COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 11TH MAY 2026

ITEM NO. 01

CONFIRMATION AND RE-AFFIRMATION OF MINUTES

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Comhairle Contae Fine Gall
Fingal County Council

Minutes of the Variations No.1 and No. 2 of the Fingal Development Plan 2023 - 2029 Meeting held on Monday 30th March 2026 in the Council Chamber – County Hall, Swords at 3pm

PRESENT

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

Apologies for inability to attend were received for Councillor Breda Hanaphy.

The Mayor, Councillor Tom O'Leary presided.

OFFICIALS PRESENT

AnnMarie Farrelly (Chief Executive), Roisin Burke (Director of Services), Deirdre Fallon (Senior Planner), Brian Murray (Senior Executive Officer), Colin Gallagher (Senior Engineer), Kevin Halpenny (Senior Parks Superintendent), Louise Bell (Senior Executive Planner), Colm Kelly (Assistant Planner), Fearghal McSweeney (Administrative Officer), Patrick Murphy (A/Chief Technician), Derval Canny (Executive Technician), Mary O'Reilly (Senior Staff Officer), David Daly (Assistant Staff Officer). Linda Fanning (Clerical Officer), Jack O'Grady (Clerical Officer), Karen O'Neill (Clerical Officer).

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 then read out the following Planning Statement. "*The proposed variations to the County Development Plan 2023-2029 before you at this meeting were prepared in accordance with Section 13 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended.*

It is important as we commence considering same, that I remind members, in accordance with Section 13 (7) of the Act, that, In making a variation under this section, the members of the authority shall be restricted to considering the proper planning and sustainable development of the area to which the development plan relates, the statutory obligations of any local authority in the area and any relevant policies or objectives for the time being of the Government or any Minister of the Government.

Furthermore, and having regard to recent Court judgements, members need to be aware, that only planning considerations can be taken into account. Please be mindful not to bring up significant non-planning considerations or personal considerations in your contributions as this may affect the legal robustness of the variations to the Development Plan. On this basis, if irrelevant comments are made during the meeting, the Chair will seek to bring these to the members attention and request that they withdraw their comments and/or inform the meeting that the comments should be disregarded. However, members remain responsible for their comments and should not introduce non-planning considerations.

As you are aware, a planning rationale is required for each motion, this also should be included in any proposed amendment to a motion before you on the Agenda."

VFDP/2/26 (Agenda Item No 1)

Variation No. 2

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

Deirdre Fallon, Senior Planner gave a brief presentation on proposed Variation No. 2 of the Fingal County Development Plan 2023-2029.

It was proposed by Councillor Tom O'Leary seconded by Councillor Kieran Dennison and **RESOLVED** that –

"*That Fingal County Council, having prepared and published the proposed Variation No. 2 to the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 and having taken into consideration:*

- *The proposed variation and the report of the Chief Executive,*
- *The proper planning and sustainable development of the county,*
- *Relevant policies and objectives of the Government and any Minister of the Government*
- *The statutory obligations of the local authority in the area including the obligation to ensure that the development plan is consistent with the national and regional development objectives specified in the National Planning Framework, the National Marine Planning Framework and the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy and specific planning policy requirements specified in guidelines issued under Section 28 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended,*

Hereby resolves pursuant to Section 13(5) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, to adopt proposed Variation No. 2 to the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029."

VFDP/3/26 (Agenda Item No 2)

Variation No. 1

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

Deirdre Fallon, Senior Planner gave a brief presentation on proposed Variation No. 1 of the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029.

During the course of the discussion, the Mayor informed the members a number of motions were submitted and would then proceed to take the motions.

Motion to vary the Agenda

A request to suspend Standing Orders to vary the Agenda was made by Councillor David Healy. The Mayor agreed to put the motion to the meeting.

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

For: **Thirteen (13)**
Against: **Nineteen (19)**
Abstain: **Zero**

For: Councillors John Burtchaell, Angela Donnelly, David Healy, Joan Hopkins, James Humphreys, Mary McCamley, Brian McDonagh, Malachy Quinn, Brendan Ryan, Gerard Sheehan, John Smyth, Ellen Troy, John Walsh

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

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

VFDP/5/26 (Agenda Item No 3)
Councillor David Healy - Proposal to Retain Existing Zoning for Site 4.1

The motion in the name of Councillor David Healy, was proposed by Councillor David Healy and seconded by Councillor Joan Hopkins:

The Report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**:

Following discussion, the Motion was **Put** and on a division the voting resulted as follows:

For: **Ten (10)**
Against: **Twenty-Two (22)**
Abstain: **Zero (0)**

For: Councillors John Burtchaell, Angela Donnelly, David Healy, Joan Hopkins, James Humphreys, Mary McCamley, Brian McDonagh, Brendan Ryan, John Smyth, John Walsh.

Against: Councillors Cathal Boland, Mark Boland, Darragh Butler, Eimear Carbone-Mangan, Luke Corkery, Kieran Dennison, Eoghan Dockrell, Jimmy Guerin, Cathal Haughey, Darren Jack Kelly, Tom Kitt, Ted Leddy, Grainne

Maguire, Tony Murphy, Joe Newman, Eoghan O'Brien, Tom O'Leary, JK Onwumereh, Malachy Quinn, Gerard Sheehan, Siobhan Shovlin, Ellen Troy.

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

VFDP/6/26 (Agenda Item No 4)
Chief Executive's Recommendation – Fingal Development Plan Sheet 4

The Chief Executive's Recommendation which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**. It was proposed by Councillor Tom O'Leary and seconded by Councillor Grainne Maguire.

Following discussion, the Chief Executive's Recommendation was Put and on a division the voting resulted as follows:

For: **Thirty (30)**
Against: **Two (2)**
Abstain: **One (1)**

For: Councillors Cathal Boland, Mark Boland, Darragh Butler, Eimear Carbone-Mangan, Luke Corkery, Kieran Dennison, Eoghan Dockrell, Angela Donnelly, Jimmy Guerin, Cathal Haughey, David Healy, Joan Hopkins , James Humphreys, Darren Jack Kelly, Tom Kitt, Ted Leddy, Grainne Maguire, Mary McCamley, Brian McDonagh, Tony Murphy, Joe Newman, Eoghan O'Brien, Tom O'Leary, JK Onwumereh, Malachy Quinn, Brendan Ryan, Gerard Sheehan, Siobhan Shovlin, John Smyth, Ellen Troy.

Against: Councillors John Burtchaell, Patrick Quinlan.

Abstain: Councillor John Walsh.

The Mayor then declared that the Chief Executive's Recommendation was **AGREED.**

VFDP/7/26 (Agenda Item No 5)
Councillor David Healy - Proposal to Retain Existing Zoning for Site 5.1

It was **AGREED** by the members to take Agenda Items 5 and 6 concurrently. The motion in the name of Councillor David Healy, was proposed by Councillor David Healy and seconded by Councillor Joan Hopkins:

The Report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**:

Following discussion, the Motion was **Put** and on a division the voting resulted as follows:

For: **Nine (9)**
Against: **Twenty-four (24)**
Abstain: **Zero (0)**

For: Councillors John Burtchaell, David Healy, Joan Hopkins, James Humphreys, Corina Johnston, Mary McCamley, Brian McDonagh, Brendan Ryan, John Walsh.

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

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

VFDP/8/26 (Agenda Item No 6)

Councillor Brendan Ryan: Remove the Council-Owned Green Belt Lands on the Eastern Side of the Golf Links Road in Skerries from Variation No.1

The motion in the name of Councillor Brendan Ryan, was proposed by Councillor Brendan Ryan and seconded by Councillor Brian McDonagh.

The Report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**:

Following discussion, the Motion was **Put** and on a division the voting resulted as follows:

For: **Twelve (12)**
Against: **Twenty-two (22)**
Abstain: **Zero (0)**
For: Councillors John Burtchaell, David Healy, Joan Hopkins, James Humphreys, Corina Johnston, Mary McCamley, Brian McDonagh, Patrick Quinlan, Malachy Quinn, Brendan Ryan, John Smyth, John Walsh.

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

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

VFDP/9/26 (Agenda Item No 7)
Councillor David Healy - Proposal to Retain Existing Zoning for Site 6A.1

The motion in the name of Councillor David Healy, was proposed by Councillor David Healy and seconded by Councillor Brian McDonagh:

The Report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**:

Following discussion, the Motion was **Put** and on a division the voting resulted as follows:

For: **Six (6)**
Against: **Twenty-six (26)**
Abstain: **Zero (0)**

For: Councillors John Burtchaell, David Healy, Joan Hopkins, Corina Johnston, Brian McDonagh, Brendan Ryan.

Against: Councillors Cathal Boland, Mark Boland, Darragh Butler, Eimear Carbone-Mangan, Luke Corkery, Kieran Dennison, Eoghan Dockrell, Angela Donnelly, Jimmy Guerin, Cathal Haughey, James Humphreys, Darren Jack Kelly, Tom Kitt, Ted Leddy, Grainne Maguire, Mary McCamley, Tony Murphy, Joe Newman, Eoghan O'Brien, Tom O'Leary, JK Onwumereh, Malachy Quinn, Siobhan Shovlin, John Smyth, Ellen Troy, John Walsh.

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

VFDP/10/26 (Agenda Item No 8)
Councillor David Healy - Proposal to Retain Existing Zoning for Site 6A.2

The motion in the name of Councillor David Healy, was proposed by Councillor David Healy and seconded by Councillor Joan Hopkins.

The Report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED:**

Following discussion, the Motion was **Put** and on a division the voting resulted as follows:

For: **Five (5)**
Against: **Twenty-eight (28)**
Abstain: **Zero (0)**

For: Councillors John Burtchaell, David Healy, Joan Hopkins, Corina Johnston, Brendan Ryan.

Against: Councillors Cathal Boland, Mark Boland, Darragh Butler, Eimear Carbone-Mangan, Luke Corkery, Kieran Dennison, Eoghan Dockrell, Angela Donnelly, Jimmy Guerin, Cathal Haughey, James Humphreys, Darren Jack Kelly, Tom Kitt, Ted Leddy, Grainne Maguire, Mary McCamley, Brian McDonagh, Tony Murphy, Joe Newman, Eoghan O'Brien, Tom O'Leary, JK Onwumereh, Malachy Quinn, Gerard Sheehan, Siobhan Shovlin, John Smyth, Ellen Troy, John Walsh.

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

VFDP/11/26 (Agenda Item No 9)
Councillor David Healy - Proposal to Retain Existing Zoning for Site 9.1

The motion in the name of Councillor David Healy, was proposed by Councillor David Healy and seconded by Councillor Joan Hopkins:

The Report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**:

Following discussion, the Motion was **Put** and on a division the voting resulted as follows:

For: **Twelve (12)**
Against: **Twenty (20)**
Abstain: **Zero (0)**
For: Councillors John Burtchaell, Angela Donnelly, David Healy, Joan Hopkins, James Humphreys, Corina Johnston, Mary McCamley, Brian McDonagh, Malachy Quinn, Brendan Ryan, John Smyth, John Walsh.

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

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

VFDP/12/26 (Agenda Item No 10)
Councillor David Healy - Proposal to Retain Existing Zoning for Site 9.2

The motion in the name of Councillor David Healy, was proposed by Councillor David Healy and seconded by Councillor Joan Hopkins:

The Report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**:

Following discussion, the Motion was **Put** and on a division the voting resulted as follows:

For: **Ten (10)**
Against: **Twenty (20)**
Abstain: **Two (2)**

For: Councillors John Burtchaell, Angela Donnelly, David Healy, Joan Hopkins, Corina Johnston, Mary McCamley, Malachy Quinn, Brendan Ryan, John Smyth, John Walsh.

Against: Councillors Cathal Boland, Mark Boland, Darragh Butler, Eimear Carbone-Mangan, Luke Corkery, Kieran Dennison, Eoghan Dockrell, Jimmy Guerin, Cathal Haughey, James Humphreys, Tom Kitt, Ted Leddy, Grainne Maguire, Tony Murphy, Eoghan O'Brien, Tom O'Leary, JK Onwumereh, Gerard Sheehan, Siobhan Shovlin, Ellen Troy.

Abstain: Councillors Brian McDonagh, Joe Newman.

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

VFDP/13/26 (Agenda Item No 11)
Councillor David Healy - Proposal to Retain Existing Zoning for Site 9.3

It was **AGREED** by the members to take Agenda Items 11 and 12 concurrently.

The motion in the name of Councillor David Healy, was proposed by Councillor David Healy and seconded by Councillor Brian McDonagh:

The Report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**:

Following discussion, the Motion was **Put** and on a division the voting resulted as follows:

For: **Twelve (12)**
Against: **Eighteen (18)**
Abstain: **Four (4)**

For: Councillors John Burtchaell, Angela Donnelly, David Healy, Joan Hopkins, James Humphreys, Corina Johnston, Mary McCamley, Brian McDonagh, Malachy Quinn, Brendan Ryan, John Smyth, John Walsh.

Against: Councillors Cathal Boland, Mark Boland, Darragh Butler, Eimear Carbone-Mangan, Kieran Dennison, Eoghan Dockrell, Jimmy Guerin, Cathal Haughey, Tom Kitt, Ted Leddy, Grainne Maguire, Tony Murphy, Eoghan O'Brien, Tom O'Leary, JK Onwumereh, Gerard Sheehan, Siobhan Shovlin, Ellen Troy.

Abstain: Councillors Luke Corkery, Darren Jack Kelly, Joe Newman, Patrick Quinlan.

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

VFDP/14/26 (Agenda Item No 12)
Councillor Brian McDonagh: 9.3 Greenwood Kinsealy

The motion in the name of Councillor Brian McDonagh, was proposed by Councillor Brian McDonagh and seconded by Councillor David Healy:

The Report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**:

Following discussion, the Motion was **Put** and on a division the voting resulted as follows:
For: **Thirteen (13)**
Against: **Seventeen (17)**
Abstain: **Two (2)**

For: Councillors Mark Boland, John Burtchaell, Angela Donnelly, David Healy, Joan Hopkins, James Humphreys, Corina Johnston, Mary McCamley, Brian McDonagh, Malachy Quinn, Brendan Ryan, John Smyth, John Walsh.

Against: Councillors Cathal Boland, Darragh Butler, Eimear Carbone-Mangan, Kieran Dennison, Eoghan Dockrell, Jimmy Guerin, Cathal Haughey, Tom Kitt, Ted Leddy, Grainne Maguire, Tony Murphy, Eoghan O'Brien, Tom O'Leary, JK Onwumereh, Gerard Sheehan, Siobhan Shovlin, Ellen Troy.

Abstain: Councillors Luke Corkery, Joe Newman.

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

VFDP/15/26 (Agenda Item No 13)

Councillor David Healy - Proposal to Retain Existing Zoning for Site 9.4

It was **AGREED** by the members to take Agenda Items 13 and 14 concurrently.

The motion in the name of Councillor David Healy, was proposed by Councillor David Healy and seconded by Councillor Brian McDonagh:

The Report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**:

Following discussion, the Motion was **Put** and on a division the voting resulted as follows:

For: **Twelve (12)**
Against: **Twenty-one (21)**
Abstain: **Zero (0)**

For: Councillors John Burtchaell, Angela Donnelly, David Healy, Joan Hopkins, James Humphreys, Corina Johnston, Mary McCamley, Brian McDonagh, Malachy Quinn, Brendan Ryan, John Smyth, John Walsh.

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

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

VFDP/16/26 (Agenda Item No 14)

Councillor Brian McDonagh: 9.4 Kinsealy, Lane Kinsealy

The motion in the name of Councillor Brian McDonagh, was proposed by Councillor Brian McDonagh and seconded by Councillor John Walsh:

The Report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**:

Following discussion, the Motion was **Put** and on a division the voting resulted as follows:

For: **Twelve (12)**
Against: **Twenty (20)**
Abstain: **Zero (0)**

For: Councillors John Burtchaell, Angela Donnelly, David Healy, Joan Hopkins, James Humphreys, Corina Johnston, Mary McCamley, Brian McDonagh, Malachy Quinn, Brendan Ryan, John Smyth, John Walsh.

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

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

VFDP/17/26 (Agenda Item No 15)

Councillor David Healy - Proposal to Retain Existing Zoning for Site 9.5

It was **AGREED** by the members to take Agenda Items 15 and 16 concurrently. The motion in the name of Councillor David Healy, was proposed by Councillor David Healy and seconded by Councillor Brian McDonagh:

The Report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**:

Following discussion, the Motion was **Put** and on a division the voting resulted as follows:

For: **Thirteen (13)**
Against: **Eighteen (18)**
Abstain: **Two (2)**

For: Councillors Mark Boland, John Burtchaell, Angela Donnelly, David Healy, Joan Hopkins, James Humphreys, Corina Johnston, Mary McCamley, Brian McDonagh, Malachy Quinn, Brendan Ryan, John Smyth, John Walsh.

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

Abstain: Councillors Darren Jack Kelly, Joe Newman.

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

VFDP/18/26 (Agenda Item No 16)
Councillor Brian McDonagh: 9.5 Hole in the Wall Road

The motion in the name of Councillor Brian McDonagh, was proposed by Councillor Brian McDonagh and seconded by Councillor Mary McCamley:

The Report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**:

Following discussion, the Motion was **Put** and on a division the voting resulted as follows:

For: **Thirteen (13)**
Against: **Nineteen (19)**
Abstain: **One (1)**
For: Councillors Mark Boland, John Burtchaell, Angela Donnelly, David Healy, Joan Hopkins, James Humphreys, Corina Johnston, Mary McCamley, Brian McDonagh, Malachy Quinn, Brendan Ryan, John Smyth, John Walsh.

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

Abstain: Councillor Joe Newman.

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

VFDP/19/26 (Agenda Item No 17)
Councillor David Healy - Proposal to Retain Existing Zoning for Site 13.1

It was **AGREED** by the members to take Agenda Items 17,18, 19 and 21 concurrently.

The motion in the name of Councillor David Healy, was proposed by Councillor David Healy and seconded by Councillor John Walsh:

The Report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**:

Following discussion, the Motion was **Put** and on a division the voting resulted as follows:

For: **Eleven (11)**
Against: **Twenty-two (22)**
Abstain: **Zero (0)**

For: Councillors John Burtchaell, Angela Donnelly, David Healy, Joan Hopkins, Corina Johnston, Mary McCamley, Brian McDonagh, Malachy Quinn, Brendan Ryan, John Smyth, John Walsh.

Against: Councillors Cathal Boland, Mark Boland, Darragh Butler, Eimear Carbone-Mangan, Luke Corkery, Kieran Dennison, Eoghan Dockrell, Jimmy Guerin, Cathal Haughey, James Humphreys, Darren Jack Kelly, Tom Kitt, Ted Leddy, Grainne Maguire, Tony Murphy, Joe Newman, Eoghan O'Brien, Tom O'Leary, JK Onwumereh, Gerard Sheehan, Siobhan Shovlin, Ellen Troy.
The Mayor then declared the motion **FELL**.

VFDP/20/26 (Agenda Item No 18)
Councillor Gerard Sheehan: Flood Risk Management

Item No. 18 in the name of Councillor Gerard Sheehan, was proposed by Councillor Gerard Sheehan and seconded by Councillor Ellen Troy:

The Report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**:

Following discussion, the Motion was **Put** and on a division the voting resulted as follows:

For: Fifteen (15)
Against: Eighteen (18)
Abstain: Zero (0)

For: Councillors John Burtchaell, Angela Donnelly, David Healy, Joan Hopkins, James Humphreys, Corina Johnston, Darren Jack Kelly, Mary McCamley, Brian McDonagh, Malachy Quinn, Brendan Ryan, Gerard Sheehan, John Smyth, Ellen Troy, John Walsh.

Against: Councillors Cathal Boland, Mark Boland, Darragh Butler, Eimear Carbone-Mangan, Luke Corkery, Kieran Dennison, Eoghan Dockrell, Jimmy Guerin, Cathal Haughey, Tom Kitt, Ted Leddy, Grainne Maguire, Tony Murphy, Joe Newman, Eoghan O'Brien, Tom O'Leary, JK Onwumereh, Siobhan Shovlin.

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

VFDP/21/26 (Agenda Item No 19)
Councillor Gerard Sheehan: Independent assessment of Drainage Capacity

The motion in the name of Councillor Gerard Sheehan, was proposed by Councillor Gerard Sheehan seconded by Councillor Ellen Troy:

The Report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**:

Following discussion, the Motion was **Put** and on a division the voting resulted as follows:

For: Fourteen (14)
Against: Eighteen (18)
Abstain: One (1)

For: Councillors John Burtchaell, Angela Donnelly, David Healy, Joan Hopkins, James Humphreys, Corina Johnston, Darren Jack Kelly, Mary McCamley, Brian McDonagh, Malachy Quinn, Brendan Ryan, Gerard Sheehan, John Smyth, John Walsh.

Against: Councillors Cathal Boland, Mark Boland, Darragh Butler, Eimear Carbone-Mangan, Luke Corkery, Kieran Dennison, Eoghan Dockrell, Jimmy Guerin, Cathal Haughey, Tom Kitt, Ted Leddy, Grainne Maguire, Tony Murphy, Joe Newman, Eoghan O'Brien, Tom O'Leary, JK Onwumereh, Siobhan Shovlin.

Abstain: Councillor Ellen Troy.

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

VFDP/22/26 (Agenda Item No 21)
Councillor John Walsh: Motion on Variation No.1, Sheet 13, 13.1 (Barnhill)

The motion in the name of Councillor John Walsh, was proposed by Councillor John Walsh and seconded by Councillor Mary McCamley:

The Report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**:

Following discussion, the Motion was **Put** and on a division the voting resulted as follows:

For: **Thirteen (13)**
Against: **Nineteen (19)**
Abstain: **Zero (0)**

For: Councillors John Burtchaell, Angela Donnelly, David Healy, James Humphreys, Corina Johnston, Mary McCamley, Brian McDonagh, Malachy Quinn, Brendan Ryan, Gerard Sheehan, John Smyth, Ellen Troy, John Walsh.

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

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

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

The meeting was adjourned at 5.45pm, and it was AGREED to recommence at 6.30pm.

RESUMPTION OF MEETING

The meeting resumed at 6.30pm. A roll call established a quorum of Members were present, as follows:

PRESENT

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

VFDP/25/26 (Agenda Item No 20)

Councillor Gerard Sheehan: Masterplanning

The motion in the name of Councillor Gerard Sheehan, was proposed by Councillor Gerard Sheehan and seconded by Councillor Ellen Troy:

The Report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**:

Following discussion, the Chief Executive's Report was **ACCEPTED**.

VFDP/26/26 (Agenda Item No 22)

Chief Executive's Recommendation – Fingal Development Plan

The Chief Executive's Recommendation which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED.** It was proposed by Councillor Tom O'Leary and seconded by Councillor Grainne Maguire.

Following discussion, the Chief Executive's Recommendation was **Put** and on a division the voting resulted as follows:

For: **Thirty-two (32)**
Against: **Zero (0)**
Abstain: **Zero (0)**

For: Councillors Cathal Boland, Mark Boland, John Burtchaell, Darragh Butler, Eimear Carbone-Mangan, Luke Corkery, Kieran Dennison, Eoghan Dockrell, Angela Donnelly, Jimmy Guerin, Cathal Haughey, David Healy, James Humphreys, Corina Johnston, Darren Jack Kelly, Tom Kitt, Ted Leddy, Grainne Maguire, Mary McCamley, Brian McDonagh, Tony Murphy, Joe Newman, Eoghan O'Brien, Tom O'Leary, JK Onwumereh, Malachy Quinn, Brendan Ryan, Gerard Sheehan, Siobhan Shovlin, John Smyth, Ellen Troy, John Walsh.

The Mayor then declared the Chief Executive's Recommendation **AGREED**.

VFDP/27/26 (Agenda Item No 23)
Councillor David Healy - Proposal to Retain Existing Zoning for Site 13.2

It was **AGREED** by the members to take Agenda Items 23 and 24 concurrently.

The motion in the name of Councillor David Healy, was proposed by Councillor David Healy and seconded by Councillor Mary McCamley:

The Report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**:

Following discussion, the Motion was **Put** and on a division the voting resulted as follows:

For: **Eleven (11)**
Against: **Twenty-two (22)**
Abstain: **Zero (0)**

For: Councillors John Burtchaell, Angela Donnelly, David Healy, Joan Hopkins, Corina Johnston, Malachy Quinn, Brendan Ryan, Gerard Sheehan, John Smyth, Ellen Troy, John Walsh.

Against: Councillors Cathal Boland, Mark Boland, Darragh Butler, Eimear Carbone-Mangan, Luke Corkery, Kieran Dennison, Eoghan Dockrell, Jimmy Guerin, Cathal Haughey, James Humphreys, Darren Jack Kelly, Tom Kitt, Ted Leddy, Grainne Maguire, Mary McCamley, Brian McDonagh, Tony Murphy, Joe Newman, Eoghan O'Brien, Tom O'Leary, JK Onwumereh, Siobhan Shovlin.

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

VFDP/28/26 (Agenda Item No 24)

Councillor John Walsh: Motion on Variation No.1, Sheet 13, 13.2 (Clonsilla Road)

The motion in the name of Councillor John Walsh, was proposed by Councillor John Walsh and seconded by Councillor Mary McCamley:

The Report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**:

Following discussion, the Motion was **Put** and on a division the voting resulted as follows:

For: **Eleven (11)**
Against: **Twenty-one (21)**
Abstain: **Zero (0)**

For: Councillors John Burtchaell, Angela Donnelly, David Healy, Joan Hopkins, Corina Johnston, Malachy Quinn, Brendan Ryan, Gerard Sheehan, John Smyth, Ellen Troy, John Walsh.
Against: Councillors Cathal Boland, Mark Boland, Darragh Butler, Eimear Carbone-Mangan, Luke Corkery, Kieran Dennison, Jimmy Guerin, Cathal Haughey, James Humphreys, Darren Jack Kelly, Tom Kitt, Ted Leddy, Grainne Maguire, Mary McCamley, Brian McDonagh, Tony Murphy, Joe Newman, Eoghan O'Brien, Tom O'Leary, JK Onwumereh, Siobhan Shovlin.

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

VFDP/29/26 (Agenda Item No 25)

Chief Executive's Recommendation – Fingal Development Plan, Appendix 4

The Chief Executive's Recommendation which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**. It was proposed by Councillor Tom O'Leary and seconded by Councillor Grainne Maguire.

Following discussion, the Chief Executive's Recommendation was **Put** and on a division the voting resulted as follows:

For: **Thirty-two (32)**
Against: **One (1)**
Abstain: **Zero (0)**

For: Councillors Cathal Boland, Mark Boland, John Burtchaell, Darragh Butler, Eimear Carbone-Mangan, Luke Corkery, Kieran Dennison, Eoghan Dockrell, Angela Donnelly, Jimmy Guerin, Cathal Haughey, David Healy, Joan Hopkins, James Humphreys, Corina Johnston, Darren Jack Kelly, Tom Kitt, Ted Leddy, Grainne Maguire, Mary McCamley, Tony Murphy, Joe Newman, Eoghan O'Brien, Tom O'Leary, JK Onwumereh, Malachy Quinn, Brendan Ryan, Gerard Sheehan, Siobhan Shovlin, John Smyth, Ellen Troy, John Walsh.

Against: Patrick Quinlan.

The Mayor then declared the Chief Executive's Recommendation **AGREED**.

VFDP/30/26 (Agenda Item No 26)
Chief Executive's Recommendation – Dunsink Urban Area Plan

The Chief Executive's Recommendation which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**. It was proposed by Councillor Tom O'Leary and seconded by Councillor Grainne Maguire.
Following discussion, the Chief Executive's Recommendation was **Put** and on a division the voting resulted as follows:

For: **Thirty-two (32)**
Against: **One (1)**
Abstain: **Zero (0)**

For: Councillors Cathal Boland, Mark Boland, John Burtchaell, Darragh Butler, Eimear Carbone-Mangan, Luke Corkery, Kieran Dennison, Eoghan Dockrell, Angela Donnelly, Jimmy Guerin, Cathal Haughey, David Healy, Joan Hopkins, James Humphreys, Corina Johnston, Darren Jack Kelly, Tom Kitt, Grainne Maguire, Mary McCamley, Brian McDonagh, Tony Murphy, Joe Newman, Eoghan

O'Brien, Tom O'Leary, JK Onwumereh, Malachy Quinn, Brendan Ryan, Gerard Sheehan, Siobhan Shovlin, John Smyth, Ellen Troy, John Walsh.

Against: Councillors Patrick Quinlan

The Mayor then declared the Chief Executive's Recommendation **AGREED**.

VFDP/31/26 (Agenda Item No 27)

Councillor Gerard Sheehan: Require a full infrastructure sequencing and servicing strategy before zoning Dunsink

The motion in the name of Councillor Gerard Sheehan, was proposed by Councillor Gerard Sheehan and seconded by Councillor Ellen Troy:

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

Following discussion, the Chief Executive's report was **ACCEPTED**.

VFDP/32/26 (Agenda Item No 28)

Councillor Gerard Sheehan: Require a Local Transport Plan (LTP) for Dunsink

The motion in the name of Councillor Gerard Sheehan, was proposed by Councillor Gerard Sheehan and seconded by Councillor Ellen Troy:

The Report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**:

Following discussion, the Chief Executive's report was **ACCEPTED**.

VFDP/33/26 (Agenda Item No 29)

Councillor David Healy - Local Objective for Development at Dunsink

The motion in the name of Councillor David Healy, was proposed by Councillor David Healy and seconded by Councillor John Walsh:

The Report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**:

Following discussion, the Motion was **Put** and on a division the voting resulted as follows:

For: **Nine (9)**
Against: **Twenty-four (24)**
Abstain: **One (1**)

For: Councillors John Burtchaell, David Healy, Joan Hopkins, Corina Johnston, Mary McCamley, Brian McDonagh, Eoghan O'Brien, Brendan Ryan, John Walsh.

Against: Councillors Cathal Boland, Mark Boland, Darragh Butler, Eimear Carbone-Mangan, Luke Corkery, Kieran Dennison, Eoghan Dockrell, Angela Donnelly, Jimmy Guerin, Cathal Haughey, James Humphreys, Darren Jack Kelly, Tom Kitt, Ted Leddy, Grainne Maguire, Tony Murphy, Joe Newman, Tom O'Leary, JK Onwumereh, Malachy Quinn, Gerard Sheehan, Siobhan Shovlin, John Smyth, Ellen Troy.

Abstain: Councillor Patrick Quinlan.

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

VFDP/34/26 (Agenda Item No 30)
Councillor Kieran Dennison: Annual Schedule of residential units for Variation No.1

The motion in the name of Councillor Kieran Dennison, was proposed by Councillor Kieran Dennison and seconded by Councillor Siobhan Shovlin:

The Report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**:

Following discussion, the Chief Executive's Report was **ACCEPTED**.

VFDP/35/26 (Agenda Item No 31)
Councillor Kieran Dennison: Further Variation to the Development Plan

The motion in the name of Councillor Kieran Dennison was **WITHDRAWN** by Councillor Dennison.

VFDP/36/26 (Agenda Item No 32)
Councillor David Healy - Green Belt and Rural Zonings in the County

It was **AGREED** by the members to take Agenda Items 32 and 33 concurrently.

The motion in the name of Councillor David Healy, was proposed by Councillor David Healy and seconded by Councillor Joan Hopkins:

The Report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**:

Following discussion, the Motion was **Put** and on a division the voting resulted as follows:

For: **Four (4)**
Against: **Twenty-eight (28)**
Abstain: **One (1)**

For: Councillors John Burtchaell, David Healy, Joan Hopkins, Brian McDonagh.

Against: Councillors Cathal Boland, Mark Boland, Darragh Butler, Eimear Carbone-Mangan, Luke Corkery, Kieran Dennison, Angela Donnelly, Jimmy Guerin, Cathal Haughey, James Humphreys, Corina Johnston, Darren Jack Kelly, Tom Kitt, Ted Leddy, Grainne Maguire, Mary McCamley, Tony Murphy, Joe Newman, Eoghan O'Brien, Tom O'Leary, JK Onwumereh, Malachy Quinn, Brendan Ryan, Gerard Sheehan, Siobhan Shovlin, John Smyth, Ellen Troy, John Walsh.

Abstain: Councillor Patrick Quinlan.

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

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

It was **AGREED** by the Members to extend the Meeting to complete the agenda.

VFDP/38/26 (Agenda Item No 33)

Councillor David Healy - Local Objective for Improved Walking and Cycling Access

The motion in the name of Councillor David Healy, was proposed by Councillor David Healy and seconded by Councillor Brian McDonagh:

The Report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**:

Following discussion, the Chief Executive's report was **ACCEPTED**.

VFDP/39/26 (Agenda Item No 34)

Councillor David Healy - Rezoning Proposal Between Navan Road Parkway and Travelodge

The motion in the name of Councillor David Healy, was proposed by Councillor David Healy and seconded by Councillor Mary McCamley:

The Report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**:

Following discussion, the Motion was **Put** and on a division the voting resulted as follows:

For: **Eleven (11)**
Against: **Twenty-two (22)**
Abstain: **Zero (0)**

For: Councillors John Burtchaell, Angela Donnelly, David Healy, Joan Hopkins, Corina Johnston, Mary McCamley, Brian McDonagh, Malachy Quinn, Brendan Ryan, John Smyth, John Walsh.

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

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

VFDP/40/26 (Agenda Item No 35)

Councillor David Healy - Variation for RA Zoning Near Navan Road Parkway

The motion in the name of Councillor David Healy was **WITHDRAWN** by Councillor Healy.

VFDP/41/26 (Agenda Item No**)**

Variation No. 1

The following resolution was proposed by Councillor Tom O'Leary seconded by Councillor Grainne Maguire and **CONSIDERED**.

The Mayor read the following resolution:
"*That Fingal County Council, having prepared and published the proposed Variation No. 1 to the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 and having taken into consideration:*

- *The report of the Chief Executive on the submissions and observations received and its recommendations; and,*
- *The proper planning and sustainable development of the County, the statutory obligations of the local authority, including the requirement to be consistent with the objectives of the National Planning Framework, the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy and Specific Planning Policy Requirements and the relevant policies and objectives of the Government or any Minister of the Government,*

Hereby resolves pursuant to Section 13(5) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, to adopt proposed Variation No. 1 of the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 subject to the amendments recommended in the Report of the Chief Executive."

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

For: **Twenty-five (25)**
Against: **Eight (8)**
Abstain: **One (1)**

For: Councillors Cathal Boland, Mark Boland, John Burtchaell, Darragh Butler, Eimear Carbone-Mangan, Luke Corkery, Kieran Dennison, Eoghan Dockrell, Angela Donnelly, Jimmy Guerin, Cathal Haughey, Darren Jack Kelly, Tom Kitt, Ted Leddy, Grainne Maguire, Tony Murphy, Joe Newman, Eoghan O'Brien, Tom O'Leary, JK Onwumereh, Malachy Quinn, Gerard Sheehan, Siobhan Shovlin, John Smyth, Ellen Troy.

Against: Councillors David Healy, Joan Hopkins, Corina Johnston, Mary McCamley, Brian McDonagh, Patrick Quinlan, Brendan Ryan, John Walsh.

Abstain: Councillor James Humphreys.

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

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Mayor expressed his satisfaction that the process was completed with the co-operation of the Elected Members at the meeting. He also congratulated all the Council staff for their work. He also thanked the Elected Members for their work on completing the Variations to the Development Plan.

Several Elected Members expressed their appreciation to the Mayor, the Chief Executive and the Council team members involved.

The Chief Executive, Ms. AnnMarie Farrelly thanked the Mayor and the Elected Members for their level of engagement. The Chief Executive also thanked the staff for their hard work.

The Meeting concluded at 8:45pm.

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MAYOR **DATED**

Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

Minutes of the County Council Meeting held on Monday, 13th April, 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
Healy, David
Hopkins, Joan
Humphreys, James
Johnston, Corina
Kelly, Darren Jack
Kitt, Tom
Leddy, Ted

Councillors:

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

Apologies for inability to attend were received for Councillors Dean Mulligan, Helen Redwood and Siobhan Shovlin.

The Mayor, Councillor Tom O'Leary presided.

OFFICIALS PRESENT

AnnMarie Farrelly (Chief Executive); 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); Paul Carroll (Director of Services /Housing Services); Mary Egan (Director of Services/People, Corporate & Digital Services); John Quinlivan (Director of Services/Economic, Community and Cultural Development); Sinéad Murphy (A/Director of Services/ Operations), Fionnuala May, (County Architect); Carmel Brennan (Senior Architect); Ciara O hAodha (Senior Executive Officer); Jennifer Muscheidt (Environmental Awareness Officer).

F/151/26 (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.

Councillor J. Smyth informed the members he has a conflict of interest on Agenda Item 19 and will excuse himself from the meeting when this item is on the floor.

The Mayor informed the Members two emergency motions were received and have been ruled out of order.

The Mayor requested that the order of business be varied, and for Item 31 to be dealt as the first motion on the Agenda.

Following discussions, the Mayor then instructed that a roll call vote be taken on the request to vary the order of business and on division the voting resulted as follows:

FOR: 20 TWENTY
AGAINST: 15 FIFTEEN
ABSTAIN: 1 ONE

FOR: Councillors Mark Boland, John Burtchaell, Angela Donnelly, Tania Doyle, Breda Hanaphy, David Healy, Joan Hopkins, James Humphreys, Corina Johnston, Darren Jack Kelly, Brian McDonagh, Paul Mulville, Tom O'Leary, Patrick Quinlan,

Malachy Quinn, Brendan Ryan, Gerard Sheehan, John Smyth, Ellen Troy, John Walsh.

AGAINST: Councillors Cathal Boland, Darragh Butler, Eimear Carbone-Mangan, Luke Corkery, Kieran Dennison, Eoghan Dockrell, Cathal Haughey, Tom Kitt, Ted Leddy, Grainne Maguire, Tony Murphy, Joe Newman, Eoghan O'Brien, JK Onwumereh, Aoibhinn Tormey.

ABSTAIN: Councillor Jimmy Guerin.

The Mayor declared the vote **PASSED**.

The Mayor welcomed Ms Sinéad Murphy as the newly appointed Director of Operations.

F/152/26 (Agenda Item No 1)

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

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

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor T. O'Leary seconded by Councillor K. Dennison and **RESOLVED –**

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

F/153/26 (Agenda Item No 2)

Nominations

a **Appointment of one Member to the Marine and Coastal Management Strategic Policy 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 Tom O'Leary be appointed as a member to the Marine and Coastal Management Strategic Policy Committee."

It was then proposed by Councillor P. Mulville and seconded by Councillor B. McDonagh:

"That Councillor David Healy be appointed as a member to the Marine and Coastal Management Strategic Policy Committee."

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

Councillor Tom O'Leary: 21 TWENTY ONE
Councillor David Healy: 14 FOURTEEN
ABSTAIN: 1 ONE

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

Councillor David Healy: Councillors Mark Boland, John Burtchaell, Angela Donnelly, Breda Hanaphy, David Healy, Joan Hopkins, James Humphreys, Corina Johnston, Brian McDonagh, Paul Mulville, Malachy Quinn, Brendan Ryan, John Smyth, John Walsh.

ABSTAIN: Councillor Patrick Quinlan.

The Mayor **DECLARED** Councillor Tom O'Leary be appointed as a member to the Marine and Coastal Management Strategic Policy Committee.

F/154/26 (Agenda Item No)

QUESTIONS

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

"That in accordance with Standing Order No. 51, Questions numbered 3 to 11 be **ADOPTED**."

F/155/26 (Agenda Item No 3)
Councillor P. Quinlan - Breakdown of the Cost and Sale of Affordable Housing

F/156/26 (Agenda Item No 4)
Councillor M. Quinn - Removal of Long-Standing Housing Applicants

F/157/26 (Agenda Item No 5)
Councillor C. Haughey - Incremental Tenant Purchase Scheme

F/158/26 (Agenda Item No 6)
Councillor C. Haughey - Part V Acquisitions

F/159/26 (Agenda Item No 7)
Councillor A. Donnelly - Public Art Requests

F/160/26 (Agenda Item No 8)
Councillor D.J. Kelly - Flight Paths and the Current Passenger Cap at Dublin Airport

F/161/26 (Agenda Item No 9)
Councillor J. Smyth - April - Autism Acceptance Month

F/162/26 (Agenda Item No 10)
Councillor J. Humphreys - Major Emergency Plan 2023

F/163/26 (Agenda Item No 11)
Councillor E. Troy - Increase in Utility and Fuel Costs

F/164/26 (Agenda Item No 12)
Report of Committees

a **Strategic Policy Committees (SPC) Chairpersons' Quarterly Reports**

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

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

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

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

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

c **Report of Howth/Malahide Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 1st April 2026**

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

"That the recommendations contained in the report of Committee of Howth/Malahide Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 1st April 2026, are hereby **ADOPTED.**"

d **Report of Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Thursday 2nd April 2026**

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

"That the recommendations contained in the report of Committee of Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock-Ongar Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Thursday 2nd April 2026, are hereby **ADOPTED.**"

e **Report of Corporate Policy Group (CPG) Meeting held on Tuesday 7th April 2026**

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

"That the recommendations contained in the report of Committee of Corporate Policy Group (CPG) Meeting held on Tuesday 7th April 2026, are hereby **ADOPTED.**"

f **Report of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Thursday 9th April 2026**

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

"That the recommendations contained in the report of Committee of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Services (B) Meeting held on Thursday 9th April 2026, are hereby **ADOPTED.**"

F/165/26 (Agenda Item No 13)

Financial Matters

a **Consideration of Draft Annual Financial Statement 2025 and Authorisation of Additional Expenditure**

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED**.
It was proposed by Councillor C. Boland, seconded by Councillor D.J. Kelly and **AGREED.**

b **Annual Financial Statement 2025**

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

F/166/26 (Agenda Item No 14)

Proposed Disposal of Properties

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

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 E. O'Brien and **RESOLVED**:

"That the grant of wayleave at Mourne View, Skerries, Co. Dublin, as referred to in the Notice under S183 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended and dated 18th March 2026, be granted to Uisce Éireann, Colvill House, 24-26 Talbot Street, Mountjoy, Dublin 1, in accordance with the terms specified therein."

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

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

The Mayor informed the Members a motion had been received. The motion in the name of Councillor J. Humphreys was proposed by Councillor J. Humphreys and seconded by Councillor T. O'Leary and **AGREED**:

"That approval of the wayleave is conditional on Clause 10 being strengthened to require active coordination with the Council's Roads Section, in place of notice alone, for the duration of R132 and MetroLink-related works, includes language that permits the Executive the right to direct scheduling and require postponement where necessary."

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

"That the grant of wayleave at Barrysparks, Swords, Co. Dublin, as referred to in the Notice under S183 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended and dated 2nd April 2026, be granted to Bovale Developments Unlimited Company, 27 Dublin Road, Miltonsfields, Swords, Co. Dublin, in accordance with the terms specified therein."

F/167/26 (Agenda Item No 15)

Declarations of Roads

a **Barnageeragh Cove Phase 3, Skerries, Co Dublin**

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

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

b **Semple Woods Phase 1, Donabate, Co Dublin**

The report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**. It was proposed by Councillor C. Johnston, seconded by E. Dockrell, and **RESOLVED**:

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

F/168/26 (Agenda Item No 16)

Part XI of the Planning & Development Act 2000 and Part VIII of the Local Government Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) for the proposed demolition of one dwelling and construction of four dwellings and all associated site works at Malahide Road, Malahide, Co. Dublin, K36 EP89 (PARTXI/006/25)

The report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**. A presentation was given to the members by Fionnuala May, County Architect and Carmel Brennan, Senior Architect.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor D. Healy, seconded by Councillor B. McDonagh, and **AGREED.**

F/169/26 (Agenda Item No 17)

Approval of Anti-Litter, Anti-Graffiti Grant Scheme

The report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**. A presentation was given to the members by Jennifer Muscheidt, Environmental Awareness Officer.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor T. O'Leary, seconded by Councillor D. Butler, and **AGREED.**

F/170/26 (Agenda Item No 18)

Draft Anti-Fraud and Corruption Policy

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

F/171/26 (Agenda Item No 19)

Fingal Artists' Support Scheme 2026

Councillor J. Smyth excused himself from the meeting, citing a conflict of interest as a family member has submitted a funding application.

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

"That the award of Fingal Artists' Support Scheme 2026 for Professional Fingal Artists as set out in the foregoing report is hereby **APPROVED**."

F/172/26 (Agenda Item No 20)

Draft Fingal County Council Annual Report 2025

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

"That the Annual Report 2025 is hereby **ADOPTED**."

F/173/26 (Agenda Item No 21)

Chief Executive's Report

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

The Chief Executive welcomed Sinéad Murphy, Director of Operations to the Executive Management Team.

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

F/174/26 (Agenda Item No 22)

Mayor's Business - Councillor T. O'Leary

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

F/175/26 (Agenda Item No 23)

Conference Report

a **AILG- Maynooth University Micro-Credential in Spatial Planning for Councillors**

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

F/176/26 (Agenda Item No 24)

Correspondence

a **Letter dated 4th March 2026 from Galway County Council Re - Increase Provision of Irish-medium Education**

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

b **Letter dated 5th March 2026 from Leitrim County Council Re - Maintenance and Repairs on Greenways**

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

c **Letter dated 5th March 2026 from Sligo County Council Re - Mother and Baby Homes and County Homes**

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

d **Letter dated 10th March 2026 from Clare County Council Re- Disability Payment**

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

e **Letter dated 12th March 2026 from Longford County Council Re - Emergency Payments be made to Disabled People**

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

F/177/26 (Agenda Item No 25)

Departmental/Ministerial Correspondence

a **Email dated 16th March 2026 from the Office of the Minister of Foreign Affairs Re - Item 43 - Cllr B. McDonagh - Occupied Territories Bill December 2024 Council Meeting**

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

b **Email dated 26th March 2026 from the Office of the Minister for Housing - Re - Cllr M. Quinn - Social Housing Acquisition Funding - March Council Meeting**

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

MOTIONS - STATUTORY FUNCTIONS

F/178/26 (Agenda Item No)

VARY THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

It was **AGREED** to take Item 31 at this time.

F/179/26 (Agenda Item No 31)

Councillor M. Quinn - The Pausing of Council Rent Increases

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

Following discussions, it was **AGREED** to extend the meeting for 15 minutes.

During the course of the discussion, the Mayor informed the members an amended motion was received.

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

FOR: 20 TWENTY
AGAINST: 5 FIVE
ABSTAIN: 9 NINE

For: Councillors Cathal Boland, Darragh Butler, Eimear Carbone-Mangan, Luke Corkery, Kieran Dennison, Eoghan Dockrell, Jimmy Guerin, Cathal Haughey, Joan Hopkins, Darren Jack Kelly, Tom Kitt, Ted Leddy, Grainne Maguire, Paul Mulville, Tony Murphy, Joe Newman, Eoghan O'Brien, Tom O'Leary, JK Onwumereh, Aoibhinn Tormey.

AGAINST: Councillors John Burtchaell, Angela Donnelly, Breda Hanaphy, Malachy Quinn, John Smyth.

ABSTAIN: Councillors Mark Boland, James Humphreys, Corina Johnston, Mary McCamley, Brian McDonagh, Patrick Quinlan, Gerard Sheehan, Ellen Troy, John Walsh.

The Mayor declared the vote **PASSED**.

The amended motion was proposed by Councillor T. Murphy and second by Councillor D.J. Kelly:

Insert words after increases “To support OAP’s and People on disability payments that are in the lowest income stream”

To read:

“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, to support OAP’s and people on disability payments that are in the lowest income stream 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.”

Following discussions, it was **AGREED** to extend the meeting to conclude this item.

The Mayor called for a three minute recess.

On recommencement of the meeting, Councillor T. Murphy withdrew his motion.

The Mayor then instructed that a roll call vote be taken on the original motion submitted by Councillor M. Quinn and on a division the voting resulted as follows:

FOR: 19 NINETEEN
AGAINST: 14 FOURTEEN
ABSTAIN: 0 ZERO

For: Councillors Cathal Boland, Mark Boland, John Burtchaell, Luke Corkery, Eoghan Dockrell, Angela Donnelly, Breda Hanaphy, Joan Hopkins, James Humphreys, Corina Johnston, Darren Jack Kelly, Brian McDonagh, Paul Mulville, Patrick Quinlan, Malachy Quinn, Gerard Sheehan, John Smyth, Ellen Troy, John Walsh.

AGAINST: Councillors Darragh Butler, Eimear Carbone-Mangan, Kieran Dennison, Jimmy Guerin, Cathal Haughey, Tom Kitt, Ted Leddy, Grainne Maguire, Tony Murphy, Joe Newman, Eoghan O'Brien, Tom O'Leary, JK Onwumereh, Aoibhinn Tormey.

The Mayor declared the motion **PASSED**.

The Meeting concluded at 20.30.

MAYOR _____ DATE _____

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ITEM NO. 02

COST BENEFIT ANALYLIS OF THE MIPIM 2026 INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY INVESTMENT EXPO

Question: Councillor M. Quinn

"To ask the Chief Executive if a cost benefit analysis was undertaken to ascertain the benefit of the recent attendance of Fingal County Council officials at the Marché International des Professionals de I'immoblier (MIPIM) 2026 International Property Investment Expo in Cannes in March?"

Reply:

The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage led an Irish delegation comprising a number of Irish public sector organisations at the above event. Fingal County Council, alongside the Housing Agency, the Land Development Agency and local authorities, was invited to attend, the Chief Executive participated in a panel discussion at the Ireland Pavilion in front of an international audience drawn from a variety of professions including architecture, building and development, investment and legal sectors. Fingal County Council was presented as an outward looking local authority with significant areas of future residential development potential across the county, including, in particular at Dunsink and along the MetroLink corridor.

In terms of the outcomes for Fingal County Council, whilst one investor has already engaged with the Council regarding collaboration on a potential sustainable solution for delivery of future cost rental development in Fingal, the wider benefits of participation in this conference for Fingal County Council and Ireland will be longer-term over the coming years.

Source of Reply:
Paul Carroll, Director of Housing

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ITEM NO. 03

OBLIGATIONS UNDER PART 5
OF THE DISABILTY ACT 2005

Question: Councillor E. Troy

"To ask the Chief Executive, given the obligations under Part 5 of the Disability Act 2005, which requires public bodies to submit annual Disability Employment Returns by 31st March each year, what is the current number and percentage of employees with disabilities employed by Fingal County Council, and, based on the most recent return submitted, has the Council achieved the minimum statutory target of 6% employment of persons with disabilities for 2025, if not, what measures are being implemented to ensure compliance?"

Reply:

In accordance with Part 5 of the Disability Act 2005, Fingal County Council has collected data for all employees from 1st January 2025 up to and including 31st December 2025.

Fingal County Council's return is complete and was issued to the Monitoring Committee prior to the deadline of 30th April 2026. The data submitted will be assessed by the Monitoring Committee who will then submit an annual report to the National Disability Authority (NDA) by 30th June 2026.

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

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ITEM NO. 04

HOUSING CATEGORIES AND OVERCROWDING

Question: Councillor J. Smyth

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an overview of the broad categories used for assessment purposes within the Housing Department for example, Medical Grounds, Overcrowding, Standard list, HAP, and detail how situations of overcrowding are managed in each category?"

Reply:

Fingal County Council operates its Allocations Scheme for Social Housing Support as set out in the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2009 and associated Regulations. Applicants on the social housing waiting list are placed on the list in accordance with of the Scheme by Date in Need. Three categories are outlined in the Scheme:

Category 1. Families or persons living in dangerous premises on whom a requisition under Section 3(9) of the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act, 1964 has been served. Families or persons displaced as a result of acts of the Local Authority. Families or Persons on exceptional medical or exceptional compassionate grounds. Where priority is claimed on exceptional medical or exceptional compassionate grounds, regard shall be had to the report of the Chief Medical Officer and/or the Council's Welfare Committee whichever is appropriate. RAS tenants where the landlord has indicated that the contract will not be renewed or the property is no longer available to the Council.

Category 2. Transfer applicants due to overcrowding. Transfer applicants who wish to down-size. Transfer applicants who wish to vacate 2 dwellings for 1. Transfer applicants wishing to transfer to a "Vacancy Rich" area from a "Vacancy deficient" area. Transfer applicants wishing to transfer to an area in order to assist in care of a close relative or avail of the care of a close relative.

Category 3 (to include other transfer applicants (HAP)). Families or persons rendered homeless through no fault of their own and who are not in a financial position to provide their own accommodation. (Section 2 of the Housing Act, 1988 defines homelessness). Families or persons evicted through no fault of their own on foot of a Court Order and who are not in a financial position to provide their own accommodation. Persons fleeing Domestic Violence. Families living in overcrowded conditions.

The adoption of the Scheme is a Reserved Function, and the scheme is currently under review with the intention to bring it to the Housing SPC for discussion in the first instance. The current Scheme is available to view at: https://www.fingal.ie/sites/default/files/2020-02/housing-allocations-scheme-document.pdf.

Source of Reply:
Paul Carroll, Director of Housing

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ITEM NO. 05

COST RENTAL UNITS

Question: Councillor L. Corkery

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide details of the number of cost rental units that are expected to be provided, either directly by Fingal County Council or by Approved Housing Bodies, as part of each housing development currently under construction across the county?"

Reply:

Late last year, Fingal County Council launched its first Cost Rental scheme, comprising 80 new homes at Church Fields, Dublin 15, and this scheme is now fully occupied. In addition, a further 950 Cost Rental homes have to date been provided by Approved Housing Bodies (AHB) and the Land Development Agency.

The below table sets out the Cost Rental units that have been approved for Cost Rental delivery in Fingal in the short-term. There is a significant further amount of Cost Rental housing being actively progressed across Fingal by AHBs and the Land Development Agency which are expected to be approved during 2026.

Provider	Project	Total Units	Status
Respond	Piper's Square Charlestown Place Finglas	100	Due 2026
Tuath	Balmoston, Donabate	87	Delivered 2026
Tuath	Whitehaven, Santry	52	Due 2026
Tuath	Niven Oaks, Santry	98	Due 2026
Oaklee	Harmans Rest, Donabate	119	Due 2026

Clúid	Luttrellstown Gate, Dublin 15	100	Due 2027
Clúid	St. Josephs, Clonsilla, Dublin 15	263	Due 2027

Source of Reply:
Paul Carroll, Director of Housing

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ITEM NO. 06

PLANT BASED TREATY

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

"To ask the Chief Executive what the Council's position is regarding the Plant Based Treaty, which has been signed by local authorities worldwide, as a framework for addressing the environmental impact of food systems and supporting a transition towards healthier and more sustainable plant-based diets, for example, increasing plant-based options in local authority facilities and events; reviewing procurement policies to encourage lower-impact food choices and considering endorsement of the Plant Based Treaty as a framework for Local Climate Action?"

Reply:

The Council recognises that the way food is produced and consumed has clear environmental and climate impacts, including greenhouse gas emissions, pressures on land use and demand for natural resources, encouraging more sustainable eating habits, such as offering plant-based food choices, can support wider climate and public health goals.

Fingal County Council has not formally signed the Plant Based Treaty. Any decision to do so would need careful consideration of how it might affect Council activities, including procurement arrangements, catering, day-to-day operations and alignment with national policy and public procurement rules.

Within its existing responsibilities, the Council will continue to look at practical and proportionate actions that contribute to sustainability, this may include providing plant-based options at Council-hosted events and reviewing relevant

procurement practices where appropriate, while taking account of legal, financial and operational requirements.

Overall, the Council remains focused on delivering evidence-based measures in line with the Fingal Climate Action Plan and National Climate Policy, ensuring that actions are achievable, compliant and offer value for money.

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

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ITEM NO. 07

DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS ZONES 1 AND 2 FOR CAR PARKING

Question: Councillor D. Healy

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a map showing Zone 1 and Zone 2 of the county, for the purposes of Table 14.19 of the County Development Plan, based on current high quality bus services, existing and planned Luas/Dart/Metro Rail stations and Major Town Centre zonings?"

Reply:

The Fingal County Development Plan 2023-2029 does not include a map illustrating the car parking zones for the purposes of Table 14.19. The appropriate zone and corresponding car parking requirement for a given proposal is considered on an individual basis during the assessment of a planning application.

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

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ITEM NO. 08

IRISH LANGUAGE TRANSLATION ON STREET SIGNS WITHIN TAKEN-IN-CHARGE HOUSING ESTATES

Question: Councillor C. Haughey

"To ask the Chief Executive if it is a requirement, or is there a Council policy for street signs within housing estates that have been taken-in-charge by Fingal County Council, to have an Irish language translation on the street sign?"

Reply:

Fingal County Council's Building Control Section manage the Taking-in-Charge of estates for the Council. The Council has a Taking-in-Charge Policy and Specifications, updated in 2022 for the various elements that are taken-in-charge including street signs.

Appendix 13 of the Policy, titled 'Specification for Street Nameplates in Fingal County Council' relates to street signs and includes a section on compliance with the Official Languages Act:

'Language
Under the Official Languages Act 2003 (S.I. No. 391 of 2008), nameplates are signs under the Regulations, and they must be in Irish or bilingual (Irish and English) in accordance with the provisions of the Regulations. Each sign shall provide the same information in both the Irish Language and the English Language. Lettering style, colour and text height should be the same for both the Irish and English text. Both the English and Irish version of the street name is to be in uppercase. Capital letters in Irish and English are to be the same height.'

There is further information on street signs and the appropriate use of the language in this specification which is available on the Council's website at: https://www.fingal.ie/housing-fingal/taking-charge-information.

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

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ITEM NO. 09

COUNTY-WIDE SPEED LIMIT REVIEW

Question: Councillor C. Haughey

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide details on when the Council expect the public consultation process to start on the county wide Speed Limit Review?"

Reply:

The National Speed Limit Implementation is being rolled out on a country-wide basis led by the Department of Transport (DoT) in conjunction with local authorities. These phases are outlined below.

- Phase 1 Local Rural Roads
- **Phase 2 Urban Core Areas**
- Phase 3 National Secondary Roads
- Phase 4 Rural Schools

Work is currently taking place on Phase 2: Urban Core Areas, by all local authorities following direction from the Department of Transport, late last year. The objective is to have the 30km/h speed limits in built-up and urban areas operational by 31st March 2027, country wide.

The introduction of these 30 km/h speed limit changes will be implemented by local authorities, through the adoption of Special Speed Limit Bye-Laws, rather than by changing default limits. A special speed limit is a speed limit set locally by each local authority and must be in accordance with Setting and Managing Speed Limits in Ireland Guidelines (now updated – late 2025).

As outlined in Section 9 of the Roads Traffic Act 2004, the making and adoption of Special Speed Limit requires statutory public consultation and is a Reserved Function of the Council. Country wide, the speed limit changes will come into effect on the dates specified by each local authority in their new Bye-Laws. Signs showing the new speed limits will be installed at appropriate locations, so that all road users are aware of any change.

The Operations Department Traffic Section is currently progressing with Phase 2 technical work in order to produce Draft Bye-Law Maps for all urban/built-up areas in Fingal County Council's administrative area. The estimated number of signs/poles etc. required to implement the Phase 2 speed limit changes in Fingal County Council has already been submitted to the DoT. This will facilitate the nationwide tender for the same to progress. At present, speed surveys are being conducted on a county wide basis to gather data on speed and vehicular movements. This data will inform the preparation of the Draft Bye-Law Maps.

When the Draft Bye-Law maps are ready, the Traffic Section will conduct informal workshops with the Members of each Area Committee prior to commencing the statutory public consultation phase. These workshops are intended to be held during the latter stages of Q2/2026. Following this informal consultation, the Draft Bye-Law maps will be updated and finalised (Q3/2026).

In Q3/Q4 2026, the Bye-Law Maps will be formally presented to each Area Committee Meeting (September or October ACM's). After these ACM presentations, the Council will then commence the statutory public consultation process.

Source of Reply:
Sinéad Murphy, A/Director of Operations

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ITEM NO. 10

"EXPLORE FINGAL" ADVERTISING STRATEGY

Question: Councillor A. Tormey

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline the advertising strategy for "Explore Fingal" and the costs regarding this advertising strategy?"

Reply:

The Fingal Tourism Strategy 2024-2029 was adopted by Council in November 2023, and includes Branding, Marketing & Promotion as a strategic objective. This strategy further commits to 'create a targeted marketing and promotional plan which clarifies the Fingal proposition and brand(s) and showcases what distinguishes Fingal as a unique tourism destination'.

In line with this commitment, the advertising strategy for the new county destination brand 'Explore Fingal' prioritises an "inside-out" approach, focusing first on Fingal residents, then Dublin and regional visitors. This reflects Fingal's strengths as an accessible daytrip and short-stay destination. By building local pride and repeat visits, the strategy creates a sustainable foundation for long-term tourism growth and will include collaboration with national tourism agencies Fáilte Ireland and Tourism Ireland focussed on broader domestic and international markets.

The strategy includes a clear, practical plan which supports tourism growth and delivers strong value for public investment while supporting the local tourism sector. The current advertising campaign which began following the brand launch is focussed on establishing the new brand and raising the visibility of Fingal as a tourism destination. It will be followed by ongoing brand awareness campaigns

and specific targeted campaigns based on seasonality, asset themes, consumer interests and events; all aligned with the Fingal Tourism Strategy & Food & Drink Policy.

A targeted, multi-channel advertising mix ensures strong visibility and efficiency. Digital and social media channels drive reach and engagement, while trusted national publications enhance credibility. Outdoor advertising, including the DART network, captures commuter audiences, and local media maintains year-round community connection and engagement. This balanced approach ensures both awareness and measurable visitor engagement.

An initial advertising campaign investment of €60,300 (details below) has already delivered strong results by establishing strong brand awareness and raising destination visibility.

Channel	**Cost (ex VAT:**
Irish Independent (Print & Digital)	€9,500
Social Media (Facebook & Instagram)	€9,500
Dart advertising	€8,490
Cinema advertising	€6,580
Sunday Business Post (Print)	€3,430
Local Media (Newspaper and Radio)	€3,300
Go Wild Magazines (3 Magazines)	€12,300
Artwork Coordination & Management	€7,200
TOTAL	€60,300

Future campaigns will be carefully phased across the year to align with the tourism calendar, avoiding unnecessary spend and maximising impact. 20% of the budget is also allocated to Irish language campaigns, supporting cultural identity in a meaningful and effective way.

Overall, this strategy provides a structured, accountable framework that maximises return on investment, supports local economic activity, and positions Fingal as a distinctive and accessible destination, while ensuring responsible use of public funds.

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

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ITEM NO. 11

MINIMUM STANDARDS IN RELATION TO EMERGENCY ACCOMMODATION IN FINGAL

Question: Councillor M. Boland

"To ask the Chief Executive to confirm what minimum standards Fingal County Council must adhere to, or require providers to adhere to, in relation to Emergency Accommodation used for households that are forced into homelessness, including families with children; to outline what inspection and monitoring regime this Council has in place to ensure those standards are met, including frequency of inspections, complaint handling, and escalation procedures; and to advise what actions are taken where accommodation is found to be unsuitable or falls below the required standard, including the process for relocating a household where necessary?"

Reply:

The provision of homeless accommodation in Dublin City and County is undertaken by the Dublin Regional Homeless Executive (DRHE) on behalf of the four Dublin local authorities. The DRHE developed the National Quality Standards Framework (NQSF) which ensures that all so-called "Section 10" homeless accommodation service providers have a responsibility to deliver safe, effective and high standards of services. The link for the NQSF is https://www.homelessdublin.ie/our-work/quality-standards

The DRHE carries out routine and periodic inspections in this regard and inspection reports are published on www.homelessdublin.ie. There is a dedicated DRHE complaints email drhe.complaints@dublincity.ie for clients residing in

emergency accommodation. A complaints poster is also issued to each service and displayed onsite.

Source of Reply:
Paul Carroll, Director of Housing

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ITEM NO. 12

PREVALENCE OF DISCARDED NITROUS OXIDE (N2O) CANISTERS

Question: Councillor M. Boland

"To ask the Chief Executive if this Council has seen an increasing prevalence of discarded nitrous oxide (N2O) canisters across parks, open spaces and public areas in the county, and outline the number of canisters that have been collected and also the additional funding contribution needed by this Council for the collection, safe handling and disposal of nitrous oxide canisters in the last year compared to previous years and to identify if this is becoming a greater financial burden on Council finances?"

Reply:

Nitrous oxide is not currently a controlled substance under Ireland's Misuse of Drugs Act 1977 and are legally sold for catering and industrial purposes. The Criminal Justice (Psychoactive Substances) Act 2010 prohibits the sale, importation, or exportation of psychoactive substances and under this legislation it is illegal to sell nitrous oxide for its psychoactive properties.

Any nitrous oxide canisters that are collected by the litter collection crews are segregated and brought to the areas respective Recycling Centre where they are stored in a secure unit, pending collection by an authorised waste collector.

The cost of disposal of the canisters is €11 per canister. Across the Council in 2024 approximately 4,900 canisters were disposed of costing the Council approximately €53,900. In 2025 the number of canisters disposed of was approximately 4,000 canisters costing the Council approximately €44,000. 2026 collection numbers are expected to be in line with 2025 figures so it would seem numbers are not increasing now year on year but holding steady at approximately 4,000 canisters collected every year costing the Council €44,000.

A national working group is currently being set-up to deal with the ongoing issues related to nitrous oxide canisters. The working group will consist of representatives from the Regional Waste Management Planning Office, Local Authorities, and possibly other relevant agencies.

We will seek further information on the terms of reference of this working group and will revert to Councillors in due course.

Source of Joint Reply:
Sinéad Murphy, A/Director of Operations
David Storey, Director of Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel & Sports

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ITEM NO. 13

EVENT FOR NEURODIVERGENT CHILDREN

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

"To ask the Chief Executive if there are plans to replicate the Dublin City Council event, specifically for neurodivergent children and their families?"

Reply:

It is not planned to directly replicate the Dublin City Council event, as the Fingal approach to ensuring access to events for neurodivergent children and families is to require all events organised by the Fingal Events office and funded through the Council Events and Festival Funding Scheme to be accessible, including the provision of a dedicated sensory area at each event.

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

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ITEM NO. 14

RECRUITMENT OF LIFEGUARDS FOR 2026 BATHING SEASON

Question: Councillor B. Ryan

"To ask the Chief Executive to report on the recruitment of lifeguards for the 2026 bathing season and to indicate if it is expected that sufficient numbers will be recruited to cover all designated bathing areas?"

Reply:

The Lifeguard Service is recruited each year by People, Corporate & Digital Services Department to work during the official bathing season. Lifeguard employment is contingent on the candidate being deemed suitable at interview, successfully passing the beach lifeguard test, holding a valid beach lifeguard certificate and passing Garda vetting.

To open all stations requires 28-30 available lifeguards. There can be situations on a particular day where fewer lifeguards are available and in these circumstances some of the quieter lifeguard stations would not be opened. There are some beaches that take priority when not all lifeguard stations can be opened, these are either Blue Flag beaches or beaches that are deemed as higher risk. A lifeguard station requires a minimum of two lifeguards to open and so, in rare cases, where one lifeguard is unable to attend work on a rostered day, it may be necessary to redeploy the working lifeguard and not open a particular lifeguard station. Up to date information on which lifeguard stations are open is always communicated on the Fingal County Council's website and social media.

For the 2026 season 63 candidates were called for interview with 52 being successful at interview and progressing to the Beach Lifeguard Test. The beach lifeguard test is scheduled to take place on the 9th of May 2026. Candidates who successfully pass the beach lifeguard test and garda vetting will then be invited to the Induction Day which is scheduled for the 22nd of May 2026. As the process is still underway, the number of lifeguards to be employed for the upcoming season cannot be determined at this time. It is only on the Induction Day when contracts are signed that the number of lifeguards can be confirmed.

Source of Reply:
Sinéad Murphy, A/Director of Operations

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ITEM NO. 15

FINGAL PARKING SERVICES

Question: Councillor B. Ryan

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline the role and legal status of Fingal Parking Services in relation to parking arrangements and Parking Bye-Laws in Fingal?"

Reply:

Local Authority Parking Wardens in Ireland act primarily under the Local Authorities (Traffic Wardens) Act 1975. This legislation enables them to issue fixed-charge notices for parking, illegal parking, and other parking offences. Their authority is further supported by the Road Traffic (Traffic and Parking) Regulations 1997 and Council Bye-Laws.

Statutory Instrument No. 598 of 2002, which came into effect from 1st January 2003, introduced Section 12(2) of the Road Traffic Act 2002 amending the Local Authority Traffic Wardens Act 1975. Section 12(2) provides that local authorities can make arrangements for the functions assigned to Traffic Wardens to be carried out by persons employed by the authority, or persons authorised in writing by the authority to carry out such functions.

Chief Executive Order OPS/0547/2023 approved the award of a contract to Tazbell Services DAC (T/A Park Rite Ltd), for a period of two years for the provision of on-street managed car parking services. This contract provides for the delivery of these functions on behalf of Fingal County Council.

The contract notice specified an initial term of two years, with the option of two extensions, each of 12 months duration.

Subsequently, Chief Executive Order OPSW/0490/2025 dated 3rd December 2025, modified this contract to provide for an additional 12-month extension.

Key Legislation

- Local Authorities (Traffic Wardens) Act 1975: Authorises local authorities to employ wardens to enforce parking laws and set fixed penalties.
- Local Authorities (Traffic Wardens) Act 1975 (Fixed Charge Offences) Regulations: Defines the specific offenses and fines.
- Road Traffic (Traffic and Parking) Regulations 1997: Sets out the restrictions on parking on public roads, such as prohibitions on footpaths.
- Road Traffic Act (Section 36): Empowers local authorities to make Bye-Laws regarding parking in their area.

Summary

Parking enforcement is carried out by Tazbell Services DAC (T/A Park Rite Ltd) on behalf of Fingal County Council under the Road Traffic Acts 1961 to 2015, the Local Authorities (Traffic Wardens) Act 1975, and Fingal County Council Parking Control Bye-Laws 2026.

Source of Reply:
Sinéad Murphy, A/Director of Operations

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ITEM NO. 16

COMMUNITY CAR SERVICE

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

"To ask the Chief Executive to give consideration to extending the Community Car Service to other areas in the county given this service is a lifeline to older persons and those with mobility limitations struggling to access public transport, attend essential medical appointments and pharmacy visits and shops?"

Reply:

The Active Travel Section is currently working closely with both internal and external partners on the Community Car initiative to develop a proposal that will support the sustainable expansion of the service. This collaborative approach aims to strengthen the long-term viability and reach of the Community Car Service. It is anticipated that the completed proposal will be presented by the end of Q2 2026.

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

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ITEM NO. 17

INACTIVE PLANNING PERMISSIONS IN FINGAL

Question: Councillor J. Walsh

"To ask the Chief Executive to indicate the total number of dwellings not constructed on sites with full planning permission in each year from 2022 to 2025 and the overall number of such inactive sites of five dwelling or more in Fingal?"

Reply:

Please see the following table for the end of each year between 2022 and 2025. The table shows the total amount of inactive sites with permission for 5 dwellings or more at the end of each year, also showing the total unit breakdown.

Year End	Total In-Active Sites	Total Units Not Commenced
2022	110	7704
2023	91	13703
2024	63	8775
2025	65	9072

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

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REPORT OF COMMITTEES

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ITEM NO. 18a

REPORT OF ORGANISATION, PROCEDURES AND FINANCE (OP&F) COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 13TH APRIL 2026

MATTERS OF ORGANISATION AND PROCEDURES

Approval of Draft Corporate Calendar 29th June 2026 to 31st December 2026

The Draft Calendar of Meeting dates for the period of 29th June 2026 to 31st December 2026, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED**.
It was proposed by Councillor T. O'Leary, seconded by Councillor A. Tormey.
Following discussion, the Calendar of Meeting Dates was **AGREED** by the Members.

Standing Orders Review

An update was given to the Members by Mary Egan, Director of Services, People, Corporate & Digital Services.
Following discussion, the proposed change in relation to Standing Order **27** was **AGREED**.
The proposed change in relation to Standing Order **33** was **NOT AGREED**.
The proposed change in relation to Standing Order **42** was **NOT AGREED**.
The proposed change in relation to Standing Order **50** was **AGREED**.
The proposed change in relation to Standing Order **53** was **NOT AGREED**.
The proposed change in relation to Standing Order **54** was **AGREED**.
Due to time constraints, it was **AGREED** to defer this item to the next meeting of the Organisation, Procedures & Finance Committee to be held on Monday, 8th June.

Finance Matters

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

A presentation was given to the Members by Oliver Hunt, Director of Finance.
Following discussion, the report was **NOTED.**

Report on all Strategic Financial Matters facing the Council
A presentation was given to the Members by Oliver Hunt, Director of Finance.
Following discussion, the report was **NOTED**.

