Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

Minutes of the County Council Meeting held on Monday, 9th March, 2026 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
Doyle, Tania
Guerin, Jimmy
Hanaphy, Breda
Haughey, Cathal
Hopkins, Joan
Humphreys, James
Johnston, Corina
Kelly, Darren Jack
Kitt, Tom
Leddy, Ted

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

Apologies for inability to attend were received for Councillors David Healy, JK Onwumereh and Helen Redwood.

The Mayor, Councillor Tom O'Leary presided.

OFFICIALS PRESENT

Oliver Hunt (Director of Finance); David Storey (Director of Services/Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel & Sports); Matthew McAleese (Director of Services /Infrastructure and Transport); Roisin Burke (Director of Services / Planning and Development); Mary Egan (Director of

Services/People, Corporate & Digital Services); John Quinlivan (Director of Services/Economic, Community and Cultural Development); Mary T. Daly (Director of Services/ Operations), Fionnuala May, (County Architect); Aoife Lawler (Senior Executive Officer); Ciara O hAodha (Senior Executive Officer).

F/100/26 (Agenda Item No)

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Mayor, Councillor T. O'Leary, at the start of the meeting, reminded Members that Standing Orders would apply to all aspects of the meeting.

The Mayor informed the Members that the Chief Executive and Paul Carroll, Director of Housing were away on official business and were not available for the meeting this evening, he also informed the Members no emergency motions were received.

The Mayor thanked Mary T Daly, Director of Operations for her 40 years' service to Local Government and wished her well in her retirement.

The Members expressed their thanks and gratitude to Mary T Daly for her service and dedication over the years.

Councillor Gerard Sheehan welcomed Councillor Darren Jack Kelly as a member of Aontú.

F/101/26 (Agenda Item No 1)

Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of Council Meeting held on Monday 9th February 2026

Minutes of the County Council Meeting held on Monday 9th February 2026 which had been circulated were considered.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor J. Newman seconded by Councillor E. Carbone-Mangan and **RESOLVED –**

"That the minutes of the County Council Meeting held on Monday 9th February 2026 be **ADOPTED."**

F/102/26 (Agenda Item No 2)

Nominations

a **Appointment of one Member to the Naming and Commemorative Committee**

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

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

"That Councillor Kieran Dennison be appointed as a member to the Naming and Commemorative Committee."

It was then proposed by Councillor J. Walsh and seconded by Councillor B. McDonagh:

"That Councillor Mary McCamley be appointed as a member to the Naming and Commemorative Committee."

Following discussion, Councillor Kieran Dennison withdrew his nomination.

The Mayor **DECLARED** Councillor Mary McCamley be appointed as a member to the Naming and Commemorative Committee.

b **Appointment of one Member to the Public Realm Transportation/Mobility Management Strategic Policy Committee**

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

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

"That Councillor Dean Mulligan be appointed as a member to the Public Realm Transportation/Mobility Management Strategic Policy Committee."

F/103/26 (Agenda Item No)

QUESTIONS

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

"That in accordance with Standing Order No. 51, Questions numbered 3 to 17 be **ADOPTED**."

F/104/26 (Agenda Item No 3)

Councillor P. Quinlan - Performance Related Payments

F/105/26 (Agenda Item No 4)

Councillor M. Quinn - Childcare Providers in Fingal Community Centres

F/106/26 (Agenda Item No 5)

Councillor P. Mulville - Illegal Parking on Footpaths

F/107/26 (Agenda Item No 6)

Councillor E. O'Brien - Youth Football Programme Delivery in Fingal

F/108/26 (Agenda Item No 7)

Councillor E. O'Brien - Budgetary Impact of the recent FAI decision to withdraw co-funding for the Role of Development Officers

F/109/26 (Agenda Item No 8)

Councillor M. Boland - Strategic Oversight Process for Estates Awaiting Taking-in-Charge

F/110/26 (Agenda Item No 9)

Councillor C. Haughey - Mobile Sauna Scheme

F/111/26 (Agenda Item No 10)

Councillor D. Butler - Social Media Accounts and Number of Followers

F/112/26 (Agenda Item No 11)

Councillor D. Healy - Built-up and Urban Area Speed Limits

F/113/26 (Agenda Item No 12)

Councillor D. Healy - Beach and Dune Management

F/114/26 (Agenda Item No 13)

Councillor B. Ryan - Claims made by Members of the Public against the Council

F/115/26 (Agenda Item No 14)

Councillor B. Ryan - Demand for Four-Bedroom Homes

F/116/26 (Agenda Item No 15)

Councillor J. Smyth - Tendering for Playground Upgrades and Inspections

F/117/26 (Agenda Item No 16)

Councillor E. Troy - Vacant Council Homes

F/118/26 (Agenda Item No 17)

Councillor J. Humphreys - Deposit Return Scheme

F/119/26 (Agenda Item No 18)

Report of Committees

a **Report of Organisation, Procedures & Finance Committee (OP&F) Meeting held on Monday 9th February 2026**

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

"That the recommendations contained in the report of Committee of Organisation, Procedure and Finance Committee (OP&F) Meeting held on Monday 9th February 2026, are hereby **ADOPTED.**"

b **Report of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Thursday 12th February 2026**

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

"That the recommendations contained in the report of Committee of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee Meeting held on Thursday 12th February 2026, are hereby **ADOPTED.**"

c **Report of Howth/Malahide Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 4th March 2026**

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

"That the recommendations contained in the report of Committee of Howth/Malahide Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 4th March 2026, are hereby **ADOPTED.**"

d **Report of Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Thursday 5th March 2026**

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

"That the recommendations contained in the report of Committee of Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Thursday 5th March 2026, are hereby **ADOPTED.**"

F/120/26 (Agenda Item No 19)

Financial Matters

F/121/26 (Agenda Item No 19a)

Annual Report of the Audit Committee 2025 (inc. Audit Committee Annual Work Programme 2026)

The report which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED.**

The report was **NOTED**.

F/122/26 (Agenda Item No 20)

Proposed Disposal of Properties

a **Notice of proposed disposal of land and grant of wayleave at Crowcastle Green, Swords, Co. Dublin to ESB Networks, St. Margaret's Road, Finglas, Dublin 11**

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

"That the land and grant of wayleave at Crowcastle Green, Swords, Co. Dublin, as referred to in the Notice under S183 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended and dated 29th January 2026, be disposed and granted to ESB Networks, St. Margaret's Road, Finglas, Dublin 11, in accordance with the terms specified therein."

b **Notice of proposed disposal of land and grant of wayleave at North Street, Swords, Co. Dublin to ESB Networks, St. Margaret's Road, Finglas, Dublin 11**

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

"That the land and grant of wayleave at North Street, Swords, Co. Dublin, as referred to in the Notice under S183 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended and dated 29th January 2026, be disposed and granted to ESB Networks, St. Margaret's Road, Finglas, Dublin 11, in accordance with the terms specified therein."

c **Notice of Proposed grant of non-exclusive right of way at Thomondtown, Lusk, Co. Dublin to Donal Butterly and Ann Marie Butterly, Coldwinters, Lusk, Co. Dublin**

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

"That the grant of non-exclusive right of way at Thomondtown, Lusk, Co. Dublin, as referred to in the Notice under S183 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended and dated 6th February 2026, be granted to Donal Butterly and Ann Marie Butterly, Coldwinters, Lusk, Co. Dublin in accordance with the terms specified therein."

F/123/26 (Agenda Item No 20d)

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 J. Newman and **RESOLVED**:

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

F/124/26 (Agenda Item No 21)

Declarations of Roads

It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this item.

F/125/26 (Agenda Item No 22)

Part XI of the Planning & Development Act 2000 and Part VIII of the Local Government Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) for the Proposed Construction of a 13-unit Crisis Accommodation with associated staff and support accommodation at 30 Clonard Street, Balbriggan (PARTXI/008/25)

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

It was proposed by Councillor D. Mulligan, seconded by Councillor M. Quinn, and **AGREED**

F/126/26 (Agenda Item No 23)

Fingal Road Safety Plan 2025/2027

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

The report was **NOTED.**

F/127/26 (Agenda Item No 24)

Draft Fingal Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) Annual Report 2025

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

Following discussion, it was agreed to arrange a briefing with the Members.

The report was **NOTED**.

F/128/26 (Agenda Item No 25)

Chief Executive's Report

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

Following discussion, the Chief Executives report was **NOTED**.

F/129/26 (Agenda Item No 26)

Mayor's Business - Councillor T. O'Leary

It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this item.

F/130/26 (Agenda Item No 27)

Conference Report

a **Irish Planning Institute (IPI) Annual Conference 2026, Raddison Blu, Athlone on Thursday 16th and 17th April 2026**

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

b **AILG Ending Violence Against Women and Girls - Cross border Shared Seminar - 24th and 25th March, Slieve Russell Hotel, Co Cavan**

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

F/131/26 (Agenda Item No 28)

Correspondence

a **Letter dated 10th February 2026 from Clare County Council Re - Irish Beekeepers' Association**

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

b **Letter dated 10th February 2026 from Wexford County Council Re - Outlawing the use of Anonymous Social Media Accounts**

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

c **Letter dated 12th February 2026 from Galway City Council Meeting Re - Failure of National Road Safety Leadership**

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

d **Letter dated 17th February 2026 from Wexford County Council Re - Insurance Cover for Residential and Commercial Insurers due to Flooding Risk Zones**

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

e **Letter dated 18th February 2026 from Westmeath County Council Re - Request to Review Income Thresholds for Social Housing and HAP**

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

F/132/26 (Agenda Item No 29)

Departmental/Ministerial Correspondence

a **Letter dated 3rd February from the office of the Minister for Housing Re - Item 31 - Cllr A. Donnelly - Funding for Energy Efficiency Retrofitting Programme 12th January 2026 Council Meeting**

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

MOTIONS - STATUTORY FUNCTIONS

F/133/26 (Agenda Item No 30)

Councillor C. Haughey - "Chatty Bench" Signage on existing benches in each Local Electoral Area

The motion, in the name of Councillor C. Haughey was proposed by Councillor C. Haughey and seconded by Councillor E. Carbone-Mangan.

Following a discussion, the report was **NOTED**.

F/134/26 (Agenda Item No 31)

Councillor JK Onwumereh - Audit on the Status/Condition of Fingal's Roads

It was agreed to **DEFER** this item.

F/135/26 (Agenda Item No 32)

Councillor P. Quinlan - Housing Supports

The motion, in the name of Councillor P. Quinlan was proposed by Councillor P. Quinlan, as there was no seconder to the motion, the motion fell.

F/136/26 (Agenda Item No 33)

Councillor M. Quinn - Social Housing Acquisition Funding

The motion, in the name of Councillor M. Quinn was proposed by Councillor M. Quinn and seconded by Councillor J. Smyth.

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

F/137/26 (Agenda Item No 34)

Councillor C. Johnston - Provision of Not-for-Profit Community Childcare Facilities

The motion, in the name of Councillor C. Johnston was proposed by Councillor C. Johnston and seconded by Councillor J. Walsh.

During discussion, Councillor C. Johnston clarified the motion was to "recommend" only.

The motion was **AGREED**.

F/138/26 (Agenda Item No 35)

Councillor M. Boland - Crèche or Childcare Facility Delivery

The motion, in the name of Councillor M. Boland was proposed by Councillor M. Boland and seconded by Councillor J. Walsh.

The Mayor informed the members an amended motion was received.

The amended motion was proposed by Councillor M. Boland and seconded by Councillor J. Walsh.

Remove '**operational, with an operator secured…**" after 'delivered and…' and replace with **'available for an operator',** so amended motion reads as follows:

"That the Chief Executive resolves that in all private residential developments, where a crèche or childcare facility is proposed or required as part of the permission, it shall be a condition of planning that the developer must ensure the facility is fully delivered and available for an operator, this requirement shall be incorporated into planning conditions and enforced consistently to ensure that childcare infrastructure is delivered alongside new homes and is not deferred, left vacant or omitted post-construction."

Following discussion, the Mayor informed the members an additional amended motion was received.

The additional amended motion was proposed by Councillor M. Boland and seconded by Councillor J. Walsh.

Replace the word **"resolves"** with **"ensures",** so amended motion reads as follows:

"That the Chief Executive ensures that in all private residential developments, where a crèche or childcare facility is proposed or required as part of the permission, it shall be a condition of planning that the developer must ensure the facility is fully delivered and available for an operator, this requirement shall be incorporated into planning conditions and enforced consistently to ensure that childcare infrastructure is delivered alongside new homes and is not deferred, left vacant or omitted post-construction."

The additional amended motion was **AGREED**.

F/139/26 (Agenda Item No 36)

Councillor E. Troy - Dangerous Vehicles in this Council's Parks and Open Spaces

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

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

F/140/26 (Agenda Item No 37)

Councillor J. Walsh - Compulsory Sale of Derelict Properties

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

It was **AGREED** to extend the meeting to conclude Item 38.

Councillor P. Quinlan requested that it be recorded in the minutes that he does not support this motion.

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

F/141/26 (Agenda Item No 38)

Councillor D. Butler - Fingal Super Sports Hall

The motion, in the name of Councillor D. Butler was proposed by Councillor D. Butler and seconded by Councillor E. O'Brien.

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

The Meeting concluded at 20.01.

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ITEM NO. 02

NOMINATIONS

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ITEM NO. 02a

APPOINTMENT OF ONE MEMBER TO THE MARINE AND COASTAL MANAGEMENT STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE FOLLOWING THE RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR DEAN MULLIGAN

A nomination is now sought for a replacement Member to the Marine and Coastal Management Strategic Policy Committee, following the resignation of Councillor Dean Mulligan from this Strategic Policy Committee.

The current elected members on the Marine and Coastal Management Strategic Policy Committee, are Councillor Angela Donnelly, Councillor Paul Mulville, Councillor Corina Johnston, Councillor Cathal Boland and Councillor Gráinne Maguire.

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ITEM NO. 03

BREAKDOWN OF THE COST AND SALE OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Question: Councillor P. Quinlan

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline the total number of Affordable Homes built in 2025, the cost to build and the total sale price of these units?"

Reply:

The Affordable Housing Act 2021 is the primary legislation underpinning the Affordable Dwelling Purchase Scheme, which allows local authorities to offer homes to eligible applicants. As a private purchaser, applicants purchase the majority proportion of the home, with Fingal County Council taking an equity stake on the remainder. This arrangement means eligible applicants on lower-to-middle incomes are able to obtain a lower mortgage, with a view to redeeming the equity stake at some time in the future when they have more funds available or when they sell the property.

To date, some 350 affordable homes have been completed across Fingal at Aster Park, Ballisk Park, Balmoston and Church Fields at an overall cost of €137,230,455; of which purchasers have contributed €118,849,120 and Fingal County Council, through the Department of Housing's Affordable Housing Fund has contributed €18,381,335. In addition, Fingal County Council retains overall equities with a current value of €36,093,572 which will be redeemed in future years.

Source of Reply:
Paul Carroll, Director of Housing

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ITEM NO. 04

REMOVAL OF LONG-STANDING HOUSING APPLICANTS

Question: Councillor M. Quinn

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a breakdown of the number of people removed from the housing list in the last year, who have been 10 years or more on the list, and how many of these involved a child who is of earning age, but were included on the housing application?"

Reply:

Income eligibility limits are advised to Housing Authorities by the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage in accordance with the Social Housing Assessment Regulations, as amended on 1st January 2023.

The Household Means Policy (https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/fb1f2-social-housing-support-household-means-policy/) provides details of how a household's income is assessed by Housing Authorities for social housing support. It includes information about what income is taken into account and what income is disregarded. The determination of whether a household meets the income criteria is based on a calculation of the household's preceding 12 months' net average income prior to the date of assessment.

An income assessment is carried out at the time of application and allocation to determine eligibility but can be carried out at any time as required, including during the annual Housing Needs Assessment. The income of all persons aged 18

years and over included in a social housing application are included in the assessment.

Income bands are expressed in terms of a maximum net income threshold for a single person household, with an allowance of 5% for each additional adult household member subject to a maximum allowance under this category of 10% and 2.5% for each child.

Single Adult	2 adults	1 adult 1 child	1 adult 2 children	2 adults 1 child	2 adults 2 children	2 adults 3 children	2 adults 4 or more children	3 adults 4 or more children
€40,000	€42,000	€41,000	€42,000	€43,000	€44,000	€45,000	€46,000	€48,000

Some 32 housing applications which were registered pre-2016 were closed due to exceeding income limits between 11/03/2025 and 11/03/2026.

Source of Reply:
Paul Carroll, Director of Housing

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ITEM NO. 05

INCREMENTAL TENANT PURCHASE SCHEME

Question: Councillor C. Haughey

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide details on how many Council owned properties have been purchased by Council tenants under the Incremental Tenant Purchase Scheme in Fingal in the years 2023, 2024 and 2025, broken down by purchases, per each Local Electoral Area?"

Reply:

As set out below, 30 properties have been purchased by Council tenants under the Incremental Tenant Purchase Scheme for the years 2023-2025. The below sets out the information by year and Local Electoral Area (LEA), in tabular format:

Local Electoral Area (LEA)	2023	2024	2025	Total by LEA 2023-2025
Blanchardstown -Mulhuddart	0	2	5	**7**
Castleknock	0	1	2	**3**
Ongar	0	0	0	**0**
Howth/Malahide	0	1	1	**2**
Rush/Lusk	1	1	0	**2**
Balbriggan	1	5	6	**12**
Swords	0	2	2	**4**
Overall total by year 2023-2025	**2**	**12**	**16**	

Source of Reply:
Paul Carroll, Director of Housing

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ITEM NO. 06

PART V ACQUISITIONS

Question: Councillor C. Haughey

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide details on how many housing units have been acquired by the Council through Part V acquisitions in the years 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025 and broken down by Local Electoral Area?"

Reply:

Part V of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 (as amended) provides a mechanism for housing authorities to capture a portion of the increase in land value resulting from the granting of planning permission for residential development. This is achieved through the acquisition of land or, more frequently, completed houses and apartments, by the Council from the landowner at a discount from its increased value, for social, affordable purchase and cost rental housing. This approach also satisfies a policy objective of encouraging integrated development and reducing housing segregation. The requirement varies from 10% to 20% depending on the date of planning consent.

Year	Balbriggan Rush-Lusk Swords	Blanchardstown Mulhuddart Castleknock Ongar	Howth-Malahide	Totals by Year
2022	101	20	19	**140**
2023	35	2	58	**95**
2024	44	79	17	**140**
2025	83	100	17	**200**
Totals by Area	**263**	**201**	**111**	**575**

Source of Reply:
Paul Carroll, Director of Housing

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ITEM NO. 07

PUBLIC ART REQUESTS

Question: Councillor A. Donnelly

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline the process for residents and community groups to seek public art?"

Reply:

Public Art in Fingal is guided by a strict set of principles outlined in the Public Art Policy 2024 – 2027. The Policy is aligned with *The Government Policy Framework, Public Art in Ireland 2024-2028* and the Council's Development Plan 2023 – 2029. Fingal Arts Office has devised a countywide strategy for Public Art with identified areas of priority.

The Arts Office recognises the role of communities in public art projects. Residents and community groups can make requests, for sites and themes through their elected representatives. These requests will be considered for inclusion on the schedule of commissioning priorities as aligned to the strategic capital programme and associated resources.

All potential public art commissions must follow the Council's Public Art Policy and National Guidelines on commissioning public art.

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

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ITEM NO. 08

FLIGHT PATHS AND THE CURRENT PASSENGER CAP AT DUBLIN AIRPORT

Question: Councillor D.J. Kelly

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide details on what is the status of the legal proceedings regarding the enforcement of flight paths, night flights and the current passenger cap at Dublin Airport?"

Reply:

Flight Paths

There are presently no legal proceedings in relation to flight paths. Whilst a warning letter has issued relating to this matter, no decision has been made by the Planning Authority as to whether or not to issue an Enforcement Notice and the matter remains under investigation/consideration. In this regard, there are number of matters of some complexity which are ongoing and which may also impact on the issue of flight paths. The Council is progressing these matters with a team who meet on a regular basis.

Night Flights

Legal proceedings are ongoing in relation to night flights. A High Court challenge to the Council's Enforcement Notice on this matter has been adjourned to await the outcome of a final decision on the Relevant Action planning application – an application seeking to amend/replace operating restrictions at Dublin Airport for nighttime flights.

An earlier decision taken by An Coimisiún Pleanála (ACP) in relation to this planning application is now under review again after the European Commission decided that the initial decision by ACP did not fully follow the process set out Regulation (EU) 598/2014.

Passenger Cap

Fingal County Council issued an Enforcement Notice to daa plc. on 18th June 2025 with regards to the current passenger cap at Dublin Airport. daa have challenged this enforcement notice by way of Judicial Review. On 16th January 2026 the High Court ordered that the case be adjourned pending a decision from the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU) – this case relates to whether the annual passenger limit may be taken into account when allocating slots at Dublin Airport. There is no stay placed on the operation of the Enforcement Notice.

Source of Reply:
Róisín Burke, Director of Planning & Development

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ITEM NO. 09

APRIL - AUTISM
ACCEPTANCE MONTH

Question: Councillor J. Smyth

"To ask the Chief Executive, as April represents international Autism Acceptance month, to outline what steps the Council is taking to mark this occasion, while providing an update on the progress of relevant strategies to this community, such as the Access Strategy and the Autism Specific Strategy?"

Reply:

The Community Development Office (CDO) recognises and promotes April as Autism Acceptance month and engages with Autism Support groups on an-ongoing basis with examples of same set out below.

Over the past number of weeks, the CDO has distributed sensory packs to 10 community centres, with a further 10 additional packs scheduled for distribution. These packs support individuals with autism in accessing and enjoying local facilities in a more comfortable and welcoming way.

To promote awareness of these supports, the CDO has designed and provided digital screen communications and printable posters for use in the relevant centres. In addition, several sites have been equipped with Communication Board posters, and the CDO will continue to roll these out across locations.

Howth Sutton Autism has planned a wide range of events and activities for Autism Acceptance Month, including a Beach Clean-Up and an Open Day at Sutton Dinghy Club. The CDO is exploring how best it can support these initiatives further. The CDO is also examining how it can assist in the promotion of a new tutorial video

linked to the Communication Board being unveiled by Howth Celtic Club, an important tool supporting autistic individuals participating in sports.

The CDO supports these groups through Community activities funding, information sharing, signposting to relevant supports, and creating opportunities to celebrate diversity at a local level. This assistance enables community organisations to deliver and promote events, secure insurance, raise awareness, and advance wider inclusion, not only during Autism Acceptance Month, but throughout the year.

The CDO works continuously with autism-friendly community groups to build their capacity, and to encourage and support applications for funding streams and bursaries, including Fingal Inclusion Week. During April, this work will intensify as we prepare the Howth Sutton Autism Group to represent Fingal County Council in the 2026 IPB Pride of Place Competition.

It is important to note that our community centres have a long-standing commitment to supporting autism awareness and acceptance. For example, Mountview Community Centre has regularly hosted an annual Open Day to mark Autism Awareness/Acceptance Day, with consistent support from the Dublin 15 Community Development team.

Fingal County Council remains committed to fostering inclusive spaces, strengthening community partnerships, and advancing access for autistic people and their families across the county as part of both the broader Access Strategy and ongoing autism-specific initiatives.

Thursday 2nd April was World Autism Awareness Day and to mark the date both County Hall and the Civic Offices were lit up in blue, the colour associated with Autism.

Also on Thursday, 2nd April, the Council delivered a series of social media posts to highlight the various Autism supports and services offered, including sensory backpacks, sensory toys and tactile play, and designated quiet evenings.

An Autism-specific training webinar will be delivered by AsIAm, during the month of April for Council staff to attend, with topics to include insights, barriers faced, solutions and supports available.

Source of Reply:
John Quinlivan, Director of Economic, Community and Cultural Development
Mary Egan, Director of People, Corporate & Digital Services

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ITEM NO. 10

MAJOR EMERGENCY PLAN 2023

Question: Councillor J. Humphreys

"To ask the Chief Executive, having regard to warnings from the World Meteorological Organisation on sea-level rise and extreme weather, and Fingal County Council's Major Emergency Plan 2023 which identifies coastal and fluvial flooding as a key risk, what specific scenario planning has been undertaken for a combined storm surge, high tide and heavy rainfall event and to outline the evacuation arrangements, including triggers, routes and rest centre provision, that have been identified in response to such a scenario?"

Reply:

The Fingal County Council's Flood Emergency Plan is designed to clearly outline the structures and arrangements in place within Fingal County Council (FCC) to prepare for, respond to, and recover from flooding events. The Plan forms part of the Fingal County Council Major Emergency Plan.

The objective of the Plan is to ensure that all resources available to Fingal County Council are effectively engaged in the response to a significant flood event to protect life, property and environmental damage.

The plan relates to the impact of the following type of flood incident: -

- Tidal along the county's coastal zone and river estuaries
- Fluvial from the rivers that flow into the sea along the coast
- Pluvial and surface water flooding

- Infrastructural failures including sewers, drains and water mains, retaining structures

As part of the Council's Major Emergency Plan, training exercises are undertaken regularly, the Council exercised a severe weather event in April 2025.

The general approach to Rest Centre and Evacuation Procedures is outlined in Fingal County Council's Rest Centre Plan. This plan was prepared in line with a Framework for Major Emergency Management, a Guide to Managing Evacuation and Rest Centres Guidance.

Fingal County Council Rest Centre's locations have been chosen based on their local and regional Risk Assessment/Hazard Analysis. The buildings identified for use as Rest Centres have also been subject to risk assessments. Fingal County Council has identified 12 facilities throughout the county suitable for use as emergency Rest Centres.

The Eastern Regional Working Group for Major Emergency Management, through their training subgroup, propose to deliver a Rest Centre Activation live exercise with the relevant Local Authorities and Principal Response Agencies shortly.

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

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ITEM NO. 11

INCREASE IN UTILITY AND FUEL COSTS

Question: Councillor E. Troy

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide details on how Q4 of 2025 compares with Q1 of 2026 with respect to energy expenditure including all utility bills and fuel cost for vehicles: electric, diesel and petrol?"

Reply:

The increased fuel cost which began in early March will be reflected in our Q1 financial information when the relevant billing is received. The rates paid for diesel and petrol are based on rates agreed by the OGP (Office of Government Procurement).

The price of gas and electricity is likewise based on the OGP agreed rates. The OGP hedged 100% of the gas costs for March as well as 75% and 50% hedging for metered and public lighting. The OGP will continue to keep its hedging strategy under review for gas and electricity.

Source of Reply:
Oliver Hunt, Director of Finance

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ITEM NO. 12

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

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ITEM NO. 12a

STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS' QUARTERLY REPORT

STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES CHAIRPERSONS' QUARTERLY REPORT PUBLIC REALM, TRANSPORTATION & MOBILITY MANAGEMENT SPC MEETING HELD ON 3RD MARCH 2026

Council Members	**Chairperson**: Councillor Darragh Butler Councillor Joan Hopkins, Councillor Corina Johnston, Councillor Malachy Quinn, Councillor Patrick Quinlan, Councillor Darren Jack Kelly	
Non-Council Members	Michael Lenehan	
Meeting Date	**Theme/Policy issue**	**Update**
3rd March 2026	Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of the Public Realm, Transportation/Mobility Management Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on Tuesday the 9th of December 2025	It was proposed by Councillor Butler and seconded by Councillor Quinlan and RESOLVED: "That Minutes of the meeting of Tuesday the 9th of December 2025 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.**"
3rd March 2026	**National Speed Limit Review - Phase 2 - Urban Areas**	A presentation was given by James Culhane, Senior Executive Engineer, giving an update on the National Speed Limit Review - Phase 2 - Urban Areas. Following discussion,

		the Committee **NOTED** the presentation.
3rd March 2026	M. Lenehan - **Visibility and Prioritisation of Footpath Remediation Works in Fingal**	It was **proposed** by Michael Lenehan and **seconded** by Councillor Butler. Following discussion, the Committee **NOTED** the report.

STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES CHAIRPERSONS' QUATERLY REPORT PLANNING STRATEGIC TRANSPORT & INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT SPC MEETING HELD 10th March 2026

Council Members	**Chairperson:** Councillor Eoghan O'Brien Councillor John Smyth, Councillor Luke Corkery	
Non-Council Members	Mr. Anthony Cooney	
Meeting Date	**Theme/Policy issue**	**Update**
10th March 2026	Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of the Planning and Strategic Transport and Infrastructure Development Strategic Policy Committee meeting held on Tuesday, 25th November 2025.	It was proposed by Cllr. Eoghan O'Brien and seconded by Cllr. and **AGREED**: "That Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 25th November be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.**"
10th March 2026	**Major Capital Project Delivery** Presented by Mr. Kevin Halpenny, Senior Parks and Landscape Officer and Mr. Paul Keane, Senior Executive Engineer.	A presentation was given to the members. Following a discussion the presentation was **Noted**.
10th March 2026	**County Development Plan** Verbal Report by Ms. Deirdre Fallon, Senior Planner	A presentation was given to the members. Following a discussion the presentation was **Noted**.

10th March 2026	**Major Studies/LAPs** Verbal Report by Ms. Deirdre Fallon, Senior Planner	A presentation was given to the members. Following a Discussion, the presentation was **Noted**.
10th March 2026	**Residential Land Zoned Tax** Verbal Report by Ms. Deirdre Fallon, Senior Planner	A presentation was given to the members. Following a discussion the presentation was **Noted**.
10th March 2026	**Enforcement Update** Presented by Mr. Brian Murray, Senior Executive Officer	A presentation was given to the members. Following a discussion the presentation was **Noted**.

STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES CHAIRPERSONS' QUARTERLY REPORT ECONOMIC ENTERPRISE & TOURISM DEVELOPMENT SPC MEETING HELD 11th MARCH 2026

Council Members	**Chairperson:** Councillor Kieran Dennison Councillor James Humphreys; Councillor Tom O'Leary, Councillor Ellen Troy	
Non-Council Members	Anthony Cooney, Peader O'Kelly.	
Meeting Date	**Theme/Policy issue**	**Update**
11th March 2026	Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of the Economic Enterprise & Tourism Development SPC Committee meeting held on 24th November 2025.	It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Tom O'Leary and seconded by Councillor Ellen Troy and **RESOLVED**: "The minutes of the meetings of the 24th of November 2025 be **ADOPTED**."
11th March 2026	**Work Programme Update**	John Quinlivan, Director of Services, gave an update on the work programme. Report **Noted** and **Accepted** by Councillors.
11th March 2026	**Fingal Tourism Destination Brand**	Declan Power, Senior Executive Officer gave presentation / update on the Fingal Tourism Destination Brand. Report **Noted** and **Accepted** by Councillors.

11th March 2026	**Update on Future Fingal: Fingal Skills Strategy**	Aoife Sheridan, Senior Executive Officer, delivered a Future Fingal: Fingal Skills Strategy presentation. Report **Noted** and **Accepted** by Councillors.
11th March 2026	**LECP Implementation Plan Review**	Aoife Sheridan, Senior Executive Officer, gave a presentation on Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) Implementation Plan. Report **Noted** and **Accepted** by Councillors.
11th March 2026	**Update on Development of Economic/Industrial Zone**	Aoife Sheridan, Senior Executive Officer, gave an update on the Development of Economic/Industrial Zone. Report **Noted** and **Accepted** by Councillors.
11th March 2026	**Local Enterprise Plan**	Oisin Geoghegan, Head of Enterprise, gave an update on the Local Enterprise Plan. Report **Noted** and **Accepted** by Councillors.

STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS' QUARTERLY REPORT MARINE & COASTAL MANAGEMENT SPC MEETING HELD THURSDAY 19TH MARCH 2026

Council Members	**Chairperson:** Councillor Angela Donnelly Councillor Paul Mulville, Councillor Corina Johnston, Councillor Dean Mulligan	
Non-Council Members	Máire O' Brien, Charles Sargent	
Meeting Date	**Theme/Policy issue**	**Update**
19th March 2026	Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of the Marine and Coastal Management SPC Committee meeting held on 16th December 2025	Proposed by Councillor A. Donnelly and Seconded by C. Sargent "That the Minutes of the meeting of the 16th December 2025 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**".

19th March 2026	**Portmarnock Dunes 1999**	A presentation was given by Máire O' Brien. Presentation was **Noted**.
19th March 2026	Presentation on funding for **Emergency works at Portrane and application to An Coimisiún Pleanála on the Burrow Coastal Flooding and Erosion Risk Management Plan**	A presentation was given by Kevin Halpenny. Presentation was **Noted**.

STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS' QUARTERLY REPORT HOUSING SPC MEETING HELD MONDAY 23rd MARCH 2026

Council Members	**Chairperson:** Councillor Brendan Ryan Councillor Mark Boland, Councillor John Burtchaell, Councillor Breda Hanaphy, Councillor Cathal Haughey, Councillor. Ted Leddy, Councillor Gerard Sheehan, Councillor Aoibhinn Tormey	
Non-Council Members	Mr. D. Branagan, Ms. J. Fulham. **Apologies Received:** Mr. J. Doran,	
Meeting Date	**Theme/Policy issue**	**Update**
23rd March 2026	Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of the Housing SPC held on Wednesday 10th December 2025.	Proposed by Councillor G. Sheehan and seconded by Councillor M. Boland. "The minutes of the meeting of the 10th December 2025 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**."
23rd March 2026	**Differential Rent Scheme**	An update on a Review of Differential Rent Scheme was presented. Following discussion, the presentation was **NOTED.**
23rd March 2026	**Voids Management**	An update on Voids Management was presented. Following discussion, the presentation was **NOTED.**
23rd March 2026	**Update on Second Hand Acquisitions Programme**	An update on a Second-Hand Acquisitions Programme was presented. Following discussion, the presentation was **NOTED.**

STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS' QUARTERLY REPORT CLIMATE ACTION, BIODIVERSITY, ENVIRONMENT SPC MEETING HELD 24th MARCH 2026

Council Members	**Chairperson:** Councillor Joe Newman, Councillor David Healy, Councillor Joan Hopkins, **Apologies**: Councillor Brian McDonagh	
Non-Council Members	Paul Flynn, Sarah Zimmerman	
Meeting Date	**Theme/Policy issue**	**Update**
24th March 2026	Confirmation and re-affirmation of minutes of the Climate Action, Biodiversity and Environment SPC held on 26th November 2025.	Proposed by Councillor D. Healy, Seconded by Councillor J. Newman Cllr. Healy requested an amendment to the Minutes regarding Agenda Item No. 2, Draft Fingal Sustainability Strategy (CABE/20/25) to include a note that 'Feedback from Members to the Consultants was noted for consideration'. Minutes **not Approved.**
24th March 2026	**Recommendation for Approval of the Anti-Litter, Anti-Graffiti Grant**	A presentation was given by Jennifer Muscheidt, Environmental Awareness Officer. Presentation was **NOTED** and Recommendation for **approval** of the Anti-Litter, Anti-Graffiti Grant, to be presented at the next CPG Meeting **Proposed by** P. Flynn and **Seconded by** Cllr D. Healy.
24th March 2026	**Environmental Inspections Plan (RMCEI) Review 2025 and 2026**	A presentation was given by Enda Hoey, Senior Executive Scientist. The presentation was **NOTED**.

24th March 2026	**Climate Action Plan Progress Report**	A presentation was given by Bridget Loughlin, Climate Action Coordinator. The presentation was **NOTED.**
24th March 2026	Councillor JK. Onwumereh - **Updates on Priority Actions on Fingal Biodiversity Plans for 2025**	As Cllr JK Onwumereh was not present and had not nominated any Member to propose his Motion, the Motion was not heard.
24th March 2026	Paul Flynn - **Policy Change - Waste Water Treatment Plant**	Proposed by P. Flynn Seconded by Cllr. J. Newman The Report was **AGREED**

STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS' QUARTERLY REPORT COMMUNITY, SPORTS & CULTURE SPC MEETING HELD 25th MARCH 2026

Council Members	**Chairperson:** Councillor Angela Donnelly Councillor Tom Kitt, Councillor Mary McCamley, Councillor John Walsh, Councillor James Humphreys, **Apologies**: Councillor Eoghan Dockrell	
Non-Council Members		
Meeting Date	**Theme/Policy issue**	**Update**
25th March 2026	Confirmation and re-Affirmation of minutes of Community, Sports & Culture SPC held on 2nd December 2025	Proposed by Councillor T. Kitt Seconded by Councillor A. Donnelly "That the Minutes of the meeting of 2nd December 2025 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**".

25th March 2026	**Work Programme Updates & Discussion**	Presentation delivered by John Quinlivan. Items listed on the Work Programme were discussed; actions agreed on same and future reporting. It was agreed that a Headed item on the '**Access Strategy'** would be included on the agenda for the next SPC Meeting. The presentation was **NOTED**.
25th March 2026	**LECP Progress Report**	Presentation delivered by Aoife Sheridan. It was agreed that the LECP progress report would be included as a standard update on this SPC agenda going forward. The presentation was **NOTED.**
25th March 2026	**Leading by Example with Job Opportunities for Disabled People in Fingal County.**	Proposed by Councillor A. Donnelly and Seconded by Councillor T. Kitt. Following discussion, the **Report** was **Accepted**
25th March 2026	**Fingal Participation in New State-Led Capital Programme for Early Childhood Education and Childcare**	Proposed by Councillor J. Walsh and Seconded by Councillor A. Donnelly. Following discussion, the **Report** was **Accepted**

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ITEM NO. 12b

REPORT OF BALBRIGGAN/RUSH-LUSK/SWORDS SERVICES B AREA COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 12TH MARCH 2026

APPLICATIONS FOR COMMUNITY 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 – 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
Donabate Tidy towns GA-003694	€2,983	Entrance stone amendment various garden tools and plants	Y	2024 - €2,817.60	€2,983
The Priory and Priory Wood Resident's Association GA-003732	€2,994	Planter Wood and materials Bedding plants for planters Edger Machine Paint and Painting Materials	Y	2025 - €2,499	€2,994

		Room hire for AGM Renewal of public liability insurance			
Brookfield Park, Rush Residents Committee GA-003747	€2,719	Insurance Plants, planters, living wall Building Materials and supplies Room rental for meetings	Y	2025 - €1,543 2024 - €1,019	€2,719
Balbriggan Dramatic Society GA-003778	€2,000	Capital Equipment – Lighting Equipment	N	N/A	€1,850
Flemington Park Residents Association GA-003762	€3,000	3 Tier platers, Water Butt, Misc. Equipment, Plants for Planters, insurance	Y	2025 - €2,502	€2,888
Ravenswell Residents Association GA-003709	€2,216	Defib, Cabinet and Installation Insurance	Y	2025 - €705 2024 - €1,257.84	€2,217
Donabate Sea Scouts - 63rd Dublin GA-003730	€5,000	Camping Trailer	N	N/A	€3,000
Taylor Hill Residents Association GA-003720	€3000	Summer & Winter Community Events Table, Chairs and	Y	2025 - €3000 2024- €3000	€3000

		Videography costs Costs of printing flyers Public Liability Insurance Renewal Contribution towards room hire			

It was **proposed** by Councillor L. Corkery **seconded** by Councillor J. 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/ 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
Phoenix of Ballyboughal	€1,500	Red IABA approved Headgear €699.65 Blue IABA approved	Y	2025 - €4,000 2024 - €3,577.30	This equipment will benefit youth, teenage, and adult members of the club. The equipment will

		Headgear €799.60			help to improve safety measures and reduce the occurrence of injuries. I recommend allocating the full amount €,1500.
Balscadden FC	€3,965	Replacement & Fix of Ball stop Netting - €3,965	Y	2025 - €1,500	The club are looking to replace and install new Ball Stop Nets. The primary purpose is to prevent footballs from going into the river and the bog surrounding their pitches. I recommend the awarding of €3,965 under the large equipment grant.
Balbriggan FC	€1,494	Training Balls, Match Balls & Cones €1,494	N	N/A	Balbriggan FC are looking to purchase training balls, match balls and cones to support the growing demand of the club's juvenile section. I recommend the awarding of €1,494 under the Essential

					Equipment Grant scheme.
Balbriggan & Skerries Fishing Club	€1,500	2 recycled benches €1,180.01. Spools of solid wire €35.00. Spools of thread €70.00. Mirco pines squirrel strips €72.00 rabbit zonkeys strips €50.00 spanflex €70.00 packets of marabou €60.00 Hooks assorted €108.00 Assorted Dubbing €85.00	Y	2024- €3,000 2025 -€4,000	They seek to purchase two outdoor benches along with fly-tying equipment for member training. The benches will provide safe, durable seating and the fly-tying equipment will be used in their development workshops. I recommend approval of €1,500 the maximum under the scheme.
Aer Lingus Bowls Club	€3,926	Shed €2,450 Bow dry water removal machine €1,476	Y	2025 - €2,023	The roller machine will assist with efficient water removal and regular surface maintenance, which are particularly important given the club's predominantly over-60 membership. The project will improve the facility's safety, accessibility,

					and long-term sustainability. A contribution of €3,926 is recommended.
Aer Lingus Masters Swimming Club	€1,490	SONR Coach Communicator (x10) €1,374.45 Radio headset €5.93 USD Charging hub €33.90 Carrying Sling Bag €16.95 SONR Radio €58.47	Y	2025 - €3,788.40	This technology enables swimmers to receive real-time coaching through bone-conducting audio devices worn under swim caps, significantly improving communication, stroke correction, and overall training efficiency. The equipment will benefit swimmers. The total project cost is €1,490, and funding of €1,490 is recommended to support this coaching development initiative.

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

Signed: _____

Councillor L. Corkery
Area Chairperson

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ITEM NO. 12c

REPORT OF HOWTH/MALAHIDE
SERVICES B AREA COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 1ST APRIL 2026

APPLICATIONS FOR COMMUNITY 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 – 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
Bayside Community Association GA-003763	€2,994	Garden Tools/Equipment Replacement Playhouses BHP Community	Y	2024 - €2,127	€2,994

		Insurance Garden fine mulch Easy access Timber composter Plants			
Greenfield Bridge Club GA-003796	€ 3,000	Digital Bridge Mates Refurbished laptop Bridge mate charger & server Bridge mate caddy	N	NA	€2,878

It was **proposed** by Councillor B. McDonagh **seconded** by Councillor J. Hopkins that this Committee recommends that the County Council **APPROVE** of the Community Funding in the foregoing report.

APPLICATION 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
Howth Sailing and Boating Club	€3,114	Yamaha F9.9JMHL outboard motor	No	N/A	€3,114 This engine will make sailing more accessible with support and encouragement for people of all ages and

					ability to partake in sailing and boating activities.	

It was **proposed by** Councillor B. McDonagh **seconded** by Councillor Cllr. J. Hopkins that this Committee recommends that the County Council **APPROVE** of the Sports Funding in the foregoing report.

Signed: _____

Councillor C. Haughey
Area Chairperson

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

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ITEM NO. 12d

REPORT OF BLANCHARDSTOWN-MULHUDDART/CASTLEKNOCK-ONGAR SERVICES B AREA COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 2ND APRIL 2026

APPLICATIONS FOR COMMUNITY 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: -

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
Riverwood Biodiversity Group GA-003815	€2,997	Trees/plants/compost/sand/seeds, red torches/waterproof, clipboards, Insurance, Irrigation system, Leaf Claws, Web graphics Spare battery for strimmer	Y	2025 - €928.67 2025 - €930.39 2024 - €618.00 2024 - €2,378	€2,972

		Retractable display stands			
Laurel lodge Men's Club GA-003795	€2,968	Chair Yoga instructor Community Activities/ Events Room Rental	Y	2025 - €2,968.00 2024 - €2,928.00	€2,968
Blanchards town Village Tidy Towns GA-003837	€3,037	Arts & Crafts 4 Corri Boards Marquees Children's Entertainer & Face Painter	Y	2024 - €3,000.00	€3,000
Blakestown & Mountview Youth Initiative GA-003805	€3,273	Slimline Driftwood Pool Table Karaoke Machine Pool balls and Cues	Y	2025 - €2,827.77 2024 - €3,000.00	€3,000
Ashleigh Residents Association GA-003816	€2,990	Training: CPR and use of defib, Training room Hire of room, Insurance: annual renewal, Family Day: Hire of two gazebos, Family Day: Magic show, face painting, Christmas 2026: Hire of function room Christmas Lights at entrance to estate, Christmas lights, batteries and shrubs & plants	Y	2025 - €1,037.39 2024 - €1,700.00	€2,983

Irish Red Cross Dublin 15 Branch GA-003817	€2,977	Training Equipment	Y	2024 - €2,171	€2,977
Blanchardstown Brass Band GA-003820	€3,000	Marquees Folding Chairs	N	N/A	€3,000
Blanch Active Retirement Group GA-003689	€3,000.00	Chair Yoga Workshops Bus hire for Social Trip Room rental Halloween Entertainment	Y	2025 - €3,000	€3,000
Castleknock Active Retirement Association GA-003813	€3,000.00	Insurance, bus trip, room hire, laptop, speaker, microphone, printer, screen	Y	2025 - €3,000	€ 3,000

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

Signed: _____

Councillor E. Carbone-Mangan
Area Chairperson

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ITEM NO. 12e

REPORT OF CORPORATE POLICY GROUP (CPG) MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 7TH APRIL 2026

2025 Annual Financial Statement

Mr. Oliver Hunt, Director of Finance, gave a presentation to the CPG in relation to the 2025 Annual Financial Statement.

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

Recommendation for Approval of the Anti-Litter, Anti-Graffiti Grant

Ms. Jennifer Muscheidt, Environmental Awareness Officer, Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel & Sports Department, gave a presentation to the CPG in relation to the Anti-Litter, Anti-Graffiti Grant Scheme 2026.

Following discussion, the CPG **AGREED** to recommend the Anti-Litter, Anti-Graffiti Grant Scheme 2026 for approval by the Full Council at its meeting to be held on Monday, 13th April 2026.

Standing Orders Review

Ms. Mary Egan, Director of Services, People, Corporate & Digital Services, gave a detailed update to the CPG on the Standing Orders Review, following the briefing for Councillors held on 18th March.

Following discussion, the CPG, with the exception of Councillor B. Ryan, **AGREED** to recommend the amended Standing Orders for approval by the Organisation,

Procedures & Finance Committee at its meeting to be held on Monday, 13th April 2026.

Signed: Tom O'Leary
Mayor

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 13TH APRIL 2026

ITEM NO. 12f

REPORT OF BALBRIGGAN/RUSH-LUSK/SWORDS SERVICES B AREA COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 9TH APRIL 2026

APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING

APPLICATIONS FOR COMMUNITY 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 – 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
Balbriggan LGBTQ GA-003701	€3,000	Gazebos, tables chairs etc	N	N/A	€3,000

		Props and stage Circus performers			
Rivermeade Residents Association GA-003818	€2,939	Games & Football Equipment Gazebo Extension Leads Gardening materials Insurance Plant netting	N	N/A	€2,939
Skerries Amalgamated Bridge Clubs GA-003808	€5,374	16 bridge scoring machines Insurance	N	N/A	€3,000
The Bold Woman Association GA-003769	€3,000	Hall Hire Music Equipment Printing	Y	2025 - €395.94 2024 - €2,997.89	€1,700
Swords Tidy Towns GA-003804	€2,091	Planter Topsoil Compost Trellis Paint Plants	Y	2025 - €1,053 2024 - €1,803	€2,091
SCÉAL Collective GA-003888	€3,000	Speakers, PA system, mic, mixer, cables Promotional Banners Contribution to insurance renewal Storage Unit Extension Leads	N	N/A	€3,000

		Paint and Paint brushes			
Swords Senior Citizens GA-003849	€3,000	Electric Dart Board, Bowling Ball Sets, Tablecloths, Tabletop Dishwasher, Push Top Flasks & Drip Tray, Transport (bus x2) Tea Trolley x2	Y	2024 - €1,171	€3,000
Rush Community Council GA-003864	€3,566	Purchase of computer Contribution towards training costs Floral Display for centre	N	N/A	€3,000
Skerries Tidy Towns GA-003827	€3,000	Pollinator Plants for Bee Corridor	Y	2025 - €3,000 2024 - €3,000	€3,000
Cardy Rock Residents Association GA-003865	€2,973	Plants, trees, flowers Arts & Crafts, paint, wooden games Public Liability Insurance renewal Wheelbarrow	Y	2025 - €2,725	€2,973

		Power Hose Hedge Trimmer Lawnmower			
Hastings Residents Committee GA-003798	€500.00	Insurance, materials for mural paint	Y	2024 - €2,993	€1,890.26
Sophia Housing GA-003890	€3,000.00	Chip bark, bike rack, basketball hoop wall mounted, sandpit, tree bench, mud kitchen	N	N/A	€3,000.00

It was **proposed** by Councillor T. O'Leary seconded by Councillor C. Boland 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
Ballyboughal Boxing Club	€500	End of season community event, Trophies €700 Referees, DJ, Facepainting €1,500 Equipment, Hire €300	Y	2025 - €4,000 2024 - €2,252.30	This will be a free family day celebrating young boxers while bringing the wider boxing community together. Alongside the boxing, they will create a fun, inclusive atmosphere with a DJ, face painting and medals for all participants so every child feels

					recognised and encouraged. The entire project will cost €2,500. I recommend allocating the full amount of €500.
Fingal Triathlon Club	€600	2m Cylinder Buoy 299 x 2	Y	2020 - €1,000 2021 - €425	Recommended Grant: €600 The club proposes to purchase two inflatable open water swim markers to support triathlon training sessions. As most triathlon events include an open water swim, these markers will allow members to train in conditions similar to competition.
Swords Manor Football Club	€1,476	Spray Pitch Line Marker	Y	2025 - €1,500 2021 - €425	€1,500 to purchase a new spray pitch marker. The spray marker is cleaner and allows for more precise application, enhancing the

					quality of our field markings. Additionally, it is quicker to use, improving our overall efficiency during setup and maintenance.
Cheval Riding Club	€1,445	Defibrillator	Y	2021 - €2,000	The club applied for the Essential Sports Equipment Grant to purchase a Defibrillator for club and community use. This equipment will benefit club and community members through improving safety measures and important first aid in the event of emergencies. The entire project will cost €1,445.
Balbriggan Table Tennis Club	€1,495	Sports Equipment Robot	Y	2020 - €1,000	Balbriggan Tennis Club are looking to purchase a

		Nets and Posts Bats Collector Nets Tennis Balls		2021 - €425	robot trainer, table tennis balls, bats and ball collector nets. The robot will help in training maintaining a good supply of balls and improve training sessions. Ball picker nets and the supply of bats to beginners will improve coaching quality, increase participation and enjoyment and support player development at all levels and encourage new members. The club have submitted a viable quotation for the required equipment. I therefore recommend the awarding of €1,495 for the purchase of the robot trainer, table tennis ball,

					bats and ball collector nets.
Round Towers Lusk GAA Club	€1,512.15	One pack of Flag Poles to be used in juvenile and adult football, hurling, LGFA, and camogie matches - €508.85 Footballs, sliotars, and cones for nursery - €499 A net carrier system - €504.30	Y	2025 - €4,000	The Sports equipment will support the clubs 20 teams, enhancing their training sessions and overall player development. Based on the quotation provided, the total cost for these items is €1,512.15. I recommend an award of €1,500 towards the purchase of this equipment.
Balbriggan Rugby Football Club	€1,771	Sports equipment for match and training. Also training cones and poles for marking out training areas.	Y	2020 - €2,000 2021 - €1,000 2025 - €1,500	Balbriggan Rugby Club is applying for funding under the Essential Equipment Grant to purchase vital training and match-day items. The Sports equipment will support the clubs 20 teams. Cost of

					equipment is €1,771. I recommend an award of €1,500 towards the purchase of this equipment.

It was **proposed** by Councillor C. Boland **seconded** by Councillor T. O'Leary that this Committee recommends that the County Council **APPROVE** of the Sports Funding in the foregoing report.

Signed: _____

Councillor T. O'Leary
Area Chairperson

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FINANCIAL MATTERS

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MONDAY 13TH APRIL 2026

ITEM NO. 13a

CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2025 AND AUTHORISATION OF ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE

As required under the Local Government Act 2001, Section 108, attached are a copy of the Draft Annual Financial Statement for the year ending 31st December 2025 for consideration at the Council meeting on the 13th April 2026.

Total expenditure for the year 2025 on the Revenue Account including net transfers amounted to €345.7m. This expenditure was funded primarily by a combination of Commercial Rates, income from Irish Water, Grants, Local Property Tax and income from goods/services. The final outturn on the Revenue Account was a surplus of €196. The credit amount has been brought forward to the 2025 accounts. At year-end, the Revenue Account had an accumulated surplus of €15.98m.

Total expenditure on Capital Account (net of transfers) for 2025 was €521.6m. This expenditure is funded primarily by grants, development levies and transfers from revenue. The total value of fixed assets reflected in the balance sheet at the 31st December 2025 is €3.475bn.

The combined total expenditure for Fingal County Council between our Revenue and Capital Accounts for 2025 is €867.3m (net of transfers).

At the Council's Annual Budget meeting held on 18th November 2025 (minute **F/509/22**) the Council approved revised budget expenditure for 2025. On completion of the final accounts further movements have taken place. In line with the recommendation of the Local Government Auditor, the Council's approval is now sought to the following areas of additional Revenue Account expenditure by Service as outlined in the table below.

Service	Service description	Additional Expenditure
A03	Housing Rent and Tenant Purchase Administration	274,036
A05	Administration of Homeless Service	370,507
A09	Housing Grants	109,862
B05	Public Lighting	50,141
B11	Agency & Recoupable Services	5,756
C06	Support to Water Capital Programme	2,941
D04	Industrial and Commercial Facilities	66,839
D05	Tourism Development and Promotion	22,954
E10	Safety of Structures and Places	109,431
E11	Operation of Fire Service	45,638
E12	Fire Prevention	54,785
E13	Water Quality, Air and Noise Pollution	23,175
F02	Operation of Library and Archival Service	44,416
F03	Outdoor Leisure Areas Operations	927,209
F05	Operation of Arts Programme	39,854
G04	Veterinary Service	136,787
H07	Operation of Markets and Casual Trading	5,775
H09	Local Representation & Civic Leadership	84,229

Reflected in the above there is an additional €1.282m to be allocated as outlined below.

Operational works programme **€750k**
Heritage Properties - Capital funding **€232k**
Libraries -Capital funding **€232k**
Arts Grants **€68k**

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

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Council



ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025

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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 2025. 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 2025 on the revenue account amounted to €345.7m with a further €39.8m in transfers to the capital account, while income on the account amounted to €385.5m. The revenue account outturn for 2025 is €196 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 as well as continued funding to capital projects.

Balance Sheet

The Annual Financial Statement (AFS) reflects the fixed assets of the Council including local authority housing, land, buildings, equipment, heritage assets, plant and machinery, road networks and the surface water infrastructure. The total value of fixed assets reflected in the balance sheet at the 31st December 2025 is €3.475bn.

The AFS reflects capital expenditure of c. €0.5bn 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 2025 was €284m which reflects a reduction of €9.65m from 2024.

The combined total expenditure impact of our Revenue and Capital Accounts excluding transfers for 2025 is c. €0.9bn.

Details of the main collection accounts are included in Appendix 7. Commercial rates continue to be the primary source of funding for the Council. The overall gross collection rate for 2025 was extremely strong at 99.7%. 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 to 83.1% during 2025 and continued focus will be put on this during 2026.

Financial Outlook

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 2025 and as is reflected in the 2026 budget, we continue to focus the Council's financial resources 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 2026

Fingal County Council

Certificate of Chief Executive and Director of Finance for the year ended 31 December 2025

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 2025, 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 31/3/2026

Director of Finance

Date 31/3/2026

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 2025. 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 there 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.**

10. Government Grants

Government grants are accounted for on an accrual basis. Grants received to cover day to day operations are credited to 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.

11. 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 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 2025

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 2025 €	Income 2025 €	Net Expenditure 2025 €	Net Expenditure 2024 €
Housing and Building		125,274,341	124,197,882	1,076,459	961,927
Roads, Transportation & Safety		41,935,912	12,814,399	29,121,513	30,004,861
Water Services		14,291,508	12,017,903	2,273,605	586,661
Development Management		32,892,441	11,260,591	21,631,850	20,437,581
Environmental Services		53,244,838	11,840,136	41,404,702	43,982,128
Recreation & Amenity		66,420,736	6,553,781	59,866,956	55,825,953
Agriculture, Food & The Marine		2,038,893	489,402	1,549,491	1,234,542
Miscellaneous Services		9,651,670	25,614,014	(15,962,343)	(9,778,059)
Total Expenditure/Income	**15**	345,750,339	204,788,108		
Net Cost of Division to be funded from Rates and Local Property Tax				140,962,231	143,255,595
Rates				168,044,837	161,624,202
Local Property Tax				12,700,331	12,366,308
Surplus/(Deficit) for Year before Transfer				39,782,937	30,734,915
Transfers from/(to) Reserves	**14**			(39,782,741)	(30,734,638)
Overall Surplus/(Deficit) for Year	**16**			196	278
General Reserve at 1st January				15,980,734	15,980,456
General Reserve at 31st December				15,980,930	15,980,734

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION (BALANCE SHEET) AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2025

	Notes	2025	2024
		€	€
Fixed Assets	1		
Operational		1,816,390,066	1,699,577,896
Infrastructural		1,160,683,385	1,164,724,574
Community		111,239,789	111,038,181
Non-Operational		386,667,360	366,046,034
		3,474,980,600	**3,341,386,685**
Work-in-Progress and Preliminary Expenses	2	**279,699,017**	**217,673,968**
Long Term Debtors	3	**518,709,841**	**383,597,780**
Current Assets			
Stock	4	624,997	676,296
Trade Debtors & Prepayments	5	114,047,430	203,586,199
Bank Investments*		392,338,423	251,547,942
Cash at Bank		26,097,404	54,220,731
Cash in Transit		2,338,351	93,743
		535,446,605	**510,124,911**
Current Liabilities			
Bank Overdraft		-	-
Creditors & Accruals	6	197,328,637	189,810,704
Finance Leases		2,090,333	1,304,914
		199,418,969	**191,115,618**
Net Current Assets / (Liabilities)		**336,027,636**	**319,009,293**
Creditors (Amounts greater than one year)			
Loans Payable	7	266,846,466	276,935,966
Finance Leases		4,402,839	2,593,381
Refundable Deposits	8	52,645,729	54,374,140
Other		349,337,011	203,438,308
		673,232,045	**537,341,795**
Net Assets / (Liabilities)		**3,936,185,049**	**3,724,325,931**
Represented By			
Capitalisation	9	3,474,980,600	3,341,386,685
Income WIP	2	227,285,796	184,952,057
General Revenue Reserve		15,980,930	15,980,734
Other Specific Reserves		-	-
Other Balances	10	217,937,723	182,006,455
Total Reserves		**3,936,185,049**	**3,724,325,931**

* Bank Investments include a sum of €4.3m re Section 49 Levies for Metro North, Hansfield and Howth SAAO.

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AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2025

	Note	2025 €	2025 €
REVENUE ACTIVITIES			
Net Inflow/(outflow) from Operating Activities	**17**		**97,108,196**
CAPITAL ACTIVITIES			
Returns on Investment and Servicing of Finance			
Increase/(Decrease) in Fixed Asset Capitalisation Funding		133,593,914	
Increase/(Decrease) in WIP/Preliminary Funding		42,333,740	
Increase/(Decrease) in Reserves Balances	**18**	17,334,138	
Net Inflow/(Outflow) from Returns on Investment and Servicing of Finance			**193,261,792**
Capital Expenditure & Financial Investment			
(Increase)/Decrease in Fixed Assets		(133,593,914)	
(Increase)/Decrease in WIP/Preliminary Funding		(62,025,049)	
(Increase)/Decrease in Other Capital Balances	**19**	17,005,340	
Net Inflow/(Outflow) from Capital Expenditure and Financial Investment			**(178,613,623)**
Financing			
Increase/(Decrease) in Loan & Lease Financing	**20**	3,292,018	
(Increase)/Decrease in Reserve Financing	**21**	1,591,790	
Net Inflow/(Outflow) from Financing Activities			**4,883,808**
Third Party Holdings			
Increase/(Decrease) in Refundable Deposits			**(1,728,411)**
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	**22**		**114,911,762**

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	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
Additions - Purchased	19,454,261	-	54,759,781	-	4,547,273	281,515	-	-	-	79,042,830
Additions - Transfer WIP	-	-	65,036,973	544,000	-	-	-	-	-	65,580,973
Disposals\Statutory Transfers	(937,398)	-	(2,845,833)	(743,310)	(824,687)	-	-	-	-	(5,351,228)
Revaluation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
Historical Costs Adjustments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
Accumulated Costs 31/12/2025	**405,857,117**	**28,185,425**	**1,558,264,623**	**328,145,051**	**22,742,872**	**1,820,503**	**1,099,130**	**1,094,581,542**	**202,059,449**	**3,642,755,712**
Depreciation										
Accumulated Depreciation at 1st Jan	-	16,707,394	-	121,695	11,218,402	1,480,411	-	-	132,568,550	162,096,451
Provision for year	-	342,392	-	-	1,829,624	175,550	-	-	4,041,189	6,388,755
Disposals\Statutory Transfers	-	-	-	-	(710,094)	-	-	-	-	(710,094)
Accumulated Depreciation 31/12/2025	**-**	**17,049,786**	**-**	**121,695**	**12,337,932**	**1,655,961**	**-**	**-**	**136,609,739**	**167,775,112**
Net Book Value at 31/12/2025	**405,857,117**	**11,135,639**	**1,558,264,623**	**328,023,357**	**10,404,940**	**164,542**	**1,099,130**	**1,094,581,542**	**65,449,710**	**3,474,980,600**
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 by Category										
Operational	39,596,832	-	1,558,264,623	207,959,130	10,404,940	164,542	-	-	-	1,816,390,066
Infrastructural	652,133	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,094,581,542	65,449,710	1,160,683,385
Community	-	11,135,639	-	99,122,220	-	-	981,930	-	-	111,239,789
Non-Operational	365,608,152	-	-	20,942,007	-	-	117,200	-	-	386,667,360
Net Book Value at 31/12/2025	**405,857,117**	**11,135,639**	**1,558,264,623**	**328,023,357**	**10,404,940**	**164,542**	**1,099,130**	**1,094,581,542**	**65,449,710**	**3,474,980,600**

2. Work in Progress and Preliminary Expenses

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

	Funded 2025 €	Unfunded 2025 €	Total 2025 €	Total 2024 €
Expenditure				
Preliminary Expenses	26,945,594	14,673,376	41,618,969	153,089,653
Work in Progress	208,455,537	29,624,512	238,080,048	64,584,315
Total Expenditure	**235,401,130**	**44,297,887**	**279,699,017**	**217,673,968**
Income				
Preliminary Expenses	10,378,617	7,412,061	17,790,679	127,804,434
Work in Progress	209,424,242	70,875	209,495,118	57,147,623
Total Income	**219,802,859**	**7,482,937**	**227,285,796**	**184,952,057**
Net Expended				
Work in Progress	(968,706)	29,553,636	28,584,930	7,436,692
Preliminary Expenses	16,566,977	7,261,314	23,828,291	25,285,220
Net Over/(Under) Expenditure	**15,598,271**	**36,814,950**	**52,413,221**	**32,721,911**

3. Long Term Debtors

A breakdown of long term debtors is as follows:

	2025 Balance @ 01/01/2025	2025 Loans Issued	2025 Instalments	2025 Early Redemptions	2025 Other Adjustments	2025 Balance @ 31/12/2025	2024 Balance @ 31/12/2024
	€	€	€	€	€	€	€
Long Term Mortgage Advances *	129,401,675	6,126,247	(8,079,871)	(3,019,433)	(746,009)	123,682,609	129,401,675
Tenant Purchase Advances	93,264	-	(63,485)	(54,222)	99,403	74,960	93,264
Shared Ownership Rented Equity	2,155,839	-	-	(3,556)	(147,447)	2,004,836	2,155,839
	131,650,778	6,126,247	(8,143,356)	(3,077,211)	(794,053)	125,762,405	131,650,778
Recoupable Loan Advances						55,073,298	59,492,707
Housing Related Schemes						349,337,011	203,438,308
Long Term Investments - Cash						-	-
Long Term Investments - Associated Companies						92,002	72,726
Other						-	-
						530,264,716	394,654,519
Less: Current Portion of Long Term Debtors (Note 5)						(11,554,875)	(11,056,739)
Total amounts falling due after one year						**518,709,841**	**383,597,780**

* Includes HFA agency loans

4. Stocks

A summary of stock is as follows:

	2025	2024
	€	€
Central Stores	62,308	44,744
Other Depots	562,689	631,552
Total	**624,997**	**676,296**

5. Trade Debtors and Prepayments

A breakdown of debtors and prepayments is as follows:

	2025	2024
	€	€
Government Debtors	44,706,073	155,694,367
Commercial Debtors	10,919,235	9,659,723
Non-Commercial Debtors	9,763,917	11,176,573
Development Contribution Debtors	76,054,673	36,951,323
Other Services	17,121,533	519,314
Other Local Authorities	1,440,423	1,174,670
Revenue Commissioners	-	-
Other	-	-
Current Portion of Long Term Debtors (Note 3)	11,554,875	11,056,739
Total Gross Debtors	**171,560,729**	**226,232,707**
Less: Provision for Doubtful Debts	(60,197,292)	(34,775,806)
Total Trade Debtors	**111,363,436**	**191,456,901**
Prepayments	2,683,994	12,129,298
Total	**114,047,430**	**203,586,199**

6. Creditors and Accruals

A breakdown of creditors and accruals is as follows:

	2025	2024
	€	€
Trade Creditors	15,931,589	15,440,538
Grants	325,230	10,633,428
Revenue Commissioners	11,933,154	10,836,720
Other Local Authorities	104,584	320,514
Other Creditors	164,435	317,722
	28,458,992	**37,548,922**
Accruals	130,817,252	116,490,438
Deferred Income	20,866,480	19,022,767
Add:Current Portion of Loans Payable (Note 7)	17,185,913	16,748,577
Total	**197,328,637**	**189,810,704**

7. Loans Payable

(a) Movement in Loans Payable

	2025 HFA €	2025 OPW €	2025 Other €	2025 Total €	2024 Total €
Opening Balance	289,071,772	-	4,612,771	293,684,543	307,570,993
Borrowings	7,125,487	-	-	7,125,487	6,238,665
Repayment of Principal	(15,622,315)	-	(1,155,337)	(16,777,652)	(16,520,139)
Early Redemptions	-	-	-	-	(3,604,977)
Other Adjustments	-	-	-	-	-
	280,574,944	**-**	**3,457,434**	**284,032,379**	**293,684,543**
Less: Current Portion of Loans Payable				17,185,913	16,748,577
Total amounts falling due after one year				**266,846,466**	**276,935,966**

(b) Application of Loans

An analysis of loans payable is as follows:

Mortgage					
Mortgage Loans *	125,259,727	-	-	125,259,727	126,084,279
Non Mortgage					
Assets/Grants	58,556,917	-	-	58,556,917	62,718,600
Revenue Funding	-	-	-	-	-
Bridging Finance	42,101,213	-	-	42,101,213	42,101,213
Recoupable	51,615,860	-	3,457,434	55,073,294	59,492,706
Shared Ownership Rented Equity	3,041,227	-	-	3,041,227	3,287,746
Balance at 31st December	**280,574,944**	**-**	**3,457,434**	**284,032,379**	**293,684,543**
Less: Current Portion of Loans Payable				17,185,913	16,748,577
Total Amounts Due after one year				**266,846,466**	**276,935,966**

* Includes HFA Agency Loans

8. Refundable Deposits

The movement in refundable deposits is as follows:

	2025 €	2024 €
Opening Balance at 1st January	54,374,140	47,270,013
Deposits received	9,373,171	12,139,246
Deposits repaid	(11,101,581)	(5,035,119)
Closing Balance at 31st December	**52,645,729**	**54,374,140**

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:

	2025 Balance @ 01/01/2025 €	2025 Purchased €	2025 Transfers WIP €	2025 Disposals/ Statutory T/F's €	2025 Revaluation €	2025 Historical Cost Adjustments €	2025 Balance @ 31/12/2025 €	2024 Balance @ 31/12/2024 €
Grants	898,140,414	54,759,781	65,312,056	(761,231)	-	-	1,017,451,020	898,140,414
Loans	165,411,519	-	-	-	-	-	165,411,519	165,411,519
Revenue Funded	14,825,997	281,515	-	(324,545)	-	-	14,782,967	14,825,997
Leases	15,257,182	4,547,273	-	(717,864)	-	-	19,086,591	15,257,182
Development Contributions	112,550,447	13,831,680	-	-	-	-	126,382,127	112,550,447
Tenant Purchase Annuties	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unfunded	187,238,930	160,000	268,917	(1,300,300)	-	-	186,367,547	187,238,930
Historical	2,054,578,473	(786,134)	-	(403,372)	-	-	2,053,388,968	2,054,578,473
Other	55,480,174	6,248,715	-	(1,843,916)	-	-	59,884,973	55,480,174
Total Gross Funding	**3,503,483,137**	**79,042,830**	**65,580,973**	**(5,351,228)**	**-**	**-**	**3,642,755,712**	**3,503,483,137**
Less: Amortised							(167,775,112)	(162,096,451)
Total *							**3,474,980,600**	**3,341,386,685**

* As per note 1

10. Other Balances

A breakdown of other balances is as follows:

	Note	2025 Balance @ 01/01/2025 €	2025 * Capital Reclassification €	2025 Expenditure €	2025 Income €	2025 Net Transfers €	2025 Balance @ 31/12/2025 €	2024 Balance @ 31/12/2024 €
Development Contributions Balances	(i)	212,704,502	-	55,754,000	129,330,220	(50,492,856)	235,787,866	212,704,502
Capital Account Balances including Asset Formation and Enhancement	(ii)	(80,645,817)	5,906,084	247,142,762	188,344,209	56,672,203	(76,866,083)	(80,645,817)
Voluntary & Affordable Housing Balances								
- Voluntary Housing	(iii)	(1,167,845)	-	9,652,907	10,450,827	(214,169)	(584,094)	(1,167,845)
- Affordable Housing	(iii)	(10,475,963)	-	68,582,878	81,425,633	(200,901)	2,165,891	(10,475,963)
Reserves Created for Specific Purposes	(iv)	166,973,405	2,114,803	13,445,645	6,402,469	(820,853)	161,224,178	166,973,405
Net Capital Balances		**287,388,281**	**8,020,887**	**394,578,191**	**415,953,358**	**4,943,424**	**321,727,759**	**287,388,281**
Balance Sheet Accounts relating to Loan Principal outstanding (including Unrealised TP Annuities)	(v)						(103,882,037)	(105,454,552)
Interest in Associated Companies	(vi)						92,002	72,726
Total Other Balances							**217,937,723**	**182,006,455**

* 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:

	2025	2024
	€	€
Net WIP and Preliminary Expenses (Note 2)	(52,413,221)	(32,721,911)
Capital Balances (Note 10)	321,727,759	287,388,281
Capital Balance Surplus/(Deficit) at 31st December	**269,314,538**	**254,666,369**

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

Opening Balance at 1st January	254,666,369	250,314,745
Expenditure	521,560,029	567,688,978
Income		
- Grants	356,659,723	379,411,439
- Loans	-	-
- Other	150,400,959	171,936,432
Total Income	507,060,683	551,347,871
Net Revenue Transfers	29,147,515	20,692,731
Closing Balance	**269,314,538**	**254,666,369**

12. Mortgage Loan Funding Position

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

	2025 € Loan Annuity	2025 € Rented Equity	2025 € Total	2024 € Total
Mortgage Loans/Equity Receivable (Note 3)	123,682,609	2,004,836	125,687,445	131,557,514
Mortgage Loans/Equity Payable (Note 7)	(125,259,727)	(3,041,227)	(128,300,954)	(129,372,025)
Surplus/(Deficit) in Funding @ 31st of Decembe	**(1,577,118)**	**(1,036,391)**	**(2,613,509)**	**2,185,489**

NOTE: Cash on Hand relating to Redemptions and Relending	3,740,952

13. Summary of Plant and Materials Account

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

	Plant 2025 €	Materials 2025 €	Total 2025 €	Total 2024 €
Expenditure	(2,101,085)	(51,299)	(2,152,384)	(1,961,716)
Charged to Jobs	2,101,085	-	2,101,085	1,937,816
Surplus/(Deficit) before Transfers	**-**	**(51,299)**	**(51,299)**	**(23,900)**
Transfers from/(to) Reserves	-	-	-	-
Surplus/(Deficit) for Year	**-**	**(51,299)**	**(51,299)**	**(23,900)**

14. Analysis of Transfers to/from Reserves

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

	2025 Transfer From Reserves €	2025 Transfer To Reserves €	2025 Net €	2024 Net €
Principal Repaid - Non Mortgage Loans (Own Asset)	-	(3,130,789)	(3,130,789)	(3,101,924)
Principal Repaid - Non Mortgage Loans (Recoupable)	-	(5,432,700)	(5,432,700)	(5,402,712)
Principal Repaid - Finance Leases	-	(2,071,736)	(2,071,736)	(1,537,271)
Transfers - Other Balance Sheet Reserves	-	-	-	-
Transfers - Capital Account	583,375	(29,730,890)	(29,147,515)	(20,692,731)
Surplus/(Deficit) for Year	**583,375**	**(40,366,115)**	**(39,782,741)**	**(30,734,638)**

15. Analysis of Revenue Income

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

	Appendix No	2025 €		2024 €	
State Grants & Subsidies	3	132,925,545	34.5%	126,339,261	34.2%
Contributions from other Local Authorities		5,168,049	1.3%	1,755,892	0.5%
Goods and Services	4	66,694,514	17.3%	67,581,892	18.3%
		204,788,108	**53.1%**	**195,677,044**	**52.9%**
Local Property Tax		12,700,331	3.3%	12,366,308	3.3%
Rates		168,044,837	43.6%	161,624,202	43.7%
Total Income		**385,533,276**	**100.0%**	**369,667,555**	**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
	2025	2025	2025	2025	2025	2025	2025	2025	2025	2025	2025
	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€
Housing & Building	125,274,341	7,670,457	132,944,799	135,762,197	2,817,398	124,197,882	519,400	124,717,282	127,434,300	(2,717,018)	100,380
Roads Transportation & Safety	41,935,912	2,682,197	44,618,109	44,021,697	(596,412)	12,814,399	-	12,814,399	9,648,900	3,165,499	2,569,088
Water Services	14,291,508	1,580,818	15,872,326	18,914,797	3,042,471	12,017,903	-	12,017,903	15,633,400	(3,615,497)	(573,026)
Development Management	32,892,441	2,657,284	35,549,724	36,202,303	652,579	11,260,591	-	11,260,591	10,800,000	460,591	1,113,170
Environmental Services	53,244,838	2,451,363	55,696,201	54,781,799	(914,402)	11,840,136	-	11,840,136	9,271,900	2,568,236	1,653,834
Recreation & Amenity	66,420,736	9,927,525	76,348,262	73,719,899	(2,628,363)	6,553,781	63,975	6,617,755	5,504,500	1,113,255	(1,515,107)
Agriculture, Food & The Marine	2,038,893	187,213	2,226,106	1,881,699	(344,407)	489,402	-	489,402	436,700	52,702	(291,704)
Miscellaneous Services	9,651,670	13,209,258	22,860,929	23,591,501	730,572	25,614,014	-	25,614,014	29,694,300	(4,080,286)	(3,349,714)
Total Divisions	**345,750,339**	**40,366,115**	**386,116,455**	**388,875,892**	**2,759,437**	**204,788,108**	**583,375**	**205,371,483**	**208,424,000**	**(3,052,517)**	**(293,079)**
Local Property Tax	-	-	-	-	-	12,700,331	-	12,700,331	12,700,300	31	31
Rates	-	-	-	-	-	168,044,837	-	168,044,837	167,751,500	293,337	293,337
Dr/Cr Balance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Divisions	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**180,745,168**	**-**	**180,745,168**	**180,451,800**	**293,368**	**293,368**
Surplus/(Deficit) for Year	**345,750,339**	**40,366,115**	**386,116,455**	**388,875,892**	**2,759,437**	**385,533,276**	**583,375**	**386,116,651**	**388,875,800**	**(2,759,149)**	**289**

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

	2025
	€
Operating Surplus/(Deficit) for Year	196
(Increase)/Decrease in Stocks	51,299
(Increase)/Decrease in Trade Debtors	89,538,769
Increase/(Decrease) in Creditors Less than One Year	7,517,932
	97,108,196

18. Increase/(Decrease) in Reserve Balances

Increase/(Decrease) in Development Contributions	23,083,364
Increase/(Decrease) in Reserves created for specific purposes	(5,749,226)
	17,334,138

19. (Increase)/Decrease in Other Capital Balances

(Increase)/Decrease in Voluntary Housing Balances	583,751
(Increase)/Decrease in Affordable Housing Balances	12,641,854
(Increase)/Decrease in Capital account balances including asset formation/enhancement	3,779,735
	17,005,340

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

(Increase)/Decrease in Long Term Debtors	(135,112,061)
Increase/(Decrease) in Mortgage Loans	(824,552)
Increase/(Decrease) in Asset/Grant Loans	(4,161,683)
Increase/(Decrease) in Revenue Funding Loans	-
Increase/(Decrease) in Bridging Finance Loans	-
Increase/(Decrease) in Recoupable Loans	(4,419,412)
Increase/(Decrease) in Shared Ownership Rented Equity Loans	(246,519)
Increase/(Decrease) in Finance Leasing	2,594,877
(Increase)/Decrease in Portion Transferred to Current Liabilities	(437,336)
Increase/(Decrease) in Long Term Creditors - Deferred Income	145,898,703
	3,292,018

21. Increase/(Decrease) in Reserve Financing

	2025 €
(Increase)/Decrease in Other Specific Reserves	-
(Increase)/Decrease in Balance Sheet accounts relating to loan principal & Unrealised TP Annuities	1,572,514
(Increase)/Decrease in Reserves in Associated Companies	19,276
	1,591,790

22. Analysis of Changes in Cash & Cash Equivalents

Increase/(Decrease) in Bank Investments	140,790,481
Increase/(Decrease) in Cash in Transit	2,244,608
Increase/(Decrease) in Cash at Bank/Overdraft	(28,123,326)
	114,911,762

23. 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. The income figure in Note 10 is higher as it also includes the grant income from the DHLGH in respect of the waiver.

