Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

Minutes of the County Council Meeting held on Monday, 11th May, 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
Kitt, Tom
Leddy, Ted

Councillors:

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

Apologies for inability to attend were received for Councillors Darren Jack Kelly, Brian McDonagh, Tom O'Leary and Helen Redwood.

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Grainne Maguire 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 (Director of Services/Operations), Fionnuala May, (County Architect); Pat Boyle (Senior Architect); Deirdre Fallon (Senior Planner); Kevin Halpenny (Senior Parks and Landscape Officer); Catherine O'Donovan (Senior Executive Officer); Ciara O hAodha (Senior Executive Officer); Michael Staunton (Executive Parks and Landscape Officer); Bridget Loughlin (Climate Action Coordinator).

F/193/26 (Agenda Item No)

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor G. Maguire, at the start of the meeting, reminded Members that Standing Orders would apply to all aspects of the meeting.

The Deputy Mayor informed the Members an emergency motion was received and has been ruled out of order.

F/194/26 (Agenda Item No 1)

Confirmation and Re-affirmation of Minutes

a **Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of the Variations No.1 and No. 2 of the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 Meeting held on Monday 30th March 2026**

Minutes of the Variations No.1 and No. 2 of the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 Meeting held on Monday 30th March 2026 which had been circulated were considered.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor K. Dennison seconded by Councillor L. Corkery and **RESOLVED –**

"That the minutes of the Variations No.1 and No. 2 of the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 Meeting held on Monday 30th March 2026 be **ADOPTED."**

b **Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of Council Meeting held on Monday 13th April 2026**

Minutes of the County Council Meeting held on Monday 13th April 2026 which had been circulated were considered.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor K. Dennison seconded by Councillor L. Corkery and **RESOLVED –**

"That the minutes of the County Council Meeting held on Monday 13th April 2026 be **ADOPTED."**

F/195/26 (Agenda Item No)

QUESTIONS

It was proposed by Councillor J. Humphreys, seconded by Councillor K. Dennison and **RESOLVED**:

"That in accordance with Standing Order No. 51, Questions numbered 2 to 17 be **ADOPTED**."

F/196/26 (Agenda Item No 2)

Councillor M. Quinn - Cost Benefit Analysis MIPIM 2026 International Property Investment Expo

F/197/26 (Agenda Item No 3)

Councillor E. Troy - Obligations under Part 5 of the Disability Act 2005

F/198/26 (Agenda Item No 4)

Councillor J. Smyth - Housing Categories and Overcrowding

F/199/26 (Agenda Item No 5)

Councillor L. Corkery - Cost Rental Units

F/200/26 (Agenda Item No 6)

Councillor P. Mulville - Plant Based Treaty

F/201/26 (Agenda Item No 7)

Councillor D. Healy - Development Standards Zones 1 and 2 for Car Parking

F/202/26 (Agenda Item No 8)

Councillor C. Haughey - Irish Language Translation on Street Signs within Taken-in-Charge Housing Estates

F/203/26 (Agenda Item No 9)
Councillor C. Haughey - County-Wide Speed Limit Review

F/204/26 (Agenda Item No 10)
Councillor A. Tormey - "Explore Fingal" Advertising Strategy

F/205/26 (Agenda Item No 11)
Councillor M. Boland - Minimum Standards in Relation to Emergency Accommodation in Fingal

F/206/26 (Agenda Item No 12)
Councillor M. Boland - Prevalence of Discarded Nitrous Oxide (N2O) Canisters

F/207/26 (Agenda Item No 13)
Councillor J. Hopkins - Event specifically for Neurodivergent Children

F/208/26 (Agenda Item No 14)
Councillor B. Ryan - Recruitment of Lifeguards for the 2026 Bathing Season

F/209/26 (Agenda Item No 15)
Councillor B. Ryan- Fingal Parking Services

F/210/26 (Agenda Item No 16)
Councillor C. Johnston - Community Car Service

F/211/26 (Agenda Item No 17)
Councillor J. Walsh - Inactive Planning Permissions in Fingal

F/212/26 (Agenda Item No 18)
Report of Committees

a **Report of Organisation, Procedures and Finance (OP&F) Committee Meeting held on Monday 13th April 2026**

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

"That the recommendations contained in the report of Organisation, Procedures and Finance (OP&F) Committee Meeting held on Monday 13th April 2026, are hereby **ADOPTED.**"

b **Report of Howth/Malahide Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 6th May 2026**

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

"That the recommendations contained in the report of Committee of Howth/Malahide Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 6th May 2026, are hereby **ADOPTED.**"

c **Report of Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Services B Area Committee Meeting held Thursday 7th May 2026**

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

"That the recommendations contained in the report of Committee of Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Thursday 7th May 2026, are hereby **ADOPTED.**"

F/213/26 (Agenda Item No 19)

Financial Matters

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

F/214/26 (Agenda Item No 20)

Proposed Disposal of Properties

a **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**

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED.** It was proposed by Councillor T. Murphy and seconded by Councillor E. Carbone-Mangan and **RESOLVED**:

"That the 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, as referred to in the Notice under S183 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended and dated 30th April 2026, be leased to Vantage Towers Limited, Mountainview, Leopardstown, Dublin 18 in accordance with the terms specified therein."

b **Proposed Disposal of Fee Simple Interest of Dwellings**

The report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**. It was proposed by Councillor C. Boland and seconded by Councillor E. Carbone-Mangan and **RESOLVED**:

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

F/215/26 (Agenda Item No 21)

Declarations of Roads

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

F/216/26 (Agenda Item No 22)

Part XI/007/25 - Chief Executive Report pursuant to Part XI of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part 8 of the Planning & 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

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

A presentation was given to the members by Pat Boyle, Senior Architect and consultant Adrian Turner, from Recreation.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor T. Murphy, seconded by Councillor M. Quinn, and **AGREED.**

F/217/26 (Agenda Item No 23)

Report pursuant to Part XI of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part VIII of the Local Government Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), Proposed Public Play Trails Development at Longstone Park, Portrane, Co. Dublin

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

A presentation was given to the members by Michael Staunton, Executive Parks and Landscape Officer and Kevin Halpenny, Senior Parks and Landscape Officer, Infrastructure and Transport Department.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor P. Mulville, seconded by Councillor C. Johnston, and **AGREED.**

F/218/26 (Agenda Item No 24)

Financial Assistance

a **Approved Housing Bodies under the Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS) - Call for CAS 2017 to Provide Units of Living Accommodation in the Fingal Area**

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

Following discussions, the Deputy Mayor then instructed that a roll call vote be taken and on division the voting resulted as follows:

FOR: 31 THIRTY-ONE
AGAINST: 1 ONE
ABSTAIN: 0 ZERO

FOR: Councillors Cathal Boland, Mark Boland, John Burtchaell, Darragh Butler, Eimear Carbone-Mangan, Luke Corkery, Kieran Dennison, Angela Donnelly, Tania Doyle, Breda Hanaphy, Cathal Haughey, David Healy, Joan Hopkins, Tom Kitt, Ted Leddy, Grainne Maguire, Mary McCamley, Dean Mulligan, Paul Mulville, Tony

Murphy, Joe Newman, Eoghan O'Brien, JK Onwumereh, Malachy Quinn, Brendan Ryan, Gerard Sheehan, Siobhan Shovlin, John Smyth, Aoibhinn Tormey, Ellen Troy, John Walsh.