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ITEM NO. 18b

REPORT OF HOWTH/MALAHIDE SERVICES B AREA COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 6TH MAY 2026

APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING

APPLICATION 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
Georgian Hamlet Residents Association GA-003918	€2,881	Gazebo Hire Lawn mower & strimmer Gardening Materials Estate Stone First Aid Box	N	N/A	2,588

Malahide Seniors' Social GA-003885	€2,280	Hall Hire for 13 Senior Events Transport Insurance	Y	2025 - €720 2024 - €1514	€1,490
Sutton Bridge Club GA-003921	€736	Insurance, Bridge Gaming Equipment, Bridge Gaming & Print Materials	N	N/A	€736
Howth Tidy Towns GA-003296	€2,250	2 Gazebos Compost Workshop, Regenerative Farming & GYO Food & supply, Howth Foraging & Guests	N	N/A	€1,150

It was **proposed** by Councillor J. Hopkins **seconded** by Councillor C. Haughey 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
Sutton Lawn Tennis Club	€1,500	Additional Gym Equipment - 3 x Free Weight Wall racks with adjustable benches	Y	2025, €4,000	€1,500 Recommended as additional gym equipment allows the club to hold additional classes for over 65s
Howth Yacht Club	€4,000	Purchase of 420 dinghies for junior training	N	N/A	€4,000 Recommended, purchase will increase activity amongst teen members and allow for further upskilling and training
Smith Nirvana Badminton Club	€1,500 – Essential Equipment Grant	Purchase of quality rackets and shuttlecocks for training aids for general club use and training to support the running of the club	N	N/A	€1,500 recommended for essential club equipment

Smith Nirvana Badminton Club	€500 – Activity Funding Grant	Cost towards rent and supplies for a 'Come and Try' social play, Community Activity	N	N/A	€500 Recommended as activity funding, as it is hoped it will act as introduction to the committee and recruit new members of all ages

It was **proposed by** Councillor J. Hopkins **seconded** by Councillor J. Guerin 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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ITEM NO. 18c

REPORT OF BLANCHARDSTOWN-MULHUDDART/CASTLEKNOCK/ONGAR SERVICES B AREA COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 7TH MAY 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
Huntstown Crafty Crafters GA-003904	€3,000	Room Rental, Tutor, Craft Supplier, Additional Equipment, Cutting Machine	Y	2025 - €3,000	€2,778.50

St Brigid's GAA Club Ga Ga Man Shed GA-003906	€2,859	Group Laptop, Group Printer, First Aid Kit, Insurance, Bus Hire	N	N/A	€2,718.15
Delwood Residents Association GA-003898	€2,000	Genie Macker's, Entertainment Line Painting & Wristband Activities, Gazebo, Sound System, Red Cross – event cover	N	N/A	€1,467.01
Littlepace Residents Association GA-003911	€1,160	Insurance, Flowers, Leaf Blower, Tools, Power Washing	Y	2025 - €1,745.75 2024 - €2,144.00	€1,160.00
Variety Show Group GA-003900	€3,900	Speaker, Backdrop, Stage Set-up, Promotion, Music & Venue	N	N/A	€3,000.00
Briarswood Huntstown Lawn & Woodlands Residents Association GA-003895	€3,000	Insurance, Printing Materials, AED and Training, Battery-Powered Strimmer	Y	2025 - €2,970.51	€3,000.00

181st Dublin Castaheany/Ongar Scout Group GA-003914	€2,996	Tents, Ground Sheets, Rope, Travel Stove & Pot, Fishing Gear	Y	2025 - €2,986.00	€2,996.00
Castlefield Wood Residents Association GA-003869	€2,025	Insurance, Santa, Popcorn Machine, Kids Entertainer, Gazebo	Y	2025 - €800	€1,752.00
Lambourn Residents Association GA-003901	€2,977	Green keeping & Paint Equipment, Games, Santa, Entertainment First Aid, Insurance, BBQ, Library Box	Y	2025 - €2,808.30 2024 - €2,894.95	€2,910.00
St Brigid's Community Centre GA-003881	€2,509	Folding Tables	Y	2024 - €2,918.57	€2,509.00
St Brigid's Senior Choir GA-003880	€2,786	Room Rental Chairs X 20	N	N/A	€2,786.40
African Advocacy Ireland GA-003695	€5,460	Insurance Web-development	Y	2024 - €780	€1,000.00
Luttrellstown Residents Association GA-003891	€2,965	Insurance Games & Inflatables	Y	2025 - €2,785	€2,965.00

It was **proposed by** Councillor J. Walsh **seconded** by Councillor M. McCamley that this Committee recommends that the County Council **APPROVE** of the Community 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	Summary of What Funding is Required For –	Has this Group Applied for Funding	Total Amount of Funding Group	Total Amount of Funding Proposed by the

	of this Application	Breakdown of Items	Previously? Y/N	has Received to Date and Broken Down by Year	Fingal Executive and rationale for Approval
Fingal Badminton	€1,500	The club wants to use the Essential Sports Equipment Grant to purchase shuttlecocks and rackets.	Y	2025 - €1,500	I recommend that the club are allocated €1,500. The grant will allow the club to increase participation numbers and give more children the opportunity to try the sport
Blanchardstown Athletic Football Club	€1,500	The Club wants to use the Essential Sports Equipment Grant to purchase footballs, cones, training poles, bibs, goal nets, and a first-aid kit.	N		I recommend that the club are allocated €1,500. The grant will allow the club to increase participation and grow.
Castleknock Hurling and Football Club	€1,500	The Club wants to use the Essential Sports Equipment	N		I recommend that the club are allocated €1,500. The

		Grant to purchase footballs, training poles, first-aid supplies, and bulk sunscreen dispensers.			grant will allow the club to increase participation numbers in their summer camps and protect children from the sun.

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

Signed: _____

Councillor E. Carbone-Mangan
Area Chairperson

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FINANCIAL MATTERS

No Business

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ITEM NO. 20

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: LD 1625

30th April 2026

To: **Each Member of the Council**

Re: **Notice of Renewal of leases in respect of 3 no. sites at the following locations: (a) Meakstown, Finglas Co Dublin, (b) Cappogue, Finglas, Co. Dublin and (c) The Hill, Malahide, Co Dublin, to Vantage Towers Limited, Mountainview, Leopardstown, Dublin 18.**

Chief Executive Order EETD/139/2017 authorised the renewal of leases to Vodafone Ireland Limited/Eudokia limited t/a Netshare Ireland at various sites, including at the following locations: (a) Meakstown, Finglas Co Dublin, (b) Cappogue, Finglas, Co. Dublin (c) The Hill, Malahide, Co Dublin for the purpose of providing telecommunications infrastructure.

The relevant leases expired on 31st December 2023 and are now being extended for a period of 9 years to 31st December 2032.

It is proposed to renew the lease of land in respect of the 3 no. listed sites (a) Meakstown, Finglas, Co. Dublin, (b) Cappogue, Finglas, Co. Dublin and (c) The Hill, Malahide, Co Dublin to Vantage Towers Limited, Mountainview, Leopardstown, Dublin 18 on the following terms and conditions:

1. The purpose of the leases is for the provision of telecommunications infrastructure at each of the 3 no. locations listed.

2. The existing leases will be extended for a total period of 9 years until 31st December 2032.

3. The lands subject to the lease agreements are shown on:

Drawing Number	Location
LA-7095-25	(a) Meakstown, Finglas Co Dublin
LA-7097-25	(b) Cappogue, Finglas, Co. Dublin
LA-7098-25	(c) The Hill, Malahide, Co Dublin

4. The rent due to the Council in respect of each of the existing leases shall be in the total amount of €15,000.00 (fifteen thousand Euro) per annum with no rent increase for additional operators.

5. That all equipment be removed at the expense of Vantage Towers Limited and the sites returned to their original conditions at the end of the lease period (unless leases are renewed) or on termination of the leases.

6. Vantage Towers Limited to indemnify the Council against any claims, actions or demands arising out of their occupation of the Council's land and to have satisfactory insurances in place before signing the leases.

7. Vantage Towers Limited to be responsible for the Council's costs in this matter.

8. Any developments subject to the necessary planning and statutory requirements.

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

The land to be disposed was acquired as set out below:

(a) Meakstown, Finglas, Co. Dublin from James & Vera Brady for roads purposes;
(b) Cappogue, Finglas, Co. Dublin from Bryce Thompson IV from roads purposes;
(c) The Hill, Malahide, Co. Dublin from The County Health District of Dublin for water services purposes and from Joseph & Colette McDonnell for access purposes.

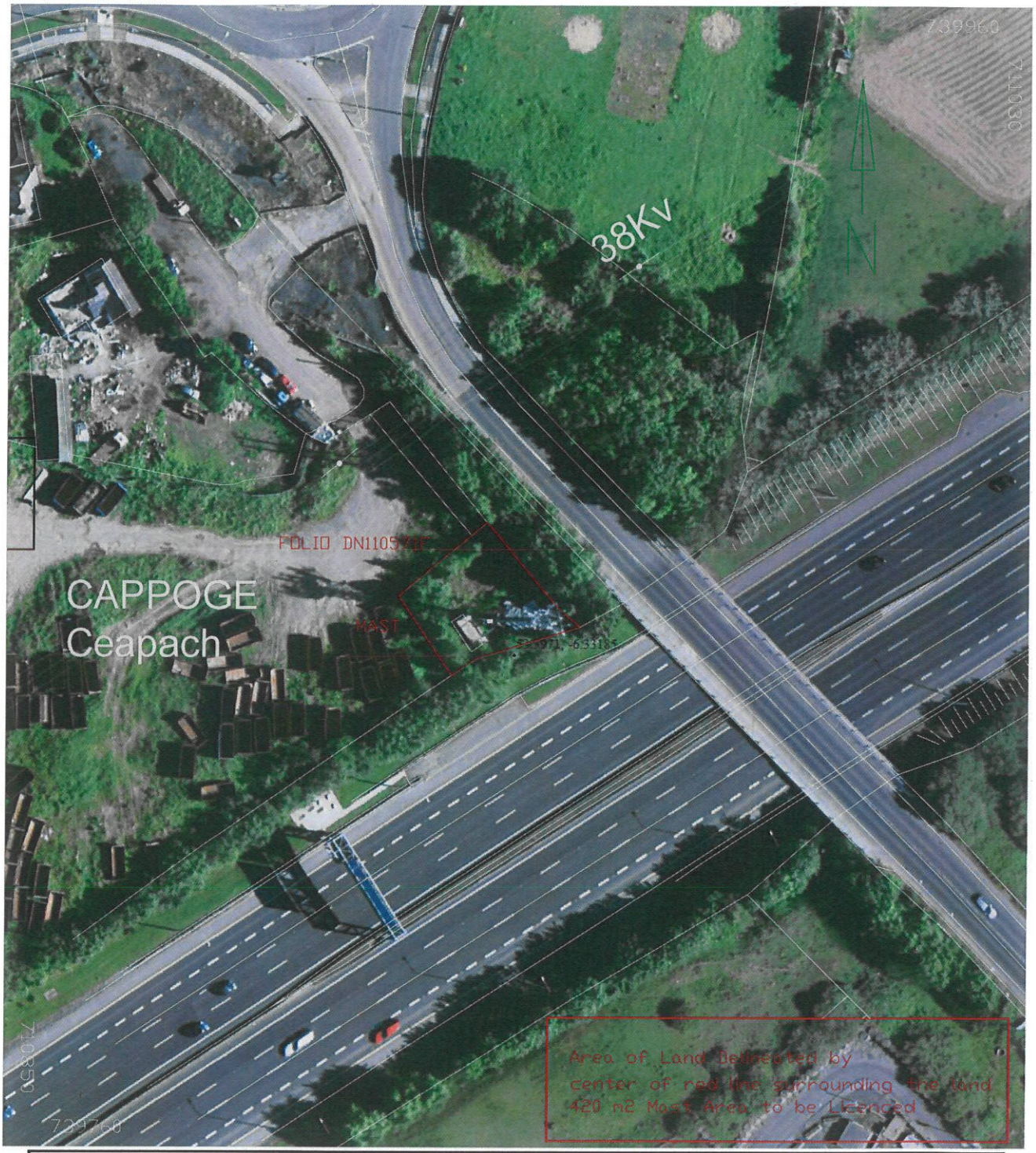
Notice is hereby given that a report on this matter will be included on the agenda for the Howth Malahide Area Committee (Services B) meeting scheduled to be held on Wednesday 6th May 2026 and the Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee (Services B) meeting scheduled to be held on Thursday 7th May 2026 and this matter will be included on the Council Agenda for consideration at the meeting of Fingal County Council to be held on Monday, 11th May 2026.

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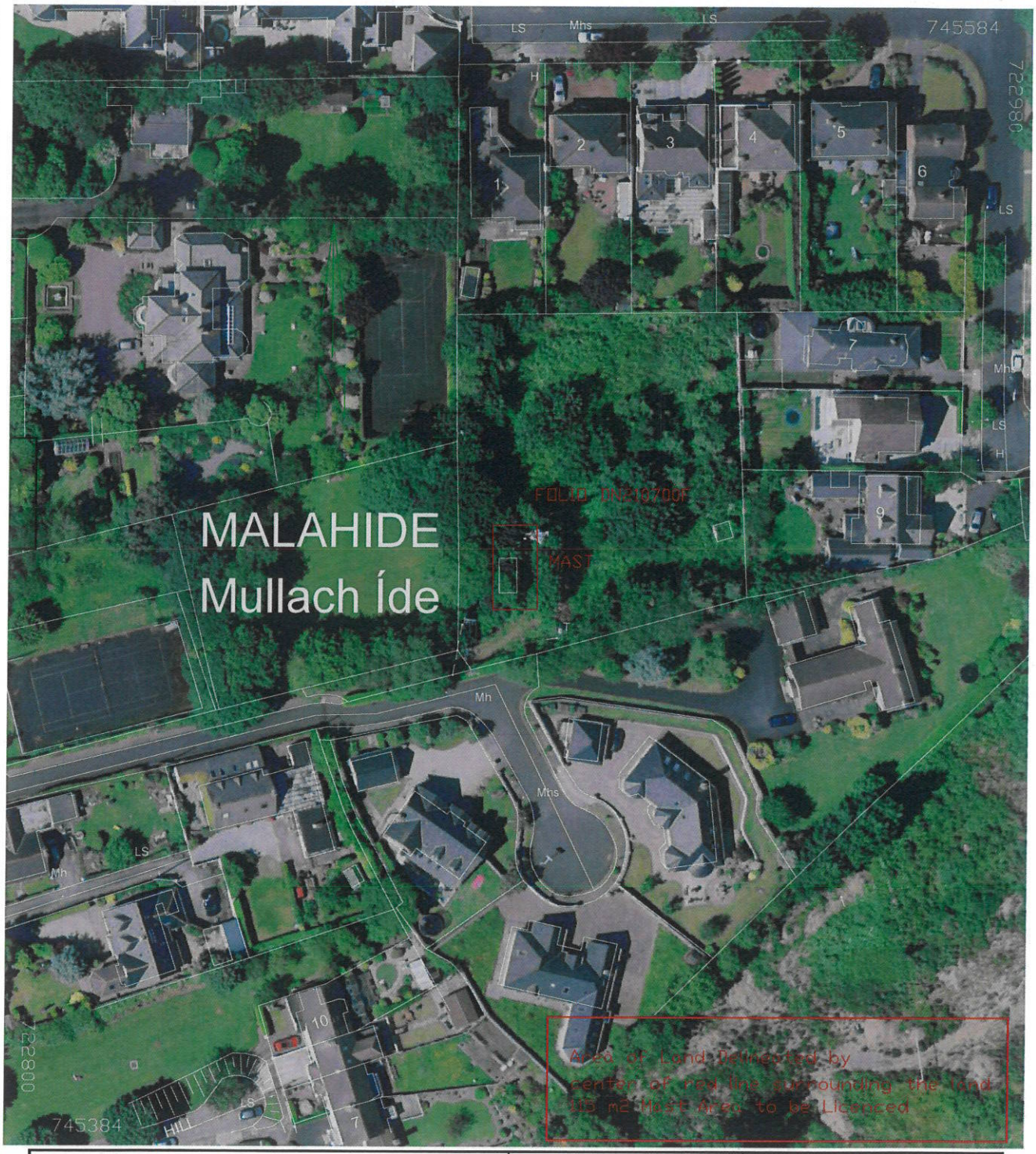
Senior Executive Officer,
Economic, Community &
Cultural Development Department.



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		Date: 09 Oct 2025	Drawn By: LJM
		Scale: 1/1000	Checked:
Project: Land at Meakstown		Dev. File No:	Job No. SM/95/25
Land to be licenced to:		Gross Area :	
		Road Area :	
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		Date: 09 Oct 2025	Drawn By: LJM
		Scale: 1/1000	Checked:
		Dev. File No:	Job No. SM/97/25
Project: Land at Cappoge		Gross Area :	
Land to be licenced to:		Road Area :	
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		Date: 09 Oct 2025	Drawn By: LJM
		Scale: 1/1000	Checked:
		Dev. File No:	Job No. SM/98/25
Project: Land at The Hill Malahide		Gross Area :	
Land to be licenced to:		Road Area :	
		Nett Area :	

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ITEM NO. 20b

PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF FEE SIMPLE INTEREST OF DWELLINGS

ADDRESS	LESSEE	APPLICANT / PURCHASER	DETAILS OF LEASE	ANNUAL GROUND RENT	PURCHASE OF FEE SIMPLE
36 Inbhir Ide, Malahide, Co. Dublin	Eamonn Slevin & Nora Slevin	Robert Slevin & Frances O'Callaghan as LPR's of Eamonn Slevin & Nora Slevin (deceased)	150 years from 10/05/1975	£0.05 = €0.06 x 30 = €1.80	€1.80 +€130.00 = €131.80

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ITEM NO. 21

DECLARATION OF ROADS

No Business

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COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

CHIEF EXECUTIVE REPORT
11 MAY 2026

Report pursuant to Part XI of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) for the Proposed Construction of a Public Swimming Pool Building with associated changing facilities and site works on 0.589 hectares of land at Castlelands, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin.

Public Swimming Pool Building with associated changing facilities and site works on 0.589 hectares of land at Castlelands, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin

CHIEF EXECUTIVE REPORT

Chief Executive Report prepared in accordance with section 179 (3) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended)

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PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Public Notice

In accordance with Section 179 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), Fingal County Council - Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel & Sports Department, gave notice of the proposed construction of a Public Swimming Pool Building with associated changing facilities and site works on 0.589 hectares of land at Castlelands, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin. The notice was published in the Dublin Gazette on **5th February 2026**, and Site Notices were erected on the same date.

- ***Refer Appendix A1 for wording of the Public Notices.***

Public Display Period

Plans and particulars of the proposed development were made available for inspection during public opening hours from 5th February 2026 up to and including 6th March 2026 at the following locations:

- The Offices of Fingal County Council, County Hall, Main Street, Swords, Co. Dublin, K67 X8Y2 during normal opening hours (Monday to Thursday 9.00am to 5.00pm and Friday 9.00am to 4.30pm excluding Bank & Public Holidays)
- Fingal County Council, Balbriggan Carnegie Library, George's Square, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin, K32 TW27 (during library opening hours)

Plans and particulars of the proposed development were also made available on the Fingal County Council website: Public Consultation Portal

Observation Period

Submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development dealing with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area in which the development would be situated, were available to be made either online through our website https://consult.fingal.ie/en/browse or in writing to:- Sports Programme Administrative Manager, Sports Division, Dept of Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel & Sports, Fingal County Council, Civic Offices, Grove Road, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15, D15 W638.

The deadline for submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development was the 23rd of March 2026. The period during which submissions or observations in respect of the proposed development may be made to the Local Authority has expired.

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

(i) describe the nature and extent of the proposed development and the principal features thereof and shall include an appropriate plan of the development and appropriate map of the relevant area,

The Site

The proposed development site includes: 0.589 hectares of land at Balbriggan, adjacent to the Castlelands SHD and along the future Castlelands Link Road. The site is approximately 350 metres from the Skerries Road to the east of the site and 500 metres from the Irish Sea.

- ***Refer Appendix B for the Site Location Map Drawing Number: FIN-BOX-03-XX-D-A-0300***

The Proposal

Fingal County Council (Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel & Sports Department) are proposing the following:

Balbriggan Swimming Pool

i. Construction of a single-storey public swimming pool building, comprising of:
   a) a 25-metre, 6-lane swimming pool with viewing gallery;
   b) associated changing facilities including a village changing area, group changing rooms, accessible changing rooms, showers, and toilets;
   c) reception lobby and waiting area, staff offices/facilities, meeting rooms, and storage areas;
   d) plant room, chemical storage, and buggy store; and
   e) photovoltaic (PV) panels on the roof level;

ii. provision of a new vehicular access from the permitted neighbourhood street to the west (as permitted under Reg. Ref. F21A/0576);

iii. provision of 41 no. car parking spaces (including 5no. EV charging spaces, 2 no. accessible spaces, and 1 no. combined EV/accessible space), 5no. motorcycle parking spaces, a covered bicycle shelter (including 40 no. bicycle parking spaces), provision for e-bike and scooter charging, bike repair station, and staff bicycle lockers;

iv. provision of bus/coach and car set-down areas and a dedicated service bay;

v. provision of shared pedestrian and cycle routes from the north and south of the site; and

vi. all associated site works necessary to facilitate the development, including level adjustments, hard and soft landscaping, bin store, ESB substation, public lighting, boundary treatments, and drainage works including SuDS basin.

Design of the Proposed Development

The proposal, as made available for inspection, is noted and linked in the following documents:

Document	ID No.	Size	Produced by
Schedule of Drawings & Documents	N/A	A4	HPDC
Planning Report	N/A	A4	HPDC
Site Location Map	FIN-BOX-03-XX-D-A-0300	A1	Box Architects
Site Notice Locations	FIN-BOX-03-XX-D-A-0304		Box Architects
Site Plan Pre Link Road Development	FIN-BOX-03-XX-D-A-0301		Box Architects
Existing Site Plan Sections	FIN-BOX-03-XX-D-A-0302		Box Architects
Site Plan Post Link Road Development	FIN-BOX-03-XX-D-A-0303		Box Architects
Proposed Site Plan	FIN-BOX-03-XX-D-A-0310	A1	Box Architects
Proposed Site Plan Sections	FIN-BOX-03-XX-D-A-0311	A1	Box Architects
Proposed Ground Floor Plan	FIN-BOX-03-XX-D-A-0312	A1	Box Architects
Proposed Roof Plan	FIN-BOX-03-XX-D-A-0313	A1	Box Architects
Proposed Section 1 and 2	FIN-BOX-03-XX-D-A-0316	A1	Box Architects
Proposed Section 3 and 4	FIN-BOX-03-XX-D-A-0317	A1	Box Architects
West Elevation	FIN-BOX-03-XX-D-A-0320	A1	Box Architects
South Elevation	FIN-BOX-03-XX-D-A-0321	A1	Box Architects
East Elevation	FIN-BOX-03-XX-D-A-0322	A1	Box Architects
North Elevation	FIN-BOX-03-XX-D-A-0323	A1	Box Architects
Proposed Contractor Compound	FIN-BOX-03-XX-D-A-0330	A1	Box Architects
Proposed Substation	FIN-BOX-03-XX-D-A-0390	A1	Box Architects
Design Statement	N/A	A4	Box Architects
Landscape General Arrangement Drawing	UG-3109-LAN-GA-DRW-01	A1	Urban Green
Landscape – Constraints Drawing	UG-3109-LAN-LW-DRW-02	A1	Urban Green
Drainage Strategy Report	N/A	A4	Adept
Flood Risk Assessment Report	N/A	A4	Adept
Drainage Strategy Drawing	200.24052-ACE-00-ZZ-D-C-1000	A1	Adept
Transport Technical Note	N/A	A4	SK Transport
AA Screening Report	N/A	A4	Traynor
EIAR Screening Report	N/A	A4	Traynor
Invasive Species Report	N/A	A4	Traynor
Bat Survey Report	N/A	A4	Traynor
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3D Visualisations (CGI)	N/A	A1	Box Architects

Refer to Appendix B for links to Plans and Particulars including drawings, reports and surveys, made available for inspection.

Design Intent Statement

The proposed development envisions a modern, community-focused swimming pool that responds to the growing needs of the Castlelands-Balbriggan area. The design seeks to create a building that caters to the needs of varied users, and promotes health, well-being and social inclusion. The proposed Swimming Pool is considered to be a much-needed amenity, carefully planned in alignment with the wider Castlelands Masterplan, the FCC Development Plan and other strategic policies.

The project presents an opportunity to enhance and expand the public infrastructure in Balbriggan to serve both existing residents and future population with a high-quality, accessible amenity. The main objectives of the scheme are provided below:

High-quality community swimming facility:

The primary objective of the scheme is to deliver a modern, high-quality swimming pool that responds to the needs of the growing population as a vital, long awaited community facility, delivering significant health, social and recreational benefits for the communities in North Fingal.

Promoting universal accessibility and inclusive design:

The scheme prioritises inclusivity by ensuring that all users, regardless of age or ability, can access and enjoy the facility. This includes step-free access, accessible changing rooms, pool lifts, and clear intuitive circulation throughout the building. The design promotes safety and ease of use, creating an environment that is welcoming for all members of the community. Additionally, clear access points, well-defined routes, and passive surveillance contribute to a sense of security. The overall design intends to foster a positive user experience and community engagement.

Enhancing landscape and biodiversity:

The landscape strategy aims to create an attractive, functional, and ecologically rich setting for the development. Native planting, wildflower meadows, and rain gardens are introduced to support biodiversity and improve visual amenity. External areas are designed to accommodate movement, rest, and informal gathering, enhancing the overall user experience and strengthening the connection between the building and its natural surroundings.

Optimising sustainable design and climate resilience:

The use of modular, aboveground, lightweight structural systems delivers benefits in terms of constructability, value for money, operability and maintenance. Internally, spaces are organised to maximise functionality and efficiency. Furthermore, the building incorporates energy-efficient systems, high-performance fabric, and green roof technology. A Sustainable Drainage System (SuDS), including permeable paving and attenuation features, will manage surface water effectively while reducing runoff and improving water quality, aligning with best practice in environmental design and FCC climate objectives.

EVALUATE DEVELOPMENT

(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,

Internal Planning Consultation

Internal Planning Consultations were conducted with Fingal County Council, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department (P&SI).

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

- Drawings and documents prepared;
- Principle of development;
- Impacts on visual and residential amenity;
- Transportation and access;
- Parks and green infrastructure;
- Water services and drainage;
- Appropriate Assessment Screening;
- Environmental Impact Assessment Screening; and
- Other considerations.

A planning report was compiled by the Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department which notes that:

- Water Services Department: No objections, subject to recommendations
- Biodiversity Section: No objections, subject to recommendations
- Parks and Green Infrastructure Section: No objections, subject to recommendations
- Transportation Planning: No objections, subject to recommendations
- Community Development: No comments

The proposed works will also include a viewing gallery, changing areas, café, offices, parking spaces, bike lockers, new vehicular access, landscaping, and supporting drainage infrastructure.

The proposed development is considered to accord with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area. A number of recommendations and technical requirements were set out prior to public display, including:

- Scaled site plans (1:500), elevations, plans, sections (1:100), and details of finishes and materials.
- Revise building design for higher aesthetic quality, better materials, colours and landmark status.
- Stage 1 Road Safety Audit, DMURS-compliant entrance details, coach swept path analysis, parking adjustments (motorcycle/bin relocation, accessible spots).
- Site Specific Flood Risk Assessment.
- Enhance landscape, showing services, lighting, trees in the car park, native hedges/seeds, and maintenance schedule.
- Address biodiversity with updated EIA/AA reports and ecology surveys.

Following the recommendations set out in the Planning Officer's Report, the proposed changes were incorporated into the design. The planning documentation was subsequently reviewed again by the Planning Officer prior to public display, and an Addendum Report was prepared. This Addendum confirms that the updated design presented for Part 8 addresses the issues identified in the Pre-Planning Report. It notes that:

- The plans and particulars prepared for the proposed project are in accordance with the requirements under Article 83(1) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended).
- The updated proposed building is a high quality design where the design approach considers the end users. Elevations include tall windows, consistent spacing of fenestration and a consistent design language.
- Drainage, transport and landscape elements now reflect the recommendations made by the various departments.
- No Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is required.

The Addendum Report concludes that the scheme meets the planning, infrastructure, and environmental requirements and that it is suitable to proceed subject to the normal procedures under Part XI of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended). The proposed development is therefore considered to be consistent with the proper planning and development of the area.

Planning Report Conclusion Summary:

The proposed development is considered in accordance with the 'OS' land-use zoning objective and the applicable policies and objectives of the current Development Plan and relevant national and regional planning policy. The proposed development is considered to accord with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

(iia) include the screening determination on why an environmental impact assessment is not required and specify the features, if any, of the proposed development and the measures, if any, envisaged to avoid or prevent what might have otherwise been significant adverse effects on the environment of the development,]

Environmental Impact Assessment Screening and Determination

Traynor Environmental Ltd, on behalf of Fingal County Council, have carried out a Preliminary Examination of the development proposal, pursuant to Article 120 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended). In accordance with Article 120(1)(b)(ii) of the 2001 Regulations, Traynor Environmental Ltd, on behalf of Fingal County Council, have concluded, based on this preliminary examination, that there is no significant and realistic doubt regarding the likelihood of significant effects on the environment arising from the proposed development.

Traynor Environmental Ltd, on behalf of Fingal County Council, have, in accordance with, *inter alia*, Articles 120(1)(b)(ii) and 120(1A), therefore caused to be prepared the information specified in Schedule 7A of the 2001 Regulations. This includes information on the characteristics of the proposed development and its likely significant effects on the environment, including, where relevant, information on how the available results of other relevant assessments of the effects on the environment, carried out pursuant to European Union legislation other than the Environmental Impact Assessment Directive, have been taken into account.

Traynor Environmental Ltd, on behalf of Fingal County Council, have also carried out an examination of the development for the purposes of a screening determination, as documented in the *Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Determination Report* prepared by Fingal County Council Senior Executive Planner Patrick O'Connor. Arising from this examination, Fingal County Council has concluded that there is no real likelihood of significant effects on the environment arising from the proposed development.

A copy of the EIA Screening Report is included in Appendix A2.

Accordingly, Fingal County Council, as the competent authority, has determined, pursuant to Article 120 of the 2001 Regulations, that an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) will not be required in relation to the proposed development, which comprises the construction of a public swimming pool and ancillary facilities at Castlelands, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin.

For the purposes of carrying out the above functions and making the determination relating to EIA screening in relation to the proposed development, the Council confirms that these functions and determinations have been carried out and made by person(s) within the Council who have not been involved in, and are independent from, the promotion of the development proposal.

A copy of the EIA Screening Determination of Fingal County Council dated 3rd February 2026, is included in Appendix A3.

Appropriate Assessment Screening and Determination

The proposed scheme has been the subject of a screening assessment completed by Traynor Environmental Ltd for both the Impact on Designated Sites (Appropriate Assessment) and an assessment of the potential environmental impact of the scheme. Traynor Environmental Ltd, on behalf of Fingal County Council, in accordance with Article 250 of the 2001 Regulations, carried out an Appropriate Assessment Screening of the proposed development to assess, in view of best scientific knowledge, if the proposed development, individually or in combination with other plans or projects, would be likely to have a significant effect on any European Site(s) in view of the Conservation Objectives of same.

Arising from that Appropriate Assessment Screening, Traynor Environmental Ltd, on behalf of Fingal County Council, have concluded 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. In reaching this conclusion Traynor Environmental Ltd, on behalf of Fingal County Council has considered the entirety of the proposed development, as detailed in the relevant plans and particulars.

Fingal County Council has considered the *Appropriate Assessment Screening Determination Report* prepared by the Fingal County Council Senior Executive Planner Patrick O'Connor which considers the relevant Europea Syes, and the Council agrees with the screening assessment detailed in the said Determination Report, noting:

"Fingal County Council has examined, analysed and evaluated the content of the proposed development at the Castlelands site, including the information and assessments presented in the screening for appropriate assessment report and are in agreement with the conclusion of the screening, with respect to the potential for the proposed project to have a likely significant effect on any European sites.

Fingal County Council has determined that in light of best scientific knowledge, including in particular the nature of the predicted effects that may rise from the project, and in the absence of any measures intended to avoid or reduce any harmful effects on European sites, that the project is not likely to have a significant effect on the Qualifying Interests of any European sites, either alone or in combination with other plans or projects. In reaching this determination, consideration has been given to the scale of the woks, the distance and weak hydrological links to any Designated Sites and considering the evidence that the site or nearby sites are not utilised by SCI that may be significantly affected by the proposal."

A copy of the AA Screening Report is included in Appendix A4.

For the purposes of carrying out the aforesaid functions and determination relating to Screening/ Appropriate Assessment in relation to the development proposal, the Council confirms that the said functions and determination have been carried out/made by person(s) within the Council who have had no involvement in, and who are independent from, the promotion of the development proposal.

A copy of the AA Screening Determination of Fingal County Council dated 3rd February 2026 is included in Appendix A5.

THIRD-PARTY SUBMISSIONS

List of Persons or Bodies

(iii) list the persons or bodies who made submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development in accordance with the regulations under subsection (2),

There were 148 submissions (incl. 1 joint submission with multiple signatures) received which are listed below and can be found in detail at: Submissions

URN	Author	Type
FIN-C920-1	Niall Keady	Individual
FIN-C920-2	Denis Stephen Cullen	Individual
FIN-C920-3	Emma O Reilly	Individual
FIN-C920-4	Lorna Long	Individual
FIN-C920-5	Caroline Corrigan	Individual
FIN-C920-6	Oliver Dennis	Individual
FIN-C920-7	Antony O'Flaherty	Individual
FIN-C920-8	Amy Kelly	Individual
FIN-C920-9	Lauren Fernandes	Individual
FIN-C920-10	Anna Clarke	Individual
FIN-C920-11	Caela Duncan	Individual
FIN-C920-12	Ian Howley	Individual
FIN-C920-13	Warren Power	Individual
FIN-C920-14	Michelle McCarthy	Individual
FIN-C920-15	Sinead Kearns	Individual
FIN-C920-16	Laly Calderon	Individual
FIN-C920-17	Donna McGillivray	Individual
FIN-C920-18	Lorcán O'Toole	Individual
FIN-C920-19	Darren Downes	Individual
FIN-C920-20	Garrett Mullan	Individual
FIN-C920-21	Maria K	Individual
FIN-C920-22	Andrea Aparecida Meira Revoredo	Individual
FIN-C920-23	Vanessa Santos	Individual
FIN-C920-24	Eric Weldon	Individual
FIN-C920-25	Lyndsey Trainer	Individual
FIN-C920-26	Fernanda Cristina Haack	Individual
FIN-C920-27	Aisling Duff	Individual
FIN-C920-28	Aidan Whelan	Individual

URN	Author	Type
FIN-C920-29	Barry Gray Gray	Individual
FIN-C920-30	SHANE Kenny	Individual
FIN-C920-31	Garrett Mullan	Individual
FIN-C920-32	Lorraine Conway	Individual
FIN-C920-33	Ide Ni Liathain	Individual
FIN-C920-34	Andrea Devine	Individual
FIN-C920-35	Brendan Devine	Individual
FIN-C920-36	Eduardo Caramel	Individual
FIN-C920-37	Catherine Casey	Individual
FIN-C920-38	Martin Hughes	Individual
FIN-C920-39	Katie Kurelas	Individual
FIN-C920-40	Suzanne Reeves	Individual
FIN-C920-41	Breda Shankey	Individual
FIN-C920-42	Sinead Cassin	Individual
FIN-C920-43	Alan Corr	Individual
FIN-C920-44	Mario Kuhnert	Individual
FIN-C920-45	Simon Nugent	Individual
FIN-C920-46	Deirdre Kelly	Individual
FIN-C920-47	Stuart Humphreys	Individual
FIN-C920-48	Tricia Murray	Individual
FIN-C920-49	Emily O'Regan	Individual
FIN-C920-50	Ray Carney	Individual
FIN-C920-51	Joyce Loughnan	Individual
FIN-C920-52	Eimear Friel	Individual
FIN-C920-53	Finola McLoughlin	Individual
FIN-C920-54	Eileen Rooney	Individual
FIN-C920-55	Seamus Breathnach	Individual
FIN-C920-56	Mary McCann	Individual



URN	Author	Type
FIN-C920-57	Nicole Kiernan	Individual
FIN-C920-58	Barry Tiernan	Individual
FIN-C920-59	Aaron O Leary Doyle	Individual
FIN-C920-60	Councillor Darragh Butler	Individual/ Council member
FIN-C920-61	Tom Watson	Individual
FIN-C920-62	Gillian Farrelly	Individual
FIN-C920-63	Claire Conway	Individual
FIN-C920-64	Dom Gradwell	Individual
FIN-C920-65	Mark Hogan	Individual
FIN-C920-66	Elizabeth Healy	Individual
FIN-C920-67	Eoin Mulrooney	Individual
FIN-C920-68	Laura Rice	Individual
FIN-C920-69	Eoin Moore	Individual
FIN-C920-70	Lisa Kelly	Individual
FIN-C920-71	Paula O Neill	Individual
FIN-C920-72	David Flynn	Individual
FIN-C920-73	Wayne Doyle	Individual
FIN-C920-74	John O'Connor	Individual
FIN-C920-75	Éanna Kiely	Individual
FIN-C920-76	Cillian Moore	Individual
FIN-C920-77	Ray Conway	Individual
FIN-C920-78	Lauryn Flynn	Individual
FIN-C920-79	Collette Murphy	Individual
FIN-C920-80	Sebastian Gates	Individual
FIN-C920-81	Patrick Stafford	Individual
FIN-C920-82	David Murnaghan	Individual
FIN-C920-83	Christine Farrelly	Individual
FIN-C920-84	Darren Ferguson	Individual
FIN-C920-85	Deirdre Quinn	Individual
FIN-C920-86	Alan Dowdall	Individual
FIN-C920-87	Jennifer Cairns	Individual
FIN-C920-88	North Dublin Winter Swimming Club (NDWSC)	Organisation
FIN-C920-89	Keith Geraghty	Individual
FIN-C920-90	Martin Walsh	Individual
FIN-C920-91	Ian Butler	Individual
FIN-C920-92	Kevin O Sullivan	Individual
FIN-C920-93	John Culleton	Individual

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FIN-C920-96	Róisín Fitzpatrick	Individual
FIN-C920-97	Bernadette Woodcock	Individual
FIN-C920-98	Ken Jones	Individual
FIN-C920-99	Freda Jones	Individual
FIN-C920-100	Lisa Kurt	Individual
FIN-C920-101	Nigel Roy	Individual
FIN-C920-102	Amanda McGarry	Individual
FIN-C920-103	Lisa Brown	Individual
FIN-C920-104	Rebecca Walsh	Individual
FIN-C920-105	Tony O Farrell	Individual
FIN-C920-106	Gavan Farrell	Individual
FIN-C920-107	Alan Ryan	Individual
FIN-C920-108	Damon O'Shea	Individual
FIN-C920-109	A C	Individual
FIN-C920-110	Glenn Hannigan	Individual
FIN-C920-111	Marcus Ryan	Individual
FIN-C920-112	Caoimhe Ní Dhuibhinn	Individual
FIN-C920-113	Darragh Moore	Individual
FIN-C920-114	Simon Boyd	Individual
FIN-C920-115	Patrick Flanagan	Individual
FIN-C920-116	Deirdre Deegan	Individual
FIN-C920-117	Katie Walsh	Individual
FIN-C920-118	Sean Cairns	Individual
FIN-C920-119	Donal Doherty	Individual
FIN-C920-120	Dorothy Kane	Individual
FIN-C920-121	Sean J Keenan	Individual
FIN-C920-122	Jane Keenan	Individual
FIN-C920-123	Miriam Laffan	Individual
FIN-C920-124	Eilis Fallon	Individual
FIN-C920-125	Philippe Tap	Individual
FIN-C920-126	Julia Masotti	Individual
FIN-C920-127	Marta Piskorz-Kumar	Individual
FIN-C920-128	Pavlina McKenzie	Individual
FIN-C920-129	Mark Pearson	Individual
FIN-C920-130	Sanjeev Kumar	Individual
FIN-C920-131	Daniel Phillips	Individual
FIN-C920-132	Laly Calderon	Individual

FIN-C920-94	Peter Carroll	Individual
FIN-C920-95	Lochlann Walsh	Individual
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FIN-C920-135	Brendan McEvoy	Individual
FIN-C920-136	Campbell Scott	Individual
FIN-C920-137	Darina Dunne	Joint submission
FIN-C920-138	Jane Jackson	Individual
FIN-C920-139	Jason Campbell	Individual
FIN-C920-140	Kaman Iek	Individual
FIN-C920-141	Roy Jackson	Individual

FIN-C920-133	Trevor Hyland	Individual
FIN-C920-134	Keith Ryan	Individual
URN	**Author**	**Type**
FIN-C920-142	David Monaghan	Individual
FIN-C920-143	John Moore	Individual
FIN-C920-144	Paul Gillen	Individual
FIN-C920-145	Senator Lorraine Clifford-Lee	Individual /Public Representative
FIN-C920-146	Nina McGowan	Individual
FIN-C920-147	Cara Mulcahy	Individual
FIN-C920-148	KT Designs	Organisation

Summary of the Issues

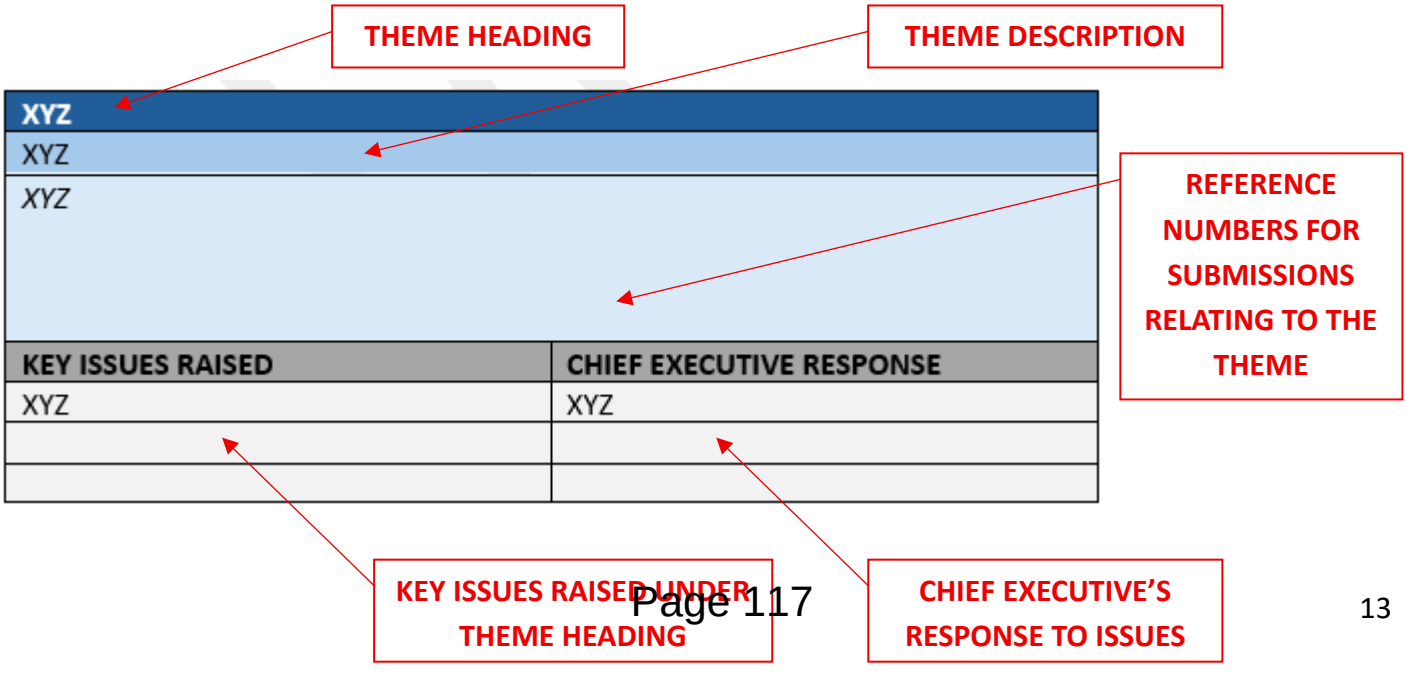
(iv) summarise the issues, with respect to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area in which the proposed development would be situated, raised in any such submissions or observations, and give the response of the F980[chief executive] thereto, and

Due to the volume of submissions/observations and the fact that many of the submissions/observations raised similar issues, for the purposes of the CE report, these have been grouped together under themed headings identified, in Appendix C.

Issues raised are summarised in Appendix C along with the full Chief Executive's Response.

The submissions and observations have been published in full on Fingal County Council's consultation portal at https://consult.fingal.ie/en/node/41056/submissions

The format of the summary included in Appendix E of this report is explained in the figure below:



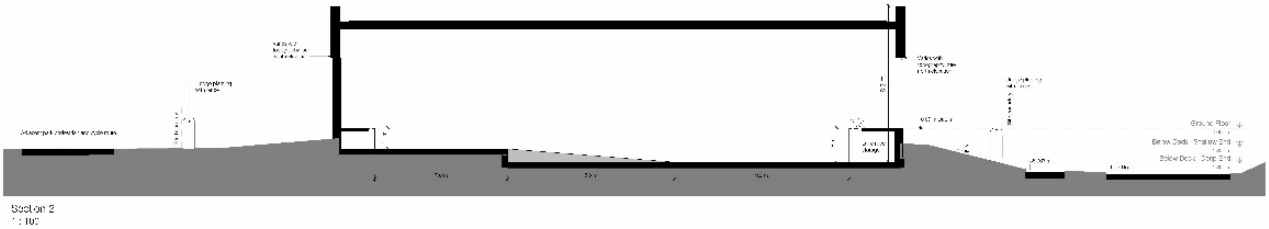
RECOMMENDATION

(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.

Taking on board the submissions received, the following amendments have been suggested:

The depth of the swimming pool will change from a 1.35m constant depth originally proposed. It is now proposed that the pool depth will range from 1.10m in the shallow end to 1.80m in the deep end. This will allow greater scope for water-based activities and sports, while maintaining user-friendly depths for learners and experienced swimmers alike.

The proposed amendment is described in revised Section 2 drawing below: FIN-BOX-SK15



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Pool Section with Deep End

It is recommended that the Council proceed with the development as amended.

A presentation dealing with the proposal will be available at the full council meeting.

APPENDICES

Appendix A Notice of Development

Appendix A1 Notices of Proposed Development

(Notices can be accessed by clicking the links below)

Document / Link	ID No.	Size	Produced by
Site Notice	N/A	A4	HPDC
Newspaper Notice	N/A	A3	HPDC

Appendix A2 Copy of EIA Screening Report

(EIA Screening Report can be accessed by clicking the following link: EIAR Screening Report)

Appendix A3 Copy of Fingal County Council EIA Screening Determination

(EIA Screening Determination can be accessed by clicking the following link: EIA Determination)

Appendix A4 Copy of AA Screening Report

(AA Screening Report can be accessed by clicking the following link: AA Screening Report)

Appendix A5 Copy of Fingal County Council AA Screening Determination

(AA Screening Determination can be accessed by clicking the following link: AA Determination)

Appendix B Plans and Particulars

Document	ID No.	Size	Produced by
Schedule of Drawings & Documents	N/A	A4	HPDC
Planning Report	N/A	A4	HPDC
Site Location Map	FIN-BOX-03-XX-D-A-0300	A1	Box Architects
Site Notice Locations	FIN-BOX-03-XX-D-A-0304		Box Architects
Site Plan Pre Link Road Development	FIN-BOX-03-XX-D-A-0301		Box Architects
Existing Site Plan Sections	FIN-BOX-03-XX-D-A-0302		Box Architects
Site Plan Post Link Road Development	FIN-BOX-03-XX-D-A-0303		Box Architects
Proposed Site Plan	FIN-BOX-03-XX-D-A-0310	A1	Box Architects
Proposed Site Plan Sections	FIN-BOX-03-XX-D-A-0311	A1	Box Architects
Proposed Ground Floor Plan	FIN-BOX-03-XX-D-A-0312	A1	Box Architects
Proposed Roof Plan	FIN-BOX-03-XX-D-A-0313	A1	Box Architects
Proposed Section 1 and 2	FIN-BOX-03-XX-D-A-0316	A1	Box Architects
Proposed Section 3 and 4	FIN-BOX-03-XX-D-A-0317	A1	Box Architects
West Elevation	FIN-BOX-03-XX-D-A-0320	A1	Box Architects
South Elevation	FIN-BOX-03-XX-D-A-0321	A1	Box Architects
East Elevation	FIN-BOX-03-XX-D-A-0322	A1	Box Architects
North Elevation	FIN-BOX-03-XX-D-A-0323	A1	Box Architects
Proposed Contractor Compound	FIN-BOX-03-XX-D-A-0330	A1	Box Architects
Proposed Substation	FIN-BOX-03-XX-D-A-0390	A1	Box Architects
Design Statement	N/A	A4	Box Architects
Landscape General Arrangement Drawing	UG-3109-LAN-GA-DRW-01	A1	Urban Green
Landscape – Constraints Drawing	UG-3109-LAN-LW-DRW-02	A1	Urban Green
Drainage Strategy Report	N/A	A4	Adept
Flood Risk Assessment Report	N/A	A4	Adept
Drainage Strategy Drawing	200.24052-ACE-00-ZZ-D-C-1000	A1	Adept
Transport Technical Note	N/A	A4	SK Transport
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3D Visualisations (CGI)	N/A	A1	Box Architects

Appendix C CE Response to Submissions raised during the Observation Period

SUMMARY OF THE ISSUES RAISED IN SUBMISSIONS OF OBSERVATIONS MADE DURING THE STATUTORY CONSULTATION PERIOD AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S RESPONSE

BALBRIGGAN SWIMMNG POOL AND ANCILLARY FACILITIES

In accordance with the Section 179(3)(b)(iv) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) (the 2000 Act), for the purposes of the Chief Executive's report (prepared in accordance with section 179(3)(a) of the 2000 Act), the issues raised in all submissions and observations received during the statutory public consultation period, before the closing date on the 23rd of March 2026 (which have been published in full at https://consult.fingal.ie/en/node/36229/submissions) have been summarised below. Themed categories, with key issues identified in each overall category, and the Chief Executive's response to those submissions and observations is set out below.

EXPRESSIONS OF SUPPORT FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT	
Submissions endorsing the delivery of a public swimming facility, notwithstanding the suggestions for refinement. The community has expressed the long wait and anticipation for this development.	
FIN-C920-1, FIN-C920-2, FIN-C920-3, FIN-C920-4, FIN-C920-9, FIN-C920-10, FIN-C920-11, FIN-C920-12, FIN-C920-13, FIN-C920-14, FIN-C920-15, FIN-C920-51, FIN-C920-52, FIN-C920-53, FIN-C920-54, FIN-C920-55, FIN-C920-56, FIN-C920-57, FIN-C920-58, FIN-C920-59, FIN-C920-60, FIN-C920-61, FIN-C920-62, FIN-C920-63, FIN-C920-65, FIN-C920-67, FIN-C920-69, FIN-C920-70, FIN-C920-72, FIN-C920-78, FIN-C920-79, FIN-C920-90, FIN-C920-91, FIN-C920-93, FIN-C920-95, FIN-C920-97, FIN-C920-99, FIN-C920-102, FIN-C920-106, FIN-C920-107, FIN-C920-108, FIN-C920-109, FIN-C920-113, FIN-C920-115, FIN-C920-116, FIN-C920-117, FIN-C920-120, FIN-C920-123, FIN-C920-127, FIN-C920-128, FIN-C920-129, FIN-C920-130, FIN-C920-131, FIN-C920-132, FIN-C920-135, FIN-C920-137, FIN-C920-138, FIN-C920-139, FIN-C920-140, FIN-C920-141, FIN-C920-142, FIN-C920-143, FIN-C920-144, FIN-C920-145, FIN-C920-146, FIN-C920-147, FIN-C920-148	
KEY ISSUES RAISED	**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S RESPONSE**
Observers widely welcome the proposed swimming pool as a long-overdue community asset, considering this a brilliant opportunity for community facility. Many recognise Balbriggan's decades-long absence of public swimming facilities.	Fingal County Council welcomes the support for the proposed swimming pool and recognises the longstanding requirement for a local recreational infrastructure such as a public swimming facility in line with 'Commitment 5' of FCC Local Sport and Physical Activity Plan 2024-2029 to – 'Enhance our access to quality Sports and Physical Activity facilities'.
More than 50% of the observations frame the swimming pool as essential infrastructure. There is a strong consensus that the proposed facility with serve as a hub for North Fingal, reducing the current reliance on private and far off facilities.	The Council notes the view that the proposed development represents essential infrastructure and acknowledges its potential to serve the wider North Fingal area.

Various health and social benefits have been identified. The proposed swimming pool has been positioned as public health infrastructure, providing opportunities for aqua aerobics, family activities, and youth engagement.	The scheme represents a commitment to deliver recreational infrastructure in line with the Castlelands Masterplan 2021 and the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 and FCC Local Sport and Physical Activity Plan 2024-2029, enhancing health and social benefits.
Observers outline support and appreciation for sustainable design and the inclusion of renewable energy in the proposal. Regard for energy-efficiency in the design is also welcomed.	Fingal County Council notes the support and further outlines that the scheme is being BREEAM assessed with a target of 'Very Good' . FCC's commitment to sustainability and climate action is reflected in a number of energy efficient measures such as increased levels of insulation, all electric systems, no local carbon emissions, low and zero carbon technologies, roof mounted solar photovoltaic panels, LED lighting with automatic controls and heat recovery Furthermore, with regards to sustainable practices, the Council notes that Use of Sustainable drainage systems incl. permeable paving, green roof and attenuation basin will aid in improving water quality, bio-diversity and amenity for the project.
CONCLUSION: Fingal County Council welcomes the support for the swimming facility for the community	

ADEQUACY OF PROPOSED SWIMMING POOL FACILITY

The submissions question whether the proposed 25m x 6-lane, 1.35m constant depth swimming pool is sufficiently sized, flexible, and comprehensive enough to serve Balbriggan's existing and projected future population. Many argue the facility risks being overcrowded from opening day and cannot simultaneously accommodate schools, clubs, lessons, learner and children's swimming, and general public swimming without major compromises. Submissions advocate for more lanes in the pool.

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KEY ISSUES RAISED	CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S RESPONSE

Observers consistently argue that the 25m x 6-lane single-tank swimming pool cannot serve Balbriggan's current 25,000 residents and 60,000+ residents from catchment areas including Skerries.	The proposed swimming pool was designed to serve the catchment population around Balbriggan/Skerries and Lusk/Rush (North Fingal area). The scale and capacity of the facility, including the six lane 25 metre pool, were determined based on the findings of a comprehensive feasibility study and an in-depth market gap analysis which indicated that accessibility is maximized with a 6 lane 25m swimming pool. In the current context, this scale and design is considered optimal. Programming of the pool will be the responsibility of the professional facility operator.
In addition to a growing population, concerns are raised that numerous local schools will monopolise the pool during curriculum hours (9am to 3pm). The single tank will force competition between schools, clubs, swim lessons, public users, elderly, and other user groups. Concerns have been raised that the facility will be overcrowded from opening day.	Fingal County Council notes comments regarding potential overuse of the facility. The day-to-day and weekly programming of the pool will be managed by a professional operator, with the objective of balancing the successful operation of the facility while ensuring fair and reasonable access for all user groups. The pool allows for flexible use, including division by lanes or pool space, to accommodate multiple activities concurrently in a safe and efficient manner, similar to contemporary swimming facilities such as the Sportslink at Furry Park and ALSAA Swimming Pool at Dublin Airport. It is also anticipated that school usage will be scheduled and distributed across different times and among a range of schools, thereby avoiding undue concentration of demand at any one time.
It is submitted that the design is not future-proof and lacks the potential to be expanded.	Fingal County Council notes the submissions regarding the adaptability and futureproofing of the proposed design. The overall design and site layout has been developed to respond appropriately to specific project objectives and site constraints. The proposed scale of development maximises the site's potential and balances other needs such as parking and infrastructure
The fixed depth of 1.35m is considered too restrictive. Observers have requested a	To align with the requests of the swimming community and after further analysis of the functional and financial

hydraulic floor which variates between 0.5m to 1.8m in depth, allowing for kids' swimming as well as sports training.	viability, it is now proposed to incorporate varied depths of 1.10m to 1.80m within the pool to better serve the needs of a broad user base. A shallow end of 1.10m significantly increases the extent of standing depth water, which is optimal for early years learners, recreational users and individuals requiring additional confidence or support in the water. This approach enhances inclusivity and enables more effective delivery of learn-to-swim programmes, allowing instructors to manage groups safely and efficiently without reliance on temporary floors. Comparable local authority facilities, such as Crumlin pool in Dublin City demonstrates that varied depth pools successfully support both high-volume learn-to-swim programmes and club activity. Additionally, the inclusion of a deeper section up to 1.80m allows for a wider range of aquatic activities, including activities such as artistic swimming training, water-polo training, sub-aqua training, lifesaving and rescue training, advanced training, water sports and thereby maximising the overall use of the pool throughout the day. Overall, the proposed varied depth provides a safer, more inclusive and more adaptable facility, better suited to meeting community needs than a uniform depth solution. The provision of a hydraulic/movable floor has been considered; however, the revised varied depth is considered to provide an optimal range that supports inclusive use for all users without the need for such systems.

CONCLUSION: Fingal County Council considers that the proposed swimming pool has been appropriately scaled and designed to meet the needs of the North Fingal catchment, informed by detailed analysis and specialist input. The pool depth as outlined, will be modified from a fixed depth of 1.35m to a varying range from 1.10m to 1.80m.

ABSENCE OF LEISURE AND WELLNESS FACILITIES	
A significant number of submissions maintain that the proposal must incorporate dry-side facilities including gymnasium, fitness suite, studio spaces, jacuzzi, saunas, steam rooms, and hydrotherapy amenities to enhance usability, align with modern standards, and allow social sustainability. Many criticise that the proposal's focus on a singular swimming pool only, does not reflect a modern community leisure centre.	
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KEY ISSUES RAISED	**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S RESPONSE**
Many observers have raised concerns regarding the lack of leisure and wellness amenities such as an exercise/multi-purpose studio, sauna/steam rooms, jacuzzi, and gymnasium.	It is important to note that the primary objective of the facility is to support swimming instruction and provide a space for general recreational swimming for individuals and families across the community and therefore the provision of a dedicated community swimming pool, needs to be prioritised. The proposal's scope was defined by a thorough market gap analysis which noted the requirement for a council-run community swimming pool to serve Balbriggan and wider area. The proposal delivers on this specific identified need. It should be noted that alternative community and recreational facilities already exist in the area, including Castlelands Community Centre (approximately 0.8km away) and Balbriggan Sports Centre (approximately 2.6km away), as well as a number of private sports, fitness and wellness providers including saunas. The scope of the proposal has been carefully defined to complement, rather than compete with, existing provision.
Observers believe that a lack of additional and complementary facilities will seasonally limit the usage of the proposed swimming pool during winters/off-peak seasons. Provision of wellness facilities will have a wider demographic appeal for older adults and will be comparable in standard to other modern leisure facilities.	
It is requested that a 2-3 storey option is considered, or additional land is utilised to safeguard future expansion opportunities, should there be an intention to incorporate leisure and wellness opportunities over time.	

CONCLUSION: Fingal County Council considers that the proposed development represents a targeted and proportionate response to the identified need for a community swimming facility, complementing existing recreational provision in the area. The scope of the scheme has been carefully defined to address this specific gap while ensuring a balanced and sustainable approach to local amenity provision.

CONCERNS REGARDING ACCESSIBILITY, INCLUSIVE DESIGN, PRIVACY, AND SAFETY

Concerns centre on whether the design adequately caters for disabled users, rehabilitation, beginners, confidence-building, and calm water sessions. The single-tank layout is perceived to prioritise school use, potentially excluding vulnerable groups during peak daytime hours. The proposed "changing village" raises safeguarding and privacy concerns, particularly for women, children, and vulnerable users. Views differ between traditional gender-separated changing rooms and private cubicles, with a consistent emphasis on dignity, comfort and privacy.

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KEY ISSUES RAISED	CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S RESPONSE
A single-tank design systematically excludes disabled and/or older adults. It is requested that a wheelchair/pool hoist access be included for mobility-impaired persons. Step-free changing with adequate turning circles/support rails should be included. Other practical access measures that the public suggests including transfer benches, height-adjustable handrails, and dry-side adaptive equipment. Observers suggest that dedicated timings be allocated during operation of the facility for older adults and for people with disabilities.	The proposed facility has been designed to provide comprehensive universal access, including step-free access throughout, level pool entry, accessible parking, and fully accessible changing rooms. A pool hoist system (Pool Pod) will be provided to support safe entry and exit for mobility-impaired users. The design also incorporates a fully equipped 'Changing Places' facility with accessible changing cubicles, accessible WC and shower provisions. Variable height and adaptive equipment will also be included where appropriate to support a wide range of user needs. The building is designed to comply with Part M (TGD M) and in line with guidance in the Buildings for Everyone , ensuring it is accessible and meets the universal design objectives. The

	development will undergo further assessment and obtain a Disability Access Certificate prior to operation. Operational programming, including the allocation of specific times for older adults and people with disabilities, will be managed by the facility operator to allow balanced access across all user groups.
Observations have outlined family-friendly design gaps in the proposal, including parent-child parking, family changing cubicles, pram storage, baby changing facilities throughout etc.	The design includes Group changing areas which are suitable for family changing. Parent-and-child cubicles, pram/buggy storage, and 8 no. changing facilities with baby-changing areas have been provided. These measures are intended to support safe and practical use by families.
Many observations outline concerns that children or novice swimmers will feel endangered without a dedicated learner space. Additionally, there is no dedicated parent-baby area for infants or dedicates space for non-confident swimmers.	Variable pool depth ranging from approximately 1.10m to 1.80m will be provided based on the proposed amendment of pool depth. This design enables flexible use of the pool, including provision of a suitable standing depth for parents during parent-and-child classes, while enabling instructors to maintain better control of teaching conditions and support progressive skill development without requiring a permanently shallower pool. Lessons at this facility will only be carried out by professionally qualified instructors who will be competent and familiar with the utilisation of pool platforms and/or floatation aids.
A wide number of observations call for revisions to the 'changing village' concept. An open plan is considered unsafe for women and children. There is a preference for gender-specific traditional male/female changing rooms. Observers also suggest private cubicles with locks for individual changing spaces, should the need arise.	The proposed design of the 'changing village' is consistent with current industry standards and is intended to maximise efficiency and flexibility of space use. Within the 'changing village', multiple individual private changing cubicles are proposed. Each changing cubicle is fully enclosed with privacy safeguards, such as full-height doors or anti-peep detailing, to ensure user comfort and safety. This configuration is intended to provide a secure, adaptable, and efficient changing environment suitable for a wide range of user needs. The 'changing facility' offers greater flexibility for parent-and-child combined use.

Similar concerns have been raised regarding unisex and open showers. Observers perceive this concept to endanger individual dignity and privacy during showering.	It is clarified that showers are intended for the brief rinsing before and after swimming, rather than full personal bathing. The design is informed by operational safety and supervision considerations. Open plan arrangements are commonly used in modern swimming facilities to support visibility and child safeguarding. Children are generally expected to be accompanied or supervised by appropriate guardians or instructors while on site. Accordingly, the proposed shower provision is considered appropriate in the context of a public swimming facility. Feedback on the proposal was sought from Swim Ireland. The facility will adhere to and incorporate Swim Ireland's safeguarding standards to ensure a safe, child-friendly environment, also in line with Sports Ireland. Safeguarding training will be provided to all staff and volunteers.
Submissions outline that safeguarding protocols are unclear for varied users such as for families, clubs, and school use. They demand that industry-standard changing rooms are proposed to protect all users.	The facility will comply with industry-standard safeguarding protocols used in comparable swimming centres, with appropriate arrangements for schools, clubs, families, and public users to ensure safe operation for all. These arrangements will be developed in line with recognised best practice.

CONCLUSION: Fingal County Council is satisfied that the proposed facility has been designed to meet high standards of accessibility, inclusivity, and user safety. The integration of universal access features, family-friendly changing arrangements, and adherence to recognised safeguarding standards, including those of Swim Ireland and Sport Ireland, will ensure the facility operates as a safe, welcoming, and well-managed environment for all members of the community.

DEFICIENCIES IN PARKING PROVISION, SITE ACCESS, AND EXTERNAL LAYOUT
Site layout and parking provision (particularly for school buses and family drop-off) are questioned as inadequate for anticipated usage patterns. Additional requests include secure cycle storage, pedestrian safety improvements, and external recreation space (benches, games areas) to enhance community activation.

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KEY ISSUES RAISED	**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S RESPONSE**
41 car parking spaces is considered inadequate in comparison to the demand for the facility. The current provision of coach/bus set-down is also considered insufficient given that there are 20+ local schools in the area. The peak family usage (weekends and after-school) will overwhelm the proposed parking capacity, leading to overflow during school visits etc.	To support operational needs, anticipated traffic levels, and FCC objectives, a total of 41 spaces was approved. the provision exceeds Development Plan standards (1 space per 40 sqm, equating to 31 spaces for this use). However, the parking strategy balances projected demand while promoting sustainable travel, including walking, cycling, and public transport.. We also note the local train station is c.2kms walking distance from the subject site. The layout will be managed operationally to accommodate peak usage periods, including school visits and weekend family demand within the overall design constraints of the site.
Cycle storage is considered to lack security. Staff bike lockers are considered vulnerable to theft or vandalism. The distinction between long-stay and short-stay cycle parking is considered unclear. Additionally, a DMURS-compliant secure cycle hub is demanded alongside car parking.	Cycle parking has been designed in accordance with relevant development standards and is considered appropriate. The proposed provides for 40 no. bikes in two-tier shelter with an allowance for cargo bikes, e-bike charging, as well as staff bike lockers and dedicated motorcycle parking. The layout provides for practical separation of short-stay and long-stay cycle parking to support different user needs. The subject site will connect to the planned pedestrian and cycling routes as per the Castlelands Masterplan, enhancing accessibility. The overall provision is considered compliant with the applicable design guidance including DMURS principles, and appropriate for the scale and nature of the development.
Concerns have been raised with regards to pedestrian access and safety. Observers consider that northern and southern pedestrian entrances cross vehicle paths unclearly. No protected crossing has been provided from the parking to the main building. Nighttime lighting is considered inadequate for safety.	Both the northern and southern pedestrian access routes are designed as pedestrian-only routes and are physically separated from vehicular traffic to ensure safe movement. Lighting has been provided to ensure appropriate illumination for safe use during evening hours. Additionally, the access paths will incorporate controlled entry points with lockable gates as part of the overall site management strategy.

Regarding external layout of the proposed development, many observations outline that the site underutilises community activation potential. No external seating, play area, benches, game areas or covers smoking area/social space has been provided.	External areas have been designed primarily to support safe access, circulation, and operational requirements rather than broader social uses. The inclusion of additional external amenities such as opportunities for play will be provided at detailed design stage. It is also noted that the subject site will have direct access to the communal park, south of the site, as part of the Castlelands SHD on Land Development Agency lands.
Many observations have highlighted that the site's circulation fails the practicality needed for families. There is a long walk from the parking to entrance with children/gear and no pram-friendly paths wide enough for buggies side by side. Additionally, the bin storage is highly visible, detracting from the arrival experience. No wayfinding signage is provided/proposed for first-time visitors.	The pedestrian routes have been designed in accordance with standard requirements, with a proposed pavement width of approximately 3m to accommodate shared use, including families with buggies. The distance between the car parking area and the main entrance is c.19m, which is considered acceptable within the overall site layout and function of the facility. This distance is considered walkable in the context of the site layout. Bin storage is located to balance operational practicality with visual impact. It is positioned so as not to be prominent from the main entrance and will be screened and covered to minimise its visual presence. The location also facilitates efficient waste collection and servicing. Wayfinding and signage will form part of the detailed design and operational phase to ensure clear navigation for first-time users and support overall accessibility of the facility.
CONCLUSION: Fingal County Council is satisfied that the proposed access, parking, and external layout arrangements are appropriate to the scale and function of the development, balancing operational needs with sustainable transport objectives and user safety. Further refinements, including play opportunities, wayfinding, and detailed landscaping, will be progressed at detailed design stage.	

GENERAL COMMENTS AND OBSERVATIONS	
Broad, non-technical comments encompassing general improvement requests and miscellaneous remarks.	
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KEY ISSUES RAISED	**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S RESPONSE**
General design critiques have been noted. Comments perceive aesthetic and	The proposed building is a high quality design and the design approach has considered the end users and functional

functional shortcomings of the design quality and the design lacks ambition. Some implied that the form was prioritised over function.	performance, the receiving environment, and the quality design aspirations for Council sponsored development of such magnitude.
Non-technical feedback notes that the capacity of the proposal is inadequate, and the design deviates from the community's needs. The proposed design is considered to lack adaptability and does not address the regional shortfall of community facilities.	It is reiterated that the intention of the proposal is to deliver a dedicated community swimming facility addressing an identified local need rather than a comprehensive leisure complex. The design has been developed to meet this specific objective. It is considered appropriately scaled to deliver a focused, fit-for-purpose swimming facility for the community and immediate catchment area.
Many observations have raised concerns that the long-term sustainability and financial viability of the proposal is questionable and observers have noted concerns on inadequate revenue generation to maintain and operate the facility to high standards.	The Council is satisfied that the design proposed provides the basis for a good operational model.
CONCLUSION: Fingal County Council is satisfied that the proposed design represents a considered and appropriate architectural response, aligning form with function to deliver a high-quality, fit-for-purpose community swimming facility. The scale, layout, and architectural expression are deemed suitable to meet the identified needs of the local catchment.	

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Report pursuant to Part XI of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part 8 of the Local Government Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended)

Part XI/004/25 Proposed Play Trails Development at Longstone Park, Portrane, Co. Dublin

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1.0 Introduction

Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) outlines the requirements in respect of certain classes of Local Authority development. These regulations apply to the proposed public play trails at Portrane, Co. Dublin.

Following a Play Audit undertaken by Fingal County Council, a gap was identified in the play provision within Portrane and surrounding catchment areas.

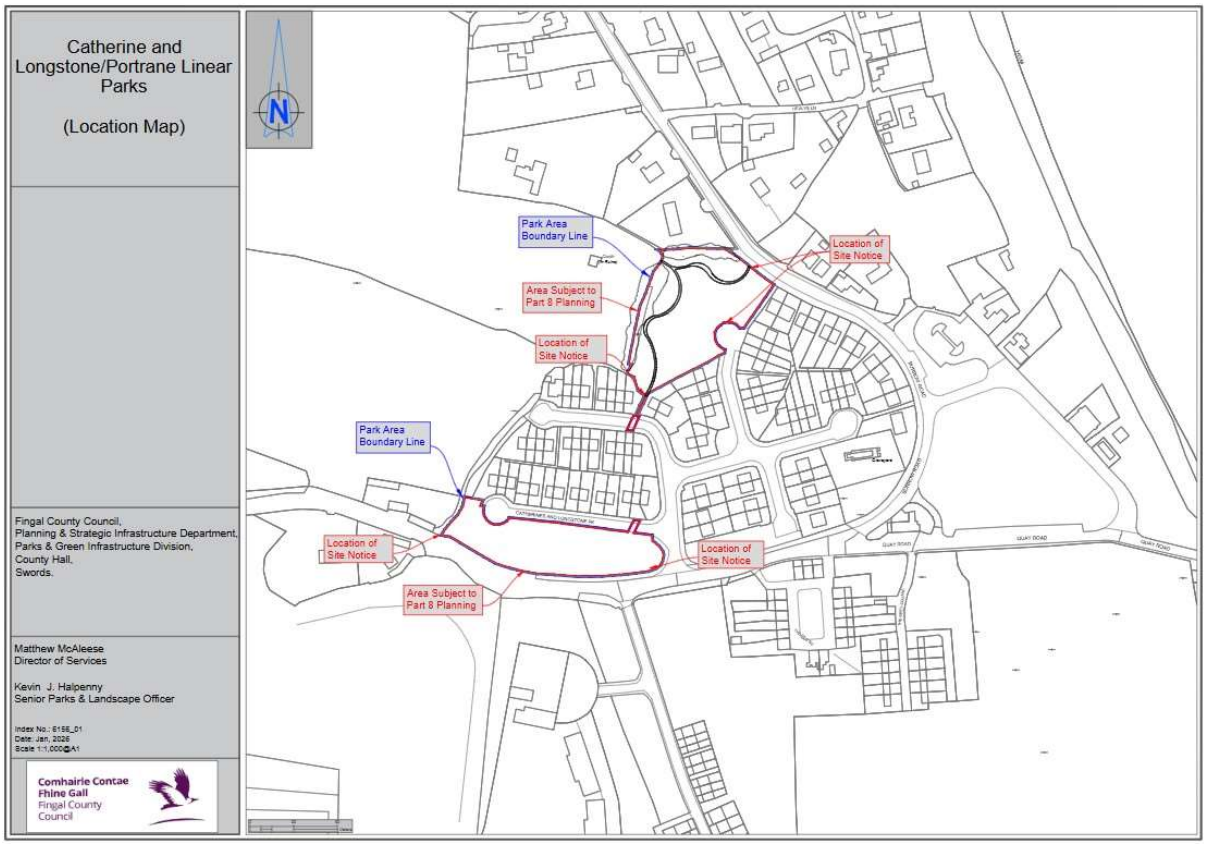
The Council proposes to provide a Local Equipped Area of Play (LEAP) sized play trails which comply with Fingal's play policy standards for open spaces categorised as Small Parks size (0.2ha-2ha). These preferred sites were selected on foot of an analysis exercise of public open space within Portrane. The public open spaces in Longstone Park have a combined area of 0.91ha (9100 sqm).

2.0 Description of the Proposed Development

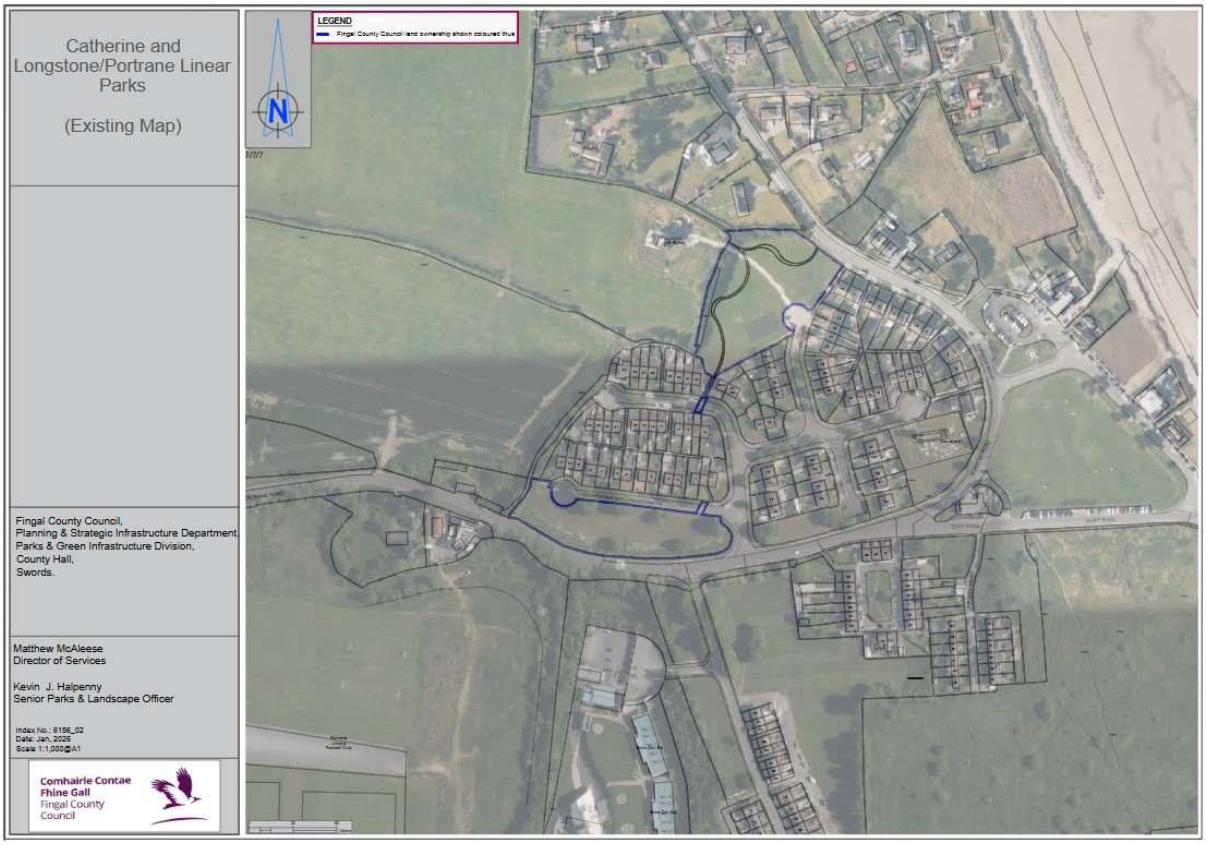
Local Equipped Areas for Play (LEAP), play trails, constructed in line with the principles of universal design, to include:

i. Approximately 17 no. pieces of play equipment (11 no. within northern open space, 6 no. within the southern open space), predominantly made from robinia timber.
ii. A mixture of natural and synthetic water permeable safety surfacing, varying from sand, engineered wood chip (loose safety surfacing), and tiger mulch (bound safety surfacing).
iii. Natural play opportunities to consist of boulders, logs, and earth mounding using excavated topsoil.
iv. Pathways will be finished in Ballylusk gravel.
v. Street furniture will include signage, seating, bicycle parking and litter bins.
vi. 1 no. water drinking station.
vii. Community raised planters.
viii. The boundary of the northern site at the Burrow Road interface will be upgraded.
ix. The southern site will receive new access points.
x. 2 no. uncontrolled pedestrian crossings.
xi. Landscaping will include wildflower meadows and planting of a minimum of 10 no. trees. All existing trees and the hedgerow will be protected and retained to result in an overall net gain in biodiversity and tree canopy cover.