APPENDICES

APPENDIX 1

ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE

FOR PERIOD ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025

	2025	2024
	€	€
Payroll		
- Salary & Wages	93,889,758	91,710,248
- Pensions (Incl. Gratuities)	23,177,358	22,048,222
- Other Costs	-	-
Total	**117,067,115**	**113,758,470**
Operational Expenses		
- Purchase of Equipment	2,092,196	2,989,695
- Repairs & Maintenance	2,687,196	2,627,011
- Contract Payments	37,329,300	35,224,456
- Agency Services	86,826,102	73,661,331
- Machinery Yard Charges (Incl Plant Hire)	4,453,994	4,617,845
- Purchase of Materials & Issues from Stores	3,504,248	3,952,429
- Payments of Subsidies & Grants	13,086,786	26,919,397
- Members Costs	450,323	792,352
- Travelling & Subsistence	972,061	1,032,678
- Consultancy & Professional Fees Payments	8,010,411	9,248,848
- Energy Costs	5,695,155	4,781,803
- Other	30,150,622	24,595,683
Total	**195,258,393**	**190,443,527**
Administration Expenses		
- Communication Expenses	1,131,970	1,380,634
- Training	1,346,104	1,460,178
- Printing & Stationery	485,556	568,320
- Contributions to Other Bodies	3,370,169	2,675,672
- Other	8,551,954	7,324,058
Total	**14,885,753**	**13,408,862**
Establishment Expenses		
- Rent & Rates	2,100,687	1,867,098
- Other	1,439,743	1,423,618
Total	**3,540,429**	**3,290,716**
Financial Expenses	12,368,372	11,633,454
Miscellaneous Expenses	2,630,276	6,397,610
Total Expenditure	**345,750,339**	**338,932,640**

Appendix 2

SERVICE DIVISION A

Housing and Building

Service	EXPENDITURE	INCOME			
	TOTAL	**State Grants and Subsidies**	**Provision of Goods and Services**	**Contributions from other Local Authorities**	**TOTAL**
A01 Maintenance/Improvement of LA Housing	15,641,698	1,079,569	26,336,243	22,406	27,438,218
A02 Housing Assessment, Allocation and Transfer	2,662,107	-	47,131	12,167	59,298
A03 Housing Rent and Tenant Purchase Administration	3,077,871	-	45,691	10,504	56,195
A04 Housing Community Development Support	1,965,905	-	39,945	9,763	49,709
A05 Administration of Homeless Service	6,081,343	-	24,309	543,397	567,706
A06 Support to Housing Capital & Affordable Prog.	12,267,814	8,537,095	612,036	23,013	9,172,145
A07 RAS Programme	75,223,163	70,890,838	5,135,377	2,438	76,028,652
A08 Housing Loans	5,858,968	70,100	4,557,968	7,291	4,635,359
A09 Housing Grants	6,942,162	5,330,471	13,606	3,511	5,347,589
A11 Agency & Recoupable Services	2,318,650	810,617	10,757	2,580	823,955
A12 Housing Assistance Programme	874,417	486,598	16,814	4,341	507,752
A13 Cost Rental	30,700	-	30,705	-	30,705
Total Including Transfers to/from Reserves	**132,944,799**	**87,205,288**	**36,870,583**	**641,411**	**124,717,282**
Less: Transfers to/from Reserves	7,670,457	-	519,400	-	519,400
Total Excluding Transfers to/from Reserves	**125,274,341**	**87,205,288**	**36,351,183**	**641,411**	**124,197,882**

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	12,947,104	3,406,503	204,826	48,487	3,659,816
B04 Local Road - Maintenance and Improvement	14,127,300	1,957,223	146,187	23,265	2,126,674
B05 Public Lighting	5,321,726	590,555	12,218	2,772	605,546
B06 Traffic Management Improvement	5,072,570	1,121,823	83,560	5,566	1,210,948
B07 Road Safety Engineering Improvement	-	-	-	-	-
B08 Road Safety Promotion/Education	3,084,725	79,434	65,183	16,827	161,444
B09 Maintenance & Management of Car Parking	1,018,753	-	2,339,759	101	2,339,860
B10 Support to Roads Capital Prog.	2,283,145	100,000	37,532	9,689	147,220
B11 Agency & Recoupable Services	762,786	-	2,562,890	-	2,562,890
Total Including Transfers to/from Reserves	**44,618,109**	**7,255,538**	**5,452,155**	**106,707**	**12,814,399**
Less: Transfers to/from Reserves	2,682,197	-	-	-	-
Total Excluding Transfers to/from Reserves	**41,935,912**	**7,255,538**	**5,452,155**	**106,707**	**12,814,399**

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	7,036,798	1,278,935	2,967,871	-	4,246,806
C02 Operation and Maintenance of Waste Water Treatment	4,383,758	5,153,844	2,251,861	-	7,405,704
C03 Collection of Water and Waste Water Charges	-	-	-	-	-
C04 Operation and Maintenance of Public Conveniences	1,618,695	-	4,416	1,140	5,556
C05 Admin of Group and Private Installations	127	-	-	-	-
C06 Support to Water Capital Programme	268,407	-	85,370	-	85,370
C07 Agency & Recoupable Services	-	-	-	-	-
C08 Local Authority Water & Sanitary Services	2,564,541	3,320	169,540	101,608	274,468
Total Including Transfers to/from Reserves	**15,872,326**	**6,436,099**	**5,479,057**	**102,748**	**12,017,903**
Less: Transfers to/from Reserves	1,580,818	-	-	-	-
Total Excluding Transfers to/from Reserves	**14,291,508**	**6,436,099**	**5,479,057**	**102,748**	**12,017,903**

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	3,045,879	248,656	43,744	11,292	303,692
D02 Development Management	10,823,073	544,553	2,241,371	47,221	2,833,144
D03 Enforcement	1,863,336	-	147,270	6,053	153,324
D04 Op & Mtce of Industrial Sites & Commercial Facilities	1,669,628	-	22,398	3,901	26,299
D05 Tourism Development and Promotion	1,283,869	38,230	2,734	706	41,670
D06 Community and Enterprise Function	4,482,043	2,927,561	40,690	9,526	2,977,778
D07 Unfinished Housing Estates	-	-	-	-	-
D08 Building Control	1,967,191	-	287,467	8,573	296,040
D09 Economic Development and Promotion	7,678,353	3,320,060	168,899	13,039	3,501,998
D10 Property Management	1,907,565	-	733,434	6,666	740,099
D11 Heritage and Conservation Services	828,788	380,118	5,110	1,319	386,547
D12 Agency & Recoupable Services	-	-	-	-	-
Total Including Transfers to/from Reserves	**35,549,724**	**7,459,178**	**3,693,118**	**108,295**	**11,260,591**
Less: Transfers to/from Reserves	2,657,284	-	-	-	-
Total Excluding Transfers to/from Reserves	**32,892,441**	**7,459,178**	**3,693,118**	**108,295**	**11,260,591**

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	2,413,953	12,875	23,507	6,068	42,450
E02 Op & Mtce of Recovery & Recycling Facilities	4,358,673	92,110	1,964,131	182,839	2,239,080
E03 Op & Mtce of Waste to Energy Facilities	894,133	-	-	3,517,338	3,517,338
E04 Provision of Waste to Collection Services	-	-	-	-	-
E05 Litter Management	1,364,288	30,000	51,744	8,129	89,874
E06 Street Cleaning	9,208,419	-	150,050	38,735	188,785
E07 Waste Regulations, Monitoring and Enforcement	1,209,784	331,870	101,567	33,501	466,938
E08 Waste Management Planning	269,930	100,373	2,483	641	103,497
E09 Maintenance and Upkeep of Burial Grounds	2,922,582	-	1,386,194	10,404	1,396,598
E10 Safety of Structures and Places	1,378,457	-	18,684	4,823	23,507
E11 Operation of Fire Service	26,259,600	-	-	-	-
E12 Fire Prevention	342,509	-	1,131,080	914	1,131,994
E13 Water Quality, Air and Noise Pollution	3,193,792	6,703	1,773,988	7,713	1,788,403
E14 Agency & Recoupable Services	-	-	-	-	-
E15 Climate Change and Flooding	1,880,082	838,340	10,596	2,735	851,672
Total Including Transfers to/from Reserves	**55,696,201**	**1,412,271**	**6,614,025**	**3,813,840**	**11,840,136**
Less: Transfers to/from Reserves	2,451,363	-	-	-	-
Total Excluding Transfers to/from Reserves	**53,244,838**	**1,412,271**	**6,614,025**	**3,813,840**	**11,840,136**

SERVICE DIVISION F

Recreation and Amenity

Service	EXPENDITURE TOTAL	INCOME State Grants and Subsidies	Provision of Goods and Services	Contributions from other Local Authorities	TOTAL
F01 Operation and Maintenance of Leisure Facilities	586,969	-	258,065	934	258,998
F02 Operation of Library and Archival Service	19,963,979	127,841	303,897	67,079	498,817
F03 Op, Mtce & Imp of Outdoor Leisure Areas	30,082,833	150,724	2,007,341	107,845	2,265,910
F04 Community Sport and Recreational Development	11,857,815	1,824,544	606,752	16,143	2,447,439
F05 Operation of Arts Programme	13,856,666	175,144	957,649	13,799	1,146,592
F06 Agency & Recoupable Services	-	-	-	-	-
Total Including Transfers to/from Reserves	**76,348,262**	**2,278,252**	**4,133,704**	**205,799**	**6,617,755**
Less: Transfers to/from Reserves	9,927,525	-	63,975	-	63,975
Total Excluding Transfers to/from Reserves	**66,420,736**	**2,278,252**	**4,069,729**	**205,799**	**6,553,781**

SERVICE DIVISION G

Agriculture, Eductaion,Health and Welfare

Service	EXPENDITURE TOTAL	INCOME State Grants and Subsidies	Provision of Goods and Services	Contributions from other Local Authorities	TOTAL
G01 Land Drainage Costs	-	-	-	-	-
G02 Operation and Maintenance of Piers and Harbours	679,690	-	13,211	1,345	14,556
G03 Coastal Protection	-	-	-	-	-
G04 Veterinary Service	1,447,641	103,750	327,862	1,173	432,785
G05 Educational Support Services	98,775	41,918	114	29	42,061
G06 Agency & Recoupable Services	-	-	-	-	-
Total Including Transfers to/from Reserves	**2,226,106**	**145,668**	**341,186**	**2,548**	**489,402**
Less: Transfers to/from Reserves	187,213	-	-	-	-
Total Excluding Transfers to/from Reserves	**2,038,893**	**145,668**	**341,186**	**2,548**	**489,402**

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	237,466	-	-	-	-
H03 Adminstration of Rates	18,009,550	-	98,962	9,505	108,467
H04 Franchise Costs	575,261	60,174	8,458	1,483	70,114
H05 Operation of Morgue and Coroner Expenses	-	-	-	-	-
H06 Weighbridges	6,299	-	-	-	-
H07 Operation of Markets and Casual Trading	7,020	-	105,717	-	105,717
H08 Malicious Damage	-	-	-	-	-
H09 Local Representation/Civic Leadership	3,476,259	-	30,697	5,479	36,176
H10 Motor Taxation	-	-	-	-	-
H11 Agency & Recoupable Services	549,073	20,673,077	4,450,229	170,234	25,293,539
Total Including Transfers to/from Reserves	**22,860,929**	**20,733,250**	**4,694,063**	**186,701**	**25,614,014**
Less: Transfers to/from Reserves	13,209,258	-	-	-	-
Total Excluding Transfers to/from Reserves	**9,651,670**	**20,733,250**	**4,694,063**	**186,701**	**25,614,014**
TOTAL ALL DIVISIONS (Excluding Transfers)	**345,750,339**	**132,925,545**	**66,694,514**	**5,168,049**	**204,788,108**

APPENDIX 3

ANALYSIS OF INCOME FROM GRANTS AND SUBSIDIES

	2025	2024
	€	€
Department of Housing, Local Government, and Heritage		
Housing and Building	87,148,071	70,462,831
Road Transportation & Safety	3,914,446	3,914,446
Water Services	6,436,099	7,755,366
Development Management	1,183,615	1,019,408
Environmental Services	6,703	-
Recreation & Amenity	75,000	75,000
Agriculture, Food & The Marine	-	-
Miscellaneous Services	20,627,774	17,078,096
	119,391,708	**100,305,148**
Other Departments and Bodies		
TII Transport Infrastructure Ireland	690,555	406,096
Culture, Communications, & Sport	-	-
National Transport Authority	2,590,555	1,054,351
Social Protection	-	-
Defence	-	-
Education & Youth	-	-
Library Council	-	-
Arts Council	175,144	78,501
Transport	-	-
Justice, Home Affairs, & Migration	-	-
Agriculture, Food, Fisheries, & The Marine	3,750	2,910
Enterprise, Tourism, & Employment	2,780,399	20,683,322
Rural, Community Development, & The Gaeltacht	3,766,985	439,932
Climate, Environment, & Energy	1,313,458	950,579
Food Safety Authority of Ireland	-	-
Other	2,212,991	2,418,423
	13,533,837	**26,034,113**
TOTAL	**132,925,545**	**126,339,261**

APPENDIX 4

ANALYSIS OF INCOME FROM GOODS AND SERVICES

	2025	2024	
	€	€	
Rents from Houses	31,437,320	29,788,302	
Housing Loans Interest & Charges	3,983,200	4,047,345	
Domestic Water	-	-	
Commercial Water	-	-	
Uisce Éireann	5,045,372	8,165,160	
Domestic Refuse	1,481,836	1,155,374	
Commercial Refuse	-	-	
Domestic Sewerage	-	-	
Commercial Sewerage	-	-	
Planning Fees	2,310,209	2,861,333	
Parking Fines/Charges	2,339,367	2,296,848	
Recreation & Amenity Activities	782,472	692,245	
Agency Services	-	-	
Pension Contributions	1,885,147	1,936,132	
Property Rental & Leasing of Land	1,567,955	1,725,026	
Landfill Charges	-	-	
Fire Charges	1,127,539	1,771,339	
NPPR	20,851	252,711	
Miscellaneous	14,713,246	12,890,078	*
	66,694,514	**67,581,892**	

APPENDIX 5

SUMMARY OF CAPITAL EXPENDITURE AND INCOME

	2025	2024
	€	€
EXPENDITURE		
Payments to Contractors	213,560,387	138,514,138
Purchase of Land	21,488,246	20,702,221
Purchase of Other Assets/Equipment	53,358,815	123,167,288
Professional & Consultancy Fees	20,337,568	19,254,732
Other	212,815,014	266,050,599
Total Expenditure (Net of Internal Transfers)	**521,560,029**	**567,688,978**
Transfers to Revenue	583,375	11,687,549
Total Expenditure (Including Transfers)*	**522,143,404**	**579,376,527**
INCOME		
Grants and LPT	356,659,723	379,411,439
Non-Mortgage Loans	-	-
Other Income		
Development Contributions	89,068,804	154,421,140
Property Disposals - Land	5,034,403	5,102,552
- LA Housing	2,763,000	1,814,000
- Other Property	140,823	145,636
Tenant Purchase Annuities	28,986	1,716
Car Parking	-	-
Other	53,364,944	10,451,388
Total Income (Net of Internal Transfers)	**507,060,683**	**551,347,871**
Transfers from Revenue	29,730,890	32,380,280
Total Income (Including Transfers) *	**536,791,573**	**583,728,151**
Surplus/(Deficit) for year	**14,648,169**	**4,351,624**
Balance (Debit)/Credit @ 1st January	254,666,369	250,314,745
Balance (Debit)/Credit @ 31st December 2025	269,314,538	254,666,369

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

APPENDIX 6

ANALYSIS OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ON CAPITAL ACCOUNT

				INCOME				*TRANSFERS*			
		Balance at 01/01/2025	*Expenditure*	*Grants & LPT*	*Non Mortgage Loans **	*Other*	*Total Income*	*Transfers from Revenue*	*Transfers to Revenue*	*Internal Transfers*	*Balance at 31/12/2025*
01	HOUSING & BUILDING	9,686,875	327,629,510	283,519,505	-	47,894,451	331,413,956	3,180,700	519,400	1,497,282	17,629,903
02	ROAD TRANSPORTATION & SAFETY	(9,980,266)	33,404,713	16,872,743	-	753,348	17,626,091	2,160,000	-	16,170,923	(7,427,965)
03	WATER SERVICES	10,327,807	2,142,485	-	-	2,352,915	2,352,915	-	-	765,277	11,303,514
04	DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT	175,344,430	101,861,028	55,999,630	-	98,122,371	154,122,001	5,151,600	-	(42,598,732)	190,158,270
05	ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	15,418,209	3,396,924	-	-	-	-	1,010,000	-	(841,157)	12,190,128
06	RECREATION & AMENITY	11,766,355	39,877,754	266,882	-	518,951	785,833	3,518,590	63,975	25,006,408	1,135,457
07	AGRICULTURE, FOOD, & THE MARINE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
08	MISCELLANEOUS	42,102,959	13,247,615	964	-	758,923	759,887	14,710,000	-	-	44,325,231
		254,666,369	**521,560,029**	**356,659,723**	**-**	**150,400,959**	**507,060,683**	**29,730,890**	**583,375**	**-**	**269,314,538**

Note: Mortgage related transactions are excluded

APPENDIX 7
Summary of Major Revenue Collections for 2025

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
Debtor Type	Opening Arrears at 01/01/2025	Accrued	Vacant Property Adjustments	Write Off	Waivers & Credits	Total for Collection	Amount Collected	Closing Arrears at 31/12/2025	Specific Doubtful Arrears*	% Collected
						=(B+C-D-E-F)		.=(G-H)		.=(H)/(G-J)
	€	€		€	€	€	€	€	€	
Commercial Rates	609,935	168,044,837	70,315	1,831,137	151,919	166,601,401	165,825,518	775,883	305,285	99.7
Rents & Annuities	8,116,515	31,961,702		520,438		39,557,779	32,892,003	6,665,776		83.1
Housing Loans	590,727	17,213,015				17,803,742	16,916,746	886,996		95.0

*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*	60	**Subsidiary**	187,785	- 34,452			153,333	N	31/12/2024
Balbriggan Enterprise and Training Centre CLG*	33	**Associate**	471,871	- 171,860			300,011	N	31/12/2024
Castlecurragh Management Company CLG.	33	**Associate**	468,414	- 10,155	143,140	139,339	458,259	N	31/05/2025
College Business & Technology Park Management Services Company Limited by Guarantee.	100	**Subsidiary**	-	-	-	-	-	N	31/05/2025
Domville Woods Property Management Company CLG.	100	**Subsidiary**	74,089	- 5,849	20,347	23,808	68,240	N	31/12/2024
Draiocht CLG.	40	**Associate**	1,038,639	- 724,187	1,983,172	2,032,590	314,452	N	31/12/2024
DRINAN ENTERPRISE CENTRE COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE*	100	**Subsidiary**	525,222	- 447,587	-	-	77,635	N	31/12/2024
Fingal Community & Recreation Services limited by guarantee number 373487	83	**Subsidiary**	1,398,725	-1,344,518	1,927,975	1,926,861	54,207	N	31/12/2024
Fingal Parks & Heritage Trust Ltd.*	100	**Subsidiary**	56,212	- 56,209	-	-	3	N	31/12/2024
Georges Square Management Limited*	50	**Subsidiary**	128,043	- 120,253	196,671	196,671	7,790	N	31/12/2024
Hill Mill Company Limited by Guarantee *	33	**Associate**	388,741	- 115,477	-	-	273,264		31/12/2024
INNOVATE FINGAL COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE (formally BASE Enterprise CLG*)	75	**Subsidiary**	644,690	- 232,736	-	-	411,954	N	31/12/2024
Kettle's Lane Management CLG	67	**Subsidiary**	150,706	- 11,041	65,305	64,250	139,665	N	31/12/2024
Ladyswell Property CLG.	100	**Subsidiary**	120,388	- 78,830	232,013	208,198	41,558	N	31/12/2024
Ladyswell Management CLG	50	**Subsidiary**	16,666	- 2,535	-	-	14,131	N	31/12/2024
MALAHIDE CASTLE AND NEWBRIDGE HOUSE LIMITED*	78	**Subsidiary**	4,817,052	-5,217,371	3,210,637	3,479,539	- 400,319	N	31/12/2024
Montini Property Management Company Ltd by guarantee	33	**Associate**	5,437	- 3,389	-	-	2,048	N	31/12/2024
Ongar Community Centre CLG.	60	**Subsidiary**	344,262	- 99,313	301,837	287,606	244,949	N	31/12/2024
Parslickstown House Management CLG	25	**Associate**	326,043	- 39,983	652,561	646,846	286,060	N	31/12/2024
Rossan Court Owners Mangament Company limited by guarnantee.	100	**Subsidiary**	43,619	- 3,917	-	-	39,702	N	31/12/2024
The Seamus Ennis Arts Centre Company CLG.	22	**Associate**	782,314	- 252,062	746,925	885,293	530,252	N	31/12/2024
Tyrellstown Community Centre CLG	25	**Associate**	254,753	- 50,941	231,703	212,186	203,812	N	31/12/2024
Whitestown Property Management Company CLG	33	**Associate**	28,814	- 3,810	27,544	2,464	25,004	N	31/12/2024

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

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

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ITEM NO. 14

PROPOSED DISPOSALS OF PROPERTIES

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

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

File Ref: LD1666

18th March 2026

To: **Each Member of the Council**

Re: **Notice of proposed grant of wayleave at Mourne View, Skerries, Co. Dublin to Uisce Éireann, Colvill House, 24-26 Talbot Street, Mountjoy, Dublin 1**

It is proposed to grant a wayleave at Mourne View, Skerries, Co. Dublin comprising an area of c. 1,708 square metres approximately as shown coloured in yellow on Drawing No. LA-4015-26 dated 25th February 2026 to Uisce Éireann, Colvill House, 24-26 Talbot Street, Mountjoy, Dublin 1 in accordance with Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) and subject to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended) on the following terms and conditions:

1. The purpose of the wayleave is to facilitate the installation of vital services to facilitate the delivery of a Council housing project at Mourne View, Skerries, Co. Dublin, as set out in the Uisce Éireann Diversion Agreement No. CDS2300343201.

2. The wayleave comprises c. 1,708 square metres approximately as shown coloured yellow on Drawing No. LA-4015-26 dated 25th February 2026.

3. The consideration payable will be in the nominal amount of €1.00 (one Euro) plus VAT and Stamp Duty, if applicable.

4. Each party will be responsible for their own costs in this matter.

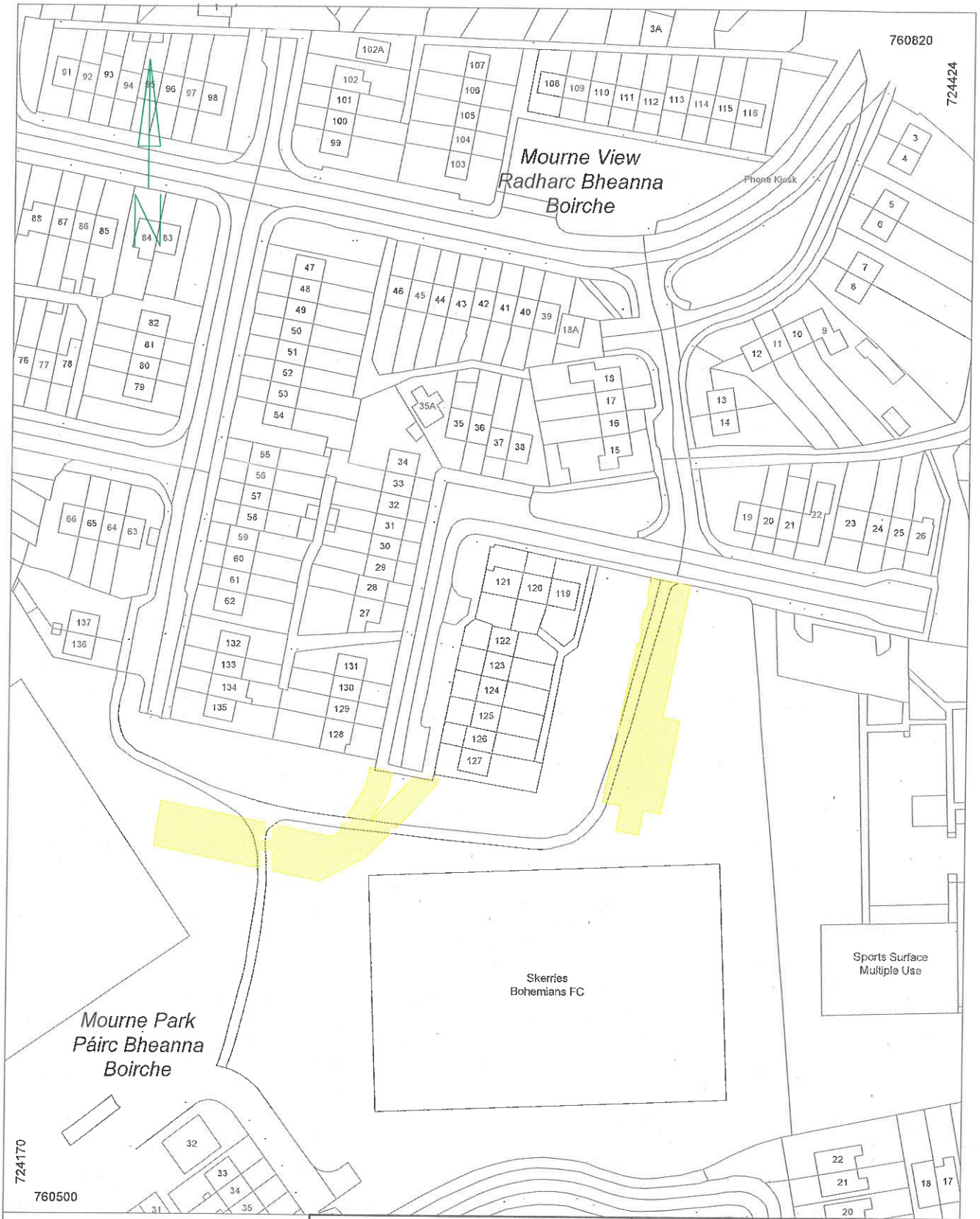
5. All other terms and conditions will be set out in the legal documentation.

The land to be disposed of was acquired from C.J. Fox in 1969 for housing purposes.

Notice is hereby given that a report on the proposed grant of wayleave was included on the Agenda of the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services B) meeting on Thursday 12th March 2026 and the proposed grant of wayleave will be included on the Agenda for consideration at the meeting of Fingal County Council to be held on Monday 13th April 2026.

Derek Brandon

Senior Executive Officer,
Economic, Community &
Cultural Development.



Area of Lands Delineated by center of yellow line surrounding the land hatched yellow 1708 m2 140m x 12m wayleaves Folio Numbers DN18477 and DN2285

Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

Dwg No:	LA-4015-26	O.S.Ref:	
Date:	25 FEB 2026	Drawn By:	LJM
Scale:	1/1000	Checked:	
Dev. File No:	L.D. 1666	Job No.	SM/015/26
Gross Area :			
Road Area :			
Nett Area :			

Project:
Land at Mourne View
Skerries Co Dublin

Wayleaves to be granted with respect to LD1666

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

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

File Ref: LD1670

2nd April 2026

To: **Each Member of the Council**

Re: **Notice of proposed grant of wayleave at Barrysparks, Swords, Co. Dublin to Bovale Developments Unlimited Company, 27 Dublin Road, Miltonsfields, Swords, Co. Dublin**

It is proposed to grant a wayleave at Barrysparks, Swords, Co. Dublin comprising an area of 420 square metres approximately as shown coloured in yellow on Drawing No. LA-4014-26 dated 23rd February 2026 to Bovale Developments Unlimited Company, 27 Dublin Road, Miltonsfields, Swords, Co. Dublin in accordance with Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) and subject to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended) on the following terms and conditions:

1. The purpose of the wayleave is to facilitate the provision of a wastewater network and associated ancillary services

2. That the Council shall grant a permanent wayleave comprising an area of c. 420 sqm approximately as shown on Drawing No. LA-4014-26 dated 23rd February 2026.

3. That the Council will retain the freehold title to the wayleave area.

4. That the consideration payable shall be in the total amount of €6,300.00 (six thousand and three hundred Euro) plus VAT, if applicable.

5. That the full costs of the works shall be borne by the applicant.

6. That the applicant shall ensure they have the necessary planning permission (if required).

7. That the applicant shall carry out all necessary reinstatement works, and that the wayleave agreement shall only be finalised if the works are completed to the satisfaction of the Council.

8. That in the event that any grass, trees or shrubbery are to be removed, this will be agreed with Fingal County Council in advance. Fingal County Council will be adequately compensated for the loss and an appropriate boundary feature will be reinstated.

9. That the Council shall reserve the right to create other legal interests in the wayleave area, subject to them not interfering with the apparatus.

10. That the applicant shall have access to the wayleave area for the purpose of inspecting, repairing and maintaining. The applicant shall provide fourteen days advance written notice to the Council of any intended works and shall complete reinstatement works to the satisfaction of the Council. All works to be carried out with minimum disruption. In the event of an emergency the above requirements can be waived. All works and work procedures shall comply with Health and Safety regulations.

11. That the applicant shall pay the Council's Valuer's fee of €1,500.00 (one thousand and five hundred Euro) plus VAT and the Council's legal fees and surveyor fees in respect of the wayleave agreement.

12. That this proposal is subject to the necessary statutory consents and approvals.

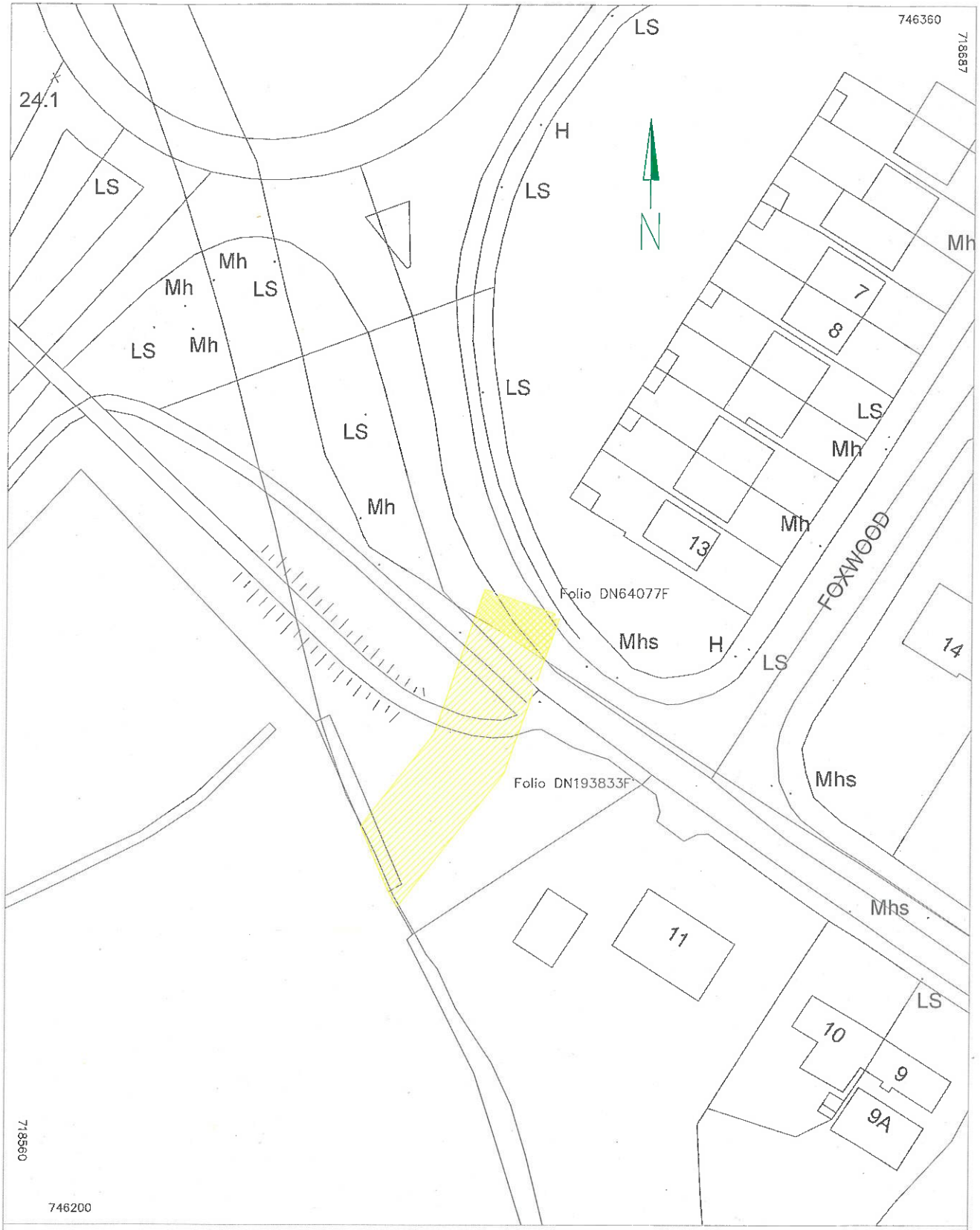
13. All other terms and conditions will be set out in the legal documentation.

The land to be disposed of was acquired from Catherine M. Ryan in 1982 for roads purposes.

Notice is hereby given that a report on the proposed grant of wayleave will be included on the Agenda of the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services B) meeting on Thursday 9th April 2026 and the proposed grant of wayleave will be included on the Agenda for consideration at the meeting of Fingal County Council to be held on Monday 13th April 2026.

Aoife Sheridan

Senior Executive Officer,
Economic, Community &
Cultural Development.



Area of Land hatched and delineated by center of yellow line surrounding the land 420 m2 from Folio DN193833F and DN64077F
Wayleave is 42m long x 10m wide

Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

Project: Land at Barrysparks
Swords County Dublin

Wayleave with Respect to LD1670

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Dwg No:	LA--4014--26	O.S.Ref:	
Date:	23 FEB 2026	Drawn By:	LJM
Scale:	1/500	Checked:	
Dev. File No:	LD 1670	Job No.	SM/014/26
Gross Area :			
Road Area :			
Nett Area :			

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 13TH APRIL 2026

ITEM NO. 15

DECLARATION OF ROADS

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COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 13th APRIL 2026

ITEM NO. 15a

BARNAGEERAGH COVE PHASE 3, SKERRIES

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 – 1750
Taking In Charge – Barnageeragh Cove Phase 3
ED: Holmpatrick, TD: Barnageeragh

Road Name	Length	Description
Heron	129m	Road beginning from junction of Guillemot, Fulmar and Tern, travelling North, ends at the roundabout connecting Heron, Turnstone and Kittywake.
Sanderling	142m	Road beginning from the junction of Heron opposite House No. 25, heading southeast for 142m until it meets the road boundary at House No. 56.
Turnstone	206m	Road beginning from roundabout of Heron, Turnstone and Kittywake, travelling southeast and finishing at the end outside House No. 16.
Osprey	55m	Road beginning from the junction of Turnstone, heading southwest and finishing at the end outside House No. 8.

Kittywake	120m	Road beginning from the roundabout between Heron and Turnstone, heading northeast, then turning east after passing apartment block 1-27 and finishing at the end outside apartment block 28-39.
Pumpstation	70m	Road beginning from the junction of Kittywake opposite apartment block 1-27, heading northwest direction for approximately 26 meters, then curving northeast before travelling north, finishing at the Balbriggan Road.
	Total Length: 722m	

Road Schedule

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Turnstone	206m	Road beginning from roundabout of Heron, Turnstone and Kittywake, travelling southeast and finishing at the end outside House No. 16.
Osprey	55m	Road beginning from the junction of Turnstone, heading southwest and finishing at the end outside House No. 8.
Kittywake	120m	Road beginning from the roundabout between Heron and Turnstone, heading northeast, then turning east after passing apartment block 1-27 and finishing at the end outside apartment block 28-39.
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Surface and Foul Water Schedule			
MANHOLE No.	COVER LEVEL	INVERT LEVEL	PIPE DIAMETER
S80	16.44	14.39	225mmØ
S81	15.96	13.69	300mmØ
S82	18.12	16.22	300mmØ
S83	17.49	16.51	225mmØ
S84	21.85	19.90	300mmØ
S85	22.57	20.46	300mmØ
S86	23.33	na	300mmØ
S87	23.93	21.10	300mmØ
S88	23.54	21.59	225mmØ
S89	23.20	21.78	225mmØ
S90	22.15	21.00	225mmØ
S91	14.99	13.76	225mmØ
S92	15.21	14.21	225mmØ
S93	18.93	16.93	225mmØ
S94	16.95	15.50	225mmØ
S95	16.61	na	225mmØ
S96	16.85	14.05	225mmØ
S97	18.78	17.34	225mmØ
S98	17.48	15.31	225mmØ
F30	16.70	15.47	150mmØ
F31	17.30	14.31	225mmØ
F32	18.16	15.89	225mmØ
F33	17.72	16.21	225mmØ
F34	21.88	19.44	225mmØ
F35	22.54	20.96	225mmØ
F36	21.89	21.04	225mmØ
F37	23.32	21.14	225mmØ
F38	22.96	21.50	225mmØ
F39	23.32	21.93	225mmØ
F40	15.16	13.31	150mmØ
F41	18.62	16.22	225mmØ
F42	16.85	15.55	150mmØ
F43	16.75	13.95	150mmØ
F44	17.48	14.79	150mmØ

Site location
QR code

Barnageeragh Cove Phase 3

Taking in Charge Map SCALE: 1:500

Balbriggan Road
PUMPSTATION
FOUL WATER PUMPING STATION
KITTYWAKE
KITTYWAKE APARTMENTS
TURNSTONE
HERON
SANDERLING
OSPREY
Lapwing
Plover
Guillemot
ROAD 3 (EXISTING F05A/1818)
BLOCK C1
BLOCK C2
BLOCK C3
BLOCK C4
7 IN Cl

SENIOR ENGINEER: COLIN GALLAGHER

DATE: Feburary 2026	SURVEYED BY: Y.Cao		ALL FOUL AND SURFACE WATER SEWERS ARE 225mmDIA UNLESS STATED
CHECKED BY: A. O'Callaghan	DRAWN BY: Y.Cao		SCALED DIMENSIONS T TO BE USED.
APPROVED BY: C. Gallagher	BC . BC 1750		LENGTH OF ROADS ARE AS ON THE ATTACHED ROAD SCHEDULE.
DRAWING NUMBER: BC-1750-1002	REV:	SCALE: 1:500 @ A1	WATER MAINS 100m DIA UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED
		OS Ref. 2651	

Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

Inspectorate Division

TAKING IN CHARGE Barnageeragh Cove Phase 3
Barnageeragh Holmpatrick

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.
Public Lighting
Hydrant
Sluice Valve

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COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 13th APRIL 2026

ITEM NO. 15b

SEMPLE WOODS PHASE 1, DONABATE

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 – 1817
Taking In Charge – Semple Woods Phase 1
DED: Donabate, TL: Newbridge

ROAD NAME	LENGTH	DESCRIPTION
The Avenue	362m	From the estate entrance on R126, travelling east, passing several intermediate junctions, then turning north in front of house No. 27 The Avenue, and terminating at the junction with The Grove, in front of house No. 41 (302 m). The Avenue 2-4: From the junction on The Avenue opposite house No. 4, travelling southwest and finishing at the end outside house No. 2 (29 m). The Avenue 1-3: Road beginning at the junction on The Avenue opposite house No. 5, travelling north and finishing at the end outside houses No. 1 and 3 (31 m).

The Mews	46m	Road beginning at the junction on The Avenue opposite house No. 11, travelling north and finishing at the end outside houses No. 3 & 5 The Mews (46 m).
The Walk	87m	From the junction of The Avenue and The Walk, travelling north and terminating outside house No. 10 (87 m).
The Drive	372m	From the tri-junction of The Avenue and The Drive beside house No. 14 The Avenue, travelling south, turning east, crossing several intermediate junctions, then turning north past house No. 42 The Drive, continuing northeast past house No. 60 The Drive, turning northwest and terminating at the junction with The Avenue (372 m).
The Green	49m	From the junction in front of house No. 1 The Drive, travelling east and finishing at the end outside house No. 1 The Green (49 m).
The Close	78m	From the junction just south of house No. 16 The Drive, travelling west and finishing at the end outside house No. 1 The Close (51 m). Road beginning at the junction in front of houses No. 3 & 4 The Close, travelling south and finishing in front of house No. 1 The Boulevard (27 m).
The Terrace	31m	From the junction in front of house No. 32 The Drive, travelling south and finishing at the end outside house No. 4 The Terrace (31 m).
The Park	202m	From the junction in front of house No. 1 The Park, travelling south, curving east after passing house No. 5 The Park, turning north after passing house No. 9, and terminating at the junction with The Drive (202 m).

The Place	42m	From the junction opposite house No. 2 The Place, travelling east and finishing at the end past house No. 8 The Place (42 m).
The Gardens	49m	From the junction in front of house No. 39 The Drive, travelling west and finishing at the end outside house No. 6 The Gardens (49 m).
The Court	38m	From the junction in front of house No. 60 The Drive, travelling northeast and then curving east, finishing at the end past house No. 2 The Court (38 m).
The Grove	71m	From the junction opposite of house No. 41 The Avenue, travelling east and finishing at the end in front of house No. 8 The Grove (71 m).
	Total Length: 1427m	

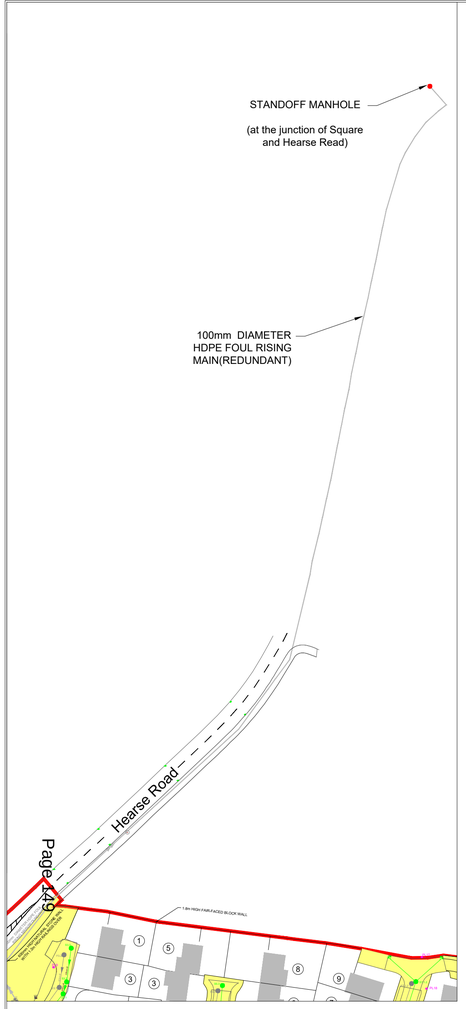
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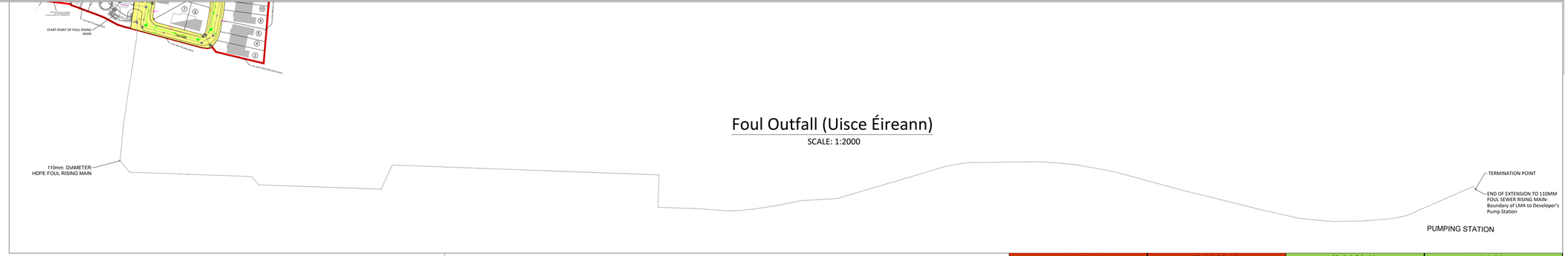
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Foul Outfall (Uisce Éireann)

SCALE: 1:1000



Foul Outfall (Uisce Éireann)

SCALE: 1:2000



Semple Woods Phase 1

Taking in Charge Map SCALE: 1:1000

Manhole Schedule — Foul			
ID	C.L	I.L	Pipe Diameter
F1	8.595	7.623	
			Ø 225mm
F2	8.227	7.227	
			Ø 225mm
F3	8.434	6.898	
			Ø 225mm
F4	8.965	6.645	
			Ø 225mm
F5	9.085	6.381	
			Ø 225mm
F6	9.011	6.285	
			Ø 225mm
F7	8.928	6.212	
			Ø 225mm
F8	8.569	6.079	
			Ø 225mm
F9	8.162	5.902	
			Ø 225mm
F10	8.091	5.813	
			Ø 225mm
F11	7.94	5.728	
			Ø 225mm
F12	7.751	5.543	
			Ø 225mm
F13	7.508	5.42	
			Ø 225mm
F14	7.005	4.605	
			Ø 225mm
F15	7.186	4.457	
			Ø 225mm
F16	7.236	4.369	
			Ø 225mm
F17	7.23	4.326	
			Ø 225mm
F18	7.367	4.177	
			Ø 225mm
F19	7.523	4.013	
			Ø 225mm
F20	6.956	3.995	
Enters Pump Station			
F3.2	8.412	7.192	
			Ø 225mm
F3.1	8.358	7.128	
			Ø 225mm
F3	8.434	6.898	
F5.3	9.167	7.67	
			Ø 225mm
F5.2	9.108	7.562	
			Ø 225mm
F5.1	8.96	7.4	
			Ø 225mm
F5	9.085	6.381	
F7.1.2	9.442	8.382	
			Ø 225mm
F7.1.1	9.65	7.965	
			Ø 225mm
F7.1	9.743	7.401	
			Ø 225mm
F7	8.928	6.212	
F30.2	7.186	5.599	
			Ø 225mm
F30.1	7.398	5.208	
			Ø 225mm
F30	7.44	4.898	
FS9	10.110	7.986	
			Ø 225mm
FS10	10.069	7.897	
			Ø 225mm
FS11	10.527	7.843	
			Ø 225mm
FS12.2	10.621	7.779	
			Ø 225mm
FS12.1	10.736	7.762	
			Ø 225mm
FS12	10.779	7.658	
			Ø 225mm
FS14	10.561	7.611	
			Ø 225mm
FS15	10.039	7.441	
			Ø 225mm
FS18	9.598	7.257	

Manhole Schedule — Foul			
ID	C.L	I.L	Pipe Diameter
F7.3	9.737	8.335	
			Ø 225mm
F7.2	9.726	8.094	
			Ø 225mm
F7.1	9.743	7.401	
F8.3	8.299	6.937	
			Ø 225mm
F8.2	8.432	6.743	
			Ø 225mm
F8.1	8.532	6.612	
			Ø 225mm
F8	8.569	6.079	
F11.3	7.636	6.174	
			Ø 225mm
F11.2	7.54	6.006	
			Ø 225mm
F11.1A	7.635	5.971	
			Ø 225mm
F11.1	7.641	5.824	
			Ø 225mm
F11	7.94	5.728	
F14.1	6.728	5.03	
			Ø 150mm
F14	7.005	4.605	
F19.5	7.62	6.163	
			Ø 225mm
F19.4	7.825	5.958	
			Ø 225mm
F19.3	7.835	5.805	
			Ø 225mm
F19.2	7.793	5.738	
			Ø 225mm
F19.1	7.545	5.287	
			Ø 225mm
F19	7.523	4.013	
FS16	9.65	8.475	
			Ø 150mm
FS17	9.465	7.708	
			Ø 150mm
FS18	9.598	7.257	
			Ø 225mm
FS19	9.455	7.217	
			Ø 225mm
FS20	9.326	7.06	
			Ø 225mm
F21	9.24	7.006	
			Ø 225mm
F22	8.674	6.354	
			Ø 225mm
F23	8.654	6.29	
			Ø 225mm
F24	8.465	6.233	
			Ø 225mm
F25	8.325	6.182	
			Ø 225mm
F26	8.142	6.08	
			Ø 225mm
F27	7.922	5.656	
			Ø 225mm
F28	7.67	5.346	
			Ø 225mm
F29	7.35	5.173	
			Ø 225mm
F30	7.44	4.898	
			Ø 225mm
F31	7.327	4.463	
			Ø 225mm
F32	7.249	4.453	
			Ø 225mm
F16	7.236	4.369	
F22.2	8.814	6.744	
			Ø 225mm
F22.1	8.686	6.582	
			Ø 225mm
F22	8.674	6.354	
F27.3	8.042	6.646	
			Ø 225mm
F27.2	7.99	6.528	
			Ø 225mm
F27.1	7.901	6.405	
			Ø 225mm
F27	7.922	5.656	

Manhole Schedule — Storm					
ID	C.L	I.L	B.D	Pipe Diameter	
S1	8.573	7.738			
				Ø 225mm	
S2	8.286	7.365			
				Ø 225mm	
S3	8.444	7.263			
				Ø 225mm	
S4	9.095	7.17			
S5	9.072	6.986		Ø 300mm	
				Ø 375mm	
S6	9.007	6.902			
				Ø 375mm	
S7	8.966	6.869			
				Ø 375mm	
S8	8.622	6.772			
				Ø 375mm	
S9	8.185	6.587			
				Ø 375mm	
S10	8.141	6.559			
				Ø 375mm	
S11	7.981	6.335			
				Ø 525mm	
S12	7.788	6.12			
				Ø 525mm	
S13	7.475	5.938			
				Ø 525mm	
S14	7.109	5.368			
				Ø 600mm	
S15	7.011	5.307			
				Ø 600mm	
S16	7.414	5.124			
ENTERS ATTENUATION TANK					
S33	7.004	5.600	5.224 5.244	Ø 450mm	
S34 (HB)	7.761	4.900			
				-	
S35 (P.C)	7.719	-			
ENTERS HEADWALL					
S3.3	8.469	7.538			
				Ø 225mm	
S3.2	8.393	7.441			
				Ø 225mm	
S3.1	8.4	7.394			
				Ø 225mm	
S3	8.444	7.263			
S5.3	9.191	7.851			
				Ø 225mm	
S5.2	9.089	7.725			
				Ø 225mm	
S5.1	8.994	7.664			
				Ø 225mm	
S5	9.072	6.986			
S7.1.2	9.441	8.509			
				Ø 225mm	
S7.1.1	9.633	8.224			
				Ø 225mm	
S7.1	9.802	7.878			
				Ø 225mm	
S7	8.966	6.869			
S7.3	9.617	8.204			
				Ø 225mm	
S7.2	9.709	8.046			
				Ø 225mm	
S7.1	9.802	7.878			
S8.3	8.317	7.088			
				Ø 225mm	
S8.2	8.417	6.978			
				Ø 225mm	
S8.1	8.498	6.878			
				Ø 225mm	
S8	8.622	6.772			
S11.3	7.614	6.78			
				Ø 225mm	
S11.2	7.568	6.629			
				Ø 225mm	
S11.1	7.662	6.51			
				Ø 225mm	
S11	7.981	6.335			
S11.2.1	7.477	6.747			
				Ø 225mm	
S11.2	7.568	6.629			
S16.2	6.724	5.697			
				Ø 225mm	
S16.1	6.934	5.517			
				Ø 225mm	
S16	7.414	5.124			

Manhole Schedule — Storm				
ID	C.L	I.L	B.D	Pipe Diameter
SW16	9.545	7.773		
				Ø 375mm
SW17	9.409	7.611		
				Ø 450mm
SW18	9.372	7.559		
				Ø 525mm
SW19	9.258	7.316		
				Ø 525mm
S20	8.687	6.933		
				Ø 600mm
S21	8.662	6.865		
				Ø 600mm
S22	8.446	6.622		
				Ø 600mm
S23	8.333	6.479		
				Ø 600mm
S24	8.174	6.349		
				Ø 600mm
S25	7.916	6.094		
				Ø 600mm
S26	7.629	5.85		
				Ø 600mm
S27	7.439	5.658		
				Ø 600mm
S28	7.356	5.604		
				Ø 600mm
S29	7.273	5.477		
				Ø 600mm
S30	7.258	5.374		
				Ø 600mm
S31	7.165	5.262		
				Ø 600mm
S32	7.398	5.091		
				Ø 600mm
S16	7.414	5.124		
SW16.2	9.646	8.356		
				Ø 225mm
SW16.1	9.497	7.973		
				Ø 300mm
SW16	9.545	7.773		
SW16.1.1	9.427	8.215		
				Ø 225mm
SW16.1	9.497	7.973		
S20.2	8.831	7.421		
				Ø 225mm
S20.1	8.693	7.295		
				Ø 225mm
S20	8.687	6.933		
S25.3	8.014	6.55		
				Ø 225mm
S25.2	7.97	6.445		
				Ø 225mm
S25.1	7.919	6.32		
				Ø 225mm
S25	7.916	6.094		
S28.4	7.825	6.227		
				Ø 225mm
S28.3	7.788	6.095		
				Ø 225mm
S28.2	7.684	6.000		
				Ø 225mm
S28.1	7.487	5.849		
				Ø 375mm
S28	7.356	5.604		
S28.1.1	7.175	6.175		
				Ø 225mm
S28.1	7.487	5.849		
S30.4	7.814	6.147		
				Ø 225mm
S30.3	7.604	5.941		
				Ø 225mm
S30.2	7.365	5.713		
				Ø 225mm
S30.1	7.256	5.615		
				Ø 225mm
S30	7.258	5.374		
S31.1	7.178	5.438		
				Ø 225mm
S31	7.165	5.262		

Site location
QR code

SENIOR ENGINEER: COLIN GALLAGHER

DATE:	January 2026	SURVEYED BY:	AOC/YC
CHECKED BY:	A.O'Callaghan	DRAWN BY:	MB/Y.Cao
APPROVED BY:	C. Gallagher	BC .	BC 1817
DRAWING NUMBER:	REV.	SCALE:	1:1000 @ A1
BC-1817-1001		OS Ref.	2926

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LENGTH OF ROADS ARE AS ON THE ATTACHED ROAD SCHEDULE.
WATER MAINS 150mm DIA. UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.

Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
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Inspectorate Division

TAKING IN CHARGE
Semple Woods Phase 1
Newbridge Donabate

Areas proposed to be taken in charge
Foul Water System under self-lay agreement
Surface Water System proposed to be taken in charge.
Watermains under self-lay agreement.
Lampposts
SUDS facailities proposed to be taken in charge
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13th April 2026

Agenda Item no. 16

PART XI/006/25

Proposed demolition of one dwelling and construction of four dwellings and all associated site works at Malahide Road, Malahide, Co. Dublin, K36 EP89

Chief Executive Report pursuant to Part XI of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part VIII of the Local Government Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended):

INTRODUCTION

Part XI of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) outlines the requirements in respect of certain classes of Local Authority Developments. These regulations apply to the proposed development by Fingal County Council (FCC) of demolition of one dwelling and construction of four dwellings and all associated site works at Malahide Road, Malahide, Co. Dublin, K36 EP89.

The site is located on the Malahide Road between Malahide Village and Kinseally, approximately 1km from Kinsealy Village. The site is in proximity of the junction of Malahide Road, the entrance to the Myra Manor residential development, and Feltrim Road. It is a brownfield site, containing an existing twentieth-century bungalow and associated storage / shed structures. There is a vehicular access route at the south-west corner of the site, which is shared with the residential property to the south. There is an existing cast-iron water pump of artistic and social value to the front of the site along the Malahide Road.

The proposed development consists of demolition of one dwelling and construction of four fully accessible two-bedroom / three-person / single-storey Universal Design (UD) dwellings and all associated site and landscaping works. The proposed development provides for 5 no. car parking spaces, including universally accessible spaces, which are located to the south of the site. There is a 2.5m cycleway reservation to the front of the site along the Malahide Road, to allow for future cycleway development. The existing cast-iron water pump will be relocated outside of the cycleway reservation, to preserve it from future development. Open space provision of 156sq.m. to the south of the site including lawns, paved areas, and seating, and a linear swale of 168sq.m. to the west of the site providing total open space provision 324 sq.m. (23% of net area). Infrastructural works including the provision of water services, foul and surface water drainage and associated connections. Sustainable Urban Drainage (SuDS) features including a linear under-drained bioswale, permeable paving, raingardens to front of dwellings, rainwater butts, filter drains, and filter strips. All site enabling and development works, landscaping works, boundary treatments, lighting, servicing, signage, and all site development works above and below ground.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Public Notice:
In accordance with the procedure pursuant to Part XI of the Local Government Planning & Development Acts 2000 (as amended) and Part 8 of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), Public Notice of the Council's intention to construct these dwellings was published in the Irish Independent and the Herald on Friday 6th February 2026. Two copies of the Site Notice were erected on site on the same date.

Prescribed Bodies:
The following Prescribed Bodies were notified of and provided with the plans and particulars of the proposal:

- Dublin Airport Authority (DAA)
- Uisce Éireann (UÉ)

Public Display and Submissions and Observations Period:
Plans and particulars of the proposal were made available for inspection from Friday 6th February 2026 to Friday 6th March 2026 and submissions were accepted from Friday 6th February 2026 to Tuesday 24th March 2026, either online through the website: http://consult.fingal.ie/en/browse or in writing to: Director of Housing, Housing Department, Fingal County Council, Civic Offices, Grove Road, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15, D15 W638.

The notice, plans and particulars describing the nature and extent of the proposed development which were made available for inspection, are included in Appendix A. The period during which submissions or observations in respect of the proposed development may be made to the Local Authority has expired.

A total of 6 no. submissions were received during the statutory timeframe. All submissions received have been considered in the preparation of this report. The Council wishes to express its appreciation to those who made submissions.

This report is being submitted to the Council in accordance with the requirements of Section 179(3) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended which states that a report shall:

(i) "Description of the nature and extent of the proposed development and the principal features thereof, including an appropriate plan of the development and appropriate map of the relevant area."

(ii)"Evaluate whether or not the proposed development would be consistent with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area to which the development relates, having regard to the provisions of the development plan and giving the reasons and the considerations for the evaluation".

(iii) "List the persons or bodies who made submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development in accordance with the regulations under Sub-Section 2"

(iv) "Summarise the issues, with respect to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area in which the proposed development will be situated, raised in any such submissions or observations and give the response of the Manager thereto"

(v)"Recommend whether or not the proposed development should be proceeded with as proposed, or as varied or modified as recommended in the report, or should not be proceeded with as the case may be"

REPORT

(i) Description of the nature and extent of the proposed development and the principal features thereof, including an appropriate plan of the development and appropriate map of the relevant area.

Site description and planning context:

The site is located on the Malahide Road between Malahide Village and Kinseally, approximately 1km from Kinsealy Village. The site is a brownfield site, containing an existing twentieth-century bungalow and associated storage / shed structures. The site measures 0.2 hectares (0.14 hectares net) and is bounded by the Myra Manor residential development to the north and east, an existing residential property to the south, and Malahide Road to the west of the site. There is a shared vehicular access route at the south-west corner of the site, which is a shared with the residential property to the south.

The topography of the site is relatively flat with levels rising from north to south approximately 0.45m, at a gradient of approximately 1:143. The site is set approximately 0.5m below the existing footpath along Malahide Road.

The northern boundary shared with Myra Manor comprises existing vegetation, a steel railing, and a timber post and rail fence. The eastern boundary is formed by an existing paladin fence and hedge planting along some parts of the fence. The southern boundary is delineated by a line of existing evergreen trees. There is currently an open boundary to the public footpath along Malahide Road to the west of the site.

Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029

Zoning Objective: RS – Residential
"Provide for residential development and protect and improve residential amenity."

Vision:
"Ensure that any new development in existing areas would have a minimal impact on and enhance existing residential amenity.."

Specific Objectives for the site include:

- The Greater Dublin Area (GDA) Cycle Network Plan is shown to the front of the site along the Malahide Road.
- The site is within the Outer Public Safety Zone associated with Dublin Airport.
- Most of the site lies within Dublin Airport Noise Zone B, while a small portion of the southern end of the site lies within Noise Zone A.

Demolition Justification:

The proposed demolition of the existing vacant single-storey detached bungalow will facilitate the redevelopment of an existing disused site and will contribute to increased residential housing provision in the area with the construction of four new single-storey 2-bedroom semi-detached houses.

This increase in residential density within the established residential settlement along the Malahide Road is in keeping with planning guidelines and objectives. In particular, the proposed development supports the consolidation and re-intensification of brownfield sites within the built-up footprint of existing settlements, promotes regeneration and renewal, and aligns with the principles of sustainable development and compact growth. The scheme also supports the delivery of lifetime adaptable homes, universal access, and high-quality architectural design that enhances local character and integrates appropriately with the surrounding context.

All proposed dwellings will be constructed in accordance with the latest building regulations and energy standards. Each unit is designed as a fully accessible, age friendly home incorporating Universal Design (UD) principles, ensuring that the properties will be flexible and changed as needed over the course of an occupant's lifetime.

The Development Proposal:

The proposed development comprises demolition of one existing dwelling and the construction of four residential units, together with all associated site and landscaping works. All units are two-bedroom, three-person, single-storey semi-detached houses with pitched roofs, and all are designed as fully accessible Universal Design (UD) dwellings.

Residential Mix:

This proposed residential development comprises of four two-bedroom, three-person, single-storey, semi-detached dwellings.

It is considered that the proposal will make a positive contribution to the existing dwelling mix in the locality by providing 100% fully accessible Universal Design (UD) units, which are currently in high demand. The inclusion of two-bedroom ground floor level UD dwellings responds to the need to support different varieties of households and offers inclusive adaptable accommodation suitable for residents of all ages and abilities.

The proposal is in accordance with the provisions of the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029, including policies promoting high-quality residential development, accessibility, housing diversity, and the delivery of Age Friendly Universal Designed homes.

Residential Density:

The site is a Brownfield site on the Malahide Road between Malahide Village and Kinseally, approximately 1km from Kinsealy Village.

The site measures approximately 0.2 hectares (0.14 hectares net developable area). Development of 4 no. dwellings will give a net site density of 28.6 dwellings per hectare (dph).

The site is in the Outer Public Safety Zone (PSZ) of Dublin Airport which allows *'...existing developments to remain within outer PSZs, but prevent high density housing development...'* The Environmental Resources Management – Public Safety Zones Report (2005) sets guidance on the use and scale of development within the Dublin Airport Inner and Outer Public Safety Zones. Table 6.1 sets a density restriction on housing in the Outer PSZ of up to 60 persons per half hectare. The gross area of the site is 0.2ha., and the net site area is 0.14 ha. The site has a maximum allowable occupancy of 24 persons (based on gross density). The proposed development comprises 4no. 2-bedroom, 3-person houses, accommodating a total of 12 residents. This is well within the permitted limit for the Outer PSZ, ensuring full compliance with the density restrictions outlined in the 2005 report.

Private Open Space:

All proposed two-bedroom houses include private rear gardens in exceeding 30sq.m. and are therefore in compliance with SPPR 2 - Minimum Private Open Space Standards for Houses of the Compact Settlement Guidelines 2024. As the dwellings are all semi-detached, each rear garden is directly accessible from the front of the property.

Open Space:

Landscaping works including the provision of:

- Open space of c. 156 sq.m. to the south of the site (11% of net developable site area)
- A linear swale of c. 168 sq.m. to the west of the site (12% of net developable site area)
- Total Open Area: 324 sq.m. (23% of net developable site area)

The overall open space provision complies with the 15% minimum requirement in Table 14.12 of the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029.

This open space will be overlooked by the new dwellings and will be accessible to all residents. Pedestrian permeability traversing the open space will be facilitated. Due to the

long linear footprint of the site a linear under-drained bioswale will be integrated within this open space. Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SUDs) including permeable paving, filter drains, filter strips, raingardens, and rainwater butts will also be integrated throughout the scheme.

Parking Provision:

The site falls within the Fingal Development Plan Zone 2 for Car Parking Standards. In compliance with these standards 4no. car parking spaces and 1no. visitor car parking space are provided for the scheme, including 2no. EV charging spaces (40%).

The proposed 5no. total car parking spaces meet the requirements of SPPR 3 of the Compact Settlement Guidelines.

To support the Universal Design (UD) dwellings, three of the five car parking spaces are designed to be universally accessible. These parking bays meet the overall dimensions set out in TGD Part M, ensuring they are suitable for all users, including individuals with disabilities. These accessible spaces are for universal use, meaning they are not exclusively reserved for disabled parking permit holders. Instead, they are available to all residents and visitors, promoting flexibility and inclusivity in parking allocation.

The proposed development requires a total of 12 no. secure long-stay bicycle parking spaces, in compliance with the minimum requirements in the Fingal Development Plan. Secure bicycle storage can be provided in the private rear gardens of the semi-detached dwellings, all of which have direct access from the front of the dwellings.

Access and Roads:

The development proposes to utilise the existing shared vehicular access point on the Malahide Road, located to the south-west corner of the site, upgrading the vehicular entrance and carriageway to the standards as set out in Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets (DMURS 2013).

A car parking area, with 5no. total car parking spaces, will be located to the south of the site adjacent to the site entrance.

Allowance has been made for a 2.5m cycleway reservation, to the front of the site along the Malahide Road, to facilitate future implementation of the (GDA) Cycle Network Plan.

The existing public pedestrian footpath along the Malahide Road is to be retained, and additional footpaths will be provided within the site to the front of the proposed units.

Pedestrian permeability will be facilitated with the internal footpaths connecting to the public footpath at the north-west corner of the site.

Other:

The proposed development also includes for associated site and infrastructural works including the provision of water services, foul and surface water drainage and associated connections, SuDS (Sustainable Drainage Systems) features and all site enabling and development works, landscaping works, boundary treatments, lighting, servicing, signage, and all site development works above and below ground. The proposed development will be serviced by Uisce Éireann, ESB, EIR, GNI and VM utilities, all of which are readily all available. Public lighting to pavements adjacent to and within the development will be to the standards of the Public Lighting Section of Fingal County Council's Operations Department.

Design Standards:

The following documents have been consulted in the pre-planning design stage:

- Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 (FDP, 2023-2029)
- Sustainable Residential Development and Compact Settlement Guidelines (DoHLGH, 2024).
- Design Manual for Quality Housing (DoHLGH, 2022)
- Sustainable Urban Housing: Design Standards for New Apartments Guidelines for Planning Authorities (DHPLG 2018 - DoHLGH 2023)
- Quality Housing for Sustainable Communities (DEHLG, 2007)
- Employer's Requirements for Detail Design of Quality Housing (DoHLGH, 2020)
- Recommendations for Site Development Works for Housing Areas (DoELG 1998)
- Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets (DMURS 2013)
- Ten Universal Design Features to include in a Lifetime Adaptable and Age Friendly Home (2025)
- Building for Everyone: A Universal Design Approach (NDA, 2012)
- CEUD Internal Layout Checklist for Universal Design Homes (May 2025)
- Fingal Biodiversity Action Plan 2023-2030
- Technical Guidance Documents Part A to M of the Building Regulations

Landscape design:

The proposed landscape strategy has been formulated by the entire design team and client in order to integrate residential amenity, civil engineering, and ecological considerations. The landscape design comprises of the following components:

- Prominence of the site located at the Malahide Road, Feltrim Road, and Myra Manor junction.
- Landscape elements are aligned along the linear site with a linear swale, meadow planting, hedge planting and a seating wall.
- A proposed steel railing and clipped hedge is proposed at the western boundary with the existing road. This boundary will provide a physical barrier while offering visual permeability.
- The boundary is stepped back 2.5m from the back of footpath to allow for a future cycleway at this location.
- Retention and relocation of the existing cast-iron water pump, of artistic and social value, outside of the cycleway reservation along the front of the site.
- Sustainable Urban Drainage Solutions have been incorporated in the form of a large swale in the open space along with a series of rain gardens that provide a landscape buffer to the residential units.
- A small area of lawn has been proposed along with a long seating wall acting as a multifunctional space for the residents.
- Parking spaces are proposed as permeable paving.
- Substantial and realistic retention of existing trees at the northern and southern boundaries of the site.
- Passive surveillance over the open space with dwellings overlooking the open space

Consulting Arborists were appointed to survey the existing vegetation and trees on the site, assess the quality and advise on retention if required. To facilitate the proposed development two trees of low and poor quality are required to be removed and the design allowed for replacement of these with new tree planting and landscaping.

AA, EcIA, and EIA:

An Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening Report, and an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Screening Report, were prepared for the proposed development on behalf of Fingal County Council by CAAS Ltd. and were displayed as part of the Part XI public consultation process to assess the potential impact of the proposed development on the environment.

<u>Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening Report</u>

The AA screening report concluded that, '*the proposed development is not foreseen to have any likelihood of significant effects on any European sites, alone or in combination with other plans or projects – and therefore any potential for significant effects on any European site as a result of the proposed development can be ruled out.*
This conclusion is made in view of the conservation objectives of the habitats or species for which these sites have been designated. Consequently, the proposed development does not need to be

subject to Stage Two Appropriate Assessment and a Natura Impact Statement is not required.'

The Chief Executive's Order (PF/0290/26), relating to PARTXI/006/25, issued on the 3rd February 2026 states:

'That Fingal County Council, as Competent Authority, makes a determination that the proposed development, in view of best scientific knowledge, individually or in combination with other plans or projects, would not be likely to have a significant effect on a European Site and consequently an Appropriate Assessment of the proposed development is not required.'

Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Screening Report

The EIA report concluded that, ''*It is considered that the proposed residential development at Malahide Road, Malahide, County Dublin, K36 EP89 does not need to be subject to Environmental Impact Assessment and no Environmental Impact Assessment Report is required for it.*

This conclusion is based on an objective review of the characteristics of the proposed development against the requirements of the relevant legislation and has had due regaRoad to the relevant guidance.'

The Chief Executive's Order (PF/0291/26), relating to PARTXI/006/25, issued on the 3rd February 2026 states:

'That Fingal County Council, as Competent Authority, makes a determination that an Environmental Impact Assessment will not be required in relation to the development proposal comprising Proposed Residential Scheme at Malahide Road, Malahide, Co. Dublin, K36 EP89.'

Public Consultation documents:

Details relating to the plans and documents which were made available for inspection during the Public Consultation Period, are included in Appendix A.

(ii) "evaluate whether or not the proposed development would be consistent with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area to which the development relates, having regard to the provisions of the development plan and giving the reasons and the considerations for the evaluation".

An assessment of the proposed development was undertaken at the initiation of procedure pursuant to Part XI of the Planning and Development Acts 2000 (as amended) and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), and reviewed in light of the submissions and observations received, to determine if the proposal would be consistent with proper planning and sustainable development of the area to which the development relates.

Please refer to the **Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department Preliminary Planning Report PARTXI/006/25** dated 18/12/2025 in Appendix C, which concludes that:

'The proposed development would accord the 'RS – Residential' zoning for the site in the Fingal County Development Plan 2023-2029 in which residential development is permitted. The redevelopment of this brownfield/ infill site would be consistent with national and local objectives to secure consolidation of development and has satisfactorily has regard to the pattern and character of development in the area. The development would generally accord with relevant national planning policy. Adequate arrangements are proposed in respect of surface water and transport. Furthermore, it is not considered that the proposal would adversely affect the visual, residential or other amenities of the area. The development is therefore considered to be acceptable from a planning perspective. The boundary treatments should be reviewed prior to public display to address issues raised in the report from the Parks & Green Infrastructure Division and to clarify the boundary between rear gardens.

It is also recommended that the final design and construction stage of the development should have regard to the following:

1. *The Public Lighting Section of Fingal County Council should be consulted on public streetlighting requirements.*
2. *Adequate protection and repair of the historic cast-iron pump during the construction phase should occur and careful repositioning within its new setting to ensure visibility from the road is required.*
3. *The applicant shall satisfy themselves that the access requirements for firefighting operations is provided as per Building Regulations Technical Guidance Document B Section 5.2, which sets out the access requirements for firefighting operations.*
4. *The submitted tree protection plan shall be implemented in full.*
5. *Management and maintenance arrangements for the planting and SuDS features should be put in place."*

The Preliminary Planning Report noted a number of recommendations to be addressed prior to public display or the final design and construction stage of the development. These

matters have been addressed in advance of the public display, or will be addressed at the appropriate stage of the project's development.

(vi) "List the persons or bodies who made submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development in accordance with the regulations under Sub-Section 2:

A total of 6no. submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development were received during the statutory consultation period. 5 of these are valid and one (FIN-C921-5) was withdrawn as this was a duplicate of FIN-C921-3. The persons or bodies who made submissions or observations include:

- Michael Suttle
- John O'Dwyer
- Ciara Foley on behalf of Rita Foley
- Dublin Airport Authority (DAA)
- Sean O Cinneide

(iv) "Summarise the issues, with respect to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area in which the proposed development will be situated, raised in any such submissions or observations and give the response of the Manager thereto"

The issues raised in submissions and observations and the responses by the Chief Executive to same are summarised in Appendix B.

(v) "Recommend whether or not the proposed development should be proceeded with as proposed, or as varied or modified as recommended in the report, or should not be proceeded with as the case may be"

The proposing department have reviewed the submissions and observations and are of the opinion that the matters raised have been addressed adequately in the proposed design.

No recommendations or alterations to the proposal design arise from the representations received as outlined in Section 179 of the Planning & Development Act.

It is recommended that the Council proceeds with the proposed development as described in the plans and particulars contained and listed in Appendix A, and subject to the recommendations contained within the Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department Planning Report included in Appendix C, and the undertakings detailed in this report.

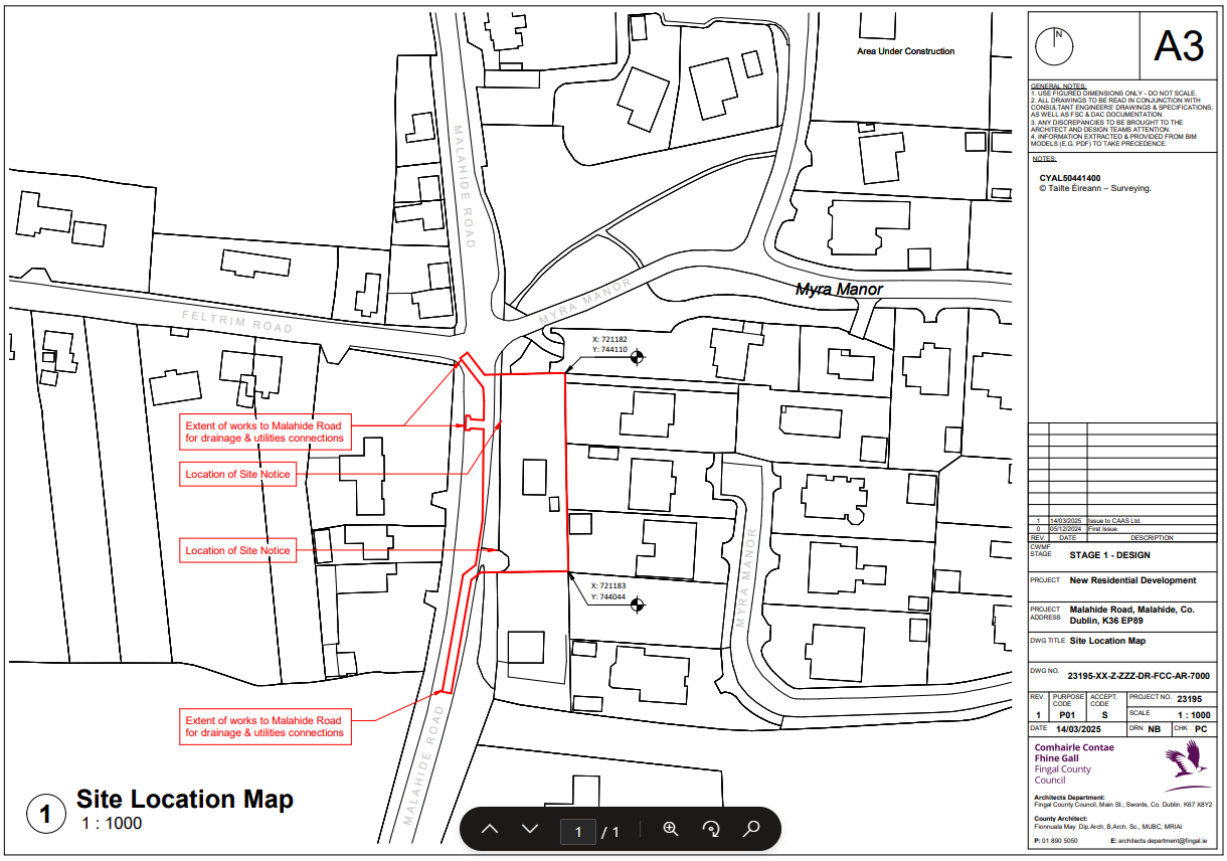
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The Notice of the Proposed Development and the Plans and Particulars describing the nature, extent, and principal features thereof, was made available for inspection during Public Consultation. This included:

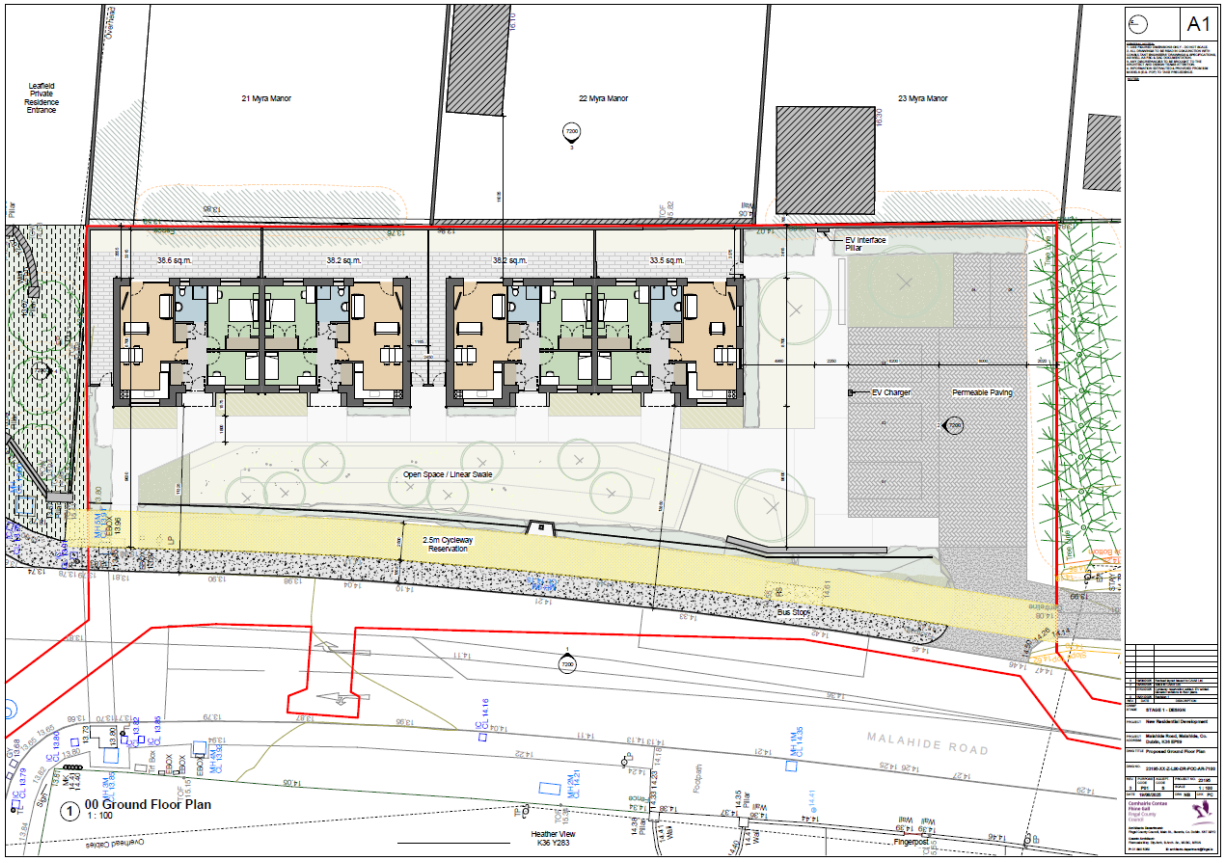
List of Documents for Inspection		
No	**Title**	**Reference**
00	**Notice of Proposed Development**	
	Newspaper Notice	---
	Site Notice	---
01	**Architects Drawings**	
	Site Location Map	23195-XX-Z-ZZZ-DR-FCC-AR-7000
	Existing Site Plan	23195-XX-Z-ZZZ-DR-FCC-AR-7010
	Site Plan - Demolition / Removal	23195-XX-Z-ZZZ-DR-FCC-AR-7011
	Proposed Site Plan	23195-XX-Z-ZZZ-DR-FCC-AR-7020
	Ground Floor Plan	23195-XX-Z-L00-DR-FCC-AR-7100
	Roof Plan	23195-XX-Z-L02-DR-FCC-AR-7102
	Contiguous Site Sections / Elevations	23195-XX-Z-ZZZ-DR-FCC-AR-7200
	3D Views	23195-XX-Z-ZZZ-DR-FCC-AR-7400
	House Type H16A - (2B-3P-1S-UD) - GA Drawings	23195-XX-H16A-ZZZ-DR-FCC-AR-7501
	House Type H16B - (2B-3P-1S-UD) - GA Drawings	23195-XX-H16B-ZZZ-DR-FCC-AR-7502
	Architectural Design Report	23195-XX-X-XXX-RP-FCC-AR-9000 _P03_1
02	**Engineers Drawings**	
	Civil Drawing & Document Register	P3749
	Indicative Site Layout	P3749_C-01F
	Indicative Drainage Layout	P3749_C-02G
	Indicative Watermain Layout	P3749_C-03E
	Indicative Road Longsection	P3749_C-04A
	Indicative Refuse Vehicle and Fire Truck Tracking	P3749_C-05D
	Engineers Documents	
	Engineering Report	P3749 - Engineering Report Rev. E
	Construction Environmental Management Plan	P3749 – CEMP Rev. D
	Uisce Éireann - Confirmation of Feasibility	CDS24008903 COF – Rev01
03	**Landscape Architects Information**	
	Document Issue Sheet 13	Fc.16
	Landscape Plan - Rev G	Fc.16 2001
	Boundary Plan - Rev B	Fc.16 2002

	Landscape Sections - Rev D	Fc.16 2400
	Typical Landscape Details – Rev B	Fc.16 2500
	Design Rationale -Landscape Architecture -Rev E	Fc.16
04	**Screening Reports**	
	Appropriate Assessment Screening Report	(AASR)
	Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Report	(EIASR)
	Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening Determination	
	Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Screening Determination	
	CE Order PartXI/006/25 - AA	
	CE Order PartXI/006/25 - EIA	
05	**Other Reports**	
	Arboricultural Report	Malahide Road Arboricultural Report
	Tree Constraints Plan	Malahide Road Tree Constraints Plan
	Tree Impacts Plan	Malahide Road Tree Impacts Plan
	Tree Protection Plan	Malahide Road Tree Protection Plan
	Malahide Road Residential Development Inward Noise Impact Assessment	247501.0648NR01
	Housing Quality Assessment / Accommodation Schedule	23195-XX-X-XXX-SH-FCC-AR-9101 _P03_0
	Surveys	
	Topographical Survey	MGS61598_T_ITM_Rev0-00 MGS61598_T_ITM_Rev0-01
	Elevations and Sections	MGS61598_EL_Rev2
	Utility Survey	MGS61598_U_Malahide

Site Location Map



Proposed Site Plan



APPENDIX B:

Summary of the issues raised in submissions and observations and the responses by the Chief Executive to same:

Issue	Response of the Chief Executive
Planning & General matters	
Concern that the development, consisting of four single-storey semi-detached bungalows, represents a low-density form of housing and that a higher-density scheme consisting of eight two-storey terraced houses would be more in keeping with surrounding development. **A competing concern was raised that the development should be downsized, to three dwellings.**	Several design options were explored in developing residential proposals for the site, including a scheme comprising four three-bedroom, five-person, two-storey terraced houses. A number of key factors and constraints have influenced the final design approach, including the following: • **Greater Dublin Area (GDA) Cycle Network Plan** The site is subject to a 2.5m cycleway reservation to the front of the site along the Malahide Road. This requirement reduces the depth of an already narrow site, restricting the depth of the dwelling footprint while still meeting minimum private amenity space and open space standards. • **Car Parking Standards** Changing the unit types from two-bedroom to three-bedroom increases the minimum car parking requirement from 1no. space per dwelling to 2no. spaces per dwelling. Given the restricted site area and reduced depth, accommodating the increased car parking demand proved unfeasible. • **Universal Design (UD) requirements for social housing** A minimum of 30% of social housing is to be fully accessible incorporating Universal Design (UD). Due to the even number of dwellings proposed, this results in a requirement for at least 50% UD units. A scheme incorporating 50% fully accessible single-storey UD homes and 50% two-storey dwellings was explored. However, the contrasting scales proved challenging to resolve into an aesthetically coherent elevation. The decision was therefore taken to provide 100% fully accessible single-storey UD homes, resulting in a more cohesive and inclusive design. • **Existing Local Character** The proposed houses are all single-storey semi-detached dwellings with pitched roofs, which is in keeping with the established scale and rural character along the Malahide Road. Their form and height reflect the pattern of development in the area, particularly the existing Streamstown Cottages

	located diagonally across the junction on the Malahide Road. • **Dublin Airport - Outer Public Safety Zone (PSZ)** The Outer PSZ of Dublin Airport allows *'…existing developments to remain within outer PSZs, but prevent high density housing development…'* The Environmental Resources Management – Public Safety Zones Report (2005) sets guidance on the use and scale of development within the Dublin Airport Inner and Outer Public Safety Zones. Table 6.1 sets a density restriction on housing in the Outer PSZ of up to 60 persons per half hectare. The gross area of the site is 0.2ha, and the net site area is 0.14 ha. The site has a maximum allowable occupancy of 12 persons (based on gross density). The proposed development comprises of four two-bedroom, three-person houses, accommodating a total of 12 residents. This is within the permitted limit for the Outer PSZ, ensuring full compliance with the density restrictions outlined in the 2005 report. • **Density requirements** The site measures approximately 0.2 hectares (0.14 hectares net developable area). The net developable site area has been calculated having excluded major road/streets within the proposed development site boundaries; and only included those areas that will be developed for housing and directly associated uses, i.e. Malahide Road and the cycleway reservation have been discounted from the site area. This is as per the guidance of Appendix B '*Measuring Residential Density'* of the *'Sustainable Residential Development and Compact Settlements Guidelines for Planning Authorities'* (2024) (hereafter 'Compact Settlement Guidelines'). Table 3.7 of the Compact Settlement Guidelines refers to '*Areas and Density Ranges for Rural Towns and Villages*… *Rural Towns and Villages are small in scale with limited infrastructure and services provision. It is a policy and objective of these Guidelines that development in rural towns and villages is tailored to the scale, form and character of the settlement and the capacity of services and infrastructure (including public transport and water services infrastructure). Lands zoned for housing at the edge of rural towns and villages at locations that can be integrated into the settlement and are connected to existing walking and cycling networks can offer an effective alternative, including serviced sites, to*

	the provision of single houses in the countryside. The density of development at such locations should respond in a positive way to the established context.' The proposed development has a net density of approx. 28.6 dwellings per hectare (dph) based on the development of four dwellings on a net developable site area of approx. 0.14 hectares. This is in accordance with the Compact Settlement Guidelines.
Concern that the development should be downsized, to three dwellings, to allow for more car parking	The proposed development has a net density of approx. 28.6 dwellings per hectare (dph) based on the development of four dwellings on a net developable site area of approx. 0.14 hectares. This is in accordance with the Compact Settlement Guidelines. The Transport Section acknowledges that the proposed development is located within 'Zone 2' for Car Parking Standards as set out in the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029. The proposed development comprises four two-bedroom dwellings, with one car parking space per dwelling and one visitor space. The provision of five car parking spaces in total meets the standards of the Fingal Development Plan. The Transport Planning Section has no objection to the proposed development.
Transport and Roads matters	
Concern that five car parking spaces for four dwellings is inadequate and that there is insufficient visitor parking. Potentially resulting in obstructions for local road users and residents. A specific concern has been raised regarding access for large farm machinery to the field at the end of the small roadway, and the potential for illegally parked cars to impede access.	The Transport Section acknowledges that the proposed development is located within 'Zone 2' for Car Parking Standards as set out in the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029. The proposed development comprises four two-bedroom dwellings, with one car parking space per dwelling and one visitor space. The provision of five car parking spaces in total meets the standards of the Fingal Development Plan. The Transport Planning Section has no objection to the proposed development. Objective DMSO4 – Key Principles to consider in the achievement of Healthy Placemaking. *"The provision of safe environments for all users where the principles of DMURS are utilised and active travel modes such as walking and cycling are favoured over car use."* Traffic issues relating to illegal parking are outside the scope of this Part XI planning application for residential development.

Concern that the proposed development will have driveway access yet a neighbouring application across the road was refused	The proposed development is in proximity of the junction of Malahide Road, Myra Manor, and Feltrim Road, situated at the north-west corner of the site. No new vehicular access point is proposed as part of this development. The development will utilise the existing shared vehicular access point on the Malahide Road, located to the south-west corner of the site. This existing vehicular entrance and carriageway will be upgraded in accordance with the standards set out in Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets (DMURS 2013). This approach aligns with Table 14.9: Design Guidelines for Rural Dwellings of the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029, which states: *"Access and Sightlines…* *The sharing of vehicular entrances will be encouraged where appropriate in order to avoid a proliferation of access points. Where a new house is to be sited adjacent to existing dwellings, use of existing entrances, avenues and driveways should be considered."* The Transport Section acknowledge the proposed development would utilise the existing established vehicular access, that the sightlines achieved at the existing vehicular entrance are as per the requirements of DMURS, and that the overall road layout of the scheme is acceptable.
Concern that a secure bike shelter should be provided along with the car parking spaces to encourage sustainable transport for people to keep their bikes	The Transport Section acknowledge the proposal provides direct access to the rear gardens, where bicycle parking can be provided for, and has no objection to the proposed development. It is further noted that the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 requires secure long-stay bicycle parking to be provided within the curtilage of residential developments. The plan also states that communal on-street bicycle shelters should only be considered in exceptional circumstances, where in-curtilage bicycle storage cannot be provided. The proposed provision of bicycle storage within the rear gardens complies with these standards. **"***14.17.2.1 Bicycle Parking and Residential Development*

	The quality and quantity of bicycle parking provision in residential developments should encourage residents to adopt cycling as the preferred mode of travel for short trips… • *Cycle parking should be provided within the curtilage or adjacent to the building and should not require the bike to be brought through an internal area…* • *In exceptional circumstances, where cycle parking cannot be provided within the curtilage, bicycle parking that is innovative in design, secure and sheltered must be provided adjacent to the building. Communal on-street bicycle parking provision provides an opportunity in the context of retro-fitting existing terrace dwellings fronting onto streets in existing built-up area and this will form part of the Active Travel Strategy."*
Conservation and Heritage matters	
Concern that the old water pump should remain	It is proposed to retain and relocate the existing cast-iron water pump, of artistic and social value, to a position outside of the cycleway reservation along the Malahide Road. This relocation is intended to protect and preserve the water pump in advance of any future development works associated with the Greater Dublin Area (GDA) Cycle Network Plan. The pump will be carefully relocated close to its original position, remaining visible from the road. It will be protected during construction works and conserved appropriately. The Heritage and Conservation Sections have been consulted about the proposals and there is no objection subject to adequate protection and repair of the historic cast-iron pump during construction phase and careful repositioning within its new setting and ensuring visibility from the road.
Airport Noise matters	
The development site is located within Dublin Airport Noise Zones A and B, therefore Fingal Development Plan Objective DAO11 and the Dublin Airport Authority's (DAA) Noise	The proposed houses are located within Noise Zone B associated with Dublin Airport. Objective DAO11 of the Fingal Development Plan requires noise insulation for in this zone. Objective DAO11 *"Strictly control inappropriate development and require noise insulation where appropriate in accordance with Table 8.1*

Abatement Objective (NAO) are relevant considerations. **The DAA raised the following concerns:** **1. Alignment with Noise Management Objectives** **2. Comprehensive Noise Impact Assessments** **3. Enhanced Disclosure** **4. Post-Planning Compliance**	*above within Noise Zone B and Noise Zone C and where necessary in Assessment Zone D, and actively resist new provision for residential development and other noise sensitive uses within Noise Zone A, as shown on the Development Plan maps, while recognising the housing needs of established families farming in the zone. To accept that time based operational restrictions on usage of the runways are not unreasonable to minimise the adverse impact of noise on existing housing within the inner and outer noise zone."* Noise Abatement Objective (NAO) *"The NAO will be primarily measured through the number of people highly sleep disturbed and highly annoyed in accordance with the approach recommended by the World Health Organisation's Environmental Noise Guidelines 2018 as endorsed by the European Commission through Directive 2020/367, taking into account noise exposure from 45 dB Lden and 40 dB Lnight. These measures describe those chronically disturbed by aircraft noise."* The proposed development is located in an area where any increase in population will be counted against the achievement of the Noise Abatement Objective (NAO) and the number of people classified as Highly Annoyed (HA) and Highly Sleep Disturbed (HSD) would increase. It is noted that the existing bungalow is a three-bedroom dwelling with capacity for four to six occupants. The proposed development has capacity for twelve residents across four units and would therefore represent a potential net increase of approximately eight people subject to the NAO. A comprehensive Inward Noise Impact Assessment has been prepared, by AWN Consulting, for the proposed development. This acknowledges that owing to the presence of the site within this noise zone, it will not be possible to achieve the desired internal noise level with windows open. However, the report does set out sound insulation performance requirements for window glazing, sound insulation performance requirements for ventilation and requirements for sound reduction measures in the roof construction. Based on these, the report states that good internal noise levels can be achieved with windows closed. The external amenity space will not achieve desired noise levels. However, it is recognised that this is a function of the site location in Noise Zone B. The Inward Noise Impact Assessment does note that the private open space for the dwellings is

	located to the rear of the houses and will benefit from screening from noise associated with road traffic by the houses themselves. The DAA acknowledges the findings in the Inward Noise Impact Assessment by AWN Consulting. However, they recommend that the Aircraft Noise Competent Authority be notified, as the proposal has potential implications for implementation, monitoring and achievement of the Noise Abatement Objective. To address enhanced disclosure concerns FCC will adequately advise prospective occupiers that the development is located within a Noise Zone pertaining to Dublin Airport and thus is subject to higher aviation noise levels and will provide accurate and comprehensive information about the potential noise environment. To address Post-Planning Compliance concerns FCC will carry out compliance reports verifying the implementation and effectiveness of noise mitigation measures prior to occupation of the development.