AGAINST: Councillor Patrick Quinlan.

The Deputy Mayor declared the vote is **PASSED**.

It was proposed by Councillor D. Mulligan and seconded by Councillor L. Corkery and **RESOLVED**:

"That the recommendations contained in the attached report be **ADOPTED**."

b **Portmarnock Sports and Leisure Club (PSLC)**

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

"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."

F/219/26 (Agenda Item No 25)

Dunsink Urban Area Plan

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

A presentation was given to the members by Deirdre Fallon, Senior Planner, Planning and Development Department.

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

F/220/26 (Agenda Item No 26)

Progress Report on the Climate Action Plan 2024 – 2029

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

A presentation was given to the members by Bridget Loughlin, Climate Action Coordinator and Catherine O'Donovan, Senior Executive Officer, Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel and Sports Department.

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

F/221/26 (Agenda Item No 27)

Summer Projects Funding 2026

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

"That the award of Summer Projects Funding 2026 as set out in the foregoing report is hereby **APPROVED**."

F/222/26 (Agenda Item No 28)

Arts Act Grant Scheme - Revenue Strand 2026

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

It was proposed by Councillor T. Murphy, seconded by Councillor G. Maguire and **RESOLVED**:

"That the award of Arts Act Grant Scheme – Revenue Strand 2026 as set out in the foregoing report is hereby **APPROVED**."

F/223/26 (Agenda Item No)

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

It was **AGREED** to extend the meeting to 20.10.

F/224/26 (Agenda Item No 29)

Chief Executive's Report

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

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

F/225/26 (Agenda Item No 30)

Mayor's Business - Councillor T. O'Leary

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

F/226/26 (Agenda Item No 31)

Conference Report

a **Association of Irish Regions (AIR) Annual Training Seminar 2026, 25th and 26th February 2026 Inishowen Gateway Hotel, Buncrana, Co. Donegal**

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

b **Women's Regional Caucus Network to be held Wednesday 29th April 2026, Tipperary County Council, Civic Offices Limerick Road, Nenagh Co. Tipperary**

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

c **AILG 2026 Elected Members In-Person & Webinar Training Programme April to December 2026**

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

F/227/26 (Agenda Item No 31d)

Fair Seas Conference, World Ocean Week, Wednesday 3rd June 2026 Cork City Hall, Cork

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

F/228/26 (Agenda Item No 32)

Correspondence

a **Letter dated 20th April 2026 from Carlow County Council Re - ESB Networks**

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

b **Letter dated 21st April 2026 from Monaghan County Council Re - Business Grant**

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

c **Letter dated 24th April 2026 from South Dublin County Council Re - Bessborough Mother and Baby Institution**

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

F/229/26 (Agenda Item No 33)

Departmental/Ministerial Correspondence

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

MOTIONS STATUTORY FUNCTIONS

F/230/26 (Agenda Item No 40)

Councillor J. Newman - Central Heating Boilers

The motion, in the name of Councillor J. Neman was proposed by Councillor J. Newman and seconded by Councillor G. Maguire.

The report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Meeting concluded at 20.03.

MAYOR _____ DATE _____

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ITEM NO. 02

NOMINATIONS

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ITEM NO. 02a

REQUEST FOR NOMINATIONS – VISITOR TRANSIENT LEVY WORKING GROUP

Report will be given at the meeting.

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ITEM NO. 03

RIGHTSIZING – FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION SCHEME

Question: Councillor M. Quinn

"To ask the Chief Executive for an update of the review of the Rightsizing Financial Contribution Scheme by this local authority?"

Reply:

Following a review of the current schemes available to members of the public, Fingal County Council intends to present a draft Rightsizing Policy for discussion at the June meeting of the Housing Strategic Policy Committee (SPC).

Following the Housing SPC's consideration of the draft Rightsizing Policy, the Financial Contribution Scheme will be finalised.

Source of Reply:
Paul Carroll, Director of Housing

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ITEM NO. 04

BAN ON FOX HUNTING IN FINGAL

Question: Councillor J. Smyth

"To ask the Chief Executive how it plans to enforce the ban on the use of public lands and roads for the purpose of fox hunting and will the Council commit to aligning its broader policies with its existing ban by prohibiting the use of Council-owned properties, subsidiaries, or funded venues for events that promote or are associated with fox hunting, including hunt balls?"

Reply:

The Motion agreed by Members in May 2025 provided for "a ban on fox hunting on Council owned lands in Fingal." This Motion related specifically to the use of Council owned lands for fox hunting and did not extend to the prohibition of other uses or activities such as those listed in the question.

By report under Item 10 at the Full Council meeting held in June 2025, Members were advised that the enforcement of the motion would be approached in the following manner:

Private Lands

Fox hunting is legal in the Republic of Ireland and is therefore a matter for the landowner. The Council has no control over permission given for fox hunting on private lands.

Public Roads

Horses and riders are allowed on public roads and must use the road in accordance with the rules of the road. The Council cannot ban the use of the road by horses in a fox hunt as the road is a public right-of-way and fox hunting is legal in the Republic of Ireland.

Regional Parks and Open Spaces

Fox hunting was already not permitted on Council owned parks and open spaces in accordance with the Regional Parks and Open Spaces Bye-Laws which were adopted by the Council in 2017. The Bye-Laws prevent the hunting of wildlife in parks and open spaces. The Council have received no applications from groups organising hunts in our regional parks, local parks and public open spaces.

Council owned Lands

In relation to Council lands that are leased or licenced to groups or individuals for specific use, none of the specified uses includes fox hunting. The Council has not received any applications for such a use from any groups organising hunts. Following on from the adoption of the motion, the terms of any new leases and licences will henceforth be amended to specifically exclude fox hunting. Existing lease or licence holders will be written to and reminded that the purpose for which the lease or licence is held does not include fox hunting and that, following a policy adopted by Members, any such application will not be approved.

Any lands held by the Council and not licensed or leased are also subject to permission requirements and no application for fox hunting will be permitted.

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

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ITEM NO. 05

SOCIAL HOUSING CONSTRUCTION IN 2025

Question: Councillor J. Walsh

"To ask the Chief Executive to indicate the number of social housing units built directly by Fingal Council in 2025; acquired by Fingal Council in 2025 and provided in 2025 under Part V of the Planning and Development Act, as amended?"