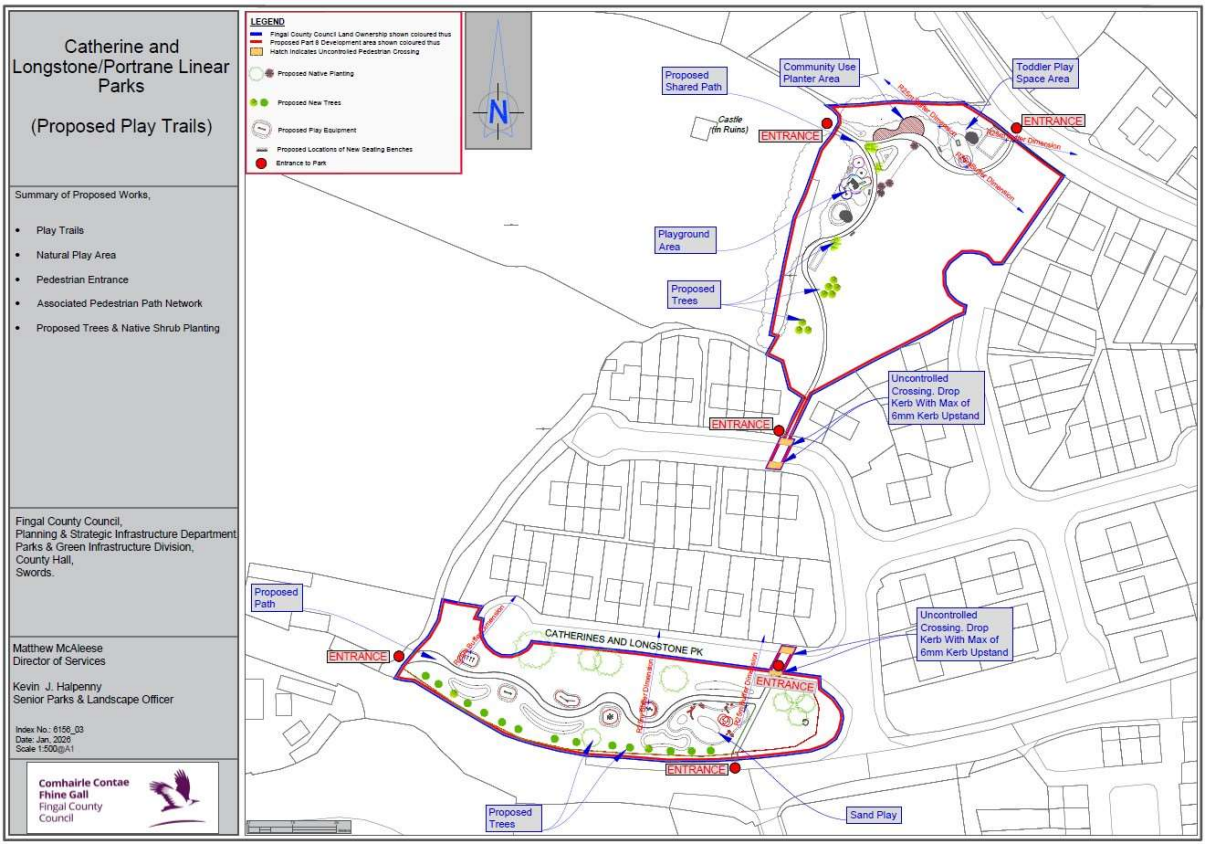
Planning Drawings



Site Location Map



Existing Layout Map



Proposed Site Layout



Indicative Image 1



Indicative Image 2.



Indicative Image 3.



Indicative Image 4.



Indicative Image 5



Indicative Image 6



Indicative Image 7



Indicative Image 8



Indicative Image 9



Indicative Image 10



Indicative Image 11



Indicative Image 12

3.0 Evaluation of the Proposed Development

It is considered that the proposed play trail development would be in accordance with the zoning objective applicable to these lands in the Fingal County Development Plan 2023-2029, and policies as they relate to open space, green infrastructure, and play provision. The development would enhance the amenities of the area through improving the range of facilities in the area. The proposed development is considered to accord with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

For further detail see Appendix 1. Planning Report

4.0 List of the Persons & Bodies who made Submissions or Observations

See Appendix 3.

5.0 Summary of the Observations

1. Prescribed Bodies

The following prescribed bodies were notified of the proposed development and invited to make a submission:

- An Taisce
- The Heritage Council

No submissions were received from any external prescribed consultees.

2. Submissions Received from Individuals and Organisations

Following the initial recording of all submissions, each one was read to allocate the issues raised into appropriate themes as listed below:

List of Themes
1. General support for the proposed development
2. Provision for teenagers
3. Few young children in the estate / Portrane
4. Car parking, traffic and visitors
5. Environmental issues
6. Anti-social behaviour concerns
7. Privacy and security
8. Objections to the proposals

Theme 1. General support for the proposed development (19)

FIN-C918-02, FIN-C918-05, FIN-C918-06, FIN-C918-07 (& 08), FIN-C918-09, FIN-C918-10, FIN-C918-11, FIN-C918-12, FIN-C918-13, FIN-C918-14, FIN-C918-16, FIN-C918-17, FIN-C918-18, FIN-C918-19, FIN-C918-20, FIN-C918-21, FIN-C918-22, FIN-C918-23, FIN-C918-24.

Summary of Observations:

The main support relevant to this theme can be summarised as follows:

- The playground is badly needed and very welcome
- There are currently not enough playgrounds serving the area with an existing young child population.
- Children need safe places to socialise and enjoy the outdoors
- Currently, most activities to serve children are only accessible by car, e.g. Newbridge Demesne and Swords, so the provision of a play space within walking distance to our homes is a game changer
- Hope to see this delivered quickly, long overdue
- Proposals will serve the area well, it will be used and enjoyed by many families of the local community
- Look forward to using with my kids
- A positive addition which would encourage younger families into the area
- I strongly support the well thought out plan which would be a fantastic amenity and bring vibrant, functional space to the area
- Promotes wellbeing and reduced screen time, the more the better.
- Local business will likely benefit as a result
- The plans look great and are in a central location.
- Great use of green open space providing an appropriate environment for kids
- While some children have access to gardens, and the beach, this is not for everyone or a substitute for a public play space.
- A valuable community space, fostering friendship building and physical and social development
- Kids currently use the adult exercise area which is not suitable
- Set against Stella's Castle which is a beautiful backdrop.
- Will help to strengthen connections between families of the local community.

Response:

- The comments are noted.

Recommendations:

- With respect to the above submissions, no changes are recommended.

Theme 2: Teenage provision (2)

FIN-C918-02, FIN-C918-22

Summary of Observations:

The main comments relevant to this theme can be summarised as follows:

- Is there an area for teenage use in the proposals?
- The proposals should also cater for teenagers.
- Could teenage facilities be provided elsewhere such as beside the exercise equipment to encourage them away from Longstone Park?

Response:

- According to the adopted "Space for Play – A Play A Policy for Fingal" open spaces similar to the scale of this site are intended for use of children up to the age of 12 years. In this instance, provision of teenager facilities would not be appropriate in a space of this scale and not in keeping with the policy. At the time of this report, construction is underway of Ballymastone Recreational Hub, soon to have facilities such as parkour, callisthenics, and a skate park for the older cohort.
- Possibilities of local teenage provision such as a basketball hoop will be explored in collaboration with the Operations Department.

Recommendations:

- With respect to the above submissions, no changes are recommended.

Theme 3: Few young children in the Longstone Park / Portrane (3)

FIN-C918-03, FIN-C918-04, FIN-C918-25

Summary of Observations:

The main comments relevant to this theme can be summarised as follows:

- There are no young children in Longstone Park estate and therefore the proposals would only be used by non-residents.
- Portrane has a maturing population, the demographics do not require play facilities.
- The proposals are better suited to another location.

Response:

- The proposed play space locations are intended to serve the entirety of Portrane. The central location of the spaces is aligned with 'Space for Play – A Play Policy for Fingal' within 500-1000m of local homes.

- Other submissions dispute the assertions that play facilities are not required and there are few / no young children in Portrane.

Recommendations:

- With respect to the above submissions, no changes are recommended.

Theme 4: Car parking, traffic and visitors (4)

FIN-C918-03, FIN-C918-04, FIN-C918-15, FIN-C918-26

Summary of Observations:

The main comments relevant to this theme can be summarised as follows:

- This will create more traffic / car parking issues and draw in visitors.

Response:

- In line with the adopted "Space for Play – A Play A Policy for Fingal", the proposals are intended to create local play opportunities for Portrane. With a proposed location within 500-1000m walking distance to homes of Portrane, this will negate the requirement for driving to the Local Equipped Area for Play (LEAP).
- Visitors or people travelling by car for access to play typically travel to the larger Destination Playgrounds, these are located within the Council's regional parks, with facilities such as toilets and parking to cater for visitors travelling by car. The closest example of this is within Newbridge Demesne.
- As the Council works to increase play provision throughout the county, this will reduce the requirement to travel outside their respective communities for the purpose of access to play.

Recommendations:

- With respect to the above submissions, no changes are recommended.

Theme 5: Environmental Issues (4)

FIN-C918-03, FIN-C918-15, FIN-C918-25, FIN-C918-26

Summary of Observations:

The main comments relevant to this theme can be summarised as follows:

- The proposals would create further noise pollution, rubbish and additional foot traffic to the estate.
- The proposals will cause a disturbance to wild / migratory birds and habitats.

Response:

- In line with the adopted "Space for Play – A Play A Policy for Fingal", the play activity zones are located a distance in excess 25 m from the nearest dwelling, this will minimise the impact of foot traffic and noise associated with the play trails.
- Additional bins and resourcing will be allocated in line with any new facilities and development in the area. This will be in collaboration with the Council's Operations Department.
- The Council are also confident that a new investment into the space will foster a greater care for the open space on the part of the locals, visitors and general public.
- Screening for Appropriate Assessment (AA) and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) were conducted in respect of the proposals. The methodology included a wintering bird survey. The reports concluded no significant effects / impacts are likely as a result of the development.

Recommendations:

- With respect to the above submissions, no changes are recommended.

Theme 6: Anti-social behaviour (3)

FIN-C918-03, FIN-C918-15, FIN-C918-25

Summary of Observations:

The main comments relevant to this theme can be summarised as follows:

- The plan would create a focal point for anti-social behaviour and vandalism

Response:

- The selected location of the play trails provides passive observation/supervision opportunities from surrounding pathways, roads and residential areas.
- The Council will work proactively with the appropriate departments and organisations in the interest of addressing the potential for anti-social behaviour or related activity.

Recommendations:

- With respect to the above submissions, no changes are recommended.

Theme 7: Privacy and security (1)

FIN-C918-03

Summary of Observations:

The main comments relevant to this theme can be summarised as follows:

- There would be a loss of privacy as well as a sense of fear and insecurity due to the development.

Response:

- In line with the adopted "Space for Play – A Play A Policy for Fingal", the play activity zones are located a distance in excess 25 m from the nearest dwelling, this is being cognisant in part to privacy. Further measures can be implemented to include earth mounding and screen planting in addressing privacy concerns of the residents.

Recommendations:

- With respect to the above submissions, no changes are recommended.

Theme 8: Objections to the proposals (5)

FIN-C918-03, FIN-C918-04, FIN-C918-15, FIN-C918-25, FIN-C918-26.

Summary of Observations:

The main comments relevant to this theme can be summarised as follows:

- Objections due to concerns outlined in above observations.
- Fear that the proposals might be neglected and left to decay
- Not a good use of public money / resources, funds better spent elsewhere such as road improvements or coastal defence

Response:

- The comments are noted. Responses to previous observations apply.

- Adequate resourcing will be allocated for the sustainable upkeep of the new investment.
- The Council commit to liaison at local level taking place with the residents at the detail design, development and post installation phases of the project, this is with a view to allaying any concerns raised.

Recommendations:

- With respect to the above submissions, no changes are recommended.

Review following public consultation

Documents for the development proposal were placed on public display from 4th February 2026 to 18th March 2026 including the erection of site notices, published newspaper notice, copies at Civic Offices Blanchardstown & County Hall Swords and available online via the Fingal Consultation Portal.

A total of 25 no. submissions were received within the consultation period. The submissions received were considered and reviewed with respect to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area. No additional issues arose to alter the opinion of the Planning and Development Department that the proposed development is consistent with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Conclusion
The proposed development has been further reviewed and assessed by the Planning and Development Department (with supporting reports from internal sections included as Appendix 2 of this report). Subject to the recommendations indicated below, the proposed development is considered to be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

6.0 Recommendation to Members

It is considered that the proposed Play Trails Development at Portrane, Co. Dublin is consistent with the land use zoning objectives as set out in the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029. The proposals are also considered to comply with the Fingal play policy 'Space for Play'. Subject to the recommendations outlined in the Planning Report (Appendix 1) it is recommended that the Council members approve the Proposed Play Trails Development for Portrane, Co. Dublin as proposed.

Appendix 1 – Planner's Report

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

PLANNING & STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE DEPARTMENT PRELIMINARY PLANNING REPORT

Register Reference:	Part XI/004/25.
Proposed Development:	The delivery of a Play Trail at two sites within Longstone Park housing estate, Portrane.
Location:	Longstone Park housing estate, Portrane, Co. Dublin.
Proposing Department:	Parks and Green Infrastructure Division.
Application Type:	Part XI.

Site Location and Description:

The subject sites are within two existing residential open spaces at Longstone Park housing estate, Portrane. The northern open space adjoins and is accessible to the Burrow Road on the north, Stellas Castle land to the west, and residential properties to the east and south. The southern open space is bound by the R126 on the south and housing on the northern side. This space is directly adjacent to a local bus route.

Both open spaces are linked within the residential area via footpaths.

Proposed Development:

Fingal County Council proposes to develop two public play spaces at Longstone Park residential estate, Portrane. The first proposed site for the play space is in the current open space directly opposite 1-12A Longstone Park, bordered by the R126 on the south. This site is a flat greenfield topography which includes a number of young and semi-mature trees along its perimeter. The second proposed site for play space is in the current open space bounded by Stella's Castle to the west, Longstone Park residential estate the south and east, and Burrow Road to the north and northeast. This site is a flat greenfield topography bounded by mature hedgerows on its western and northern flanks.

Fingal County Development Plan 2023 – 2029 considerations

Zoning Objective

The sites are both zoned 'OS – Open Space' under the Development Plan, with an objective to *"Preserve and provide for open space and recreational amenities"*

The vision applying to this zoning objective is to *"Provide recreational and amenity resources for urban and rural populations subject to strict development controls. Only community*

facilities and other recreational uses will be considered and encouraged by the Planning Authority"

Objective CIOSO7 – Community Infrastructure and Local Amenity
Ensure that proposals do not have a detrimental effect on local amenity by way of traffic, parking, noise or loss of privacy of adjacent residents.

Policy CIOSP6 – Facilities for Children, Teens and Young Adults
Provide appropriate recreational, community, social and educational facilities for children, teens and young adults.

Policy CIOSP7 – Variety of Community Facilities
Ensure the timely provision of community services, recreational facilities (including playgrounds) and resources, including schools, community, religious, burial and health facilities, required for the creation of sustainable communities.

Section 4.5.2.6 Playgrounds and play facilities.
Within the Fingal area, play facilities are located in Regional, Local and Neighbourhood Parks and within residential open space. Providing excellent play facilities for all the children of Fingal and visitors to the County, is a priority. Fingal County Council currently manages a network of play spaces on Council managed land ranging from playgrounds of various sizes in local and regional parks, to MUGA's and skate parks. The Council has approved Fingal's first Play Policy, Space for Play – A Play Policy for Fingal, which aims to provide a framework for the provision of safe, accessible, inclusive, natural and engaging play spaces for all children and adolescents up to the age of seventeen. The Play Policy provides the basis on which the current and future play provision throughout the County will be developed to the highest quality in line with international best practice. In residential and mixed-use developments, it will be a requirement of the Council to provide play facilities as part of the landscape plan for the site. The requirements for same are detailed in Table 4.2 and Chapter 14 Development Management Standards.

Policy CIOSP13 – Open Space/Parks
Continue the development of a hierarchy of multifunctional active and passive recreational open spaces and facilities to serve all age cohorts.

Policy CIOSP14 – Sports, Recreation and Play Amenities
Support sports, recreational and play amenities in the County for all ages and abilities; encourage sporting and recreational organisations to achieve their aims and goals and support platforms for new and alternative sports to develop.

Objective CIOSO44 – Playgrounds
Facilitate the provision of appropriately scaled children's playground facilities within new and existing residential development in line with the Council's Play Policy.

Objective CIOSO52 – Trees
Protect, preserve and ensure the effective management of trees and groups of trees.

Objective GINHO7 – Provision of Open Space
Provide a range of accessible new parks, open spaces and recreational facilities accommodating a wide variety of uses (both passive and active), use intensities and interests.

Objective GINHO8 – Routes
Provide attractive and safe routes linking parks and open spaces and other related features such as cultural sites and heritage assets as an integral part of green infrastructure provision, where appropriate and feasible.

Objective GINHO19 – Green Networks
Create an integrated and coherent green infrastructure for the County by requiring the retention of substantial networks of green space in urban, urban fringe and adjacent countryside areas to serve the needs of communities now and in the future including the need to adapt to and mitigate climate change

Objective GINHO23 – Policies
Support and implement The Forest of Fingal-A Tree Strategy for Fingal, Keeping it Green – An Open Space Strategy for Fingal and Space for Play – A Play Policy for Fingal during the lifetime of the Development Plan.

Policy GINHP22 – Tree Planting
Provide for appropriate protection of trees and hedgerows, recognising their value to our natural heritage, biodiversity and climate action and encourage tree planting in appropriate locations.

Objective DMSO77 – Community Facilities
Any application for community facilities such as leisure facilities, sports grounds, playing fields, play areas, community halls, organisational meeting facilities, medical facilities, childcare facilities, new school provision and other community orientated developments, shall have regard to the following:

- *Overall need in terms of necessity, deficiency, and opportunity to enhance or develop local or County facilities.*
- *Practicalities of site in terms of site location relating to uses, impact on local amenities, desirability, and accessibility.*
- *Conformity with the requirements of appropriate legislative guidelines.*
- *Conformity with land use zoning objectives*

Space for Play – A Play Policy for Fingal
This policy provides a reference point for all stakeholders concerned with providing the highest quality play environments in Fingal through the provision of best practice guidelines.

Planning History
None on subject site.

Enforcement History

No active enforcement cases or enforcement history has been identified for the subject site.

Departmental Reports

- **Parks and Green Infrastructure Division:** Report received 19th December 2025. No objections to the proposed development subject to recommendation.
- **Water Services Department:** Report received 23rd December 2025. No objections to the proposed development subject to recommendations.
- **Heritage Officer:** Report received 10th December 2025. Detailed recommendations submitted for consideration.
- **Transportation Planning Section:** Report received 23rd December 2025. Detailed comments submitted for consideration.
- **Conservation Office:** Report received 17th December 2025. No objections to the proposed development.
- **Community Development Department:** Report received 23rd December 2025. Detailed comment submitted for consideration.

Assessment:

The proposed development has been considered with regard to the following issues:

- Drawings prepared
- Principle of the development
- Impact on the amenities of the area
- Parks and Green Infrastructure
- Water and drainage
- Transportation
- Conservation & Heritage
- Community Development

Drawings and documents prepared

Article 83(1) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) details the plans and particulars required to be made available for public inspection for proposed Part 8 / Part 11 projects. These include for:

- A document describing the nature and extent of the proposed development and the principal features thereof, including -..... (ii) where proposed development would relate to a protected structure or a proposed protected structure, an indication of that fact;
- 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;

- 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;
- Such other plans and drawings, drawn to a scale of not less than 1:100, as are necessary to describe the proposed development, and;
- 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).

These include a site 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, structures, and roads or other features in the vicinity of the site. A drawing titled 'Catherine and Longstone Linear Parks (Proposed Playground)' has been prepared, to a scale of 1:500 and has been submitted in addition to a site location map , scale 1:1000 showing all existing features in the vicinity.

As per Article 83 (1)(c)(ii) of the Regulations, additional drawings as necessary to describe the scheme at a scale of not less than 1:100 have been provided e.g. indicative play equipment etc.

Principle of development

The site is zoned 'OS – Open Space', where the uses of open space and recreational/sports facility are permitted in principle. The principle of the development is therefore acceptable, subject to assessment and compliance with Development Plan policy.

Impact on the amenities of the area

The proposed development is not considered to give rise to unduly negative impacts on the visual amenities of the area but would rather enhance the amenity value of the open space and consequently the amenities of the area, and thereby would benefit residents within the local community. The addition of a playground at this location is consistent with CIOSP13, CIOSP14, and CIOSO44 which seek to provide recreation spaces and playgrounds at appropriate locations.

The proposed site for the play spaces are the northern section of open space which adjoins and is accessible to the Burrow Road to the north, the immediately adjacent Stellas Castle land to the west, and residential properties to the east and south. The northern play space will have a wider range of provision aimed at toddlers up to and including 12 year olds with a separate area designed for teenagers.

The southern open space is bound by the R126 on the south and housing on the northern side. This space is directly adjacent to a local bus route. The proposed development to the southern open space will take the form of a play / activity trail with small level interventions of play items aimed at age group 3-10 year olds. The play trail encourages incidental active recreation.

The areas being considered as a play space will provide both active and passive recreation with an area of approximately 5,000 sqm and 4,000 sqm respectively. The existing sites have a flat, greenfield topography which includes established tree groupings.

No tree or hedgerow removals are required to facilitate the proposed development works. All existing trees will be protected, retained and incorporated into the design with ten trees to be planted at the northern site for an overall net gain in biodiversity and tree canopy cover, this is aligned with 'Forest of Fingal, a Tree Strategy for Fingal' and 'Fingal Biodiversity Action Plan'.

The proposed site layout includes new low mounding and tree planting in order to provide screening of the proposed playground from adjoining residential areas. The proposed planting of 10 no. trees.

The proposed development will not impact unduly in a negative way on the residential amenities of existing residential development through overlooking.

A Construction and Environmental Management Plan has been submitted to address potential impacts during the construction stage with mitigation measures set out in the document. Restrictions will be imposed on working hours to minimise impacts on park visitors and adjoining residents.

Site management will be fully aware of the location of the construction works in relation to the neighbouring residential and public areas and will take all appropriate measures to reduce noise emissions from the site. These include but are not exclusive to:
- Working within the stated hours on the planning conditions.
- Shutting down plant when not in use,
- Keeping covers on compressors and other plant closed.
- Managing work activities and work sequences to minimize noise exposure.
- Use of well-maintained and certified plant and machinery.
- Noise monitoring on site.

Parks and Green Infrastructure

The Parks' report states that an audit carried out by the Parks and Green Infrastructure Division in 2023 identified Portrane as a location where there was both a gap in playground provision and as well as demand for play facilities based on representations from councillors on behalf of their constituents. Further, the report states the proposed locations of the play facilities meets Fingal's play policy -*'Space for Play- A Play Policy for Fingal'* in terms of the required 25 metre separation distance from residential properties, though it is advised that the image / graphic demonstrating the 25 metre separation distance is slightly confusing and that a simplified image should be presented to demonstrate this separation distance.

Having reviewed the Parks' report, the planner is in agreement with the recommendation therein.

Transportation and Access

A report on the proposed development has been prepared by the Transportation Planning Section. Regarding the proposed development, access for all should be considered, and the removal of existing kissing gates where possible would be welcomed.

- Access that accommodates cyclists (think! cargo bikes), buggies and wheelchairs without undue difficulty should be provided.
- The uncontrolled crossing points have been included on Longstone Park. All works required should be included in the Red Line boundary. The red line boundary should be extended where necessary.
- The internal path alignment may need to be altered to avoid crossing points at residential driveways and Public Lighting poles / trees may need to be relocated. Further discussion in relation to the need for a crossing point on the most northern road is required. There are a lot of existing constraints, vehicle accesses and trees.
- Bike Parking is to be near the entrance area. This is acceptable. However, there is scope to provide more creative forms a short-term parking for cyclists.
- Parking for scooters (Scooter pods or similar where appropriate) and cargo bike spaces (i.e. longer spaces) should also be considered closer to the playground playground area where appropriate.
- A detailed Construction Management Plan and Construction Traffic Management Plan(signage in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual) shall be submitted for the approval of the Council prior to commencement of development by the appointed Contractor.

Having reviewed the Transport Planning report, the planner is in agreement with the recommendations contained therein.

Water services and drainage

A report on the proposed development has been received from the Water Services Department. In summary, Water Services has no objection to the development in terms of flooding or surface water drainage, subject to the mitigation measures in the SSFRA being implemented, ans subject to the following:
No objection subject to the following:

- No surface water/rainwater shall discharge into the foul water system under any circumstances.
- The surface water drainage must comply with the *Greater Dublin Regional Code of Practice for Drainage Works, Version 6.0, FCC, April 2006.*
- All new areas contributing to rainwater runoff shall discharge to appropriate SuDS devices, in accordance with GDSDS (2005) and CIRIA SuDS Manual C753.
- Prior to commencement, details of the proposed stormwater management system referenced in the SSFRA shall be submitted for review, including justification if no additional SuDS measures are proposed.

Having reviewed the Water Services report and the wider submission, the planner agrees with its assessment.

Heritage

Section 12 Notification is required and assessment, including geophysical survey and test-excavation in advance of any development of the site is recommended. Given the location of the proposed development sites, the recommendations from a previous geophysical survey (16R0228) and the large number of newly identified archaeological sites discovered in the environs, this can be considered a reasonable approach. A number of recommendations are included for consideration.

Having reviewed the Heritage Officer's submission, the planning authority are in agreement, and its recommendations are included below for consideration.

Community Development

The Community Development team raise the issue of Community Raised Planters, and the expectation in relation to the maintenance and upkeep of same. There is concern for a community group may be required to become a company limited by guarantee where they wish to develop a garden on council land. However, if there is no expectation for a local community group to maintain raised planters the community development office has no objections to this development.

Having reviewed the submission, the planner considers the concern identified above should be addressed.

Appropriate Assessment screening

An Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening Report for the proposed development has been prepared by JBA Consulting. The AA Screening Report provides for, *inter alia* the following conclusion:

'On the basis of the screening exercise carried out above, it can be concluded that the possibility of any likely significant effects on any Natura 2000 sites, whether arising from the project itself or in combination with other plans and projects, can be excluded beyond a reasonable scientific doubt on the basis of the best scientific knowledge available..'

Having reviewed the submitted AA Screening Report, the planning officer agrees with the conclusion. Having regard to the nature, scale and location of the Proposed Project, in comparison with the existing baseline, 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. This

assessment was reached without considering or taking into account mitigation measures or measures intended to avoid or reduce any impact on European sites.

Environmental Impact Assessment screening

An Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Screening Report of the proposed development has been prepared by JBA Consulting. The EIA Screening Report provides for, *inter alia*. the following conclusion:

'The purpose of this report was to identify whether there is a need under The Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, for an EIAR for the proposed playground at Portrane, Co. Dublin.

It was determined that the proposed development does not fall under Schedule 5 (Parts 1 and 2) of the Act. As such, an EIAR has not been automatically triggered. To determine whether the development may fall under the category of Sub-threshold development, with the potential to give rise to significant environmental effects, a screening exercise was undertaken.

During construction, typical impacts such as noise, dust, traffic disruption, and the generation of small amounts of waste are to be expected. These are typical construction phase impacts and will be mitigated against by environmental operating plans devised by the on-site contractor, following best practice guidance.

The proposed development is located within Flood Zone A and B but it is considered less vulnerable to flooding according to OPW Planning Guidelines.

An AA Screening Report completed by JBA for the proposed development determined that no likely significant impacts are expected as a result of the proposed development. This is due to the small size of the development and the distance and lack of pathways to Natura 2000 sites.

A section of the northern site falls within the Zone of Notification for Stella's Castle, requiring notification to the NMS at least two months in advance of any planned works. Given the site's proximity to Stella's Castle, it is recommended to consult the Fingal County Council Heritage Office before starting any work to determine if a watching brief is necessary.

Once operational, the proposed development is expected to be low in environmental impact. The proposed development will provide an additional recreational facility for the local area.

It has been concluded that the proposed development does not fall under the category of sub-threshold development, and thus an EIAR is not required.'

Having reviewed the submitted EIA Screening Report, the planning officer agrees with the conclusions. The proposed development does not equal or exceed a threshold in Schedule 5 (Part 1 or Part 2) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) nor does the proposed development meet the requirements for sub-threshold EIA. Having regard to the criteria in Schedule 7 and the information provided in accordance with Schedule 7A of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), it is considered that the proposed development would not be likely to have significant negative effects on the environment. No Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is required.

Conclusion:

The proposed development would be in accordance with the zoning objective applicable to these lands in the Fingal County Development Plan 2023-2029, and policies as they relate to open space, green infrastructure, and play provision. The development would enhance the amenities of the area through improving the range of facilities in the area. The proposed development is considered to accord with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

RECOMMENDATION

The proposed development would be in accordance with the zoning objective applicable to these lands in the Fingal County Development Plan 2023-2029, and policies as they relate to the provision of additional playground facilities.

There are a number of issues raised which need to be noted before the scheme goes on display as follows:

1. Simplified images should be presented to demonstrate the appropriate 25 metre buffer between neighbouring dwellings and the proposed development in order to demonstrate compliance with the requirements of 'Space for Play – A Play Policy for Fingal'.
2. Access that accommodates cyclists (including cargo bikes), buggies and wheelchairs without undue difficulty should be provided.
3. Uncontrolled crossing points have been included within Longstone Park. All works required to complete the development as indicated should be included within the red line boundary, which should be extended where necessary.
4. The internal path alignment may need to be altered to avoid crossing points at residential driveways and Public Lighting poles / trees may need to be relocated. Further discussion in relation to the need for a crossing point on the most northern road is required. There are a lot of existing constraints, vehicle accesses and trees.
5. There is scope to provide more creative forms a short-term parking for cyclists.
6. Parking for scooters (Scooter pods or similar where appropriate) and cargo bike spaces (i.e. longer spaces) should also be considered closer to the playground playground area where appropriate.
7. A detailed Construction Management Plan and Construction Traffic Management Plan(signage in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual) shall be submitted for the approval of the Council prior to commencement of development by the appointed Contractor.
8. Clarification regarding the ongoing maintenance of all proposed Community Raised Planters should be provided.

9. A geophysical survey of the site by a suitably qualified and experienced archaeological geophysicist, under licence to Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage should be carried out.
10. In order to establish the presence (or absence), nature and extent of archaeological remains, and the impact of the proposed development, pre-development test-excavation by a suitably qualified archaeologist under licence to Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage is required. Trench layout should be informed by the results of the geophysical survey and layout of the proposed development.
11. On completion of the geophysical survey and test-excavation, the archaeologist shall submit a written report including archaeological impact statement, to the Planning Authority and to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for consideration.
12. Where archaeological material is shown to be present, avoidance, preservation in situ, or preservation by record (excavation) may be required. The National Monuments Service, Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage will advise the Applicant/Developer with regard to these matters.

Date: 12th January 2026.

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Appendix 2 – Internal Consultee Reports

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL INTERNAL CONSULTEE
PLANNING REPORT
Report from Parks and Green Infrastructure Division

Register Reference: Play Trail - Portrane 004
Registration Date: 09/12/2025
Internal Consultee Report Due: **23/12/2025**
Development: The project will consist of:

- Approximately 17 no. pieces of play equipment (11 no. within northern open space, 6 no. within the southern open space), predominantly made from robinia timber.
- A mixture of natural and synthetic water permeable safety surfacing, varying from sand, engineered wood chip (loose safety surfacing), and tiger mulch (bound safety surfacing)
- Natural play opportunities to consist of boulders, logs, and earth mounding using excavated topsoil
- Pathways will be finished in Ballylusk gravel
- Street furniture will include signage, seating, bicycle parking and litter bins
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Application Type: Part VIII (Dev by Plan Auth)

Report

The Parks and Green Infrastructure Division's comments are as follows:

A Play Audit which was carried out by the Parks and Green Infrastructure Division in 2023, identified Portrane as a location where there was both a gap in playground provision and as well as demand for play facilities based on representations from councillors on behalf of their constituents.

The proposed location of the play facilities meets Fingal's play policy -*'Space for Play- A Play Policy for Fingal'* in terms of the required 25 metre separation distance from residential properties.

The proposed play facilities are in line with Fingal play policy and play audit. It is advised that the image / graphic denoting the 25 metre separation distance is slightly confusing and that a simplified image was presented to denote this separation distance.

Signed:	Gemma Carr
Position:	Senior Executive Parks and Landscape Officer
Date:	19/12/25

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL INTERNAL CONSULTEE
PLANNING REPORT
Report from Transportation Planning

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Pedestrian and Cycle Access Points



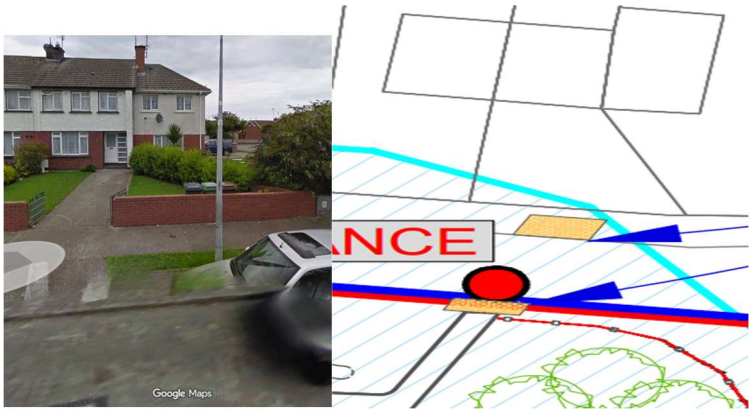
Access for all should be considered and the removal of Kissing gates where possible would be welcomed.

- Access that accommodates cyclists (think! cargo bikes), buggies and wheelchairs without undue difficulty should be provided.

- The uncontrolled crossing points have been included on Longstone Park. All works required should be included in the Red Line boundary. Extend red line where necessary.

- The internal path alignment may need to be altered to avoid crossing points at residential driveways and Public Lighting poles/tree would need to be relocated. Further discussion in relation to the need for a crossing point on the most northern road is required. There are a lot of existing constraints, vehicle accesses and trees.

Proposed location for a crossing point



Alternative crossing footpath continuity location to be considered



It is my understanding that the internal pathways /trails are for children to explore the play area and not intended for cycling per say. Bike Parking is to be near the entrance area. This is acceptable.

Cycle Parking
Short term cycle parking in the form of Sheffield stands is acceptable.
However, there is scope to provide more creative forms a short-term parking for cyclists.

- Parking for scooters (Scooter pods or similar where appropriate) and cargo bikes spaces (longer spaces) should be considered closer to the playground area where appropriate.





Construction Management Plan
An Outline Construction Management Plan (including an outline Traffic Management Plan) is included and is considered acceptable.

- A detailed Construction Management Plan and Construction Traffic Management Plan(signage in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual) shall be submitted for the approval of the Council prior to commencement of development by the appointed Contractor.

Signed:	Niamh O Connor
Position:	Executive Engineer
Date:	17/12/2025

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL INTERNAL CONSULTEE
PLANNING REPORT
Report from Community Development Department

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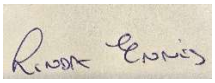
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Report

Community Raised Planters: what is the expectation in relation to the maintenance and upkeep of these? There is now a requirement from FCC Property Dept for a community group to become a company limited by guarantee where they wish to develop a garden on council land and I am concerned that this may fall into this category.
If there is no expectation for a local community group to maintain raised planters the community development office has no objections to this development

Signed: 

Linda Ennis

Position:	Principal Community Officer
Date:	10.12.25

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL INTERNAL CONSULTEE
PLANNING REPORT
Report from Heritage Officer

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A desktop report-*Archaeological Impact Assessment Report, Portraine Play Trail, Portraine, Co. Dublin* by Adam Collins of ACSU Ltd. (dated 12/03/2025)-was received. Proposed Site A is partially within

the Zone of Notification of Stella's Castle (DU008-030---) and proposed Site B partially within the Zone of Notification of farmhouse (DU008-058---).

Section 12 Notification is required and assessment, including geophysical survey and test-excavation in advance of any development of the site is recommended. Given the location of the proposed development sites, the recommendations from a previous geophysical survey (16R0228) and the large number of newly identified archaeological sites discovered in the environs, this can be considered a reasonable approach.

The following is suggested;

- Geophysical survey of the site by a suitably qualified and experienced archaeological geophysicist, under licence to Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.
- In order to establish the presence (or absence), nature and extent of archaeological remains, and the impact of the proposed development, pre-development test-excavation by a suitably qualified archaeologist under licence to Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage is required. Trench layout should be informed by the results of the geophysical survey and layout of the proposed development.
- On completion of the geophysical survey and test-excavation, the archaeologist shall submit a written report including archaeological impact statement, to the Planning Authority and to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for consideration.
- Where archaeological material is shown to be present, avoidance, preservation in situ, or preservation by record (excavation) may be required. The National Monuments Service, Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage will advise the Applicant/Developer with regard to these matters.

Signed: Christine Baker

Position: Heritage Officer/Archaeologist
Date: 10 December 2025

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL INTERNAL CONSULTEE
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Report from Conservation Office

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The documentation was referred to the Conservation Office for comment for the proposed play trails in Portrane at Longstone Park and Burrow Road. The site at Longstone Park is on the opposite side of the Portrane Road to the Protected Structure RPS No. 523 The Farm. The Burrow Road site adjoins lands that contains the protected structure RPS No. 521 Stella's Tower, a tower house in ruins. Both protected structures are also Recorded Monuments RMP Ref. DU008-058 and DU008-030 respectively.

From an architectural heritage perspective, the design of the proposals is based around low level play equipment and forms that fit into a landscaped environment. Exiting trees and planting are being maintained. The Conservation Office has no objection in principle to the proposal and no specific requirements apart from suggesting that any proposed railings be black in colour.

The comments of the Heritage Officer should be sought regarding any potential archaeological considerations at these locations.

Signed:	
	Helena Bergin
Position:	**Senior Executive Architectural Conservation Officer**
Date:	**17/12/2025**

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL INTERNAL CONSULTEE
PLANNING REPORT
Report from Water Services Office

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Report

Flooding:

No objection subject to mitigation measures outlined in the Site-Specific Flood Risk Assessment (SSFRA), including:

- Maintaining existing ground levels
- Avoiding disruption to flow paths
- Implementing SuDS and stormwater management systems in accordance with GDSDS (2005) and CIRIA SuDS Manual C753

Surface Water:

No objection subject to the following:

- No surface water/rainwater shall discharge into the foul water system under any circumstances.
- The surface water drainage must comply with the *Greater Dublin Regional Code of Practice for Drainage Works, Version 6.0, FCC, April 2006*.
- All new areas contributing to rainwater runoff shall discharge to appropriate SuDS devices, in accordance with GDSDS (2005) and CIRIA SuDS Manual C753.
- Prior to commencement, details of the proposed stormwater management system referenced in the SSFRA shall be submitted for review, including justification if no additional SuDS measures are proposed.

Signed: AS

Position:	Ass. Engineer- WSFP
Date:	19/12/2025
Endorsed:	DD
Position:	SEE
Date:	22/12/2025

Appendix 3 – List of Submissions & Observations

URN	Author	Type
FIN-C918-2	Raymond Brett	Individual
FIN-C918-3	Andrew Hughes	Individual
FIN-C918-4	Justin Lawler	Individual
FIN-C918-5	Linda Leonard	Individual
FIN-C918-6	John Conneally	Individual
FIN-C918-7	Darryl Lovett	Individual
FIN-C918-8	Darryl Lovett	Individual
FIN-C918-9	Niamh Rogers	Individual
FIN-C918-10	Ciara Bannon	Individual
FIN-C918-11	Cecelia Gavigan	Individual
FIN-C918-12	Local Resident	Individual
FIN-C918-13	Orla Oleary	Individual
FIN-C918-14	Sinead Smyth	Individual
FIN-C918-15	Amanda Spencer	Individual
FIN-C918-16	Alana Kelly	Individual
FIN-C918-17	Spencer Nicholl	Individual
FIN-C918-18	Claire Hawkins	Individual
FIN-C918-19	Maeve Wright	Individual

FIN-C918-20	Roisin Kearney	Individual
FIN-C918-21	Philip Lawson	Individual
FIN-C918-22	Fingal Social Democrats	Organisation
FIN-C918-23	Niki P	Individual
FIN-C918-24	Ross Mc Cormick	Individual
FIN-C918-25	Olive McMahon	Individual
FIN-C918-26	Terrence O'Brien	Individual

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

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MONDAY 11TH MAY 2026

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

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MONDAY 11th MAY 2026

ITEM NO. 24a

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO APPROVED HOUSING BODIES UNDER THE CAPITAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME (CAS) - CALL FOR CAS 2017 TO PROVIDE UNITS OF LIVING ACCOMMODATION IN THE FINGAL AREA

The Department of Housing, Planning & Local Government Circular: Housing 30/2017, advised of the availability of Capital Funding for the construction or acquisition of social housing to cater for the priority groups under the Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS) such as homeless persons, elderly persons, and people with a disability, with a particular emphasis, but not exclusively, on moving people with a disability from a congregated setting to community living. All proposals must comply with the terms of the CAS scheme as set out in memorandum VHU 2/02 and must reflect actual housing needs as identified in the latest Housing Needs Assessment.

Applications received from Approved Housing Bodies are considered by the Council. Applications have been received for the following projects in Fingal and the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage is committed to providing funding under the Capital Assistance Scheme for these projects:

Approved Housing Body	***Location***	***Category of Need***	***No. of Housing Units of Accommodation***	***Approved Funding €***
Housing Association for Integrated Living (HAIL)	Myrtle House, Longfield Road, Baldoyle, Co. Dublin	Mental Health	1	€ 367,948.26

Arlington Novas	Clonsilla Road, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15	Homeless	5	€723,087.56
Tuath Housing Association	Kilmartin Grove, Dublin 15	Older Persons	15	€6,586,535.00
Housing Association for Integrated Living (HAIL)	Scariff House, Waterville, Dublin 15	Homeless	1	€325,013.00
DePaul Housing Association	The Cornmill, Vauxhall Street, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin	Homeless	1	€ 270,000.00

The Housing Bodies listed in the above table are Approved Voluntary Housing Bodies for the purpose of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992. Under Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992, the Council may give financial assistance to approved voluntary organisations to provide housing accommodation, or any substitute property up to a similar amount, in accordance with the requirements of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous) Act, 1992.

These loans are subject to mortgage agreements on the properties for a term of 30 years. Under the Capital Assistance Scheme, repayments on the loans will be waived by the Council for as long as the terms and conditions outlined in the mortgage agreements are complied with to the satisfaction of the Council. A Capital Grant for the full amount of each loan will be received from the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage.

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ITEM NO. 24b

PORTMARNOCK SPORTS AND LEISURE CLUB (PSLC)

The PSLC swimming pool is a significant community facility, providing a vital public swimming amenity alongside a wide range of recreational, educational and health-related activities, including school programmes, club usage and rehabilitation services. It plays a critical role in promoting physical activity, improving health outcomes and supporting overall community wellbeing.

An engineering audit carried out on behalf of PSLC has identified extensive structural deficiencies in the roof, concluding that it requires major refurbishment and is unsafe. On foot of these findings, and in the interests of public safety, the pool and sauna have been closed since March 2026. This closure is having a serious and ongoing impact on the community, particularly through the loss of public swimming provision and associated services.

PSLC proposes to undertake a programme of works comprising:

- Targeted structural repairs to the roof, including associated waterproofing measures
- Priority remedial works to the pool tank and drainage infrastructure
- Implementation of essential health and safety upgrades
- Necessary enabling and preparatory works to facilitate timely delivery

The Council has engaged with representatives of PSLC and has determined that a significant financial contribution is required towards the cost of the emergency works to enable their commencement at the earliest possible opportunity. This intervention is necessary to:

- Prevent the permanent loss of a critical public amenity
- Address significant health and safety risks
- Avoid further deterioration of key infrastructure
- Reduce ongoing maintenance liabilities

- Restore essential community services, in particular public swimming provision

Accordingly, it is recommended that the Council approve a financial contribution of €500,000 towards the cost of the essential upgrade works at PSLC

Resolution

In recognition of the unique circumstances in which PSLC, a community organisation, has funded, provided and operated a major piece of recreational infrastructure on Council lands, and considering it necessary and desirable to promote the interests of the local community and the recreational and community development of the area, Fingal County Council, in accordance with Section 66 of the Local Government Act 2001 (as Amended), hereby resolves -

- that a grant of €500,000 be awarded as a financial contribution towards the cost of essential upgrade works at Portmarnock Sports & Leisure Club, in order to support the expedited delivery and early completion of the urgent and necessary works and to facilitate the reopening of the swimming pool for public use,
- that the provision of the grant is subject to satisfactory financial, technical and governance review, including appropriate scrutiny and verification of costs, funding arrangements and delivery proposals
- and that the financial contribution shall be funded from funds provided for within the community fund available to non-Council owned community facilities.

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ITEM NO. 25

DUNSINK URBAN AREA PLAN

Presentation will be given at the Council Meeting

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Fingal County Council Climate Action Plan 2024-2029

Annual Progress Report 2025

May 2026

Acknowledgements

This Annual Progress Report on the Climate Action Plan has been prepared by the Fingal County Council Climate Action Team, working closely with the Dublin Metropolitan Climate Action Regional Office (CARO) and Codema, the Dublin Energy Agency, and in collaboration with the Climate Action, Biodiversity and Environment Strategic Policy Committee and the Elected Members of Fingal County Council.

The Climate Action Unit wishes to express its appreciation to the various Council service areas for their ongoing commitment to advancing climate action, supported by the Executive Management Team through the Climate Action Steering Group. We also acknowledge the valuable contributions of the Elected Members and the Climate Action, Biodiversity and Environment Strategic Policy Committee. In addition, the continued guidance and technical support provided by CARO and Codema have been instrumental in embedding climate action across the organisation and in the preparation of this first Annual Progress Report for the Fingal Climate Action Plan 2024–2029.

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Executive Summary

Introduction

The Fingal County Council Climate Action Plan 2024–2029, approved in February 2024, sets the strategic direction for Fingal's transition to a low-carbon, climate resilient county. The Plan outlines 162 actions across six thematic areas—Energy & Buildings, Transport, Flood Resilience, Nature-Based Solutions, Circular Economy & Resource Management, Community Engagement, and the Balbriggan Decarbonising Zone (DZ). These actions support four statutory targets:

- A 50% improvement in energy efficiency by 2030
- A 51% reduction in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 2030
- Enhanced regional climate resilience.
- Active community engagement on climate action

This Annual Progress Report outlines delivery during 2025, highlighting achievements, challenges, and strategic progress across the organisation.

2. Governance and Strategic Framework

Effective delivery of the Climate Action Plan is supported by strengthened governance structures. The Climate Action Unit (CAU)—established in 2024—works with the Climate Action Steering Group (CASG) and the Climate Action Plan Implementation Team (CAPIT) to embed climate action across all departments. Fingal continues to collaborate closely with the Dublin Metropolitan Climate Action Regional Office (CARO) and Codema, Dublin's Energy Agency.

At national and EU level, policy updates in 2025 significantly shape the Council's action landscape. These include the updated EU Climate Law setting a 90% GHG reduction target by 2040, the revised Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD) requiring all new public buildings to be zero emission by 2028, Ireland's Climate Action Plan 2025, and emerging legislation on renewables, private wires, and critical raw materials. These policy shifts

confirm the urgency of accelerating energy transition and climate resilience across local authorities.

3. Progress Overview 2025

Of the 162 actions in the Climate Action Plan:

- 95 were completed,
- 51 were in progress, and
- 16 had not yet commenced.

A substantial portion (83) of the completed actions are recurring annual commitments. Strongest progress was recorded in Energy & Buildings, Transport, and Flood Resilience, with all thematic areas delivering tangible outcomes.

4. Energy & Buildings

Energy and Buildings remain central to Fingal's decarbonisation pathway. Key 2025 achievements include:

Energy Performance

- FCC Energy Review report issued in Oct 2025 and is based on energy use in 2024.
- In 2024 Fingal exceeded its 2030 energy efficiency target early, achieving a 57.7% improvement (baseline 2006–2008) with 2.27 % improvement in 2024
- Energy-related emissions reduced by 3.5% in 2024 delivering a total reduction of 48.4% (2016-2018 baseline) equivalent to 6,319 tonnes of CO_2
- Fingal completed ISO 50001 recertification, affirming its commitment to continuous energy management improvement.

Capital Upgrades and SEU Performance

- Public lighting achieved 100% LED conversion, the first local authority in Ireland to reach this milestone.

- Energy Performance Contracting (EPC) delivered substantial savings, with County Hall and Civic Offices achieving up to 33% energy reductions.
- Libraries, depots, and large offices continued to reduce energy use through improved controls, LED upgrades, PV installations and heat pump integration.

Social Housing Retrofitting

- 119 homes were retrofitted in 2025, exceeding funding allocations.
- Measures included insulation, heat pump installation, PV systems, ventilation upgrades, and airtightness improvements.

Renewable Energy and District Heating

The Blanchardstown District Heating Scheme progressed with funding applications to the European Investment Bank and DECC.

Multiple renewable energy opportunities across Council lands have been identified, including solar, wind, and hydrogen projects.

5. Transport and Mobility

Transport remains Fingal's second largest source of operational emissions. In 2025, significant progress was achieved in sustainable mobility and fleet decarbonisation:

Active Travel

- 7.19km of additional footpaths, 7.41km of cycle ways, and 9km of road space was relocated for active travel in 2025.
- The delivery of the R132 walking and cycling scheme from Blakes Cross to Quickpenny Lane was delivered comprising of 3.7km of walking and cycling facilities on both sides of the road (7.4km in total) and the Ongar–Barnhill project delivered 2.5 km of footpaths, 1.3 km one-way, and 1.6 km two-way cycle lanes.
- 46 new public bike stands, and 450 additional school/community spaces were installed.

- The Quiet Streets initiative was launched in Drynam, enhancing permeability and calming traffic.

Shared Mobility and EV Infrastructure

- Two bike share schemes provided 190 bikes, generating over 18,000 trips since mid-2024.
- Carsharing expanded to 101 vehicles, including new EV share bays.
- 120 EV charging points are operational across depots and staff facilities, with public rollout scheduled from early 2026.
- 1500 plus trips made by the Skerries community car in 2025.

Fleet Decarbonisation and Staff Travel

- 50% of Fingal's commercial fleet is now fully electric (101 vehicles) Delivering estimated savings of 1.07 GWh and 295 tCO_2;
- Staff travel saw emissions reductions through eco-driving courses, Cycle-to-Work uptake, and use of EV GoCars, saving 10.7 tonnes of CO_2.

6. Flood Resilience and Climate Adaptation

Climate adaptation actions strengthened Fingal's flood resilience during 2025:

Flood Risk Management

- Emergency plans, including Severe Weather, Flood, Oil Spill, and Air Incident Plans, were updated.
- Collaboration with OPW advanced flood defence schemes and coastal monitoring.

Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS)

- SuDS principles are fully embedded in the Development Plan.

- Publication of the Green & Blue Roof Guide and a Householder's Guide to SuDS significantly improved public awareness.
- Green roofs were installed on Baldoyle Community Centre (80%), Skerries Library (50%), and are planned for Swords Cultural Quarter (30%).

Coastal and Heritage Resilience

- Completion of the OPW Coastal Monitoring Programme informs future coastal protection measures.
- The restoration of St Ita's Wetlands demonstrates successful nature-based flood attenuation.
- €70,000 supported heritage adaptation works at Abbottstown Church and Howth Castle.

7. Nature-Based Solutions (NBS)

NBS delivered important co-benefits for biodiversity, resilience, and climate mitigation:

- Countywide woodland mapping completed; new management plans in preparation.
- 140 hectares of pollinator-friendly meadows maintained.
- Biodiversity Net Gain principles embedded across housing and public building projects, including green roofs, permeable paving, rain gardens, and bat sensitive lighting.
- Oyster restoration progressed with UCD; river restoration projects funded for delivery in 2026.

Wildfire management at Howth Head advanced through firebreak construction and a grazing programme.

8. Circular Economy & Resource Management

Progress accelerated across circular economy actions in 2025:

- Fingal delivered its first Green Public Procurement (GPP) Strategy, with monitoring systems under development.
- The Keen to Be Green programme expanded across all 31 community centres, with the Energy Theme commenced and Water Awards presented to community centres in 2025.
- Circular reuse initiatives included:
    - 98 musical instruments redistributed,
    - 132 bikes collected to be repaired and reused, and
    - 2,704 litres of paint collected of which 2,604 litres were upcycled
- Regulatory enforcement remained strong, with 1,710 inspections and 3,685 byelaw checks completed as part of the Waste Presentation Bye Laws

9. Community Engagement

Community engagement strengthened Fingal's climate leadership:

- Dublin Climate Action Week 2025 featured 20+ events hosted across Fingal.
- The Community Climate Action Fund supported 25 projects (€1.13 million) across energy, travel, waste, food, and biodiversity themes.
- 136 schools participated in Green-Schools; 19 earned flags.
- Home Energy Saving Kits were borrowed 1,338 times from libraries.
- The Council launched an online Climate Action Story Map, highlighting countywide initiatives.
- Sustainable Energy Communities (SECs) grew to 31, supported by mentoring and networking events.

10. Skills, Training and Organisational Readiness

Building internal capacity remains essential:

- 52 staff completed mandatory climate training in 2025; 72 completed specialist courses.
- The Green Skills Subgroup (27 members) progressed the Skills Strategy, with dedicated training planned for 2026.
- Climate induction is now part of onboarding for all new staff.

11. Balbriggan Decarbonising Zone

Balbriggan continues to serve as Fingal's innovation hub for climate action:

- A full spatial emissions profile, 2030 projections, and GHG gap-to-target analysis have been completed.
- The E2-CUTIES EU project is enabling community energy systems, training, investment planning, and implementation pathways.
- Balbriggan's Register of Opportunities identifies renewable energy, retrofit, active travel, and community-based climate projects.

Progress was recorded across all thematic areas of the Climate Action Plan in 2025, including energy efficiency measures, fleet electrification, public lighting upgrades, active travel infrastructure, circular economy projects, community focused initiatives, and nature-based actions. Some areas continue to present challenges, particularly reducing direct emissions, addressing data gaps in flood risk management, and securing adequate resourcing for SuDS delivery and biodiversity planning. Despite these issues, implementation is moving in the direction required to meet 2030 and 2050 targets. Fingal County Council will continue to apply evidence-based decision-making, established governance structures, cross-departmental coordination, and engagement with external partners and communities as work progresses.

Energy and Buildings

Energy efficiency improved by 2.27% in 2024 delivering an overall 57.7% improvement against the baseline

Energy-related emissions reduced by 3.5% delivering a total reduction of 48.4%, equivalent to 6,319 tonnes of CO_2

PV Panels installed in Baldoyle Library, County Hall Offices. Hardstown Community Centre(286 panels)

119 homes were retrofitted in 2025

ISO 50001 re-certification, affirming its commitment to continuous energy management improvement.

Transport and Mobility

→ Parking for 92 bike parking spaces provided
1,976 spaces available across the 7 Fingal Electoral Areas.
→ 38 schools, clubs, Community Centres approved for bike and scooter racks

→ 14km of active travel infrastructure delivered;
→ 9km of reallocated road space was provided in 2025

EV charging points have been provided at Baldoyle Racecourse Community Centre (3), Mill St. Carpark Balbriggan (6) and Kellystown Cemetery (2)

Eco driving courses provided, 65 staff attended

The Skerries Community Car, backed by volunteers

Flood Resilience



Publication of the Green & Blue Roof Guide



Green roofs were installed on Baldoyle Community Centre Skerries Library and planned for Swords Cultural Quarter



Emergency plans, including Severe Weather, Flood, Oil Spill, and Air Incident Plans, were updated. Fingal Coastal Liaison Group meetings took place on Sept. 3rd & Dec. 18th



€70,000 supported heritage adaptation works at Abbottstown Church and Howth Castle

Nature Based Solutions



140 hectares of pollinator-friendly meadows maintained.



Wildfire management at Howth Head advanced through firebreak construction and a grazing programme



Woodland management plans completed for St Catherines Park and Newbridge Demesne.



Oyster restoration projects started in Malahide Marina

Circular Economy and Resource Management



→ 98 musical instruments redistributed
→ 132 bikes collected to be repaired and reused
→ 2,704 litres of paint upcycled



Since 2024, 18 public water drinking stations installed



1,710 inspections and 3,685 bye-law checks completed under the Waste Prevention Bye Laws.



The Keen to Be Green programme expanded across all 31 community centres.
→ Energy Theme commenced
→ Water Awards presented to Community Centres in 2025.

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1. Introduction

The Fingal Climate Action Plan 2024–2029 was approved by the Elected Members at the County Council meeting on 12 February 2024. This Plan sets out Fingal County Council's strategic framework for transitioning to a low-carbon, climate-resilient county. It outlines the key mitigation and adaptation measures that will guide the Council's climate action over the five-year period.

The Plan details how the Council will work to reduce carbon emissions, improve energy efficiency across its buildings, facilities, and fleet, and enhance climate resilience throughout the county. It also emphasises the Council's broader role in supporting, enabling, and advocating for climate action across all sectors and within local communities.

This Annual Progress Report covers the implementation period from January 2025 to December 2025. It provides an overview of the progress made during 2025 and highlights the wide range of climate-related initiatives delivered across Council services throughout the year.

2. Climate Action Plan Overview

The Fingal Climate Action Plan 2024–2029 comprises 162 actions, along with additional opportunity areas and actions specific to the Balbriggan Decarbonising Zone (DZ). These actions are organised across six thematic areas, each contributing to the achievement of the Plan's four key targets, illustrated in Figure 1. These targets are aligned with the Climate Action and Low-Carbon Development (Amendment) Act 2021 and the National Climate Action Plan 2023, and are as follows:

- 50% improvement in the Council's energy efficiency by 2030
- 51% reduction in the Council's greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 2030
- Enhanced climate resilience across the Dublin region by reducing the impacts of future climate related events.
- Active engagement and communication with communities on climate action and behavioural change

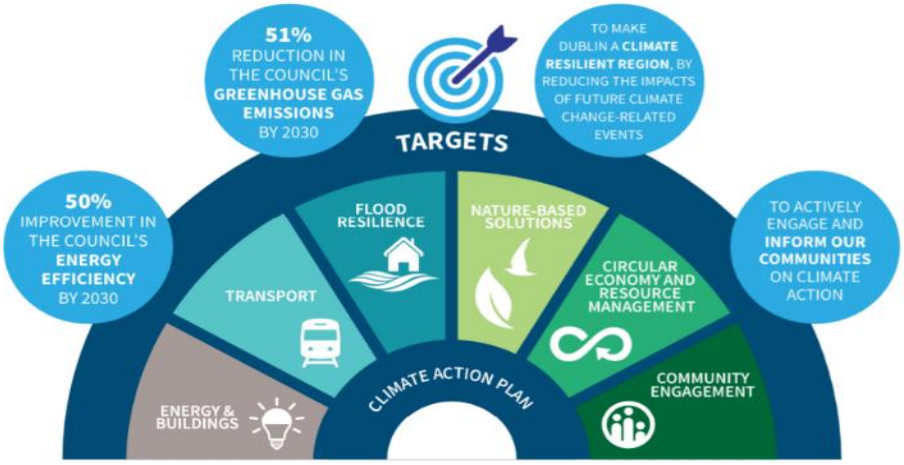


Figure 1 CAP 2024-2029 Targets and Thematic areas

2.1.Thematic areas

The 162 actions within the Climate Action Plan are distributed across six thematic areas, as shown in Figure 2. These actions were developed through extensive consultation with all Council service areas, Elected Members, the Climate Action, Biodiversity and Environment Strategic Policy Committee (SPC), key stakeholders, and the wider public. Their development was also informed by:

- Baseline data on climate related risks to Fingal County Council's services
- Analysis of the Council's current energy usage and emissions profile



Figure 2 No of actions per Thematic area

2.2.Types of Actions in the Plan

The actions set out in the plan encompass climate mitigation (actions designed to reduce emissions), climate adaptation (measures designed to prepare for the impacts of climate change), as well as integrated actions that address both. Figure 3 presents the number of actions associated with each action type.

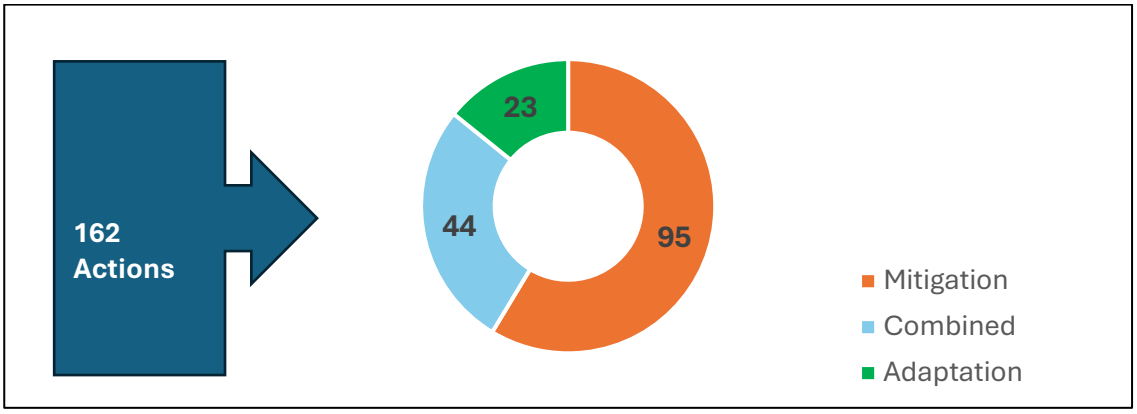


Figure 3 Number of actions per action type.

3. Update to Climate Policy and Legislation

3.1. EU Level

Europe's Environment 2025[1]: Every five years, as mandated in its founding regulation, the European Environment Agency (EEA) publishes a state of the environment report. Europe's environment 2025 provides decision makers at European and national levels as well as the public with a comprehensive and cross-cutting assessment on environment, climate and sustainability in Europe. Europe's environment 2025 is the 7th state of the environment report published by the EEA since 1995.

Europe's environment 2025 has been prepared in close collaboration with the EEA's European Environment Information and Observation Network (Eionet). The report draws on the Eionet's vast expertise of leading experts and scientists in the environmental field, across the EEA's 32 member countries and six cooperating countries.

Key findings

- Biodiversity loss & ecosystem degradation– the biggest remaining hurdle; >80 % of protected habitats are in a poor or bad state and 60-70 % of soils are degraded.
- Climate change adaptation – accelerating climate impacts make adaptation a critical challenge.
- Pollution– mixed progress; reducing air, water and waste pollution remains difficult.
- Circular-economy transition– progress is uneven; moving away from a linear model is still lagging.
- Tipping point risk– ecosystems, social and economic systems are approaching thresholds that could trigger abrupt changes.

[1] eea.europa.eu/en/europe-environment-2025/main-report/report/@@download/file

Key progress highlighted (Europe 2025 assessment)

- Climate-change mitigation “important progress” in reducing greenhouse-gas emissions and increasing renewable-energy deployment.
- Protected area network– the extent of protected areas has increased over the past decade.
- Enabling factors– gains in innovation, green job creation and sustainable finance flows are supporting the sustainability shift.
- Integrated data & monitoring– the assessment is built on the most comprehensive, quality assured data from 38 countries, providing a solid knowledge base for policy action.

EU Climate Law: In 2025 an amendment was proposed to the European Climate Law to establish a target for 2040. The recommendation is for EU net greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions to reduce by 90% by 2040, relative to 1990, as set out in the Commission Political Guidelines for 2024-2029. In November 2025, Member States agreed on a general approach in the Environment Council to a legally binding headline 2040 target of 90% with a domestic target of 85% and up to 5% of international carbon credits.

Reducing the EU’s net emissions by 90% by 2040 will:

- put the EU on course towards climate neutrality by 2050, building a healthier and safer future for Europeans
- ensure predictability for citizens, businesses and investors, by making sure that resources invested now and in the upcoming decades are compatible with the EU’s pathway to climate neutrality, avoiding wasted investments in the fossil fuel economy.
- boost the competitiveness of Europe’s businesses, create stable and future-proof jobs, and enable the EU to lead in developing the clean technology markets of the future.
- make Europe more resilient and strengthen its strategic autonomy.

In December 2025, the European Parliament and the Council reached a provisional political agreement on a legally binding 2040 climate target of 90% reduction in net GHG emissions.

Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD: The revised Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD) took effect in May 2024 and must be transposed into Irish law by May 2026. It requires all new public buildings to be zero emission by 2028, with the same standard applying to all new buildings by 2030. Ireland must also prepare a national plan by 2026 to support full building stock decarbonisation by 2050.

From 2030, all new buildings must calculate and disclose their Global Warming Potential (GWP), with this requirement starting in 2028 for buildings over 1,000 m². The Directive also mandates solar energy systems on new public and non-residential buildings larger than 250 m² by the end of 2026 and requires all other new buildings, including roofed car parks, to be solar ready by 2029. Additional provisions cover bicycle parking and EV charging infrastructure to support sustainable mobility.

Social Climate Fund: The Social Climate Fund is intended to help protect those most vulnerable to rising energy and transport costs. It will begin operating in 2026, ensuring support is available before the impacts of the Emissions Trading Scheme 2 (ETS2) are fully felt.

The Fund will assist households and very small businesses across the EU, with a focus on:

- households struggling to heat their homes.
- people who cannot afford essential transport
- small family-run businesses and micro-enterprises facing high energy or transport-fuel costs.

More support will be directed to EU countries with lower incomes and higher levels of energy or transport poverty. Between 2026 and 2032, the Fund will provide €86.7 billion, financed through ETS2 revenues and contributions from member states.

To access the funding, member states must prepare Social Climate Plans, which were due for submission in June 2025. Ireland has not yet submitted its plan.

Critical Raw Material Act: The Critical Raw Materials Act (CRMA) is designed to secure a sustainable and reliable supply of critical raw materials for the EU, supporting the Union's 2030 climate and digital targets while safeguarding competitiveness and economic security.

The Act sets out three core objectives.

- Build secure and resilient EU supply chains.
  The CRMA streamlines permitting for critical raw material projects and provides financial supports for approved strategic projects. Member States must also develop national exploration programmes.

- Strengthen the EU's ability to manage supply risks.
  The Act introduces monitoring of supply chains, coordination of strategic stockpiles, and requires large companies to assess risks within their critical raw material supply chains.

- Improve circularity and sustainability.
  Enhanced recycling, sustainability standards and responsible sourcing are central to reducing environmental and social impacts. The CRMA also aims to promote sustainable development and stronger governance in third-country supply chains.

3.2. National Level

Climate Action Plan 2025 (CAP25): Published in April 2025, is the third statutory Climate Action Plan. CAP25 builds on the previous plans to provide a roadmap for taking decisive action to halve Ireland's emissions by 2030 and reach net zero by no later than 2050, as committed to in the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Act 2021. The supplementary Annex of Actions includes only new and high impact actions whilst the full roadmap of actions to support the delivery of our climate targets remains within the Climate Action Plan itself.

Le Chéile 28 Statement of Strategy 2025 – 2028: The Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment (DCEE) set out its policies for accelerating climate action and energy transition for the next 3 years in its Le Chéile 28 Statement of Strategy 2025 - 2028.The strategy focuses on sustainable energy systems, circular economy, and environmental protection. To facilitate proactive engagement and provide support for the understanding and adoption of climate action, the Department intends to provide support to Local Government to enhance its role in climate action, in line with their Climate Action Plans.

Renewable Heat Obligation Bill: Was approved in 2025. The scheme which is expected to commence in 2026 will obligate suppliers of fossil fuels to the heat sector to ensure a minimum percentage of their supplied energy comes from renewable sources. As well as reducing emissions and reliance on imported fuels, the Bill aims to boost indigenous biomethane production. Local authorities will play a role in the planning and development of new infrastructure such as anaerobic digestion (AD) plants for producing biomethane and gas grid injection sites.

Private Wires Policy Statement: On 15 July 2025, the Government adopted a Strategy Statement on Private Wires, marking a major reform of electricity infrastructure rules. The new policy is designed to unlock private sector investment in renewable energy generation and storage, support low-cost EV charging solutions, and expand opportunities for businesses to self-supply electricity.

Currently, only ESB Networks can own lines delivering electricity from a generator to a customer. Under the new policy, private investors will be allowed to build and own such lines in the following cases:

- Direct connections between a generator (e.g., wind or solar farms) and a specific electricity customer, where this is faster or more efficient than connecting both to the grid.
- Shared grid connections between generators or between generators and battery storage systems owned by different companies.

- Private lines supporting on street EV charging where they provide the most practical solution.

- Local self-supply, where a business generating its own electricity can supply a neighbouring customer without crossing third-party land.

In December 2025, the Government approved the General Scheme for a Private Wires Bill and authorised the drafting of the legislation.

Ireland's Annual Report 2023 on Public Sector Energy Efficiency Performance: Ireland's Annual Report 2024 on Public Sector Energy Efficiency Performance[2], published by The Sustainable Energy Authority Ireland, Public bodies achieved a 34.9% energy efficiency improvement on business as usual, equivalent to 5,571 GWh of avoided primary energy consumption. Total CO2 emissions decreased by 24.1%, and fossil CO2 emissions decreased by 6.3%. The public sector's total primary energy consumption was 9,543 GWh.

4. Leadership and Governance

Fingal Climate Action Unit (CAU): Was established in 2024 with the support of funding from the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications (DECC) and includes the following roles, Figure 4:

- Climate Action Coordinator
- Climate Action Officer
- Community Climate Action Officer
- Climate Action Graduate

The Climate Action Unit is supported by the Climate Action Steering Group (CASG), which is chaired by the Chief Executive and includes members of the Executive Management Team. The

2. Public sector energy efficiency performance report 2023, SEAI

CASG provides strategic direction and oversight to the Climate Action Unit (CAU) and the Climate Action Plan Implementation Team (CAPIT).

The CAPIT comprises senior staff from all service areas and serves as a network of climate change advocates within their respective departments. Their core function in this role includes implementing the actions that are set out in the Climate Action Plan and reporting on progress.

Delivery of the Plan is further supported by the Dublin Metropolitan Climate Action Regional Office (CARO) and Codema, the Dublin Energy Agency. Codema provides advisory and technical services to the Council, including the monitoring and reporting of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.

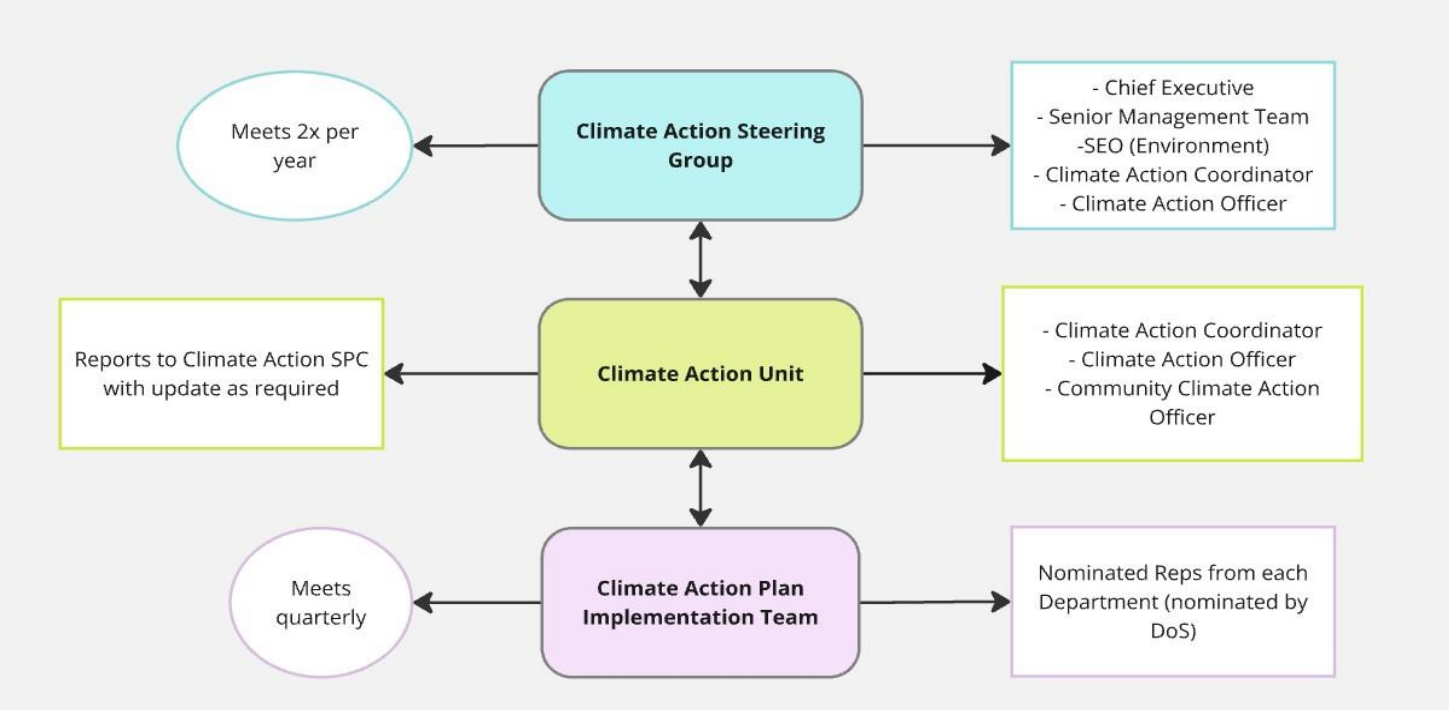


Figure 4 Governance Structure of the Fingal Climate Action Plan 2024-2029

Dublin Metropolitan Climate Action Regional Office (CARO): The Climate Action Regional Offices (CAROs) were established in 2018 in response to Action 8 of the 2018 National Adaptation Framework (NAF) – *Planning for a Climate-resilient Ireland*. The offices are mandated to coordinate engagement across the varying levels of government and help build on existing experience and expertise in climate change and climate action. The offices have a role in driving climate action at both regional and local levels, including supporting the implementation of local adaptation plans/Climate Change Action Plans.

The composition of the four Climate Action Regions has been determined by the geographical and topographical characteristics, vulnerabilities and shared climate risks experienced across local authority areas. The four CARO regions, constituent local authorities and associated lead authorities are shown in Table 1 and Figure 5.

