitor destination.

The programme featured showcase tastings from Fingal Food Circle members, presentations, panel discussions, and a teaser video for the new destination brand, capturing the themes and sentiment of Fingal County ahead of the official launch in February 2026. The event also provided valuable informal networking opportunities and a space to shape future collaboration across Fingal's tourism sector.



EVENTS

A spectacular display of fireworks is scheduled for a 7pm start with entertainment and amazing viewing from Howth Pier.



Swords Castle Christmas Markets took place on Friday 28th November 3-8pm, Saturday 29th & Sunday 30th November 12-7pm, Saturday 6th December & Sunday 7th December 12-7pm.



Festival and Events Funding for 2026

Fingal Festival & Events Funding Programme

Following the success of the 2025 programme, which supported over 100 events across the county to the tune of €600,000, applications for the 2026 scheme will open at the end of October. The programme underlines the Council's commitment to fostering arts, culture, sport, and community engagement, while also delivering economic and tourism benefits in Fingal. Events from local community festivals to large-scale cultural celebrations, this funding ensures that Fingal continues to host a diverse and vibrant calendar of events, providing opportunities for residents and visitors alike to celebrate, participate, and connect.

Funding Scheme will close on December 22nd



Just under €43,000 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.

Festival and Events Funding – November & December 2025

- Marathonkids Final Mile Event
- How It's Made 2025
- Malahide Village Turning on of Village Lights and event
- Portrane Donabate Sea Scouts Family Fun Day
- Rush Christmas Food & Craft Market
- Rush Christmas Tree & Lights Event
- Baldoyle Christmas Show & Tree Lighting
- Ballyboughal Santa Truck Visit and Christmas event
- Oldtown Christmas Tree Lighting Event
- Christmas Lights Festival Donabate
- Christmas at St Maurs
- Blanchardstown Tree lighting
- Community Gathering Christmas Tree Lights Switch 'Em On Portrane
- Balbriggan Christmas Market

Total Funding: €42,900

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

Skerries Mills



Santa and his elves will be coming to Skerries Mills as part of Santa's Winter Wonderland from 6th to 21st December and this annual festive event is an anticipated experience for families with bookings doing extremely well.

Ardgillan Castle



Ardgillan Castle hosted a Christmas Crafts Fair on 29th and 30th November with many of the art and craft studio residents selling their unique brand of art, pottery, candles, soaps and skincare products, many with a festive theme.

Malahide Castle





Wonderlights hosted by Follow Fox events is now underway for its third year at Malahide Castle and Gardens. The event began on Friday 14th November and runs until December 28th. The popular Santa at Malahide Castle and Guided Tours with Whiskey Tastings are also underway for the 2025 festive season.

Newbridge House



Newbridge hosts 3 festive experiences this year with the return of A Christmas to Remember, Santa Paws and Sensory-friendly Santa visits.

CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

ARTS



Art in Every Place: Arts Council and local authorities mark 40 years of partnership bringing the arts to every corner of Ireland.

On 21st November 2025, The Arts Council and Ireland's 31 local authorities marked 40 years of partnership at a special event, Art in Every Place, held in Limerick City Gallery of Art.

The reception was attended by Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport, Patrick O'Donovan TD, alongside representatives of the Arts Council, the County and City Management Association (CCMA), other local authority representatives, alongside Arts Officers from across Ireland.

The partnership between the Arts Council and local government began in 1985 and between the years 2005 and 2025, €2.6 billion was jointly invested in the arts through this partnership.

Public Art



Artist In Residence with Corduff Community Centre John Conway continues his collaboration with local communities, 'I am Corduff' is a collective poem written by the local group about Corduff. The work then was edited and ready for recording with the help of poet Eoin Keegan. The group joined the artist at Tyrellstown House to professionally record the work which will be presented locally soon – the work is part of the Corduff Community Centre's refurbishment planning where new artwork will signal its reopening.



Mulhuddart/Churchfields Development Research & Development Public Art Planning

Presentations and site visits took place to look at the possibilities of setting up a dedicated art in the community programme to align with the services working in the Churchfields Community. Reflections on Mulhuddart were presented by former artists in residence with Draiocht Michael McLoughlin who worked in the area for 3 years.



Youth & Education



Space Crafts Project (2024- 2025) has concluded with resounding success, having engaged over 195 primary school children from across Dublin 15 in a series of arts and science workshops at DIAS Dunsink. Participating schools were introduced to the exciting space research taking place at Dunsink and the contemporary art practice of three professional artists - Aileen Murphy, Julia MacConville, and Mary Jo Gilligan. This collaborative project was developed by DIAS, Fingal Arts Office and Superprojects, and evolved out of a Fingal Arts Office Cruinniú na nÓg commission in 2023. With funding from the Research Ireland Discover Programme and support from ESERO Ireland, the project enabled meaningful collaboration between contemporary artists and scientists on-site. The children's artwork was exhibited in the Observatory's public rooms, where the local community and public could view during special events, before being returned to the school for display on site or for the students to bring home. 2026 will hopefully see the partners disseminate a publication and an evaluation on the project. This recently released video offers more insight into the project https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PwG5g9c-W1M

Seanchaí, Microforest (2020 – 2025)



Through 8 seasons of programming across 5 years, Seanchaí Microforest has taken root on the grounds of Blakestown Community School. Led by artist Gareth Kennedy and created in collaboration with over one hundred students, this initiative has created a functional, living artwork. Students and artists dug, planted, foraged, whittled, explored, sketched, cooked, printed, sang, and learned deeply throughout this transformative five-year journey. Other guest artists working sustainably with natural materials shared their practice with students during practical workshops. Physically, this new growth provides an outdoor learning and recreation space for students and the wider school community. It encourages human connection and creativity while supporting a thriving ecosystem of insects, birds and native wild plants, none of which were present on the site five years ago. Under the stewardship of Blakestown students, the microforest now rises overhead and provides a canopy of health benefits that will be felt by generations to come. Fingal Arts Office, Superprojects and Blakestown CS are working towards a publication, documentary film and public event in 2026.

Creative Places Balbriggan



Creative Places Balbriggan and FCC Arts Office officially launched Cultural Companions Balbriggan; An Age & Opportunity Initiative. This launch was part of Fingal Inclusion Week 2025 and hosted over 50 local Balbriggan community members at Ardgillan Castle, many of whom were members of Balbriggan Senior Citizens Centre. County Arts Officer Sarah O'Neill and guest speaker Dr. Tara Byrne , Director of Arts Programming for Age & Opportunity, officially launched the programme.

The audience in attendance were treated to a performance from internationally renowned traditional Irish singer Caitriona O'Leary and a poetry recital from local artist Nunce McAuley. In partnership with Age & Opportunity, Cultural Companions is a programme that will aim to address the issue of social isolation amongst older people in the Balbriggan community by offering them the opportunity to engage in arts and cultural activities and events locally and regularly, by attending events together. Meet-and-greet volunteers will welcome and bring together members to the regular events, to ensure social interaction and companionship is at the core of the events.

Consultant Paula Phelan also facilitated an information gathering session as part of the event to help shape the community programme for 2026 and beyond. Paula also consulted with members of the youth community in Balbriggan at the Foróige Youth Centre at Castlemills to further gather insight and feedback on the programming for Creative Places Balbriggan, which strategically has Creative Youth as one of its key pillars of work.

The Carnegie



In Place of Meaning, an exhibition at the Carnegie in Swords and curated by Fingal artists Chris Forrester and Emma Swan, brought together recent graduate visual artists, and filmmakers. The exhibition, funded through Arts Act Grant Scheme was a celebration of Fingal's growing community of emerging artists.

Swords Cultural Quater

Following broad engagement with artists and arts groups in October 2024, the Arts Office has now initiated a phase of close enquiry with key national stakeholders, innovators, and artists. This stage moves from wide consultation to focused, expert-led conversations with resource organisations, artists and producers to inform the artistic commissions for Culture House through exploring bold, ambitious programming; innovative uses of space; balancing creative experimentation with income generation.

Draíocht

Our November/December programme is well underway. Community highlights include Coolmine Musical Society's production of 'Anything Goes' as well as a local group presenting 'The Songs and Poems of Percy French' The CMS shows just sold out and an excellent production was enjoyed by all who saw it. Percy French sells out each time it is performed here. This season's programme included a number of new music acts, all of which sold out and have been much appreciated by the audience. We continue to work with George Bratulescu in bringing work in the Romanian language to Draíocht. We continue to offer a range of comedy and films.

We participated Fingal's 'Home of Halloween' event with a performance by the Fingal Mummers on November 1st. This was much enjoyed by the audience. We had Fingal photographers in for both the children's Halloween workshop programme and the Mummers performance. The Irish Independent photographed and produced a pic of the latter. Draiocht is in conversation with Ciaran Staunton, of FCC, in relation to HoH events for 2026 and 2027.

Our January/February programme is finalised and will be with the printer shortly for distribution in December. The programme will begin with Coolmine Panto's production of Cinderella and includes 2 performances as part of Fingal's TradFest programme.

Our schedule is almost booked out for the January to June 2026 period. September to December 2026 is very heavily booked.

Our dance artist in residence, Matt Szczerek and his close collaborator, Alessio Motta, completed their final 4 weeks of a 2-year Residency. The last 3 weeks of same (November) saw them perform the piece they created, 'Monsters', to 2,500 Dublin 15 Primary Schools.

Draíocht is 25 years old in 2026 and several events are being planned to mark the occasion. The planning for an Open Call Exhibition of recent graduates (past 4 years) who are from and/or live/work in Fingal is underway with the call out for applicants going live in early November. All artists selected to exhibit, will be paid a fee.

Draíocht won the Best Team Award. At the 2025 Fingal Chamber Awards. This is following on from winning the 'Best Not for Profit' at the 2024 Chamber awards. The Best Team category is a very competitive with 8 shortlisted groups this year.

Full details are available on www.draiocht.ie

The Seamus Ennis Arts Centre

Music

The Pure Drop, our showcase of the very essence of traditional Irish music, had its second outing this month, with mother and daughter fiddle players, Mairéad Ní Mhaonaigh & Nia Byrne (60 attendees).

Lisa Lambe returned with her show Nightvisiting on November 15, a combination of storytelling and music (29 attendees). She recorded an album here at her last gig in January, also entitled Nightvisiting, which was for sale on the night.

Within our traditional music programme, we had the **Céilí Beag** with 12 parents and toddlers**.** We had 29 people join us for **The Pop Up Gaeltacht** before the **Singing Sessions** (21 in person, 16 online) and the **Slow Sessions** (14 in person, 32 online) continued to support both learners and those more experienced in engaging with the Irish language, instruments and song.

November saw our second slow session for younger musicians take place on November 16 (**Sessiún Óige**) with 46 attendees (ages 8 to 15), working this month with Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann Cill Dheaglain, which was three times as many participants for only our second event.

Ashley Campbell, daughter of the legendary country singer Glen Campbell, will perform with her Band for a sell out gig on November 28 (90 attendees – booked out).

Theatre, Cinema & Comedy

November kicked off with a talk and whiskey tasting night: **Uisce Beatha – Monks, Moonshine and Mythical Mashbills** with Rosi Goswell, the designer of Ireland's official whiskey glass and Garry Quinn, author of the Irish Whiskey guide (32 attendees – 75% capacity), followed by bestselling journalist, presenter and musician, John Robb in conversation with Richard Jackson (The Skids) on November 2 (41 attendees).

In Cinema, we showed Corsican thriller **Borgo** (23 attendees) on November 13. Our second film this month will be **Sunphlowers** on November 27, which was filmed locally in Rush and set against the backdrop of rural Fingal. Sunphlowers is a powerful, homegrown drama that speaks to the heart of our community: love, loss and healing.

Visual Arts

Our last exhibition**, 'Fine Point' by Gillian Cullen**, ran until November 20. The exhibition features a series of intricate, detailed drawings paying homage to the enduring art of the pencil.

This will be followed by an exhibition of paintings by **Kate Walsh** which will run from 1st of December to 30th January 2026. This captivating exhibition will showcase Walsh's latest works, bold, expressive paintings that explore memory, identity, and the Irish landscape through a contemporary lens. A celebration of colour, texture, and storytelling, this is an unmissable journey into one of Ireland's most exciting artistic voices.



Christmas Craft Fair

Finally, we are working towards our big Christmas Craft Fair on December 7 with 60 stalls selling a variety of handmade crafts and festive food, alongside music from Naul Choir, Blanchardstown Brass Band and Skerries Ukelele Band.



Libraries

Reopening of Skerries Library

Following extensive renovation and expansion, Skerries Library will reopen in January 2026. Dating back to 1910, this Carnegie Library will serve a new generation of library users and readers who can enjoy reading spaces with wonderful views of the town and surrounding area, rooms for events and activities, quiet study zones, and children, young adult and adult areas.

The fit out of the Library with shelving, study desks and soft furnishings will continue throughout the month of December.

The temporary library will close for a 2 week period in January, to facilitate the movement of books, IT equipment and other resources to Skerries Library. The Library will operate as a 'My Open Library' service which will extend opening hours from 8am to 10pm, 365 days per year.



Relocation of Donabate Library

The Library in the Donabate Portrane Community Centre will close on Saturday 29th November at 5pm and remain closed for the month of December, to facilitate the relocation to our new premises in Ballisk House.

Works which are nearing completion at Ballisk House will result in the handover of the building to the Libraries Department before the end of November. A period of fitout works has been arranged (including loose furniture, facilities, and IT), for late November and December.

The closure of the Community Centre Library is necessary to facilitate the relocation of shelving, furniture, IT equipment, books and other resources to the new library, which will open in early January 2026. To avoid a complete interruption to the service, and to ensure borrowers have reading material for the Christmas period, a Mobile Library will visit the carpark of the Community Centre on Thursday 4th and Thursday 18th December from 2 to 4pm. The new Donabate Library will operate over 2 floors, with a newly installed lift, junior, young adult and adult areas, an events/meeting room and the 'My Open Library' service which will extend opening hours from 8am to 10pm, 365 days per year. The opening of the new library in January 2026 will mark the completion of Phase One of this two phase project, with planning for the Phase 2 extension starting in early 2026.



Creative Fingal Creative Communities Programme

The Creative Fingal Creative Communities Programme run by the Libraries Dept continues to inspire and transform people, places, and communities across the County. The programme promotes social cohesion, inclusion, and mental wellbeing via accessible cultural initiatives such as:

· Cruinniú na nÓg – Ireland's National Day of Creativity for young people.

· Sounds Like Summer: Fingal Festival in a Van.

· Inclusive creative workshops and events delivered across libraries and community settings.

In 2025, over 80 initiatives have been supported, reinforcing Fingal's commitment to inclusive cultural development and strategic community engagement.

Creative Ireland Shared Island Conference

On November 13th, the Creative Fingal Team represented Fingal County Council at the inaugural Creative Ireland Shared Island Conference – Creativity Connecting People, in Croke Park. Hosted by Dearbhail McDonald, the event featured keynote addresses from An Taoiseach Micheál Martin TD and Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport, Patrick O'Donovan TD, alongside performances and exhibitions showcasing the transformative power of Shared Island projects. These performances included Fingal's flagship Shared Island initiative, 'Sharing Songs… Unforgettable Voices', which brought together two dementia-inclusive choirs – The Forget-Me-Nots (North Dublin) and This Is Me Choir (Larne) – together for a vibrant musical celebration.



Write Time Festival

The Write Time Festival showcase took place on the 15th and 16th of November in the Carnegie Free Library and consisted of ten events celebrating creative writing and literature. The celebrated and award-winning authors featured were Roisín O'Donnell, Joseph O'Connor, Wendy Erskine, Kevin Barry, Colin Barrett, Seán Farrell, Zainab Boladale, Lisa McInerney, Emmet Kirwan, Fíona Scarlett and Cecelia Ahern. There was a full house for several events, with many attendees staying for the entire day and returning the following day. Feedback from participants and attendees has been overwhelmingly positive.





Festive Events

Libraries will host a range of events and workshops for children in December. These include a magic show, Christmas storytelling, author visits, collage workshops, and pop-up Christmas card workshops. Adults will also get the opportunity to express themselves creatively this festive season with seasonal wreath-making workshops and a Christmas card and gift tag calligraphy session.



Christmas Music in the Library

The Dublin Gospel Choir will perform a Christmas Extravaganza Concert in Blanchardstown Library sponsored by Europe Direct. In Rush Library, harpists and singers Teresa and Mary O'Donnell will give a recital of carols and festive pieces for all to enjoy. Balbriggan Library is delighted to host the Irish Institute of Music & Song Children's & Youth Choir for a festive, fun-filled concert.

ECO Christmas

Balbriggan Library is encouraging everybody to think about sustainability this festive season with a Christmas Jumper Swap Shop. People can swap last year's Christmas jumpers for new ones, saving money while promoting the circular economy. Eco gift wrapping workshops in Donabate and Howth libraries will show participants how to make their own wrapping paper to reduce impact on the environment. A Christmas paper craft workshop will demonstrate how to make cards and decorations from recycled materials.

Family Time at Your Library

Family Time at your Library events and activities take place in all libraries during the month of December to engage families in the enjoyment of sharing stories and reading together.

Family Time at your Library aims to support a family-focused approach to reading with children as part of the national Right to Read programme. Story sessions will be taking place in all Fingal libraries, along with a range of other family-friendly events and activities. Call into your local library this December for a festive story time session!

2025 Programming

Throughout 2025 Fingal Libraries delivered an extensive programme of events catering for all ages, abilities, and interests. Acclaimed children's authors visited libraries and schools to celebrate World Book Day Ireland in March, as part of the Fingal Libraries World Book Tour. The schools' programme saw libraries engage with local schools to deliver STEAM and literacy programmes. Libraries hosted age-friendly workshops during the month of May to celebrate the Bealtaine Festival and throughout the year. Planning for the spring 2026 programme is currently underway.

Economic Development

Fingal Skills Strategy Update – December 2025

- Fingal Skills Strategy Construction sub-group meeting was held on the 10th of November. Planning is underway with stakeholders to host a construction skills event in the new year.
- Neuro-Inclusion Pilot Programme in development with stakeholders for 2026
- The Inaugural Fingal Skills Summit held on 18th November 2025 in Riasc Centre, Feltrim Road, Swords, attracting a diverse mix of attendees and exhibitors with positive attendee feedback.

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

This year's Xplore Your Future Fingal TY Skills Expo Expo was a huge success with positive feedback from both teachers and students. This year had the largest number of attendees yet with over 2,500 students from 22 schools across Fingal and c. 80 exhibitors attended 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 – December 2025

- The team attended a project meeting held in Bialystok (Poland) from 30th September to 1st October.
- Review of implementation of policy improvement and Identification of indicators to measure and monitor effectiveness of policy Improvements.
- Liaised with partners & key stakeholders on good practices.
- In November reporting was submitted on the project and policy improvements for Semester 6.

URBACT–EcoCore – Update – December 2025

- The final EcoCore transnational city visit took place in September in Dubrovnik, Croatia.
- Balbriggan's IAP (Integrated Action Plan) document has been finalised and presented to partners.
- IAP launch event scheduled for 10th December 2025 in the Bracken court Hotel, Balbriggan.
- The EcoCore podcast has been launched, and all episodes are available to listen on Omny, Apple Podcasts & Spotify.

Podcast episodes available to listen here: EcoCore Podcast clips - Omny.fm

Sustainable Fingal - Update – December 2025

- Consultants appointed to develop the Future Fingal: Fingal Sustainability Strategy.
- Consultants presented a draft of the Sustainability Strategy during the November Climate Action and Economic Development SPC meetings.
- Sustainability stakeholder engagement sessions were held in November and December with the internal Fingal County Council team, Business Stakeholders, community groups and the Councillors.

Circular Cities - Update – December 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: 16th December 2025
- Healthy Ireland & LECP: Ongoing implementation and review

SICAP Update

- Budget 2025: €1.57M + €425,000 for New Arrivals.
- Mid-Year Review: Annual Plan and Programme of works presented and approved by Committee.
- SICAP 2026 KPI targets have been agreed and set.
- Annual Plan 2026 to be submitted by 12th December 2025.

LEADER Programme Update

- LAG Meeting: 16th October 2025
- 9 projects approved
- Applications currently open for Leader Funding: For rural individuals, businesses & community groups
- Next LAG Meeting: 15th December 2025

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.)
- 2026 Programme to be announced soon

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 for Measure 1: Rush Play Trail
- Two Unsuccessful applications for Measures 2 and 3: Fingal Camino and Balbriggan Boathouse & Bathhouse
- Donabate Swim Shelter is now complete

Exwell Medical

- Healthy Fingal ExWell Programme starting in Blakestown 15 with a launch on Dec 5th.
- Focuses on community-based clinical exercise programmes.
- Referral only for people living with chronic illness.
- Funded by Healthy Ireland Sláintecare fund

Taking Heads - Let's Talk About Suicide

- A Healthy Fingal, HSE & CYPSC partnership in suicide prevention.
- Barbers complete free online Let's Talk About Suicide training.

- Making barbershops around Fingal safe spaces for mental health conversations.
- Promo video featuring PJ Gallagher to be released in December

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 working on the 5 final claims to submit full drawdown claims before the end of 2025.

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
- O'Dwyers GAA Club for the provision of wheelchair access and development of facilities
- Hartstown Community Centre for the installation of new windows
- Foroige - Coastal North Dublin for purchase of a mini-bus
- Trinity Gaels GAA Club for pitch enhancement including drainage and surfacing
- Phoenix Football Club for development of equipment storage facilities
- Skerries Harps GAA and Camogie Club for LED floodlighting installation

Application Window 2 – €596K (Feb 2025)
Projects:

- Donabate Portrane Community Centre - Safety and Accessibility Works
- St Margaret's GAA Club Astroturf Installation
- Baldoyle Forum - Fire Safety Upgrades
- Corduff Resource Centre Fire Safety Upgrades
- Blanchardstown Centre for Independent Living- Electric Wheelchair Accessible Van
- Phibblestown Community Centre Astroturf Resurfacing
- O'Dwyers GAA Club, Balbriggan - Supply and Installation of Perimeter Fencing

Application Window 3 – €309K (June 2025)
Projects:

- Irish Institute of Music & Song, Balbriggan – Enhancement of facilities and equipment purchase
- Corduff Sports Centre – Refurbishment works
- Huntstown Community Centre – Window upgrades
- Lusk's Forgotten Laneway – Upgrade and installation works
- Swords Celtic Football Club – All-weather astro pitch conversion.

ENTERPRISE CENTRES

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

The Council approved the lease of BASE and Drinan Enterprise Centres to Innovate Fingal at the April Council Meeting. An official launch event for Innovate Fingal will be scheduled in Q1 2026.

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, a nominated Pillar Chairperson provides a report to the Leadership Group at each meeting.

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 2025 – 2030. Membership comprises the five Balbriggan locally elected councillors and senior representatives from the Public Sector and Local and Community Development stakeholders.

The Leadership Group and members of its working groups met at the Bracken Court Hotel, on the 3rd December to celebrate the successful renewal and adoption of the Our Balbriggan Plan 2025 – 2030. The plenary provided an update on Town Rejuvenation projects, and an opportunity to network, share learnings and opportunities for collaboration.

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 in Spring 2026. Work continues to progress well across key elements of the Quay Street & Harbour site. Phase 4 works are underway with the heritage restoration of the RNLI Boathouse building continuing and work is progressing on the slating of the roof and construction of the windows and doors is currently underway.

The new public toilets, harbour pavilion buildings and kiosks are progressing well. The Harbour Pavillion buildings, RNLI Boathouse and adjoining Kiosk and Public Toilet are due to be completed by February 2026. It is intended the buildings will be operational end Q2 2026. Works are nearing completion on 2 new pedestrian bridges, and extensive bedded planting to be completed in early December. Site investigations to determine soil quality, and any remediation works required, continue, on the site of Balbriggan's old gas works, which is part of the new Harbour Square development. Ongoing monitoring will continue to January 2026.

Further to the November Swords/Balbriggan ACM a Section 38 Non-Statutory Public Consultation for the Quay Street & Environs Traffic Management Scheme was published on Consult.ie with a deadline for submissions on 17th December 2025. Fingal County Council intends to carry out a series of traffic control measures in Georges Hill, Mill Street, Quay Street, Harbour Road and Seapoint Lane.

Tender documentation to appoint a contractor for the redevelopment of 2-4 Dublin Street were published on October 24th, with tender submissions due back by December 12th. 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, digital learning, 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 on a preferred option is emerging.

It is intended to proceed to a Part 8 planning public consultation process in the first half of 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 with 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. Based on the current programme, a public planning process is likely to commence in Q1 2026 with construction commencing in late 2026 allowing completion of the project in Q3 2027.

Our Balbriggan Programme Office continues to work with the Operations Department on a programme of works to enhance spaces for young people. Three locations have been completed in Millpond, Bremore and Charlie Moore Parks.

Following the publication of a Draft Open Spaces Scheme for Balbriggan, Chieftan's Drive / Moylaragh Road on Consult.ie in June, and a presentation to the Balbriggan ACM in September installation will commence Q4 2025 – Q1 2026 and include a Half MUGA, and other outdoor enhancements including seating.

The Our Balbriggan Office continues to generate regular and unique content across all social media channels, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn with over 14,000+ followers across its 5 social media channels. 1,742 posts were published during the period 1st January – 31st October 2025.

Town Centre First – Lusk

Following the publication of the Lusk for Life Plan, two applications for Project Development Measure funding were submitted to the Department of Rural and Community Development with both projects being approved for funding. These projects were identified in the Lusk Town Centre First Plan and include measures to develop appropriate facilities in Lusk's Central Parks and the feasibility of a farmers' market for Lusk.

A feasibility study examining possible locations for the creation of a farmers' market has been completed by an appointed consultant, and its recommendations are being examined by the Town Regeneration team.

A consultant was appointed to examine options for the enhancement of four specific parks in the Lusk area to maximise their potential for public amenity usage. A public consultation took place in the Lusk Community Cultural Centre on 24 October to gather ideas for the use of these locations from the residents of Lusk. This was a very well attended event with many residents turning up to give their views. An online community engagement survey also ran from 24th of October until 07th of November to give as many residents and community groups as possible in Lusk the opportunity to have their say. 199 responses were received and these are being evaluated by The Town Regeneration Office.

A Community Forum was established at a meeting in the St. MacCullin Centre in Lusk on 12th of November for the purpose of assisting with the selection of a new Town Team for Lusk. Five new Town Team members were confirmed at this meeting. A follow-up meeting of these new members, and local elected representatives for Lusk will be facilitated by the Town Regeneration Office shortly, where discussions will be held on the recruitment of additional members to the new Town Team.

Town Centre First – Balrothery

The new Balrothery Town Team is now established and focused on implementing the new Balrothery Town Centre First Health Check.

The new Town Centre First Health Check was launched by the Deputy Mayor of Fingal Councillor Grainne Maguire on 06th of November at the Heritage Centre, Balrothery.

This plan will focus on the actions identified by residents and businesses in Balrothery, and will assist the new town team in accessing government funding for identified projects.

The launch event was a great success and was well attended by local residents, business operators and stakeholders. The Town Regeneration Office thanks all those who participated in the capacity building process in Balrothery over the past number of months and looks forward to working with the new Town Team into the future.

Town Centre First – Ballyboughal

Ballyboughal's new Town team has been established, and the new Town Centre First Health Check for Ballyboughal is also completed.

The health check was launched by the Deputy Mayor of Fingal Councillor Grainne Maguire on 11th November. This is a culmination of many months of hard work and dedication from members of the community, and the Town Regeneration Office is very grateful to all who took part. The Health Check contains actions and objectives which the new town team have identified, and these actions will have a pivotal impact in creating a village which better caters for all of its residents and businesses. The launch event on 11th November was of key importance in creating public awareness for both the plan and the new Town Team. The existence of such a plan will also enable the Town Team to apply for government funding to aid with the completion of identified projects.

The Town Regeneration Office looks forward to working closely with the new town team to help deliver key enhancements to the village for the people of Ballyboughal.

Town Centre First – Donabate

A launch event took place in the Parish Hall, Donabate on the 07th October, where the Mayor of Fingal launched the Donabate Town Centre First Health Check for the town. The event was attended by members of the new Town Team, officials from Fingal County Council, and many locals stakeholders who participated in the capacity building process throughout the year. This plan will benefit the new Town Team in helping them to address actions identified during the capacity building process and provide a mechanism to apply for government funding.

The Town Regeneration Office looks forward to working closely with the new Town Team in Donabate in the months and years ahead and wishes to thank all those who participated in the process.