Reply:

A total of 793 social housing units were delivered by Fingal County Council during 2025, broken down as follows:

Delivery method	Number of units
Fingal County Council Construction	119
Fingal County Council Acquisition	34
Part V	84
Partnership with AHBs	556

Source of Reply:
Paul Carroll, Director of Housing

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ITEM NO. 06

CLIMATE ACTION GRANTS

Question: Councillor S. Shovlin

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide details as to when the successful recipients of the Climate Action Grants will be announced?"

Reply:

Minister Darragh O'Brien announced funding in the amount of €29.5 million for Phase 2 of the Community Climate Action Programme on 25th May 2026. The list of successful applicants is now available on the department's website (page 18-19) Link.

All Fingal applicants have been notified. A total of 76 applications were received in Fingal as part of Phase 2, with 2 being deemed ineligible. A total of 55 applicants will receive funding for a range of climate projects across Fingal communities.

Of the 74 eligible applicants, 19 did not receive an allocation. These applicants are now on a reserve list and should funding become available at a later stage throughout the 16-month period, they will be considered in order of their evaluation scores.

Fingal County Council received a total allocation of €1,303,700 for Phase 2 of the Community Climate Action Programme.

Fingal Applications Granted Funding under Strand 1 of the Community Climate Action Programme Phase 2 2025-2027

Strand 1 Allocation: €1,303,669.85

	Group Name	Project Overview	Funding Allocation
1	Balbriggan Cricket Club	Windows, Doors	€12,100.00
2	Balbriggan Skerries Fishing Club	Off-Grid Solar Panels, Brackets	€9,888.00
3	Baldoyle Tidy Towns	Cargo Bike	€4,000.00
4	Ballyboughal Community Council	Solar PV, Automatic Hand dryers, Water butt	€11,349.42
5	Brackenstown Scout Den	Solar PV & Battery	€10,000.00
6	Castleknock Scouts	Bat boxes, tools + gloves, trees, folding cart, composter	€1,650.00
7	Castleknock Tidy Towns	Bike Locker, E Cargo bike	€8,341.00
8	Clonsilla TT	Cargo Bike	€6,002.40
9	Corduff Sports Centre	Reusable Kitchenware	€311.70
10	Donabate Portrane Tennis Club	Solar PV	€11,977.00
11	Fingal Ravens Rolestown	Solar PV	€20,000.00
12	Fingallians GAA	Solar Battery	€10,000.00
13	Huntstown Community Centre	Heating, Veg Trugs, bike repair station	€8,129.45
14	Naomh Barróg GAA club	Solar PV	€17,459.60
15	Oldtown Community Council CLG & Oldtown Tidy Towns	Water butts, greenhouse, veg growing kits, solar lighting, bat boxes	€3,555.70
16	Parslickstown House	LEDs (indoor)	€12,939.00
17	Portmarnock Pitch and Putt	LED's	€9,128.63
18	Portmarnock Sports & Leisure Centre	Solar PV	€20,000.00
19	Ring Commons Sports Centre Naul	Windows and Doors	€12,000.00
20	Rush Sailing Club	Solar PV	€10,000.00
21	Rush Tidy Towns	Power bank generator, garden tools, hedging	€4,677.00
22	Skerries 98th Scouts	Bike Maintenance Station, Heat pump, vertical gardens,	€17,503.99
23	Skerries Men's Shed	Solar PV, composter, Water butt, plants	€8,314.54
24	Sutton Golf Club	Solar PV	€20,000.00
25	Sutton Lawn Tennis Club, 176 Howth Road	LED Lighting	€16,818.75
26	Swords Manor FC	Racking and Storage Boxes	€1,059.03

27	Trackside Lawn Tennis Club Seagrange	Attic Insulation, (Doors, water font)	€11,272.03
28	Turvey Allotments	Solar PV	€6,278.00
29	Wild Geese GAA	Window, Doors	€12,768.75
30	Balbriggan FC	Solar PV, bike shelter	€20,473.00
31	Baldoyle UTD FC	Solar PV, Bike Shed, Bug Hotel, Water Butt, Composter	€23,509.00
32	Ballyboughal GAA & Tidy Towns	bird box, compost, LEDs water station	€32,054.33
33	Castleknock Community Centre	Solar PV, LEDs, Bike Repair	€24,217.00
34	Clann Mhuire GAA, Naul	Doors, LEDs Hedging Compost, Polytunnel	€29,911.00
35	Donabate Golf Club	Solar PV, creating habitat	€29,348.83
36	Donabate Sea Scouts	Insulation, Bike stand and tools for repair	€49,537.00
37	Hills Cricket Club Skerries	Attic insulation, windows + door upgrade	€20,024.67
38	Malahide Golf Club	Water fountains x 2, LED Lighting	€24,406.00
39	Malahide Rugby Club	Solar PV	€20,000.00
40	Neamh Mearnóg	Windows	€49,525.00
41	North County Cricket Club	Solar PV, Water bottle filler	€23,495.00
42	Round Towers GAA Lusk	energy efficient doors, Bike repair station	€21,964.12
43	Rush Golf Club	Solar PV, Windows, Rainwater Harvesting	€41,879.40
44	Skerries Allotments	Solar PV, Compost bins	€26,924.00
45	Skerries Community Centre	LEDs, water efficiency upgrade	€24,286.05
46	Skerries Golf Club	Insulation, Biodiversity	€41,011.80
47	Skerries Harps GAA and Camogie club	LEDs	€50,000.00
48	Skerries Town FC	Energy Upgrade, Bike Shed, Water Refill Station	€45,530.36
49	St Colmcille's GAA	Windows and Doors	€46,000.00
50	Swords Celtic FC	Solar PV, Bike Racks	€20,210.00
51	Balbriggan RFC	LED Lights Pitch 1	€56,466.00
52	Ballyboughal Boxing Club	Insulation, swap shop rail, swap shop sign	€51,178.96
53	Blanchardstown Neighbourhood Youth Project NYP	Insulation, external insulation, Composter	€50,688.34
54	Rivervalley Community Centre & St. Finian's GAA	Solar PVs, LEDs replacement, (RVCC + St. Finian's), light bulbs, segregated bin systems, club water. bottles, clothes	€100,000.00

		boxes, pitch light replacement, hanger stacker, peg hangers, clothes rails X2, recycled planters x4, reusable coffee cups, gazebo for gear swap events, hybrid generator,	
55	St Sylvesters GAA Malahide	LED Flood Lights	€83,536.00
		Total:	**€1,303,699.85**

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

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ITEM NO. 07

ANTI-LITTER GRANTS

Question: Councillor S. Shovlin

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide details as to when the successful applicants will be announced for the Anti-Litter Grants?"

Reply:

The evaluation process for the 2026 Anti-Litter, Anti-Graffiti Grant is now complete and recommendations for approval will be presented to Elected Members at each of the June Area Committee Meetings. Approvals to be noted at the Council Meeting in July and following that, successful applicants will then be notified.