Climate Action Region	Local Authority function area	Lead Authority
Dublin Metropolitan	Dublin City, Dun-Laoghaire-Rathdown, South Dublin, Fingal	Dublin City Council
Eastern and Midlands	Carlow, Cavan, Kildare, Kilkenny, Laois, Leitrim, Longford, Louth, Meath, Monaghan, Offaly, Roscommon, Tipperary, Waterford, Westmeath, Wexford, Wicklow	Kildare County Council, with support from Kilkenny County Council
Atlantic Seaboard North	Donegal, Sligo, Mayo, Galway City & County	Mayo County Council
Atlantic Seaboard South	Clare, Limerick, Kerry, Cork City & County.	Cork County Council

Table 1 Climate Action Regional Offices

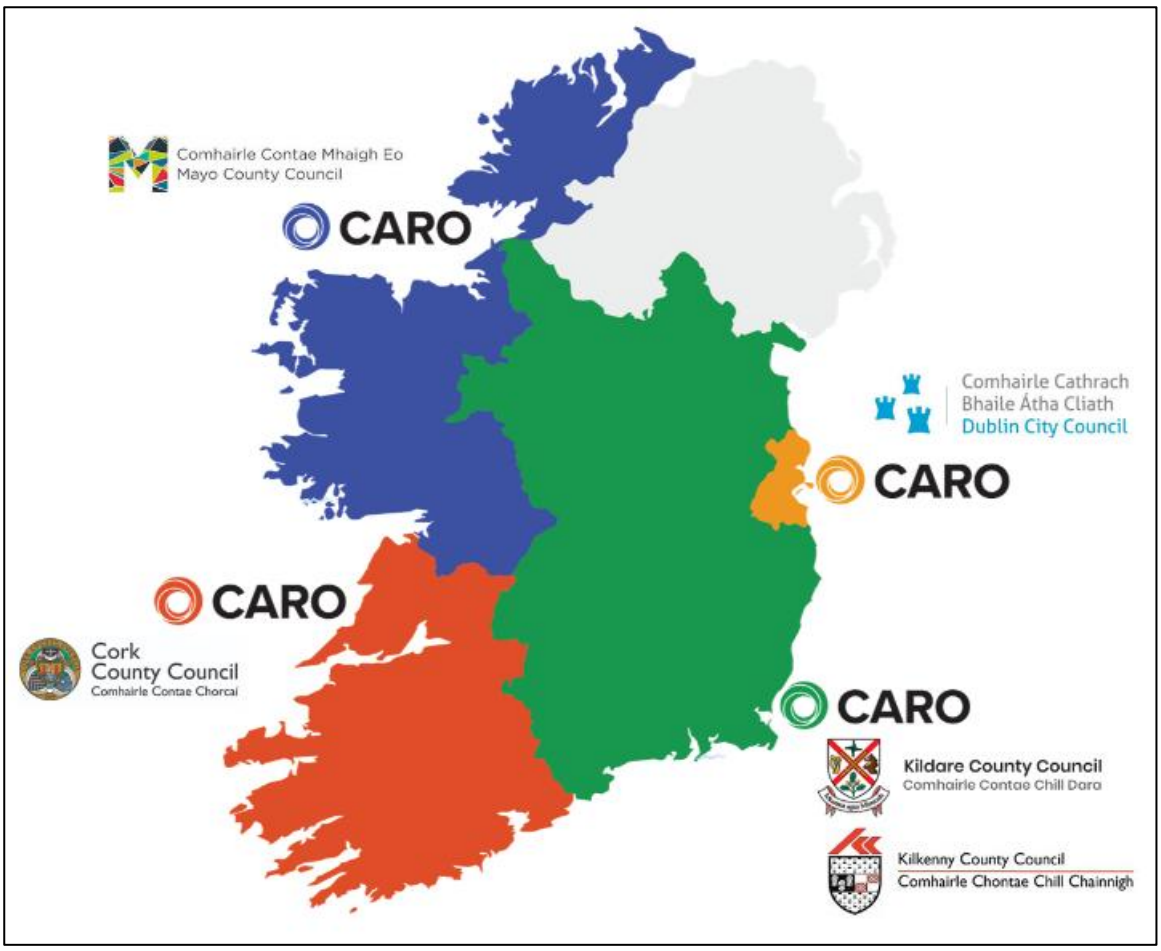


Figure 5 Climate Action Regional Offices (CAROs)

The Dublin Metropolitan CARO has been working closely with the four Dublin Climate Teams and Codema, the Dublin Energy Agency, to support the implementation of their Climate Change Action Plans. The Dublin CARO has a regional steering group comprising the four Directors of Services of the Dublin Local Authorities and colleagues from Codema and the Eastern Midlands Regional Assembly.

CARO Work programme: Examples of projects across the six key areas of the CARO work programme are listed below:

- **Management and Governance**
  - National, Regional and local climate team meetings
  - Participation in sectoral adaptation steering groups and working groups.

- Preparation of a detailed business case to support climate action for the local authority sector
- Participation in relevant CCMA/LGMA and Government working groups on Climate Action

- **Climate Adaptation**
  - Assisting local authorities with the implementation and reporting of Climate Action Plans, including implementation guidance
  - Preparation of guidance such as guidance document for adaptation of regional and local roads
  - Working with Government Departments and agencies on the implementation of sectoral adaptation plans
  - Collaborating with key climate actors such as Climate Ireland, Universities
  - Participation in National Working Groups such as the new Coastal Change Strategy Steering Group

- **Climate Mitigation**
  - Participation in Regional and National Electric Vehicle (EV) working groups.
  - Collaboration with energy agencies and SEAI on energy-related projects
  - Identifying and assisting local authorities with projects eligible for the National Climate Action Fund

- **Communications and Citizen Engagement**
  - Presentations to Councils, Government Departments and Agencies, youth organisations and the public
  - Supporting individual local authorities with community engagement events, including climate action workshops
  - Collaboration with key stakeholders such as GAA on Green Clubs Programme, Comhairle Na nOg, Age Friendly Ireland, etc.
  - Maintenance of the CARO website and social media communication channels
  - Preparation of submissions on climate-relevant public consultations

- **Training and Education**
  - Preparation and rollout of a comprehensive Climate Action training plan for the LA sector across all levels (see below for further details)
  - Identification of external training and upskilling opportunities in climate action for the Local Authority Sector
  - Collaboration with expert organisations and representative bodies for tailored workshops and training seminars

- **Knowledge Development**
  - Development of an online Weather Impacts Reporting App (WIRE) for Local Authorities
  - Preparation of guidance and position papers on climate action areas
  - Identification and communication of funding opportunities for climate action projects in local authorities and assistance with the application process
  - Participation in relevant climate action research projects from the Environmental Protection Agency research programmes and other funding programmes
  - Engaging with local authorities and Regional Assemblies on planning issues relating to climate action

- **Local Authority Climate Action Training Programme:**

A key focus of the recent CARO work programme has been the rollout of climate action training across the local authority sector. The CAROs have developed this training plan in collaboration with partners such as the Local Authority Environmental Services Training Group (LASTNG), Climate Ireland, the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI), Met Éireann, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Institute for Public Administration and others. Training has been targeted at all staff levels and focuses on the following six pillar areas;

- Climate Action Leadership – aimed at all elected members and senior staff.
- Climate Action Awareness Training – aimed at building capacity across climate action teams.
- General Awareness Building – online training for all indoor staff to raise awareness of climate action.
- Practical Climate Action – training for all outdoor staff to assist them in delivering practical climate action measures.
- Behavioural Change Training – to empower staff to promote positive change both internally and across the community.
- Specific and Targeted Training – training arising from specific knowledge gaps or individual policy/role requirements, such as spatial planning, flood risk management.

- **Strengthening communications:**

  This has been primarily done by developing the CARO website, which has more than 86,000 users. The most popular sections of the website include projects, research, local authority climate action, training and academic courses.

- **Community outreach:**

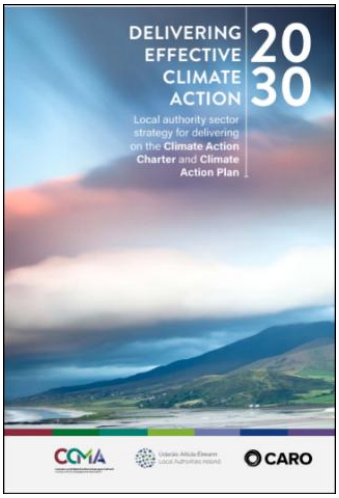
  Working with the four Dublin Local Authorities and Codema, a significant amount of work and events were undertaken as part of the Dublin Climate Action Week in September to deliver a programme of in-person and online events to highlight climate action. Additional outreach will be achieved by delivering recorded webinars on the CARO website for future use. Significant work was also undertaken with other partners through the GAA Green Clubs Phase 1 programme[3]. Other events have included working with partners such as Age Friendly Ireland, An Taisce Climate Ambassadors and 3rd-level universities to participate in events and workshops on climate action.

[3] https://www.gaa.ie/my-gaa/community-and-health/green-clubs-sustainability

Climate Actions and UN Sustainability Goals: The Department of Environment, Climate, and Communications (DECC) hold overall responsibility for promoting the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs). There are 17 SDGs, and the successful implementation of all is crucial for ensuring a sustainable future. While Action 17 focuses explicitly on Climate Action, achieving many other SDGs is also essential for the sustainable development of the county. There is a strong, cross-departmental awareness of the SDGs, and they are consistently integrated into the development of new policies and service delivery. For instance, the SDGs, including Climate Action, are deeply embedded in key documents such as the Fingal County Development Plan 2023-2029, Fingal Climate Action Plan 2024-2029, the Fingal Local Economic and Development Plan 2023-2028, and the Fingal Corporate Plan 2025-2029.



Local Authority Climate Action Framework: The CAP implementation fulfils commitments outlined in the local authority framework for climate action. This framework includes the national Climate Action Plans, the Climate Action and Low-carbon Development (Amendment) Act 2021, the Local Authority Climate Action Charter (2019, currently under review), and the Local Government roadmap for climate action, Delivering Effective Climate Action 2030: Local Authority Sector Strategy for Delivering on the Climate Action Charter and Climate Action Plan.



Codema: Codema is Dublin's Energy Agency committed to leading Dublin's low-carbon transition towards 2030 and 2050. They act as the energy agency to the four local authorities in Dublin - Dublin City Council (DCC), Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council (DLRCC), Fingal County Council (FCC) and South Dublin County Council (SDCC).

Codema works closely with all four Dublin Local Authorities (DLAs) to support them in achieving their public sector obligations, including meeting energy and greenhouse gas (GHG) emission targets and the implementation of their Climate Action Plans. They support the Fingal County Council to achieve energy management standards through ISO 50001 certification, and to monitor and achieve the public sector targets. Codema works with Fingal's Energy Performance Officers (EPOs) and Energy Team to help them identify and implement the best energy-saving opportunities in their organisations and develop a pathway towards achieving our 2030 targets.

Areas of work where Projects where Codema supports Fingal County Council include:

- **Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI) Monitoring and Reporting**: Codema assists in the direct energy management within Fingal County Council, completing the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI) Monitoring and Reporting to show the authority's progress towards its energy efficiency improvement target of 51% by 2030. A key aspect of this role involves participating in the regular energy team meetings and preparing monthly energy reports for each Significant Energy User (SEU) designated within Fingal County Council.

- **Project Implementation Unit:** Codema was awarded significant funding from the EU Horizon 2020 Programme in 2021 to develop a Project Implementation Unit for developing renewable energy and energy efficiency projects in Dublin over the next four years. Under this DeliveREE project, 21 FCC facilities have been proposed for energy projects within the pipeline. In conjunction with this, Codema is working with the four Dublin Local Authorities to develop a Pathfinder funding application with SEAI, which could provide up to 50% capital funding for these projects.

- **Display Energy Certificates (DECs):** The information from Codema's energy database and energy surveys is used to prepare Display Energy Certificates (DECs) for each publicly accessible local authority building with a floor area greater than 250m2, as required under the regulation S.I. 243 of 2012. In 2022, seven DECs were generated for

public buildings. Codema has guided Fingal County Council through the procurement process for its first Energy Performance Contract for the Blanchardstown Civic Offices and Swords County Hall. DECs allow for comparing a building's energy performance against a standard benchmark and are updated annually with the actual energy consumption over the previous 12-month period. The comparison allows the building's energy performance to be tracked from year to year.

Codema assists Fingal County Council with the certification of public buildings and issues certificates to the managers of all these buildings, along with information on how much energy would need to be saved in the following year to improve their energy rating. This information is entered into the SEAI system. Each building manager also receives a copy of Codema's 'Guide to Display Energy Certificates in Local Authority Buildings' to accompany these certificates and encourage direct action.

- **Blanchardstown District Heating:** Codema with the support of Fingal County Council (FCC) is proposing to implement the Blanchardstown District Heating Scheme (BDHS). The system proposes to utilise a low-temperature waste heat source from a nearby data centre through a large-scale heat pump to supply space heating and hot water to a university campus, public hospital, and a national sports facilities campus in its first delivery phase. The system will also have the capacity to supply other nearby interested customers in the public and private sectors in the following phases. This innovative district heating scheme will provide low-carbon, low-cost heat to the Blanchardstown area. It will be only the second of its kind in Ireland, following the example of the Tallaght District Heating Scheme in South County Dublin.

- **DeliveREE:** In early 2021, Codema was awarded funding under the Horizon 2020 Project Development Assistance call for the DeliveREE project. DeliveREE aims to create an innovative project finance and delivery structure for energy efficiency and renewable energy projects in the Dublin region, across the four Dublin Local Authorities, using various performance-based contracting structures. By creating a structured approach,

DeliveREE can accelerate the formation of large-scale projects by standardising the project development process, allowing projects of various types and sizes to be aggregated to create scale. This enables the use of energy performance and energy supply contracts whose performance guarantees are both critical for achieving value for money and providing a mechanism for the involvement of private capital.

- **E2-CUTIES:** Engaged Energy-Communities in Urban areas with Technology Integrated Energy Systems (E2-Cuties) is a 4-year Interreg North-West Europe project in which Codema, with the support of Fingal County Council, were successful in securing funding in Q4 2024 with the support of Fingal County Council. This project will commence in January 2025. E2 Cuties aims to enhance energy efficiency in urban areas by empowering local energy communities to implement integrated energy-efficient measures and by strengthening cooperation models between energy communities and the local authority. This project features Codema and Fingal County Council as the local Dublin partners, alongside associated partner Balbriggan Sustainable Energy Community. It will directly support Fingal's climate goals by implementing strategies to reduce energy consumption within the Balbriggan Decarbonising Zone.



Figure 6 Networking Day with Sustainable Energy Communities in Fingal

5. Local Authority CAP Monitoring and Reporting

Climate Action National Key Performance Indicators: The government collects annual data on the performance of local authorities regarding their climate action obligations. This data is organised into themes, such as mainstreaming, mitigation, adaptation, internal behavioural change, and capacity building. It is compiled into an annual Climate Action Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) report by the Local Government Management Agency (LGMA), as shown in Figure 7.

Data for 2025 was collected from January 12th to January 31st, 2026, and will be published by the LGMA in the summer of 2026. A new KPI (Number 6 - Climate Action Plans) was introduced in 2024, which will gather updates on the delivery of LACAP actions from every local authority.

Local Government CA KPI Theme	Climate Action Theme	Data supplied by
1. Climate Action Staff	Mainstreaming	**Local Authorities**
2. Climate Action Teams	Mainstreaming	**Local Authorities**
3. Active Travel Projects	Mitigation	NTA
4. Social Housing Retrofit	Mitigation	LGMA (HDCO)
5. Greenhouse Gas Reduction	Mitigation	SEAI
6. Climate Action Plans	Adaptation / Mitigation	**Local Authorities**
7. Severe Weather Responses	Adaptation	**Local Authorities**
8. Community Climate Action Programme	Internal Behavioural Change and Capacity Building	DECC
9. Councillor & Staff Training	Internal Behavioural Change and Capacity Building	LASNTG
10. Green for Micro	Internal Behavioural Change and Capacity Building	Enterprise Ireland

Figure 7 Ten National KPIs for Climate Action

Status of Actions - CAP 2024-2029: In 2025, out of the total 162 actions in the CAP, 95 were completed, 51 are currently in progress, and 16 have not yet been started. Of the completed actions in 2025, 83 are classified as recurring, which have an annual work programme, and the

2025 work programme for these actions has been completed, see Figure 8. Table 2 provides details of progress on actions in 2025 per thematic area.

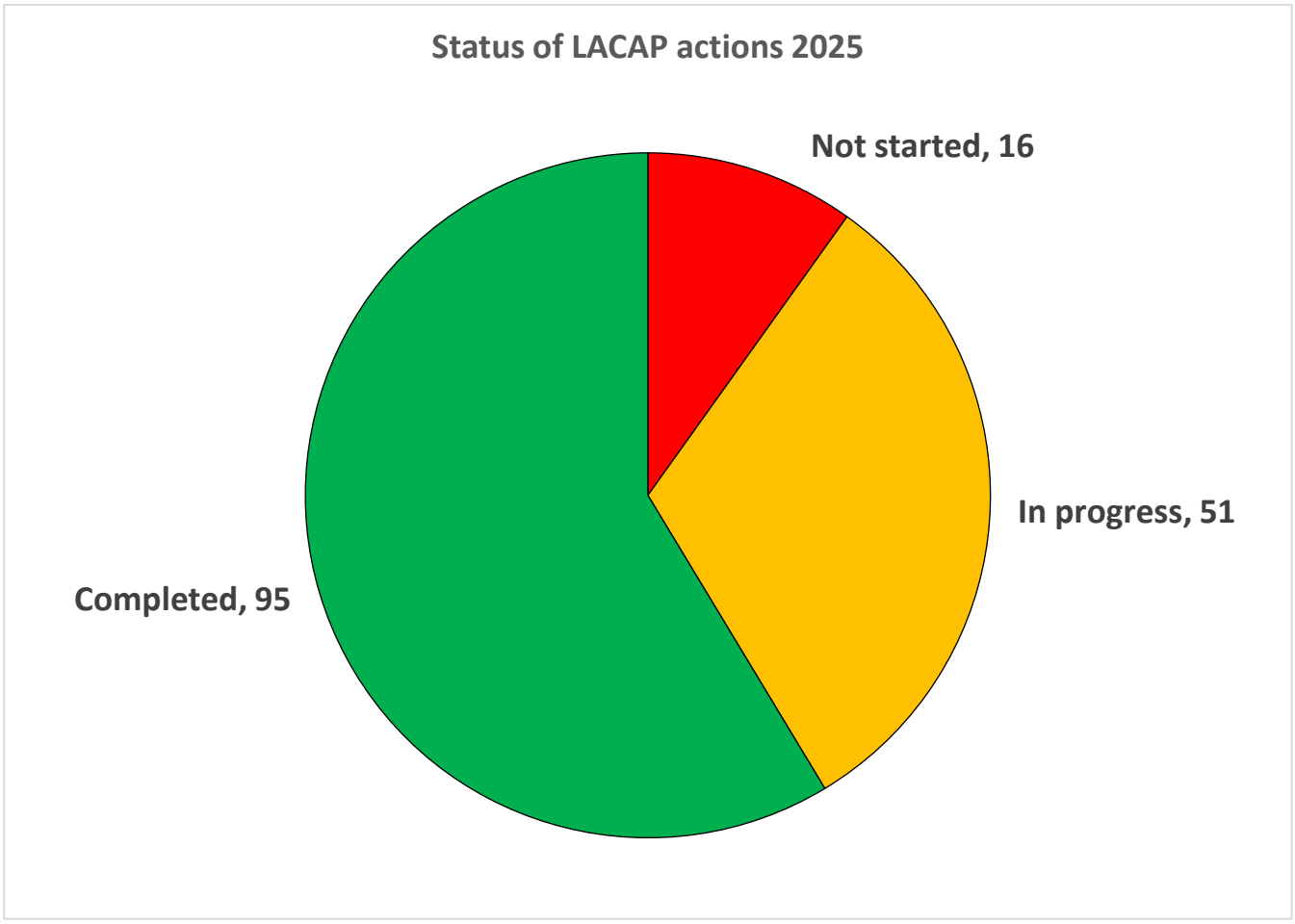


Figure 8 Implementation Status of LACAP actions (1st Jan 2025 to 31st Dec 2025)

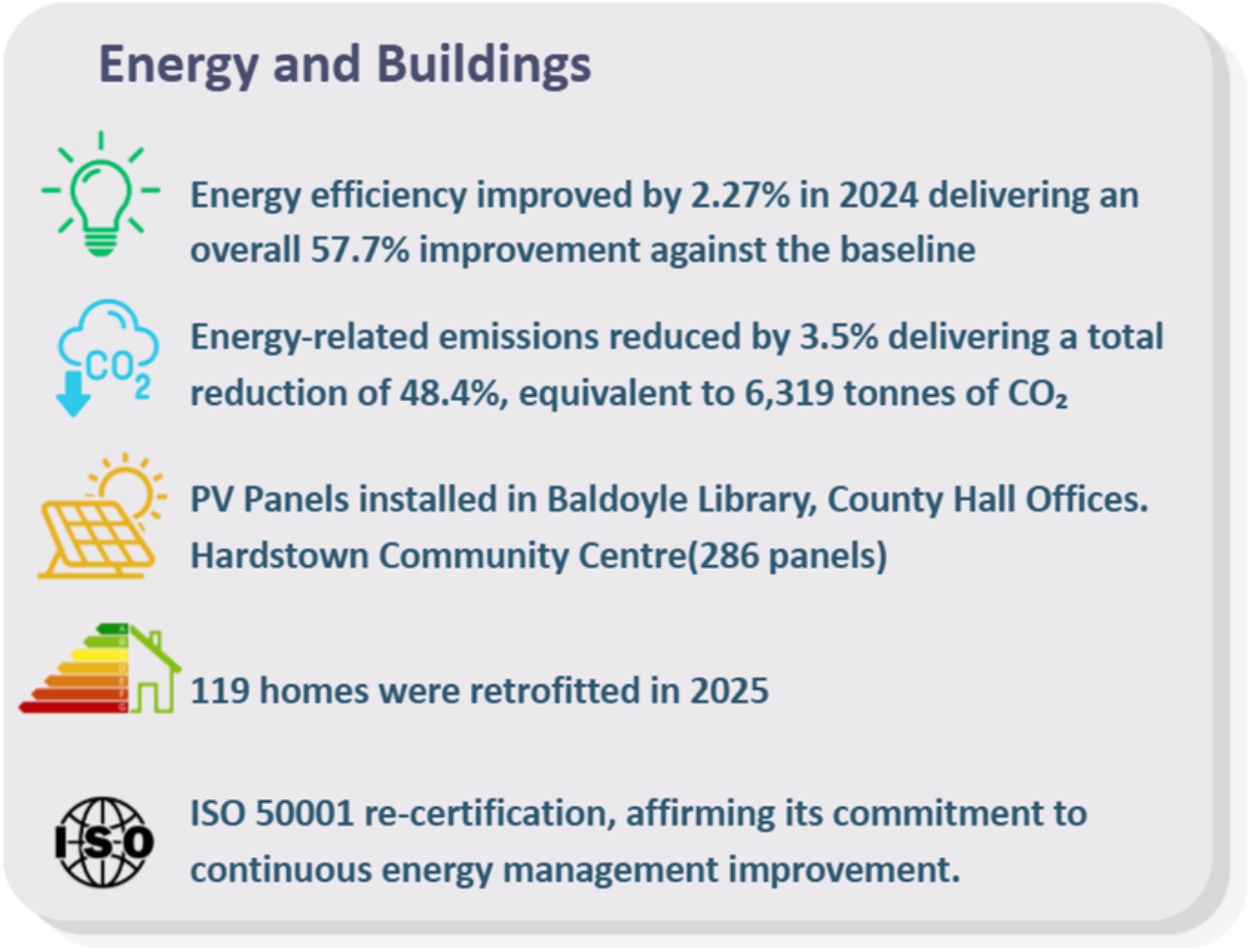
Thematic area	Completed (2025) and in progress	Actions not started
Energy and Buildings	28	4
Transport	33	2
Flood Resilience	27	2
Nature-Based Solutions	11	8
Circular Economy and Resource Management	22	0
Community Engagement	24	0

Table 2 Actions implemented per theme 2025

6. Fingal County Council Climate Action Plan Update

6.1. Energy and Buildings

Key achievements in 2025



Energy Management

With energy prices continuing to rise, there is increasing urgency at both European and national level to reduce reliance on fossil fuels for heating and powering homes and buildings. In response, the public sector including local authorities, is accelerating efforts to improve energy efficiency, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and transition to renewable heating solutions across building stock.

ISO 50001:2018 Energy Management: ISO 50001:2018 is an internationally recognised standard that provides a structured framework for organisations to develop, implement and

continuously improve an Energy Management System (EnMS). It enables organisations to enhance energy performance, reduce consumption and costs, and minimise environmental impact.

Fingal County Council was awarded ISO 50001 certification by Certification Europe in June 2020. Since then, a comprehensive Energy Management System has been embedded across the organisation to support sustained reductions in energy use and carbon emissions. A cross-functional Energy Team, comprising representatives from Significant Energy Users (SEUs), meets quarterly to drive implementation and continuous improvement.

The Council successfully completed its ISO 50001 re-certification audit in October 2025. The 2024 Monitoring and Reporting Cycle was finalised and submitted to SEAI in 2025, and preparatory work for the 2025 cycle is underway, including submissions due in December 2025 and May 2026. Energy Reviews for both 2023 and 2024 have also been completed, ensuring a robust evidence base for ongoing performance improvement.

Energy Efficiency Improvement and Upgrades

Fingal County Council continues to demonstrate strong progress in energy efficiency and emissions reduction under its ISO 50001 Energy Management System. The 2024 Energy Review confirms that the organisation has exceeded its 2030 energy efficiency target while making substantial progress towards greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction targets.

Fingal County Council is required to achieve a 51% reduction in greenhouse gas (GHG) carbon emissions, based on a 2016-2018 baseline, and a 50% improvement in energy efficiency, based on a 2009 baseline, by 2030[4].

The Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI) Monitoring and Reporting (M&R) system provides a structured platform for tracking progress on these emission reduction and energy

[4] Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Act 2021 (No. 32 of 2021)

efficiency targets. It provides an annual assessment of the 'Gap to Target' necessary to meet these objectives.

According to the Energy Review Report prepared by Codema on behalf of Fingal County Council in November 2025, by the end of 2024, FCC had has achieved a 57.7% improvement in energy efficiency relative to the baseline (2006–2008), exceeding the national 2030 target of 50%.

In terms of emissions:

- Total energy-related emissions have reduced by 48.4%, approaching the national target of 51% by 2030.
- Direct emissions (heat and transport) have reduced by only 13.8%, highlighting a significant remaining challenge.

This indicates that while overall performance is strong, further action is required in fossil fuel use, particularly in transport and heating.

FCC Breakdown of Energy Use						
	2024			2023		
Energy Type	TFC (GWh)	Emissions (tCO2)	Estimated cost (€)	TFC (GWh)	Emissions (tCO2)	Estimated cost (€)
Electricity	15.24	3,962	€3,915,928	15.47	4,276	€4,205,819
Gas	5.46	1,117	€538,731	5.84	1,196	€676,154
Road Diesel (DERV)	3.76	912	€458,929	4.06	988	€495,099
Marked Diesel	2.03	535	€247,131	2.15	567	€261,967
Kerosene	0.43	110	€27,337	0.43	110	€27,337
Petrol	0.15	36	€22,371	0.17	40	24622.46
Total	**27.06**	**6,671**	**€5,210,427**	**28.11**	**7,176**	**€5,690,998**

Table 3 FCC Breakdown of Energy Use 2023 V 2024

In 2024, total energy consumption was 27.06 GWh, resulting in 6,671 tonnes of CO_2 emissions and an associated energy cost of approximately €5.21 million. This represents a 3.7% reduction in energy consumption compared to 2023, continuing a long-term downward trend.

As of 2024, from an SEAI perspective, the preliminary scorecard shows that FCC has improved its energy efficiency by 57.7%, compared to the baseline (average 2006-2008) when adjusting

for increasing population served in FCC. The average glidepath to 2030 is presented in Figure 9 below and represents a 2.27% annual improvement in energy performance to 2030.

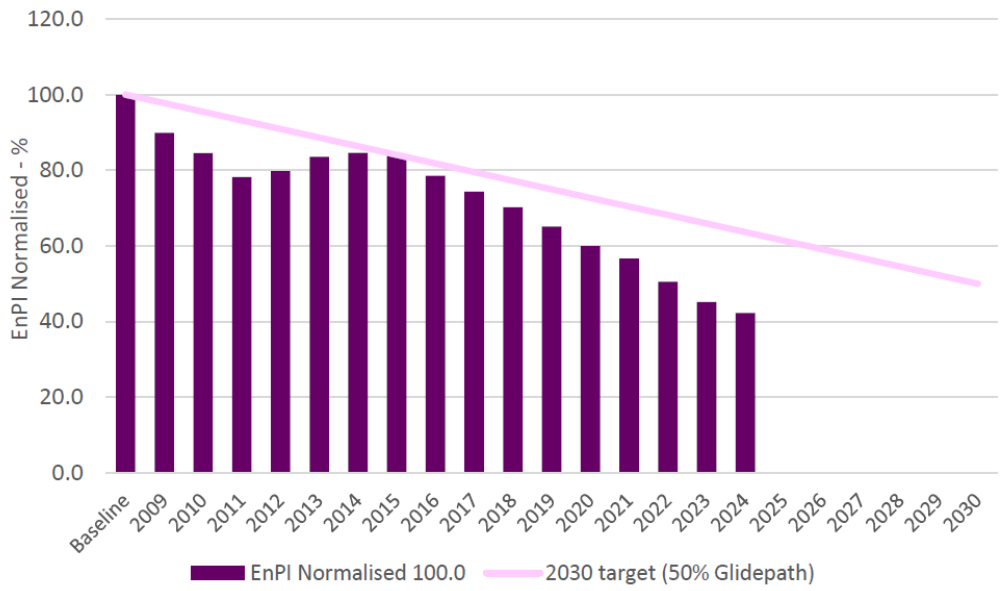


Figure 9 Annual Energy Efficiency target compared to 50% glidepath

Energy use remains concentrated across a small number of key areas. Electricity accounts for the largest share (56%), followed by transport fuels (22%) and heating fuels (22%).

Green House Gas Emissions: Under the SEAI Monitoring and Reporting Framework for 2030, public bodies are required to meet statutory greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions targets. The 2023 Government Climate Action Plan sets a target of a 51% absolute reduction in energy-related GHG emissions by 2030, including a 51% reduction in direct emissions from thermal and transport fuels, compared to a 2016–2018 baseline average.[5]

Compared to the baseline, the preliminary results indicate that in 2024, FCC's total energy-related emissions were reduced by 48.4% equivalent to 6,319 tonnes of CO2.

[5] Fingal County Council 2024 Energy Review, November 2024, Codema

Looking at direct GHG emissions, there has been a 13.8% reduction in thermal and transport emissions, equivalent to 433 tonnes of CO2, as plotted in Figure 10. This leaves 1,161 tonnes of direct CO2 emissions to be reduced between now and 2030.

A GHG gap-to-target chart shows the difference between projected greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and the reductions required to meet climate targets. FCC is expected to meet its direct emissions target through upgrades to County Hall in Swords, the Civic Offices in Blanchardstown, Blanchardstown Library, Draíocht, smaller buildings, and fleet improvements. However, additional energy upgrades will be needed to offset planned future construction and to stay on track for Net Zero by 2050. Taking these projects into account, a revised GHG gap-to-target chart is presented figure 11.

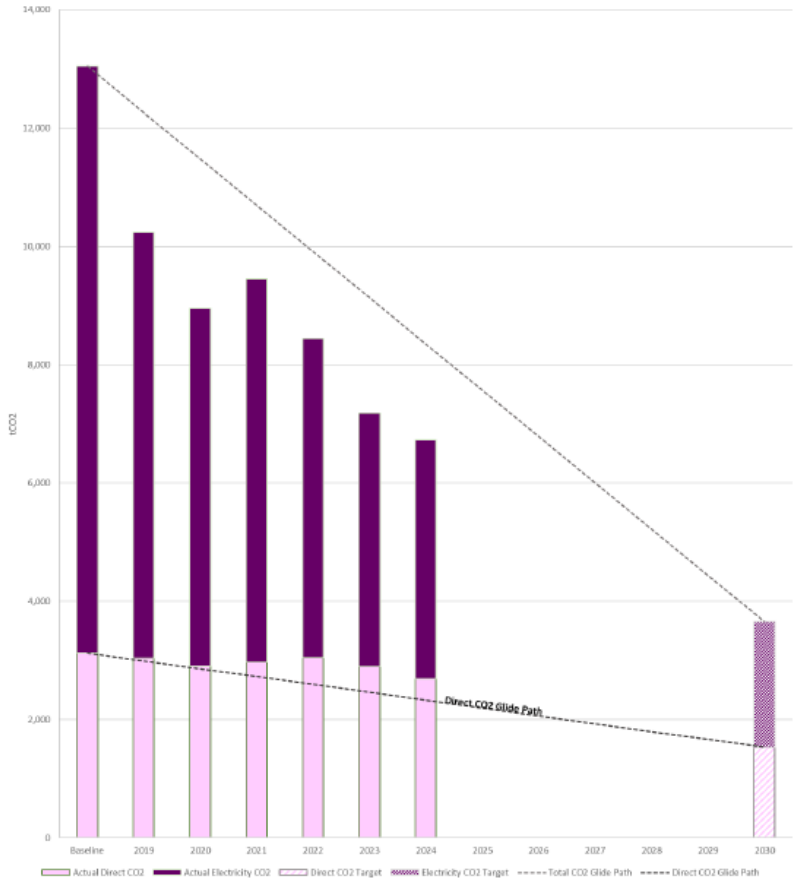


Figure 10 Total and Direct CO2 Emissions

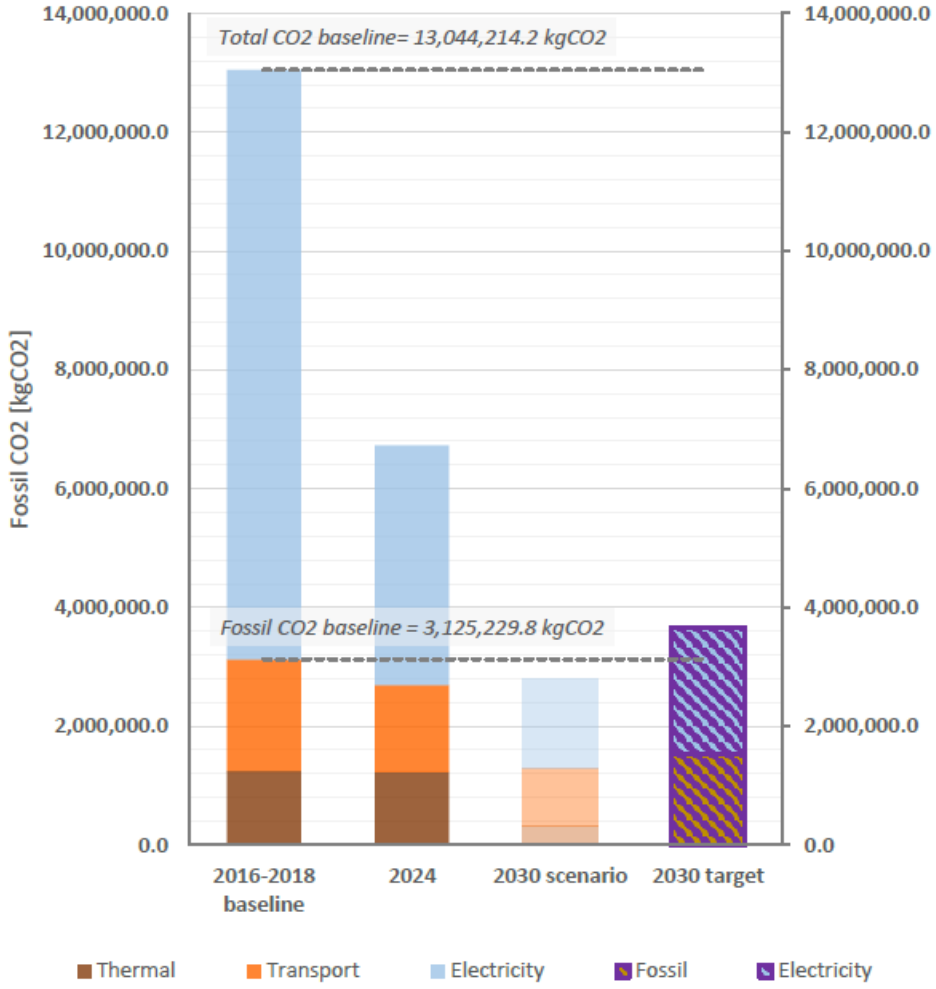


Figure 11 Gap-to-target analysis GHG emissions

Codema is working with FCC to support delivery of the greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions target through a Building Decarbonisation Strategy, figure 7 below. This strategy identifies a pipeline of appropriate energy efficiency and renewable energy projects aligned with the 2030 targets, refines that pipeline, and assigns projects to suitable development and delivery routes.

The strategy is iterative, with the project pipeline evolving as building conditions change and as the gap to target is updated over time. Buildings currently included in the FCC pipeline are County Hall, Swords; Civic Offices, Blanchardstown; Blanchardstown Library; and Draíocht.

Codema is also supporting FCC in progressing a number of these projects through the EU Horizon 2020–funded DeliveREE project, under which a dedicated Project Implementation Unit has been established within Codema.

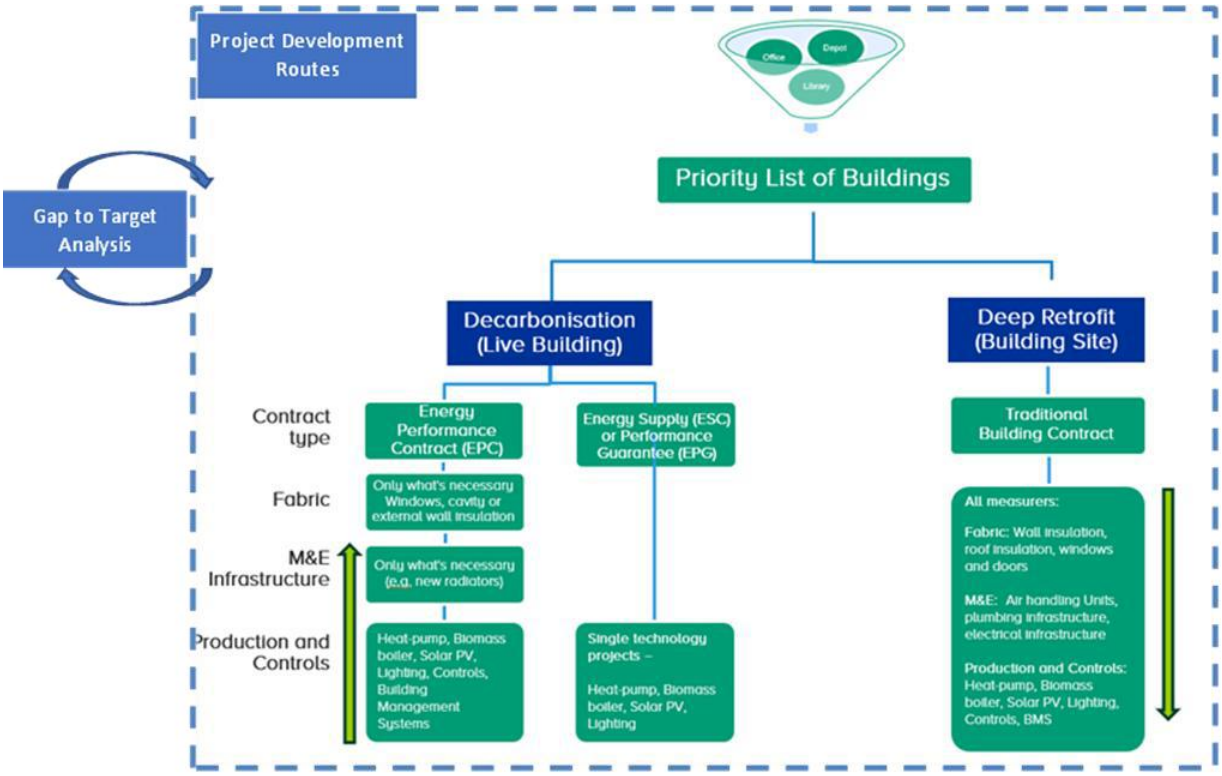


Figure 12 Building Decarbonisation Strategy

Energy Performance Contract (EPC): In February 2022, an Energy Performance Contract (EPC) project was conducted by Codema at County Hall in Swords and the Civic Offices in Blanchardstown, implementing several energy upgrades that affected energy consumption. To assess performance before and after the upgrades, 2019 was selected as the baseline. The baseline is reviewed on an annual basis.

Figure 8 reveals an overall improvement in performance due to the EPC implementation. The graph shows mild but consistent improvement in performance in 2024, with a notable increase in performance in Winter 2024/2025. In 2025 a re-evaluation of the feasibility and suitability of the EPC was commenced.

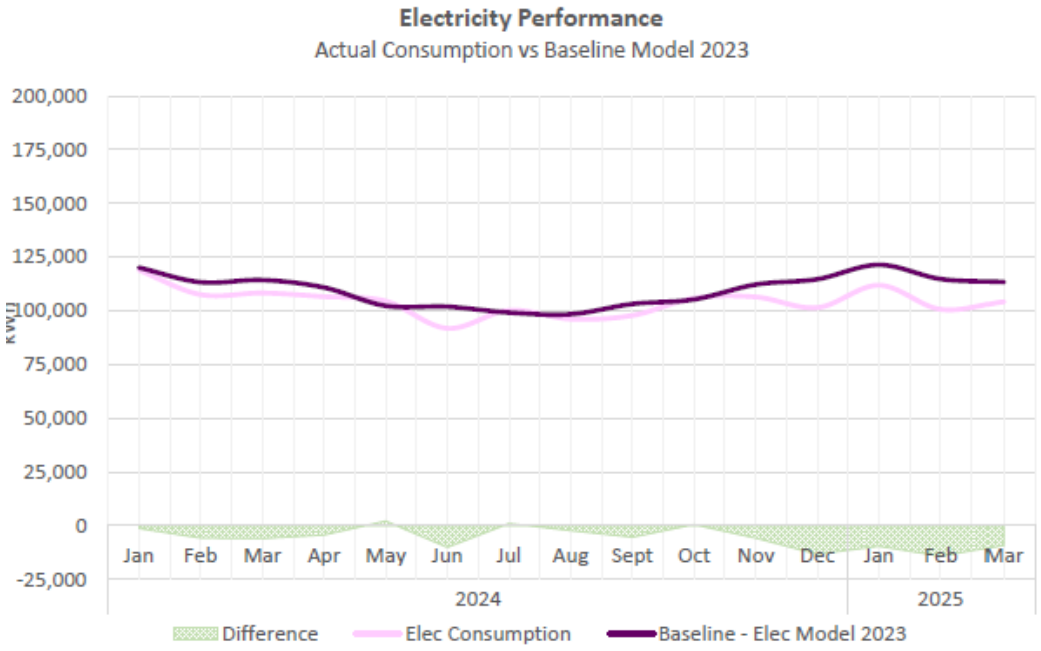


Figure 13 Large Office Energy Performance

Significant Energy Users

Public Lighting: Public Lighting is the largest SEU within FCC. In 2024, Public Lighting accounted for 39.6% of FCC's energy use, which amounted to 9.61 GWh of energy consumption, 2,543 tonnes of CO2 and an estimated €2.27 million in energy costs, making it a critical focus area for energy and emissions management. In April 2024, FCC achieved 100% conversion of its public lighting stock to LED, becoming the first local authority in Ireland to do so. This milestone represents a major advancement in improving energy efficiency across the network.

Energy consumption is primarily concentrated in unmetered public lighting (59%), with metered accounts contributing 30% and traffic lights accounting for 11%. Energy performance improved by 5% in 2024 compared to the baseline (2023), delivering savings of 284 MWh and 75 tonnes of CO_2. This reflects the cumulative impact of the LED retrofit programme, which has driven consistent improvements since 2016.

Long-term trends show a significant reduction in unmetered lighting consumption (6.6 GWh since 2016, stable demand in metered lighting until a notable reduction in 2024 (>10%), and a steady increase in traffic light energy use, linked to network growth and increased demand.

The LED lights are also easier to maintain, particularly as they are expected to last significantly longer. Those installed in Fingal are specified to have a design life of 20 years or 80,000 hours minimum. The neutral white light emitted by LEDs also enhances the visibility of road markings and signs, meaning the council saves money and energy, and increases safety and visibility in Fingal's communities and public spaces.

With the LED upgrade now complete, future energy savings will depend on system optimisation and smart technologies. FCC is currently trialling Control Management Systems (CMS) to enable adaptive lighting and real-time monitoring, as well as solar-powered lighting solutions for low-demand locations. These technologies show potential but require further evaluation before wider rollout.

Overall, while significant efficiency gains have been achieved, continued growth in the number of public lights presents a risk of increasing total energy demand, reinforcing the need for data-driven management and targeted innovation to sustain progress.



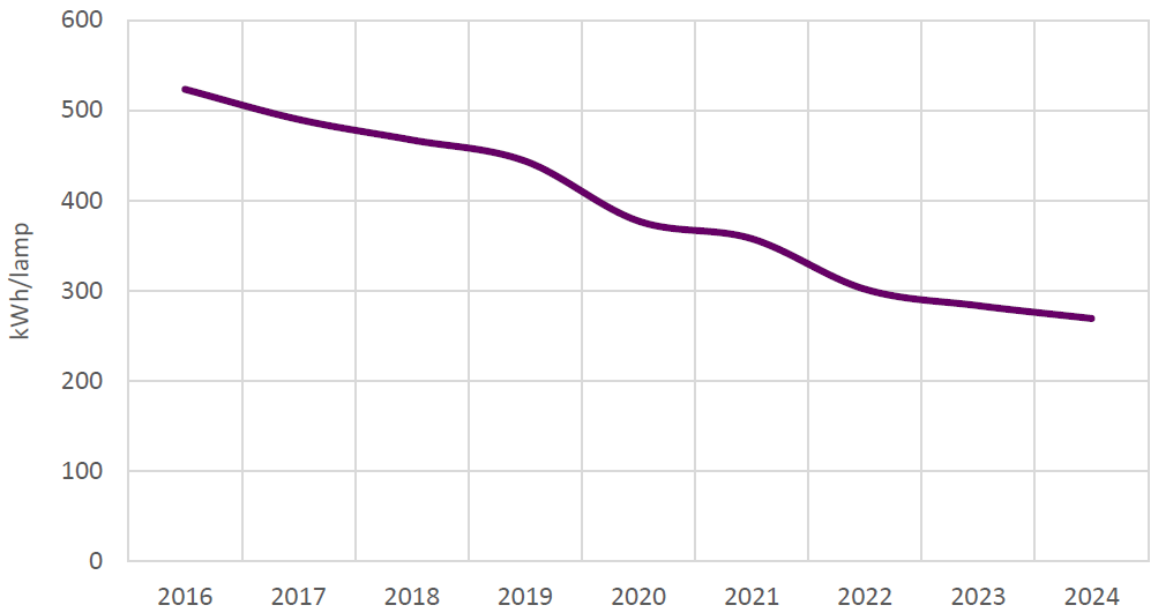


Figure 14 Public lighting Annual Energy Performance

Transport: Transport is the second largest SEU within Fingal County Council, accounting for 24.5% of energy use in 2024 (5.94 GWh), 1,482 tonnes of CO_2 and €728,500 in costs. Energy demand is dominated by diesel (DERV 63%, marked diesel 34%), with performance in 2024 declining as fuel intensity increased by 13%, despite long-term reductions in diesel use (38% since 2016). Fleet performance is tracked using a kWh/km EnPI supported by telematics, with distance travelled identified as a key driver of consumption. Fleet electrification is progressing delivering estimated savings of 1.07 GWh and 295 tCO_2; however, EV electricity use is not yet captured within the Transport SEU. Continued electrification, improved data integration and operational efficiency will be required to sustain emissions reductions.

Large Offices: Large Offices (County Hall, Swords and Civic Offices, Blanchardstown) are the third largest Significant Energy User, accounting for 13% of Fingal County Council's energy use in 2024 (3.15 GWh, 719 tCO_2, €604,700). Using a 2023 post-EPC baseline, energy performance shows clear improvement, with a 10.9% reduction in energy use (403 MWh) and 135 tCO_2 saved in 2024. Gas consumption is strongly driven by external temperature (HDD), while electricity shows a consistent baseload with moderate weather influence, and both indicate improved operational control. EPC measures, including heating system upgrades, BMS optimisation and LED lighting, have reduced peak demand and baseload, particularly at County Hall. Planned solar PV and heat pump installations are expected to deliver further savings of

approximately 2 GWh and 435 tCO_2, supporting continued decarbonisation of the Council's core office estate.

Libraries: Libraries use electricity and gas, with external temperature (Heating Degree Days HDD) identified as the primary driver of energy consumption, alongside occupancy, opening hours and building characteristics. In 2024, energy performance showed modest improvement, with electricity consumption below baseline and gas performance improving particularly in winter months. Overall, Libraries achieved a 3% reduction in energy use (77 MWh) and 25 tCO_2 compared to 2023, continuing a downward trend since 2022 despite increased activity and extended opening hours at some sites. Energy use remains concentrated, with a small number of libraries accounting for most of the consumption, while operational changes (e.g. My Open Library, refurbishments, and extended hours) are influencing demand patterns. Future focus on deep retrofit and renewable energy upgrades, particularly at Blanchardstown Library & Draiocht, with potential savings of 1.08 GWh and 229 tCO_2 annually.

Operations: Operations (primarily depots) use electricity and gas, with external temperature the main driver of energy demand, particularly for gas at Watery Lane. In 2024, overall energy use decreased by 13.9% (172 MWh) and 63 tCO_2, driven by depot improvements, including heat pumps and EV infrastructure. Electricity performance broadly followed expected trends while gas consumption was slightly above modelled levels, indicating limited efficiency gains in this area. Future actions focus on feasibility studies to transition depots to non-fossil fuel heating systems, with further savings to be confirmed.

Energy Use and Consumption improvements 2025: The Reconciliation Period 3 (September 2024– February 2025) has shown significant energy improvements for the Energy Performance Contract across both County Hall, Swords and Civic Offices, Grove Road. The total electrical cost reduction achieved through this period is 34% based on the agreed contract rates, Consumption Reduction achieved 34% reduction. Thermal energy supply for this period is a decrease of 24% in gas usage across the two office facilities. The combined total energy savings achieved amounted to 28%, which represents a reduction of 225 tonnes of carbon emissions. The Reconciliation Period 4 (March 2025-August 2025) show the total electrical cost reduction achieved through this period is 34% based on the agreed contract rates, Consumption Reduction achieved 33% reduction. Thermal energy supply for this period is a decrease of 32% in gas usage across the two office facilities. The combined total

energy savings achieved amounted to 33%, which represents a reduction of 118 tonnes of carbon emissions.

Refurbishment programme for Fingal Corporate buildings: FCC undertook refurbishment of FCC buildings to include energy reviews and retrofits as standard in line with Public Sector targets for 2030. These buildings include the following public buildings:

- Baldoyle Library Upgrade and Decarbonisation completed Q2 2025
- County Hall Phase 1 upgrade to include PV panels completed in 2025; Phase-2 Pilot single floor fabric and services upgrade commencing in Q1 2026.
- 2-4 Dublin Street Balbriggan upgrade commencing on site 2026.
- Donabate Library at Ballisk House brought to B1.
- Hartstown Community Centre - retrofit including PV panels completed 2025.
- Corduff Community Centre - retrofit commenced 2025 due for completion 2026.
- Rivermeade Community Centre in design stage.

Fingal County Council is engaging an independent BREEAM assessor to apply the Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method (BREEAM) across key capital projects. Construction of the Swords Cultural Quarter and Culture House is progressing on site, targeting a BREEAM score of 75.96%, while the Balbriggan Swimming Pool is currently at design stage with a target score of 57.28%, ensuring sustainability standards are embedded from early project development through to delivery.



Social Housing Upgrades



2025 marks year 5 of the 10-year Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme in Ireland, part of the National Retrofit Plan, which aims to improve the energy efficiency of existing buildings significantly. The goal is to retrofit the equivalent of 500,000 homes to a Building Energy Rating (BER) of B2 or higher by 2030.

During the year, the Council successfully retrofitted 119 homes under the programme, exceeding the original funding allocation, which had been secured for 94 properties. The total allocation of €3,196,000 supported a wide range of upgrade works, including external wall and attic insulation, installation of solar photovoltaic (PV) systems, replacement of doors and windows, provision of air-to-air or air-to-water heat pump systems, mechanical ventilation, sealing of fireplaces, and the installation of low energy lighting.

These energy efficiency measures have delivered significant cost savings for tenants while also improving comfort levels and the overall quality of living within their homes.

Irish Green Building Council Home Performance Index: Assessments were conducted for four new social housing developments led by the local authority: North Street in Swords, Mourne View in Skerries, Remount in Lusk, and the Fortlawn Infill Sites.



Green Procurement Design Team: Appointments will include a sustainability specialism capable of informing all stages of the design process and providing the necessary documentation to secure accreditation under recognised Building

Assessment Methods such as the IGBC Home Performance Index (HPI), BREEAM, and LEED. In Fingal a HPI assessment has been included for the following developments and public buildings:

- North Street, Swords (13 no. units)
- Mourne View, Skerries (14 no. units)
- Remount, Lusk (18 no. units)
- Woodside, Swords (34 no. units)
- Park Rd, Rush (32 no. units
- Blakestown Cross, D15 (30 no. units)
- County Hall / Civic Offices / Blanchardstown Library & Draíocht
- Balbriggan Swimming Pool

Construction Products Regulation (CPR) (Regulation: The updated EU Construction Products Regulation (CPR) (Regulation (EU) 2024/3110) was published on December 18, 2024, and officially entered into force on January 7, 2025. It will apply to most products from January 8, 2026. The new CPR focuses on enhancing sustainability, promoting digital transformation, and improving the standardization process for construction products within the EU. Key changes include the integration of environmental performance data, the introduction of digital product passports, and stricter requirements for durability, recyclability, and reusability of products. Manufacturers must prepare for these changes, which will involve revising environmental declarations and adhering to new standard-dependent compliance timelines, especially for priority materials like concrete and steel.

Energy Planning and Renewables



District Heating: Fingal County Council, in partnership with Codema, is progressing a district heating network in Dublin 15, using waste heat from a data centre upgraded via a large-scale heat pump.

Phase 1 will supply key anchor buildings, including TU Dublin Blanchardstown, Connolly Hospital, and the National Sports Campus. Work

is underway on feasibility, governance, and delivery planning.

An ELENA Phase Two application has been submitted to the European Investment Bank, alongside a pre-ELENA funding request to DECC, to support detailed design and business model development from March 2026. The project supports Climate Action Plan objectives on low-carbon heat and provides a scalable model for Decarbonising Zones.

Viable Renewable Energy Projects: The Council has engaged with a range of stakeholders to explore potential renewable energy projects on Council-owned lands across the county, including initiatives in solar, wind, hydrogen and district heating.

Energy Awareness

Climate Resilience for Older Buildings: Fingal County Council remains dedicated to enhancing the resilience of older building stock against the challenges posed by climate change. In 2025 FCC ran two Conservation Clinics, one in Balbriggan (June) and the other in Swords (Dec). The Conservation Clinics offered free 45-minute consultations to owners of Protected Structures or buildings in Architectural Conservation Areas for advice from conservation architects on the repair or energy upgrading of their historic building. Owners of 15 properties availed of these clinics.



In 2025, FCC allocated funding to support conservation works and repairs through the following schemes:

- **Stitch in Time Grant:** Grant assistance provided to value of over €55,000 to 38 projects. 35 projects carried out minor repairs to the property, primarily works to patch repair thatch to extend out the lifespan of the thatched roof. Several projects were funded as emergency works after storm damage to roofs. 3 projects obtained grants for conservation advice.



- **Built Heritage Investment Scheme:** 16 projects awarded funding of €182,825 for moderate scale repairs, including roof or rainwater good repairs, and external wall repairs. 3 projects were awarded funding under the Historic Thatching Stream

- **Historic Structures Fund:** A grant awarded to 1 project to a total value of €66,020 for larger scale works involving the repair of unusual timber tracery windows.

LEO Supporting Energy Efficiency in Business

Fingal Local Enterprise Office has worked with the SME sector to promote energy-efficient adaptations through the following measures:

- LEO Climate Actions:
  - Monthly business supports briefing has been moved online, saving 120+ people per month commuting to an in-person event.
  - Reduced the amount of plastic purchased by sourcing LEO branded recyclable pens paper, notebooks etc.
  - Ordering the minimum amount of food for events to reduce food waste.
  - Use of QR codes mounted in frames to advertise specific programmes to reduce printing costs.

- **All in a Day's Work**: The Fingal LEO office ran the All in a Day's Work" campaign, which encourages businesses to "save time, money and energy." The campaign highlights our supports, (Lean for Business, Green for Business, Digital for Business), with a focus on ways to reduce waste, improve efficiency, and cut operational energy usage.



- **Free Mentoring Support:** the Fingal LEO offers free mentoring support with options for green consultants and sustainability mentors etc., helping businesses assess what changes they can make to improve sustainability in early stages and in future.

- **Green for Business:** In 2025, Fingal LEO supported 38 grant applications through this programme. The initiative is designed to help small enterprises begin their sustainability journey by providing access to a dedicated green consultant who offers tailored guidance on practical, achievable measures that can improve both environmental performance and overall business efficiency.

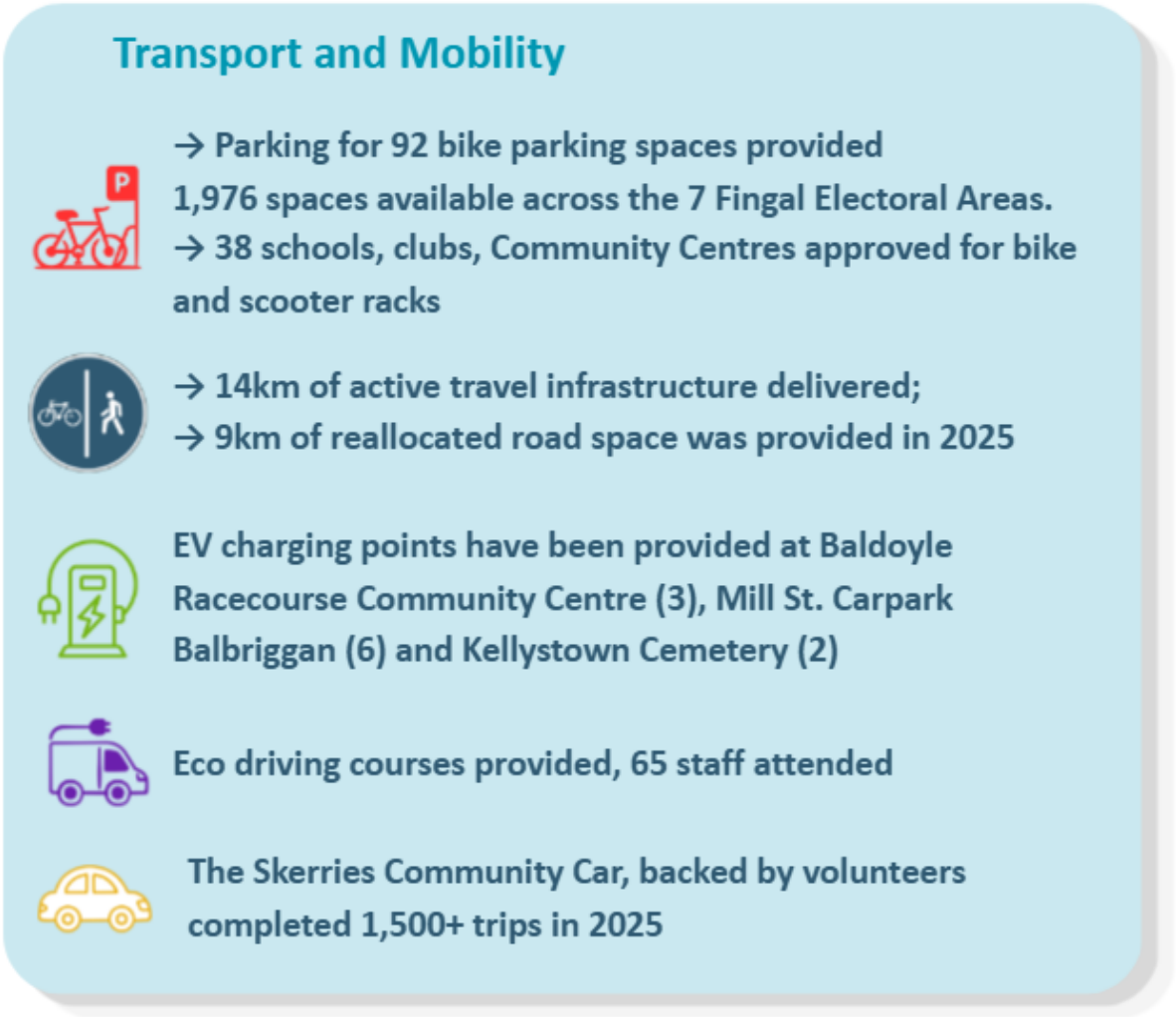


- **The Energy Efficiency Grant**: In 2025, Fingal LEO supported 17 grant applications valued at €131,950. This grant assists enterprises in implementing sustainability actions identified in a Green for Business Report, a GreenStart Report, or an SEAI Energy Audit. Covering 75% of eligible costs, it provides between €750 and €10,000 to help businesses reduce environmental impacts and strengthen long-term sustainability. Funding is limited to measures recommended in the relevant report



6.2. Transport

Key achievements in 2025



The Transport sector remains a key component of the Council's decarbonisation pathway, representing a significant share of operational energy use and emissions. In 2025, implementation focused primarily on Active Travel infrastructure, modal shift interventions, and incremental improvements to sustainable mobility networks.

The transport sector represents the largest source of energy demand within the Irish economy and is among the leading contributors to greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions nationally. National Transport sector emissions in 2024 were down 1.3%[6]. In 2024, the transport sector accounted

[6] SEAI National Energy Balance September 2025

for just over 42.3% of Ireland's total energy demand, 37.7% of energy related emissions and 21.7% of total GHG emissions[7].

Ireland's transport sector remains heavily reliant on fossil fuels, with approximately 93% of its energy derived from these sources[8]. This dependency is primarily on diesel and petrol, which constitute most transport fuels. Private cars remain the primary consumers of transport energy, comprising 41.4% of the sector's total energy demand in 2024 with an increase of 3.2%.

Planning and Strategic Infrastructure: The Fingal County Development Plan 2023–2029 places strong emphasis on integrating land use and transport, with priority given to expanding walking, cycling, and public transport infrastructure. It seeks to reduce transport emissions by enabling modal shift, managing travel demand, and developing coherent active travel networks, including greenways. The Plan supports the delivery of a transport system that is connected, resilient, and accessible, ensuring that communities across Fingal can move efficiently without reliance on private cars, while improving liveability and supporting the economic and social vitality of towns and villages.



Both the Planning and Development Department and the Infrastructure and Transport Department prioritise the integration of land use and transport planning, with a strong emphasis on compact growth supported by high-quality public transport. To advance this, the Council works closely with key partners to deliver sustainable public transport solutions for both new and existing developments. This includes ongoing collaboration with the National Transport Authority, Irish Rail and Transport Infrastructure Ireland on major projects such as MetroLink, DART+ and BusConnects.

[7] SEAI Transport Energy Statistics http://www.seai.ie/data-and-insights/seai-statistics/transport
[8] Energy in Ireland, SEAI, December 2025 Report

As part of the Council's wider sustainable transport infrastructure programme, the Strategic Infrastructure Section and the Active Travel team are also progressing a range of high-quality greenways and cycleways. These projects are currently moving through different stages of design, planning and construction.

Active Travel Team: In 2022, Fingal County Council adopted an Active Travel Strategy supported by an extensive programme of works aligned with the strategy's six strategic themes. This programme includes the development and enhancement of a protected cycle network across the county, the rollout of the Safe Routes to School initiative, and the delivery of infrastructure upgrades to strengthen local and regional connectivity. It also encompasses active travel improvements within towns and villages to enhance accessibility, as well as measures designed to support mobility, promote sustainable transport choices, and encourage positive behavioural change.

Development of Protected Cycle Lanes and Walkways

In 2025, the Active Travel Unit continued to advance the delivery of high-quality walking and cycling infrastructure across the county. A total of 985 metres of new footpaths were completed in Donabate, Santry, Ongar and Swords, with support from the National Transport Authority's Connectivity Fund. Additional footpath improvements were also delivered in the Howth–Malahide LEA in both urban areas and open spaces, including Lamb Chop Park in Bayside, the reconstruction of the old path from Strand Road to Portmarnock Beach, and upgrade works along the Estuary route from Seabury Park to Old Yellow Walls Road.

Under the 2025 Programme of Works, further progress was made on the Ongar-Barnhill Road Scheme, a significant infrastructure project in Dublin 15 linking the Ongar/Littlepace area with Barnhill. The scheme included the delivery of more than 2,500 metres of new footpaths.

The Active Travel Unit also completed several protected and off-road cycle lane schemes during 2025. In total, 0.81 km of protected cycle lanes were delivered in Donabate, at Newtown Bridge, Balheary, and along the R149 Clonee Road. The Ongar–Barnhill scheme also provided 1.3 km of one-way protected cycle lanes and 1.6 km of two-way protected cycle lanes. The

delivery of the R132 walking and cycling scheme from Blakes Cross to Quickpenny Lane was delivered comprising of 3.7km of walking and cycling facilities on both sides of the road (7.4km in total). This project formed a reapportioning of road space and included an additional 980m of Quiet way on Kilhedge lane, SRTS treatment at Corduff National School, five junction upgrades and eight new bus stops. Several additional schemes in Dublin 15 and Swords are now at detailed design stage, with construction due to commence in the coming months. These projects reflect Fingal County Council's ongoing commitment to sustainable mobility and to providing safe, accessible and attractive routes for all road users.

Active Travel Connectivity

During 2025, Fingal County Council delivered a series of targeted measures to improve pedestrian safety, accessibility, and connectivity across the county. A total of 985 metres of new footpaths were constructed, helping to close gaps in the existing network and strengthen overall connectivity. Four of these schemes were identified through the Connectivity/Permeability Tracker, supporting greater permeability and improving access for all users.



In 2025, the Council also delivered several new pedestrian crossings, either through the Connectivity/Permeability Tracker or as part of wider Active Travel schemes. These included new crossings at Flemington Lane, Balbriggan, and Newtown Bridge, Balheary and Beverton Donabate.

Under the 2025 Programme of Works, a further set of pedestrian safety measures was rolled out. In total, nine new crossings—including both signalised pedestrian crossings and zebra crossings—were delivered at locations such as Howth Road, Beechpark Avenue, Clonsilla Road, Ongar, Knockmaroon Hill, Stephenstown, and Naul. The Ongar–Barnhill Active Travel scheme also contributed significantly to improved mobility and safety through the delivery of one Type B zebra crossing, ten toucan crossings, and eight uncontrolled crossings.

To further support vulnerable road users, 12 junction arms were built out across Fingal during 2025 to reduce crossing distances and slow vehicle speeds. Locations included Sutton and Malahide, with additional sites planned for delivery before year-end.

In line with the 2025 Programme of Works and in accordance with DMURS (Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets), four junction buildouts were completed, including at Hadleigh Heights / Pecks Lane, Castleknock, and Back Road.

As part of the Ongar–Barnhill works, a total of eight upgraded junction arms were delivered, including enhancements at Barnwell Roundabout and the Barnwell Road junction, further strengthening local connectivity and pedestrian safety.

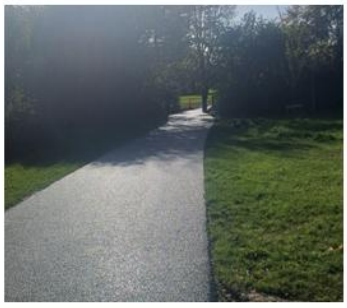
Active Travel "Learn 2 Cycle Tracks: The Active Travel Section have rolled out additional "Learn 2 Cycle Tracks" to bring the total number to three tracks available in Dublin 15, Swords, Brakenstown and Holywell. These "Learn 2 Cycle Tracks" provide a safe facility where our walking and cycling officers can provide training for children and adults to allow them to become proficient in cycling in advance of progressing onto the local cycling network. These tracks also allow for people in the locality to practice cycling in a safe environment and encourage them onto the cycling infrastructure.

Learn 2 Cycle, Swords









Donabate Permeability Project

Active Travel Towns & Villages: The Active Travel Team are progressing with a number of Active Travel Plans for some of our towns and villages in the North County. These include Balrothery, Skerries and Balbriggan. Both Balrothery and Skerries will be taken forward in early 2026 after consultation process. While Balbriggan is at preliminary design and at implementation stage for various aspects of the plan, including the development of the Quay Street area which includes improved walking and cycling facilities as well as public realm improvements.

Active Travel- Mobility

In 2025, Fingal County Council continued to expand cycling infrastructure and sustainable mobility measures across the county.

A further 46 bicycle parking stands were installed, providing space for 92 additional bicycles and bringing the total number of public bicycle parking spaces across Fingal's seven electoral areas to 1,976. Under the 2025 community allocations programme, 38 schools, clubs and community centres were also approved for bike and scooter parking. This included 45 toast racks and 30 scooter racks, with capacity for up to 450 bicycles.





Two bike share providers, Bleeper Bike and Moby eBikes, are now operating in Fingal, with 190 shared bikes in service. Since June 2024, more than 18,000 bike share journeys have been recorded.

The Council also advanced over ten pilot initiatives in 2025 to encourage greater adoption of active and e-mobility and included:



- subsidised public e-bikes,
- sustainable commuting projects,
- modal sensors,
- EV car sharing,
- wheelchair tandem bikes,
- staff pooled bikes,
- Walk and Talk projects and
- precision bike parking.

These pilots underscore Fingal County Council's dedication to expanding active travel and fostering a transition to more sustainable transport choices.

Active Travel- Modal Shift

Proposed Road Reallocation Schemes:



Fingal County Council is progressing several road reallocation schemes, collectively representing approximately 9 km of proposed interventions. Several schemes currently in design include proposals for road space reallocation totalling approximately 9 km. Harbour Road, Skerries, received planning permission in 2025 and has progressed to detailed design. A tender competition is also under way for the Auburn Avenue Walking and Cycling Scheme in Castleknock.

Quiet Streets Initiative: In 2025, Fingal County Council commenced launched the pilot Quiet Streets Initiative in Drynam, Kinsealy. This initiative seeks to enhance neighbourhood environments and encourage active travel by trialling filtered permeability measures. Build-outs to support outdoor dining were also progressed in the Howth and Malahide area. By reducing through traffic on residential streets, these measures help create safer, more inviting spaces for walking, cycling, and other non-motorised modes. The trial further aims to repurpose road space for community benefit, reinforcing local identity and improving quality of life.



The Operations Department continued to deliver traffic calming measures, including ramps and Vehicle Activated Signs, through the annual Programme of Works. Operations worked with the Active Travel Unit on the reallocation of parking bays for bicycle parking, with additional locations under consideration across the county.



Behaviour changes and skills programmes were also expanded during 2025, with more than 50 courses delivered over the year.

The Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Programme: The programme is now being implemented nationwide, following the success of the initial pilot project in Malahide, Fingal. Administered by An Taisce on behalf of the National Transport Authority (NTA), it is delivered in close collaboration with local authorities across the country.

SRTS aims to provide safer, more accessible, and more attractive walking and cycling routes for school communities. Through targeted local interventions, the programme encourages students, parents, and school staff to choose active travel modes for their daily journeys.

The programme is structured around three core objectives:

- Accelerating the delivery of walking and cycling infrastructure along key routes to schools.
- Implementing front-of-school treatments to prioritise the safety and visibility of children accessing school grounds.
- Expanding bicycle parking provision to support increased cycling among students.

Collectively, these measures support the wider goals of promoting sustainable travel, improving road safety, and fostering healthier, more active lifestyles within school communities.

The Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Programme in Fingal is actively expanding in 2025, with Round 4 including 6 new schools and continued implementation of active travel infrastructure. Key 2025 projects include safety upgrades at Holy Family JNS in Swords. Projects finished including work at Pope John Paul II NS, Malahide, and previous works at Brackenstown Educate Together, Powerstown Educate Together, Bayside Junior School, and Rush & Lusk Educate Together. The program features school zones, pedestrian improvements, and traffic calming to enhance safe access. Meetings were held with all participating schools and delivery plans agreed. Two schools are currently participating in the School Streets initiative, in Malahide and Rush, with pilot interventions also trialled in Swords and Donabate.



Figure 5 Safe Routes to School carries out at Pope John Paul II NS Malahide

Public Transport: Fingal County Council continues to support the delivery of major public transport projects including MetroLink, BusConnects and the extension of DART services to Balbriggan. While led by State agencies, these projects are supported by the Council through the policies and objectives of the Fingal Development Plan 2023–2029 and through active engagement in the statutory planning process.

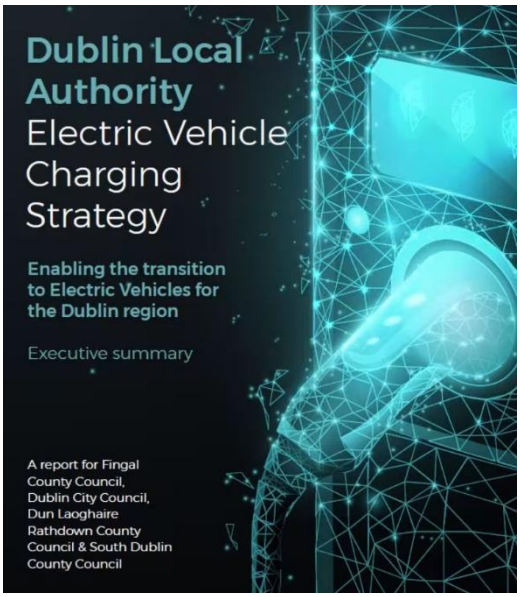
The Council also supports the development of Park and Ride facilities at appropriate transport nodes and along strategic corridors, in line with National Transport Authority strategy, with associated EV charging and bicycle parking. A planning application has been submitted for the Lissenhall Park and Ride facility.

Shared Mobility: Two licensed car share providers are currently operating in Fingal, with a combined fleet of 101 vehicles. In 2025, the Council launched its first two dedicated EV car share bays, providing access to four electric vehicles. One community car is also operating in Skerries, which made 1500 plus trips made in 2025. Options for funding additional vehicles are being explored.



EV Charging Infrastructure

The Electric Vehicle Regional Working Group, comprising the four Dublin Local Authorities, the Climate Action Regional Office (CARO), and Smart Dublin, launched Dublin's first Electric Vehicle Strategy in June 2022. This strategy is designed to support and accelerate the transition to electric vehicles across the region and deliver tailored, effective solutions for each local authority area.



The project team is working with ZEVI to secure full funding for the implementation of the Dublin Local Authorities EV Charging Strategy and is progressing through the required gateway processes. Engagement with ESB Networks is ongoing, although grid capacity remains a challenge in parts of Dublin. Work is also continuing universally accessible charging point designs.

Construction on the first sites is expected to commence in November 2025, with initial sites due to go live in early 2026. Most sites are expected to be constructed during 2026, subject to electricity connections being provided.

There are currently 120 EV charging points across Fingal County Council depots and staff car parks, including dedicated fast-charging hubs at the Council's three main depots.

EV ducting and charging infrastructure are also being incorporated into a range of new housing developments across the county. In public buildings, EV spaces have been provided at Baldoyle New Racecourse Community Centre, Mill Streetcar Park in Balbriggan and Kellystown Cemetery. These installations are expected to go live in 2026, subject to final agreements.

Staff Travel:

Fingal County Council remains committed to advancing the national public sector remote working strategy. Various digital solutions enable staff to meet virtually to reduce the need to travel to meetings.

The Council's two dedicated FCC GoCars completed 288 trips in 2025, covering 10,700 km and used by 19 staff members. This is estimated to have saved approximately 10.7 tonnes of CO2 and the equivalent of €4,800 in mileage costs compared with a 1.6 litre internal combustion engine vehicle. A SharePoint information page is also available to support staff use of EVs.