Town Centre First – Rush

Throughout 2025 the Town Regeneration Office conducted a series of capacity building workshops in Rush with a view to establishing a new Town Team. During these workshops a consultant assisted stakeholders to identify key actions to improve the functionality and vibrancy of their town. Simultaneously, the Town Regeneration Office appointed a second town planning consultant to devise a new Town Centre First Plan for Rush. Intensive work has taken place on both of these processes throughout the year, with a new Town Team established for Rush, and a new Town Centre First plan for the town produced.

The inaugural meeting of the new Town Team took place on 4th November, at which the new Town Centre First Plan was approved. Another meeting of the team is scheduled for late November in order to establish priorities for 2026.

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. Work has recently been completed on Rush Community Centre. Phase one works on the Floraville Park, Skerries project have also been completed, with Phase two works due for completion in quarter one of 2026.

A new call for projects in 2025 was announced by the Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht in March 2025. 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.

Five applications which best met the eligibility requirements of the scheme have been selected and submitted by Fingal County Council to the Department of Rural and Community Development & The Gaeltacht totalling €1,035,450. The Town Regeneration Office expects to receive a response on these applications from the department in the coming months.

Streetscape Enhancement Scheme 2024

In the most recent Streetscape Enhancement Scheme, nine applications were approved for funding totalling €12,635.28 for a variety of works including painting, green enhancement, and signage improvement. This scheme has now concluded, and options for a new scheme are being explored.

Derelict Sites

161 statutory notices have issued to owners of Derelict properties under the Derelict Sites Act 1990 since the start of 2025. 4 properties have been removed from the Derelict Sites Register since the start of 2025 following compliance with Section 11 Notices. This brings the current number of properties on the Derelict Sites Register to 28.

There have been a total of 251 inspections and re-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

Innovating in an Age of Chaos – Fingal Business Network with Mark Little

The next Fingal Business Network Event: "Innovating in an Age of Chaos" with renowned journalist, entrepreneur and innovation expert Mark Little, journalist, founder of Storyful and Kinzen, and leader in the global tech and media landscape, will take place on Friday 5th December in The Grand Hotel, Malahide.

This engaging event will feature practical lessons and fresh perspectives on leadership, adaptability, and creativity in business and as always, the Fingal Business Network provides a valuable opportunity to connect with fellow business owners, entrepreneurs, and leaders and share experiences and ideas over refreshments and networking sessions.

Fingal Chamber Awards 2025

Local Enterprise Office Fingal was delighted to sponsor the Best Startup Award at the Fingal Business Awards. Nearly 500 business leaders gathered at the Crowne Plaza Dublin Airport on 14th November for the event, which recognised excellence, talent, customer service and sustainable impact across 24 categories, with more than 90 organisations represented from every part of the county.

The winner of the LEO-sponsored prize of Best Start-up was Cozmotec Ltd (Cuty Gupta & Anvesh Dwivedi), while another LEO supported company, Anyscor Ltd led by Colin Deering picked up the Award for Innovation in Business.

Keogh's Crisps, who began as a small enterprise with the support of LEO Fingal and now export to 22 countries, proudly received the International Trade Award - a testament to their global success story.

Other LEO supported businesses also excelled in the competition having been shortlisted, including Vistona Ltd, Mizz Rio Bridal, Kefir Coffee, Irish College of English, the Irish Institute of Music & Song, Techstorm Consulting, Test Triangle, and 65 Hurls.

Fingal Business Supports Briefing

On November 5th, LEO Fingal delivered its monthly *Business Supports Briefing*, drawing 120 online registrants and earning excellent feedback from participants. The session featured an interactive Q&A, giving attendees the chance to connect directly with the LEO team. The next briefing will take place online on December 3rd. November's event was particularly well attended by local entrepreneurs, who gained practical insights into training options, mentorship programmes, and available grant supports. Demand continues to rise for initiatives such as Business Advice Clinics, Start Your Own Business Courses, and Grant Application Workshops. The December session will focus on the same opportunities, offering even greater access to expert guidance. As always, the LEO Fingal team will be on hand with live Q&A and one-to-one consultations to help business owners plan their next steps.

Food Sectoral Supports

Dublin Food Chain is a food business networking platform run by the four LEOs in the Dublin region. The next Food Starter Event will run on 13th of January over 4 dates and will be led by LEO Fingal. The Dublin Food Chain continues to run many other networking and educational events for food businesses across the Dublin Region, including the Digital School of Food and Food Academy.

Evaluations and Approvals Committee

The Evaluation and Approvals Committee (EVAC) has approved 44 projects for total funding Year to Date of €752,708 across Business Feasibility, Priming and Expansion Grants. The next EVAC meeting will be held on the 10th of December 2025.

Management Development

The Leadership for Business Acceleration programme is currently underway with participants from Fingal and Dublin City LEOs exploring new ways to expand and grow their businesses.

This programme has proven invaluable to previous cohorts, resulting in tangible growth, increased employment, and greater ambition. The current group completed their learning sessions in November and are now focused on finalising their Business Plans by mid-January. LEO Fingal and LEO Dublin City will run further Leadership for Business Acceleration programmes in 2026, and expressions of interest links are already open for interested parties.

Sustainability Supports

The Local Enterprise Office (LEO) provides expertise and incentives to enable small businesses to reduce their carbon footprint and become more sustainable. The Local Enterprise Office has delivered the Green for Business programme to 35 Fingal based businesses Year to date which then allows the businesses to apply for the Energy Efficiency Grant if eligible. The Energy Efficiency Grant provides funding of up to a maximum of €10,000 and 75% of eligible costs, to enable small businesses to acquire energy efficient equipment and processes. To apply, businesses need to be operating from a commercial premises, be solvent and operating within Fingal for at least six months.

This year has seen an increase in interest in this scheme with enquiries coming from across several sectors. 14 companies have been approved for grant assistance under this scheme year to date, with several businesses currently working on applications.

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 features 35 skilled and experienced mentors from a range of business backgrounds. In 2025 year to date, 611 clients availed of one-to-one appointments in Business Advice Clinics and 300 clients have signed up for mentoring, with consistently high demand for this service among Fingal businesses.

Business Loan scheme

LEO Fingal provides a loan scheme through its partnership with Microfinance Ireland (MFI), with loans between €5,000 and €50,000 per approved applicant. LEO Fingal actively promotes the availability of finance to businesses that have difficulty raising funding from their bank. Applications are processed and assessed by LEO Fingal and submitted to MFI. Applications are eligible for a 1% reduced interest rate of 5.5% APR if submitted to and processed by the Local Enterprise Office.

So far this year 38 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 2,879 participants year to date. Ten Start Your Own Business courses have been provided, with 118 participants year to date.

Internationalisation and Export Development

The new "Market Explorer Grant" is available to small enterprises in the manufacturing and international trading sectors (with up to 50 employees). The amount of the grant is 50% of eligible costs up to a maximum of €10,000. The objective is to support the development of export-oriented businesses by incentivising support to research and explore activities in new markets. Eligible businesses can 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 six applications for this grant year to date in the amount of €44,000, with interest in the grant increasing and several businesses currently working on submissions.

In addition to grant assistance, the LEO supports ambitious businesses on their export journey through the "Get Exporting" programme, run at national level 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 and Enterprise Ireland. Following recommendation based on an export readiness assessment 11 Fingal businesses were among the 120 nationally, progressing through the programme. 60 of these candidates (including 7 Fingal businesses) are progressing to the 'In Market Visit' stage of the programme. Those not progressing can still be considered at a future stage and in the meantime can avail of the support they need to develop their businesses from their Local Enterprise Office. The next Get Exporting programme is due to launch in February 2026, with further information and expression of interest form now available via the Enterprise Ireland website.

Digital & Innovation Supports

The Grow Digital Voucher offers small and medium businesses with up to 50 employees financial support to embrace digital technology. Prior to applying for the voucher, businesses will receive expert digital consulting service completely free of charge in the LEO's "Digital for Business" scheme.

Funding of up to €5,000 to invest in software and training/IT configuration is available under the Grow Digital Voucher Scheme. LEO Fingal have approved 50 Digital for Business assignments year to date and have also approved 14 Grow Digital Vouchers total funding of €38,557. LEO Fingal provides a regular Digital Boost Webinar to assist business in applying for both Digital for Business and Grow Digital Voucher and to help businesses thrive in this digital age.

Productivity & Competitiveness Supports

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.

Seventeen clients have been approved and are currently undertaking this programme in 2025. A regular free workshop takes place online, attendees learn from LEO Fingal LEAN consultants about “Lean Thinking, & How Small Changes can have a Big Impact!”

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Area Business Totals for May 2025

Area	Public CRM's	Rep CRM's	Area Questions	Area Motions	Headed Items
Balbriggan/Swords	723	117	46	9	1
Castleknock/Mulhuddart	611	199	16	5	2
Howth/Malahide	305	31	13	4	2
Total	**1,639**	**347**	**75**	**18**	**5**

Works Programme
Newbridge

The water refill station in Newbridge Demesne was removed and replaced with a new updated model.

The unit monitors usage by noting the amount of bottles saved by its use. This data management system can allow for the collation of statistics on the volume of water used and the kgs of CO2 saved in doing so.



Swords

Woodland Management Plan works recommenced in October with in house Operations staff undertaking removal of invasive laurel adjacent to the car park.



500m2 of pollinator friendly bulbs were mechanically planted at two sections of the Hilltown Park / River Valley Park open space on the River Valley road. This was done as part of this year's Programme of Works, in collaboration with the local resident group. The bulbs were planted around an area of tree planting undertaken earlier in the year with volunteers and the local groups.



Christmas Trees erected at Swords Castle and at Balbriggan town plaza.





Maintenance works carried out following Storm Claudia.



Above - Brook Lane flooding, Rush



Above - Trees down at Swords Castle





Above - Trees down at Forrest Road, Swords.





Above - Trees down at Ardla, Skerries.



Above - Trees down at The Priory, Donabate.

Balbriggan



Works carried out by Fingal's roads crew in Balbriggan.





Above **-** Footpath works carried out in Balbriggan.

Below - Works carried out in Rush by Fingal's roads crew.





Howth/ Malahide Area

Howth looped Pathways





Clearing the pathways of overgrown vegetation.

Sutton Woods/SAAO/SAC



New signs erected to alert the public of livestock in the area.



The Operations team facilitated the temporary relocation of the goats to Sutton woods. We have cleared away scrub growth to make way for planting of trees to regenerate the woodland. The goats will be clearing some of the area of brambles, nettles and bracken.



Parts of Sutton Woods cleared for planting of whips and trees.





Above - Natural drinking area created for the Highland cattle at Red Rock, Sutton.

Malahide Tidy Towns





Above - Installation of corten steel planter/information board in conjunction with the Malahide tidy towns group.

Playgrounds – upgrades, repair & maintenance

MUGA at Grace O'Malley community gardens – fire damage.



Malahide Demesne



Above - Malahide Demesne receives the Green Flag award '25/'26, Maynooth University campus.

Baldoyle



Above - Installation of Balloon art/wood sculpture by Richie Clarke at Baldoyle Promenade



New pathway installed at Baldoyle village.

Roads / Footpaths – Howth/Malahide Depot Works

The Moorings, Malahide

The Howth Malahide Crew continue to replace defective concrete footpaths and the Contractor is continuing to shutter kerbs ahead of road resurfacing.





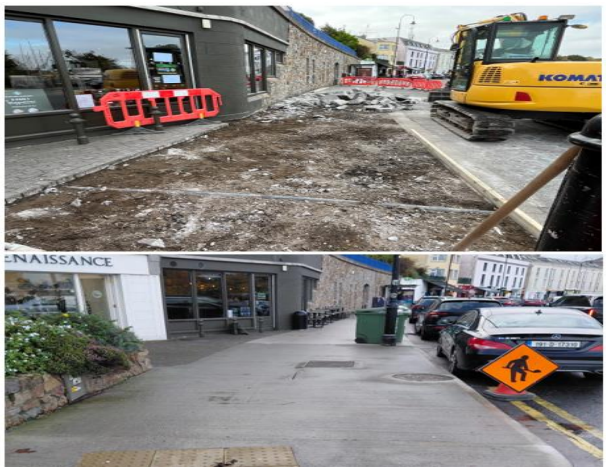




Roads Program of Works

Harbour Road, Howth

The Contractor has completed work on concrete parklets and footpaths. They are now working on drainage before the resurfacing of the road commences.



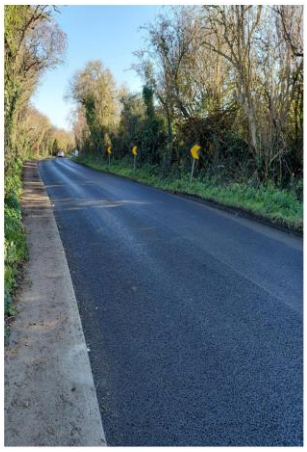
Baskin Lane

The Contractor has completed working on a new drainage system. Furthermore, the road has been resurfaced and currently finalising new road markings.









Cleansing, Beaches and Toilets



Velvet Strand roof damage to toilets following storm Claudia.



Cleanup up from main surcharge due to heavy rain at Muldowney toilets Coast Road Malahide.



Clean up from fly tipping Red Arches, Baldoyle Litter Warden notified.



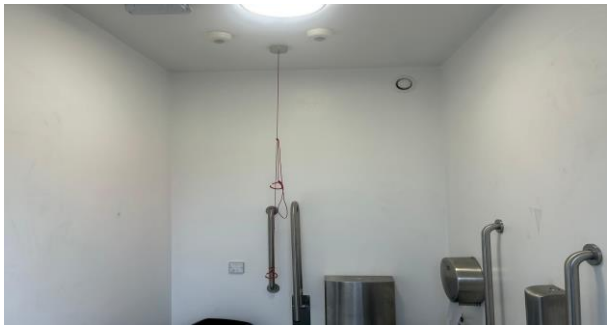
New floor replacement at Robs Wall toilets.



Crews on flooding due to storm Claudia in Howth Malahide.



Malahide toilets tiles replaced



Graffiti removal at Howth Pier toilets

Castleknock/Mulhuddart Area

Installation of K-Barriers



New K-Barriers installed at Wellview Park off Church Road to facilitate access for Council vehicles.

Liscappagh

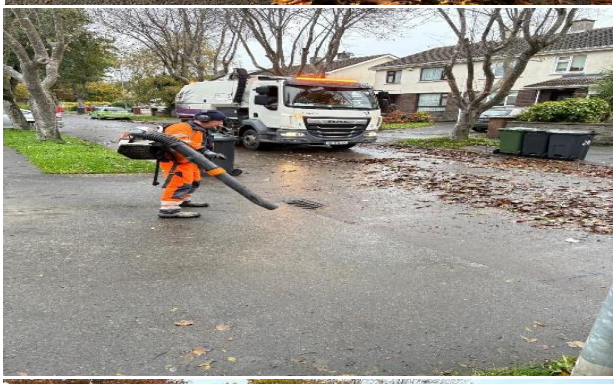


New Park service gates installed in Liscappagh and Heathfield.

Leaves Clean Up D15

Roselawn and Glenville Area







Storm Claudia 2025

Following Storm Claudia, which hit the east coast on the 14th and 15th November, the crews were out assessing a number of locations where several trees and branches had fallen. All remaining trees and branches removed as of Wednesday 19th of November.



Brookhaven Drive



Rushbrook



Porterstown Park



Clonsilla Road Ongar end



St. Catherine's Park Woodland Walk

Halloween Event Lanesborough Park



A Halloween event was organised by the Operations Department on 31st October in Lanesborough Park. The event was a great success and included:

- Face Painters – transformed both Children and Adults alike
- Story Telling on Irish Folklore – Candlelit Tales, Irish Myths brought to life through musical storytelling
- A Fire show that took place throughout the evening
- A DJ entertaining the crowds all evening

The Park was decorated with Festoon Lighting and the evening finished with a fantastic 14 minutes of fireworks lighting up the skies over Lanesborough and beyond.





Mulhuddart Drainage Works

Drainage works were undertaken at Mulhuddart Dublin 15.





Castaheany Hedge Cutting Works





Tyrrelstown Dog Run

New paths and hard standings installed at Tyrrelstown dog run.





Refurbishment of name stone - Castleknock



Bonfire material collected from across Dublin 15



Example of recent weeding and bark replenishing works of 130 flower beds at:
Wilkinsonsbrook Hollystown.









Ongar Playground

The playground at Ongar reopened to the public on the 17th of November 2025. Works took approximately 6 weeks which encompasses a natural open landscape design.







Millennium Park Playground

Works are currently underway at Millenium Park Playground. New inclusive play pieces and play tower will be included.





Car Parking Services

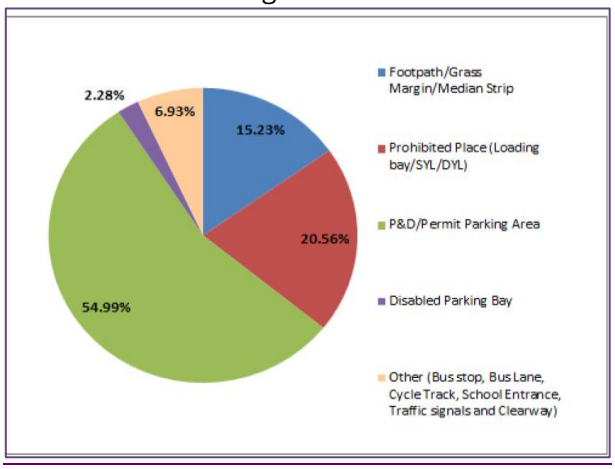
October 2025

There were a total of 1313 parking tickets issued during October 2025.

Main Ticketing Locations:

Location	Main Ticket Locations October 2025
North Street - Swords	131
Bridgefield Car Park - Malahide	111
South Strand Skerries	66
Church Road - Malahide	54
Strand Street - Skerries	54
Main Street - Swords	51
Harbour Road - Skerries	47
Drogheda Street - Balbriggan	42
Old Street - Malahide	37
The Green - Malahide	37

Breakdown of Parking Offences:



Parking Control Bye-Laws

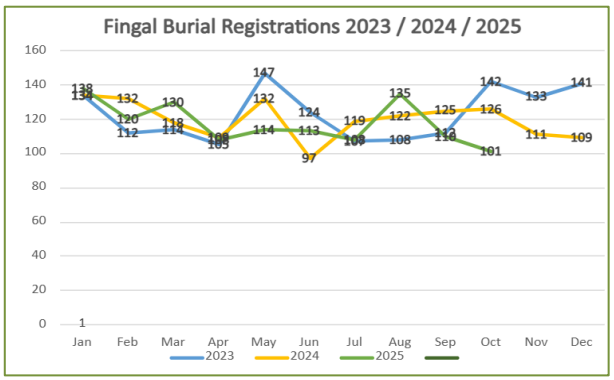
A report on the public consultation on the Draft Parking Control Bye-Laws was presented to the thee respective Area Committees in October for Noting.

The Revenue Budget for 2026 will include any additional income from the proposed increase in parking fees. The proposed fee increase will contribute to additional staff resources - 3 additional Parking Wardens, public realm improvements and operating costs at Recycling Centres.

The consultation report is scheduled to be presented at the Public Realm, Transportation/Mobility Management Strategic Policy Committee on Tuesday 9th December for recommendation to the CPG in January 2026.

Burial Ground Services

There were 101 Interments in October 2025 in Fingal Cemeteries.



Kellystown Burial Ground



This phase of cemetery development works on a greenfield site at Kellystown will provide approximately 650 grave plots, a columbarium wall for the storage of ashes, a landscaped angel garden, a small services facilities building and yard, including all associated site services and landscaping.
The works started on site in March and are expected to take up to 12 months to complete.
Currently the grave plots and paths are well advanced with buildings at early stages of construction.

Traffic Operations County-Wide

Default Speed Limits Update

Updated guidance has been issued by the Department of Transport nationally. This is currently being reviewed and will inform the next steps for the Phase 2 Speed Limit Review for Urban Areas.

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.





Howth/Malahide Area

POW 2025: Two new Bus Ramps for Red Arches Road





Below - POW 2025: Commencement of Install of 14 Standard Ramps in total for Abbey Park, Marian Park and Seagrange Road – Baldoyle.







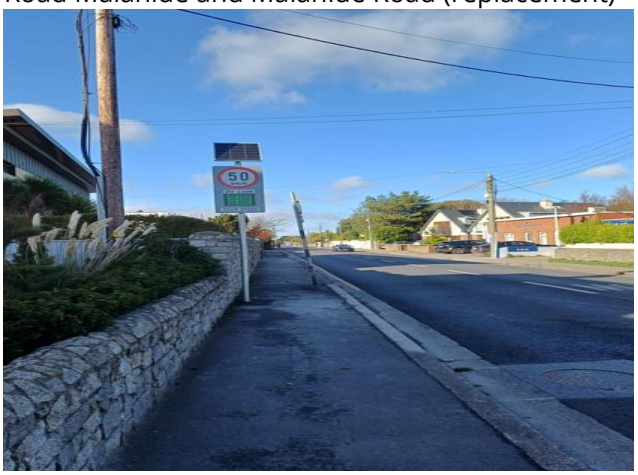
Below - New Vehicle Activated Signs (POW 2025) Two Speed readers for Warrenhouse Road - Baldoyle.



Below - Speed reader for Greenfield Road –Sutton.



Below - Other speed reader sites include Coast Road Malahide and Malahide Road (replacement)



Below - New Road warning signage for Back Road Malahide.



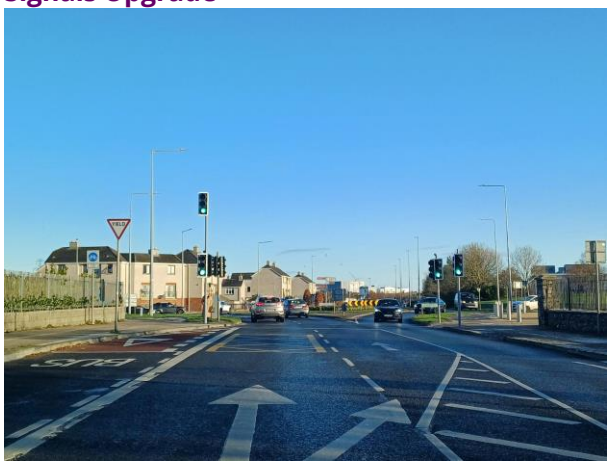
Castleknock/Mulhuddart Area

New Signals 2025 – Dublin 15



Above - New pedestrian crossing installed on the Ongar Distributor Road.

Signals Upgrade



Above - Pedestrian lights upgraded on Blanchardstown Road South.

Flashing Speed Readers



Above - Flashing Speed Reader installed on the R149.

Fleet Management & Plant Hire Unit

100 Plant Hires were put in place from 01/11/2025 to 20/11/2025, engaging 23 suppliers.

Below - New 7.5 ton diesel Mitsubishi Fuso trucks purchased for the Council



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
- Chapel Close Green / Bremore Green Pedestrian Walkway, Balbriggan
- Forrest Road, Swords – Phase 2

2025 POW Works in Progress/Ongoing:

Works on the public lighting column replacement programme have commenced.

Public Lighting Column Replacements Completed:

- Dromheath Green, Mulhuddart
- Wellview Estate, Mulhuddart
- Lohunda Estate, Coolmine (Phase 1 – Lohunda Close, Court, Crescent, Dale, Downs, Drive, Green, Grove and Road)
- Thormanby Lawns, Howth
- Lohunda Park, Coolmine (Lohunda Estate, Phase 2)

Public Lighting Column Replacements ongoing:

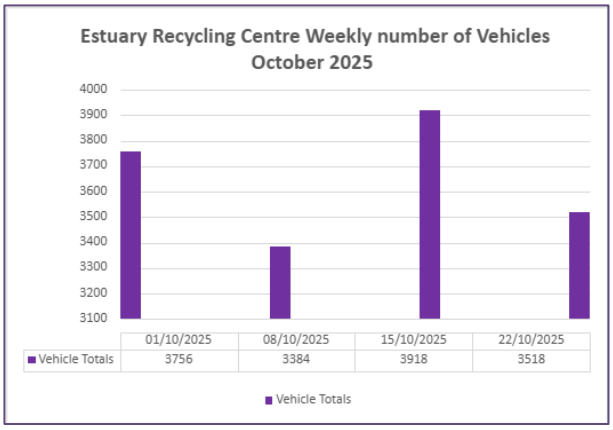
- Ashfield Estate, Mulhuddart

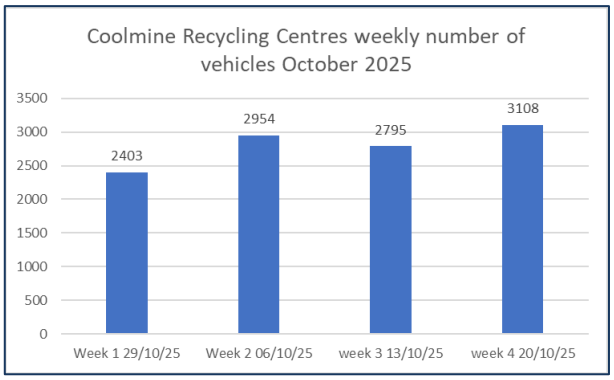
Other public lighting works completed:

- Installation of public lighting on pedestrian walkway from Riverside Court/Old Corduff Road to N3 underpass.
- New columns installed at Skerries Mills pedestrian walkway
- Installation of Christmas tree lights on 21 public realm Christmas trees

Recycling Centres Update

The Council is currently in the process of recruitment of additional Recycling Centre Operators to implement the new opening hours at Coolmine.

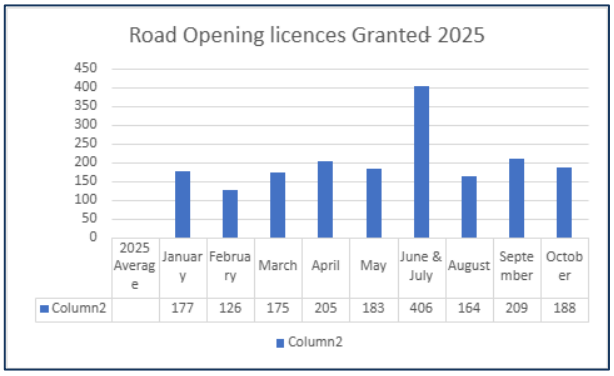


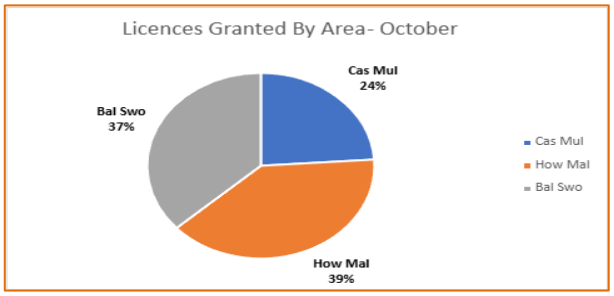


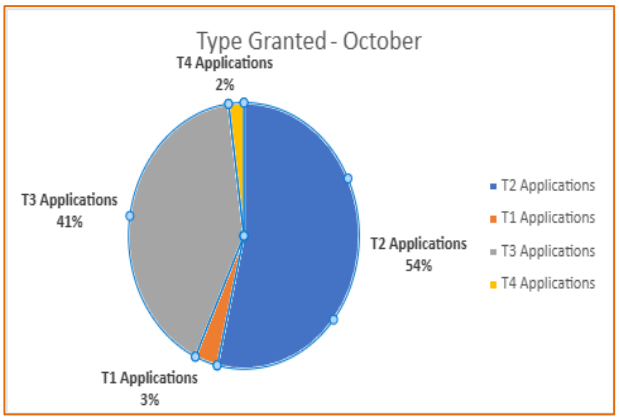
Licenses

- 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.
188 Licences were granted in the month of October**, 43% 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

The Council received a grant of €500,000 for 2026 from the NTA. A list of proposed works at 20 locations were sent to the NTA as pre-approval was required prior to works commencing. In September 2025 the Council received approval totalling €300,000 to proceed with 13 bus stop works. This has been allocated between the 4 operational areas of Howth/Malahide, Dublin 15, Swords and Balbriggan.

➢ Howth Malahide Area

There are four existing bus stops approved for bus enhancements. These are in Malahide at James's Terrace and Church Road. The other location is in Howth on Thormanby Road adjacent to the Howth Summit. The locations have been approved by the NTA. Works are currently out to tender and subject to a successful competition a contractor will be appointed to carry out the enhancement works before the end of the year.

➢ Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area

There are two bus stops approved for enhancements on the R127 Skerries Road in Balbriggan. The upgrade includes the installation of new seating, and these works will be undertaken by direct labour. Works are due to start in December and completion is anticipated before year end.