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

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ITEM NO. 08

IPAS
USE OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES

Question: Councillor P. Quinlan

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide details on how many residential homes in Fingal are in use by IPAS to provide accommodation for applicants for international protection, how many of these are owned by The Housing and Sustainable Communities Agency and how many by The Department of Children, Equality, Disability & Integration?"

Reply:

The International Protection Accommodation Service (IPAS) is an agency of the Department of Justice. Fingal County Council does not have a role in this service, nor does it have information on property ownership in use by the agency.

Source of Reply:
Paul Carroll, Director of Housing

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ITEM NO. 09

DERELICT SITE REPORTING FORMS

Question: Councillor C. Haughey

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide details of how many Derelict Site Reporting (DSR) forms have been sent to Fingal County Council in the years 2024, 2025 and 2026 (to date), broken down by each Local Electoral Area and how many of these Reporting forms being sent in, resulted in sites being added to the Derelict Sites Register?"

Reply:

A total of 241 no. reports has been received by the Town Regeneration Office for the years 2024, 2025 and 2026. 16 no. reports have been made through Derelict Site Reporting forms in this period. 19 no. reports were received via Elected Members representations, and 6 no. reports were submitted from members of the Houses of the Oireachtas. The additional 200 no. reports were referred by the derelict sites team actively addressing dereliction across the county.

The total number of reports, broken down by each Local Electoral Area, are listed within the following table.

	2024	2025	2026	Added to DSR during this period	Removed from DSR during this period
Balbriggan	52	5	4	13	5
Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart	2	34	2	2	0
Castleknock	1	22	1	0	0
Howth/Malahide	1	45	3	0	0
Ongar	3	2	1	1	0
Rush/Lusk	26	6	8	4	2
Swords	10	12	1	0	0
Total	**95**	**126**	**20**	**20**	**7**

During this period 20 no. sites were added to the Derelict Sites Register and 7 no. sites were removed following compliance with the Statutory Notices served upon the registered owners.

The Town Regeneration Office continues to engage with property owners to bring derelict sites back into use and actively encourages the reporting of potential derelict sites for further investigation.

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

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ITEM NO. 10

EXTENSION OF LIFEGUARD PROVISION

Question: Councillor C. Haughey

"To ask the Chief Executive, to improve safety, if the Council will consider extending the months that lifeguards operate on Fingal beaches, by including the month of May, considering it is a sunny and warm months and beaches can be very busy?"

Reply:

Fingal County Council recruits its lifeguard service annually through its People, Corporate & Digital Services Department, in collaboration with the Water Safety Development Officer. All lifeguards are required to meet strict criteria, including successful interview, completion of a practical beach assessment, holding a valid qualification and Garda vetting.

Fingal County Council endeavours to align the lifeguard service with the bathing season (as defined by the EU Bathing Water Directive) from 1st June to 15th of September. In addition, the age profile of lifeguard applicants are 18/19/20 years old students and generally have availability only after the main state and university exams from early to mid-June. The peak period for beach attendance is traditionally July and August. As such, lifeguard cover is provided on a weekend **basis in June and September**, with a **full-time service in place during the peak months of July and August**. For the 2026 season, full-time lifeguard coverage will operate from **29th June to 30th of August**.

During its provision, the lifeguard service does not eliminate risk but reduces it. Outside of its service hours or indeed outside the months of the service provision,

the Council recognises that beaches are used, especially during good weather, and indeed people swim year-round regardless of the weather. We strongly encourage the public to exercise caution near water and follow all water safety advice issued by Water Safety Ireland, the Emergency Services and Fingal County Council.

The Council's lifeguard service is regularly reviewed, informed by data and advice from Water Safety Ireland.

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

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ITEM NO. 11

NUMBER OF MEDICAL PRIORITY APPLICATIONS

Question: Councillor M. Boland

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update in tabular format outlining the number of Medical Priority applications received per month over the last two years, the numbers processed per month, and the numbers approved per month over the same period?"

Reply:

An average of 80 applications per month are currently processed for medical priority. In 2025, a total of 887 applications (74 per month) were processed, of which 173 received priority. A detailed report and presentation on the Medical Priority process was presented to the Housing SPC in 2025. An updated presentation and report will be presented to the next meeting of the Housing SPC in June 2026 which will provide more details.

Applications for Medical Priority are examined on receipt and are screened to ensure that they are completed fully and correctly. This process takes place prior to the application being reviewed by the Medical/Welfare Committee and depending on the quantity and quality of information submitted or additional information required, may take a number of weeks to complete. As this interactive process can take some time, applications received will take varying times to be scheduled for examination by the committee.

The Medical Welfare priority application process has undergone significant review during the last year and during 2025 work to deal with significant numbers of applications received in recent years, particularly during the Covid Pandemic, has been undertaken.

A number of initiatives have been introduced to assist in progressing applications in a more timely manner, including screening of applications, amendments to the application process on welfare grounds, and additional committee meetings.

Further improvements to the procedures will continue and this is expected to include the of additional staff resources to this specific area, which will cater for the significant additional administrative workload which follows on more frequent meetings of the Medical Welfare Committee.

Source of Reply:
Paul Carroll, Director of Housing

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ITEM NO. 12

ANCHOR TENANT FOR SWORDS CULTURAL QUARTER

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

"To ask the Chief Executive what the plans are for the coffee shop and restaurant in Swords Cultural Quarter, is it intended to rent to an Irish/Fingal based company or allow multinationals such as, Costa Coffee or Starbucks?"

Reply:

The Culture House coffee shop and bar is an opportunity to provide a unique experience within the building and within Swords.

While it must be procured within the relevant framework, every effort will be made to ensure the process will be designed in a way that delivers that unique experience while aiming to support local businesses, operators and producers and deliver a sustainable commercial return.

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

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ITEM NO. 13

RETROFITTING SCHEMES

Question: Councillor D. Mulligan

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide details of any retrofitting schemes or supports that are available to landlords of Council tenants to assist with property upgrades aimed at improving sustainability and energy efficiency, including achieving a higher BER rating?"

Reply:

Local authorities do not generally have a role in the provision of funding for energy retrofit upgrades for privately-owned homes or private rental properties.

Supports available to private landlords and homeowners are provided through national schemes administered by the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI), aimed at improving energy efficiency and achieving higher BER ratings. These include, for example, the National Home Energy Upgrade Scheme, which enables landlords, homeowners and approved housing bodies to undertake upgrades to bring their properties to a minimum BER of B2 using SEAI-approved providers.

Fingal County Council completed Energy Efficiency Retrofit works on 119 units of its housing stock in 2025. It is anticipated that this number will be exceeded in 2026, with 115 properties currently identified for inclusion in the programme.