APPENDIX C:

Fingal County Council - Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department Preliminary Planning Report (18/12/2025)

PARTXI/006/25

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

PLANNING & STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE DEPARTMENT PRELIMINARY PLANNING REPORT

Register Reference:	PartXI-006-25
Proposed development:	4 no. dwellings & associated site works
Location:	Malahide Road, Malahide, Co. Dublin, K36 EP89.
Proposing department:	Architect Department
Application type:	Part XI

Nature of Development
The Architect's Department is the proposing department for a development by Fingal County Council of 4 no. dwellings & associated site works at Malahide Road, Malahide, Co. Dublin, K36 EP89.

Site Location
The site is located on Malahide Road between Malahide Village and Kinsealy, approximately 1 km from Kinsealy village. The site is in proximity of the junction of the Malahide Road, the entrance to the Myra Manor residential development, and Feltrim Road. The site is well-served by public transport, with Dublin Bus routes 42 and 43 serving bus stops directly in front of the site. The surrounding area predominantly comprises low-density residential areas and open fields.

Proposed Development
The proposal seeks to demolish the existing single-storey dwelling and construct 4 no. single-storey dwellings on the site

Planning History
No relevant planning history associated with site.

Pre-Application Consultations
Pre application discussions were undertaken with the Architects department in August 2025.

Department Reports
Transportation- No objection

Biodiversity- No response

Parks & Green Infrastructure– No objection subject to conditions

Water services – Report of 4th December had no objections. However highlighted potential for runoff from the public road to enter the site and flood the proposed development. Subsequently, the drainage layout has been amended to address this issue and as a result the proposal is acceptable in this regard.

Heritage- There is no archaeological impact in relation to the proposal and therefore no objection on archaeological grounds. Should the pump require to be relocated to facilitate a cycleway reservation, it should remain visible from the road, protected during construction works and conserved appropriately.

Conservation. No objection in principle to the proposal subject to the adequate protection and repair of the historic cast-iron pump during construction phase and careful repositioning within its new setting

Relevant Guidelines & Policies
Section 28 Guidelines

Sustainable Residential Development and Compact Settlements, Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2024).

Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029
Zoning Objective and Site Designations
The subject site is located within land-use zoning objective RS, 'Residential' in the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029, the objective of which seeks to *'Provide for residential development and protect and improve residential amenity.'* Residential use is permitted in principle in this zoning.

The vision is to *"Ensure that any new development in existing areas would have a minimal impact on and enhance existing residential amenity".*

The application site is largely located within Noise Zone B and outer public safety zone associated with Dublin Airport. The most southerly portion of the site is within Noise Zone A. No dwellings are proposed for this area of the site.

Relevant Policy/Objectives – Settlement/Strategic
The site is situated within the Metropolitan area of Fingal county as defined in the EMRA RSES.

Policy CSP12 – NPF and RSES
Policy CSP18 – Promotion of Residential Development
Promote residential development addressing the current shortfall in housing provision and meeting target guidance figures, through a co-ordinated planned approach to developing appropriately zoned lands at key locations, including regeneration areas, and vacant and underutilised sites.

Objective CSO17 – Mixture of House Types
Policy CSP19 – Compact, Sequential and Sustainable Urban Growth.
Promote compact, sequential and sustainable urban growth to realise targets of at least 50% of all new homes to be built, within or contiguous to the existing built-up area of Dublin city and suburbs and a target of at least 30% for other metropolitan settlements, with a focus on healthy placemaking and improved quality of life.

Objective CSO69 – Scale of New Housing Developments in Towns and Villages
Ensure that the scale of new housing developments within Towns and Villages both individually and cumulatively, shall generally be in proportion to the pattern and grain of existing development.

Objective CSO72 – Compact, Organic and Sequential Development of Towns and Villages
The scale of new residential schemes within Towns and Villages shall be in proportion to the pattern and grain of existing development with a focus on delivering compact growth and providing for the organic and sequential development of the settlement. Infill and brownfield development shall have regard to the existing town or village character and create or strengthen a sense of identity and distinctiveness for the settlement.

Objective SPQHO1 – Sustainable Communities
Objective SPQHO2 – Key Principles
Policy SPQHP10 – Support Compact Growth
SPQHO10 – Consolidated Residential Development
Policy SPQHP35 – Quality of Residential Development
Policy SPQHP38 – Compact Growth, Consolidation and Regeneration
Objective SPQHO37 – Residential Consolidation and Sustainable Intensification

<u>Relevant Policy/Objectives – Infill Development</u>
Objective SPQHO39 – New Infill Development
New infill development shall respect the height and massing of existing residential units. Infill development shall retain the physical character of the area including features such as boundary walls, pillars, gates/gateways, trees, landscaping, and fencing or railings.

Objective SPQHO42 – Development of Underutilised Infill, Corner and Backland Sites
Encourage and promote the development of underutilised infill, corner and backland sites in existing residential areas subject to the character of the area and environment being protected.

Section 14.5 Consolidation of the Built Form: Design Parameters
Table 14.4: Infill Development
Infill Development Infill Development presents unique opportunities to provide bespoke architectural solutions to gap sites and plays a key role in achieving sustainable consolidation and enhancing public realms. Proposals for infill development will be required at a minimum to:

- Provide a high-quality design response to the context of the infill site, taking cognisance of architectural form, site coverage, building heights, building line, grain, and plot width.

- Examine and address within the overall design response issues in relation to over-bearance, overlooking and overshadowing.

- Respect and compliment the character of the surrounding area having due regard to the prevailing scale, mass, and architectural form of buildings in the immediate vicinity of the site.

- Provide a positive contribution to the streetscape including active frontage, ensuring that the impacts of ancillary services such as waste management, parking and services are minimised.

- Promote active street frontages having regard to the design and relationship between the public realm and shopfronts of adjacent properties.

Relevant Policy/Objectives – Existing Buildings
Policy CAP8 – Retrofitting and Reuse of Existing Buildings
Support the retrofitting and reuse of existing buildings rather than their demolition and reconstruction where possible.
Objective SPQHO44 – Retention, Retrofitting and Retention of Existing Dwellings
Objective DMSO256 – Retrofitting and Re-Use of Existing Buildings
Section 14.21.1

Relevant Policy/Objectives – Development Standards/Requirements

- Objective DMSO20 – Schedule of Accommodation
- Objective DMSO52 - Public Open Space Provision
  Public open space shall be provided in accordance with Table 14.12.

- Objective SPQHO5 – Universal Design Approach
- Objective SPQHO9 – New residential development
- Objective SPQHO11 – Fingal Settlement Strategy
- Objective SPQH022- Accessible Housing
- Policy SPQHP35 – Quality of Residential Development
- Objective SPQHO30 – Variety of Housing Types
- Objective SPQHO32 – New Residential Development and Energy Efficiency

- Policy SPQHP35 – Private and Semi-Private Open Space
- Policy SPQHP36 – Open Space Hierarchy
- Objective DMSO5 – Design Statement
- Objective DMS019 – New Residential Development
- Objective DMSO20 – Schedule of Accommodation
- Objective DMSO21 – Floor Plans for Residential Development
- Objective DMSO22 – Daylight and Sunlight Analysis
- Objective DMSO26 – Separation Distance between Side Walls of Units

- Objective DMSO31 – Refuse Storage Areas
- Objective DMSO37 – Age Friendly Housing
- Objective DMSO71 – Overshadowing of Private Open Space
- Objective DMSO72 – Boundary Treatment to Private Open Space
- Objective SPQHO6 – Universal Design Approach
- Objective SPQHO38 – Residential Development at Sustainable Densities

Table 14.12: Recommended Quantitative Standards (Sustainable Residential Developments and Compact Settlements, Guidelines for Planning Authorities 2024)

Objective DMSO125
Objective DMSO126 – Protection of Trees and Hedgerows during Development

Relevant Policies/Objectives - Transport
The R107 Malahide Road which passes by this site is included in Table 6.3 'Transportation Schemes'.

Objective CMO41 – Transportation Schemes Seek to implement the transportation schemes indicated in Table 6.3.

The Malahide Road alongside the site is designated as a Primary Radial cycle route.

Relevant Policies/Objectives - Heritage
Policy HCAP21 – Built Heritage Assets
Protect and enhance the historic environment and built heritage assets, including elements of historic street furniture, paving and historic boundary treatments

Objective HCAO40 – Public Realm Works
Require that public realm works, proposed infrastructural and public utility works do not remove historic street furniture such as limestone or granite kerbs, cobblestones, cast-iron post boxes, water pumps, milestones and historic street-lamp standards, except where an exceptional need has been clearly established.

Assessment
The proposed scheme has been considered in light of the following issues:

- Drawings and documents prepared
- Zoning of site and principle of development
- Design and layout
- Impact on amenities of the area
- Water, drainage and flood risk
- Transportation
- Landscaping and open space
- Heritage
- EIA and AA

Drawings and Documents Prepared

Article 83(1) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended, details the documents required for the public display of Part XI/8 projects including:

(a) a document describing the nature and extent of the proposed development and the principal features thereof, including-

(i) where the proposed development would consist of or comprise the provision of houses, the number of houses to be provided.

(b) a location map, drawn to a scale of not less than 1:1000 in built up areas and 1:2500 in all other areas (which shall be identified thereon) and marked or coloured so as to identify clearly the land on which it is proposed to carry out the proposed development

(c) ...
(i) a site layout plan, drawn to a scale of not less than 1:500, showing the boundary of the site on which it is proposed to carry out the proposed development and the buildings or other structures, and roads or other features, in the vicinity of the site, and
(ii) such other plans and drawings, drawn to a scale of not less than 1:100, as are necessary to describe the proposed development,
....
(f) the conclusion under article 120(1)(b)(i) or the screening determination under article 120(1B)(b)(i), as the case may be (and, in the latter case, including, or referring to, the description, if any, provided under article 120(1A)(b) or 120(3)(cb)(ii), as the case may be).

An architectural design report has been prepared which provides a description of the proposed development. Site location, site layout and dwelling plan/section/ elevation drawings have been prepared. Environmental Impact Assessment and Appropriate Assessment screening reports have been prepared and the final determinations in respect of these should also be made available when the scheme goes on public display.

Zoning of Site & Principle of Development
The proposed scheme is located on lands zoned under Objective 'RS- Residential', with an objective to *"Provide for residential development and protect and improve residential amenity."* The vision is to *"Ensure that any new development in existing areas would have a minimal impact on and enhance existing residential amenity".*

Residential use is permitted in the 'RS' zoning. It is noted that the Development Plan, supports, where possible the retention and retrofitting of existing dwellings. However in this instances, the proposed demolition of a single house and replacement with 4 no. units would be consistent with Policy CSP18 in terms of promoting residential development to address the current shortfall in housing provision and meeting target guidance figures, through inter alia, developing appropriately zoned and underutilised sites. The strategic policies/objectives of the Fingal Development Plan such as CSP19, SPQHP10, SPQHO10, SPQHO37 and SPQHO42 also support the consolidation of development and appropriate development of infill/brownfield and underutilised sites. The proposed development which involves the provision of 4 no. dwellings on an existing zoned and serviced site is considered consistent with these strategic objectives.

The proposed development of the demolition of the existing dwelling and construction of 4 residential units on this site is considered acceptable and appropriate in principle.

Design and Layout
The proposal seeks to demolish the existing single-storey dwelling and construct 4 no. single-storey dwellings on a site area of 0.14Ha (net).

The proposed development would contain 4 no. 2 bed (3 person) houses which are all fully accessible and incorporate age friendly design. The site is located south of Malahide and north of Kinsealy village. The proposed layout of the 4 units on this infill site would provide a density of 26.6 units per hectare gross or 29 units net.

The site is within the Metropolitan Area as per the EMRA RSES and would be categorised as a City - Suburban/Urban Extension area as per the 'Sustainable Residential Development and Compact Settlements Guidelines for Planning Authorities' (2024) where densities of 40 dph to 80 dph (net) shall generally be applied. The Guidelines also recognise the need to respond to the scale and form of surrounding development and to protect the amenities of surrounding properties on smaller infill sites and that character, amenity and the environment also have a role in defining an appropriate density for a specific site. In this regard, it is noted that the site is small in scale, with the prevailing character of housing in the immediate vicinity being of single houses on individual plots.

The Fingal Development Plan policy in respect of infill development requires that the existing character of an area being respected. It is also noted that the site is located within the Outer Public Safety Zone associated with Dublin Airport. The ERM 'Public Safety Zone Report' contains stipulations for density of development within this zone, namely ≤60 persons/ half hectare. The proposed development could potentially accommodate 12 persons on a site of 0.14 hectare which accords with this.

Having regard to the requirements of the ERM report and the character of this area, the proposal is considered acceptable in terms of density.

The proposed houses in the scheme are dual or triple aspect. Following review, the houses proposed meet the minimum floor areas for private amenity space which is 30m2 for 2 bedroom houses set out in SPPR2 of the 'Sustainable Residential Development and Compact Settlements Guidelines' (2024). The dwellings satisfy space standards set out in Quality Housing for Sustainable Communities (2007) and the Design Manual for Quality Housing (2022).

Side access to rear gardens is available where bin storage can be accommodated.

The proposed houses are located within Noise Zone B associated with Dublin Airport. Objective DAO11 of the Fingal Development Plan requires noise insulation for in this zone. An Inward Noise Impact Assessment has been prepared for the proposed development. This acknowledges that owing to the presence of the site within this noise zone, it will not be possible to achieve the desired internal noise levels with windows

open. However, the report does set out sound insulation performance requirements for window glazing, sound insulation performance requirements for ventilation and requirements for sound reduction measures in the roof construction. Based on these, the report states that good internal noise levels can be achieved with windows closed. The external amenity space will not achieve desired noise levels. However it is recognised that this is a function of the site location in Noise Zone B. The Inward Noise Impact Assessment does note that the private open space for the dwellings is located to the rear of the houses and will benefit from screening from noise associated with road traffic by the houses themselves.

The proposal complies with Objective DMS019 whereby the required minimum standards are achieved having regard to national guidance.

Objective SPQH022 of the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 recognises the importance of social inclusion and aims to make 30% of social housing should be fully accessible and built with a universal design approach which will mean that the property will be flexible and changed as needed over the course of the occupant's lifetime. In this instance the Architectural Design statement references universal design and age friendly housing with the 4 houses being of universal design which represents over 30% of the proposal.

Overall, it is considered that the proposed development will provide for an adequate level of residential amenity for any future potential residents.

Impact on Amenities of the Area

The proposed single-storey residential development is in keep with the existing scale of residential development in the area and eliminates the risk of overshadowing adjacent properties.

The proposed finish to the development comprises a palette of simple robust and low maintenance materials including brick and textured render facades, tile roofs to the houses, and permeable paving to parking areas. Windows will be aluclad and will match the colour of rainwater goods and permeable paving to the out of curtilage parking areas. The proposed buildings are set back from the public road fronting the site.

An Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan has been prepared to minimise impacts during the construction stage of the development, addressing, inter alia, working hours, construction traffic management, cleaning of roads, noise and vibration controls. It is stated that the plan will be developed further following planning consent and prior to the commencement of development.

It is considered given the foregoing the proposed development would not impact upon the residential amenities of the area nor the visual amenity of the area.

Water and Drainage

The report received from Water Services dated 4th December 2025 states that a commensurate flood risk assessment has been conducted by the appointed engineering

consultants McMahon & Associates. The level of assessment is considered to be Stage 1 (flood risk identification) in accordance with the OPW Flood Risk Management Guidelines, and is considered appropriate to the scale, nature, and flood risk identified by the FEMFRAMS coastal and fluvial models. As the site falls outside the extent of the OPW's pluvial flood mapping, and in the absence of recorded flood events related to the site, the risk of pluvial flooding has been discounted.

However, the brownfield site in its current state is approximately 0.5m below the level of the existing footpath along the Malahide Roads bordering the site to the west. Site cross sections provided as part of the landscape proposal indicate that whilst the northern part of the proposed development is sufficiently elevated (FFL =14.14m vs road level = 13.80m) this is not the case in the south (FFL =14.03m vs road level = 14.22m). There is hence a direct pathway for road runoff to enter the site via the vehicle access in the south and to flood the development inclusive of the highly vulnerable residential units. The drainage strategy for the development has subsequently made provision to incorporate 2 no. gullies at the roadside on either side of the site entrance to capture any surface water runoff from the existing road and prevent same entering the site. The gullies are to be maintained as part of the development. It is considered that this has satisfactorily addressed the issue raised. The Water Services Section has advised that the proposal is acceptable.

Provision is made for SUDS by way of an under drained swale, permeable paving, water butts, and flow control mechanisms maximising storage and limiting site discharge to 1 l/s. The report from the Water Services Section notes that this exceeds Qbar but is considered acceptable given the small size of the site and the lack of natural infiltration as confirmed by the site investigation and advises that the proposals are acceptable.

Transportation

The proposed development would utilise the existing established vehicular access. The report received from Transportation Planning states that the sightlines achieved at the existing vehicular entrance are as per the requirements of DMURS. The overall road layout of the scheme is acceptable.

In regard to the carparking standards of the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 the proposed development is in 'zone 2'. The proposed development would provide 4no 2-bed units, with 1 carparking space per unit and 1 visitor space, which aligns with carparking standards of the Fingal Development Plan. Four of the five shared car parking spaces are proposed to be universally accessible. Car parking provision would also align with SPPR3 of the Sustainable Residential Development and Compact Settlements, Guidelines for Planning Authorities.

The proposed development would provide 2 EV charging points which would more than comply with Section 14.17.10 of the Fingal Development Plan.

Direct access is provided to the rear gardens where bicycle parking can be provided. The quantity and locations of bicycle parking proposed is in accordance with the Fingal

Development Plan Standards and is acceptable also in the context of SPPR4 of the Sustainable Residential Development and Compact Settlements Guidelines.

The upgrade of the Malahide Road is included as a 'Road Proposal' in the Fingal County Development Plan and listed in Table 6.3: 'Transportation Schemes'. The GDA Cycle Network Plan also includes a 'primary radial' cycle route along the Malahide Road.

The proposed development would provide an undeveloped reservation of 2.5m along the road boundary, and this is acceptable to the Transportation Planning Section.

Landscaping and Open Space

Existing Trees/Vegetation

There are existing Leyland Cypress trees located along the southern boundary of the site. There are several small trees, shrubs and an area of scrub thicket to the north-east. There are existing overhead electrical wires running north to south along the western boundary of the site where the development meets the public pathway/roadway.

The applicant has submitted an Arboricultural Report by the Tree File Ltd, dated September 2025. This survey identified 7 individual trees, one tree line, three hedges and 2 shrub groups. Three trees are proposed for removal as well as both shrub groups. The applicant has included a tree impacts plan, dated September 2025, which shows the intended removals for this site. A tree protection plan has also been submitted which is acceptable.

Landscape Plan

The applicant has submitted a landscape plan (dwg no. FC. 16-DR-2001) by DFLA, dated September 2025.

Landscaping works including the provision of a linear open space of circa 260 sq.m. will be provided to the front of the site. This equates to 18.6% of the overall net developable area of the site and complies with the 15% minimum requirement in Table 14.12 of the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029.

The submitted landscape plan proposes a linear swale running from south to north. The management and maintenance of this swale is an important aspect in terms of drainage as well as the visual amenity value of this small site. Therefore, full consideration should be given to the overall landscape management and maintenance of this development.

Boundary Treatments

The report from the Parks and Green Infrastructure Division states that a boundary treatment plan should be provided to include all heights, materials and finishes for all boundaries including entrance details. The submitted 'Typical Landscape Details' (dwg no. F.C 16-DR-2500) which shows chestnut pale fencing which has not been indicated on the submitted landscape plan. It is understood that this will be used during the establishment period of the planting. The landscape plan refers to a 1100mm high railing while the

landscape section drawing indicates a 990mm railing. The boundaries between rear gardens do not appear to be clearly stated.

The report states that the Parks and Green Infrastructure Division has no objection in principle to the development. However, further details are required in respect of a number of areas.

Heritage

There are no recorded monuments on or adjoining the site. There are no architectural heritage statutory designated sites (i.e. Protected Structure or Architectural Conservation Area) within the site or directly adjoining same. Furthermore, the existing dwelling on site is not of any architectural interest. The report received from the Heritage Officer advises that there is no objection on archaeological grounds. The reports from the Heritage Officer and Conservation Office both reference the presence of an historic cast iron water pump within the boundary of the site which dates from the turn of the 20th century.

In fulfilment of Objective 5.5 of the *Fingal Heritage Plan 2024-2030* an Historic Street Element Audit was undertaken in 2025. The historic water pump has been recorded here and in the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage (No. 11350001). The Fingal Development Plan supports the retention of historic street furniture e.g. Policy HCAP21. The pump has to be re-located to accommodate a cycleway reservation. The report from the Conservation Officer notes that proposal seeks to retain the water pump within the open space area and visible from the public road and considers that this is an acceptable solution should a move be necessary. The pump will require protection during construction works and any necessary repair/conservation works should also be undertaken. These issues are also highlighted in the report received from the Heritage Officer. It is noted that the site layout plan illustrating the proposed development layout does show that the water pump would be in a location visible from the public road. The proposal is acceptable in this regard.

Environmental Impact Assessment

An Environmental Impact Assessment Screening report has been prepared by CAAS and was reviewed by Fingal County Council. The proposed development is below the thresholds for mandatory EIA set out in the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended. The Screening Report concludes that the proposed development would not be likely to have significant effects on the environment and that EIA and the preparation of an Environmental Impact Assessment Report is not required.

Having reviewed the submitted EIA Screening Report, the planning officer agrees with the conclusions. The proposed development is below the thresholds for mandatory EIA for residential development set out Class 10 of Part 2 to Schedule 5 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended. The proposal is not considered likely to result in significant environmental effects having regard to the criteria listed in Schedule 7 of the Regulations. In making this determination Fingal have taken into consideration the nature and scale of the proposed development, the duration of construction which is

likely to generate localised and short-term noise, dust and traffic. Other factors taken into consideration during determination was the location of the proposed housing development in a developed urban location, the nature of the proposed construction works and of the proposed housing development itself, which relate to minor demolition works of the existing house, and construction works that are typical and not unusual in the urban context of the existing environment, the availability of surface water services to serve the proposed housing development that do not require in-stream works and the availability of an existing foul sewer located within Malahide Road to the northwest of the proposed development, and the CEMP.

Fingal County Council therefore accept the conclusions of the EIA Screening Report that the proposed housing development would not be likely to have significant effects on the environment and that the preparation of an environmental impact assessment report is not therefore required.

Appropriate Assessment
An Appropriate Assessment Screening report was prepared by CAAS and reviewed by Fingal County Council.

Fingal County Council have examined, analysed and evaluated the content of the proposed housing development, including the information and assessments presented in the AA Screening Statement prepared by CAAS, and are in agreement with the conclusion of the AA Screening Statement which states 'the proposed development is not foreseen to have any likelihood of significant effects on any European sites, alone or in combination with other plans or projects – and therefore any potential for significant effects on any European site as a result of the proposed development can be ruled out.'

It is considered that there is no likelihood of significant effects on any European sites during the construction or operation of the Proposed Project; and it is further considered that there are no other plans or projects that will act in combination with the Proposed Project to have a significant effect on European sites. It is considered that the Proposed Project, individually or in combination with another plan or project, will not have a significant effect on any European sites.

In reaching this determination, consideration has been given to the small scale of the works occurring largely within an existing residential development site, the distance and lack of direct hydrological links to any Designated Sites, the use of existing surface water and foul water network for the offsite disposal of water and foul and considering the evidence provided within the AA Screening Statement. This assessment was reached without considering or taking into account mitigation measures or measures intended to avoid or reduce any impact on European sites.

Conclusion
The proposed development would accord the 'RS – Residential' zoning for the site in the Fingal County Development Plan 2023-2029 in which residential development is permitted. The redevelopment of this brownfield/ infill site would be consistent with

national and local objectives to secure consolidation of development and has satisfactorily has regard to the pattern and character of development in the area. The development would generally accord with relevant national planning policy. Adequate arrangements are proposed in respect of surface water and transport. Furthermore, it is not considered that the proposal would adversely affect the visual, residential or other amenities of the area. The development is therefore considered to be acceptable from a planning perspective. The boundary treatment proposals should be reviewed prior to public display to address the issues raised in the report from the Parks & Green Infrastructure Division and to clarify the boundary between rear gardens.

It is also recommended that the final design and construction stage of the development should have regard to the following:

1. The Public Lighting Section of Fingal County Council should be consulted on public streetlighting requirements.

2. Adequate protection and repair of the historic cast-iron pump during the construction phase should occur and careful repositioning within its new setting to ensure visibility from the road is required.

3. The applicant shall satisfy themselves that the access requirements for firefighting operations is provided as per Building Regulations Technical Guidance Document B Section 5.2, which sets out the access requirements for firefighting operations.

4. The submitted tree protection plan shall be implemented in full.

5. Management and maintenance arrangements for the planting and SuDS features should be put in place.

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Part 1 - Policy

1. Introduction

1.1 This document sets out Fingal County Council County Council's policy on preventing fraud and corruption and provides a framework for the development and maintenance of procedures and practices to counter fraud and corruption.

1.2 This document sets out the policy and procedure for responding to suspected fraud or corruption.

1.3 We trust that Fingal County Council employees are honest, however when considering risks to Fingal County Council fraud and corruption must be addressed. In this regard Fingal County Council recognises that an anti-fraud and corruption policy needs to be in place.

1.4 This policy applies to all Fingal County Council County Council employees, volunteers and councillors, committee members, persons appointed by executive order (e.g. consultants and contractors) and other third parties working on behalf of the Council.

1.5 This anti-fraud and corruption policy is related to other policies of the Council, particularly the protected disclosures policy, and where employees are concerned, the disciplinary policy.

1.6 The purposes of this policy and procedure document are:

- to set out the Council's strategy for promoting a culture which discourages fraudulent activity and facilitates the prevention and detection of fraud and corruption- and adherence to required standards.

- to set out the Council's strategy for promoting a working environment with the lowest risk of fraud and corruption.

- to provide stakeholders with guidance on how to raise concerns about fraud and corruption in the workplace.

- to provide stakeholders with guidance on the consideration, investigation and consequences of fraud and corruption.

1.7 With this policy and procedure, the Council undertakes all reasonable steps and exercises all due diligence to avoid the commission of a fraudulent or corrupt offence.

2. Fraud and Corruption Definitions

2.1 For the purposes of this policy, fraud is any act of deception used to obtain benefit or gain advantage, whether monetary or otherwise, that causes loss to the Council, the avoidance of an obligation, or results in a benefit or advantage to the person acting or omitting to act or to a third party. Examples of what may constitute fraud can be found in Appendix 1.

2.2 Corruption is a specific type of fraud which involves two or more people, where one offers, gives, solicits or accepts an inducement, reward, advantage or benefit, financial or otherwise, which may influence the action of another. Examples of corruption can be found in Appendix 1.

2.3 The Criminal Justice (Corruption Offences) Act, 2018 creates an offence of active and passive corruption in a case where someone shall be guilty of an offence who:

- corruptly offers, gives or agrees to give a gift, consideration or advantage as an inducement or reward for any person doing an act in relation to their office, employment, position or business, or
- corruptly requests, accepts or obtains or agrees to accept a gift, consideration or advantage as an inducement to or reward for any person doing an act in relation to their office, employment, position or business.

2.4 For the purpose of this policy and procedure, references to ‘fraud’ shall be read to include ‘fraud and/or corruption”.

2.5 For the purpose of this policy and procedure, references to ‘the Ethics Framework’ shall be read to mean ‘The Ethical Framework for Local Government’, as set out in the Local Government Act, 2001, Part 15.

2.6 There are links to policies, legislation and codes of conduct contained in the appendices to this document.

3. Anti-Fraud and Corruption Policy Statement and Supporting Policies

3.1 Fingal County Council County Council adopts a zero tolerance to the perpetration of fraud by its employees, councillors, committee members, agents, contractors, consultants, suppliers or service users.

3.2 It is the Council's policy to promote a culture of integrity and honesty and to maintain a corporate governance framework that supports this culture. The Council will safeguard resources by ensuring that opportunities for fraud are reduced to the lowest possible level of risk.

3.3 It is considered that the lowest possible level of risk of fraud is achieved by:

- Adhering to the Ethics Framework for local government.
- Having an effective risk management framework in place.
- Having an effective management and governance control framework in place including the DHLGH Governance Code.

3.4 The Council will pursue sanctions against internal and/or external parties in every case where there is evidence that fraud has occurred. Prosecutions under criminal law and loss recovery under civil proceedings will be pursued, as appropriate, as well as using the Council's disciplinary policy and procedure, where appropriate.

3.5 The Council may make a report to the Standards in Public Office Commission (SIPO). It is noted that the stated Commission policy is for local mechanisms to be utilised fully, prior to referring a complaint to the Commission.

Ethical Framework for local government and fraud prevention

3.6 There is a statutory Ethics Framework for the local government sector. It applies to local authority members, managers and employees. It sets out the standards of integrity:

"In carrying out their functions …, it is the duty of every member and every employee of a local authority and of every member of every committee to maintain proper standards of integrity, conduct and concern for the public interest." (Local Government Act, 2001, Section 168)

3.7 The requirement to act with honesty, integrity and to serve the common good in the discharge of duties is underpinned by both the Code of Conduct for Employees and the Code of Conduct for Councillors, issued under the Ethics Framework.

3.8 The framework requires all councillors and relevant employees to complete an annual declaration of interests. A public register is required to be maintained from the declarations. Ethics registrars are responsible for maintaining the registers. The ethics registrars for Fingal County Council are in the People, Corporate and Digital Services Department.

3.9 In accordance with the relevant code of ethics, councillors and employees must be aware of situations where there is a potential for a conflict of interest. Examples of such situations are recited in the Criminal Justice (Corruption Offences) Act, 2018 (section 14), and include: tendering for goods or services, awarding contracts, grants, loans, licences, permits, certificates, appointments of employment, acquisition, letting or disposal of land or property, planning and land issues.

3.10 Councillors and employees must never seek to use their official positions to improperly benefit themselves or others with whom they have personal, family or other ties. Similarly, councillors and employees must not use or disclose confidential information acquired during their term of office or employment to their advantage or for the advantage of third parties. Appendix 2 provides links to various key policies, legislation, the codes of conduct and other bodies.

3.11 Should the Chief Executive and/or Ethics Registrar become aware of a breach of the Ethics Framework, the actions they must take are set out in the framework. A summary of this, is provided in Appendix 6.

Risk management and fraud prevention

3.12 The implementation of Fingal County Council's risk management framework will assist the Council in identifying risk, including assessing the likelihood and impact of the risk of fraud and deciding on mitigating controls to be put in place.

3.13 Assigning responsibility for risk and reviewing the effectiveness of the mitigation controls is part of the risk framework. The risk framework requires each directorate to prepare and monitor its risk register. This process, at both organisational and Directorate level, supports the objectives of this anti-fraud and corruption policy and forms part of the governance culture.

Internal control/governance environment and fraud prevention

3.14 Controls are designed to counter unacceptable levels of risk. Fraud risks can be reduced by implementing a system of controls on the various accounting, financial and operational transactions of the Council. Proper controls decrease the opportunity and means for fraud to occur.

3.15 Individual controls can be preventative (e.g. segregation of duties, access limitations and authorisation procedures); directive (such as written policies and procedures, reporting lines and structures, training); detective (e.g. reconciliations, inventories, variance analysis); or corrective (e.g. the terms of a contract, insurance) in nature. Deciding on the type and extent of internal controls appropriate for the business area is a key responsibility of management in each directorate. Guidance on controls is provided in Appendix 3.

3.16 The responsibility of Directors of Service, supervisors and managers continues after the design of the control: they must ensure the controls are being implemented;

they must check and confirm they are being applied correctly, and they must review their appropriateness annually and after a significant change and/or as required.

3.17 A Protected Disclosures Policy is in place for Fingal County Council. A designated person, the Senior Executive Officer, in Corporate Services has been appointed to receive disclosures made pursuant to the provisions of the Protected Disclosures (Amendment) Act 2022.

3.18 A Procurement Policy is in place in Fingal County Council which sets out the policy for procuring supplies, services and works across all directorates and departments of the organisation.

3.19 The Council has data protection and information security policies which ensure, where practicable, that proper controls, practices and procedures exist to protect the availability, confidentiality and integrity of information technology (IT) systems. There is also an acceptable usage policy for users of the Council's IT systems. These policies support data security and offer protection for the Council against computer and cyber fraud.

4. Fraud and Corruption Prevention: Roles and Responsibilities

All stakeholders of Fingal County Council County Council have a role to play in ensuring a working environment free from fraud and corruption, as set out herein.

4.1 Senior Management: Directors of Service and Section Heads

It is the responsibility of Directors of Service and section heads to take such steps as are reasonably available to them to prevent and detect fraud and corruption. Senior management (Directors, all staff at SEO, Senior Engineer, analogous) should:

- Create an environment in which they may be easily approached by staff with concerns relating to suspected irregularities.
- Consider the risk of fraud in risk registers, identifying areas where there is risk of fraud occurring and controlling that risk.
- Take steps to provide reasonable assurance that the activities of the organisation are conducted honestly and that assets are safeguarded.
- Ensure to the best of their knowledge and belief that financial information is reliable.
- Ensure that line managers are aware of all the Council's personnel policies and procedures.
- Ensure staff understand their responsibilities, through training, supervision, PMDS, written procedures with effective internal controls.
- Maintain an effective control environment for managing risk and for preventing, deterring and detecting fraud.
- Respond promptly and positively to recommendations made and advice given by internal and external auditors.
- Take the appropriate action (as contained in the procedural part of this policy document) quickly to deal with reported or suspected fraud.

4.2 Line- Managers and Supervisors

All line managers are responsible for ensuring that policies, procedures, and processes within their work area are followed. Primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of fraud and corruption rests with line-managers and supervisors, who should understand that where an operational area is susceptible to fraud, lack of procedures and/or lack of knowledge of those procedures increases the risk of a fraud being perpetrated. Line managers and supervisors are responsible for designing appropriate controls to prevent, detect and mitigate fraud.

They must ensure that:

- Their areas are risk managed and that work is done within a control framework.

- Regular reviews of internal control procedures occur, to take into account changes in procedures or new schemes or projects.

- Procedure manuals and checklists are available to staff.

- There is active compliance with procedures and active monitoring of their appropriateness and effectiveness.

- They promote control on access to computer hardware and software systems, and adherence to information communication technology policies, including the secure and authorised use of usernames and passwords.

- Line managers and supervisors becoming aware of fraud or suspected fraud should refer the matter immediately.

4.3 Employees

Each employee, and this includes every position and grade within the Council, is governed by the Code of Conduct for Employees referred to earlier and other policies that relate to their employment.

Employees should abide by the code of conduct, and in particular:

- Inform their line manager of any gifts offered or received. The Code of Conduct for Employees requires that apart from 'official gifts', say as part of a visit/attendance protocol, no gifts other than items such as diaries, calendars, pens or other tokens of modest intrinsic value should be accepted. Any gift other than a modest token should be courteously but firmly declined.

- Inform their line manager of any hospitality offered. The Code of Conduct for Employees requires that apart from 'normal courtesies in business and community relationships' (such as a business lunch or attendance at a civic, cultural or festive event), no non-routine hospitality should be accepted, except where acceptance of such an offer can be clearly shown to be in the interests of the local authority and has been approved by the line manager.

- Inform their line manager of any outside interests that may conflict with or impinge on their duties and never allow private or personal interests to conflict with public duty or appear to conflict with public duty.

Employees should abide by all Council policies, and

- Comply with Council's communications, data protection and information security policies.

- Comply with the Council's ICT Acceptable Usage Policy, including maintaining the secrecy of usernames and passwords.

- Comply with the Council's procurement policy and procedures relating to seeking tenders for supplies, services and works, opening and evaluating tenders.

- Report concerns about the conduct of Council affairs or the use of assets or resources.
- Report any knowledge of or suspicions of the existence of fraud in the workplace.
- Alert line management to weaknesses in control systems and suggest improvements.

4.4 Councillors

The Code of Conduct for Councillors imposes on councillors an obligation to maintain high standards of honesty, integrity and impartiality in their role. Councillors should abide by the code of conduct and:

- Act in a way which enhances public trust and confidence.
- Avoid conflicts of interest and never seek to use improper influence.
- Make decisions based solely on considerations of the public interest and common good.
- Serve the local authority and its people conscientiously, honestly and with impartiality.
- Promote equality and avoid bias.
- Treat colleagues and local authority employees with courtesy and respect.
- Report any information which may indicate that a fraudulent or corrupt act is being perpetrated against the Council.

4.5 People Services

The role played by People Service is to:

- Ensure a due diligence process in recruitment practices.
- Ensure a process is in place for detailed appraisal of staff during probationary periods.
- Issue new employees with the Code of Conduct and with this anti-fraud and corruption policy, along with all relevant Council policies.

4.6 Digital Services

Digital Services assists the organisation in reducing fraud and corruption by having policies in place to ensure controls, practices and procedures exist to protect the Council against computer and cyber fraud (see section 9.2 and 9.3). Digital Services ensures that security measures are in place to protect the availability, confidentially and integrity of IT systems and data usage. There is an ICT Acceptable Usage Policy to which all users of the Council's system must adhere.

4.7 Director of Finance & Finance Department

The Director of Finance is responsible for developing, maintaining and monitoring compliance with an effective corporate financial framework. The Director of Finance is also responsible for advising on the corporate financial position and on the key financial controls necessary to secure sound financial and risk management. This encompasses the Council's accounting control system, financial management standards, all financial corporate processes and procedures.

4.8 Internal Audit

Internal Audit carries out a risk-based program of audits to provide independent assurance as to the adequacy of internal controls established by management, including controls for the prevention and detection of fraud.

Internal Audit is a key element of the governance framework of the Council, in association with the Audit Committee.

4.9 Audit Committee

In relation to the prevention of fraud and corruption, the Audit Committee's role is to

- Ensure the organisation has an Anti-Fraud and Corruption Policy and Procedure in place and that periodic reviews of it occur.
- Verify the communication of the policy to all relevant parties.
- Ascertain whether or not the policy is being applied in practice.
- Monitor and review the effectiveness of the internal audit function as it relates to the prevention or detection of fraud.

4.10 The Public

The adoption, availability and publication of this policy supports the Council to send a strong message to the community that proactive steps are being taken to prevent and detect fraud. It enables the public to be guided as to how they go about reporting concerns about fraud being perpetrated on the Council. The policy also confirms that, where uncovered, such acts will be punished.

5. Reporting Fraud and Corruption

The purpose of having a plan for reporting fraud and corruption and investigating fraud and corruption is so that quick and effective action can be taken to:

- Ensure understanding that the Chief Executive and/or the Director of People, Corporate and Digital Services will be mandated to instigate/lead any investigation into fraud and corruption.
- Secure evidence
- Minimise the risk of inappropriate action or disclosure taking place which would compromise an investigation.
- Minimise the effect of the fraud by taking quick action, early.
- Prevent further loss and maximise recovery of loss.
- Ensure there is evidence to substantiate any allegation before that person is subject to disciplinary or other corrective action.
- Identify the perpetrators and maximise the success of any disciplinary, legal or criminal sanction.
- Minimise adverse reputational damage.
- Rectify weaknesses in the control system.

5.2 Under this policy, employees, councillors and any stakeholder should raise their concern, verbally or in writing, with any one of the following parties in the event of suspecting or discovering fraud:

- Director of Service
- Director of Finance
- Line Manager
- Protected Disclosures Designated Recipient
- Ethics Registrars

5.3 If the stakeholder feels they cannot report to the relevant Director of Service or Section Head (which may arise if there was suspicion of involvement or knowledge by that person), they should report it to another Director of Service or Section Head in the local authority.

5.4 If the stakeholder feels they can't report the matter to any Director or Section Head, they should report to the Designated Person, i.e. the Senior Executive Officer in Corporate Services, and the arrangements under the Protected Disclosures Policy of the Council would then apply.

5.5 The person disclosing their concern under this fraud policy should communicate all relevant information relating to their concern. This should include all the activities they have witnessed or other information they are aware of. It is important the concern should be comprehensively expressed (including, for example, dates, times, sequences of events). A flow chart about reporting, and a sample report template is provided in Appendix 4.

6. Receiving Reports of Fraud

6.1 Fingal County Council is committed to supporting employees and others who raise concerns of reasonable belief about fraud and such employees are assured of the Council's commitment to deal with their concerns.

6.2 Allegations or concerns about fraud may come from various sources: employees, councillors, members of the public; or they may emerge from internal or external audits or reviews, or by other means. All reports or suspicions of fraud will be investigated thoroughly.

6.3 Under this policy, it is the responsibility of the designated individuals, i.e. the relevant Director of Service or Section Head to quickly notify the relevant Director of Service of any reports of fraud reported to them.

6.2 If the Protected Disclosures Officer, has received a report of fraud, s/he should notify the relevant Director, in line with the provisions of the Council's Protected Disclosures Policy and Procedure.

7. Response Actions

7.1 Any fraud is a serious offence that may result in criminal proceedings against the organisation and/or any individual found to have committed such an offence.

7.2 Attempted or perpetrated fraud, depending on its severity and nature as determined in an investigation, and the indications that a criminal act has occurred, may be referred to An Garda Síochána for investigation, and this applies whether the parties involved are internal or external.

7.3 The Council views fraud by an employee as 'serious misconduct' under its Disciplinary Policy and Procedure.

7.4 All the provisions regarding serious misconduct in the Council's Disciplinary Policy and Procedure will apply. A flow chart setting out how an investigation would be managed is provided at Appendix 5.

7.5 In any investigation into fraud undertaken by the Council, the right to natural justice will be respected.

7.6 The 'general principles' set out in the Council's Disciplinary Policy and Procedure will apply to handling an allegation made against an employee under this Anti-Fraud and Corruption Policy and any subsequent action taken by the Council.

7.7 The appeals process set out in the Council's Disciplinary Policy will apply.

7.8 The Ethics Framework for Local Government sets out responsibilities to be discharged by the Chief Executive and the Cathaoirleach, were they to become aware of an alleged breach of the Ethics Framework by a Councillor. While a complaint may be made directly to the Standards in Public Office Commission about an alleged contravention, the stated view of the Commission is that all local avenues should be exhausted first. Fingal County Council County Council is also of that view.

8. Recovery of loss

In cases where fraud has resulted in monetary loss to the Council, recovery action, up to and including civil legal proceedings, could be taken to ensure that money and/or asset(s) are returned to the Council, or their value otherwise recovered.

9. Communication of this policy

9.1 This policy will be made available on the Council's website, in order to communicate to the general public and to third party service providers, suppliers and other organisations with which the Council does business, that the Council has a zero-tolerance approach to fraud.

9.2 This policy will be circulated to all staff, councillors and Council committee members and published on the Council's Intranet.

9.3 This policy will be provided as part of induction and general employee awareness activities. Employees shall be obliged to acknowledge receipt of the policy.

9.4 This policy will be kept under review and updated annually and after a significant change and/or as required.

Part 2 Procedures in response to alleged fraud or corruption

1. Discovering and Reporting Fraud

1.1 Anyone suspecting fraud should not under any circumstances attempt to carry out their own investigation.

1.2 An individual should not discuss the suspicion with other work colleagues or members either before or after reporting it to the appropriate person.

1.3 Report genuine concerns about a suspicion of fraud to one of the relevant parties, listed below.

- Director of Service
- Director of Finance
- Line Manager
- Protected Disclosures Designated Recipient
- Ethics Registrars

1.4 A report of a concern about fraud can be made verbally or in writing and as much information as possible should be communicated, which may include all activities they have witnessed or any other information they are aware of, for example dates, times, sequences of events.

1.5 If the stakeholder feels they cannot report to the relevant Director of Service or Section Head (which may arise if there was suspicion of involvement or knowledge by that person), they should report it another Director of Service or Section Head.

1.6 If the stakeholder feels they cannot report the matter to any Director of Service or Section Head, they should report to the Protected Disclosures Officer, and the arrangements under the Council's Protected Disclosures Policy would then apply.

2. Receiving a report of suspected fraud or corruption

2.1 If you are a Director of Service, or Section Head, or Protected Disclosures Officer in receipt of a report of fraud:

• treat the report seriously, and confidentially as far as is possible within the constraints of the required procedure outlined here or within the constraints of the required procedure under the Protected Disclosures Policy.

• reassure the person reporting same of the Council's commitment to investigate suspected fraud quickly and thoroughly.

• if the report is not already in writing, comprehensively document the information and details being reported in a timely manner, using the template provided and seek

the signature of the person reporting, to confirm mutual understanding of the concern/suspicion.

- store, or cause to be stored, all the details in a manner to guarantee their confidentiality pending referring the details to the Director of People, Corporate, and Digital Services (or in the case of referral by the Protected Disclosures Officer, to the relevant Director).

- Commit to informing the person reporting the suspected fraud as appropriate.

2.2 A Director of Service, or Section Head to whom a concern is reported should discuss the allegation and the detail of the information available so far with Director of People, Corporate, and Digital Services at the earliest possible opportunity. The Chief Executive and/or the Director of People, Corporate, and Digital Services is mandated to instigate/lead any investigation. If the Director of People, Corporate, and Digital Services is the subject of the report, then discuss it with the Chief Executive.

2.3 If it is the Protected Disclosures Officer to whom a concern is reported, the Protected Disclosures Officer should follow the arrangements set out in the Council's Protected Disclosures Policy, and if determined that an investigation is required, should refer the matter to the appropriate Director of Service. That Director should then follow the arrangements set out in the Council's Protected Disclosures Policy and inform the Director of Service mandated to instigate/lead any investigation into fraud.

2.4 The Director of Service receiving a report should assign someone to immediately take the steps necessary to ensure:

- losses are minimised and further losses prevented.

- evidence (e.g. records, documents, desk search, Council mobile phone equipment, computer-based data & equipment, CCTV) is preserved and secured.

- evidence is removed to a secure location.

2.5 If the fraud reported has the likelihood, if confirmed, of resulting in monetary loss, the Council's insurers should be notified at an early stage to ensure that insurance matters are dealt with promptly and properly.

3. Investigation of Fraud

3.1 The Chief Executive and/or the Director of People, Corporate and Digital Services will determine the appropriate form of investigation and instigate/lead it, and will consult, as appropriate to the circumstance, the Internal Auditor, the Local Government Auditor, the Council's law agent, or other appropriate individual, or external body.

3.2 The Chief Executive and/or Director of People, Corporate and Digital Services will consider the appointment of internal or external investigator(s) or specialist(s), according to the circumstances and content of an allegation.

3.3 Director of People, Corporate, and Digital Services will inform and consult the Chief Executive as soon as possible in cases where the loss is potentially significant or where the incident may lead to adverse publicity.

3.4 An investigation will occur to determine the facts of the allegation, and the investigation will be conducted in accordance with the fair principles as set out in the Council's Disciplinary Policy and Procedure.

3.5 Investigations will try to establish at an early stage whether it appears that a criminal act has occurred. This will shape the way the investigation is handled and determine the likely outcome and course of action.

3.6 The relevant Director will inform An Garda Síochána immediately if the initial investigations suggest a criminal act has occurred. Where there are sufficient grounds, the Council will work with the police authorities to pursue a criminal prosecution.

3.7 The Chief Executive / Director of People, Corporate, and Digital Services will advise the Audit Committee of significant fraud investigations no later than at their next scheduled meeting or a special meeting may need to be called.

3.8 Where an investigation involving a member of staff determines that no criminal act has occurred, the Director of People, Corporate, and Digital Services will liaise with the relevant Director and relevant senior team line manager to determine, which if any, of the following has occurred and whether, under the circumstances, disciplinary action is appropriate:

- Serious misconduct.
- Negligence or error of judgement.
- Nothing untoward occurred and there is no case to answer.

3.9 The Disciplinary Procedures of the Council will be followed in any disciplinary action taken towards an employee. This will usually involve a formal disciplinary hearing at which the results of the fraud investigation will be considered.

3.10 Where after having sought legal advice, the relevant Director of Service determines it cost effective to do so, the Council will pursue civil action in order to recover any losses.

4. Other Actions

4.1 The relevant Director and/or Head of Section should update the person who reported the suspected fraud as appropriate.

4.2 Director of People, Corporate, and Digital Services and the Head of Communications will coordinate communications with the press at all junctures. No staff member or manager should disclose to the press any details of suspected fraud or fraud investigation and any such disclosure may be regarded as a disciplinary matter. It is important not to prejudice or undermine any legal action the Council may undertake.

4.3 Where appropriate, communications about fraud to the media will aim to publicise the Council's intolerance of fraud both within the Council and by users of its services, and any successes against those who would perpetrate such fraud against the Council.

Appendix 1 Examples of fraud and corruption

Examples of fraud and corruption. They are examples only – the lists are not exhaustive.

EXAMPLES OF FRAUD -include:

- Theft of funds, supplies or other assets.
- Taking annual or any other leave type without officially recording same on leave system.
- Falsification of travel and subsistence claims.
- Payment of false invoices.
- Disclosing protected data to outside parties for financial or other advantage.
- Disclosing confidential information to outside parties for financial or other advantage.
- Failure to record/account for monies received.
- Dealing inappropriately with claims.
- Override of controls so as to benefit self or another.
- Misrepresentations being made to an auditor.
- Suppression or omission of the effects of transactions from records or documents.
- Recording of transactions without substance.
- Financial misconduct in handling or reporting money or other assets.
- Intentional misapplication of accounting policies.
- Wilful misrepresentations of transactions.
- False or exaggerated compensation claims.
- False statements in grant applications.

EXAMPLES OF CORRUPTION:

- Offering, giving, agreeing to give or requesting, accepting or agreeing to accept a bribe (gift, consideration or advantage) as an inducement to or reward for an act in relation to the job.
- Collusion to steal or misuse local authority resources.
- Improper or unauthorised use of funds and/or assets.
- Arrange for a colleague or any other person to clock you in as being present at work when in fact you are not.
- Disclosing confidential information to outside parties for financial or other advantage.
- Disclosing protected data to outside parties for financial or other advantage.
- Leaking confidential information which may directly or indirectly influence the action of any person.
- Performing duties in a partial manner.

Appendix 2 Links to related policies, codes of conduct, legislation & other bodies

Links to related policies, codes of conduct, and legislation are provided below.

Links to related policies of Fingal County Council County Council

- Fingal County Council County Council's Disciplinary Policy and Procedure link
- Fingal County Council County Council's Protected Disclosures Policy and Procedure link
- Fingal County Council County Council Procurement Procedures link

Links to Codes of Conduct for Councillors and Employees

- Code of Conduct for Councillors, June 2019
- Code of Conduct for Employees, January 2007

Links to Relevant Legislation

- Criminal Justice (Corruption Offences) Act 2018
  This amends and consolidates the law relating to the prevention of corruption, including in respect of public officials.
- Protected Disclosures (Amendment) Act 2022
- The Protected Disclosures (Amendment) Act 2022 provides for a framework of statutory protections for whistleblowers in Ireland. The Act has been substantially overhauled by the Protected Disclosures (Amendment) Act 2022, which was signed into law in July. The new legislation came into operation on 1 January 2023.
- Local Government Act, 2001, Ethics Framework, Part 15

Links to Relevant Bodies

- Link to The Standards in Public Office Commission.

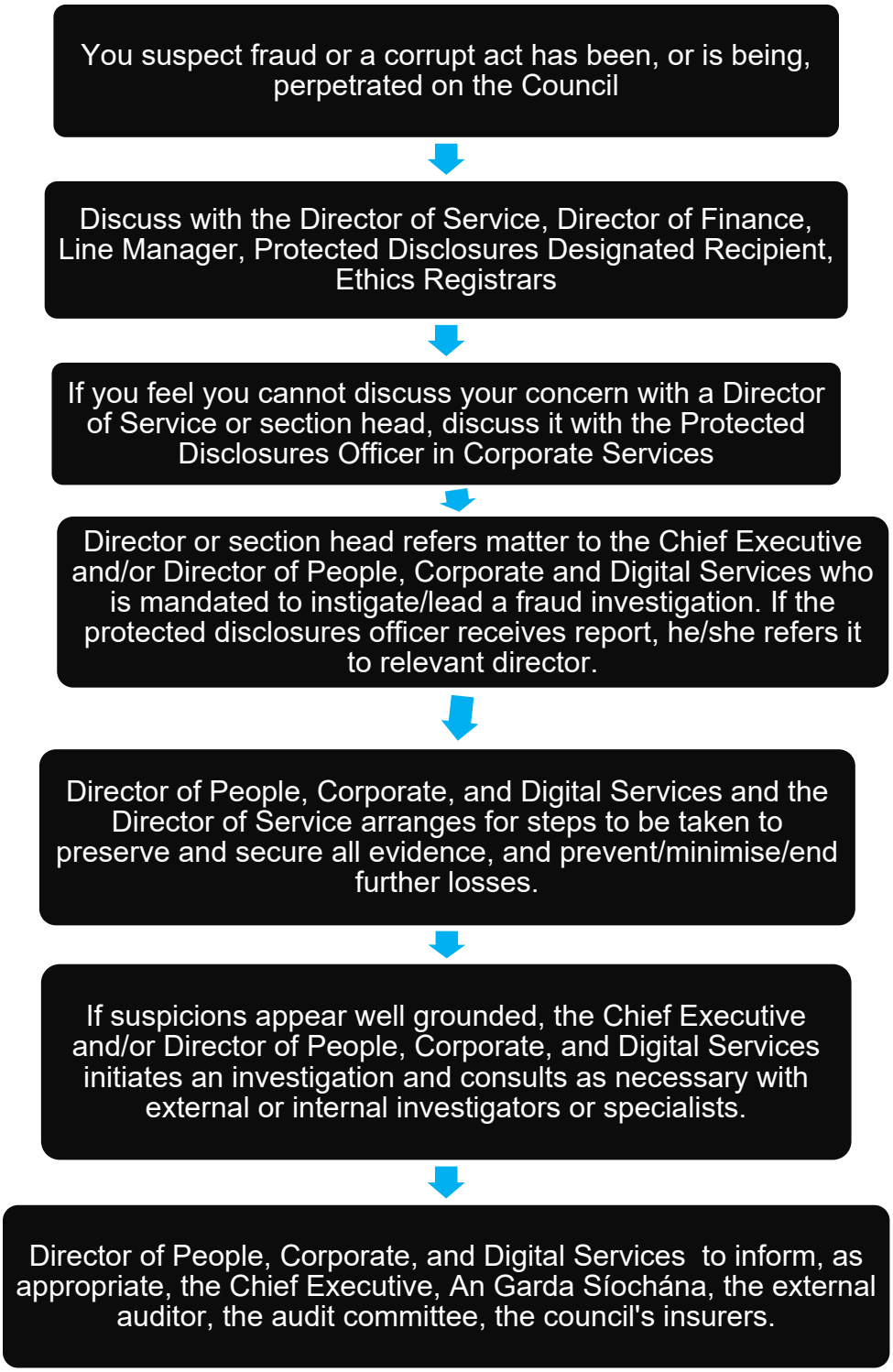
Appendix 3 The importance of internal controls in preventing fraud

Internal Controls and Fraud & Corruption Prevention

Type of control	Guidance on the control
Segregation of duties	No one person should have responsibility for all the parts of a process. Responsibilities should be divided to ensure that the key controls of custody, authorisation, recording and execution are separated. This reduces the risk of intentional manipulation or error and increases the element of checking. If segregation of duties is not feasible, there should be programmed close supervision. Segregation of duties is particularly important in the areas identified in the Criminal Justice (Corruption Offences Act, 2018): tendering, awarding contracts, grants, loans, licences, permits, certificates, recruitment, acquisition, letting or disposal of property or land, planning and land issues.
Organisation	Allocated responsibilities and clarity of responsibility and lines of reporting are examples of organisational internal controls.
Authorisation and approval	All transactions must be approved by an authorised person in accordance with all relevant procedures. The procurement/purchasing of goods and services, the awards of grants, refunds, loans, permits, contracts, permissions, computer access, and write-offs are examples.
Personnel	Controls in the area of personnel include appropriate staff assignment, qualification and training for duties.
Supervision	Operations should be subject to supervisory controls in accordance with defined procedures and protocols. Systems must include procedure manuals to ensure clarity and security of process and assurance of adequate internal controls. Staff should be given opportunity to highlight system weaknesses and/or suggest system improvements.
Physical	Access to assets, payments offices and security measures around access (keys, locks, safes) to assets must be reviewed regularly to ensure appropriate controls are in place for valuable, portable or desirable assets.
Arithmetic and accounting	Financial transactions must be approved by an authorised person in accordance with the procurement policies. Authorised persons must ensure that transactions are coded and recorded accurately and that proper approvals and processes are in place. Reconciliation of transactions using system reports is another internal control.
Management and management information	Compliance with internal controls and with procedures and protocols must be ensured by management. Part of this is ensuring that controls and protocols are documented, communicated to staff and regularly assessed and reviewed to determine whether they are achieving their objectives.

Appendix 4 Fraud reporting flowchart and sample reporting form

Anti-Fraud Procedure – Reporting Flowchart



Strictly Confidential - Reporting Concern about Fraud

You can report a concern by any means, by phone call, for example. You do not have to report your concern in writing, but if you want to, you can use the form below. You do not have to use this form.

Name	
Area of work (if an employee of Fingal County)	
Contact details	

Name, area of work and contact details are optional.

1. Please give details of the alleged fraud and any supporting information.

2. Please give the name of the person or persons (if known) allegedly involved in the alleged fraud.

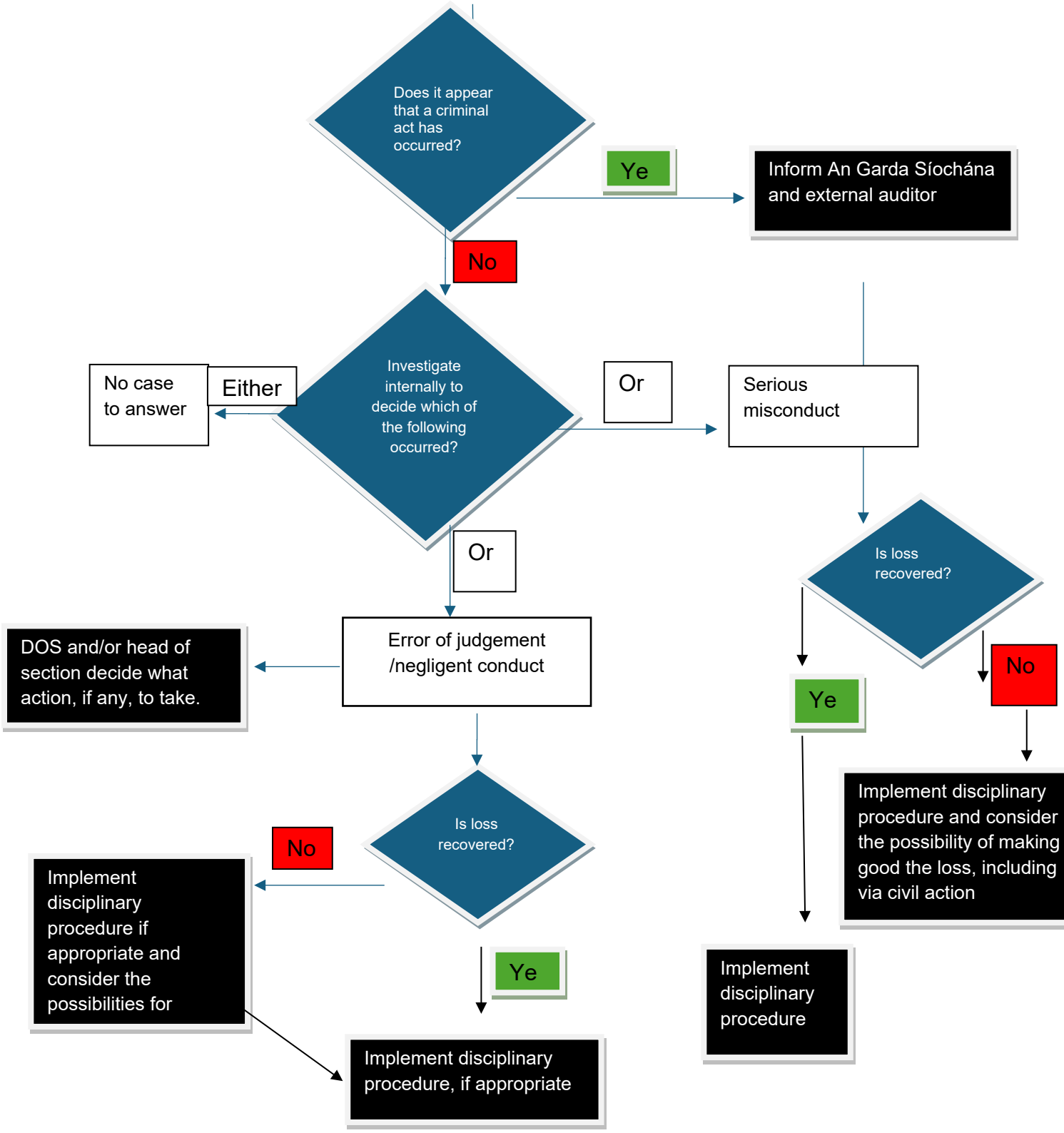
4. Please give date or dates of alleged fraud (if known) or date or dates the alleged fraud started or was identified.

5. Is the alleged fraud ongoing? Yes O No O
6. Has the alleged fraud already been disclosed to any member of management or another employee/worker? Yes O No O
   If so, when was it disclosed and to what effect?

6. Please specify your preferred method of communication in relation to being contacted.

7. Please provide all the information available to you as any, and all information, would assist in dealing with your concern.

Appendix 5 Anti-Fraud Procedure - Managing the Investigation



Appendix 6 Ethics Framework

Specific statutory requirements in the case of the Ethics Registrar in Corporate Services or the Chief Executive becoming aware of a breach of the ethics framework.

The Local Government Act, 2001, Part 15, section 174 sets out that if the Ethics Registrar or Chief Executive become aware of a contravention of the ethics framework, they have to report it appropriately, depending on who the alleged breach relates to.

The ethics registrar has to report his/her concern to

a) the Chief Executive if the matter relates to any employee.

b) the Chief Executive if the matter relates to the Mayor/Cathaoirleach.

c) the Mayor/Cathaoirleach, if the matter relates to the Chief Executive.

d) the Mayor/Cathaoirleach and the Chief Executive if the matter relates to a member of the Council other than the Cathaoirleach.

The Chief Executive has to report his/her concern to:

a) the Mayor/Cathaoirleach, if the matter relates to the Ethics Registrar.

If the Chief Executive or the Mayro/Cathaoirleach are aware of an alleged breach of the framework, as above, they may:

i. Consider investigative or disciplinary procedures available in relation to the person concerned, whether under the Local Government Act 2001 or any other enactment, or otherwise.

ii. Consider referral of the matter to the Director of Public Prosecutions.

iii. Consider any other course of action deemed appropriate in the circumstances, e.g. a referral to the Standards in Public Office Commission.

The Chief Executive and/or the Mayaro/Cathaoirleach who have had to consider a report of contravention of the ethics framework must, following their considerations,

i. Cause a report to be prepared on the matter, and

ii. Cause such report to be sent to and be retained by the Ethics Registrar, unless the Ethics Registrar was the contravener of the ethics framework, in which case the Chief Executive shall retain it.

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 13TH APRIL 2026

ITEM NO. 19

FINGAL ARTISTS' SUPPORT SCHEME 2026

Applications have been received from professional artists under the Final Artists' Support Scheme 2026, a long-established funding scheme supporting the development of artistic practice across the county. The scheme originated as a key recommendation for the Council's Arts Development Plan 2013-2017 and was adopted in 2014. Now in its thirteenth year, it remains a central mechanism through which the Council invests in its professional arts sector.

Demand for the scheme has increased significantly, rising from 37 applications in 2014 to **224 applications in 2026**. The total amount sought this year was **€944,863.50**, representing **an increase of 38% since 2022** and highlighting continued growth in both scale and need by professional artists from Fingal.

The scheme supports practicing artists at all stages of their career to undertake travel/professional development, residencies, and the development of new work. Applications were received across a range of artforms including dance, drama, film, literature, music and visual arts, reflecting the diversity of Fingal's artistic community.

Following the comprehensive eligibility check conducted by the Arts Office, a total of **215 eligible applications** were assessed by independent expert assessors across the six artform categories. The assessment process confirmed a high standard of quality and ambition, with demand significantly exceeding the available resources.

Having considered the assessors' recommendations, it is proposed to award **64 awards** to a total value of **€260,000** to the following artists, reflecting the competitive nature of the scheme:

Artform: Dance			**Amount**
1	Adam	O'Reilly	€ 4,000.00
2	Brona	Jackson	€ 3,000.00
3	Emily Aoibheann	McDonnell	€ 4,000.00
Artform: Drama			**Amount**
4	Alice	Coghlan	€ 4,070.00
5	Anna	Doran	€ 4,070.00
6	Ciara	Cramer	€ 4,070.00
7	Colette	Cullen	€ 4,070.00
8	Gary	Keegan	€ 5,000.00
9	John	King	€ 4,070.00
10	Kate	Feehily	€ 2,650.00
Artform: Film			**Amount**
11	Bob	Gallagher	€ 4,842.00
12	Brian	Lally	€ 5,000.00
13	Ethan	Donoghue	€ 3,500.00
14	Joshua	Donoghue	€ 3,000.00
15	Liadhán	Roche	€ 5,000.00
16	Majella	Munro	€ 5,000.00
17	Sophie	Meehan	€ 4,979.00
Artform: Literature			**Amount**
18	Brian	Dungan	€ 4,000.00
19	David	O'Neill	€ 5,000.00
20	Eithne	Lannon	€ 5,000.00
21	Elizabeth	Brennan	€ 3,000.00
22	Kevin	Curran	€ 2,000.00
23	Margaret Anne	Suggs	€ 3,000.00
24	Niamh	Sharkey	€ 4,000.00
25	Sheila	Ryder	€ 2,000.00
26	Sinead	Ingoldsby	€ 5,000.00

27	Trudie	Gorman	€ 4,000.00
Artform: Music			**Amount**
28	Aonghus	McEvoy	€ 5,000.00
29	Tadhg	Kinsella	€ 5,000.00
30	Neil	O Connor	€ 4,793.00
31	Rhona	Clarke	€ 4,000.00
32	Ciaran	McGannon	€ 5,000.00
33	Dorone	Paris	€ 3,800.00
34	Jennifer	Moore	€ 3,000.00
35	Meabh	McKenna	€ 5,000.00
36	Megan	Churcher	€ 2,500.00
37	Niamh	Bury	€ 1,460.00
38	Ailbhe	McDonagh	€ 4,900.00
39	Denis	Cahill	€ 3,350.00
40	Patrick	O'Laoghaire	€ 2,000.00
Artform: Visual Art			**Amount**
41	Aideen	Farrell	€ 5,000.00
42	Aine	Phillips	€ 3,100.00
43	Alex	de Roeck	€ 2,500.00
44	Bassam	Al-Sabah	€ 5,000.00
45	Bill	Harris	€ 4,700.00
46	Brian	Giles	€ 5,000.00
47	Colm	Mac Athlaoich	€ 5,000.00
48	Deborah	Hewson	€ 2,250.00
49	Ella	de Burca	€ 5,000.00
50	Joanne	Reid	€ 5,000.00
51	Kerrie	O'Leary	€ 3,900.00
52	Kerry	Guinan	€ 2,500.00
53	Laura	Skehan	€ 5,000.00
54	Marie	Hanlon	€ 4,000.00
55	Matthew	Coll	€ 1,600.00
56	Maya	Brezing	€ 5,000.00
57	Michelle	Hall	€ 4,500.00
58	Naomi	Sex	€ 4,000.00
59	Niamh	Darling	€ 5,000.00
60	Nina	McGowan	€ 5,000.00
61	Richard	Proffitt	€ 5,000.00

62	Ruth	Clinton	€ 5,000.00
63	Sara	Muthi	€ 5,000.00
64	Thomas	Brezing	€ 5,000.00

The independent lead assessors included:

Jenny Traynor (Dance)

Jenny Traynor is a Freelance Arts Consultant and Creative Producer, specialising in the artform of dance. Jenny was the founding director of Dance Limerick (2013-2023). Previously, she was General Manager with CoisCéim Dance Theatre, where she produced over twenty new productions alongside national and international tours for the company.

Alongside producing new dance works and tours, Jenny is passionate about expanding interest in dance as an artform and pioneered the inaugural CoisCéim Broadreach (CoisCéim Dance Theatre) programme.

Sara Jane Keating (Literature & Drama) OBJ

Sara Keating is a Cultural journalist with The Irish Times, with a special interest in live performance and community arts. She received a PhD from Trinity College Dublin in 2006 for her research on twentieth-century performance. She has contributed to a wide variety of arts programming on RTE Radio One. "Hear. See. Feel" is her first radio documentary.

Katy Hayes (Film)

Katy Hayes has been a leading commentator on Irish film and theatre for the past fifteen years. She started her journalism career with a humorous fortnightly comment column for the news pages of *The Sunday Times* from 2009 to 2011. She then became their Irish Film Critic in 2012 and has extensively reviewed Irish film and written about cultural matters for Culture magazine. She became the Theatre Critic with the *Irish Independent* in 2015, where she also reviews books, conducts interviews, and writes occasional comment for the news pages. She has been shortlisted twice as Critic/Arts Journalist of the Year in the Newsbrands Ireland Journalism Awards (2018 and 2022) for articles on Irish film and theatre.

Roslyn Steer (Music)

Roslyn Steer is a musician and Arts Consultant from Cork, Ireland. Roslyn holds an MA in Music and Cultural History from UCC and a PhD in Musicology from Maynooth University, specialising in aesthetics and 20th Century western art music and has also presented research on opera, sound studies, and music in the digital age. As a stalwart of the Cork independent music scene, Roslyn has wide-ranging professional performance experience across folk, rock, jazz, electronic, improvised and classical choral contexts. Roslyn's original music in solo and collaborative contexts has been released nationally and internationally to critical acclaim. Drawing on this broad base of expertise, Roslyn has served as a music adviser for the Arts Council of Ireland since 2023, providing professional assessment, consultancy, and critical evaluation services and taking leading roles on high volume schemes.

Sharon Murphy (Visual Arts)

Sharon Murphy brings over 30 years of experience leading in the performing and visual arts in diverse contexts - national cultural institutions, theatre companies, galleries, local authorities and public art/per cent for art - as director, producer, curator, commissioner, theatre practitioner, educator, mentor and most recently as a visual artist.

Marysia Wieckiewicz (Visual Arts)

Marysia Więckiewicz is a Curator and Art writer. Her curatorial practice focuses on providing care and support to artists in the development and production of exhibitions. She values establishing meaningful and long-term engagements with artists, supporting their practice via innovative channels of distribution and dissemination, and by commissioning new work.

Marysia has organised numerous exhibitions and projects in Ireland and abroad with various institutions and local authorities, including Wyspa Institute of Art, The Hugh Lane Gallery, The Irish Museum of Modern Art (IMMA), Temple Bar Gallery + Studios and Wexford Arts Centre. She has worked in curatorial roles at The Hugh Lane and IMMA. She was the founding director and curator of Berlin Opticians Gallery, which supported and exhibited artistic practices both online and in unconventional spaces.

She co-edited Paper Visual Art Journal (PVA) between 2014-2018 and received grant support from the Arts Council of Ireland and Culture Ireland. In July 2025, Marysia was appointed Curator of Visual Arts at Project Arts Centre.

FINGAL ARTIST'S SUPPORT SCHEME 2026 STATISTICS

The independent lead assessors have recommended 64 applications. Of these, 30 applicants identify as emerging artists, 18 as mid-career, and 11 as established, demonstrating the scheme's relevance across the full career lifecycle. Notably, 10 of those recommended were first-time applicants, while 54 had previously received support, highlighting both the accessibility of the scheme and its key role in sustaining ongoing artistic development.

In terms of geographic reach, 43 of the recommended artists indicated that they are currently resident within Fingal, with representation across a broad range of areas including Skerries, Balbriggan, Swords, Portmarnock, and Blanchardstown. This demonstrates the scheme's strong local impact and its ability to support artists across the county. The remaining 21 recommended applicants are based outside of Fingal, including Dublin City, Galway, Kildare, Meath, and London, reflecting the continued engagement of artists who maintain a strong connection to Fingal. This also highlights the scheme's role in supporting both current residents and the wider Fingal artistic diaspora.

Locations	No Applications
Balbriggan	4
Baldoyle	1
Ballyboughal	2
Blanchardstown	2
Castleknock	3
Clongriffin	1
Clonsilla	1
Donabate	3
Donaghmede	1
Dunsink	1

Locations	No Applications
Dublin City	16
Galway	1
Kildare	1
London	1
Mayo	1
Meath	1
Total	64

Howth	3
Lusk	1
Malahide	2
Portmarnock	3
Rush	1
Skerries	6
Sutton	3
Swords	5

The age profile of recommended applicants further reflects the scheme's inclusivity across career stages, with 27 aged under 34, 16 aged between 35–44, 12 between 45–54, and 9 aged 55 and over.

Finally, the distribution of awards across artforms demonstrates a balanced investment in Fingal's diverse creative sector, with recommendations including 24 in visual arts, 13 in music, 10 in literature, 7 in drama, 7 in film, and 3 in dance.

The infographics below are based on all 224 applications received in 2026 and provide a broader overview of the scheme. This dataset illustrates overall demand, applicant profiles, geographic spread, and artform, offering a comprehensive insight of the scale and diversity of artistic practice in Fingal.

1. Scheme Reach

Analysis of the application data indicates a broad and engaged applicant base, with representation from all electoral areas.

1.1 Applicants based in Fingal

Locations	No Applications	Locations	No Applications
Balbriggan	17	Kilsallaghan	1
Baldoyle	1	Loughshinny	1
Balgriffin	1	Lusk	6
Ballyboughal	3	Malahide	15
Blanchardstown	7	Meakstown	1
Castaheany	1	Oldtown	1
Castleknock	15	Ongar	1

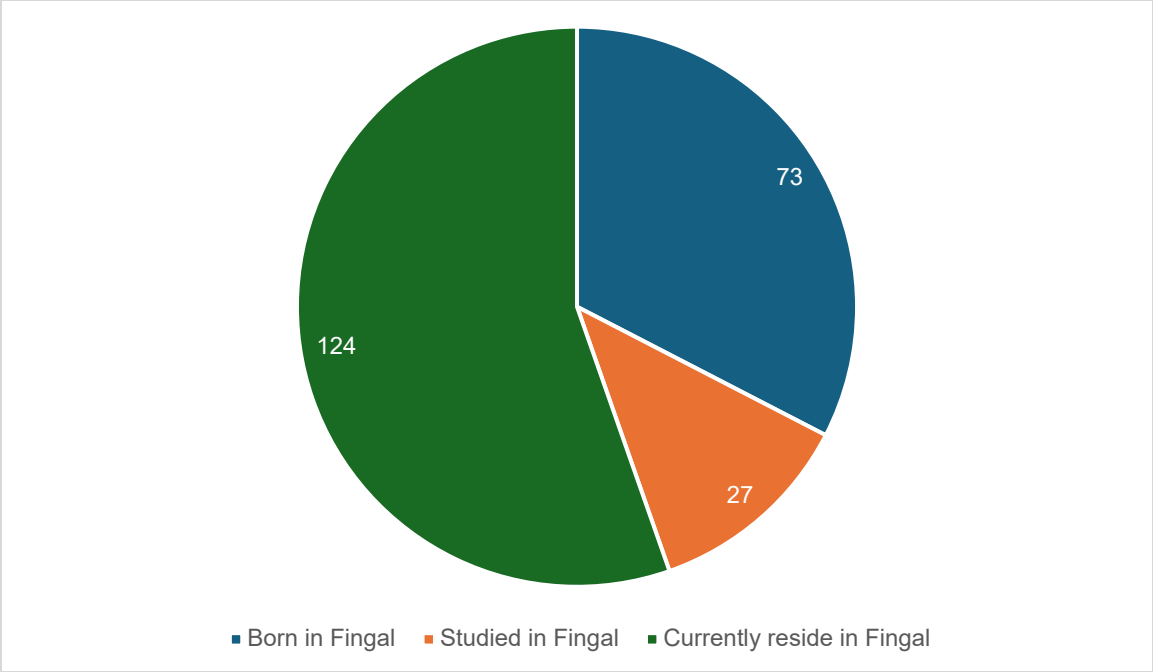
Clongriffin	2	Portmarnock	7
Clonsilla	5	Rush	13
Donabate	10	Saint Margaret's	2
Dunsink	1	Skerries	20
Garristown	3	Sutton	5
Hartstown	2	Swords	15
Howth	7	Tyrrelstown	1
Kilbarrack Lower	4		
Total	**168**		

1.2 Applicants outside Fingal with a connection to Fingal

Locations	No Applications	Locations	No Applications
Berlin	1	Louth	2
Cork	1	Mayo	1
Dublin City	38	Meath	3
Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown	1	New York	1
Galway	1	Sligo	1
Kildare	1	Waterford	1
Laois	1	Wicklow	1
London	2		
Total	**56**		

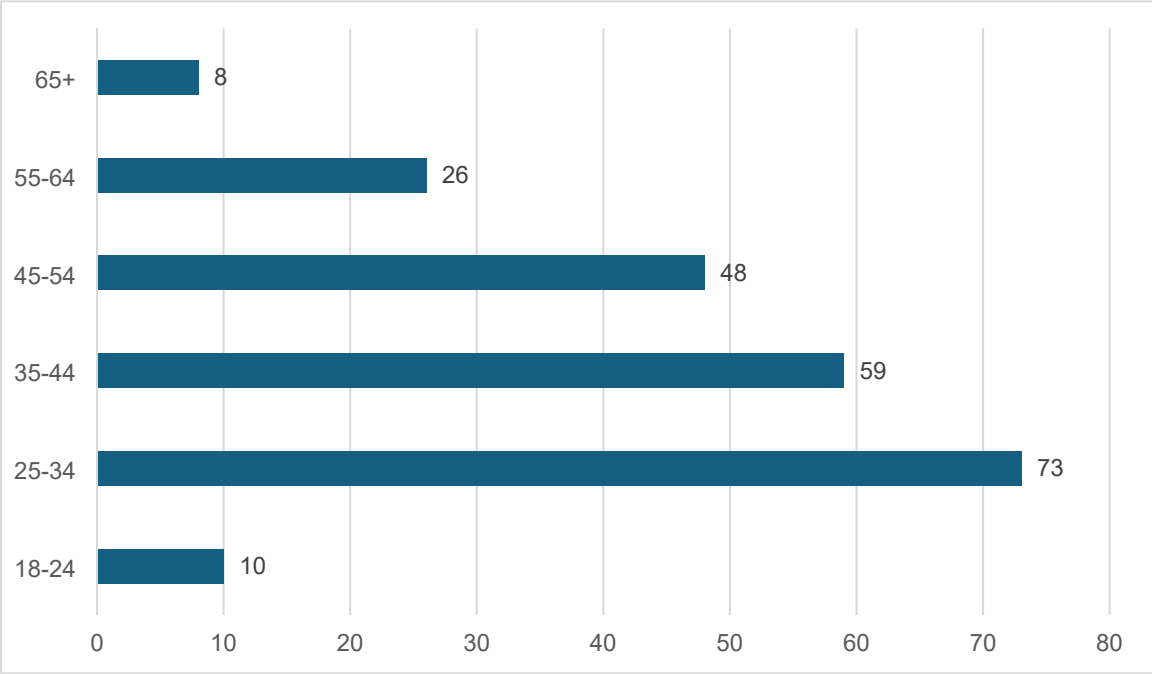
2. Connection to Fingal

This year, Fingal Arts Office introduced the need to prove a connection to Fingal as part of the application process. 124 of applicants currently reside in Fingal, 73 applicants indicated that they were born in Fingal and 27 studied in Fingal.



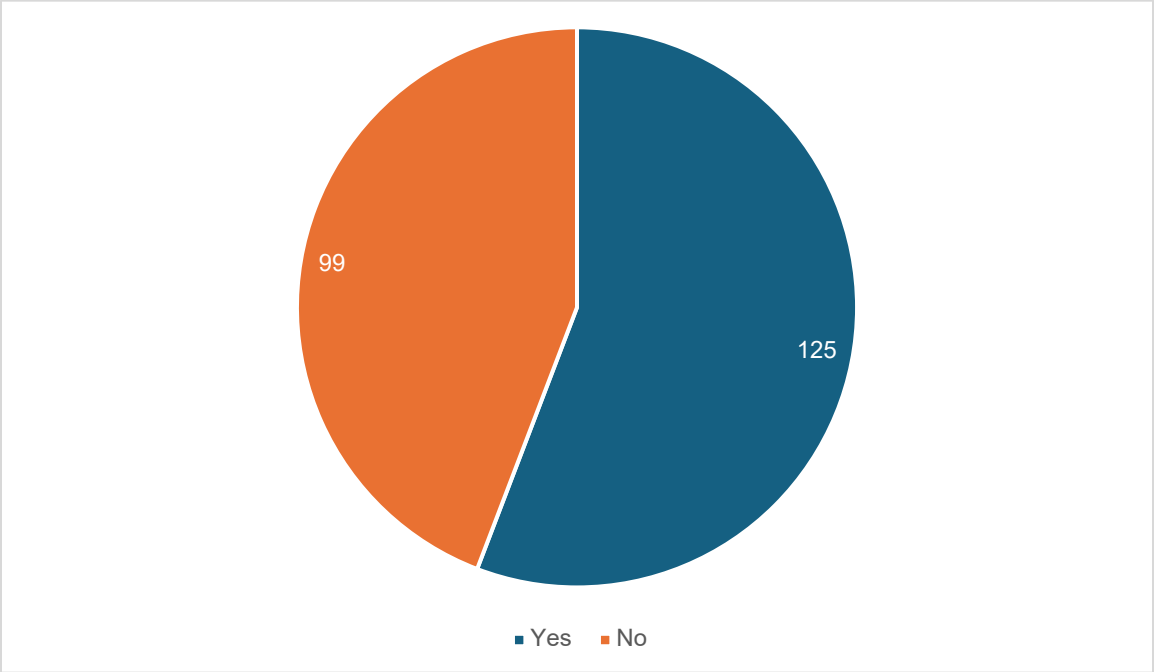
3. Age Group

10 applicants aged between 18-24, 73 are aged between 25-34, 59 are aged between 35-44, 28 between 45-54, 26 between 55-65, and 8 are over 65.



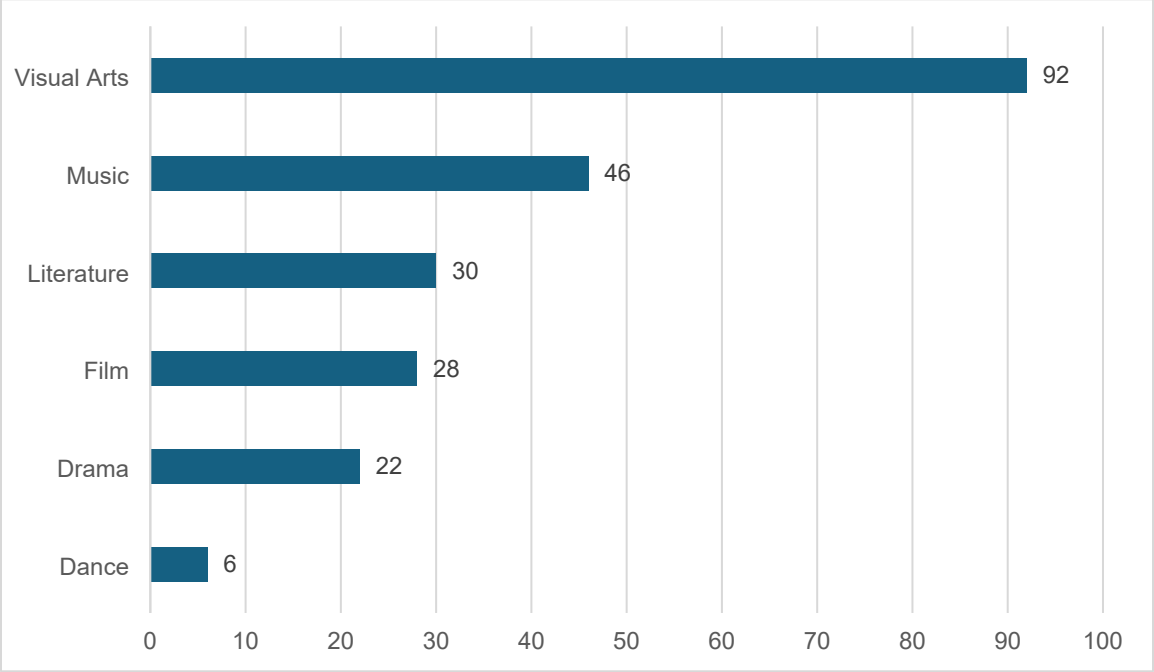
4. New vs Returning applicants

99 applicants have never been funded under the Scheme while 125 have been previously funded.