➢ Castleknock/Mulhuddart Area

There are five bus stop enhancement projects which have received grant approval by the NTA in the Castleknock/Mulhuddart area. These are located on the Ratoath Road (L3080), two on the R122 close to the National Reception Centre, Westmanstown Road, and two on the Westmanstown Road near the Westmanstown Care Centre. Tenders were issued, received and reviewed and a tender report has been issued to the NTA for approval. It is envisioned that the works will commence before the year end.

Grass Pitch Applications 2025/26

Fingal County Council have completed the grass pitch allocation process for the 2025/2026 playing season. In total the Council has received a total of 74 applications throughout the administrative area.
All 74 clubs have paid in full.
We are currently running on close to full capacity for grass pitches throughout the county.
Applications and pitch maps can be found on the Fingal County Council website / Grass Pitch Applications.

Casual Trading License

Fingal County Council has a total of 47 valid Casual Trading Licences for the 2025/26 trading season covering trading of hot food, tea and coffee, ice cream and flowers.
All 47 traders are fully licenced for the 2025/26 trading season. We are currently processing 4 additional applications. The Operations Department is in regular communication with our traders and area inspections continue to be carried out to ensure compliance and assist in delivery of quality service.
Once the 4 additional applications are processed, we will have a total of 51 Casual Traders operating in the Fingal administrative area, the highest number to date.

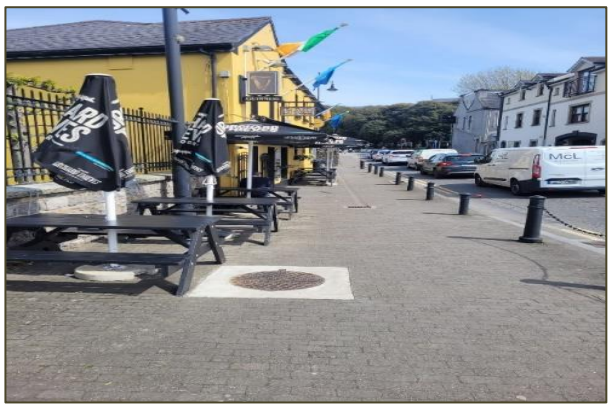


Pilot Scheme Beach Mobile Saunas

Fingal County Council has extended the Mobile Sauna Pilot Scheme to operate from the 1st of October 2025 to the 31st of March 2026 under the off-peak seasonal license.
We now have a total of 3 mobile sauna trading units operating at different locations throughout the county.
Seasonal licences have been issued under the Casual Trading Bye-Laws 2021.

Street Furniture Licences

A total of 32 Street Furniture Licences have been issued in 2025.
All 32 business have paid their licence fee and 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 4 applications which we are currently processing, and provisional inspections are being carried out.



Harbours

Skerries Harbour:

The outer pier (constructed in the 1960s) has surpassed its engineering design life and is in a progressive state of collapse. Accordingly, this section of pier was closed and declared off-limits to all during Summer 2025.

Design studies and a preliminary design to encapsulate the existing pier and construct a new, larger pier around it were completed in 2024. Planning Approval for the proposal was granted by An Bord Pleanála on 4th September 2024.

The Council submitted an application for Foreshore Licences to the Department of Agriculture, Food & Marine (DAFM) in December 2024. Two such licences were applied for:- **(a)** to undertake boreholes in the seabed so as to inform the engineering design of the foundations required for the new pier. This would allow the engineering design to be completed, and tenders issued to the market to procure contractors for the construction of the new pier, AND **(b)** a licence to carry out the construction of the new pier itself. These licences are being progressed by DAFM but may take up to 18 months meaning it could be 2027/8 before construction of the new pier can commence.

During 2025 and while awaiting licences from DAFM, extensive regular inspections and monitoring of the pier have been on-going. It has been observed that the rate of deterioration has been rapidly accelerating over the course of the year with evidence of increased loss of material from within the pier creating a number of cavities (*some of which are the size of a small car*) which increases the risk of a sudden collapse of the pier.





Tender documents have been completed and a contractor is to be engaged in the coming months to fill the cavities with concrete in an effort to stem the rate of loss of material from within the pier and to slow down the rate of collapse of the pier pending the grant of licences from DAFM and the construction of the new pier. It is important to be aware that this work cannot render the pier safe and fit for use. Funding is provided in the Capital Budget for these works.

Balbriggan Harbour:

It is the intention of the Operations Department to carry out maintenance dredging of Balbriggan Harbour so as to improve navigation and berthing facilities within. Approximately, on average, 1m+ depth of sediment is to be removed from throughout the harbour basin. Tender documents are nearing completion for the procurement of a suitable contractor.

The Exempted Development Planning Application, to carry out the maintenance dredging was lodged with the Council's Planning Department in accordance with Section 5 of the Planning and Development Act 200 and the decision is currently under review and appeal process.

An application is also being prepared for submission to the Maritime Area Regulatory Authority (MARA) for Marine Usage Licence (MUL) which is necessary before maintenance dredging can be carried out. A necessary part of the application to MARA will be the determination from the Council's Planning Department as to whether maintenance dredging can be deemed to be planning exempt. As with the DAFM process, it has been indicated that the MARA application process can take two years or more.





Photos show previous maintenance dredging undertaken in 1996.

Loughshinny Harbour:

The Operations Department also proposes to dredge a channel alongside the pier in Loughshinny, again to improve navigation and berthing facilities. Ayesa Consulting Engineers were appointed during the summer of 2025 to undertake the necessary surveys, nature assessment, design etc. The process, which is similar to that for the Balbriggan dredging, is still at a very early stage and again a MARA licence will be required. A conservative timeframe for when dredging could take place is 2027/8.



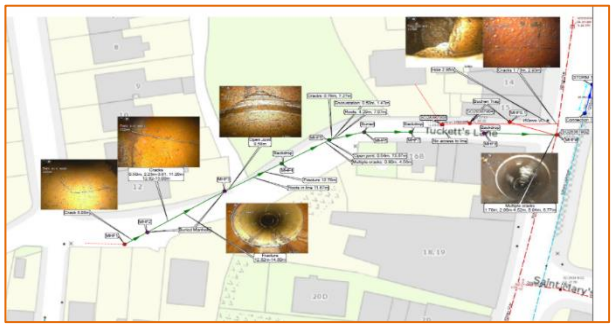
Surface Water

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). A final set of design drawings have been prepared to lay a new surface water pipe on Tuckett's Lane with works planning to commence in January 2026, a road closure is being progressed to complete this work. On Work package A the preliminary design is complete with the preferred option to lay a new 1200mm SW pipe on Main Street and Harbour Road to replace the existing defective sections of culvert. Further GPR surveys and site investigations Works are required to inform the detailed design.





Above - Tuckett's Lane, Howth

Lusk Network Remedial Works:

A works schedule has been developed to carry out additional pipeline repairs between Post Office Road and Chapel Road to complete Phase 3 of the above project. The site works are scheduled to start in February 2026.

Church Road, Howth Stormwater Network Repairs

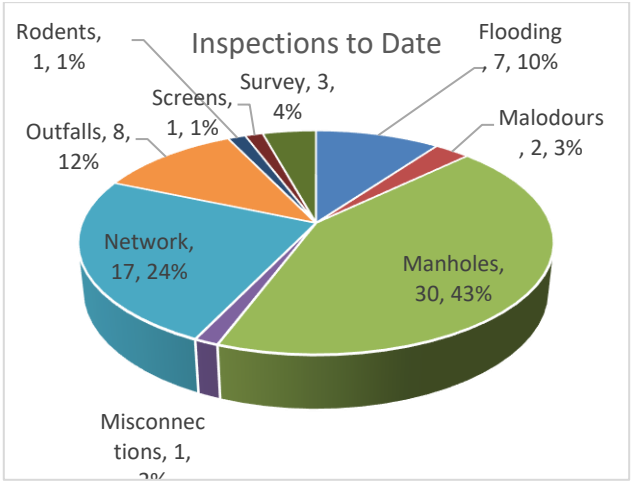
Following investigation works network improvements were identified for the Church Street, Dunbo Hill and R105 areas of Howth. Works commenced on site in November under a road closure. Project completion is estimated to take 6 weeks. To date 30m of pipeline has been installed, 2 gullies and 2 manholes have been repaired and re-benched.



Above - Church Street

Storm Water Maintenance

The types and volumes of issues reported are shown in the chart.



Storm Water Connections:

To date 18 Stormwater Connection Applications have been processed in 2025.

Networks

Swords

Survey works in the Hilltown, Forrest Avenue, Rathingle Road, Cherry Garth and Rivervalley Lawns estates were completed in July. The completed reports were broken down into a number of work packages. A contractor is being procured for the specialised lining works with the remaining works to be completed by Direct Labour, planned to start in December 2025



Rivervalley

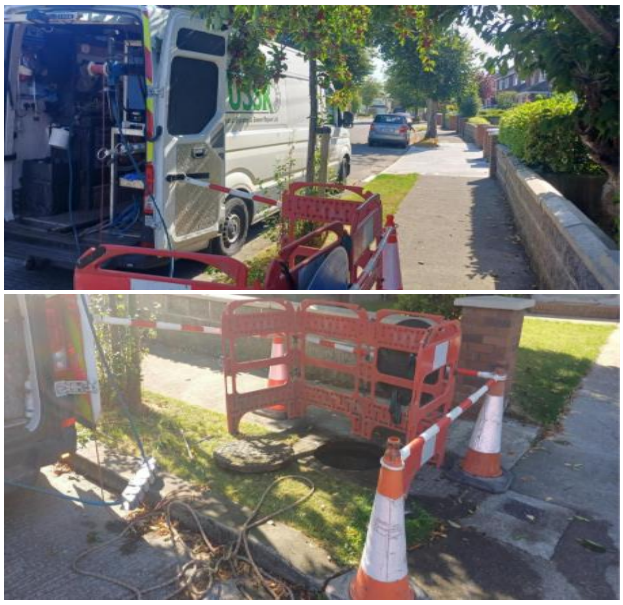
Santry

Northwood Avenue

Several defects were identified from a survey on the Stormwater line that runs along the R132. This survey report has been separated out into works packages. A tender process will commence in January 2026 to procure specialised Contractors to carry out repair works.

Malahide/Portmarnock

Chalfont Estate invasive repair work was completed in late May. 25 UV CIPP Liners were installed by a specialized contractor in late August. The Project is now complete except for a 3rd party utility intrusion to be removed by them.



Above - Chalfont

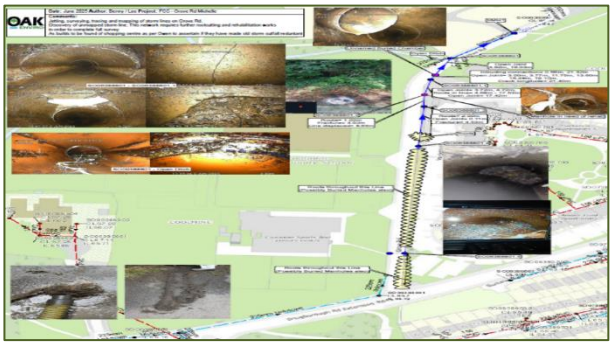
Dublin 15

Surveys were carried out in Mount Symon, D15. A possible Foul to Storm misconnection has been identified with large volumes of Stone, Silt and roots identified in the lines. Remedial works will require additional dye testing, surveys and the installation of a UV CIPP liner to repair defects if required. The work has been assigned to a specialised contractor and a start date is to be agreed.



Above - Mount Symon

CCTV surveys were carried out in the Grove Road area of Blanchardstown during August. A number of issues were identified within these lines. Remedial work will require the raising of buried manholes, additional jetting, root cutting and the installation of liner repairs on 100m of pipeline from January 2026.



Above - Grove Road

Howth

CCTV survey along Seaview Terrace have identified capacity issues with the lines. This is due to downsizing of pipes as the network passes through the estate. Some manholes have been covered over and others inaccessible. 30m of this network will be replaced by Direct Labour.



Seaview Terrace, Howth.

Baldoyle

Following a request for a connection to the network in Abbey Park during suitability investigations a large buildup of silt was discovered within the lines in the estate and a number of other defects. Jetting and CCTV camera work is ongoing.



Above - Abbey Park, Baldoyle

Balrothery

Following reports of surcharging water in the footway on Coach Rd a CCTV survey was carried out and determined that the pipeline had collapsed and is full of debris. The damaged pipe has been replaced, and the area has been reinstated.

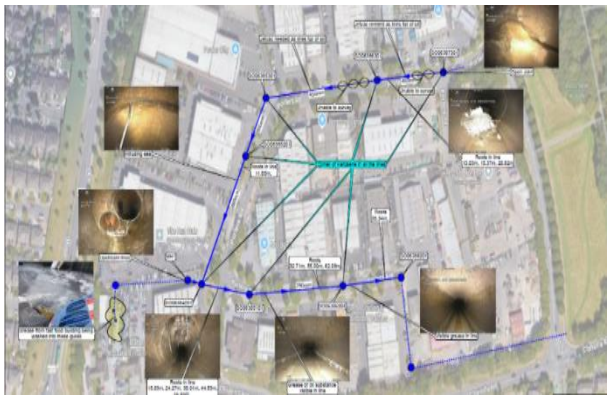




Above - Coach Road, Balrothery

Surface Water Pollution

Investigations are ongoing in conjunction with the FCC pollution section to determine the source of a pollutant intermittently making its way into the Tolka River via a Stormwater Outfall. CCTV survey and extensive dye testing of the surrounding network has taken place and investigations are ongoing.



Above - Coolmine Industrial Estate





Above - Survey in Coolmine

Ironworks

Stormwater manhole cover and frame replacement is ongoing countywide. Manhole cover and frame replacements were carried along Main St. Howth and in the Chalfont estate in Malahide.

Underground Stormwater storage Assets

Continuing Identification and recording of underground storm water management assets county wide.

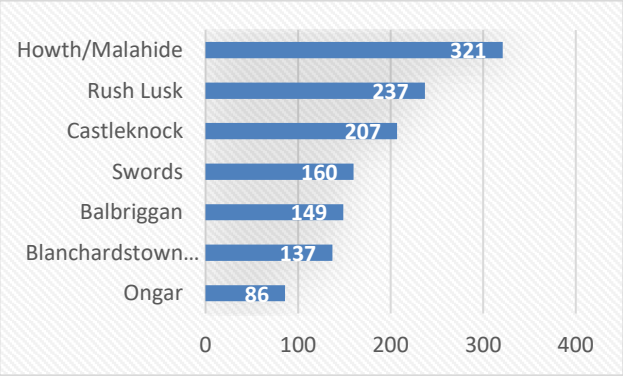
PLANNING AND STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE (PSI)

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Planning Applications

Between 1st January and 31st October 2025, a total of 1,325 planning applications were received, including 1,005 electronic applications via the national portal. Of these, 309 applications were deemed invalid, resulting in 1,016 valid applications. The accompanying bar chart illustrates the distribution of applications across various areas.



During the same period, 14 Large-scale Residential Development applications were submitted to the Local Authority, with 10 decisions issued on LRD applications.

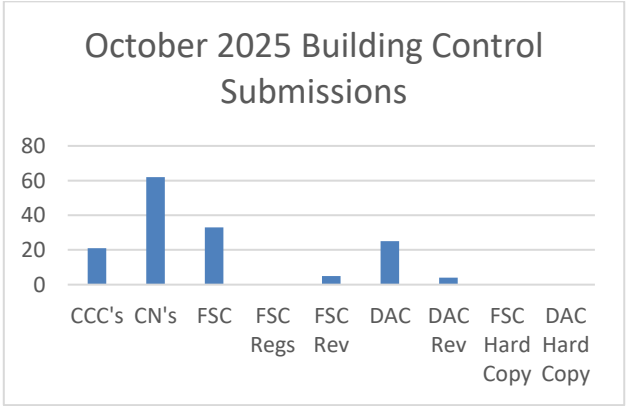
Additionally, An Coimisiún Pleanála has not issued any decisions on Strategic Housing Development applications during this period.

Planning Decisions

Between 1st January and 31st October 2025, a total of 1,207 planning decisions were issued. This includes 920 decisions to grant permission and 244 refusals of permission.

Building Control Admin

In October 2025, there were 151 building control submissions made via BCMS.
This was made up of 62 Commencement notices, 21 Compliance of Completion Certificates, 38 Fire Safety related Certificates, 29 Disability Access related Certificates and one dispensation/ relaxation.
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 180 decisions in October 2025 relating to Fire Safety and Disability Access Certificates. This was made up of 78 decisions to grant, 100 extensions of time, 1 refusal and 1 invalid.



Parks & GI Division

Bremore Regional Park



Skerries Town Park – Sports Pitch Upgrade



Works are currently out to tender with closing date in mid-December

Rathmore Recreational Hub



Tender Pack in preparation with plan to advertise in early 2026

Ballymastone Recreational Hub Phases 1, 2, and 3



Phase 1 completed. It is planned to award contract for phases 2 and 3 in December

Ward River Regional Park – Development Project



Work Progressing on preparation of park Development Plan for submission to An Coimisiun Pleanala in 2026. Works ongoing on Brackenstown Walled Garden Restoration.

Naul Village Park



Site works ongoing for completion in Q3 2026

Broomfield Sports Hub Malahide – Pitch Upgrade Works



The upgrade of 3 pitches are ongoing for completion in Q1 2026

Racecourse Park Baldoyle – Development Project



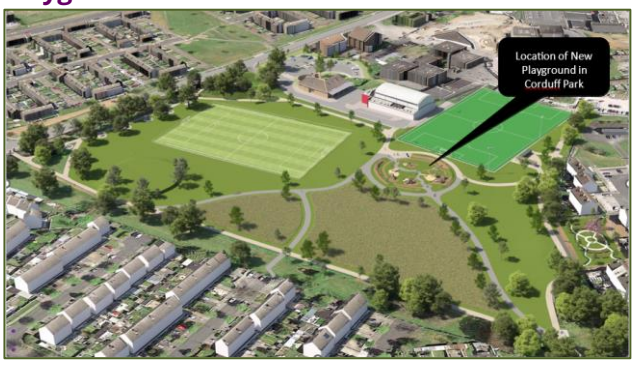
New Car Park complete. Further works on the development of the park will be procured in Q1 2026

Meakstown Community Garden – Lanesborough Park



Community Garden now complete and in use by the local community. Adjoining toddler playground nearing completion. Winner of the Chambers Ireland *Supporting Sustainable Communities Award* 2025.

Conduff Park Improvements including New Playground



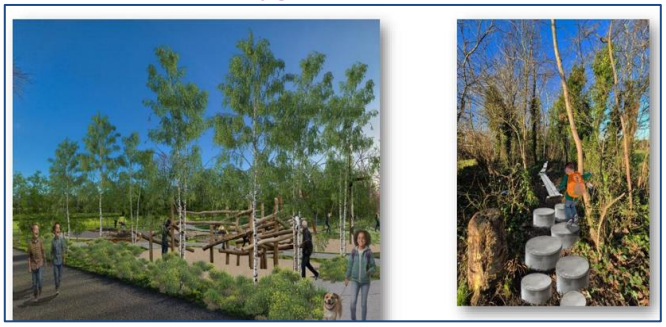
Contractor has been appointed for Park works, Playground including All-weather facilities. Work to commence mid-January 2026

Laurel Lodge Playground Castleknock



The playground contractor is on on-site, works to run from Oct 25 to Dec 25. Opening January 2026

Hartstown Park Playground D15





Parts 8 Approval completed. Procurement of works in early 2026

Portrane Play Space



Part 8 Planning Approval is planned for Q1 2026

Portrane Coastal Defence Works



Planning Application in respect of works to An Coimisiun Pleanala will be submitted in the coming weeks.

Built Environment Division



Building Control

- 11 building control inspections were carried out in November 2025 so far, covering 26 Buildings.
- There was 3 no. Section 11 request for further information issued during the month of November 2025.

Taking in Charge

There was 1 estate taken in charge in November 2025

- Greys lane Howth

And 3 estates up for taking in charge in December 2025 meeting

- Foothpath outside the Clonross development in Dublin 15.
- St. Marnock Bay Portmarnock.
- Kinsealy Woods Kinsealy.

We are also taking 2 roads into maintenance in December

- Castlemills Link Road in Balbriggan.
- Donabate Distributor Road phase 1 in Donabate.

There are 48 developments with formal Taking in Charge requests, and an additional 327 developments recorded in our system.

We have appointed O'Connor Sutton Cronin as our 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. The consultants are currently gathering background information on this scheme

Dangerous Structures

- There were no dangerous structures reported in November 2025.
- A total of 106 dangerous structures remains active in our database.

Pictures

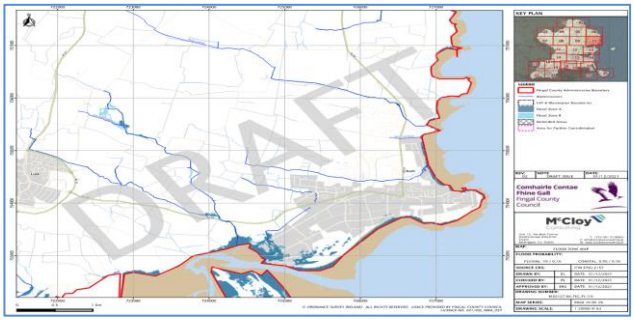


Checking Gaurding in front of a low window on a development in Donabate



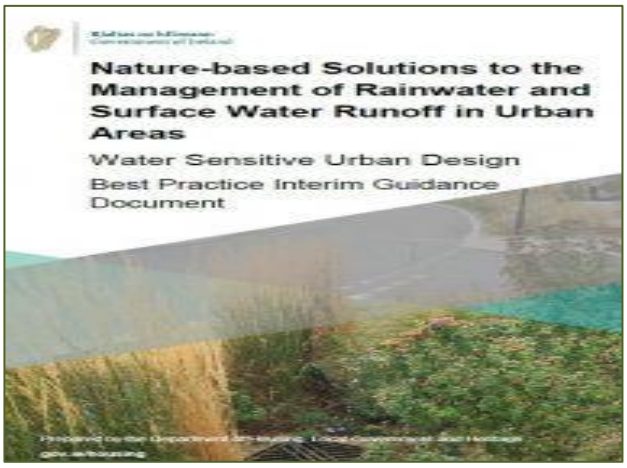
Checking ceiling joist and party wall on a development in Dublin 15

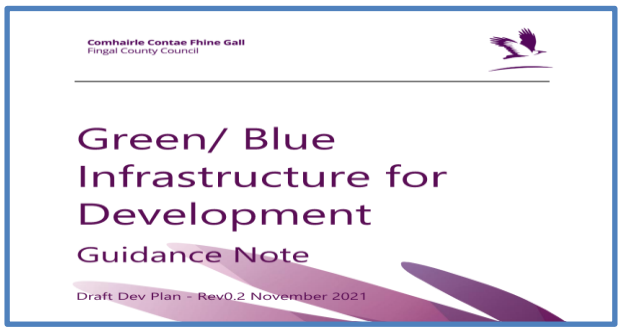
Flood Risk Assessments/ Drainage Strategies



A new document "Nature-based Solutions to the Management of Rainwater and Surface Water Runoff in Urban Areas - Water Sensitive Urban Design - Best Practice Interim Guidance Document" has been issued by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. It is intended as a high-level best practice interim guidance document for all those whose work impacts on the urban environment, for urban planners and all built environment professionals involved in the planning process such as engineers, architects and landscape architects and shows how to move towards a more systematic and sustainable approach to urban planning and design that seeks to mimic the natural water balance of rural areas through "water sensitive urban design".

Sustainable Drainage System (SuDS) – The Fingal SuDS guidance document (Green/Blue Infrastructure for Development) has been reviewed to include changes in technical standards. This document along with the SFRA documents have been incorporated into the new development plan.





Incorporating Sustainable Drainage Systems in Residential Developments



The GDSDS has outlined SuDS as a sustainable way to manage surface water as we prepare to meet the challenges of climate change. This example of Millers Glen in Swords, shows an example of surface water being held onsite, providing treatment via appropriate planting, and then discharging at greenfield runoff rate. This is a move away from the traditional method of collecting all surface water via piped systems which can often no longer manage the intense rainfall`s being experienced.

Domestic SuDS Guide

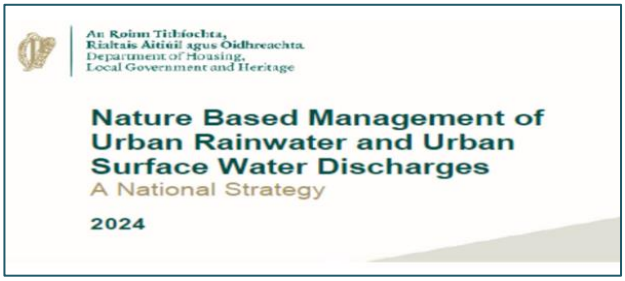
McCloys Consulting Engineers were appointed to produce a Domestic SuDS Guide for FCC. This was completed in Q3 2024, the guide is available on Fingal`s website along with a short presentation video.

Green Blue Roofs Guidance Document

McCloys Consulting Engineers have been appointed to produce a Green Blue Roofs Guidance Document for FCC. This was awarded in Q3 2024 and was completed in Q3 2025.A short promotional video is expected in Q4 2025.

National Guidance

The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage has issued "Nature Based Management of Urban Rainwater and Urban Surface Water Discharges A National Strategy" in May 2024.



Transportation Planning

PSI 001 Snugborough Interchange upgrade

The contractor is continuing to carry out snagging at the interchange.

PSI 002 Ongar Barnhill Road

Bam Civil Ltd. constructed most of the new bridge over the railway line during 2024. Road surfacing, signage, road marking and water infrastructure is being completed. ESB Networks have installed cabling and associated equipment to enable power for the public lighting and traffic signals. Recently laid watermains are to be connected into the Uisce Eireann network over the coming weeks. There will be temporary traffic management on the R149 in Q4 at the junction with Barberstown Lane South while the new junction is being formed. Traffic was diverted onto the new Barberstown Lane South during November. The overall scheme is expected to be completed in Q4 2025 or Q1 2026. Updates for the scheme will be posted on www.fingal.ie/ongar-barnhill



PSI-039 – R132 Connectivity Project



Project summary
The Tender Pack was finalized along with the contract procurement documents and NTA gateway approval was granted. The project is currently out to tender as part of the Stage 2 of the tender process for the construction phase.

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 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.

A briefing for Councillors will be provided in the coming weeks on the phasing and traffic management for the project.

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. Snagging is almost complete. The permanent commemorative plaque has been installed at the civic space beside the public car park at the Dublin Roundabout.

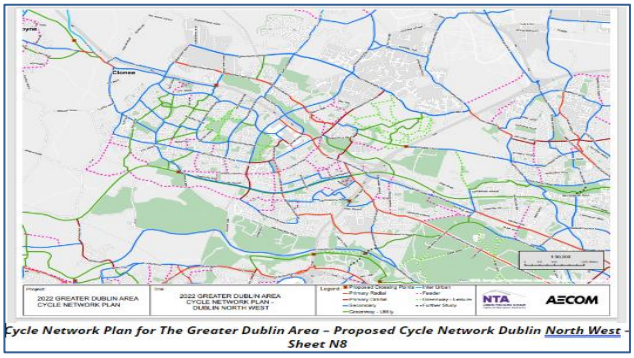


Comparison Photos of before and after Harry Reynolds Road Pedestrian and Cyclist Route Project



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.



Cycle Network Plan for The Greater Dublin Area – Proposed Cycle Network Dublin North West - Sheet N8

RPS Engineers Consulting Ltd was appointed Fingal County Council Consultants for the Framework for Dublin 15 Walking and Cycling Projects.

PSI 063 – Pedestrian & Cycling Scheme at Granard Bridge

The first contract as part of this framework will be to undertake phases 2 to 4 for a new Pedestrian and Cycling Bridge at Granard Bridge Castleknock Road which will cross the Dublin Maynooth railway and Royal Canal, parallel to the existing road bridges over the canal and railway, with access for pedestrians and cyclists only. This will form an integral part of the walking and cycling route for Blanchardstown to Phoenix Park which is a proposed route in the NTA's Greater Dublin Area Cycle Network Plan. This will also improve pedestrian and cycle safely at Granard Bridge and further promote the use of more sustainable travel patterns, in line with Government Policy and the cycle network plan for the greater Dublin area.

Meetings and Reports

Monthly meetings 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. Regular meetings are continued to be held with Irish Rail / Dart+ West team and Waterways Ireland to discuss the projects and ensure that the design and planning proposals are well-integrated. A non-statutory public consultation meeting will take place in October. Prior to this, a briefing meeting was held with the councillors of the Dublin 15 area to present the project and facilitate an open discussion. 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-statutory 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

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.