Source of Reply:
Paul Carroll, Director of Housing

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ITEM NO. 14

CAR PARKING CHARGES IN FINGAL

Question: Councillor D. Healy

"To ask the Chief Executive to set out, for each area in the county, where the Council charges for car parking, in relation to the following: the number of car parking spaces; the number of residents' permits; the annual gross revenue; the annual costs of administering the parking control scheme; the net revenue; how much, if any, of the net revenue is ring-fenced for the local area; the ways in which any ring-fenced revenue has been spent in the last 3 years?"

Reply:

Fingal County Council currently operates Pay and Display (P&D) parking in the following locations: Balbriggan, Malahide, Clonsilla, Swords, Skerries and Rush.

A recent bay count confirmed the number of P&D parking spaces in each area, including standard P&D parking bays, accessible parking bays, loading bays, taxi ranks, age-friendly bays and EV charging Bays. The total number of bays across all locations is 2,622. A breakdown by area is set out in the table below:

LOCATION	PARKING BAYS	BLUE PERMIT BAYS	LOADING BAYS	TAXI RANK	AGE FRIENDLY BAYS	EV BAYS	TOTAL
Balbriggan	401	26	18	1	0	6	452
Clonsilla	255	2	0	0	0	0	257
Malahide	618	25	10	1	11	2	680
Swords	272	13	3	1	2	4	295
Skerries	650	36	6	2	0	4	810

Rush	117	8	3	0	0	0	128
TOTAL	**2313**	**110**	**40**	**5**	**13**	**16**	**2622**

The current number of active Residents Permits in each area is as follows:

- Balbriggan – 217
- Clonsilla – 120
- Malahide – 118
- Rush – 31
- Skerries – 535
- Swords – 110

The gross income generated in 2025 from the Pay & Display parking scheme, including parking fines, permits and court awards, amounted to €2,423,814.55.

The net revenue after expenditure for 2025 was €1,439,724.33. Expenditure includes costs associated with parking enforcement, legal services, cash collection, meter repair and maintenance, apportioned staff salaries relevant to the operation of Pay and Display, and the annual revenue to capital transfer which funds the Capital Meter Replacement Programme on a yearly basis.

The Revenue Budget for the operation of Pay & Display Parking for 2026 is as follows:

- Income: €3,090,000
- Expenditure: €1,313,800

Revenue generated from the operation of Pay & Display parking is not ring-fenced on an area-by-area basis. Income received forms part of the Council's overall revenue budget and is used to support the delivery of services across the county in accordance with the Council's adopted annual budget

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

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ITEM NO. 15

REQUEST FOR AN UPDATE ON MOTION RECENTLY PASSED

Question: Councillor A. Donnelly

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the following motion?"

Motion: Councillor A. Donnelly, 13th January 2025 – **Pilot Project in a Regional Park**

"That the Chief Executive establishes a pilot project in one of our regional parks, to include measures such as lighting, extended park ranger hours and CCTV, to allow the community the use of our public areas during winter months and encourage walking and cycling, Budget 2025 refers to the ongoing maintenance and upgrade of our roads and public footpaths to encourage the modal shift to cycle and walking continues, this can only be achieved with adequate lighting."

Reply:

At the Full Council meeting dated January 2025 the above motion was voted 18-10 in favour of the Council implementing a 'Pilot Project in one of our Regional Parks, to include measures such as lighting, extended park ranger hours and CCTV, to allow the community the use of our public areas during winter months and encourage walking and cycling. Budget 2025 refers to the ongoing maintenance and upgrade of our roads and public footpaths to encourage the modal shift to cycle and walking continues, this can only be achieved with adequate lighting'. While the Elected Representatives voted to implement a pilot scheme, it was carried at odds with the Executive's professional recommendations.

The report in January 2025 outlined that the parks and open spaces in Fingal are a wonderful resource for Fingal residents. The popularity of these spaces for exercise and recreation is well established, and the Council encourages this usage with the provision of wonderful amenities within these spaces. Many of the regional parks have an extensive mix of pedestrian paths, sports pitches, playgrounds, open grassland meadows, woodlands, and areas hugely rich in natural biodiversity. These are valuable spaces for the residents of Fingal and require a balanced approach to their maintenance and usage to ensure that these spaces are managed in a way that allows them to flourish and to be used in a sustainable manner.

The Council has no provision for such a pilot project within the 2025 or 2026 budget as the Council does not encourage after-hours use of parks and open spaces for public safety reasons as daylight hours will determine public safety considerations. The infrastructure required for the installation of lighting in any area of public open space is cost prohibitive in many locations and can only be considered if the route is deemed high priority from an active travel perspective and the works do not cause conflict with the natural biodiversity of that space.

Providing after-hours access to the regional parks for exercise purposes is not considered for the following reasons.

The after-hours use of any of the regional parks would require an extended park ranger service, which the current budget provision does not allow for. The Council has facilitated unique events such as 'Darkness into Light' and this type of permanent provision would be unsustainable.

The opening of these spaces after-hours would also add huge additional strain on the gardai from a public order perspective as these spaces are attractive for anti-social activity and difficult to patrol.

The use of recreational facilities such as MUGAS, Tennis Courts and Sports Pitches would require Sports Grade Lighting standards, which require AA Screening and full Planning Permission.

Many urban areas already have a well-established public path network with public lighting that is safe for after-hours recreational walking and exercising purposes. Other after-hours sporting activities are catered for within community centres, gyms, and public sports hubs.

The Council has an obligation to preserve and protect the valuable ecological habitats within these spaces, and after-hours public use is detrimental from a biodiversity perspective.

The Council is unable to establish a 'Pilot' project of this nature in any of Fingal's Regional parks for the reasons as outlined in the response above and to further explain that any type of public lighting is considered 'Permanent Infrastructure' and cannot be implemented in a 'Pilot' capacity. While the Elected Representatives voted to implement a pilot scheme, it was carried disregarding the executive's professional recommendations. The implementation of any change of current working arrangements that effect the service delivery is considered an 'Executive Function' and is managed by out landscape/parks professionals.

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

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ITEM NO. 16

REQUEST FOR AN UPDATE ON MOTION PREVIOUSLY PASSED

Question: Councillor B. Hanaphy

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the following motion?"

Motion: Councillors A. Donnelly. B. Hanaphy. M. Quinn. J. Smyth, 10th February 2025 – **Ethical Procurement Policy**

"That this Council adopt a rights' based Ethical Procurement Policy, (EPP), making certain that every endeavour is made to ensure that Council tender processes are consistent with the principles of the UN guiding principles on Business and Human Rights, OECD, Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the Global Sullivan Principles (1999)."

Reply:

As outlined previously Fingal County Council operates within the procurement legislative framework and on this basis, we engaged with Office of Government Procurement in the Department of Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Services Reform and Digitisation on the matters raised in the motion.

The Office of Government Procurement (OGP) have advised that they intend to issue a National Public Procurement policy shortly. Once this is issued, we will review the policy document in terms of this motion.