The Cycle to Work scheme continued to be promoted through staff communications, with 36 applications processed during 2025.

Four eco-driving training courses were delivered during the year, attended by 62 staff members.

Total carbon emissions associated with staff air travel in 2024 were 7,621 kg CO2, with €476.80 paid in offsetting costs. Offsetting of 2025 air travel is due to be completed in the first quarter of 2026.

Fleet Electrification Progress



The Council is continuing its transition to a low-emission commercial fleet, with 50% of vehicles (108 commercial vehicles) now fully electric. This includes a diverse range of electric machinery such as mini-diggers, dumpers, ride-on mowers, and woodchippers.

To facilitate this transition, EV charging infrastructure has been installed across staff car parks and operational depots. In addition, a dedicated EV charging hub at the Coolmine facility is now fully operational, significantly enhancing the Council's capacity to support, manage, and maintain its expanding electric fleet.

Bike Week 2025 in Fingal



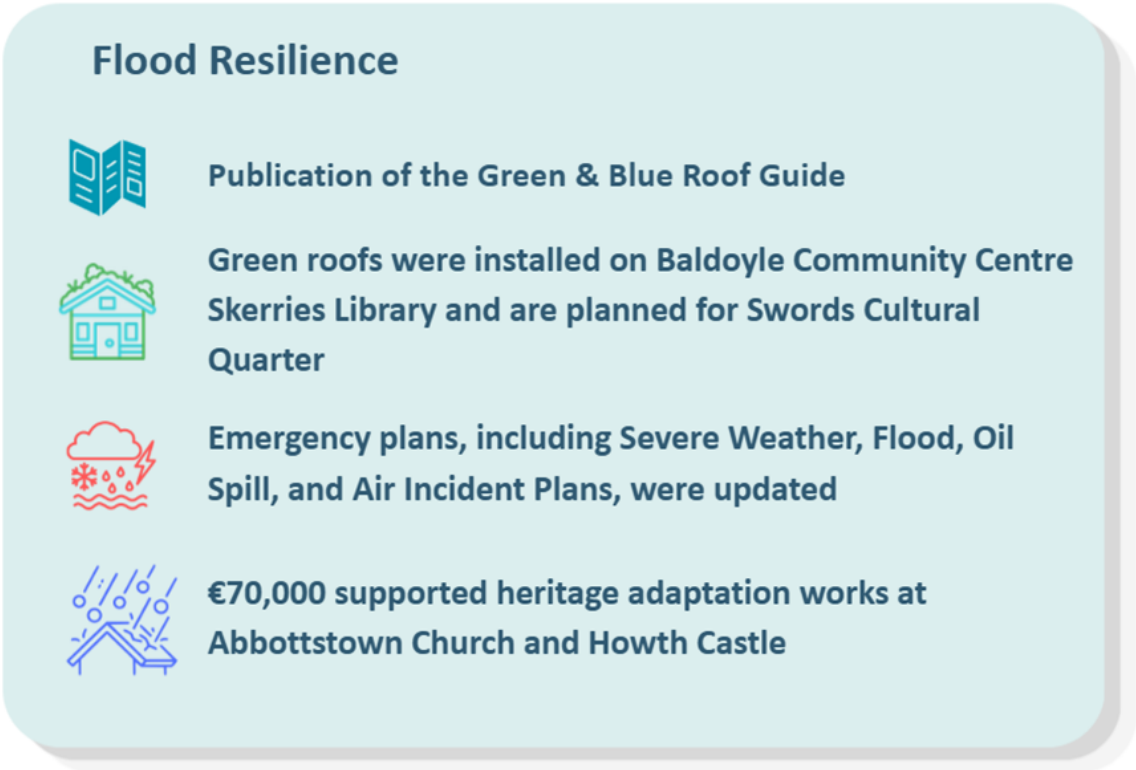
Bike Week 2025 ran from Saturday, May 10th to Sunday, May. The Active Travel Section coordinated the awareness week and organised a wide range of virtual, staff, and public activities at multiple locations throughout the county. Highlights of the week included:

- Three Family Fun Days Millennium Park, Blanchardstown, and Balbriggan (
- Sunset Cycle, a 5km cycle departing from the Phoenix Monument held in collaboration with Dublin City Council and the OPW
- Fireride Cycling Skills pop-up skills course at Balheary Skate Park.
- Inclusive Cycling Dublin 15
- Free Bike Repairs available at multiple locations
- Lucan BMX "Come and Try"
- A Community cycle in Balbriggan with a social l and heritage-focus ion partnership with Smart Balbriggan

Bike Week 2025 successfully promoted active travel and cycling in the community, offering opportunities for all ages and abilities to participate.

6.3. Flood Resilience

Key achievements in 2025



Fingal County Council has a central role across the full spectrum of flood risk management, including prevention, preparedness, response, and recovery. Its functions include developing climate-informed policies, working with the Office of Public Works (OPW) on major flood defence schemes, and delivering smaller-scale local protection measures. The Council also applies nature-based approaches to reduce flood risk, implements emergency response plans during severe events, and oversees the repair and reinstatement of infrastructure affected by extreme weather. In 2025, Fingal County Council advanced a range of actions to improve resilience to flooding, coastal erosion, and climate-related risks. Progress has been strongest in:

- Emergency planning and preparedness
- Coastal monitoring and evidence base development
- Integration of Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) into policy and guidance
- Advancement of heritage-related climate adaptation measures

However, delivery remains constrained in some areas by:

- Data gaps (surface water assets, legacy records)
- Flood plain interventions due to land ownership constraints.
- Proactive SuDS retrofit delivery due to resource limitations.

Flood Risk Management

Significant progress has been achieved in enhancing emergency preparedness across the organisation. Key developments include:

- Draft Air Incident Plan completed and currently under review.
- Oil Spill Contingency Plan nearing finalisation.
- Severe Weather and Flood Plans updated, with final revisions underway in collaboration with appointed consultants.
- Climate-related risks now systematically embedded within annual departmental risk reviews.

Collectively, these actions demonstrate a transition toward mainstreaming climate risk within organisational governance and decision-making processes, moving beyond its treatment as a standalone issue.

Stakeholder engagement structures remain active and continue to support coordinated approaches to coastal and flood risk management. These forums provide an important platform for aligning work on:

- Coastal adaptation
- Spatial and planning policy
- Cross-sectoral stakeholder coordination
- Recent activity includes:

This integrated engagement approach ensures that adaptation, planning, and community considerations are embedded in decision-making processes.

Flood Defences

Progression in coastal monitoring shows a shift from pilot studies toward a national evidence base. The completed OPW Coastal Monitoring Survey Programme (2020–2024) is now feeding into a developing national programme, with ongoing use of aerial photography and LiDAR to support both coastal protection planning and consultant led design work.

There has been mixed progress across key flood alleviation schemes (Bissett Strand, Santry River, Liffey at Chapelizod) reflecting reliance on OPW and cross authority arrangements. Minor works remain largely reactive, though steps are being taken to integrate SuDS and nature-based solutions, including a pilot retrofit project and additional staffing to support a more proactive approach.



Figure 154 Portrane

Twelve potential floodplain restoration sites have been identified across estuary and river corridors; however, most lie in private ownership, and the lack of land acquisition powers represents a significant barrier. Despite these constraints, the restoration of St Ita's Wetlands demonstrates successful delivery of a nature-based flood attenuation project. project.

Surface water Management

Surface water management systems are progressing, with an agreement now in place to utilise the Uisce Éireann GIS platform, although a backlog of infrastructure data still needs to be uploaded. Fingal County Council has developed its own internal GIS system to map gullies, future SuDS assets, and flood control measures, marking an important step toward a comprehensive asset register, though this work is not yet complete. On the maintenance side, a gap analysis of existing registers is underway, and legacy data issues remain a constraint. SuDS



Figure 16 St Ita's Wetlands

maintenance planning is also in early development, supported by ongoing asset identification and compilation of safety files. Overall, the system remains in the early stages of development, with foundational components now being put in place.

Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SuDS)

Significant progress has been made in Fingal County Council in strengthening the policy framework that supports SuDS delivery. SuDS policy has been integrated into the Fingal Development Plan 2023–2029 and key resources have been developed which include:

- Householder's Guide to Sustainable Drainage
- Supporting video materials
- Green & Blue Roof Guide

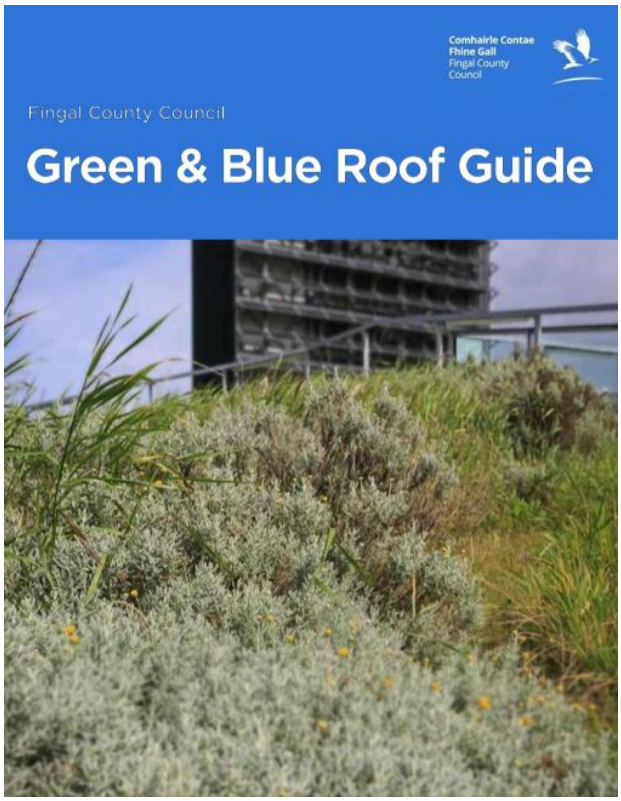


Figure 17 Fingal County Council Green & Blue Roof Guide

Together, these outputs considerably reinforce the policy-led approach to SuDS implementation. Awareness and engagement have been enhanced through public-facing initiatives such as the Bloom Garden exhibit. SuDS features continue to be promoted across Capital project delivery and retrofit schemes.

Through the Planning Department urban greening and SuDS principles have been integrated into:

- Flemington LAP
- Old School House Master Plan
- Stephenstown Framework Plan

Public-sector green roof implementation to date has been selective, progressing where opportunities allow but constrained by design and cost factors. Completed projects include the Baldoyle Community Centre, which incorporates approximately 80% green roof coverage, and Skerries Library, with around 50%. In the project pipeline, the Swords Cultural Quarter is expected to deliver roughly 30% green roof coverage. Delivery continues to face several challenges, including cost pressures, limited design suitability—particularly where buildings lack flat roof structures—and the need to meet fire certification requirements, all of which restrict the potential for more systematic rollout.

Resilience of Archaeological and Heritage Assets

Heritage and climate adaptation activities continue to progress through a combination of asset protection, planning integration, community engagement, and targeted funding. Work is being aligned with both the **Community Monuments Fund** and sectoral adaptation planning, alongside the development of maintenance and condition survey programmes that support climate-risk-informed prioritisation.

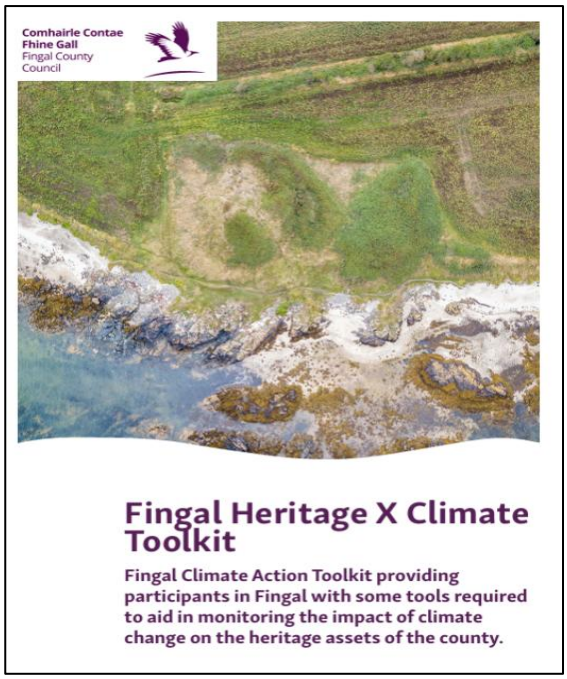


Figure 18 Fingal Heritage X Climate Toolkit

Heritage considerations are also being incorporated into wider climate actions, including the Fingal Coastal Way, green infrastructure initiatives, and nature-based solutions. Public participation remains strong through the **Fingal Heritage X Climate Project** which maintains fortnightly engagement, and through the coastal erosion awareness programme delivered in 2025. Funding allocations for 2025 include €70,000 to support two dedicated heritage projects:

- Conservation works to Abbottstown Church & Graveyard
- Howth Castle Conservation Management Plan

6.4. Nature Based Solutions

Key achievements in 2025



In 2025, Fingal County Council advanced a wide range of nature-based solutions (NBS) spanning green infrastructure, biodiversity enhancement, water management, and ecosystem restoration. Strongest progress was seen in the integration of NBS within public buildings and housing developments, the expansion of tree planting and pollinator-friendly programmes, the development of ecosystem mapping and valuation tools, and early delivery of marine and river restoration initiatives. Despite these achievements, overall implementation remains uneven, with several foundational actions delayed due to funding limitations, staffing constraints, and dependencies on external approvals.

Green Infrastructure

Progress across Fingal's green infrastructure and biodiversity portfolio was mixed in 2025demonstrating strong advancement in woodland management and development led biodiversity measures, contrasted with slower movement in estuary planning and nature-based financing mechanisms. While several workstreams are building a solid foundation

for long-term ecosystem resilience, critical gaps remain where funding or external dependencies have stalled delivery.

Estuary Management: Limited progress has been made on the development of multifunctional management plans for the Rogerstown, Malahide, and Baldoyle estuaries. Although biodiversity staffing capacity has improved, the absence of funding for essential baseline studies continues to impede advancement. This represents a significant vulnerability, as these estuaries play a crucial role in flood attenuation, biodiversity protection, and coastal resilience and represents a major strategic gap in the implementation of Fingal Climate Action Plan 2024-2029.

Woodland Mapping and Management: County-wide woodland mapping has now been completed, providing an essential evidence base for informed ecosystem management. Management plans have been fully implemented in St Catherine's Park and Newbridge Demesne, with plans underway for Ardgillan, Malahide, and Santry. This workstream is well progressed and provides a strong platform for long-term carbon sequestration and habitat enhancement.

Biodiversity Net Gain in Development: Biodiversity Net Gain is increasingly embedded across new developments, supported by the application of frameworks such as the Home Performance Index and (Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Methodology). A broad suite of nature-based solutions is now routinely integrated into public and residential schemes, demonstrating a shift from optional enhancement to standard practice.

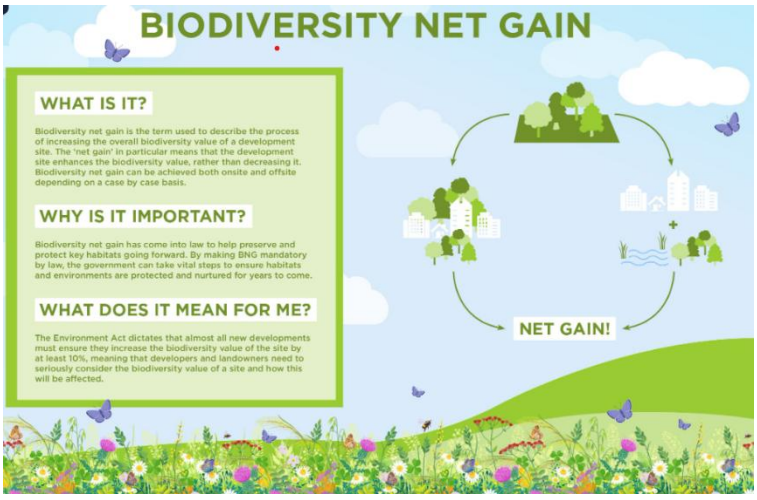


Figure 19 Biodiversity Net Gain © ecologybydesign

Nature-based measures incorporated include:

- Green roofs
- Permeable paving

- Rainwater harvesting (butts)
- Tree pits and native planting
- Nesting boxes
- Bat sensitive lighting.

This approach is evident in developments at Ballymastone, Mooretown, and Baldoyle Community Centre, highlighting a system level transition towards mainstream NBS delivery.

SuDS Demonstration Projects: Progress remains at the early stages, with a suitable site identified within the Ward River Valley. A design tender is scheduled for early 2026. These demonstration projects will be essential for mainstreaming SuDS within capital projects and require accelerated delivery to realise their full potential.

Wildfire Management: Delivery has been strong in this area, with strategic firebreaks largely completed on Howth Head and the goat grazing programme extended under a three-year contract. A funding gap remains for additional grazing capacity at East Mountain, posing a risk to long-term landscape management.

Carbon Offset Funding Models: No progress has been recorded on the development of carbon offset funding pathways due to the absence of a procured consultant. This delay restricts the Council's ability to tap into alternative funding mechanisms that could significantly support nature-based investments.

Importance of Trees

Ecosystem Services Mapping: Development of GIS datasets to support ecosystem services mapping is currently underway, with staff training scheduled to ensure effective implementation upon completion. This action represents a critical foundational step. The completed mapping framework will enable:

- quantitative assessment of nature-based solutions (NBS) benefits
- integration of ecosystem service values into planning, financial appraisal, and strategic decision-making processes

Tree Valuation (N8): The CAVAT (Capital Asset Value for Amenity Trees) methodology has been formally adopted for valuing the public tree estate. The adoption of CAVAT provides a consistent and defensible basis for:

- quantifying the ecosystem services delivered by trees
- informing planning assessments and determining appropriate compensation or mitigation where tree removal is proposed.

Strategic Tree Planting: The strategic tree planting programme continues to be informed by the Arbortrack management system. Work includes the ongoing identification of suitable planting sites and alignment of proposed projects with available government funding schemes.

Tree Species Guidance: An approved tree species list has been developed and is now routinely applied during site specific advisory and planning processes. This guidance supports consistent application of the "right tree, right place" principle, improving long-term resilience and biodiversity value across new planting initiatives.

Preservation & Conservation

Marine Protection and Restoration: The planned Marine Protected Area (MPA) study has been delayed due to a staffing gap. However, oyster restoration efforts are underway at Malahide Marina in partnership with University College Dublin (UCD). Applications have been submitted for restoration activities at Malahide Estuary and Ireland's Eye.

River and Wetland Restoration: Inland Fisheries Ireland (IFI) funding has been secured for the removal of barriers on the Matt/Bracken River, with works scheduled for 2026. A larger-scale river restoration project is also being prepared for tender. This initiative has strong potential to scale and deliver high impact NBS outcomes related to water quality, habitat connectivity, and flood mitigation**.**

Pollinator and Grassland Management: This long-established programme has delivered substantial, measurable progress, including:

- the management of 140 hectares of meadows since 2014
- continued expansion of both short- and long flowering meadows
- increased use of biodiversity focused planting across public spaces
- GIS mapping of grassland management is ongoing to support monitoring and reporting.

This is one of the most advanced and mature NBS programmes within Fingal County Council (FCC), demonstrating consistent delivery and strong ecological outcomes.



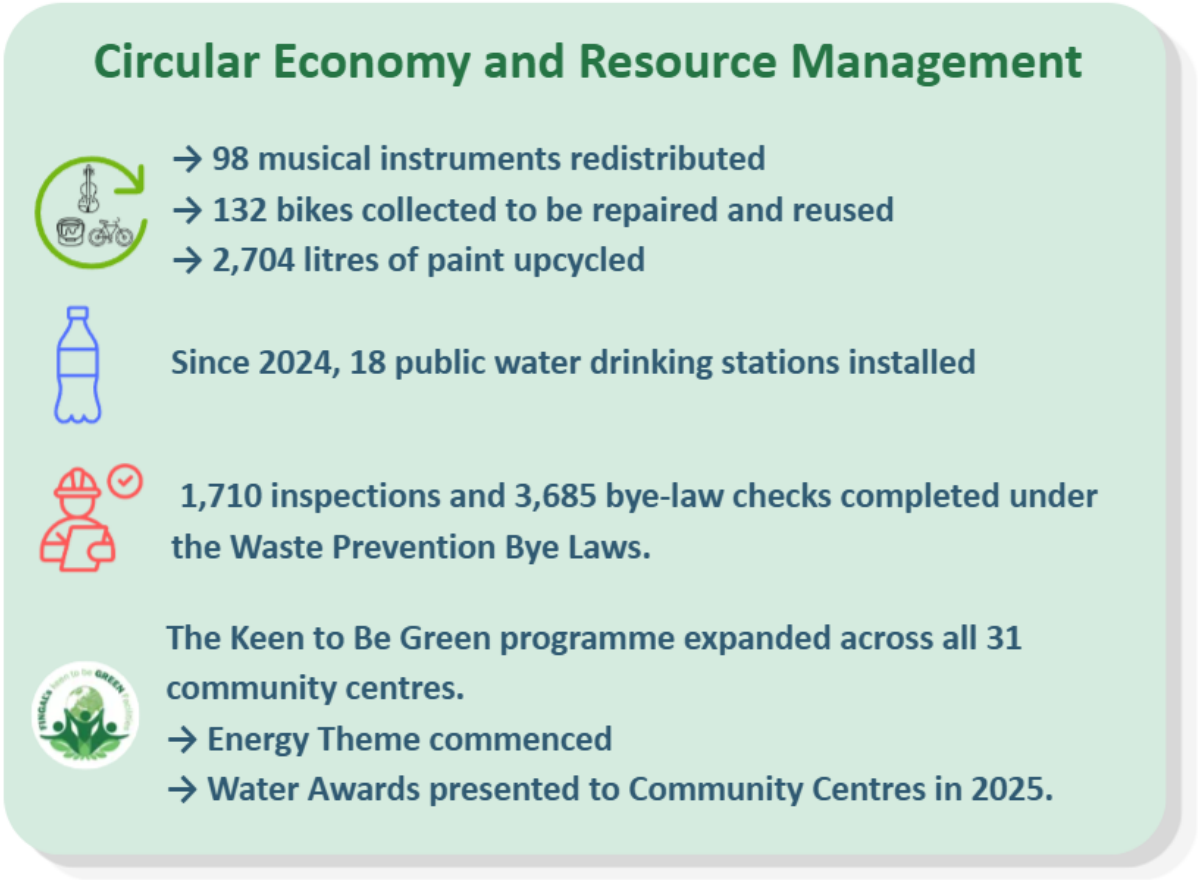
Food and Agriculture

Allotments and Community Gardens: FCC currently manages three public allotments and five community gardens. Demand for plots and community growing spaces continues to increase into 2025. Support is being provided to three emerging community garden groups. The programme demonstrates strong community engagement and contributes significantly to:

- local food resilience
- reduced food miles
- increased public awareness of climate action and biodiversity.

6.5. Circular Economy and Resource Management

Key achievements in 2025



In 2025, Fingal County Council made substantive progress in implementing circular economy and resource management actions across procurement, waste enforcement, reuse initiatives, and economic development. Notable advances were achieved in:

- strengthened waste regulation and enforcement activities.
- expanded community led circular economy programmes.
- growth of reuse and redistribution initiatives
- integration of circular economy principles within economic development strategies
- Despite this progress, delivery remains uneven. Key gaps include:
- the absence of a finalised Circular Economy Action Plan to guide strategic direction.
- limited data driven performance tracking to measure circularity outcomes.

- incomplete implementation of Green Public Procurement (GPP) across all service areas

Overall, 2025 marked a year of meaningful operational progress, while highlighting the need for stronger strategic frameworks and performance systems to underpin long term circular economy transformation.

Green Public Procurement (GPP): In 2025, Fingal County Council advanced the implementation of Green Public Procurement (GPP) through the development of strategic frameworks, early monitoring tools, and the integration of environmental criteria into procurement systems. Key areas of progress included:

- completion of the Council's first GPP Strategy 2024
- initiation of monitoring and reporting tool development
- integration of GPP requirements into the eTenders process for full competitions
- increased expectations for departments to include GPP criteria in tender documentation.

Despite these developments, the transition from policy to consistent operational practice remains incomplete. Key gaps include:

- monitoring systems that are still in early development and not fully functional
- inconsistent application of GPP criteria across all procurement activities
- limited evidence of measurable impacts such as carbon emissions reductions or lifecycle cost savings

Overall, 2025 marked a shift from strategy development to early-stage implementation. To unlock the full benefits of GPP, strengthened enforcement, mandatory application, and systematic performance reporting will be required across all departments.

Reduce Waste & Increase Recycling in Fingal County Council

Environmental Management Systems: The Council continues to implement Environmental Management Systems (EMS) across its building portfolio. This provides an established

framework for improving resource efficiency and guiding environmental performance on an ongoing basis. While the EMS offers a structured foundation for sustainable operations, current reporting does not include quantifiable performance indicators. Additional measurement of outcomes would strengthen evidence of impact.

Keen to Be Green Programme: The Keen to Be Green initiative remains a comprehensive and expanding community-based sustainability programme.

A Water Conservation Audit of 31 Community Centres was completed in 2023, providing practical recommendations on leak management, signage, taps, and flushing systems. Monthly water usage data was collected during 2024–2025. Following review in Q2 2025, 27 centres received Water Conservation Awards during Dublin Climate Action Week, sponsored by the Climate Action Department.

The KTBG Programme now operates across two strands:

- Facilities Strand- focusing on Waste, Water, Energy, Transport, and Environment within community centre operations.
- Community Development Strand- supporting wider community climate actions including festivals, tree planting, repair workshops and local biodiversity projects.

All 31 Community Centres are engaged across the programme's five stages, including full participation in the Energy strand currently advancing with the Facilities Team. In 2025, the

KTBG Programme was nominated and shortlisted for the All-Ireland Community Council Excellence in Local Government Awards, reflecting strong progress and community impact.

Across Dublin 15, North County, and cross county initiatives, activities included community festivals, clothes swaps, biodiversity projects, climate awareness workshops, and establishment of new community gardens. The Climate Action Heroes initiative engaged 140 participants, achieving 12,794 kg CO_2 savings. Between 2023 and 2025, the KTBG Programme expanded its operational and community reach, delivered measurable improvements in water efficiency, supported extensive community participation, and strengthened Fingal's wider climate action effort.



Waste Reduction / Circular Economy

Environmental Inspection and Waste Management Activities: Under the RMCEI Environmental Inspection Plan, six national priority areas were addressed through 83 specific tasks, including Producer Responsibility Initiatives; Waste Data and Waste Flows; Commercial and Household Waste; Construction and Demolition Waste; Tackling Significant Illegal Waste Activities; Planning; Waste Facility Permits; Waste Collection Permits; and End-of-Life Vehicles. A total of 1,710 inspections were completed, in addition to 3,685 inspections carried out under the Waste Presentation Byelaws in 2025.

Public Drinking Water Stations: Since 2024, 18 additional public drinking water stations were installed across Fingal. Eleven of these were supported through an Uisce Éireann pilot project, which provided free water connections. By the end of 2025, Fingal had 27 public drinking fountains in place, primarily in public open spaces, with five further installations awaiting water connections.



Construction and Demolition Waste Management Plans: In 2025, 102 Construction and Demolition Waste Management Plans (C&D WMPs) were assessed.

- 45% were compliant on initial review.
- All noncompliant plans were referred to Planning for revision and resubmission.
- 100% compliance is required before any onsite works may commence.

National Waste Plan Implementation: During the reporting period, a total of 1,710 regulatory inspections were completed, alongside 3,685 bye-law inspections. Activities covered a broad regulatory spectrum, including:

- Producer responsibility obligations
- Commercial and household waste management
- Construction sector waste oversight
- Illegal waste activity enforcement

This area demonstrates consistently strong performance, with clear evidence of operational scale, systematic activity, and effective delivery across multiple waste streams.

Waste Prevention

Construction & Demolition Waste Control: A total of 102 Construction & Demolition Waste Management Plans were assessed. Key compliance outcomes include:

- 45% of plans demonstrated initial compliance
- 100% compliance was achieved in all cases prior to commencement of works.

Regulatory controls are robust and effectively enforced. However, the low initial compliance rate highlights persistent industry gaps requiring continued monitoring and early-stage engagement.

Household Waste Compliance: The compliance programme identified 10,000 households without an authorised kerbside bin service. As part of the intervention:

- 4,000 on-site inspections were conducted.
- A comprehensive enforcement and public engagement programme were delivered

This represents a significant regulatory intervention addressing widespread non-compliance in the household sector. It also marks a substantial shift in operational focus for 2025, with proactive enforcement and communication emerging as key components.

Commercial Waste Compliance: Compliance levels in the commercial sector showed incremental improvement:

- Initial compliance: 64%
- Post-intervention compliance: 70%.

Waste Permit Monitoring: The monitoring programme completed 108 waste permit validations, with an overall 90% compliance rate recorded. Permit oversight remains strong, with high compliance levels reflecting effective monitoring protocols and consistent regulatory follow-through.

Promote and Facilitate Circular Economy

Circular Cities: The Economic CCD participated in several Circular Cities workshops throughout 2025. Building on insights gained during the Nokia study visit, we have applied this learning to advance our vision and framework plan for the Stephenstown site, positioning it as a best-in-class Eco industrial area.

URBACT EcoCore Network: Fingal County Council, as lead partner of the URBACT EcoCore Network, continued to champion sustainable industrial development, green innovation, green investment attraction, and active mobility measures during 2025. The Council led several network masterclasses, took part in transnational meetings, and collaborated on a series of podcasts with partner cities to share best practice. As a key output of the EcoCore project, Fingal County Council launched its Integrated Action Plan in December 2025.

Sustainable Fingal Strategy: The Council is embedding circular economy principles into its investment attraction strategy for Balbriggan. In 2025, FCC delivered a series of roadshows with Amy Irwin (Conscious Kitchens), and commissioned Grant Thornton to co-create a Sustainable Fingal Strategy, scheduled for rollout in Q2.

Future Fingal: Economic Development Strategy: The Future Fingal: Economic Development Strategy was adopted in 2024. It identifies six grand opportunities, including Sustainability, under which the Council aims to develop the local economy through an expanded Sustainable Fingal Initiative that supports businesses in their transition to Net Zero. The 2026 Sustainability

Strategy has now entered its implementation phase with a more focused action plan built around three core strategic themes and is due for rollout in 2026.

Reduce carbon footprint of Council supported events: Many Fingal Heritage Properties are operated by external providers who host events. In the recent tender process for Swords Castle, sustainability was included as a selection criterion. The newly appointed operator will work with a climate-action lead to improve waste, water, and energy management on site. A new framework for operators across all heritage sites will be advertised by mid-2026, with sustainability requirements embedded.

Capital works at Malahide, Newbridge, and Ardgillan have resulted in significant energy cost reductions:

- At Malahide, the existing boiler in the Visitor Centre was replaced with a more energy efficient convection system.
- At Newbridge and Ardgillan, upgraded roofs and windows reduced heating demand, with savings first evident in 2024 and continuing into 2025.
- At the Casino in Malahide, a new energy supplier using only renewable sources was procured. While overall heating costs remain similar, the sustainability of the energy source has improved significantly.

Recycling / Circular Economy

Replay Instruments Project: In 2025, the Replay Instruments Project redistributed 98 instruments in 2025, giving a second life to preloved instruments while diverting them from the waste stream and giving schools and community groups who might not have had the opportunity to play music a creative way to engage with the principles of the circular economy. Fingal County Council continued to work with Music Generation Fingal in delivering community-based sustainability guitar lessons. Through this initiative, communities are learning about the circular economy in practice and recognizing its value for local groups.

Our partnerships with the Rediscovery Centre (RDC) and the Estuary Recycling Centre in Swords continue to make a significant impact. In 2025, 132 bikes were collected to be repaired and reused. The EAO funded 15 children's bikes and 10 adult bikes to be used in schools and rehabilitation centres. The RDC collected 2,704 litres of paint from the Estuary Recycling Centre, of which 2,604 litres were upcycled for community projects across Fingal.

Partnership with the Rediscovery Centre: Fingal County Councils ongoing partnership with the rediscovery centre and the Estuary Recycling Centre in Swords continue to make a significant impact. In 2025, 132 bikes were collected to be repaired and reused. The EAO funded 15 children's bikes and 10 adult bikes to be used in schools and rehabilitation centres. The RDC collected 2,704 litres of paint from the Estuary Recycling Centre, of which 2,604 litres were upcycled for community projects across Fingal.

Losing the Thread: The Cost of Fast Fashion: the fast fashion documentary, premiered on Friday, October 3rd at the Lighthouse Cinema, Smithfield. The film is a collaboration between the four Dublin Local Authorities and was funded by the Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment. The launch event was attended by over 150 students from across Dublin.



Now available to view on mywaste.ie, the documentary takes an honest look at Ireland's fast fashion problem, exploring its environmental impacts, ethical challenges, and the views of shoppers on Dublin's streets. It concludes on a positive and motivating note by highlighting practical actions and solutions, with expert insights from Ireland's growing circular economy sector.

The launch event combined education and inspiration, featuring a circular clothes swap, upcycling workshops, expert advice, and an interactive panel discussion. A fully circular swap shop formed part of the event, with over 200 items of clothing exchanged. Both the film and

the launch event form part of the four Dublin Local Authorities' ongoing commitment to supporting the circular economy and reducing textile waste.

Food Waste Prevention and Recycling: In 2025, Fingal County Council actively supported National Food Waste Recycling Week (1st–8th June), delivered in partnership with the My Waste campaign. A programme of public engagement events took place across the county, including the distribution of kitchen food waste caddies, food waste reduction workshops, and home composting demonstrations. These activities highlighted the climate benefits of food waste recycling, encouraged correct use of brown bins, and reinforced the importance of reducing contamination in organic waste streams.

Food waste recycling awareness is reinforced throughout the year through the Environmental awareness officer's participation in public events and climate action initiatives, including the Climate Action Festival during Dublin Climate Action Week 2025 and Flavours of Fingal. These events provide opportunities to engage directly with communities, promote practical actions to prevent and recycle food waste, and support the transition to a more circular and low carbon economy in Fingal.



Land Use and Acquisition

The Council continues to undertake a systematic review of its landbank to identify opportunities for the development of sustainable energy and biodiversity projects. Engagement has taken place with a range of state agencies and private-sector partners to explore potential initiatives, including those related to solar, wind and hydrogen energy.

In parallel, the Council is assessing potential funding mechanisms to support the delivery of these sustainability initiatives, which will be advanced under the Innovate Fingal programme (formerly the three Enterprise Centres).

Work is ongoing to evaluate landbank opportunities in collaboration with partners across the education sector, private enterprise, and state bodies. This assessment includes identifying suitable sites, potential co-benefits, and alignment with strategic sustainability objectives.

Consideration of available funding streams remains a key component of advancing sustainability projects under the Innovate Fingal framework.

The Council will continue to seek opportunities for the acquisition of land and property, whether by agreement or via Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO), with an emphasis on supporting renewable energy development and urban regeneration.

Significant progress is being made on the acquisition of multiple plots associated with major strategic greenway projects, including:

- Royal Canal Urban Greenway Project
- Broadmeadow Greenway Project
- Sutton to Malahide Greenway Project (approximately 140 plots)

In addition, internal negotiations have commenced for the Kinsealy to Portmarnock Greenway Project, with the number of required land plots yet to be confirmed.

6.6. Community Engagement

Key achievements in 2025



Dublin Climate Action Week 2025 took place on May 12th-18th 2025. During this week we saw 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 4 Dublin Local Authorities. Dublin Climate Action Week (DCAW) aims to highlight 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 Millenium 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). These events provided opportunities for residents to connect, learn, and contribute to a sustainable future. The week showcased Fingal's commitment to climate action and its efforts to inspire meaningful change within local communities.



Figure 20 Fingal County Council Climate Action Unit

Community Climate Action Programme Fund in 2025:

Fingal County Council launched the Community Climate Action Programme (CCAP) Fund in 2024, supported by a €1.2 million allocation from the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications (DECC). The fund is designed to strengthen community led climate action by supporting projects delivered in partnership with local nonprofit and voluntary organisations. These initiatives vary in scale and focus, reflecting the diverse priorities and capabilities of communities across Fingal.

Projects funded under the programme addressed five key themes:

- Community Energy
- Sustainable Travel
- Food and Waste Management
- Shopping and Recycling Practices
- Local Climate and Environmental Actions

Fingal County Council was allocated €1,127,000 to support 25 community projects, as detailed in Table 4. Throughout 2025, successful applicants proceeded with the implementation of their projects under Phase 1 of the CCAP.







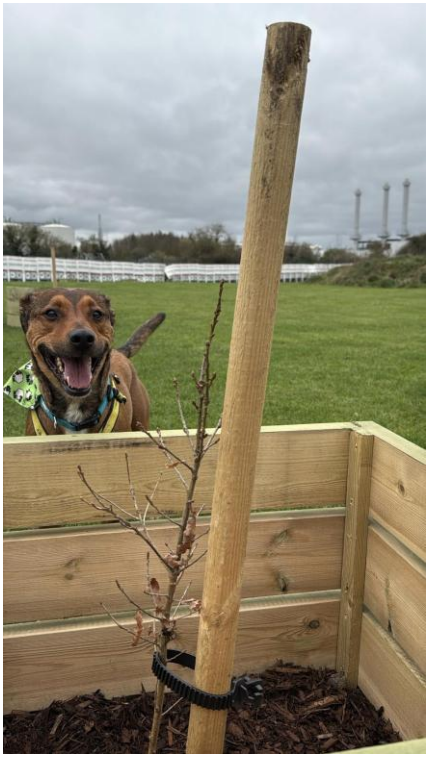






Figure 21 Climate Action Fund Projects

	Group Name	Project Overview	Theme(s)
1	Donabate Portrane Community Centre	LED lights, bicycle lockers and repair station, sewing machines, clothes rails, reusable cups, gardening	Community Energy, Travel, Food and Waste, Shopping and Recycling, Local Climate and Environmental Action
2	Kinsealy United	Solar PV panels for internal lighting 2 gazebos for kit swap events, tree planting in local park, tools for tree planting, bike repair stand and Reusable sports bottles for Reuse campaign	Community Energy, Travel, Food and Waste, Shopping and Recycling, Local Climate and Environmental Action
3	Turvey Allotments	PV Panels for charging of gardening tools, Industrial bulk containers for storing harvested rainwater, Reusable Seed Trays and compostable seed trays, water butts for rainwater harvesting	Community Energy, Shopping and Recycling, Local Climate and Environmental Action
4	Balbriggan Golf Club	Solar PV to address the Community Energy needs of the golf club	Community Energy
5	Castleknock GAA	Solar PV, A New Bike Repair station for the club, and a tree planting and gardening project for pollinators	Community Energy
6	Coolmine Therapeutic Centre	Solar PV, bike rack, rainwater harvester, composting project	Community Energy, Travel, Food and Waste, Local Climate and Environmental
7	Dogs Trust	Solar PV, biodiversity survey, tree planting and waste management	Community Energy, Local Climate and Environmental Action
8	Howth Yacht Club	Solar PV & Bike EV Charging	Community Energy
9	Baldoyle Community Centre	Building Renovations	Community Energy
10	Sutton Dinghy Club	Roof insulation, bike repair, composter, rainwater harvesting €33,450.20	Community Energy, Travel, Food and Waste, Local Climate and Environmental Action

11	Blakestown Mountview Youth Initiative	Install Solar PV, and upgrade lighting in the community building, install bike lockers, water butts, vegetable trugs and shrubs for pollinators	Community Energy, Travel,
12	Lusk Community Network	Composters, solar panels, project delivery/ guidance & permits, bike shelter	Community Energy, Travel, Food and Waste, Local Climate and Environment Action
13	Naomh Mearnóg GAA	Solar PV, Bike Shelter, Trees Swap Shop	Community Energy, Travel, Food and Waste, Shopping and Recycling, Local Climate and Environmental Action
14	St. Maurs GAA	Solar Panel LED lights, reusable cups, tree planting, Bike Hub	Community Energy Travel, Food and Waste, Local Climate and Environmental Action
15	Brackenstown Scout Den (164th Brackenstown Scouts)	Attic/Wall insulation, doors windows, bike repair, flowers/shrubs, bird boxes, wardrobe vacuum pack for clothes food storage reusable bottles	Community Energy, Travel, Food and Waste, Shopping and Recycling, Local Climate and Environmental Action
16	98th Dublin Scouting Ireland - Skerries Sea Scouts	Improvements to scouts building, solar PV, insulation, replace lighting to LEDs and change the large window to improve building efficiency.	Community Energy
17	Ballyboughal GFC	Install Solar PV on GAA Club building, replace old doors and windows, install bike lockers, plant shrubs, bulbs and dig a new pond in the community garden	Community Energy, Local Climate and Environmental Action
18	Fingallians GAA	Solar PV, LEDs, Hall Diffraction Fans to improve heating circulation, Insulation and under sink water heaters for hot water needs, Bike shelter for club users	Community Energy, Travel
19	Portmarnock Sports & Leisure Centre	Replace old windows, upgrade boiler for swimming pool, install scooter parking racks, install food waste compactor, develop community garden in arch club	Community Energy, Travel, Local Climate and Environmental Action

20	Rivervalley & Rathingle Community Centre	Solar PV Panels on community building, replace old community centre doors, Bike repair station and bike lockers, waste management bin stations, Planting of native trees and shrubs and materials for swap shops	Community Energy, Travel, Local Climate and Environmental Action
21	Balbriggan SEC	Solar PV on Meals on Wheels building, replace draughty door in GAA Club, LED upgrade, new water butts and bike lockers and planting for biodiversity	Community Energy, Travel, Food and Waste, Local Climate and Environmental Action
22	Balrothery Group Tennis Club	Solar PVs for Tennis Club, Insulation on Community Centre, Water Refill Stations, Bike lockers, Extend Community Garden, planting native hedges and introduce a composting project in the community garden	Community Energy, Travel, Local Climate and Environmental Action
23	Bayside Community Centre	Solar PV and LED lighting, new windows, insulation and hand dryers for Community Centre, Community Garden design, Bike Hub tools and gazebo, bike shelter, bike repair station	Community Energy, Travel, Local Climate and Environmental Action
24	Millbank Theatre Rush Dramatic Society	Solar PVs on Millbank Theatre in Rush, Rechargeable electric gardening tools for Tidy Towns, LED Lights, Bike repair Hub for Bike rack, Outdoor and indoor water refill stations in Rush, water butts, bee pollinator planting projects, swap shop for and Reusable Party kit	Community Energy, Travel, Local Climate and Environmental Action
25	St Brigid's GAA	Insulate the clubhouse, introduce a bike shelter and Bike Repair Stand, Plant Trees and bulbs for pollinators, eliminate single use cups in the club	Community Energy, Travel, Food and Waste, Shopping and Recycling, Local Climate and Environmental Action

Table 4 Fingal Community Climate Action Fund recipients 2024

Media Campaigns: The Climate Action and Environmental Awareness Section developed an internal calendar of climate action and environmental days of significance. The Climate Action and Environmental Awareness Team continues to deliver targeted social media campaigns

throughout the year, highlighting best practices and to celebrate national and local environmental campaigns.

The Environmental Awareness and Climate Action team produces a monthly newsletter for community groups and schools, with previous editions available on Fingal's website. The site is regularly updated with details of environmental campaigns and events happening across the county. Fingal's social media channels also help raise awareness by promoting initiatives such as Green Halloween, Green Christmas, Reducing Food Waste, anti-litter campaigns, and tips on correct waste disposal. To improve accessibility and encourage broader engagement, the public can now sign up to receive the newsletter via the Fingal County Council website.

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.

Fingal Climate Action Story Map.: In 2025 the Climate Action Team launched the Fingal Climate Action Story Map. 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. Designed to be an interactive tool, the map will be updated with new projects and case studies as they emerge. This approach ensures the programme evolves alongside the Council's ongoing commitment to climate action and supports the development of an expanding library of examples for residents, schools, businesses, and community groups.



Home Energy Saving Kits: The kit contains five tools to help measure energy use in the home and to identify changes that can be made to save energy. 1,338 Home Energy Savings Kits were borrowed from Fingal Libraries in 2025. 7 were borrowed by staff.



Climate Awareness in Schools



The Fingal Environmental Awareness Officer continues to deliver a comprehensive climate and environmental education programme to schools across the county.

The Green-Schools programme: Coordinated locally by Fingal in partnership with An Taisce, supports environmental education across the county. Currently, 136 schools are participating, and in 2025, 19 Green Flags were awarded, with three schools achieving their first flag.



Waste management and the circular economy in schools: The Environmental Awareness Officer continues to promote waste management and the circular economy in schools and provided 72 workshops and support for multiple programmes Including:

- Composting & Recycling for Schools Programme, -16 schools completing 2024–2025 cycle, 20 schools enrolled for 2025–2026.
- Picker Pals
- Relove Fashion Competition,
- Let's Fix Fashion Programme
- Rubbish Film Festival.
- Pocket Forest Project with 3 schools,
- Recycled Christmas decoration competition, and f
- Funding for biodiversity projects in 2 schools.
- Educational outreach- 7 seven talks on waste and circular economy at the Estuary Recycling Centre for 6 TY groups and Prosper Fingal,
- Climate Action talk at Prosper Fingal.
- Two schools participated in the Shore to Sea Programme in 2025
- Clothes Swap Kit was introduced for schools to borrow free of charge in 2025.





Community Awareness & Engagement through Partnerships

In 2025, Fingal County Council worked collaboratively with partner organizations to enhance awareness of climate action and promote sustainable living across the county. Key initiatives included impactful public engagement events, program partnerships, and community-led projects.

Public Engagement during Dublin Climate Action Week (DCAW) 2025: As part of DCAW 2025, the Council collaborated with Codema and SEC mentors Eric Dennis and Gerard Meaney to deliver a series of public engagement activities, including Home Energy Advice Clinics and a pop-up information stand at the Climate Action Festival in Millennium Park and Malahide Castle. These events offered practical, easy-to-implement guidance to help households reduce their energy use.



Sustainable Energy Communities (SEC) Programme: Fingal County Council continues to serve as the Lead Partner Applicant for the SEAI-led SEC Programme, with 31 SECs established in Fingal to date. The Council's Climate Action Team meet with the Fingal SEC mentor monthly. In October 2025, the Climate Action team in collaboration with the SEC mentors held a Fingal SEC Network gathering. This event highlighted how communities across Fingal are improving energy efficiency and building resilience, explored funding and finance opportunities for local energy projects and created a space to share ideas, network, and plan with like-minded groups.



Community-Based Projects and Partnerships: The Council collaborated with community groups and initiatives to drive localized climate action:

- **GAA Green Clubs Programme:** Continued support for Fingal clubs participating in sustainability-focused efforts covering Energy, Water, Waste, Biodiversity, and Transport.
- **Tree Planting Initiatives**: Coordinated orchard planting in 16 community centres during Tree Week, alongside tree planting with local Tidy Towns groups and community gardens.
- **Keen to Be Green Projects:** Community Centres supported community awareness programmes
  - Projects undertaken across Community Centres include:
  - Keen to Be Green Community Festival Ongar,
  - Ongar Clothes Swap,
  - Meakstown Community Garden established,
  - Coolmine Lodge & Blakestown Drive Biodiversity entry for National Pride of Place awards
  - Glas Tú Community Garden - awarded Slainte funding to sustain project
  - Sustainable Skerries International Women's Day (IWD) event - tree planting
  - Ballyboughal hedgerow IWD event - wicker basket workshop took place in a nature reserve

- Ballyboughal Tidy Towns IWD event -
- DPCC clothes swap IWD event
- Balbriggan Women's Group IWD event - upcycling fabric workshop
- Turvey Allotment Event – young person's climate awareness & work in the allotment
- OWLS environmental workshops
- Foroige Skerries Climate Action Week event - environment awareness walk, reduce reuse recycle workshop
- Sustainable Skerries Climate Action Week event - Forest School
- Skerries Mills Bee Festival event - film showing importance of bees
- St Catherines biodiversity and Community Garden event - small biodiversity projects to improve their estate
- Oldtown Community Walkabout on climate action objectives -
- Lusk clean Up bio-diversity event - clean up days

- **Global Action Plan and Community Involvement**: In 2025, the Council worked with Global Action Plan (GAP) to further develop the Climate Action Heroes programme across Fingal with 140 participants and 12,794 kg Co2 emissions saved

- **Sports Grants Program:** In 2025, a total of 49 grant applications incorporated circular economy and sustainable initiatives, which have become mandatory for all clubs moving forward.

Through these diverse initiatives, Fingal County Council successfully fostered community engagement and environmental awareness, paving the way for sustained climate action across the region.

Promote the development of green skills across all economic sectors

Future Fingal: Fingal Skills Strategy 2024–2029: adopted by Fingal County Council in November 2024 builds on the insights and best practices gained through the Council's involvement in the

Interreg SKYLA Project, which focuses on developing digital and green skills to support the twin transition.

The Strategy highlights the increasing demand for both digital and green skills and underscores the vital role of upskilling and lifelong learning in meeting future workforce needs. It sets out a series of actions to be delivered across five strategic themes one of which is the development of the Skills Strategy Green Skills Subgroup, which now comprising 27 members, met twice during 2025 to progress implementation.

Climate Awareness Training

Fingal County Council is committed to embedding climate awareness across all levels of the organisation. Climate Action training is now mandatory for all new staff, and efforts are ongoing to provide training for existing personnel and elected members.

In 2025, 52 staff completed the mandatory Raising Awareness Course and 72 staff completed Voluntary Courses on Climate Action:

- Beyond Grants - Financing Climate Adaptation – x2 staff members
- Biodiversity as an Ethos; and regulatory requirements – x4 staff members
- Bioeconomy – x4 staff members
- Climate Action and European Funding – x7 staff members
- Climate Action and National Funding – x10 staff members
- Climate Change Advisory Council – x4 staff members
- Climate Goals in Transport – x4 staff members
- Forestry Programme 2023 – 2025 – x5 staff members
- Grass to Gas – x3 staff members
- LA Energy Performance - x3 staff members
- Transforming Weather Warnings for a Climate Resilient Ireland – x7 staff members
- Urban Water – Nature Based Solutions - x8 staff members
- Practical Implementation of Green Public Procurement in Local Authorities - x11 staff members

Second Spin: In 2025 Fingal County Council has launched “Second Spin”, a pilot initiative being run in conjunction with the Rediscovery Centre in Ballymun. The council's Active Travel Unit has launched the scheme to help provide free, upcycled bikes to teenagers who have had theirs stolen, encouraging them to keep cycling while promoting the circular economy. Donated or abandoned bikes are refurbished, and participants can re-donate later if they are able to purchase a new bike.



6.7. Decarbonisation Zone- Balbriggan

Key achievements in 2025

Balbriggan has been designated a Decarbonising Zone (DZ) under Fingal County Council's Climate Action Plan 2024–2029. A DZ is a defined area selected by a local authority to trial and implement a suite of low-carbon, climate-resilient solutions. These zones contribute directly to Ireland's national climate objectives, which include a legally binding target of reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 51% by 2030 and achieving net-zero emissions by 2050.

Decarbonising Zones serve as innovation testbeds designed to meet the specific needs of local communities while delivering measurable climate action. The approach integrates planning, engagement, and project delivery at a local scale.

Key Features of Decarbonising Zones

- Localised Climate Action:

DZs facilitate tailored interventions such as renewable energy generation, energy efficiency retrofits, and low-carbon mobility solutions that directly address the characteristics and needs of the area.

- Alignment with National Targets:

All actions within DZs are guided by Ireland's national climate commitments, ensuring coherence between local measures and national policy.

- Community Engagement:

The success of a DZ hinges on active and inclusive participation from residents, community groups, and businesses. Collaboration fosters resilience, climate awareness, and sustainable behaviours.

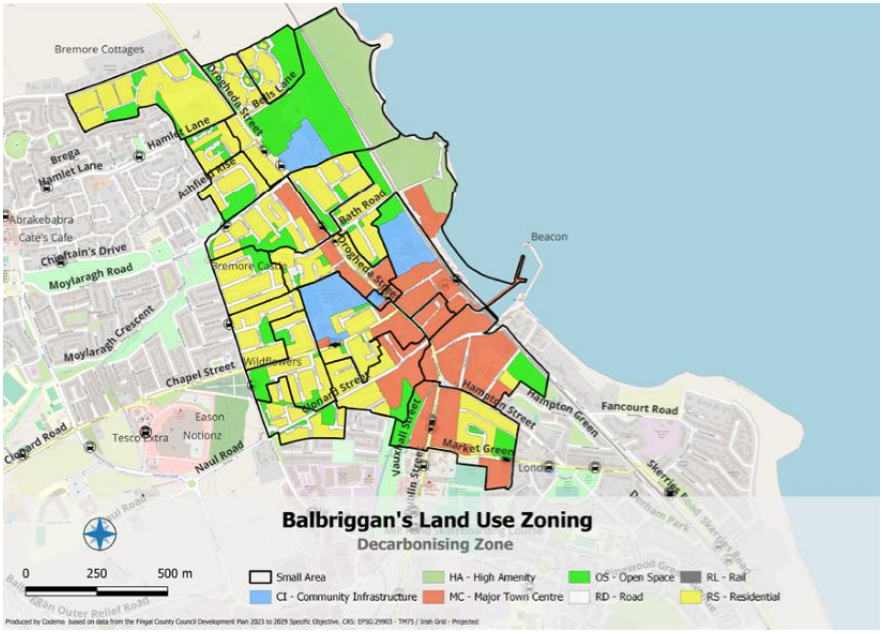


Figure 22 Balbriggan Decarbonisation Zone Map

Role of Sustainable Energy Communities (SECs)

A Sustainable Energy Community (SEC) is a group of citizens, organisations, and stakeholders working collaboratively to improve how energy is used and generated locally. The SEC model promotes a whole-of-community approach to sustainability and energy transition. While many SECs have developed Energy Master Plans to guide their actions, a significant number struggle to progress from planning to implementation. Common challenges include:

- Limited community engagement and volunteer fatigue
- Funding constraints and financial risk
- Gaps in technical expertise and project development capacity
- Difficulty navigating administrative and regulatory processes

E2-CUTIES: A European Support Framework for Balbriggan's DZ

Fingal County Council, Codema and Balbriggan SEC are partners in E2-CUTIES (Engaged Energy Communities in Urban areas with Technology Integrated Energy Systems), an Interreg North-West Europe project. E2-CUTIES provides a robust framework to address barriers faced by SECs and strengthen the capacity of local energy communities.



The project aims to:

- Develop roadmaps and investment strategies for community energy projects
- Produce toolkits that address governance, inclusion, finance, legal, and technical needs
- Pilot integrated energy systems in European partner cities such as Leuven and Strasbourg
- Deliver a capacity-building programme for communities and local authorities

How E2-CUTIES Support the Balbriggan DZ

- Empowering Communities: Enhances SEC capacity through training, tools, and mentoring
- Delivering Local Projects: Facilitates the rollout of practical energy actions (e.g. retrofits, solar PV, EV infrastructure)
- Roadmap & Monitoring: Supports planning, data analysis, and progress tracking
- Strengthening Governance: Builds alignment and cooperation between the local authority and the community

E2-CUTIES positions Balbriggan as a model for community-led climate action and provides the tools needed to make real progress toward its decarbonisation goals.

Progress to Date

In partnership with Codema and as part of the Climate Action Plan development, significant groundwork has been completed for the Balbriggan DZ, including:

- A comprehensive spatial emissions profile, mapping emissions sources and identifying local low-carbon assets.
- Projections to 2030 showing potential emissions trajectories based on various intervention scenarios.
- Cost analysis and identification of investment requirements across different climate pathways.
- A gap-to-target analysis to quantify the shortfall in achieving the 51% reduction.
- A Register of Opportunities outlining a portfolio of potential decarbonisation projects and corresponding funding sources.
- Analysis of decarbonisations activities undertaken since 2018 to allow for a reassessment of the emissions figure
- Collation of decarbonisations actions in Local Authority Strategies:
    - Our Balbriggan Town Rejuvenation Plan 2025-2030
    - Balbriggan Integrated Action Plan
    - Balbriggan Active Travel Strategy
    - Social Spaces and Youth Services for Young People in Balbriggan
    - Balbriggan Integrated Action Plan 2022 – 2027
    - Public Realm Design Guide
    - Future Fingal Strategy:
    - Sustainable Fingal Initiative
- Stakeholder identification and mapping
- Participation in E2CUTIES project (detail below)

Appendix I Action Progress Report 2025

Ref	Action	2025 Update	status
		Energy Management	
E1	Continuous Improvement by maintaining ISO 50001 energy management system	Re-certification Audit successfully completed in October 2025.	
E2	Annual Monitoring & Reporting to SEAI	M&R Cycle 2024 completed and submitted to SEAI during 2025. Preparation for M&R Cycle 2025 (December 2025 and May 2026.)	
E3	Publish Fingal County Council's Energy Review Periodically	Energy Review for 2023 and 2024 completed.	
		Energy Efficiency Improvements & Upgrades	
E4	Continuous Improvement through the Energy Performance Contract for County Hall (Swords) and Civic Offices, during the service stage	Reconciliation Period 3 (September 2024– February 2025) has shown significant energy improvements for the Energy Performance Contract across both County Hall, Swords and Civic Offices, Grove Road. The total electrical cost reduction achieved through this period is 34% based on the agreed contract rates, Consumption Reduction achieved 34% reduction. Thermal energy supply for this period is a decrease of 24% in gas usage across the two office facilities. The combined total energy savings achieved amounted to 28%, which represents a reduction of 225 tonnes of carbon emissions. Reconciliation Period 4 (March 2025-August 2025). The total electrical cost reduction achieved through this period is 34% based on the agreed contract rates, Consumption Reduction achieved 33% reduction. Thermal energy supply for this period is a decrease of 32% in gas usage across the two office facilities. The combined total energy savings achieved amounted to 33%, which represents a reduction of 118 tonnes of carbon emissions.	
E5	Procure upgrades through an Energy Performance Contract for Draíocht Arts Centre and public library in Blanchardstown with potential of including Balbriggan Town Hall & Library/ Watery Lane Depot/ Ballycoolin Training Centre	Re-evaluation of the feasibility and suitability of the EPC in such a complex and heterogeneous Facility.	
E6	IES Building Energy Modelling to be completed in County Hall and Grove Road offices. Further modelling of digital assets to be included in other EPC projects.	Preliminary investigations.	
E7	Refurbishment programme for Fingal Corporate buildings to include energy reviews and retrofits as standard in line with Public Sector targets for 2030.	Public Buildings: 1. Baldoyle Library Upgrade and Decarbonisation completed Q2 2025 2. County Hall Phase 1 upgrade to include PV panels completed in 2025; Phase-2 Pilot single floor fabric and services upgrade commencing in Q1 2026. 3. 2-4 Dublin Street Balbriggan upgrade commencing on site 2026. 4. Donabate Library at Ballisk House brought to B1. Other FCC Assets 4. Harts' town Community Centre - retrofit including PV panels completed 2025. 5. Corduff Community Centre - retrofit commenced 2025 due for completion 2026. 6. Rivermeade Community Centre in design stage.	

E8	Engage with independent BREEAM assessor and utilise Building Assessment Methodology throughout delivery of Swords Cultural Quarter flagship project; and extend the assessments under the various indicators from BREEAM and the Build Upon Energy Renovation Framework to Public Buildings. BREEAM is a leading validation and certification system for sustainable built environment.	1. Swords Cultural Quater and Culture House construction progressing on site; target still 75.96%. 2. Balbriggan Swimming Pool is the next development being assessed under BREEAM indicators - currently in at design stage with a target of 57.28%.	
E9	Undertake a feasibility study on utilising the existing Bore Hole with heat pump technology in County Hall Offices to provide heating, and to provide cooling to IT Comms room.	Preliminary investigations.	
E10	BER Audits to be carried out on corporate buildings and libraries to determine BER ratings	No Energy Audits were done during 2025	
E11	Roll out of real time check metering and energy monitoring platform across significant energy using buildings to analyse and understand usage.	Preparation Procurement for a wide Measure & Monitoring System to improve submetering and time granularity.	
E12	Implementation of identified DeliveREE/ Pathfinder projects across FCC premises to include the decarbonisation of significant energy using buildings.	Pathfinding funding has been finalised December 2025. Funding to be drawn down for 4 projects.	
E13	Feasibility study for retrofit/ fabric upgrades across the 2 Civic Offices	On going	
E14	Targeted LED upgrades across smaller FCC premises, not suitable for EPC	Baldoyle Library and Skerries LED upgrade completed. Small upgrade Civic Offices.	
E15	Targeted M&E upgrades across smaller FCC premises, not suitable for EPC. Identifying projects and packages through Planned Preventative Maintenance	M&E upgrades completed for Baldoyle Library and Skerries Library. Bardstown CC.	
E16	Renewal of remaining 1.5% of public lighting stock & pitch lighting	100% of public lighting converted to LEDs.	
Social Housing Upgrades			

E17	Continue to make energy efficiency retrofits to social housing under the DHLGH-supported Energy Retrofit Programme. Ensure FCC's social housing stock has a B2 or cost optimal energy rating where feasible by 2030 (subject to programmes and funding support).	2025 funding allocation for 94 units. Target exceeded, 119 units completed.	
E18	Complete Pilot programme in Strandmill Estate, Portmarnock, in conjunction with SEAI and REIL offering retrofit upgrades to private homeowners, availing of economies of scale when coupled with public housing upgrades. Partially funded by SEAI government grants.	No continuation of this pilot - low uptake	
E19	Build on the pilot roll out of EnergyCloud to c. 60 social homes in Swords in 2024 with further roll out to social homes across the county	The pilot scheme for Energy Cloud was rolled out in 2023. In Drynam Avenue and Russell's Terrace. There are no plans to continue this programme.	
E20	IGBC Home Performance Index Assessments carried out and where feasible certification obtained for all new social housing projects developed by the local authority.	Housing Construction: 1. North Street, Swords (13 no. units) - Registered 2. Mourne View, Skerries (14 no. units) - Registered 3. Remount, Lusk (18 no. units) - Registered. 4. Fortlawn Infill, D15 (21 no. units) - Not yet assessed 5. Woodside, Swords (34 no. units) - Not yet assessed 6. Park Rd, Rush (32 no. units) - Not yet assessed 7. Blakestown Cross, D15 (30 no. units) - Consultant appointed, not yet assessed 8. Mayeston - no design yet 9. Fingerpost, Malahide (4 no. units) - Not yet assessed 10. Knocksedan (74 no. units) - Not yet assessed 11. Jugback (15 no. units) - Not yet assessed 12. Dublin Road (12 no. units) - Not yet assessed 13. Mooretown Ph2 (360 no. units) - Not included in Development Agreement 14. Bridge Street, Swords (4 to 8 units) - Not yet assessed 15. Bowden Court Ph 2 (8 - 10 no. units) - Not yet assessed 16. Sillogue Green (13 units) - Not yet assessed	
E21	Pilot study to research and potentially futureproof new build social housing schemes for district heating	Housing Construction: Pilot study underway to future proof Church Fields Phase 4 (circa 300 units)	
Accreditation & Compliance			

E22	Green Procurement - Design Team appointments to include a sustainability specialism capable of informing all stages of the design process and documenting the required evidence to achieve accreditation under a recognised Building Assessment Method such as the IGBC Home Performance Index, BREEAM and LEED	**Housing** 1. North Street, Swords (13 no. units) - M&E appointment includes HPI assessment. 2. Mourne View, Skerries (14 no. units) - M&E appointment includes HPI assessment. 3. Remount, Lusk (18 no. units) - M&E appointment includes HPI assessment. 4. Fortlawn Infill, D15 (21 no. units) - DT not yet appointed 5. Woodside, Swords (34 no. units) - TAS DT appointed. D&B contractor to provide HPI. 6. Park Rd, Rush (32 no. units) - TAS DT appointed. D&B contractor to provide HPI. 7. Blakestown Cross, D15 (30 no. units) - TAS DT appointed. D&B contractor to provide HPI. 8. Mayeston - no design yet 9. Fingerpost, Malahide (4 no. units) - DT not yet appointed 10. Knocksedan (74 no. units) - DT not yet appointed 11. Jugback (15 no. units) - DT not yet appointed 12. Dublin Road (12 no. units) - DT not yet appointed 13. Mooretown Ph2 (360 no. units) - GLV DT to prepare a Climate Action Energy Statement. 14. Bridge Street, Swords (4 to 8 units) - DT not appointed 15. Bowden Court Ph 2 (8 - 10 no. units) - DT not yet appointed 16. Sillogue Green, D15 (13 units) - DT not appointed yet **Public Buildings** 1. County Hall / Civic Offices / Blanchardstown Library & Draíocht - Decarbonisation design consultants appointed 2025 2. Balbriggan Swimming Pool design team appointed	
E23	In accordance with the incoming embodied carbon amendments to the Construction Products Regulations, the Building Control Authority will encourage compliance and monitor/enforce the display of carbon footprint on all construction products.	The updated EU Construction Products Regulation (CPR) (Regulation (EU) 2024/3110) was published on December 18, 2024, and officially entered into force on January 7, 2025. It will apply to most products from January 8, 2026. The new CPR focuses on enhancing sustainability, promoting digital transformation, and improving the standardization process for construction products within the EU. Key changes include the integration of environmental performance data, the introduction of digital product passports, and stricter requirements for durability, recyclability, and reusability of products. Manufacturers must prepare for these changes, which will involve revising environmental declarations and adhering to new standard-dependent compliance timelines, especially for priority materials like concrete and steel.	
Energy Planning & Renewables			
E24	Continue to develop a strategic approach to town centre regeneration through Town Centre First: A Policy Approach for Irish Towns and by utilising existing buildings and unused lands for new development, promote residential occupancy in our rural towns and villages and provide for a mix of uses within these areas.	30 properties in 2025 which were remedied and are no longer considered derelict.	

E25	Deliver Blanchardstown District Heating Scheme	FCC is engaged with the Minister for Public Expenditure and Infrastructure to secure funding for the project. The minister attended a meeting with the main stakeholders in February 2025 and indicated he would be keen to support the project with funding. A phase two Elena funding application has been worked up and submitted to the European Investment Bank. This would provide funding for a detailed feasibility study and to develop an operational & business model from March 2026. A pre-Elena, enabling funding request has been submitted to Department of Climate Communication and Environment. A work programme has been agreed with Codema to progress these elements.	
E26	Assess potential for viable renewable energy projects on a temporary/permanent basis, on council-controlled lands	FCC is engaged with the Minister for Public Expenditure and Infrastructure to secure funding for the project. The minister attended a meeting with the main stakeholders in February 2025 and indicated he would be keen to support the project with funding. A phase two Elena funding application has been worked up and submitted to the European Investment Bank. This would provide funding for a detailed feasibility study and to develop an operational & business model from March 2026. A pre-Elena, enabling funding request has been submitted to Department of Climate Communication and Environment. A work programme has been agreed with Codema to progress these elements.	
E27	Building Decarbonisation Strategy	Panels installed in Baldoyle Library, C. County Hall Offices. Hardstown CC. (286 panels)	
E28	Develop Wind Energy Strategy	Not started	
E29	Review Energy Statements for planning applications.	Conducted as part of Development Management functions of L.A. Policy CAP12, Objective DMSO262 of the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029. Ongoing.	
		Energy Awareness	
E30	Work with SMEs to promote energy efficient adaptations through Local Enterprise Office initiatives including Green for Business and the Energy Efficiency Grant.	LEO Climate Actions • Monthly business supports briefing has been moved online, saving 120+ people per month commuting to an in-person event. • We have reduced the amount of plastic we purchase by only sourcing LEO branded recyclable pens paper, notebooks etc. • We order the minimum amount of food for our events and offer take-away bags at events to allow participants to take food with them on the go and reduce food waste. • We have started to use QR codes mounted in frames to advertise specific programmes rather than printing a large number of brochures and shipping them to events. • We offer the energy efficiency grant for businesses to upgrade energy usage, reduce waste and energy inefficiencies (lighting, heating, controls etc.). This helps small businesses reduce their carbon emissions and energy costs. • We have a programme called Green for Business, to help prepare small businesses for a low-carbon, resource-efficient economy. The programme helps businesses understand their waste, energy use, resource inefficiencies etc. 38 business through the programme YTD • We run the “All in a Day’s Work” campaign, which encourages businesses to “save time, money and energy.” The campaign highlights our supports, (Lean for Business, Green for Business, Digital for	

		Business), with a focus on ways to reduce waste, improve efficiency, and cut operational energy usage. rolls into the Green programme above • We offer free mentoring support with options for green consultants and sustainability mentors etc., helping businesses assess what changes they can make to improve sustainability in early stages and in future. 17 Energy Efficiency Grants worth €131,950 YTD which allows people to upgrade equipment within their business to more energy efficient equipment reducing their energy consumption.	
E31	Conduct research into the Council's historic building stock that consider pre- and post- works energy performance and devise advise on of appropriate and sensitive retrofitting/energy upgrading of traditional buildings to inform works to other Council-owned properties and to guide private owners	2-4 Dublin Street, Balbriggan out to tender in 2025. Studies to be carried out on 2-4 Dublin Street in 2026 along with cross checking against OPW & DHLGH guidance to inform advisory notes.	
E32	Promote and encourage routine maintenance and good housekeeping to maintain the older building stock of the county in good condition in order to reduce energy consumption and extend the building's life cycle (e.g. Fingal's Stitch in Time Grant, National Schemes of Built Heritage Investment Scheme, Historic Structures Fund, Community Monument Fund).	In 2025 FCC ran two Conservation Clinics, one in Balbriggan (June) and the other in Swords (Dec). The Conservation Clinics offered free 45-minute consultations to owners of Protected Structures or buildings in Architectural Conservation Areas for advice from conservation architects on the repair or energy upgrading of their historic building. Owners of 15 properties availed of these clinics. FCC also awarding funding for conservation works or repairs under the following schemes: •Stitch in Time Grant - grant assistance provided to value of over €55,000 to 38 projects. 35 projects carried out minor repairs to the property, primarily works to patch repair thatch to extend out the lifespan of the thatched roof. Several projects were funded as emergency works after storm damage to roofs. 3 projects obtained grants for conservation advice. •Built Heritage Investment Scheme - 16 projects awarded funding of €182,825 for moderate scale repairs, including roof or rainwater good repairs, and external wall repairs. 3 projects were awarded funding under the Historic Thatching Stream. •Historic Structures Fund – grant awarded to 1 project to a total value of €66,020 for larger scale works involving the repair of unusual timber tracery windows.	
Active Travel - Protected Cycleways/Walkways			
T1	Increase the meterage of high-quality walkways in the county and improve the meterage of existing walkways in the county.	**Active Travel:** 985m of new footpaths were constructed in 2025 in Donabate, Skerries, Ongar and Swords and funded through the NTA connectivity fund. **Operations:** As per 2025 Programme of Works, a number of new footpaths were introduced in Howth/Malahide LEA in urban areas and open spaces: Lambchop Park Bayside, Reconstruction of old path from Strand Road to Portmarnock Beach, Improvement works on the path around the Estuary from Seabury Park to Old Yellow Walls Road. **PSI:** Ongar-Barnhill - Over 2,500m of new footpaths were constructed on this scheme.	

T2	Increase the km of protected cycle lanes and off-road cycle lanes and greenways in the county annually; in line with the Greater Dublin Cycling Network Plan, and the FCC Greenway Plan - including Fingal Coastal Way, the Sutton to Malahide Cycleway, the Broadmeadow Way, Church Fields Link Road, and the Royal Canal Urban Greenway, etc.	**Active Travel:** Several projects were completed in 2025 by the Active Travel Unit, delivering 0.81km of protected cycle lanes at Donabate, Newtown Bridge Balheary and the R149 Clonee Road. Several other schemes are in detailed design with construction due in Dublin 15 and Swords in the coming months. The delivery of the R132 walking and cycling scheme from Blakes Cross to Quickpenny Lane was delivered comprising of 3.7km of walking and cycling facilities on both sides of the road (7.4km) in total **Operations:** **0 km projects planned or progressed in 2025** **PSI:** Ongar-Barnhill - Approximately 1.3km of one-way protected cycle lanes and 1.6km of two-way protected cycle lanes delivered as part of this scheme.	
Active Travel - Connectivity			
T3	Deliver/alter infrastructure to improve connectivity/permeability in order to promote active travel	**Active Travel:** 985m of new footpaths have been constructed around the County connecting existing footpaths where there was a gap in the network. 4 of these projects were chosen via the connectivity/permeability tracker in 2025 to improve permeability and connectivity for all users.	
T4	Deliver new pedestrian / cycling road crossings, which give priority to pedestrians and cyclists. Develop and implement a work programme for the replacement of pedestrian crossings with ones which give priority to pedestrians & cyclists.	**Active Travel:** 3 new pedestrian crossings were installed in 2025, from the Permeability/Connectivity tracker or as part of a separate Active Travel project. These locations include: Flemington Lane Balbriggan and Newtown Bridge Balheary. **Operations:** As per the 2025 Programme of Works, a number of signalised pedestrian crossings and zebra crossings were introduced countywide # delivered = 9 e.g. Howth Road, Beechpark Avenue, Clonsilla Road, Ongar, Knockmaroon Hill, Stephenstown, Naul **PSI:** Ongar-Barnhill x1 Type B Zebra Pedestrian Crossing x10 Toucan Crossings x8 Uncontrolled Crossings	
T5	Install junction build outs in accordance with Design Manual for Urban Roads & Streets 2020, increasing safety to users.	**Active Travel:** 12 no. arms of junctions were built out across Fingal in 2025 to shorten the distance vulnerable road users must cross. Locations include Sutton and Malahide. Others are planned before the end of the year. **Operations:** As per the 2025 Programme of Works, a number of junctions were built out in accordance with DMURS. 4 No delivered. e.g. Hadleigh Heights / Pecks Lane - Castleknock, Back Road **PSI:** Ongar-Barnhill x8 upgraded arms including Barnwell Roundabout and Barnwell Rd junction.	
Active Travel - Mobility			

T6	Increase the quantity of bicycle parking and virtual parking bays in the public domain.	**Active Travel:** A further 46 bicycle parking stands were installed across the County in 2025 with space for 92 bikes. There are now 1976 spaces available across the 7 Fingal Electoral Areas.	
T7	Assist in the provision of bicycle stands in private community space, such as community centres, sport clubs etc.	**Active Travel:** 38 schools, clubs and Community Centres were approved for bike and scooter racks as part of our community allocations in 2025. This was broken down as 45 Toast Racks and 30 Scooter Racks. The toast racks can accommodate up to 450 bicycles.	
T8	Continued provision of Bike Sharing Schemes across the county	**Active Travel:** There are currently 2 Bike share providers in Fingal, Bleeper Bike & Moby eBikes, which began operations in June 2025. There are currently 190 bikes in operation. There have been more than 18,000 bike share journeys since June 2024.	
T9	Provision of E scooters across the county	**Active Travel:** There are currently no eScooter projects in the County, we are investigating use cases for 2026.	
T10	Implement pilots' schemes for mobility/emobility to promote sustainable mobility by encouraging creativity and innovation in the county.	**Active Travel:** In 2025, we piloted a number of projects in relation to Subsidised eBikes for the Public, Sustainable Commuting Projects, Modal sensors projects, EV Car Sharing, Wheelchair Tandem Bikes, Staff pooled bikes, walk & talk projects, precision bike parking. More than 10 pilot projects were initiated in 2025.	
Active Travel - Modal Shift			
T11	Identify opportunities for reallocation of existing road space to promote active travel and improve public space.	**Active Travel:** A number of schemes in design have proposed road reallocation totalling 9km. Harbour Road Skerries received planning permission in 2025 and is now at detailed design. A tender competition is underway to appoint a contractor to deliver the Auburn Avenue Walking & Cycling Scheme in Castleknock.	
T12	Enhancement / reallocation of roads & street space to promote active travel and improve public space. Implement in all 3 LEAs	**Active Travel:** Quiet Streets pilot launched in Drynam, Kinsealy in 2025. Q4 2025 other locations will be assessed for the Quiet Streets initiative, and two additional locations will be selected to implement Quiet Streets. **Operations:** In 2025, buildouts to facilitate outdoor dining were progressed in the Howth & Malahide area. **PSI:** Ongar-Barnhill Existing open space at Barnwell Roundabout was upgraded to include for approximately 160m of one way and two-way cycle lanes and create a safer means of access for locals and for the nearby schools.	
T13	Implement traffic calming programme. To include provision of infrastructure for encouraging modal shift (Ramps, VAS, Pedestrian Crossings etc)	The Operations Department provides traffic calming measures such as ramps or VAS as part of the Programme of Works.	