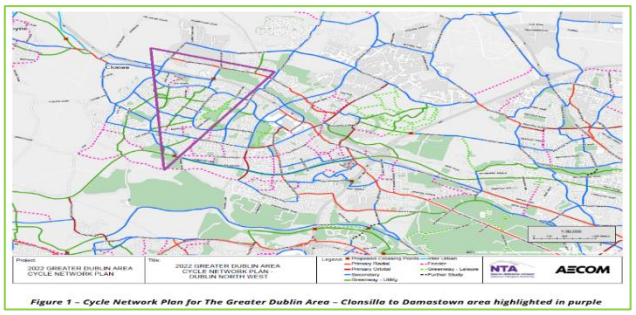


Figure 1 – Cycle Network Plan for The Greater Dublin Area – Clonsilla to Damastown area highlighted in purple

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 Coimisiún Pleanála. Fingal County Council received consent from Irish Rail in July 2025 to proceed with making an application their Lands to An Coimisiún Pleanála.
Waterways Ireland informed Fingal County Council in September that they will issue a letter of support for Fingal County Council to make an application to An Coimisiún Pleanála for the project on their lands.
Alterations to the preliminary design from Hansfields to KCC Boundary on widths was agreed following further discussion with Waterways Ireland in September.
The project is currently at preliminary design stage, and following further discussion with Waterways Ireland throughout 2025 the project team reached agreement with Waterways Ireland on the design for the Greenway widths and level in the area between the Kildare border and Collins Bridge in September 2025.

This now requires a body of work to be undertaken to update the EIAR, RSA & EAA, Prelim Business Case, photomontages and do more up to date habitat and ecology surveys which is now been undertaken.

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 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 Traffic Survey has been completed. The Options Report has been received and is under review. The Council continues to liaise with the Key Stakeholders. Discussions are progressing well.





S2M Pedestrian and Cycle Scheme –

The preliminary design drawings have largely been completed. The Phase 3, Preliminary Design Phase, gateway documents have been completed and will be submitted to the NTA for review.

Detailed preliminary design drawings for pavements, utilities, drainage, traffic junction layouts, Landscape Plans, Public Lighting pole locations and lining drawings have been received 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 Promenade, 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.

Documents are being prepared for a planning application to An Coimisiún Pleanála. This includes preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement, Natura Impact Statement and Compulsory Purchase Order documentation. Initial draft chapters for the EIAR have been received and are under review. NIS and CPO documentation id currently being prepared.

Engagement with potentially impacted property owners, businesses and stakeholders is ongoing. The project team has begun to contact affected landowners to discuss the compulsory purchase order process and the scheme and land acquisition requirements. Remaining affected landowners will be contacted in the coming weeks.

Updated drawings will be supplied to landowners during these discussions, which outline the land requirements and show the scheme design at their property. Meetings have been held with Uisce Éireann 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 for CPO.



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. Enabling Works to facilitate site clearance and archaeological investigations will be progressed in advance of the Main Works Contract. An application for ministerial consent for the works has been approved to National Monuments Service. A method statement for the archaeological investigations will be agreed prior to the enabling works advancing. A briefing for Councillors on traffic management requirements for the project will be provided in the coming weeks.

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.

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.

Following a non-statutory public consultation in January 2025, the options report and the preferred route drawings were published on the Fingal website in September 2025. The Kinsealy to Portmarnock part of the project is now progressing to Phase 3 (Preliminary Design & Environmental Screening) with a view to preparing a planning application.

The Malahide to Kinsealy part of the project will be brought forward later.



Artist visual of the greenway from Kinsealy to Portmarnock



Artist visual of the proposed upgrades to Station Road

PSI-009 Fingal Coastal Way

The Fingal Coastal Way is a proposed coastal greenway linking Donabate with Balbriggan via the coastal towns of Rush, Loughshinny and Skerries. The scheme is being developed in conjunction with Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) and forms part of TII's proposed National Cycle Network (NCN). The scheme is a long-standing objective of Fingal County Council and is reflected in the current development plan, which outlines numerous policies and objectives to plan and develop a route that integrates a coastal pedestrian and cycle route with sensitive natural and built heritage sites whilst achieving a balance between conservation of such sites and public uses such as leisure, recreation and tourism. This scheme is also identified within the Greater Dublin Area Cycle Network Plan and furthermore aligns with the objectives of the "Strategy for the Future Development of National and Regional Greenways" published by the Department of Transport.

Upon completion of the Emerging Preferred Route, non-statutory public consultations and further consultations with landowners and other stakeholders, the proposed overall strategy for the scheme has been updated along with a revised Emerging Preferred Route. These revisions reflect the need to balance landowner and stakeholder concerns with the overall progression of the scheme and to take account of interactions with various other proposed projects being developed by Fingal County Council. In summary the proposed changes include the Fingal Coastal Way to pe progressed in multiple stages with multiple planning applications:

- The routes through the towns of Donabate, Rush and Skerries will be delivered as part of overall town wide active travel network plans separately being developed by Fingal County Council's Active Travel Team and will be subject to their own planning applications.
- The Fingal Coastal Way routes between these towns will be delivered by the Planning and Infrastructure department in three separate planning applications:

- Section 1: Skerries to Balbriggan
- Section 2: Donabate to Rush
- Section 3: Rush to Skerries

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

PSI-007 Rush to Lusk Walking & Cycling Route

The aim of this scheme is to deliver a high quality, safe and attractive pedestrian and cycle network of approximately 3km between the towns of Rush and Lusk and to improve connectivity to the local Rush/Lusk train station and to several schools and tourist attractions in the area. The anticipated primary user groups for the network will be local commuters and school children walking and cycling between Lusk and Rush and the train station.

RPS Consulting Engineers 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.

Broadmeadow Way Greenway

Progress on the detailed design phases of the other elements of this project is continuing. Engagement with Irish Rail and with the National Transport Authority is ongoing for the causeway works.

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. 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 2026 and 2027.
- 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

PSI-026 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 imminently.

PSI-027 Donabate Pedestrian and Cycle Bridge

Work on the Donabate Pedestrian Bridge has been completed. The bridge was officially opened to the public on 10th October 2025. Works are underway to address and are expected to be completed in the coming weeks.



Image of the Donabate Pedestrian Bridge being officially opened by the Mayor of Fingal County Council, Councillor Tom O'Leary, accompanied by Andrew Bagnall from the National Transport Authority, AnnMarie Farrelly, Chief Executive of Fingal County Council, and Linda Lally, Senior Engineer in Transportation Planning.



Image of the Donabate Pedestrian Bridge after completion of FCC construction works (August 2025)

PSI-042 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 option has been determined for the second phase of the Donabate Distributor Road. Details of the scheme went on public display in the Donabate-Portrane Community Centre and were available to view online on the Fingal County Council consultation portal. A public information evening was held in the Shoreline Hotel in Donabate on Wednesday 22nd October 2025 to allow members of the public to meet the project team and ask any questions on the emerging preferred route option for Phase 2 of the Donabate Distributor Road.



Images of the public information evening (Oct. 2025)

This round of public consultation concluded on Friday 7th November 2025. The project team are currently assessing the feedback received from the public during the consultation period. Preliminary design for Phase 2 of the Donabate Distributor Road is expected to follow on in 2026. The emerging preferred option for Blakes Cross is expected to be determined in early 2026.
Tender submissions have been received for the appointment of a consultant to progress the next phases of the project. 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-071 Golf Links Road Upgrade

Fingal County Council has appointed Egis Engineering Ireland Ltd., to assist the Council in developing proposals for upgrading Golf Links Road in Portmarnock. Proposals will include facilities for people walking and cycling along Golf Links Road and will also include measures to improve the junction with Strand Road at one end of the road as well as the beach car park at the other end of the road.

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 Q1 2026.

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 proposed improvement works involve vegetation stripping, bridge parapet works, fencing works, bollard and kerb installation, surfacing to the bridge deck and footpath works. This will become a shared two-way footpath/cycleway.

The works commenced on 17th November 2025 and are expected to be completed by 12th of December 2025.



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Link to Affordable Housing landing page can be found here.

Affordable & Cost Rental Developments that are currently in progress.

Ballisk Park, Donabate	Sale Agreed	112/112 Homes
Baile na Móna, Swords	Assessment of Applications Ongoing	58/151 Homes Sale Agreed
Church Fields (Phase 2)	Assessment of Applications Ongoing	28/110 Homes Sale Agreed
Conrath Hill	Sale Agreed	6/6 Homes Sale agreed
Church Fields Cost Rental	Assessments of application are on-going	80 Homes
Balmoston (Phase 2)	Portal Closed Assessments commencing	73 Homes
Priory Fields, Hacketstown-Skerries	Application Portal Launch January 2026	36 Homes

For anyone interested in making an application for an affordable home it is important that they have all required all documents ready to upload in PDF **before** submitting an application on the portal to have the best chance possible in being successful.

The eligibility criteria can be viewed on www.fingal.ie/affordablehousing

Affordable Housing and Cost Rental Overview 2025



In 2025, the Affordable Housing Team made significant progress in delivering new Affordable homes and expanding housing options across Fingal.

The Teams efforts focused on promoting Affordable Housing as a housing option for First Time buyers, Fresh Start applicants and families who need to right size to meet the needs of their families and providing ongoing support, advice and guidance to Affordable Housing purchasers assisting them through the Affordable housing process. The team also provided cost rental opportunities in partnership with our managing agency Occu living Ltd.

Key Achievements

1. New Affordable Developments

Successfully launched five new affordable housing developments and two re-launch developments, adding 452 new affordable homes to Fingal's housing market.

2. Sales Completions

In partnership with our Assessment Developers and Legal teams the team closed sales on 446 new homes, enabling families, couples, and individuals to move into their new homes.

3. Church Fields Cost Rental

In collaboration with our managing agency Occu Living Ltd, the team launched applications for 80 cost rental apartments, at Church Fields, Dublin 15 providing an additional affordable rental option for residents.

Looking forward to 2026 -2030

The team has a strong pipeline of affordable housing sales planned for 2026–2030, ensuring continued delivery of homes to meet demand, with Affordable developments planned for Skerries, Balbriggan, Swords, Donabate.

The team will continue to update the Affordable Housing webpage with all information the developments pre-launch date, keeping the public informed and engaged with upcoming opportunities.

www.fingal.ie/affordablehousing

Chambers Ireland Local Government Awards

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AWARDS 2025
SHORTLISTED

In recognition of the dedicated hard work and commitment the Affordable Housing team has to promoting Affordable Housing as a viable housing for First Time Buyers, Fresh Start applicants and families needing to right size their home to meet their needs, the Affordable Housing Team have been shortlisted at the Chambers Ireland Local Government Awards 2025 under the communications category.

Balmoston (Phase 2) Affordable Development



The Affordable Housing team in partnership with Glenveagh homes are delighted to bring 73 new build Affordable 2 & 3 bedroom homes to Fingal's housing market.

The application portal closed at 5 p.m. on Wednesday 26th November 2025. 563 applications have been received and the assessment process is now underway. Applicants will receive regular updates regarding application status.

Affordable housing Conference

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

On 26th November 2025 the Affordable Housing team attended the DLHGH Affordable Housing Conference where key priorities in the new housing plan for government such as building communities, the provision of good quality Affordable secure homes and strengthening partnerships with all Housing partners to ensure delivery success, where discussed.

Aoife Lawler, SEO Housing Delivery, spoke to the room of Affordable Housing Practitioners about how local authorities process have adapted due to affordable housing delivery and the b authorities' processes have adapted due to affordable housing delivery, and about additional knowledge and skills needed to be effective in this area. She also spoke about the key learning that Fingal have gained through the experience of delivering almost 1000 affordable homes across Fingal.

Social Housing Delivery

Part V, Social Turnkey & CALF Programme

The delivery of new homes has continued steadily, supported by a range of delivery mechanisms. Many of these homes are expected to be ready by the end of the year, helping to meet local housing needs.

47 apartments delivered in partnership with Tuath Housing Association through the CALF Scheme at Whitehaven, Northwood, Santry, Dublin 9. Another 47 due to complete in Q1 2026.



17 homes delivered in St. Marnocks Bay, Portmarnock via Part V Delivery





Construction Programme

Summary of delivery of social unit numbers in the pipeline	Units
Under Construction	566
Schemes with Planning Approval and Tender Stage	110
Planning and Design	179
Part V	1,075
TOTAL	**1,930**

Scheme Update since last month (Further detailed information available in Appendix 4)

Planning Consultation

Fortlawn, Blanchardstown

Fingal County Council has initiated the Part 8 public consultation for a proposed housing development at Fortlawn Avenue and Fortlawn Park, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15 **(PARTXI-009-25)**, aimed at addressing residents' concerns about anti-social behaviour and increasing housing availability in the community. Fingal County Council has assured existing residents that they will not be removed or transferred without their consent.

This scheme has been developed to comply with the current planning and funding guidelines and the County Development Plan.

Residents and other stakeholders are invited to submit their opinions on the proposals through the Fingal County Council Consultation Portal https://consult.fingal.ie

The portal will be open for four weeks until Wednesday, 10th December 2025 and the deadline for receipt of submissions and observations is Monday, 5th January 2026.

Schemes on Site

Seatown Road, Swords

Works for the delivery of 36 social homes at Seatown Road, Swords continue on site and are 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 are constructing 175 new homes comprising of 123 houses and 52 apartments 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, being constructed by Gem Construction on behalf of Fingal County Council. The development will deliver 40 social, 180 affordable and 80 cost rental new homes in this phase. The first 37 new social homes have been delivered.



Church Fields 3B, Dublin 15

Works are progressing on the mixed tenure scheme at Church Fields 3B, being constructed by Gem Construction on behalf of Fingal County Council which will see the delivery of a further 217 homes in Church Fields, comprising of 121 houses and 96 apartments. As a mixed tenure development, 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, being constructed by Glenveagh on behalf of Fingal County Council which will deliver 87 social and 86 affordable new homes. The first 33 new social homes have been delivered.



Baile na Móna Phase 1, Mooretown, Swords

Construction work is progressing on the delivery of 274 new homes on Phase 1 of Baile na Móna, Mooretown, Swords. Glenveagh are constructing the new homes on behalf of Fingal County Council. 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 well on the delivery of 57 new social homes at Holywell, Swords. Planning for this development of 1, 2 and 3 bedroomed homes was granted under the S179A process.



Mourne View, Skerries

Construction work is continuing 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 work is progressing 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.



North Street, Swords

Construction has commenced on the delivery of 13 new social homes at North Street, Swords, comprising of 1 and 2 bedroomed apartments at North Street, Swords which is being constructed by Broomfield Construction on behalf of Fingal County Council.



Balmoston Phase 2, Ballymastone, Donabate

Construction work has commenced on Phase 2 Balmoston, Donabate. This is a mixed tenure development. Phase 2, Balmoston will deliver 72 new social and 75 affordable homes over several hand-over phases through 2026 and 2027.



Asset Management

Energy Efficiency Retrofitting Programme

The 2025 Energy Retrofit Programme is almost complete for 2025. Fingal County Council were allocated €3,196,000 by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, targeting 94 housing units. The team have exceeded this target completing 119 to date.

Energy Efficiency Retrofit Nov 21st, 2025	
Project Status	**Total**
Pre-Survey	**10**
Surveyed	**2**
Tender Awarded	**1**
On-Site	**6**
Completed	**119**
Areas: Brega, Corduff, Fortlawn, Seatown, Wellview, Whitestown.	

Planned Maintenance Programme 2025

External painting, joinery repairs, boiler replacements, and smoke and heat detector upgrades.

Planned Maintenance Programme 21st November 2025	
Painting completions	**565**
Boiler Replacements	**170**
Heat / Smoke Detector Replacement	**179**

Voids

Casual Voids 21st November 2025	
In the lettings process	**47**
In re-let works	**54**
Void Unavailable	**6**
Total	**107**

New to stock Nov 21st 2025	
New to stock properties	**92**

Vacant Homes

The vacant homes officer and team have ongoing engagement with property owners to return vacant homes to use. The team also work in conjunction with the derelict sites section.

Compulsory Purchase Orders (CPOs):

- 3 CPOs initiated in 2024;
- Property in Wellview Estate, Mulhuddart taken into Council possession (April 2025) for social housing after refurbishment.
- Total: **4 long-term vacant properties in Wellview addressed**; others returned via Buy & Renew and Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant.



CPO property Wellview above, Dublin 15



Refurb works complete in CPO property Hazelbury Park, Clonee

Private Dwelling Grants

Croí Cónaithe Vacant Homes Refurbishment Grant

Scheme launched in July 2022; expanded in May 2023. Grants available up to €50k for vacant properties and €70k if derelict. We have received **246** applications since the scheme commenced in 2022.

Croí Cónaithe Applications 2025	
Received	**69**
Approved	**58**
Paid	**34**

- Properties can now be rented privately under an expanded scheme.
- More information sessions will be provided to the public in 2026 advertising the scheme.

Recently refurbished home VPRG





Housing Adaptions Grants for People with a Disability

These grants for private homes also include Mobility aid grants and Older persons grants. These grants support people with disabilities and older people to stay in their homes more independently and comfortably.

Adaptation grants update November 2025	
Received to date	**630**
Paid to date	**301**
Open applications	**347**

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 **270 new HAP tenancies** in 2025 to date with approximately 4484 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. The HAP Amendments Portal is also available as a secure platform for tenants and landlords to submit requests to update the circumstances of their HAP tenancies

Rents

The Pay My Rent Online system was launched in early October 2025 to facilitate more convenient online rent payments for tenants.



Tenants can also access their rent charge and balance via the Housing Online portal.

Following the introduction in 2024 of new debt management processes and procedures, **rent arrears have reduced by €1.3m** 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 continue to engage with tenants who experience challenges paying their rent. The team have issued **156** Tenancy Warnings year to date. Six Orders for Possession have been obtained following court hearings in 2025.

The Rents **collection rate in end November 2025 shows an increase of €2.6m** 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. Up to the close of business on Thursday the 27th of November 5,423 inspections have been conducted in 2025, with 4667 of them qualifying towards the Dwellings target. So far there have been 398 inspections carried out in November. 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 have issued to all applicants required to complete the SSHA. Following the successful launch of the online HNA System in 2022, applicants have been advised to complete the assessment where possible online. 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 are available. 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

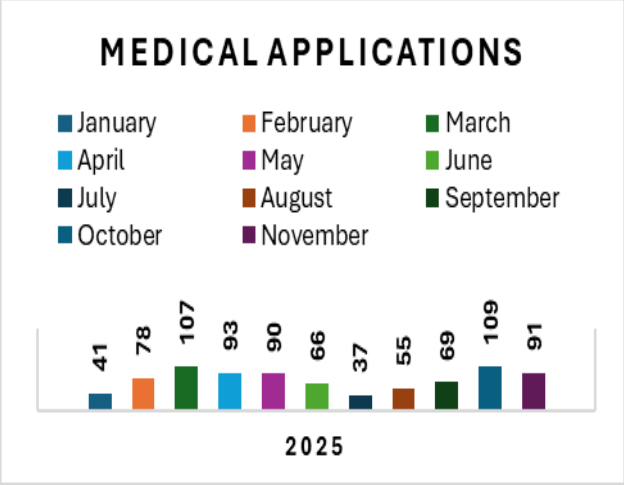
Housing Support receive a large volume of Housing Applications, Medical Applications, Amendment requests and appeals.

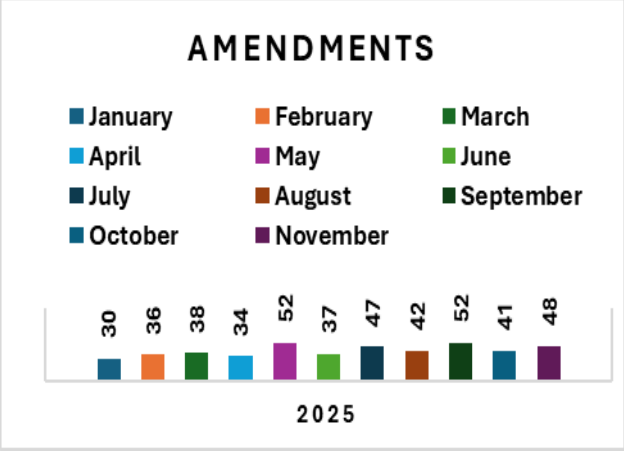
Year on year comparison by month



Applications received



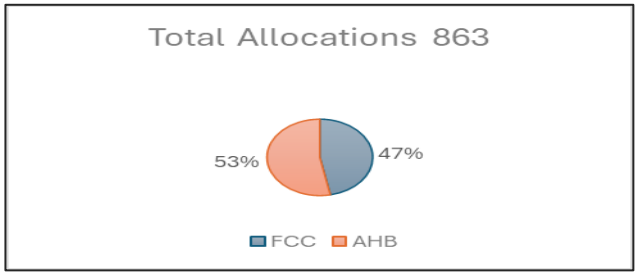




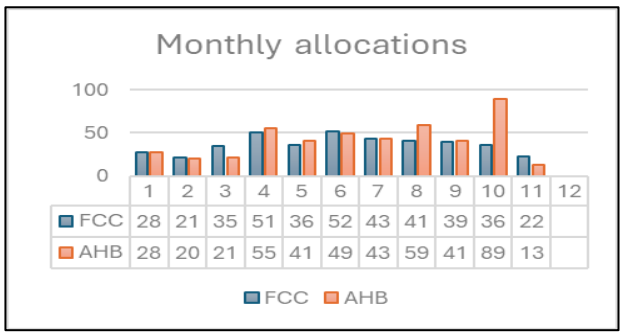
Housing Support Appeals

Applicants are reminded, that an appeal must be received within 28 days of a decision being communicated in writing to be eligible for review.

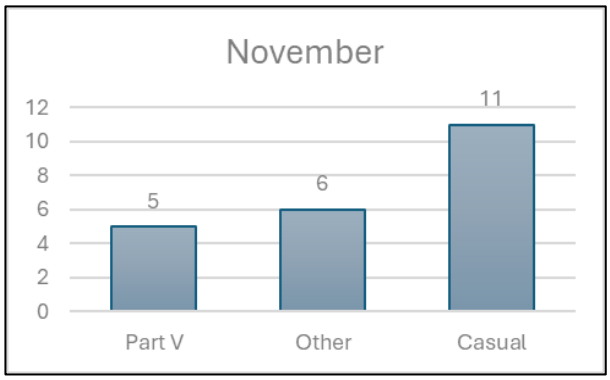
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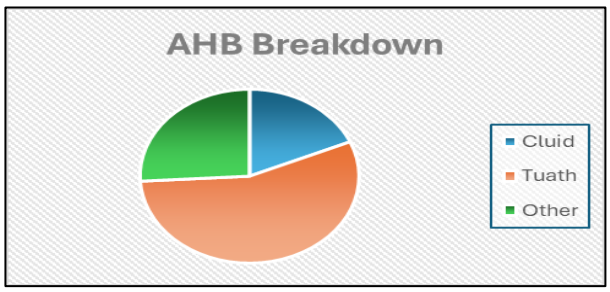
The above chart depicts the total number of properties allocated since the beginning of 2025.



The above chart shows the breakdown of allocations per month.



459 of the **863 allocations have been in collaboration with several Approved Housing Bodies.** The other **404** properties were allocated using Fingal County Councils own stock.



Tuath have received the most nominations from Fingal County Council during the month of November.

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 November.



Internal image of advertised property in Whitehaven, Northwood Avenue, Santry, Dublin 9

Advertisement Period	Property	Bed	Type	Number of Views	Expressions of Interest
29th October – 4th November	Whitehaven, Northwood Avenue Santry, Dublin 9	1	Apt	1432	309
29th October – 4th November	Whitehaven, Northwood Avenue Santry, Dublin 9	2	Apt	1371	317
19th – 25th November	Whitehaven, Northwood Avenue Santry, Dublin 9	3	Apt	1180	165
19th – 25th November	Avondale Court, Mulhuddart, Dublin 15	2	Apt	1360	280
19th – 25th November	Hollyfield, Mulhuddart, Dublin 15	2	Apt	1482	351
		Total		6825	1422

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 November 2025, 43 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	To HUBS	Total
EA	2	10	0	12
Homeless Prevention	8	22	1	31
Total	10	32	1	43

There was a total of 31 homeless prevention cases and 12 who exited emergency accommodation comprising:

22 allocations of social housing support to homeless prevention cases, 10 exited emergency accommodation.

10 Homeless HAP tenancies, comprising 8 homeless preventions and 2 who exited emergency accommodation.

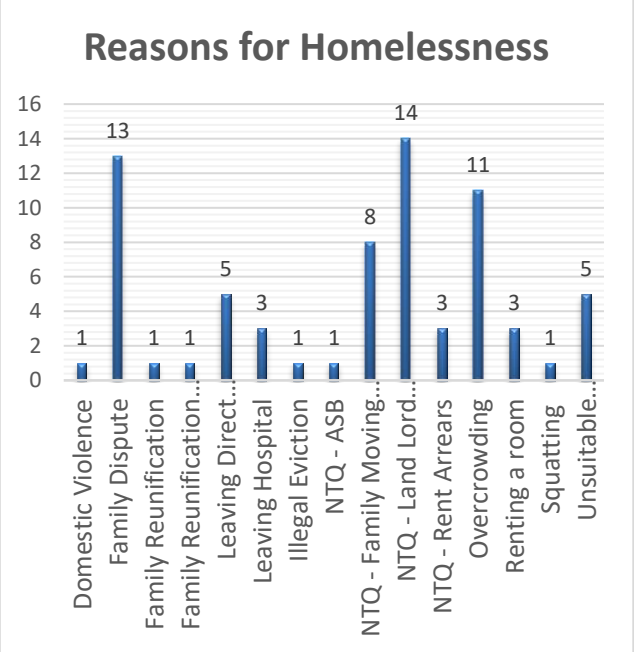
Homeless Assessments

Fingal's Homeless Team continues to engage with those experiencing homelessness to offer advice and support. Homeless Assessments continue to be carried out.

In November 2025, there were a total of 71 full homeless assessments completed – comprising 33 families and 38 singles/couples.



During November 2025, of the 71 Homeless Assessments carried out, 37% of cases resulted from Notice to Termination (NOT) having been served, 18% cases resulted from family/relationship breakdown and 15% were from Overcrowding. Most of the other presentations to the Homeless Section are from Renting a room (4%) and were from leaving direct provision (7%). The remaining 19% 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 public.

There have been 129 reported rough sleeping cases 2025. 40 of the clients have taken up Emergency Accommodation and we continue to work with 7 others 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.

Members of the homeless team recently worked in collaboration with the operations team to resolve an issue with a rough sleeper site in North Dublin.

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, 7 have been housed in 2025 and 2 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 5 new clients, all of whom have Medical Priority and are currently being reviewed for long term allocations.

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 2025–2029 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 final meeting of the LTACC was held on 17th November 2025 at the Blanchardstown Offices. this was the last meeting for 2025 with meeting dates for 2026 to be confirmed with stakeholders.

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 caravan and upgrade of onsite sanitation unit at Gardiner's Hill





Census

The Traveller Census is underway with all Group Housing and Halting Sites included in the annual process. Using the information provided, it is possible to plan and prepare necessary policy to ensure the needs of the Traveller Family located in the Fingal area are well represented and considered in all plans for accommodation.

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.



Dumping at Moyne Park November 2025

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 in conjunction with Dublin Fire Brigade organized a successful Fire Safety Training Day which took place on 29th October in Balbriggan. The session was well attended with members of the Traveller community and the Balbriggan Traveller Project in attendance. A further session for the D15 area is planned with the Estate Management section committed to promoting and supporting the training.





Dublin Fire Brigade Training session at Balbriggan

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 Response Maintenance

2025	
Maintenance Requests Received	**11,817**
Tenancy Alerts Issued	**51**
Interviews Held	**46**
Unauthorised Works Documented	**55**
Permission For Work Requests	**114**



Graffiti removed from FCC properties in Dublin 15 area

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 in strict confidence 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.