Source of Reply:
Oliver Hunt, Director of Finance

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ITEM NO. 17

ENHANCED DEFECTIVE CONCRETE BLOCKS GRANT SCHEME

Question: Councillor B. Ryan

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline the current status of the Enhanced Defective Concrete Blocks Grant Scheme following its extension to Fingal and to include the application process for affected households and the estimated timelines for the steps in the process?"

Reply:

On Friday 29th May 2026, the Council received correspondence from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage regarding the Remediation of Dwellings Damaged by the Use of Defective Concrete Blocks (Amendment) Act 2025. The correspondence confirmed that a Commencement Order (S.I. No. 221 of 2026) relating to further provisions contained in the 2025 DCB Amendment Act which included the designation of parts of Fingal to be included in the Grant Scheme commenced on 26th May 2026 with the related Regulations (S.I. No. 225 of 2026) adopted on 28th May 2026. Notice of the publication of these S.I.'s is scheduled to appear in Irish Oifigiúil on Friday 29th May 2026.

A circular, including a copy of the S.I.'s, along with A Guidance Note and Your Questions Answered document on the amendments will issue to all Designated Local Authorities and the Housing Agency for information in the coming days.

Although the circular has not yet been received, the Council is expected that the steps in the process can be summarised as follows:

Step 1: Initial Building Condition Assessment (BCA)
The house owner must independently hire a Competent Building Professional (a Chartered Engineer, Registered Architect, or Chartered Building Surveyor) to carry out the Assessment. The professional inspects the property to draft a standard Building Condition Assessment (BCA) report. The house owner must pay this initial fee out of pocket, but it is fully reimbursed by the local authority if the application succeeds.

Step 2: Submission to the Local Authority
The house owner must submit an application to the designated local authority. The Mandatory Documentation is as follows- BCA Report, Proof of Identity, Proof of ownership - Title Deeds or Folio, Planning Permission - certificate of compliance with planning, proof of principle private residence, Local Property Tax (LPT).

Step 3: Local Authority Review & Referral
The local authority reviews the application to verify the house owner's eligibility as a "relevant owner" and that the home complies with planning requirements. Once validated, the local authority refers the application to The Housing Agency. If the documentation is invalid or incomplete, it will be refused, starting a three-week window to appeal.

Step 4: Housing Agency Technical Assessment
The Housing Agency manages the technical, structural, and financial validation. They review the BCA report and may perform an on-site structural audit to verify the damage threshold. They dispatch an engineer from their approved framework to conduct invasive laboratory core testing following the I.S. 465 standard. Based on testing results, they calculate the exact remediation option required (Options 1–5) and determine the final maximum grant amount. This determination is returned to the designated local authority.

Step 5: Final Grant Approval & Funding Release
The local authority reviews the final technical determination and contacts the Owner with an official Letter of Approval. The house owner can now apply for immediate upfront ancillary funds covering alternative accommodation or storage costs. The house owner or their hired professional will submit a Remedial Works Plan (RWP) to the local authority outlining how the approved engineering works will safely proceed.

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

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ITEM NO. 18

HOUSING MAINTENANCE

Question: Councillor G. Sheehan

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a breakdown on how the additional funding allocated for housing maintenance in the 2026 Budget is being deployed across the county, specifically detailing if a percentage of this fund has been earmarked for preventative structural maintenance and energy-efficiency retrofits for the Council's older, legacy housing stock?"

Reply:

The estimated costs associated with preventative structural maintenance and Energy Efficiency Retrofit Works (EERP) were originally set out in the Fingal County Council's Capital Programme 2026 - 2028. These works are supported by grant funding and by an allocated portion of the Revenue-to-Capital transfer, amounting to €2.75 million (€8.25 million in total), to cover any funding shortfall from the Department of Housing Local Government & Housing (DHLGH) that must be met by the Council.

Following the 2026 Council Budget meeting, when increased differential rents were included in the revenue budget, this annual transfer increased to €3.22m p.a. (€9.66m in total). This funding will be spread across the expenditure headings below but with an emphasis on structural remediation and energy retrofit works, with further details available as part of the 2026 Capital Out-turn report.

DESCRIPTION	EXP 2026	EXP 2027	EXP 2028	TOTAL EXP 2026-2028	GRANTS	REVENUE PROVISION	OTHER	TOTAL INCOME 2026-2028
Asset Management								
Fire Damaged Dwelling	120,000	120,000	120,000	**360,000**			360,000	**360,000**
Pre-let repairs	3,150,000	3,150,000	3,150,000	**9,450,000**	2,714,000	2,550,000	4,186,000	**9,450,000**
Central heating	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000	**4,500,000**		750,000	3,750,000	**4,500,000**
Estate Improvement Works	120,000	120,000	120,000	**360,000**		300,000	60,000	**360,000**
Contract Painting	840,000	840,000	840,000	**2,520,000**		300,000	2,220,000	**2,520,000**
Minor Upgrade Works	400,000	400,000	400,000	**1,200,000**	810,000	390,000		**1,200,000**
Energy Efficiency Retrofitting Programme EERP	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000	**15,000,000**	10,196,000	2,760,000	2,044,000	**15,000,000**
Remediation/Renovation Schemes	750,000	750,000	750,000	**2,250,000**		1,200,000	1,050,000	**2,250,000**
Window & Door Replacement Programme	600,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	**2,600,000**			2,600,000	**2,600,000**
Asset Management Sub Total	**12,480,000**	**12,880,000**	**12,880,000**	**38,240,000**	**13,720,000**	**8,250,000**	**16,270,000**	**38,240,000**

Source of Reply:
Paul Carroll, Director of Housing

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ITEM NO. 19

BUS SHELTERS IN THE FINGAL AREA

Question: Councillor E. Troy

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide details in tabular format on how much funding has been assigned to providing bus shelters for each of the last 5 years, and how much of the fund has been spent?"

Reply:

The National Transport Authority (NTA) is the body responsible for the licensing, installation and maintenance of bus stops and shelters nationwide, including the funding, planning and execution of bus stop projects and ensuring proper operation and maintenance of overall bus stop infrastructure nationwide.

The Bus Stop Enhancement Programme was established by the NTA for local authorities which provides an allocation of €500,000 per year to each local authority to facilitate the enhancement/upgrade of existing bus stops on the NTA's behalf. Access to funding is managed directly by the NTA through a multi-stage review and approval process applied to each individual bus stop.

The programme funding covers all works relating to bus stop enhancements, such as new footpaths, new bus stop poles, construction of concrete platforms for bus shelters and the provision of power supply ducting to bus shelters (if feasible).

All requests for bus stop enhancements, including new bus shelters, go directly to the NTA Planning Section. The NTA then generates a shortlist of bus stop enhancements which it issues to Fingal County Council. Fingal County Council works off this list for all bus stop enhancement projects they undertake in the county.

The planning, supply and installation of bus shelters is carried out by a third-party contractor, working for the NTA. The NTA had no bus shelter supplier appointed until late 2025. The NTA has advised that the newly appointed supplier is currently in the mobilisation phase and that the shelters are sourced internationally. The NTA has placed an order for shelters.