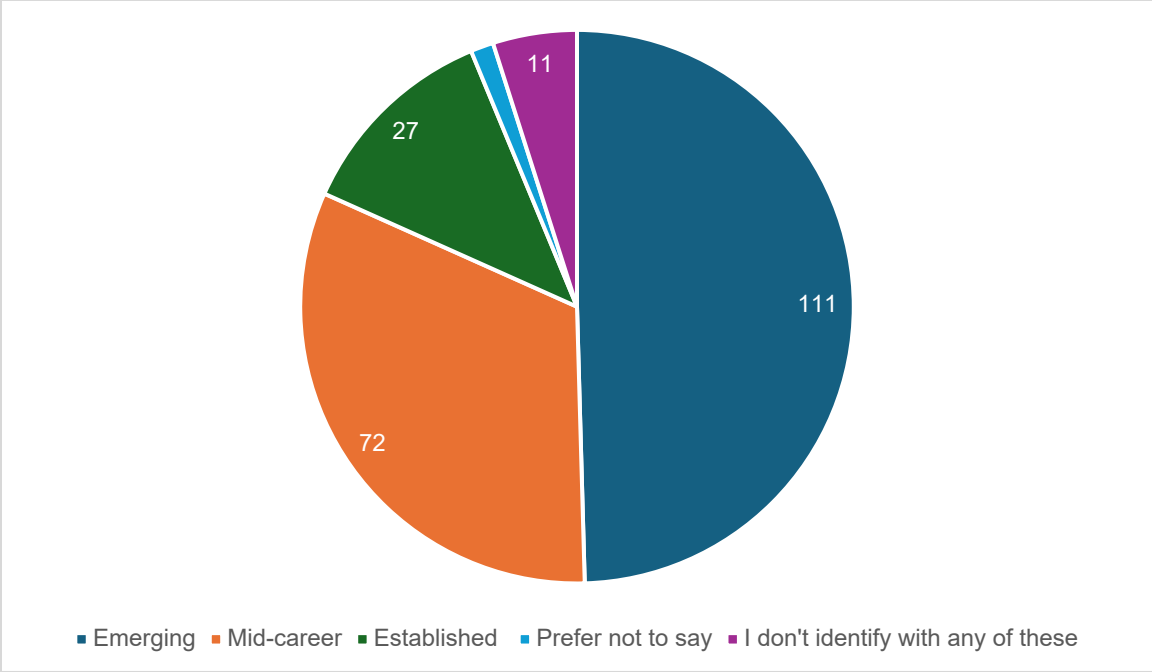
5. **Primary artform**

The highest volume of applications was received from Visual Arts at 93, followed by Music at 46, Literature at 30, Film for 28, 22 for Drama and 6 selected Dance.



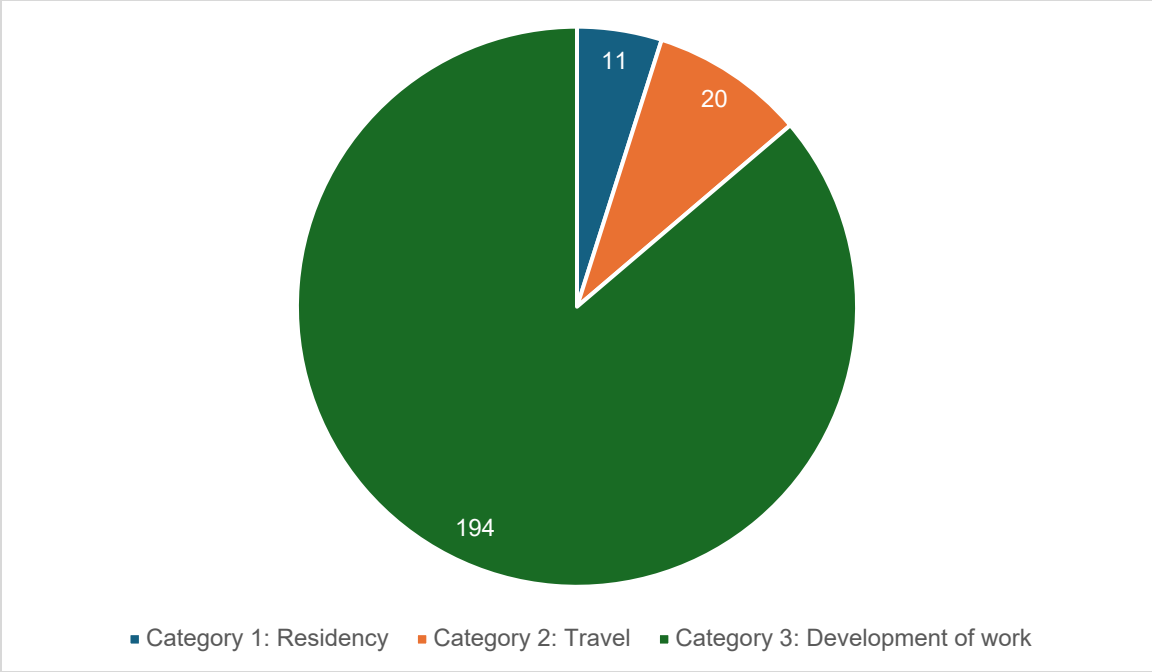
6. **Career Stage**

   111 applicants indicated that they were an emerging artist, 72 mid-career and 27 established. 3 applicants chose not to say while 11 did not identify with any of the options provided.



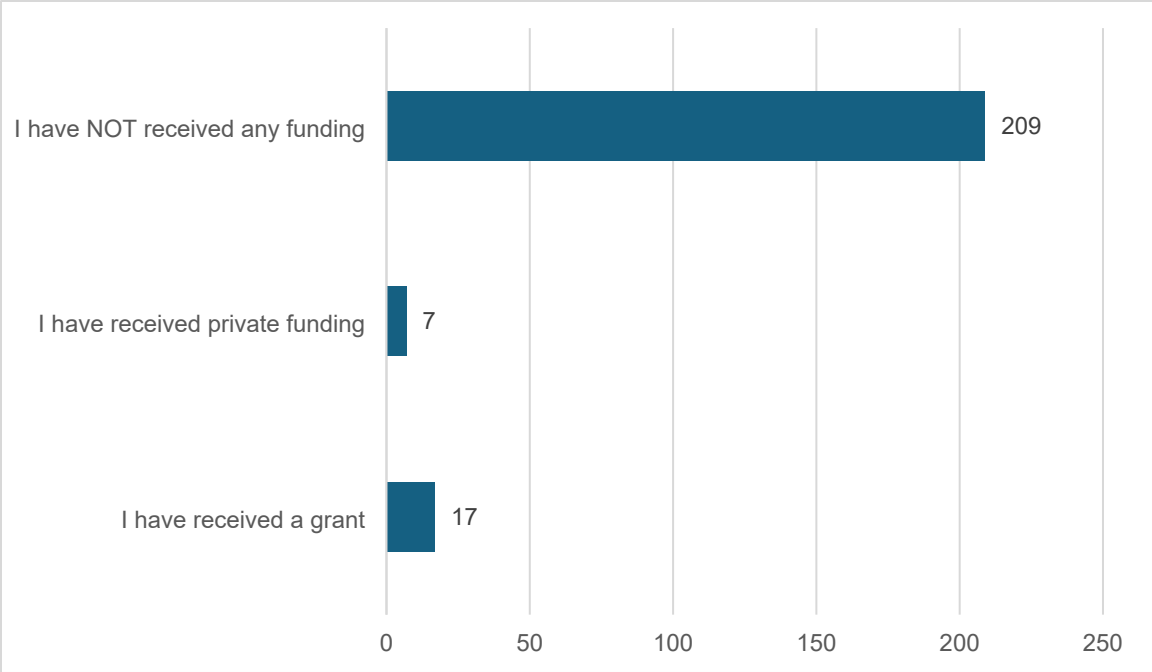
7. **Type of support**

   194 applicants applied under category 3: development of new work, while 20 applied under category: 2 travel/professional development and 11 under category 3: residency.

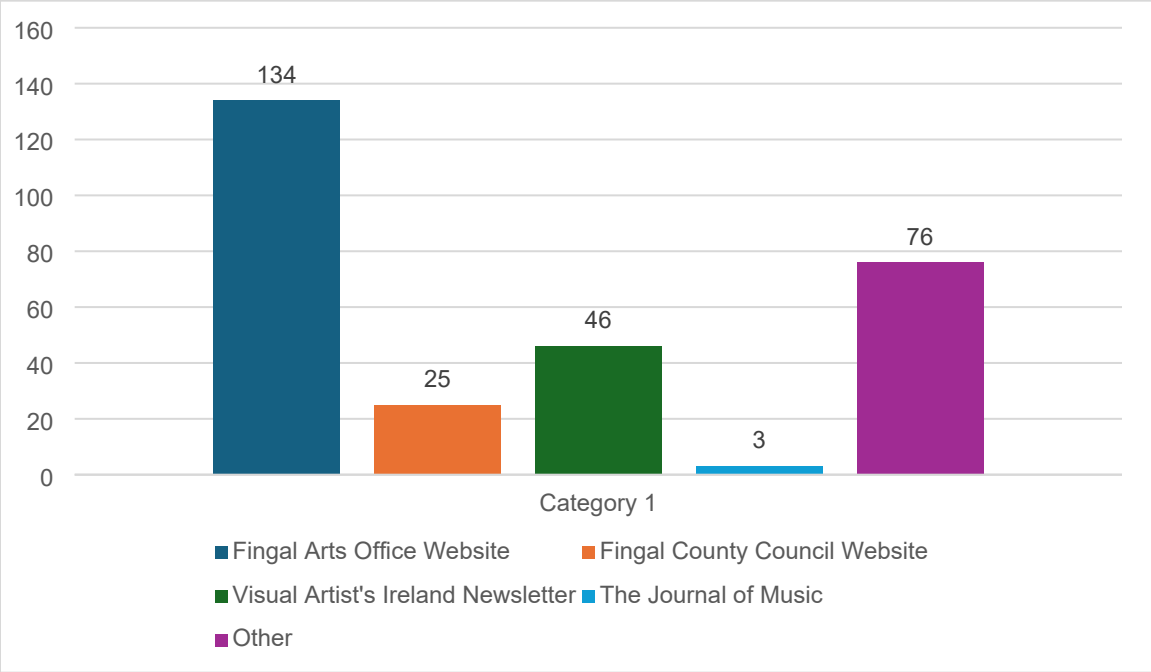


8. **Other sources of funding in place**

209 of applicants stated that they had no other funding in place to support their application while 17 have a grant and 7 have private funding in place.



9. How did you hear about Fingal County Council's Artist's Support Scheme?



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Foreword

Tom O'Leary
Mayor of Fingal

The past year has been marked by major progress, significant investment, and a renewed sense of community pride across Fingal. It has been a tremendous honour to be Mayor during this time, with accelerated delivery of infrastructure, strengthened community initiatives, and continued national recognition for our towns and local groups.

As one of Ireland's fastest growing counties, Fingal has continued to demonstrate a strong commitment to sustainable, forward looking development. From housing delivery and expanded community facilities to large scale capital works, 2025 has been a year of real achievement.

My priority from the outset was to strengthen infrastructure, deliver more homes, enhance community amenities, and ensure that Fingal remains a place where people can enjoy a high quality of life in a well supported, vibrant and progressive county.

All this has been strengthened by the approval of a €1.43 billion three year Capital Programme, representing one of the most ambitious development agendas ever undertaken by the Council. Housing remains the most significant investment area, supported by major allocations for strategic infrastructure, active travel, climate action, tourism and cultural development. This ongoing work lays the foundation for long term sustainable growth and well supported communities.

Throughout the year, I have had the opportunity to work alongside residents, volunteers, and local organisations to champion initiatives supporting health, wellbeing, integration, and community development. From attending community events to supporting local projects and representing Fingal nationally, being able to meet people across the county is one of the greatest privileges of serving in office.

I want to extend special appreciation to Deputy Mayor Gráinne Maguire, whose dedication, professionalism, and commitment to community engagement have been invaluable. Her steady support and hands on involvement with local groups and initiatives have played a meaningful role in advancing our shared goals for Fingal and I am deeply grateful for the positive energy she brought to every aspect of our work together this year.

Finally, my sincere thanks go to Chief Executive AnnMarie Farrelly, Council staff, countless volunteers, and community groups right across Fingal for their tireless work in making 2025 a truly outstanding year for the County.

Tom O'Leary
Mayor of Fingal



Introduction

AnnMarie Farrelly
Chief Executive

2025 has been a year defined by delivery, ambition and significant progress across Fingal. It is a period in which the Council advanced major capital works at a scale never seen before, strengthened our community partnerships, and continued to plan strategically for the county's long term future.

This unprecedented momentum has been reinforced by the approval of our €1.43 billion three year Capital Programme—one of the most substantial development frameworks ever undertaken by the Council.

With over 120 projects now on site, we are delivering thousands of new homes, community centres, libraries, transport upgrades and climate resilient infrastructure at pace. This ambitious pipeline is supported by a significant rise in annual investment, increasing from €431 million in 2024 to €563 million in 2025, underscoring the Council's commitment to providing the facilities and services our growing communities need.

Housing remains our largest area of investment, and 2025 was a highly successful year. We delivered 1,492 social homes through construction, acquisition, leasing and HAP initiatives. We also made major progress in broader tenure options, with 350 affordable and 410 cost rental homes completed—including 80 high quality, energy efficient homes at our landmark Church Fields development in Dublin 15. This represents a significant step forward in delivering long term, affordable housing options for individuals and families living and working in the area.

The Council also continues to advance its Irish language commitments, promoting its use across services, events and organisational training. Irish features prominently during a range of heritage and cultural programmes, while staff engagement is strengthened through active participation in the Gaeilge 365 initiative and our regular Irish language podcasts. Our Gaeltacht scholarships also provided young people across Fingal with meaningful opportunities to deepen their connection with the language and strengthen its presence in community life.

Throughout the year, the Council continued to deliver high quality services, support local development, and drive strategic initiatives across economic growth, climate action, culture and infrastructure. None of this would be possible without the dedication of our 1,600 staff, whose professionalism and commitment underpin everything we achieve.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to the outstanding representation provided by the current Mayor, Cllr Tom O'Leary, and his predecessor, Cllr Brian McDonagh, at numerous events across the County this year. Their leadership—together with the strong backing of all our Councillors—has been central to the progress and achievements set out in this report.

As we look to 2026, Fingal does so with confidence. With major projects progressing, new facilities coming on stream, strong community engagement driving progress, and a clear strategic vision guiding our work, we are well placed to support sustainable growth and continue shaping a vibrant, sustainable and inclusive future for the county.

AnnMarie Farrelly
Chief Executive


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

Elected Members

Balbriggan



Gráinne Maguire
Independent



Tony Murphy
Independent



Tom O'Leary
Fine Gael



Malachy Quinn
Sinn Féin



Brendan Ryan
Labour Party

Blanchardstown -Mulhuddart



John Burtchaell
Solidarity



Breda Hanaphy
Sinn Féin



Mary McCamley
Labour Party



John-Kingsley Onwumereh
Fianna Fáil



Patrick Quinlan
The National Party

Castleknock



Eimear Carbone-Mangan
Fianna Fáil



Ted Leddy
Fine Gael



Helen Redwood
Solidarity
(From 10th March 2025)



Siobhan Shovlin
Fine Gael



Ellen Troy
Aontú



John Walsh
Labour Party

Howth -Malahide



Jimmy Guerin
Independent



Cathal Haughey
Fianna Fáil



David Healy
Green Party
Comhaontas Glas



Joan Hopkins
Social Democrats



Brian McDonagh
Labour Party



Eoghan O'Brien
Fianna Fáil



Aoibhinn Tormey
Fine Gael

Ongar



Angela Donnelly
Sinn Féin



Kieran Dennison
Fine Gael



Tania Doyle
Independent



Tom Kitt
Fianna Fáil



Gerard Sheehan
Aontú

Rush -Lusk



Cathal Boland
Independent



Mark Boland
Labour Party



Eoghan Dockrell
Fine Gael



Kevin Humphreys
Labour Party
(Until 13th Feb 2025)



Corina Johnston
Labour Party



Paul Mulville
Social Democrats

Swords



Darragh Butler
Fianna Fáil



Luke Corkery
Fine Gael



James Humphreys
Labour Party



Darren Jack Kelly
Independent



Dean Mulligan
Independents 4 Change



Joe Newman
Independent



John Smyth
Sinn Féin

Mayors of Fingal



Mayor
Brian McDonagh
January-June 2025



Mayor
Tom O'Leary
June-December 2025



Deputy Mayor
John-Kingsley Onwumereh
January-June 2025



Deputy Mayor
Gráinne Maguire
June-December 2025

Key Achievements

2025

Highlights:

- Fingal County Council launches Balbriggan Integrated Action Plan
- Fingal County Council awarded CPD accreditation for another three years
- Special connection between Ukraine and Ireland highlighted in new County Hall exhibition.
- 111 new homes in Skerries officially opened
- Fingal County Council Libraries Announces the Return of the Annual Write Time Festival for 2025
- Fingal Showcases European Leadership in Sustainability with EcoCore Podcast Launch and Transnational Meeting in Dubrovnik
- Landmark book series documenting Fingal's rich political history launched
- Fingal County Council launches interactive Climate Action Story Map
- Flavours of Fingal returns to Newbridge Farm with bigger line-up for 2025
- Fingal County Council in partnership with Draíocht Blanchardstown announce the Draíocht Artist Studio Residency Award 2025.
- Young Athletes Shine at Fingal Athletics League Finals Day
- Fingal beaches retain prestigious Blue Flag and Green Coast awards in 2025
- Fingal Students Shine with Eco-Focused Innovations at the National Student Enterprise Final
- Ceol agus Craic as Seachtain na Gaeilge 2025 is Celebrated in style
- Fingal Sports Office Celebrates Women in Sport Week with 'Exercise: Energise HerMoves' Multi-Sports and Activity Day
- New 'Cruthaigh' Campaign by Dublin's Four Local Authorities Launches
- 197 jobs created by businesses supported by Local Enterprise Office Fingal
- Fingal welcomes green light for MetroLink
- Great success for Fingal Groups in 2025 Tidy Towns awards
- Five projects in Fingal shortlisted for Excellence in Local Government Awards 2025

Reports/Plans/Strategies:

- Fingal County Council publishes Corporate Plan 2025-2029
- Our Balbriggan Town Rejuvenation Plan 2025-2030 Launched
- Fingal's Ambitious Litter Management Plan 2025-2028 sets the blueprint for managing and preventing litter
- Fingal Public Participation Network Launches Strategic Plan 2025-2026
- Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2025 announced
- Fingal County Council publishes its Gender Pay Gap Report for 2025

Grants:

- New €10m public swimming pool to be built in Balbriggan
- Fingal County Council Announces Gaeltacht Scholarship Scheme
- Funding now available to help preserve Fingal's historic buildings
- Over €1.1 million in Community Climate Action funding available to help cut emissions
- Fingal County Council opens Arts Act Grant Scheme for Applications
- Exploring and Thinking Bursary Award opens for applications
- Fingal County Council Announces Recipients of 2025 Fingal Artists' Support Scheme
- Fingal's €40m Culture House Fingal will be a meeting house for everyone
- Councillors give green light for Skerries transformation
- Over €500k awarded to support local festivals and events across Fingal in 2025
- Mayor of Fingal Launches Fingal Sports Equipment Grants

Corporate Plan

2025-2029 Review



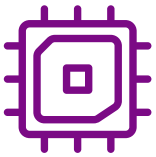
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Delivering Strategic Infrastructure



Theme 2:
Enabling Economic Growth



Theme 3:
Connecting with our Communities



Theme 4:
Embracing Technology and Innovation



Theme 5:
Driving Climate Action



Theme 6:
Providing a High Quality Service

Deliver, Promote and Support Housing and Strategic Infrastructure that will secure Fingal's Future

Align land use Planning with Environmental, Social and Economic Goals for Balanced Growth.

The strategic objectives of the Fingal County Development Plan 2023-2029 include the transition to an environmentally sustainable carbon neutral economy, growing Fingal's economy and creating a competitive environment and the creation of sustainable communities. These objectives were drafted with a view to ensuring the sustainable use of natural resources; living within the areas environmental capacity; enabling and enhancing resilience to climate change and creating a more open, diverse and inclusive society. These objectives and themes are carried throughout the Development Plan and are implemented through Council led projects across the organisation, the development management planning function of the Council and are incorporated into lower tier plans such as framework or masterplans.

Integrate Climate Risk Assessments into Planning, Zoning and Infrastructure Projects to ensure Long-term Resilience across the Region.

In terms of climate change and land-use planning, the Fingal County Development Plan 2023-2029 plays an important role, by guiding the sustainable growth of the county, encouraging more compact mixed-use development and greater use of active and sustainable transport options such as cycling, walking and public transport, restricting development in areas that are at risk of flooding or coastal erosion and protecting the natural landscape and biodiversity. These considerations are integrated into the development management function of the Council on an ongoing basis.

The Infrastructure and Transport Department are working towards the delivery of a number of Strategic Capital projects to ensure and support sustainable development throughout the county. Active Travel Capital Projects such as the Royal Canal Urban Greenway and the Sutton to Malahide Walking and Cycling scheme, will have planning applications submitted to An Coimisiún Pleanála in 2026. The next phase of the Broadmeadow Greenway will be on site this summer and will provide an alternative sustainable means to linking Malahide and Donabate across the Malahide Estuary. The recently completed Ongar Barnhill Road includes extensive active travel infrastructure, new and improved pedestrian crossings and future proofs for the provision of improved bus services.

Ensure that utilities, Transportation and Infrastructure are in place to Benefit Businesses and Communities in the county.

Integral to the delivery of any road or Greenway project is the delivery of adequate services to provide for future developments in the locality. The recently completed Ongar Barnhill Road includes extensive watermain, ESB, ducting for future connectivity in the local area and to facilitate the delivery of housing.

Fulfill National Planning Framework Objectives to Deliver on the Housing Potential of Brownfield and Infill sites.

The Fingal County Development Plan 2023-2029 contains policies/objectives which support urban consolidation and the redevelopment of brownfield sites, for example, Policy CSP12, CSP14, SPQHP38. These policies are implemented through the development management function of the Council and in council led projects.

Facilitate the Supply of Public and Private Housing to provide Sustainable, Adaptable, and High-quality mixed Tenure Homes.

The core strategy of the Fingal County Development Plan 2023-2029 sets out the housing growth projections and requirements for residential zoned land in the county within the plan period. This ensures that sufficient zoned land is in place to meet the housing targets assigned to the Council at national and regional level. During 2025, the Government published updated housing targets for all councils and work commenced on reviewing the implications of these for the Development Plan. The Development Plan emphasises the importance of quality design in residential developments with high quality design being one of the four cross cutting themes of the Development Plan. Policy SPQHP5 specifically references the need to integrate high quality design in every aspect of the Plan. The requirements of Part V of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended which requires the deliver of Social and Affordable housing as part of schemes is implemented by the Council. Furthermore, the Development Plan objectives includes requirements to provide 30% of social housing as fully accessible and with a universal design approach and 10% of residential schemes in excess of 100 units as age friendly accommodation. These objectives are implemented through the development management function and in Council led projects.

Prioritise Environmentally Sustainable Building Practices, Supporting our Climate and Biodiversity goals.

Fingal Building Control will continue to work hard to ensure builders compliance with Part L (conservation of fuel and energy) and part J (Heat producing appliances).

Ensure an Effective and Efficient Building Control service, including Effective Market Surveillance of Construction Products and Enforcement of Construction Products Regulation.

Building Control inspections will be carried out on a rate in excess of our NOAC (National Oversight and Audit Commission) requirements of 12- 15%. Market surveillance will be carried out with the National Market Surveillance office. Materials will be examined on site to ensure compliance with the construction product regulations.

Monitor and Respond to Changes in Demographic Trends,Market Dynamics, and Economic Conditions to Adapt Fingal's Housing Strategy as needed.

Continue to monitor changes with a view to updating the housing strategy for the next revision of the County Development Plan.

Enable an Outward Focused Dynamic and Sustainable Business Economy that will position Fingal to Leverage Growth Opportunities.

Position Fingal as a leading destination for Trade, Tourism, and Long-term Business Partnerships by promoting the county's unique Economic Assets, and Attracting Foreign Direct Investment Tailored to its Regional Strengths.

The Fingal Tourism Strategy reached its second year of implementation in 2025, with concentration on the collaborative framework process, to allow the tourism sector link together with statutory agencies. All efforts culminated in the design, agreement and preparations to launch a new destination Tourism brand for Fingal in 2026. The ongoing work to understand the changing nature of the tourism sector was started in 2025 with a product audit, which is providing an ongoing basis for the offering available in the area.

Collaboration with national agencies Fáilte Ireland and Tourism Ireland continued throughout 2025 in order to promote Fingal's options within their existing campaigns, in particular the 'Winter in Dublin' regional campaign. A major part of the winter offering is built around Tradfest, which was a success again in 2025 for local cultural and musical venues. Also, as part of the #WinterInDublin campaign by Fáilte Ireland, Howth Harbour hosted one of two large fireworks displays on New Year's Eve, with improved logistics and scheduling following 2024 feedback.

Overseas promotion of Fingal as a destination and occurred in Milwaukee at IrishFest, alongside other local authorities, but using the existing regional brand.

Fingal was part of the first year of a festival campaign supported by Fáilte Ireland called Home of Halloween. Seven counties were chosen, of which Fingal was one. The idea was to exploit the historic origin of Samhain in Ireland, and make the entire experience into a month-long festival. The outcome was a significant increase in events, experiences and Halloween related promotion of Fingal venues.

The Council also promoted the county through implementation of the Future Fingal: Economic Development Plan and internationally through partnerships on the Urbact EcoCore Project, leveraging opportunities to promote the county at the Smart City Expo in Barcelona and participation in various international meetings/webinars and commencing a marketing/ branding exercise on the county's strategic employment zones.

Support Local Enterprise Growth, Social Enterprises and Sectoral Clusters by positioning Fingal as a Premier Destination for Startups and Established Businesses.

The Local Enterprise Office Fingal provided an extensive programme of business support services focused on incentivising, enabling and supporting start-ups and small businesses with up to 50 employees. These services include, inter alia, financing and grant schemes, business networking platforms, management development programmes for owner/managers, business mentoring programme, business start-up initiatives and targeted sectoral promotional opportunities.

Advance the Sustainable Fingal Initiative to drive the County's shift toward a Net Zero Economy.

Stakeholder consultation commenced on the Future Fingal: Sustainable Fingal Initiative in Q4 of 2025.

Promote Economic Activity within Communities by Maximising the Potential of Local Economic Hubs.

Innovate Fingal progressed integration across the Council's three Enterprise Centres, driving innovation and supporting start-up and growing businesses through the provision of enterprise space, remote working space and related supports.

Support the Development of a Digitally Enabled Business Ecosystem to Facilitate Inward Investment and Local Business Growth.

The Council supported the development of a digitally enabled ecosystem through Smart Balbriggan and its collaboration with Trinity Connect and the Academy of the Near Future and through digital training initiatives with stakeholders as part of the Future Fingal: Fingal Skills Strategy.

Work with Partners in Education to Prioritise Upskilling and Reskilling programmes that align with high-demand sectors and Emergent industries.

The Future Fingal: Fingal Skills Strategy was launched in February 2025 and implementation advanced with stakeholders which included the 3rd Xplore Your Future TY Expo, an inaugural Skills Summit, a successful TandL event, continued participation on the Interreg SKYLA Project and collaboration on events and pilot projects.

Create Safe Places and Neighbourhoods where Empowered, Resilient and Inclusive Communities can thrive

Ensure that Safe and Cohesive Communities Experience a Strong Sense of Place in Connected and Resilient neighbourhoods.

Community Department Building Facilities Unit, provided financial and management support to 38 community facilities across Fingal. Four new Fingal County Council owned Community Centres operational in 2025 (€23million investment). In addition, on-going maintenance and refurbishment works at Fingal County Council owned centres. These centres provide a sense of place and location for connections across communities with 2.9million visitors to the centres in 2025.

€125,034 funding awarded in grant approval under the Remedial Works Grants Scheme for 5 non-council owned community facilities. The Community Development Office continues to support community groups on daily basis. National Pride of Place awards won by Rivervalley Community Centre and Coolmine Lodge.

Our Fabric Project supported and launched in Churchfields. The project supports residents in new neighbourhoods to build strong, inclusive, and resilient communities.

Corduff Place Standards Research and Action Plan prepared - this plan will strengthen community development by giving residents a clear way to assess their neighbourhood and influence positive change. It supports meaningful participation by ensuring local voices guide priorities and improvements in their locality.

Town and Village Healthchecks were completed for Donabate, Balrothery and Ballyboughal while draft Town Centre First Plans were developed for Rush and Lusk. Capacity building measures for emerging Town Teams in Skerries and other areas were also delivered.

Enhance Engagement, Integration and Communication, Ensuring that all Residents have Equitable Access to Housing, Services, and Opportunities.

Fingal County Council is committed to enhancing engagement, integration, and communication, ensuring all our residents have equitable access to housing, services and opportunities. The Council continued to promote our services using public information sessions, produced and distributed short, easy-to-understand lists of our services along with a list of important contacts; and utilises other ways to communicate with residents about services, such as social media. The Council ensures all information is easy to understand and uses plain language, no matter which language we provide information in. The Council ensured that all information, especially information about housing and community funding applications, is clear, concise, easy to understand and written in plain language.

The Council is committed to complying with all statutory and legislative requirements in the delivery of its functions and carrying out these requirements in the most efficient and effective way to enhance engagement, integration and communication with our residents.

Promote Programmes that Support Mental and Physical Wellbeing, Encourage Active Lifestyles and Involvement in Sport, Recreation and Leisure, Strengthening Social bonds within Fingal's Communities.

- 164 Physical Activity Programmes with approx. 79,638 participants.
- 35 Volunteer Training Workshops.
- Co-ordinated and delivered three large mass participation events, Move @ Swords Castle, Fingal Sports Fest and SportAbility Day that had over 10,000 people attend.
- Supported a number of other county wide events such as Balbriggan Beach Fest, Bike Week and Flavours of Fingal.
- Processed 69 Sports Equipment Grants from Local Sports Clubs and gave out over €170K in funding to those clubs to enable them to provide sporting opportunities in their communities.
- 40 Learn to Cycle with a Disability Courses held in 2025 approx 600 participants.
- 3 Men's Walk and Talk Groups.
- 5 Community Waking Groups.
- 2 Adult Cycle Courses held.
- Cycling Without Age in 4 locations.
- Bike Share Schemes operated by Bleeper and Moby x 20,000 journeys in 2025.
- Skerries Community Car 1,500 trips.
- Sofa to Saddle 6 courses held.
- The Men's Shed National Walk in Newbridge House - over 150 participants.
- Quiet Streets Initiative commenced.
- Community Development Office supported Thrive Mental Health Balbriggan with a Programme of Events during World Mental Week in October 2025.
- Activities Funding assists community groups organise activity events with €340k awarded across 153 Community Groups in 2025. Various other programme and activities supported in various ways including funding e.g. 41 Childrens Groups Summer Projects and 26 Safer Halloween Initiative Diversionary events. 23 Activity events supported during Positive Ageing Week.
- The Corduff Place Standards Tool and the Churchfields Our Fabric project both encourage strong civic engagement by giving residents accessible, meaningful ways to shape their local environment. Together, they create welcoming opportunities for volunteering, participation, and community ownership, ensuring that everyone has a voice and a role in local decision making.
- Our network of 38 supported Community Centres provide locations that facilitate sport, recreational and leisure activity encouraging active lifestyle all which support mental and physical well-being and contribute to strengthening social bonds in our communities.

Fingal Local Community Development Committee supported physical and mental well-being through the Healthy Fingal Programme and seed funding from Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme.

Create Initiatives that Encourage engagement in Civic Activities and Volunteerism, Facilitating Opportunities for People of all Backgrounds and Genders to Participate.

Collaborative work by the Community Development Office with the Fingal Volunteer Centre adds real value to community life by strengthening and celebrating local volunteering. Through jointly managing the Volunteer Awards, we highlight the outstanding commitment of individuals and groups who contribute to a stronger, more connected community.

Provide Safe, Sustainable and Accessible Places and Public Spaces to meet the Diverse needs of our Communities.

High quality upkeep of the road network, footpaths and paved areas ensure secure, accessible, connected and well-maintained places and public spaces. High quality upkeep contributes to a positive image and fosters a sense of community. Meeting the requirements in relation to accessibility/mobility/age friendly commitments is important in the retrofitting of infrastructure, e.g. tactile paving, noise aids at crossings, mobility hubs and placement of street furniture. Delivery of the Programme of Works, preventative and response maintenance programmes ensure the provision of a high-quality upkeep for our communities. In terms of sustainability, the Council is committed to encompassing the principles of green infrastructure and whole life cost in terms of reinstatement and upgrading of existing infrastructure. Redesign and retrofitting, to ensure safety, sustainability and accessibility, will also take place.

Parks, beaches and open spaces provide opportunities for passive and active recreation while building and strengthening ties within communities. Audits of play facilities and outdoor recreational facilities enables the prioritisation of the development of these facilities and identifies areas where accessible equipment and age friendly facilities are needed across the county. Daily litter picking, regular maintenance and the provision of lifeguards and water safety equipment all year-round and during the bathing season, ensure safe and accessible public spaces.

Community Department Building Facilities Unit provided financial and management support to 38 community facilities across Fingal. Four new Fingal County Council owned Community Centres operational (23 million investment). These centres provide a sense of place and locations for connections across communities. In addition, on-going maintenance and refurbishment works at Fingal County Council owned centres. €125,034 funding awarded in grant approval under the Remedial Works Grants Scheme for five non-council owned community facilities.

The Council advanced the vision of safe, sustainable and accessible places with the establishment of the Local Community Safety Partnerships. While community safety and cohesion was promoted through initiatives such as Safer Halloween and Fingal Inclusion Week.

Develop and Promote Fingal's Distinct Arts and Cultural Identity and its Libraries, while Encouraging Participation Throughout People's Lives.

The implementation of the Fingal Arts Development Plan 2019-2029 continued in 2025 with particular focus on development of the Swords Cultural Quarter including Carnegie Library and Culture House, and the "Our Balbriggan" rejuvenation project. A Public Art Policy Strategy was developed following the development of the Public Art Policy 2025-2027, The strategy sets out a clear vision, purpose and principles around the potential opportunities around Public Art Commissioning. The Public Art Strategy centres on four Strategic Priorities.

1. Financial Management/Governance.
2. Enable Excellence.
3. Create Connection.
4. Develop Capacity.

Fingal Libraries had over 970,00 visits in 2025 with membership at over 57,000 and issues of 1.3 million items. A full suite of services including both physical and electronic stock, study spaces, sensory resources, public PCs is provided across branches and four mobile vans operate in more isolated areas. The Local Studies and Archives section provide access to specialised collections. Three brochures were published in 2025 including workshops and programming designed to provide high quality access to life long learning for citizens. A newly refurbished library in Skerries opened and Donabate library moved to it's own premises in Ballisk House.

Safeguard and Celebrate Fingal's Unique Heritage Assets.

Continued delivery and Implement actions of the Fingal Heritage Plan 2024-2030 and Fingal Community Archaeology Strategy 2019-2023 including:

- Community Monuments fund administration and implementation on community and council owned heritage assets.
- Highly successful awareness raising and community-led projects including Fingal Historic Street Elements; Fingal Coastal Zone; Digging Drumanagh; Fingal Fieldnames; Fingal's Food Heritage.
- Delivery of exhibitions, events and training including Fingal Traditional Skills Courtyard; 10 Years of Community Archaeology exhibition and Fingal oral heritage training.
- Planning reports and advice provided related to archaeological sites and monuments.
- Continued work cross departmentally to develop integrated protection and promotion of heritage.
- Annual Programme of Grant support administration including the Built Heritage Investment Scheme, the Historic Structures Fund and the Stitch in Time Grant, to protect the architectural heritage of the county.
- Planning reports and advice provided related to protected structures and Architectural Conservation Areas.
- Investments made in conservation of heritage properties and protected structures owned by the council throughout the year.

- Heritage training was provided in traditional skills.
- Conservation Clinics were piloted in Balbriggan to provide advice to owners within the Architectural Conservation Area or protected structures.
- The preparation of new guidance documents covering Architectural Conservation Areas commenced in 2025.

Collaborate with Local Educational Institutions, and other providers to facilitate Programmes for all age groups, including the Marginalised and more Vulnerable in our Communities.

Community Development Office collaboration with Dublin and Dun Laoghaire Education and Training Board, TU Dublin, Youth Services, and Local Language providers directly support inclusive learning and participation across all age groups.

Dublin and Dun Laoghaire Education and Training Board delivers accessible education, the TU Dublin Community Garden offers an inclusive space for shared learning, youth services benefit from dedicated space for youth activities, and English classes help remove barriers for new communities. Together, these partnerships ensure diverse and marginalised groups can access meaningful opportunities to learn, connect, and participate.

Through collaboration with stakeholders on Fingal LCDC, Healthy Fingal, the PPN and on the Future Fingal: Fingal Skills Strategy, the Council facilitated education and training programmes including literacy, STEM and health including Skills for Life. The Council worked with community organisations through SICAP and through LEADER for capacity building.

Encourage and Support Communities and Businesses to Leverage the Benefits of a Digitally Enabled Society.

Drive the Accessibility, Efficiency and user Experience of Council services by Integrating Digital Solutions across key Services and Functions.

The Council implemented a number of new digital solutions in 2025 including CRM platform, Councillors' Portal, Councillors' Representations system, Online Housing Portal, Online Housing Rents Payments, and Asset Inspection and Management system. The large number of existing digital solutions that support the delivery of Council Services were maintained and supported throughout the year. Server availability was 99.99% and network availability was 99.60% for the year. All laptops and PCs were upgraded to Windows 11. The Council continued to review, update and maintain IT security technologies and practices as required. The service desk managed 12,637 tickets from staff and 173 Tickets from Councillors in 2025. There were 280,000 Teams calls, 110,000 Teams Meetings and more than 10 million emails processed in 2025.

Promote and Maintain a World-class Digital Infrastructure across Fingal.

The rollout of broadband to the 8,069 properties included in the National Broadband Plan intervention areas across Fingal continued with 75% completion by the end of 2025. A further 12% were available for pre-order and 11% were in process of being built-out by the end of the year. The Council continued to support the seven BCPs in Fingal including connection upgrades during 2025. There were 30,181 WiFi4EU public Wi-Fi visitors and 22,011 community centre public Wi-Fi visitors during 2025.

Support the Provision of Digital Skills Training Programmes, ensuring that people of all ages and backgrounds have the opportunity to develop essential Digital Skills.

Lifelong learning opportunities were provided through the Libraries extensive programming including Digital Literacy and STEM.

The Fingal Skills Strategy promoted digital and green skills through participation in the Interreg SKYLA Project. While digital skills training was provided through the SICAP Programme in disadvantaged areas.

Offer Digital Infrastructure Supports and Resources Tailored to the needs of Local Businesses, Empowering them to grow and compete effectively in a Digital Economy.

Digital Hubs and upgraded Wi-Fi connections in community centres offer reliable workspaces, access to high-quality broadband, and opportunities for residents to access online tools, training, and services, supporting opportunities for businesses of all sizes to thrive within the community.

The Local Enterprise Office Fingal offered a range of digital business supports and resources to start-ups, entrepreneurs and small businesses looking to scale.

Play a Leadership Role in Transitioning to a Biodiversity Rich and Decarbonised Society, underpinned by Community Engagement and Environmentally Committed Businesses.

Prioritise Sustainable Urban Planning, improved Public Transportation options and Active Travel to Lower Emissions and Create Sustainable Communities.

- Balrothery Active Travel Plan has been developed and is comprehensive, integrated, evidence-led and aims to provide a framework for making it more attractive to walk, wheel, or cycle in the village.
- Public Realm Improvements to a pedestrianised New Street, Malahide - This project aims to provide an enhanced public realm for the pedestrianised street, making it a more attractive and sustainable, car-free environment to spend time.
- Skerries Harbour Road is a public realm and walking and cycling scheme that aims to rejuvenate the Skerries Harbour Road and Red Island area which is a peninsula on the edge of Skerries and is a popular destination point for visitors and locals.
- Quiet Street Initiative completed in Drynam Heath/Drynam Green, Kinsealy, which aims to create better-connected neighbourhoods by prioritising local access, active transportation and a higher quality of life for residents.

There are a number of Strategic Infrastructure projects underway by the Strategic Infrastructure and Transport Department at various phases of the lifecycle of a project. These projects prioritise and enable sustainable development, improved public transport options and provide active travel infrastructure thereby facilitating sustainable transport modes, one such example is the R132 Connectivity Project, a project integral to facilitating mode shift tin the wider area of Swords. The project will provide for enhanced pedestrian and cycling connectivity across the R132 in advance of Metro, provide for additional bus lanes along the full length of the scheme and in addition provide active travel infrastructure. Works on the R132 Connectivity Project are scheduled to commence in April of this year. Other projects currently underway are the Fingal Coastal Way, The Royal Canal Urban Greenway, the Sutton to Malahide Greenway and the Broadmeadow Greenway.

The Fingal County Development Plan 2023-2029 promotes sustainable urban development and the creation of sustainable communities, with climate action, social inclusion and healthy place-making some of the cross cutting themes of the Development Plan. Measures promoted in this regard include urban consolidation, compact urban development and the promotion of higher densities along public transport corridors. The Development Plan supports the provision of active travel, the decarbonisation of motorised transport and transition to sustainable modes of transport with specific policies and objectives in this regard.

These are implemented through the Development Management Function and in Council led projects.

Strengthen Climate Resilience by Developing and Implementing Climate Adaptation projects aimed at reducing the impacts of future climate-related events.

- Dublin City Project on Santry River under assessment.
- Dublin City Liffey Flood Risk assessment-Chapelizod initiated.
- A scheme Viability Review was done for Bissett Strand and the Green Village and the scheme was deemed not viable.

Enhance Energy Efficiency across Council operations through the Implementation of energy-saving Technologies, Sustainable Procurement Practices, and Operational Efficiencies.

The Buildings Facilities Team during 2025 ensured that all Corporate Buildings were maintained and protected to the highest standard; with conditional surveys completed to gather information for future projects and upgrades of systems. The Energy Team play a key role in maintaining the Council's commitment to Energy Efficiency and continual improvement through the management of the Council's Energy Management System ISO 50001:2018. In 2025, the Council secured the re-certification of the ISO accreditation.

Strengthen Engagement, Raise Awareness and Collaborate on Initiatives with Businesses on Sustainable Business Practices and the Circular Economy.

A feasibility study on a circular economy hub and digital platform commenced. A series of Sustainability Briefings were held during Climate Action Week 2025 for the Food and Hospitality Sector in collaboration with Fingal Chamber.

Develop Fingal as a Model of Community-driven Sustainability by Fostering a Culture of Environmental Responsibility among residents and stakeholders to increase Community Understanding and Action on Climate Change.

- Fingal Climate Action Plan 2024-2029 was implemented with 95 actions, of which 83 have Annual Work Programmes were completed in 2025. 51 actions are in progress and 16 actions have not yet commenced. Fingal Climate stories was expanded to show Climate Action across Fingal County Council.
- Dublin Climate Action Week 2025 took place from 12th-18th May with over 20 events across Fingal celebrating and demonstrating Climate Action.
- The Climate Action and Environmental Awareness Section developed an internal calendar of Climate Action and Environmental days of significance. This calendar informed the workplan of the section. It is intended this will continue into 2026.

- 6-month pilot Fingal Reusable Cup Project (FRCP) concluded in November 2025. Pilot is being evaluated to determine the direction of Phase 2 which will commence in Q2 of 2026.
- Malahide Summer Concert Series 2025 - Heineken eliminated single use cups for the sale of alcoholic beverages for all 7 concerts diverting approx. 4 million single use cups from incineration. Similar Condition to be included in Events Licence for 2026 Concerts.
- Community Climate Action Fingal Phase 1 completed - 150 low carbon building projects to the value of €1.1m implemented. Phase 2 underway - 76 applications received totalling €3.6m. Portfolio recommending 50 applicants sent to the Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment for approval.
- Monthly Environmental and Climate Action Newsletter now being disseminated to local community groups.
- The Community Department through Keen to Be Green Communities and Facilities programmes, along with Climate Action Heroes promote practical, community-led sustainability across Fingal. These initiatives raise awareness, support simple behaviour changes, and empower residents and groups to take everyday climate action, helping build a strong culture of environmental responsibility.

Create a Framework for Quality Service Delivery that Combines Collaboration, Skill, Flexibility, and Motivation, while ensuring Staff Wellbeing and Resilience.

Deliver on Fingal's Vision through Excellent Service Delivery, Collaborative Engagement and a Supportive, Inclusive Workplace Culture.

Significant progress has been made in advancing Fingal County Council's commitment to excellence, collaboration and an inclusive organisational culture. The delivery of staff learning and development programmes in 2025 supported cultural awareness, inclusive leadership, and respect in the workplace.

The Strategic Workforce Planning Framework was successfully implemented and actively monitored, enabling effective forecasting of organisational needs and supporting timely, efficient recruitment processes. As a direct outcome of proactive workforce planning and improved recruitment processes, vacancy levels remained low during 2025 resulting in the Council maintaining strong staffing levels and ensuring continuity of service delivery to the public. Recruitment of suitable qualified staff continues while ensuring skills and competencies align with our organisational needs.

A proactive approach to attendance management was maintained, with ongoing support for staff wellbeing and early intervention measures. This contributed positively to employee engagement and organisational productivity.

Nurture Organisational Wellbeing by enabling staff to reach their full potential through Relevant Training and Development.

People Services continued to strengthen organisational wellbeing in 2025 through the implementation of the Wellbeing Strategy, the delivery of a wide range of staff wellbeing initiatives and ongoing support from the Employee Assistance Service.

The PMDS process, supported by the annual training plan and the Further Education Scheme, further enhanced staff capability and promoted continuous professional development across the Council. It enables us to assess performance, identify areas for improvement and guides succession planning efforts.

Occupational Health and Safety measures were also reinforced and embedded throughout all departments through targeted Safety Awareness Programmes, regular inspections, and comprehensive safety audits, ensuring a consistently safe, compliant, and supportive work environment.

Ensure that our Democratic Functions and Service Delivery processes are underpinned by Good Governance, Oversight, Transparency and Accountability.

The Chief Executive and the Management Team continue to work closely with the Elected Members as well as County stakeholders; including businesses, community groups and others. Through the Strategic Policy Committees, the Elected Members continued to fulfil their policy making role with the Corporate Policy Group advising and assisting the Elected Council in the formulation, development, monitoring and review of policy. Full Council and Area Committee meetings continued to be serviced and webcast to ensure the transparency of the democratic function.

The Chief Executive and the Management Team and staff engage in a positive and open manner with the Local Government Audit Service and the Audit Committee to ensure that best practice in corporate governance is adhered to throughout the year. The Council is committed to complying with all legislative requirements with regard to FOI, GDPR, Protected Disclosures and public procurement, as well as providing information to the public on our website in a transparent and open manner.

Explore Additional Funding Sources to Deliver Growth and Enhance Quality of Life in the County.

The Community Development Office was successful in securing a €500,000 grant from the Department of Rural and Community Development through the Towns and Village Renewal scheme in 2025 for the phase 2 development of St Margarets Community Centre.

The Council continued to explore funding opportunities through EU, Shared Island and National Funding streams to support the growth and development of the county.

Funding has been enhanced as part of the 2026 Budget and funding sources continues to be a matter of focus for all departments.

Create a Welcoming Environment that respects Diversity, embraces Equality, Integration and Inclusion, and Promotes Meaningful Participation in Council Activities.

Fingal County Council aims to create a welcoming, inclusive county by ensuring services meet the needs of a diverse population, promoting active citizenship, and enhancing social cohesion, to embrace the cultural diversity within the County. The Council focuses on fostering integration in local communities through engagement, intercultural activities, and addressing barriers for migrants.

The Council is cognisant of its Public Sector Duty and training for staff is provided through our Diversity and Equality Programmes.

Promote a Culture of Digital Transformation within Fingal County Council to Foster Innovation and Support Continuous Improvements in Service Delivery.

The 2025 CE Innovation Fund produced six successful projects - Making Climate Action Accessible; Mobile Creative Unit in Libraries; Rainwater Model; STEAM Skills for Library Staff; Staff Choir; Chess Club. Business Process and Service Design Workshops were carried out for 12 service areas. A new IT Project Approval and Management process was approved and a new Project management system is being implemented to enable the new process.

Aim to ensure that our Decision-making is guided by evidence based data analytics in the Delivery of our Programmes, Projects and Services.

Data analytics and reporting solutions were implemented and maintained for Council Departments. A GIS architecture review was carried out and work commenced to implement the revised architecture.

Maintain Effective and Responsive Internal and External Communications Structures to Address Organisational and Community Needs.

The Council's Communications Strategy provides for an extensive programme of external communications to promote the Council's activities and increase awareness of the work that we do for our citizens. The Council is also committed to ensuring that our information is in plain English, is end-user friendly and translated to different languages. The Council's Customer Care Unit, which consists of trained agents who aim to resolve queries at the first point of contact for the customer, dealt with circa 150,000 transactions throughout 2025. In accordance with the Council's Citizen's Charter, all complaints received were processed and responded to in a timely manner during 2025.

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.

People Services upheld the Council's Public Sector Duty by ensuring the consistent implementation of all HR policies and the provision of reasonable accommodations for employees and candidates, supporting equitable access to employment and participation. Strategic HR Management continues to support organisational growth and performance.

Internal regular communications were enhanced through the provision of the new Learning Management System and accessibility to the new People Services SharePoint Site. The introduction of People Services and Superannuation Walk-In Clinics has strengthened staff engagement, improved access to timely information, and ensured employees remain well informed of organisational supports.

Payroll and Superannuation functions continued to be delivered with high levels of accuracy, efficiency, and compliance.

Strategic Policy Committee

Programme Reports 2025



Public Realm Transportation / Mobility Management

Chairperson: Cllr Darragh Butler
Council Members: Cllr Darren Jack Kelly, Cllr Malachy Quinn, Cllr Corina Johnston, Cllr Joan Hopkins, Cllr Patrick Quinlan
External Members: Michael Lenehan, Siobhan O'Donnell, John Fox

Meeting Date	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update
4th March 2025	Committee and a proposed multi-annual work programme.	A presentation was given by Deirdre Sinclair, A/ Senior Executive Officer. The presentation was **Agreed.**
	Review of Parking Bye-Laws.	A presentation was given by Niamh Russell, Administrative Officer. The report was **Agreed.**
3rd June 2025	Special Speed Limits Review.	A presentation was given by James Culhane, Senior Executive Engineer. The presentation was **Noted.**
22nd September 2025	Review of Casual Trading Bye-Laws.	A presentation was given by Deirdre Sinclair, Administrative Officer. The presentation was **Noted**.
	Motion: Councillor J. Hopkins - Universal Access to Public Realm (Specifically Footpaths).	The Committee **Noted** the report.
9th December 2025	Review of Parking Bye-Laws.	A presentation was given by Niamh Russell, Administrative Officer. The presentation was **Noted**.
	Fingal County Council Road Safety Plan 2025-2027.	A presentation was given by Larry Bergin, Senior Executive Engineer. The report was **Noted**.
	Motion: Councillor J. Hopkins - Public Street Benches - AI105205.	The Committee **Noted** the report.



Planning, Strategic Transport and Infrastructure

Chairperson: Cllr Eoghan O'Brien
Council Members: Cllr Cathal Boland, Cllr John Smyth, Cllr Luke Corkery, Cllr Tania Doyle, Cllr Eimear Carbone-Mangan
External Members: Kevin Tolan, Anthony Cooney, Paul Arnold

Meeting Date	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update
11th March 2025	Two-Year Progress Report on the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029.	A presentation was given to the members on the Two-Year Progress Report on the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029. The presentation was **Noted.**
	Update on Taking in Charge.	A presentation was given on the Taking in Charge process. The presentation was **Noted.**
	Major Studies/LAP's.	A presentation was given on the Capital Programme projects. The presentation was **Noted.**
	Guidelines for Biodiversity in Development.	A presentation was given to the members on the best practice Guidelines for Biodiversity in Development. The presentation was **Noted**.
	Nesting Facilities in Building Facades.	A detailed presentation was given to the members on the Nesting Facilities in Building Facades. The presentation was **Noted**.
10th June 2025	Major Capital Project Delivery	A presentation was given on the Capital Programme projects. The presentation was **Noted**.
	Building Control - Part B Fire Safety	A presentation was given to the members on Building Control - Part B Fire Safety. The presentation was **Noted**.
	Residential Zoned Land Tax	A presentation was given to the members on Residential Zoned Land Tax. The presentation was **Noted**.
	Blue Green Roof Policy	A presentation was given to the members of the Blue Green Roof Policy. The presentation was **Noted**.
	Enforcement Update	The members were given an update on Planning Enforcement. The report was **Noted**.

Meeting Date	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update
10th September 2025	Major Capital Project Delivery.	A presentation report was given to the members on Major Capital Project Delivery. The report was **Noted.**
	Major Studies/LAP's.	An update on LAP's and studies was given to the members. The update was **Noted.**
	Building Control.	A presentation was given to the members on Building Control. The presentation was **Noted.**
	Development Contribution Scheme 2026-2030.	A presentation was given to the members on Development Contribution Scheme 2026-2030. The presentation was **Noted**.
	Motion: Cllr. Eoghan O'Brien – Public Based Planning Enforcement Register.	Following a discussion the motion was **Agreed**.
25th November 2025	Zoned Undeveloped Land.	A presentation on Zoned Undeveloped Land was given to the members. The update was **Noted**.
	Major Capital Project Delivery.	A presentation on Major Capital Project Delivery was given to the members. The update was **Noted**.
	Major Studies/LAP's.	A verbal report was given on Major Studies/ LAP's was delivered to the members. The verbal report was **Noted**.
	Building Control.	A presentation was given to the members on Building Control. The presentation was **Noted** without discussion.
	2026 Annual Policy Programme.	Councillor E. O'Brien informed the committee, that submissions to the 2026 Annual Policy Programme are now open.



Housing

Chairperson: Cllr Brendan Ryan (Feb 25)
Council Members: Cllr Mark Boland (March25), Cllr Gerard Sheehan, Cllr Breda Hanaphy, Cllr Ted Leddy, Cllr John Burtchaell, Cllr Aoibhinn Tormey, Cllr Cathal Haughey
External Members: David Branagan, Jimmy Doran, Jo Fulham

Meeting Date	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update
24th March 2025	Tenant-In-Situ Update.	An update on Tenant-In-Situ scheme was presented.
	2025 Strategic Policy Committee Work Programme.	Discussion took place regarding Housing 2025 Policy/Works Programme.
	Motion: Cllr B. Hanaphy - Medical Priority Scheme.	Presentation provided on Medical Priority Process.
23rd June 2025	Homeless Action Plan.	An update on Homeless Action Plan was presented. The presentation was **Noted**.
	Disability Strategy Update.	An update on Disability Strategy was presented. The presentation was **Noted**.
	Housing Delivery Update.	An update on Housing Delivery was presented. The presentation was **Noted**.
23rd September 2025	Review of Differential Rent Scheme.	An update on a Review of Differential Rent Scheme was presented. The presentation was **Noted**.
	Draft Rightsizing Policy.	An update on Draft Rightsizing Policy was presented. The presentation was **Noted**.
	Motion: Councillor B. Ryan - Code of Conduct for Contractors Working on behalf of the Council.	The Motion was **Agreed**.
10th December 2025	Draft Strategic Policy Committee Work Programme 2026.	An update on Draft Strategic Policy Committee Works Programme 2026 was provided. The report was **Noted**.
	Review of Differential Rent Scheme.	An update on a Review of Differential Rent Scheme was presented. The presentation was **Noted**.
	Overview of Cost Rental in Fingal.	An overview on Cost Rental in Fingal was presented. The presentation was **Noted**.

Meeting Date	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update
10th December 2025	Fingal County Council's Voids Programme.	An update on Fingal County Council's Voids Programme was presented. The presentation was **Noted**.
	Update on Housing Needs Assessment.	An update on Housing Needs Assessment was presented. The presentation was **Noted**.



Marine and Coastal Management

Chairperson: Cllr Angela Donnelly
Council Members: Cllr Paul Mulville, Cllr Corina Johnston, Cllr Cathal Boland, Cllr Gráinne Maguire, Cllr Dean Mulligan
External Members: Alison Regan, Charles Sargent, Máire O'Brien

Meeting Date	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update
20th March 2025	Update on Aftercare of Balleally Landfill.	A presentation was given by Mr. David T. Byrne. Presentation was **Noted.**
	Annual Strategic Policy Committee Works Programme 2025.	Presentation was **Noted.**
	Motion: Charles Sargent - Establishment of Coastal Liaison Committees.	Agreed to bring this motion to Full Council. The Report was **Noted.**
	Motion: Councillor C. Boland - Presentation of Marine Framework.	The Report was **Noted**.
	Motion: Councillor P. Mulville - Report on Progress to improve public access along coastline.	The Report was **Accepted**.
19th June 2025	Shore to Sea Project.	A presentation was given by Jennifer Muscheidt on the Litter Awareness Campaign which highlights the impact of litter on marine life. The Presentation was **Noted**.
	Presentation on Off-Shore Windfarms.	A presentation was given by Anne Browning, Statkraft on the progress of the NISA Offshore Wind Energy project. The presentation was **Noted**.
	Marine and Coastal Management SPC 2025 Works Programme.	A discussion was held to discuss the Works Programme for 2025, and it was agreed to look at policies around Coastal Erosion and Flooding. The item was **Noted**.

Meeting Date	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update
24th September 2025	Coastal Erosion in Fingal.	A presentation was given by Kevin Halpenny. Presentation was **Noted**.
	Balleally Landfill Quarterly Update.	A presentation was given by David T. Byrne. Presentation was **Noted**.
	Motion: Councillor P. Mulville Rogerstown Park – Balleally Landfill.	The Report was **Accepted**.
16th December 2025	Biodiversity Plan Coastal Actions.	A presentation was given by Hans Visser. Presentation was **Noted**.
	Marine and Coastal Management SPC 2025 Work Programme Report.	A presentation was given by David Storey. Presentation was **Noted**.
	Motion: Maire O'Brien - Policy of Fixed Moorings in Environmentally Sensitive Coastal Area.	The Report was **Accepted**.



Economic Enterprise and Tourism Development

Chairperson: Cllr Kieran Dennison
Council Members: Cllr Tony Murphy, Cllr Tom O'Leary, Cllr James Humphreys, Cllr Siobhan Shovlin, Cllr Ellen Troy, Cllr Jimmy Guerin
External Members: Anthony Cooney, Eric Fleming, Peader O'Kelly

Meeting Date	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update
12th March 2025	SPC Policy Programme Update.	Presentation by John Quinlivan Director of Services. Report **Noted** and **Accepted**.
	LEO Fingal: Review 2021-2024 and Local Enterprise Development Plan 2025-2028.	Presentation by Oisín Geoghegan, Head of Enterprise Fingal. Report **Noted** and **Accepted.**
	Future Fingal: Skills Strategy 2024 – 2029 Out-turn and Update.	Presentation by Aoife Sheridan, Senior Executive Officer. Report **Noted** and **Accepted.**
	Economic Strategy / LECP Update.	Presentation by Aoife Sheridan, Senior Executive Officer. Report **Noted** and **Accepted**.
	Tourism Strategy Implementation.	Declan Power, Senior Executive Officer gave an overview of Fingal's Tourism Strategy implementation. **Agreed** and **Accepted**.
	Food and Drink Policy Implementation.	Declan Power, Senior Executive Officer gave an overview of Fingal's Food and Drink Policy implementation. **Agreed** and **Accepted**.
	Motion: Councillor J. Humphreys – Outdoor Dining Strategy – AI100576.	Report provided by Declan Power. Motion **Agreed**.
11th June 2025	Dublin Regional Place Branding.	Presentation by Anthony McGuinness and Caroline Power from Dublin Place Brand which is made up of the 4 Dublin Local Authorities. Presentation outlined past events, upcoming events, and figures from recent campaign. Presentation **Noted** and **Accepted**.

Meeting Date	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update
11th June 2025	SPC Programme Updates.	John Quinlivan, Director of Services, presented a report updating members on to various deliverables set out in the programme as well as key milestones and developments across numerous sections. Presentation **Noted** and **Accepted**.
	Events Programme and Programming Costs.	Declan Power SEO gave a presentation on the Events Programme for 2025. Presentation **Noted** and next steps **Agreed**.
	Future Fingal: Sustainable Fingal Strategy.	Aoife Sheridan, Senior Executive Officer, presented the Future Fingal: Sustainable Fingal Strategy which outlined steps taken so far and a timeline for implementation of this initiative. Presentation was **Noted**.
	Motion: Councillor S. Shovlin - Inclusive Employment and Opportunity - AI100821.	Report provided by Aoife Sheridan. Report **Accepted** and motion **Passed**.
9th September 2025	SPC Programme Updates.	John Quinlivan, Director of Services, presented a report updating members on the various deliverables set out in the programme as well as key milestones and developments across numerous sections. Report **Noted** and **Accepted**.
	Events Programme and Programming Costs.	Declan Power, Senior Executive Officer gave a presentation on the Events Programme and Programming Costs and available options for 2026. Presentation **Noted** and next steps **Agreed**.
	Sustainable Fingal Strategy.	Aoife Sheridan, Senior Executive Officer, gave an update on the Future Fingal: Sustainable Fingal Strategy. Presentation **Noted**.
	Town Regeneration Update.	Declan Ryan, Senior Executive Officer gave an update on Urban and Rural Regeneration and the work being done by the Town Regeneration Office. Presentation **Noted**.
	Motion: Councillor J. Humphreys - Report on Aer Lingus College Football Classic - AI102753.	Report provided by Declan Power. Report **Accepted** and motion **Passed**.

Meeting Date	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update
24th November 2025	Work Programme Update.	John Quinlivan, Director of Services, gave an update on the work. Report **Noted** and **Accepted**.
	2026 Work Programme.	John Quinlivan, Director of Services, outlined the four key items in the Work Programme for 2026 being - Sustainable Fingal Marketing Strategy Local Enterprise Plan LECP Implementation Plan Review Report **Noted** and **Accepted**.
	LECP Update.	Aoife Sheridan, Senior Executive Officer, presented a synopsis from the Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) report highlighting the six key themes. Report **Noted** and **Accepted**.
	Future Fingal – Sustainable Fingal Report.	Aoife Sheridan, Senior Executive Officer, supported by partners Grant Thornton, provided a progress report on the Sustainable Fingal Strategy. Report **Noted** and **Accepted**.
	Fingal Skills Strategy Update.	Aoife Sheridan, Senior Executive Officer, delivered a presentation on the Fingal Skills Summit and the Xplore Your Future Expo. **Noted** and **Accepted**.
	Fingal Tourism Strategy Update.	Declan Power, Senior Executive Officer gave an update on the Tourism Marketing Strategy and the proposed new Fingal Destination Brand which will launch on the 24th February 2026. **Noted** and **Accepted**.



Community, Sports and Culture

Chairperson: Cllr Eoghan Dockrell
Council Members: Cllr Mary McCamley, Cllr John Walsh, Cllr Angela Donnelly, Cllr Tom Kitt, Cllr James Humphreys
External Members: Brenda Vanderzee, Abi Wise, Valarie Farrell

Meeting Date	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update
26th March 2025	Workplan 2025.	**Noted.**
25th June 2025	Social Inclusion - Active Inclusion.	Discussion to define Policy Areas.
	Age Friendly Strategy.	The Age Friendly Draft Strategy was presented. The presentation was **Approved**.
	Oversight of Community elements of the Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP).	Presentation provided. The presentation was **Noted**.
	Update from Libraries.	Verbal update provided. The update was **Noted**.
	Motion: Cllr J. Walsh Non-profit and Public Early Childhood Education and Care - AI103049.	The motion was deferred. To be discussed as a headed Item in December 2025.
18th September 2025	Fingal Libraries Update.	The report was **Noted**.
	Fingal Arts Plan 2019 - 2025.	The report was **Noted**, and it was **Agreed** to bring to Full Council.
	Fingal Heritage Plan 2024 - 2030.	The report was **Noted**.
	Community Activities Funding.	The report was **Noted**, and it was **Agreed** to bring to Full Council.
	Motion: Cllr J. Humphreys - Replacement and Upgrade of Sports Facility Audit.	**Agreed** to revisit after Final Audit later this year.

Meeting Date	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update
2nd December 2025	Non-profit and Public Early Childhood Education and Care.	Verbal updates provided by Paul Carroll (Director of Services) and John Quinlivan (Director of Services) were **Noted**. Following discussion, it was **Agreed** that Early Childhood Education and Care would form part of the 2026 SPC Work Programme.
	Public Art Strategy.	The presentation was **Noted**.
	Sports Groups Funding.	The presentation was **Noted**, and it was **Agreed** to bring to Full Council.
	Sports Equipment Grants.	The Sports Equipment Grant presentation was **Noted**. It was **Agreed** to bring to Full Council.



Climate Action, Biodiversity and Environment

Chairperson: Cllr Joe Newman
Council Members: Cllr JK Onwumereh, Cllr Siobhan Shovlin, Cllr Helen Redwood (March 2025), Cllr Brian McDonagh, Cllr David Healy
External Members: Tara Byrne, Paul Flynn, Sarah Zimmerman

Meeting Date	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update
25th March 2025	Progress Report on Climate Action Plan 2024-2029.	A presentation was given by Bridget Loughlin, Climate Action Co-ordinator, providing an update on the CAP actions including ongoing and completed actions in 2024 across all themes. Presentation was **Noted**.
	Recommended Minimum Criteria for RMCEI Review 2024 and Inspection Plan 2025.	A presentation was given by John Daly, Senior Engineer on the RMCEI Review 2024 and Inspection Plan 2025. Introductions were given to members of the Environment Team covering, Waste, Water, Air and Noise Pollution. Presentation was **Noted**.
	Strategic Policy Committee Works Programme 2025.	The proposed Climate Action, Biodiversity and Environment SPC 2025 Works Programme was presented by David Storey, Director of Services, ECAATS. The presentation was **Noted**.
	Motion: Cllr D. Healy - Development of a Lighting Policy.	Motion was **Agreed**.
	Motion: Cllr J. Newman - PFAS Issue.	Report was **Accepted**.
24th June 2025	Draft Litter Management Plan Public Consultation Report.	A presentation was given by Catherine O'Donovan, SEO, ECAATS Department on the submissions received and subsequent changes made to the Draft Litter Management Plan. Presentation was **Noted**.
	LAWPRO Water Action Plan.	A presentation was given by Margaret Keenan, Regional Co-ordinator at LAWPRO on the monitoring and evaluation of the plan. Presentation was **Noted**.
	Community Climate Action Plan.	A presentation was given by Sinéad Fox, Community Climate Action Officer. Presentation was **Noted**.

Meeting Date	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update
24th June 2025	Motion: Cllr D. Healy - Building A Zero Carbon Ireland.	Motion was **Agreed**.
	Motion: Cllr H. Redwood - Data Centres.	Motion was **Agreed**.
	Motion: Cllr J. Newman - Forest of Fingal Policy Update.	Report was **Accepted**.
	Motion: S. Zimmerman - Digital Communications Plan for Towns.	Report was **Accepted**.
16th September 2025	Biodiversity Implementation Plan.	Following discussion between members, a recommendation from the Chairperson was made: • To bring these presentations to Full Council, • Council to write to Minister for Housing regarding pilot scheme for biodiversity housing estates, • Land acquisition for biodiversity to be brought to the December SPC for discussion. Cllr. D. Healy brought a motion to the floor "That sufficient funding is allocated under the Budget and the Capital Programme to implement the Biodiversity Action Plan." Motion was **Agreed** to be brought to CPG by Cllr. j. Newman. The presentation was **Noted**.
	Motion: Cllr D. Healy - Green Public Procurement Strategy.	The Report was **Accepted**.
26th November 2025	Draft Fingal Sustainability Strategy	A presentation was made by Catherine McQuaid, Grant Thornton. Presentation was **Noted**.
	Land Acquisition for Biodiversity Action Plan Implementation.	A presentation was made by Hans Visser and was followed by QandA. Presentation was **Noted**.

Meeting Date	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update
26th November 2025	Strategic Policy Committee Work Programme 2025 update.	An update for 2025 was given on the following: • RMCEI • Climate Action Plan – Implementation Plan • Water Framework Directive River Basin Management Plan – Implementation in Fingal • Litter Management Plan • National Waste Management Plan for Circular Economy • Bathing Water Quality Report 2025 Presentation was **Noted**.
	Motion: Cllr D. Healy - Sustainable Water Management and Biodiversity Enhancement Measures in the Council's own developments.	Report was **Accepted**.

Local Community Safety Partnerships

The Local Community Safety Partnerships (LCSP's) replaced the Joint Policing Committees (JCP's) in 2025. This change was implemented following the commencement of the Policing, Security and Community Safety Act 2024, which established these partnerships to enhance community safety across the country. There was two Local Community Safety Partnerships established in the Fingal area at the end of 2025.

Fingal Local Community Safety Partnerships:

Fingal comprises of parts of both DMR West and DMR North divisions of An Garda Síochána. 2 Community Safety Partnerships were established which aligned with the Garda Sub – District Boundaries as follows:

- **Fingal North Local Community Safety Partnership (DMR North)**
- (Swords, Balbriggan, Skerries, Lusk, Rush, Donabate, Portrane, Oldtown, Garristown, The Naul, Malahide, Portmarnock, Baldoyle, Sutton, Howth, St Margarets)
- **Fingal Dublin Local West Community Safety Partnership (DMR West)**
- (Castleknock, Mulhuddart, Blanchardstown, Clonsilla, Corduff, Ongar, Tyrellstown, Meakstown, Cappagh)

Local Community Safety Partnerships - Structure:



It is intended that membership of the Local Community Safety Partnership will include residents, community representatives, including representatives of youth, new communities and the voluntary sector, business and education representatives, relevant public services in the area, including HSE, Tusla, AGS, the Local Authority; and local Councillors. Each LCSP will have a maximum of 30 members.

Appointment of members of the Fingal North and West Local Community Safety Partnerships:

In December 2025 the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration Mr. Jim O' Callaghan formally appointed the members to the Fingal West and the Fingal North Local Community Safety Partnerships, both of which will be holding their Inaugural Meetings in Q1 of 2026.

Financial Position

Statement Of Internal Financial Control (SIFC)

Introduction

I, AnnMarie Farrelly, Chief Executive (CE) of Fingal County Council am responsible for the annual financial statement (AFS), prepared by the Director of Finance, in accordance with the accounting code of practice issued by the Minister under section 107 of the Local Government Act, 2001.

I certify that the financial statements of Fingal County Council for the year ended 31 December 2025, are in agreement with the books of account and have been prepared in accordance with the accounting requirements of the Minister of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

The AFS is subject to external audit, by an auditor of the Local Government Audit Service, whose purpose is to form an independent opinion of the accounts and state whether the annual financial statement presents fairly the financial position of the Local Authority and of its income and expenditure for the period in question, and whether the transactions of the audited body conform with the statutory or other authorisation under which they purport to have been carried out.

The AFS reports on the day-to-day activity of Fingal County Council in the form of the Statement of Comprehensive Income and Expenditure, summarised by Division. The Statement of Financial Position outlines the Fingal County Council overall financial position as of the 31st of December 2025.

The Statement of Comprehensive Income represents expenditure and income on the day-to-day running of the Fingal County Council.

The key sources of income for Fingal County Council are as follows:

	Current Year €	Previous Year €
Goods and Services	66,694,514	67,518,892
Grants and Subsidies	132,925,545	126,339,261
Other Contributions (as appropriate)	5,168,049	1,755,892
Rates	168,044,837	161,624,202
Local Property Tax	12,700,331	12,366,308
Total	**385,533,276**	**369,667,555**

Activity on the Income and Expenditure account for 2025 is as follows:

The increase in income is driven by additional Government grants as well as additional income from Commercial rates. The increased expenditure is driven by increased activity across all areas of the council particularly housing and operations.

	Current Year €	Previous Year €
Income	385,533,276	369,667,555
Expenditure	(345,750,339)	(338,932,639)
Transfers to Capital	(39,782,741)	(30,734,638)
Exceptional Item	0	0
Surplus/(Deficit) for	196	278
Prior Year Adjustment	0	0
Opening Revenue Reserve	15,980,734	15,980,456
Closing Revenue Reserve	15,980,734	15,980,734

The overall surplus for 2025 is minimal and in line with previous years.

The Statement of Financial Position (Balance Sheet) represents the total financial activity of the council for the year together with comparative year figures as appropriate.

The statement includes assets and liabilities as follows:

- Assets both recently constructed/purchased and historical assets;
- Work in progress and preliminary schemes- mainly roads and housing;
- Long Term Debtors – housing loans;
- Current Assets- including Stock, Debtors, Cash at bank;
- Current and long term liabilities- mortgage and non-mortgage loan borrowings; and
- Various Reserves/Balances.

The Net Assets Fingal County Council, at the end of 2025 total €3,936m and are as follows:

	Current Year €	Previous Year €
Fixed Assets	3,474,980,600	3,341,386,685
Works in Progress	279,699,017	217,673,968
Long Term debtors	518,709,841	383,597,780
Current Assets	535,466,605	510,124,911
Current Liabilities	(199,418,969)	(191,115,618)
Net Current Assets/(Liabilities)	4,609,417,094	4,261,667,726
Creditors (Amounts greater than 1 year)	(673,232,045)	(537,341,795)
Net Assets/(Liabilities)	3,936,185,049	3,724,325,931

A Statement of Funds Flow was introduced as part of AFS 2011. While the guidance of International Accounting Standard 7 Statement of Cash Flows has been followed, the business of local authorities is substantially different to most private sector organisations and therefore some minor changes to the format have been agreed to ensure the data displayed is meaningful and useful within the local government sector.

System of Internal Financial Controls

As Chief Executive of Fingal County Council, I acknowledge my responsibility for ensuring that an effective system of internal financial control is maintained and operated by the Fingal County Council. This responsibility is exercised in the context of the resources available to Fingal County Council. Also, any system of internal financial control can provide only reasonable and not absolute assurance that assets are safeguarded, transactions authorised and properly recorded, and that material errors or irregularities are either prevented or would be detected in a timely manner. Maintaining the system of internal financial controls is a continuous process and the system and its effectiveness are kept under ongoing review.

Financial Control Environment

As Chief Executive of Fingal County Council, I confirm that a financial control environment containing the following elements is in place:

- Financial responsibilities have been assigned at management level with corresponding accountability;
- Reporting arrangements have been established at all levels where responsibility for financial management has been assigned;

- Formal procedures have been established for reporting significant control failures and ensuring appropriate corrective action;
- There is an Audit Committee which as part of its work programme regularly review the internal financial control system;
- Procedures for all key business processes have been documented; and
- There are systems in place to safeguard the assets.

Administrative Controls and Management Reporting

As Chief Executive of Fingal County Council, I confirm that a framework of administrative procedures and regular management reporting is in place including segregation of duties and a system of delegation and accountability and, in particular, that:

- Procedures for key business processes have been documented;
- There are systems aimed at ensuring the security of the ICT systems;
- There are systems in place to safeguard the assets of the Local Authority; and
- There are appropriate capital investment control guidelines and formal project management disciplines in operation.

Procurement Compliance

Fingal County Council ensures that there is an appropriate and ongoing focus on good practice in tendering and purchasing and that procedures are in place to ensure compliance with all relevant procurement guidelines.

Internal Audit and Audit Committee

As Chief Executive, I can confirm that Fingal County Council has an internal audit function with appropriately trained personnel, which operates in accordance with a written charter. Its work is informed by analysis of the financial risks to which Fingal County Council is exposed, and its annual internal audit plans are based on this analysis. I am satisfied that there are procedures in place to ensure that the reports of the internal audit function are followed up.

I can confirm that Fingal County Council has an effective audit committee which carries out an annual effectiveness review of their activities. I can also confirm that an Audit Committee is in place in accordance with the requirements of Section 122 of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended).

The statutory functions of audit committees as set out in section 59 and 60 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014 are as follows:

1. To review financial and budgetary reporting practices and procedures within the Local Authority that has established it;
2. To foster the development of best practice in the performance by the Local Authority of its internal audit function;

3. To review any audited financial statement, auditor's report or auditor's special report in relation to the Local Authority and assess any actions taken within that authority by its chief executive in response to such a statement or report and to report to that authority on its findings;
4. To assess and promote efficiency and value for money with respect to the Local Authority's performance of its functions; and
5. To review systems that are operated by the Local Authority for the management of risks.

I recognise that the Audit Committee plays a crucial role in the governance framework of local authorities, particularly in the context of increased public sector accountability. They have an independent role in advising the Council on financial reporting processes, internal control, risk management and audit matters as part of the systematic review of the control environment and governance procedures of the Local Authority.

I acknowledge the Audit Committee's role in the risk management process and in the continuing review of the control environment and governance procedures in Fingal County Council.

Risk and Control Framework

Fingal County Council has implemented a risk management system which identifies and reports key risks and the management actions being taken to address and, to the extent possible, mitigate those risks.

A corporate risk register is in place which identifies the key risks and evaluates and grades them according to their significance. The register is reviewed and updated by the Management Team on a regular basis. There is also a risk register in place for each service division, and these are also reviewed and updated on a regular basis.

The outcome of these assessments is used to plan and allocate resources to ensure risks are managed to an acceptable level. The risk registers which detail the controls and actions needed to mitigate risks and responsibilities for the operation of controls are assigned to specific staff.

As Chief Executive, I confirm that key risks and related controls have been identified and processes have been put in place to monitor the operation of those key controls and report any identified deficiencies.

The Statement of Internal Financial Control will be included in the draft Annual Report submitted to Council members by 30 April each year and thereafter included in the published Annual Report prepared and adopted by the Council by 30 June each year.

Signed by:



Chief Executive

Dated:

07/04/2026

Revenue Account Statement

For the year ended 31st December 2025

**These are draft figures, and the annual report will be adopted pending their final approval.*

Expenditure	Draft 2025 €	2024 Audited €
Housing and Building	125,274,341	107,323,165
Roads Transportation and Safety	41,935,912	40,056,074
Water and Sewerage	14,291,508	17,104,636
Development Incentives and Controls	32,892,441	47,437,992
Environmental Protection	53,244,838	51,818,178
Recreation and Amenity	66,420,736	61,028,110
Agriculture, Education, Health and Safety	2,038,893	1,701,252
Miscellaneous	9,651,670	12,463,232
Total Gross Expenditure	**345,750,339**	**338,932,639**

Income	Draft 2025 €	2024 Audited €
Housing and Building	124,197,882	106,361,238
Roads Transportation and Safety	12,814,399	10,051,213
Water and Sewerage	12,017,903	16,517,975
Development Incentives and Controls	11,260,591	27,000,411
Environmental Protection	11,840,136	7,836,050

Revenue Account Statement

For the year ended 31st December 2025

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Income	Draft 2025 €	2024 Audited €
Recreation and Amenity	6,553,781	5,202,157
Agriculture, Education, Health and Safety	489,402	466,710
Miscellaneous	25,614,014	22,241,291
Total Income	**204,788,108**	**195,677,045**
Net Expenditure	**140,962,231**	**143,255,594**
which is funded by:		
County Rates	168,044,837	161,624,202
Local Property Tax	12,700,331	12,366,308
Pension Related Deduction	0	0
Total	**180,745,168**	**173,990,510**
Surplus/(Deficit) for Year before Transfers	39,782,937	30,734,916
Transfers from/(to) Reserves	(39,782,741)	(30,734,638)
Overall surplus/(Deficit) for the year.	196	278
Incoming Balance @ 1st January 2024	15,980,734	15,980,456
Closing Balance @ 31st December 2025	**15,980,930**	**15,980,734**

Capital Account Statement

For the year ended 31st December 2025

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Expenditure (Net of Internal Transfers)*	Draft 2025 €	2024 Audited €
Housing and Building	327,629,510	283,941,546
Roads Transportation and Safety	33,404,713	55,898,227
Water and Sewerage	2,142,485	1,771,195
Development Incentives and Controls	101,861,028	173,363,812
Environmental Protection	3,396,924	1,752,731
Recreation and Amenity	39,877,754	38,885,976
Miscellaneous Services	13,247,615	12,075,491
	521,560,029	**567,688,978**

Capital Account Statement

For the year ended 31st December 2025

**These are draft figures, and the annual report will be adopted pending their final approval.*

Income (Net of Internal Transfers)*	Draft 2025 €	2024 Audited €
Housing and Building	334,075,256	263,369,128
Roads Transportation and Safety	19,786,091	30,119,616
Water and Sewerage	2,352,915	1,741,862
Development Incentives and Controls	159,273,601	262,446,027
Environmental Protection	1,010,000	2,598,393
Recreation and Amenity	4,240,448	6,382,007
Miscellaneous Services	15,469,887	5,383,570
	536,208,198	**572,040,603**
Surplus/(Deficit) for year	**14,648,169**	**4,351,625**
Balance (Debit)/Credit @ 1st January 2025	**254,666,370**	**250,314,745**
Balance (Debit)/Credit @ 31 December 2025	**269,314,539**	**254,666,370**

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

Service Delivery Reports

Airport Noise Competent Authority

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2025
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.	A Noise Action Plan for Dublin Airport (2024-2028) was made in December 2024. The plan reviews the aircraft noise situation in the area surrounding the airport and lists improvement actions and potential future developments, such as changes to noise management measures and infrastructure upgrades. Actions listed in the plan are being carried out throughout the period of the plan.
Ensure that the aircraft noise implications of planning applications at Dublin Airport are assessed.	Ten planning applications were referred to ANCA during 2025 by the planning authority for an assessment of potential aircraft noise impacts. One of these sought permission to increase the permitted passenger capacity of the airport from 32 to 36 million passengers per year. This application was deemed to be withdrawn by the planning authority in January 2026 and will receive no further consideration. The application was in addition to a separate and earlier application that seeks to increase the permitted passenger capacity of the airport to 40 million passengers per year together with associated airport infrastructure. In response to a direction by ANCA, the airport authority submitted additional information to ANCA in November 2025 to facilitate a detailed assessment of the potential noise impacts of this development.
Monitor compliance and effectiveness of noise mitigation measures and operating restrictions in place at Dublin Airport.	ANCA carried out a review during 2025 of the effectiveness of the noise mitigation measures in place at Dublin Airport in achieving the outcomes established by the noise abatement objective. The report identifies the noise management measures in place and presents information on the impact of aviation activity on human health using internationally agreed metrics. The report is available to view and download from the ANCA website. ANCA published the compliance report of the airport authority relating to compliance by airport users with noise mitigation measures and operating restrictions.

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2025
Informing communities.	During 2025, there were 251 community representations to ANCA seeking assistance on matters related to aircraft noise. Where representations do not come within the remit of the authority of ANCA, we will advise on the best route to progress issues raised. The staff of the authority met with both individual residents and community groups throughout 2025 to provide information and relate the overall process of noise management to the experiences of those living in proximity to an international airport. The authority is proud to participate in and support the work of the Airport Regions Council (ARC). This association represents regional and local authorities across Europe with airports located within or near their territories, focusing on maximising benefits while minimising environmental impacts. In May 2025, ANCA presented to the ARC annual noise conference at Vienna Airport, alongside a representative of the elected members of Fingal County Council, sharing Dublin's experience of airport development and regulation. This conference considered various aspects of aircraft noise management and community engagement.

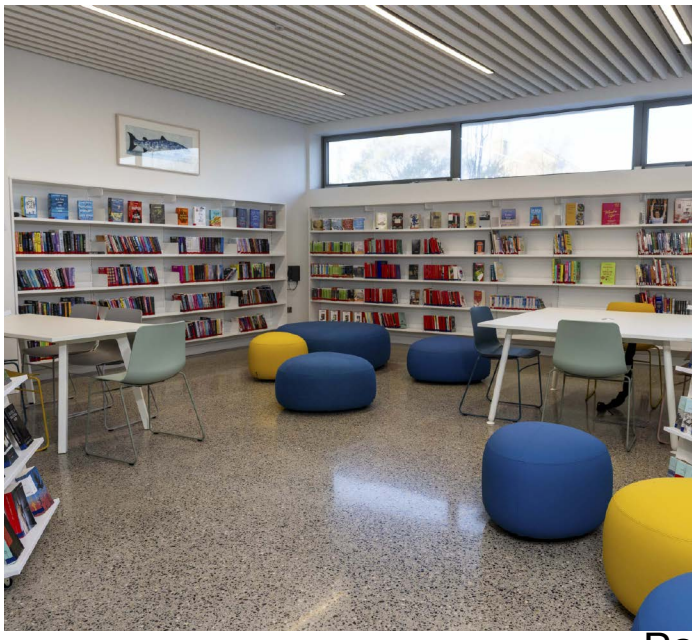
Architects

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2025
To provide a quality professional Architectural Service to meet the requirements of the client departments and Council Initiatives.	Architectural services and advice have been delivered to various Council Departments throughout 2025 across a range of project types. The diverse services offered ranged from feasibility studies, site assessment, statutory consent processes, tender and contract administration, procurement, cost planning and control, urban and interior design and administration of conservation grants to protect the built heritage. The services were provided in relation to various project types including new-build, extensions, refurbishment, conservation and maintenance services. The services covered many building types - housing, public buildings, offices, historic buildings and design of the public realm. Services also provided to assist with development and monitoring of the Council's Climate Action Plan 2024-2029.
Assist with built heritage protection issues including managing the Architectural Conservation Office and the assessment and administration of grant supports and Council Initiatives.	The Conservation Office has delivered a work programme comprising Grants – administration of the Built Heritage investment scheme, the Historic Structures Fund and the Stitch in Time grant, Planning reports as an internal consultee for the Planning Department, participation in preplanning meetings, work related to the architectural heritage of the county, input to the Fingal County Council Monuments/ Structures at Risk programme, input into Climate Change initiatives as related to the historic built environment, responses to Elected member queries and questions, responding to correspondence/emails from the public and others.
To engage with relevant Government departments in relation to budget approvals, administration of grant schemes and policy on the built environment as it relates to the Council.	The Architects Department have engaged with relevant Government Departments via our Client council departments for all funded capital projects and grant schemes.
To ensure that building projects commissioned by the Council meet statutory requirements in relation to Planning, Health and Safety, Building Control and Environmental and Heritage protection.	All statutory requirements have been met regarding Planning, Health and Safety, Building Control and Environmental and Heritage protection. In addition, an effective suite of controls is in place to ensure ongoing compliance.