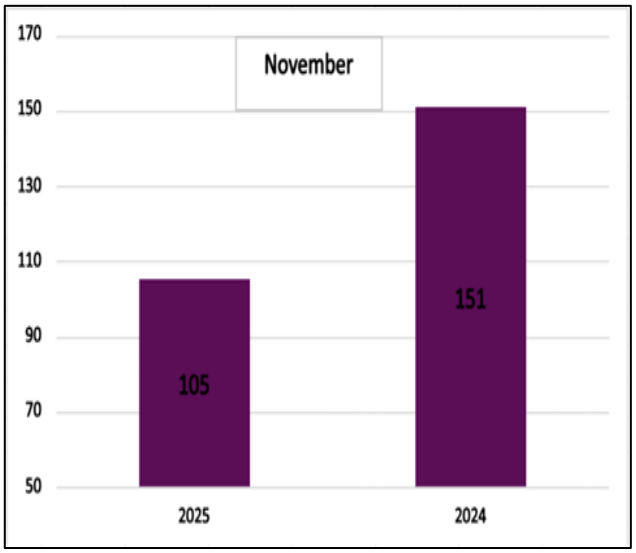
ASB Caseload Management

Complaints Nov 2025	Total	Active	Monitoring	Closed
Balbriggan	19	15	2	2
Rush / Lusk	10	7	3	0
Swords	25	9	11	5
Howth/ Malahide	11	6	3	2
Blanchardstown / Mulhuddart	29	9	1	19
Ongar	9	0	2	7
Castleknock	2	1	0	1
Total	105	47	22	36

Anti-Social Behaviour Interventions

Interviews Held 2025 to date	86
Interviews Held 2024	108
Tenancy Alerts 2025	**31**
Tenancy Alerts 2024	36
Tenancy Warnings 2025	**7**
Tenancy Warnings 2024	9

2025/2024 comparison of ASB complaints received in the month of November.



Surrenders on Estate Management Grounds 2025

January **(**5), February (6), March (3), April (6), May (5), June (2) July (10), Aug (5), Sept (6). One formal tenancy warning issued for illegal occupiers at a dwelling. Oct (3), plus 3 Abandonment Notices, and 1 Tenancy Warning. Nov (5) and one abandonment notice issued.

Inspectorate 2025

Traveller Specific Site Inspections 2025	**1511**
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**
September 2025	**871**
October 2025	**626**
November 2025	**1260**

Ukraine Humanitarian Response

Government continues to support people fleeing the conflict in Ukraine under the Temporary Protection Directive.
Fingal's **Community Integration Forum** meets regularly to coordinate statutory and voluntary supports.
Forum remit expanded to include:

- International Protection applicants
- Refugees & those with Permission to Remain
- Programme Refugees
- Beneficiaries of Temporary Accommodation
- Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT) provides targeted assistance.

https://www.fingal.ie/LocalAuthorityIntegrationTeam

Accommodation Pledges

- Monthly recognition payment for hosting Ukrainians or offering vacant homes reduced from €800 to €600 (Government policy change).

- Vacant accommodation pledges
  https://offerahome.ie

- Room pledges
  https://www.redcross.ie

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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Community Development

Community development is a process where community members come together to take collective action and generate solutions to common problems. Community well-being, economic, social, environmental and cultural challenges are often solved through collective action being taken at a grassroots level. Community development ranges from small initiatives within a local group to large initiatives that involve the broader community.

Building community capacity, strengthening community participation, and involving people in decisions that affect their lives is a complex process and can only be achieved by working with local communities and agencies who have responsibility to the people in those communities.

This month the Community Development Office worked in partnership with a number of community groups and partners to support many projects/Initiatives including;

Donabate and Portrane for All intercultural event

The Donabate and Portrane for All Group organised an intercultural afternoon of food and welcomes for new residents of Donabate to meet their neighbours and connect, supported by the North County Community Development Team as part of Fingal Inclusion Week. Residents from the Ballymastone estate met with residents from existing estates and community connections were made. Participants were invited to bring along food which represents their own cultural heritage. The event was used to launch a series of badges and posters which will be displayed throughout the community to demonstrate how Donabate and Portrane are communities dedicated to welcoming all.

Baldoyle Racecourse Community Centre Intergenerational - Taster Sessions

In collaboration with the Sports Department, taster sessions including; Parent - Toddler Fitness Classes and Chair Yoga are being held during December at the New Baldoyle Community Centre. Classes are aimed at the local community to encourage local participation and establish the centre as a community resource for all groups.

Howth Sutton Autism Friendly Community

Celebrating their First Birthday during Fingal Inclusion Week, Howth Sutton Autism Group welcomed and invited partners & dignitaries to a gathering at Howth Castle. The event also celebrated local Autism Champions who were presented with an award. Engaging local businesses under the guidance of *'As I am'* Ireland's National Autism Charity, the group continue to advocate and support local service providers to support wider inclusion and facilitate Howth in becoming an Autism Friendly Town.



Swords Neurodiversity Network

The steering committee for Swords Autism Friendly Town steering held an information sharing event with the aim of promoting and developing the 'Swords Neurodiversity Network'. During Fingal Inclusion Week, service providers like the ETB & Workability with local families were invited to a 'NeurodiversiTEA' event at Rivervalley Community Centre. Going forward the 'Swords Neurodiversity Network' will work with the community development team to promote the interests of neurodiverse individuals in Swords, identify the core aims and objectives of the forum and be the main driver of securing Swords as an Autism friendly Town.



Rivermeade

Developing their constitution and securing a bank account, a group of motivated residents have established the *Rivermeade Residents Association* including registration with the PPN. To promote its aims, broaden membership and stakeholder involvement, an intergenerational Christmas themed event is planned with CrossCare Youth Services. The group are being guided to identify priorities for the estate and to secure environmental improvements with the use of established resources such the FCC Portal 'My Street' to report day-to-day maintenance issues.

Fingal Men's Shed Winter Gathering in Donabate

Over 60 members from 10 Men's Sheds in Fingal took part in the annual winter gathering in Donabate & Portrane community Centre (DPCC) as part of Fingal Inclusion Week. The event was addressed by Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Tom O' Leary and included talks on men's fitness, resilience and stand-up comedy by comedian Eric Lawlor. Musical entertainment was provided by local Donabate group - The Plonkers. The Winter Gathering is a companion to the summer walks organised in partnership with Community Development, FCC Sports Department and Healthy Fingal teams. Information was provided at the event in DPCC by Thrive Balbriggan, Alone, FCC Community Development Office and Fingal Age Friendly initiative.



Cairde Balbriggan Open day for Fingal inclusion week

Cairde Balbriggan and the Balbriggan women's development group hosted an open day for the wider community as part of Fingal Inclusion Week. Cairde, who provide support and information on the health needs of the migrant community in Balbriggan and beyond, hosted international cuisine and information stands on services available in the community. The event was supported by Balbriggan Integration Group, the local Brass and Reed Town Band and the Women's Development Group, who showcased some of the work in embroidery carried out at the group's weekly workshops.



Wins for Swords and Coolmine Lodge at Pride of Place finals in Limerick

Fingal County Council continued its winning streak at the finals of the IPB Pride of Place competition held in Limerick last month. Rivervalley Community Centre was awarded a runner up prize in the urban neighbourhood category while Coolmine Lodge in D15 won a special prize for their recovery through nature programme.

Fingal was also represented at the awards by Thrive Balbriggan which won a LAMA award for best Mental Health Project earlier this year. The event will be hosted by Dublin City next year.





Prioritising Mulhuddart

November saw the final Prioritising Mulhuddart meeting of 2025, and the group was delighted to welcome new members. Support Coordinator, Lauren Rusti, from 'Alone' shared details of their supports and volunteering opportunities, especially relevant for the Christmas season**.** Caroline Cowley (Arts Office) and Michael McLoughlin presented on Michael's (2017–19) artist in residency research, 'Mulhuddart Satellite', inspiring plans for a 2026 community arts collaboration. The group also heard from Neighbourhood Network, who is engaging residents in Minnow, Avondale Place, Wellview infill, and Churchfields. They provided feedback from recent door knocks, information which will feed into planning for the group in 2026. Neighbourhood Network along with the Community Office, is organising a Community Carol Singing event on 11th December in the new Linear Park. The event is open to all to join and promises to be lots of fun!



Safer Halloween

Last month, the Community Development Office ran their Safer Halloween initiative. 10 Community Centres were targeted for funding to run diversionary activities for young people in their locality. All of the diversionary activities took place on Friday 31st October. A further 9 centres hosted Safer Halloween workshops which were organised and supported by the Community Development Office. All Community Centres received Safer Halloween posters and materials which advise the public on how to keep safe during the festivities and including information on reporting stockpiling. The Safer Halloween page also promoted Fingal, The Home of Halloween, Festival of Fire and events in Libraries.



Fingal Inclusion Week

Fingal Inclusion Week ran from the 17th-23rd November. Groups were able to apply for a bursary of up to €300 to run their own Fingal Inclusion Week events. Of the 67 groups who applied, 63 were awarded the bursary. Each geo-area team in the Community Development Office ran their own key-events such as the Fingal Men's Shed Winter Gathering to mark International Men's Day. There were almost 80 events across Fingal for Fingal Inclusion Week, many of which were visited by our team and have been documented on social media. Some of the groups included the Swords Photography Group, Children4WorldChildren, Huntstown Ladies Afternoon Club and Phoenix of Ballyboughal. Community centres also hosted their own events such as Parslickstown House, Bayside Community Centre, Diswellstown Community & Recreation Centre and Rivervalley Community Centre.



Staff Talks for Fingal Inclusion Week

As part of Fingal Inclusion Week, Fingal staff and particularly customer facing employees were offered two staff talks. The first took place in the Atrium in Swords and was given by Gordon Grehan of Shoutout on the topic of Trans & Non-Binary 101. The second talk took place in the Civic Office and was given by Maggie McDonagh from the Balbriggan Traveller Project and Kathleen Joyce of the Blanchardstown Traveller Development Group on the topic of Traveller Cultural Awareness. Both talks were well-attended by representatives of various departments and were very well received. Some departments are hoping to schedule further training with these groups.



Community Facilities Management Support

The Building Facilities Unit provides financial and management support to 38 community facilities across Fingal. The Unit also managed the Capital Works programme for the Community Development Office.

Official opening of Hartstown Community Centre and All Weather Pitch:

The newly refurbished Hartstown Community Centre and All-Weather Pitch officially opened on 8th November 2025, in a celebration attended by the Mayor of Fingal, Cllr. Tom O'Leary, Minister Jack Chambers, elected representatives, community and sports clubs and local residents.

The multi-million-euro project, which upgraded the 1980s facility, originally owed by the Dublin Diocese and now owed by Fingal County Council, involved extensive renovations including:

- Complete building rewiring.
- Installation of accessible toilets.
- Essential stage repairs.
- Replacement of fire doors; and
- Upgrades to the all-weather pitch.

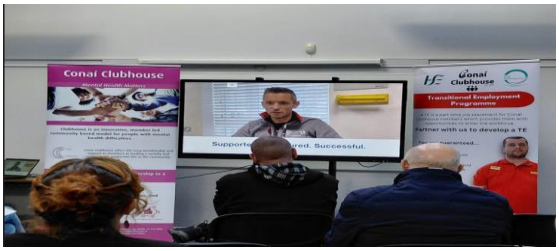
Funding for the redevelopment was provided through a collaboration between Fingal County Council, the Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht (via the Community Centre Investment Fund and Community Recognition Fund), and the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media (under the Community Sport Facilities Fund).

The centre, now fully operational and offering a wide range of recreational facilities, is managed by Hartstown Sports and Leisure Community Centre CLG under a management licence from Fingal County Council. The Board of Directors are committed to the strategic development of the centre to effectively serve the needs of the local community.



Community Facilities Engagement

The Community Facilities Engagement Team have developed a 'pathway to the workplace' programme with Conaí Clubhouse, a mental health support organisation based in Blanchardstown. We engaged in a targeted employment placement programme for the members of their clubhouses in Community Centres to support them in bridging the gap between their struggles and a return to paid employment. In October, two members of the clubhouse graduated onto Tús schemes following their placements. Community centres have taken on further participants based on ongoing engagement with the Conaí management. In November, the Facilities Engagement Team were in attendance as Conaí Clubhouse marked this partnership at a Fingal Inclusion Week event, launching three member led videos in testament to the programme.



Community Consultation Shapes Hartstown Strategic Plan

On 24th November 2025, Fingal County Council Community Office hosted a vibrant community consultation at Hartstown Community Centre with representatives from Windermere Residents Association, Aldermere Residents Association, Portersgate Residents Association, Hartstown Lead Clubs, Huntstown Lead Clubs, and Foróige.

The purpose of the consultation was to gather feedback to inform the Hartstown Community Centre Strategic Plan ensuring the centre reflects community needs and priorities. Participants shared their views on the centre's design, accessibility, social spaces, and programming.

This consultation shows the strength of community voice in shaping local spaces. Fingal County Council Community Office will incorporate this feedback into the Hartstown Community Centre strategic plan, reinforcing its commitment to community partnership and ownership in shaping the future of Hartstown Community Centre.



Interagency

The Community Development Office actively seek to work in collaboration with agencies to maximise service delivery and resources to communities across Fingal.

Fingal Comhairle na nÓg

Following their successful annual youth conference for 2025, the Fingal Comhairle na nÓg held an information meeting for young people who are interested in joining the Comhairle.

15 young people attended. The group also had their first meeting with new members, beginning their work on their project for this year which is on the topic of anti-social behaviour and safety in Fingal. One member represented the Fingal Comhairle at the Seanad na nÓg 2025.

Fingal Public Participation Network (PPN)



FPPN's Plenary took place on 5th November 2025. Members were updated on the activities of the PPN since the last Plenary took place in April 2025.

PPN membership currently stands at 922 groups. Three new Secretariat reps. and an SPC rep were approved by the members. Information stands were taken by Fingal Community Development Office, Fingal Volunteer Centre, Tusla, Fingal Community Safety Partnership.

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.

OPC Annual Conference



The OPC Annual Conference titled ***From Isolation to Inclusion: A Collaborative Approach*** took place on Wednesday 29th October 2025 in the Grand Hotel, Malahide with 150 delegates in attendance. The conference brought together community groups, staff, experts, and older people to share ideas for building stronger, more connected communities.

The morning sessions featured three keynote speakers. Debbie Breslin, Vice-Chair of Fingal OPC, spoke about the challenges faced by older people in Fingal. Rachel Kenny, Research & Evaluation Manager with Alone, outlined initiatives designed to reduce isolation and strengthen support networks. Susanne Rogers, Chair of the Loneliness Taskforce, provided an update on the progress being made towards a national strategy on loneliness. Adding an international perspective, partners from the Korale EU project shared case studies from their own countries, highlighting successful initiatives that have helped older people feel more connected and supported. In the afternoon, participants engaged in round table discussions to identify practical, community-based responses to loneliness. These suggestions are now being explored by the OPC, to identify initiatives for OPC to work on in 2026.

Throughout the day, an exhibition highlighted the work of local organisations and groups already making a difference in Fingal. The displays highlighted the creativity and commitment of those supporting older people and combatting loneliness across the county.

EU Korale Project Visit to Fingal



Fingal County Council, as a partner in the EU Korale Project which focuses on identifying and sharing successful approaches to combating loneliness, hosted the fourth Consortium Meeting in Malahide from 28th to 30th October 2025.

Delegates from Spain, Denmark, Belgium, Portugal and Austria were welcomed by the Mayor of Fingal, Cllr. Tom O'Leary at Malahide Castle on Tuesday evening. On Wednesday 29th October the partners attended the OPC's Conference and presented good practices in addressing loneliness in their countries to 150 delegates. The consortium convened for its formal meeting in the Grand Hotel Malahide for the afternoon. On Thursday 30th October, the partners and stakeholders visited Balbriggan Men's Shed and Thrive Balbriggan, gaining valuable insights into local community-led good practices in Fingal.

The meeting concluded in County Hall with a peer review meeting of the case studies visited in Fingal. The visit concluded with a review of good practices at County Hall on Thursday afternoon. Overall, the event was a resounding success, offering partners the opportunity to showcase their work, exchange knowledge, and experience Fingal's renowned hospitality and cultural heritage.

Integration Office

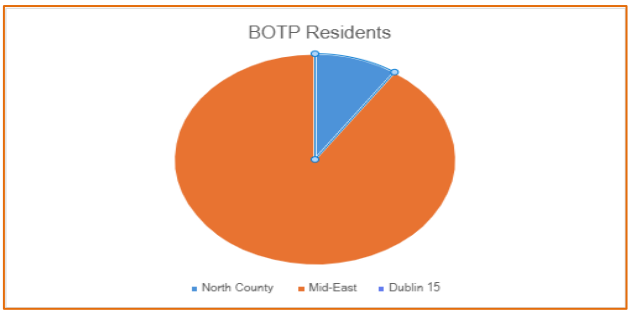
Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT)

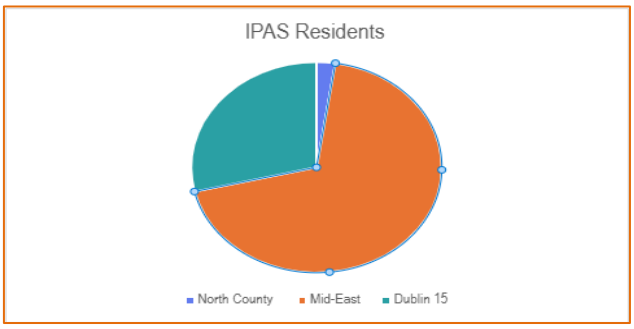
The role of the Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT) is to provide ongoing integration supports to International Protection (IP) applicants, Programme Refugees and Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection (BOTP) to enable them to live independently in the community.

The LAIT continued to host integration clinics across the three geographical areas of North County, Mid-East and Dublin 15 in IPAS Accommodation centres and BOTP Accommodation centres.

The latest accommodation statistics as of 2nd November 2025 have been provided by the LGMA (Local Government Management Agency) and UCTAT (Ukrainian Crisis Temporary Accommodation Team).

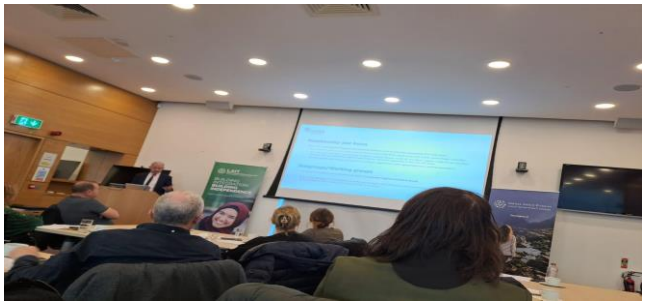
Geographical Area	BOTP Residents	IPAS Residents
North County	34	54
Mid-East	323	1539
Dublin 15	0	641
Total	**357**	**2234**





National Integration Network

In November, the Integration Support Coordinator of Fingal LAIT attended a new local authority National Integration Network meeting at the LGMA office in Dublin. This new structure has been established following approval of the CCMA. This formally brings together all 31 Integration Support Coordinators from the LAIT and is chaired by Mr. Brendan Jennings, DoS Cavan County Council, member of CCMA Rural, Community, Culture and Heritage (RCCH) Committee.



Strengthening Collaboration: Mayor Meet & Greet

On 31st October, the Integration Office organised and supported a meet-and-greet with the Mayor of Fingal, Cllr. Tom O'Leary at a large-scale IPAS Accommodation Centre in the Mid-East area of the county. This event gave the Mayor an opportunity to engage with the centre's management team and discuss the delivery of services for IPAS residents.



A Symbol of Hope Exhibition



On 18th November, the 'Symbol of Hope' exhibition was launched by the Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Tom O'Leary in County Hall. This collaboration between the office and the Ukrainian Volunteers of Ireland brought their exhibition to Fingal's office includes pieces of embroidered traditional costumes from Ireland and the Ukraine which were made by members of the Ukrainian Volunteers of Ireland group. The launch coincided with Fingal Inclusion Week 2025 and was attended by representatives from the Fingal Integration Office, members of the Ukrainian Volunteers of Ireland, exhibition creators, and individuals working with Ukrainian communities in Fingal.



While Her Excellency Ms. Larysa Gerasko, Ambassador of Ukraine to Ireland, was unable to attend due to unforeseen circumstances, Lesya Melnychuk from the Ukrainian Volunteers of Ireland spoke on her behalf. Olena Korenitts, Chairperson of the Ukrainian Volunteers of Ireland, also addressed attendees on behalf of the exhibition creators from the Older and Wiser group.



Building Inclusive Communities Workshop

On 19th of November, the Integration Office hosted a *Building Inclusive Communities Workshop* for community groups and organisations across Fingal in collaboration with the Hope and Courage Collective. Facilitated by Niamh McDonald, National Director of Advocacy and Community Engagement of the Hope and Courage Collective, the workshop brought together over 35 diverse community leaders and organisations to explore practical strategies for creating inclusive narratives.

The Chief Executive of Fingal County Council, AnnMarie Farrelly, delivered the opening remarks on the importance of building inclusive communities and fostering collaboration throughout Fingal.



Migration and Ireland: EU Catalyst for Change Conference

The Integration Office attended the *Migration and Ireland: EU A Catalyst for Change* conference hosted by Donegal County Council. The event featured keynote speakers from the Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration, and others, who discussed the EU Pact on Migration and Asylum and a comprehensive approach to understanding migration in Ireland within an EU context. The conference also highlighted personal stories and experiences shared by Refugees living in Ireland.



Community Integration Forum

The Community Integration Forum (CIF) continues to meet regularly. This forum creates a co-ordinated response from the various statutory agencies and voluntary groups in the county to assist the Ukraine community and other new arrivals. The forum was originally tasked with assisting Ukrainian Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection (BOTPs).

However, in line with the evolving work and role of the CIF, work 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 final meeting of the year was held on 2nd December 2025.

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**.**

To date in 2025, Community Activities Funding has been awarded to 136 projects in the amount of €304,279.93 with further approvals due before year end.

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Figure 2.1 - Seatown Road to Estuary Road Roundabout Cycle Scheme shown in Red

Donabate Portrane R126 cycle paths:

The options report is currently being finalised by the Design Team. Once gateway approvals are received from the NTA, the project will proceed to the preliminary design phase. Further details will be presented to Councillors at ACM in due course.



Figure 1.1 - Donabate to Portrane Active Travel Scheme shown in Red

Junction of the R132 and Flemington Lane Balbriggan:
The Contractor is progressing well with this project which includes the upgrade of the junction to a signalised Junction, two new bus stops and improvements to existing footpaths and cycling network to the south of the junction and provide connectivity to the Harry Reynolds Road. Concrete works have commenced around the bus stop on the eastern side of the R132. Works associated with the installation of ducting for services have also commenced. We expect to be substantially complete with the works to the junction by the Christmas break with the works to the cycle track and footpath to the south will be completed in the new year.



Howth-Malahide Area:

Baldoyle Circle Active Travel Project

The extent of the scheme has been considered, and a brief and tender documents are being prepared. Depending on funding allocation, a design team may be appointed with a view to setting up public consultation at the earliest stage to the Concept Development and Option Selection.

Feltrim Road Active Travel Project

This project is in the preliminary design phase. The design team are developing the preferred options drawings into a preliminary design. Drawings to describe the extent of potential land acquisition are also being prepared. Environmental screening reports have been commissioned. Engagement with TII regarding the scheme's interaction with the M1 overbridges are due to commence shortly, as well as the development of the preliminary public lighting design.

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. An NTA workshop is due to take place in December 2025. 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 has been completed, and draft environmental & appropriate screening report comments have been issued from the Active Travel team to the design team for discussion. A non-statutory public consultation is being prepared.

Castleknock to Dunsink Lane

A tender competition to procure a contractor to carry out the works commenced on the 14th August 2025 and is now closed. Tenders are being evaluated by the Project Team.

It is anticipated the works will commence on site in Q1 2026.



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 public consultation report is now published. Detailed design and procurement has now commenced.



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, Malahide

The design team are revising the construction tender stage 1 suitability assessment questionnaire (SAQ), and the tender drawings following comments from Fingal County Council.
Once revised, Fingal County Council will then move to publish the SAQ.



Balrothery Active Travel Project

A preferred option has emerged from the design team's multi-criteria analysis of the options. The drawings and associated deliverables for this phase (including project execution plan, feasibility report and option selection report) are also being developed in keeping with the requirements of the Options Development and Options Selection phase.
In relation to the wider Balrothery Active Travel Plan, the draft plan is now complete. An appropriate assessment determination has been completed and a strategic environmental assessment screening recommendation is in the process of being determined by the Council. It is intended to publish this plan as soon as this determination is made.

Skerries Active Travel Plan.

A workshop was conducted with internal FCC stakeholders to gather feedback and discuss the proposals. This proved to be beneficial, and the learnings gained in this workshop will be used to improve the proposals.

Meetings have been held with transport operators, such as Irish Rail and Bus Eireann, to ensure coordination between their projects and operations and the proposed active travel plan. Further meetings will be undertaken with these stakeholders as the programme proceeds.

Non-statutory public consultation is currently ongoing. To date 3 workshops have been held with identified stakeholders. The following have taken place:

- 11th November – Community Groups
- 13th November – Businesses
- 18th November – Residents

A drop-in session will be taking place on the 25th of November to allow any interested party to see the draft proposal and speak with representatives of FCC and the design consultants.
The outcome of the workshops so far has been very useful for the design team with many comments and suggestions received from the stakeholders relating to the proposals.
The online consultation portal is opened, and submission can be made until the 9th January.
All feedback received from the workshops and portal submissions will be analysed and considered in the final plan.

Skerries Harbour Road & Red Island Loop:

The Part 8 Planning Process concluded at the full council meeting on 9th June 2025. The proposal was approved at this meeting.

The project is now in the detailed design phase. FCC has continued to engage with the ESB and other utilities on the requirements to underground services on Harbour Road.

Consultation with the local stakeholders will be facilitated in advance of the construction phases in 2026. These works have been split into two phases for construction with the works to the Red Island Loop, the car parks, link along South Beach to Dorn Lane, forms the initial phase. This will be followed by the works to Harbour Road as a separate contract and phase.

Connectivity/Permeability

We are continuing to receive various requests for Permeability and Connectivity improvements from various stakeholders across the county. These requests are being recorded in detail for evaluation through a multi-criteria analysis.

The projects are then reviewed across the departments to identify if an appropriate means of delivery can be established on the ground.

Several projects identified through this process are being developed through the design phases for execution on the ground.

Other projects are being progressed in the areas at either the 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:

A number of snag items along the route are currently being reviewed in advance of being addressed by the appropriate contractor.

This project has proved very successful in providing safe walking and cycling facilities for vulnerable road users in the area.



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.

Works have been substantially completed with some minor snagging works ongoing. The pathways are open to the public and the initial usage of the facilities has been very high.



Seapark Hill Active Travel Project

The Active Travel unit are currently in discussions with our public lighting consultant, as well as internal stakeholders, regarding the proposed extent and specification of public lighting.

This is the last remaining item to be designed before the tender documents are prepared and issued in early 2026.

Broomfield to Paddy's Hill

The extent of the scheme and various other constraints are under consideration at present by Fingal County Council.



Secure Bicycle Parking Infrastructure

A number of locations across the Dublin 15 area have been identified for the provision of bicycle parking infrastructure. The project team have appointed a contractor and will progress to the Construction Stage in the coming weeks.

Bicycle parking infrastructure was recently at a number of location in the Howth-Malahide area:-

Malahide Demesne, Car Park, Back Rd.,



Howth Harbour



Howth Community Garden



Baldoyle, Dublin Rd/College Street



St Fintan's Church Howth



Data Collection:

The Active Travel unit carries out Data Collection as part of the design process on all our projects. This helps inform the project teams about what is required in terms of the needs of all road users when introducing Active Travel infrastructure.

Separately from this, we conduct further Data Collection to inform us about how the new infrastructure is being used and the number of people using it. Here we can see some positive feedback from the data we have collected and collated to date on some of our schemes.



Road Safety:
Safe Routes to School Round 2

The included schools are:

- St Helen's SNS, Limetree Avenue, Portmarnock, Co. Dublin
- Scoil Bhríde, Cailíní & Buachaillí, Church Avenue, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15
- St Colmcille's Girls NS, Chapel Lane, Swords, Co. Dublin
- Holy Family JNS, Forest Fields, Swords, Co. Dublin

Preliminary designs for all schools have been completed and reviewed and detailed cost estimates have been approved by the National Transport Authority (NTA). The Section 38 Public Consultation for Scoil Bhríde Cailíní & Buachaillí has been completed, while consultations for St Helen's SNS, St Colmcille's Girls NS, and Holy Family JNS are currently ongoing and will close on 29th November 2025. Following the completion of Section 38 reports, the detailed design phase will commence immediately, marking the next step toward delivering safer and more sustainable travel routes for students across Fingal.

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, with An Taisce working closely with each school to develop outline delivery plans tailored to local needs. The grant application for Round 3 has been approved by the National Transport Authority (NTA). Once all plans are received, pre-works surveys will commence in Q1 2026, paving the way for the next stage of preliminary design and implementation.

School Wardens:

Our school wardens continue to work across the county on a daily basis.

European Mobility Week:

The Road Safety Office carried out trial school streets at Thornleigh Educate Together National School, Gaelscoil Na Mara/Donabate Community College as part of European Mobility Week. Both schemes were successful. The Road Safety Office is currently gathering feedback received and will aim to implement these schemes in full next year.