T14	Assess the feasibility of re-allocating existing Pay & Display spaces to bike parking where ample Pay & Display parking.	Operations Department work in tandem with Active Travel regarding the reallocation of parking bays for bike parking. Active Travel install the infrastructure. In 2025, Operations Department continued to work in tandem with Active Travel regarding the re-allocation of parking bays for bike parking. Active Travel install the infrastructure	
T15	Introduction of Pay & Display schemes in accordance with adopted by-Laws to discourage car use (To decrease car dependency)	Operations Department review all requests for suitability of the introduction of Pay & Display parking. No new P&D locations were progressed in 2025	
T16	Provide programmes and initiatives that support community-wide adoption of active travel modes e.g. Learn 2 Cycle with a Disability lessons, Adult Cycling lessons, Walking Buses, Cycling Buses; and opportunities for marginalised groups to engage in Active Travel	In 2025 we increased the number of behavioural change and skill acquisition courses we offer. We built out programmes and added new ones to the offering. Over 50 courses have taken place in 2025.	
T17	Examine the potential for 30 km/h speed limits in towns and villages in line with the Road Safety Plan recommendations.	As part of the National Speed Limit Implementation Review and the FCC Countywide Speed Limit, FCC will look to introduce more roads that have a speed limit of 30 km/h.	
Active Travel - Modal Shift - Safe Routes to School			
T18	Implement Safe Routes to School programme	Consultant engineers continue to progress design concepts for schools in Round 2. Meetings have been held with all schools and delivery plans have been agreed.	
T19	Implement the School Streets initiative	2 schools are currently taking part in the School Streets initiative, one in Malahide and one in Rush. We have also piloted interventions in two other locations, Swords and Donabate.	
Public Transport			
T20	Support the development and expansion of existing public transport services including MetroLink, BusConnects and DART expansion to Balbriggan	Delivery by State Agencies. FCC supports through policies/objectives contained within Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 and through engagement in the statutory planning process e.g. Rail Order conducted for MetroLink, DART+ projects, LUAS Finglas etc.	
T21	To facilitate the provision of Park and Ride facilities in appropriate locations at transport nodes and along strategic transport corridors in accordance with the NTA Strategy and encourage the inclusion of EV charge points and bike parking.	Planning Application for Lissenhall Submitted	
Shared Mobility			
T22	Promote and facilitate additional car sharing schemes	There are 2 licensed car share providers operating across Fingal, with 101 vehicles operating in Fingal. In 2025, we launched our first two dedicated EV Car Share Bays with 4 EVs available.	
T23	Promote and facilitate additional community car sharing schemes	There is currently 1 Community Car in Skerries, we are working on ways to fund additional cars. 1500 plus trips made by the Skerries community car in 2025	

	EVCP Provision		
T24	Implement the DLA EVCP strategy through delivery of sufficient EVCP's	The project team are engaged with Zevi to secure full funding for the project and are working through the required gateway processes. Engagement with the ESB is ongoing and there have been challenges in relation to grid constraints in the Dublin area. Universally accessible designs are also being developed and improved and approved. It is anticipated that the first sites should commence construction in November 2025 and go live in January / February 2026. Significant work has gone in with the ESB and with Zevi, and on designs, and it is anticipated that the majority of sites will be constructed in 2026. However, full roll out across the county will be dependent on electricity connections being provided.	
T25	Expand availability of EV charging points for Council staff and operational vehicles	There are 120 EV charging points across various Fingal County Council depots and staff car parks. Dedicated EV charging hubs with fast charging facility is in place in the 3 main depots.	
T26	Provide EV charging infrastructure (in addition to 20% charge points) to development plan standards, for new social housing developed by the Local Authority. Provide Electric vehicle charge points in car parking for new Fingal Corporate buildings.	**Housing** 1. North Street, Swords (13 no. units) - Ducting for EV to be provided and 1 no. chargers (2 bays) 2. Mourne View, Skerries (14 no. units) - Ducting for EV to be provided and 2 no. chargers (4 bays) 3. Remount, Lusk (18 no. units) - Ducting for EV to be provided and 2 no. chargers (4 bays) 4. Holywell, Swords (57 Units) - Ducting for EV to be provided and 2 no. chargers (4 bays) 5. Woodside, Swords (34 no. units) - Ducting for EV to be provided and 3 no. chargers (5 bays - 26%) 6. Park Rd, Rush (32 no. units) - Ducting for EV to be provided and 12 no. chargers (54 bays) 7. Blakestown Cross, D15 (30 no. units) - Ducting for EV to be provided and 6 no. chargers (33 bays) 8. Mayeston - no design yet 9. Fingerpost, Malahide (4 no. units) - Ducting for EV to be provided and 2no. chargers (5 bays) 10. Knocksedan (74 no. units) - Ducting for EV to be provided and 9 no. chargers (18 bays) 11. Jugback (15 no. units) - Ducting for EV to be provided and 2 no. chargers (7 bays) 12. Dublin Road (12 no. units) - Ducting for EV to be provided and 1 no. charger (2 bays). 13. Mooretown Ph2 (360 no. units) - Ducting for EV to be provided in addition to charging points for on street parking. 14. Bridge Street (4 to 8 units) - No design yet 15. Bowden Court Ph 2 (8 - 10 no. units) - Ducting for EV to be provided and 1 no. charger (6 bays) 16. Sillogue Green (13 no units) - All in curtilage parking. Allowance for a spur for EV charger at each house (13 no). **Public Buildings** 1. Baldoyle New Racecourse Community Centre completed in 2025 with 3 Nr. EV spaces and an adjacent public carpark that includes fast charging. 2. Mill St. Carpark Balbriggan associated with small new build kiosks includes 6 EV spaces. 3. 2 Nr. EV spaces provided at Kellystown Cemetery. Note: all the above installations to go live in 2026 pending agreements.	

T27	Continued electrification of the Council's vehicle fleet as market technology develops	Currently Fingal County Council owns 108 electric commercial vehicles, i.e. 50% of commercial vehicle fleet is fully electric.	
Roads Construction & Maintenance			
T28	Maintenance and upgrade of public footpath network and regional and local roads to encourage modal shift to walking and cycling	During 2025, the Operations Department continued to maintain the footpaths & roads countywide which facilitate modal shift	
T29	Explore the use of sustainable methods of road surfacing that minimise the use of raw materials.	Not commenced	
Staff Travel			
T30	Continued implementation of the national public sector remote working strategy	On going	
T31	Aim to reduce kilometres travelled by private ICE vehicles within work hours and incentivise modes such as cycling, electric vehicles.	2 dedicated FCC GoCars. The cars completed 288 trips over the year with a total of 10,700km travelled by 19 unique users. This would equate to approx. 10.7 tonnes of C02 savings and would be the equivalent of €4,800 in Milage costs based on 1.6L engine ICE Vehicle. Information page on SharePoint for staff regarding EV usage.	
T32	Prepare and finalise the Smarter Travel Workplace Strategy for staff of Fingal County Council, and engage on the implementation of the strategy	Final draft of Fingal Sustainable Travel Policy awaiting sign off	
T33	Promotion of Cycle-to-Work Scheme for Council staff	Cycle to work promoted through staff messages. 36 applications processed in 2025.	
T34	Provide eco driving training to Council drivers	4 courses in 2025 and 62 staff attended	
T35	Implement carbon offset programme for official flights and investigate an appropriate offsetting scheme for the Council's other business travel emissions.	The total amount of Air Travel Carbon emissions for 2024 was 7,621kg and an amount of €476.80 was paid. Offsetting of 2025 air travel to be completed in Q1 2026	
Flood Risk Management			
F1	Update Council Emergency Response Plans to include flood event response	Working draft of Air Incident plan in place. Oil Spill Contingency plan near complete, final details to be confirmed with consultant. Updates to Severe Weather and Flood Plans near complete with consultant.	
F2	Ensure annual update of the specific risks to service provision in each FCC Department that may be impacted by Climate Change, building on the Climate Change Risk Assessment developed for the CAP.	On going, each department includes Climate Risk as part of their annual risk review.	
F3	To engage with the Fingal Coastal Liaison Group with the integration of adaptation strategies into planning policies, etc.	Fingal Coastal Liaison Group No 26 was held on 3rd September 2025. Coastal Liaison Group Meeting No 27 held on 18th December 2025.	

Flood Defence			
F4	Develop and implement Coastal Protection Plan for Portrane	With support and encouragement from Fingal County Council, The OPW developed a Pilot Coastal Monitoring Survey Programme (CMSP)over a 5-year period which ran from 2020 to 2024. Based on this pilot which included significant sections of the Fingal coastline, The OPW is currently developing a national coastal change monitoring programme. In the interim, aerial photography and LiDAR surveys will continue to be conducted in the monitoring areas identified for annual surveys in the Pilot CMSP. Date from this monitoring is currently being used by the Council's consultants in the context of planning for coastal protection works. Interested parties can refer to the Monitoring Areas and Survey Frequency section on the following website https://www.floodinfo.ie/about_cmsp/	
F5	Progress Flood Alleviation schemes in conjunction with the OPW - including Mill Stream Skerries, Bissett Strand and The Green Malahide Village, Portmarnock Bridge,	Bissett Strand and The Green Malahide Village, Scheme Viability Review done	
F6	Continued engagement with the OPW to progress further studies of areas within Fingal at risk of flooding, and development of suitable schemes such as Strand Road Sutton and Santry	Dublin City Project on Santry River under assessment Dublin city Liffey Flood risk assessment-Chapellizod initiated	
F7	Progress appropriate minor works schemes to resolve recurring flood issues, where possible, ensuring the schemes are designed and implemented to promote SUDs / nature-based solutions.	Most schemes to date are reactive to remediate deficiencies in existing urban networks and do not lend themselves to SuDS retrofits. With staff resources being made available a prognostic approach will be adopted to maximise the opportunity for SuDs based solutions. A pilot project is being examined with a Consulting Engineer to address an urban flooding issue with SuDS.	
F8	Develop a coastal monitoring programme to measure coastal erosion along the Fingal coast	With support and encouragement from Fingal County Council, The OPW developed a Pilot Coastal Monitoring Survey Programme (CMSP)over a 5-year period which ran from 2020 to 2024. Based on this pilot which included significant sections of the Fingal coastline. The OPW is currently developing a national coastal change monitoring programme. In the interim, aerial photography and LiDAR surveys will continue to be conducted in the monitoring areas identified for annual surveys in the Pilot CMSP. Date from this monitoring is currently being used by the Council's consultants in the context of planning for coastal protection works. Interested parties can refer to the Monitoring Areas and Survey Frequency section on the following website https://www.floodinfo.ie/about_cmsp/	
F9	Facilitate the development of a National Coastal Monitoring Survey Programme	With support and encouragement from Fingal County Council, The OPW developed a Pilot Coastal Monitoring Survey Programme (CMSP)over a 5-year period which ran from 2020 to 2024. Based on this pilot which included significant sections of the Fingal coastline. The OPW is currently developing a national coastal change monitoring programme. In the interim, aerial photography and LiDAR surveys will continue to be conducted in the monitoring areas identified for annual surveys in the Pilot CMSP. Interested parties can refer to the Monitoring Areas and Survey Frequency section on the following website https://www.floodinfo.ie/about_cmsp/	

F10	Identify sites where flood defence features can be removed or relocated to increase flood capacity of rivers and estuaries	12no Sites identified at Malahide Estuary (3), Rogerstown Estuary (7), Ballyboughal river (2) and Rush (1). All sites, except one, are in private ownership. Land acquisition required to progress this project. Sites offered for sale to the Council but not authorized to proceed.	
F11	Restore St Ita's wetlands to maximise water attenuation capacity and nature conservation benefits	Project Completed	
Surface Water Management			
F12	Record on a GIS layer the council surface water system and make it available to all relevant staff from Operations & Planning. This must include all SuDS systems and flood embankments	FCC have agreement with Uisce Éireann to utilise their GIS for Storm Water assets as before although there is a backlog of infrastructure to be uploaded. This is being supplemented with records of underground storage systems being collated by Storm Water Section and channelled through our Building Control section to Uisce Eireann. Separately, FCC IT department have created an internal GIS platform to upload gullies, and will do the same for SuDS devices, and flood control measures. it is hoped to build on this to have a standalone FCC map of all assets not hosted on UÉ GIS.	
F13	Prepare a maintenance register for the entire surface water system within the county, including SuDS, pipes and culverts to aid proactive maintenance, alleviate flooding and maintain water quality	Legacy issues with sparse and inconsistent information from TIC/TIM files. GAP analysis underway	
F14	Develop an improved maintenance plan for SuDS assets that are taken in charge by FCC, ensuring their continued operation.	TIC/TIM assets being identified along with Safety Files	
Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems			
F15	Promote and encourage community involvement in the retrofit of SuDS in existing developments, maintaining community rain gardens, discourage hard paving in gardens and retrofit raingardens / water butt installations	A Householder's Guide to Sustainable Drainage (SuDS) was produced and is now on the Fingal website with a video explaining its purpose.	
F16	Develop a Blue/Green Roof Guideline to assist both internal and external stakeholders implement these systems as per the County Development Plan objectives	Fingal County Council (FCC) has introduced a Green Roof Policy as part of the Fingal Development Plan 2023 – 2029 (Development Plan). The potential of green and blue roofs has been recognised by FCC as a means of delivering against multiple policy objectives relating to flood risk, climate change, amenity and biodiversity, particularly where availability of space is limited. FCC promotes the incorporation of Sustainable Drainage into developments, and the use of green blue roofs plays a key role in supporting delivery of a range of objectives including Objectives IUO12 & DMSO206. The development of this guidance discharges commitment F14 of the Fingal Climate Action Plan (2024-2029). Fingal County Council has launched a Green & Blue Roof Guide in 2025 to integrate sustainable drainage, biodiversity, and climate adaptation into development projects.	

F17	Ensure the inclusion of water conservation and SuDS measures in all developments, to reduce the level of surface water run-of, improve water quality and contribute to adaptation to climate change through nature-based solutions.	Implemented by way of planning conditions as necessary through Development Management function. Promotion of SUDS included in Bloom Garden 2024. Ongoing implementation through Development Management process and implementation of Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 policies and objectives. Publication of 'A Householder's Guide to Sustainable Drainage (SuDs) - Managing Rainfall more naturally in Fingal' 2024	
F18	Drive the implementation of SuDS in FCC Capital projects, including new builds, retrofits etc, and monitor the level of implementation.	Promotion of SUDS included in Bloom Garden 2024. Ongoing implementation through Development Management process and implementation of Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 policies and objectives. Publication of 'A Householder's Guide to Sustainable Drainage (SuDs) - Managing Rainfall more naturally in Fingal' 2024	
F19	Create a case study of SuDS at Local Area Plan level	The LAP selected was subjected to a Judicial Review and has not yet been implemented.	
F20	Ensure new Local Area Plans feature Urban Greening Proposals.	Local Area plans with Urban greening measures are incorporated into all LAPS in 2026 Flemington LAP, Old School House Master Plan, Stephenstown Framework Plan (EETCD) were adopted.	
F21	Assess the feasibility of green roofs on all new Fingal public, operational and social buildings and provide where viable and appropriate. Evaluate date from CARO / UCD project on Green Roof substrates.	**Housing** 1. North Street, Swords (13 no. units) - green roof provided over bike store 2. Mourne View, Skerries (14 no. units) - not feasible, no flat roofs. 3. Remount, Lusk (18 no. units) - not feasible, small inaccessible flat roofs. 4. Holywell, Swords (57 units) - green roofs removed by as condition of Fire Cert 4. Fortlawn Infill, D15 (21 no. units) - Green roof on bin store. 5. Woodside, Swords (34 no. units) - Green roof on apartment building 6. Park Rd, Rush (32 no. units) - not feasible, no flat roofs. 7. Blakestown Cross, D15 (30 no. units) - Granted Planning did not include Green Roofs. Not viable due to costs. 8. Mayeston - no design yet 9. Fingerpost, Malahide (4no. units) - not feasible/ viable due to costs. 10. Knocksedan (74 no. units) - Feasibility of green roof to be assessed. 11. Jugback (15 no. units) - TBC to roof of apartments. 12. Dublin Road (12 no. units) - Feasibility of green roof on apartment block to be assessed. 13. Mooretown Ph2 (360 no. units) - Green roof to be included on Apartment Building, area TBC. 14. Bridge Street, Swords (4 to 8 units) - TBC 15. Bowden Court Ph 2 (15 no. units) - TBC to roof of apartments. 16. Sillogue Green, D15 (13 units) - Green roofs not viable as no flat roofs. **Public Buildings** 1. Baldoyle New Racecourse Community Centre completed in 2025 with approx. 1,120 sq. m. 80% green roof. 2. Skerries Library completed 2025 with 150 sq. m. 50% green roof. 3. Swords Cultural Quarter, on site 2024 due for completion 2026, 550m2 green roof, 30% roof area.	
Improve resilience of Infrastructure			
F22	Assess resilience of regional and local roads in line with Climate Adaptation Strategy issued by the Department of Transport	Not commenced	

F23	Assess Resilience of Bridge Infrastructure vulnerable to impact of climate change	Framework consultant in place for bridge inspections and scoping of maintenance/repair work that is required.	
Resilience of Archaeological and Heritage Assets			
F24	Develop maintenance and condition survey programmes for Council owned historic buildings and ancient monuments that are informed by climate change impacts.	Co-ordinated with Community Monuments Fund.	
F25	Archaeological and heritage assets to form part of all climate risk assessments including opportunities for integration of cultural heritage in adaptative mitigations e.g. green infrastructure, cycle ways, nature-based solutions etc.	Ongoing. Heritage officer has inputted on opportunities for integration into of cultural heritage into the Fingal Coastal way and other initiatives.	
F26	Use the findings of the Fingal Cultural Heritage & Climate Risk Assessment to prioritise and pilot adaptative and palliative measures for heritage assets in Council ownership	Co-ordinated with Community Monuments Fund.	
F27	Support and develop citizen science projects such as Fingal X Heritage as a means of monitoring climate change impacts on Fingal's heritage assets and raising public awareness	Ongoing. Citizen science group continue to meet on a fortnightly basis. In 2025 the Fingal Coastal Zone project provided training sessions and developed a project handbook raising awareness of coastal erosion on intertidal heritage.	
F28	Identify projects and opportunities for collaboration with relevant stakeholders to assess and prioritise cultural heritage sites vulnerable to climate change	Membership of the Climate Change Sectoral Adaptation Plan for Built and Archaeological Heritage Planning Team Working Groups. Production of the 2025 Built & Archaeological Heritage Sectoral Adaptation Plan.	
F29	Build climate resilience of archaeological and built heritage in public and private ownership through the Community Monuments Fund	Two projects received a total of €70,000 in funding in 2025.	
Green Infrastructure			
N1	Prepare and implement multi-functional management plans for the Rogerstown, Malahide and Baldoyle Estuaries and their surrounding lands	Biodiversity staff taken on, but no funding available to carry out baseline and supporting studies to develop masterplans.	

N2	Map and survey all significant/historic stands of woodland within the county e.g. in excess of 5ha, and review the effectiveness of the protection offered under the Green Infrastructure Network Zoning of woodlands in the County Development Plan	Woodlands mapped. Woodland management plans completed and being implemented for St Catherines Park and Newbridge Demesne. Management plans are currently being prepared for Ardgillan, Malahide and Santry Demesnes.	
N3	Review measures to improve Biodiversity nett gain on all projects, including Biodiversity pilot programme on new build housing. Architects will adhere to Biodiversity officers' protocol for nesting boxes.	FCC have a number of developments in progress that consider Sustainable Drainage & Flood Management objectives in the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 and the Fingal Biodiversity Action Plan along with assessing projects under the relevant indicators in the selected Building Environmental Assessment Methods of the Irish Green Building Councils Home Performance Index or BREEAM as appropriate. The indicators sit under Land Use and Ecology which support biodiversity policies. Green roofs are being provided on a number of apartment buildings including Church Fields, Ballymastone, Mooretown and Seatown Road with green roof currently proposed for Woodside. The urban infill development at 30-32 North Street is to incorporate a green roof over the bike store, rainwater butts, permeable paving in the courtyard space and beneath the car parking and tree pits. A number of Public Buildings recently constructed or in progress incorporate green roofs including Meakstown Community Centre, Baldoyle Racecourse Community Centre, Skerries Library and Swords Cultural Quarter. These also include tree pits, permeable paving and planting. The Meakstown Community Centre also features a rain garden swale, and the Baldoyle Community Centre parking spaces have been constructed in permeable grasscrete. All the above projects use native planning in the landscaping proposals. The schemes incorporate nest boxes for swifts, swallows and/or house martins as appropriate. Lighting proposals are bat sensitive and incorporate bat boxes where relevant. The Building Environmental Assessment Methods adopted include biodiversity assessment in terms of impact, net gain and/or ecology green points as appropriate.	
N4	Develop SUDS demonstration sites in the Tolka Valley, Ward River Valley, Balbriggan town Park and Rogerstown estuary	Potential sites identified in Ward River Valley. Tender for the design to issue in early 2026	
N5	Implement wildfire fire management strategy for Howth Head	Strategic wildfire breaks created on Ben of Howth. Final wildfires break to be created at Nose of Howth. All others are in place. Goat grazing project contract to maintain wildfire breaks at Redrock, Bellinghas Farm, Carrickbrack road and Shielmartin renewed for another 3 years. Another goat herder needed to maintain wildfire breaks on East Mountain, but currently no funding available to cover that role.	
N6	Explore funding models for carbon offsetting to fund wetland and woodland development	No progress made. Seeking suitable consultant to undertake this study.	

Importance of Trees			
N7	Commission a study to report on the ecosystem services/nature-based solutions provided by Fingal's trees with reference to their economic/climate change adaptation benefits	Work has commenced on the development of GIS data sets mapping the relevant landscape features which will be used to measure Ecosystem Services & Nature-based solutions provided by these features including woodland and tree cover. It is expected that the necessary GIS related training for staff will be rolled out over the coming months.	
N8	Assess and adopt tree valuation methods for compensatory / replacement planting, e.g. CAVAT, iTree	The CAVAT Valuation method has been adopted	
N9	Initiate a programme of targeted Strategic Annual Tree Planting including identifying and mapping priority locations, to include sites suitable for woodland creation. Reviewed in an annual works programme, presenting what is planned for the coming year. Taking advantage of government funding programmes such as the New Woodland Creation Scheme on Public Lands	Planting locations in each Area are being informed by the 'Arbortrack' System, individual requests and suitable locations identified on Open spaces, particularly with areas recently been taken in charge.	
N10	Prepare a list of suitable tree species recommended for differing situations / functions and make available to developers and other stakeholders following the Guiding Principle of 'right tree in the right place'	As well as advising on species choice for individual planting sites, a general planting list has been prepared.	
Preservation & Conservation			
N11	Undertake study to identify the habitats and species at risk of climate change	No progress made. To be tendered in 2026 if funding is available.	
N12	Carry out feasibility studies of developing a Marine Protection Area along the Fingal Coast and on the restoration of Oyster beds, Shellfish beds, Seagrass beds and Kelp stands	Still awaiting recruitment of Marine Biodiversity Officer	
N13	Restore marine ecosystem along Fingal coast by supporting restoration projects of Oyster beds, Shellfish beds, Seagrass beds and Kelp stands	Oyster restoration projects started in Malahide Marina by UCD. MARA application submitted for restoration projects at Malahide Estuary and Irelands eye. Awaiting result of application.	
N14	Prepare wetland and river restoration project for the Bog of the Ring and the Matt River corridor	IFI Funding application for fish migration barrier removal on the Matt/Bracken River successful. Weirs to be removed in summer 2026. Larger restoration project to be tendered in 2026	

N15	Increase pollinator areas in public parks and open spaces	As part of the FCC Biodiversity Plan the Operations Department is supporting the local Town Biodiversity Plans by planting trees and shrubs with higher biodiversity values, Open Community Orchards and facilitating a variety of managed grass maintenance regimes. All projects are delivered through the annual Programme of Works approved annually by the elected representatives. Since 2014 FCC has increased its total area of managed long grass areas in line with the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan management approach. Since 2014 a total of 140 Hectares has been included as short and long flowering meadow. FCC is also currently in the process of mapping all its managed grass areas, categorising into categories of maintained on regular maintenance, short flowering meadow and long flowering meadow. This will give the Council a baseline into the quantity of grass it maintains and the volume of managed grass meadows within this.	
Food & Agriculture			
N16	Continue supporting the use of public allotments and community gardens as a way communities can grow their own food, and lower food miles and food waste.	FCC continues to manage 3 public allotments and 5 community gardens. During 2025 there was an increased interest in the provision of additional community gardens, and the Council is currently working with 3 new community garden committees to assist them in the process. The allotment plots are allocated on an annual basis by the council with an active management committee operating each site. The community Gardens are managed completely by the individual management committees who have a management lease on each site.	
N17	Map and protect strategic agricultural land for national food security purposes	No progress made	
N18	Engage with the agri-food sector to gain an understanding of how Fingal might better support more sustainable farming practices	No progress made	
N19	Develop climate change initiatives in partnership with local farmers and other stakeholders	No progress made	
Green Public Procurement			
R1	Develop a Green Public Procurement (GPP) strategy	Completed	
R2	Develop a monitoring and reporting tool to ensure GPP is embedded into all Procurements	Commenced. Done as part etenders for full competitions not mini. Asking depts to include GPP.	
R3	Ensure GPP Monitoring & Reporting is undertaken to ensure Green Criteria is included in contracts.	Commenced	
Reduce Waste & Increase Recycling in FCC			
R4	Implement Environmental Management System for Council buildings including reduction in waste and water usage, and increased recycling	EMS implemented on ongoing basis	

R5	31 Community centres to participate in FCC Keen to be green initiative over 5 stages	2023 a 'Water Conservation Audit' of 31 Community Centres signed up to the Keen to Be Green – Charter was completed in partnership with Sinead Fox the EO at the time. Centres were given feedback during the 'Audit' on practical adjustments that would improve conservation – Leak Management, Signage, Flushing, Taps etc. They were also given time to make suggested improvements. **2024 – 2025** Participating Community Centres requested to submit monthly 'Usage' Figures for tracking/ evaluation. **2025 (Q2)** the submitted data was reviewed. Resulting in 27 /31 Community Centres from across Fingal receiving a Water Conservation Award during Dublin Climate Action Week/ The Awards Trophy were sponsored by the Climate Action Department. **2025** Keen to Be Green Programme - Nominated and Shortlisted in All Ireland Community Council Awards: Excellence in Local Government Awards 2025 **Energy as the Next Phase of the Five Strands i**s currently with David Mitchell and his team in Facilities . The Keen to Be Green Programme now has 2 strands - One sits with the Facilities Section of the Community Development Department and the other within the broader Community Development remit. The 'Facilities' element of the programme focuses on 5 Core Strands (Waste, Water, Energy, Transport and Environment) outlined in the KTBG Charter Community Centres commit to in terms of operational procedures and practices. In 2023, the KTBG Programme began to develop beyond 'Facilities/Community Centres' to incorporate local environmental/climate actions taking place on collaboration with communities such as; KTBG Festivals, Tree Planting, Bike repair workshops. **31 Community centres to participate in FCC Keen to be green initiative over 5 stages**. All Community Centres engaged in the Energy element. Dublin 15: Keen to Be Green Community Festival Ongar , Ongar Clothes Swap , Meakstown Community Garden established, Coolmine Lodge & Blakestown Drive Biodiversity entry for National Pride of Place awards , Glas Tú Community Garden - awarded Slainte funding to sustain project **North County:** Sustainable Skerries International Women's Day (IWD) event - tree planting, Ballyboughal hedgerow IWD event - wicker basket workshop took place in a nature reserve Ballyboughal Tidy Towns IWD event - DPCC clothes swap IWD event Balbriggan Women's Group IWD event - upcycling fabric workshop Turvey Allotment Event – young person's climate awareness & work in the allotment OWLS environmental workshops Foroige Skerries Climate Action Week event - environment awareness walk, reduce reuse recycle workshop Sustainable Skerries Climate Action Week event - Forest School Skerries Mills Bee Festival event - film showing importance of bees St Catherines biodiversity and Community Garden event - small biodiversity projects to improve their estate Oldtown Community Walkabout on climate action objectives - Lusk clean Up bio-diversity event - clean up days **Cross County** Climate Action Heroes x 140 participants with 12,794 KG Co2 emissions saved	
Waste Reduction / Circular Economy			

R6	Support and promote the implementation of the targets of the National Waste Management Plan for a Circular Economy 2023-2029	6 National Priorities were dealt with under the RMCEI Environmental inspection plan comprising 83 specific tasks under Producer Responsibility Initiatives, Waste Data and Waste Flows, Commercial and Household Waste, Construction & Demolition Waste, Tackling Significant Illegal Waste Activities, Planning, Waste Facility Permits, Waste Collection Permits and End of Life Vehicles. A total of 1,710 inspections were completed overall plus 3,685 inspections under the Waste presentation Byelaws during 2025.	
R7	Establish a network of public drinking water fountains to help reduce plastic waste in partnership with Uisce Eireann	Since 2024 and additional 18 public Water Drinking Stations across whole Fingal Area were installed. These stations have been supported as part of an Uisce Eireann pilot project, which has provided free water connections for 11 of the newest installations. By the end of 2025 Fingal had a total of 27 public drinking fountains located mainly within public open spaces across the county. There are plans to install an additional 5 that are waiting on water connections.	
		Waste Prevention	
R8	Assessment of Construction & Demolition Waste Management Plans for proposed developments to ensure all potential waste streams are identified at an early stage and appropriate measures put in place to promote prevention, reuse, recycling and recovery of waste in line with the waste hierarchy. The segregation and management of different waste streams is also assessed.	102 C & D Waste Management Plans assessed during 2025. 45% deemed to be compliant following an initial assessment. Non-compliant C & D WMP's referred to Planning for action - plans to be reviewed and revised by developers/applicant and resubmitted to Planning for assessment. 100% compliance required prior to any works taking place on site.	
R9	Assessment of all apartment complexes within Fingal on the management of food waste and use of brown bins. Engagement with apartment management companies to ensure compliance with legislation and to encourage segregation of food waste by residents and subsequent collection by authorised collectors.	This project was put on hold in 2025 due to resource constraints with the focus changing to household waste and compliance with the Waste Presentation Byelaws due to the scale of the issue i.e. approx.10,000 houses with potentially no bin collection service in place. A total of 4,000 households were inspected during 2025. Apartment complexes and brown bin compliance will be looked at in 2026 and enforcement action taken as required.	
R10	Waste Collection Permit and Waste Facility Permit holders desktop annual return (AR) validation and on-site verification audits to improve traceability of the various waste streams	Waste Collection Permits - 108 desktop annual return validations undertaken, 10 AR on-site verification audits and 10 on-site compliance inspections. 96 annual returns validated with 12 deemed inconclusive which requires further follow-up in 2026. 90% compliance with WCP conditions noted. Extensive Waste Facility Permits - 20 desktop annual return validations undertaken.	

R11	Waste Presentation Bye-Law Project - identify households who currently don't have a standard waste collection service in place, investigate and determine how they are managing their waste; encourage compliance with FCC Waste Presentation Byelaws and take legal action if required to ensure compliance	Extensive work undertaken during 2025 whereby new data was requested from all 8 waste collectors operating within Fingal. An updated waste register and a reverse register were then developed using Eircodes whereby 10,000 were identified as not having a bin collection service in place. A total of 4,000 households were subsequently contacted and asked to explain how they're managing their waste. Householders were asked to respond by letter, email, phone calls or by using an online declaration form. For those that didn't respond to the 2 letter communications, door to door inspections were undertaken to establish how waste was being managed i.e. a bin account in place, a bin sharing agreement or householders using an authorised waste facility (civic amenity site) that accepted all 3 waste streams (green, brown and black bin waste).	
R12	Assessment of commercial premises within Fingal to ensure compliance with the Waste Presentation Byelaws and the Waste Management (Food Waste) Regulations 2009 in terms of waste segregation and in particular food waste.	56 premises inspected. 59 inspections undertaken. Initial compliance noted to be 64 % which increased to 70% upon 2nd inspection. Further follow-ups scheduled for 2026 to ensure 100% compliance.	
Promote & Facilitate Circular Economy			
R13	Prepare Circular Cities Action Plan	ECCD have attended several Circular cities workshops in 2025. Following on from the Nokia trip we have used our learnings to progress our vision and framework plan for the Stephenstown Site (best in class eco industrial area).	
R14	Implement measures under the Circular Cities Action Plan and Sustainable Fingal.	Fingal County Council is lead partner of the Urbact EcoCore Network continued its approach to sustainable industrial development, green innovation, green investment attraction and active mobility measures. The Council continued to lead several masterclasses for the network in 2025 and attended transnational meetings and created several podcasts among the network partners to share best practice. As an output to our EcoCore project FCC launched our Integrated Action Plan in Dec 2025.	
R15	Broaden the scope of the Sustainable Fingal initiative to include businesses, communities and organisations, explore the concept of the circular economy, and lead on a Just Transition to Net Zero and a climate-resilient economy.	The Council is incorporating the principles of the circular economy into its approach to investment attraction to Balbriggan and in 2025 FCC rolled out a series of roadshows with Amy Irwin (Conscious Kitchens). FCC have procured Grant Thornton to co create a Sustainable Fingal Strategy which will roll out in Q2.	
R16	Incorporate circular economy principles in FCC Economic Development Strategy	The Future Fingal: Economic Development Strategy was adopted by the Council in 2024. The Strategy outlines 6 grand opportunities, one of which is Sustainability where the Council aims to develop the local economy in accordance with a broadened Sustainable Fingal Initiative which facilitates and supports businesses in the transition to Net Zero. The 2026 Sustainability Strategy has moved to implementation on a more focused action list (3 Core Strategic Themes) and is due to roll out in Q2 2026.	

R17	Reduce carbon footprint of Council supported events.	• To some extent Fingal Heritage Properties are run by Operators who host events. In the tendering exercise recently for Swords Castle sustainability was placed as a selection criterion, and so the newly appointed operator there will be utilising a climate change led to improve waste, water and energy use on the site. By mid-2026 there will be another framework advertised for operators for all sites, and these will all require this. • Capital works at Malahide, Newbridge and Ardgillan have led to Energy cost reductions. o At Malahide the existing boiler in the visitor centre was replaced with a newer and energy efficient convection system o At Newbridge and Ardgillan the heating footprint on the houses was reduced to fewer hours given that the roofs and windows were replaced. This was observable for the first year in 2024, but continued into 2025 • At the Casino in Malahide a new energy provider who only uses sustainable sources was sourced and so while the costs of heating are similar the source of power is more sustainable	
Recycling / Circular Economy			
R18	Extending opening hours in Coalmine in line with Estuary Recycle Centre	Opening hours extended in line with Estuary Recycle Centre	
R19	Expand the bring bank network (bottles, cans & textiles) throughout Fingal by a minimum of 3 sites annually, giving consideration to new areas of populations and development.	Sites under consideration. An assessment of all bottles bank sites was undertaken in 2024 to ensure the sites are operating in an efficient and safe manner.	
R20	Provide paints, musical instruments and bicycles from Estuary & Coalmine civic amenity centres to community groups for re-use. Identify other used items that could be collected at the Civic Amenity Centres and re-purposed, re-imagined or repaired for re-use.	The Replay Instruments Project redistributed 98 instruments in 2025, giving a second life to preloved instruments while diverting them from the waste stream and giving schools and community groups who might not have had the opportunity to play music a creative way to engage with the principles of the circular economy. Fingal County Council continued to work with Music Generation Fingal in delivering community-based sustainability guitar lessons. Through this initiative, communities are learning about the circular economy in practice and recognizing its value for local groups. Our partnerships with the Rediscovery Centre (RDC) and the Estuary Recycling Centre in Swords continue to make a significant impact. In 2025, 132 bikes were collected to be repaired and reused. The EAO funded 15 children's bikes and 10 adult bikes to be used in schools and rehabilitation centres. The RDC collected 35,216kg / 2,704 litres of paint from the Estuary Recycling Centre, of which 2,604 litres were upcycled for community projects across Fingal.	
Land Use & Acquisition			
R21	Assess Council lands & buildings for potential for renewable energy, biodiversity; green infrastructure, sustainable agriculture & other sustainable projects.	The Council continues to examine the landbank for opportunities to develop sustainable projects in energy and biodiversity. Discussions have been held with various state agencies and private entities regarding these projects and including solar/wind/hydrogen. The Council continues to assess the potential funding streams for implementation of sustainable projects which will come under 'Innovate Fingal' (formerly the 3 x Enterprise Centres).	

R22	Develop renewable energy, green infrastructure, biodiversity, sustainable agriculture & other sustainable projects on Council lands & buildings.	The Council are continuing with the assessment of our landbanks with partners in the sectors of education/private business and state agencies. Assessment of funding streams will continue to progress sustainability projects under 'Innovate Fingal' (formerly 3 x Enterprise Centres).	
R23	Identify opportunities for the acquisition of land and buildings by agreement/CPO for renewable energy/ regeneration/active travel/greenway / green infrastructure projects etc	The Council will continue to identify opportunities for the acquisition of land and buildings by agreement and CPO with renewable energy and regeneration at the forefront of these acquisitions. We continue to progress the numerous plots of land being acquired under CPO that are part of the Royal Canal Urban Greenway Project, Broadmeadow Greenway Project, Sutton to Malahide Greenway Project (140 plots approx.). Internal negotiations have started on the Kinsealy to Portmarnock Greenway Project and the number of plots has yet to be identified.	
Community Awareness & Engagement			
C1	Promote & Administer Community Climate Action grants for 2023 - 2026. Approve grants to communities to deliver climate action projects across the thematic areas as per grant guidelines.	The awarded applicants are implementing projects as allocated under Phase 1 of the CCAP	
C2	Deliver Climate Action Week program of events in conjunction with DLA	Dublin Climate Action Week took place on May 12th-18th 2025. During this week we saw 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 4 Dublin Local Authorities. Dublin Climate Action Week (DCAW) aims to highlight 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 Millenium 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).	
C3	Develop an annual calendar of climate action & environmental awareness days of significance which will include international and national days, such as the World Earth Day, World Sand Dune Day, National Reuse Month, National Bike Week, Dublin Climate Action Week, All Dublin Clean up week. Targeted campaigns to promote activities as per calendar timeline.	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 this will continue into 2026.	

C4	Utilise various forms of media including FCC social media, FCC website, newsletters, & cinema campaigns to promote climate action awareness.	The Environmental Awareness and Climate Action team produces a monthly newsletter for community groups and schools, with previous editions available on Fingal's website. The site is regularly updated with details of environmental campaigns and events happening across the county. Fingal's social media channels also help raise awareness by promoting initiatives such as Green Halloween, Green Christmas, Reducing Food Waste, anti-litter campaigns, and tips on correct waste disposal.	
C5	Develop a library of climate material including webinars, books, articles and digital training resources covering Climate Science, Climate Action, Just Transition, the LACAP, National and Local on climate action and make available to the public through the Fingal's social media channels and Fingal Libraries.	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. In 2025 the Climate Action Team launched the Fingal Climate Action Story Map. 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. Designed to be an interactive tool, the map will be updated with new projects and case studies as they emerge. This ensures it continues to reflect the evolving nature of the Council's commitment to climate action and provides a growing library of examples for residents, schools, businesses, and community groups to learn from and engage with. 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 newsletter to community groups and schools regularly to keep members of the community up to date with climate action events and educational information. 1,338 Home Energy Savings Kits were borrowed from Fingal Libraries in 2025. 7 were borrowed by staff.	
Climate Awareness in Schools			
C6	Engage with DLA to scope requirement for delivering Climate Action Awareness in Schools, through training providers, in advance of Climate Action Awareness being mainstreamed within school curriculum.	The Department of Education has introduced the new Leaving Certificate subject "Climate Action and Sustainable Development" into secondary schools as part of the Senior Cycle redevelopment beginning in September 2025. This subject embeds climate literacy, sustainability practices, and global citizenship directly into the mainstream curriculum. As part of the national pilot programme, three secondary schools in Balbriggan — Balbriggan Community College, Loreto Secondary School Balbriggan, and Ardgillan Community College — have been selected to deliver this subject. Given that Climate Action Awareness is now formally incorporated into the curriculum and is actively being delivered in pilot schools, the proposed action to scope requirements for delivery through training providers will not commence. The intended outcome has been achieved through the Department's initiative.	
C7	Engage with schools and An Taisce and provide resources & funding to deliver green flags and achieve green schools' status.	The Green-Schools programme, coordinated locally by Fingal in partnership with An Taisce, supports environmental education across the county. Currently, 136 schools are participating, and in 2025, 19 Green Flags were awarded, with three schools achieving their first flag.	

C8	Provide resources including funding to schools in Fingal as support to engage in resource management projects. Projects may include composting for schools, gardening and vegetable growing projects, resources packs and installation of water butts.	The Environmental Awareness Officer continues to promote waste management and the circular economy in schools and provided 72 workshops and support for multiple programmes. These include the Composting & Recycling for Schools Programme, with 16 schools completing the 2024–2025 cycle and 20 schools enrolled for 2025–2026. Fingal also supported Picker Pals, the Relove Fashion Competition, the Let's Fix Fashion Programme and is assisting 5 schools in the Rubbish Film Festival. Other initiatives include a Pocket Forest Project with 3 schools, a recycled Christmas decoration competition, and funding for biodiversity projects in 2 schools. Educational outreach included seven talks on waste and circular economy at the Estuary Recycling Centre for 6 TY groups and Prosper Fingal, plus a Climate Action talk at Prosper Fingal. Two schools participated in the Shore to Sea Programme in 2025, and a Clothes Swap Kit was introduced for schools to borrow free of charge in 2025.	
Community awareness & engagement through engagement with partner organisations			
C9	Provide an annual energy awareness event in partnership with Codema, SEAI and other stakeholders	As part of Dublin Climate Action Week 2025, Fingal worked with Codema and our SEC mentors Eric Dennis & Ger Meaney to host a home energy clinic and information stand on Sustainable Energy Communities. 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 Millenium Park on May 9th and in Malahide Castle on May 18th. Home energy saving clinics were hosted for Fingal staff Blanchardstown and Swords and a staff loaning scheme of a HESK was set up. These events provided members of the public and staff with advice on how to save energy at home by making small changes.	
C10	Promote and support SEAI's Better Energy Communities and Sustainable Energy Communities	Fingal has 31 SECs. The Climate Action Coordinator and Officer meet with the Fingal SEC mentor monthly. In October 2025, the Climate Action team in collaboration with the SEC mentors held a Fingal SEC Network gathering. This event highlighted how communities across Fingal are improving energy efficiency and building resilience, explored funding and finance opportunities for local energy projects and created a space to share ideas, network, and plan with like-minded groups	
C11	Pilot Climate Action workshops with Tidy Town committees to promote awareness of climate action at a local level.	Initiative covers Tidy Towns Insurances costs. FCC explored the possibility of running Climate action awareness workshops with Tidy Towns groups in 2026.	
C12	Involve residents and community groups, e.g. Tidy Towns/community garden groups, in the establishment of newly planted trees in their area, e.g. watering	The Council liaises with local Tidy Towns & Environmental groups regarding local tree planting proposals. Some involve community planting events, particularly regarding community orchard schemes.	
C13	Guided by the Memorandum of Understanding signed between the GAA and CCMA, towards working together on sustainability and climate action projects, engage with the Green Club Programme through a nominated lead, working with the CARO and GAA, in the promotion and support of projects by participating clubs, to meet the objectives, and during key phases, of the programme to 2029	Fingal County Council continues to support the GAA Green Clubs Programme. There is a toolkit containing resources, advice and guidance, tailored especially for GAA clubs and members, in the areas of Energy, Water, Waste, Biodiversity and Travel & Transport.	

C14	Keen to be Green Communities: supporting community groups to develop climate awareness projects such as Bike repair workshops, clothes swaps, community gardens, green festivals.	**Dublin 15** Keen to Be Green Community Festival Ongar Ongar Clothes Swap Meakstown Community Garden established Coolmine Lodge & Blakestown Drive Biodiversity entry for National Pride of Place awards Glas Tú Community Garden - awarded Slainte funding to sustain project **North County** Sustainable Skerries International Women's Day (IWD) event - tree planting Ballyboughal hedgerow IWD event - wicker basket workshop took place in a nature reserve Ballyboughal Tidy Towns IWD event - DPCC clothes swap IWD event Balbriggan Women's Group IWD event - upcycling fabric workshop Turvey Allotment Event – young person's climate awareness & work in the allotment OWLS environmental workshops Foroige Skerries Climate Action Week event - environment awareness walk, reduce reuse recycle workshop Sustainable Skerries Climate Action Week event - Forest School Skerries Mills Bee Festival event - film showing importance of bees St Catherines biodiversity and Community Garden event - small biodiversity projects to improve their estate Oldtown Community Walkabout on climate action objectives - Lusk clean Up bio-diversity event - clean up days **Cross County** Climate Action Heroes x 140 participants with 12,794 KG Co2 emissions saved	
C15	Work with Global Action Plan on the further development of Climate Action Heroes programme across communities	Climate Action Heroes x 140 participants with 12,794 KG Co2 emissions saved	
C16	Promote LEADER Projects on sustainability	LEADER has issued 4 calls for project applications in 2025 • Electric Tools for Rural Communities: A targeted call for Tidy Towns, sports clubs, and environmental groups to purchase electric tools. • Female & Youth Entrepreneurship: A targeted call aimed at supporting new or existing rural businesses owned by women or individuals aged 18-40. • Targeted Call for Projects (General): Opportunities often appear throughout the year focused on tourism, rural food production, and renewable energy. • Targeted Call for Feasibility Studies: Funding to explore project viability in rural areas.	
C17	Provide resources including equipment and funding for marine clean-up and awareness events. Deliver an annual coastal event in the community such as awareness of and protection measures for sand dunes.	In 2025 as part of Dublin Climate Action week, the climate action section in collocation with Clean Coasts hosted a beach walk and talk on Portmarnock beach. This talk promoted the importance of our marine environments and steps the public can take to avoid disturbing sand dune systems. As part of this event a litter pick was also hosted. The Climate Action section continue to promote the importance of sand dune systems and their relationship to climate change. Fingal continued to support the Protect your Dunes Campaign hosted by the North Atlantic Seaboard CARO. Clean Coasts had an information stand at the Millenium Park Family Fun/Climate Festival on May 9th as part of Dublin Climate Action Week, promoting best practice for marine environments.	

C18	Sport Grants - Clubs must provide evidence of 'circular economy' and other sustainable initiatives as appropriate.	As part of FCC grant application all clubs must sign up to be sustainable and adopt environmentally sustainable initiatives. 49 Clubs have successfully applied and drawn down their grants in 2025, and they all had to as part of that application show how they are being sustainable and for filled the criteria.	
C19	Publish in annual progress reports of the LACAP, any publicly available figures relating to Dublin Airport emissions, and invite the daa to provide progress updates and plans to meet the national carbon neutrality objective.	daa ESG strategy: https://www.daa.ie/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/ESG-Strategy-2024.pdf daa Annual Reports are located here: https://www.daa.ie/media-centre/annual-reports/ SEAI Public Sector Report: seai.ie/sites/default/files/publications/Public-Sector-Annual-Report-2024.pdf	
Promote the development of green skills across all economic sectors			
C20	Review Fingal Skills Strategy which includes the development of green skills across all economic sectors	The Skill Strategy Green Skills Subgroup now has 27 members and met twice in 2025 (Feb & May). Engagement with this group has proven challenging over 2025 and we are planning a campaign to increase membership to help improve participation in 2026.	
C21	Expand participation in Green Skills Sub-Group under Fingal Skills Strategy	The Skill Strategy Green Skills Subgroup now has 27 members and met twice in 2025 (Feb & May). Engagement with this group has proven challenging over 2025 and we are planning a campaign to increase membership to help improve participation in 2026.	
C22	Establish an Agri-Food Skills Sub-Group under Fingal Skills Strategy to promote diversification within the Agri-Food Sector	2025 saw EETCD/FCC host 4 Briefings on "Sustainability for the Food & Hospitality Sector" Amy Irwin the keynote speaker encouraged waste reduction and more sustainable food practices and guided businesses on their sustainability journeys in achieving both cost savings and efficiency through sustainable practices. We currently have 7 members for an Agri Food Skills Group and plans are in place to host our 1st meeting in Q1 2026.	
Staff Awareness			
C23	Provide Climate Awareness training for all staff and elected members and identify opportunities to embed climate awareness across all departments	52 staff completed the mandatory Raising Awareness Course. People Services do not provide training to Councillors, check with Corporate. 72 staff completed further courses on climate action – see details below Voluntary Courses on Climate Action: Beyond Grants - Financing Climate Adaptation – x2 staff members Biodiversity as an Ethos; and regulatory requirements – x4 staff members Bioeconomy – x4 staff members Climate Action and European Funding – x7 staff members Climate Action and National Funding – x10 staff members Climate Change Advisory Council – x4 staff members Climate Goals in Transport – x4 staff members Forestry Programme 2023 – 2025 – x5 staff members Grass to Gas – x3 staff members LA Energy Performance - x3 staff members Transforming Weather Warnings for a Climate Resilient Ireland – x7 staff members Urban Water – Nature Based Solutions - x8 staff members Practical Implementation of Green Public Procurement in Local Authorities - x11 staff members	
C24	Develop climate action induction pack for all new staff.	The Climate Team provide Climate Induction at staff induction sessions. 2 provided in 2025	

APPENDIX II: Action Status definitions

 **Not started:**

Action is set to start at a later stage or action for 2025 has not commenced

 **Ongoing:**

Action is currently being implemented but has not yet been completed.

 **Completed**

Completed in 2025 or wok programme for 2025 completed.

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Appendix IV: List of Acronyms:

BER – Building Energy Rating

CARO – Climate Action Regional Office

CCAC – Climate Change Advisory Committee

CCAP – Climate Change Action Plan

CCMA – County & City Management Association

CSO – Central Statistics Office

CO2 – Carbon Dioxide

DAFM – Department of Agriculture, Food & Marine

DECC – Department of the Environment, Climate & Communications

DHPLG – Department of Housing, Planning & Local Government

DLAs – Dublin Local Authorities

DTTAS - Department of Transport, Tourism & Sport

EMWR – Eastern & Midlands Waste Region

EnPi – Energy Performance Indicator

EPA – Environmental Protection Agency

EPC – Energy Performance Contract

ESRI – Economic & Social Research Institute

EV – Electric Vehicle

FCC – Fingal County Council

GHG – Greenhouse Gases

Fingal County Council Climate Change Action Plan

ISO – International Standards Organisation

LAP – Local Area Plan

LEADER - Liaisons entre actions de development de Léconomie Rurale

LED – Light Emitting Diode

LGMA – Local Government Management Agency

NAF – National Adaptation Framework

NBS – Nature Based Solutions

NZEB – Nearly Zero Energy Building

NTA – National Transport Authority

OPW – Office of Public Works

PV – Photovoltaics

SEAI – Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland

SEC – Sustainable Energy Community

SPC – Strategic Policy Committee

SuDS – Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems

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COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 11TH MAY 2026

ITEM NO. 27

SUMMER PROJECTS FUNDING 2026

Fingal County Council proposes to allocate funding of €71,949.00 to support 38 Summer Programmes operating across the county in 2026. Funding applications were submitted by programme providers under the Community Division's Summer Projects Funding Scheme as part of the Activities Funding Programme.

These projects aim to deliver a structured, supervised 20-hour programme of recreational and educational activities for young people during the summer period. The programmes place a strong emphasis on community participation and on strengthening local resources and groups. A wide variety of child-focused activities is provided, reflecting the diverse demographic and socio-economic needs of communities throughout the county.

As a condition of funding, Summer Project groups are required to include a minimum of four hours of information/or education talks, covering at least two of the following activity areas, within their programmes:

- Community Safety
- Health & Wellbeing
- Climate Action
- Integration

The maximum level of funding available to individual Summer Project groups is €2,760 subject to the number of young people participating in the programme. Summer Projects must cater for a minimum of 20 young people, defined as individuals aged between 5 years and 18 years.

1. Projects catering for 20 – 40 young people may apply for funding of up to €1,380
2. Projects catering for 41 – 70 young people may apply for funding of up to €2,070
3. Projects catering for 71 or more young people may apply for funding of up to €2,760

The funding amounts being recommended in the body of this report are based on the projected participation numbers provided by each Summer Project group in their respective funding applications. It is anticipated that approximately 3,000 young people will benefit from the Fingal Summer Programme Funding Scheme.

All the projects listed have submitted a complete funding application and a detailed programme of events and have confirmed that appropriate insurance cover is in place for all activities.

It is proposed to fund the following Summer Projects subject to each project meeting all eligibility and compliance requirements set out in the Activities Funding Application Form and Supplementary Summer Project Form.

Accordingly, payments are recommended in the amounts set out below:

Organisation Name	ACM Area	Amount Recommended
1. Blakestown and Neighbourhood Youth Project NYP	BMCO	€2,760.00
2. Luttrellstown Community Centre	BMCO	€1,700.00
3. Baldoyle Racecourse Community Centre	HOW\MAL	€1,700.00
4. Hartstown Community Centre	BMCO	€1,700.00
5. Tyrrelstown Community Centre	BMCO	€1,700.00
6. Holywell Community Centre	BRLS	€1,700.00
7. Aster Family Resource Centre	BRLS	€2,000.00
8. Blakestown Community and Resource Centre	BMCO	€1,700.00
9. Blakestown & Mountview Youth Initiative	BMCO	€2,760.00
10. Blanchardstown Traveller Development Group	BMCO	€2,045.00
11. Flemington Community Centre	BRLS	€1,700.00
12. Baldoyle Family Resource Services	HOW\MAL	€1,200.00
13. Lusk Community Council	BRLS	€1,380.00
14. Meakstown Community Centre Board	BMCO	€1,700.00
15. Trinity Gaels GAA Club	MAL/HOW	€820.00
16. Corduff Sports Centre	BMCO	€2,760.00
17. Sophia Housing	BRLS	€1,380.00
18. Mulhuddart Community Centre	BMCO	€2,760.00
19. Viking Sub Aqua	BMCO	€1,239.00
20. Jesuit Refugee Service Ireland (The Failte Project)	BMCO	€2,760.00
21. Mountview Family Resource Centre	BMCO	€1,080.00

22. Gravity Autism Support	BRLS	€875.00
23. Sustainable Skerries	BRLS	€1,300.00
24. Howth Sutton Autism Friendly Community	HOW\MAL	€1,380.00
25. St. John's Ambulance Swords Division	BRLS	€2,070.00
26. Oldtown Community Council	BRLS	€1,000.00
27. Ballyboughal Hedgerow Society	BRLS	€1,380.00
Foroige Projects		
28. Huntstown UBU	BMCO	€2,500
29. Blanchardstown Drug Prevention Education Programme	BMCO	€1,380
30. Tyrrelstown UBU	BMCO	€2,500
31. UBU Blanchardstown - Mulhuddart/ Corduff	BMCO	€2,500
32. UBU Blanchardstown - Fortlawn, Blakestown & Phibblestown	BMCO	€2,500
33. UBU Coastal North Dublin	BRLS	€2,500
34. UBU Balbriggan, Castlemills & Castlelands	BRLS	€2,500
35. Teenage Health Initiative	BRLS	€1,000
36. BEAT 12-17s	BMCO	€2,760
37. BEAT 8-11s	BMCO	€2,760
38. ORB - Youth Diversion Programme	BMCO	€2,500
TOTAL		**€71,949.00**

It is proposed that payments will issue in May 2026, in advance of project commencement, subject to each group accepting the conditions of funding and providing any additional documentation that may be required. In the case of Foróige led summer projects, funding will be paid in a single instalment following project completion. All funded projects will be required to submit valid receipts by September 2026.

It is intended that funded projects will be visited by staff of the Community Development Office, with feedback obtained through evaluation forms submitted on completion of each programme. The information gathered through this process will inform the development and assessment of the Summer Programme Proposals for 2027.

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ARTS ACT GRANT SCHEME – REVENUE STRAND 2026

The Arts Act Grant Scheme Revenue Strand was introduced in October 2025 in response to the increasing operational pressures within the arts sector and the need to support organisational sustainability alongside artistic programme delivery.

As part of this pilot initiative, the Irish Institute of Music & Song was invited to apply, recognising its track record as a previously Fingal County Council funded arts organisation.

The Revenue Strand is designed to provide annual programme and operational support to key venues and organisations that play a central role in the cultural ecology of Fingal. Its objectives are to enable the delivery of high quality, year-round artistic programmes that are accessible and diverse, to strengthen organisational capacity, governance, and sustainability, foster collaboration with artists, communities, and cultural partners, and support the core operations of established venues and arts organisations.

Following a comprehensive assessment process, it is proposed to award €150,000 to the Irish Institute of Music & Song under the conditions of the scheme as set out in the guidelines. Approval of the Council members is now sought.

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Fingal County Council

Chief Executive's Management Report

11th May 2026
Item No. 29

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Chief Executive's Foreword

As ever, it is a busy time here in Fingal as we enter the summer season and look forward to the many events which will be taking place across the county. One such annual event is Bike Week which takes place this year from Saturday, 9th May to Sunday, 17th May. As always, there is an exciting, fun and family friendly programme of events in store starting off with the Fingal Climate Action & Bike Week Family Fun Day in Millennium Park, Blanchardstown on Saturday, 9th May. Visitors to Millennium Park from 12pm – 6pm will enjoy street velodrome, archery, street games, free bike repair, the Turning Tides pop-up sea aquarium and activities from the Dublin 15 Toy Library. Bremore Castle Family Fun Day on Saturday 16th May from 11am–4pm will offer bike safety checks, street games and the popular Fireride Cycling Skills Course, encouraging confident and safe cycling in a fun and supportive environment. Malahide Castle Family Fun Day takes place on Sunday 17th May from 11am–6pm and there will be something for everyone of all ages with a pop-up BMX skills track, free bike repair, street games, Cycling Without Age trishaw rides, pedal-powered cycling games, bike orienteering and outdoor movie screenings. Bike Week is funded by the National Transport Authority (NTA) and delivered locally by Fingal's Active Travel Unit and is a celebration of cycling as a healthy, sustainable and fun mode of transport. Throughout Bike Week, there are a huge number of activities catering for beginners to more experienced cyclists including historical cycling tours, school workshops, the sunset cycle and the pedal parade. You can plan your bike week by checking out all the wonderful events here: Bike Week 2026 | Fingal County Council

I am pleased that Explore Fingal Markets are running this year following a very successful pilot in 2025. Swords Castle, the Casino Model Railway Museum in Malahide and Millennium Park, Blanchardstown are the locations for the markets which run throughout the summer months. We have a proud tradition of food production in Fingal and the markets are the ideal place to obtain fresh, locally sourced food and drink as well as a huge array of artisan products. Fingal Food Circle and Fingal Farmers will be well represented at the markets with stallholders showcasing their delicious range of produce. You can find out more about the markets, and all the other gems that Fingal has to offer, on the recently launched Explore Fingal website Markets - Explore Fingal

Last month, Mr Raffaele Fitto, European Commission Executive Vice-President for Cohesion and Reforms, visited Fingal to see the progress on Swords Cultural Quarter. Mr. Fitto was given a guided tour of Swords Castle and the Carnegie Library and viewed the ongoing work on Culture House which will be a phenomenal addition to the cultural and artistic fabric of the town once completed in 2027. Development works at Swords Castle and Carnegie Library received a grant from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF). A sum of approximately €1.5 million was secured in ERDF funding under the Southern & Eastern Regional Operational Programme which Fingal County Council funding matched to facilitate conservation and improvement works at Swords Castle and a refurbishment project at Carnegie Library. Together with the Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Tom O'Leary, I was pleased to have the opportunity to welcome the Executive Vice President to Fingal to see the transformation of this area which promises to serve as a socially and culturally vibrant space for future generations.

There was a decidedly jovial atmosphere at County Hall on Wednesday, 29th April when a brand-new minibus was presented to St. Michael's House (SMH) Oaklands Service, Swords. I was delighted to have made the presentation on behalf of the staff of Fingal County Council who committed to raising €31,665 over the past three years to enable the purchase. The Oaklands Service provides vital supports for adults with intellectual and physical disabilities which enables clients to live independently and with autonomy over life decisions. A reliable and comfortable means of transport ensures ease of transfer to appointments or social outings within the community and we hope that this new minibus will be utilised and enjoyed by the many clients and service users of St. Michael's House.

Finally, the upcoming Howth Maritime & Seafood Festival guarantees to be a fantastic weekend of fun, crafts, music, live entertainment and, of course, delicious seafood. Taking place from the evening of Friday 22nd May and on Saturday 23rd & Sunday 24th May 2026 from 12-6pm daily, Howth Harbour will be a hive of activity with family friendly activities, live music and irresistible delicacies to try. Howth is a place that is synonymous with stunning vistas, vibrant local businesses and the freshest catches straight from the sea. I hope you can take the opportunity to drop by and enjoy a very pleasant visit.

Best wishes,

AnnMarie Farrelly
Chief Executive

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Number of Current Job Offers	60

Learning & Development Update

Learning & Development	Year to date
Number of courses	136
Number of Attendees	1353
Number of Training Days	1239

Throughout April courses in the areas of mandatory Disciplinary Training for all staff, Health & Safety – Safe Pass, Fire warden, First Aid , Vehicle Safety Inspection 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 (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.

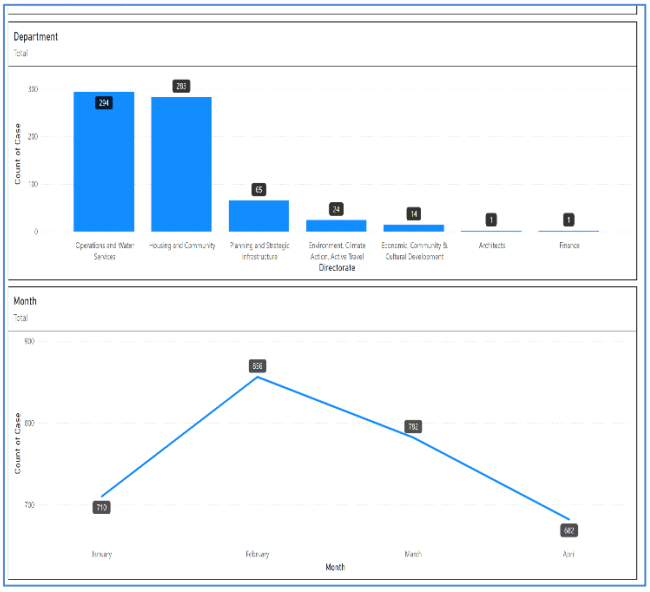
Customer Services

Customer Care Unit Statistics – March 2026

Total Calls CCU	Total Emails CCU	Total In Person Transactions
9,403	**706**	**956**

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 April was 682.



Communications

Digital Statistics

The fingal.ie website had 156,277 visitors during April, down 63,233 from the previous period. The number of page views decreased to 345,176. The average time spent on the website increased to 1m 15s. Two of the most popular pages were for jobs (12,683 views) and recycling centres (10,379 views). Planning applications remains popular, with 22,102 views.

Facebook rose to 47,200 followers (+8.3%) while the number of views decreased to 1,319,838 from the previous month. There were 4,171 interactions (-46.6%). The most popular post related parking bye laws (84,072 views). Instagram rose by 335 to 19,034 followers. Total views went down by 56.9% to 513,078, with a reach of 43,4577 (+6.3%). There were 6,025 (-13.9%) interactions. The most read post was Explore Fingal's Markets (66,903 views).

WhatsApp now has 3,981 followers (+1.5%) with 1,645 accounts reached during April, while numbers following our other corporate channels increase monthly - Threads (1,786), TikTok (1,233) and Bluesky (546).

LinkedIn followers are now at 13,599 (+220). Our YouTube Channel subscribers rose by 25 to 2,035 in April. Total views in April were 6,656. We now have 868 videos, our most popular videos during April were the Approval of major variation to Fingal's Development Plan (532 views) and the Major €1.3m upgrade to pitches and community amenities for Skerries (519 views). We continue to webcast the monthly Council Meeting - April had 283 views.

Press Releases

There were 12 press releases issued during April covering topics such as Bike Week 2026, the return of the Fingal Food Markets, proposed new play facilties for Loughshinny, the upgrade to pitches in Skerries, the BELIEVE Balbriggan Expo, and the launch of a new publication on the Seanchaí Microforest project.

Key coverage during the month of April included the Irish Times covering the "Quiet Streets" programme and the applications for affordable housing in Skerries.
Local papers picked up the likes of the approval of the variation to the Fingal Development Plan, the plans for a new play space in Loughshinny, the new active travel plan for Balrothery, and the introduction of new differential rent rates.



Launch of new publication on Seanchaí Microforest project at Blakestown Community School.

Media Queries

Media queries during April included questions on Fingal's response to flooding, CPOs of derelict sites, allotment waiting lists, prohibition notices issued on properties, parking provisions in new housing estates, and applications for affordable homes in Skerries.

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TOURISM DEVELOPMENT

Explore Fingal Roadshow on Whistle Stop Tour

Following on from the launch of the new tourism The Fingal Food Circle participated in the welcome evening in Malahide Castle and Gardens in advance of the recent EuCAP Conference. Fingal Food Circle members provided tastings and showcased a range of high-quality local produce to the high profile international gathering which attracts over 1500 participants.

Fingal Food and Drink Forum

The inaugural Fingal Food and Drink Forum was held on 31st March and brought together key stakeholders as part of the collaborative framework structure fostering connection and synergies in the tourism, food and drink sectors.

Fingal Golf Forum

The second Fingal Golf Forum took place on 14th April, bringing together golf clubs from across the county to build momentum behind Fingal's golf tourism offering. An in-depth survey form is gathering solid data on all 24 golf clubs.

Fingal Accommodation Forum

Hotels and accommodation providers met at the second Fingal Accommodation Forum on 14th April to examine how to develop connections and synergies between the businesses.



Launch of the Fingal Food Markets 2026



After a successful pilot season last year Fingal County Council announced the return of the popular Fingal food markets. Branded Explore Fingal Markets, they take place in three venues over the summer: Swords Castle, the Casino Model Railway Museum in Malahide and new for 2026, two dates at Millennium Park, Blanchardstown.

Explore Fingal Markets begin in May and continue throughout the summer with free entry to all markets. All take place on Saturdays, and the wide range of stallholders has a focus on local produce with strong representation from both Fingal Food Circle and Fingal Farmers.

This is part of Fingal County Council's implementation of the Food and Drink Policy and Tourism Strategy. www.explorefingal.ie/markets



Explore Fingal Brand Rollout – 3 Regional Workshops 20th and 21st May

Following on the successful launch of Explore Fingal and as part of the brand roll out, three workshops will be held for tourism, food and drink businesses around the county. The purpose is to explain how businessowners can incorporate the new Explore Fingal brand to benefit their businesses and to share the brand guidelines. This is also a networking opportunity for the businesses involved.

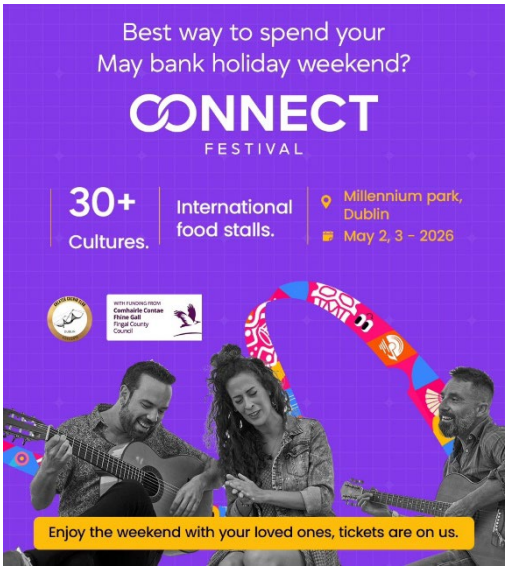
Workshops will be held in Malahide Castle and the Seamus Ennis Arts Centre on Wednesday 20th May and in the Carlton Hotel, Tyrellstown on Thursday 21st May.

EVENTS

Connect Festival

Every culture has a story. This May many of them are coming together in one place.

30 COUNTRIES
350+ PERFORMERS & ARTISTS
One global cultural celebration
A free family fun getaway for you and your friends
Connect Festival · May 2nd & 3rd
Millennium Park, Blanchardstown



Howth Maritime Festival

Save the date folks for the Howth Maritime Festival, with local seafood and free family fun on the promenade and an excuse to visit and explore Howth!
An additional element this year is the Maritime by night event which have a series of concerts over the 2 days

Howth Maritime Festival
23rd & 24th May
12-6pm daily

SEA YOU THERE!



Festival and Events Funding – April and May 2026

Broadmeadow Community Garden "Garden Talk Series"
Baldoyle Easter Family Fun Day
Lady Barbalade 10th Anniversary Event
Polish Constitution Day Festival
Balbriggan Our Nature Festival
Ulster 420s Championship
Connect Festival
Leinster Pipe Band Festival 2026
Baldoyle Bay Biosphere Festival
The Bleeding Pig Cultural Festival
A Stitch in Time Festival Balbriggan
Irish ILCA Master Championships 2026
The Howth Wing Regatta 2026
Blanchardstown Brass Band Festival "Brass In The Park"
Skerries Ukulele Festival
Skerries Summer Festival
Balbriggan & Skerries Club Festival Fishing Day
Sports Across the World 2026
Lambay Races Regatta 2026
"The Celtic Open" WDO Latin World Titles and Dance Competition
Total Funding: €119,250

HERITAGE PROPERTIES

Swords Castle



Mr Raffaele Fitto, European Commission Executive Vice-President for Cohesion and Reforms visited Swords Castle on 23rd April as part of a visit of EU delegation. The delegation inspected progress with co-funded projects that also included a briefing on the Swords Cultural Quarter and a visit to Carnegie Library. The party was welcomed by the Mayor and briefed on the projects by representatives from the Architects and Cultural Development teams.

Ardgillan Castle



In celebration of National Drawing Day, Fingal based artist Nunce McAuley will be hosting a drawing workshop in Ardgillan Castle on 16th May. Whether you're a practicing artist or a total novice, everyone is welcome to come along, sketch, chat and enjoy the creative experience.

Malahide Castle and Gardens



As the spring-summer season gets underway we see the return of a busy events schedule at all the heritage properties including Malahide Castle.

The Hunt Dinner Party offers guests a glimpse into life inside the castle inspired by Lady Joyce (an 18th century resident) and her Irish wolfhounds. This is a bygone era when the menu was determined by the available game on the demesne and the guest list was a who's who of local society. Guests will enjoy immersive storytelling and a lavish dinner hosted inside the Castle.

Summer Sessions will bring live music to the Lawn in July. Tickets are on sale now for The Vengaboys with Smash Hits and Spring Break.

Chinese Delegation Visit



On April 10th a delegation from the Chinese embassy including Mr. Wang Jiaobao, Councillor for commercial and economic affairs and Ms. Chen Yongzhen, Second Secretary for commercial and economic affairs visited Malahide Castle. The Mayor treated the group to a private tour and they met with the Curator and Tourism team members to exchange Tourism knowledge. The group enjoyed their visit and shared insights on Chinese tourism in Ireland, looking at many examples of Chinese items in the Castle collection.

Newbridge House and Farm



The Heritage Properties team received the very sad news in early April that Alec Cobbe (b.1945) had passed away at home at his UK home. Alec was a renowned Artist, Art collector, Restorer and interior fabrics advisor in his own right. He was known to the local community in Donabate and within the Local Authority as the last in line owner of Newbridge House. His reputation was as a warm host and light-hearted man, He was generous and light-hearted towards all the Council staff who got to know him and very willing to share his family legacy and stories.
May he rest in peace.

CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

The Carnegie

Design Your Future



Last week, the Arts Office hosted the first *Design Your Future* programme at Carnegie, Swords, delivered in collaboration with Digital Services and the 'Academy of the Near Future' (Trinity College Dublin). Sixteen Transition Year students from across the Fingal region took part in a week of hands-on workshops, exploring how technology, design, and innovation can be used to tackle real-world challenges.

Throughout the week, students engaged with a range of expert teams, including Active Travel, Biodiversity, and Local Archives. The Arts Office also facilitated workshops with Biodiversity Artist-in-Residence Maria McSweeney at Loughshinny Boathouse, alongside a *Build Your Future* session that encouraged participants to imagine how young people in Fingal can actively contribute to initiatives and cultural activities in the Swords Cultural Quarter and Culture House.

The programme concluded with student presentations to partner representatives and the Mayor. Participants demonstrated strong ownership of local issues, developing thoughtful solutions to challenges such as public transport safety, deforestation, and litter.

Youth & Education



Space Crafts is a unique arts and science initiative for children developed by Fingal Arts Office, DIAS Dunsink, curator Rayne Booth and professional artists Aileen Murphy, Julia McConville, and Mary Jo Galligan. Between 2024 and 2026 it fostered significant collaboration between contemporary artists and scientists. During this time, over 200 children from eight local primary schools participated in a series of compelling workshops that introduced them to both the work of the astrophysics team in DIAS and contemporary art practice.

This month, the partners launched a new zine, *Mirrors to the Sky,* offering insight into the creative inquiry process and showcasing the children's artwork. Copies will be disseminated to schools and libraries across Dublin 15. The launch was opened by Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Tom O'Leary, and Eucharia Meehan CEO and Registrar of DIAS, both of whom praised the project's achievements and the creativity of the participating children.

Space Crafts is an exemplar model of child-centred, experiential and inquiry-based learning. Rooted in interdisciplinary collaboration, it demonstrates the value of connecting professional fields in innovative ways. The project aims to inspire schools to visit the Observatory and explore contemporary art and science in new and imaginative ways.

Jazz Camp for Girls 2026



Jazz Camp for Girls returns this summer 2026 for a 4th year. It supports girls and gender expansive young musicians to explore and learn about jazz music, composition, improvisation and their own creativity in a supportive and fun environment. This 3-day music summer camp for those aged 11-16 takes place at DCU. It is hosted by the Jazz & Contemporary Music Performance degree programme, and facilitated by Improvised Music Company, with continued support from the Fingal Arts Office. The deadline to apply for Jazz Camp for Girls 2026 is Friday 22nd May. Visit fingalarts.ie

Believe Balbriggan



Fingal Arts Office joined local authority colleagues and community service providers in Balbriggan on the 11th of April to showcase and make connections between key strands of work and upcoming opportunities in the town.