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2025
To manage and implement efficient cyclical and planned maintenance services for existing Fingal housing stock and to efficiently manage re-let repairs of existing and newly acquired stock including implementation of Council climate change action plan.	Cyclical planned and response maintenance programmes were carried out in council housing stock throughout the year including boiler and window and door replacement and retrofit programmes. Re-let repairs were carried out on properties throughout the County. Process improvements were applied to all programmes.
To manage construction budgets and process contractor claims for payment efficiently and fairly.	Budgets were managed for capital and maintenance projects for client department. Requirements of the CWMF and the OGP were applied to cost control activities. There was close engagement with the Central Procurement Unit.









Skerries Carnegie Library reopens after €8.9 million transformation

Community and Sports Development

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2025
Supporting delivery of targeted programmes, initiatives, or events to empower communities.	• 10,424 engagements with Community Participants. • 62 Celebration Events for International Women's Day. • Sounds Like Summers events held at 12 locations. • 42 Summer Projects for Children's Groups supported. • 55 Street Feast Events supported. • 26 Safer Halloween Diversionary Events supported. • Pride of Place awards received by Rivervalley Community Centre and Coolmine Lodge. • Churchfields Our Fabric Project launched. • Corduff Place Standards Research and Action Plan prepared.
Assist in the Delivery of Tenant Induction Programmes.	15 Tenant Induction Courses supported.
Residents Association Support.	164 Residents\Tenants Association supports.
To provide developmental and management support to voluntary Fingal County Council facility committees.	350 meetings held with Local Boards of Management.
Provision and Upkeep of Community Centres.	• The Community Department Building Facilities Unit provided financial and management support to 38 community facilities across Fingal. • 4 new Fingal County Council owned Community Centres operational in 2025 – €23million investment. • On-going maintenance and refurbishment works at Fingal County Council owned centres. • €125,034 funding awarded in grant approval under the remedial works grants scheme for 5 non-council owned community facilities.
Funding to community and voluntary groups.	• Activities Funding Grant Scheme reviewed and new scheme approved at Full Council October 2025. • €340k awarded to 153 Community Groups under Activities Funding.
Supporting Fingal Public Participation Network (FPPN).	929 Community and Voluntary Groups registered with FPPN.

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2025
Migrant and Refugee Supports.	• 123 clinics held at IPAS and Ukraine BOTP accommodation centres by the Council's Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT). • 6 Community Integration Forum meetings held. • Fingal Connections Expo multi-agency held at two IPAS accommodation centre organised by Fingal County Council LAIT. 42 Organisations were represented across the two Expo events which were attended by 362 International protection applicants. • 3 Fingal Talks events took place attracting 50 participants. • Review of Fingal County Council 2024 Migrant Integration and Social Cohesion Strategy actions completed in May 2025.
Oversight contract Comhairle na nÓg.	23 schools engaged with Comhairle na nÓg.
Fingal Age Friendly Programme.	• 9 Older Persons Council (OPC) meetings held. • 4 Age Friendly Alliance meetings supported. • Korale\OPC conference hosted by Fingal County Council – 150 attended. • 300 older people attended two information events held in Skerries in Swords. • 23 activity events held in Community Centres to celebrate Positive Ageing week. • 700 older people attended Vintage Picnic festival.







Celebrating Positive Ageing Week 2025



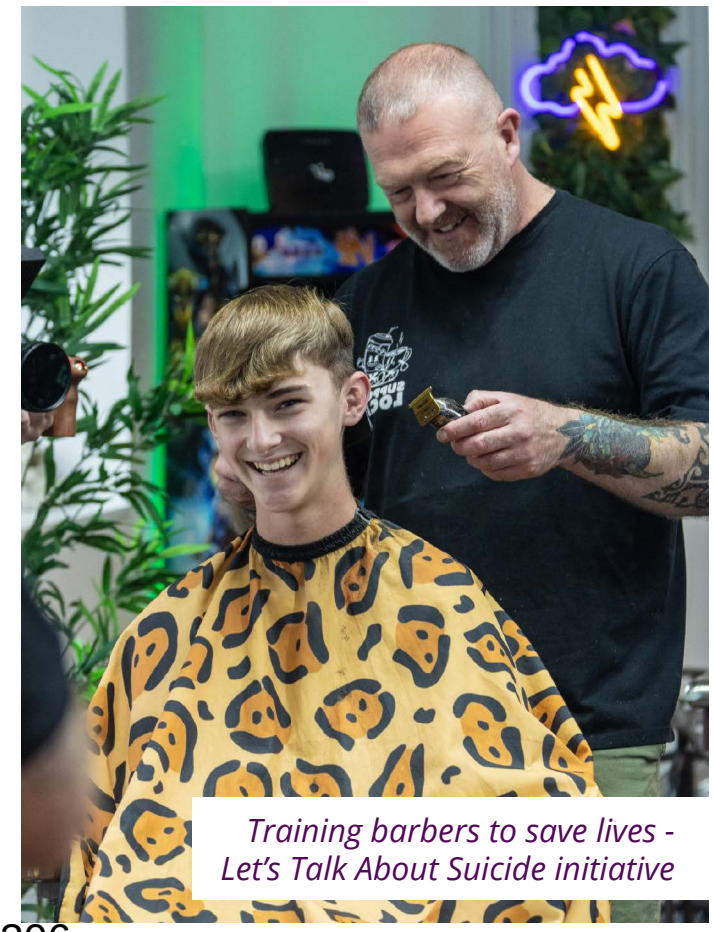




Fingal's Comhairle na nÓg visits the Council Chamber







Training barbers to save lives - Let's Talk About Suicide initiative













Cruinniu na nÓg, a day of free creativity for young people

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2025
Develop programmes to support physical wellbeing.	Fingal County Council Sports Office conducted tailored physical activity programmes for individuals of all ages and skill levels, providing activity opportunities, shared information, and offered financial aid to support sustainable initiatives. In 2025, the Fingal County Council Sports Office engaged 79,638 participants across 164 programmes. An increase in programmes due to the movement of development officers to area based and running more community based programmes. On a weekly basis there is over 500 people taking part in our weekly programmes of Parent and Toddler, Fingal on the Move and Active for Life classes.
Provide relevant training for volunteers such as Safeguarding, First Aid, Autism in Sport and identify additional training needs for coaches, clubs and volunteers and provide courses.	There were 35 training courses provided across Safeguarding, First Aid and Autism in Sport to all volunteers.
Administer local sports club and capital grants.	69 clubs applied for sports equipment grants in 2025 and over €170,000 was given to clubs as part of this funding. Three projects were completed as part of the Sports Capital Grants funding in 2025: • AWP Upgrade for Rivervalley Rangers. • New Safety gate installation Lucan BMX Club. • New AWP for Hartstown Community Centre.
Collaborate with NGB's to develop programmes and engage people from all communities.	Cross collaborate with 6 NGB's: • FAI • Leinster Rugby • Basketball Ireland • Swim Ireland • Hockey Ireland • Cricket Ireland And provided a comprehensive schools and community based programmes across the whole of Fingal County.
Internal cross collaboration with regards to provision/ access to sports facilities to include recreational hubs, swimming pool, outdoor recreation.	Worked with operations and community departments on provision of AWP upgrades for Rivervalley and Harstown and managed grant funding that allowed installation of new Learn to Cycle track in Brackenstown and volleyball nets at Balbriggan Beach.

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2025
Provide large scale mass participation events promoting sport and physical activity and taking place in Fingal County Council regional parks, beaches or facilities.	Coordinated and delivered three large mass participation events, Move @ Swords Castle, Fingal Sports Fest and SportAbility Day that had over 10,000 people attend as well as providing support to a number of other county wide events such as Balbriggan Beach Fest, Bike Week and Flavours of Fingal.





Fingal Sport Awards 2025













Smiles, Sunshine, and Splashing Fun at Fingal Water Sport Camp











Fingal Sports Fest returns to Malahide Castle





Fingal Sports Office Celebrates Women in Sport Week

Corporate Services

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2025
To ensure the effective delivery and transparency of democratic processes within the Council.	The Chief Executive and her team continued to work closely with the Elected members as well as County Stakeholders e.g. businesses, community groups,etc. Through the Strategic Policy Committees, the Elected members continued to fulfill their governance and oversight role. Meetings continued to be serviced and webcast to ensure the transparency of the democratic function.
To ensure the provision of good customer service across the organisation.	The Customer Care Unit consists of trained agents who aim to resolve queries at the first point of contact for the customer. In 2025 our Agents dealt with: • Phone calls: 117,496 • Emails: 16,580 • In-person queries: 13,326 • D365 cases 2,728
To uphold the Citizen Charter and good customer service.	In accordance with the Council's Citizen's Charter, all complaints received were processed and responded to in a timely manner during 2025.
To ensure effective internal and external communications and the promotion of Council activities.	In accordance with the Council's Communications Strategy, an extensive programme of internal and external communications was implemented to promote the Council's activities and increase awareness of the work that we do for our citizens. In 2025 there were: • 1,752,637 visitors to our website, fingal.ie which was a 2.27% increase on 2024. • 3,846,634 page views which was an 1% increase on 2024. • 107,593 followers of our corporate social media channels which was a rise of 21% on 2024. • 267 press releases were issued which was an increase of 11 on 2024. • A staff news bulletin was issued during each working day and a new staff application was piloted among outdoor staff from October. • The staff magazine, The Raven, was published four times during the year. • Five briefings with the Chief Executive during September and October which were attended by over 1,200 staff.

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2025
To promote the use of the Irish language through the implementation of the Irish Language Scheme.	Fingal County Council continued to fulfil the requirements of the Irish Language Legislation and promote the Language through events particularly during Heritage Week and Seachtain na Gaeilge and through the Gaeltacht scholarship Scheme for local children. Irish Language training was provided for staff and staff took part in the Gaeilge 365 initiative. A member of Senior Management was appointed to oversee matters in relation to the obligations in the Official Languages act and all staff were regularly updated regarding these. The Council met the 1 in 5 and 5% targets in Section 10a regarding advertising as well as continuing to meet other requirements of the Official Languages Act.
To ensure all Corporate buildings are improved, maintained and protected to the highest possible standard.	The Buildings Facilities Team during 2025 ensured that all Corporate Buildings were maintained and protected to the highest standard and conditional surveys completed to gather information for future projects and upgrades of systems. The staff play a key role in maintaining the Council's commitment to Energy Efficiency and continual improvement through the management of the Council's Energy Management System ISO 50001:2018. There is a continuous flow of communication with SEAI, Codema and decarbonisation pathways have taken place to allow for future energy projects and funding.



Celebrating Seachtain na Gaeilge in County Hall, Swords





Digital Services

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2025
Implement and maintain digital systems for staff, Councillors and members of the public.	• Digital Services continued to maintain and support approximately 66 applications that facilitate Council services and processes. • Work is ongoing with the Finance Department and the LGMA to upgrade the Agresso Financial Management System and subsequent migration to a cloud platform. • FinDocs Document Management System and Chief Executive Order System were upgraded. • The following new systems were developed and deployed – Dynamics 365 CRM system; Councillors Portal and Councillors Reps system; Field and Asset Management Inspections Solution.
Increase the number of council services available online.	• New Online Housing Portal and Online Housing Rents Payments services were implemented.
Implement and maintain an Information Security programme to protect information assets and technologies.	• Security technologies and practices are continuously reviewed and updated as required.
Implement best practice in IT governance.	• Corporate policies and best practices are reviewed, developed and updated as required. • Best practice approach devised for good file naming conventions, retention and disposition of records; initial implementation completed in Housing Loans and Rents.
Implement and maintain required infrastructure for IT systems and services.	• The Council's server and network infrastructure was managed and upgraded where required to ensure that it performed reliably in 2025. Server availability for the year was 99.99% and network availability was 99.60%. • Infrastructure upgrades included: network switch upgrades in Depots and Libraries; IT network and infrastructure implementation for the new Skerries and Donabate Libraries. • Upgrades of storage/compute operating environment, backup solution and Firewalls. • Windows 11 Upgrade completed. • New WiFi, Teams Rooms and AV Technologies implemented as required. • Network infrastructure monitored and upgraded as required to ensure infrastructure supports operational needs.

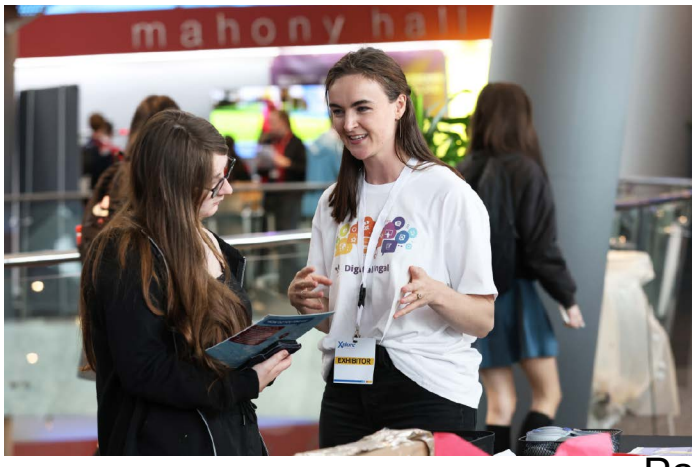
Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2025
Provide a quality support service for staff, councillors, and members of the public.	• The service desk managed 12,637 tickets from staff in 2025 and 173 Tickets from Councillors. • Support provided for Council Meetings, Corporate Services, and Customer Care Unit (Telephony). • There were 280,000 Teams calls, 110,000 Team Meetings and more than 10 million emails processed in 2025. • Service Desk Performance and Communication Usage are measured, reviewed and improved on an on-going basis.
Facilitate Digital Infrastructure including high-speed connectivity across Fingal.	• The rollout of broadband to the 8,069 properties in the National Broadband Plan intervention areas in Fingal continued as follows – • 6,017 (75%) are complete (of which 1,564 are connected and 151 are pending connection). • 1,001 (12%) are available to pre-order. • 888 (11%) have the network build in progress. • 91 (1%) are being surveyed. • 72 (1%) additional properties have been added to the intervention area. • 5 Smart Benches were upgraded and an additional Smart Bench was installed. • The Council continued to respond to queries in relation to the National Broadband plan specifically and broadband connectivity in general and engaged with National Broadband Ireland, ComReg, OpenEir and providers as required. • There were 30,181 WiFi4EU public Wi-Fi visitors and 22,011 community centre public Wi-Fi visitors during 2025.
Map telecommunications and ducting network.	• The initial Duct Mapping project is progressing for the Dublin Economic Zone.
Provide staff with the digital skills training required to support the delivery of quality services.	• Cyber security training provided for all staff. • Training provided for all new systems and refresher training provided as requested. • Training and awareness provided for Digital Services staff as required.
Provide Broadband Connection Points.	• The Council continued to support the seven BCPs in Fingal, including connectivity upgrades to all in 2025.
Engage with communities to develop digital skills.	• Design Your Future Fingal week took place in Balbriggan in March. • Balbriggan Our Nature festival supported in May. • Street Games in Balbriggan, Malahide and Blanchardstown for Family Days. • IoT, Quantum Computing and VR Headsets at Flavours of Fingal in July. • AI symposium in Balbriggan and Trinity College. • STEAM science kits and VR Headsets at TY Expo.

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2025
Engage with communities to develop digital skills.	• "How It's Made : Unmasking AI" art exhibition for Science Week in November.
Promote a strong digital workforce culture within the Council.	• A new corporate redaction tool was rolled out to all staff. • A migration tool and migration process were implemented to facilitate digitisation of paper files.
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.	• Six successful projects were progressed in the CE Innovation Fund initiative – Making Climate Action Accessible; Mobile Creative Unit in Libraries; Rainwater Model; STEAM Skills for Library Staff; Staff Choir; Chess Club. • Business Process and Service Design Workshops were carried out in the following areas - Central Procurement; Derelict Sites; Harbours Enforcement Cases; Playgrounds; Asset creation; Notice creation; Assessment creation; Schedule assessment; Fines creation; Notice creation; Enforcement case creation; CE Orders.
Manage IT Programmes and Projects to ensure that they are delivered on time, within budget and with the appropriate resources.	• A new Digital Services project approval process was formally agreed to improve project governance. • A new project management system has been procured, and implementation is in progress which will facilitate the new approval process. • Programmes and Projects continue to progress as planned, supported by established project management governance, scheduling, and progress tracking activities. • Digital transformation projects continue to be rolled out across the Council.
Use data analytics, GIS and AI to facilitate robust, evidence-based decision-making.	• Data analytics and reporting solutions and support were provided to Council Departments. • Development of a new Planning reporting tool is in progress. • GIS system architecture review was carried out, and work is underway to implement the revised architecture. • The GeoCollect application was implemented for rate collectors. • Support and maintenance were provided for the Council's GIS platforms and applications.



Digital Services Team at Flavours of Fingal, Newbridge House and Farm, Donabate







Digital Services Team at "Xplore Your Future" at The Helix, DCU

Economic, Enterprise, Tourism and Cultural Development

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2025
Foster a strong local economy and promote environmentally sustainable business.	The Council progressed implementation of the Future Fingal: Economic Development Strategy. The Council continued to meet commitments under the Circular Cities Declaration, commenced consultation on the Future Fingal: Sustainable Fingal Strategy and commenced a feasibility study on a circular economy hub and digital platform. During Climate Action Week 2025 the Council hosted a series of Sustainability Briefings for the Food and Hospitality Sector. The Council's Urbact EcoCore Network completed in December 2025 with the launch of the Balbriggan Integrated Action Plan and a podcast series, and included the adoption of the Stephenstown and Folkstown Little Framework Plans.
Channel a range of supports to local businesses in Fingal. To promote entrepreneurship, foster business start-ups and develop existing micro and small businesses.	Innovate Fingal progressed integration across the Council's three Enterprise Centres, driving innovation and supporting start-up and growing businesses through the provision of enterprise space, remote working space and related supports. In 2025 LEO Fingal continued to implement the actions from the previous Local Enterprise Development plan which was extended by Enterprise Ireland to the end of 2025. These actions provide businesses in Fingal with the support and skills to scale and increase employment throughout the County.
To drive job creation and to provide accessible high quality supports for new business ideas.	LEO Fingal continued to focus on helping businesses explore and expand into export markets, increase collaboration and other supports including the provision of mentoring and networking events. A total of €1.14m in financial aid was approved to 99 Fingal businesses for various grant aid schemes including Measure One funding, Grow Digital Vouchers and Energy Efficiency Grants. Core portfolio client businesses reported an increase of 135 net new jobs at the end of 2025. In total, 3,310 places were booked by clients for Training/ Networking/ Events/ Webinars both online and in-person. Local Enterprise Week proved hugely successful with over 1,000 places booked at the 15 events. Business clinics and mentoring assignments were delivered to 887 clients. 64 businesses undertook the Digital for Business programme, 15 of which went on to be approved for Digital Grow grant assistance. Meanwhile, 41 clients availed of the Green for Business programme, with 20 receiving approval for Energy Efficiency grants. 14 Start Your Own Business courses were delivered to 165 aspiring entrepreneurs.







Future Fingal - Fingal Skills Strategy Launch







Launch of Culture House



Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2025
To drive job creation and to provide accessible high quality supports for new business ideas.	Other core popular business development initiatives continued including networking platforms run by LEO Fingal. Fingal Business Network hosted three business networking events, while Fingal Enterprising Women Network met quarterly, with many hundreds of businesses participating. The new "Get Exporting" programme continued during 2025, with 11 Fingal companies approved for the programme. A further 8 export focused businesses were approved for the new "Market Explorer Grant". LEO Fingal ran another successful Student Enterprise Programme, with over 1,000 students participating from 20 Fingal second level schools.
Implement and manage Local Community and Economic Development programmes including (SICAP) and LEADER.	The Fingal SICAP Programme performed strongly, meeting annual targets, with a budget of €1.57 million to support disadvantaged areas and additional budget to provide assistance to New Arrivals. The LEADER Programme, overseen by the Dublin Rural LEADER Local Action Group (LAG) which comprises representation from South Dublin, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown and Fingal LCDC's progressed implementation of the Dublin Rural LEADER Programme approving 41 projects and €602,058 in funding.
Foster collaborative leadership among stakeholders in Local Community and Economic Development.	Implementation of the Fingal Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) continued with stakeholders, including the allocation of €905,000 in funding from the Community Recognition Fund, €210,500 for 5 projects under ORIS and €268,827 in funding under the Local Enhancement Programme. The Healthy Ireland Co-ordinator delivered the Healthy Fingal work programme and funding for a new Slaintecare Local Development Officer and associated work programme in Dublin 15 was secured. Collaboration continued with partners on the Dublin-Belfast Economic Corridor and a successful summit held in February 2025 with more than 550 attendees. The new Future Fingal: Fingal Skills Strategy launched in February 2025 and implementation progressed with the 3rd Xplore Your Future TY Skills Expo, inaugural Skills Summit, a successful TandL event, participation on the Interreg SKYLA Project and collaboration with stakeholders on events and to develop pilot project.
Implement Our Balbriggan 2019–2025 Rejuvenation Plan.	The delivery of the Our Balbriggan Programme continues to gather pace.

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2025
Implement Our Balbriggan 2019–2025 Rejuvenation Plan.	The Quay Street, Harbour and environs project is on site. Work is progressing on phase 5 of the redevelopment which includes the final elements of the restoration works to the RNLI Boathouse which is due for substantial completed in April. The Boat House and Bath House project at the Martello Tower has progressed well with other coastal improvements also being delivered with the addition of a new swim shelter on Balbriggan Beach. The installation of a pathway/boardwalk lining the viaduct to the swim shelter is also being progressed. The Integrated Design Team for the Debruns Site Project are progressing work on a design based on best possible uses and options in line with site constraints. Planning is due to brought to Council in 2026. The 2-4 Dublin Street Creative Hub Project went out to tender in October 2025 with on site progress for this project expected in 2026.







Launch of the Our Balbriggan Town Rejuvenation Plan 2025-2030

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2025
Strengthen the proposition and marketing of tourism in the County.	The Fingal Tourism Strategy reached its second year of implementation in 2025, with concentration on the collaborative framework process, to allow the tourism sector link together with statutory agencies. All efforts culminated in the design, agreement and preparations to launch a new destination tourism brand for Fingal in 2026. The ongoing work to understand the changing nature of the tourism sector was started in 2025 with a product audit, which is providing an ongoing basis for the offering available in the area. Collaboration with national agencies Fáilte Ireland and Tourism Ireland continued throughout 2025 in order to promote Fingal options within their existing campaigns, in particular the 'Winter in Dublin' regional campaign. A major part of the winter offering is built around Tradfest, which was a success again in 2025 for local cultural and musical venues. Also, as part of the #WinterInDublin campaign by Fáilte Ireland, Howth Harbour hosted one of two large fireworks displays on New Year's Eve, with improved logistics and scheduling following 2024 feedback. Overseas promotion of Fingal as a destination and occurred in Milwaukee at IrishFest, alongside other local authorities but using the existing regional brand. Fingal was part of the first year of a festival campaign supported by Fáilte Ireland called Home of Halloween. Seven counties were chosen, of which Fingal was one. The idea was to exploit the historic origin of Samhain in Ireland and make the entire experience into a month-long festival. The outcome was a significant increase in events, experiences and Halloween related promotion of Fingal venues.

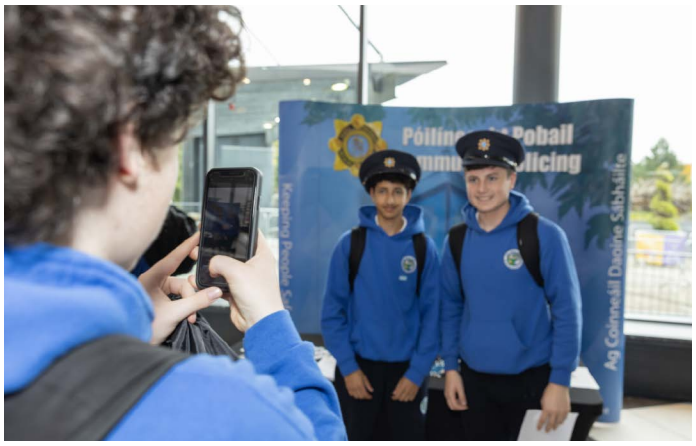


Fingal County Council Announce the Return of New Year's Festival Dublin Fireworks Spectacular at Howth Harbour















Record number of attendees at Xplore your Future TY Skills Expo

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2025
Facilitate the creation of a Fingal food and drink tourism destination.	The Fingal Food and Drink Policy was launched in 2024 and an associated implementation plan is underway in parallel with the tourism strategy implementation. The Fingal Food Network continued to recruit and expand in 2025, and formalised its structure as an industry body adopting a constitution and membership practices. An opportunity was then taken to re-brand the network as the Fingal Food Circle. Under the food policy a initial programme of food markets commenced in April. The programme saw new markets evolve at three locations Swords, Malahide and Donabate during the summer months, with the support of the Fingal Food Circle and the Fingal Farmers Group. Two existing markets received support and guidance from the markets programme based at Skerries Mills and St Margarets. The programme was evaluated at year end. The Fingal Food Circle partnered with Fingal County Council to promote Fingal as a food and drink tourism destination through a series of marketing initiatives, presence at food markets and showcasing at wider networking events including the Flavours of Fingal County Show in early July. The Food Circle members participated in workshops facilitated by Fáilte Ireland to develop saleable experiences.
Promote heritage led tourism initiatives at Fingal Heritage Properties.	Work continued in 2025 by Fingal County Council and its Operator at Newbridge House to complete accrediation under the Museum Standards Programme for Ireland (MSPI). Currently anticipated for completion in 2026, this will significantly improve the quality and visibility of the venue as a significant cultural experience. Conservation works in Malahide Castle were pursued throughout 2025, with major restorations and refurbishments of the drawing rooms relating to floors, walls and decor. The works drew to a conclusion on these areas and were re-integrated back into the tours. At the end of 2025 Ardgillan Castle re-designed the Castle tour to contain much more of a heritage narrative and focus appropriate to the history of the site. The outcome is anticipated for launch early in 2026. The conservation plan was substantively completed in 2025, with a launch in 2026.
Optimise and expand visitor experiences at all Fingal visitor attractions and events.	The main driver of improvements to the visitor experiences in 2025 was the Capital Programme. New projects were started on some of the major sites, which included:

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2025
Optimise and expand visitor experiences at all Fingal visitor attractions and events.	• Enabling works for the Mechanical and Electrical upgrade of Newbridge House. • Commencement of a programme of works at the Malahide Demesne Properties, which included gate lodges and other demesne properties. • Tenders were advertised for Bremore Castle and Skerries Mills. • In accordance with the Conservation Plan for Swords Castle, a food market was introduced in the late Spring and ran for 6 months until Halloween. The subsidiary companies charged with managing the visitor attractions each increased the schedule of events at the historic properties, some of which were large scale. An events operator was appointed at Swords Castle to facilitate the increased demand for large events at that site.
Implement the Fingal Arts Development Plan 2019-2025.	The implementation of the Fingal Arts Development Plan 2019-2029 continued in 2025 with particular focus on development of the Swords Cultural Quarter including Carnegie Library and Culture House, and the "Our Balbriggan" rejuvenation project. A Public Art Policy Strategy was developed following the development of the Public Art Policy 2025 – 2027, The strategy sets out a clear vision, purpose and principles around the potential opportunities around Public Art Commissioning. The Public Art Strategy centres on four Strategic Priorities.1 Financial Management/Governance, 2 Enable Excellence, 3 Create Connection, 4 Develop Capacity.
Implement the Eight Year Framework Agreement with the Arts Council.	The actions resulting from the eight-year framework agreement with the Arts Council of Ireland continued in 2025 on the two areas of agreement: a) Research and Development b) Building capacity With the opening of the Carnegie Library in Swords, the successful completion of a new residential artist studio as part of a 10-dwelling development on Barrack Lane, Lusk and the ongoing development of the Swords Cultural Quarter, and Artist studios at 2-4 Dublin Street, Balbriggan.







Culture Night Celebrations in Balbriggan











Culture Night Celebrations in Swords

Environment, Climate Action and Active Travel

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2025
Implementation of the National Waste Management Plan for a Circular Economy 2024-2030. See www.mywaste.ie.	The 2025 report for the National Waste Plan for a Circular Economy will be published in May 2026 and will be available on mywaste.ie
Aftercare of historic and closed landfills.	• 9/10 planned specific engineering works (SEW) at Rogerstown Park completed in 2024, with the 1 remaining SEW to be completed in 2025. • A full review of the Barnageeragh Certificate of Authorisation was completed and submitted to the EPA. • Soil importation works, water main works, fencing works, new entrance works planned for construction in Dunsink Landfill in 2026.
Monitor air and noise pollution.	Environmental inspections and activities related to this objective are reported to the EPA in the National Enforcement Priorities Progress Report 2025, available here. The report enumerates a wide range of activities including complaints, planned inspections and permitting/licencing activities. This report together with the reports from other local authorities will be evaluated by the EPA later this year. In 2025, 251 noise complaints and 121 air complaints were received by the Air and Noise Unit, with all complaints investigated and enforcement action taken as appropriate.
Enforce waste regulations.	Environmental Inspections and activities related to this activity are reported to the EPA in the National Enforcement Priorities Progress Report 2025 available here. The report enumerates a wide range of activities including complaints, planned inspections and permitting/licencing activities. This report together with the reports from other local authorities will be evaluated by the EPA later this year. The number of routine and non-routine waste inspections undertaken in 2025 was 5,354 with 3,685 related directly to the waste presentation bye-law project.

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2025
Operate dog and horse control service.	**Dog Control Service** The Dog Wardens carry out enforcement patrols under the Control of Dogs Act 1986, Control of Dogs Regulations 1998, Control of Dogs (XL Bully) Regulations 2024, and Fingal Parks and Beaches Bye-laws. They issue warnings/fines for breach of legislation/bye-laws, undertake door to door licence checks, investigate dog related complaints, attend Fingal events such as Flavours of Fingal, Environmental Awareness Days, Coordinated awareness events with An Garda Síochána, provide assistance to AGS when requested and attend court on dog related offences such as non-payment of fines and dangerous dog incidents. In 2025: • 325 fines were issued in relation to dog related offences • 732 x 10 Day Notices were issued • 9,645 Annual and 651 Lifetime Dog Licences were purchased • €284,040 – Revenue from Dog Licences • 644 dog related complaints received and investigated • 181 Certificate of Exemption applications under the new XL Bully regulations were received of which 153 Certificates have been issued to date.18 were refused/closed due to various reasons to include applications made to the wrong LA, dog was not classified as an XL Bully under the regulations or the dog passed away during the assessment period. There are currently 10 outstanding which are due to awaiting a neutering certificate and are in the process of being followed up by the dog warden for enforcement. **Dog Shelter:** In 2025, Dublin County Dog Shelter continued to provide a dog shelter service for stray, seized or surrendered dogs where they were looked after in the hope they be reunited with their owner or rehomed. • 17 Dogs in the Shelter on 1st January 2025 • 134 - Stray/Seized dogs brought to Shelter • 24 - Surrendered by owners • 21 - Reclaimed by owners • 72 - Rehomed to Rescue • 52 - Rehomed to Public • 15 - PTS • 14 - Dogs in the Shelter on 31st December 2025 **Control of Horses:** The Animal Welfare project continues at Dunsink Landfill with DAFM, where regular welfare inspections are undertaken. During the Winter months of 2025, 12 Hay feeders were filled weekly by the Operations Department to ensure adequate forage and water. • 9 horses removed from Dunsink Landfill • 37 horses seized from the public realm • 10 horses reclaimed • 19 horses rehomed



Reusable cup project launched in Fingal













Picker Pals event at Sutton Burrow National School, Sutton

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2025
Operate Litter Warden service.	This service is operated in line with the Litter Pollution Acts 1997–2009. There are currently 4 Litter Wardens in Fingal. The recruitment process of an additional 4 Litter Wardens and 2 Litter Warden Inspectors in 2026 is underway. The key focus is addressing CRM's /Cllrs Reps, Bottle Banks and Litter Blackspots with the Litter Wardens being assigned their daily tasks in advance of each workday. • 425 reports of alleged Abandoned Vehicles received • 23 abandoned cars removed/destroyed • 4 Burnt our vehicles removed • 11,874 Litter Patrols carried out • 495 Litter related CRM's received • 266 Litter Fines issued • 29 Warning Notices issued The Litter Management Plan 2025-2028 was adopted in July 2025. The Litter Management team is working on an ongoing media campaign to raise awareness of key litter issues in Fingal through various platforms such as Social Media, Libraries, Community Centres, Bus Shelters, Schools and any other viable sources.
Protect surface, ground and coastal waters.	Environmental Inspections and activities related to this activity are reported to the EPA in the National Enforcement Priorities Progress Report 2025. The report enumerates a wide range of activities including complaints, planned inspections and permitting/licencing activities. This report, together with the reports from other local authorities, will be evaluated by the EPA later this year. In terms of 2025 water related outcomes, significant pollution loads from non-compliant Section 4 licences were eliminated in 2025 following enforcement actions. The number of routine and non-routine wastewater inspections undertaken in 2025 was 1,259.
Provide an Environmental Awareness Programme.	• Supported 136 schools in the Green-Schools Programme, with 19 Green Flags awarded to Fingal Schools in 2025 across the different Green Flag Themes. • Funded 72 environmental workshops covering a wide range of topics for schools to a total value of €23,500. • Continued collaboration the Regional Waste Management Office and Composting Ireland to roll out the Composting for Schools Programme, which introduces and subsidises composting of food and garden waste in schools, with 20 Fingal schools signed up by the end of 2025. • Continued support of litter programmes such as the national Picker Pals initiative, delivering the programme to 94 new classes across 51 primary schools. • Engaged with 2 schools as part of the Shore to Sea Campaign pilot to raise awareness of littering and the impact on gullies.

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2025
Provide an Environmental Awareness Programme.	• Commenced delivery in September 2025 of afforestation and reforestation educational workshops covering soil preparation, tree planting, and ongoing forest maintenance through a nine-month programme delivered by Pocket Forests in three Fingal schools. • Delivered the first Recycled Christmas Decoration Competition for primary schools; winning entries decorated the County Hall Christmas tree and received educational prizes. • Promoted circular fashion through the ReLove Fashion Competition and Let's Fix Fashion Programme, encouraging students and communities to challenge fast fashion. In partnership with 10 Community Centres, litter pickers and rings, along with doggie dispensers and bags were provided for Fingal individuals and communities. Additionally, some of these were provided directly to several Community Groups and schools. Worked closely with 1 primary school on a local targeted dog fouling awareness campaign. • Hosted an anti-gum litter awareness event in partnership with the Gum Litter Taskforce, using interactive and educational approaches. • Funded 40 Anti-Litter and Anti-Graffiti projects in communities county-wide to the value of €36,098.97 under the 2025 ALAG Grant Scheme, partly funded by the Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment. • Promoted and facilitated the Fingal Instruments Project whereby instruments handed in at Recycling Centres are assessed, cleaned, repaired, and redistributed back into communities and schools. In collaboration with Music Generation, Fingal donated some instruments to a Cross Care group along with 6 group music classes. • Continued to deliver the Community Leaf Mould Composting Initiative, with 51 participating groups in 2025-29 new and 22 continuing and the installation of 136 additional leaf mould cages, provision of 143 lids and weed barriers, 164 signs, 25 pitchforks and 23 watering cans, along with online and in-person training workshops. • Supported ReUse initiatives with the Rediscovery Centre by fulfilling 46 requests for a total of 465 tins of recycled 5.6l paint (amounting to 2,604 litres) for community and school projects aimed at improving the appearance of public spaces. • Funded the supply of 10 adult and 15 children's bikes, repaired and upcycled by the Rediscovery Centre, to addiction centres and schools. • Launched a free Clothes Swap Kit for borrowing which was used for 14 community and school clothes swap events.

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2025
Provide an Environmental Awareness Programme.	• Supported the Traveller Tinsmith Apprenticeship Programme in Balbriggan, recognising repair and reuse as key principles of the circular economy. • Promoted National Food Waste Recycling week, by providing 1 workshop on reducing food waste, and 1 workshop on home composting to incorporate food waste along with distribution of kitchen caddies during the week. • Delivered demonstrations and distributed kitchen caddies at both Family Fun Days during Dublin Climate Action Week. • Provided domestic waste management guidance during 8 tenant inductions and distributed food waste kitchen caddies. • Distributed approximately 2,500 kitchen caddies throughout the year including the above events, Flavours of Fingal, and other local community events. • Delivered 6 educational talks on Litter and Waste and the Circular Economy, followed by onsite tours at the Estuary Recycling Centre. • Launched a monthly Environmental Awareness and Climate Action Newsletter was launched in November to inform schools, community groups and elected officials of ongoing initiatives and opportunities • Carried out promotional campaigns in cooperation with the Communications Department to address litter, recycling, the circular economy, food waste and general environmental awareness. • Promoted circular economy and waste-prevention initiatives through media coverage on RTÉ's Nationwide, Dublin City FM, Q102, Kilkenny Community Radio and in The Examiner.
Implement Flood Protection Schemes in co-operation with the OPW.	The Office of Public Works undertook a Scheme Viability Review (SVR) of the Malahide and Portmarnock Schemes. The Portmarnock scheme was found to be unviable based on cost benefit analysis. The SVR for Malahide examined a number of options which were found to be unviable on cost benefit grounds. An additional option of a self-rising barrier was found to be viable on cost benefit grounds, however, this is a new device not previously used in Ireland and it is not clear whether it is appropriate at this location.
Climate Action.	Fingal County Council reported to the LGMA on Climate Action KPIs. Data on the implementation of the Climate Actions across Fingal County Council were collated in Jan 2026. In 2025 of the total 162 actions in the CAP 95 actions were completed, of which 83 are annual actions, 51 are in progress and 16 have not yet commenced. The Climate Change Action Plan Annual Progress Implementation Report 2024 was presented to Climate Action, Biodiversity and Environmental SPC and Full Council in May 2025. Dublin Climate Action Week took place on May 12th-18th 2025. During this week over 20 public and closed events take place in Fingal celebrating and demonstrating climate action. Fingal hosted the launch of this week on behalf of the four Dublin Local Authorities.

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2025
Climate Action.	Dublin Climate Action Week (DCAW) aims to showcase the great work that is taking place across the County and during DCAW we saw events take place that not only demonstrated that but also highlighted Community Climate Action and the 6 themes of the Climate Action Plan. Events in Fingal took place in multiple formats such as demonstrations, talks, film screenings, walks, hands-on workshops and two family fun days in Millennium Park and Malahide Castle. These events helped raise awareness about climate change, inspire action and facilitated engagement with communities on climate action in Fingal. Dublin Climate Action Week 2025 was organised and delivered by the partnership of Dublin City Council, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, Fingal County Council, South Dublin County Council, Codema – Dublin's Energy Agency and the Dublin Climate Action Regional Office (CARO). Fingal County Council launched Fingal Climate Stories. This interactive digital tool showcases the diverse and impactful steps the Council is taking to address climate change. Developed to increase transparency and public engagement, the story map highlights key climate actions from departments across the organisation – from sustainable transport and energy efficiency to green infrastructure and education. The Fingal Climate Action team continue to update its dedicated climate action page hosted on Fingal's website. This page contains information on the climate action plan, tips for climate action, the DZ and more. The Climate Action and Environmental Awareness Team continue to run social media campaigns on best environmental practice and to celebrate national and local environmental campaigns. The department has begun sending out a Climate Action and Environmental Awareness newsletter to community groups and schools regularly to keep members of the community up to date with climate action events and educational information. 84 Home Energy Savings Kits were borrowed from Fingal Libraries in 2025. Home energy saving clinics were hosted for Fingal staff Blanchardstown and Swords and a staff loaning scheme of a HESK was set up.
	As part of Dublin Climate Action Week 2025, Fingal worked with Codema and our Sustainable Energy Communities mentors to host a home energy clinic and information stand on SECs. A home energy advice clinic was hosted in the Malahide Library on May and a pop up stand providing details of SEAI grants and information on Sustainable Energy Communities was at the Climate Action Festival in Millennium Park on May 9th and in Malahide Castle on May 18th. An SEC networking event was provided for SEC communities with the support of the SEC mentors.

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2025
Climate Action.	Fingal County Council with the support of Codema took part in Interreg NW EU project E2-Cuties (Engaged Energy- Communities in Urban areas with Technology Integrated Energy Systems) which is a European transnational project aimed at empowering Local Energy Communities (LECs) to create and manage integrated energy systems. Launched officially in April 2025, the project focuses on urban areas where residents, local authorities, and businesses collaborate to collectively own and operate distributed energy resources. Key objectives and components of the project include: • Empowering Pilot Sites: The project supports seven existing LECs across four countries; Ireland: Balbriggan (Fingal, County Dublin); Belgium: Two sites in Leuven; France: One site in Strasbourg and Netherlands: Three sites in Utrecht. • Integrated Energy Systems: Unlike traditional single-source systems, E2-CUTIES focuses on linking multiple energy carriers—such as electricity, heat, and cold—and integrating them with infrastructure like EV charging and battery storage. • Investment and Methods: The project is developing a joint method to create LEC Investment propositions, featuring four specific toolboxes and a step-based roadmap to help communities secure financing. • Capacity Building: A major goal is to disseminate results throughout North-West Europe to inspire other urban energy communities and professionalise citizen-led energy cooperatives. • Addressing Urban Challenges: The project is designed to overcome challenges faced by urban energy communities such as Lack of professionalisation and uncertain policy development, difficulty in achieving broad participation from diverse local stakeholders and current legislative constraints that hinder community energy sharing. • Phase 1 of the Community Climate Action Programme has been completed. A total of 150 climate action projects were completed in community settings by 25 main applicants. These included improvements to buildings, replacement windows and doors, insulation, solar PV, and energy efficiency upgrades, gardens and tree planting, water bottle filler stations, bike parking and storage, bicycle repair stations, rainwater harvesting projects, swap shops, recycling bins and composting. In total €1.11m was drawn down from the Department of Climate, Environment and Energy for the climate measures.
	• Phase 2 grant applications were invited in October 2025 with a closing date of 22nd December 2025. A total of 76 applications were received for Phase 2 of the CCAP. • The 6-month Fingal Reusable Cup Pilot Project commenced on 17th May and finished on 17th November 2025. A total of 18 businesses across Malahide and Rush signed up to the pilot.

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2025
Climate Action.	• The aim was to reduce single-use cups by encouraging the public to bring their own reusable cups for takeaway beverages and by offering a 'tap to borrow' system for those without a reusable cup. A number of businesses reported an increase of up to 64% of customers opting to bring their own cups. The 'tap to borrow' system was unsuccessful. • Phase 2 of the FRCP will commence in 2026 following a review of the Pilot. • Malahide Concerts 2025: A total of 7 concerts took place at Malahide Castle in 2025. As part of the Condition imposed by Fingal County Council in the Events Licence, Heineken committed to eliminating the sale of disposable cups at the 7 concerts by introducing a Deposit/Return Reusable Cup Scheme throughout the concert series. MCD reported over a quarter million cups saved from incineration. In line with the National Deposit and Return Scheme, all on-site vendors fully complied with the Separate Collection (Deposit Return Scheme) Regulations 2024. Only drink bottles and cans featuring the Re-Turn logo were sold at the venue.
Provide bring banks.	The Council operates two civic amenity sites (Estuary and Coolmine), and a network of 58 Bring Banks for glass and 29 for textiles, throughout the County. In 2025: • A total of 5,449 tonnes of glass was collected and recycled from Fingal Bring Banks. • A total of 431 tonnes of textiles were collected from textile banks.



Fingal collaborates with ESB and car sharing operators to launch shared EV eHubs

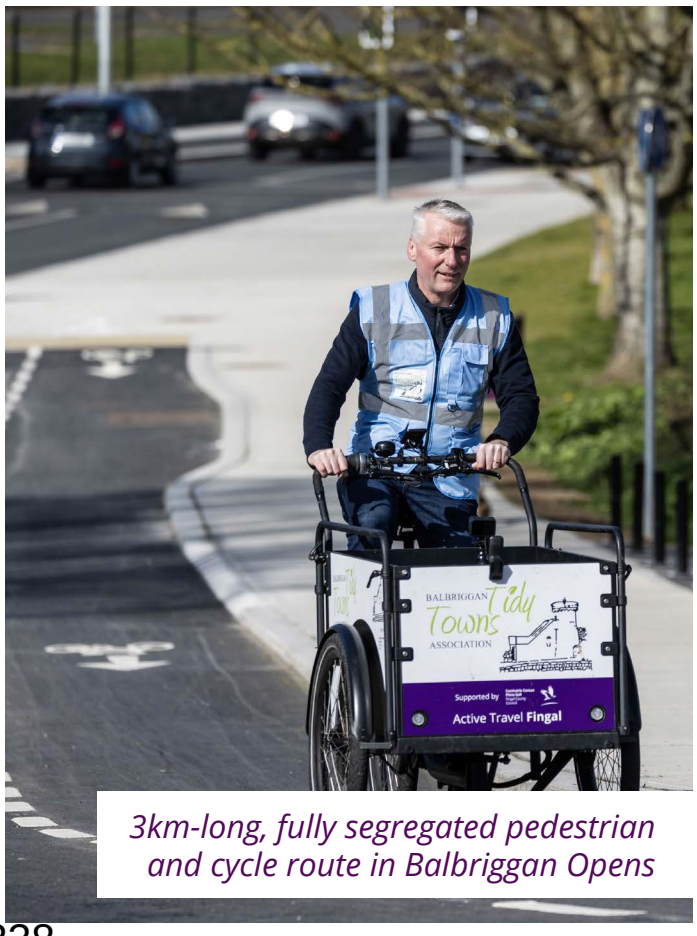
Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2025
Strategic Planning.	The Active Travel Unit continues to provide input into planning and policy frameworks at a local, regional and national level as well as strategic infrastructure projects such as Metrolink, Dart+, BusConnects and Luas.
Protected Cycle Lanes – management of the design and construction of numerous protected cycle lane projects.	New Walking and Cycling Infrastructure: • R132 Blake's Cross to Quickpenny Lane, substantial completion in 2024 with final handover to Operations and Maintenance completed in 2025. • Included 5.4 km of Walking and Cycling facilities. • 1 km of Quiet Zone along Kilhedge Lane. • SRTS treatment at Corduff National School. • 8 No. Bus Stops along the route. • Newtown Bridge, Balheary Road, Swords. • Provision of a new signalized shuttle traffic system across Newtown Bridge to manage traffic flows. • Provision of safe walking and cycling facilities to adjoining parklands and sports facilities. • Safe entrance and crossing points for vulnerable road users at conflict areas with traffic. • New railings and bridge protection to protected structure of Newtown Bridge. • Beverton Open Space and Turvey Permeability Project Donabate. • Provision of three access points from Turvey housing development into the Beverton Open Space. • Provision of shared walking and cycling facilities through Beverton Open Space to provide connectivity to the local schools and town Centre. • Provision of three safe crossing points for vulnerable road users within the Beverton Estate. • Flemington Junction with R132 at Breamore. • Works commenced in late Q4 of 2025. • Provision of a signalised junction to Flemington Lane and O'Dwyer's sports and recreation facilities. • Provision of 2 new bus stops to serve the bus routes along the R132. • Improved footpaths and cycling facilities back to the edge of Balbriggan Town Centre. The following projects are in the design and planning stage: • Seatown Road, Swords. • Donabate, Portrane R126 Cycle Paths. • Clonee to Blanchardstown Shopping Centre.

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2025
Protected Cycle Lanes – management of the design and construction of numerous protected cycle lane projects.	• Auburn Avenue to 12th Lock Walking and Cycling Scheme – construction to commence Q2 2026. • Castleknock to Blanchardstown via Farmleigh. • Snugborough Road – Ballycoolin to Ongar. • Seapark Hill to Seamount Park (temporary solution completed in 2024). Progressed Detailed Design. • Feltrim Road Active Travel Project – Closed out Options Development Stage and Started Preliminary Design Phase. Liaised with key Stakeholders.
Towns and Village enhancements – mobility reviews and public realm projects with an emphasis on Active Travel.	Works are continuing on the development of an Active Travel Plan for a number of our towns and villages: Balrothery Active Travel Plan – An Active Travel Plan has been developed is comprehensive, integrated, evidence-led, and aims the provide a framework for making it more attractive to walk, wheel or cycle in the village while also providing a framework for delivering lasting solutions to key local concerns pedestrians, cyclists and other road users. The plan's environmental screening is also complete. Work is continuing to progress the initial project arising from the plan through the design phases. It is envisaged that the statutory process will include a trial of selected improvements. St Oliver Plunkett National School is included in the Fingal Safe Routes to School Programme but works here will be picked up under the Balrothery Active Travel Plan. Skerries Active Travel Plan – This project aims to create a plan for Skerries that identifies projects that can be developed over the coming years in the lifetime of the Development Plan. The projects identified can be taken forward to identify appropriate funding streams and programmes of works where they can be developed and delivered. A draft Options Report has been published for Non-statutory consultation in Q4 2025 which runs into the start of Q1 2026.









3km-long, fully segregated pedestrian and cycle route in Balbriggan Opens









Sunset Cycle in Phoenix Park







Official opening of new pedestrian and cycle bridge in Donabate



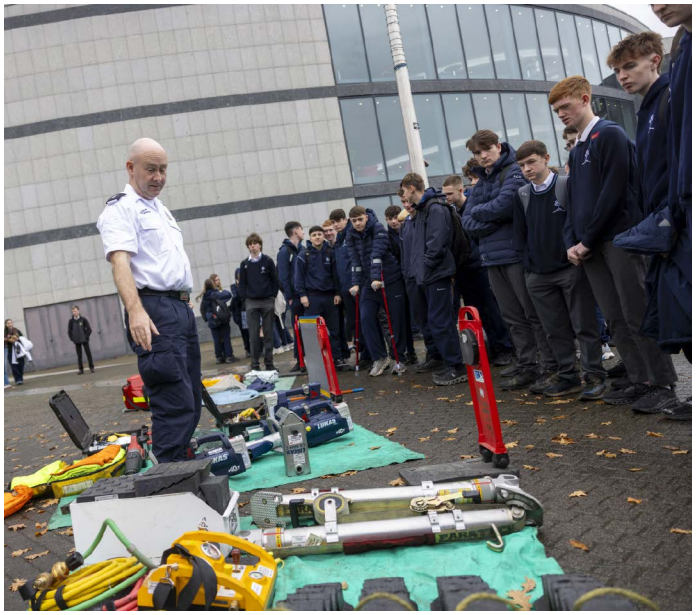
Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2025
Towns and Villages.	Public Realm Improvements to a Pedestrianised New Street, Malahide – This project aims to provide an enhanced public realm for the pedestrianised street, making it a more attractive and sustainable, car-free environment to spend time. Stage 1 of the construction tender is underway and tenderers are being shortlisted for Stage 2. The Stage 2 construction tender documents are also being completed for publication. Construction is due to commence in 2026. Skerries Harbour Road – This is a public realm and walking and cycling scheme that aims to rejuvenate the Skerries Harbour Road and Red Island area which is a peninsula on the edge of Skerries and is a popular destination point for visitors and locals. Part VIII Planning was secured in Q3 2025. The Project Team has continued with the detailed design process and will be moving to the construction phase in mid 2026.
Connectivity/Permeability – review and enhancement of existing infrastructure to promote overall connectivity for Active Travel users.	We are continuing to receive various requests for permeability and connectivity improvements from various stakeholders across the county. These requests are being recorded in detail for evaluation through a multi criteria analysis. The projects are then reviewed to establish the most appropriate means of delivery. Several projects identified through this process are being developed through the design phases for execution on the ground. The following projects have been completed in 2025: • R149 Ongar to Clonee – new footpath/cyclepath to complete missing link between existing infrastructure. • Donabate Permeability Phase 1. • Wild Cat Lane Skerries. • Bicycle Parking. • Junction Tightening Church Road, Howth. • Tolka River Connectivity Link Bridge Inspections. • Quiet Street Programme.
Safer Routes to School – deliver programme, encouraging a transport modal shift for school goers. Management of the School Wardens.	**Safe Routes to School (SRTS)** Aims of the SRTS Programme: • Improve safety at the school gate by providing 'front of school' treatments to alleviate congestion and improve access; • Improve access routes to school by improving walking and cycling infrastructure; and • Increase the number of students who cycle to school by expanding the amount of bicycle parking spaces.

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2025
Safer Routes to School – deliver programme, encouraging a transport modal shift for school goers. Management of the School Wardens.	**SRTS Round 1 – Tranche 2 –** Safe Routes to School Tranche 2 works are complete at the following schools: • Ladyswell National School, Mulhuddart. • Scoil Choilm Community National School, Carpenterstown. • Scoil Ghráinne Community National School, Phibblestown. • Pope John Paul II National School, Malahide. **SRTS Round 2:** Under the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Round 2 Programme, detailed design for all participating schools has now been completed, and Fingal County Council will proceed to publish the construction tenders on Supplygov.ie in March 2026, with procurement concluding and contractors expected on site in late Q2 2026. The schools included in Round 2 are: • Holy Family Junior National School, Forest Fields, Swords; • Scoil Bhríde Buachaillí, Blanchardstown; • Scoil Bhríde Cailíní, Blanchardstown; • St Helen's Senior National School, Portmarnock; • St Colmcille's Girls' National School, Swords. These projects will deliver a range of safety and active-travel improvements at school entrances and within surrounding road networks, supporting safer walking, cycling and scooting routes for pupils and their school communities. **SRTS Round 3:** An Taisce has confirmed the seven schools selected for inclusion in Round 3 of the Fingal Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Programme and has completed full engagement with each school, providing Fingal County Council with outline delivery plans detailing access issues, active-travel barriers and proposed infrastructure actions. The approved schools are: • Broadmeadow Community National School, Swords; • Donabate Portrane Educate Together National School; • Holywell Educate Together National School, Swords • Malahide/Portmarnock Educate Together National School; • Scoil Mhuire Junior School, Blakestown; • Scoil Thomáis, Laurel Lodge, Castleknock; • St Nicholas of Myra National School, Kinsealy.

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2025
Safer Routes to School – deliver programme, encouraging a transport modal shift for school goers. Management of the School Wardens.	These plans now form the basis for progression to the design and implementation phase, with Fingal County Council preparing to initiate a tender process to appoint a multi-disciplinary engineering and design consultancy to undertake detailed design, required assessments and support the delivery of the identified works. **Management of the school wardens:** Our Road Safety Office continue to manage and oversee the daily operation of 106 school wardens across the county. **Fingal /AXA Roadsafe Roadshow:** In November, Fingal hosted the Fingal/AXA Roadsafe Roadshow which saw over 1600 secondary school students attend. The show depicts what happens with driver inexperience and overconfidence, with the aim to educate and highlight the various safety skills these young students need before they or their friends start driving. **RSA Campaigns:** Through the year the Fingal Road Safety Office also promoted all the Road Safety Authority campaigns such as "National Slow Down Day" and "Amber Thursday" as well as regularly updating the public on severe weather events and road safety issues.
• Road Safety. • Preparation and publication of Fingal's Road Safety Plan. • Promote and Improve Road Safety.	The latest version of Fingal's Road Safety Plan has been drafted, been reviewed both internally and externally by members of the Road Safety Working Together Group and is not in the process of being noted by full council and published in March 2026. Following a gap due to Covid 19 the Fingal Road Safety Working Together Group has now returned to holding quarterly meetings. The current membership of the group includes 3 elected members, An Garda Síochána, Dublin Fire Service, The National Transport Authority, Transport Infrastructure Ireland, Dublin Airport Authority, The Road Safety Authority and staff from Planning and Strategic infrastructure, Fingal County Council Operations and the Active Travel/Road Safety Office.
Mobility and Behavioural Change – Promoting transport modal shift	Throughout 2025, the Active Travel Team held numerous initiatives and events internally and externally to raise awareness and promote a sustainable modal shift.

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2025
Mobility and Behavioural Change – Promoting transport modal shift	**Events 2025:** Bike Week 2025 and European Mobility Week 2025 were our two flagship awareness campaigns, with the Active Travel unit hosting events across the county to highlight the importance of active travel. While these high-profile events play a key role, lasting behaviour change is driven by our ongoing programs and initiatives. Some of our key programmes and initiatives are listed below. **Programmes and Initiatives to Support Walking and Wheeling:** • Learn 2 Cycle with a Disability Courses x 40 courses, approx. 600 participants in 2025. • Men's Walk and Talk Groups x 3 groups. • Community Walking Groups x 5 groups. • Adult Cycling Courses x 2. • Community Learn 2 Cycle Lessons for Children x 6. • Cycling Without Age in 4 locations. • Bike Share Schemes operated by Bleeper and Moby x 20,000 journeys. • Skerries Community Car - 1500+ trips. • Schools Active Travel Talks. • Staff eBike Trials. • Staff Lease Bike by Bleeper Trials. • Fresh Air Fridays – over 30 schools partaking. • Balance Bike Buddies x 8 courses. • Sofa to Saddle x 6 courses. • The Men's Shed National Walk in Newbridge House – over 150 participants. • Winter Safe Cycling Staff Talks. • Tandem Cycling Pilot Training Course x 10 new Stokers trained. • TY Bike Maintenance Courses x 6. • eCargo for Community Groups and Business Trials x 10 groups. • Gearing up for Training with Local Sports Clubs. • The Dublin 15 Bike Library. • EBike Connect Project x 2 Locations. • Community Nature Walk and Talks x 2. • Quiet Streets initiative commenced. • EVPZ eCar Sharing Project x 4 vehicles.
	• STEER Interreg Project Commenced. • STEP – UP Interreg Project Commenced. • Fingal awarded the Silver Smarter Travel Mark in 2025. Vianova Data Integration Project with Dublin City Council launched in 2025.









Dublin students take part in AXA's Roadsafe Roadshow



Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2025
Mobility and Behavioural Change – Promoting transport modal shift.	• Vivacity Data Sensors – 8 deployed in 2025 across 4 sites. • SparkPark Parking Technology Deployed in Q4 2025 in Dublin 15.
Mobility and Behavioural Change – Promoting transport modal shift.	**Learn 2 Cycle Tracks:** An additional Learn 2 Cycle Track was completed in 2025. This track hosted numerous courses, events and workshops already and along with the two tracks completed in 24, is a vital part of our education and behavioural change work. The tracks are located in: • Millennium Park. • Brackenstown. • Holywell Park. **Cycle Friendly Employer Audit:** Fingal undertook the Cycle Friendly Employer Audit as part of CFE Accreditation. The report scored Fingal County Council in the high sliver category with a number of changes that we can make to move into the Gold Category.
Provision of Bike Parking.	Bicycle Parking Installed in Howth-Malahide LEA in 2025: • Abbey Street/Harbour Road Junction, Howth. • Dublin Street/College Street, Baldoyle. • St. Fintan's Church, Howth. • Fingal Burial Ground Car Park. • Malahide Demesne, Back Road Car Park. • Howth Community Garden. Bicycle Parking installed in Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart Castleknock Ongar Area: • Castleknock Road – Dunsandle Court, Castleknock. • Hayworth Drive, Ongar. • R121 at Millennium Park bus stop, Dublin 15. • R121, bus stop opposite Mountview Road, Dublin 15. • Peck's Lane bus stop, Castleknock. • Porter's Gate Green, Clonsilla.













Phoenix Park Bike Disco





3km-long, fully segregated pedestrian and cycle route in Balbriggan Opens

Finance

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2025
Active Debt Management (Rates).	In 2025, 99.5% of Commercial Rates were collected.
The Management of Accounts Payable and Treasury Management Cash Outflows.	Accounts Payable processed €747.8m of payments during 2025. The treasury management and cash flow was actively managed throughout the year.
Effective Management of Liability Claims and Insurance Policies.	All claims against the Council were pro-actively managed and investigated by the Council. We continued to engage with our insurers with regards to the insurance policies in place.
Ensure Budgets are reviewed and monitored.	Revenue account budgets and Capital Plan are reviewed regularly with each department.
Production of 3 Year Capital Programme.	The 2026 -2028 Capital Plan was presented to Councillors in October 2025.
Production of Annual Budget.	The 2026 Budget was presented to the Council on 18th November 2025.
Production of Annual Financial Statement.	The 2024 Financial Statements were completed in March 2025 with the Auditor's Report signed in September 2025.
To achieve best practice and value for money in procurement.	The Central Procurement Unit (CPU) conducted procurement processes identified in the Annual Procurement Plan during 2025. A total of 280 contracts with a value of €88m were awarded during the year.

Housing Services

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2025
Facilitate the supply of public and private housing to provide sustainable, adaptable, and high-quality mixed tenure homes.	• A total of 1,492 social housing units were delivered in 2025 via build, acquisitions, leasing and HAP streams. • A target of delivering 758 new build social housing units during 2025 was set for Fingal County Council. At the end of the year, a total of 759 units were delivered under this stream with a significant additional number in the pipeline for short and medium term delivery over the coming years. • In line with the Strategy for the Private Rental Sector the DHLGH has set annual inspection targets for all local authorities. These targets are based on a percentage of properties registered with the RTB. In 2025 there were 20,676 tenancies registered with the RTB in the Fingal administrative area. • An annual inspection target of 25% or 5,169 of these registered tenancies has been set by DHLGH. • As part of the Council's Annual Inspection Programme, 5,658 inspections (114% of the target) of private rented properties were carried out in 2025.
Deliver on Fingal's Vision through excellent service delivery, collaborative engagement and a supportive, inclusive workplace culture.	• Approximately 50 households exit emergency accommodation to a tenancy on a quarterly basis. • 335 households were diverted from emergency accommodation. • 1,004 homeless assessments were completed. • There are 139 adult individuals considered to be long-term homeless. • There are 370 families accessing emergency accommodation in each period. • There are 69 Housing First tenancies.
Nurture organisational wellbeing by enabling staff to reach their full potential through relevant training and development.	• Number of staff availing of training courses relevant to their work.
Enhance engagement, integration, and communication, ensuring that all residents have equitable access to housing, services, and opportunities.	• 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.

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2025
Promote a culture of digital transformation within Fingal County Council to foster innovation and support continuous improvements in service delivery.	• New internal technology systems developed and adopted.
Implement the objectives of the Traveller Accommodation Programme 2025-2029.	• Work to achieve the targets and objectives of the Traveller Accommodation Programme 2025 – 2029. • Implementation of the Traveller Accommodation Programme 2025–2029 is now underway. • A Steering Group, comprising staff from both the Housing Department and the Architects Section, has been established and will meet quarterly to review and monitor progress. • Council officials continue to actively liaise and engage with the Traveller Community, Traveller Advocacy Groups, Welfare Services, Childcare Services, Mental Health Services, and other relevant stakeholders and agencies to address issues as they arise.
Deliver sufficient and appropriate housing solutions for disabled persons by the Implementation of the Disabled Persons Adaption Grant Scheme for Council Tenants.	• Under the Disabled Persons Adaptation Grant Scheme, 144 new applications were received in 2025. Works were completed on 93 minor adaptation applications, along with one extension to Council-owned dwellings. • Minor adaptations include the installation of level-access showers, ramps, stairlifts, and grab rails. • These grants are funded 80% through Departmental Grants.
Facilitate the supply of public housing to provide sustainable, adaptable, and high-quality mixed tenure homes.	• 759 new social, 350 affordable, and 410 cost rental homes were delivered in Fingal in 2025.
Facilitate the supply of public and private housing to provide sustainable, adaptable, and high-quality mixed tenure homes.	• 83 applications for the Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant were received in 2025, with 62 applications approved and the remainder under assessment. • One property was taken into Council possession via Compulsory Purchase Order, to be utilised as social housing.
Prioritise environmentally sustainable building practices, supporting our climate and biodiversity goals.	• A total of 119 Energy Efficiency Retrofits were completed on Council Stock in 2025, bringing these properties to a B2 BER rating. This exceeded the 2025 target of 96.
Enhance energy efficiency in housing developments through sustainable practices including high quality new build and retrofitting existing stock.	• Number of new homes meeting current building standards.





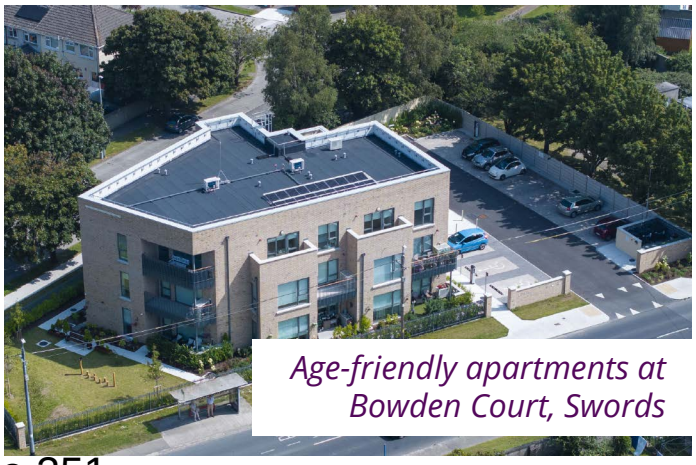




New cost rental apartments opened at Church Fields development in Dublin 15







Age-friendly apartments at Bowden Court, Swords

Law

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2025
To provide legal services to the Chief Executive and all Council Departments.	Legal services are provided to the Chief Executive and Council Departments as requested.

Libraries

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2025
Provide welcoming, democratic, safe, and sustainable libraries at the heart of our communities.	• Planning for the management and operation of Culture House progressed. • Work continued on the renovation of Skerries • Library. • Work started on the conversion of Ballisk House Donabate to a library. • Baldoyle Library was reopened to the public in May 2025 after substantial improvement works.
Engage and collaborate with local, national and community groups, to provide inclusive, diverse, and relevant library services and programming.	• Engagement continued with community groups including women's sheds, age friendly groups and Prosper Fingal. • Three brochures were delivered, spanning programmes for spring, summer and autumn/winter. These were widely distributed and made available online. • We promoted our events and services to diverse audiences on a range of social media platforms.
Provide accessible and inclusive libraries for all.	• Preparation works to facilitate 'My Open Library' at Malahide and Blanchardstown started. • Blanchardstown Library was awarded Library of Sanctuary status in recognition of the work undertaken by staff to make the library inclusive and welcoming to all. • A total attendance of almost 60,000 was recorded at workshops, events and talks in libraries in 2025. • Creative Ireland funded over eighty projects/ workshops across Fingal including Cruinniú, the day of creativity for children and young people. • Specialist collections and resources that support literacy, life skills and life-long learning are improved. • Access to new technologies and services are provided to support people in navigating the digital world. Sensory toys, c-pens, acorn tablets and age friendly tablets provided for access.
Provide citizens with access to cultural, creative, and learning opportunities through library services.	• Book collections, both physical and electronic are enhanced with increased book fund spend. • High quality informal educational and lifelong learning programming is provided across all ages and socioeconomic groups. Skills for life, Right to Read and Healthy Ireland programmes delivered across all branch libraries. • An Leabharlann Fhailteach piloted in Donabate. • The digitisation programme at Local Studies and Archives continues.

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2025
Provide citizens with access to cultural, creative, and learning opportunities through library services.	• Publication of local history journal and the work of the Historian residence.







Blanchardstown Library awarded Library of Sanctuary status









Renovated Baldoyle Library Reopens to Public

Operations Department

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2025
Management and Maintenance of Regional and Local Road, Public Lighting, Traffic Management and Car parking.	The Council is responsible for managing 264Kms of regional and 1,011kms of local roads in the County. There are also 65kms of National Roads including motorways in the county managed by TII. Maintenance work including surface drainage, road and footpath repairs and replacement, traffic management and public lighting is delivered through various Programme of Works and the annual maintenance programmes delivered from the Depots in Coolmine, Fancourt Balbriggan, Watery Lane Swords and Malahide. During times of low temperatures crews from each depot ensure main arterial roadways were gritted. The Council continued to manage its stock of over 36,000 public lights with completion of 100% of lights now converted to LED as part of the LED Energy Efficiency Programme. In 2025, 272 no. Public lighting columns were installed Countywide, through a mixture of the Public Lighting Programme of Works in each area, the Column Replacement Programme, and Maintenance Replacements for damaged columns or columns knocked down by vehicular impact. To complement these column installations, additional section pillars were installed as well as ducting and cabling.

Description Summary	Qty
Columns Installed Countywide	272
Section Pillars Installed Countywide	52
Quantity of Cable installed/replaced Countywide	5,000 metres
Quantity of ducting installed and reinstate-ments Countywide	4,000 metres
Surface type ducting installed in	**Qty**
Ducting in Grass	3,500 metres
Ducting in Concrete	380 metres
Ducting in Tarmac	120 metres

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All Road Opening licenses are processed through the MRL Online system.

The new Fingal Parking Control Bye-Laws came into effect on 16th February 2026 following extensive public consultation. Approved by Councillors in January, these Bye-Laws replace the 2020 Parking Control Bye-Laws, and include new on-street and long-stay parking rates, updated resident and commercial permit fees and new paid parking arrangements at a number of coastal car parks across the county.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Management and Maintenance of Public Conveniences and Storm Water Network.</td><td>The Council is responsible for managing 38 Public Conveniences across the County for use by the public. Through its appointed contractor Healthmatic, the Council facilitates the daily cleaning and stocking of all these Public Conveniences. Additional cleaning during summer months is arranged to keep up with higher demand due to higher footfall. The Council also facilitates the ongoing repair, replacement and preventative maintenance on all public conveniences.

The Council continue to provide ongoing management and maintenance of Stormwater Pumping Stations and Networks. Fingal County Council continued to progress projects in the 2025-2027 Stormwater Capital Programme. The 3-year programme includes 16 projects estimated at €1.7 million.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Management and Maintenance of Regional Parks, Open Spaces, Pitches, Playgrounds, All-Weather Pitches and Recreational Facilities.</td><td>The Council continues to manage and maintain over 5700 acres (2300 Ha) of public open spaces at our regional, local and neighbourhood parks and 4 allotment sites with over 800 allotments. Within the parks and open spaces, the Council provides;
• 89 playgrounds
• 3 mini play areas
• 169 grass playing pitches
• 11 all-weather playing facilities</td></tr>
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Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2025
Management and Maintenance of Regional Parks, Open Spaces, Pitches, Playgrounds, All-Weather Pitches and Recreational Facilities.	• 7 cricket pitches • 35 Multi Use Games Areas (MUGA's) • 4 skateparks • 1 BMX track • 10 public tennis courts • 7 boules locations with 12 boules courts • 46 Outdoor fitness equipment locations and 21 locations with Calisthenics/ combined exercise equipment areas • 2 parkour areas • 14 agility trail areas In 2025 the Operations Department launched the Pilot Mobile Sauna Scheme which has been extended to the 31st of March 2026 under the off-peak seasonal license. The County now has a total of 3 mobile sauna trading units operating at different locations. Seasonal licences have been issued under the Casual Trading Bye-Laws 2021.
Management of Civic Amenity Centres, Street Cleaning, Burial Grounds.	The Council continues to manage and encourage the increased use of its two recycling centres at Estuary and Coolmine. Estuary Recycling Centre saw 212,475 vehicles use the service, and Coolmine Recycling Centre had 141,390 vehicles over 2025. Litter and Cleansing crews continued with their cyclical and response programmes within the public realm across the County to keep areas clean and free of litter and supported the work of Tidy Towns Groups and other local volunteers. The Council continue to provide a Burial Ground service, with a total of 1,429 burials facilitated throughout the county during 2025 across the County's 36 burial grounds. It is proposed to proceed with the planned extension works at Naul Graveyard throughout 2026. There is an additional burial ground planned for 2026 at Kellystown which will bring the number of County burial grounds to 37.
Management and Maintenance Harbours.	In total 88kms of Fingal's coastline is maintained by the Operations Department which includes the 10 designated beaches at Balbriggan, Skerries South, Loughshinny, Rush South and North, Portrane, Donabate (Blue Flag Award and Green Coast Award 2025), Portmarnock (Blue Flag Award 2025), Sutton Burrow Beach, Claremont Howth, which are all lifeguarded during the bathing season, along with Malahide. 38 lifeguards were employed from June to early September 2025. Continuous monitoring of seawater samples was carried by the Environment Department out during the bathing season to ensure compliance with the Bathing Water Quality requirements.

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2025
Management and Maintenance Harbours.	Harbours and piers at Balbriggan, Skerries, Loughshinny and Rush were managed and maintained during the year. There are plans for extensive capital works to be carried out with much planning work being carried out in 2025, with significant design works finished for the dredging of Balbriggan harbour and preliminary studies started for the dredging of Loughshinny harbour. A foreshore lease application and foreshore licence application was submitted to the Department of Agriculture, Food and Marine for Skerries Harbour and a Marine Usage Licence application was submitted to the Maritime Area Regulatory Authority for Balbriggan Harbour.
To support the delivery of major commercial and community events as appropriate.	A significant number of events were held in our regional parks, open spaces and in the public realm during 2025. Across the County 281 event permits were granted, as well as 46 permits for film/photography shoots. While a huge number of events were supported by the Operations Department in 2025 the following list provides a flavour of the variety of larger scale events across the County; • Flavours of Fingal. • Rush Harbour Festival. • Malahide Concerts. • Skerries Regatta. • Cool Running Ice Skating Rink, Millennium Park. • Castleknock Village Festival. • Sunday Market at St. Catherine's Park. • St. Patrick's Day Parades in towns and villages across the county. • Cricket T201 Series. • Wonder Lights at Malahide Castle. • Pumpkins after Dark at Newbridge House. • Connect Festival. • Safer Blanchardstown Festival. • Darkness into Light.

People Services

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2025
Deliver on Fingal's vision through excellent service delivery, collaborative engagement and a supportive, inclusive workplace culture.	Significant progress has been made in advancing Fingal County Council's commitment to excellence, collaboration and an inclusive organisational culture. The delivery of staff learning and development programmes in 2025 supported cultural awareness, inclusive leadership, and respect in the workplace. The Strategic Workforce Planning Framework was successfully implemented and actively monitored, enabling effective forecasting of organisational needs and supporting timely, efficient recruitment processes. As a direct outcome of proactive workforce planning and improved recruitment processes, vacancy levels remained low during 2025 resulting in the Council maintaining strong staffing levels and ensuring continuity of service delivery to the public. Recruitment of suitable qualified staff continues while ensuring skills and competencies align with our organisational needs. A proactive approach to attendance management was maintained, with ongoing support for staff wellbeing and early intervention measures. This contributed positively to employee engagement and organisational productivity.
Nurture organisational wellbeing by enabling staff to reach their full potential through relevant training and development.	People Services continued to strengthen organisational wellbeing in 2025 through the implementation of the Wellbeing Strategy, the delivery of a wide range of staff wellbeing initiatives and ongoing support from the Employee Assistance Service. The PMDS process, supported by the annual training plan and the Further Education Scheme, further enhanced staff capability and promoted continuous professional development across the Council. It enables us to assess performance, identify areas for improvement and guides succession planning efforts. Occupational Health and Safety measures were also reinforced and embedded throughout all departments through targeted Safety Awareness Programmes, regular inspections, and comprehensive safety audits, ensuring a consistently safe, compliant, and supportive work environment.

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2025
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.	People Services upheld the Council's Public Sector Duty by ensuring the consistent implementation of all HR policies and the provision of reasonable accommodations for employees and candidates, supporting equitable access to employment and participation. Strategic HR Management continues to support organisational growth and performance. Internal regular communications were enhanced through the provision of the new Learning Management System and accessibility to the new People Services SharePoint Site. The introduction of People Services and Superannuation Walk-In Clinics has strengthened staff engagement, improved access to timely information, and ensured employees remain well informed of organisational supports. Payroll and Superannuation functions continued to be delivered with high levels of accuracy, efficiency, and compliance.

Planning and Strategic Infrastructure

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2025
Deliver strategic infrastructure (physical and green) in the County.	**The Harry Reynolds Road Pedestrian and Cyclist Route** which is 3km fully segregated Pedestrian and Cyclist Route Project was completed in Q1 of 2025 and officially opened at the end of March 2025. This is a key infrastructure project for Balbriggan consisting of 3km fully segregated Pedestrian and Cyclist Route connecting 6 schools in Balbriggan. The Royal Canal Urban Greenway is currently at Stage 4 preliminary design which is currently undergoing review, to ensure it follows the New Cycle Design Manual issued by the NTA and also this in turn requires updating the EIAR as a result of the design changes. The Environmental Impact Assessment Report has been reviewed by internal departments, feedback is currently being incorporated into the final report prior to undergoing a legal review in advance of a formal application to An Coimisiún Pleanála A Planning application is expected to be submitted in 2026. **The R132 Connectivity Project** is about to go on site in April 2026. The stage 1 procurement process of the construction works took place in 2024 and the stage 2 procurement process was undertaken in 2025 and completed very recently, with a Contractor now appointed to start construction. Work progressed on site on the **Ongar Barnhill Road** scheme through 2025 with substantial completion achieved in February 2026. The official opening of the Ongar Barnhill Road took place on February 13th 2026, a major strategic investment that unlocks housing potential, boosts sustainable transport and delivers stronger, more efficient connections throughout the area. The completion of this key piece of infrastructure represents a significant advancement for Dublin 15. **Donabate Pedestrian and Cycle Bridge**: The Donabate Pedestrian Bridge was officially opened to the public on 10th October 2025. **Portmarnock Railway Overbridge Pedestrian and Cycle Improvement Works:** Previously fenced off and unused, the railway overbridge located between Drumnigh Manor and Sky Lark Development in Portmarnock has been transformed into a high-quality, two-way footpath and cycleway. The completed link facilitates 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. An official opening was held on 9th January 2026.

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2025
Deliver strategic infrastructure (physical and green) in the County.	As part of the **Broadmeadow Way**, construction of the weir bridge across Malahide Estuary is complete. This is the first completed works contract and a critical piece of infrastructure forming part of the Broadmeadow Way. Construction of this environmentally and technically challenging project has been divided into different works packages which will be delivered in stages. The works on the Northern Causeway will commence in summer 2026 and the landward works in Donabate are expected to commence towards the end of 2026. However, because of the seasonal constraints of working within the estuary, along with the technical challenges of building on the Northern Causeway, the completion of the overall project will be early 2028. Work is progressing on the early phase development of the **Donabate Transport Projects**, which comprise a number of major projects with the objective of improving transport and active travel infrastructure and road safety on the Donabate-Portrane peninsula. The design of the **Sutton to Malahide Walking and cycle scheme** is progressing through preliminary design. The team are in the process of drafting the Environmental Impact Assessment Report, a Natura Impact Statement and CPO documents. A planning application is scheduled to be lodged at the end of Q2 2026. A Multi-Disciplinary Consultancy team has been procured for the detailed design and construction supervision of the public realm at **Swords Cultural Quarter Public Realm**. Detailed design commenced in Dec 2024 and has been completed. Enabling works ahead of the main works contract commenced late 2025 a tender process is currently underway to appoint the Contractor for the main works in Q2 2026. A multi-Disciplinary Engineering Consultancy has been appointed for the Option Selection, Preliminary Design and preparation of the application for Planning Consent for **Swords Main Street Transformation Project**. Work is progressing with the early phases of this project. Preliminary design work for the **Fingal Coastal Way** is progressing along urban roads. Coordination continues with affected landowners to work towards finalising the position of the route in rural areas.
	Liaison with Irish Rail, Gas Networks Ireland, Eirgrid, TFI and Dublin Bus continues to ensure coordination of the proposed scheme with existing infrastructure and utilities.

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2025
Deliver strategic infrastructure (physical and green) in the County.	Fingal County Council is progressing the Kinsealy Walking and Cycling Scheme in accordance with the National Transport Authority's (NTA) capital project appraisal guidelines and the various phases that are required in order to ensure that the project meets all statutory obligations, and that funding can be secured to deliver the project following the consent process. We are currently engaging with landowners and carrying out the surveys required as part of the consent process and will continue to work to deliver the project in a timely manner. 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 (MetroLink) as an extension of the existing carriageway and active travel facilities at Millers Avenue. A consultant has been appointed to further develop this project to Phase 2 – investigate various options with a view to establishing a preferred route. Fingal's Infrastructure and Transport Department is progressing with a scheme, in conjunction with the National Transport Authority, that aims to provide high quality and safe walking and cycling infrastructure between Rush and Lusk and sustainable transportation at the Rush Lusk train station. This route is an objective of the county development plan and part of the NTA GDA Cycle network plan. A consultant has been appointed to develop this scheme to Phase 2 - investigate various options with a view to establishing a preferred route. Works were completed on the development of Phase 1 and the remaining Phases 2 and 3 of the **Ballymastone Recreational Hub** in Donabate progressed with the appointment of a contractor to undertake these works. A contractor was also appointed to undertake the upgrade of Corduff Park in Dublin 15 and the development of a new playground at **Laurel Lodge, Castleknock** were completed. Works progressed on the **Ward River Regional Park Development Plan** including the completion of the restoration of the historic Cascades feature and substantial restoration of the Brackenstown Walled Gardens and additional sections of the historic path network in the Regional Park. Works were progressed on **Bremore Regional Park in Balbriggan** with the completion of 3 new Grasscrete Car Parks, the upgrade of Bells Lane and the completion of Phase 1 of the Recreational Hub. Procurement commenced on the development of the further works on the Hub and additional landscape works to the front of **Bremore Castle**.

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2025
Deliver strategic infrastructure (physical and green) in the County.	The new Community Garden at **Lanesborough Park** was opened to the public. Planning approval was obtained for playgrounds at **Hartstown and Hazelbury Parks** in Dublin 15. A contractor was appointed to undertake the pitch improvement works at **Skerries Town Park** and the refurbishment of the tennis courts were completed. Works progressed on the pitch improvement works at **Broomfield Malahide** with significant improvement works undertaken on 3 sports pitches. Following receipt of planning approval for the **Rathmore Recreational Hub** in Lusk, works have progressed on the detailed design and procurement of the project. Works were advanced on the **Racecourse Park Baldoyle** with the completion of the car park and the procurement process commenced for the further development phases of the park. The development of the **Naul Village Park** project commenced on site. Works progressed on the implementation of the **Fingal Biodiversity Action Plan 2023 – 2030** including the removal of weir structures on the Ward River and the completion of a fish by-pass. Full grant funding was also secured for the river **Liffey Weirs** and **Matt River weirs** projects which will be implemented in the coming years.



Sod turn marks initiation of Active Travel Project in Balheary

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2025
Promote and Enforce Building Regulations and Construction Product Regulations.	In 2025, commencement notices for 1,660 new buildings were submitted through the BCMS system with over 25% of them going through a desktop technical review at completion stage. Also, the Council dealt with 376 Fire Safety Certificates and 271 Disability Access Certificates. The Building Control Authority carried out over 309 on-site Building Control inspections. Fingal Building Control is the Market Surveillance Authority for Construction Products in the Fingal area. The focus in 2025 was on the total Sulphur content of aggregates using the HTC (High temperature combustion) method. Fingal Building Control relied on help from the National Market Surveillance office for help with this sampling and testing.
Ensure appropriate action is taken on unauthorised development.	In 2025 Planning Enforcement issued 271 warning letters and 100 enforcement notices while managing its ongoing caseload of investigations and enquiries from the public. 14 new cases were referred to the Law Department during 2025 bringing to 58 the number of enforcement cases with the Law Department or at varying stages in the legal system.
Ensure planning decisions are transparent and are decided in accordance with proper planning and sustainable development.	Planning decisions decided in accordance with statutory requirements.1,641 planning applications received; 1,491 decisions made. No Strategic Housing Development (SHD) decisions were made by An Coimisiún Pleanála in 2025. 21 applications for Large Scale Residential Developments (LRD) were lodged to Fingal County Council in 2025. 24 decisions on LRD applications were made by Fingal County Council, 13 decisions to grant permission and/or to grant amendments to existing applications, 1 decision has been made to refuse permission and 10 requests for further information issued.
Manage the Taking in Charge Statutory Process.	The Council had another very good year for Taking in Charge in 2025 with a total of 25 estates Taken in Charge as well as 6 estates/roads taken into maintenance. The Council also appointed O'Connor Sutton Cronin on a single party Framework for Consulting Engineers to assist in preparing the documentation and management of contractors to bring legacy estates up to the Taking in Charge standard.

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2025
Preparation/review of County Development Plan - set out the strategy and objectives for the sustainable development of the County.	The Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 was adopted in February 2023 and came into effect on the 5th of April 2023. The Progress Report with respect to the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 was undertaken and provided to the Elected Members in February 2025. Following adoption of the Development Plan, a priority list of LAP's, Masterplans and Framework Plans to be prepared over the lifetime of the Development Plan was agreed by the Elected Members and work continues with respect to these plans. The Clonsilla Framework Plan was agreed in May 2025 while the Old Schoolhouse Masterplan was agreed in November 2025.