Fingal Road Safety Working Together group

The Fingal Road Safety Working Together group is now well established and meets on a quarterly basis. The group has members from An Garda Siochana, Elected members, The National Transport Authority, Transport Infrastructure Ireland, Dublin Airport Authority and Dublin Fire Service. The meet aims to give an opportunity for all stakeholders to coordinate on road safety within Fingal.

Fingal Road Safety Action Plan 2025 to 2027

Fingal Road Safety Action Plan 2025 to 2027 has now been fully drafted and reviewed by the Fingal Road Safety Working Together Group and will be brought to SPC, CPG, Area Committee meetings and full council early in the new year ahead of publication.

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.

Mobility & Behavioural Change

Learn 2 Cycle Track, Holywell Park, Swords

Our Cycling Skills Courses in Holywell finished up on Saturday 25th Oct with a very successful group cycle around the Holywell area. This was the first time many of the participants cycled independently on live roads. Our courses will break now until the new year, but they have proved very popular and beneficial to all who have taken part





Learn2Cycle with a Disability

Learn2Cycle with a Disability lessons are progressing very well, with continued demand for the lessons.
Lessons are continuing in Rivervalley, Tyrrelstown and Luttrelstown.
Our next lessons are running in:

- Flemington Community Centre, starts 10/11/2025
- Tyrrelstown Community Centre, starts 07/11/2025
- Flemington Community Centre, starts Monday 10/11/2025

A full list of 2025 Courses is available on our website https://www.fingal.ie/activetravel/mobility/learn2cycle

Throughout 2025, we will have run approximately 40 Learn2Cycle with a Disability courses in Fingal.



Sparkpark Launch

In November the Active Travel Unit began the rollout of the Sparkpark technology in Blanchardstown. The precision parking technology uses advanced geo fencing to ensure that bike share journeys are only finished in a dedicated parking spot and in manner that ensures the public walkway is kept free from badly parked bike share vehicles.
The initial 12-month pilot will focus on 10 popular bike share locations in Castleknock and Blanchardstown.
The scheme was officially launched on Wednesday 26th November by Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Tom O'Leary and the Norwegian Ambassador to Ireland Mr Aslak Brun.

SparkPark is more than just a parking innovation. It encourages responsible use of shared mobility, so that we can all enjoy a journey through the city and know that when we park our bike, we are doing it in a greener, more conscious way



Kinto Join Launch

The Active Travel Unit in partnership with Corporate Services, People Services and Climate Action are delighted to launch the Kinto Join Sustainable Travel App for Staff in County Hall and Civic Offices

The App creates two communities that staff can use to look for a carpool option for their commute or log their walking and cycling journey.

The Communities are only available for staff who sign up using their Fingal email address and will help our organisation become a greener, more sustainable and healthier one as we rollout the app to staff



Healthy Steps Projects

Working in partnership with our colleagues in Healthy Fingal, we have been delighted to continue to expand the Healthy Steps Walking Groups around the County. The walks finished up at the end of November for the year. They are led by trained walk leaders and participants can be GP referred or self-refer with the goal of using exercise as a way of combating illness.

The walks have been a great success, and we are looking forward to restarting in January

Contact Active.travel@fingal.ie for more details



The Castleknock Ramblers Walking Group

The Castleknock Ramblers had their first walk on Tuesday 25th November in the beautiful and cold surrounds of the Phoenix Park. Over 20 participants joined for the 1hr walk around the sun drenched park. We will have three more walks before Christmas, meeting just inside the Castleknock Gate at 10:50am, leaving for 11am.

There is no need to register, just turn up if it suits and enjoy the walk.

December Walks all start at 11am - 2nd December, 9th December, 16th December.



The Fingal Second Spin Project

The Second Spin scheme is up and running with the first recycled bikes delivered to teens who have been the victim of bike theft. The project is being run in conjunction with the Rediscovery Centre in Ballymun and as part of the project we provide teens who have experienced bike theft with an upcycled second hand bike free of charge. The scheme promotes the continuation of Active Travel for victims of bike theft while also helping to promote the circular economy by given older bikes a new lease of life.

The 'Second Spin' project recognises the emotional and practical impact that being a victim of bike theft places on a teenager and aims to give them back their independence while also giving older bikes a chance to be restored to their former glory.



The pilot project aims to repair and renew bikes that have been abandoned or donated and while they may not be a new bike, they will give Teenagers an opportunity to continue cycling. Participants will also have the option to re-donate their bike back to the scheme should they ever decide to purchase a new bike again.

Applying for the scheme is easy, if you are the victim of bike theft, simply fill out the application form below and we will be in touch.

https://forms.office.com/e/iX3z0TgTB0

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 Lease Bike 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 pooled 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



STEER-NWE Partner Meeting

The latest partner meeting took place in Luxembourg in November with partners from across Europe coming together as we move towards the pilot phase of the project in 2026

In the pursuit for a fair energy transition, metropolitan across Northwest Europe (NWE) face a major challenge: the dominance of fossil-fuelled private car use has led the transport sector to become the largest energy consumer and major contributor to greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. Low Emission Zones (LEZs) help reduce pollution, but often create conflicting interests between energy, housing, and transport policies.

Against this background, electric carsharing emerges as an energy-efficient solution that supports and aligns with EU climate and environment goals. The STEER-NWE project aims to enable the upscaling of electric carsharing through a transnational and cross-departmental approach, focused on three thematic areas.

Supported by the use of digital tools and community input, STEER-NWE helps local governments create inclusive, energy-smart e-carsharing systems.

The project brings together 11 partners (6 cities and 5 knowledge and dissemination partners) from 6 countries (Netherlands, France, Belgium, Ireland, Germany, and Luxembourg).



Dublin 15 Bike Library

The uptake for the Dublin 15 Bike Library is currently at 100%, however we are still seeking expressions of interest for the next 2 rounds. 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.

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

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.
In October the Community Car completed 220 trips (including some round trips), the continued growth of the Community Car shows us just how valuable the service is and we are actively working on ways to expand the service to other locations in the County.
To book the service or to sign up as a volunteer simply call Flexibus on 046 9074830 or email flexibus@locallinklmf.ie



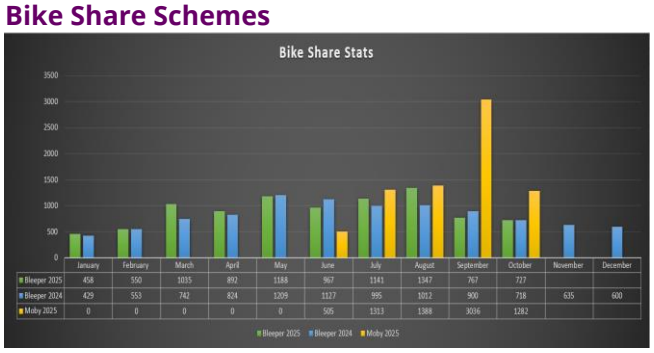
EVPZ

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	61	2289km
October		
November		
December		
Total 2025		

Bike Share Schemes



Overall, we had nearly 3,700 bike share journeys in Fingal for September.

Moby Bikes in Fingal

Moby had another good month in Dublin 15 for October, completing 1,282 Bike Share journeys. There were no reports of vandalism on Moby Bikes in October.

- 1,282 Moby eBike journeys started within Fingal operating zone in September
- Distance travelled by eBike = 4,226km
- Average Trip Distance: 3.32km
- Thursday recorded the highest usage
- Average Trip Time: 16mins
- Estimated emissions avoided in Fingal this month: 500kg



Bleeper Bike

The Bleeper Bike Scheme continued to provide a valuable form of public transport for October. The Fingal Pass continues to grow in usage and we plan to launch a new advertising campaign on this for December 2025. Trip numbers around Swords and Dublin Airport continue to grow and we see this as a valuable form of connectivity for people living and working around Swords and the airport.

We only had one report of vandalism in Fingal in October and we are looking now at fully reopening the Dublin 15 operating area in January 2026. This coupled with additional bike parking installations should really help to drive the usage numbers up.



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: 391 (29/09/2025)
Approved Applications: 280
Refusal Reasons
Non-Fingal Residents: 7
No Bleeper Account yet: 104*
* These users are prompted to create an account

Bleeper Bike Monthly Report

506 Bleeper bike journeys started within Fingal operating zone in July
There were an additional 221 Journeys that took place outside of Fingal using the Fingal Pass
545 bike journeys ended within existing Fingal operating zone in October
Sundays and Wednesdays (20%) recorded the highest usage
Howth, Baldoyle and Sutton were the most popular starting points.
Estimated emissions avoided in Fingal this month: 120kg of CO2 (Plus an additional 37kg from external Fingal Pass trips)

CLIMATE ACTION

4th Year TUD Geospatial Science SDG Project

The Climate Action Team are working in collaboration with 4th year TUD Geospatial Science students. Students are tasked with reviewing data available on the Fingal Climate Action Story Map and developing a new way to display the Councils work on the Sustainable Development Goals. The Climate Action team will be hearing student's proposals in mid-December.

Meeting with the Auvergne Rhone Alps Energy Agency

The Climate Action team went to Codema's offices on the 18th November to meet the Auvergne Rhone Alps Energy Agency who hosted a workshop on energy communities. The aim of the meeting was to explore the various roles in energy community support and governance, using a role playing game developed by the Agency on the topic of energy communities.



Home Energy Savings Clinics

Two Home Energy Savings Clinics were held for staff in Blanchardstown and Swords. Home Energy Savings Kits have been made available to staff 46 staff have signed up top borrow the kit (28-Blanchardstown and 18 -Swords).



Balbriggan Decarbonisation Zone

Planning work is progressing the development of the methodology and scope of works for the preparation of the Balbriggan DZ Implementation Plan. Work will commence in early 2026.

E2CUTIES

Work is progressing on the second deliverable for this project: Progress of the Dublin Pilot Site.

Fingal Sustainable Energy Communities

Fingal County Council's Climate Action Team meet with the county mentors for the SEC monthly.



LASNTG Climate Action Training

The Climate Action Team has promoted and attended Local Authority Climate Action Webinar Series provided by LASNTG.

Our Balbriggan- Sustainability, Climate Action and Biodiversity Pillar

The Climate Team presented to the Our Balbriggan Leadership Group on the methodology for the development of the Decarbonisation Zone Plan for Balbriggan. 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 Grant

The Community Climate Action Officer Sinéad Fox has been engaging with communities around Fingal promoting Phase 2 of the Community Climate Action Fingal grant. The €1.127m fund is open for applications from not-for-profit community groups, organisations and clubs and closes on 22nd Dec.

Projects that are eligible must reduce carbon emissions such as upgrading building insulation, doors and windows, heating, fitting solar panels on the local hall or sports club, a heat pump, composting food waste, new recycling bins, planting trees and increasing biodiversity. The maximum grant for any individual application is €100k.

Anyone wishing to apply should visit the webpage for information. Three library sessions were held in Blanchardstown, Malahide and Balbriggan and a webinar was hosted to offer guidance to applicants on completing the application form. (The recording is on the webpage). To date 60 groups have received the link for the application form. Applicants from Round 1 grant continue to deliver climate measures in the community setting. These include solar PV at Fingallians GAA.



Climate Action Awareness



The 6-month pilot 'Fingal Reusable Cup Project' concluded in Malahide and Rush on 17th November.

The aim of the project is to significantly reduce and potentially eliminate single use cups within these locations with the anticipation of rolling this out across Fingal in the future.

A total of 18 businesses signed up to participate in the project – 12 in Malahide and 6 in Rush. There was a relatively poor uptake on the 'tap to borrow' reusable cup system with only 338 cups borrowed over the duration of the pilot.

In positive news, some businesses reported an increase of over 60% of customers choosing to bring their own reusable cups. The pilot is currently being reviewed with the intention of continuing the Fingal Reusable Cup Project in 2026 by adapting alternative approaches to ensure success.

ENVIRONMENT

Environmental Awareness:

Environmental Awareness and Climate Action Newsletter

A November edition of the newsletter was sent out to schools, community groups and elected officials looking at some recent highlights from the Environmental Awareness and Climate Action team and provided some useful resources on waste management and home energy saving.

Invitation issued to primary schools to participate in Recycled Christmas Decoration Initiative

Primary school students are invited to take part in an environmentally conscious creative challenge, the design and production of a Christmas tree decoration using recycled materials. Selected decorations will be displayed on the Christmas Tree at County Hall. This initiative aims to promote sustainability and creativity among young learners. Participants are encouraged to repurpose everyday items such as cardboard tubes, fabric remnants, buttons, and bottle caps to craft unique festive ornaments. Participating schools will have the opportunity to win a collection of educational books and biodiversity resources.



Green-Schools Programme

Providing ongoing support to schools on the Green-Schools Programme with their relevant themes which include Litter & Waste, Energy, Water, Travel, Biodiversity, and Global Citizenship themes including Marine.

Anti-Litter and Anti-Graffiti Fund – Successful Applicants

This year's annual Anti-Litter and Anti-Graffiti Competition saw 40 projects being approved. The groups have completed incredible projects which would not have been possible with community engagement and environmental consciousness. The projects ranged from biodiversity planting including mini-orchards and wildflower meadows to, litter clean ups, wall murals and mosaics. The vision and completion of these projects is a testament to the dedication of local groups. The fund is part-sponsored by the Department of Climate, Energy and Environment.

Howth Sutton Autism Friendly Community Anniversary event

The one-year anniversary celebrations of the Howth Sutton Autism Friendly Community included the unveiling of the Environmental Team's mosaics which were the result of the Anti-Litter & Anti-Graffiti grant project. These beautiful mosaics were made from items collected during litter picks, and crockery donated by local charity shops which were destined for landfill until they were repurposed by the group.





Community Leaf Mould Composting Project

The Community Leaf Mould Composting Project training and installation has been completed with 51 community groups participating and managing 136 cages. This initiative promotes sustainable practices by turning a waste stream into a resource while also combating climate change.

Waste Prevention and Circular Economy Tour

As part of the autumn programme Transition Year students visited the Estuary Recycling Centre. The visit included a talk on waste prevention and the circular economy model, followed by a guided tour of the facility. These sessions aim to highlight the role individuals can play in reducing waste and supporting a circular economy.

Social Media Campaign

This month's social media campaigns promoted several campaigns including My Waste's Think Before You Skip campaign, ongoing promotion of correct disposal of vapes, promotion of Clothes Swap Kit for organising Christmas Jumper swaps, and ERP's promotion of the Batteries for Barretstown school challenge. These all reinforce the message of responsible waste management.





Litter Management

The Litter Wardens continue to deal with large amounts of littering and dumping throughout the county.





• 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





• The litter wardens 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.

• The litter management section reports 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.

• The litter wardens 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.

• They Investigate and report on reports of abandoned cars, photographing and updating the litter app and the D365 system.

• They conduct walking patrols and engage with business owners regarding their responsibilities in keeping outside their premises clean and free of litter.

• The Litter Management Section have commenced preparation for an ongoing Litter Awareness Campaign to continue over the 3-year period of the Litter Management Plan and will look at addressing ongoing issues such as illegal dumping/fly-tipping, dog fouling, unauthorised signage, cigarette butts/disposable vapes, muck on the road etc. The Campaign will focus on increasing litter awareness with the public through the various platforms to include the Councils Social Media Platforms, Bus Shelters, Libraries, Community Centres, schools and any other viable sources.



Litter Fines & Warning Notices – November 2025

Month	No of Fines issued	No of Warning Notices issued
January	22	1
February	13	4
March	18	1
April	15	1
May	17	6
June	32	2
July	40	5
August	21	1
September	21	0
October	27	1
November	25	2

There were four cases before the district court in October.
The Litter Management section receive numerous complaints regarding litter enforcement and the following cases were assigned to the Litter Warden under the D365 system to Investigate and report.

Litter Management Cases for November 2025

Cases for November 2025	Number
Beach Patrol	10
Inspection of bring banks	515
Inspection of dumping black spots	741
Dog fouling report	2
Request for Dog fouling signs	19
Muck on road	14
Report of dumping from a car	8
Report of dumping 1 – 20 bags	106
General litter issue	5
Env incident with witness	2
Unauthorised signage	19
Walking patrols	1



Abandoned Vehicles

From 1st January – 25th November 2025, 389 reports of alleged Abandoned Vehicles have been received by the Environment Department. Burnt-out vehicles are also reported to the Environment Department.

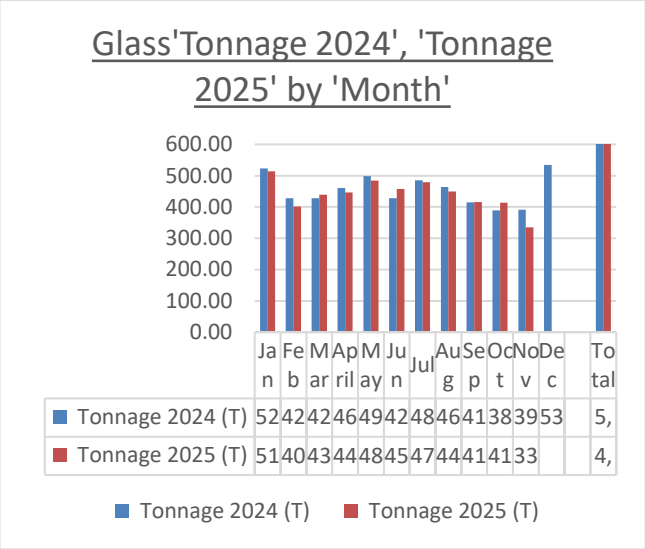
The Litter Wardens carry out an initial inspection of all reported abandoned and burnt-out vehicles. To report a suspected abandoned vehicle the following information is required and should be emailed to environment@fingal.ie

- **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	3	0	0
October	0	5	0	0
November	0	2	0	0
December	0		1	
	7	17	10	4

Bring Banks & Bottle Banks



Glass volumes collected in November 2025 were 335 (T). This compares with a collection figure of 391 (T) in November 2024.

Textiles Banks



Textiles collected in October 2025 were 35 (T). This compares with a collection figure of 20 (T) in October 2024.

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 will increase their patrols on the beaches and in the parks.

There were 141 x 10 Day Notices and 20 Fines issued by the dog wardens to the 24th of November 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	104	23	25	€2,919.70	€3750
October	15	192	13	38	€2,321	€3700
November	104	141	19	20	€2,185	€4610
December	0		5		€1,700	
TOTAL	**1872**	**1187**	**429**	**185**	**€30,606.20**	**€27,309.00**

The Animal Welfare Section created 36 cases relating to dog incidents from 1st of October 2025 to 26th of November 2025. The Animal Welfare team also successfully dealt with 1357 emails in the period in relation to Control of Dogs.

Service	No of complaints per service from 1st of October 2025 to the 26th of November 2025
Env - Dog Fine Appeal	6
Env - Dog on Dog Attack	4
Env - Dog on Person Attack	2
Env – Dog warden assistance, garda request	0
Env - Restricted Breed Dog	8
Env - Surrendered Dog	1
Issue with Dog	2
Dog Warden Incident	4
Horse Seizure	1
Env- Stray Dog	9
Grand Total	**37**

Dog Licences

The below table shows the number of annual and lifetime licences purchased from 1st January 2025 to 25th November 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	954	87	66	€33,740	€28,320
February	1010	846	62	56	€28,880	€24,760
March	810	855	58	61	€24,320	€25,640
April	918	838	64	46	€27,320	€23,200
May	1193	939	90	64	€36,460	€27,740
June	1045	795	87	47	€33,080	€22,480
July	843	808	49	52	€23,720	€23,440
August	865	897	67	72	€26,680	€28,020
September	762	719	47	43	€21,820	€20,360
October	804	609	65	45	€25,180	€18,480
November	654	725	46	49	€19,520	€21,360
December	310		20		€9000	€
Total for year	10, 292	8,985	742	601	€309,720	€263,800



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 November there were 8 dogs in the shelter. Up to 26th November 2025, 18 dogs were brought to the shelter by the dog wardens as stray or surrenders and 7 were surrendered by members of the public. Of these 33 dogs 3 were reclaimed, 7 were rehomed to Rescue and 4 were rehomed to members of the public. As of 26th of November 2025 there were 15 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 November 2024	18	Dogs in Shelter at start of November 2025	8
Stray/Seized dogs brought to Shelter	18	Stray/Seized dogs brought to Shelter	18
Surrendered by owners	4	Surrendered by owners	7
Reclaimed	2	Reclaimed	3
Rehomed to Rescue	9	Rehomed to Rescue	7
Rehomed to Public	1	Rehomed to Public	4
PTS	4	PTS	4
Dogs in Shelter at the end of November 2024	**40**	**Dogs in shelter at 26th of November 2025**	**15**



Contact the Shelter on **0873914008**, **WhatsApp or Facebook** for further information or to book a viewing.

Fingal County Council has shared this information on our own Facebook & Instagram pages.

Facebook: **Dublin County Dog Shelter**

Instagram: **dublincountydogshelter**

Horses

During November there was 1 horse seized from the public realm. Weekly welfare inspections and monthly vet inspections continue at Dunsink Landfill onsite. Hay feeders are filled weekly to ensure adequate forage for the horses on the landfill. 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.



Waste Enforcement & Regulations

Waste Complaints

During November, a total of 24 waste complaints were recorded with 13 requiring further investigation. These complaints related to household backyard burning/storage of waste, unauthorised C&D sites, fly tipping/dumping, and non-routine inspections.

Types of Complaints	Nov-25
Fly/ Tipping/Illegal Dumping	1
Unauthorised C&D sites	1
Unauthorised ELV sites	0
Unauthorised Tyre Dumps	0
Unauthorised Waste Collectors	0
Unauthorised Waste Activities	0
WFP Sites (Permit Expired)	0
Extractive industries	0
HH Waste - Backyard Storage	9
Article 27	0
Non-routine inspections	2
Total	13

Cumulative No. of Waste Complaints	
Year	**Nov**
2019	220
2020	300
2021	200
2022	237
2023	235
2024	261
2025	362

Photo of Illegal Waste Collector



Waste Presentation Bye-Laws Project

During the month of November, the Waste Enforcement & regulations Unit continued work on the on the FCC Segregation, Storage and Presentation of Household and Commercial Waste Bye-Laws project. To date, a total of 3,604 households, suspected of not participating in a waste collection service, were contacted to confirm how they're managing their waste. This has resulted in over 238 new bin accounts being put in place since the beginning of the project. The project has revealed that:

- approx. 14% of houses were noted to be vacant,
- 24% were managed by a property management company and had communal bins in place,
- 15% had a bin sharing agreement with a neighbour or relative,
- 40% were engaged/engaging with a waste collector and
- 7% disposed of their waste at an authorised facility.

Waste Checkpoint

In late November, authorised officers participated in a checkpoint alongside An Garda Síochána. The operation took place in Baldoyle. Vehicles including lorries, trucks, and vans were stopped and inspected to assess compliance with waste collection permits and to identify illegal waste activities. For any vehicles transporting waste, drivers were questioned regarding the origin and destination of the waste and were asked to produce their waste permit details.



Article 27 By-Products

By-product notifications are made to the EPA through an online portal. Fingal County Council Waste Enforcement Section then has a role to carry out site inspections at the site of origin and / or site of destination to check that the material matches that which has been notified as a By-Product as opposed to a waste material.

In November, 9 notifications were received regarding by-products having either a site of origin or a site of destination or both within Fingal. All notifications, with the exception of 2, were for soil and stone materials, e.g. soil and stones excavated as part of developments and then notified as by-product. The remaining 2 notifications were for Road Plannings/ Bituminous Materials.

Inspections and/or desktop assessments have been completed for 8 of the notifications. Inspections to date have found the materials matched what was notified under the Article 27 notification with no further action required.



The EPA carries out an assessment of all notifications and then makes a determination. The determination is either to agree with the decision as notified that the material is a by-product, or that the material is a waste i.e. the notification fails to satisfy the 4 key criteria required for the material to be classed as a by-product.



Where the EPA makes a determination that the material is a waste, and the material has already moved, the site of destination becomes an unauthorised waste disposal site for which enforcement action is then required. Early inspection of sites notified under Article 27 minimises the risk of being confronted with an unauthorised waste disposal site.

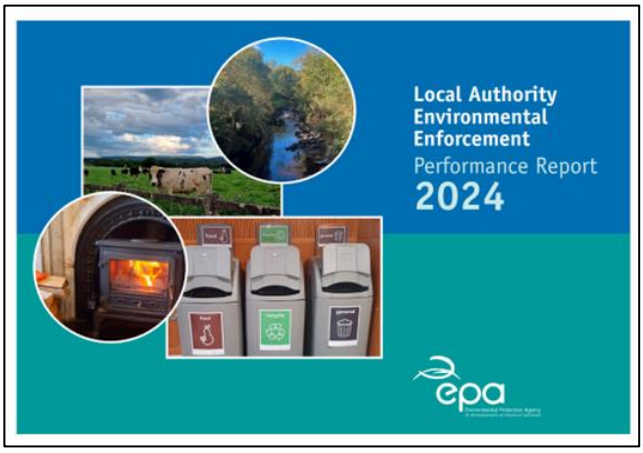
Planning Files

The Waste Enforcement & regulations Unit has reviewed **160 applications** to date in 2025. The proposed developments are assessed to gauge their potential to generate construction and demolition wastes and how these waste streams will be managed including by-product materials such as soil & stone and concrete.

Once a development has been granted planning permission, compliance documents relating to construction and demolition waste and operational waste management are forwarded to the Waste Enforcement and Regulation Section for review. The submissions are assessed for compliance with national legislation, guidance and best practice. To date in 2025 a total of **181 compliance submissions** have been assessed by the Waste Enforcement and Regulation Section and reports issued to the Planning Department.

Air & Noise

EPA Local Authority Performance Report



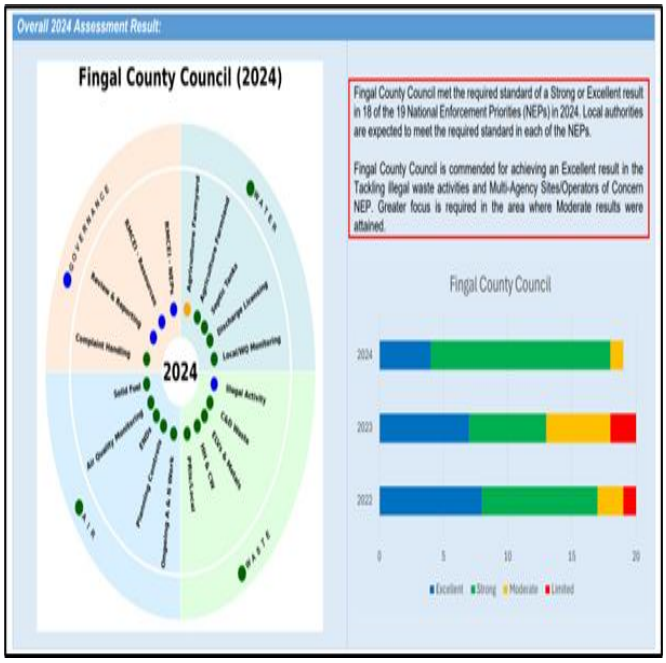
The EPA recently published the Local Authority Environmental Enforcement Performance Report for 2024. The assessment is based on the EPA's Local Authority Performance Framework, where local authority performance is measured and reported against the National Enforcement Priorities (NEPs) which have been set by the EPA to improve environmental compliance for waste, water, air and noise.

Fingal met all of the Air and Noise performance indicator requirements for 2024 and were scored by the EPA as '**Strong**' in all 5 of these categories. This represents a significant improvement on the previous year, as Fingal did not meet any of the standards for the 5 Air and Noise performance indicators in 2023 due to significant resource issues.

Fingal County Council were 1 of only 6 local authorities who met the High Performance standard set by the EPA for 2024. Link below:

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2024 Performance Results



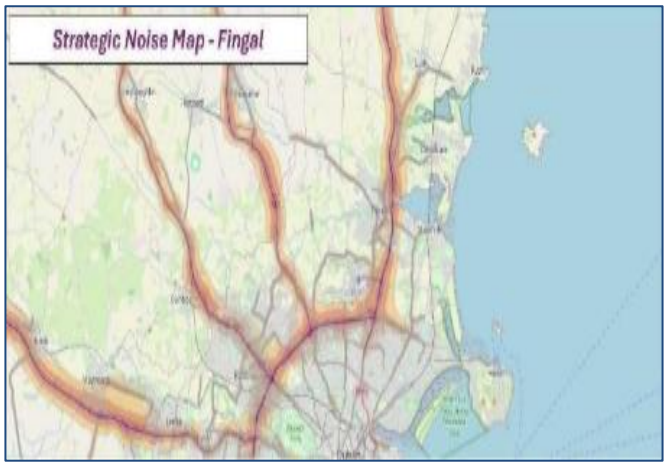
Air & Noise Complaints

A total of no. 10 noise complaints were received and investigated during November. Complaints were received regarding neighbour-to-neighbour noise, drone delivery noise, construction site noise and noise associated with commercial activities.