Public Art



Plans advancing with Cairn Home for two new commissions which will form part of the public realm design of Hampden Hall & Corballis housing Developments in Donabate.Two artists David Beattie & Cecilia Danell have taken elements of the areas heritage and biodiversity to create two new works which will animate these public spaces.A show court will feature the housing units and the Cecila Danell's bronze artworks in situ this summer with the first phase of the Hampden Hall, Smyths site will commence on site by Q4.

EU Presidency Commissioning



We are currently developing a number of projects as part of the National EU Presidency celebrations. We are hoping to devise a unique performance which will highlight the local democratic processes as linked to Europe through contemporary dance, sound and drawing with artists Fearghus O'Chonchuir, Dennis McNulty & Amanda Dunsmore, with work also planned for Malahide alongside an engaging libraries programme.

Ballough Place Artist Residential Studio



Fingal Arts Office, in partnership with Beet, Woad and Rust, held a natural plant dyeing workshop at Ballough Place Artist Residential Studio on Saturday 28th March from 2.30pm.

This new residential artist studio, as part of the Ballough Place development, is a pioneering initiative by Fingal County Council to provide a secure, high quality live/workspace for a professional visual artist.

Reem and Hugh, from Beet, Woad and Rust, have been commissioned by Fingal Arts Office to design and implement the interior fit out of the residential studio. As part of the commission, they will facilitate a series of workshops for Ballough Place residents and the local community.

The first workshop focused on natural dyeing using Woad, a plant that has been grown for millennia to produce Indigo. It is accepted traditionally as a Celtic colour, but was also used by the Egyptians, Chinese and everyone in between. During the industrial revolution it was grown intensively near centers of textile production. In North Fingal, once a booming textile hub, Woad still grows wildly.

With over 15 people in attendance, this workshop was an important opportunity for the local community to see the studio space, meet fellow residents, and learn new skills.

Creative Places Balbriggan



As Creative Youth is a key pillar of the upcoming 2026-27 strategy, Creative Places Balbriggan has started conducting a survey of Balbriggan Community College 1st year pupils to identify their priorities and needs in terms of creativity in everyday life. The Creative Places Coordinator also attended With For About hosted by Heart of Glass in Prescot in Liverpool. The theme of "Are you Playing Out?" explored socially engaged arts with young people and there was an opportunity to meet some of the Heart of Glass team afterwards, to exchange learnings and strategies around working collaboratively with arts in the community.

Draíocht

The May/August brochure is printed/distributed. Our programme mix of local, professional arts and commercial work remains. The September/October programme is being finalised and contracted.
Jan to June 2027 is heavily booked. We have been in contact with D15 schools of dance and drama who have expressed interest in having their end of year shows in Draiocht in the May/June 2027 period. 2 schools new to Draiocht but who are based in D15, are included. The policy that was introduced by the Draiocht Board to cater for the demand is working. This enables more children and young people have the opportunity to perform on their local arts centre's Main Stage.

The 'Spring 26' Exhibition will close on May 2nd, 2026. Showcasing the work of 26 artists who live/are from Fingal, it has attracted a very positive response in terms of Gallery Visitor numbers. A number of the works have been sold which is an added positive for those artists.
Lucy Hill's Exhibition for children will open on June 4th. This is Cruinniu Na nOg, the national day celebrating children's creativity, so it is a fitting day to open this particular show. Lucy's exhibition, entitled 'Colourings' is the first children's commission of 3 that we are planning, one per year from 2026 to 2028. Each of these Exhibitions is being curated by Helen O'Dohonhoe, former Education Director of IMMA>
Our Children/Youth Arts programme has included film screenings for secondary schools, Gallery explore tours, Youth Theatre workshops, Create Dance workshops and Family days. We are in the planning for the annual Toddler TakeOver event which takes place on May 13th and 14th. Demand for this event always outstrips capacity and some of the sessions sold out within one minute of them going on sale. We have increased availability to 500 for the 14th May to widen access. The 13th May day is for schools with special units. We have a very full schedule for Cruinniu Na nOg including a Family Day, Graffiti workshops and a dance piece whose participants are from D15.
Necessary and planned roof works will take place over the July/August period.



Full details are available on www.draiocht.ie

The Seamus Ennis Arts Centre

Workshops

In April we continued with our Easter kids workshops hosting a **Puppet Making Workshop** on 2nd April which had 15/16 attendees and a Kids **Glass Painting Workshop** also held on the 2nd April which welcomed 13/14 attendees. On the 7th April we welcomed 9/14 teenagers for the 4 day **Music Generation Fingal DJ Camp** which was received well by participants. For adults, we ran our **Crafternoon Tea** on 12th April which hosted 8 participants for a decoupage workshop followed by afternoon tea in the Cottage Café.**Art Classes with Dave West** will continue for another 4 week term on 27th April, and spaces for this are sold out at 14 places. On 29th April we will host our **Willow Basket Workshop** which is also sold out with 8 attendees.

Film

On Thursday 9th April we screened the film **Holy Cow** to 29 attendees. Ther film was screened in French with English subtitles and was well received by all who came.

Comedy

On Saturday 25th April we will welcome comedian **Ristéard Cooper** who will play to a sold out audience of 90 attendees here at TSEAC.

Music

This month's music concerts started on the 10th April with **The Pure Drop – Traditional Irish Music Series** where we welcomed special guests **Mícheál Ó Raghallaigh & Pádraig Rynne**. The Pure Drop event was attended by 40 guests. This month's **TSEAC Singing Session** on 16th April welcomed special guest singer **Muireann Nic Amhlaoibh** with 25 attendees in person and an additional 15 attendees joining via zoom. We also welcomed viewers from across the globe on our live streams on Facebook, Instagram and YouTube. **Steve Knightley** played to an audience of 35 attendees on Saturday 18th April. The show had great feedback from the audience and welcomed a lot of new faces to the centre.

Our **Traditional Irish Music Slow Session with Paudie O'Connor** took place on Sunday 19th April and was attended by 25 people in person and an additional 24 people who joined the session online via zoom.





Schools & Education

Our IFI schools program continued this month where we screened the film **Winners** on the 19th April to Junior cycle students 2 schools (Skerries and Gormanston) attended this screening with a total of 75 attendees.

our next IFI schools screening will take place on Thursday 30th April where we will be screening the film **Jump** to Senior cycle Spanish students however, there has been no interest from schools for this screening.

Our monthly **Pop Up Gaeltacht** went ahead on Thursday 16th April with 18 attendees coming along to learn and practice Irish in a relaxed and informal setting.

Visual Arts

On 2nd April our new art exhibition 'Bog to Bloom' by **Daniel Chester** was hung in our Easter Snow Gallery. This stunning exhibition features a body of paintings that are inspired by the landscapes of rural Leitrim, Fermanagh, Sligo and Donegal and will feature in our gallery until 31st May.

LIBRARIES

Bealtaine Festival

Fingal Libraries will celebrates the Bealtaine Festival, Ireland's national festival of creativity for older adults, across library branches throughout May. The programme includes workshops on creative writing, arts and crafts, and percussion. There will be talks on crime fiction, music sessions and beginners' chess courses for adults.



Laureate for Irish Fiction in Skerries Library

Laureate for Irish Fiction Éilís Ní Dhuibhne will discuss contemporary Irish fiction in conversation with writer Caitriona Lally in Skerries Library on 13th May. The Laureate for Irish Fiction is an initiative of the Arts Council.



Dublin Climate Action Week

Fingal Libraries is hosting a programme of events for Dublin Climate Action Week, which takes place from 11th-17th May, and showcases climate action across the Dublin region. There will be climate-themed talks and workshops for all ages, as well as screenings of the documentary film 'Ocean', and an ethical fashion workshop for transition year students.



Dublin Technology Week

Dublin Technology Week, promoting innovation and technology, takes places from 22nd – 29th May. Fingal Libraries will participate with workshops and events for all ages, including coding workshops for children, a 'getting to know your smartphone' course in Donabate Library, cybersecurity workshops, as well as eServices clinics and virtual reality showcase sessions.



Cruinniú na nÓg 2026

Cruinniú na nÓg 2026 will officially launch on Monday, 18th May. This year over 50 free creative events for children and young people will take place across Fingal's libraries and arts centres on Saturday, 6th June. The flagship event, We Own The Castle, a live teen music and spoken word festival hosted by Garageland Galaxyz

Louder Voices

Following the success of the Louder Voices Songwriting and Wellbeing initiative and showcase event in Swords Castle Chapel, the programme will continue into May. Transition year students from Fingal Community College will work with singer-songwriter Luke Clerkin to create their own songs, refining their work, and exploring their emotional and creative wellbeing.

Creative Brainwaves

Creative Brainwaves will take place on Friday 22nd May, in the Carnegie Library, Swords. Curated by Atlantic Fellows for Equity in Brain Health, this event will showcase global and local initiatives in creative arts, dementia, brain health, Parkinson's, and extended reality (XR), with talks, workshops, and performances.

Engaging Dementia

Engaging Dementia will host the first of five *Story2Remember* workshops in the Carnegie Library, Swords on Friday, 29th May. New facilitators will learn to deliver the *Story2Remember* initiative to people in the community living with dementia and their families. *Story2Remember* uses

Economic Development

Fingal Skills Strategy Update – April 2026

FUTURE FINGAL: FINGAL Skills STRATEGY
IDEAS COLLABORATION ACTION

- The Skills Strategy Implementation Group met on the 13th of April in County Hall and Online. Discussions took place on the upcoming Xplore expo and potential stakeholder input in the event. Presentations on a Neuro-inclusion Pilot, and Schools Labour Market Pilot update were presented.
- The Construction Skills Subgroup met on the 15th of April with stakeholders reviewing the recent successful Modern Methods of Construction event. Nomination of a new Group Chair: Elaine Coyle, Glenveagh was agreed. An action plan and the focus of the group for the year "**Innovation**" was discussed and agreed.

Xplore Your Future Fingal TY Skills Expo 2026 – Update – April 2026



- Following on from last year's extremely successful event in the Helix which hosted over 2500 students and 80+ exhibitors, preparation is underway for the 4th annual Xplore Your Future Fingal TY Skills Expo.
- Registration is now live for Fingal Schools with over 1000 students registered within the first two days of registration.

Interreg Skyla Project – Update – April 2026

Interreg Europe SMART Co-funded by the European Union

- The semester 6 SKYLA payment claim was submitted to the lead partner in April.
- Preparations are underway for travel to Athens from the 4th- 6th of May for the next SKYLA project partner meeting.
- Interreg Europe have reached out to discuss potential short stories and articles on the Fingal Skills Strategy (our SKYLA Policy instrument). Meetings will take place in the coming weeks to discuss the content and draft our story.

Sustainable Fingal - Update – April 2026

- The SPC were briefed on the progress of the DRAFT Sustainability Strategy. The full DRAFT will be presented to the SPC in June with a view to presenting at full Council Meeting in July.

Circular Cities - Update – February 2026

- The 2026 Circular Cities Declaration Report for Fingal will be submitted to the CCD for review on the 6th May. The report was completed in collaboration with the Climate action team and highlights Fingal's sustainable and circular initiatives over the past 2 years.

LOCAL AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Fingal LCDC

- Next LCDC Meeting: 27th 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 submitted to DRCDG on 22 April 2026.

Walking Football

- Healthy Fingal is working with Total Football Solutions and local football clubs to deliver a Walking Football Programme in Fingal for people over 50. The event kicked-off last week in Lusk and Portmarnock.



TOWN REGENERATION OFFICE

Our Balbriggan 2025 – 2030 Rejuvenation Plan – A Socio-Economic Strategy

The Balbriggan Leadership Group, chaired by Dr. David Begg continue to meet on a regular basis, where Members receive 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. The redevelopment works are now in their final phase, with the majority of the work scheduled to be substantially completed in Spring 2026.



The heritage restoration of the RNLI Boathouse building, harbour pavilion buildings, kiosks and public toilets are due for completion in May 2026. The Council have engaged a Commercial Operator to look at commercial retail and leisure opportunities and assist in the examination of viable options for these buildings. 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 in Ballyboughal, Balrothery, Donabate, Lusk and Rush continue to implement their town plans.

Town Team meetings in Lusk, Ballyboughal and Donabate took place during April, with the next meetings in Rush and Balrothery due to take place in May.

The Donabate Town Team with the support of Fingal LEADER Partnership and Donabate Parish have recently procured a design consultant to produce a feasibility study for a new public realm area within the grounds of St. Patrick's church.

Town and Village Renewal Scheme

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.

Consultations between the Town Team, the Town Regeneration Office other FCC departments are ongoing to agree a strategy for the works in question.

Lusk - Public Realm Enhancement

Funding of €195,075 has been secured under TVRS for Lusk. The projects identified will be led by the Lusk Town Team and supported by the Town Regeneration Office.

The town team are actively examining the possibilities regarding streetscape improvement, digital heritage and wayfinding options.

Rush – Feasibility Study for Public Realm Enhancement

Funding of €50,000 has been secured for Rush. The selected project will be led by the Rush Town Team and supported by the Town Regeneration Office.

Feedback received from a recent public engagement process has been assessed and procurement documents are being prepared to obtain a contractor to complete a feasibility study.

Balrothery – Feasibility Study for Public Realm Enhancement

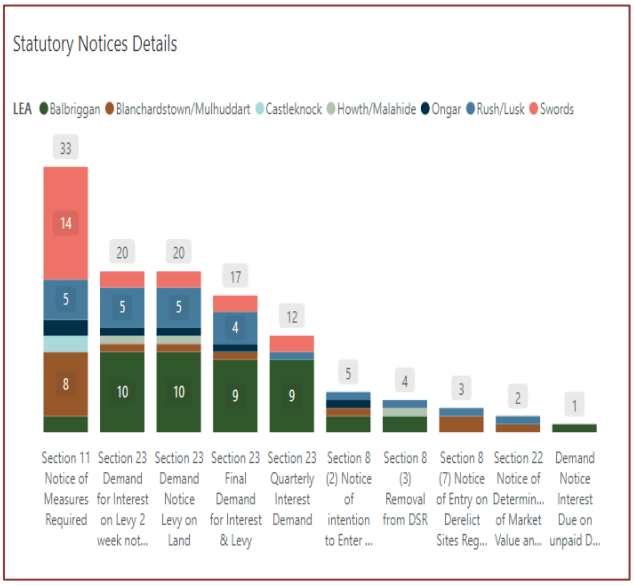
Funding of €49,500 has been secured and the. project will be led by the Balrothery Town Team and supported by the Town Regeneration Office.

A procurement process is currently underway to select a contractor to complete an initial Geophysical Study of the area in question within Balrothery.

Derelict Sites

113 no. Statutory notices have issued under the Derelict Sites Act 1990 to owners of derelict sites year to date.

5 no. properties have been removed from the Derelict Sites Register since the start of the year following compliance with Section 11 Notices. A further 3 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 26.



There have been a total of 61 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.

Fingal Business Network



The Fingal Business Network event titled The Grit and the Glory takes place on April 24th in the Carlton Dublin Airport Hotel – A panel discussion among four Fingal businesses discussing the highs and lows of their business journey. Panellists are; Donna Reilly of Donna Reilly People & Wellness, Colin Deering of Anyscor, Dave Byrne of Vistona and Lisa-Nicole Dunne of Mantra Strategy, The Fingal Business Network meets three to four times per annum.

Student Enterprise Awards 2026 - National Final May 7th



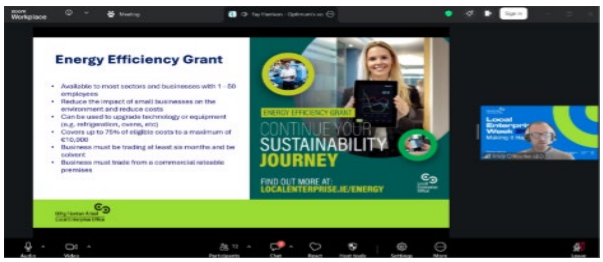
Excitement is building for the Student Enterprise Programme National Final, taking place in Mullingar on May 7th. Fingal will be proudly represented on the national stage by Micro Forge 3D (Coolmine CS), Tiny Terrariums (Loreto Balbriggan), and Powerblocker (Sutton Park School). Three outstanding teams and individuals whose creativity and hard work have already set them apart at county level. This event brings together the brightest student innovators from across Ireland, and Fingal's finalists are ready to showcase their ideas, their ambition, and their entrepreneurial spirit.

Fingal Enterprising Women's Network (FEWN)



The FEWN is building on the momentum of its successful International Women's Day event in March as it prepares for its Summer Event on May 29th at the Carlton Hotel, Dublin Airport. This year's theme, "Own Your Value: Money Mindset for Business Success," will be led by award-winning Irish business leader Emma Maye. The event features an engaging fireside chat exploring Money Mindset, Pricing and Negotiation, and Resilience, followed by a delicious networking lunch designed to spark connection and conversation among attendees.

Fingal Business Supports Briefing



The April monthly online Business Supports Briefing attracted 117 registrants who joined to learn about how the Local Enterprise Office can support their business. The next briefing will take place online on May 6th and will continue to run monthly throughout the year.

Food Sectoral Supports

FoodStarter Programme for early-stage Food Companies.
The current Food Starter Programme started on 20th April and completes on 13th May 2026. The Food Starter Programme is an essential intervention for anyone considering setting up a food business covering all aspects of product development, marketing and production. The Dublin Food Chain is an initiative of the 4 Dublin Local Enterprise Offices. Separately, the LEO's Food Academy programme, in partnership with Supervalu/Musgraves, is currently recruiting for the 2026/27 intake.

Evaluations and Approvals Committee

The Evaluation and Approvals Committee (EVAC) approved €230,617 across 12 business grant applications to date in April 2026. The next EVAC meeting will convene on 29th April 2026.

Management Development



LEO Fingal have been running a blend of short and multi-session courses aimed at strengthening the quality of leadership of Fingal businesses. These include courses in financial management, pricing, taxation, HR and Marketing Development. To date 213 participants have attended these sessions in 2026.

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. 6 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. This service is completely subsidised by Fingal LEO and offered to clients free of charge. It is always in high demand - so far this year 381 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. So far this year 12 MFI loan applications have been processed, supported by an expert mentor who guides applicants through the process to maximise their prospect of approval.

Training and Events

LEO Fingal run a comprehensive programme of Training and Events throughout the year. There is high demand across all programmes and also high satisfaction ratings recorded. Year to date there have been 58 events with 1,462 registered, including 5 Start Your Own Business Courses with 67 attending, a Start-up Bootcamp with 60 attending and 2 Business Supports Briefings with 285 people attending.

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 two businesses approved to date and several businesses currently working on applications.

Digital & Innovation Supports

The *Grow Digital Voucher* and *Digital for Business* schemes offer SMEs grant and capability supports to embrace digital technology. In 2026 so far 20 clients have been approved through these programmes. There have also been 2 Digital Boost Webinars to educate clients on these programmes and to help them apply.

Productivity & Competitiveness Supports



Lean For Business is designed to enable SMEs to adopt Lean business principles in their organisations to increase performance and competitiveness. LEO Fingal have approved 3 clients for LEAN to date in 2026.

Community Wellbeing
Equality
Social Cohesion
Empowerment
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & INCLUSION
Making a Difference

Community Development & Inclusion

- Community Development
- Facilities Management
- Interagency
- Age Friendly Fingal
- Funding
- Integration x

Community Development

Community Development supports local people to work collectively to address social, economic, environmental, and cultural challenges. Actions span small local initiatives and wider community level programmes.

Building community capacity and participation depends on 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:

BELIEVE Balbriggan Community Expo

The FCC Community Development and Inclusion Division, in partnership with Balbriggan Community Council, the Balbriggan Residents Association Network and the Aisha AED Project hosted the highly successful BELIEVE Expo in Flemington Community Centre last month. Over 80 community organisations, Agencies, Council Departments and local businesses took part in the all-day Expo which included free workshops, networking opportunities, presentations, performances and, above all, a great way to showcase all the incredible, positive activities taking place in the town. Over 650 people attended the event, which was launched by Deputy Mayor and Balbriggan native, Cllr Grainne Maguire. The BELIEVE website is now open as a one-stop-shop for all community and voluntary groups in the town to exchange ideas and connect with each other.





Rivermeade: *Place Standards Tool* Progress Report.

As part of its commitment to the Place Standard process, Rivermeade Residents Association coordinated a resident led 'walkabout' to identify the estate's strengths and challenges. Committee member Paddy Carroll developed a detailed route map to support this work and provide a structure for wider consultation. The next phase will involve engaging relevant council departments, local stakeholders and elected representatives in an Estate Tour scheduled for late June (Date to be confirmed). This will support shared understanding, agreement on priority actions, identification of achievable objectives, and stakeholder commitment to the process.





Demonstrating its continued focus on accessibility and inclusion, Rivermeade Resident Association have applied to the FCC 'Quiet Streets' Initiative. In addition, to mark the estate's 50th anniversary in 2026, 'Festival in a Van' will visit Rivermeade in July as part of a programme of community celebrations, including a family Fun Day and the launch of the 2026 Summer Programme.

THRIVE Swords *Connect Cafe* in Carnegie Library

The first of a series of *Connect Cafe's* coordinated by the *Thrive* Swords Committee took place in the Carnegie Library. Very well attended, the Connect Cafes provide a space for meaningful engagement for people with lived experience of mental health and associated service providers to share or exchange information and benefit from peer support.



Howth Sutton Autism Group & Fingal's Keen to Be Green Communities.

Supporting Howth Sutton Autism (HSA) group with a Beach Clean in conjunction with the reveal of a *Mosaic* designed by members of the HSA Group and funded with an FCC Anti-Graffiti grant, the event attracted a great local turn out. The mosaic is one of a series, located throughout Howth to encourage environmental awareness.



Dublin Climate Action Week & Fingal Keen to Be Green Communities

Collaborating with colleagues in FCC Parks overseeing the reinstatement of *Brackenstown Walled Gardens*; 2 Workshop events are being coordinated to take place with residents of the adjacent Knocksedan Estate. The aim being to update residents on the progress being made within the *walled gardens*, encourage local involvement and provide information on the development of a community garden within the space.

Community and Youth-Focused Activities Across Meakstown and Tyrrelstown

The Community Development & Inclusion Team continues to support a range of positive, youth-focused initiatives aimed at inclusion, wellbeing and community safety across the area. In Meakstown, the Practical Language Service is currently delivering conversational English Classes which started on the 24th of April. In collaboration with the Sports Department and An Garda Síochána the Community Development & Inclusion Team are supporting a six-week Night Hoops programme, in Meakstown and Tyrrelstown. The programme provides young people with structured evenings of sports activities in a safe and supportive environment.

The programme promotes social inclusion, confidence-building and positive engagement through sport. This partnership approach is designed as a diversionary initiative, offering young people opportunities to engage positively with local services while encouraging physical activity, teamwork and community connection. These initiatives reflect the ongoing commitment of the Dublin 15 team to working collaboratively with partner agencies, local services and communities to support young people and promote safer, more inclusive neighbourhoods.

Corduff: Next Steps and Continued Community Engagement

Work is also progressing in Corduff, with a strong focus on continued engagement and community-led development. The Community Department, in collaboration with Planning and Parks, is currently progressing plans to develop a community garden space within the redeveloped Corduff Park. This initiative aims to support local participation, wellbeing and shared use of public space.

In addition, the Community Department is working with Corduff FC, in collaboration with 'Festival in a Van', to support a family fun day celebrating the club's 50th Anniversary. The event will recognise the club's long-standing contribution to the local community and provide a positive, inclusive celebration for residents of all ages.

As part of the Corduff Co-Creation Walking Initiative, continued engagement with residents is underway. In collaboration with Active Travel, the next community workshop will take place on 29 April, offering residents a further opportunity to shape local walking routes and influence future improvements to pedestrian accessibility and active travel infrastructure in the area.

Community Facilities Management

The Community Facilities Unit supports the Managers and Boards of 38 community centres and manages the Community Development Office's Capital Works programme.

Fingal Community Centres - Sensory Pack Distribution

To mark World Autism Awareness Day on 2 April 2026, the Community Facilities Engagement Team prepared and distributed additional sensory kits to a further ten community centres across the county. This builds on the ten existing kits already in place, bringing the total number of centres equipped with sensory supports to twenty. Centres were selected based on identified user need.

The kits include sensory items designed to support regulation, comfort and wellbeing for children and adults with sensory processing needs. This initiative complements the autism awareness training delivered by AsIAm to Community Centre Managers through the Fingal Community Facilities Network in June 2025.



Interagency

The Community Development Office collaborates with agencies to enhance service delivery across Fingal.

Fingal Comhairle na nÓg (FCNN)

Fingal Comhairle na nÓg met over the Easter holidays for an in-person meeting and worked on their project on Anti-Social behaviour. The young people representing Fingal at the Dail na nÓg attended a second online preparation session. All the Comhairle members participated in the EU Survey on the Digital Fairness Act.

Fingal Public Participation Network (FPPN)

FPPN will hold their first Plenary of 2026 in the Clayton Hotel Dublin Airport. The Plenary is the ultimate decision-making body of the PPN. The Plenary facilitates an update on PPN activity, dialogue on PPN strategy and the highlighting of local issues. The network currently involves over 960 groups in Fingal.

We are also working closely with the school of civic engagement in DCU to plan and design our annual PPN Summer School which takes place in the university and online from 25th to 28th May.



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.

Sing-along Social

The first Sing-along Social for people aged over 55 took place on 22 April in Corduff Parish Centre and was fully attended. The informal session used shared music to promote social connection in a welcoming, low-pressure environment, particularly for older people who may be reluctant to engage in organised activities.



The event supported reconnection with former neighbours and friends, encouraged new social links, and helped rebuild confidence in social participation, addressing risks linked to social isolation. Participant engagement increased noticeably over the course of the afternoon, with initially hesitant attendees becoming more confident, including one participant performing a solo. Refreshments and a small raffle enhanced the positive atmosphere. The next Sing-along Social is scheduled for 17 May.



Funding

To date, 48 Community Activity Funding Grants totaling €134,440.47 have been awarded in 2026:

ACM Area	Number of Grants	Amount
BRLS	25	€67,718.26
BMCO	19	€54,898.21
HOWTH/MAL	4	€11,824.00

Further grant applications are moving through the process to award stage. Closing date for receipt of applications is **30th June 2026**

In addition, €71,949 funding for 2026 summer projects across 38 groups was recommended for approval at this meeting

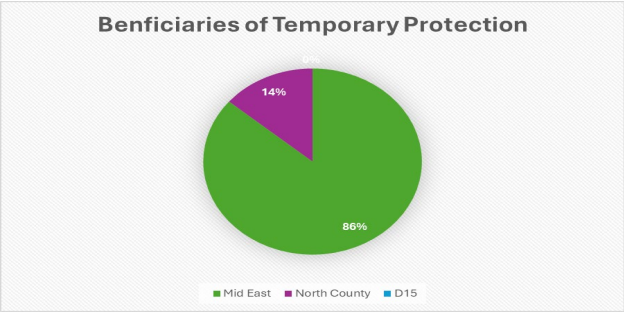
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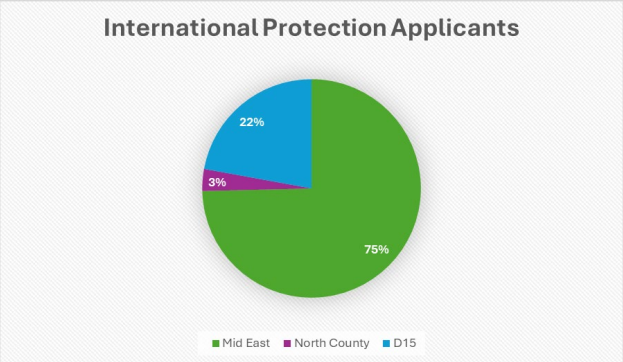
The Fingal Integration Office supports social inclusion and intercultural understanding.

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	65
Mid-East	305	1497
Dublin 15	0	444
Total	**354**	**2006**





International Roma Day: Get Up Project Collaboration

To mark International Roma Day on 8 April, The integration Office partnered with Active Cities on the Get Up project. The initiative supports wellbeing and mental health through hiking and facilitated conversation. This key event hosted 57 participants from the Roma and Traveller communities.



BELIEVE Balbriggan Community EXPO



The Integration office participated in the BELIEVE event, generating over 200 meaningful engagements with members of the public. The event also provided a valuable opportunity to network with a wide range of statutory agencies and local community groups represented on the day.

Ukraine Supports

A Symbol of Hope Exhibition

The *A Symbol of Hope* exhibition was displayed at Blanchardstown Library. Developed in collaboration with the Ukraine Volunteers of Ireland, this cross-cultural exhibition highlighted shared elements of Irish and Ukrainian cultural heritage and underpins the value of heritage in fostering intercultural understanding.



Community Integration Forum (CIF)

A meeting of the CIF took place on the 14th April. Two new representatives from statutory agencies attended and provided updates on their respective areas of work. The meeting also included a presentation from the Irish Refugee Council on the Community Sponsorship Programme.

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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	683	138	70	14	1
Castleknock/Mulhuddart	325	169	25	13	0
Howth/Malahide	264	50	12	4	1
Total	**1,272**	**357**	**107**	**31**	**2**

Works Programme Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area

Swords

Bulb planting undertaken in winter 2025 as part of POWs to enhance landscape amenity and increase biodiversity value are now in bloom. Locations include Santry Demesne, The Spires Donabate and Glen Ellen road Swords.





A New water refill station was installed at the Swords manor side of Ward River Valley park. The data for the first 7 days of use has seen 1720 bottles saved from use, as park users refill their own bottles. This brings the 'bottles saved' between all the water refill stations close to the 1 Million mark.



A cast iron pump was sourced and restored as part of POWs with local groups. The restored pump has now been installed at the location of the former pump adjacent to Somerton estate in Donabate.



Two lanes swept and tidied in St. Columbas Rise.




Rock Garden Swords pathways power washed, cleaned and swept.






Sign washing and bin cleaning








North County

Works ongoing in Fancourt Depot for the construction of new EV charging points for electric fleet vehicles.




Roads/Footpaths

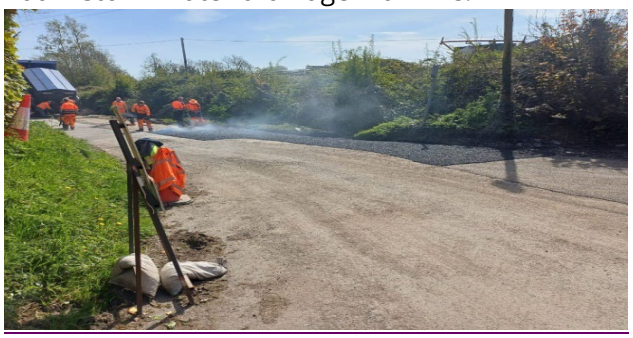
Cleanup of oil spill in Naul Village.




Works carried out by the Fancourt Concrete Crew at Townparks, Skerries.



Reinstatement works carried out by Roads crew at Borranstown Lane as part of the installation of new 200m storm water drainage mainline.







Concrete crew carried out works in Covetown, Balbriggan.



Howth/ Malahide Area

Malahide Demesne & Woods

The foundation layers of a new pedestrian path has started - from the Back Road entrance towards Avoca carpark.



A Ballylusk stone resin finish will be laid over the base layers in the coming days.



Operations assisted with the installation of a Royal Flying Air Corps 'blimp' model and planting of roses beside the Malahide Historical society museum, Steward's house.



The old bin covers were removed and replaced with a more accessible & tidy solution at the back of the Avoca kitchen.

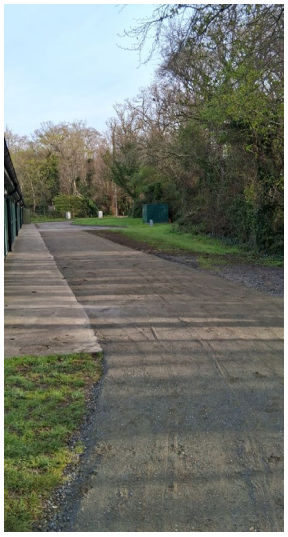
Toilets beside Boules courts, Malahide Demesne



Area barriered off as the toilet and urinals were vandalised causing a leak/flooding on floor.

Path adjacent to playing pitches/Back Road end







Installation of new path along the playing pitches. Completes the new path works at this location.





New path installed along the Dicksonia Avenue.

Decal stickers throughout Malahide and the Demesne. Electrical/Services boxes in the Demesne have new Decal stickers to lift the look of the utility boxes.



Before



After



One of the Demesne's mature Beech trees is showing signs of stress, leaves are only on half the tree so far. Visual tree inspections will be carried out over the next few months.

Portmarnock Leisure and Sports Centre pitches





Fertilising the pitches at PSLC, Portmarnock.

Malahide Demesne



A tree's basal roots lifting beside the playground/woodland play units, removal needed to deem this safe.

9 Hole Pitch and Putt Club Works

The minor works comprise of the installation of raised planting beds approx. 1ft high and hard surfacing for the existing seating area. Small foundations were required to support them because the ground at this location is very muddy and uneven. The foundations have been installed and are now in place for the installation of the raised beds. The works are being carried out to regularise and tidy up the location making it more attractive for local park users and visitors to the location.





The foundations to support the new raised beds beside the club house, this will greatly enhance the attractiveness of the busy seating area.



New bin installed adjacent to pathway.

Howth Pathways

Old signage removed along Sutton Strand and beside open space beside The Summit Pub. New map boards designed and installed in conjunction with the Biodiversity Unit.









New waymarkers – Bog of Frogs and Blacklinn loops



The rotten wood has been replaced, the dry weather will allow outdoor painting to go ahead soon. (Redrock, Sutton)

Support of Seabury Tidy District Group



Supply and installation of STDG signage through the estate and park.

Roads / Footpaths – Howth/Malahide

Woodlands Portmarnock

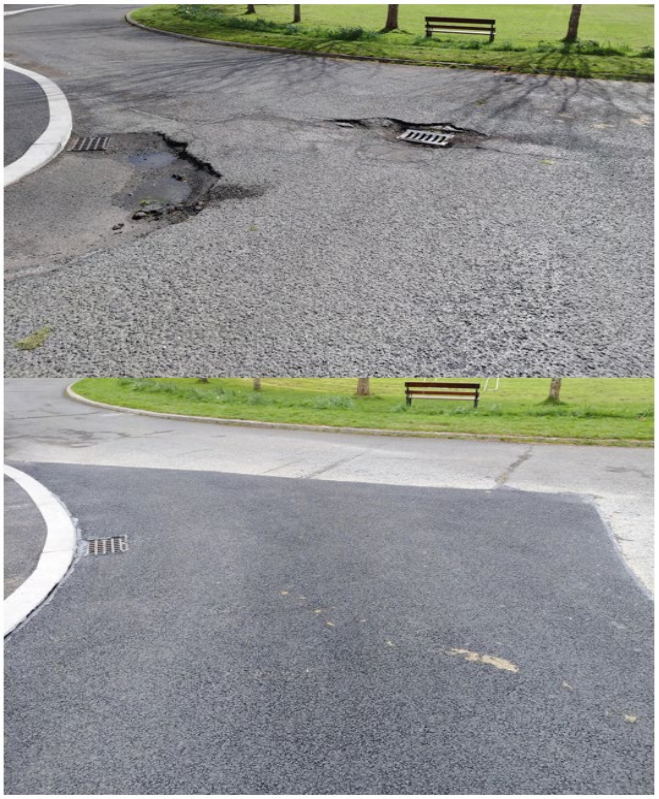
The contractor has completed drainage works and road reinstatement at Woodlands Portmarnock.



Baskin Cottages

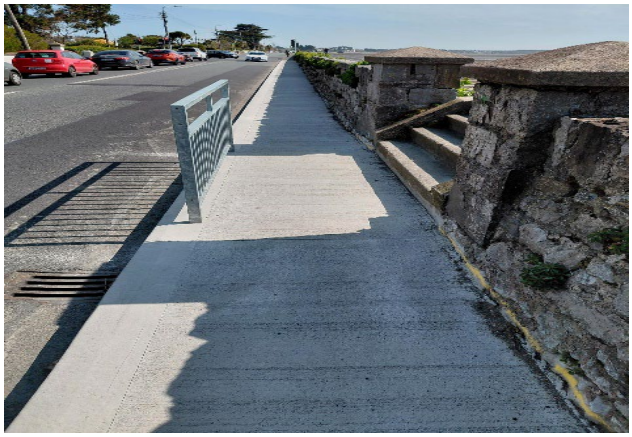
The Howth Malahide Crew have completed drainage works which involved resetting ironworks, removing existing gully, and resurfacing section of the road. The crew are also finishing preparations for road resurfacing by constructing a new tar footpath, which will start once the contractor has completed their works on a new slip form kerb.

Before & After photos

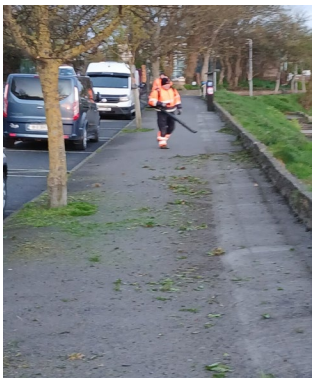


Dublin Road / Bayside

The Howth Malahide Crew have completed works on a new footpath near entrance to Bayside on the Dublin Road.



Cleansing, Beaches and Toilets

Verge scarifying and weed works Coast Road Malahide by our Operations crews.




Fingal Balgriffin burial ground works by Operations staff - pathway edging and weed control.



Preparation for deployment of lifeguard hut for Howth Malahide.



Annual deep cleaning of the Depot Wash Bay.




Balgriffin Fingal burial grounds bollard replacement and installation of new taps

Castleknock/Mulhuddart Area

Ward Cross signage



Repair works were carried out on the signage at Ward Cross. Damaged or loose components were fixed, and the sign was restored to ensure proper visibility and road user safety

Signage washing D15 Area

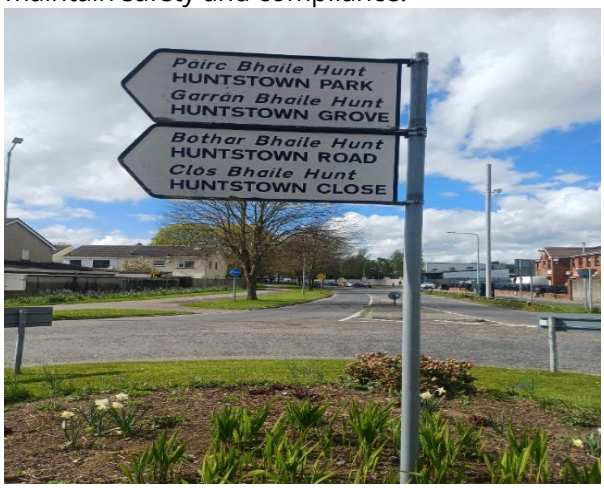
Sign washing was carried out at various locations throughout the D15 area. All affected road signs were cleaned to improve visibility and ensure safe guidance for road users.





Signage Replacement D15

Replacement and reinstatement of damaged and faded traffic and informational signage at various locations throughout the Dublin 15 (D15) area to maintain safety and compliance.



Old Hansfield Road/ Woodland at Ongar

A clean up at old Hansfield Road and along Woodland at Ongar has been carried out.

Areas were litter picked, all timber lying on the ground was also cut up and put through the woodchipper.





Sheephill Avenue Corduff



Vegetation was cut back at Sheephill Avenue Corduff.
This work consisted of hedge trimming, weed strimming and litter picking by the Operations crew.



West Pharma Dublin Enterprise Zone.



Clean up works were carried out at West Pharma on the Dublin Enterprise Zone.



Tyrrelstown Park



New Cricket crease and wicker installed at Tyrrelstown Park.



Diswellstown Road – cycle lane



Reinstatement of cycle lane along Diswellstown Road required due to tree root damage to the existing tarmac surface, which has led to deterioration and unevenness.
Remedial works were necessary to address the root damage and reinstate the cycle lane to a safe standard for users.



Corduff Close

Installation of pedestrian safety barriers at Corduff Close to reduce the speed of cyclists and scooter users entering and exiting the estate.



Ongar Road





Safety Barriers also installed on Ongar Road.

Beechfield Crescent



Concrete repair works were undertaken at Beechfield Crescent to address surface damage caused by tree root growth.

Repainting faded line markings



Faded line markings were repainted in Sheephill park (Yield sign), Westway lawn (Stop sign), St Marys Church Clonsilla (Parking bays and line markings)







Porterstown Park -Overflow carpark



Works are progressing at Porterstown Overflow car park.

Pitch Maintenance -Dublin 15



Pitch Maintenance works has commenced across Dublin 15. All pitches in Dublin 15 fertilised with low release fertiliser.

Bulb Planting -Dublin 15



Dunsoghly - Trim Trail



Recently installed trim trail in Dunsoghly estate

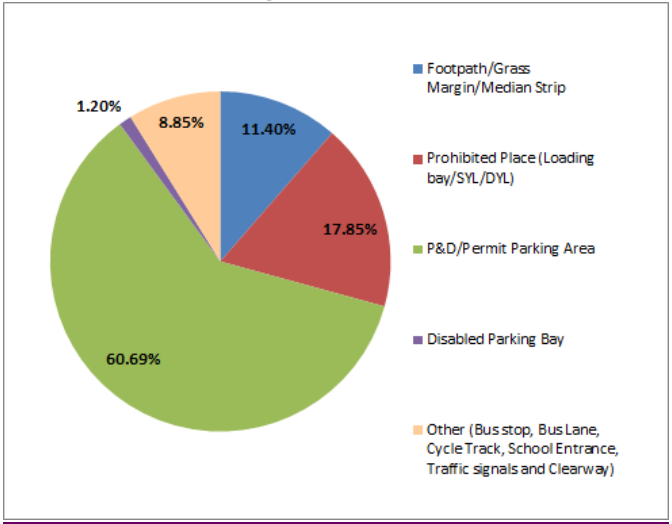
Car Parking Services
March 2026

There was a total of 1,333 parking tickets issued during March 2026.

Top 10 Main Ticketing Locations:

Location	Main Ticket Locations March 2026
North Street - Swords	118
Bridgefield Car Park - Malahide	89
Main Street - Swords	57
South Strand Skerries	54
Harbour Road - Skerries	46
Coast Road - Malahide	46
Strand Street - Skerries	45
Airside Motors Park Road 2 Swords	41
Church Street - Skerries	39
New Street - Malahide	37

Breakdown of Parking Offences:



Cashless Parking Operator

The procurement process has been completed and a new contract for cashless parking has been awarded. This contract includes payment via a mobile app as well as a retail payment option, due to commence in the coming weeks. These payment methods will operate alongside existing ticket machines, which will continue to accept both cash and card payments.

2026 Parking Control Bye-Laws

The maximum stay period of 3 hours commenced at Mill Street, Car Park, Balbriggan on 13/04/2026. This includes a free parking period of 2 hours.



Paid parking in Red Island Car Park – North, Skerries commenced 20/04/2026, under the Parking Control Bye-Laws 2026. This also includes a free parking period of 2 hours.

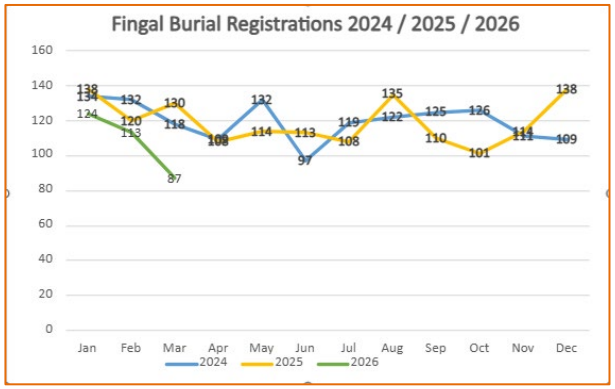


Pay Parking Scheme - Harbour Road, Howth

The proposed ticket parking scheme and associated drawings for Harbour Road, Howth, are currently out on public display and submissions are welcome via the Fingal consultation portal until 4pm on 13th May 2026.

Burial Ground Services

There were 87 Interments in March 2026 in Fingal Cemeteries.



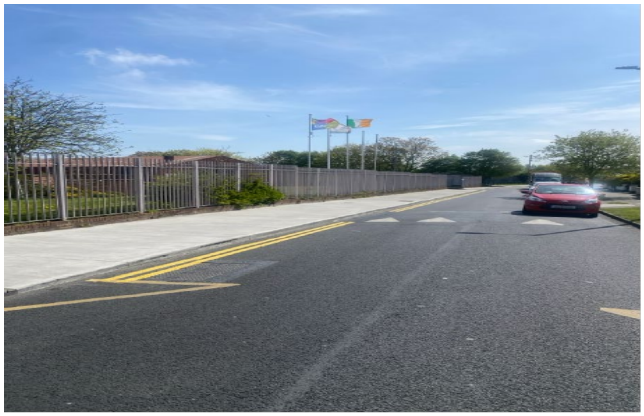
Traffic Operations County-Wide

Default Speed Limits Update

Work is progressing on Phase 2 of the Speed Limit Review for Urban Areas. At present, speed surveys are being conducted on a county-wide basis to inform the preparation of the draft bye-law maps. When the draft bye-law maps are ready, the Traffic Section will conduct informal workshops with the members of each Area Committee prior to commencing the statutory public consultation phase. These workshops are intended to be held during the latter stages of Q2/2026.

Balbriggan/Swords Area

St. Finian's Community College in Swords. (Jug Back Lane) - Road markings renewal works



Howth/Malahide Area

New Road Lining on Estuary Road





New 30 km/h Roundels at entrances to Seabury Crescent



New Double Yellow Lines at entrance to Stapolin EDNS -Baldoyle



POW 2026 – New Chevrons on Feltrim Road



Castleknock/Mulhuddart Area

Traffic Signals



The Traffic Lights at Delwood Road/Coolmine Road junction have been upgraded to ELV traffic lights.

Ongar





New signalised pedestrian crossing completed on the Ongar Distributor Road at Station roundabout.

Charlestown

New hardstanding area installed for drop off/pick up passengers outside the Charlestown Shopping Centre.

Fleet Management & Plant Hire Unit

129 Plant Hires were put in place from 24/03/2026 to 24/04/2026, engaging 26 suppliers.

As a commitment to increasing the number of Electric Vehicles in our Fleet we now have as of April 2026:

Number of Commercial Vehicles Owned – 229
Number of EV's in fleet – 116 i.e. 50% is fully electric
Number of EV's ordered – 20

Tenders were published for the purchase of Winter Gritting Trucks and Grass Cutting Machinery.

Fleet Hire recently hired 3 Litter Warden Vans for new employees with the County Council Branding, please see below.





Public Lighting

2026 Programme of Works

Works on the 2026 Public Lighting Programme of Works is progressing.

2026 POW Works Complete:

- Glebe Park Carpark, Balrothery - beside tennis courts
- Willow Wood Grove/Stonebridge Road Walkway, Clonsilla
- Hazelbury Park/Littlepace Park Walkway, Littlepace
- South Beach Carpark, Rush
- St.Columbas Rise/Church Road Laneway, Swords

2026 POW Works in Progress/Ongoing:

- Annaly Grove, Ongar
- Charlie Moore Park, Balbriggan
- Whitestown Park Walkway, Coolmine Town Parks Skerries

Public Lighting Column Replacement and Cable Upgrade Programme.

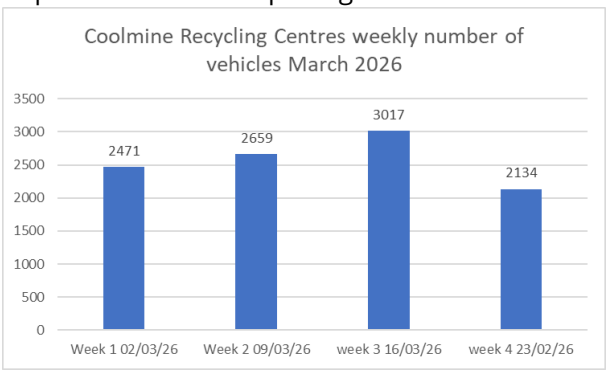
Works on the public lighting column replacement programme are ongoing in the County.

Public Lighting Column Replacements ongoing:

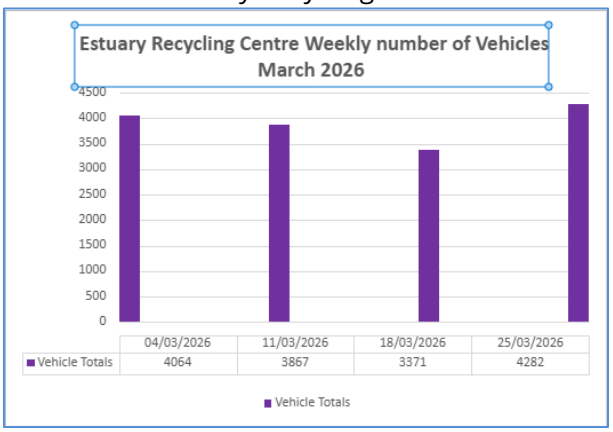
- Woodvale Estate, Clonsilla

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

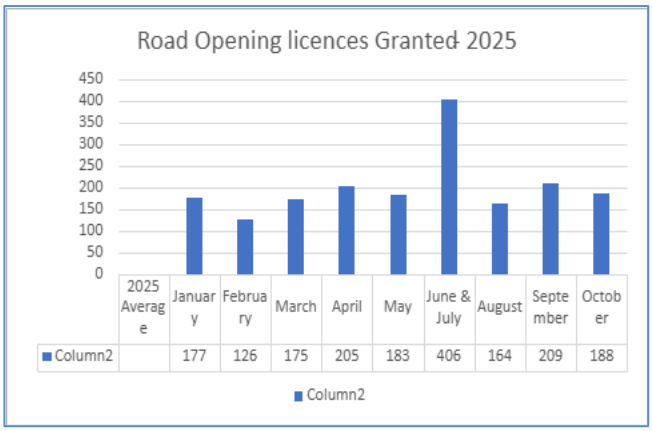


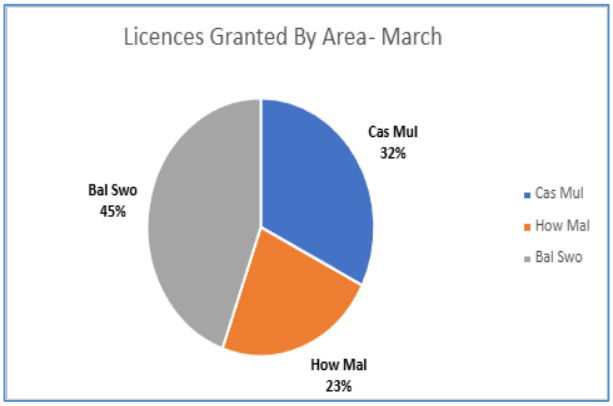
Statistics for Coolmine Recycling Centre above

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.
191 Licences were granted in the month of March, 41% 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.





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 inspections have been completed, and we are currently finalising licences for these applicants.
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

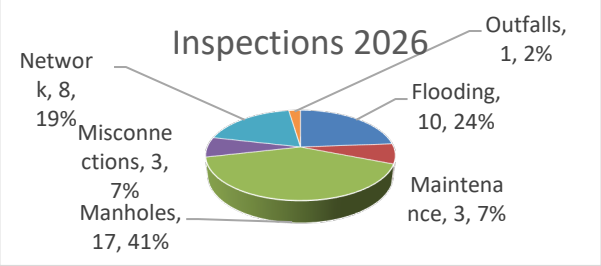
Skerries Harbour

Emergency stabilisation works are due to commence on Skerries Pier at the beginning of May 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 May with Pier users.

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 GPR and final topographical survey reports are expected before Friday May 8th.

Work Package B: Separation of a combined sewer on Tuckett's Lane. Work was completed on 13th March. Final resurfacing is expected to be completed in early May.



Tuckett's Lane works

Howth Stormwater Network Improvements.

Installation of upsized pipes in Seaview Terrace is now complete. A Contractor has been appointed to carry out the road reinstatement works during April/May 2026.





Beaverstown, Donabate.

Works have concluded on a package 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. Site set up and works commencement scheduled for early May 2026.

Swords

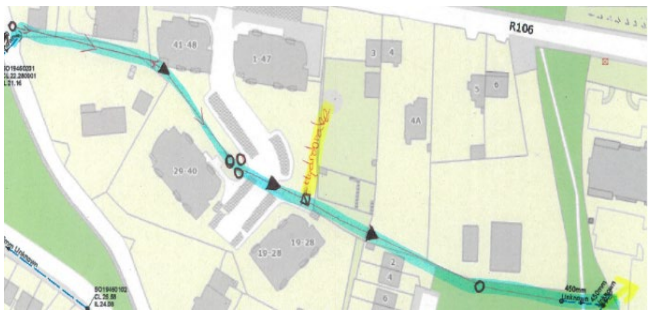
Hilltown, Forrest Avenue, Rathingle Road, Cherry Garth and Rivervalley Lawns estates. Survey reports informed a number of work packages. A contractor has been appointed to commence specialized lining and robotic works during Q2 2026.

Surveys of the network in Pine Grove identified heavy siltation and root penetration. Works to replace sections of this pipeline and reinstatement were completed in April 2026.





Clifford's Lane/Milesian Grove 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 includes minor excavation works to remove dense roots which are on-going.



Brackenstown Road

Damage to the storm water network on Brackenstown Road caused by a Utility provider came to light during heavy rainfall in March. The network was surveyed and repair works have since been complete. The utility company has agreed to compensation measures.

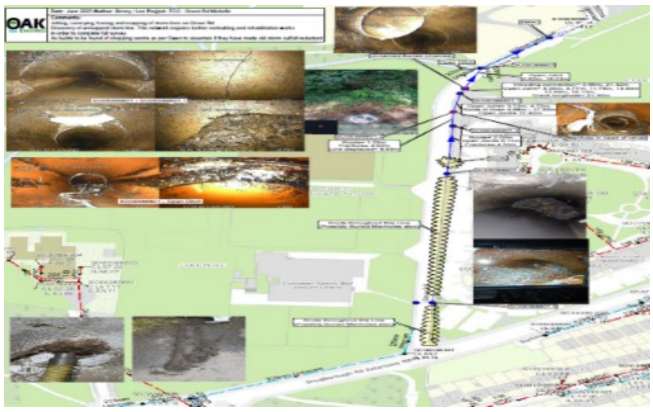


Santry

Northwood Avenue. Surveys identified several defects on the Stormwater line running along the R132. The first phase of repair works has been tendered, and a specialized contractor has been procured to start works in May 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.



Surveys were carried out in Mount Symon, D15. A possible Foul to Storm misconnection has been identified with large volumes of stone, silt and roots identified in the lines. Remedial works will require additional dye testing, surveys and the installation of a UV CIPP liner to repair defects if required. A specialized contractor has been appointed and once a start date is agreed the works will be completed

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.

During a weather event in January one of our coastal outfalls at Claremount Beach, Howth was damaged. Repair works commenced in late March and are now complete.







A contractor has also replaced a storm damaged outfall screen at Dublin Road, Baldoyle.

Preventative Maintenance Jetting Programme

The recently commenced Countywide Preventative Maintenance Programme carried out Jetting, Robotic & CCTV works in Dale View, Abbeylea, Elm Wood and Moooretown in Swords. These networks have been identified as suffering from slow flows and tend to fill with silt and debris.

Underground Stormwater storage Assets

Continuing Identification and recording of underground storm water management assets county wide.

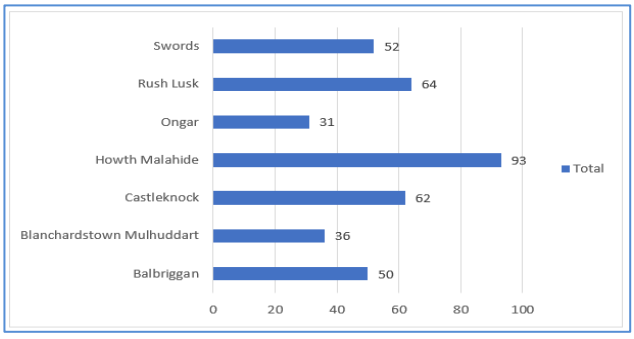


PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT INFRASTRUCTURE AND TRANSPORT

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Between 1st January and 31st March 2026, a total of 389 planning applications were received, including 340 electronic applications via the national portal. Of these, 59 applications were deemed invalid, resulting in 330 applications. The accompanying bar chart illustrates the distribution of applications across various areas.



During the same period, 1 new Large-scale Residential Development applications was submitted to the Local Authority, 5 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

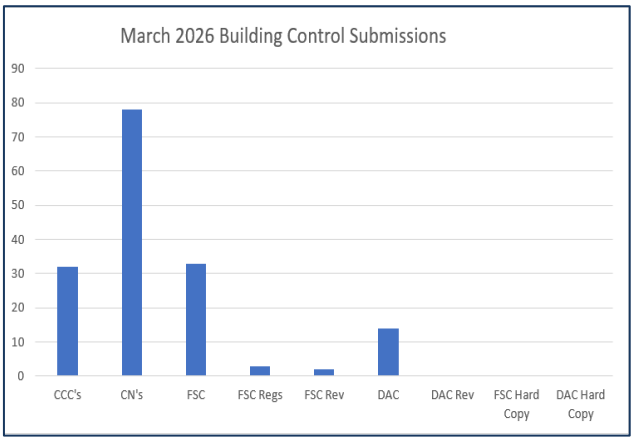
Between 1st January 2026 to the 31st March 2026, a total of 438 planning decisions were issued. The figures include 252 decisions to grant permission and 90 refusals of permission.

Building Control Admin

In March 2026, there were 162 building control submissions made via BCMS. This was made up of 78 Commencement notices, 32 Compliance of Completion Certificates, 38 Fire Safety related Certificates and 14 Disability Access related Certificates.

Commencement notices and Compliance on Completion Certificates are submitted through the Projects module on BCMS. Fire Safety, Disability Access, Regularisation and Dispensation/Relaxation Certificate applications can be submitted online via the Applications module on BCMS and the Council accepts hard copy applications directly into the office. Most applications are now being submitted via the online system.

The Building Control Admin team processed 145 decisions in March 2026 relating to Fire Safety and Disability Access Certificates. This was made up of 77 decisions to grant, 67 extensions of time and one invalid.



Strategic Policy Unit

Urban Area Plans, Masterplans and Framework Plans

Following on from the adoption of Variation No. 1 to the Fingal County Development Plan 2023-2029, work has commenced on the preparation of a draft Urban Area Plan for Dunsink.

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 and the draft map for 2027 closed on 1st April. The submissions received during the consultation period are currently being reviewed

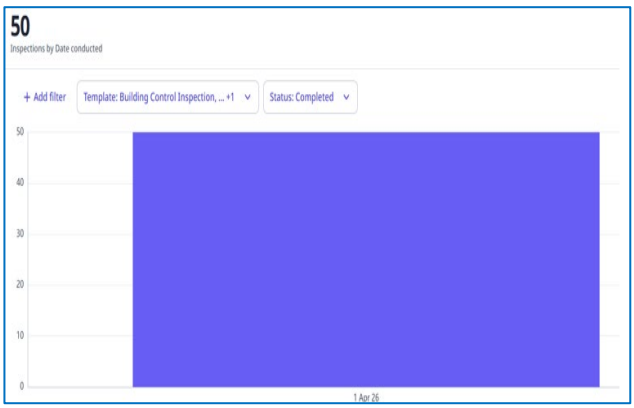
Section 28 Guidelines – NPF Guidelines: Housing Growth Requirements

Variation No. 1 to the Fingal County Development Plan 2023-2029 gives 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). The variation was adopted on 30th March.

Variation No. 2 Fingal County Development Plan 2023-2029

Variation No. 2 to the Development Plan varies 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. The variation was adopted on 30th March.

Built Environment Division



Building Control

- 50 building control inspections were carried out in April 2026 so far, covering 71 Buildings.
- There were 2 Section 11 requests for further information and 1 section 8 enforcement issued during the month of April 2026.

Taking in Charge

2 estates have been taken in charge in April 2026

- 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 our system. Consultants have been appointed and are managing Taking in Charge works where the bond has been taken. The first contract is for Chapelwood, Chapelton, Alderwood and Redwood in Dublin 15. This contract is out for tender now with a closing date of the 1st of May 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 no dangerous structure reported in April 2026.
- A total of 106 dangerous structures remain active in our database.

Pictures


Checking Rising walls on a house in balbriggan



Checking drainage depths on site in Garristown.

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.

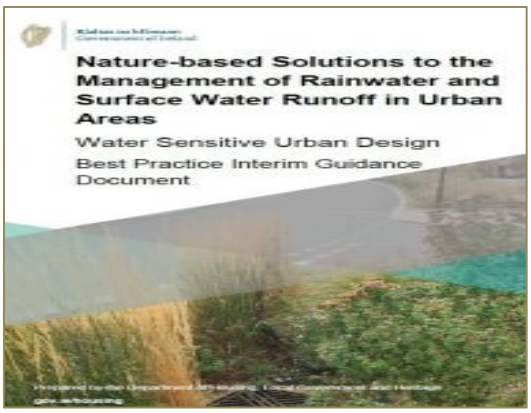
Flood Risk Assessments/ Drainage Strategies

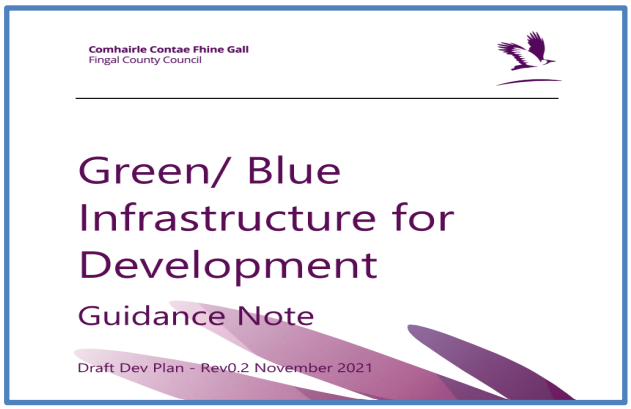
- FCC WSFP staff completed liaising with the appointed consultants developing the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment for the County Development Plan. The SFRA flood mapping & report has been completed.
- The Water Services Planning Dept responded to motions received from the councillors under the motion 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".

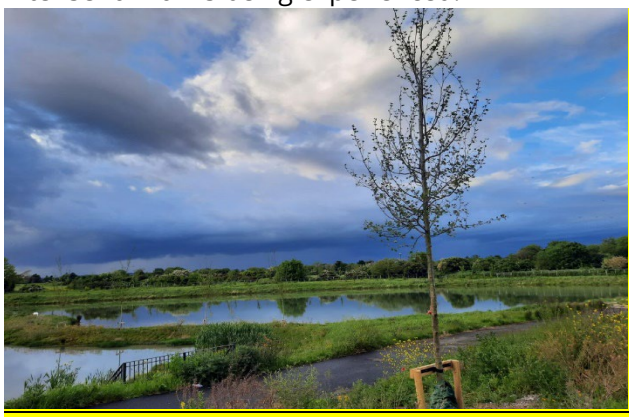
- Sustainable Drainage System (SuDS) – The Fingal SuDS guidance document (Green/Blue Infrastructure for Development) has been reviewed to include changes in technical standards. This document along with the SFRA documents have been incorporated into the new development plan.





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

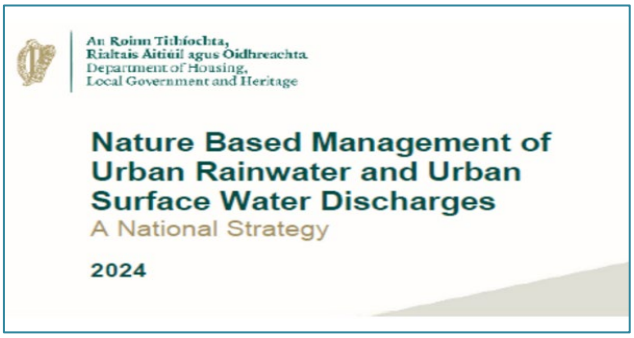
McCloys Consulting Engineers were appointed to produce a Domestic SuDS Guide for FCC. This was completed in Q3 2024, the guide is available on Fingal`s website along with a short presentation video.

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 has issued “Nature Based Management of Urban Rainwater and Urban Surface Water Discharges A National Strategy” in May 2024.



Heritage Officer



Clonsilla Heritage Guide Launch

The launch of the Clonsilla Heritage Guide took place on 29 April 2026. The guide, a collaboration between Clonsilla-Porterstown Heritage Society and the Heritage Office highlights the often-overlooked sites and stories of the area. The guide is being freely distributed in Clonsilla and environs.



Dead Interesting-Tales from Fingal's Graveyards

DEAD INTERESTING
TALES FROM FINGAL'S GRAVEYARDS

This project is a community collaborative initiative that will look at gather the stories from Fingal's 51 historic graveyards. The public are asked to contribute c.500 words and a photo of the person/gravestone of interest to heritage.officer@fingal.ie These tales will be gathered into an accessible publication to highlight the fascinating people of Fingal over the years.

Discovering Drumanagh



This project funded by Creative Ireland is to encourage engagement with the Drumanagh fort and excavations through a child's eyes. The Heritage Officer along with local author and illustrator Nimah Sharkey are working with 4th Class of St Catherine's National School Rush and their teacher Jill Kavanagh. The project kicked off with a site visit and we look forward to the creative response that Niamh and the children come up with.

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 in February, 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.

Phase 1 of the project started on 20th of April at Bostik junction and Estuary roundabout and is expected to take around 6 months to complete before moving on to phase 2.

Fingal County Council has appointed Murphy International as the contractor for the R132 Connectivity Project.



Works at Estuary Roundabout

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.

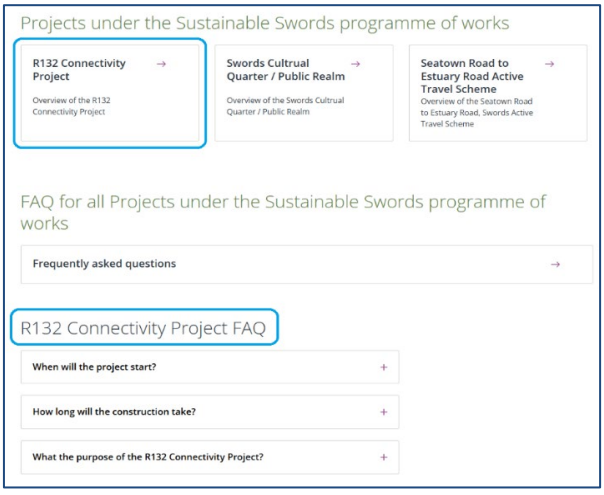
Ongoing monthly communication meetings with First responders, private bus and public bus transport operators.

Ongoing monthly meetings with Uisce Éireann to discuss and align the details of the foul water sewer across the Estuary Roundabout to be incorporated into the project.

Ongoing coordination and progress monitoring meetings with NTA and TII/Metrolink to coordinate the project phases and timelines, as well as mitigation measures.

Project website

A dedicated website is available where you can find detailed information about the R132 Connectivity Project. This website provides an overview of the project scope, objectives, timelines, and key updates. It also includes a FAQ section to address common questions and provide additional guidance.
https://www.fingal.ie/sustainableswords



Bi-Weekly Report

Every two weeks, a project progress update report is sent via email to all relevant departments and key stakeholders to outline the activities planned and scheduled to be carried out during the following two-week period, ensuring visibility, coordination, and alignment across all teams involved in the project. The bi-weekly report is also available on the R132 Connectivity Project website and is updated regularly.

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.



PSI 063 – Pedestrian & Cycling Scheme at Granard Bridge Castleknock Road

The project aims to create a safe and attractive passage for pedestrians and cyclists over the Dublin-Maynooth Rail Line and the Royal Canal, strengthening connectivity between the residential and commercial areas of Blanchardstown and Castleknock, and improving access to Castleknock train station. This project will also provide access routes for
pedestrians and cyclists from the bridge north to the Roselawn Road/Castleknock Road junction and south to the Laurel Lodge Road/Castleknock Road junction. In conjunction with the bridges, the project will also involve the widening of existing footpaths to create improved shared-use path along the Castleknock Road corridor to the current design standards, extending from the junction with Roselawn Road to the north and Park Lodge to the south, thereby improving accessibility for all users.



Scheme Extends

Project Programme

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.

Surveys

Roselawn Junction has been included in the scheme aiming to improve even more accessibility for pedestrians and cyclist. A traffic survey was carried out in March to provide data for analysing the junction's capacity and for multimodal safety improvements as part of the project.

RPS Consulting Engineers is also preparing the tender documents for the ground investigation (GI) works, to appoint a contractor to carry out the survey.

Meetings and Reports

Monthly meetings are ongoing to check the progress of the project and discuss key points, such as route options and possible constraints to be overcome.

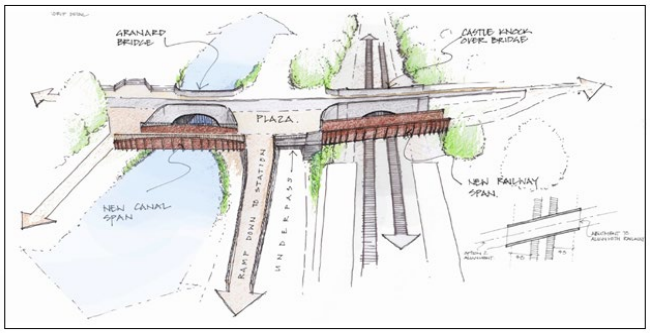
Regular meetings are ongoing with Irish Rail / Dart+ West team and Waterways Ireland to discuss the projects and ensure that the design and planning proposals are well-integrated.

RPS is preparing the structural option report and aim to release it early in May for review.

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



Existing footpaths at Granard Bridge



Preliminary sketch of the proposed bridges over the canal and railway line



Artist's impression of the proposed bridges over the canal and railway line — view towards Castleknock

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. This now requires a body of work to be undertaken to update the EIAR, RSA & EAA, Prelim Business Case, photomontages and do more up to date habitat and ecology surveys which is now been undertaken. Current Landowner checks and land referencing are being maintained and kept up to date for the project. Following completion of the preliminary design, all the required documents which includes the Environmental Impact Assessment Report will be prepared prior to making the planning application to An Coimisiún Pleanála. The Environmental Impact Assessment Report has been reviewed by internal departments, feedback is currently being incorporated into the final report and 3D Photomontages are being prepared prior to undergoing a legal review in advance of a formal application to An Coimisiún Pleanála.

PSI – 065 Seamount Road Footpath Connectivity Project

Seamount Road Footpath Connectivity Project will provide for improved accessibility for all road users, in particular pedestrian users as there were no pedestrian footpaths along the eastern end of Seamount Road on the approach to the new development's entrance.

The route also forms one of the local health walks (Sli Na Slainte), the coastal walk between Malahide and Portmarnock. The route also connects to the park lands at Robswall and Paddy's Hill and forms a direct link to and from the only local secondary school, Malahide Community School (MCS) - reducing a 4km route by bike or car to a c. 1.5km walk/cycle and helping to reduce traffic volumes through the centre of the town.

The 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. Planning documents will be issued by the consultants later this week for review and comment prior to making the application to An Coimisiún Pleanála.





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 the majority 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.



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. The tender for the Main works contract has been received, and the tender assessment is ongoing.

Swords Main Street Transformation

Swords Main Street is a key recommendation from the Sustainable Swords Strategy. The project aims to enhance and transform Main Street, the heart of Swords into a destination, which encourages people to stay longer and enables a more attractive, people-friendly, diverse, and enjoyable town centre experience for local residents, businesses and visitors alike.

At its core, this ambitious transformation seeks to reimagine Main Street as a hub of urban activity, with distinctive character and vitality while fostering a sense of community and connectivity through the provision of high-quality public realm to enhance the human experience of the place.



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 analysises 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

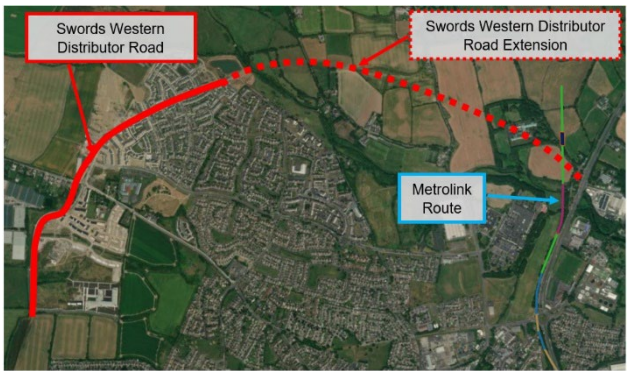


Artist visual of the proposed upgrades to Station Road

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 Infrastructure and Transport 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 submissions for the construction of the greenway along Causeway are being assessed. It is expected that construction of the Northern Causeway will not be completed until 2027.

Construction of the greenway on the southern causeway will commence during the summer months of 2026. Following tender submissions FCC awarded a contract to Stresslite Precast to supply precast concrete units for use in the greenway in the northern causeway. These units will be delivered during the summer months.

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 in order to provide a suitably wide and safe footpath for pedestrians to use in the vicinity of two national schools (St. Patrick's Boys National School and Scoil Phádraic Cailíní). The project also involves works to provide safe pedestrian crossings and appropriate traffic calming facilities.



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 May 2026.

PSI-042 Donabate Transport Projects

The Donabate Transport Projects comprise a number of projects with the objective of improving transport infrastructure and road safety on the Donabate-Portrane peninsula.

The projects include:

- Phase 2 of the Donabate Distributor Road project, to improve access to Donabate and Portrane from the M1-Lissenhall Interchange for all road users, particularly vulnerable road users such as pedestrians and cyclists, and;
- Blakes Cross Junction Upgrade, to provide a safer junction layout that caters for both motorised traffic and active travel modes of transport such as walking and cycling.

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 May and will go out on non-statutory public consultation in 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 an emerging route option has been developed.

A non-statutory consultation has been arranged from Monday 20 April 2026 until Monday 18 May 2026 for postal and online submissions. https://consult.fingal.ie/en/browse

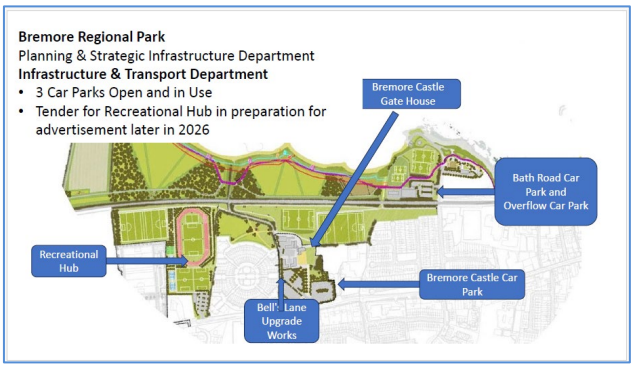
Fingal County Council has organised an in-person public consultation event to view and comment on the Emerging Preferred Option in the Blanchardstown Library, The Civic Centre, Blanchardstown Centre, Dublin 15 between 4pm – 7:30pm on Tuesday, 28 April 2026.