New community garden in Meakstown officially opened

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2025
Delivery of a sustainable transport system for all citizens.	The adopted Capital Plan 2023-2025 contains a range of schemes that are currently being advanced including: • **Royal Canal Greenway:** land acquisition, design and EIAR reviews and planning application due for submission in 2026. • Consultancy frameworks for various pedestrian and cycling **projects in the BCMO/Dublin 15 Area** with the initial project being the Pedestrian and Cycle Bridge at Granard Bridge Castleknock and Cycling Routes now at preliminary design stage. • **Sutton to Malahide greenway** planning application due for submission in 2026 • **Broadmeadow Way:** advance works contracts underway; Tenders for other sections being finalised. • **Fingal Coastal Way:** preliminary design work progressing along urban roads. • **Donabate Transport Projects** include for the 2nd phase of the Donabate Distributor Road and the upgrade of Blakes cross junction.
Promote and Protect Biodiversity.	29 priority actions were implemented or progressed during 2025 such as: Visitor management measures and wardening scheme on Ireland's Eye, woodland management measures at St Catherine's Park and Newbridge Demesne, Little tern conservation project on the beach in Portrane, the control of invasive species such as Giant Hogweed, Himalayan Balsam, Rhododendron and Cherry Laurel, the development of a masterplan for the Ward River Valley Park is ongoing, a fishpass was completed at Ushers Lake, a county wide Swift survey was undertaken with the Tidy Towns groups and Birdwatch Ireland, an Otter survey of all Fingal rivers and coastline was completed, a butterfly and aquatic insect surveys at Turvey Nature Park was completed and Fingal signed up to the MOU for the Dublin Bay Biosphere for another 5 years. Work is ongoing on planning guidance documents for general biodiversity conservation in developments, hedgerow management and nesting facilities in buildings.
Supporting Housing for All – a New Housing Plan for Ireland.	Ongoing residential development. Quarter 4 2025 as per the 4Dublin Housing supply pipeline returns: • There are 114 Sites with Live Planning Applications. • There is a total of 19,669 Units permitted within these planning permissions. • There are 58 active sites. • There are 3,781 units under construction. • There are currently sixteen SHD Sites in Tier 1, with eleven of these sites active. • There are twenty-three LRDs in Tier 1, eight are active; there is currently one LRD site under a Judicial Review. • Total delivered Units for the DHSP sites 2025 were 3,660 Units.

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Supporting Housing for All – a New Housing Plan for Ireland.	There were a total of 142 completed units (non DHSP sites i.e. sites with less than 10 units). Total delivered Units in Fingal during 2025 were 3,802 Units.
Develop a Coastal Management Policy.	The Council continued to progress the Fingal Pilot Project for Coastal Monitoring in collaboration with the OPW during 2025. A **Maritime Area Consent (MAC)** application was successfully obtained from the **Maritime Area Regulatory Authority (MARA)** in respect of the **Coastal Flood Risk and Erosion Risk Management (CFERM)** plan for **The Burrow, Portrane**. The Planning Pack for this CFERM was finalised for submission to An Coimisiún Pleanála.
Promote and protect the built and cultural heritage of the County.	The implementation of the Fingal Heritage Plan 2024-2030 is ongoing. Projects, publications, events etc. undertaken fulfil objectives of the Fingal Heritage Plan; Fingal County Development Plan 2017-2029; Fingal Climate Action Plan 2024-2029 and the Heritage Council Strategic Plan 2023-2028. A number of community-based projects were progressed including Season 5 of the community-based research excavation at Drumanagh Promontory Fort during May 2025. Supported by the Heritage Council, community volunteers and archaeologists have uncovered Iron Age structures and evidence for contact with the Roman world not seen anywhere else in Ireland before. These results and analysis will not only add to the interpretation of the site itself but will add immeasurably to the understanding of this period in Ireland. A find of buried pots made national news. Dissemination is an import element of the process and the Heritage Officer undertook a podcast for the Amplify Archaeology series Digging Drumanagh | Amplify Archaeology Podcast. Such was the level of material recovered that three separate Post excavation took place. Two in Swords Castle in June and during heritage week and the final in Newbridge Demesne in November. 2025 marked 10 years of Fingal Community Archaeology. Supported from the beginning by the Heritage Council the Fingal Community Archaeology programme has seen multi-season projects at Swords Castle, Bremore Castle, Naul Community Dig and Digging Drumanagh. Implementing the Fingal Community Archaeology Strategy 2019-2023 has resulted in community engagement and initiatives including art projects, Irish language tours, Heritage Guides, schools tours, events, articles and exhibitions. It was also the 10 year anniversary of Resurrecting Monuments, a local community archaeology group that the Fingal Heritage Office has consistently supported. To mark the 10 Year milestone a distinctive logo was developed, an exhibition, Heritage Week Post-Ex and a seminar was held in September 2025.

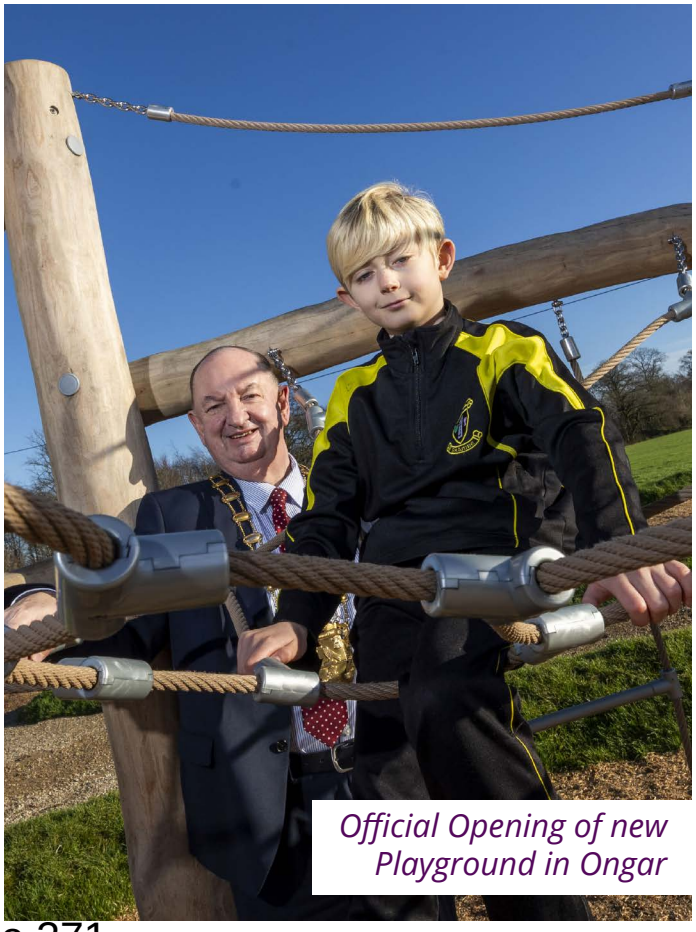
Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2025
Promote and protect the built and cultural heritage of the County.	As part of the **Fingal Historic Street Elements Audit 2025**, a detailed survey of the historic elements of four towns- Balbriggan, Skerries, Malahide and Howth included historical background, cartographic sources, photographic sources, digital bases and published literature was conducted. A project toolkit, recording forms and a training methodology were developed as part of the **Fingal Coastal Zone Project 2025**. Commencing with Portmarnock Strand during Heritage Week, four training sessions were held with the public (Skerries, Rush, Bremore). These included a brief background to the maritime heritage of Fingal, introduction to samples of archaeological material, a 2-hour walkover and demonstration of recording techniques. In order to highlight traditional skills and expertise across Fingal a **Traditional Skills Courtyard** was developed for the Flavours of Fingal County Show which was held on 05-06 July 2025. This was the second year of the event, building on a successful inaugural year. A total of eleven tents were laid within the inner courtyard of Newbridge House ensuring optimum footfall from the front of house through to the farm, walled garden, and outer fields. Practitioners were a mix of traditional building and craft skill as well as a Fingal Heritage and Conservation tent, which included the Heritage Officer and Conservation Officers and representatives from the National Built Heritage Service in another tent.













Official Opening of new Playground in Ongar

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2025
Promote and protect the built and cultural heritage of the County.	The **Fingal Fieldnames Project** was reconvened in 2025. The project commenced in 2018 with another phase in 2019. Covid and the fall out meant the project was only being undertaken by a few volunteers with occasional meet ups. The aim of Fingal Fieldnames 2025 was to revive the project and train up new volunteers. Abarta Heritage Ltd. were appointed. The toolkit and recording sheets were update, as was the database. Two training sessions undertaken in March and April. A how -to video is in development. The process of undertaking an **Audit of Oral Heritage** Recordings in 2024 identified the need for training in respect of community. This was undertaken by Arlene Crampsie and Daniel Carey of the Oral History Network Ireland in March 2025. The **Fingal Food Heritage – Oral History Pilot** project builds on the Blas: Fingal's Food Heritage project and addresses Action 7.5 (a) of the Fingal Food and Drink Policy 2024-2029 'Develop an oral history project to capture generational knowledge and stories from producers on the history of Fingal horticultural and agricultural heritage' and fulfil objectives of the Fingal Heritage Plan 2024-2030. Dr Deirdre Nuttal has been engaged and the process of identifying participants and interviewing has begun. The **Fingal Heritage Network** brings together seventeen heritage groups from around the county to work together and pool information and resources. The Network also represents the views of its members and seeks to inform policy making and assist with the naming of developments. Monthly meetings were held throughout the year. The Network collectively undertook Heritage Night 2025, an annual Heritage Week event.
	The **Fingal Heritage Forum** averages 28 members comprising councillors, council staff, members of the PPN, and representatives from the RIAI, Institute of Archaeologists of Ireland, National Parks and Wildlife Service, National Monuments Service, An Taisce, IFA, Local Authority Water Programme, Inland Fisheries Ireland, Fingal LEADER, Fingal Chamber, Fingal Tourism, School of Archaeology UCD and the Fingal Heritage Network. The Heritage Forum are instrumental to the implementation of the Heritage Plan. A meeting of the Heritage Forum was held on 22 January 2025.

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2025
Promote and protect the built and cultural heritage of the County.	**Heritage Week** took place between 15- 23 August 2025. In Fingal, there were just over 60 in-person events from archaeology at Swords Castle to swift talks in Lusk. There were events for all interests including turas threorithe tríd Ghaeilge at Malahide Castle and from the Fingal Mummers in Ballyboughal to the hugely well-attended heritage walks in Rush. Balbriggan Travellers Project were the Dublin-Fingal County Award 2024 winners with their community heritage event. The **Clonsilla Heritage Sign** was launched in July 2025. The sign was developed with Clonsilla and Porterstown Heritage Society with the support of Clonsilla Tidy Towns. The Heritage Officer administers the **Community Monument Fund** in Fingal for the National Monuments Service, Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. Five archaeological monuments received a total of €70,000 in funding in 2025. Funding of €40,000 was received in Stream 1 for Abbotstown Church and €30,000 was received in Stream 2 for Howth Castle. The Heritage Officer prepared consultee **planning reports** for • 78 Planning Permissions • 11 LRDs • 30 Compliances **Naming of Developments** - A total of 55 reports for compliance with naming conditions were requested from the Heritage Officer in 2025. **Infrastructural Projects**; review of documentation, input, and cross-departmental advice for Fingal's infrastructural projects including Metro West, Dublin Airport, Town Centre Plans, Ward River Regional Park, Canal Loop Greenway and Fingal Coastal Way.

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Council Membership of Standing Committees of the Council

AREA COMMITTEES

Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords
Members of Balbriggan, Rush-Lusk and Swords Electoral Areas.
Area Chairperson: Councillor Tom O'Leary (Jan – Jun 2025)
Councillor Luke Corkery (Jun – Dec 2025)

Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/ Castleknock/Ongar
Members of Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart, Castleknock and Ongar Electoral Areas.
Area Chairperson: Councillor JK Onwumereh (Jan – Jun 2025)
Councillor Eimear Carbone-Mangan
(Jun – Dec 2025)

Howth-Malahide
Members of Howth-Malahide Electoral Area
Area Chairperson: Councillor Aoibhinn Tormey (Jan – Jun 2025)

Councillor Cathal Haughey (Jun – Dec 2025)

ORGANISATION AND PROCEDURE COMMITTEE

All Elected Members are members of this Committee.

CORPORATE POLICY GROUP

Mayor: Councillor Brian McDonagh (Jan – Jun 2025)
Councillor Tom O'Leary (Jun – Dec 2025)

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, HERITAGE CULTURE AND CREATIVITY SPC

Councillors Eoghan Dockrell (Chairperson), Angela Donnelly, James Humphreys, John Walsh, Mary McCamley, Tom Kitt.

Non-Elected Nominees:
Abi Wise, Brenda Vanderzee, Valarie Farrell.

PUBLIC REALM, TRANSPORT/ MOBILITY MANAGEMENT SPC

Councillors Darragh Butler (Chairperson), Corina Johnston, Darren Jack Kelly, Joan Hopkins, Malachy Quinn, Patrick Quinlan.

Non-Elected Nominees:
John Fox, Michael Lenehan, Siobhan O'Donnell.

ECONOMIC ENTERPRISE AND TOURISM DEVELOPMENT SPC

Councillors Kieran Dennison (Chairperson), Ellen Troy, James Humphreys, Jimmy Guerin, Siobhan Shovlin, Tom O'Leary, Tony Murphy.

Non-Elected Nominees:
Anthony Cooney, Eric Fleming, Peader O'Kelly.

HOUSING SPC

Councillors Brendan Ryan (Chairperson), Aoibhinn Tormey, Breda Hanaphy, Cathal Haughey, Gerard Sheehan, John Burtchaell, Ted Leddy, Mark Boland (since March 2025).

Non-Elected Nominees:
David Branagan, Jimmy Doran, Jo Fulham.

CLIMATE ACTION, BIODIVERSITY AND ENVIRONMENT SPC

Councillors Joe Newman (Chairperson), Brian McDonagh, David Healy, JK Onwumereh, Siobhan Shovlin.

Non-Elected Nominees: Paul Flynn, Sarah Zimmerman, Tara Byrne.

PLANNING STRATEGIC TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT SPC

Councillors Eoghan O'Brien (Chairperson), Cathal Boland, Eimear Carbone-Mangan, John Smyth, Luke Corkery, Tania Doyle.

Non-Elected Nominees: Anthony Cooney, Kevin Tolan, Paul Arnold.

MARINE AND COASTAL MANAGEMENT SPC

Councillors Angela Donnelly (Chairperson), Cathal Boland, Corina Johnston, Dean Mulligan, Gráinne Maguire, Paul Mulville.

Non-Elected Nominees: Alison Regan, Charles Sargent, Máire O'Brien.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Councillors Eoghan Dockrell, James Humphreys, Mary McCamley.

Non-Elected Members: Alison Byrne, Anne Carter, Chris Harmon, Noel O'Connell.

LOCAL TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Councillors Brendan Ryan (Chairperson), Breda Hanaphy, Helen Redwood.

Non-Elected Members: Angela O'Neil, Kathleen Joyce, Maggie McDonagh.

Councillor Membership of Other Bodies

AIRPORT REGIONS CONFERENCE (ARC)

Councillor James Humphreys (until 13/11/25), Cathal Boland (from 08/12/25)

ARDGILLAN CASTLE LTD

Councillor Brendan Ryan

ASSOCIATION OF IRISH LOCAL GOVERNMENT (AILG)

Councillors Kieran Dennison, Mary McCamley, JK Onwumereh

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Councillors Eoghan Dockrell, James Humphreys, Mary McCamley

BASE ENTERPRISE CENTRE

Councillors JK Onwumereh (until 8/12/25), Breda Hanaphy (from 8/12/25), Tom Kitt (from 8/12/25)

BEAT ENTERPRISE CENTRE

Councillors Gráinne Maguire (until 8/12/25), Tony Murphy (from 8/12/25), Darren Jack Kelly (from 8/12/25)

BEAUMONT HOSPITAL BOARD

Councillor James Humphreys

BLANCHARDSTOWN LOCAL DRUG AND ALCOHOL TASK FORCE

Councillors Angela Donnelly, Ellen Troy, Ted Leddy

COMHAIRLE NA NÓG

Councillors Luke Corkery, Brian McDonagh, Dean Mulligan

COUNTY HERITAGE FORUM

Councillors Darren Jack Kelly, Eimear Carbone-Mangan, Corina Johnston, JK Onwumereh, Malachy Quinn

DBEC POLITICAL ADVISORY BOARD

Councillors Brian McDonagh (Mayor; Jun '24 - Jun '25), Kieran Dennison (Chairperson), Tom O'Leary (Mayor; Jun '25 - Jun '26), Tony Murphy (from 08/12/25)

DRAÍOCHT

Councillors Eimear Carbone-Mangan, John Walsh

DRINAN ENTERPRISE CENTRE

Councillors Eoghan O'Brien (until 8/12/25), Cathal Haughey (until 8/12/25), Joan Hopkins (from 8/12/25), Brian McDonagh (from 8/12/25)

DUBLIN AND DÚN LAOGHAIRE EDUCATION AND TRAINING BOARD

Councillors Eimear Carbone-Mangan, Eoghan Dockrell (until 15/9/25), Angela Donnelly, Dean Mulligan, John Walsh, Ted Leddy (from Oct 25)

DUBLIN NORTH EAST DRUGS AND ALCOHOL TASK FORCE

Councillor Cathal Haughey, Joan Hopkins

EASTERN AND MIDLAND REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

Councillors Tom O'Leary, David Healy, Eimear Carbone-Mangan (until 11/12/25)

EIRGRID EAST MEATH-NORTH DUBLIN GRID COMMUNITY

Councillors JK Onwumereh, Eimear Carbone-Mangan

FINGAL AGE FRIENDLY ALLIANCE COMMITTEE

Councillors Joan Hopkins, Tom O'Leary, Tania Doyle, Ellen Troy

FINGAL LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (LCDC)

Councillors Cathal Haughey (until 11/12/25), Eoghan Dockrell, Eimear Carbone-Mangan

FINGAL BIODIVERSITY FORUM

Councillors Luke Corkery, David Healy, Paul Mulville, John Walsh, Joe Newman, Brian McDonagh

FINGAL COASTAL LIAISON GROUP

Councillors Corina Johnston, Eoghan Dockrell, David Healy, Paul Mulville, Kevin Humphreys (from 13/1/25, until Feb '25), Mark Boland (from Mar '25)

FINGAL NORTH (DMR NORTH) LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

Councillors Luke Corkery, David Healy, Eoghan Dockrell, Cathal Haughey, Corina Johnston, Darren Jack Kelly, Malachy Quinn

FINGAL WEST (DMR WEST) LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

Councillors John Burtchaell, Kieran Dennison, Angela Donnelly, Ted Leddy, Eimear Carbone-Mangan, Gerard Sheehan, John Walsh

FINGAL ROAD SAFETY WORKING TOGETHER GROUP (RSWTG)

Councillors David Healy, Darren Jack Kelly, Angela Donnelly

FINGAL SPORTS PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE

Councillors Tom Kitt, Corina Johnston, Cathal Haughey

FINGAL TOURISM LIMITED

Councillors Brian McDonagh (Mayor; Jun '24 - Jun '25), Darren Jack Kelly, Tom O'Leary (Mayor; Jun '25 - Jun '26)

HILL MILL LTD

Councillor Tom O'Leary

HOWTH SAAO MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Councillors David Healy, Joan Hopkins, Cathal Haughey, Brian McDonagh

INTER LOCAL AUTHORITY SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FIRE AND AMBULANCE SERVICES AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Councillors Darragh Butler, Dean Mulligan, Tania Doyle, Kieran Dennison

IRISH PUBLIC BODIES (IPB) MUTUAL INSURANCES LIMITED

Councillor Kieran Dennison

INNOVATE FINGAL (BASE/BEAT/DRINAN)

Councillors Tom O'Leary, Kieran Dennison

IRISH INSTITUTE OF MUSIC AND SONG

Councillor Tony Murphy

JOINT FINGAL AND SOUTH DUBLIN LIFFEY VALLEY MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Councillors Ted Leddy, Siobhan Shovlin, Ellen Troy, John Walsh, Eimear Carbone-Mangan, Helen Redwood (from Mar '25)

LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS ASSOCIATION (LAMA)

Councillor JK Onwumereh

LOCAL TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (LTACC)

Councillors Breda Hanaphy, Helen Redwood (from Mar '25), Brendan Ryan (from 13/01/25)

MALAHIDE CASTLE AND NEWBRIDGE HOUSE LTD.

Councillors Cathal Haughey, Eoghan Dockrell, Corina Johnston, Eoghan O'Brien

NAMING AND COMMEMORATIVE MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

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

NORTH DUBLIN REGIONAL DRUG AND ALCOHOL TASK FORCE

Councillors Luke Corkery, Corina Johnston, Darren Jack Kelly, Dean Mulligan, Malachy Quinn, Kevin Humphreys (from 13/01/25, until Feb '25), Mark Boland (from Mar '25)

NUCLEAR FREE LOCAL AUTHORITIES SECRETARIAT (NFLA)

Councillor Paul Mulville

OUR BALBRIGGAN LEADERSHIP GROUP

Councillors Gráinne Maguire, Brendan Ryan, Tony Murphy, Malachy Quinn, Tom O'Leary

REGIONAL HEALTH FORUM DUBLIN AND NORTH EAST

Councillors Aoibhinn Tormey, Tom Kitt, Mary McCamley, Kieran Dennison Tom O'Leary (from Mar '25), John Smyth (from Sep '25), Ellen Troy (from Sep '25), Eimear Carbone-Mangan (until 11/12/25)

SÉAMUS ENNIS ARTS CENTRE

Councillor Eoghan Dockrell

ST. MARGARET'S COMMUNITY LIAISON GROUP

Councillor Dean Mulligan

TOWN CENTRE FIRST – LUSK TOWN TEAM

Councillors Corina Johnston, Eoghan Dockrell, Mark Boland (from Mar '25)

Meetings Held in 2025

Meeting	Number of Meetings held
Full Council	**11**
Balbriggan/Rush-Lush/Swords (Services A) Area Committee	**10**
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords (Services B) Area Committee	**10**
Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar (Services A) Area Committee	**10**
Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar (Services B) Area Committee	**10**
Howth/Malahide (Services A) Area Committee	**10**
Howth/Malahide (Services B) Area Committee	**10**
Special Meeting	**1**
Annual Meeting	**1**
Budget Meeting	**1**
Organisation, Procedures and Finance Committee	**6**
Climate Action, Biodiversity, Environment Strategic Policy Committee	**4**
Community, Sports and Culture Strategic Policy Committee	**4**
Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development Strategic Policy Committee	**4**
Housing Strategic Policy Committee	**4**
Planning Strategic Transport and Infrastructure Development Strategic Policy Committee	**4**
Public Realm, Transportation / Mobility Management Strategic Policy Committee	**4**
Marine and Coastal Management Strategic Policy Committee	**4**

Attendance at Meetings

Councillor	Number of meetings attended
Cathal Boland	**41**
Mark Boland (co-opted 10th March)	**34**
John Burtchaell	**42**
Darragh Butler	**39**
Eimear Carbone-Mangan	**41**
Luke Corkery	**30**
Kieran Dennison	**37**
Eoghan Dockrell	**40**
Angela Donnelly	**45**
Tania Doyle	**2**
Jimmy Guerin	**36**
Breda Hanaphy	**40**
Cathal Haughey	**39**
David Healy	**39**
Joan Hopkins	**38**
Kevin Humphreys (resigned 13th Feb)	**4**
James Humphreys	**37**
Corina Johnson	**45**
Darren Jack Kelly	**31**

Councillor	Number of meetings attended
Tom Kitt	**42**
Ted Leddy	**32**
Gráinne Maguire	**35**
Mary McCamley	**36**
Brian McDonagh	**27**
Dean Mulligan	**40**
Paul Mulville	**34**
Tony Murphy	**39**
Joe Newman	**41**
Eoghan O'Brien	**40**
Tom O'Leary	**41**
JK Onwumereh	**37**
Patrick Quinlan	**38**
Malachy Quinn	**42**
Helen Redwood (co-opted 10th March)	**30**
Brendan Ryan	**36**
Gerard Sheehan	**40**
Siobhan Shovlin	**45**
John Smyth	**42**
Aoibhinn Tormey	**35**
Ellen Troy	**37**
John Walsh	**42**

Local Elections (Disclosure of Donations and Expenditure) Act 1999

Councillor	Donations and Expenditure Disclosed (€)
Cathal Boland	**0**
Mark Boland	**0**
John Burtchaell	**0**
Darragh Butler	**0**
Eimear Carbone-Mangan	**0**
Luke Corkery	**0**
Kieran Dennison	**0**
Eoghan Dockrell	**0**
Angela Donnelly	**0**
Tania Doyle	**0**
Jimmy Guerin	**0**
Breda Hanaphy	**0**
Cathal Haughey	**1,000**
David Healy	**0**
Joan Hopkins	**0**
Kevin Humphreys	**0**
James Humphreys	**0**
Corina Johnson	**0**
Darren Jack Kelly	**0**

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Tom Kitt	**0**
Ted Leddy	**0**
Gráinne Maguire	**0**
Mary McCamley	**0**
Brian McDonagh	**0**
Dean Mulligan	**0**
Paul Mulville	**0**
Tony Murphy	**0**
Joe Newman	**0**
Eoghan O'Brien	**0**
Tom O'Leary	**0**
JK Onwumereh	**0**
Patrick Quinlan	**0**
Malachy Quinn	**0**
Helen Redwood (co-opted 10th March)	**0**
Brendan Ryan	**0**
Gerard Sheehan	**0**
Siobhan Shovlin	**0**
John Smyth	**0**
Aoibhinn Tormey	**0**
Ellen Troy	**0**
John Walsh	**0**

Payments to Councillors in 2025

Councillor Payments made to Councillors under Section 142 of the Local Government Act 2001	Amount (€)
Total Expenses paid to members in respect of attendance at meetings of the County Council and its Committees	**337,048.74**
Total Representational Payments	**1,226,212.54**
Strategic Policy Committee Chairpersons Allowance Total	**41,051.43**
Mayors Allowance 2025	**29,897.40**
Deputy Mayors Allowance 2025	**5,979.46**

Councillors Expenses and Representation at Conferences in 2025

Expense Type	Home (€)	Abroad (€)	Total (€)
Fees	**4,370.00**	**0**	**4,370.00**
Travel and Subsistence	**4,910.52**	**0**	**4,910.52**

**For details of Conference Payments – see Appendix VIII*

Conferences/Seminars/Training attended by Councillors in 2025

Name of Conference	Venue	Date	Councillors in Attendance	Travel/ Sub/ Expenses (€)	Conference Fee (€)
LAMA Spring Training Seminar 2025	Kilford Arms Hotel, John Street Upper, Kilkenny	30th and 31st January 2025	Kieran Dennison		980
			Siobhan Shovlin	297.64	
			Ted Leddy	307.43	
			Mary McCamley	470.64	
Association of Irish Regions Annual Training Seminar	Radisson Blu Hotel, Athlone, Co. Westmeath	5th and 6th February 2025	Kieran Dennison		640
			Tom O'Leary		
			Ted Leddy	283.83	
			David Healy		

Name of Conference	Venue	Date	Councillors in Attendance	Travel/ Sub/ Expenses (€)	Conference Fee (€)
AILG - Module 1 - An Overview of Wind Energy: Contribution to Economy, Climate Action and future Potential	Fairways Hotel, Dundalk	20th February 2025	Cathal Boland		180
			Kieran Dennison		
AILG - Module 2 - Embracing Equality - Cultivating Inclusive Local Communities - Eastern and Midland Region	Clayton Hotel, Galway	22nd March 2025	Cathal Boland		270
			Kieran Dennison		
			Tom O'Leary		
AILG - Annual Training Conference 2025	Limerick Strand Hotel	2nd and 3rd April 2025	Cathal Boland	253.27	700
			Kieran Dennison		
			Gráinne Maguire	546.84	
			Mary McCamley	513.34	
AILG - Module 3 - Emergency Response - Council's Supporting Communities in Weather Crises	Radisson Blu, Sligo	22nd May 2025	Kieran Dennison		90
AILG Module 4 - Planning 2025 - The Councillor and the New Concept for Development Plans	Hillgrove Hotel, Monaghan	21st June 2025	Cathal Boland	117.25	270
			Tom O'Leary		
			Joe Newman		
AILG SPC Chairpersons Training	Midlands Park Hotel, Portlaoise	2nd September 2025	Angela Donnelly		270

Name of Conference	Venue	Date	Councillors in Attendance	Travel/ Sub/ Ex-penses (€)	Conference Fee (€)
AILG Autumn Training Seminar 2025	Westport Woods Hotel, Co. Mayo	17th and 18th September 2025	Cathal Boland	625.68	700
			Mary McCamley	556.48	
			Kieran Dennison		
			Ted Leddy	596.35	
Irish Planning Institute - Autumn Planning Conference 2025	The Gibson Hotel, Dublin	2nd October 2025	Tom O'Leary		
AILG - October Training Module 5	Horse and Jockey Hotel, Tipperary	11th October 2025	Cathal Boland		180
			Kieran Dennison		
LAMA Autumn Seminar	Amber Spring Hotel, Gorey, Co. Wexford	16th and 17th October 2025	John Kingston Onwumereh	300.39	
			Mary McCamley	294.65	
AILG - November Training Module 6 - The Evolving Planning context and the New Ministerial Guidelines	Ravenport Resort Hotel, Wexford - Southern Region	13th November 2025	Kieran Dennison		90

Part 15 Local Government Act 2001 - Contraventions

There were no contraventions of Part 15 of the Local Government Act 2001 in 2025.

Section 22 of the Protected Disclosures Act 2014

There was three Protected Disclosure applications in 2025.

Freedom of Information Requests / Customer Complaints / Ombudsman Queries

Applications Received/Processed	
Applications received	252
Decisions made	238
Applications on hand at 31st December	14
Nature of Information Sought	
Personal (to applicant)	70
Non-Personal	168
Mixed	0
Granted	60
Part-Granted	90
Refused	59
Transferred	2
Withdrawn/Outside FOI	27
Appeals	
Appeals to Information Commissioner	7
Ombudsman Complaints	
Complaints received	46
Complaints responded to	46

Subject of Complaints	
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	9
Operations and Water Services	2
Housing	34
Finance	0
Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel and Sport	1
Community	0
Economic, Enterprise, Tourism and Cultural Development	0
Corporate Services and Governance	0
Libraries	0
Citizen Charter Complaints	
Complaints received	180
Complaints responded	167
Subject of Complaints	
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	13
Operations and Water Services	41
Housing	89
Finance	1
Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel and Sport	9
Community	0
Economic, Enterprise and Tourism	1
Corporate Services and Governance	20
Libraries	6

Performance Indicators

01/01/2025 - 31/12/2025

**These are draft figures, and the annual report will be adopted pending their final approval.*

Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
Housing: H1	**A.** No. of dwellings in the ownership of the Local Authority at 1/1/2025	6,407	
	B. No. of dwellings added to the Local Authority owned stock during 2025 (whether constructed or acquired)	212	
	C. No. of Local Authority owned dwellings sold in 2025	16	
	D. No. of Local Authority owned dwellings demolished in 2025	12	
	E. No. of dwellings in the ownership of the Local Authority at 31/12/2025	6,591	
	F. No. of Local Authority owned dwellings planned for demolition under a DHLGH approved scheme at 31/12/2025	0	
Housing: H2	**A.** The percentage of the total number of Local Authority owned dwellings that were vacant on 31/12/2025	3.06%	Includes new homes delivered during last weeks of the year
	The number of dwellings within their overall stock that were not tenanted on 31/12/2025	202	Includes new homes delivered during last weeks of the year

Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
Housing: H3	**A.** The time taken from the date of vacation of a dwelling to the date in 2024 when the dwelling is re-tenanted, averaged across all dwellings re-let during 2025	37.75 weeks	
	The number of dwellings that were re-tenanted on any date in 2025 (but excluding all those that had been vacant due to an estate-wide refurbishment scheme)	98	
	The number of weeks from the date of vacation to the date the dwelling is re-tenanted	3699.5 weeks	
	B. The cost expended on getting the dwellings re-tenanted in 2025, averaged across all dwellings re-let in 2025	€21,170.87	
	Total expenditure on works necessary to enable re-letting of the dwellings	€2,074,744.94	
Housing: H4	**A.** Expenditure during 2025 on the maintenance of LA housing compiled from 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025, divided by the no. of dwellings in the LA stock at 31/12/2025, i.e. the H1E less H1F indicator figure	€1,547.13	
	Expenditure on maintenance of LA stock compiled from 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025.	€10,197,136.75	
Housing: H5	**A.** Total number of registered tenancies in the LA area at 31 December 2025		This figure will be supplied directly to the LGMA by the Residential Tenancies Board (RTB)
	B. Number of rented dwellings inspected in 2025		Figures will be provided by the DHLGH

Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
Housing: H5	**C.** Percentage of inspected dwellings in 2025 not compliant with Standards Regulations on first inspection		Figures will be provided by the DHLGH
	D. Number of dwellings deemed compliant in 2025 (including those originally deemed non-compliant)		Figures will be provided by the DHLGH
	E. The number of inspections (including re-inspections) undertaken by local authorities in 2025		Figures will be provided by the DHLGH
Housing: H6	**A.** Number of adult individuals in emergency accommodation that are long-term (i.e. 6 months or more within the previous year) homeless as a % of the total number of homeless adult individuals in emergency accommodation at the end of 2025		Dublin Regional Homeless Executive to provide this data for the 4 Local Authorities
	The number of adult individuals classified as homeless and in emergency accommodation on the night of 31 December 2025 as recorded on the PASS system		Dublin Regional Homeless Executive to provide this data for the 4 Dublin Local Authorities
	The number out of those individuals who, on 31/12/2025, had been in emergency accommodation for 6 months continuously, or for 6 months cumulatively within the previous 12 months		Dublin Regional Homeless Executive to provide this data for the 4 Dublin Local Authorities
Housing: H7	**A. (1)** Total number of houses retrofitted between 01/01/2025 and 31/12/2025 under the Social Housing Retrofit Programme		Data to be provided by the Housing Delivery Co-Ordination Office
	A. (2) Number of houses that achieved a BER rating of B2 or above between 01/01/2025 and 31/12/2024 under the Social Housing Retrofit Programme		Data to be provided by the Housing Delivery Co-Ordination Office

Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
Housing: H7	**A. (3)** Number of heat pumps installed in those houses between 01/01/2025 and 31/12/2025 under the Social Housing Retrofit Programme		Data to be provided by the Housing Delivery Co-Ordination Office
	B. Total annual energy savings in MWH from houses retrofitted between 01/01/2025 and 31/12/2025 under the Social Housing Retrofit Programme		Data to be provided by the Housing Delivery Co-Ordination Office
	C. Total carbon emission reduction of Co2 from houses retrofitted between 01/01/2025 and 31/12/2025 under the Social Housing Retrofit Programme		Data to be provided by the Housing Delivery Co-Ordination Office
Roads: R1 **Pavement Surface Condition Index (PSCI) Ratings**	**The percentage of total Regional road** that received a PSCI condition rating in the 24 month period prior to 31/12/2025		Data for all local authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO
	The percentage of total Local Primary road that received a PSCI condition rating in the 24 month period prior to 31/12/2025		Data for all local authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO
	The percentage of total Local Secondary road that received a PSCI condition rating in the 24 month period prior to 31/12/2025		Data for all local authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO
	The percentage of total Local Tertiary road that received a PSCI condition rating in the 60 month period prior to 31/12/2025		Data for all local authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO
	The percentage length of (a) Regional, (b) Local Primary and (c) Local Secondary roads that received a PSCI condition rating in the 24 month period prior to 31/12/2025 and the percentage length of (d) Local Tertiary roads that received a PSCI condition rating in the 60 month period prior to 31/12/2025, in each of the following PSCI rating categories: 1-4, 5-6, 7-8 and 9-10	Info not yet provided by RMO	Data for all local authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO

Topic	Indicator	Value		Comment	
Roads: R2 Road Works	**Road type**	**1-4 Rating**	**5-6 Rating**	**7-8 Rating**	**9-10 Rating**
	(a) Regional				
	(b) Local Primary				
	(c) Local Secondary				
	(d) Local Tertiary				
	A1. Kilometres of regional road strengthened during 2025			Data for all local authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO	
	A2. The amount expended on regional roads strengthening work during 2025			Data for all local authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO	
	A3. The average unit cost of regional road strengthening works per square metre (€/m2)			Data for all local authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO	
	B1. Kilometres of regional road resealed during 2025			Data for all local authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO	
	B2. The amount expended on regional road resealing works during 2025			Data for all local authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO	
	B3. The average unit cost of regional road resealing works per square metre (€/m2)			Data for all local authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO	
	C1. Kilometres of local road (i.e. total of primary, secondary and tertiary) strengthened during 2025			Data for all local authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO	
	C2. The amount expended on local road strengthening works during 2025			Data for all local authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO	
	C3. The average unit cost of local road strengthening works per square metre (€/m2)			Data for all local authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO	

Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
Roads: R2 Road Works	**D1.** Kilometres of local road resealed during 2025		Data for all local authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO
	D2. The amount expended on local road resealing work during 2025		Data for all local authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO
	D3. The average unit cost of local road resealing works per square metre (€/m2)		Data for all local authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO
Motor Tax: R3	**A.** The percentage of motor tax transactions which were dealt with online (i.e. transaction is processed and the tax disc is issued) in 2025	N/A	
Road Opening Licensing and Inspections: R4	**A.** Total number of T1, T2',T3,T4s issued by the Local Authority between 01/01/2025 and 31/12/2025	2,126	
	B. Total number of T5 notifications received from licence holders between 01/01/2025 and 31/01/2025	2,792	
	C. Percentage of licences that have been reviewed by the Local Authority prior to entering the guarantee period	99%	
	D. Percentage of licences that have been subject of an inspection prior to entering the guarantee period	50%	
Water: W1	Percentage of drinking water in private schemes in compliance with statutory requirements		Data for all local authorities will be obtained directly from the Environmental Protection Agency
	The number of registered schemes monitored by each Local Authority as a percentage of total schemes registered	100%	

Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
Water: W2	Number of Local Authority registered schemes monitored in 2025		Data for all local authorities will be obtained directly from the Environmental Protection Agency
	Total number of registered schemes in 2025		Data for all local authorities will be obtained directly from the Environmental Protection Agency
Waste/ Environment: E1	**A.** The number of households, which availed of a 3-bin service offered by a licensed operator at 31/12/2025		This data will be supplied by the National Waste Collection Permit Office
	B. The percentage of households within the Local Authority that the number at A represents		This data will be supplied by the National Waste Collection Permit Office
Environmental Pollution: E2	**A.** The opening number of environmental complaints carried forward from year end 2024		Data will be provided by the Environmental Protection Agency
	B. . Total number of environmental complaints of all types (e.g. air/noise/water/waste pollution) made through any medium and whether initiated by the public or by the Local Authority itself from 01/01/2025 to 31/12/2025		Data will be provided by the Environmental Protection Agency
	C. Total number of environmental complaints of all types which were closed during 2025 (regardless of when the case commenced)		Data will be provided by the Environmental Protection Agency
	D. Total number of environmental complaints of all types that were not closed at 31/12/2025		Data will be provided by the Environmental Protection Agency
Litter Pollution: E3	**A1.** The percentage of the area within the Local Authority that when surveyed in 2025 was unpolluted or litter free		Data will be submitted by the Department of Climate,Energy & the Environment (DCEE)
	A2. The percentage of the area within the Local Authority that when surveyed in 2025 was slightly polluted		Data will be submitted by the Department of Climate,Energy & the Environment (DCEE)

Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
Litter Pollution: E3	**A3.** The percentage of the area within the Local Authority that when surveyed in 2025 was moderately polluted		Data will be submitted by the Department of Climate,Energy & the Environment (DCEE)
	A4. The percentage of the area within the Local Authority that when surveyed in 2025 was significantly polluted		Data will be submitted by the Department of Climate,Energy & the Environment (DCEE)
	A5. The percentage of the area within the Local Authority that when surveyed in 2025 was grossly polluted		Data will be submitted by the Department of Climate,Energy & the Environment (DCEE)
Green Flag Status: E4	**A.** The % of schools that have been awarded/renewed green flag status in the two years to 31 December 2025	48%	
	Schools which attained a Green Flag for the first time in 2025	2	
	Schools which renewed their Green Flag in 2025	17	
	Schools which held a Green Flag from 2024 and therefore do not require renewal until 2026	29	
Energy Efficiency Performance: E5	**A.** The cumulative percentage of energy savings achieved by 31/12/2025 relative to baseline year (2009)		Data for all local authorities will be obtained directly from the SEAI
Public Lighting: E6	**A.** Total annual consumption of the public lighting system		Data for all local authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO
	B. Average wattage of each public light		Data for all local authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO

Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
Public Lighting: E6	**C.** Percentage of the total system that LED lights represent		Data for all local authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO
	Number of LED lights in the public lighting system		Data for all local authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO
	Number of non-LED lights		Data for all local authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO
Climate Change: E7	Does the Local Authority have designated FTE climate action resources under the following headings?		This data will be collected directly from the LGMA
	Climate Action Coordinator (Yes/No/WIP)		This data will be collected directly from the LGMA
	Climate Action Officer (Yes/No/WIP)		This data will be collected directly from the LGMA
	Does the Local Authority have a Climate Action Team?		This data will be collected directly from the LGMA
Planning: P1	**A.** Buildings inspected as a percentage of new buildings notified to the Local Authority	56.09%	
	Total number of new buildings notified to the Local Authority i.e. buildings where a valid Commencement Notice was served in the period 1/1/2025 to 31/12/2025 by a builder or developer to the Local Authority, in accordance with section 6(2)(k) of the Building Control Act 1990 and Part II of the Building Control Regulations 1997 (S.I. No. 496 of 1997) as amended by the Building Control (Amendment) Regulations 2004 (S.I. No. 85 of 2004) and the Building Control (Amendment) Regulations 2009 (S.I. No. 351 of 2009)	1,157	

Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
Planning: P1	Number of new buildings notified to the Local Authority in 2025 that were the subject of at least one on-site inspection during 2025 undertaken by the Local Authority under section 11 of the Building Control Act 1990	649	
Planning: P2	**A.** Number of Local Authority planning decisions which were the subject of an appeal to An Bord Pleanála that were determined by the Board on any date in 2025	181	
	B. % of the determinations at A which confirmed (either with or without variation) the decision made by the Local Authority	72.92%	
	Number of An Bórd Pleanála determinations confirming the Local Authority's decision (either with or without variation)	132	
Planning: P3	**A.** Total number of planning cases referred to or initiated by the Local Authority in the period 01/01/2025 to 31/12/2025 that were investigated	274	
	B. Total number of investigated cases that were closed during 2025	478	
	C. Percentage of the cases at B that were dismissed as trivial, minor or without foundation or were closed because statute barred or an exempted development	43.5%	
	D. Percentage of the cases at B that were resolved to the Local Authority's satisfaction through negotiations	0.20%	
	E. Percentage of the Cases at B that were closed due to enforcement proceedings (i.e. remedied in response to a warning letter issued under section 152 of the Act or to an enforcement notice issued under section 154 of the Act or where a prosecution was brought under section 157 or an injunction was sought under section 160 of the Act)	56.3%	

Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
Planning: P3	**F.** Total number of planning cases being investigated as at 31/12/2025	847	
	In order to compile B to E above, the following must be provided:		
	Number of cases at 'B' above that were dismissed as trivial, minor or without foundation or were closed because statute barred or an exempted development	208	
	Number of cases at 'B' above that were resolved to the Local Authority's satisfaction through negotiations	1	
	Number of cases at 'B' above that were closed due to enforcement proceedings (i.e. remedied in response to a warning letter issued under Section 152 of the Act or to an enforcement notice issued under Section 154 of the Act or where a prosecution was brought under Section 157 or an injunction was sought under Section 160 of the Act):	269	
Planning: P4	**A.** The 2025 Annual Financial Statement (AFS) Programme D data divided by the population of the Local Authority area per the 2022 Census	€47.60	
	AFS Programme D data consisting of D01 – Forward Planning, D02 – Development Management, D03 – Enforcement (inclusive of the relevant Programme D proportion of the central management charge) for 2025	€15,732,288	
Planning: P5	**A.** The percentage of applications for fire safety certificates received in 2025 that were decided (granted or refused) within two months of their receipt	33.11%	
	B. The percentage of applications for fire safety certificates received in 2025 that were decided (granted or refused) within an extended period agreed with the applicant	45.15%	
	The total number of applications for fire safety certificates received in 2025 that were not withdrawn by the applicant	299	

Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
Planning: P5	The number of applications for fire safety certificates received in 2025 that were decided (granted or refused) within two months of the date of receipt of the application	99	
	The number of applications for Fire Safety Certificates received in 2025 that were decided (granted or refused) within an agreed extended time period	153	
Fire Service: F1 (Cost per Capita of the fire service)	**A.** The Annual Financial Statement (AFS) Programme E expenditure data for 2025 divided by the population of the Local Authority area per the 2022 Census figures for the population served by the fire authority as per the Risk Based Approach Phase One reports: AFS Programme E expenditure data consisting of E11 - Operation of Fire Service and E12 - Fire Prevention (inclusive of the relevant Programme E proportion of the central management charge) for 2025:		Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
Fire Service: F2	**A.** Average time taken, in minutes, to mobilise fire brigades in Full-Time Stations in respect of fire		Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	B. Average time taken, in minutes, to mobilise fire brigades in Part-Time Stations (retained fire service) in respect of fire		Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	C. Average time taken, in minutes, to mobilise fire brigades in Full-Time Stations in respect of all other (non-fire) emergency incidents		Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	D. Average time taken, in minutes, to mobilise fire brigades in Part-Time Stations (retained fire service) in respect of all other (non-fire) emergency incidents		Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade

Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
Fire Service: F3	**A.** Percentage of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance at scene is within 10 minutes		Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	B. Percentage of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance at the scene is after 10 minutes but within 20 minutes		Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	C. Percentage of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance at the scene is after 20 minutes		Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	D. Percentage of cases in respect of all other emergency incidents in which first attendance at the scene is within 10 minutes		Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	E. Percentage of cases in respect of all other emergency incidents in which first attendance at the scene is after 10 minutes but within 20 minutes		Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	F. Percentage of cases in respect of all other emergency incidents in which first attendance at the scene is after 20 minutes		Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	Total number of call-outs in respect of fires from 1/1/2025 to 31/12/2025		Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	Number of these fire cases where first fire tender attendance at the scene is within 10 minutes		Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	Number of these fire cases in which first fire tender attendance at the scene is after 10 minutes but within 20 minutes		Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	Number of these fire cases in which first fire tender attendance at the scene is after 20 minutes		Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	Total number of call-outs in respect of all other emergency incidents (i.e. not including fire) from 01/01/2025 to 31/12/2025		Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade

Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
Fire Service: F3	Number of these non-fire cases in which first fire tender attendance at the scene is within 10 minutes		Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	Number of these non-fire cases in which first fire tender attendance at the scene is after 10 minutes but within 20 minutes		Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	Number of these non-fire cases in which first fire tender attendance at the scene is after 20 minutes		Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
Library Service: L1	**A.** Number of visits to libraries per head of population for the Local Authority area per the 2022 Census	2.95	
	B. Number of items issued to library borrowers in the year	1,393,377	
	C. Library active members per head of population.	0.17	
	D. Number of registered members of the library in the year	48,186	
	Number of visits to its libraries from 01/01/2025 to 31/12/2025 per automatic counters if used	976,616	
Library Service: L2	**A.** The Annual Financial Statement (AFS) Programme F data for 2025 divided by the population of the Local Authority area per the 2022 Census	58.89	
	B. The annual per capita expenditure on collections over the period 01/01/2025 to 31/12/2025	€4.12	
	AFS Programme F data consisting of F02 - Operation of Library and Archival Service (inclusive of the relevant proportion of the central management charge for Programme F) for 2025	€19,465,506	

Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
Library Service: L2	The Annual Financial Statement (AFS) Programme F data for 2025 divided by the population of the Local Authority area per the 2022 Census	€1,323,000	
Youth and Community: Y1	**A.** Percentage of local schools involved in the local Youth Council/Comhairle na nÓg scheme	77%	
	Total number of second level schools in the Local Authority area at 31/12/2025		
	Number of second level schools in the Local Authority area from which representatives attended the local Comhairle na nÓg AGM held in 2025	27	
Groups associated with Public Participation Network PPN: Y2	**A.** Number of organisations included in the County Register at 31/12/2025 and the proportion of those organisations that opted to be part of the Social Inclusion College within the PPN	7.3%	
	Total number of organisations included in the County Register for the Local Authority area as at 31/12/2025	930	
	Total number of those organisations that registered for the first time in 2025	68	
	Number of organisations that opted to join the Social Inclusion Electoral College on whatever date they registered for the PPN	147	
Corporate: C1	**A.** The wholetime equivalent staffing number as at 31 December 2025	1,599.73	
Corporate: C2	**A.** Percentage of paid working days lost to sickness absence through medically certified leave in 2025	2.96%	
	B. Percentage of paid working days lost to sickness absence through self-certified leave in 2025	0.42%	

Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
Corporate: C2	Total number of working days lost to sickness absence through medically certified leave in 2025	13,417.40	
	Total number of working days lost to sickness absence through self-certified leave in 2025	1,519.99	
	Number of unpaid working days lost to sickness absence included within the total of medically certified sick leave days in 2025	2,933.50	
	Number of unpaid working days lost to sickness absence included within the total of self-certified sick leave days in 2025	47	
	If any staff are on long-term sick leave (i.e. a continuous period of more than 4 weeks), include a text note of the number of staff on long-term sick leave	25	
Corporate: C3	**A.** The per capita total page views of the Local Authority's websites in 2025	13.24	
	B. The per capita total number of followers at end 2025 of the Local Authority's social media accounts (if any)	0.94	
	The cumulative total page views of all websites operated by the Local Authority for the period from 01/01/2025 to 31/12/2025 obtained from a page tagging on-site web analytics service or equivalent	4,376,411	
	The total number of social media users who, at 31/12/2025, were following the Local Authority on any social media sites	310,777	
	The number of social media accounts operated by the Local Authority	58	
	Indicate if there was a change to the cookie policies on the Local Authority sites and the date this came into effect	No change	

Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
Corporate: C4	**A.** All ICT expenditure in the period from 01/01/2025 to 31/12/2025, divided by the WTE number supplied under the C1 indicator	€6,131.82	
	Total of ICT expenditure in 2025	€9,563,984.58	
Corporate: C5	**A.** All ICT expenditure calculated in C4 as a proportion of Revenue expenditure	2.76%	
	Total revenue expenditure from 01/01/2025 to 31/12/2025 before transfers to or from reserves	€345,750,339	
Finance: M1	**A.** Cumulative surplus/deficit balance at 31/12/2021 in the Revenue Account from the Income and Expenditure Account Statement of the AFS	€15,979,812	
	B. Cumulative surplus/deficit balance at 31/12/2022	€15,980,204	
	C. Cumulative surplus/deficit balance at 31/12/2023	€15,980,456	
	D. Cumulative surplus/deficit balance at 31/12/2024	€15,980,735	
	E. Cumulative surplus/deficit balance at 31/12/2025*	€15,980,930	
	F. Cumulative surplus or deficit at 31/12/2025 as a percentage of Total Income in 2025 from the Income and Expenditure Account Statement of the AFS*	4.1%	
	G. Revenue expenditure per capita in 2025	€1,050.22	

Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
Finance: M1	**H.** Revenue expenditure per capita in 2025 excluding significant out of county/shared service expenditure		Only Applicable to Dublin City, Laois and Limerick
	The 2025 Total Income figure from the Income and Expenditure Account Statement of the AFS	€385,533,278	
	The 2025 Total Expenditure figure on the Income and Expenditure Account Statement of the AFS	€345,750,339	

Finance: M2	**Collection Levels by Year in Appendix 7 of the AFS**	**(a) % Rates**	**(b) % Rent and Annuities**	**(c) % Housing Loans**
	Individual percentage figures for 2021	93.00%	77.4%	100%
	Individual percentage figures for 2022	98.1%	76.1%	96.8%
	Individual percentage figures for 2023	99.1%	75.3%	97%
	Individual percentage figures for 2024	99.9%	78.7%	96.8%
	Individual percentage figures for 2025* (Unaudited AFS)	99.7%	83.1%	95%
	Collection level of HAP SSC for 2025			

Finance: M3			
	A.1 Per capita total cost of settled claims for 2025	€3.95	
	IPB Insurance: Number of notified claims for 2025	152	
	IPB Insurance: Number of settled claims for 2025	145	

Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
Finance: M3	IPB Insurance: Total cost of settled claims for 2025	€1,308,050	
	Total cost of claims settled under excess for 2025	0	
	Self-insured: Number of notified claims for 2025	152	
	Self-insured: Number of settled claims for 2025	145	
	Self-insured: Total cost of settled claims for 2025	€1,308,050	
Finance: M4	**A.** Overall central management charge as a percentage (%) of total expenditure on revenue account	17.37%	
	B. Total payroll costs as a percentage (%) of revenue expenditure	33.85%	
	Overall central management charge from the Local Authority FMS and defined in the Annual Budget	€60,089,155	
	Total payroll costs from Appendix 1 of the AFS for 2025 (including salaries, wages and pensions)	€91,710,248	

Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
Economic Development: J1	The number of jobs created with assistance from the Local Enterprise Office during the period 01/01/2025 to 31/12/2025 per 100,000 of population		Data will be provided by Enterprise Ireland
	The number of jobs created with assistance from the Local Enterprise Office during the period 01/01/2025 to 31/12/2025		
Economic Development: J2	The number of trading online voucher applications approved by the Local Enterprise Office in 2025 per 100,000 of population		Data will be provided by Enterprise Ireland
	The number of trading online vouchers that were drawn down in 2025 per 100,000 of population		Data will be provided by Enterprise Ireland
Economic Development: J3	The number of trading online voucher applications approved by the Local Enterprise Office in 2025		Data will be provided by Enterprise Ireland
	The number of those trading online vouchers that were drawn down in 2025		Data will be provided by Enterprise Ireland
	The number of participants who received mentoring during the period 01/01/2025 to 31/12/2025 per 100,000 of population		
	The number of participants who received mentoring during the period 01/01/2025 to 31/12/2025		
Economic Development: J4	**A.** Does the Local Authority have a current Tourism Strategy?	Yes	
	B. Does the Local Authority have a designated Tourism Officer?	Yes	
Economic Development Spend: J5	The spend on local economic development by the Local Authority in 2025 per head of population	€223.50	
	The spend on local economic development by the Local Authority in 2025	€73,867,818.19	

Members' Security Allowance 2025

Councillor	Security Allowance (€)
Angela Donnelly	0
Aoibhinn Tormey	0
Breda Hanaphy	0
Brendan Ryan	0
Brian McDonagh	0
Cathal Boland	0
Cathal Haughey	0
Corina Johnston	0
Darragh Butler	0
Darren Jack Kelly	0
David Healy	0
Eimear Carbone-Mangan	0
Ellen Troy	0
Eoghan Dockrell	0
Eoghan O'Brien	0
Gerard Sheehan	0
Gráinne Maguire	0
James Humphreys	0
Jimmy Guerin	0
Joan Hopkins	0

Councillor	Security Allowance (€)
Joe Newman	**0**
John Burtchaell	**997.00**
John Walsh	**0**
John Smyth	**0**
John Kingsley Onwumereh	**0**
Kevin Humphreys	**0**
Kieran Dennison	**0**
Luke Corkery	**0**
Malachy Quinn	**0**
Mark Boland	**7,572.29**
Mary McCamley	**0**
Patrick Quinlan	**0**
Paul Mulville	**0**
Siobhan Shovlin	**833.64**
Tania Doyle	**0**
Ted Leddy	**0**
Tom Kitt	**0**
Tom O'Leary	**0**
Tony Murphy	**0**
Total	**9,402.93**

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Chief Executive's Foreword

I hope you all had a very pleasant Easter. Spring is a time of regeneration and growth and last month Fingal County Council continued to promote our county wide tree planting programme by giving away 8,000 native and non-native tree species to residents for planting in their own gardens during National Tree Week. The health, social and ecological benefit of trees is well documented and since 2019, Fingal County Council has given away over 60,000 trees reflecting our commitment to boosting tree cover and enhancing species diversity. This year marks the 40th anniversary of the founding of the Tree Council of Ireland and we were very pleased to welcome President of Ireland Catherine Connolly to Newbridge House and Demesne on March 8th to officially launch the National Tree Week programme. President Connolly also took part in a tree planting ceremony in the grounds and learned about the tree species and history of this magnificent heritage site. Newbridge Demesne forms part of our 2,300 hectares of public open space and is an excellent example of a space which is defined by its woodlands and majestic, mature trees which provide such enjoyment for visitors. I wish to thank our Parks & Green Infrastructure Division and our Operations teams who facilitated this year's tree giveaway at 7 locations across Fingal and I hope all the recipients reap the rewards which come with tending these trees.

Last month significant milestones were marked in the progression of the R132 Connectivity Project in Swords with the appointment of Murphy as the contractor and the subsequent signing of the multi-million euro contract in County Hall. The project, which is being funded by the NTA, will take 25 months to complete and will be carried out in four phases along the 3km route from the Bostik junction to the edge of the Pinnock Hill roundabout. The first phase of the works will see the Estuary Roundabout being replaced by a 4-point junction which will be safer and more accessible for road users and pedestrians. The project objective is to enhance functionality of the R132 while supporting the development of BusConnects and MetroLink which will deliver more sustainable, accessible transport links for the people of the county. The contractor, Murphy, has a stellar reputation as a transportation specialist and has previously delivered sustainable infrastructure solutions on an international scale as well as high profile projects here at home. Cognisant of the projection that the population of Swords is set to double over the next 20 years, the R132 Connectivity Project will provide safe and efficient connectivity within the town and its transformation will support sustainable growth as part of the Sustainable Swords Strategy. A sod turning on the R132 on Friday, March 27th signified the beginning of the works and was attended by Minister for Transport, Darragh O'Brien TD along with The Mayor of Fingal and Elected Members, representatives of MetroLink, TII and NTA and community stakeholders. Meticulous traffic management planning has taken place to ensure that the R132, which is a major commuter corridor, will remain open for the duration of the works. Two lanes in each direction — northbound and southbound — will remain open during peak traffic hours (6:30am - 10:00am and 4:00pm - 7:30pm) to ensure traffic at peak commuter times is minimally affected. Traffic impact will be continuously monitored and managed throughout the project. I look forward to bringing you updates on the progress of this project in the coming months.

The Community Development and Inclusion Office recently marked the 19th year of World Autism Awareness Day by compiling sensory kits which were distributed to ten community centres across Fingal. The sensory kits contain items designed to support regulation, comfort, and wellbeing for children and adults with sensory processing needs. This initiative aligns with training provided by AsIAm to the Fingal Community Facilities network in June 2025 and highlights our ongoing commitment to fostering inclusivity, accessibility and respect in our communities and shared spaces. The 2026 observance of World Autism Awareness Day (WAAD), themed "Autism and Humanity – Every Life Has Value," highlights and affirms the dignity and worth of all autistic people. I wish to commend the staff for their tireless work in promoting initiatives which seek to include those who face barriers and challenges in their everyday lives.

Finally, I wish to formally welcome Sinéad Murphy as she attends her first Council Meeting as Director of Service for Operations. Sinéad was appointed following the retirement of Mary T. Daly in March and brings to the role a wealth of knowledge and experience amassed in her previous appointments including in Water Services, Transportation and Planning & Strategic Infrastructure. Most recently, Sinéad was the Senior Engineer with the Active Travel Unit and worked on many high-profile projects within the county. I know you will join me in wishing Sinéad all the very best as she embarks on this new chapter in her career.

Best wishes,

AnnMarie Farrelly
Chief Executive

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Learning & Development Update

Learning & Development	Year to date
Number of courses	88
Number of Attendees	742
Number of Training Days	718

Throughout March courses in the areas of mandatory Disciplinary Training for all staff, Health & Safety – Teleporter, Signing Lighting Guarding – Driver CPC and many more took place.

Wellbeing Update

We continue to offer a comprehensive and inclusive Wellbeing Programme for all staff, designed to support positive health and engagement throughout the organisation. Our programme includes a wide range of initiatives across our four Wellbeing pillars under the following headings:

(physical, mental, social and financial wellbeing), along with access to a dedicated **Employee Assistance Scheme** for confidential guidance and support.

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 – March 2026

Total Calls CCU	Total Emails CCU	Total In Person Transactions
9,047	**1,579**	**1,444**

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 March was 782.

Communications

Digital Statistics

The fingal.ie website had 201,750 visitors during March, up 15,681 from the previous period. The number of page views decreased to 381,747. The average time spent on the website decreased to 1m 12s. One of the most popular pages was for St. Patrick's Day parades (27,158 views).

Planning Applications remains popular, with 24,893 views.
Facebook rose to 46,747 followers (+0.8%) while the number of views decreased to 1,834,917 from the previous month. There were 8,405 interactions (-30.3%). The most popular post related to the Free Trees give away (61,701 views). Instagram rose by 301 to 18,704 followers. Total views went down by 37.3% to 658,492, with a reach of 41,007 (-62.9%). There were 6.882 (-42.2%) interactions. The most read post was Swords St Patrick's Day parade 2026 (67,508 views).
WhatsApp now has 3,920 followers (+2.43%) while numbers following our other corporate channels remain steady - Threads (1,745), TikTok (1,218) and Bluesky (540).
LinkedIn followers are now at 13,416 (+224). Our YouTube Channel subscribers rose by 26 to 2,010 in March. Total views were 7,6044. We now have 863 videos, our most popular videos during March were the new affordable homes in Skerries (672 views) and the Affordable Housing Scheme - Online Application Tutorial (554). We continue to webcast the monthly Council Meeting - March had 265 views.

Press Releases

There were 13 press releases issued during March covering topics such the approval of the variation to the Development Plan, the sod turn on the R132 connectivity project, the contract signing for the Ballymastone Recreational Hub, the Fingal Student Enterprise Awards, the opening of Newtown Bridge at Balheary, and National Tree Week. Key coverage included RTE and Newstalk attending the sod turn for the R132. The Irish Independent also featured the 2nd Spin Project. Local newspapers picked up the likes of plans to manage coastal erosion in Portrane, new parking charges, and the Fingal Student Enterprise Awards as well as the variation to the development plan.

Media Queries

Media queries during March included taking in charge of estates, notices to quit issued by landlords, the Burrow Road planning dispute (FCC v Phillip Farrelly), the Dublin Airport Passenger Cap, the Mobile Sauna Scheme, unfinished housing developments and the building of affordable homes in the county.

Irish Language

Over 80 people attended our Seachtain na Gaeilge concert in County Hall with Éamonn de Barra, Paudie O'Connor, and Aoife Ní Chaoimh. Fingal staff also took part in Fís - a fantastic Irish language promotion event for young people in the Convention centre as part of Gaeilge365. Another Irish language episode of the Fingal Podcast Inside Fingal was recorded with Daire Bracken and Brian O'Connor from our Architects Department.





Sod Turn for the R132

Digital Services

Stock Management System

A new Stock Management system was rolled out in the Council in March. The system was implemented in Coolmine and Watery Lane depots. The new system has delivered early benefits such as improved stock visibility, more consistent controls, and a standardised approach to inventory management. Fancourt depot is scheduled for implementation in April and County Hall Stores is scheduled for implementation in May.



Open Data Awareness



A staff Open Data Awareness Campaign was organized for 18th and 19th March with kiosks set up in both Blanchardstown and Swords offices. Over 200 staff engaged with the campaign with flyers distributed introducing the concepts of open data sharing; how it can support staff in their departments; and how it can make access to our data easier for our communities. 103 staff took part in an Open Data quiz with 92% correct answers.



CE Innovation Fund

The CE Innovation Fund 2025 staff awards and 2026 kick-off took place on 25th March with a great networking event at The Carnegie venue, Swords.

All of the 2025 projects were on display and the new 2026 project teams were in attendance to network with experienced teams and staff. This is the 5th year of the CE Innovation Fund, and for the first time crystal awards were presented by the Chief Executive in recognition of the successful 2025 projects.



Smart Balbriggan

The €1.2M EU-funded periASTY project to support climate-neutral peri-urban areas is underway in partnership with UCD and will run from 2026-2029. Interviews took place in March for the new Community Energy Officer hired by the Balbriggan Sustainable Energy Community CLG, who will be based in Balbriggan. Their planned start date is in May on a two-year contract to develop business models for local sustainable energy projects.



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Explore Fingal Roadshow on Whistle Stop Tour

Following on from the launch of the new tourism destination brand for Fingal, a Roadshow visited seven venues around the county as part of the rollout of 'Explore Fingal'. The meetings were an opportunity to meet with local community tourism groups to discuss the new brand and how it can be used by them for marketing and in social media. Between Monday 2nd and Thursday 5th March the Roadshow visited Balbriggan, Skerries, Lusk, Howth, Malahide, Rush and Blanchardstown.

All tourism businesses and organisations in Fingal are encouraged to visit the website (www.explorefingal.ie) and connect through the Trade link.



The Explore Fingal Roadshow visited Blanchardstown on Thursday 5th March. Attendees are pictured with Declan Power (2nd from left) and Ciarán Staunton (3rd from right), both from Fingal County Council Tourism Department, in the foyer of the Fingal County Council offices in Blanchardstown.



Explore Fingal also featured on Phoenix FM early in the month when Ciarán Staunton was interviewed live on air about the new tourism brand and how Fingal residents and businesses can get involved.

St. Patricks Day Celebrations in New York

A Fingal County Council delegation visited New York from Sunday March 15th to Wednesday March 18th to promote the new Fingal Tourism Destination Brand Explore Fingal and develop opportunities for economic development and tourism promotion with local elected officials, media, tourism, cultural and business representatives. The Mayor had the honour of raising the Irish flag at the Irish/US flag raising ceremony marking the start of St Patrick's day celebrations in New York City.

The delegation supported the launch of the American 250 programme and the expansion of the Global Irish Famine Way (National Famine Way) into the US. Additional meetings were also held to strengthen the Council's links with the IDA, Tourism Ireland, the Dublin Society and Irish American / NY business, tourism and cultural associations.



EVENTS

St Patrick's Events

Eight parades were successfully ran across the county, including the inaugural Donabate St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday 14th of March.
Feedback received across the county was very positive and thankfully the weather was very good on the 17th adding to the enjoyment for all.

Overall audiences figures were 71,500, with 20,000 people watching the Swords Parade, 10,000 watching Balbriggan, 18,000 watching Blanchardstown, 9,000 in Malahide, 5,000 in Skerries, 3,500 in Donabate and 3,000 each in Rush and Lusk. On top of this over 11,000 participants marched in the parades.

An extensive gallery of photos and videos from the parades can be found on www.eventsinfingal.ie


Swords Parade


Blanchardstown Parade



Balbriggan Parade


Malahide Parade



Donabate Parade



Lusk Parade



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Festival and Events Funding – March and April 2026

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Lusk St Patrick's Day Festival
Skerries St Patrick's Day Parade
Skerries 10k Race
Garden Talk Series
Baldoyle Easter Family Fun Day
Brian Boru's Wake Festival
Lady Barbalade 10th Anniversary Event
Polish Constitution Day Festival
Total Funding: €62,000

HERITAGE PROPERTIES

Skerries Mills



The Manager of Skerries Mills attended Meitheal for the first time in Killarney on 24th and 25th March. Over 200 international buyers from 17 countries attended Fáilte Ireland's largest international travel trade fair, organised in partnership with Tourism Ireland. Meitheal provides Irish tourism businesses with a unique opportunity to sell directly to top international buyers and tour operators. A prominent member of the Fingal Food Circle, McNallys Organic Farm were also present at Meitheal, promoting their new farm tour.

Ardgillan Castle



Ardgillan Castle has completely revamped the castle visitor experience with a slick, family friendly immersive re-telling of the Taylor family story. A modern audio tour that tells the story of the castle though the voice of the family matriarch Marianne St ledger Taylor is now available on visitors' phones using a QR Code. New graphics in every room depict many of the aspects of the history of the castle. Notable features include a family Activity Trail booklet, a Discovery Nook for children includes a historic dress-up rack, games and puzzles, soundscapes that provide a real historic atmosphere and smellometers – where the smells of days gone by are strategically placed to enhance the visitor engagement further.

Malahide Castle and Gardens

The EU CAP Network welcome evening, held ahead of their conference at the Grand Hotel, took place on Wednesday 18th March at Malahide Castle. The event featured a curated tasting experience by Fingal Food Circle members, showcasing the region's finest local producers in a unique heritage setting, delivered through a collaboration between Fingal County Council, Fingal Food Circle, and Malahide Castle and Gardens.



Joe Savage, Joe's Smokeshouse, Julieanne Collins, Malahide Castle and Gardens, Niamh McNally, McNallys Family Farm, Carol Lopez, Dainty Greens, Laura Duffy, Chair of Fingal Food Network and La Cocina Cuevas and Joe Collins, Old Stone Wall Farm

CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

The Carnegie

Songwriting workshop with Carnegie Musician in Residence



The Arts Office and Libraries teamed up to host a songwriting workshop for TY students. Musician Luke Clerkin is leading a series of sessions with the group and was recently joined by The Carnegie's Musician in Residence, harpist Alannah Thornburgh.

During the workshop, Alannah shared some of the pieces she has developed during her residency and introduced students to the harp, offering insight into the instrument and its possibilities.

Youth & Education



Fingal County Council Arts Office and Superprojects are finalising a very special arts-in education project publication titled *Seanchaí Microforest (2020–24).*

Seanchaí Microforest was conceived by artist Gareth Kennedy during the pandemic of 2020 as a means to work with artists and young people outdoors. It is now a thriving habitat that serves as an outdoor learning and recreation space, addressing climate action at a local level, while also enhancing students' mental and physical wellbeing. This publication offers insight into the origins of the Microforest method and its compelling value in our lives. It reveals the unique seasonal and creative workshops supported by artists and ecological experts over a 4-year period on site. It is hoped that this project will inspire further radical acts of afforestation in other educational settings and beyond. A publication launch event will be announced shortly.

Public Art





The first phase of a new public artwork for the Harry Reynolds Road is now complete. Heritage Stonemasons have completed and integrated stonework which will include a series of ceramic tiles created by artist John Kindness and featuring images of the life and times of "The Fingal Flier" and road namesake "Harry Reynolds" in Balbriggan.

Creative Places Balbriggan



Creative Places Balbriggan has begun accepting memberships for Balbriggan Cultural Companions. The initiative is in partnership with Age & Opportunity to increase participation and attendance in arts activities and cultural events for those aged over 50.

The aim is to reduce social isolation and make the arts more socially accessible by offering a meet-up for tea and coffee at the monthly events. The initiative was successfully launched in Ardgillan Castle during Fingal Inclusion Week 2025 and will begin in May to mark Bealtaine Festival with participatory arts workshops for its members.

Creative Places Balbriggan is also now a member of Creative Coastal Communities Network which spread across Ireland and the UK. It is a research network framed exclusively around socially engaged arts practice and its value within coastal communities to help understand, practice-share and develop creative mechanisms to support community-driven change.

Draíocht

The March/April programme is well underway. Local groups programmed include 'The Songs & Poems of Percy French', Aoife Brogan Ballet, Hartstown Community School. Castleknock Community College, Bolton Academy and Cecilian Theatre Arts.

Our children's performance programme included 'For the Love of Milsean' presented with Fingal Libraries for Seachtain na Gaeilge. The May/June brochure is with our printers and will be distributed shortly. It includes our programme mix of local, arts and commercial work. 4 Dublin 15 based schools of dance/drama/music will present their end of year performances in Draíocht during that period.

We are now fully booked for the remainder of the year. Jan to June 2027 is heavily booked at this point.

The Artist Studio space has been allocated from April to mid-May to artists who are creating work for our annual Toddle TakeOver event. This takes place over two days, May 13th and 14th. May 13th is a sensory friendly day with local playschools with sensory units being invited to attend. May 14th is open to the public. This is the 11th Toddler Takeover Event which caters for children aged 18 months and 4 years. Over 400 people will attend over the two days.

'Spring 26', our Exhibition platforming and celebrating the work of 26 emerging Fingal artists was opened on 4th March by Councilor Siobhan Shovlin on behalf of The Mayor of Fingal. It was a very well attended Opening with the support of Draíocht to Fingal artists practice being widely acknowledged.

Our Children/Youth Arts programme has included film screenings for secondary schools, Artist and Self led Gallery explore tours, tours for Primary schools, Taster Dance workshops for secondary schools, Youth Theatre workshops, Create Dance workshops and Family days. 2 commissioned artworks (by ceramicist, Deirdre Kelly and painter, Tom Climent) have been hung in the Foyer. These works, created in response to the same theme, facilitates viewers, touch, hear about and explore the works. Prompts on the wall ask questions which children, with their accompanying adults can talk about together. A particular emphasis in terms of engagement has been with children with a variety of additional needs. Our artist support progamme continues. There is huge demand regarding any available dates we have either in the rehearsal room or in the studio space. Space for development/rehearsal has been allocated in each month of 2026.
Full details are available on www.draiocht.ie

The Seamus Ennis Arts Centre

Workshops

We started the month with our '***Art Classes with Dave West***' on 2/3/26 which were sold out. Art classes run every Monday from 10am for a term of 6 weeks. We held a **Soap Making** workshop on 14/3/26 which was also sold out.

Film

Our cinema event this month was 'Souleyman's Story' and was screened on 5/3/26 with 38 attendees. This film was in French with English subtitles.

Kids Family Events

Our **Céilí Beag** had a St. Patrick's Day theme on 13/03/26 and was sold out with 15 mother and toddlers in attendance. Céilí Beag continues to be sold out for the next few months ahead. On 31/3/26 we will begin our kids Easter workshops starting with our **Spring Planter Workshop** and a **Glass Painting Workshop**. Both of these workshops have now sold out with more Easter workshops being ran throughout the Easter school holidays.

Music

Our first music event of the month was '**Southern Legacy**' who played to a sold out audience on 12/3/26. This month we had programmed **Heidi Talbot** to perform on 13/3/26 however she unfortunately had to cancel her tour due to personal circumstances. We were also due to host our **Seisiún Oige** in March however, the facilitating band unfortunately had to cancel the session. Coming up on 27/03/26 we will welcome '**The Henry Girls**' to TSEAC. Tickets are already sold out for this show.





Traditional Irish Music Sessions

Our monthly **Traditional Irish Music Slow Session with Paudie O'Connor** went ahead on 15/03/26 which hosted 27 musicians inside our theatre and 24 joining the session online via zoom. On 17/03/26 we hosted a free **St. Patrick's Day Session** open to musicians of all ages. Spaces at this booked out with 45 attendees and lots of positive feedback from our patrons. The **TSEAC Singing Session** welcomed special guest singer Emma Langford on 19/03/26. The Singing session was attended by 16 singers in person and also 13 online via zoom and many more viewers tuning in via our live stream on Fb, IG and YouTube. Also on 19/3/26 we hosted our monthly **Pop Up Gaeltacht** which welcomed participants to come along and practice Irish in a relaxed and informal setting. There were 23 attendees who came along.

Visual Arts

We are currently showing an exhibition by Dublin artist **Cormac Dennis** in our Easter Snow Gallery which is being received well by viewers. The collection is called 'Sanctuary' and will be on show until 31/3/26.

LIBRARIES

Spring into Storytime

Spring into Storytime is part of the national Right to Read programme, which aims to promote literacy and reading for fun. Story sessions for children will take place in all Fingal libraries during the month of April.

Sensory-friendly Programme

Sensory-friendly events for children are ongoing in libraries. These include workshops where children learn through play, active Lego sessions, and musical sessions.



Makerspace

A programme of hands-on workshops for adults, teens and children is taking place at the Makerspace in Blanchardstown Library, where people come together to learn new skills, collaborate on projects and access equipment. Upcoming workshops include a bookbinding workshop for adults, a workshop for children where young makers build and light their own star dome, and an introduction to punch needle embroidery for teens.



Louder Voices

Creative Fingal is collaborating with singer-songwriter Luke Clerkin on Louder Voices, a six-week creative wellbeing and songwriting programme for Transition Year students from Fingal Community College. Held in the Carnegie Library in Swords, the programme supports young people to express themselves through music. The project will culminate in an evening of live performances by the students and Luke in Swords Castle Chapel on Thursday, 30th April.

Story2remember with Engaging Dementia

Story2Remember is a series of five workshops for people living with dementia in the community and their family members. The programme combines storytelling, reminiscence, and creative activities to support communication and encourage shared experiences. Beginning in April, the initiative includes training sessions for Story2Remember facilitators who can deliver the programme across Fingal.

Creative Response to Drumanagh Archaeological Site

Creative Fingal in collaboration with the Fingal Heritage and Arts Offices, will support a creative writing residency with children's book author and illustrator Niamh Sharkey. Working with St. Catherine's National School in Rush, Niamh will co-create a publication in the form of a comic or zine, inspired by recent archaeological discoveries at the Drumanagh promontory fort. The project aims to engage students with local heritage, archaeology, biodiversity, and storytelling.

Economic Development

Fingal Skills Strategy Update – March 2026

FUTURE FINGAL:
FINGAL Skills STRATEGY
IDEAS COLLABORATION ACTION

The Green Skills Sectoral Subgroup met on the 4th of March, laying out the groups focus for 2026.

- The transport and logistics subgroup met on the 25th of March with discussions taking place over a potential subgroup led event in September and on events running during transport and logistics week 2026.

Interreg Skyla Project – Update – February 2026

- Fingal has submitted their semester 6 policy report to the SKYLA team for approval. The report covers activities undertaken in relation to the SKYLA project for the past 6 months.
- Fingal have submitted our dissemination report to SKYLA covering all communications related to our policy instrument, the Fingal Skills Strategy, and to the SKYLA project over the past 6 months.
- The team are currently preparing the semester 6 payment claim for the project.

Sustainable Fingal - Update – February 2026

- The SPC were briefed on the progress of the DRAFT Sustainability Strategy. The full DRAFT will be presented to the SPC in April.

Circular Cities - Update – February 2026

- Feasibility study from EcoCore Hackathon in progress on a Circular Hub and Digital Platform for the Balbriggan area.
- Information on circular initiatives across Fingal is being compiled for the first CCD Report. The team attended a Q&A session on the report on the 27th of March

LOCAL AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Fingal LCDC

- Next LCDC Meeting: 13th May 2026
- Healthy Ireland & LECP: Ongoing implementation and review.

LEADER Programme Update

- LAG Meeting took place on 25th March 2026.
- LEADER Annual Progress Report 2025 and Implementation Plan 2026 has been submitted to Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht (DRCDG).

Local Enhancement Programme (LEP) 2026

- Funding Available: €268,827 allocated to Fingal for Capital Projects only.
- The Evaluation Meeting for final sign-off took place on 24 March 2026.
- List of successful projects to be submitted to DRCDG by 22 April 2026.

Walking Football

Healthy Fingal is working with Total Football Solutions and local sports clubs to deliver a Walking Football Programme in Fingal.

This will be rolled out in Q2 & Q3, 2026 in the following 4 areas: Balbriggan, Blanchardstown, Lusk and Malahide/Portmarnock.



TOWN REGENERATION OFFICE

Our Balbriggan 2025 – 2030 Rejuvenation Plan – A Socio-Economic Strategy

The Balbriggan Leadership Group, chaired by Dr. David Begg met on 11th March, members received updates on the Urban Regeneration Development funded Public Infrastructure Projects and progress reports from its four Pillar Chairs; Economic Development, Education, Skills & Training, Community Development & Sustainability, Climate Action & Biodiversity. Membership comprises of the five Balbriggan locally elected councillors, senior representatives from the Public Sector together with Local and Community Development stakeholders.



The Council appointed contractor John Craddock Ltd on the redevelopment of the Quay Street, Harbour & Environs area in Q2 2024. Work is continuing to progress well across all key elements, with the majority of the work scheduled to be substantially completed in Spring 2026.

Phase 5 works are underway with the heritage restoration of the RNLI Boathouse building in its final stages. The restoration works are due for completion in Q2 2026. The new public toilets, harbour pavilion buildings and kiosks are progressing well with exposed aggregate concrete and granite paving being completed. Site testing investigations are complete on the site of Balbriggan's old gas works, which is part of the new Harbour Square development.

Following the February Swords/Balbriggan ACM, the Section 38 Quay Street & Environs Traffic Management Scheme was agreed and traffic control measures works in Georges Hill, Mill Street, Quay Street, Harbour Road and Seapoint Lane are to proceed in Q2 2026.



The procurement process to appoint a contractor for the redevelopment of 2-4 Dublin Street is ongoing. 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. Substantial completion is expected in 2027.



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. It is intended to proceed to a Part 8 planning public consultation process in 2026.

A Feasibility Study for a Swim Platform has been completed by Langan Consulting (Marine) Engineers. The Programme Office are reviewing the proposed options and costs before progressing 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 Q3 2026 with construction commencing in early 2027 for completion of the project in late 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.

The Open Spaces Scheme for Chieftan's Drive/Moylaragh Road, Balbriggan will commence Q2 2026 with the installation of a Half MUGA and additional outdoor enhancements to include seating.

Lár Bailte ar dTús
Town Centre First

Town Centre First

The Town Teams of Ballyboughal, Balrothery, Donabate, Lusk and Rush, in consultation with the Town Regeneration Office all continue to identify objectives from their Town Plans to implement during 2026 ensuring that the agreed actions of local residents and businesses alike are prioritised.



Town & Village Renewal Scheme 2025

The Town Regeneration Office secured €1,035,450 in funding for all five applications submitted to the TVRS scheme operated by the Department of Rural and Community Development & The Gaeltacht which was announced in December 2025. Consultations are ongoing between the Town Regeneration Office, other departments within FCC and Town Teams to determine the details of each project in order to ensure a maximum return on these funds for each local community.

The Successful applications under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme, 2025 were:

St. Margaret's - Community Hall Enhancement

Funding of €500,000 has been approved to complete the repair, refurbishment and extension of the existing Community Hall in St Margaret's to include mechanical and electrical upgrades, fire safety and site clearing. This project will be led by the Community Development Office and supported by the Town Regeneration Office.

Ballyboughal - Public Realm Enhancement

Funding of €218,700 has been approved. This project will be led by the Ballyboughal Town Team and supported by the Town Regeneration Office.

Lusk - Public Realm Enhancement

Funding of €195,075 has been approved. This project will be led by the Lusk Town Team and supported by the Town Regeneration Office.

Rush – Feasibility Study for Public Realm Enhancement

Funding of €50,000 has been approved. This project will be led by the Rush Town Team and supported by the Town Regeneration Office.

Balrothery – Feasibility Study for Public Realm Enhancement

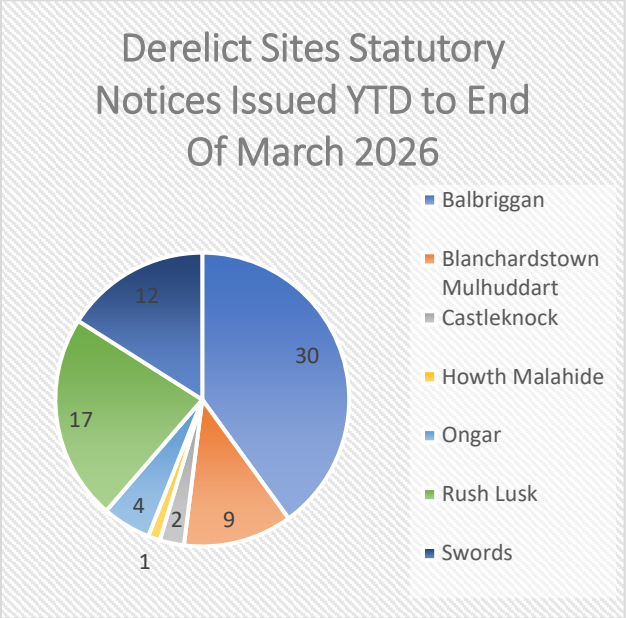
Funding of €49,500 has been approved. This project will be led by the Balrothery Town Team and supported by the Town Regeneration Office.

Derelict Sites

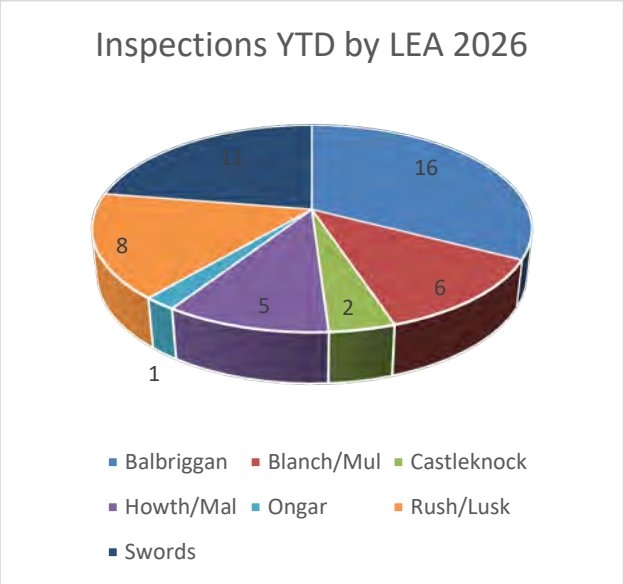
74 no. Statutory notices have issued to owners of Derelict sites for the month of March 2026.

2 no. properties have been removed from the Derelict Sites Register since the start of the year following compliance with Section 11 Notices.

A further 2 no. properties have been added to the Derelict Sites Register this year which brings the current number of properties on the Derelict Sites Register to 28.



There has been a total of 49 no. inspections carried out year to date in 2026 on existing files and new referrals from members of the public and through the activity of the Derelict Sites team.