The Operations Department have been involved with the Bus Stop Enhancement Programme since 2025. No NTA funding was used by Fingal County Council during 2025. The Operations Department spent this time getting familiar with the NTA project requirements, arranging internal resources, inspecting and assessing location suitability, submitting proposed projects/designs to the NTA for funding approval, sourcing specific materials and procurement of contractors.

So far this year, €270,000 has been spent on Bus Stop Enhancements. No bus shelters were included in this work; however, Fingal County Council does intend to include bus shelter concrete platform construction in future work programmes.

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

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ITEM NO. 20

REPORT OF COMMITTEESS

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ITEM NO. 20a

REPORT OF BALBRIGGAN/RUSH-LUSK/SWORDS SERVICES B AREA COMMITTEE MEETING HELD OF THURSDAY 14TH MAY 2026

Applications for Funding

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

ACTIVITY FUNDING GRANT APPLICATIONS

Name of Applicant Group	Total Funding Amount Applied for in Respect of this Application	Summary of What Funding is Required For – Breakdown of Items	Has this Group Applied for Funding Previously? Y/N	Total Amount of Funding Group has Received to Date & Broken Down by Year	Total Amount of Funding Proposed by the Fingal Executive & rationale for Approval
Holywell Swords Residents Association GA-003882	€1474	Flymo Leaf Blower Insurance Brother Printer Laminator & sheets Paint & brushes 5 x planting items	Y	2024 - €939	€1,474
Santry Community Garden GA-003856	€3,811	Round grey posts Grit (landscape depot) Compost	Y	2024 - €3,000	€3,000

		Plant supports (contribution) Insurance			
Rathbeale Residents Association GA-003872	€1,778	Insurance Event Insurance Street party entertainment Room hire Plants & bedding Printer Printing paper	Y	2025 - €1,609.18	€1,778
Leithinis Donabate Portrane CCÉ GA-003912	€2,986	Weight Discs for gazebo Storage Cabinet Printing of flyers Corriboard advertising signs Laminator	N	N/A	€2,986
Swords I.C.A. GA-003889	€2,230	Items for decoupage & glass paint Craft supplies Printer ink & paper Craft frames Metal dye & Embroidery hoops	Y	2024 - €1,019	€2,230
Cronan's Well Residents Association GA-003860	€2,996	Group Insurance Meeting Room Hire x7hrs Projector, PA system & screen Refurbished laptop, cover & office365 Gazebo, weights, extension lead, cover	N	N/A	€2,996

		Garden games Table, air pots, first aid & printing			
Recovery is for Everyone Fingal (RIFE Fingal) GA-003915	€2,060	Branded Gazebo & Weights		N/A	€2,059.88
Rivervalley Community Club GA-003920	€2,941	Bowling Equipment Sports/Games Equipment Projector Mindfulness Training	Y	2025 - €2,644 2024 - €2,462.73	€2,941
Churchfield Residents Association GA-003902	€3,027	Speaker, Shredder, Rotavator Posts & Cart	Y	2025 - €2,224 2024 - €2,604.30	€3,000
St Patricks Parish Hall GA-003896	€2,724	Riser Stages, Steps for Hall (x2)	Y	2025 - €2,852 2024- €3,000	€2,724
Balbriggan Women's Shed GA-003907	€3,000	Fly flag & printed flyers Mosaic & collage classes Tables, pyro machines, glue guns etc Craft Supplies & materials Public Liability insurance contribution	N	N/A	€3,000

Skerries Men's Shed GA-003851	€743	Type D Chuck for AW368 woodturning lathe Dovetail jaws for AW368 woodturning lathe Calipers double ended bowl caliper 20mm mini jawset Beading tool 6mm Beading tool 9mm 2xChildrens gardening sets Irish wildflower seeds	Y	2025 - €2,575 2024 - €800	€2,979
Newhaven Residents Association GA-003859	€2,000	Insurance CPR Training Bedding Plants Christmas Lights Paint	N	N/A	€3,000
The Forge Residents Association GA-003809	€2,946	Hire of street party equipment Insurance Environmental Enhancements Capital Equipment Promotional Material	N	N/A	€2,946

Lusk Action Group GA-003934	€3,000	Gazebo, Chairs & Table Hire Insurance	Y	2025 - €3,000.00 2024 - €3,000.00	€3,000
Ballygossan Park Residents Association GA-003942	€2,931	Insurance Tulips & Crocus Bulbs Weed Control Edging Materials Top Soil Compost Bulbs	N	N/A	€2,932
Broadmeadow Community Garden GA-003951	€904	Outdoor Chalk Boards Insurance Outdoor Chairs	Y	2025 - €888.55	€904
The Lambay Singers GA-003910	€2,997	Facilitation Fees Insurance Venue Hire Printing Material Packs for workshops	N	N/A	€3,000
Skerries Community Association GA-003943	€1,504	Newsletter Printing	N	N/A	€1,504.00
38th Rush Scout Group GA-003909	€3,000	Chairs Storage Press Materials Flags Kitchen Appliances & Utensils Vangaurd Lights	Y	2025 - €3,000.00 2024 - €3,000.00	€3,000.00

		Whiteboard & Markers			
Balbriggan ICA GA-003930	€300	Sewing Machine Rent special event, band X2 Insurance Craft Supplies & Materials for the year	N	N/A	€2,998.00
Donabate Historical Society GA-003879	€1,489	Insurance Speaker System Sandwich Boards Room Hire Heater	N	N/A	€1,079.84

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

APPLICATIONS FOR SPORTS FUNDING

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

Name of Applicant Group	**Total Funding Amount Applied for in Respect of this Application**	**Summary of What Funding is Required For – Breakdown of Items**	**Has this Group Applied for Funding Previously? Y/N**	**Total Amount of Funding Group has Received to Date and Broken Down by Year**	**Total Amount of Funding Proposed by the Fingal Executive and rationale for Approval**
Balbriggan Basketball Academy	€1,400	1 Ball Pump (Automatic) - €24	N	N/A	Balbriggan Basketball Academy are

		2 Ball Carrier/ Storage Bags - €24 Agility Training Sets & Cones - €114 2 Table and Chair Sets - €148 2 sets of Breathable Bibs - €68 1 Polymeric Box & 2 Contact Bags - €121 Basketballs x44 - €490 1 Scoreboard (Electronic) - €189 Electronic Whistle - €39 2 Hoops (Adjustable & Portable) - €180			seeking funding to purchase basketball equipment which will benefit their club members. The equipment will improve coaching delivery and assist in participation in community events. The cost of the equipment is a total of €1,397 so I therefore recommend that Balbriggan Basketball Academy be awarded this amount under the Essential Grant Scheme.
Swords Badminton Club	€2,306	Shuttlecocks - €2,306	Y	2024 - €1,656 2023 - €1,419	The club has increased their membership capacity in recent years and as a result are using more equipment than in previous

					years. They will use this grant to buy shuttlecocks to continue to provide a valuable social and exercise outlet for their members. I recommend the €1,500 towards the costs of equipment.
Aer Lingus Swim Club	€6,725	Lane Rope x5 @ €725 each - €3,625 Storage Reel Trolley - €3,100	Y	2025 - €1,500 2020 - €1,000	The club proposes to purchase and install a full set of competition-standard swimming lane ropes for their 25-metre, 6-lane pool facility and a take up reel for safe storage. I recommend the full €4,000 towards the overall cost €6,735.
Fingal Rowing Club	€4,000	Storage container - €5,670	Y	2022 - €1,939	Fingal Rowing Club are seeking funding to purchase and install a secure steel 6