Parks and GI Division

Ballysmastone Recreational Hub



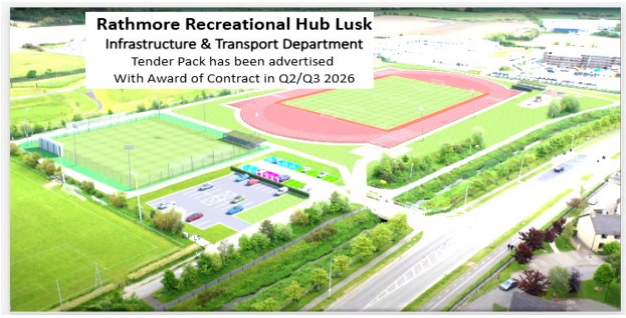
Bremore Regional Park



Skerries Town Park



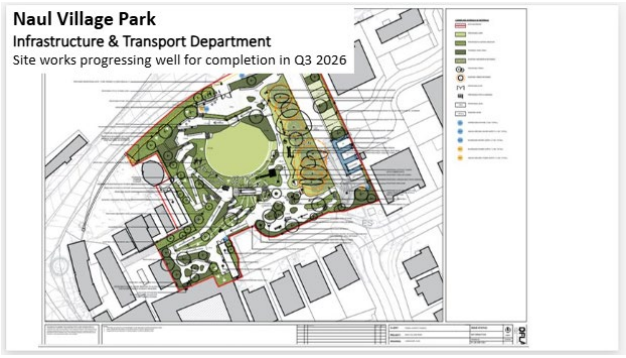
Rathmore Recreational Hub Lusk



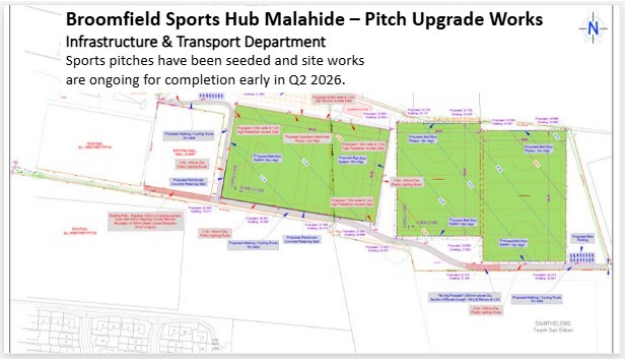
Ward River Regional Park



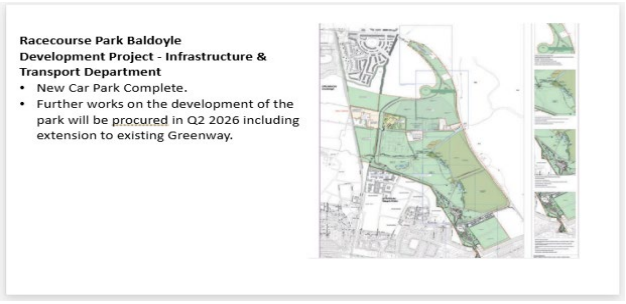
Naul Village Park



Broomfield Sports Hub Malahide (Broomfield pitches improvement works)



Racecourse Park Baldoyle



Meakstown Community Garden – Lanesborough Park



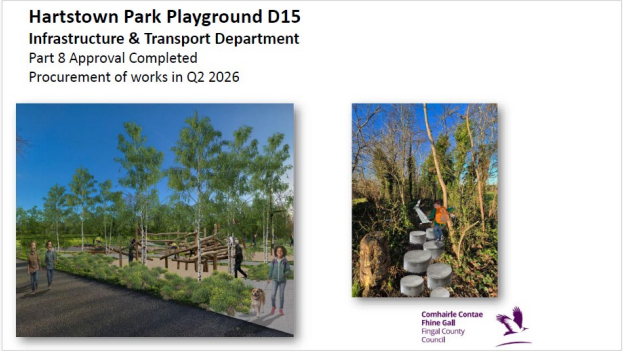
Corduff Park



Laurel Lodge Playground – Castleknock



Hartstown Park Playground D15



Hazelbury Park Playground D15



Portrane Play Space



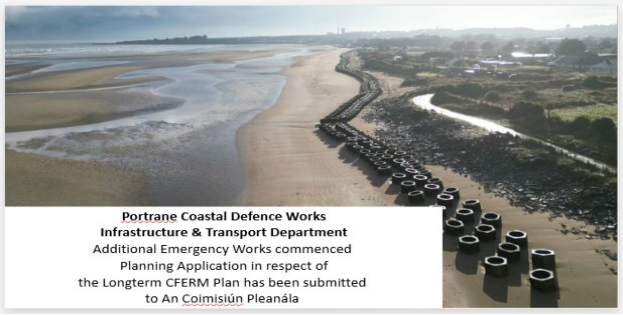
Loughshinny Play Space



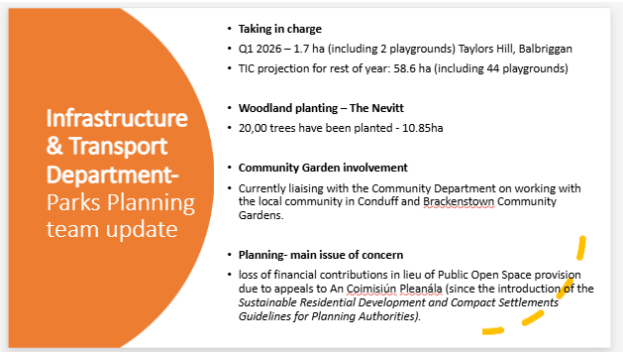
Newbridge Demesne – Glasshouse Restoration



Portrane Coastal Defence Works



Team Update



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Affordable Home Purchase Scheme & Cost Rental

A link to the Affordable Housing landing page can be found here.

Affordable & Cost Rental Developments in progress.

Affordable Development	Status	Sale Agreed
Baile na Móna, Swords	Assessment of Applications Ongoing	114/151 Homes Sale Agreed
Church Fields (Phase 2)	Assessment of Applications Ongoing	102/110 Homes Sale Agreed
Balmoston (Phase 2)	Assessment of Applications Ongoing	62/73 Homes Sale Agreed
Folkstown Park, Balbriggan	Assessment of Applications is on going	17/19 Homes Sale Agreed
Priory Fields, Hacketstown, Skerries	Assessment of Application is n going	36 Homes

Hampton Demesne

Fingal County Council in partnership with the Land Development Agency and Ballymore, is delighted to announce the delivery of 207 affordable homes of Hampton Demesne, Castlelands.

This exceptional development offers a fantastic standard of living, combining high-quality design with a prime location to create a truly great place to call home.

It is expected the first application portal will open in July 2026. Development details including house prices, locations, images and site maps will be published on www.fingal.ie/affordablehousing soon.

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 housing 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.

CALF Programme

There are currently 845 homes under construction across the County in partnership with Approved Housing Bodies.

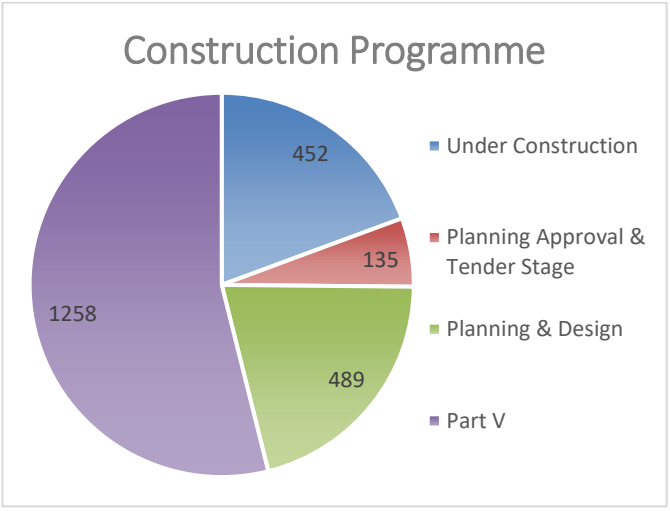
Kilmartin Town Centre, Dublin 15 - 120 Homes under construction in partnership with Tuath Housing through CALF delivery



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)

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 40 new social homes have been delivered, comprising of 8 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 Crowscastle Green, 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 well 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 well 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 phase of the mixed tenure scheme 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 and site visits 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 April 2026	
Painting Completions	222
Boiler Replacements	36
Heat / Smoke Detector replacement	64

Voids

Casual Voids April 29th 2026	
In lettings	49
Re-let works	50
Unavailable	15
Total	114

New to Stock 29th April 2026	
New to stock	180

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 **279** applications since the scheme commenced in 2022.

Croí Cónaithe Applications 2026	
Received	**22**
Approved	**23**
Paid	**23**

- Properties can now be rented privately under the expanded scheme.
- More information sessions will be provided to the public in 2026 advertising the scheme.

Vacant Above the Shop Grant

On the 1st April 2026, the Vacant Above the Shop Grant was announced. This grant supports the refurbishment or conversion of vacant accommodation above existing commercial premises to create new homes, while retaining the commercial use at ground floor level. The property must have been built before 2008, be in a city, town or village, and the upper floors must have been vacant for at least two years.

Grant funding of up to €95,000 is available for the first residential unit, with additional funding of up to €20,000 for a second unit and a further €20,000 where three or more units are created, subject to a maximum of €135,000 per building. Completed units may be used as a principal private residence or made available for rent.

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 April 2026	
Received to date	**189**
Paid to date	**157**
Open applications	**392**

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 **67 new HAP tenancies** in 2026 to date with approximately 4569 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

A new Differential Rent Scheme was implemented in April 2026. Significant engagement has taken place with Council tenants to communicate this change.

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 €970k** 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 since 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, 1,998 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

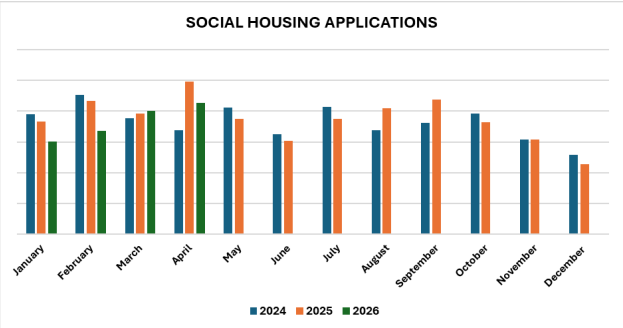
Housing Support

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.

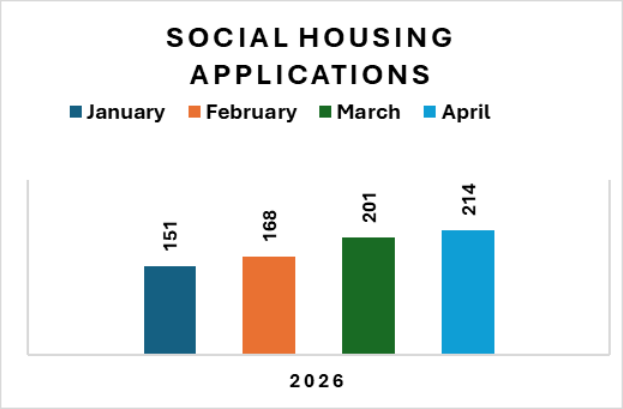
2025 Housing List Position are available on the Choice Based Lettings Portal. This is a static list position and will be issued and updated on CBL yearly. Further information can be sought via, choicebasedlettings@fingal.ie

Housing Support receive a large volume of Housing Applications, Medical Applications, Amendment requests and appeals.

Year on year comparison by month



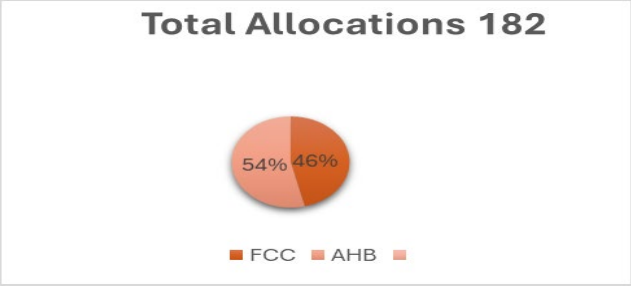
Applications received



Housing Support Appeals

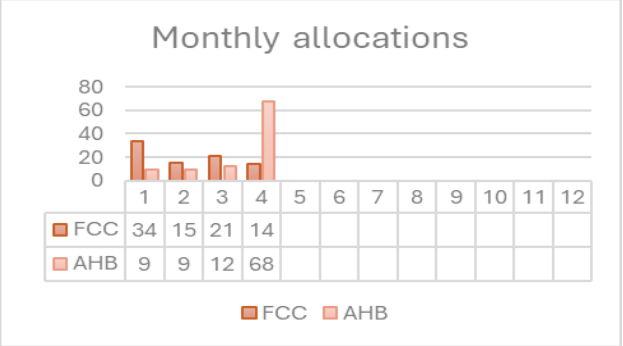
Applicants are reminded, that an appeal must be received within 28 days of a decision being communicated in writing to be eligible for review.

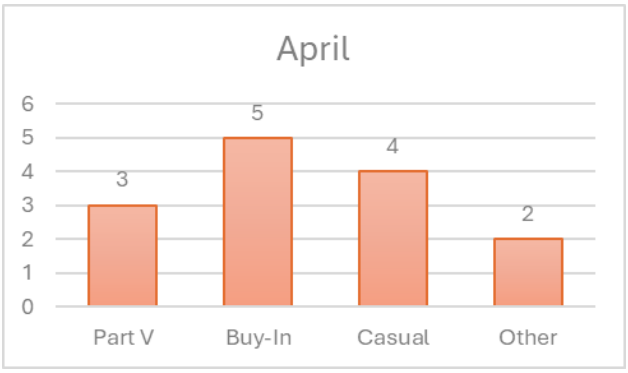
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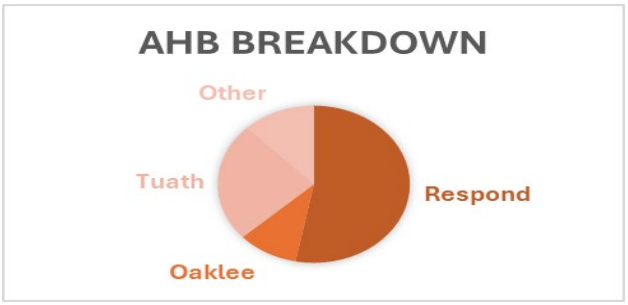
The above chart depicts the total number of properties allocated since the beginning of 2026.

The chart below shows the breakdown of allocations per month.





98 of the 184 allocations have been in collaboration with several Approved Housing Bodies. The other 84 properties were allocated using Fingal County Councils own stock.

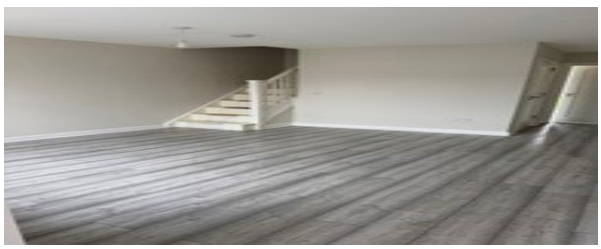


Respond have received the most nominations from Fingal County Council during the month of April.

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 April



Internal image of advertised property at Taylor Hill, Balbriggan, Co Dublin

Advertisement Period	Property	Bed	Type	Number of Views	Expressions of interest
1st – 7th April	Clonmethan Green, Oldtown, Co Dublin	3	House	1213	209
22nd – 28th April	Taylor Hill Park, Balbriggan, Co Dublin	2	House	1763	380
22nd – 28th April	Willan's Way, Ongar, Dublin 15	2	Apt	1311	339
22nd – 28th April	Wellview Park, Mulhuddart, Dublin 15	2	House	1578	339
			Total	5865	1267

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 April 2026, 46 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	6	7	2	15
Homeless Prevention	7	23	1	31
Total	13	30	3	46

There was a total of 31 homeless prevention cases and 15 who exited emergency accommodation comprising:

23 allocations of social housing support to homeless prevention cases and 7 exited emergency accommodation.

13 Homeless HAP tenancies, comprising 7 homeless preventions and 6 who exited emergency accommodation.

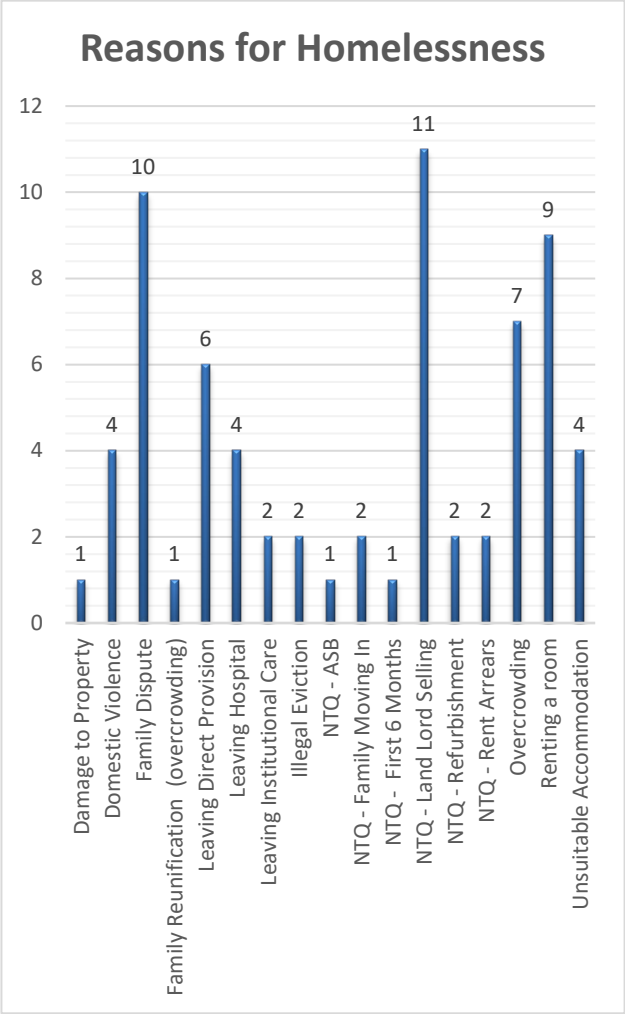
Homeless Assessments

Fingal's Homeless Team continues to engage with those experiencing homelessness to offer advice and support. Homeless Assessments continue to be carried out.

In April 2026, there were an approx. 69 full homeless assessments completed – comprising 39 families and 30 singles/couples.



During April 2026, of the 69 Homeless Assessments carried out, 28% of cases resulted from Notice to Termination (NOT) having been served, 14% cases resulted from family/relationship breakdown and 10% were from Overcrowding. Most of the other presentations to the Homeless Section are from Renting a room (13%) and were from leaving direct provision (9%). The remaining 26% 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 43 reported rough sleeping cases by 31/03/2026. 12 of the clients have taken up Emergency Accommodation (4 single males and 4 couples) and we continue to work with 5 others vacating the sites to move elsewhere.

There are 10 registered long term entrenched rough sleepers (1 couple, 2 females, and 6 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, 5 are 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 was €240,000 however the Department has increased this allocation to €320,000 in early April.



Delivery of a caravan at Sillogue

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 on site at unofficial halting site at Sillogue

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. ESB networks are updated immediately should suspected tampering be identified on 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	**4,660**
Tenancy Alerts Issued	**20**
Interviews Scheduled	**22**
Unauthorised Works Recorded	**34**
Permission For Work Requests	**61**
DPG Applications Received	**43**

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 continues to work on updating the Council's Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy and is working with the Council's IT Department to develop and implement new IT software.

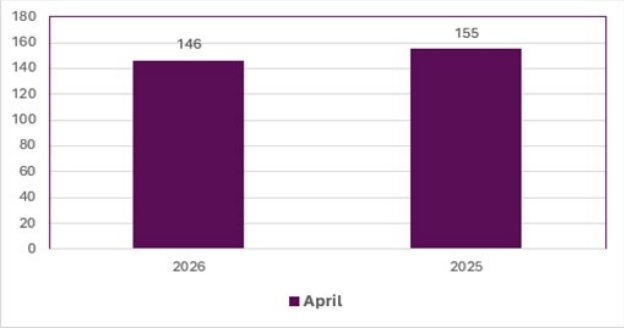
ASB Caseload Management

Complaints April 2026	Total	Active	Monitoring	Closed
Balbriggan	29	23	3	3
Rush / Lusk	35	16	7	12
Swords	13	8	1	4
Howth/ Malahide	26	5	13	8
Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart	35	11	10	14
Ongar	1	0	0	1
Castleknock	7	0	4	3
Total	**146**	**63**	**38**	**45**

Anti-Social Behaviour Interventions

Interviews Held 2026 to date	**60**
Interviews Held 2025	91
Tenancy Alerts 2026 to date	**25**
Tenancy Alerts 2025	32
Tenancy Warnings 2026 to date	**3**
Tenancy Warnings 2025	10

Comparison of Complaints received April 2026 vs April 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**
April	**5**
Total	**19**

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	**671**
Housing Inspections	
January	682
February	1091
March	1074
April	1156
May	
June	
July /Aug	
September	
October	
November	
December **Total Inspections**	

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Seatown Road Swords:

John Cradock Ltd. have progressed works associated with Phase 1, from the R132 heading eastwards. New footpaths have opened on the north side of Seatown Road with ducting and drainage works commencing on the southern side. An alternative pedestrian route has been established on Seatown Road. Two-way traffic is being maintained during peak traffic.



Junction of the R132 and Flemington Lane Balbriggan:

Traffic Signal Works at the junction have been completed and are now operational. Works on the footpaths and existing cycle track from Flemington Lane Junction back to Balbriggan will be ongoing during May 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. Donnelly Civil Engineering Ltd have now been awarded the contract for construction, and it is anticipated the works will commence on site in May 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 tender assessment for the appointment of a new design team for the Construction and Close-Out Stages (Phases 6 & 7) of the project is currently ongoing. Separately, Stage 2 of the Construction Tender Suitability Assessment Questionnaire process is due to commence shortly.

Balrothery Active Travel Project

The Balrothery Active Travel Plan was officially launched during April. The design team is presently working on the first project arising from the plan, which is currently at the preliminary design phase.



Seapark Hill Active Travel Project

Detailed design is now complete, and draft tender documents are expected from the contractor early in May. The tender documents are currently programmed to be issued in early June 2026.
Skerries Active Travel Plan.
The Skerries Active Travel Plan together with the consultation report was brought to the April ACM and noted by the councillors.
Priority schemes have been identified, and initial design and further data collection are underway.
Consultation with stakeholders will continue throughout.

Skerries Harbour Road & Red Island Loop:

Detail Design is ongoing together with the preparation of tender documents for the works contract, which is due to go to the market in Q2. Consultation with the local stakeholders will be facilitated in advance of the construction phases. It is anticipated to be on site with phase 1 works to the Red Island Loop and carpark areas by Q3 2026.

Newtown Bridge, Balheary Road:

Final snag items are scheduled to be addressed prior to official handover to FCC Operations Section.



Donabate Permeability - Phase 1

Works have been substantially completed in 2025, with some minor snagging works outstanding. These will be completed in Q2 2026, subject to dry weather conditions.

Recent site meetings were held with resident groups in the area to address any outstanding issues.

Road Safety:

Safe Routes to School Round 2

The Construction Tender for Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Round 2 is currently live on SupplyGov.ie, with a closing date of 30 April 2026. Evaluation of tenders will commence following the closing date, after which the project will progress to the next stage and works are expected in late June or early July.

Safe Routes to School Round 3

For Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Round 3, the outline delivery plan has been received from An Taisce. The Design Tender documentation is complete and approved, and the tender is now published on eTenders.gov.ie with a closing date at the end of April 2026, after which evaluation will commence.

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 published and can be found at the following location:
https://www.fingal.ie/activetravel/roadsafetyactionplan

Mobility & Behavioural Change

Swords Cycle to School

The Swords Cycle to School Scheme is a new initiative from Fingal County Councils Active Travel Unit. The aim of the Cycle to School Scheme is to break down barriers for cycling that may exist for teenagers attending the 5 Swords Secondary Schools. The Scheme is initially targeting Students who are living within 5km of their school, are being driven to school most days of the week and don't currently have access to their own bike. For more information email active.travel@fingal.ie



The Fingal Life Cycle Model

11 Learn 2 Cycle Courses started around the County during April, these are part of our new Life Cycle Model. By taking a "Life Cycle" approach, Fingal County Council's Learn 2 Cycle programs are designed to ensure that age or ability is never a barrier to mobility. From a child's first pedal to an older adult's return to the saddle, the initiative creates a seamless path of lifelong cycling.
Information on our cycling courses is available at https://www.fingal.ie/activetravel/mobility/learn2cycle



Swords Bike Library

The Active Travel Section are delighted to announce that the Bike Library initiative will be coming to Swords in June 2026.

Bike Libraries offer people a 3 month trial of an eBike, eCargo Bike or eLongtail Bike free of charge and give people a good indication of how an eBike could replace a private car.

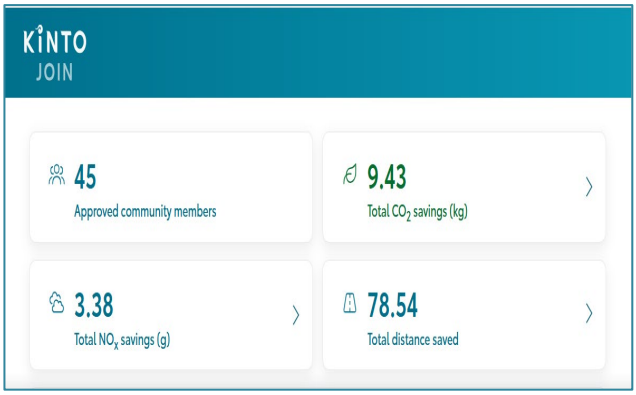
The signup link will be completed and sent to Councillors and advertised across Social Media from the first week of May 2026.



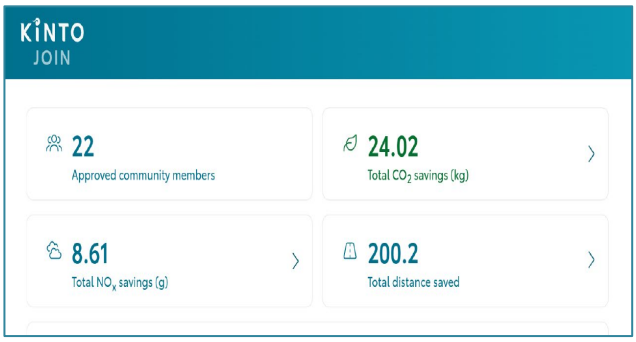
Kinto – Sustainable Transport App

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.

April 1st – 30th – County Hall



April 1st – 30th – Civic Offices



For information on how to sign up to the Kinto App, please contact active.travel@fingal.ie

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 Environment, Climate Action & Sport so there will be fun for the entire family.

The full Bike Week 2026 schedule will be available to view on www.fingal.ie/bikeweek



Skerries Community Car

In April the Community Car completed 189 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
April	189

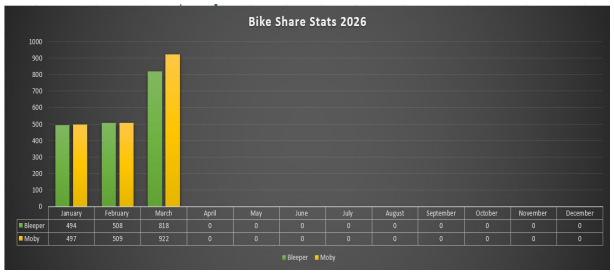
EVPZ

The EVPZ vehicles completed 48 journeys in April 2026, For more information on the EVPZ eHubs project, you can check out

https://esb.ie/what-we-do/esb-ehubs

Month	Trips	KM Travelled
January	44	3,168km
February	37	Not Available
March	16	Not Available
April	48	3,451km

Bike Share Schemes



Bike Share Monthly Stats 2026

Month	Moby	Bleeper	Total
Jan 26	497	494	991
Feb 26	509	508	1017
Mar 26	922	818	1740

Quiet Streets 2026

The Quiet Streets Applications closed to applicants on 27th April 2026. The Active Travel team will now begin the process of reviewing the applications and contacting the communities who submitted 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

Technical Information has been gathered including full evidence baseline for current emissions, gap to target prioritised actions identified and identification of Significant Energy Users. Identification of stakeholders has commenced.

E2CUTIES

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North-West Europe
E2-CUTIES

In April there was a series of workshops and a site visit in Copenhagen with our European Project Partners. The purpose of this visit was to share learnings about sustainable energy projects.



Home Energy Saving Kits

Feedback is now requested from HESK users (survey included on the inside of the kits available in Swords and Blanchardstown).



Community Climate Action Fingal Grant

Phase 2 (2025-2027) Community Climate Action Fingal is underway. The portfolio and necessary documentation was submitted to the Department for approval in February. It is expected that the Department will respond early May 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:

Relove Fashion Final

Young people from all over Ireland gathered at Dublin City University in April for the largest Relove Fashion Final in the competition's history, celebrating creativity, innovation and sustainability in fashion.

The finalists reimagined old clothes and other household fabrics, creating outfits from unwanted, and in many cases unexpected fabrics, including old umbrellas, pillowcases and shower curtains. The submitted outfits were required to be both washable and wearable, demonstrating not only creativity but also practicality and durability. Well done to the Fingal finalists: Alice Gallagher representing Ardgillan College and Harafat Abimbola & Maryam Nour representing Le Cheile Secondary School.





Estuary Recycling Centre Waste Prevention and Circular Economy Tour

There were 2 visits to the Estuary Recycling Centre by students from the in-house Transition Year Programme and students from Malahide Portmarnock ETSS. During their visit, they attended a talk on waste prevention and the circular economy model, followed by a guided tour of the facility. These sessions aim to highlight the role individuals can play in reducing waste and supporting a circular economy.

One Small Action for Nature – Fingal Schools Challenge

The Environmental Awareness Officer held the 'One Small Action for Nature – Fingal Schools Challenge' in April. To take part, schools were asked to complete one simple action for nature, submit one photo, and write one sentence describing what their class did to help nature. Winning classes will receive a Bosca Dúlra Nature Box, each packed with biodiversity games, activities and resources for pupils, with winners being announced on 6th May.

Tennant Induction Presentations

The Environmental Awareness Officer presented at two tenant inductions, offering guidance on best practices for domestic waste management. Kitchen caddies were distributed to support food waste segregation.

Social Media Campaign - Post Consumer Textiles & Don't Waste a Day

My Waste has launched a new textile campaign asking citizens to ensure items such as clothing, paired footwear, and household textiles are clean, dry, folded, and neatly bagged before placing them in clothing banks, bringing them to your local civic amenity site, or donating them to charity shops. This campaign was promoted throughout April along with ERP's 'Don't Waste A Day' campaign focusing on a variety of electrical waste items from gardening and household items to batteries and correct vape disposal.

Litter Management

In April the Litter Wardens continued investigating large amounts of littering and dumping throughout the county along with daily inspections of the bring banks in the Fingal area. Any evidence that is found is dealt with under the Litter Pollution Act.

Three recently appointed litter wardens are currently receiving relevant training and will be scheduled on the new 7-day service committed to in the Litter Management Plan 2025 - 2028



• 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
April	13	5

There were 7 cases before the district court in April 2026.

Litter Management Requests for April 2026

Type of Requests:	Number
General Litter issue	1
Abandoned cars	7
Litter on open space	1
Black spot inspection	601
Bring Bank inspections	369
Muck on road	2
Report of dumping 1-20 bags	27
Report of dumping from a car	5
Unauthorised Signage	7
Report of litter issue	20
Total cases	**1040**

Our Litter Awareness Campaign continues to address ongoing issues such as illegal dumping/fly-tipping, dog fouling, unauthorised signage, cigarette butts/disposable vapes, muck on the road etc.

Various posters 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 has been designed and will be ready for distribution in the coming weeks.





Abandoned Vehicles

A total of 209 reports of abandoned cars were received from 1st January to 28th of April 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

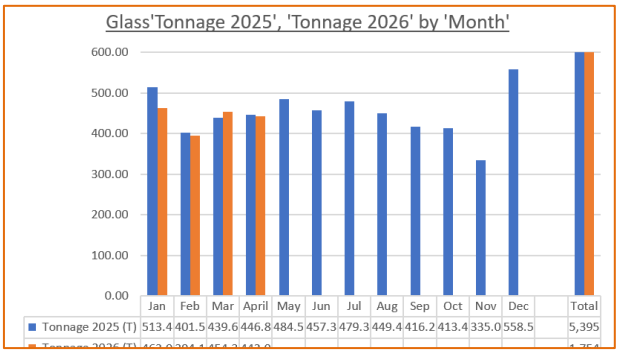
- **Vehicle Registration**
- **Colour / Make / Model**
- **Exact Location**
- **Period of time that vehicle has not been moved**
- **Name and Contact Number of person reporting the vehicle**

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	4	3	0	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
	13	23	1	4

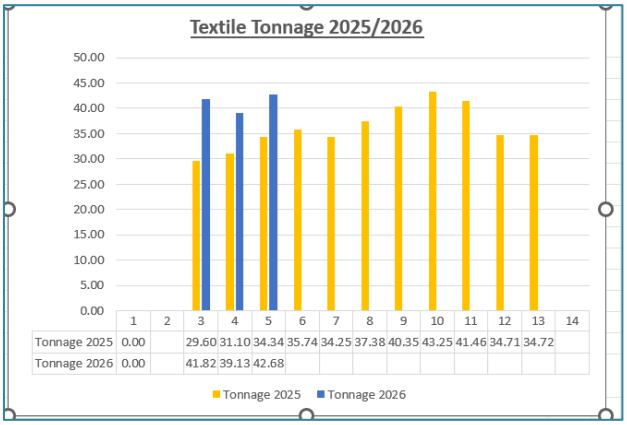
Bring Banks & Bottle Banks

Glass volumes collected to date in April 2026 were **443 (T).** This compares with a collection figure of 447 (T) for all of April 2025.



Textiles Banks

Textiles collected in **March 2026** were **43 (T**). This compares with a collection figure of 34 (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.

There were 142 x 10 Day Notices and 9 Fines issued by the dog wardens to the 28th of April 2026.

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	142	85	9	11	€5,452	€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	482	1268	50	257	€19,996	€29,949.50

The Control of Dogs Section received 36 complaints relating to dogs from 1st of April 2026 to the 29th of April 2026.

Service	No of complaints per service from 1st of April 2026 to 29th of April 2026
Env - Dog Fine Appeal	1
Env - Dog on Dog Attack	3
Env - Dog on Person Attack	4
Env – Dog warden assistance, garda request	3
Env - Restricted Breed Dog	6
Env - Surrendered Dog	1
Dog Warden Incident	
Env- Stray Dog	11
Issue with Dog	7
Grand Total	**36**

There were 16 cases before the District/Circuit Court in April 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	855	835	62	61	€25,780	€25,240
April	746	839	48	46	€21,640	€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	3,196	9602	201	646	€92,060	€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 April 2025	19	Dogs in Shelter at start of April 2026	15
Stray/Seized dogs brought to Shelter	13	Stray/Seized dogs brought to Shelter	6
Surrendered by owners	2	Surrendered by owners	0
Reclaimed	0	Reclaimed	0
Rehomed to Rescue	10	Rehomed to Rescue	10
Rehomed to Public	2	Rehomed to Public	2
PTS	2	PTS	1
Dogs in Shelter at the end of April 2025	**20**	**Dogs in shelter at 29th April 2026**	**8**

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.

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.

Water Quality

Three Section 4 Licences (discharge to waters licensed under the Water Pollution Act) have been received in the past 2 months, which is quite unusual. These are being processed, applications can be viewed in the Council offices and observations made to the Council prior to a determination.

Waste Enforcement & Regulations

Complaints

30 waste complaints were recorded in April, and 14 investigated with 23 resolved including cases from previous months. The table below shows the types of complaints investigated in April.

Types of Complaints	Apr-26
Fly Tipping/Illegal Dumping	2
Unauthorised Tyre Dumps	1
Unauthorised Waste Collectors	1
HH Waste - Backyard Storage/Burning	6
Waste Presentation Bye-Laws	7
Total	17

The below table shows the number of year-to-date complaints recorded from the period January to April 2026 compared to previous years.

Year	April
2022	71
2023	84
2024	87
2025	122
2026	118

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.



Following warning letters sent to households that either did not respond to the project or failed to provide proof of compliance, 300+ Fixed Payment Notices of €75 have been issued.

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 has been 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 was developed and associated mapping was used 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/

Producer Responsibility Initiatives

Packaging



The European Union (Packaging) Regulations 2014-2022, place specific obligations on producers that place packaging material, packaging, or packaged products on the Irish Market.

All producers have an obligation to ensure that packaging waste arising on their premises (including back door waste) is managed appropriately.

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The Regulations place additional obligations on Major Producers who annually place more than 10 tonnes of packaging on the Irish market and have an annual turnover of more than 1 million euro. Major Producers are required to join the approved body (REPAK).

The Waste Enforcement Regional Local Authority (WERLA) for the Eastern Region have provided a list of 9 Suspected Major Producers, targeted inspections of these producers are planned in the next quarter.

A list of current REPAK members can be found at https://repak.ie/members/list/.

Deposit Return Scheme



Ireland's Deposit Return Scheme (DRS), operated by Re-turn, is a circular economy initiative which was launched on February 1, 2024, to increase recycling rates for plastic bottles and aluminium cans to over 90%.

The initiative aims to address the environmental challenges posed by single-use bottles & containers. It is estimated that 1.9 billion drinks bottles and cans are consumed each year in Ireland, in-house and 'on the go'. The Deposit Return Scheme aims to boost the recycling rate for these drinks containers by charging a small, refundable deposit for each plastic bottle or can. The Scheme includes PET plastic bottles and aluminium and steel cans between 150ml and 3 litres. A deposit of 15c will apply to containers 500mls or less and a deposit of 25c for each container above 500ml. The Separate Return Scheme (Deposit Return Scheme) Regulations 2024 provides a regulatory framework for the responsible recycling of in-scope bottles and containers.



Monitoring compliance with the Separate Collection (Deposit Return Scheme) Regulations 2024, is an enforcement responsibility of the Local Authority Sector. All producers, retailers and distributors who place in- scope products on the market must register with the Deposit Return Scheme to fulfil their legislative and environmental responsibilities.

The WERLA and Re-Turn have provided a list of 13 non-compliant retailers for targeted inspections. To date in 2026, 6 retailers have been inspected, with follow-up letters issued to retailers outlining the non-compliances identified. Two have confirmed that they have now registered with the scheme. Further targeted inspections are planned in the next quarter.

Tyres - Compliance and Enforcement

Tyres remain a priority waste stream due to their environmental impact and the need for proper end-of-life management. Under the Waste Management (Tyres and Waste Tyres) Regulations 2017, all operators placing tyres on the market must be registered with an approved compliance scheme (Circol ELT), with clear requirements around storage, collection by authorised contractors, and record keeping.

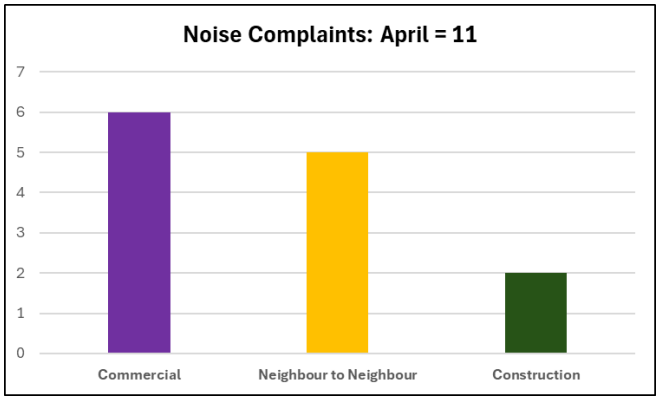
Compliance in practice focuses on ensuring that waste tyres are stored safely on-site, transferred through authorised collectors, and that full traceability can be demonstrated.

Targeted inspection activity is planned in the Balbriggan and Blanchardstown areas in the next quarter. These inspections will focus on tyre retailers and garages, with the aim of enforcing compliance scheme membership, storage conditions, and obtaining evidence of authorised collection.

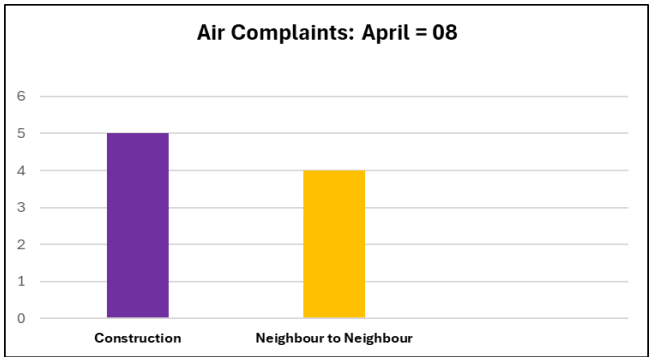
Air Quality & Noise Pollution

Complaints

A total of **13 noise complaints** were received and investigated during April. Complaints were received regarding neighbour-to-neighbour noise, construction noise, and noise associated with commercial activities.



A total of **09 air complaints** were received and investigated during April and these included complaints regarding neighbour-to-neighbour, air pollution issues and complaints about emissions from construction sites.



Air & Noise Planning Files

The Air and Noise Section have reviewed **13 Planning Applications** referred by the Planning Department during April. 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 **08 Planning Compliance Submissions** has been reviewed for compliance with air and noise related planning conditions for April. 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 is continually gathering information on active construction sites with the intention to carry out unannounced on-site inspections throughout the year. These inspections will help ensure that all relevant air and noise planning conditions are being adhered to and environment management measures are implemented during the construction phase.

Solid Fuel Regulations – Retailer Inspections

The team has completed its solid fuel retailer inspections for Q1 2026. Eleven inspections were carried out on solid fuel retailers in Q1, 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 consolidated inspection data relating to identified non-compliances and raised these issues directly with the responsible solid fuel producers. 18 no. Solid fuel producers were contacted via post and/or email. None of the contacted are located in Fingal but are spread throughout the Republic of Ireland, Northern Ireland and mainland Europe. Any feedback received from producers to date has been generally positive, explaining the reason for the non-compliance and remedial actions taken or to be taken. In addition, these non-compliances will be highlighted to the Local Authorities within the functional areas where the producers operate.

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 April 2026, there are 21 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.

Four inspections have been conducted as part of our 2026 inspection programme to date. The regulations did not apply to these four premises.



Ambient Air Quality

The Air and Noise team carried out visual checks of two ambient air quality monitors located in the Fingal area. Data from these monitors is communicated to the EPA to support national air quality monitoring, air quality modelling and highlight potential air quality issues.



SPORTS FITMAN – Programme for Older males

A 6-Week Fitness Program for Men Aged 40

FITMAN Balbriggan commenced in April 2026 in partnership with Starboii Gym, a local specialised gym based at Glebe North Football Club, Balbriggan. The programme is designed specifically for men aged 40 and over and focuses on building strength, confidence and sustainable fitness in a safe, supportive and beginner-friendly environment. This programme is following on from a very successful programme in Swords.

Starboii Gym delivers training in small group settings to ensure individual attention and tailored support. A total of ten participants enrolled in the six-week programme, which consists of two training sessions per week.

All participants completed a full body composition analysis at the start of the programme and were provided with access to a fitness tracking app. This app enables participants to monitor their progress throughout the six-week period and to book into scheduled training sessions.



Hockey Taster for adults with disabilities

Skerries Hockey Club, in conjunction with Fingal Sports Office and Hockey Ireland, held a free Hockey-For-All taster session on the Skerries astro. This event saw a mix of current players and some new faces from local services come down to have loads of fun trying out new skills and drills and making new friends. Although this was a one-off session, Skerries Hockey Club would like to welcome anyone interested in joining their H4A group, where they can take part in more frequent training sessions and even some matches.

Night Hoops Basketball Programme

The Night Hoops teenage basketball programme has successfully launched in Tyrrelstown and Meakstown, providing a targeted evening sports opportunity for young people in the area. The launch night attracted over 40 teenagers, demonstrating strong demand and early engagement from the local community. The programme aims to provide a safe, structured, and positive environment for young people during evening hours, while promoting physical activity, social inclusion, and community cohesion. Feedback from participants and partners has been positive, and attendance levels suggest strong potential for sustained participation as the programme develops.



Believe Balbriggan ExPO

Fingal Sports Office was represented among the many stands and exhibits at the BELIEVE Balbriggan Expo, which took place in Flemington Community Centre on 11th April 2026. BELIEVE Balbriggan is a community-led initiative that celebrates the town's people, rich local talent, and cultural diversity.

Participation in the Expo provided Fingal Sports Office with a valuable opportunity to promote its work and to engage directly with the Balbriggan community. Through exhibiting at the event, the Sports Office was able to highlight the range of services, programmes, opportunities, and supports available to local residents. As part of the engagement on the day, registrations were facilitated for new Balbriggan-based Fingal on the Move programmes, and several sign-ups were also received for the new Balbriggan FITMAN programme, demonstrating strong local interest in accessible physical activity initiatives.



Give The Gym A Go

An 8-Week Fitness Program for Older Adults

The first 'Give The Gym A Go' pilot project reached completion on April 17th.

It was delivered in the Donabate Portrane Community Centre gym and focused 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 completed this programme, with 100% of participants joining the gym as a result of the programme. The Fingal Sports Office will look at introducing this programme to other areas of Fingal.



ARCHITECTS DEPARTMENT

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Post-Occupancy Evaluation of Retrofitted Social Housing

The Architects department are undertaking a Post Occupancy Evaluation project of retrofitted social housing. The purpose of this project is to measure the energy performance of 3 dwellings over a 12-month period, after initial occupancy, and to provide a list of recommendations to the social housing tenants for reducing energy consumption based on their actual consumption. The project will be the first of its kind for the FCC Architects and Housing Departments, combining Quantitative and Qualitative Data by integrating smart meter readings and indoor air quality monitoring with tenant feedback surveys to provide a holistic view of building performance and the occupant experience. It will establish an innovative feedback loop comparing the predicted assessment (based on DEAP/ BER) and actual performance, informing future retrofit strategies and improving the tenant experience.

Pilot Project - 30-32 North Street, Swords

A pilot project for the post occupancy evaluation (POE) of 3 No. dwellings within a social housing development of 13 homes at 30-32 North St., currently under construction. The housing development comprises renovating two, existing vacant, 19th-century dwellings and adding a rear extension to regenerate a prominent brownfield site in Swords town. The two vacant dwellings are undergoing a full thermal retrofit and are being converted into 3 homes, which will be the subject of this post occupancy evaluation.

Expected Outputs

By combining real-world data with occupant experience, the findings will directly support FCC's Climate Action Plan 2024 under the headings of '*Energy & Buildings*' and '*Community Engagement*', enabling smarter, more sustainable housing interventions.

The outputs will include:

•**Quantitative Data**: Energy consumption from smart meter readings, indoor air quality monitors (temperature, humidity, CO_2 levels) and radon monitors collected over 12 months.

•**Qualitative Insights:** Tenant feedback on thermal comfort, energy costs, lighting, heating and hot water systems and ease of usability through structured surveys.

•**Performance Gap Analysis**: A comparison of predicted energy performance (DEAP/BER assessments) versus actual in-use performance, identifying areas for improvement.

•**Actionable Recommendations**: Under *Climate Action C9 pg98* of the action plan, the project will Increase Energy Awareness by providing practical guidance for tenants to reduce energy consumption. Under *Climate Action C23 Pg99*, information gathered, will provide an opportunity to embed climate awareness and enhance future project delivery.

Project Timeline

30-32 North Street is due for completion Q1 2027. Smart meters, radon and indoor air quality monitors will be installed prior to handover. The project aspects will be discussed with tenants at allocation and induction stage. Monitoring will commence once the homes are occupied. Data Collection will take 12 months. An occupant survey will be provided for the tenants to fill in at the end of this period. Findings will be collated in a report, and recommendations will be issued to tenants on completion.

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Rates

Commercial Rates collection to the end of March Commercial Rates collection to the end of April 2026 is 55.4%.

Rates Collection	
Rates collected €m	€98.3 *m*
Rates collected %	55.4%

Development Levy Income

Development levy income collected to the end of April is €17.5 million.

Development Levy Income YTD Apr 2026	
Levies Receipted	€17.5 m
Levies Collected as a % of 2025	20%

Payroll

Overall payroll spend to the end of April was €30.8m which is c. 102**%** of budget.

Payroll	
Salaries & Wages €m	€31.724m
Percentage of budget.	101%

Procurement

Outlined below is a summary of the overall Outlined below is a summary of the overall procurement activity at end of April

No. of contracts awarded (details below) for year to date	75	
Value €m	€39m	
Procurements ongoing at end of April		
No. of procurements awaiting tender responses	19	(i)
Value €m	€211m	
No. of procurements under evaluation	40	(ii)
Value €m	€138m	
No. of procurements at approved	23	(iii)
Value €m	€20m	

Notes:
(i) Procurements awaiting tender responses – tender responses awaited at end of April.
(ii) Procurements under evaluation – tender responses submitted and being evaluated at end of the April.
(iii) Procurements at approved – Tender responses have been evaluated and approved. Pre- contract award processes ongoing at end of April.

Appendix 1

Revenue Account Income and Expenditure at 28/02/2026

REVENUE ACCOUNT INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION AT 30 APRIL 2026

	EXPENDITURE			INCOME			NET
	Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent to date	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised	€
Housing & Building	44,532,757	146,350,700	30%	45,247,505	153,470,900	29%	-714,748
Road Transport & Safety	11,673,198	38,862,000	30%	3,103,320	10,906,700	28%	8,569,878
Water Services	2,710,495	9,382,300	29%	3,342,184	10,034,000	33%	-631,689
Development Management	8,084,170	27,038,500	30%	2,618,268	10,387,900	25%	5,465,902
Environmental Services	17,055,704	52,919,900	32%	2,959,285	9,825,900	30%	14,096,420
Recreation & Amenity	21,514,760	68,414,200	31%	2,032,286	6,291,100	32%	19,482,474
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	522,183	1,844,900	28%	130,578	490,200	27%	391,605
Miscellaneous Services	6,513,349	22,106,400	29%	9,031,975	29,603,200	31%	-2,518,626
Central Management Charge	19,604,414	66,434,500	30%	1,190,348	4,222,000	28%	18,414,066
Local Property Tax / GPG				7,452,053	22,356,100	33%	-7,452,053
Rates				58,588,467	175,765,400	33%	-58,588,467
	132,211,029	**433,353,400**	**31%**	**135,696,267**	**433,353,400**	**31%**	**-3,485,238**

Appendix 1 continued

Capital Account Income and Expenditure at 28/02/2026

CAPITAL ACCOUNT INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 30/04/2026					
		Balance at 0/01/2026 €	Expenditure YTD €	Income YTD €	Balance at 30/04/2026 €
A	Housing & Building	-17,629,903	62,061,108	-67,539,461	-23,108,256
B	Road Transport & Safety	7,427,965	4,535,744	-937,223	11,026,486
C	Water Services	-11,303,514	960,319	-201,060	-10,544,255
D	Development Management	-190,158,270	7,666,014	-22,456,866	-204,949,122
E	Environmental Services	-12,190,128	2,804,334	-283,333	-9,669,127
F	Recreation & Amenity	-1,135,457	6,867,101	-3,973,138	1,758,506
H	Miscellaneous Services	-44,325,231	876,823	-4,282,807	-47,731,215
	Total	**-269,314,538**	**85,771,443**	**-99,673,888**	**-283,216,983**

Appendix 2
Number of Contracts Awarded to the end of February 2026

Description of Procurement	Supplier Name	Legal Address	Contract Value (excl. VAT)	Contract Start Date	Contract End Date	Actual Duration (months)	Contract Award Date
Road Reinstatement post Stormwater Pipeline works - Tucketts Lane, Howth, Co Dublin	Paving & Road Surfacing Ltd	Westwinds, Windmill Hill, Rathcoole, Dublin 24	€59,165	05/05/2026	26/05/2026	1	27/04/2026
Footpath Improvement Works (Concrete) Elmwood Mulhuddart	Citius Ltd	Club Road, Ballymount, Dublin 22	€25,900	13/04/2026	14/08/2026	4	09/04/2026
The supply and installation of protective netting at Corballis Golf Club.	Sportsworld Netting Ltd	Aughrim, Scariff, Co Clare	€26,900	05/11/2025	05/02/2026	3	20/03/2026
Supply of Bitumen Emulsion 2026 for the Fingal Operations Dept, Fingal County Council	Irish Tar	Alexander Raod, Dublin 11	€92,960	01/04/2026	31/12/2026	9	25/02/2026
Road Resurfacing of Airside Link Road	DM Morris Ltd	13 Parklands Office Park, Southern Cross Road, Bray, Co. Wicklow	€149,490	27/04/2026	26/06/2026	2.5	13/04/2026
POW Brackenstown Ave, Resurfacing Works	John McQuillan (Contracts) Ltd	11 Ballinderry Road, Lisburn	€93,740	10/08/2026	30/11/2026	15 weeks	25/03/2026
Security Services for Fingal County Council	Bidvest Noonan (ROI) Ltd	Hilton House, Unit 3 Swords Business Park, Swords, CO Dublin X67 X971	€1,289,943	05/05/2026	04/05/2028	24	27/02/2026
Phase 2 works to upper courtyard at St.Catherines Park, Lucan for Fingal County Council	Dunwoody & Dobson Ltd	Grattan Street, Dublin 2	€374,183	18/05/2026	16/11/2026	6	21/04/2026
Development Works at Ballymastone Recreational Hub & Main Ancillary Infrastructure - Phase 2 & 3	Kilwex Limited	Pacelli House, Naas, Co Kildare	€8,983,980	07/03/2026	17/09/2027	18	20/01/2026
Surface Restoration Mulhuddart Village Junction	Siac Bituminous Products Ltd	Monastery Road, Clondalkin, Co. Dublin	€95,125	16/04/2026	14/08/2026	4	14/04/2026

Turvey Avenue, Donabate, three locations, Road Overlay/ Inlay & Ancillaries	D.M Morris Limited	13 Parklands Office Park, Southern Cross Road, Bray, Co. Wicklow	€277,061	20/04/2026	26/06/2026	9 weeks	13/04/2026
Resurfacing of Howth Summit Carpark	Postmount Buildings Ltd, t/a Jim Hayes Civil Engineering	Ballymore, Rathoath, Co Meath	€72,289	20/04/2026	04/05/2026	2 weeks	20/04/2026
Engineering Consultancy Services for overflow car park in Porterstown park, Carpenterstown, Dublin 15 for Fingal County Council.	Design ID Consulting Ltd	The Academy, 42 Pearse Street, Dublin	€26,282	27/04/2026	30/09/2026	5	21/04/2026
Hire of 4 No. 18T GVW tipper truck with Crane and Clam Shell Bucket, & Hire of 1 No. 8 X 4 Tipper Body Rigid Lorry with Crane and Clam Shell Bucket (32T) (36 Month Contract	Thomas Brennan & Sons Ltd	Ticknock Road, Sandyford, Dublin 18	€556,000	01/06/2026	01/06/2029	36	17/04/2026
Engineering Consultancy Services for Donabate Transport Projects, comprising: A. Donabate Distributor Road Phase 2 (Project Phases 3 to 5); B. Blakes Cross Junction Upgrade (Project Phases 3 to 5) C. EIA & AA Screening for DDR2 and Blakes Cross, and; D. Additional and Expanded Donabate Active Travel Routes	Roughan & O'Donovan	Arena House, Arena Road, Sandyford, Dublin 18	€2,407,418	19/02/2026	19/04/2029	38	19/02/2026
Weekly bin collections for all Halting Sites in the Fingal area, Ad Hoc skip collections for traveller specific sites.	Starrus Eco Holdings, t/a Panda Waste Management Solutions Ltd	Ballymount Road Upper, Ballymount, Dublin 12	€50,000	01/01/2026	31/08/2026	8	01/01/2026
Provision of Hire, Servicing and Disposal of waste for portable toilet units for use at Traveller Specific Accommodation	Norspace Ltd	Unit 17, 1st Avenue, Cookstown Industrial Estate, Tallaght Dublin 24	€35,000	01/02/2026	31/08/2026	7	01/02/2026
Hire of 4 No. 18T GVW Tipper Truck with Crane and Clam Shell Bucket, and Hire of 1 No. 8 X 4 Tipper Body Rigid Lorry with Crane And Clam Shell Bucket (32T)	Thomas Brennan & Sons Ltd	Ticknock Road, Sandyford, Dublin 18	€51,370	16/04/2026	30/06/2026	2	19/03/2026

Hire of 2500M2 of car park matting for use in temporary car park at Porterstown Park D15	Invictus Management & Consultancy Ltd	Enterprise House, New Market Street, Fermoy, Co Cork	€32,500	07/04/2026	01/06/2026	2.5	08/04/2026
Site investigations Racecourse Park	IGSL Ltd	Unit F, M7 Business Park, Naas, Co. Kildare	€61,000	20/04/2026	21/08/2026	4	01/04/2026
Consultancy services for the management and preparation of applications on behalf of Fingal County Council for the Housing Infrastructure Investment fund (HIIF) – Call 1	KSN Project Management Ltd	Beech House, Beech Hill Office Campus, Beech Hill Road , Dublin 4	€36,800	21/01/2026	27/02/2026	2	08/04/2026
Implementation of Emergency Coastal Protection Measures at the Burrow, Portrane	Larry Kiernan Plant Hire Ltd	Ring Commons, Balbriggan, Co Dublin	€620,225	20/04/2026	29/06/2026	3	09/04/2026
Technical Advisory Services for the delivery of Church Fields Phase 4	KSN Project Management Ltd	Beech House, Beech Hill Office Campus, Beech Hill Road , Dublin 4	€879,750	01/04/2026	04/09/2026	18	01/04/2026
R127 Lusk to Skerries (Ardla) Resurfacing	Breedon Surfacing Solutions Ireland Limited	Rosemount Business Park, Ballycoolin Road, Dublin 11	€974,427	05/05/2026	12/06/2026	1	08/04/2026
The supply of 19 units of aluminium powder coated planters and spray paint in the matching RAL colour.	Fabworx Ltd	Clonard, Ballymahon, Co Longford	€29,084	24/03/2026	01/05/2026	2	26/03/2026
Provision of Employer's Representative/Project Management/Client Representative Services for Design & Build and Mixed Tenure Housing Delivery for two projects	KSN Project Management Ltd	Beech House, Beech Hill Office Campus, Beech Hill Road , Dublin 4	€258,200	09/02/2026	08/02/2030	42	04/02/2026
Provision of Record Management Services (interim contract)	Kefron Ltd	53 Park West Road, Dublin 12	€30,025	07/04/2026	24/07/2026	6	07/04/2026
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 Abbottstown 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, Hillsborough, 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 Advise 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	€244,770	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 Renovation 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	€619,106	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	Q1 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	Consultants to be appointed.	Q4 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	Consultants to be appointed.	Q4 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
Howth/Malahide	FCC	Social	Fingerpost, Malahide https://maps.app.goo.gl/zfhguqQj7vYYRJB99	4 Social: 4 x 2-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)
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
Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart/ Castleknock/ Ongar	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Church Fields Phase 4	134 Social 87 Affordable	Pre-Planning	TBC	TBC

*The above-estimated timelines are indicative and subject to a successful planning and procurement process.

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CALF Delivery in partnership with Fingal County Council

Area Committee	AHB	Funding Stream	Scheme Name	No. of Units	Projected Substantial Completion*
Balbriggan / Rush-Lusk Swords	Tuath	CALF	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

*The above-estimated timelines are indicative and subject to change

Appendix 3 - continued

Affordable & Cost Rental Delivery

Development	Status	Affordable Homes
Balleally Rise	Closed	20 Homes Sold
Kilmartin Grove	Closed	36 Homes Sold
North County Homes	Closed	16 Homes Sold
Balmoston (Phase 1)	Closed	86 Homes Sold
Wilkinsons Brook	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

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

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COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
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COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 11TH MAY 2026

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CONFERENCE REPORT

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Association of Irish Regions
Annual Training Seminar 2026

Regions Looking Forward to the Coming Decade

Cumann Réigiún na hÉireann
Association of Irish Regions

Dates: 25th and 26th February 2026 **Inishowen Gateway Hotel, Buncrana, Co. Donegal**

Wednesday: Day 01 of Conference – Followed by Dinner at Inishowen Gateway Hotel,
Keynote Speaker (Jim McGuinness, Manager Donegal GAA Senior Footballers)
Thursday: Day 02 of Conference & Field Trip

MC: Ciara Doherty – Newstalk

Day 1 Agenda – Wednesday 25th January 2026

08.15 – 09:00	**Registration**
09:15 – 10:00	**Seminar Opening:** • **Opening – Minister TBC** • **Cllr. Niall 'Botty' O'Callaghan, Chair, Association of Irish Regions** • **Conall McGettigan, Director of NWRA**
10.00 – 12:00	**SESSION 1: Regional Governance in Ireland / Comparison and Analysis** **Speakers & Panellists:** • **Liam Conneally, Chief Executive Designate of the NWRA & CE of Galway County Council, Context, Outline on the evolving relationship of Local / Regional / National Government** **Tea & Coffee Break** • **Jose Sicre – Region of Asturias, Regional Governance Structure & delivery in Spain** • **Miquel Vidalbover, Policy Analyst at the OECD Towards Better Regional Governance in Ireland – International perspectives** **Panel Discussion / Q&A**
12:05 – 13:00	**SESSION 2: Regional Attractiveness – The National Development Plan** **Speakers & Panellists:** • **John Daly – The overall Policy Context for enhanced Regional Development, including the Revision of the National Development Plan, and the Accelerating Infrastructure Taskforce** • **Geraldine Fitzpatrick, Tii - Focus on future development of Regional Transport Projects** • **Sinead Dooley - EirGrid Update & Outline of National Grid upgrades, implications for the Regions** • **Michelle Conaghan, NW Regional Manager, IDA** **Panel Discussion / Q&A**
13:10 – 14:30	**Lunch**

14:30 – 16:30 15:00-15:15	**SESSION 3: The Future of Cohesion Policy & EU Policy:** **Speakers & Panellists:** • **Teresa Lennon, Irish Regions Office, Brussels, the future of Cohesion Policy, and shifting EU Policy direction** • **Catriona Strain, General Manager, ERNCT** **Tea & Coffee Break** • **Carlos Mendez – IQ Network – Performance review on Cohesion Policy** • **David Kelly – Director, SRA, Future of Cohesion and ERDF for the Irish Regions** **Panel Discussion Q&A**
19:00	**Dinner and keynote address by Jim McGuinness**

Day 2 Agenda – Thursday 26th February 2026

09:15 – 10:30	**SESSION 4: Planning for the Review of the RSES: Further detail to be worked up this week in terms of pitch:** **Speakers & Panellists:** • **Claragh Mulhern, Principal Planning Officer, Dept. Housing, Heritage & Local Government – How can the Planning System allow our Regions to be competitive in a Global Economy** • **Kevin Lynch, Senior Planner, SRA – Delivering the Key elements of National Planning Framework through the RSES Review** • **Dr. Aoife Doyle, KPMG - The Evolution of Strategic Spatial Planning in Ireland: The Legacy and Relevance of the European Spatial Development Perspective (ESDP) and the Territorial Agenda of the European Union** **Panel Discussion – Q&A** **Closing Remarks, Conall McGettigan, Director, NWRA**
10:35 – 12:45	**SESSION 5: Field Trip – Fort Dunree – Regional Tourism Infrastructure (Failte Ireland & Donegal County Council), Transport will be provided** **Tour of Fort Dunree – presentation from** • **John McCarter, current Donegal person of the year, and Board Member at Fort Dunree** • **Joan Crawford, Wild Atlantic Way Donegal Manager, Fáilte Ireland**
12:45 – 14:00	**Return to Inishowen Gateway Hotel** **Lunch & End of Conference**

Natasha Kinnane <n.kinnane@ailg.ie>

Dear Meeting Administrator/Corporate Services staff member,

I wish to inform you that AILG will be hosting its first national meet up of the Women's Regional Caucus Network which is open to all female elected members.

📍 **Location:** Tipperary County Council Offices, Nenagh (Online Option also available – link to follow)
📅 **Dates:** Wednesday 29th April 2026
🕥 **10.30am – 1.00pm**
A lunch will be provided afterwards

We strongly encourage members to attend in person where possible, as this will provide a valuable opportunity for networking, collaboration, and peer engagement.

This training will fall under the remit of the AILG's 2026 Elected Members Training Programme and therefore female members can avail of the provisions of Circular LG 03-2025 (Appendix 1 - Allowances and Expenses of Elected Members) Part 4 B - Allowances for expenses for attendance at training events.

Members who attend can avail of their budget allocation for training for reimbursement of travel expenses incurred for attendance if required.

***Please note that this event is being delivered free of charge by AILG and there will be no attendance fee payable by your local authority for the delivery of the training.**

Members have been notified directly, and your support in facilitating attendance is appreciated.

Kind regards,
Natasha

Natasha Kinnane
Accounts and Office Administrator

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AILG 2026 Elected Members In-Person & Webinar Training Programme

Module 3	Thursday 21st May	Eastern & Midland/ Northern & Western	*"Supporting Councillors: Responding to Mental Health, Suicide, and Addiction Issues"*	Cavan	**Kilmore Hotel**
	Saturday 23rd May	Southern Region	*"Supporting Councillors: Responding to Mental Health, Suicide, and Addiction Issues"*	Wexford	**Whites of Wexford**
Module 4	Thursday 18th June	Southern Region	*"OPR-AILG Councillor Planning Training"*	Waterford	**Tower Hotel**
	Saturday 20th June	Eastern & Midland/ Northern & Western	*"OPR-AILG Councillor Planning Training"*	Westmeath	**Hodson Bay Hotel**
AILG Autumn Seminar	30th Sept – 1st Oct	**Clanree Hotel, Letterkenny**			
Module 5	Thursday 8th October	Eastern & Midland/ Northern & Western	Government Legislation Policy Programme 2026- A Briefing for Elected Members	Mayo	**The Grace Hotel**
	Saturday 10th October	Southern Region	Government Legislation Policy Programme 2026- A Briefing for Elected Members	Tipperary	**Horse & Jockey**
Module 6	Thursday 12th November	Southern Region	County Archivist/Heritage Ireland - Local Authority Archives Services	Cork	**Radisson Blu Cork**
	Saturday 14th November	Eastern & Midland/ Northern & Western	County Archivist/Heritage Ireland - Local Authority Archives Services	Galway	**Clayton Hotel, Galway**

AILG Elected Members Webinar Training Programme 2026

Webinar No.	Date	Time	Topic
Webinar 4	Weds 20th May	6-8pm	**AILG-NILGA Allyship Training (online)**
Webinar 5	Fri 22nd May	10am – 11.30am	**A briefing for Elected Members from the DCEE on the National Designated Maritime Area Plan (DMAP) for Offshore Renewable Energy (ORE)**
Webinar 6	Friday 29th May	10am – 11.30am	**Climate Action Regional Offices (CARO) – content TBC**
Webinar 7	Friday 26th June	10am – 11.30am	**Climate Action Regional Offices (CARO) – content TBC**
Webinar 8	Friday 24th July	10am – 11.30am	**AILG-NILGA Webinar – Bystander Intervention Training (limited spaces available)**
Webinar 9	Friday 25th September	10am – 11.30am	**HA – Vacancy & Dereliction**
Webinar 10	Friday 23rd October	10am – 11.30am	**AILG-OPR Planning Training – Town Centre First**
Webinar 11	Friday 13th November	10am – 11.30am	**AILG-OPR-HA Training – Compact Development & Multi Unit Developments**
Webinar 12	Friday 27th November	10am – 11.30am	**Empowerabilities Webinar**

Fair Seas Conference 2026 – all the essential info



On **Wednesday, 3 June 2026**, Fair Seas will return to Cork City Hall to host the second Fair Seas Conference, kicking off World Ocean Week 2026.

The decisions made in the coming years will shape the health of our ocean for generations, and this conference is an opportunity to be part of that conversation.

In 2023, over 175 people gathered in Cork City Hall to discuss the future of Ireland's seas. Ocean advocates, the fishing community, government, industry, scientists and

civil society came together to explore what meaningful marine protection would look like in practice. Across sessions, the discussion moved from scientific evidence to implementation and lived experience.

Three years on, the urgency has not faded. It has grown.

Ireland has committed to protecting 30% of its seas by 2030, now just four years away. With Marine Protected Area (MPA) legislation still awaited and expectations around delivery rising, we must match ambition with implementation.

Places are limited, secure yours today.



What We Heard in 2023 – and Why We're Gathering Again

In 2023, we set out to bring everyone into one room to discuss Ireland's forthcoming MPA legislation. What emerged was a frank, constructive and cross-sector dialogue.

In Session One: *Healthy Seas – How Are We Faring?* We explored what marine protection should look like in practice, addressing the benefits, trade-offs, myths, and opportunities surrounding MPAs, not just globally, but here in Ireland.

In Session Two: *Delivering Transformational Change for MPA Management*, speakers moved beyond principle to practice, highlighting youth inclusion, collaborative management and global examples of strong protection. The session closed with a powerful reminder, echoed in a virtual address by Al Gore, that the ocean is a key ally not only for biodiversity, but for climate resilience.

In Session Three: *Harnessing Stakeholder Involvement for Better MPA Outcomes,* we heard directly from those who will shape, and be shaped by, Ireland's

marine protection journey. Voices from fisheries, tourism, offshore renewable energy and environmental NGOs emphasised that MPAs can work for coastal communities, but only if stakeholder engagement is meaningful from start to finish.

You can relive the energy of that day in our short highlights video and explore the session blogs for a deeper look at the discussions.

Yet what many participants valued most was what happened beyond the panel discussions – the opportunity to engage directly across sectors, test ideas openly, and build relationships.

This is why we are gathering again in 2026.

Why 2026 Matters

Ireland now stands at a critical implementation moment. The new General Scheme for MPA legislation has been promised by the minister but hasn't been published. Scrutiny of 30×30 commitments are increasing, and attention at the EU level continues to grow.

The question is no longer whether marine protection is necessary but how it is delivered.

How will we designate areas that genuinely protect biodiversity?

How will we manage them effectively?

How will we ensure coastal communities are part of shaping that future?

Creating a space for open, informed and constructive dialogue is part of meeting that challenge.

What to Expect on 3 June 2026

The 2026 programme will build on the foundations of 2023 while looking firmly ahead to the practical delivery of Marine Protected Areas in Ireland. The overall conference theme is clear: **Exploring how Ireland can effectively and collaboratively deliver well-managed Marine Protected Areas, informed by global experience and grounded in governance and stakeholder realities.** The day will unfold across four sessions:

Session One: Marine Protection and Restoration – A Global Perspective.

We begin by situating Ireland's journey within the wider international context, exploring global leadership, initiatives and lessons from jurisdictions that have moved from commitment to implementation.

Session Two: From Designation to Delivery: Making Marine Protected Areas Effective.

Designating areas is only the first step. This session will showcase the international best practice examples of MPAs, highlighting the practical principles and approaches that enable effective marine protection.

Session Three: Stewardship, Governance and Marine Protection.

Linking global perspectives on ocean guardianship with practical pathways for implementation in Ireland, this session will explore the governance structures, collaborative models and institutional roles that can support the effective designation and long-term management of MPAs.

Session Four: Shared Seas – Stakeholder Perspectives.

This closing session will reflect on the themes and lessons emerging throughout the day, exploring practical considerations, collaborative pathways and the potential benefits of well-managed MPAs in Ireland.

There will be expert presentations, panel discussions bringing international perspectives alongside Irish experience, and dedicated time for networking and cross-sector conversation.

Above all, we are once again creating a space to strengthen relationships, surface practical solutions and ensure marine protection works for both nature and people.

The conference will take place in the stunning surroundings of Cork City Hall, overlooking Cork Harbour – a fitting backdrop for a conversation about our shared ocean future.

Be Part of the Conversation

Ireland’s ocean territory is more than seven times the size of our landmass. It supports biodiversity, livelihoods, coastal communities and cultural heritage. The choices made now will shape whether our seas are healthy and resilient in the decades ahead.

Whether you are a policymaker, involved in fishing, a scientist, nature advocate, business leader or community member, this is a space to listen, learn, contribute and collaboratively explore how Ireland can deliver well-managed MPAs.

Cork City Hall

Wednesday, 3 June 2026

9:30 am – 5:00 pm

Tickets start from €75 for students and civil society. Online participation is also available.

Places are limited and expected to fill quickly – secure yours today.

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COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 11TH MAY 2026

ITEM NO. 32

CORRESPONDENCE

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20th April, 2026,

Dear Meetings Administrator,

At a meeting of Carlow County Council held on Monday 13th April 2026, the following Notice of Motion was adopted by the members:-

"That we the members of Carlow County Council request from the Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment, that annual local representative clinics and a local representative dedicated reporting service be provided from ESB Networks. This would be a similar service provided to local representatives by Uisce Éireann."

It was requested that this motion be circulated to all Local Authorities.

Yours sincerely,

F. Byrne,
Senior Executive Officer/
Meetings Administrator.

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Comhairle Contae Mhuineacháin
Monaghan County Council
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Our Ref: April 2026/08

21st April 2026

To All Local Authorities

Dear Meetings Administrator,

At the April meeting of Monaghan County Council the members passed the following resolution and it was agreed to circulate it to all Local Authorities for support.

> *'In light of the disruption to rate paying business in County Monaghan due to the recent road blockades which have had a severe and negative impact on local businesses in terms of deliveries, collections and employee disruption, this Council calls on the Government to introduce a Business Grant to the value of two weeks to compensate for the loss of business.'*

Kind Regards,

Mary McGarvey
Meetings Administrator

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To all Local Authorities

Date: 24/04/2026

RE: Motion Passed at meeting of South Dublin County Council held on 13/04/2026

Dear Meetings Administrator,

The following Motion was agreed at the Meeting of South Dublin County Council held on the 13/04/2026:

"That this council request the minister investigate the 900+ missing children and girls in Bessborough mother & baby institution and request a hold off on any development of the site until an investigation is completed and we commit to write to the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality, An Taoiseach and all other Local Authorities."

I should be grateful for your comments at your earliest convenience. Please quote our reference **M6/0425** on all correspondence.

Yours sincerely,

Brenda Shannon
Meetings Administrator
Corporate Services
Community Department

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

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COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 11TH MAY 2026

ITEM NO. 40

CENTRAL HEATING BOILERS

Motion: Councillor J. Newman

"That the Chief Executive provides a report on the type of central heating boilers included in the grant scheme for older persons and explain the rational for the current scheme regarding second-hand fossil fuel boilers."

Report:

The Housing Aid for Older People Grant (S.I. No. 612/2024 - Housing (Adaptation Grants for Older People and Disabled People) Regulations 2024) is a means-tested grant administered by local authorities, intended to fund essential repairs and improvements to enable older people to continue living safely in their homes. Heating works are eligible under the scheme, subject to regulatory restrictions.

From 1st January 2025, the grant does not provide funding for the purchase or installation of new stand-alone fossil fuel boilers, including oil-fired boilers and gas fired boilers. This restriction applies, regardless of whether, the new boiler is intended to replace a defective or obsolete unit. This restriction on new fossil fuel boilers arises from Ireland's transposition of Article 17(15) of Directive (EU) 2024/1275, the revised Energy Performance of Buildings Directive, which requires member states to discontinue all public financial incentives for the installation of new stand-alone fossil fuel boilers from 1st January 2025. The grant may be used for the purchase and installation of second-hand fossil fuel boilers.

Funding remains available for the repair of existing oil or gas boilers where the works are deemed essential.

The scheme continues to support non-fossil fuel heating systems, where suitable for the applicant and dwelling, including:

- Electric heating systems (e.g. wall-mounted or storage heaters);
- Biomass systems such as wood pellet stoves or boilers.
- Heat pumps

The grant also remains payable for the repair or replacement of all other elements of a central heating system, regardless of the type of boiler connected to the system including radiators, pipework, oil storage tanks and system controls.

Source of Report:
Paul Carroll, Director of Housing