Local Enterprise Office

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

Local Enterprise Week 2026







Local Enterprise Week took place on the 2nd to 6th March 2026. It featured a packed schedule of 15 events for start-ups and small businesses focusing on management training, networking, mentoring and much more.
Highlights included the Fingal Start-up bootcamp where we were joined by the 2fm Roadcaster and The Laura Fox Show, Fingal Enterprise Awards, 'Drive for Success' with Fingal Chamber, 'AI without the hype' in partnership with Balbriggan Chamber, and Fingal Enterprising Network Lunch with Claire McKenna.
Over 1,000 entrepreneurs and small business owners attended events throughout the course of the week.

Student Enterprise Awards 2026 - Fingal County Final



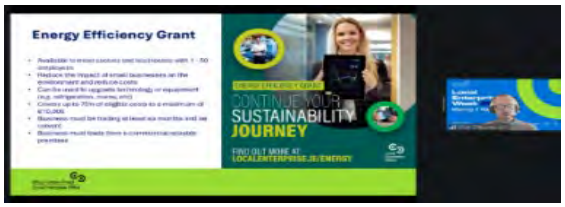




The Student Enterprise Programme County Final was held on 19th March at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Blanchardstown, where students from 21 schools showcased exceptional entrepreneurial talent through innovative products, strong branding and confident pitches, reflecting months of teamwork, creativity and resilience.

The winning teams will now compete against student businesses from across Ireland in Mullingar in May.
The overall winners were:
Senior: Micro Forge 3D, Coolmine Community School
Intermediate: Tiny Terrariums, Loreto Balbriggan
Junior: Powerblocker, Sutton Park School

Fingal Business Supports Briefing



The March monthly online *Business Supports Briefing on Local Enterprise Week*, attracted 139 registrants to learn about supports for their business. The next briefing will take place online on April 3rd and will continue to run monthly throughout the year.

Food Sectoral Supports

The Dublin Food Chain hosted an Innovation and Foods Trend conference for producers within the Dublin Region as part of the Local Enterprise Week activities, they also hosted a Middle East conflict impact on food and drink producers Briefing Session on 19th March as a free Webinar to Dublin based Food and Drinks producers. The Dublin Food Chain is an initiative of the 4 Dublin Local Enterprise Offices.

Evaluations and Approvals Committee

The Evaluation and Approvals Committee (EVAC) approved €160,000 across 8 business grant applications in February 2026. The next EVAC meeting will convene on 1st April 2026.

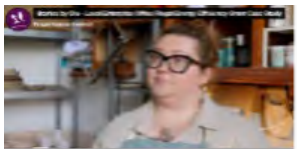
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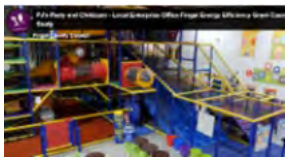


Seven Fingal businesses graduated from the Leadership for Business Acceleration Programme on March 12th 2026. The next programme is underway and LEO Fingal have initiated a host of short multi-day Management Development Programmes over the remainder of 2026.

These programmes will be open for booking from April 2026 and include Financial Planning, HR, Taxation and other important topics for the owner manager.

Sustainability Supports





LEO Fingal provides expertise and incentives to enable small businesses to reduce their carbon footprint and become more sustainable. The Green for Business programme was delivered to 41 Fingal based businesses in 2025 allowing many of these businesses to apply for the Energy Efficiency Grant with funding of up to €10,000 and 75% of eligible costs, to enable small businesses to acquire energy efficient equipment and processes.

20 applicants were approved for funding under this scheme in 2025. 5 applicants have been approved so far in 2026.

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. In 2025, 665 clients availed of a Business Advice Clinic and 371 signed up for mentoring, with consistently high demand for this service among Fingal businesses. So far this year 277 clients have signed up to the mentor and business advice clinic service.

Business Loan scheme

LEO Fingal provides a loan scheme through its partnership with Microfinance Ireland (MFI), up to €50,000 per approved applicant.

In 2025, 40 MFI loan applications were processed., supported by an expert mentor who guides applicants through the process to maximise their prospect of approval. So far in 2026, 7 clients have applied for MFI via LEO Fingal demonstrating another year of strong uptake,

Training and Events

Training attendance remains strong throughout Q1 in LEO Fingal. To end of March 2026, there have been 51 events with 1319 registered, including 4 Start Your Own Business Courses with 48 attending, a Startup Bootcamp with 60 attending and 2 Business Supports Briefings with 306 people expressing interest in the LEO Business Supports offered.

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. LEO Fingal approved seven applications in 2025 in the amount of €49,010, with one business approved to date and several businesses currently working on applications early in 2026.

Digital & Innovation Supports

Grow Digital

A Digital Tool for every Business

The *Grow Digital Voucher* and *Digital for Business* schemes offer SMEs grant and capability supports to embrace digital technology. In 2026 so far 13 clients have been approved through these programmes.

Productivity & Competitiveness Supports



Lean For Business is designed to encourage clients to adopt Lean business principles in their organisations to increase performance and competitiveness.
During Local Enterprise Week LEO Fingal hosted a Future-Ready Business: Gaining the Edge with Green, Lean and Digital Practices Webinar featuring panel discussions with LEO Fingal clients on their experiences using Lean principles. The Webinar was well attended.

Fingal Business Network

Local Enterprise Office
Fingal Business Network

The next Fingal Business Network event will take place on April 24th in the Carlton Dublin Airport Hotel – the event theme is "The Grit and the Glory" and will feature a panel of Fingal businesses discussing the highs and lows of their business journey. The Fingal Business Network meets three to four times per annum, with very strong participation among Fingal SME owner/managers.

Community Development & Inclusion

Community Development

Community Development involves local people working collectively to address social, economic, environmental, and cultural challenges. Actions range from small local initiatives to wider community-level programmes.

Building community capacity and participation requires sustained collaboration between communities and the agencies that support them.

The Community Development & Inclusion Division delivers work across community support, social inclusion, equality, intercultural engagement, and empowerment.

This month the Community Development Office worked with community groups and partners to support the following projects/initiatives:

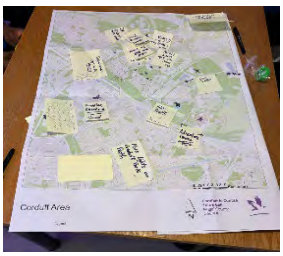
Launch of the Place Standards Tool Corduff Report.

The launch of the Place Standard Tool (PST) report in Corduff represents a significant step in the Council's commitment to strengthening community voice and advancing evidence-based, community-led planning. The engagement process produced three detailed reports capturing local insights, strengths, and priority issues identified by residents. Following the successful launch, the Community Development and Inclusion Department is preparing to extend the initiative to additional areas across the county.

The Corduff pilot highlighted the effectiveness of the PST in facilitating meaningful community engagement, enabling residents and local organisations to share lived experiences and influence local priorities. Building on this success, the PST will now be rolled out in Mulhuddart and Rivermeade as part of Fingal's wider programme under the Local Economic and Community Plan 2023–2028. This next phase aims to empower communities, deepen participation, and support more inclusive planning across the county.







International Women's Day 2026

Celebrating International Women's Day, a small bursary of up to €300 was provided to 65 community and voluntary groups across Fingal including the Swords Women's Shed who held a well-attended, inclusive and vibrant Mná na Cheile on Sunday the 8th of March 2026 and which was attended by Mayor of Fingal Cllr Tom O Leary.



Fingal Street Feasts Roadshow

The Street Feast Roadshow visited the Racecourse Community Centre in Baldoyle and the Mulhuddart Community Centre on Saturday, 28 March 2026. The roadshow encouraged communities to host a Street Feast event this summer and provided guidance on how residents can come together to celebrate and strengthen their local community. Street Feast aims to build more connected neighbourhoods by bringing people together to share food, conversation, and a sense of belonging.



Thrive Balbriggan How to Be Human Event

Thrive Balbriggan hosted a well-attended mental-health-themed evening of education and entertainment at the Lark Balbriggan, funded through the Community Development and Inclusion Division's Community Activities Funding Scheme. Fingallian Margot Fox presented her one-woman show *How to Be Human*, which explores everyday mental-health challenges in a humorous and thought-provoking way. Fox was inspired to develop the show after attending last year's Thrive Balbriggan talk by athlete and commentator David Gillick. The Thrive Balbriggan project is now preparing for the annual Hello How Are You Day and its own AGM.



St Patrick's Day Inclusive Parade and Family Fun in Donabate

The first inclusive St Patrick's Day parade in Donabate took place last month, supported by the Donabate Town Team and the Community Development and Inclusion Division. Favourable weather contributed to a highly successful event, with the parade and subsequent family activities held along Main Street and at St Patrick's Park.

More than 25 local groups—including sporting, recreational, cultural, and community organisations—participated, reflecting the strong community spirit and commitment to inclusivity in Donabate. Large crowds lined the surrounding streets from an early stage, and the parade was attended by local councillors, TDs, and staff from the ECCD Department.





Community Facilities Management

The Community Facilities Unit supports 38 community centres and manages the Community Development Office's Capital Works programme.

Fingal Community Facilities Network – Quarterly Meeting

On Thursday, 26 March, the Community Facilities Engagement Team supported the first quarterly session of the Fingal Community Facilities Network. Representatives from 28 community facilities, including managers and directors, attended the event. The session featured a masterclass on Personal Effectiveness and Wellbeing delivered by Mandy Spencer Hunt of Protrain, followed by a presentation from Hans Zomer of Global Action Plan, outlining their current work and launching the Climate Heroes Challenge 2026, which will run across participating facilities during Dublin Climate Action Week in May. The Team also introduced the next phase of the Keen to be Green initiative, an energy-efficiency audit to be completed by all centres.

Interagency

The Community Development Office collaborates with agencies to enhance service delivery across Fingal.

Fingal Comhairle na nÓg (FCNN)

The group are working on their annual project on anti-social behaviour and are preparing for Dáil na nÓg 2026 which will take place on the 1st of May. There will be 6 delegates representing Fingal at this event, where the theme of discussion will centre around Education. The representatives have attended preparation sessions to explore themes relevant to the Convention on Education.

Fingal Public Participation Network (FPPN)

The staff of FPPN attended the National PPN staff Forum on 26th March. This meeting brings together all 31 national PPNs and provides support and training to staff. Planning for the DCU Summer School is underway and we are looking forward to working with lecturers to run 7 training and networking sessions for PPN members in May 2026. Re-registration of all groups on the County register is being undertaken by the PPN so communication may be improved to all members.



Age Friendly Fingal

Age Friendly Fingal leads a collaborative, multi-sector approach to improving quality of life for older people in Fingal, both now and into the future.

Age Friendly Alliance

Information Event for Over 55s in Castleknock

Consultations for the Age Friendly Strategy identified difficulties older people face in accessing information, alongside an over-reliance on social media and online sources. In response, two information events for older people will now be held annually in different locations across the county.



The first event took place at Castleknock Community Centre, Laurel Lodge, on Tuesday, 31 March 2026. Promotion was delivered through social media, supplemented by posters and flyers distributed in community settings and venues frequently used by older people. Strong community engagement resulted in high attendance on the day, confirming the value and impact of these information events.

Funding

17 Community Activities Funding Grants totaling **€47,424.21** are awarded in 2026:

ACM Area	Number of Grants	Amount
BRLS	5	€13,474
BMCO	10	€27,998.21
HOWTH/MAL	2	€5,952

Further grant applications are moving through the process to award stage. Closing date for receipt of applications **30th June 2026**

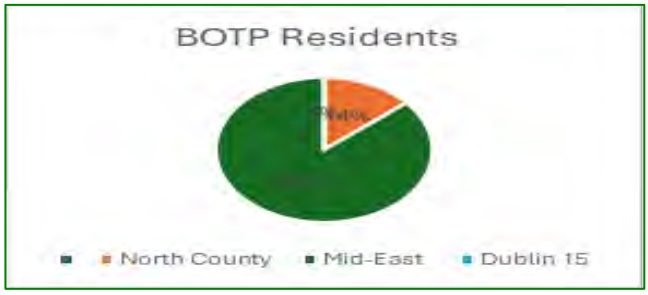
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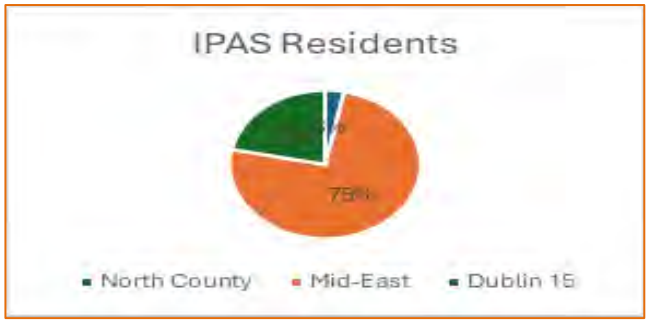
The Fingal Integration Office supports social inclusion and intercultural understanding.

Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT)

LAIT continues to provide clinics for International Protection applicants, Programme Refugees, and Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection.

Geographical Area	BOTP Residents	IPAS Residents
North County	49	64
Mid-East	308	1503
Dublin 15	0	435
Total	**357**	**2002**

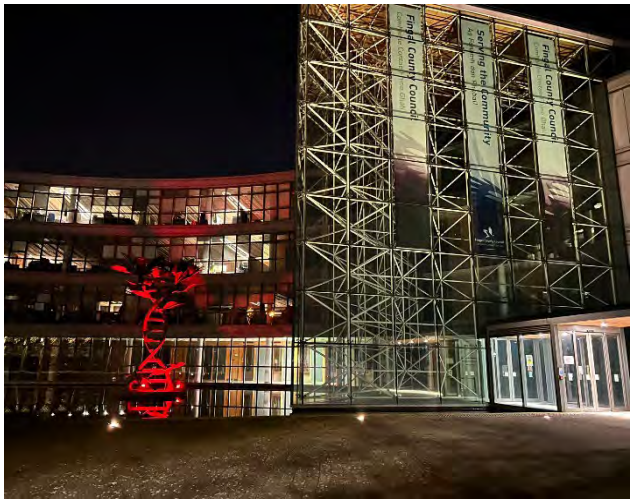




International Day of the Elimination of Racial Discrimination – Integration Initiatives

To mark Anti-racism Month, the Fingal Integration Office led a series of awareness raising initiatives designed to promote equality, inclusion and meaningful reflection across Fingal.
County Hall and Civic Offices were lit up red between the 19th - 21st of March, to mark International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, highlighting Fingal County Council's continued commitment to equality, inclusion and diversity.





On the 20th of March we invited all staff to take part in *Wear Red Day* to show our shared commitment to embracing diversity and standing up for equality and inclusion.





We hosted our *Building Bridges: Forging Pathways Beyond Prejudice* exhibition in Malahide Library, encouraging reflection and conversation on the values that shape an inclusive society.



Building Inclusive Communities – Moving Forward Together

The Fingal Integration Office hosted the second *Building Inclusive Communities* workshop, themed "Moving Forward Together." Delivered in collaboration with the Hope and Courage Collective, the interactive session built on work initiated last November and focused on developing a values charter for organisations and communities in Fingal. SEO Cormac Healy opened the event, which was attended by 50 participants.



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Area Business Totals for February 2026

Area	Public CRM's	Rep CRM's	Area Questions	Area Motions	Headed Items
Balbriggan/Swords	1103	233	60	15	2
Castleknock/Mulhuddart	280	145	16	5	1
Howth/Malahide	351	63	17	8	0
Total	**1734**	**441**	**93**	**28**	**3**

Works Programme Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area

Santry

Hard surface improvements undertaken around the park signage within Santry Demesne as part of the Capital Works Program. This improves access for all park users to view and interpret the signage, along with improved aesthetics and the reduction in maintenance requirements.





Newbridge

New gardening team at Newbridge Demesne. Getting ready to fill the newly restored glasshouse



The public tree giveaway took place in Ward River Valley Park, to mark National Tree Week 2026. Operations staff were again assisted by members of Swords Woodland Association on both days.













Operations staff planted 130 trees in verges, parks and open spaces across Donabate, Portrane, Santry and Swords as part of this season's tree planting program.











Presidential Visit – Launch of National Tree Week

To mark the 40th anniversary of the Tree Council of Ireland being founded, this year's National Tree Week programme was officially launched by President Catherine Connolly at Newbridge House and Demesne - a fitting location whose historic woodlands and heritage landscape reflect the Council's long-standing mission to promote and protect Ireland's trees.







Swords

Operations Crews power washing and weeding at Swords Rock Garden.









Ardgillan Castle

Ardgillan Castle & Gardens Inaugural SPRING flower show held on the 22nd of March was a resounding success, showcasing a diverse array of vibrant flowers.

Organised by Head Gardener, Dominica McKevitt in collaboration with the Balbriggan & District Horticultural Society. Well done to all the participants and organisers for their outstanding effort.









Roads/Footpaths

Road patching of southbound bus lane of R132 opposite Northwood Santry.



Resetting of failing carriageway irons on R132, Dublin Airport to Dardistown Cemetery.





Carriageway patch repairs on R106 opposite Ashley Estate.



Trial holes samples taking in Hampton Cove and Flemington Park ahead of road resurfacing works for this year's Roads Programme.





Footpath and cycle track renewal work on Stephenstown by-pass in Balbriggan as part of Area Engineer's general maintenance works.





Reinstatement works by Fancourt roads crew to new storm water sewer installed on Borranstown Lane as part of Area Engineer's general maintenance works.



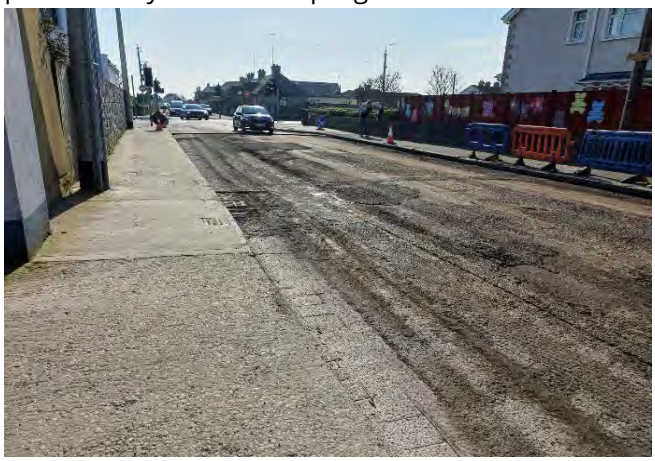


New retaining wall being built in Fancourt Depot form part of the installation of 19 new EV charging points for depot fleet vehicles.





Resurfacing works carried out at Mill Bank in Rush as part of this year's Roads programme.





Howth/ Malahide Area

National tree week 2026 - Fingal County Council tree giveaway



Howth/Malahide area held the annual Tree giveaway at Malahide Demesne carpark and Baldoyle Racecourse carpark. It was a great success on both days. Staff were on hand to give advice on tree selection and care.





Tree giveaway, Baldoyle racecourse carpark.



Malahide demesne tree giveaway.

Grace O'Malley community gardens, Howth.



New vegetable planters installed for the Grace O'Malley community group.





Plinths and ping-pong tables installed adjacent to the MUGA in Grace O'Malley.





Malahide Demesne & Woods





Over seeding works in front lawn of the Castle.



Pterocarya tree enroute for planting

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Liquid Amber planted along Main vehicle access.



Newly planted Liquid Amber trees line the drive up to the 'Avoca' carpark.



Drainage work carried out beside the cricket grounds in Malahide demesne. Repeat ponding of water in this area was occurring.

Avoca and overflow carpark, Malahide demesne.





New fencing installed along perimeter of carpark.



New Beech hedging planted.



Succession planting along main avenue in the Demesne.



Heavy decay noted during tree inspection, dangerous tree removed. Succession planting continues here with the planting of evergreen oak, beech and pine.

The West Lawn gardens



Azeleas and Rhododrendrons planted up adjacent to the new water feature in the west lawn/Asiatic gardens.





New addition to the Asiatic garden - Dragon wood carving.





Seating area at 'The Well' cleared and planted up in keeping with the Tree fern (Dicksonia) avenue adjacent.



New fencing installed along the main avenue.

Howth Pathways

Numerous water bars keep the pathways walkable, moving rainwater off the path and causing less surface damage.



Before



After

Clearing of the water bars along the Howth pathways has begun before the busy tourist season. The water bars are an important part of the infrastructure here they must be cleared regularly to function properly.



Fallen tree at Knockdara, Malahide was removed and the area cleared.



Knockdara after tree removed.

Bayside

Bayside North, laneway cleared of overgrowth and tidied up.





Seabury woods



Rough sleepers tents and litter removed from the wooded area in Seabury.



Seamount Park

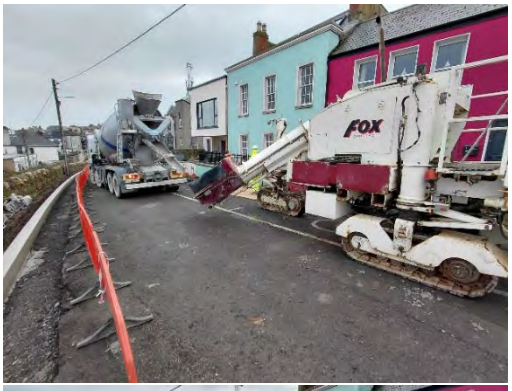
Operations staff assisted the community group by preparing the ground for them to plant more fruit trees.

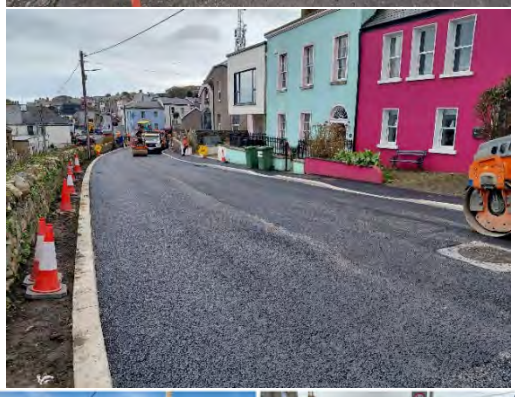


Roads / Footpaths – Howth/Malahide

Howth – Dunbo Hill & Church Street

The Contractor has completed works involving resurfacing of the footpath and road, along with new kerbs at Dunbo Hill. The contractor has also completed resurfacing a section of road on Church Street. Additionally, the Howth Malahide Crew Completed a new drainage system at Dunbo Hill.







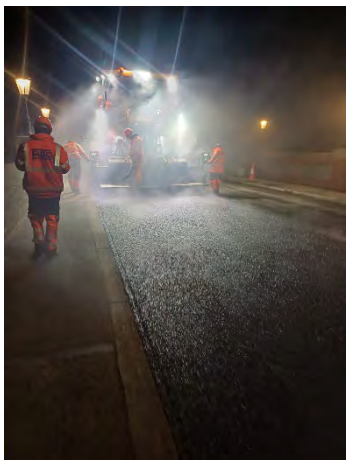
Kinsealy – Chapel Road

The Contractor has completed works involving the resurfacing of a section of road on Chapel Road, along with ancillary works.



Portmarnock

The Contractor has completed works involving patching at Portmarnock Bridge.



Baldoyle – Coast Road

The Contractor has completed works involving pothole repairs at Coast Road.



Cleansing, Beaches and Toilets



Entrance to Kilbarrack burial grounds rebuilding of pillars and refitting of gates following collapse due to storm damage.



Marine walkway the green Malahide new bins and lifebuoys complete.



Robswall wall toilets Malahide new plumbing fittings installed to address leaking issue.



Fingal burial grounds new lay of hydro water piping for extra water taps works by our burial ground staff.



Fingal Balgriffin burial grounds landscaping works by our Fingal burial grounds staff.



Marine walkway The Green Malahide installation of new lifebuoys.



New hook lorry for our skip removal



Jetting and clearing foul sewer serving the public toilets opposite Howth Market.

Castleknock/Mulhuddart Area

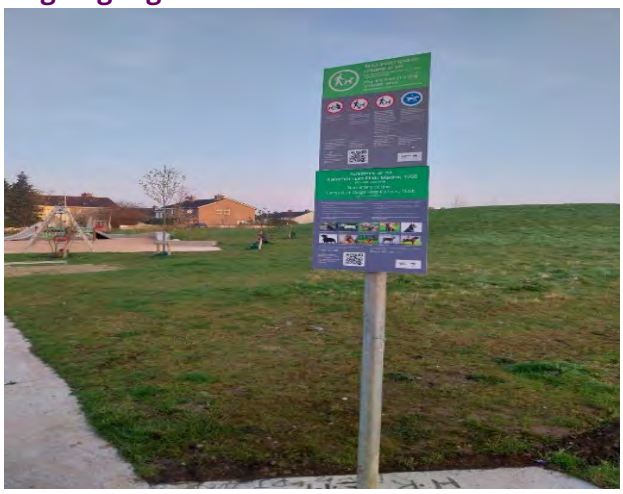
St Catherine's Park Woodland Walk



Footpath resurfacing along the woodland walk in St Catherine's Park has been completed.
A total of 1.1km of footpath was resurfaced.



Churchfield Open Space Mulhuddart - Control of Dogs signage





New Control of Dogs Regulations 1998 signage was placed in Churchfields open spaces in Mulhuddart, to inform the general public of the law regarding dogs in public open spaces.

Park Drive -Tree Planting



These trees were planted in conjunction with Castleknock Tidy Towns, in Park Drive. The Operation's Department helped prepare the ground and supplied shovels and stakes for this planting operation.



10 fruit Trees purchased by Castleknock tidy towns were planted on the open space.

Porterstown Park - Temporary Overflow Carpark



Approximately 2,500 square meters of new matting has been installed just off Porterstown Road to facilitate a temporary overflow carpark, while construction to the actual overflow Carpark is taking place. Works on the overflow carpark in Porterstown Park itself has commenced and will take around 12 weeks to complete.

Works include the creation of asphalt carriage ways with grass parking bays, landscaping, perimeter fencing and public lighting.



Dunsoughly Estate -New Playground Equipment.



New playground equipment has been installed in Dunsoughly estate open space in Cappagh.



National Tree Week



A Tree give away took place during National Tree week in St Catherine's Park and Millennium Park. There were approx. 2,000 trees given out across the 2 days.



Riverwood Biodiversity Group Tree Planting



Operations Department assisted Riverwood Biodiversity Group in planting an Orchard of apple and pear trees in Riverwood Court estate.



Hollywoodrath Area - Reinstatement of cycle lane



Remedial works to cycle-lanes were carried out.

Hazelbury Park - Kissing gate

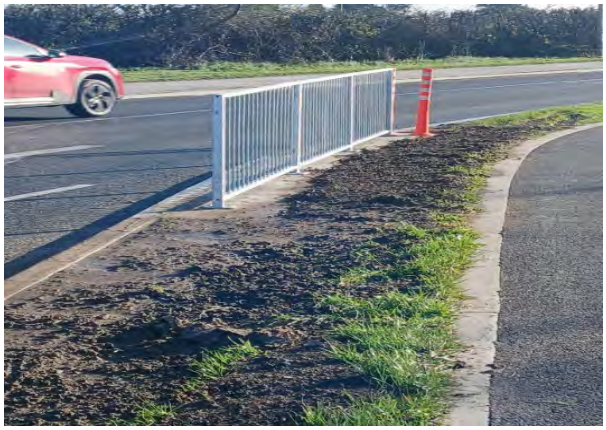


A re-instatement of the tar at the kissing gate going into Hazelbury Park was undertaken.

Kilshane Cross - drainage kerbs



The drainage kerbs at Kilshane Cross were damaged due to vehicles driving over them. New kerbs were installed. In addition, barriers were installed to prevent traffic from driving over the drainage line and causing further damage.



Blanchardstown Road South - Graffiti removal



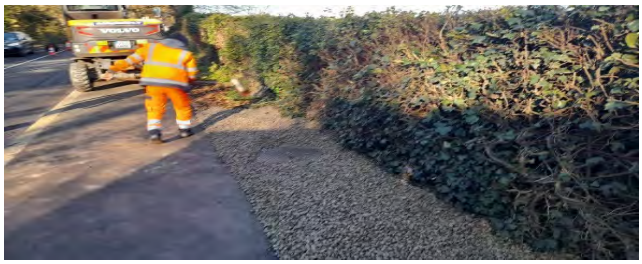
Removal of graffiti on the main Blanchardstown Road South has been completed. All affected surfaces were cleaned and restored to their original condition.



College Road - Drainage Works



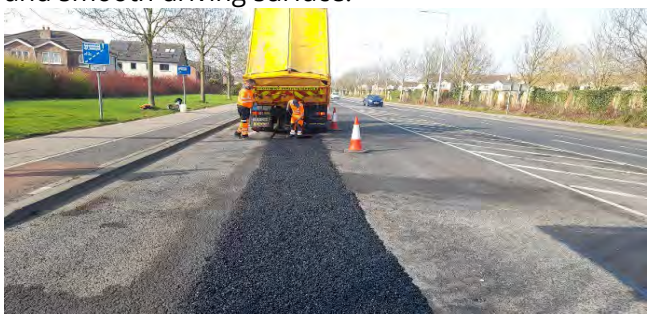
Drainage works were carried out on the College Roads in Castleknock. The works included clearing and improving the drainage system to ensure proper water flow and prevent future surface-water issues.



Ongar Road



Reinstatement of a pothole was carried out on Ongar Road. The damaged section of the roadway was cleaned, prepared, and resurfaced to restore a safe and smooth driving surface.



Millennium Park







Refurbishment works have now completed at Millenium Park and it is open for use.
This 2nd section of the playground includes an activity trail, play unit with accessible levels, wood sculptures, giant spinning disc, play panels and more.

Car Parking Services

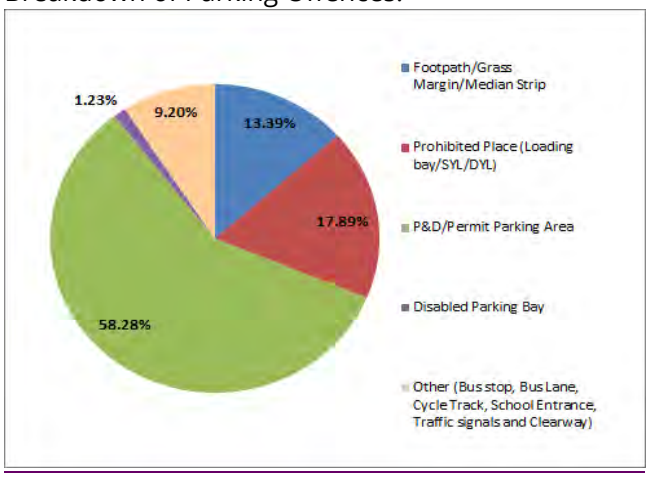
February 2026

There were a total of 978 parking tickets issued during February 2026.

Top 10 Main Ticketing Locations:

Location	Main Ticket Locations February 2026
North Street - Swords	98
Bridgefield Car Park - Malahide	85
Drogheda Street - Balbriggan	43
Main Street - Swords	38
South Strand Skerries	35
Strand Street - Skerries	35
Harbour Road - Skerries	30
The Green - Malahide	27
Coast Road - Malahide	26
Old Street - Malahide	26

Breakdown of Parking Offences:



Cashless Parking Operator

Tendering is currently underway for a new contract for cashless parking payment option, including pay by electronic application, and retail payment option.

2026 Parking Control Bye-Laws

New parking meters and signage has been ordered for Skerries Red Island (North), Malahide Beach, Portmarnock and Howth Summit Car Parks. Installation will commence once received.

Burial Ground Services

There were 113 Interments in February 2026 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 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

As guidance has been received from the Department of Transport, work is progressing on Phase 2 of the Speed Limit Review for Urban Areas. The estimated no. of signs and poles required for the implementation have also been sent to Department of Transport in order to allow the nationwide tender to progress.

Balbriggan/Swords Area

Chapel Street, Balbriggan- New School Road Markings.



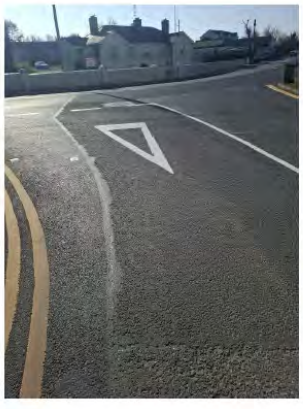


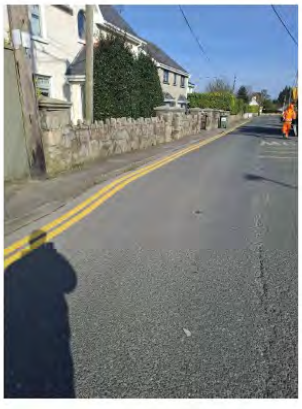
Browns Cross, R122 Oldtown - Road markings renewal works.





Barrack Lane, Lusk- Double Yellow Lines and junction road markings renewal works.





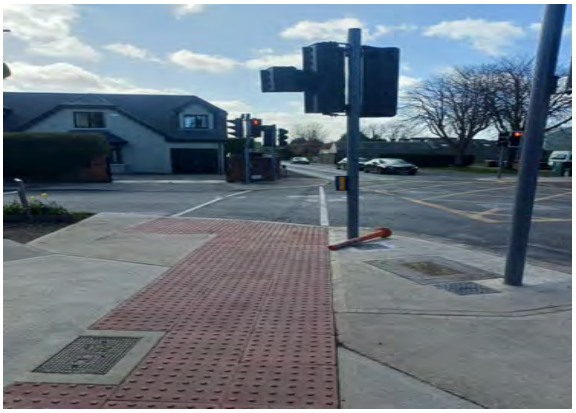
LED Lights installed at junction of Old Swords Road/Turnapin Lane.



Howth/Malahide Area

Programme of Works 2026 has commenced.
Junction upgrade works at Seamount and R124-Malahide completed.





Pedestrian signal upgrade, adjacent to St. Sylvester's Church, Malahide now completed.



Anti parking measures and pedestrian crossing upgrade completed by Dunnes Stores car park entrance – Portmarnock.





Additional signage for Estuary Road near Swords Sailing & Boat Club.









Above: New Road Markings and refreshed marking in Baldoyle industrial estate

Castleknock/Mulhuddart Area

Traffic Calming Schemes



Traffic Calming Ramp replaced on Lohunda Downs.



Left speed cushion replaced on Blackcourt Road.

Charlestown



New hardstanding area installed for drop off/pick up passengers outside the Charlestown Shopping Centre.

Fleet Management & Plant Hire Unit

130 Plant Hires were put in place from 14/02/2026 to 23/03/2026, engaging 26 suppliers.

Public Lighting

2026 Programme of Works

Works on the 2026 Public Lighting Programme of Works is progressing.

2026 POW Works in Progress/Ongoing:

- Annaly Grove, Ongar
- Charlie Moore Park, Balbriggan
- Glebe Park Carpark, Balrothery - beside tennis courts
- Willow Wood Grove/Stonebridge Road Walkway, Clonsilla
- Whitestown Park Walkway, Coolmine
- Hazelbury Park/Littlepace Park Walkway, Littlepace

Public Lighting Column Replacement and Cable Upgrade Programme.

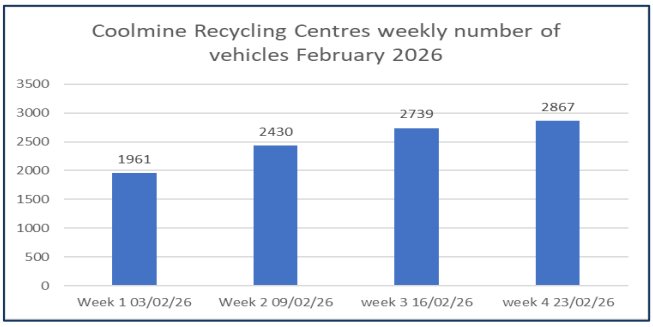
Works on the public lighting column replacement programme are ongoing in the County.

Public Lighting Column Replacements ongoing:

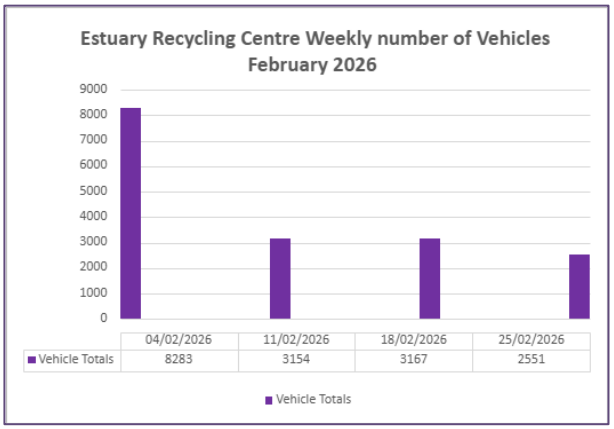
- Woodvale Estate, Clonsilla

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.



Statistics for Estuary Recycling Centre above



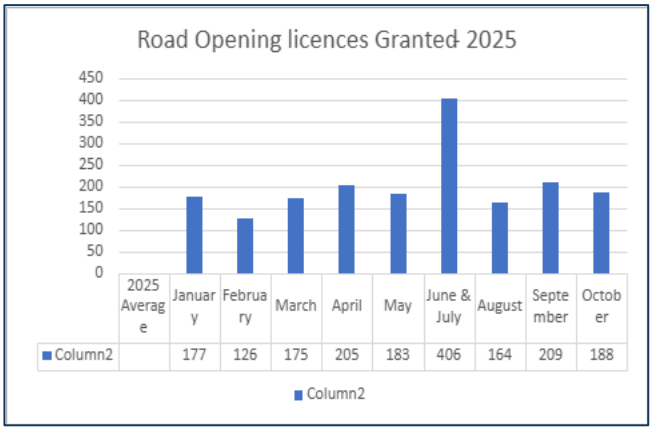
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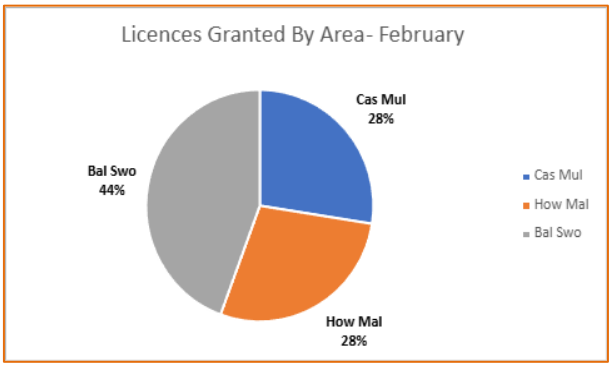
Licences

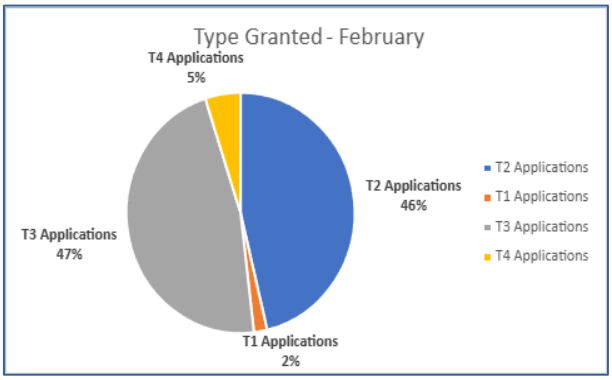
➢ Road Opening Licenses

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.

160 Licences were granted in the month of February**, 52% of which were granted by way of automation**. Clerks of Works in each area continue to carry out regular inspections following road opening works by Utilities.







Bus Enhancement Scheme

Works are ongoing in all three administrative areas on the NTA approved and funded bus stop enhancements at 13 locations.

➢ Howth Malahide Area

As part of the 13 countywide locations bus enhancement scheme, the upgrading of stops at Howth and Malahide have been completed.



Howth – Thormanby Road

Malahide: The Contractor has completed works on two bus stops. One has been completed at the front of the Tennis Club on St. James Terrace, on the R106. The other bus stop which was completed is at St. Andrews School on Church Road.



Malahide – St. James Terraces R106



Malahide – Church Road

➢ Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area

Works on two bus stops on the R127 in Balbriggan have been completed as part of the 2025 BSEP Works Programme.

The 2026 BSEP Work Programme for the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area is currently under feasibility review from a short list received from the NTA.





➢ Castleknock/Mulhuddart Area

The bus stop enhancement projects which received final NTA Approval to be constructed are as follows: one located on the Ratoath Road (L3080), Hollywoodrath and two on the R122 close to the National Reception Centre, Balseskin, Dubber. All these bus stop enhancements have been completed.

Grass Pitch Applications 2025/26

Fingal County Council have completed the grass pitch allocation process for the 2025/2026 playing season. All of the 74 clubs have now paid in full.
The process for re-allocation of pitches will begin in May/June of this year and we are expecting high demand for all pitches throughout the county.

Casual Trading License

Fingal County Council has a total of 28 valid Casual Trading Licences for the 2026/27 trading season covering trading of hot food, tea and coffee, ice cream and flowers, these licences run from 1st of March 2026 until the 28th of February 2027.
Fingal County Council is currently in the process of processing x8 new applications, site inspection are currently being carried out and once invoices are paid these new business will be issued with their new Casual Trading licence.
Any Casual Trading locations that remain available will be advertised on the Fingal County Council website and social media channels.

Pilot Scheme Beach Mobile Saunas

Fingal County Council are again extending the Mobile Sauna Pilot Scheme from the 1st of April to the 30th of September 2026 for the summer season. We currently have 3 mobile saunas operating in the County at Portmarnock Beach Car Park, Red Island Car Park in Skerries and Balbriggan Beach Martello Tower.

Street Furniture Licences

A total of 28 valid Street Furniture Licences have been issued to businesses so far in 2026.

All 28 business have been issued with their Licence, which must be displayed prominently in the front window of their business premises. Any additional applications will be dealt with on an ad hoc basis.

We are currently processing 5 additional applications.

Inspections will continue throughout the county to ensure compliance.

Harbours

As part of the general maintenance and control of end of lifeboats at Fingal Harbours, the Council removed one sunken vessel from Balbriggan Harbour.





Skerries Harbour

Emergency stabilisation works are due to commence on Skerries Pier in mid April pending contract award and it is envisaged the work will take up to 8 weeks to complete. During this time the Council will require the cooperation of all Pier users as we deliver out on this project. An information meeting will be schedules in early April with Pier users.

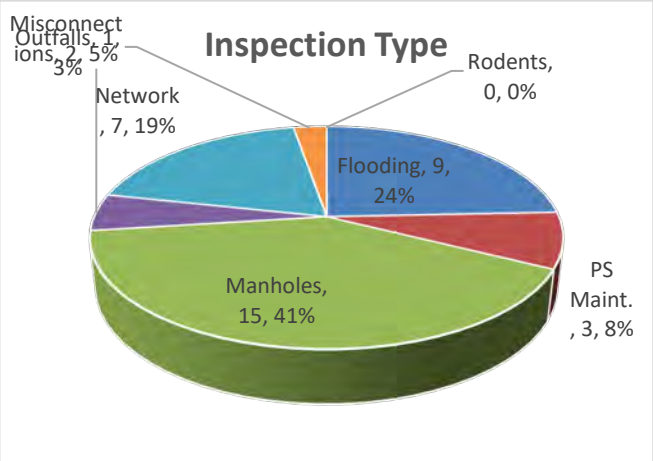
Fingal – Water Safety

The competition for recruitment of Lifeguards for the 2026 Bathing Season ended in March with 63 applications being received. Interviews will take place in April.



Surface Water
Storm Water Maintenance

The types and volumes of issues reported are shown in the chart.



Storm Water Connections:

To date 7 Stormwater Connection Applications have been received for 2026.

Stormwater Capital Programme 2026-2028

Fingal County Council are continuing to progress 15 projects valued at €2.4m in the 2026-2028 Stormwater Capital Programme. Below is a brief update in relation to the status of some of the projects.

Howth Stormwater Culvert

Work Package A: design & construction of a replacement stormwater culvert on Howth Main Street. Preliminary design is complete with the preferred option being a new 1200mm SW pipe on Main Street and Harbour Road to replace the existing defective sections of culvert. Additional Topographical and GPR survey has been awarded to inform detailed design.

Work Package B: Separation of a combined sewer on Tuckett's Lane. Work was completed on 5th March. Final resurfacing is expected to be complete in early May.





Tuckett's Lane works

Howth Stormwater Network Improvements.

Installation of upsized pipes in **Seaview Terrace** is now complete with a road reinstatement contract to mobilise in April 2026.





Road resurfacing is now complete following drainage improvements on Church St, Dunbo Hill and R105 road in Howth.





Malahide/Portmarnock



CCTV surveys were carried out in the Gaybrook estate following reports of road flooding. Several defects and inaccessible manholes have now been addressed and all areas reinstated.





Beaverstown, Donabate.

Works are now complete on a contract to clean and reprofile a series of ditches that lead to a Stormwater Pump Station to improve storage at the location and allow for access for future maintenance.



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. Materials procurement has commenced with site works scheduled for April 2026.

Swords

Hilltown, Forrest Avenue, Rathingle Road, Cherry Garth and Rivervalley Lawns estates. Survey reports informed a number of work packages. A contractor has been appointed to commence specialised lining and robotic works during Q2 2026.

Surveys of the network in Pine Grove have identified heavy siltation and root penetration. Sections of pipeline will be replaced in Early April

Cliffords Lane intersection network. Following reports of road flooding during the recent spell of heavy rain, CCTV and Robotic works have been undertaken to improve flow in the stormwater network. This will now include minor excavation works to remove dense roots.



Brackenstown Road

It was determined from a heavy rainfall event that the Stormwater network on Brackenstown road was not flowing freely. A CCTV survey was carried out, but this could not be completed due to a blockage. From invasive works it was determined that a previous utility installation had damaged the pipe. Works has since been completed to repair the pipe, and we are liaising with the utility provider on a permanent reinstatement.





Santry

Northwood Avenue. A tender process to procure a specialist Contractor to carry out repair works of the SW line running along the R132 will begin in April 2026.

Works include repairs following discovery of collapses & buried manholes.

Dublin 15

Grove Road area. CCTV surveys identified issues requiring remedial works e.g. raising of buried manholes, jetting, root cutting & installation of pipeline and full replacement of 100m of damaged pipeline. Works will commence in July 2026 during school holidays.



A diversion of a SW line in a laneway at Woodview Grove**,** Clonsilla was completed solving complaints of rodent infestation.



Surface Water Pollution

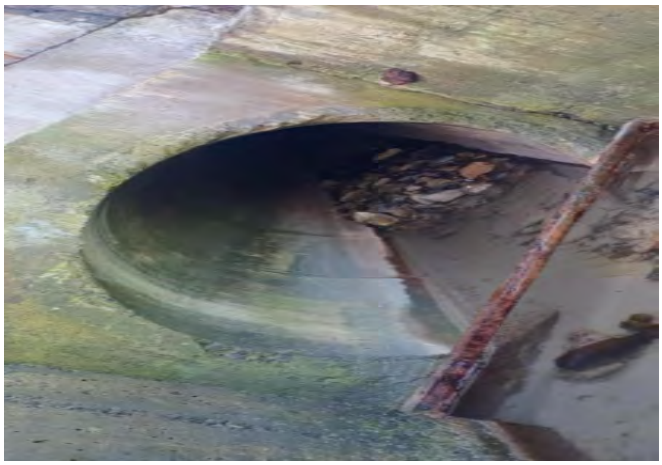
Work is ongoing regarding sources of any reported pollution to surface water.

Ironworks

Stormwater manhole cover and frame replacement is ongoing countywide. Manhole cover and frame replacements were carried out in Damastown and in Howth.

Outfall Upgrades/Maintenance

Ongoing weekly maintenance continues at the major Coastal Outfalls in Skerries, Howth & Sutton.
Significant repairs to a storm damaged outfall at Claremont Beach took place in March.





Preventative Maintenance Jetting Programme

The recently commenced Countywide Preventative Maintenance Programme carried out Jetting, Robotic & CCTV works in Skerries, Malahide and Portmarnock in March 2026.

Underground Stormwater storage Assets

Continuing Identification and recording of underground storm water management assets county wide.



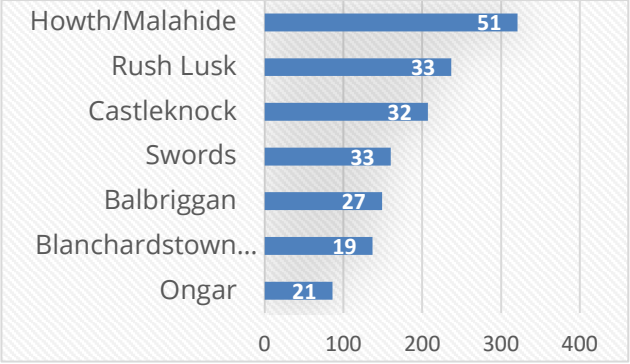
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Planning Applications

Between 1st January and 28th February 2026, a total of 217 planning applications were received, including 189 electronic applications via the national portal. Of these, 33 applications were deemed invalid, resulting in 184 valid applications. The accompanying bar chart illustrates the distribution of applications across various areas.



During the same period, no new Large-scale Residential Development applications were submitted to the Local Authority, 3 granted decisions issued on LRD applications.

Additionally, An Coimisiún Pleanála have issued one refusal decision on Strategic Housing Development applications during this period.

Planning Decisions

Between 1st January 2026 to the 28th February 2026, a total of 286 planning decisions were issued. The figures include 170 decisions to grant permission and 57 refusals of permission.

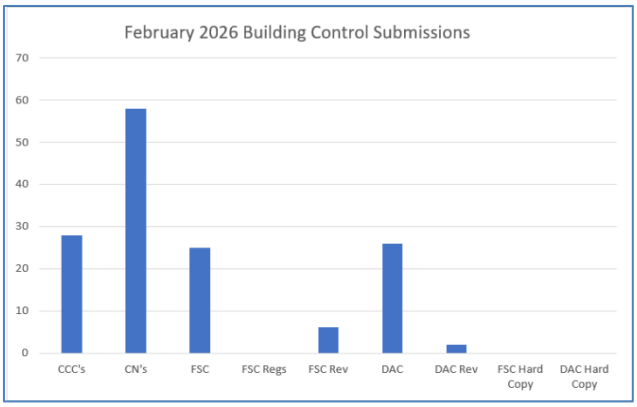
Building Control Admin

In February 2026, there were 146 building control submissions made via BCMS. This was made up of 58 Commencement notices, 28 Compliance of Completion Certificates, 31 Fire Safety related Certificates, 28 Disability Access related Certificates and 1 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 97 decisions in February 2026 relating to Fire Safety and Disability Access Certificates. This was made up of 40 decisions to grant and 57 extensions of time.



Strategic Policy Unit

Urban Area Plans, Masterplans and Framework Plans

The first round of Plans emanating from the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 continue to be progressed. Work has commenced on the preparation of a draft Urban Area Plan for Dunsink, in support of Variation No. 1 to the Fingal County Development Plan 2023-2029. Further preparatory background analysis is being undertaken in relation to several other plans/studies, including advancement through the procurement process.

Residential Zoned Land Tax

The Residential Zoned Land Tax (RZLT) is a tax aimed at activating serviced and residentially zoned land for housing. Local authorities are responsible for identifying the land that is subject to RZLT. Consultation on the final RZLT map for 2026 is open until 1st April while consultation for the draft map for 2027 is open until 1st April.

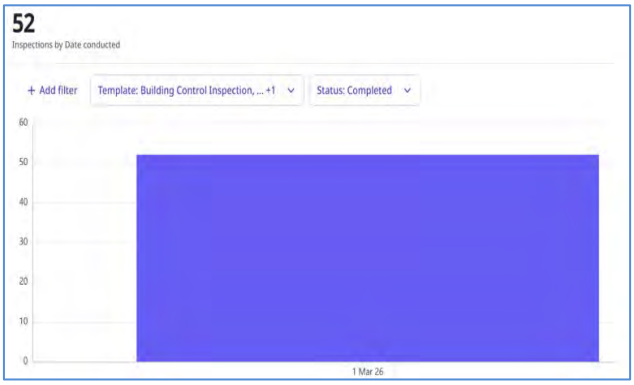
Section 28 Guidelines – NPF Guidelines: Housing Growth Requirements

A report on housing growth requirements was presented to the Members at the December council meeting. Variation No. 1 to the Fingal County Development Plan 2023-2029 proposes to vary the Development Plan to give effect to the NPF Implementation: Housing Growth Requirements Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2025), introduced in accordance with Section 28 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended). This was on public display from 23rd December 2025 to 29th January 2026 (inclusive). The Chief Executive's report has been issued to the Elected Members for their consideration with council meetings scheduled for 30th and 31st March to consider the report and variation.

Variation No. 2 Fingal County Development Plan 2023-2029

Variation No. 2 to the Development Plan proposes to vary the Plan by way of adopting a formal land use zoning objective for the subject lands known as Áras Mhuire Field, Barberstown Lane South, Barnhill, County Dublin, on Sheet 13, Blanchardstown South from Unzone lands to 'OS' Open Space. This was on public display from 23rd December 2025 to 29th January 2026 (inclusive). The Chief Executive's report has been issued to the Elected Members for their consideration with council meetings scheduled for 30th and 31st March to consider the report and variation.

Built Environment Division



Building Control

- 52 building control inspections were carried out in February 2026 so far, covering 33 Buildings.
- There were 2 Section 11 requests for further information issued during the month of March 2026.

Taking in Charge

2 no. Roads have been advertised for taking into maintenance in April

- Barnageeragh Cove phase 3
- Semple Woods phase 1

There are 50 developments with formal Taking in Charge requests, and an additional 295 developments recorded in the system.

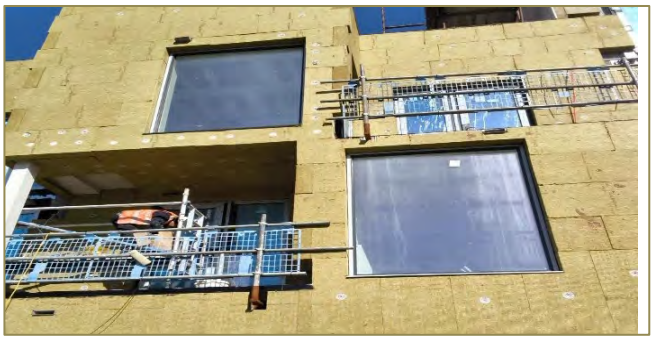
O'Connor Sutton Cronin continue to manage Taking in Charge works where the bond has been taken. The first contract was for Chapelwood, Chapelton, Alderwood and Redwood in Dublin 15. Contract documents have been completed and will be tendering the works in April 2026.

The second contract for Weston Park, Oldtown Avenue, Dooroge Woods, Palmer Avenue, Ceol Na Mara and The Stableyard. Consultants are in the process of being appointed for these works and snagging works will commence on these estates within the next month.

Dangerous Structures

- There was 1 dangerous structure reported in March 2026.
- A total of 106 dangerous structures remain active in our database.

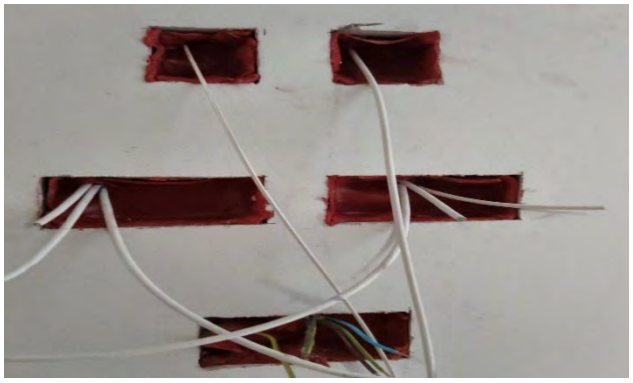
Pictures



Checking Rockwool Insulation on a site in Donabate



Checking plasterboard moisture content on a site in Malahide



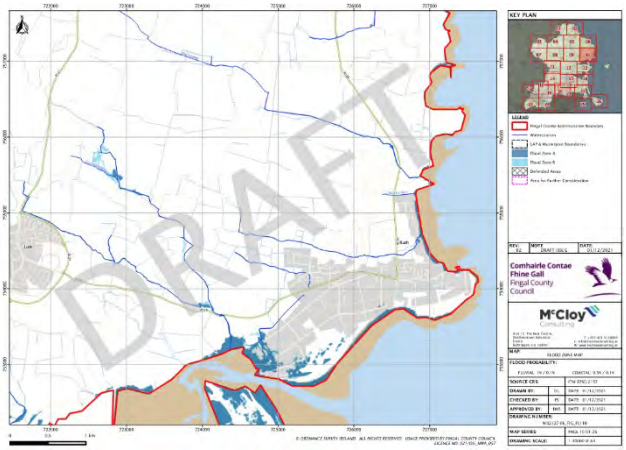
Checking "Putty Pads" – Fire proof backing to sockets and plugs.

Development Management

- WSFP continue to work on new LRD applications, planning files, additional information files, clarification of additional information files and compliances.
- WSFP continue to support pre-planning consultations with developers to discuss issues related to the provision of water services and to ensure the implementation of flood risk management and sustainable drainage systems on site.

Flood Risk Assessments/ Drainage Strategies

- FCC WSFP staff completed liaising with the appointed consultants developing the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment for the County Development Plan. The SFRA flood mapping & report has been completed.
- The Water Services Planning Dept responded to motions received from the councillors under the motion headings of green infrastructure, flooding, Irish Water & re-zoning.
- WSFP are currently working on Variations 1,2 and 3 to the SFRA for the County Development Plan.



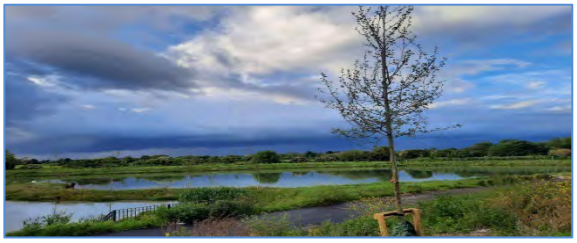
- A new document "Nature-based Solutions to the Management of Rainwater and Surface Water Runoff in Urban Areas - Water Sensitive Urban Design - Best Practice Interim Guidance Document" has been issued by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

- 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.

Surface Water Management Plans (SWMP)

The procurement process is complete for the preparation of Surface Water Management Plans for *Northwood, Kilbarrack and Baldoyle.* Completed SWMP`s for Northwood, Kilbarrack and Baldoyle were submitted to FCC and approved in January 2025.

McCloys Consulting Engineers prepared a SFRA and SDS for Dubber with a submission received in October 2025 and final documents received in December 2025.

JBA Consultant Engineers were appointed to complete a CDP Variation SFRA for an area in Barnhill with completion achieved in December 2025.

McCloys Consultant Engineers were appointed to complete a CDP Variation SFRA for several areas in Fingal with completion achieved in December 2025. McCloys Consultant Engineers were requested to quote for a CDP Variation SFRA for Dunsink in Fingal with completion targeted for March 2026.

Domestic SuDS Guide

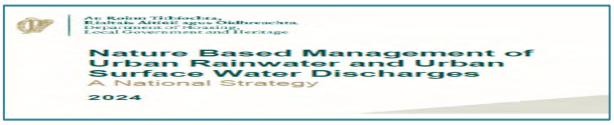
McCloys Consulting Engineers were appointed to produce a Domestic SuDS Guide for FCC. This was completed in Q3 2024, the guide is available on Fingal`s website along with a short presentation video.

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 Q2 2026.

National Guidance

The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage issued "Nature Based Management of Urban Rainwater and Urban Surface Water Discharges A National Strategy" in May 2024.



Heritage Officer



Heritage Book Launch

The launch of In Far Foreign Fields: Fingal's Great War Dead took place on 24 March 2026. The book commemorates the 400 men and one woman from north County Dublin who died in WW1. Edited and published by the Heritage Office it an important work that places the names and stories of those in the context of a period of loss and change. The book is being distributed to interested schools and is available from your local library, at reception in County Hall or directly from:
heritage.officer@fingal.ie



Changing Fingal: Stories from my Place



This project is a community-led initiative that will look at different aspects of Fingal as it has changed over the years. An upcoming project is a collaboration with Blanchardstown Brass Band to mark the 200 years since their founding in 1826.

Transportation Planning

PSI 001 Snugborough Interchange upgrade

The contractor is continuing to carry out snagging at the interchange.

PSI 002 Ongar Barnhill Road

Fingal County Council celebrated the official opening of the Ongar Barnhill Road on February 13th, a major strategic investment that unlocks housing potential, boosts sustainable transport and delivers stronger, more efficient connections throughout the area. The completion of this key piece of infrastructure represents a significant advancement for Dublin 15.
Over the coming weeks Bam will complete snagging on the scheme.



PSI-039 – R132 Connectivity Project



Project summary

The works are expected to take 25 months to complete and will be carried out in four phases along the 3km route from the Bostik junction to the edge of the Pinnock Hill roundabout. The Project start on the North of the project moving South with Phase 1 to in Bostik junction and Estuary Roundabout which is expected to take around 6 months to complete before moving to phase 2. The works are programmed to commence in Early April 2026.

Meetings and Workshops

Fingal County Council has appointed Murphy International as the contractor for the R132 Connectivity Project in Swords with the contract signing taking place on the 20th of March 2026.



Sod turn event

A sod turning event took place on the 27th of March and was attended by Mayor of Fingal Cllr Tom O'Leary, Minister for Transport, Darragh O'Brien TD, Chief Executive of Fingal County Council AnnMarie Farrelly and senior representatives from the National Transport Authority.
This event marks another step towards sustainable transport and improved connectivity and permeability for Swords and surrounding areas, with a strong emphasis on safer, more accessible facilities for pedestrians & cyclists along the 3km stretch of the R132.

Meetings and Workshops

Ongoing meetings 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 is ongoing.
In addition, communication meetings with First responders, private bus and public bus transport operators were held in 2025 and more meetings will continue in 2026.

Monthly meetings with Uisce Éireann are being held monthly to discuss and align the details of a State Body Agreement for the foul water sewer across the Estuary Roundabout to be incorporated into the project.

Coordination/Progress discussions with NTA and TII/Metrolink which are being held monthly and is continuing through 2026.

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. Works have commenced on the public art piece, designed by John Kindness and commissioned as part of the project works.





Comparison Photos of before and after Harry Reynolds Road Pedestrian and Cyclist Route Project

PSI 063 – Pedestrian & Cycling Scheme at Granard Bridge Castleknock Road

The first contract as part of a Single Party Framework for Engineering Consultancy Services for Pedestrian and Cycling Route Projects in the Dublin 15 Area, is 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.

Regular meetings continue 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. RPS is preparing the structural option report and aim to release it early in April for review.

Project Programme

The Project Design Team initiated the project programme with Phase 2 Concept Development and Option Selection, which has now been completed. We are currently moving onto phase 3 - Preliminary Design - prior to phase 4, the Statutory Processes to obtain planning permission 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 will tie in south of the railway on Castleknock Road.

Surveys

Roselawn Junction was also included in the scheme aiming to improve even more accessibility for pedestrians and cyclist. A traffic survey was carried out this month to provide data for analysing the junction's capacity and for multimodal safety improvements as part of the project.

RPS is also preparing the tender documents for the ground investigation (GI) works, to appoint a contractor to carry out the survey.

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


Granard Bridge Street View



Artist Impression of the Granard Bridge View, Towards Castleknock



Emerging Preferred Option (Centre Line in Red)

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 on their Lands to An Coimisiún Pleanála.
Waterways Ireland informed Fingal County Council in September 2025 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 which took place with the project team reaching 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.

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 project team is continuing to progress the project through phase 3 preliminary design. Various surveys have been tendered and undertaken and the information gathered is currently being used to inform the preliminary design. Documents have been received for review from the Consultants.



S2M Pedestrian and Cycle Scheme

The Sutton to Malahide Pedestrian and Cycle Scheme is a high-quality pedestrian and cycle route that is being developed by Fingal County Council with support from the National Transport Authority. It will connect Malahide, Portmarnock, Baldoyle and Sutton. The Proposed Scheme will improve accessibility and connectivity between these four towns and villages and provide an attractive route for walking and cycling.

It will be designed so that people of all ages and mobility levels can travel safely on foot, by scooter, by wheelchair and bike, and will offer a route separated from on-road vehicles for most of the route for increased safety and comfort.
Sutton to Malahide Walking and Cycling scheme has recently completed the Phase 3 Preliminary Design gateway for the NTA project management guidelines. The Scheme is now entering Phase 4: Planning & CPO Stage. The planning submission is being prepared which includes an Environmental Impact Assessment, Natura Impact Statement and Compulsory Purchase Order Documents for a planning submission to be made to An Coimisiún Pleanála. Engagement with potentially impacted property owners, businesses and stakeholders is ongoing. The project team is in the process of liaising with affected landowners to discuss the compulsory purchase order process and the scheme and land acquisition requirements. Several meetings with individual landowners have taken place and further meetings will be scheduled as requested. Remaining affected landowners will be contacted in the coming weeks.



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.



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 has been made for the public realm works as the design progresses.
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.
The enabling works contract which includes archaeological investigations has begun on site.
Procurement for the main works contract is ongoing. In advance of works, consultation will continue with councillors, Fingal Chamber of commerce, the NTA and bus providers to agree and communicate traffic restrictions, access and bus diversions for North Street during the Main Works Contract.

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 residents, businesses and visitors alike. At its core, this ambitious transformation seeks to reimagine Main Street as a hub of urban activity, with distinctive character and vitality while fostering a sense of community and connectivity through the provision of high-quality public realm to enhance the human experience of the place.



Above- Artist impression of possible intervention at Swords Main Street presented in Sustainable Swords Report 2022 which shows Main Street central public realm, pedestrian amenity zones, raingardens and new street trees

Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department has appointed a multi-Disciplinary Engineering Consultancy for the Option Selection, Preliminary Design and preparation of the application for Planning Consent for Swords Main Street Transformation Project. The commencement meeting occurred in January 2025.

The consultant has completed various baseline studies. The project is at the option identification and selection phase. The consultant has provided a Land use survey, geotechnical report, disability audit, collision analysis, Ecology and Environment report and problem identification report.

The tree survey, traffic surveys, parking surveys and topographical and GPR surveys have all been completed.

The transport model to analyse any traffic management interventions proposed as part of Swords Main Street Transformation has been developed. Traffic data captured in recent surveys will be fed into the model to allow for various scenarios for traffic flow to be modelled. A parking a parking report has been drafted by the design team which analyses the findings from recently completed parking surveys. Preliminary options for the proposed layout for Main Street are being progressed, and the options selection report is being drafted.

PSI-041 Kinsealy Walking and Cycling Routes

The Kinsealy Walking and Cycling scheme aims to provide 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 in 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 at a later date.



Artist visual of the greenway from Kinsealy to Portmarnock

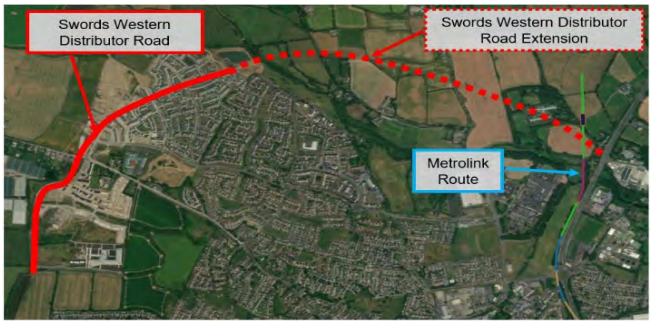


Artist visual of the proposed upgrades to Station Road

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 Q2 of 2027.



Proposed SWDR Extension to Metrolink Route

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. 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-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 Causeway has been issued. 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 late 2027 or early 2028.



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 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.



The Council held a tender competition in January to appoint a works contractor for the project. Tenders have been assessed, and appointment of the contractor is expected to be completed shortly with construction works commencing in April/May 2026.

PSI-042 Donabate Transport Projects

The Donabate Transport Projects comprise several 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.

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.

The second phase of the Donabate Distributor Road is currently at Phase 3 of the project lifecycle – Preliminary Design. The emerging preferred route option was displayed as part of a round of non-statutory public consultation held last October and November. The feedback received from the public during the consultation period is now being used to inform the design process.

Work on Blakes Cross Junction Upgrade Project Phases 1 and 2 (up to Option Selection) is largely complete. The emerging preferred option for Blakes Cross is expected to be determined in April/May and will go out on non-statutory public consultation in Q2/Q3 2026. Roughan and O'Donovan Consulting Engineers have been appointed to progress the next phases of the project (Project phases 3-5). 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. Topographical surveys and Wintering Birds surveys have recently been completed, and feasibility and option development is underway.

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 late April 2026. An update meeting was arranged for local Councillors on the 27th of March.

Parks and GI Division

Ballysmastone Recreational Hub



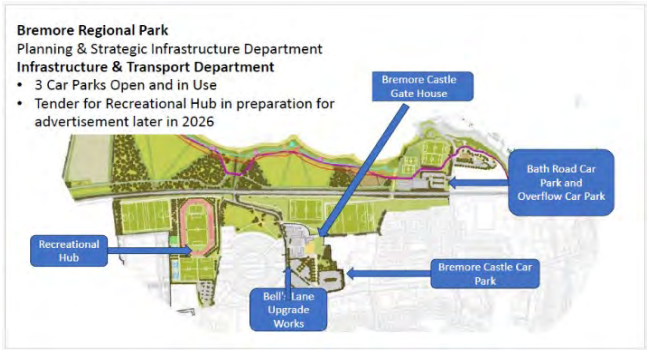
Phase 1 of this project, the construction of 2 new grass GAA pitches and upgrading of existing soccer facilities has been completed March 2026 These new facilities are hosting their first games for St. Pats GAA club. Following the successful appointment of Kilwex as the main contractor for the construction of Phase 2 this project is now live on the ground. This is a projected 18month build. In consultation with the clubs, Initial works involve the construction of a temporary overflow car park which will ease parking pressures for the resident clubs.

Phase 2 works will include the construction of a new full-size all-weather GAA pitch, and an 8 lane Athletics track with grass pitch infill. These works are due to be completed Q1 2027.

Phase 3 works are planned to commence Q1 2027 and will involve the delivery of a 220-space parking facility, Cycling and walking routes and a Skatepark / Callisthenics / Play facility.

Bremore Regional Park

A multi-disciplinary team has commenced the design stage of the Bremore Recreational Sports Hub in Balbriggan. The hub consists of an 8-lane athletics track, all-weather football pitches, basketball & tennis courts, spectator areas and a Changing Room Building. A full-size GAA grass pitch constructed on the site is ready for use and was handed over to Operations Dept earlier this year. To date several features of the Bremore Regional Park Masterplan (PartXI/006/20) have been constructed including 3no public car parks, a playground at Cardy Rock and an upgrade to Bell's Lane.



Skerries Town Park

Fingal County Council has appointed a works contractor to renovate 3no grass sports pitches in Skerries Town Park. This work package includes upgrades to the path network within the park and pedestrian connections to adjoining residential areas. The works are due to commence in late April 2026 and are expected to be substantially completed by March 2027. The works will incorporate nature-based solutions such as SUDs features, meadow grasslands and additional tree planting.



Rathmore Recreational Hub Lusk

A works tender is due to be published in early April 2026 for the Rathmore Recreational Sports Hub, Lusk (ABP-319808-24). The tender works package includes an 8-lane athletics track, all-weather GAA training area, full size all-weather soccer pitch, car park extension, ancillary structures and teen space. Construction is expected to commence by Q4 2026 subject to the successful completion of the procurement process.



Ward River Regional Park

The design team continue to progress several features of the Ward River Regional Park including the Northern Recreational Sports Hub, Usher's Lake loop path, the historic canal restoration, the cross-valley foot bridge and Brackenstown Walled Garden. Repair works by a specialist conservation contractor are underway to stabilise built features ancillary to the Walled Garden.



Naul Village Park

Construction works are on-going at the Naul Village Park. To date the installation of underground services, internal path layout, retaining walls & boundary treatments, a car park and tree planting have been progressed. The park design includes the reuse of salvaged materials from the site including stone, soil & plants. The works are expected to be substantially completed by mid-May 2026.

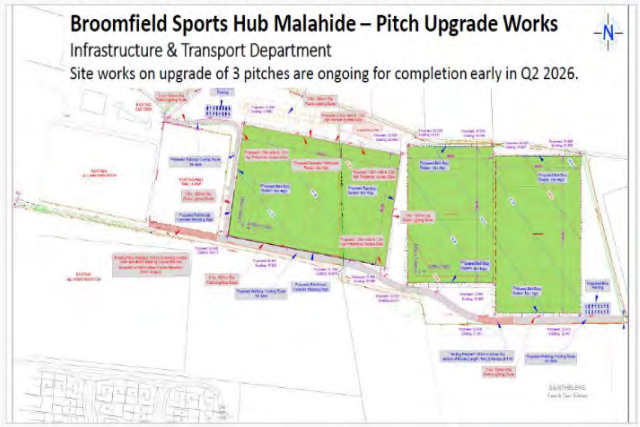


Broomfield Sports Hub Malahide (Broomfield pitches improvement works)

Following the weather-related disruption experienced towards the end of 2025 and early 2026, the earthworks element of the project is now back underway. Drainage works will be completed shortly, progressing towards the key milestone of sowing within the next number of weeks.

The specialist contractor delivering the works has advised the Council that, once sown, the grass surfaces are expected to be fully established and ready for use in Q2 2027.

In addition to one full size sports pitch and two junior/training pitches, the project includes a range of ancillary improvements such as a new shared path network, spectator fencing, ball stop netting, and bicycle parking facilities, all aimed at supporting active travel and enhancing the overall functionality of the facility for the Malahide community and beyond.



Racecourse Park Baldoyle



Meakstown Community Garden – Lanesborough Park



Corduff Park

Project works commenced on-site in January 2026 and continue as scheduled on Programme. To date the works at Corduff Park includes the demolition of existing all-weather pitch fencing & floodlights, ground levelling, installation of drainage & stone subbase for full sized all-weather pitch, groundworks for new car park and re-location of Corduff FC's club container. There is a high level of positive engagement with Corduff Sports Centre, neighbouring residents & schools, Corduff FC and Community Garden volunteers.



Laurel Lodge Playground – Castleknock



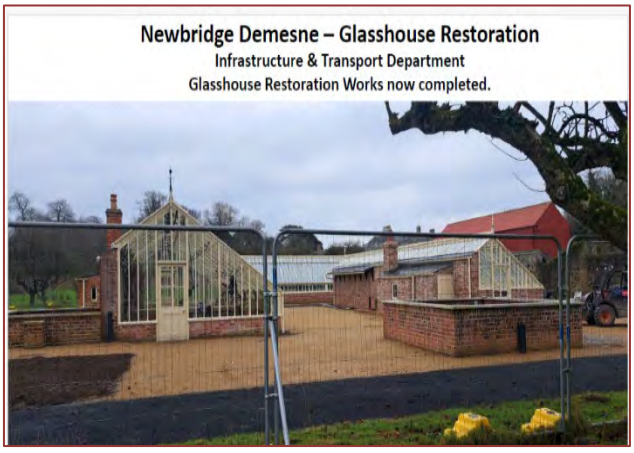
Portrane Play Space



Hartstown Park Playground D15



Newbridge Demesne – Glasshouse Restoration



Hazelbury Park Playground D15



Portrane Coastal Defence Works



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Affordable Development	Status	Sale Agreed
Baile na Móna, Swords	Assessment of Applications Ongoing	110/151 Homes Sale Agreed
Church Fields (Phase 2)	Assessment of Applications Ongoing	92/110 Homes Sale Agreed
Church Fields Cost Rental apartments	Assessment of Applications Ongoing	74/80 apartments occupied
Balmoston (Phase 2)	Assessment of Applications Ongoing	21/73 Homes Sale Agreed
Folkstown Park, Balbriggan	Assessment of Applications is on going	19 Homes
Priory Fields, Hacketstown, Skerries	Application Portal open until 15th April 2025	36 Homes

137CCMA/NOAC Recognition for Fingal County Councils Affordable Housing Equity Register.



On 10th March in Kilkenny Castle, Minister of State with responsibility for Planning and Local Government, John Cummins TD opened the National Oversight and Audit Commission's (NOAC) eighth *'Good Practice in Local Government'* seminar.

Fingal County Council was invited to showcase The Affordable Housing Equity Register to demonstrate the council's leadership and excellence in local government service delivery.

Fingal County Council's Housing teams, in conjunction with the Finance team, is the first local authority to develop and implement an Equity Register Module to securely and efficiently manage the Affordable Housing Scheme, where the Council holds a long-term equity stake in purchasers' homes.

The system centralises key financial and legal data, automates complex equity calculations, and supports accurate reporting, ensuring transparency and protection of public funds.

In House Housing Briefing

A new Housing-specific induction programme has been developed for new starters in the Housing team. These sessions will support new staff by giving a broad understanding of each section's role and offering an opportunity for colleagues to meet across the department. The first session was recently held in Blanchardstown Civic Offices.



Social Housing Delivery

Part V, Social Turnkey & CALF Programme

The delivery of new homes has started steadily, supported by a range of delivery mechanisms. Many of these homes are expected to be delivered throughout the year, helping to meet local housing needs.

The second Part V affordable agreement has progressed with the homes now launched by the Affordable Team. There is potential for future Part V affordable housing to be provided countywide.

47 homes delivered in Whitehaven, Santry in partnership with Tuath Housing.



CALF Programme

There are currently 845 homes under construction across the County in partnership with Approved Housing Bodies.

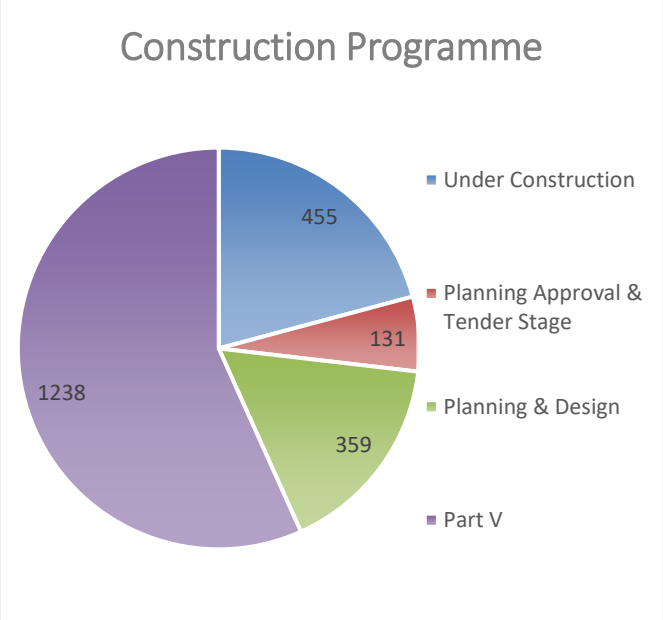
Kilmartin Town Centre, Dublin 15 - 120 Homes under construction in partnership with Tuath Housing through CALF delivery



Niven Oaks, Santry - 170 Homes under construction in partnership with Tuath Housing through CALF delivery



Construction Programme



Scheme Update since last month (Further detailed information available in Appendix 4)

Recently Completed Schemes

Balmoston Phase 1, Ballymastone, Donabate

Construction work has completed on the mixed tenure development at Balmoston Phase 1, which was constructed by Glenveagh on behalf of Fingal County Council. This phase saw the delivery of 87 new social homes as part of a mixed tenure scheme.



Construction Schemes on Site

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. The first 11 new social homes have been delivered, comprising of 11 x 4-bed houses.



Church Fields 3B, Dublin 15

Works are progressing on Phase 3B of Church Fields, a mixed tenure scheme which will see the delivery of a further 217 homes in Church Fields, comprising of 121 houses and 96 apartments. Construction is being carried out by Gem Construction on behalf of Fingal County Council.

The first 37 new social homes have been delivered, comprising of 5 x 4-bed houses and 32 apartments.



Seatown Way, Swords

Works for the delivery of 36 new, 2 bedroomed 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.



Baile na Móna Phase 1, Mooretown, Swords

Construction work is progressing well 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 is a mixed tenure scheme of 123 social and 151 affordable homes.



Crowscastle Green, Holywell, Swords

Construction is progressing well on the delivery of 57 new social homes at Holywell, Swords. This development will deliver 1-, 2- and 3-bedroom homes and is being constructed on behalf of Fingal County Council by Vision Contracting.



Mourne View, Skerries

Construction work is progressing on the delivery of 14 new social homes at Mourne View, Skerries. This development will deliver 1, 2 and 3 bedroom homes and is being constructed on behalf of Fingal County Council by Broomfield Construction.



Remount Court, Lusk

Construction work is progressing on the delivery of 18 new social homes at Remount Court, Rathmore Road, Lusk. This development will deliver 1, 2 and 3 bedroom homes and is being constructed on behalf of Fingal County Council by Broomfield Construction.



North Court, Swords

Construction work has commenced on the delivery of 13 new social homes comprising of 1 and 2 bedroomed apartments at North Court, 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

Pre works BER assessments for 2026 Energy Retrofit Programme are underway. Properties are currently being inspected and notified for BER assessment. Procurement is underway for units confirmed.

Planned Maintenance Programme 2026

External painting, joinery repairs, boiler replacements, and smoke and heat detector upgrades have commenced. Windows and doors replacement programme is currently at the procurement stage.

Planned Maintenance March 2026	
Painting Completion	**89**
Boiler Replacements	**23**
Heat /Smoke Detector replacement	**32**

Voids

Casual Voids March 25th 2026	
In lettings	**25**
Re-let works	**43**
Unavailable	**7**
Total	**75**

New to Stock 25th March 2026	
New to stock	**185**

Vacant Homes

The vacant homes officer and team continue engagement with property owners to return vacant homes to use. This team also works in conjunction with the derelict sites section.

Compulsory Purchase Orders (CPOs):

The Vacant Homes Section is actively identifying and investigating vacant properties within the Fingal area and is committed to pursuing CPOs where applicable. Potential Vacant Homes can be reported at Vacanthomes.ie

Private Dwelling Grants

Croí Cónaithe Vacant Homes Refurbishment Grant

Grants are available up to €50k for vacant properties and €70k if derelict. FCC has received **277** applications since the scheme commenced in 2022.

Croí Cónaithe Applications 2026	
Received	**20**
Approved	**17**
Paid	**21**

- Properties can now be rented privately under the expanded scheme.
- A further expansion of this scheme in 2026 will support include a Vacant Above the Shop Grant and an Expert Advice Grant.
- More information sessions will be provided to the public in 2026 advertising the scheme.

Housing Adaption Grants

Grants for private homes include mobility aid and older persons grants. These grants support people with disabilities and older people to remain living independently and comfortably in their homes.

Housing Adaptation Grants update March 2026	
Received to date	**135**
Paid to date	**102**
Open applications	**406**

Recently completed bathroom adaptation works



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 **61 new HAP tenancies** in 2026 to date with approximately 4563 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

Following the introduction in 2024 of new debt management processes and procedures, **rent arrears have continued to reduce during 2026.**

The rents collection rate has shown **an increase of €500k** on the same period in 2025.

The Rents team continue to engage with tenants who experience challenges paying their rent.

Local Authority Home Loan (LAHL)

It was announced in February 2026 that the LAHL scheme will be further expanded;

- House price limit to increase from €360,000 to €415,000 for the administrative area of Fingal.
- Income limits for all single applicants to increase from €70,000 to €80,000.

FCC welcomes these changes and they are in effect from 1st April 2026.

Private Rented Inspections

The Government housing plan, **Delivering Homes, Building Communities 2025–2030**, requires each local authority to inspect 25% of all private residential tenancies within its area annually. The Private Rented Inspection return has now been confirmed for 2025 with 5,658 dwellings inspected (109% of the target).

The inspections programme for 2026 has commenced. The target of 5,321 for 2026 has been received from the Department of Housing. Currently, 1,549 inspections have been conducted in 2026.

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.

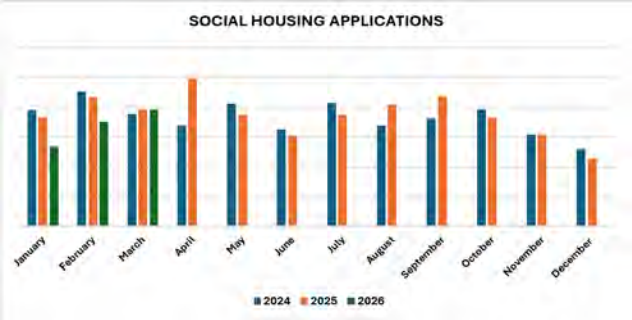
Housing Tenancy Services Report
Housing Support

In accordance with Circular 24/2025 as released on 31st July 2025, the Summary of Social Housing Assessment (SSHA) was returned to the Department of Housing Local Government and Heritage on 1st December 2025.

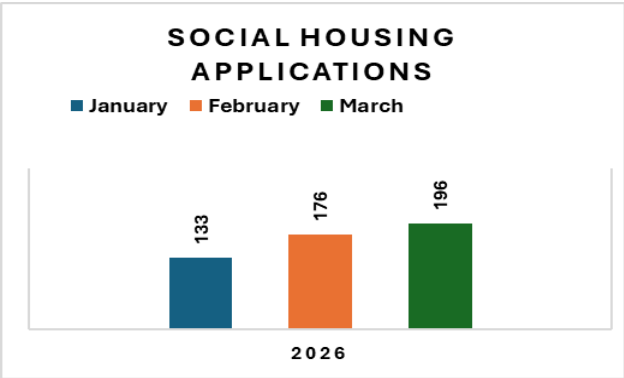
2025 Housing List Position are available on the Choice Based Lettings Portal. This is a static list position and will be issued and updated on CBL yearly. Further information can be sought via, choicebasedlettings@fingal.ie

Housing Support receive a large volume of Housing Applications, Medical Applications, Amendment requests and appeals.