A total of 15 no. air complaints were received and investigated during November and these included complaints regarding construction dust, neighbour-to-neighbour air pollution issues and complaints about emissions from commercial and industrial units. The majority of these complaints have been resolved, with investigations ongoing to resolve the remaining open complaints.

Planning Files

The Air and Noise Section have reviewed **170 no. Planning Applications** referred by the Planning Department for the year to date. Applications are assessed against the latest Strategic Noise Maps for Fingal to ensure that any proposed developments, and particularly residential developments, will not be adversely affected by road, rail, industrial or aircraft noise.



A total of **96 no. Planning Compliance Submissions** have been reviewed for compliance with air and noise related planning conditions for the year to date. These submissions typically outline the mitigation measures that will be used to minimise the dust and noise impacts during the construction phase of a development.



Solvent Regulations (Dry Cleaner) Inspections

The Air and Noise team undertook 10 no. compliance inspections of dry cleaners/laundries under the Solvent Regulations to confirm the need for registration. All premises inspected were found to be compliant or were exempt from the legislation. The Air and Noise team continue to maintain the dry cleaner register, ensuring all relevant operators remain compliant.

'Deco Paints' Regs (Vehicle Refinisher) Inspections

11 no. businesses carrying out vehicle refinishing (paint spraying) were inspected in November. Information regarding the registration requirements, process and obligations was shared with relevant operators. Of the 11 businesses inspected, 7 were confirmed to require registration. The Air and Noise team are continuing to engage with operators to ensure compliance.



Solid Fuel Regulations – Retailer Inspections

Solid fuel burning season has started, and inspection of solid fuel retailers is underway. 5 no. premises have been inspected to date to determine compliance with the Solid Fuel Regulations. Any non-compliances identified will be relayed to the retailers and information regarding legal obligations for retailers will be shared to improve compliance.

During November, the Air and Noise team also took part in a checkpoint to check compliance under solid fuel transporter requirements. This checkpoint was organised under a multi-agency approach between the Waste Enforcement Section of Fingal County Council and An Garda Siochána.



SPORTS OFFICE

Marathonkids Final Mile Events

On the 18th and 19th November, we hosted the MarathonKids Final Mile events in Morton Stadium, Santry. 5,000 5th & 6th class primary school students from Fingal & Dublin City came together over the 2 days to complete their last mile of an 8-week programme.

The programme which started in September, incorporates daily runs, physical & mental health education, nutrition and exercise. The students recorded daily updates in their digital workbooks and learned about subjects linked to the Social, Personal & Health Education (SPHE) module of the student's curriculum.



Inclusion Week

The Sports Office alongside our Active Cites Dublin coordinator supported our Community Dept in their Men's Shed Inclusion Week Workshops on International Men's Day. Over 60 men from 10 different Men's Sheds across Fingal took part in the event. Speakers included Paul Fleming who discussed the importance of simple exercises to improve mobility and quality of life, John Boland on mental health issues and the importance of resilience and this was followed by some comedic relief from comedian Eric Lawlor and music from The Plonkers. Our Active Cities Dublin Coordinator also provided a grip strength test which is a key indicator to strength and is linked to a lower risk of chronic diseases like heart disease and diabetes. Follow-up projects will be initiated from this event over the winter period.





Sports First Aid

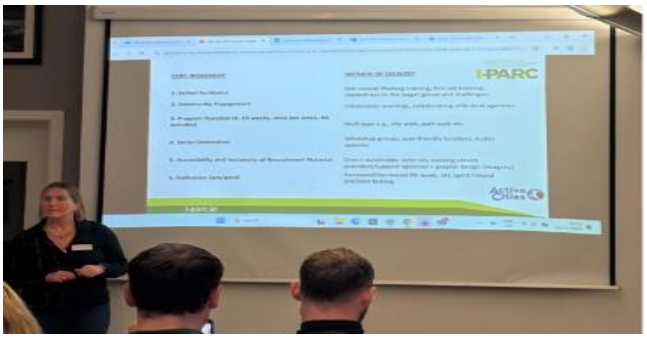
Our Sports First Aid Education series concluded for 2025 with 6 participants receiving their Defibrillation Accreditation Training in Corduff Sports Centre. In total this year over 60 participants have attended the Introductory Workshop with 12 of those receiving the Pre-Hospital Emergency Defib Accreditation Award.

The Defib training upskilled participants in treating Cardiac Arrest using Defibrillators available and funded by Fingal in many clubs and has proved to be hugely beneficial for club members throughout the County.



I-PARC (Irish Physical Activity Research Collaboration) Active Cities Research Project

All Five Active Cities (Dublin, Cork, Limerick, Waterford and Galway including Fingal's Active Cities co-ordinator have collaborated with I-PARC on a national Research project that has received €283,000 funding. The projects overall aim is to maximize tailored implementation of evidence-based physical activity programmes to address population levels of physical inactivity and will begin with a shared walking and physical activity initiative in Darndale Dublin City.



Canoeing Programme with BMYI Service

Our Active Cities Dublin Coordinator collaborated with Canoeing Ireland to develop a programme that reflects on Fingal's commitment to promoting outdoor recreation and wellbeing among local youth. Through this partnership and pilot programme we worked with the BMYI youth services in D15.

The 24 teenagers engaged in a 12-week "Good to Go" paddle sport program, gaining skills in safety, confidence, wellbeing, and environmental awareness, Graduates receive nationally recognised certification, building CVs and unlocking future opportunities.

The initiative fosters physical and mental resilience, teamwork, and long-term connections with paddle sports



Ice-skating

Our Active Cities Dublin Coordinator engaged with our operations department to secure six complimentary 1-hour slots for us to engage with various community stakeholders. To organise 6 events the Sports Office and Community office collaborated to identify community groups and linked in with primary schools, secondary schools, disability services, IPAS centres and Youth Services.





Her Moves Exercise Energise Programme

Thirteen secondary schools from across the County have signed up to be part of this year's Her Moves Exercise Energise Programme. The Exercise Energise programme is aimed mainly at girls aged 12 – 15 years who are not currently involved in sport or physical activity and its objective is to help combat the drop off from sport among this age group. Schools for funding through the programme to provide activities at lunchtime or after-school and the activities are an addition to the usual PE class. The participating girls are involved in selecting the activity and this has proven to drive the success of the programme since its original conception nearly fourteen years ago. Activities selected in the past range from Judo, Martial Arts, Dance, Futsal, Frisbee, Basketball, Hip-Hop, Athletics, Zumba and Gym work. A Multi-Sports Day is being planned in March for the schools which will be part of the celebration of Women in Sport Week.





Sport Inclusion & Disability Awareness Training

In preparation for Inclusion Week, 11 staff members from Fingal County Council's Community Department completed Sport Inclusion and Disability Awareness Training, strengthening their commitment to inclusive practice across all sporting initiatives. 50 students from TUD Dublin also undertook the same training as part of their academic module, reflecting the strong and ongoing partnership between TU Dublin and the Sports Office.

The training, delivered by Fingal staff and certified by Active Disability Ireland, explored key themes including appropriate language and terminology, effective communication strategies, and challenging perceptions of people with disabilities in the sporting sector.

This collaboration highlights the shared commitment of Fingal Sports Office, Community Department and TU Dublin to fostering a more inclusive sporting environment, ensuring that awareness and understanding of disability inclusion remain central to future practice.





Conference and Events

It was a busy month for the sport team for learning and networking. Over the past month, the sport office had a presence at the following conferences and workshops

- Fingal's OPC Annual Conference From Isolation to Inclusion: A Collaborative Approach
- Sport Ireland Women in Sport Summit
- Fingal Integration Department - Building Inclusive Communities
- Sport For Business - Sustainability in Sport
- Sport Ireland - Storytelling – From Participation to Inspiration

Student Interviews at TUD

The TUD Mock Interview Programme, delivered in partnership with Fingal County Council during November, provided final-year Sports Degree students with a realistic and structured interview experience. The initiative aimed to prepare students for entering the sports industry workforce while offering Fingal staff valuable professional development opportunities.

Over three sessions, students participated in mock interviews for a Sports Development Officer (SDO) role, receiving tailored feedback to enhance their employability. The programme strengthened collaboration between TUD and Fingal County Council and contributed to the long-term growth of the sports development workforce.

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Rates

Overall Commercial Rates collection to the end of November 2025 is running at 96.7%.

Rates Collection	
Rates collected €m	€161.14 m
Rates collected %	96.7%

Development Levy Income

Development levy income collected to the end of October is €26.7m.

Development Levy Income YTD Oct 2025	
Levies Receipted	€26.7 m
Levies Collected as a % of 2024	37.5%

Payroll

Overall payroll spend to the end of November was €79.7m which is c. **100.8%** of outturn YTD.

Payroll	
Salaries & Wages €m	€79.67m
Percentage of Outturn.	100.8%

Procurement

Outlined below is a summary of the overall procurement activity at end of November

No. of contracts awarded (details below) for year to date	251	
Value €m	79m	
Procurements ongoing at end of November		
No. of procurements awaiting tender responses	10	(i)
Value €m	23.3m	
No. of procurements under evaluation	41	(ii)
Value €m	78m	
No. of procurements at approved	10	(iii)
Value €m	10.2m	

Notes:
(i) Procurements awaiting tender responses – tender responses awaited at end of November.
(ii) Procurements under evaluation – tender responses submitted and being evaluated at end of the November.
(iii) Procurements at approved – Tender responses have been evaluated and approved. Pre- contract award processes ongoing at end of November.

Appendix 1
Revenue Account – Income & Expenditure

REVENUE ACCOUNT INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION AT 30 NOVEMBER 2025

	EXPENDITURE			INCOME			NET
	Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent to date	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised	€
Housing & Building	108,708,042	123,749,800	88%	113,415,171	126,862,200	89%	-4,707,129
Road Transport & Safety	33,128,611	36,814,800	90%	10,004,794	9,063,700	110%	23,123,817
Water Services	9,363,706	13,233,400	71%	11,263,507	15,070,000	75%	-1,899,801
Development Management	22,925,408	25,261,800	91%	9,608,491	10,206,000	94%	13,316,917
Environmental Services	45,228,694	48,948,700	92%	10,773,016	8,761,100	123%	34,455,677
Recreation & Amenity	56,595,068	59,101,400	96%	4,467,031	4,375,600	102%	52,128,037
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	1,708,080	1,575,200	108%	444,585	422,700	105%	1,263,495
Miscellaneous Services	18,686,590	21,053,000	89%	25,945,147	29,588,900	88%	-7,258,558
Central Management Charge	56,173,686	59,137,800	95%	3,472,721	4,073,900	85%	52,700,964
Local Property Tax / GPG				11,641,942	12,700,300	92%	-11,641,942
Rates				153,772,208	167,751,500	92%	-153,772,208
	352,517,884	**388,875,900**	**91%**	**354,808,614**	**388,875,900**	**91%**	**-2,290,730**

Appendix 1 – continued
Capital Account – Income & Expenditure

CAPITAL ACCOUNT
INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 30/11/2025

		Balance at 0/01/2025 €	Expenditure YTD €	Income YTD €	Balance at 31/11/2025 €
A	Housing & Building	-9,686,875	287,688,124	-216,269,744	61,731,505
B	Road Transport & Safety	9,980,266	30,292,876	-25,313,280	14,959,862
C	Water Services	-10,327,807	2,018,244	-2,288,593	-10,598,156
D	Development Management	-175,344,430	44,384,663	-49,311,545	-180,271,312
E	Environmental Services	-15,418,209	3,316,597	-962,535	-13,064,147
F	Recreation & Amenity	-11,766,355	36,839,642	-19,300,208	5,773,079
H	Miscellaneous Services	-42,102,959	12,444,015	-13,880,838	-43,539,782
	Total	**-254,666,369**	**416,984,161**	**-327,326,743**	**-165,008,951**

Appendix 1 – continued
Summary of Corporate Debtors

SUMMARY OF CORPORATE DEBTORS TO 30/11/25					
	Balance at 01/01/2025	**Balance at 30/11/25**	**Current debt**	**> 1 Year**	
RATES	€687,389.68	€5,573,466.98	€4,996,996.61	€576,470.37	*
LOANS	€2,130,036.51	€1,876,662.34	€145,828.45	€1,730,833.89	
RENTS	€10,032,929	€8,709,358	€3,039,027	€5,670,331	
Figures for rents and loans are unadjusted by credits/prepayments					
* value of debit at 31/12/2024 was €1,823,834.70 with a credit of €1,136,445.02					

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Appendix 2
Number of Contracts Awarded to the end of September

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
Surface Restoration R806 Castleknock	Breedon Surfacing Solutions	Rosemount Business Park, Ballycoolin, Dublin 11	€247,540	01/12/2025	01/03/2026	4	19/11/2025
Surface Restoration R121 Clonsilla Road	Sian Bituminous Products Ltd	Monastery Road, Clondalkin, Dublin 22	€117,287	01/12/2025	31/12/2025	1	07/11/2025
The design, installation, operation and maintenance of rooftop Solar PV for County Hall, Swords	JF & H Dowds T/A Dowds Group	4 Parkway, Ballymena, BT43 5ET	€119,731	10/11/2025	09/02/2027	15	10/11/2025
County Hall Upgrades - Pilot Floor Planning Department	Smith and Coleman Construction Ltd	Clonkeefy, Oldcastle Co Meath	€875,000	18/11/2025	22/05/2027	16	18/11/2025
Engineering Consultancy Services for Golf Links Road, Portmarnock Project Phases 1 & 2	Egis Engineering Ireland Limited	Classon House, Dundrum Business Park, Dublin 14	€297,897	07/11/2025	06/11/2026	12	05/09/2025
Machinery Hire, Securing of Land & Site Clearance on Council Lands at Damastown	G&J Kearns Developments Ltd, t/a Gerry Kearns Plant Hire	Naul , Co Dublin	€42,840	07/08/2025	29/08/2025	1	07/08/2025
Provision of Works: Design and Build Weir Removal Bracken/Matt River	Rivus Ltd	Ballynagaragh , Kilbrittain, Co Cork	€198,350	01/12/2025	01/10/2027	22	12/11/2025
Donabate Transport Projects - Traffic Surveys	IDASO Ltd	Unit 18, Mulingar Business Park, Mullingar	€29,775	17/11/2025	24/11/2025	1	17/11/2025
Safety surface installation to Millenium Park playground for Fingal County Council	Spraoi Linn	Ballygarran House, Kilmuckridge, Co Wexford	€156,432	19/11/2025	20/12/2025	1	17/11/2025
Groundworks to Millenium Park playground to include all necessary pathways, stonework and preparation for Fingal County Council	KT Civil Ltd	Corrydonlan, Rathowen Co Westmeath	€87,654	19/11/2025	31/12/2025	1	17/11/2025

Provision of Cost Rental Services at Churchfields, Mulhuddart, Dublin 15 for Fingal County Council	Occu Living Ltd	6th Floor Embassy House, Ballsbirdge	€355,520	20/10/2025	19/10/2029	48	20/10/2025
Provision of Dog Shelter Services for Fingal County Council (interim arrangement)	Milland Animal Care Ltd	Ballyshane, Cloghan, Co Offaly	€44,167	15/09/2025	14/11/2025	2	10/10/2025
Property Interest Register Annual Maintenance	Irish Mapping & GIS Solutions Ltd	8 Keypoint, Rosemount Business Park, Dublin 11	€29,130	01/01/2026	31/12/2028	36	12/11/2025
Resurfacing of The Moorings, Malahide, Co Dublin and ancillary works	D.M Morris Ltd	13 Parklands Office Park , Southern Cross Road, Bray, Co Wicklow	€159,240	10/11/2025	28/11/2025	1	31/10/2025
Road Resurfacing, Ramps Restoration & Lining Works at Beechpark Avenue Dublin 15	Zayo Infrastructure Ltd	Custom house Plaza, Block 6, IFSC Dublin	€109,937	17/11/2025	27/02/2026	3	11/11/2025
Construction of 13 no. Dwellings and Associated Site Works at 30-32 North Street, Swords, Co. Dublin	Broomfield Construction Ltd	Aghadreenan, Broomfield, Castleblayney, Co. Monaghan	€4,121,476	15/09/2025	15/12/2027	27	12/09/2025
Cycle Path Restoration Works Dublin	Postmount Buildings Ltd t/a Jim Hayes Civil Engineering	Ballymore , Rathoath, Co Meath	€123,990	01/10/2025	01/01/2026	3	18/10/2025
Improvement works to existing Portmarnock Railway Overbridge	Jons Civil Engineering Ltd	Carrranstown Dunleek, Co Meath	€64,944	22/10/2025	19/01/2026	3	22/10/2025
Repair of two bridge parapets (Clonmethan and Owens Bridge)	Triur Construction Ltd	13 Society St, Townparks, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway	€31,875	06/10/2025	31/10/2025	1	06/10/2025
Skerries Mills - Sail arm repair works	Hegarty Demolition Ltd	46 Balckburne Square, Rathfarnham, Dublin 14	€251,511	25/07/2025	31/08/2026	26	24/07/2025
Mechanical Bulb & Wildflower Planting 2025	Flower your Place B.V.	De Oude Wijk 15, 2771, WT, Boskoop	€155,868	01/09/2025	31/12/2025	4	23/10/2025
Resurfacing a section of the Baskin Lane, Kinsealy, Co Dublin and ancillary works	Roadstone Limited	Fortunestown, Tallaght, Dublin 24	€120,051	03/11/2025	28/11/2025	1	22/10/2025

Estate Wall Repairs Newbridge Demesne - Phase 2	Francis Haughey Contstruction Ireland Ltd	21-23 St. Patricks Street, Keady, Co. Armagh, BT60 3TQ	€418,889	22/09/2025	19/01/2026	5	21/08/2025
Supply and Delivery of Bicycle and Scooter Racks to Multiple Locations for Fingal County Council	IPL Group	Slane Road, Drogheda, Co Louth	€27,260	30/10/2025	30/04/2026	6	08/10/2025
Lift Maintenance and Repair Services for Fingal Buildings	FAIN Ireland Ltd	Unit 6 Broomhill Business Park, Broomhill Road, Dublin 24	€50,000	09/10/2025	25/09/2026	12	26/09/2025
Consultancy Services for segregated cycle network, footpath improvements and public realm space along the R132 in Balbriggan through Dublin Street, Drogheda Street along the R132.	DBFL Consulting Engineers	Ormond House, Upper Ormond Quay, Dublin 7	€709,699	29/10/2025	28/10/2028	36	29/10/2025
Purchase of 8 Battery Electric Vans	Gowan Auto Ltd	Unit 2007, Orchard Avenue, City West Business Campus, Dublin 24	€244,944	21/10/2025	20/10/2026	12	21/10/2025
Solar Power Signage Contract 2025	PWS Signs Ltd	Ravensdale, Unit 10 Northlink Business Park, Coes Road, Dundalk, Co. Louth	€46,470	22/09/2025	22/03/2026	6	28/08/2025
Donabate Portrane Library Loose Furniture	Tona Commerical Interiors Ltd	The Harbour Kilcock, Co. kildare	€25,285	21/10/2025	21/04/2026	6	21/10/2025
Provision of event management services for a programme of events at Swords Castle and Carnegie Library (Sept to Nov 2025)	Invictus Events Management and Consultancy Ltd	Unit 3 Pairc Glas, Rathcormac, Co. Cork	€79,970	01/09/2025	19/12/2025	4	23/10/2025
Provision of event management services for a programme of events at Swords Castle and Carnegie Library (June to August 2025)	Invictus Events Management and Consultancy Ltd	Unit 3 Pairc Glas, Rathcormac, Co. Cork	€74,179	02/05/2025	31/08/2025	4	23/10/2025
Corduff Park Improvement Works, Blackcourt Road, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15	Sole Sport and Lesiure Ltd	Unit 8 Rosemount Business Park, Sinnittstown Lane, Wexford	€2,019,348	01/12/2025	01/08/2027	20	21/10/2025

Policy and Economics Consultancy Services to Develop a Comprehensive Business Sustainability Strategy - "Future Fingal: Fingal Sustainability Strategy"	Grant Thornton Finance Ltd	13-18 City Quay, Dublin 2	€114,804	29/08/2025	28/02/2026	9	29/08/2025
Engineering Consultancy Services for Emergency Stabilisation Works for Skerries Pier	Ayesa Consulting Engineers	H5 Oak Road, Centrepoint Business Park, Dublin 12	€38,673	27/10/2025	27/03/2026	6	20/10/2025
Upgrade works at Sluagh Hall Project for Fingal County Council at Sluagh Hall, Spittal Hill, Lissenhall, Swords	Mullacurry Construction Ltd	Mullacurry, Dromin, Dunleer, Co Louth	€199,735	07/08/2025	28/11/2026	15	07/08/2025
Project R132 Flemington Lane Junction Upgrade and Maintenance Works	McAvoy Contracts Ltd	13A Fernhill Road, Annaclone, Banbridge, Co Down, BT32 5AF	€1,171,218.00	10/10/2025	09/10/2028	36	10/10/2025
Racecourse Park Baldoyle - detailed design and tender preparation	Civic Engineers Ltd	36 Lad Lane, Lower Baggot Street, Dublin 2	€641,920.00	23/05/2025	23/09/2027	28	14/05/2025
Resurfacing of a section of Harbour Rd, Howth	D.M Morris Ltd	13 Parklands Office Park , Southern Cross Road, Bray, Co Wicklow	€344,729.50	21/10/2025	21/11/2025	1	17/09/2025
Permeability Works at Beverton, Donnabate, Co. Dublin	KT Civil Ltd	Corrydonlon, Rathowen, Co. Westmeath	€138,350.00	14/10/2025	14/04/2026	6	06/10/2025
Provision of Services for the Co-ordination and Delivery of the Student Enterprise Programme for Fingal Local Enterprise Office.	Sharon Rossignuolo T/A Coach Executive Ireland	43 Latchford Square, Castaheany , Dublin 15	€40,000.00	01/08/2025	01/08/2026	12	11/06/2025
Requirement for Supply and Installation of Antiskid for the Howth Road Cycle Lane	Nuzum Road Services Ltd	The Mill House, Ballyshannon, Kilcullen, Co. Kildare	€118,550.00	29/09/2025	26/10/2025	1	15/09/2025
Provision of Tenancy Sustainment Services & Waste Management for Council tenants residing at Ballough Place, Lusk, Co. Dublin	Bridge Housing	39 Uppercross Road, Rialto, Dublin 8	€53,600.00	16/04/2025	01/04/2026	12	16/04/2025

Purchase of up to 5 no 45 - 50 KW Compact Tractors	Maher Tractor Sales Ltd	The Bush, Dunshaughlin ,Co Meath	€36,000.00	16/09/2025	15/09/2026	12	16/09/2025
Resurfacing of the Hartstown Link Road, Junction with Ongar Distributor Road, Dublin 15 and ancillary works.	Breedon Surfacing Solutions Ireland Ltd	Rosemount Business Park, Ballycoolin Road, Dublin 11	€102,842.50	08/10/2025	20/11/2025	2	11/09/2025
Hire of 1 Rubber Wheeled 180° Backhoe Excavators with Full Complement of Multiple Size Buckets, Rock Breaker and Operators For Fingal County Council Stormwater Operations	Larry Kiernan Plant Hire	Grougha. Ring Commons, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin	€66,986.00	13/10/2025	12/10/2026	12	03/10/2025
Upgrade of the existing overflow car park at Porterstown park. To include SUDS features, ducting, lining and traffic calming measures	Dancor Civil Engineering Ltd	Ardee Road, Dunleer, Co. Louth	€844,114.00	10/10/2025	09/10/2026	12	03/10/2025
Resurfacing of Red Arches Road Cycle Lane	Tarstone Road Maintenance Ltd	Easton House, Carranstown, Duleek , Meath	€58,000.00	06/10/2025	24/10/2025	1	29/09/2025
Concrete footpath construction in a serious of batches from 3 - 6 square meters at Ard Na Mara Malahide Co Dublin	Clar Con Construction Ltd	Cnon-Glas, Jordanstown, Lusk, Co Dublin	€39,670.00	22/09/2025	17/10/2025	1	11/09/2025
Project and Portfolio Management System (3 years)	NextGen PPM Ltd	Calle Angel Burna, Spain	€50,000.00	01/09/2025	31/08/2028	36	01/09/2025
The provision of building surveying and Inspection services in connection with social housing.	ABL Surveyors	26/27 Upper Pembroke St, Dublin 2	€104,350.00	26/09/2025	28/02/2026	6	01/09/2025
Supply, Delivery and Installation of Loose Furniture to Skerries Carnegie Library, Strand Street, Skerries, Co. Dublin, K34 FT61	Bushell Interiors Ltd	12 Heaney Ave, Park West Dublin 12	€85,504.16	24/09/2025	24/03/2026	6	24/09/2025

Remedial Works to traffic signal infrastructure at the Churchfields Link Road project (PSI-034) in Damastown, Dublin 15	Traffic Solutions Ltd	Unit 5, Block K, Manooth Business Park, Maynooth, Co. Kildare W23 D981	€236,188.30	01/10/2025	31/12/2025	3	26/09/2025
Supply of 2 x PowerEdge R760 Servers	Dell Technologies	Innovation House, Cherrywood, Dublin 18	€29,426.46	01/10/2025	30/09/2028	36	10/09/2025
Technical Advisory Quantity Surveying Consultancy Services for Work stages (ii)(c) to (v) for Design and Construction of 32nr units and works at Park Road, Kenure, Rush, Co. Dublin	McGahon Surveyors Ltd	Block 1 Quayside Business Park, Mill Street, Townparks, Dundalk, Co. Louth	€59,470.00	25/07/2025	25/01/2029	42	11/07/2025
Technical Advisory Civil and Structural Engineering Consultancy Services for Work stages (ii)(c) to (v) for Design and Construction of 34nr units and works at Woodside, Swords, Co. Dublin	Roughan & O'Donovon	Arena House, Arena Road, Sandyford, Dublin 18	€60,000.00	25/07/2025	25/01/2029	42	11/07/2025
Geoenvironmental Consultancy Services at Quay Street Balbriggan Co Dublin	ARUP Ltd	1 Albery Quay, Co Cork	€147,350.00	08/09/2025	09/03/2026	6	05/09/2025
Delivery of New Public Artwork for Harry Reynolds Road	John Kindness	London	€42,750.00	06/10/2025	06/09/2026	11	26/05/2025
Park development works including boundary fencing, entrance gateway works, footpath and associated works at Bleach Green, Lucan	KT Civil Ltd	Corrydoniion Rathowen, Co. Westmeath	€268,005.56	05/08/2025	05/12/2025	4	28/07/2025
Services of Event Managers for Fingal Xplore Your Future TY Skills Expo 2025	Whitelight Consulting Ltd T/A Whitelight Events	60 Bryanstown Village, Dublin Road, Drogheda, Co Louth, A92 X00N	€29,700.00	01/09/2025	28/02/2026	6	01/09/2025
Traffic Calming Ramps Contract 2025	MCM Surfacing Limited	Castlelumney, Dunleer, Co.Louth	€204,356.40	22/09/2025	09/03/2026	7	21/08/2025
Inspections of Playgrounds/ Skate parks /Fitness Equipment and Multi Use Games Areas in Fingal County Council	Play Services Ireland Ltd	705 Lisburn Enterprise Centre, Ballinderry Road, Lisburn, BT28 2BP	€383,150	08/09/2025	08/09/2027	24	05/09/2025

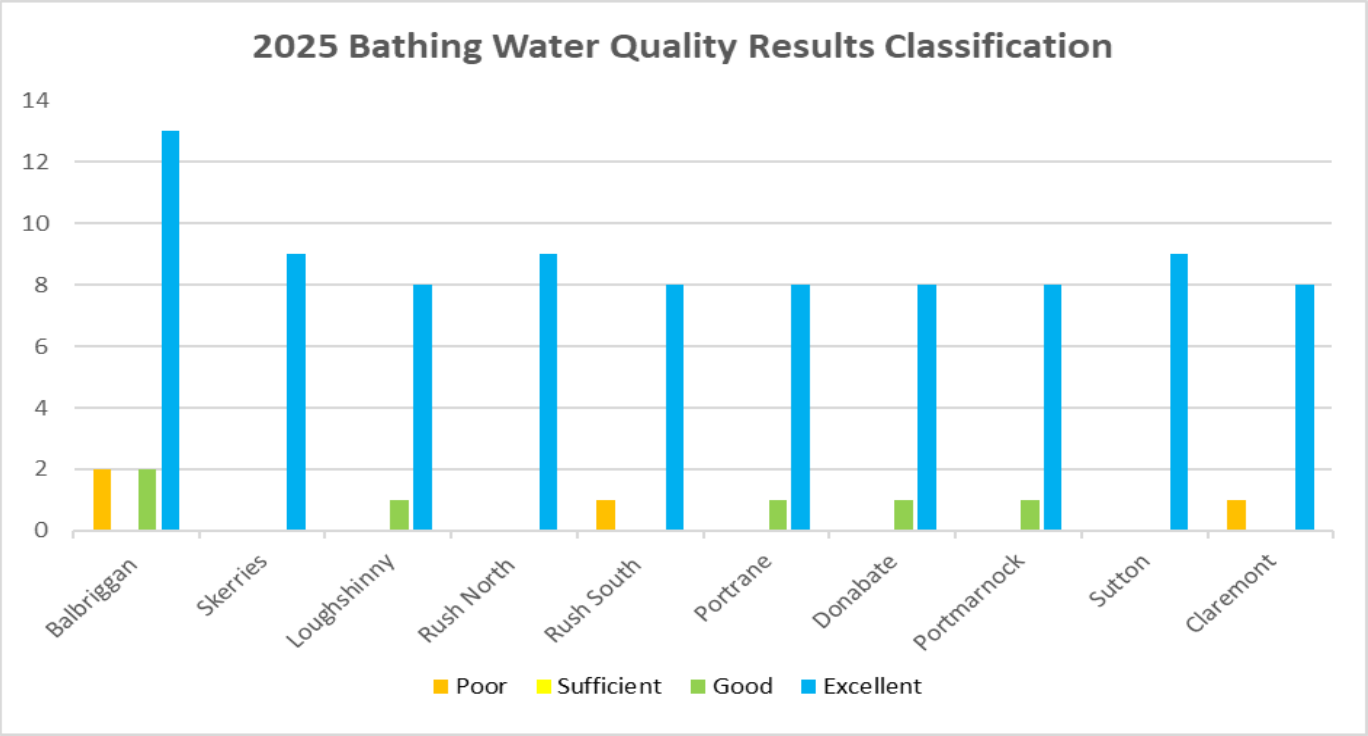
Slipform kerb and bituminous footpath construction at Baskin Cottages Co. Dublin	Postmount Buildings Ltd t/a Jim Hayes Civil Engineering	Ballymore, Rathoath, Co. Meath	€56,481	01/09/2025	26/09/2025	1	25/08/2025
Resurfacing of Clonsilla Road Dublin 15	Siac Bituminous Products Ltd	Monastery Road, Clondalkin, Co. Dublin	€131,135	20/09/2025	20/11/2025	2	11/09/2025
Summerfields Blanchardstown Footpaths	Citius Ltd	Club Road, Ballymount, Dublin 22	€37,240	15/09/2025	15/10/2025	1	11/09/2025
Provision of Arts Services to Manage and Deliver Cultural Development Objectives Fingal County Council	Peninsula Art Productions Limited	77 Carrs Mill, Donabate, Co. Dublin K36 HY26	€160,000.00	10/09/2025	10/09/2027	24	10/09/2025
Resurfacing of Castleknock Drive & Meadows Castleknock Dublin 15	Breedon Surfacing Solutions Ireland Ltd	Rosemount Business Park, Ballycoolin Road, Dublin 11	€74,700	01/09/2025	01/11/2025	2	11/06/2025
Resurfacing of Village Heights Residential Estate Mulhuddart Dublin 15	John McQuillan Contracts Ltd	11 Ballinderry Road, Lisburn, BT28 2SA	€25,726	01/10/2025	01/12/2025	2	01/09/2025
Provision of Professional Services to Support Development and Delivery of Key Initiatives within Swords Cultural Quarter for Fingal County Council	Linda Shevlin Arts Services Ltd	St. Patrick Street, Boyle, Co. Roscommon	€250,000.00	10/09/2025	10/09/2027	24	08/09/2025
Fixed Voice services (Interim Contract)	Eir Ltd	City West, Saggart, Co. Dublin	€90,000	01/09/2025	31/08/2026	12	25/08/2025
The Refurbishment of Existing All Weather Pitch Facility at Ward River Valley Park, Swords, Co. Dublin	JN Cummins & Co ta Premier Pitches	Mayfield, Cashel, Co. Tippeary	€123,123.00	01/09/2025	01/10/2025	1	20/08/2025
Slipform Kerb and Bituminous Cycleway, Concrete footpath and ancillary works - Chapel Rd Kinsealy Co Dublin.	Formac Construction Ltd	60 Upper Main Street, Rush, Co. Dublin	€185,105	04/09/2025	03/10/2025	1	25/08/2025
Countywide Bicycle Parking Infrastructure for Fingal County Council	KT Civil Ltd	Corrydonnellan, Rathowen , Mullingar, Co Westmeath	€68,925	22/07/2025	30/12/2025	5	22/07/2025
Technical Advisory Fire Safety & Disability Access Consultancy Services for Work Stages (ii)(c) to (v) for Design & Construction of 32nr	Eamon O'Boyle & Assoc	51 Cullenswood Rd, Ranelagh, Dublin, D06 X7P1	€56,050	11/07/2025	10/01/2029	42	11/07/2025

units and associated works at Park Road, Kenure, Rush, Co. Dublin							
Technical Advisory Fire Safety & Disability Access Consultancy Services for Work Stages (ii)(c) to (v) for Design & Construction of 34nr units and associated works at Woodside, Swords, Co. Dublin	Eamon O'Boyle & Assoc	51 Cullenswood Rd, Ranelagh, Dublin, D06 X7P1	€56,050	11/07/2025	10/01/2029	42	11/07/2025
Technical Advisory Fire Safety & Disability Access Consultancy Services for Work Stages (ii)(c) to (v) for Design & Construction of 30nr apartments and associated works at Blakestown Road / Huntstown Way, Mulhuddart, Dublin 15	AFEC International Ltd	Newtown, Co. Dublin, K67 N237	€77,070	11/07/2025	08/01/2029	42	11/07/2025
Supply & Install Exercise Equipment at Corduff Park	Outfit Outdoor Fitness Equipment Ltd	James Street, Kiltimagh, Co. Mayo	€36,960	20/08/2025	19/09/2026	13	20/08/2025
Purchase of incidentals (stock from all other lots)	Multiple Suppliers		€35,000	15/08/2025	14/08/2026	12	15/08/2025
Purchase of non-service stock	O'Mahony's Booksellers	120 O'Connell St, Prior's-Land, Limerick, V94 H6Y8	€75,000	15/08/2025	14/08/2026	12	15/08/2025
Purchase of foreign language material	O'Mahony's Booksellers	120 O'Connell St, Prior's-Land, Limerick, V94 H6Y8	€50,000	15/08/2025	14/08/2026	12	15/08/2025
Purchase of graphic novels	O'Mahony's Booksellers	120 O'Connell St, Prior's-Land, Limerick, V94 H6Y8	€50,000	15/08/2025	14/08/2026	12	15/08/2025
Purchase of Irish language material	O'Mahony's Booksellers	120 O'Connell St, Prior's-Land, Limerick, V94 H6Y8	€50,000	15/08/2025	14/08/2026	12	15/08/2025
Purchase of junior and young adult books	International Education Services	Weston Industrial Estate, Salmon Leap, Backwestonpark, Leixlip, Co. Dublin	€180,000	15/08/2025	14/08/2026	12	15/08/2025
Purchase of adult non-fiction books	Irish Library Suppiers	270 Rathmines Rd Lower, Rathmines, Dublin 6, D06 C8Y8	€130,000	15/08/2025	14/08/2026	12	15/08/2025

Purchase of adult fiction books	O'Mahony's Booksellers	120 O'Connell St, Prior's-Land, Limerick, V94 H6Y8	€180,000	15/08/2025	14/08/2025	12	15/08/2025
Purchase of Road de-icing salt for Winter Roads Gritting Season 2025-26	Salt Sales Co.	Fort Road, Carrickfergus, Co. Antrim, Northern Ireland	€142,100.00	01/11/2025	31/03/2026	5	27/08/2025
Maintenance of Playground Equipment, MUGAS, Skateparks, Parkour, and Fitness Equipment in Fingal County Council Parks and Open Spaces	Sproai Linn Ltd	Ballygarran House, Kilmuckridge, Co. Wexford	€1,000,000.00	01/08/2025	31/07/2028	36	10/07/2025
Resurfacing of a section of Wendell and Redfern Avenue, Portmarnock, Co Dublin	John McQuillan Contracts Limited	Ballinderry Road, Lisburn, BT28 2SA	€93,037.65	18/08/2025	17/09/2025	1	30/07/2025
Community Centre Upgrades at Ardduff Resource Centre	Vision Contracting Ltd	Melbourne House, Melbourne Business Park, Cork	€2,345,954.39	01/09/2025	31/05/2027	21	03/07/2025
Road inlay & Ancillary works, Old Airport Rd L-2015 Co. Dublin	D.M. Morris Ltd	13 Parklands Office Park, Southern Cross Road, Bray Co. Wicklow	€260,910.00	01/09/2025	30/09/2025	1	08/08/2025
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 Contruction 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, Imex 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

Appendix 3 – 2025 Bathing Water Quality Results in Status Form



Appendix 4 – 2025 Bathing Water Quality Results

Date:	Balbriggan	Skerries	Rush South	Rush North	Donabate	Portrane	Portmarnock	Loughshinny	Burrow	Claremont
09/09/2025	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
08/09/2025	Excellent									
02/09/2025	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
25/08/2025	Excellent									
18/08/2025	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
11/08/2025	Excellent									
05/08/2025	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Good	Good	Good	Excellent	Excellent
28/07/2025	Excellent									
**28/07/2025	Excellent		Excellent							Excellent
21/07/2025	Poor	Excellent	Poor	Excellent	Good	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Poor
14/07/2025	Excellent									
07/07/2025	Good	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
30/06/2025	Excellent									
23/06/2025	Good	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
16/06/2025	Excellent									
09/06/2025	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
03/06/2025	Poor									
26&27/05/2025*	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent

Appendix 5 – NTA Active Travel Allocations 2025

Active Travel Investment Grants: 2025 Allocations		
Project Code	**Project Name**	**2025 Allocation**
	Fingal County Council	
FCC/12/0001	Broadmeadow Estuary Cycle & Pedestrian Bridge	€ 6,500,000
FCC/13/0001	S2M Extension Sutton to Malahide	€ 460,000
FCC/14/0001	Royal Canal Cycle Route (12th Lock-KCC) (CN2) inc. Deep Sinking Coolmine	€ 400,000
FCC/18/0001	Harry Reynolds Road Cycleway in Balbriggan	€ 3,000,000
FCC/20/0001	Donabate Ped and Cycle Bridge	€ 1,000,000
FCC/21/0001	National Aquatic Centre (NAC) to Ongar Village	€ 130,000
FCC/21/0002	Baldoyle to Howth Phase 2 (Dublin Road to Dublin Street)	€ 120,000
FCC/21/0004	Donabate Hearse Rd/Main St/Portrane Rd (Link 1 & Link 2)	€ 185,000
FCC/21/0005	Damastown to Clonsilla Cycle Route	€ 150,000
FCC/21/0006	Clonee to Blanchardstown Shopping Centre	€ 185,000
FCC/22/0001	Castleknock, Auburn Ave.	€ 1,820,000
FCC/22/0004	Hartstown/Huntstown/Mountview Rd D15	€ 135,000
FCC/22/0005	St Cronins Road	€ 25,000
FCC/22/0006	Rathingle/Rivervalley Rd Swords	€ 50,000
FCC/22/0007	Balbriggan road mill street and Drogheda st	€ 60,000
FCC/22/0009	Permeability Links North County	€ 250,000
FCC/22/0010	R132 Ministers Road to Blakes Cross and Kilhedge Lane	€ 300,000
FCC/22/0011	Skerries - Harbour Road	€ 140,000

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Project Code	Project Name	2025 Allocation
	Fingal County Council	
FCC/22/0012	Seatown Roundabout to Estuary Road (Swords to Malahide)	€ 725,000
FCC/22/0014	Balbriggan - Coney Hill From Devlin Bridge to Bremore Cottages	€ 40,000
FCC/22/0016	New Street Malahide Improvement Scheme	€ 500,000
FCC/22/0018	Data collection for Active Travel Projects (traffic, air, noise)	€ 50,000
FCC/22/0019	Skerries Active Travel Plan	€ 140,000
FCC/22/0020	Balrothery Active Travel Review	€ 165,000
FCC/22/0021	Seamount Heights to Old Golf Links Park Active Travel Route	€ 75,000
FCC/22/0022	Broomfield to Paddys's Hill via Naomh Marnog GAA Active Travel Route	€ 100,000
FCC/22/0026	Staff Costs Active Travel Team	€ 1,100,000
FCC/22/0027	Swords Cycle Network - Sustainable Swords	€ 100,000
FCC/22/0028	Castleknock to Blanchardstown via Farmleigh	€ 175,000
FCC/23/0003	SRTS (R1) - Ladyswell National School	€ 75,000
FCC/23/0004	SRTS (R1) - Scoil Ghrainne CNS	€ 25,000
FCC/23/0005	SRTS (R1) - Scoil Choilm CNS	€ 115,000
FCC/23/0019	SRTS (R1) - Pope John Paul II NS, Malahide	€ 350,000
FCC/24/0001	Feltrim Road cycle infrastructure	€ 160,000
FCC/24/0006	Donabate to Portrane (R126) - Distributor Rd to Portrane Avenue Active Travel Routes	€ 65,000
FCC/25/XXXX	SRTS (R2) - Scoil Bhride Buachailli	€ 200,000
FCC/25/XXXX	SRTS (R2) - Scoil Bhride Cailini	€ 200,000

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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 6
Summary of Environmental Complaints and Inspections

Complaints / Inspections	Description	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 7
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	Phased delivery
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	On-Site.	Q2 2025	Q4 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.	Q4 2024	Q3 2026

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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.	Q4 2024	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.	Q4 2024	Q2 2026
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Baile na Móna Phase 1, Swords https://maps.app.goo.gl/R8eAG1aoLXh1nL2J9	123 Social 151 Affordable	On-Site.	Q4 2024	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 7 - 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.	Q3 2026	Q2 2028
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Park Road, Kenure, Rush. 53.532278, -6.102176 Google Maps	32	Planning granted.	Q3 2026	Q2 2028
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.	Q2 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 7 - 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	Part 8 process commenced.	TBC	TBC
Howth/Malahide	FCC	Social	Fingerpost, Malahide https://maps.app.goo.gl/zfhguqQj7vYYRJB99	4	Pre-planning.	TBC	TBC
Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart/ Castleknock/ Ongar	FCC	Social	Mayeston, Dublin 11 53°24'28.4"N 6°17'02.1"W - Google Maps	74	Pre-Planning.	TBC	TBC
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	TBC	O' Dwyers, Balbriggan. https://maps.app.goo.gl/inSEC4Qq3QSBHQHp8	80	Pre-Planning.	TBC	TBC

*The above-estimated timelines are indicative and subject to a successful planning and procurement process.

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CALF Delivery in partnership with Fingal County Council

Area Committee	AHB	Funding Stream	Scheme Name	No. of Units	Projected Substantial Completion*
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 Q4 2025
Balbriggan/ Rush- Lusk Swords	Tuath	CALF	Folkstown Park, Balbriggan	12	Q2 2025 –Delivered
Balbriggan / Rush-Lusk Swords	Tuath	CALF	Whitehaven, Santry, D9	47 47	Q3 2025 Delivered Q1 2026
Balbriggan/ Rush- Lusk Swords	Oaklee	CALF	Harmans Rest, Donabate	44	Q3 2026
Balbriggan/ Rush- Lusk Swords	Tuath	CALF	Niven Oaks, Santry D9	170	2026
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk Swords	Oaklee	CALF	Birch Wood, Santry, D9	20	2026
Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart, Castleknock/Ongar	Cluid	CALF	Hollyfield, Hollystown, Dublin 15	22	Q4 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

*The above-estimated timelines are indicative and subject to change

Appendix 7 - Continued
Affordable & Cost Rental Delivery

Development	Status	Affordable Homes
Balleally Rise	Closed	20 Homes Sold
Kilmartin Grove	Closed	36 Homes Sold
North County Homes	Closed	16 Homes Sold
Balmoston (Phase 1)	Closed	86 Homes Sold
Wilkinsons Brook	All Sale Agreed	57 Homes Sold
Aster Park, Rush	All Sale Agreed	96 Homes Sold
Church Fields (Phase 1)	All Sale Agreed	177 Homes Sold
Ballisk Park, Donabate	All Sale Agreed	112/112 Homes Sale Agreed
Baile na Móna, Swords	Assessment of Applications Ongoing	68/151 Homes Sale Agreed
Church Fields (Phase 2)	Assessment of Applications Ongoing	43/110 Homes Sale Agreed
Clonrath Hill	Assessment of Applications Ongoing	5/6 Homes Sale Agreed
Church Fields Cost Rental	Assessments of application are Ongoing	80 Homes
Balmoston (Phase 2)	Application Portal Closed - Wednesday 26th of November 2025	73 Homes (Assessment Process Underway)
Priory Fields, Hacketstown	Application Portal Launch January 2026	36 Homes

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MAYOR'S BUSINESS –
COUNCILLOR T. O'LEARY

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CONFERENCES

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CORRESPONDENCE REPORT

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COMHAIRLE CONTAE CHIARRAÍ
KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL

Guthán | Tel 066 7183500 Suíomh | Web www.kerrycoco.ie

Please quote my Ref: BF/CF/Oct 25/10b NOM24 on all correspondence

02 November 2025

Ms. Norma Foley, T.D.,
Minister for Children, Disability and Equality
Department of Children, Disability and Equality
Minister's Office,
Block 1, Miesian Plaza,
50 – 58 Lower Baggot Street,
Dublin 2,
D02 XW14

A Chara,

I have been requested by the members of Kerry County Council to refer the following resolution to you for consideration.

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Please consider this resolution and let me have your response at your convenience.

If you have any queries on the above, please contact Ciara Fitzgerald on e-mail: ciara.fitzgerald@kerrycoco.ie or Tel. 066-7183861.

Mise, le meas,

Bridget Fitzgerald
Meetings Administrator

C.C. Mr. Pascal Donoghue Minister for Finance
C.C. Mr. Jack Chambers Minister for Public Expenditure

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Comhairle Contae
Dhún na nGall
Donegal County Council

www.ccdhunnangall.ie www.donegalcoco.ie

4th November 2025

Re: Emergency Household Response Pack

Dear Meetings Administrator,

I write to inform you that the members of Donegal County Council at their recent plenary meeting resolved to adopt the following resolution:

"That this Council imminently seeks funding from the Department to purchase necessary equipment in relation to an "Emergency Household Response Package" for vulnerable households during the winter months,where storms and flooding may occur, leaving people without power, heating, and no ability to access hot food. That this Council should have sufficient provisions in stock and in good time to help citizens."

It was further resolved to circulate same to all local authorities for their consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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Patsy Lafferty
Meetings Administrator

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COMHAIRLE CONTAE AN CHLÁIR | CLARE COUNTY COUNCIL

13th November, 2025.

Our Ref: November25 – 15/JC/AC

Dear Meetings Administrator,

At the November meeting of the Council, the members passed the following resolution:

"That Clare County Council calls on the Government of Ireland not to support the European Commission's proposal to establish a single common fund under the new Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) 2028–2034, which would merge key EU policy instruments such as the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP), Cohesion Policy, and the European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund into one overarching funding mechanism.

This Council expresses concern that:
1. The proposed "common fund" risks undermining the integrity and transparency of longstanding EU policies that have delivered tangible benefits to Ireland's regions, farmers, and coastal communities.
2. The Commission's justification—that this structure would "simplify" the MFF—fails to recognise that simplification through centralisation can weaken the specific policy objectives and ring-fenced funding that underpin regional and rural development.
3. The proposal links the next MFF to the repayment of EU debt incurred under the NextGenerationEU recovery instrument, creating fiscal pressure that is already leading to an overall 20% reduction in key investment areas compared with the current period.
4. The Commission's claim that the new MFF will be "the biggest EU budget ever" is misleading, as this increase is largely accounted for by debt repayments rather than by additional funding for future programmes or regional growth.

Accordingly, Clare County Council urges the Minister for Public Expenditure, NDP Delivery and Reform, and the Minister for Finance, to:
- Reject any move towards a single aggregated fund that would erode the distinct purposes of the CAP, Cohesion, and Fisheries policies;
- Advocate instead for a transparent, policy-based MFF that maintains clear and separate funding streams for agriculture, regional development, and the blue economy; and
- Support an ambitious, adequately resourced EU budget that ensures balanced and sustainable growth across Ireland and the European Union's regions."

Yours sincerely,

John Corry,
A/Senior Executive Officer,
Corporate Services & Governance,
People & Culture, Corporate Services & Governance, ICT & Digital Services

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Comhairle Chontae Liatroma
Leitrim County Council

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Contae Liatroma
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Carrick on Shannon
County Leitrim
N41 PF67

13th November 2025

To All Local Authorities via email

Reference: LCC2025-1110

A Chara,

I wish to inform you at the November meeting of Leitrim County Council the members passed the following resolution:

"That this Council write to the Minister for Education, Helen McEntee TD, and the Minister of State for Further Education and Skills, Marian Harkin TD, requesting that they develop an alternative pathway for students following completion of the Junior Cycle through the ETB and SOLAS and other networks, to provide skills-based and career-orientated and training opportunities in construction, business, IT, tourism, cosmetology, healthcare and agriculture - to offer students practical routes to employment and further study as an alternative to the traditional Leaving Certificate programme."

I look forward to hearing from you on this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Kieran Brett

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Kieran Brett
Meetings Administrator
Email: kbrett@leitrimcoco.ie

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Comhairle Contae
Loch Garman

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na hÉireann
2024 - 2025 Wexford

Wexford
County Council

County Secretary

MD/ZP

20th November, 2025

Memo to All Local Authorities

At the November Meeting of Wexford County Council the Members passed the following motion:

"This council expresses solidarity with Mary Dunlevy Greene, Mary Donovan, Maurice Patton O Connell and Miriam Moriarty Owens, who are on hunger strike outside of Dáil Éireann, and the thousands of survivors of Ireland's Industrial and Reformatory Schools. We recognise the injustices that many survivors continue to face and we call on the Irish Government to immediately address this issue and to provide for the requests of these survivors including access to a full state contributory pension and H.A.A. medical cards."

It was agreed this motion be circulated to All Local Authorities

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
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Phone: **053 9196260**

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COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
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DEPARTMENTAL/MINISTERIAL CORRESPONDENCE

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ITEM NO. 25

ACCESSIBLE PARKING BAY REQUIREMENTS

Motion: Councillor D. Butler

"That the Chief Executive re-consider the requirement for accessible parking bays and allow resident specific accessibility bays within residential areas that meet that resident's requirements, even in cases where it may not be possible to meet the updated guidelines from the Irish Wheelchair Association, there are too many residents being told no, when it may be possible to come up with a solution that accommodates their requirements, even if the Irish Wheelchair Association guidelines cannot be met due to the limitations that may exist at a specific location."

Report:

Where the existing road geometry is unable to accommodate an accessible bay, each request for an accessible space on that road is assessed on a case-by-case basis and resident accessibility bays can be installed in residential estates to meet the needs of a particular resident. However, any car displaying a Blue Badge can park in these spaces.

The Parking Control Byelaws do not provide for dedicated private accessible or residential parking spaces on public roads. Resident Permits are provided for. However, a permit does not guarantee a parking space in the immediate vicinity of a specific property. Therefore, it is not feasible to assign accessible parking bays to specific properties on public roads or in residential estates.

Residents who have a valid disabled persons parking permit can also park free of charge in any of the public parking spaces within a ticketed area.

Installing accessible bays in accordance with the Irish Wheelchair Association Guidelines and Traffic Signs Manual is sometimes not feasible in residential areas due to the geometrical requirements (length and width).

Installing these accessible bays on a public road may create a traffic hazard due to the widths and lengths required and result in conflict between road users. However, all requests are accessed on a case-by-case basis.

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

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

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ITEM NO. 26

COMMERCIAL BUSINESS SUPPORT SCHEME

Motion: Councillor P. Quinlan

"That the Chief Executive gives consideration to opening a Commercial Business Support Scheme to provide aid to businesses dealing with excessive insurance premiums for activities which have a significant cultural or social aspect for young people."

Report:

The cost of business insurance is influenced by a number of factors such as the size of the business, the type of cover required, the company's history in respect of claims and the type of business, with businesses in high-risk sectors having higher liability risk and therefore a higher premium.

The Council has no role in providing financial support to business or commercial entities in this space however does provide business supports and advice across the range of influencing factors through the Local Enterprise Office.

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

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ITEM NO. 27

HOMELESS ACCOMMODATION – MINIMUM STANDARDS

Motion: Councillor G. Sheehan

"That the Chief Executive write to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage outlining that all homeless accommodation funded by this Department across the county is required to meet minimum standards, including the provision of access to laundry and cooking facilities, in order to promote dignity, autonomy, and healthier living conditions for individuals and families experiencing homelessness."

Report:

The provision of homeless accommodation in Dublin City and County is undertaken by the Dublin Regional Homeless Executive (DRHE) on behalf of the four Dublin local authorities. The DRHE developed the National Quality Standards Framework which ensures that all so-called "Section 10" homeless accommodation service providers have a responsibility to deliver safe, effective and high standards of services. The DRHE carry out routine and periodic inspections in this regard and inspection reports are published on www.homelessdublin.ie.

If the motion is passed, a letter will be sent to the Minister for Housing, Local Government, & Heritage in this regard.

Source of Joint Report:
Paul Carroll, Director of Housing & Community Development
Mary Egan, Director of People, Corporate & Digital Services

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ITEM NO. 29

WHEELCHAIR ACCESS FOR BEACHES

Motion: Councillor H. Redwood

"That this Council notes the deployment of beach wheelchair mats by Mayo County Council to make Blue Flag beaches accessible to wheelchairs users and the positive feedback from users, we the Members request that the Chief Executive seeks engagement with the Irish Wheelchair Association (IWA) and disability groups with the aim of deploying the same scheme across Fingal's Blue Flag beaches."

Report:

The Council will review the scheme deployed in Mayo County Council. The roll out of Beach mats where feasible will require the assignment of staff resources alongside budgetary provision which is currently not in place.

A pilot beach wheelchair scheme was introduced in Skerries and Portmarnock during the 2016 bathing season with the Beach Lifeguards looking after the service. However, it was felt that this was not sustainable in the long term and the Water Safety Development Officers at their national AGM in 2017 agreed that lifeguards should not be tasked with managing the wheelchairs as it could distract them from their primary duties.

Following the pilot a number of issues were identified relation to varying experiences in using beach mats: -

- Mats have to be rolled out every day but sometimes become buried by wind-blown sand and tidal activity.

- People walking on beach mats results in the centre of the mat sinking, the edges rising and the securing pins becoming loose. This can result in trips and minor injuries.
- Beach mats used are very heavy and need to be moved by a mechanical aid.
- Additional staff would need to be deployed to each beach to roll out mats and collect them at the end of each day.

The Council have a number of Beach wheelchairs which allow people with mobility issues access to the beach and sea, something which conventional wheelchairs do not. The wheelchair allows entry to the water up to the height of the wheelchair axle and is not designed to float with the user in it. A carer/personal assistant is required for entering the water and for transferring the user to and from the chair.

In 2017 the Council sought to provide additional wheelchairs at other suitable beaches in the Fingal County Council area during the bathing season. A letter was issued to nearby businesses, offering the opportunity to manage the service on behalf of the Council. The roll out of the service to Donabate Beach happened as a result of the generosity of the Shoreline Hotel who manage the service. The Council looked to roll out to other locations however, no expression of interest was received on foot of the letters issued at the time.

The following contains details of the scheme: Beach Wheelchairs Provision | Fingal County Council

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

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ITEM NO. 42

CLAIMS FOR TRIPS AND FALLS ON FOOTPATHS

Motion: Councillor J. Hopkins

"That the Chief Executive provide details regarding claims from the public for trips and falls on footpaths and the amount paid in public liability and what increase, if any, to premiums."

Report:

The Council self-insures up to €260k in relation to public liability insurance with IPB insuring liabilities beyond this level.

Outlined below is a table showing the premium paid, the value of claims settled, and the number of claims made each year over the past few years relating to trips and falls on footpaths.

Year	PREMIUM	Compensation	No. of Claims
2023	217,000	99,415	38
2024	245,452	23,835	41

Fingal County Council investigates each claim and takes a robust approach in defending claims.

Source of Report:
Oliver Hunt, Head of Finance

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