Year on year comparison by month



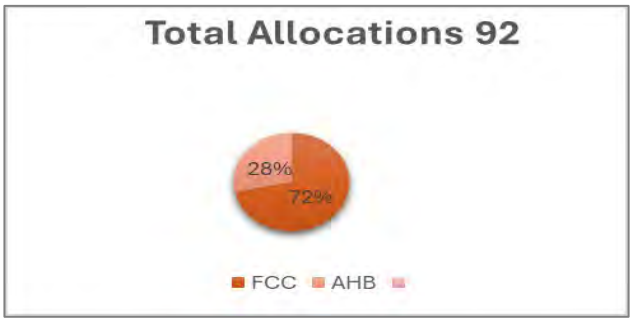
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Housing Support Appeals

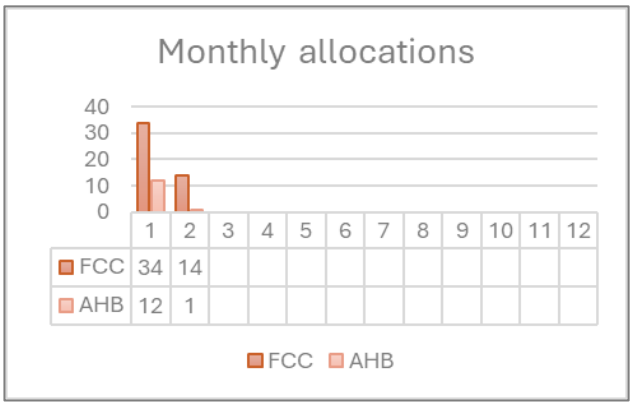
Applicants are reminded, that an appeal must be received within 28 days of a decision being communicated in writing to be eligible for review.

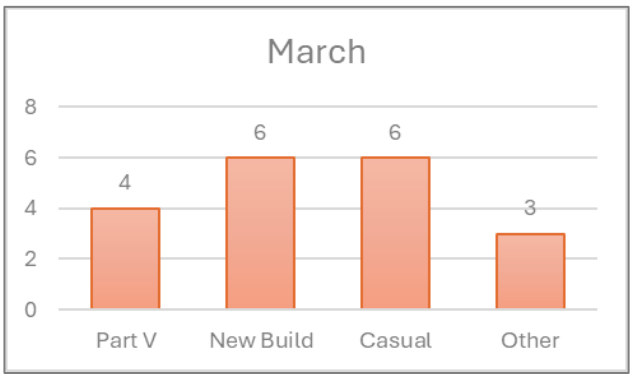
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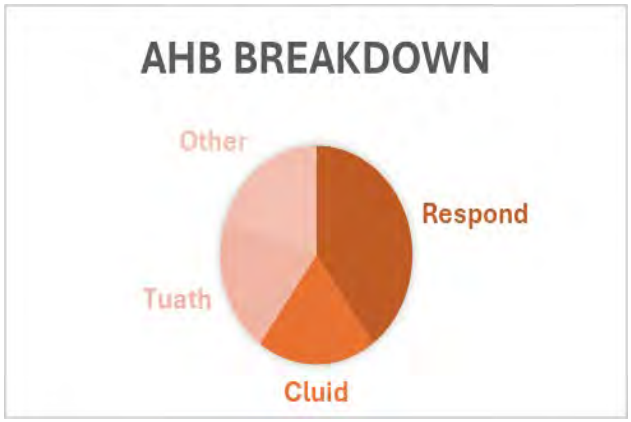
The above chart depicts the total number of properties allocated since the beginning of 2026.

The chart below shows the breakdown of allocations per month.





26 of the 92 allocations have been in collaboration with several Approved Housing Bodies. The other 66 properties were allocated using Fingal County Councils own stock.



Respond have received the most nominations from Fingal County Council during the month of March.

The collaboration between Local Authorities and Approved Housing Bodies is continuing to have a positive impact on the delivery of social housing.

The Approved Housing Bodies inform Fingal County Council when an applicant has accepted and signed a tenancy following a nomination from Housing Lettings.

Choice Based Letting's Advertised Properties March



Internal image of advertised property at Birch Wood, Northwood Avenue, Santry, Dublin 9

Advertisement Period	Property	Bed	Type	Number of Views	Expressions of interest
25th February – 3rd March	St Marnock's Bay, Portmarnock, Dublin 13	3	Duplex	1771	308
25th February – 3rd March	St Marnock's Bay, Portmarnock, Dublin 13	2	Duplex	1843	397
4th – 10th March	Churchfields, Mulhuddart, Dublin 15	1	Apt	1437	334
4th – 10th March	Churchfields, Mulhuddart, Dublin 15	2	Apt	1619	375
4th – 10th March	Piper's Court, Hansfield, Dublin 15	3	Apt	1401	213
11th – 17th March	Birch Wood, Northwood Avenue, Santry, Dublin 9	3	Apt	1171	203
18th – 24th March	Balmoston, Donabate, Co Dublin	2	Apt	1568	360
18th – 24th March	Balmoston, Donabate, Co Dublin	1	Apt	1610	361
25th – 31st March	Northwood Avenue, Santry, Dublin 9	2	Apt	1372	358
25th – 31st March	Holywell Green, Swords, Co Dublin	2	Apt	1389	251
25th – 31st March	Charlestown Place, Finglas, Dublin 11	3	Apt	1067	170
25th – 31st March	Canal View Terrace, Hansfield, Dublin 15	3	Apt	1346	214
25th – 31st March	The Hermitage, Balgriffin, Dublin 13	2	Apt	1356	308
			Total	18900	3852

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 2026

During March 2026, 35 households exited homeless circumstances into various forms of social housing support - including privately rented tenancies under the Homeless HAP Scheme.

Please see the table below for a breakdown of the figures:

Type of Exit	HHAP Tenancy	Allocation of Tenancy	To HUBS	Total
EA	7	7	1	15
Homeless Prevention	13	7	0	20
Total	20	14	0	35

There was a total of 20 homeless prevention cases and 15 who exited emergency accommodation comprising:

7 allocations of social housing support to homeless prevention cases and 7 exited emergency accommodation.

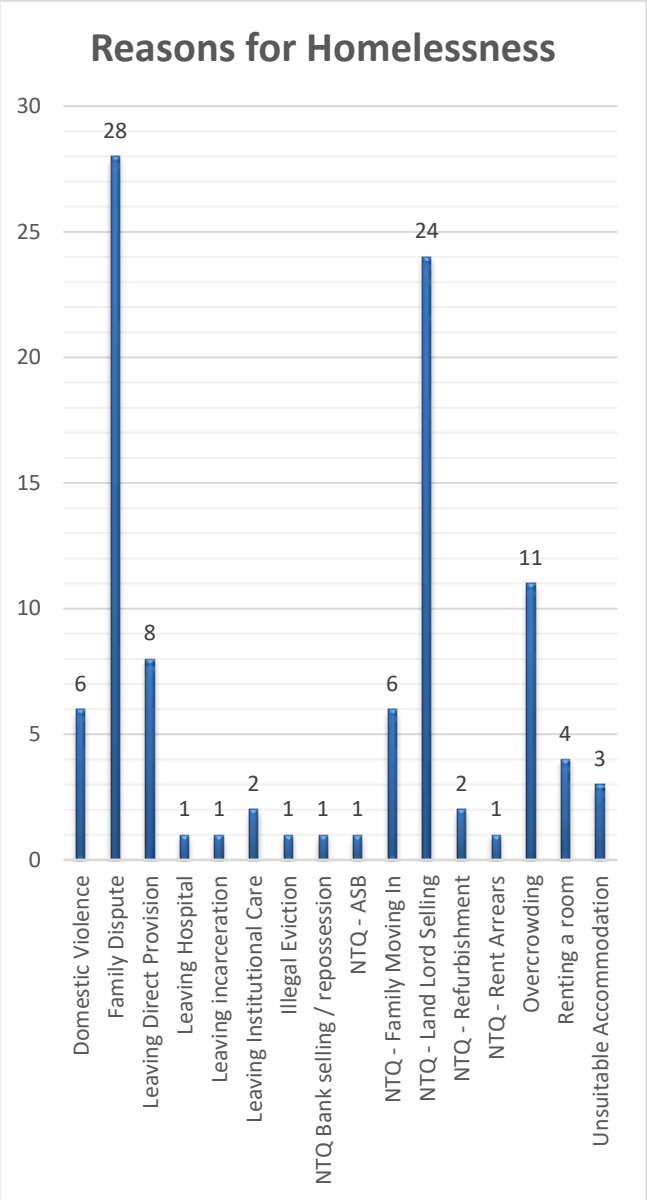
20 Homeless HAP tenancies, comprising 13 homeless preventions and 7 who exited emergency accommodation.

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 March 2026, there were an approx. 100 full homeless assessments completed – comprising 53 families and 47 singles/couples.



During March 2026, of the 100 Homeless Assessments carried out, 35% of cases resulted from Notice to Termination (NOT) having been served, 28% cases resulted from family/relationship breakdown and 11% were from Overcrowding. Most of the other presentations to the Homeless Section are from Renting a room (4%) and were from leaving direct provision (8%). The remaining 14% 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 32 reported rough sleeping cases by 31/03/2026. 8 of the clients have taken up Emergency Accommodation (5 placed in Emergency Accommodation in March 2026) and we continue to work with 5 others vacating the sites to move elsewhere.

There are 9 registered long term entrenched rough sleepers (2 females, and 5 males) in the Fingal Area (3 less than February), only one of whom is a Fingal client. 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 22 Fingal County Council clients have been identified, 2 is currently under offer and a second has been placed in a Fingal Family Hub. 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 services, 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 first meeting of 2026 of the LTACC took place on Tuesday 17th February 2026 in the Blanchardstown Offices. The next scheduled meeting is planned to take place on 18th May 2026.

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 preferential Caravan Loan Scheme is intended to support the provision of Traveller-specific accommodation through local authorities to provide preferential loans to Travellers to purchase their own caravan/mobile home/trailer on halting sites for use as their primary residence.

The Council continues to implement the National Caravan Loan Scheme in accordance with Department of Local Government and Heritage Guidelines. Fingal County Council's allocation under the scheme for 2026 is €240,000.

Dumping on sites

Illegal dumping on halting sites remains an ongoing issue. Council contractors frequently clear dumped waste from these sites, incurring significant costs to the Council. Letters continue to be sent to residents reminding them that household waste collection is available on-site and urging them to refrain from illegal dumping.



Waste removal at St. Philomena's Park



Installation of Post boxes at Moyne Park

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 2nd December in Dublin 15. A further session for the D15 area took place on 17th February 2026 and was also well attended. 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. Unfortunately, we have had an incident in one of our Dublin 15 Halting Sites where residents broke into the powerhouse, causing significant damage to the door and lock.

Electricity Supply

It has been reported electricity supplies have altered or tampered with causing interruption to power supply and other service issues at a number of sites.

All residents are routinely advised of the dangers of interference with electricity and are advised to make contact with the Estate Management Maintenance team to report power issues in the first instance to allow for inspection and repair by registered contractors.

Wastewater Treatment System – new contract

Overseeing and managing the Waste Water Treatment Systems of Council stock remains a priority of the Estate Management, Maintenance Section.

Housing Response Maintenance

2026	
Maintenance Requests Received	**3,766**
Tenancy Alerts Issued	**14**
Interviews Scheduled	**17**
Unauthorised Works Recorded	**1**
Permission For Work Requests	**50**

Graffiti

Estate Management has experienced an increase in incidents of racist graffiti in various locations across the County. Additionally, several families recently allocated new tenancies have reported receiving threats advising them not to move into the area or to leave.

The matter is under review by An Garda Siochana.













Anti-Social Behaviour / Inspectorate Unit

The Council conducts impartial and thorough investigations into all reports of anti-social behaviour and implements appropriate preventative measures when necessary. 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.

The ASB Unit is currently preparing an updated Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy and is working with the Council's IT Department to develop and implement new IT software.

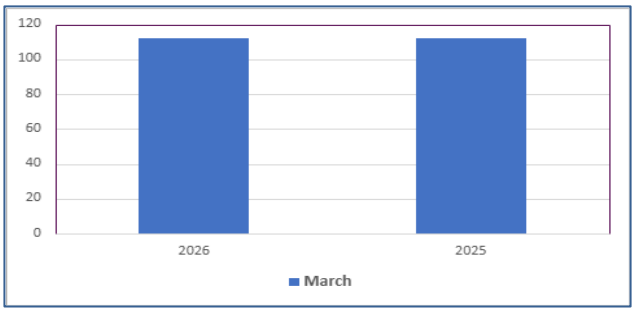
ASB Caseload Management

Complaints Mar 2026	Total	Active	Monitoring	Closed
Balbriggan	28	16	5	7
Rush / Lusk	17	3	12	2
Swords	15	3	9	3
Howth/ Malahide	17	12	3	2
Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart	24	9	3	12
Ongar	4	1	1	2
Castleknock	7	3	2	2
Total	112	47	35	30

Anti-Social Behaviour Interventions

Interviews Held 2026 to date	**44**
Interviews Held 2025	91
Tenancy Alerts 2026 to date	**22**
Tenancy Alerts 2025	32
Tenancy Warnings 2026 to date	**3**
Tenancy Warnings 2025	10

Comparison of Complaints received
March 2026 vs March 2025



Tenancy Management Section

Tenancy Management is responsible for safeguarding the proper use of Council housing stock by investigating suspected tenancy fraud, misuse of properties, and breaches of tenancy agreements.

This includes addressing issues such as illegal subletting, unauthorised occupation, and the abandonment of dwellings. Properties may be surrendered or tenancies terminated for a range of reasons, including the death of a tenant, placement in long-term nursing care, abandonment, and other exceptional circumstances.

Surrenders/Abandonment Notices	
January	8
February	1
March	5
Total	14

Inspectorate 2026

The Council's Housing Inspectorate, including two dedicated Traveller-specific Inspectors. The Housing Inspector role is a key frontline operational function that delivers a wide range of inspectorate services to Council tenants, the wider community, and multiple sections within the Housing Department,

Including:

- Estate Management
- Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)
- HAP
- Rents
- Homeless Services
- Allocations
- Lettings
- Long-Term Leasing/RAS
- Vacant Dwellings
- Traveller Specific Accommodation
- Voids Management

Housing Inspectors Report	
Traveller Specific Site Inspections 2025	1682
Housing Inspections 2025	10447
2026	
Traveller Specific Site Inspections to date	494
Housing Inspections	
January	682
February	1091
March	1074
April	
May	
June	
July /Aug	
September	
October	
November	
December Total Inspections	

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Seatown Road Swords:

John Cradock Ltd. have commenced works on site. Works are continuing Phase 1, from the R132 heading eastwards. An alternative pedestrian route has been established on the south side of Seatown Road to facilitate the current ducting and drainage works. Works will switch to the southern side of the road in phase 1, in early April. Two-way traffic is being maintained during peak traffic.



Junction of the R132 and Flemington Lane Balbriggan:

The contractor has completed the resurfacing work on the junction. Traffic signals are being commissioned in early April. Works on the footpaths and existing cycle track from Flemington junction back to Balbriggan will be ongoing during April to complete the upgrade works in this area.



Auburn Avenue Walking & Cycling Scheme

A tender competition to procure a contractor to carry out the works commenced in late 2025. A pre contract meeting has taken place with the preferred tenderer.
It is anticipated the works will commence on site in Q2 2026.



Hartstown/Huntstown/Mountview Road

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. Detailed design has now commenced.

Clonee to Blanchardstown Shopping Centre

The preliminary design phase is ongoing. A non-statutory public consultation is being prepared and will take place in Q2 2026.

New Street, Malahide

The design team has completed its assessment of the Construction Tender Suitability Assessment Questionnaire submissions. Several candidates have now been shortlisted for progression to Stage 2 of the tender process, which is currently underway.

Balrothery Active Travel Project

A presentation of the Balrothery Active Travel Plan was delivered at the Balbriggan, Rush–Lusk, and Swords ACM on 12 March to provide councillors with an overview of the plan's overall scope, along with a progress update on the first project.

Feltrim Road Active Travel Project

The preliminary design cost estimate, design report, together with the environmental and appropriate assessment screening reports, are currently being updated as the preliminary design phase continues to progress.

Skerries Active Travel Plan.

The non-statutory public consultation period closed on the 19th January. Final compilation and moderation of all submissions is underway. The final number of submissions is expected to be around 600.

All feedback received from the consultation will be analysed and considered in the final plan, which will be completed in the coming weeks.

Briefings will be provided to local councillors in the first week of April.

Skerries Harbour Road & Red Island Loop:

Detail Design ongoing. Trail pits were excavated recently as part of site investigation works. Consultation with the local stakeholders will be facilitated in advance of the construction phases in 2026. It is anticipated to be on site with phase 1 works to the Red Island Loop and carpark areas by the end of Q2 2026.

Newtown Bridge, Balheary Road:

The Official Opening of the new walking and cycling facilities at Newtown Bridge Balheary took place on the 20th March 2026. These facilities provide safe infrastructure for vulnerable road users using the Linear Park and Swords Celtic Football Club pitches in Balheary.







Donabate Permeability - Phase 1

Works have been substantially completed in 2025, with some minor snagging works outstanding. These will be completed early in Q2 2026, subject to dry weather conditions.

Road Safety:

Safe Routes to School Round 2

The detailed design now complete and the works are ready to move to the tender stage.

The Construction Tender will now be issued in the via SupplyGov.ie. This process is expected to take 6-8 weeks and works are expected in late June or early July.

Safe Routes to School Round 3

The outline delivery plan for the SRTS Round 3 schools has been received from An Taisce. The design tender documentation is now ready and approved, the Design Tender will be issued in the first week of April 2026.

Fingal Road Safety Working Together group

The Fingal Road Safety Working Together group is now well established and meets on a quarterly basis. The meetings aim 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 and was brought to SPC, the Area Committee meetings in January and the full council in early in February for noting, it will be published in the coming weeks.

Mobility & Behavioural Change

Fingal Second Spin Project

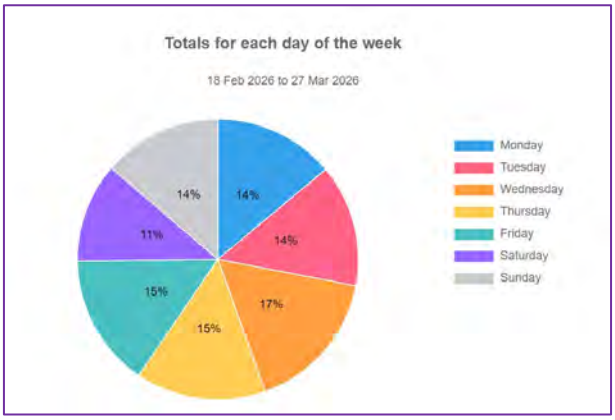
Our Second Spin Project was promoted across the Irish Times through their Early Edition Podcast and in print on Saturday 21st March.

The piece can be heard from around 6 mins 45sec

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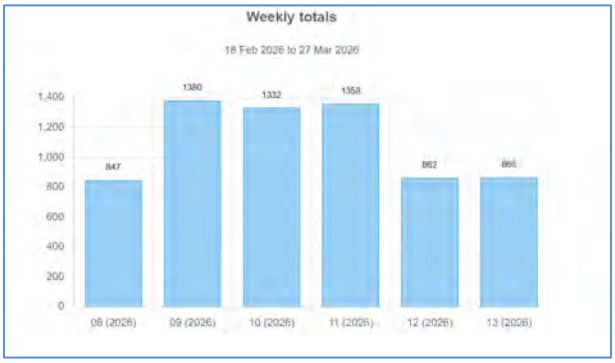
Portmarnock Railway Bridge

A Nomad Combi Tracker was installed on the Portmarnock Railway Bridge on 18th Feb 2026. Since installation, nearly 15,000 Active Travel Movements have taken place across it. The average is 393 movements per day with a relatively even split across each day of the week



Donabate Pedestrian Bridge

Similarly, a tracker was installed at the new Donabate Pedestrian Bridge in Feb 26. Since installation over 6,000 people have used the bridge with the busiest day of the week being a Thursday at 8am. On average, 1200 people use the bridge each week, showing how valuable a project it is to people commuting.



Cycling Courses

Details related to upcoming Cycling Courses can be found on our website



Spark Park

The Spark Park – precision bike parking technology was fully integrated into the Moby Bike Share app and the final 6 locations installed.

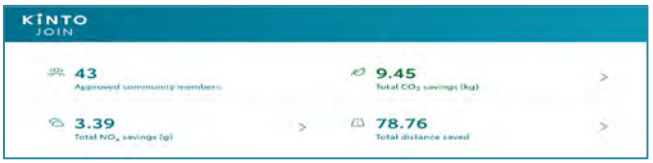
Spark Park will help us to keep the kerbside space free from Bike Share related obstructions and improve the service for everyone in the community. The Bleeper Bike integration will be completed after Easter



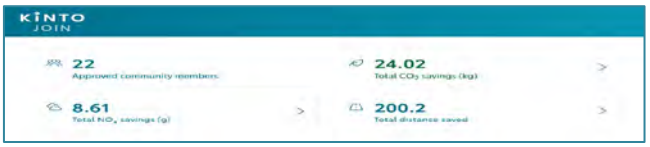
Kinto – Sustainable Transport App

The Kinto Sustainable Travel App is available to all staff in County Hall and Civic Offices to download. The App rewards people who Walk, Cycle or Carpool for work related travel and will help us reach our Climate Action Targets.

March 1st – 27th – County Hall



March 1st – 27th – Civic Offices



For information on how to sign up to the Kinto App, please contact active.travel@fingal.ie

The Castleknock Ramblers Walking Group

The Castleknock Ramblers Group meet every Tuesday morning at the Castleknock Gate in the Phoenix Park. They walk for approx. 45min – 60mins per week.

April Walk Dates

- **Tues 7th, 14th 21st and 28th April**

Bike Week 2026

Bike Week takes place from Saturday 9th May to Sunday 17th May 2026.

The Week will kick-off with a Family Fun Day in Millennium Park at the Learn 2 Cycle Track. We will the Street Velodrome, free bike repair, our Balance Bike Pedal Parade as well our colleagues from Climate Action & Sport so there will be fun for the entire family.

The full Bike Week 2026 schedule will be available to view after Easter on www.fingal.ie/bikeweek



Skerries Community Car

In March the Community Car completed XX trips (including some round trips).

To book the service or to sign up as a volunteer simply call Flexibus on 046 9074830 or email: flexibus@locallinklmf.ie

Month	Trip Numbers
January	169
February	126
March	190

EVPZ

The EVPZ vehicles completed 37 journeys in Feb 2026, For more information on the EVPZ eHubs project, you can check out:

https://esb.ie/what-we-do/esb-ehubs

Bike Share Schemes



Bike Share Monthly Stats 2026

Month	Moby	Bleeper	Total
Jan 26	497	494	991
Feb 26	509	508	1017

Quiet Streets 2026

The Quiet Streets Applications are open to the Public until Monday 20th April. Full details are available on the Fingal Website https://www.fingal.ie/fingal-quiet-streets-2026-applications

CLIMATE ACTION

Dublin Climate Action Week 2026

Dublin Climate Action Week is set to take place from May 9th to 17th this year. With a range of events planned across the Dublin region, there will be something for everyone! To keep up to date with the week and be the first to see events planned when they go live on the 20th of April, click here.



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 project deliverables for this project: Local Pilot Plan was prepared in March.

Home Energy Saving Kits

Feedback is now requested from HESK users (survey included on the inside of the kits available in Swords and Blanchardstown).



Library Resources

The Climate Action Team review Climate Action resources avail in all libraries in Fingal and make monthly book recommendations through the Environment and Climate Action Newsletter.

Our Balbriggan- Sustainability, Climate Action and Biodiversity Pillar

The Climate Team continue to support the implementation of the Sustainability, Climate Action and Biodiversity Pillar Action Plan.

Community Climate Action Fingal Grant

Phase 2 (2025-2027) Community Climate Action Fingal is underway. The portfolio and necessary documentation were submitted to the Department for approval in February. It is expected that the Department will respond early April with approvals. The approved community climate action projects with a value of €1,127,000 will be delivered over an 18-month timeframe and are aimed at reducing emissions in the community setting.

ENVIRONMENT

Environmental Awareness:

Rubbish Film Festival – Fingal Students Lead on Climate Action

Secondary students from five Fingal schools took part in this year's Rubbish Film Festival, producing short films focused on waste reduction, sustainability, and climate action.

Their work, inspired by SDG12 Responsible Consumption and SDG13 Climate Action, highlights the role of young people in driving positive environmental change locally. A showcase event was held in the Lighthouse Cinema, where Fingal students joined peers from across the four Dublin local authorities to celebrate their achievements.

Fingal Award Winners:

- Best Poster: Blakestown Community School (below)
- Best Film: St. Mary's Secondary School, Baldoyle
- Runner-Up Film: Edmund Rice College



Green-Schools Visits

The Environmental Awareness Officer carried out 11 additional renewal visits to Fingal schools applying for their Green Flag in 2026. The enthusiasm and commitment shown by each school from students to teachers, and staff, was evident throughout. A particular acknowledgment is due to school caretakers, whose support for outdoor environmental work is invaluable. An Taisce's Green-Schools Team will notify all applicant schools of their results after the Easter break. Best of luck to all schools involved.

Replay Instruments Project

The Replay Instruments Project successfully rehomed several instruments from guitars to violins this month. This project continues to promote the circular economy by giving pre-loved instruments a second life within the community.

Social Media Campaign

March's social media campaigns focused on promoting National Spring Clean and WEEE recycling with a focus on the invisible electrical waste, batteries and correct vape disposal.

Anti-Litter and Anti-Graffiti Grant 2026

The Anti-Litter & Anti-Graffiti Grant is awarded annually by Fingal County Council to support community groups in improving local public spaces. Funded in part by the Department of Climate, Energy & Environment, the scheme supports projects such as litter clean-ups, mural and wall painting, biodiversity enhancements in dumping hotspots, and awareness campaigns on litter and cigarette butt disposal.

The 2026 ALAG is now open for applications with a closing date of Friday, 17th April 2026.

Applications can be downloaded from our website https://www.fingal.ie/anti-litter-anti-graffiti-grant-2026



Litter Management

In March the Litter Wardens continued investigating large amounts of littering and dumping throughout the county. The bring banks in the Fingal area are inspected daily. Any evidence that is 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.





• Reports of any illegal dumping and littering are passed on to the Operations division for removal and the litter wardens 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.

• They Investigate reports of abandoned cars.

Litter Fines & Warning Notices 2026

Month	No of Fines issued	No of Warning Notices issued
January	35	15
February	43	7
March	24	1

There were 9 cases before the district court in March 2026.

Litter Management Requests for March 2026

Type of Requests:	Number
Abandoned Car Sticker	7
Abandoned cars	6
Dog Fouling signage request	3
Black spot inspection	726
Bring Bank inspections	451
Muck on road	5
Report of dumping 1-20 bags	47
Witness statement form received	2
Unauthorised Signage	3
Report of litter issue	16
Total cases	**1266**

The Litter Management Section have commenced 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.



This poster will be advertised through the Councils Social Media Platforms, at Bus Shelters, in Libraries, Community Centres, schools and any other viable sources. A new leaflet outlining the responsibilities of businesses in relation to litter management is currently being designed and will be ready for distribution in the coming weeks.

Water Quality:

Developer Lead Infrastructure Initiative (DLI) for wastewater services supporting Housing Delivery

The Government's Housing Action Plan, 'Delivering Homes, Building Communities' seeks to deliver 300,000 new homes by 2030. It identifies the need for the provision of enabling infrastructure, including wastewater infrastructure, to support the delivery of new residential development, particularly in locations where wastewater infrastructure capacity is constrained or absent. This objective is set out in Action 1.11 of the Housing Action Plan and is further referenced in Action 15(ii) of the 'Accelerating Infrastructure Taskforce Report & Plan'.

Wastewater infrastructural constraints have been identified as a limiting factor for housing delivery in settlements where existing Uisce Éireann wastewater treatment capacity is not immediately available.

To address this, the Government is now enabling housing developers to deliver new wastewater infrastructure as part of their housing schemes. The Developer-Led Infrastructure (DLI) Initiative for wastewater services includes the following key coordinated elements:

- a structured partnership approach between Uisce Éireann and developers,enabling developers to construct wastewater infrastructure to Uisce Éireann standards, with transfer of ownership to Uisce Éireann for longterm operation and maintenance;
- regulatory reform to simplify environmental authorisations for discharges from small-scale treatment facilities; an
- specific guidance for developers from Uisce Éireann and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in relation to standards and requirements.

This Circular is accompanied by a Procedural Advice Note to set out the procedural arrangements associated with the DLI Initiative in the context of planning applications lodged by developers for such infrastructure as part of proposals for new housing development.

Abandoned Vehicles

A total of 116 reports of abandoned cars were received from 1st January to 30th March 2026. Burnt-out vehicles are also reported to the Environment Department.

To report a suspected abandoned vehicle the following information is required and should be emailed to environment@fingal.ie

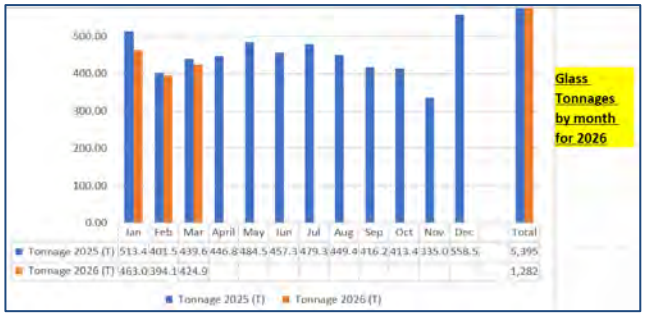
- **Vehicle Registration**
- **Colour / Make / Model**
- **Exact Location**
- **Period of time that vehicle has not been moved**
- **Name and Contact Number of person reporting the vehicle**

Further information on Abandoned Vehicles can be found on the Fingal County Council website: Abandoned Vehicles | Fingal County Council

	Abandoned Vehicles Lifted		Burnt out Vehicles Lifted	
	2026	2025	2026	2025
January	0	0	0	0
February	2	0	0	1
March	7	2	1	2
April		3		0
May		2		0
June		0		1
July		0		0
August		0		0
September		3		0
October		5		0
November		2		0
December		6		0
	9	**23**	**1**	**4**

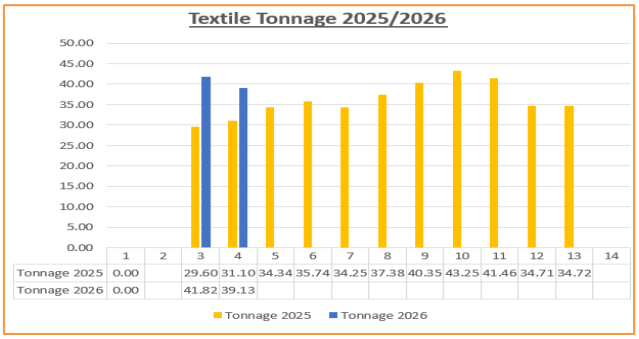
Bring Banks & Bottle Banks

Glass volumes collected to date in March 2026 were 425 **(T).** This compares with a collection figure of 440 (T) for all of March 2025.



Textiles Banks

Textiles collected in **February 2026** were **39 (T**). This compares with a collection figure of 31 (T) in February 2025.



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.

Month	10 Day Notices		Fines Issued		Fines Paid	
	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025
January	50	10	8	3	€2,500	€550
February	76	82	19	5	€6,750	€2,244
March	214	87	14	15	€5,294	€1,121
April		85		11		€1,770
May		99		15		€4,443
June		81		12		€1700
July		82		12		€1221.50
August		224		29		€2200
September		104		25		€3750
October		192		38		€3700
November		141		20		€4610
December		81		72		€2,640
TOTAL	340	1268	41	257	€14,544	€29,949.50

The Control of Dogs Section received 35 complaints relating to dogs from 1st of March 2026 to the 30th of March 2026.

Service	No of complaints per service from 1st of March 2026 to the 30th of March 2026
Env - Dog Fine Appeal	8
Env - Dog on Dog Attack	5
Env - Dog on Person Attack	1
Env – Dog warden assistance, garda request	1
Env - Restricted Breed Dog	8
Env - Surrendered Dog	0
Dog Warden Incident	2
Env- Stray Dog	7
Issue with Dog	3
Grand Total	**35**

There were 12 cases before the District Court in March 2026.

Dog Licences

Month	Annual Licences Purchased		Lifetime Licences Purchased		Income from Licences	
	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025
January	853	952	49	66	€23,920	€28,280
February	742	846	42	56	€20,720	€24,720
March	821	855	59	61	€25,580	€24,680
April		839		46		€23,220
May		937		64		€27,700
June		795		47		€22,480
July		807		52		€23,420
August		898		71		€27,900
September		762		46		€21,680
October		722		51		€21,580
November		831		57		€24,600
December		358		29		€11,220
Total for year	**2,416**	**9602**	**150**	**646**	**€69,300**	**€282,480**



Dog Shelter Service

Dublin County Dog Shelter holds stray dogs which are 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. 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 March 2025	16	Dogs in Shelter at start of March 2026	11
Stray/Seized dogs brought to Shelter	14	Stray/Seized dogs brought to Shelter	14
Surrendered by owners	0	Surrendered by owners	2
Reclaimed	1	Reclaimed	3
Rehomed to Rescue	6	Rehomed to Rescue	7
Rehomed to Public	3	Rehomed to Public	3
PTS	1	PTS	0
Dogs in Shelter at the end of January 2025	**19**	**Dogs in shelter at 30th March 2026**	**14**

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

Weekly welfare inspections and monthly vet inspections continue at Dunsink Landfill to monitor the numbers and welfare of the horses 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

Dublin Waste to Energy Facility

Planning permission and an EPA licence have been granted to increase the annual waste-treatment capacity of the Dublin Waste to Energy (DWtE) facility from 600,000 to 690,000 tonnes. Dublin City Council, as lead authority for the PPP, has completed a review of the proposed upgrade works and associated refinancing, including the appointment of a new operator, Kanadevia Inova (KVI). Following renegotiation of key elements, all four Dublin Local Authorities have agreed that the project should proceed given the critical need to expand national waste-treatment capacity. Upgrade works will commence in April 2026 and will result in a temporary reduction in capacity during that year.

Enforcement & Regulations

Complaints

28 waste complaints were recorded in March, and 10 investigated with 35 resolved including cases from previous months. The table below shows the types of complaints investigated in March.

Types of Complaints	Mar-26
Unauthorised C&D sites	1
HH Waste - Backyard Storage/Burning	4
Waste Presentation Bye-Laws	5
Total	10

The below table shows the number of year-to-date complaints recorded from the period January to March 2026 compared to previous years.

Year	March
2023	61
2024	55
2025	89
2026	77

To report a waste related complaint; please contact the Environment Section on Tel: 01 8905000 or Email: environment@fingal.ie .

Waste Presentation Bye-Laws Project

Following a survey of 4000 households in Fingal suspected of being non-compliant with Fingal County Council's Segregation, Storage and Presentation of Household and Commercial Waste Bye-Laws 2020, a review of responses found a large number of households did not engage with the project or provide sufficient information to demonstrate compliance.

Under the Waste Bye-Laws, households must have a kerbside waste collection service in place from an authorised waste collector or bring their waste to an authorised facility and keep receipts (the waste must be segregated – Mixed Dry Recyclables, Organic Waste and Residual Waste). It is also possible to share a bin with another person – in that case a bin sharing agreement must be signed between the 2 parties and a copy provided to Fingal County Council.



A final warning letter was issued in March 2026 to **330 households** under the following categories requesting proof of compliance with the Waste Bye-Laws prior to a Fixed Payment Notice (FPN) of €75 being issued:

- Bin sharing agreement responses where no account number with an authorised waste collector was provided.
- Households that declared they had a contract with an authorised waste collector however a crosscheck with the collector found no active account.
- Households that claimed to use an authorised facility for brown and black bin waste however no proof was provided (receipts).
- Households that stated they used communal bins provided by a management company however their neighbourhood did not appear to be serviced by a management company.

In addition, **590 households** failed to engage with the Waste Enforcement Section despite receiving 2 letters and an inspection at their property during the period August to November 2025.

Land registration checks have been initiated to establish ownership of these properties and Fixed

Payment Notices are currently being sent out for non-compliance with the Waste Bye-Laws.

The Fixed Payment Notices may be cancelled where households provide clear evidence of how their waste is managed e.g. bin collection in place. Where FPN's aren't paid and no proof is provided of how household waste is being disposed of, then a legal file will be prepared for prosecution in the District Court.

To tackle the remaining **7,000 addresses** on the Reverse Register i.e. those suspected of not having a bin collection service in place, an updated Waste Register and Reverse Register is being developed. In March, the 8 waste collectors operating in Fingal were requested to provide an updated list of their customers. Using Eircodes an updated Reverse Register is now being developed and associated mapping to identify hotspot areas for follow on enforcement action.

It is proposed to assess 50% of the remaining households on the Reverse Register during 2026, (**3,500 households)**. As before, 2 letters will be sent out requesting confirmation of how waste is being managed followed by door to door inspections for those that don't respond. FPN's will be issued thereafter where there's no engagement engage or the necessary proofs provided.

Funding under the Anti-Dumping Initiative will again be applied for in 2026 to help progress the project, with **€106,000** successfully secured in 2025.

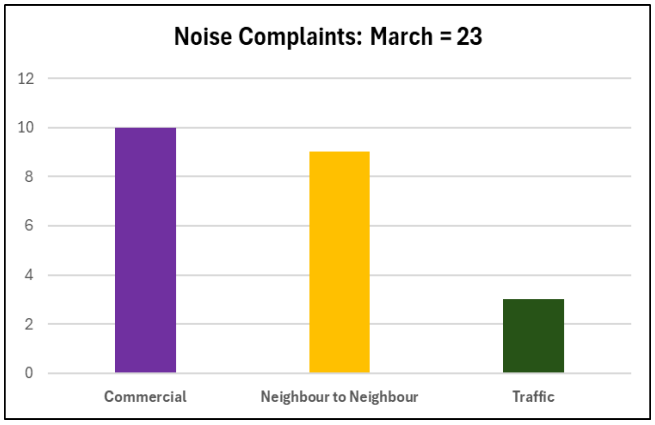
The remaining **3,500 households** on the Reverse Register will be completed in 2027. Fingal County Council are one of the first Local Authorities to enforce the Waste Bye-Laws on such a large scale and are providing advice and assistance to other local authorities to help address issues around Household Waste which is a National Waste Enforcement Priority for 2026 and 2027.

Additional information on the Waste Bye-Laws Project is available on the Fingal website at:

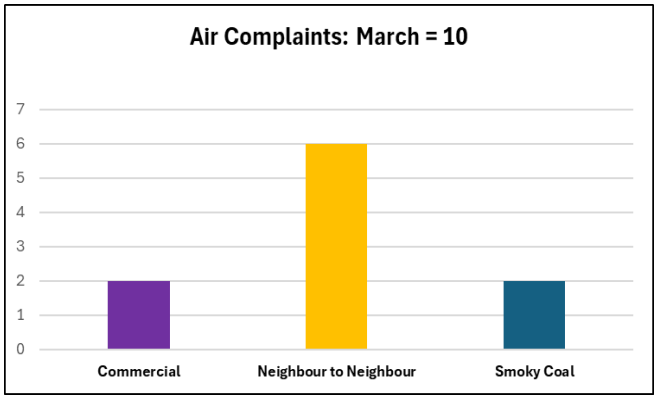
- https://www.fingal.ie/waste-bye-laws-project-2023-2026 , and
- https://mywaste.ie/dispose-waste/at-home/household-waste-byelaws/

Air Quality & Noise Pollution Complaints

A total of **23 noise complaints** were received and investigated during March. Complaints were received regarding neighbour-to-neighbour noise, traffic noise, and noise associated with commercial activities.



A total of **10 air complaints** were received and investigated during March and these included complaints regarding neighbour-to-neighbour, air pollution issues and complaints about emissions from commercial and industrial units.



Air & Noise Planning Files

The Air and Noise Section have reviewed **9 Planning Applications** referred by the Planning Department during March. 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 **17 Planning Compliance Submissions** has been reviewed for compliance with air and noise related planning conditions for March. 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.

The team has begun gathering information on active construction sites with the intention to carry out on-site inspections throughout the year. These inspections will help ensure that all relevant air and noise conditions are being adhered to during the construction phase.

Solid Fuel Regulations – Retailer Inspections

The team is continuing solid fuel inspections in Q1 2026. Eleven inspections have been carried out on solid fuel retailers to date, with follow-up letters issued to retailers outlining the non-compliances identified. Information sheets were included to remind retailers of their responsibilities under the Solid Fuel Regulations. The team is currently consolidating inspection data relating to identified non-compliances and will raise these issues directly with the responsible solid fuel producers. In addition, these non-compliances will be highlighted to the Local Authorities within the functional areas where the producers operate. A desk-based review was carried out to identify any instances of unapproved solid fuel being sold online. While several advertisements were identified it is difficult to determine the precise location of these operations without direct contact.

Many sellers may be based outside the county but offer delivery services to the Fingal area, making enforcement more challenging. The Air and Noise Team has engaged with partner agencies to initiate plans for coordinated multi-agency checkpoints. Our focus will be directed on monitoring the transport and sale of unapproved fuel in accordance with the Solid Fuel Regulations.

Solvent Regulations (Dry Cleaner) Inspections

There are currently 6 dry cleaners registered in Fingal under the solvent regulations. Ongoing work around updating the register and monitoring for new businesses potentially carrying out dry cleaning is underway. With the limited number of relevant businesses in the county, the team is reviewing the scope of inspections. As well as confirming the need for registration compliance amongst those certified may be undertaken in 2026.

Deco Paints Regulations (Vehicle Refinisher) Inspections

As of March 2026, there are 20 premises registered under the Deco Paint Regulations. Following our Q4 2025 inspections, we are continuing to work closely with vehicle refinishers as they progress through the registration process and move toward full compliance. We will also continue to monitor and inspect any new refinishing businesses that may emerge. The team is currently reviewing our outstanding list to determine whether the Regulations apply to additional premises. Two inspections have been conducted as part of our 2026 inspection programme.

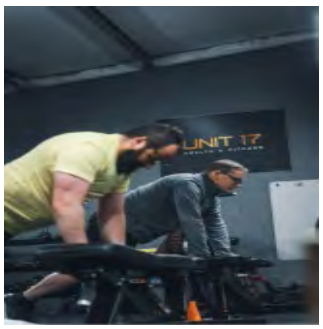


SPORTS

FITMAN – New Programme for Older males

A 6-Week Fitness Program for Men Aged 40+

FITMAN is a welcoming, judgement-free fitness program designed specifically for men aged 40 and over who are new to exercise or returning after a long break due to injury, family, work, or life simply getting in the way. We had 30 applications for the Swords Pilot programme and 22 Men signed up and started on 10th February. We are tracking their journey and feedback for the Programme which ends on 26th March.





Women in Sport Week (2nd to 8th March)
HerMoves Exercise:Energise Multi-Sports Day

Fingal Sports Office Marked Women in Sport Week with 'HerMoves Exercise: Energise' Multi Sports and Activity Day in National Indoor Arena on the 4th of March. More than 300 teenage girls from secondary and community schools across Fingal took part in the day.

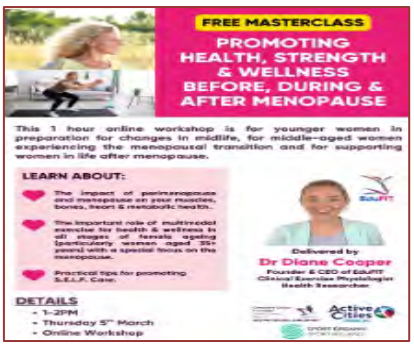
The event brought together participants from the Fingal Sports Office's Women in Sport Exercise: Energise programme for a full day of sport, fun, and physical activity. Now in its 14th year, the programme continues to provide an essential pathway for inactive girls to build confidence, increase physical activity levels, and access new sporting opportunities.

This year's event was supported by twelve National Governing Bodies, whose development officers delivered expert coaching and "come and try" sessions across a diverse range of sports including Rugby, Cricket, Hockey, Football, Basketball, Athletics, Table Tennis, Rowing, Volleyball, Ultimate Frisbee, Tennis and Fencing and finished off with a dance party.



Online Women's Health Masterclass

Fingal Sports Office hosted an online menopause information lunchtime masterclass during Women in Sport Week. The masterclass entitled Promoting Health, Strength & Wellness Before, During & After Menopause was delivered by Dr. Diane Cooper of Edufit, a company specialising in women's health and fitness programmes. The one-hour masterclass explored the impact of menopause on muscles, bones, heart, and metabolic health. It focused on the role of lifestyle and multimodal movement and offered practical self-care tips for women aged 35+. All registered participants were sent an online exercise programme that would help build resilience and strength through this life transition.



Come & Try Canoeing at Strawberry Beds

Fingal Sport Office partnered with Canoeing Ireland is hosting a Women in Sport event on March 7th. The come and try canoeing event took place at Canoeing Ireland's Training Centre in the Strawberry Beds and the plan was to provide two two-hour paddling sessions for adults and children over 12. On the day, water levels were too high to get participants out in kayaks, so it was decided to run two white-water rafting trips instead. At the Centre, we had team games, photo and drawing competitions, a chill-out forest bathing session, and a bushcraft session. Both land and water activities were successful and were facilitated by female instructors.



Her Space

HerSpace is a women's only self-defence and mental-toughness programme empowering 25 women in Baldoyle to build confidence, sharpen awareness, and develop practical skills to stay safe. Through expert-led sessions, participants learn effective self-protection techniques, mindset strategies, and resilience tools designed to help them feel stronger—both physically and mentally.



Special Olympics Motor Activities Training Session

The Fingal Sports Office recently supported the Eastern Region Special Olympics team as they prepared athletes for the upcoming Special Olympics Ireland Games in June. To ensure Motor Activities Training could go ahead, the Sports Office delivered a wide range of engaging activities in collaboration with local disability services and Special Olympics Ireland. The session was a great success, with all athletes fully involved and enjoying the experience. The session took place in the National Indoor Arena on Monday March 9th with 16 athletes participating.

Safeguarding

Fingal Sport Office facilitated 2 safeguarding courses in March with 60 club volunteers completing Sport Ireland Safeguarding 1 – Child Welfare & Protection Basic Awareness Workshop. This essential training provides participants with the knowledge and skills needed to implement best practice in safeguarding and to protect the wellbeing of children involved in sport. The workshop builds understanding of roles, responsibilities, and procedures, ensuring that every child participates in a safe, supportive, and empowered sporting environment.

School Swimming

Fingal Sport Office are providing subsidised swimming lessons to school children in 3rd and 4th class across Fingal in schools who are currently not engaged in swimming. To date, 3 schools have taken part totaling 160 students. 4 more schools are due to start swimming in April 2026.



Disability Day Services – Monthly Bocce and Try Sports Session

We hosted the first Boccia sessions in ALSAA for adult day services in February and March. The February Session saw over 80 participants from 8 local day services attend ALSAA Sports Hall from 11am – 1pm.

Alongside the Boccia session we had the Fingal Rugby officer Stephen running a Try Rugby Session which was very successful. The March Session had 60 plus participants attend and we had Basketball as the Try Sport Session which again proved to be popular with participants. Feedback from participants and service staff has been very positive and they are loving the Try Sports Sessions.



Area Based Programmes

Fingal Sport Office Area Based Programmes, which commenced following the February Bank Holiday weekend, have now concluded and were delivered successfully across the county during Q1. The programme suite—Fingal on the Move, Active for Life, and Parent & Toddler—operated as an 8-week block of structured, community-based physical activity initiatives.

Across 30 classes countywide, the programmes recorded high levels of engagement, with hundreds of participants taking part throughout the quarter. Demand remained consistently strong, with many classes oversubscribed. This reflects both the high standard of coaching provided and the clear need within the community for inclusive, accessible physical activity supports. Overall, the programmes achieved their objectives of promoting increased physical activity, fostering social connection, and supporting community wellbeing.

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Their success underscores the value and ongoing importance of delivering high-quality, community focused sport and activity opportunities within Fingal.



Give The Gym A Go

An 8-Week Fitness Program for Older Adults

Give The Gym A Go is a pilot project being delivered in the Donabate Portrane Community Centre gym that focuses on safely introducing older adults to the gym environment and training them in the proper use of gym equipment. 12 members of the Active Age For All community group are participating in this programme that commenced on February 27th. The programme will run for 8 weeks until mid-April.



Fingal Athletics League

This year's Fingal Athletics League launched in March with local race meets at Porterstown Park and Newbridge House. This year's programme will include 58 primary schools and 2,500 students participating in 5 race meets. The second round of race meets will take place in April, and the programme's culmination will bring all schools to the ALSAA Sports Complex in May.

For our third year running, we will partner with the Morton Games, and the winning school will have the privilege of a lap of honour at the opening of the Morton Games on 10th July. We will also award the "Greenest School" award to the school who are the most environmentally responsible

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Rates

Commercial Rates collection to the end of March 2026 is 46.3%.

Rates Collection	
Rates collected €m	*€82.1 m*
Rates collected %	46.3%

Development Levy Income

Development levy income collected to the end of March is €16.4 million.

Development Levy Income YTD Mar 2026	
Levies Receipted	€16.4 m
Levies Collected as a % of 2025	19.2%

Payroll

Overall payroll spend to the end of March was €22.80m which is c. 100.7**%** of budget.

Payroll	
Salaries & Wages €m	€22.8m
Percentage of budget.	100.7%

Procurement

Outlined below is a summary of the overall procurement activity at end of March

No. of contracts awarded (details below) for year to date	47	
Value €m	€21.9m	
Procurements ongoing at end of March		
No. of procurements awaiting tender responses	17	(i)
Value €m	€10.5m	
No. of procurements under evaluation	32	(ii)
Value €m	€163m	
No. of procurements at approved	21	(iii)
Value €m	€33.7m	

Notes:
(i) Procurements awaiting tender responses – tender responses awaited at end of March.
(ii) Procurements under evaluation – tender responses submitted and being evaluated at end of the March.
(iii) Procurements at approved – Tender responses have been evaluated and approved. Pre- contract award processes ongoing at end of March.

Appendix 1

Revenue Account Income and Expenditure at 28/02/2026

REVENUE ACCOUNT INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION AT 31 MARCH 2026

	EXPENDITURE			INCOME			NET
	Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent to date	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised	€
Housing & Building	33,285,395	146,350,700	23%	33,325,134	153,470,900	22%	-39,739
Road Transport & Safety	9,202,502	38,862,000	24%	2,540,968	10,906,700	23%	6,661,534
Water Services	2,114,220	9,382,300	23%	2,504,650	10,034,000	25%	-390,431
Development Management	6,139,911	27,038,500	23%	1,932,729	10,387,900	19%	4,207,183
Environmental Services	12,983,417	52,919,900	25%	2,441,660	9,825,900	25%	10,541,757
Recreation & Amenity	16,207,732	68,414,200	24%	1,261,421	6,291,100	20%	14,946,311
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	385,536	1,844,900	21%	101,512	490,200	21%	284,024
Miscellaneous Services	4,946,649	22,106,400	22%	6,875,660	29,603,200	23%	-1,929,012
Central Management Charge	14,964,535	66,434,500	23%	888,986	4,222,000	21%	14,075,549
Local Property Tax / GPG				5,589,040	22,356,100	25%	-5,589,040
Rates				43,941,350	175,765,400	25%	-43,941,350
	100,229,897	**433,353,400**	**23%**	**101,403,110**	**433,353,400**	**23%**	**-1,173,214**

Appendix 1 continued

Capital Account Income and Expenditure at 28/02/2026

CAPITAL ACCOUNT INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 31/03/2026					
		Balance at 0/01/2026 €	Expenditure YTD €	Income YTD €	Balance at 31/03/2026 €
A	Housing & Building	-17,629,903	64,889,414	-46,142,976	1,116,535
B	Road Transport & Safety	7,427,965	3,880,857	-462,066	10,846,756
C	Water Services	-11,303,514	806,056	28,427	-10,469,031
D	Development Management	-142,632,148	4,271,863	-20,230,095	-158,590,380
E	Environmental Services	-12,190,128	1,572,811	-212,500	-10,829,817
F	Recreation & Amenity	-1,135,457	5,266,387	-3,002,469	1,128,461
H	Miscellaneous Services	-44,325,231	643,291	-3,139,599	-46,821,539
	Total	**-221,788,416**	**81,330,678**	**-73,161,278**	**-213,619,016**

SUMMARY OF CORPORATE DEBTORS TO 31/03/26				
	Balance at 01/01/2026 €	Balance at 31/03/26 €	Current debt €	> 1 Year €
RATES	856,205	95,266,934	94,316,739	950,194
LOANS	1,889,194	1,884,359	149,839	1,734,519
RENTS	8,306,087	8,202,806	2,800,995	5,401,811

Figures for rents and loans are unadjusted by credits/prepayments

** value of debit at 31/12/2025 was €1,446,453.91 with a credit of €590,249.09*

Appendix 2
Number of Contracts Awarded to the end of February 2026

Description of Procurement	Supplier Name	Legal Address	Contract Value	Contract Start Date	Contract End Date	Actual Duration (months)	Contract Award Date
Broadband Connections to Ardgillan Castle, Malahide Castle (Heritage Sites) & Ballycoolin Training Centre	Viatel Ireland Ltd	Unit 1 College Business & Technology Park, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15	€26,400	01/03/2026	28/02/2028	24	27/03/2026
Skerries Harbour Emergency Stabilisation Works	Cunningham Civil & Marine Ltd	Unit 4 Cedar Crescent, Westport, Co. Mayo	€149,342	07/04/2026	29/05/2026	1	30/03/2026
Engineering Services for Decarbonisation and Emergency Re-roofing at Draíocht Arts Centre, Blanchardstown & County Hall, Swords	BDP (Building Design Partnership)	Blackhall Green, Stoneybatter, Dublin D07 V0RF	€87,260	01/04/2026	29/09/2026	6	26/03/2026
Cherry Laurel Eradication in the Abbotstown woodlands, Dublin 15	Ecolab Limited	Forrest Park, Mullingar Industrial Estate, Co. Westmeath	€70,400	06/04/2026	06/10/2026	6	13/03/2026
Architectural Design Services for Public Park Building Structures at Bremore Regional Park Recreational Sports Hub, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin	Design ID Consulting Ltd	23 Lisburn Road, Hillborough, Co. Down, BT26 6AA	€248,498	25/03/2026	24/03/2028	24	20/02/2026
Precast Concrete Retaining Wall Units for the Broadmeadow Way Project	Stresslite Precast Ltd	Hempstown, Blessington, Co Wicklow	€329,749	20/03/2026	20/08/2026	5	20/03/2026
Quantity Surveying Services at Bremore Regional Park, Balbriggan.	Levin & Associates	32 Dale Road, Kilmacud Ave, Stillorgan , Co.Dublin	€29,790	30/03/2026	30/03/2028	24	27/03/2026
M&E Engineering consultancy services for Junior Area Refurbishment and Shelving Fit-out to Blanchardstown, Malahide & Balbriggan Libraries	FLN Consulting Engineers	2nd Floor, 13 Leinster Street South, Dublin 2	€19,700	06/03/2026	05/01/2028	22	06/03/2026
Dye Durham Lawlink Charges	Dye & Durham Ltd	31-36 Ormond Quay Upper, Dublin 7	€52,944	13/03/2026	31/12/2026	10	01/01/2026
Providing new access from the road providing laneway connecting road to Dunsink pumpstation	G&J Kearns Development Ltd	Naul, Co. Dublin	€99,880	10/03/2026	31/03/2026	1	10/03/2026

Environmental monitoring and reporting services at Dunsink and Balleally Landfill Sites	McQuillan Environmental (John McQuillan Contracts Ltd)	11 Ballinderry Road, Lisburn, Co. Antrim BT28 25A	€231,987	10/03/2026	09/03/2027	12	10/03/2026
R132 Connectivity Project (Sustainable Transport Corridor) Works Contract - Construction Stage (ITT)	Murphy International Ltd	Great Connell, Newbridge , Co Kildare	€12,909,216	27/03/2026	26/04/2028	25	20/03/2026
Supply, install, configure, and commission SCADA Remote Terminal Units (RTUs) across multiple sites	EMR Integrated Solutions Ltd	Unit 53-58 Dunboyne Business Park, Dunboyne, Co Meath	€56,190	01/04/2026	01/10/2026	6	13/03/2026
Provision of Services for Broadmeadow River Ecological Enhancement Scheme	Rivus Ltd	Ballnagaragh , Kilbrittain, Co.Cork	€26,000	23/03/2026	23/08/2026	5	12/03/2026
Event Management Services for Swords and Malahide St. Patrick's Day Parades 2026	Invictus Events Management & Consultancy Ltd	3 Parc na Glas, Rathcormac, Co. Cork	€153,700	06/03/2026	19/03/2026	1	06/03/2026
Event Management Services for Balbriggan and Blanchardstown St. Patrick's Day Parades 2026	Davis Events Limited	17 Rathfarnham Road, Terenure, Co. Dublin	€156,905	06/03/2026	19/03/2026	1	06/03/2026
Road Lining Contract for the Fingal County Council, Operations Department - Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area's, to include PSCS and Traffic Management.	Nuzum Road Services Limited	The Mill House, Ballyshannon, Kilcullen, Co. Kildare	€40,151	02/03/2026	31/12/2026	10	10/03/2026
Supply of Butterfly pupae for the tropical butterfly house in Malahide Demesne.	Stratford Upon Avon Butterfly Farm	Swans Nest Lane, Stratford Upon Avon, CV377LS, UK	€40,000	20/02/2026	20/02/2027	12	12/03/2026
Land Slide remedial works R108 Lower Lucan Road Strawberry Beds	John Browne Construction	Carragh, Granard, Co. Longford	€26,500	16/02/2026	23/02/2029	0.5	26/02/2026
Hire of 32 T Hook Loading Truck (36 Months)	G & J Kearns Development Ltd, T/A Gerry Kearns Plant Hire	Ballyboughal Road, Naul , Co Dublin	€124,800	09/03/2026	08/03/2029	36	05/03/2026
Road Lining Contract for the Fingal County Council, Operations Department - Swords/Balbriggan Area's, February 2026 - December 2026. To include PSCS and Traffic	MacLochlainn Roadmarkings Ltd	Bishopswood Lane, The Ward, Dublin	€74,833	23/02/2026	31/12/2026	10	16/02/2026

R132 & R106 Road patching and repairs	MCM Surfacing Ltd	Castlelumney , Dunleer, Co Louth	€77,300	02/03/2026	31/12/2026	10	27/02/2026
Supply and installation of Waterless Toilet Systems (Eco-Toilets) at Portrane, Donabate and Skerries	Healthmatic Ltd	Howth House, Howth, Dublin 13	€159,615	04/03/2026	04/09/2026	6	23/02/2026
Provision of Security Services-including uniformed on-site security presence, on-site keyholding and response to alarm activation	Manguard Plus Ltd	W7F Ladytown Business Park, Ladytown Naas, Co Kildare	€122,179	02/03/2026	04/05/2026	2	03/03/2026
Surface Restoration Castleknock Green/Dunsandle Court/Grove	Breedon Surfacing Solutions Ireland Ltd	Rosemount Business Park, Ballycoolin Road, Dublin 11	€80,359	16/03/2026	16/07/2026	4	02/03/2026
Surface Restoration Homeleigh Castleknock	Breedon Surfacing Solutions Ireland Ltd	Rosemount Business Park, Ballycoolin Road, Dublin 11	€78,355	06/03/2026	06/07/2026	4	02/03/2026
Supply of Ready mix concrete	Keegan Quarries Ltd	Trammon Rathmoylon, Meath	€64,800	19/02/2026	31/12/2026	10	19/02/2026
Integrated Design Team of Specialist Conservation Architectural and Engineering services at Brackenstown Walled Gardens, Knocksedan, Swords, Co.Dublin.	John McLaughlin Architects	5 Adelaide Street Dun Laoghaire, Dublin	€164,280	20/02/2026	20/11/2026	9	11/02/2026
The provision of Public Lighting Maintenance and New Works Services to Fingal County Council	AI Read Electrical Co.Ltd	1 Lorcan Grove, Santry Dublin 9	€650,000	01/03/2026	31/07/2026	7	25/02/2026
Road Reinstatement post Stormwater Pipeline works - Church Street, Howth, Co Dublin	DM Morris Limited	13 Parklands Office Park, Southern Cross Road, Bray, Co Wicklow	€57,675	23/02/2026	13/03/2026	1	12/02/2026
Legal Advice and Representation regarding Leasing Services	Beauchamps LLP	Riverside Two, Sir John Rogerson's Quay, Dublin 2	€320,000	06/02/2026	05/02/2028	24	06/02/2026
Sportsturf Consultancy Services for Bremore Recreational Sports Hub, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin	Alan Lewis Ltd	1A Crowmeole Lane, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, UK	€38,610	18/02/2026	18/08/2028	18	15/01/2026
Screening & Assessment Services for Affordable Housing applications for Fingal County Council	Interform Ltd	6 York Terrace, Dun Laoghaire, Co Dublin	€42,000	05/01/2026	30/06/2026	6	05/01/2026
Purchase of up to 12 No.3.5 ton electric tippers for Park Rangers	Harris Commercial Vehicles Ltd	Naas Road, Dublin 12	€489,540	01/02/2026	31/01/2027	12	01/02/2026

Conducting building surveying and inspection services for Fingal County Council	ABL Surveyors Ltd	26/27 Pembroke Street Lower, Dublin 2	€526,000	09/02/2026	08/02/2028	24	09/02/2026
Supply, Delivery, Commissioning & Maintenance of Emergency Generators for Fingal County Council	Shanahan Power Ltd	Camas, Newcaste West, Limerick	€85,752	18/02/2026	31/12/2029	47	18/02/2026
Renewal of a number of Digital Services products	NEC Software Solutions UK Ltd	1st Floor IMEX Centre, 579-599 Maxted Road, Hemel Hampstead, HP2 7DX	€26,775	20/05/2026	19/05/2027	12	13/02/2026
Installation of New Traffic Signals 2026 for Fingal County Council	Traffic Solutions Ltd	Unit 5, Block K , Maynooth Business park, Maynooth, Co Kildare	€742,191	02/03/2026	18/12/2026	10	13/02/2026
Renewal of FCC's Citrix Licensing and Support for 2026	Arkphire Security Ltd	41 O'Casey Avenue, Park West Industrial Park, Dublin 12, D12 X767	€39,800	31/12/2025	31/12/2026	12	02/02/2026
Sportspitch Rennovation and Associated Infrastructure Works at Skerries, Co. Dublin	Tony Patterson Sportsgrounds Ltd	Unit 9a Plato Business Park, Damastown Road, Tyrrelstown, Dublin 15	€1,290,154	16/03/2026	16/03/2028	24	10/02/2026
Construction of a Sample area for the proposed paving design for the New Street Public Realm Improvement Project in Malahide	Maylim Ltd	103/104 O'Connell St Limerick	€29,306	14/01/2026	13/11/2026	10	07/01/2026
Delivery of Business Skills and Personal Development Training course for Grade 3 & 4 officers	Mark Donovan and Associates	11 Kempton Green, Navan Road, Dublin 7	€33,500	19/01/2026	31/12/2026	12	09/01/2026
Support and maintenance for Fingal County Council's Teams Telephony	Viatel Technology Ltd	Block 2 International Science Centre, National Technology Park, Limerick	€32,350	05/02/2026	31/12/2026	12	01/01/2026
2026 Programme for the Development and Implementation of the Fingal Tourism Strategy 2025-2029 and the Fingal Food & Drink Policy 2025-2029	Brouder Marketing	5A Humbert Street, Tubbercurry , Co Sligo	€619,016	01/01/2026	31/12/2026	12	01/01/2026

Professional Service of OHMS, BI and Logix	Nathean Technologies Ltd	Unit 9a Plato Business Park, Damastown Road, Tyrrelstown, Dublin 15	€143,100	03/02/2026	31/12/2026	12	01/01/2026
Support and Maintenance for Fingal County Council's wireless network for 2026	Exigent	Eastgate Business Park, Little Island, Co Cork	€33,300	20/01/2026	31/12/2026	12	01/01/2026
Trad Fest Winter Music & Culture Festival 2026	TASCQ CLG (t/a The Temple Bar Company)	Second Floor, 1-5 Crampton Court, Temple Bar, Dublin 2	€120,000	01/01/2026	31/12/2026	12	22/01/2026
Manager/Site Operator for daily operations and the facilitation of planned events at Swords Castle and The Carnagie Building	Invictus Event Management and Consultancy Ltd	3 Parc Glas, Rathcormac, Co Cork	€170,000	30/01/2026	30/07/2026	6	26/01/2026
Amenity woodland planting on public lands at Nevitt, Lusk, Co. Dublin	Forestry Services Ltd	Unit 3 Cillin Hill Agri Business Park, Dublin Rd , Kilkenny	€52,988	02/02/2026	01/02/2027	12	27/01/2026
Maintenance and Development of the Logix Business Intelligence Platform	Nathean Technologies Ltd	Unit 9a Plato Business Park, Damastown Road, Tyrrelstown, Dublin 15	€55,800	22/01/2026	31/12/2026	12	01/01/2026
Enabling works related to public realm works at Swords Cultural Quarter	Duggan Brothers (Contractors) Ltd	Templemore, Co. Tipperary	€572,150	19/02/2026	07/05/2027	15	13/01/2026
Property Manager Parnell Estate, Mulhuddart, Dublin 15 (FCC/434/24.F refers)	Occu Living Ltd	6th Floor Embassy House, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4	€880,000	12/01/2026	31/12/2030	48	12/01/2026

Appendix 3
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	Ballisk Park, New Road, Donabate 53°29'02.6"N 6°08'27.5"W	**63 Social:** 11 x 4-Bed 6 x 3-Bed 20 x 2-Bed 26 x 1-Bed **112 Affordable**	On-Site.	Q4 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:** 11 x 4-Bed 4 x 3-Bed 56 x 2-Bed 36 x 1-Bed **110 Affordable**	On-Site.	Q4 2024	Phased delivery
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk /Swords	FCC	Social	Seatown Way, Swords 53°27'35.4"N 6°13'04.7"W Google Maps	**36 Social:** 36 x 2-Bed	On-Site.	Q4 2024	Phased delivery
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Baile na Móna Phase 1, Swords https://maps.app.goo.gl/R8eAG1aoLXh1nL2J9	**123 Social:** 19 x 4-Bed 31 x 3-Bed 55 x 2-Bed 18 x 1-Bed **151 Affordable**	On-Site.	Q4 2024	Phased delivery
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Mourne View, Skerries 53.580404, -6.122225	**14 Social:** 11x 2-Bed 2 x 3-Bed 1 x 4-Bed	On-Site.	Q4 2024	Q2 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	Q3 2026

Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Crowscastle Green, 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
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social - Elderly	North Court, 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	Q2 2027
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Balmoston Phase 2, Donabate 53°29'21.2"N 6°07'58.1"W	**72 Social:** 2 x 4-Bed 21 x 3-Bed 26 x 2-Bed 23 x 1-Bed **73 Affordable**	On-Site.	Q3 2025	Phased delivery.

Appendix 3 - 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 Grove, Swords. 53.453901, -6.210574 Google Maps	**34 Social:** 9 x 1-bed 20 x 2-bed 5 x 3-bed	Planning granted.	Q3 2026	Q1 2028
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Park Road, Kenure, Rush. 53.532278, -6.102176 Google Maps	**32 Social:** 7 x 1-bed 10 x 2-bed 15 x 3-bed	Planning granted.	Q3 2026	Q1 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.	Q4 2026	Q2 2028
Howth/Malahide	FCC	Social	Tucketts Lane 53.385248, -6.066128 Google Maps	**8 Social:** 4 x 1-bed 4 x 2-bed	On-hold.	TBC	TBC
Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart/ Castleknock/ Ongar	FCC	Social	Fortlawn, Blanchardstown https://maps.app.goo.gl/xuML7oPaySiPZmf46	**21 Social:** 2 x 4-Bed 7 x 3-Bed 6 x 2-Bed 6 x 1-Bed	Planning granted	TBC	TBC

Appendix 3 - continued
Schemes at the Pre-Planning Stage

Area Committee	Provider	Funding Stream	Site Name	No. Units	Status Detail	On-Site Date	Handover (Est)
Howth/Malahide	FCC	Social	Fingerpost, Malahide https://maps.app.goo.gl/zfhguqQj7vYYRJB99	**4 Social:** 4 x 2-bed	Planning consent.	TBC	TBC
Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart/ Castleknock/ Ongar	FCC	Social	Mayeston, Dublin 11 53°24'28.4"N 6°17'02.1"W - Google Maps	**73 Social**	Pre-Planning.	TBC	TBC
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Balmoston Phase 3, Donabate 53°29'21.2"N 6°07'58.1"W	**79 Social:** 2 x 4-Bed 24 x 3-Bed 27 x 2-Bed 26 x 1-Bed **Affordable 79**	Planning consent.	TBC	TBC
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Dublin Road, Swords https://maps.app.goo.gl/j8kZJtRgpNRMEjks6	**12 Social:** 5 x 1-Bed 2 x 2-Bed 2 x 3-Bed	Pre-Planning	TBC	TBC
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Mixed Tenure	O' Dwyers, Balbriggan. https://maps.app.goo.gl/inSEC4Qq3QSBHQHp8	**80 Mixed-Tenure Homes** Tenure TBC	Pre-Planning.	TBC	TBC
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Baile na Móna Phase 2, Swords https://maps.app.goo.gl/R8eAG1aoLXh1nL2J9	**111 Social** **Affordable 137**	Pre-Planning.	TBC	TBC

*The above-estimated timelines are indicative and subject to a successful planning and procurement process.

Appendix 3 - continued

CALF Delivery in partnership with Fingal County Council

Area Committee	AHB	Funding Stream	Scheme Name	No. of Units	Projected Substantial Completion*
Balbriggan / Rush-Lusk Swords	Tuath	CALF	Whitehaven, Santry, D9	47	Q1 Delivered
Balbriggan/ Rush- Lusk Swords	Oaklee	CALF	Harmans Rest, Donabate	44	Q3 2026
Balbriggan/ Rush- Lusk Swords	Tuath	CALF	Niven Oaks, Santry D9	170	2026
Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar	Respond	CALF	Pipers Square, Charlestown, St, Margarets Road, Finglas, D11	95	Q3 2026
Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart, Castleknock/Ongar	Tuath	CALF	Tyrrelstown Square, Hollywoodrath, Dublin 15	120	Q3 2026
Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart, Castleknock/Ongar	Oaklee	CALF	The Lodge, Clonsilla Lodge, Dublin 15	57	2027
Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart, Castleknock/Ongar	Cluid	CALF	St. Josephs, Clonsilla Dublin 15	113	2027
Blanchardstown / Mulhuddart, Castleknock/Ongar	Cluid	CALF	Luttrellstown Gate, Clonsilla, D15	151	2027/2028
Blanchardstown / Mulhuddart, Castleknock/Ongar	Tuath	CALF	Park Lodge, Hansfield, D15	95	2028
Area Committee	**AHB**	**Funding Stream**	**Scheme Name**	**No. of Units**	**Projected Substantial Completion***
Balbriggan / Rush-Lusk Swords	Tuath	CALF	Whitehaven, Santry, D9	47	Q1 Delivered
Balbriggan/ Rush- Lusk Swords	Oaklee	CALF	Harmans Rest, Donabate	44	Q3 2026
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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	Closed	57 Homes Sold
Aster Park, Rush	Closed	96 Homes Sold
Church Fields (Phase 1)	Closed	177 Homes Sold
Clonrath Hill	All Sale Agreed	6/6 Homes Sale Agreed
Ballisk Park, Donabate	112 Sale Agreed	112/112 Homes Sale Agreed
Baile na Móna, Swords	Assessment of Applications Ongoing	90/151 Homes Sale Agreed
Church Fields (Phase 2)	Assessment of Applications Ongoing	92/110 Homes Sale Agreed
Church Fields Cost Rental	Assessment of Applications Ongoing	80 Homes
Balmoston (Phase 2)	Assessment of Applications Ongoing	57/73 Homes Sale Agreed
Folkstown Park, Balbriggan	Assessment of Applications Ongoing	19 Homes
Priory Fields, Hacketstown	Application Portal Launch March 2026	36 Homes

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

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MAYOR'S BUSINESS
COUNCILLOR T. O'LEARY

No Business

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CONFERENCE REPORT

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Aontas Rialtas Áitiúil na hÉireann

Maynooth University
National University of Ireland Maynooth

Why This Course?

- This Level 8 programme will equip councillors with the foundational knowledge to critically assess planning decisions within the wider context of national and regional development priorities.
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Level 8

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- Planning and Housing; *and*
- Planning and Transport.

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Delivery:
The programme, comprising of seven sessions in total, will be delivered through a mix of in-person and online sessions.

Assessment:
Assessment will take the form of a 1,500-3,000 word report or briefing paper on a particular aspect of the Irish planning system and your role as a councillor.

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

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CORRESPONDENCE

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CC1-1a-0026 – Feb 2026

Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe
Galway County Council

JB/tc

4th March 2026

Taoiseach Michéal Martin,

Department of the Taoiseach,

Government Buildings,

Merrion Street Upper,

Dublin 2,

D02 R583.
taoiseach@taoiseach.gov.ie

RE: Resolution of Galway County Council – Increase provision of Irish-medium Education

A chara,

At the February Meeting of Galway County Council, the following resolution was passed:

'That this Council call upon Government to enact legislation to systematically, sustainably and steadily increase the provision of Irish-medium education so that future generations of Irish children will have the opportunity to be educated through their national language, if they so desire.

Further, that this Council-
Requests that this motion be circulated to the Minister for Education, the Taoiseach, the Minister for the Gaeltacht, all Oireachtas members in the constituency, and the other local authorities for their information.'

Tá míle fáilte roimh chomhfhreagras agus ghnó i nGaeilge.
gaeilge@cocogaillimh.ie www.gaillimh.ie

Rún:

'Go n-iarrann an Chomhairle seo ar an Rialtas reachtaíocht a achtú chun a chinntiú go mbeidh an deis cheart ag glúnta páistí agus teaghlaigh amach romhainn oideachas trí mheán na Gaeilge a fháil ina dteanga náisiúnta féin, más mian leo é.

Ina theannta sin, iarrann an Chomhairle seo go seolfar an rún seo chuig an Aire Oideachais, an Taoiseach, Aire na Gaeltacht, agus gach ball den Oireachtas sa dáilcheantar, agus chuig na húdaráis áitiúla eile mar eolas dóibh.'

I would be obliged if you could consider and revert to me with your views on the above Motion so that I can advise the Elected Members.

Please arrange to reply directly to Ms. Jean Brann, County Secretary at secretary@galwaycoco.ie

Mise, le meas,

Jean Brann

Ms. Jean Brann
County Secretary

Comhairle Chontae Liatroma
Leitrim County Council

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5th March 2026

Transport Infrastructure Ireland
Parkgate Business Centre,
Parkgate Street,
Dublin 8,
D08 DK10

Reference: LCC2026-0304

A Chara,

I wish to inform you at the March meeting of Leitrim County Council the members passed the following resolution:

"That Leitrim County Council calls on the TII to set up a separate funding stream to support County Councils to carry out maintenance and repairs on greenways, separate from the Roads funding allocated to each County Council. The issue of maintenance on greenways is an issue all over the country as greenway demonstration stretches are developed and brought into use."

I look forward to hearing from you on this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Kieran Brett

Kieran Brett
Meetings Administrator
Email: kbrett@leitrimcoco.ie

c.c.: All Local Authorities

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Our Ref: 03/2026 – 4.2

5th March 2026

A chairde,

At the Ordinary meeting Sligo County Council held on 2nd March 2026, the Members agreed the following resolution:

"That this Council calls on the Government to

a) *Recognise the serious harm suffered by women and children in Mother and Baby Homes, County Homes and related institutions*
b) *Notes that over 1,090 babies and children died at Sean Ross Abbey, and that many burial locations remain unknown*
c) *Notes that this issue is also relevant locally, including Sligo County Home / St. John's Hospital and boarded-out child records*
d) *Expresses concern at the continued sealing of State records relating to Mother and Baby Homes and the Ryan Report, denying survivors and families access to the truth*
e) *Investigate and excavate burial sites where children are believed to be buried*
f) *Unseal institutional records and provide survivors and families access to their own information*
g) *Extend redress to all survivors, without exclusion.*

and agrees to write to the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality and An Taoiseach and forward this motion to all TDs and Senators and other Councils".

I should be grateful if you could forward your response for the information of the Elected Members of Sligo County Council, quoting the above reference number. Correspondence can be sent to meetings@sligococo.ie.

Yours sincerely,

Sinéad Branley
Meetings Administrator

cc: Minister for Children, Disability and Equality, Norma Foley TD, An Taoiseach and all TD's and Senators

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COMHAIRLE CONTAE AN CHLÁIR | CLARE COUNTY COUNCIL

10th March, 2026.

Our Ref: March26 – 17/JC/AC

Dear Meetings Administrator,

At the March meeting of the Council, the members passed the following resolution:

"As elected members of this Council, we are deeply conscious of the financial pressure facing many people in our communities. For disabled people, that pressure is significantly greater.

Disabled people incur additional and unavoidable costs every single day. These include higher heating and electricity usage, transport costs, the running of essential equipment, personal assistance, and the practical realities of living in environments that are not fully accessible. These costs rise further during winter months.
These are not discretionary expenses. They are structural costs linked directly to impairment and to systemic barriers.
Across our county, disabled people are making impossible choices: between heating and participation, between mobility and food, between independence and debt. This is not acceptable in a society that claims to value equality and inclusion.
While local authorities do not determine national social protection policy, we are the closest tier of government to our communities. We see the impact of poverty in housing applications, in requests for supports, and in the growing strain on families.

We are therefore calling on this Council to formally request that Government introduce an immediate emergency cost of disability payment. This payment should recognise the additional costs borne by disabled people and be delivered in a way that does not exclude those who are in employment.
Disabled people should not be penalised for working. Nor should they be pushed into poverty because of unavoidable additional costs.

A national gathering is planned for 1pm on 28 February at the Garden of Remembrance to highlight this issue. Many would prefer not to have to gather in protest, but to see leadership and action instead.
As councillors, we have a responsibility to stand with our constituents and to send a clear message to Government that this matter requires urgent attention.
We respectfully ask our fellow elected members to support this call.

If successful, please forward this motion to all County Councils as correspondence."

Yours sincerely,

John Corry,
Senior Executive Officer,
Corporate Services & Governance,
People & Culture, Corporate Services & Governance, ICT & Digital Services

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To all Local Authorities,

At the March meeting of Longford County Council, the following Notice of Motion was approved:

The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor David Cassidy and seconded by Councillor Kevin Hussey

I call upon Longford County Council to write to the Minister for Children, Disability & Equality, Norma Foley TD and Minister of State Emer Higgins TD to strongly advocate for an emergency payment to be made to disabled people to alleviate the shortfall from cuts to disability funding in Budget 2026, as a mechanism to bridge the gap until an annual Cost of Disability payment (which the government has committed to implement) in 2027 is put in place to address the extra expenses faced by disabled people.

Response:

It was agreed that Longford County Council would write to the Minister for Children, Disability & Equality, Norma Foley TD and Minister of State Emer Higgins TD and the Notice of Motion will be circulated to all Local Authorities.

Kind Regards

Signed: Lorraine McKee **Date: 12 March 2026**

Lorraine McKee
Meetings Administrator

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COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

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ITEM NO. 25

DEPARTMENTAL/MINISTERIAL CORRESPONDENCE

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From: Tánaiste Harris's Office <noreplytho-dfat@corr.cloud.gov.ie>
Sent: 16 March 2026 16:50
To: Corporate Services <Corporate.Services@fingal.ie>
Subject: Response to correspondence - Reference No: DFAT-THO-00436-2025

Reference No: DFAT-THO-00436-2025
Your Reference No: Council/43/December 2024

Dear Ms O hAodha,

On behalf of the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade, Ms Helen McEntee TD, I wish to thank you for your correspondence on the legislation on settlement goods and please accept my apologies for the delay in responding to you.

The situation in the Middle East is a central foreign policy priority for Ireland. We remain committed to working with key partners to end the conflict in Gaza, and to advancing a sustainable peace plan. Ending the conflict and addressing the huge challenges facing Palestinians in Gaza has implications for regional security and stability.

I note that your correspondence refers to the Occupied Territories Bill. I appreciate you taking the time to raise this issue. I would like to share with you an overview of the government measures that Ireland has taken in relation to Palestine since October 2023.

Ireland recognised the State of Palestine, together with Spain and Norway, in May 2024. Our recognition is a formal statement of the fact that we consider Palestine subject to all the rights and obligations of a state.

At the EU level, Ireland was the first EU Member State (alongside Spain), to call for a review of Israel’s compliance with its human rights obligations under Article 2 of the EU-Israel Association Agreement. It is clear from the review that Israel is in breach of its human rights obligations. This is a significant finding.

The Commission subsequently proposed a package of measures in response to Israeli human rights and other breaches. While there has not yet been agreement among Member State to adopt the package, Ireland has been clear that these measures should be kept on table. We have also strongly supported successive rounds of EU sanctions against violent Israeli settlers and have called for further sanctions listings.

Together with nine other EU Member States, Ireland called for the EU to review its compliance with the International Court of Justice (ICJ) Advisory Opinion of July 2024 in light of the finding that Israel’s continued presence in the occupied Palestinian territory was unlawful and that it must be brought to an end as rapidly as possible. Ireland initiated a joint letter of six Member States to High Representative Kallas in December 2025, calling for the EU to retain focus on the dire humanitarian situation in Gaza.

A key pillar of Ireland’s foreign policy is our strong commitment to international law

and our promotion of respect for international law. This commitment has guided our approach to the current conflict.

Ireland filed a detailed submission on the ICJ Advisory Opinion of July 2024 on the legal consequences arising from the policies and practices of Israel in the occupied Palestinian territory (oPt). Ireland also co-sponsored a UN General Assembly resolution seeking to implement the ICJ Advisory Opinion of July 2024. In January 2025, Ireland filed a Declaration of Intervention at the ICJ in South Africa's case against Israel under the Genocide Convention.

Ireland also filed a detailed written submission within the ICJ in advisory proceedings concerning the obligations of Israel in relation to the UN and other international organisations, as well as states, in the occupied Palestinian territory. We welcome the Advisory Opinion of the International Court of Justice issued on 22 October 2025 which authoritatively affirms Israel's obligations under international law in relation to the presence and activities of the UN, other international organisations and third States, in and in relation to the occupied Palestinian territory.

In June 2025, the Government approved the General Scheme of the Israeli Settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territory (Prohibition of Importation of Goods) Bill. The main purpose of the Bill is to prohibit the importation of goods into the State from Israeli settlements in the occupied Palestinian territory, in line with the Programme for Government commitment.

The Government has received the Attorney General's advice on the question of whether the inclusion of services in the Bill is permissible under EU law. Following detailed consideration by officials in the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, clarification has been sought from the Attorney General on a number of legal issues. Any legislation must be legally robust, able to withstand challenge and progress the Government's broader policy agenda. Work is advancing across a number of strands at official level as well as engagement at EU level. It remains the Government's preference that collective action would be taken at EU level and we continue to pursue this.

Let me assure you that Ireland will continue to use all the tools at its disposal – political, legal, diplomatic and humanitarian – to advocate for peace and advance work towards the two-State solution.

Yours sincerely,

Katie Conway
Private Secretary to the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade

From: Minister Browne's Office <ministerbrowne-housing@corr.cloud.gov.ie>
Sent: 26 March 2026 10:44
To: Corporate Services <Corporate.Services@fingal.ie>
Subject: HPLG-MBO-01231-2026

Oifig an Aire

Office of the Minister

26th March 2026

RE: HPLG-MBO-01231-2026

Dear Ms. O hAodha,

I have been asked by Mr. James Browne T.D., Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, to thank you for your letter received 16th March 2026 with regards to your request from Fingal County Council for increased Social Housing Acquisition Funding.

As you are aware, the parameters of the 2026 Second-hand Acquisitions Programme have recently been agreed and notified to all local authorities, including Fingal County Council.

This year the Department is providing €373 million to local authorities to buy second-hand properties including tenant-in-situ acquisitions. This is where tenants in receipt of Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) and Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS) had received a notice of termination from their landlord. Local authorities were informed of their 2026 specific funding allocation which, in the case of Fingal County Council, is €30.7 million, including ringfenced amounts for areas for priority funding.

The letter identified the priority funding areas for 2026 as follows:

- tenancy sustainment – tenant-in-situ
- exits from homeless services (including one beds for housing first need)
- people with a disability and older persons requiring urgent housing responses

Where tenants in receipt of HAP/RAS have received a notice of termination, local authorities have a range of options at their disposal to consider before determining if an acquisition is the best approach. Such options include; possible tenancies from the existing social housing stock or approved housing body stock, negotiations with the landlord to see if the existing tenancy can be sustained or help to secure alternative private accommodation.

It is a matter for local authorities to assess the various options and determine the optimum solution in each particular case. The criteria that apply to second hand social housing acquisitions in 2026 are largely similar to 2025.

The funding for second-hand acquisitions is part of in excess of €2 billion in total, which is supporting local authorities and approved housing bodies to deliver new social homes in 2026. The main focus of the social housing programme is to increase the delivery of new homes, which will allow local authorities the capacity and the flexibility to deal with emergent need. As such, I would urge you to continue this important work given the assurance of funding as outlined in this correspondence.

Yours sincerely,

Jack Savage

Private Secretary

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

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ITEM NO. 31

THE PAUSING OF COUNCIL RENT INCREASES

Motion: Councillor M. Quinn

"In light of the recent acceleration in the cost-of-living crisis, I am calling on this Council to support the pausing of Council rent increases, that will take effect this month, in conjunction with measures announced by the government in relation to fuel costs, transport cost and other associated costs."

Report:

The setting of differential rents is an Executive Function. Income from differential rents was incorporated into the Council's 2026 Annual Budget that was agreed by elected members in November 2025.

Communications with tenants and other stakeholders on the proposed change is well underway through a variety of channels including postal, direct contact and social media.

Source of Report:
Paul Carroll, Director of Housing

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