					X 4 storage shed to provide safe storage for their rowing equipment. I recommend the maximum under the Large Equipment Grant of €4,000 to assist in the purchase of the steel shed.
Balbriggan Cricket Club	€4,450	Bola Professional Bowling Machine - €4,450	Y	2023 - €3,000 2021 - €2,000	Balbriggan Cricket Club is seeking funding to replace its existing bowling machine, which is now beyond repair and no longer fit for purpose. Replacing the bowling machine will enable the club to continue delivering coaching programmes, increase participation levels and support youth development

					in the club. I therefore recommend the maximum allowed under the Large Equipment Grant €4,000.

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

Signed: _____

Councillor L. Corkery
Area Chairperson

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 8TH JUNE 2026

ITEM NO. 20b

REPORT OF CORPORATE POLICY GROUP
CPG MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 3RD JUNE 2026

Budget 2027
Mr. Oliver Hunt, Director of Finance, gave an update to the CPG in relation to the budget for 2027, outlining the process and relevant dates.
Following discussion, the CPG **NOTED** the update.

Maternity-Related Support for Councillors
Ms. Mary Egan, Director of Services, People, Corporate & Digital Services, gave a presentation to the CPG on Maternity-Related Support for Councillors.

Following discussion, the CPG **AGREED** to the recommendation that the option to attend Council meetings remotely be approved for Members availing of maternity leave.

Signed Tom O'Leary
Mayor

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COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 8TH JUNE 2026

ITEM NO. 20c

REPORT OF HOWTH/MALAHIDE SERVICES B AREA COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNEDAY 3RD JUNE 2026

Applications for Funding

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

ACTIVITY FUNDING GRANTS APPLICATIONS

Name of Applicant Group	Total Funding Amount Applied for in Respect of this Application	Summary of What Funding is Required For – Breakdown of Items	Has this Group Applied for Funding Previously? Y/N	Total Amount of Funding Group has Received to Date and Broken Down by Year	Total Amount of Funding Proposed by the Fingal Executive and rationale for Approval
Bayside Boules GA-003931	€2599	Storage Container	N	N/A	€2599
Millview Residents Association GA-003892	€3,000	Soft Play Equipment Hire Gazebo Hire Band	Y	2025 - €3,000 2024 - €2,249.19	€3000

		Marquee Magician			
Racecourse Community Centre Baldoyle GA-003946	€3,000	Face Painter, Magic Show & DJ Mindfulness Workshop Yoga Classes Band Performance	N	N/A	€2,960.50
Ukrainian Volunteers of Ireland GA-003932	€3,000	Laptop Microphones, stands, Karaoke Calendars Newsletters Face Painting Entertainment (2 events) Insurance	Y	2025 - €2,603	€3,000
Bayside Community Centre GA-003937	€3,000	Website and Social Media Upgrade, Signage for front of building Community Event	N	N/A	€3,000
Portmarnock Integrated Arch Club GA-003941	€2,488	Defib Machine & PA system	N	N/A	€2,487.65
Portmarnock Active Retirement Association (PARA) GA-003974	€3,000	Room Hire Wool Bus Tai Chi Tutor	N	N/A	€3,000
Portmarnock Community Association	€1,341	Graffiti Remover Cordless Sander	Y	2024 - €2,228.00 2024 - €522.00	€1,341.00

GA-004000		Step Ladder Plants Plants for 5 ECO planters Exterior paint for two beach Toy Library Potting table 2 x Staging Bark Mulch Insurance - St Marnock's Bay Fest			

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.

APPLICATIONS FOR SPORTS FUNDING

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

ACTIVITY FUNDING GRANTS APPLICATIONS

Name of Applicant Group	**Total Funding Amount Applied for in Respect of this Application**	**Summary of What Funding is Required For – Breakdown of Items**	**Has this Group Applied for Funding Previously? Y/N**	**Total Amount of Funding Group has Received to Date and Broken Down by Year**	**Total Amount of Funding Proposed by the Fingal Executive and rationale for Approval**
Malahide Rugby Club	€4,000	Gym equipment for players gym to benefit all club members. Equipment included is	N	N/A	€4,000 recommended towards gym equipment allows for player

		Olympic bars and bumper plates, adjustable benches, a functional trainer, hyper extension machine, dumbbell sets, TRX systems, specialist rubber gym flooring and an astro sprint training track			development and promotes health and wellbeing within the club
Na Dubh Ghall	€4,000	Portable floodlights for winter training	N	N/A	€4,000 recommended towards portable floodlights which will allow for winter training outdoors

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

Signed: _____

Councillor C. Haughey
Area Chairperson

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 8TH JUNE 2026

ITEM NO. 20d

REPORT OF BLANCHARDSTOWN-MULHUDDART/CASTLEKNOCK/ONGAR SERVICES B AREA COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 4TH JUNE 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
Meakstown Community Centre Board GA-003949	€2,369	Kids Entertainment – Open Day Sound System for Centre Use	N	N/A	€2,300.40
Clonsilla & Porterstown Heritage Society GA-003965	€1,874	Insurance First Aid Kit Three Separate Heritage Speakers Extension Lead	Y	2025 - €1,414.04	€1,756.98

		Camcorder Microphone Tripod			
Children 4WorldChildren GA-003954	€3,000	PA System Banner Lighting for events Camera Defibrillator Insurance Venue Cost	Y	2025 - €2,735.47	€3,000.00
Ongar Community Centre GA-003967	€2,999	Facepainters Puppet Master Balloon Molder Costume Magician	Y	2025 - €3,000.00	€3,000.00
Aldemere and Windemere Residents Association GA-003924	€2,673	Paint, Brushes & Rollers Plants Weed, Feed, Moss Peat & Bark Lawn Edger and Charger Insurance Fences, Sleepers & Flower Beds Family Day Bouncy Castle & Games	Y	2025 - €2,530.00 2024 - €2,497.00	€2,673.50
Hartstown Community Centre GA-003978	€2,916	Entertainer Tables & Chairs Pavement Board Childrens Equipment	Y	2025 - €1,308.45	€2,916.00
Dublin 15 Woodturners GA-003927	€2,820	Printing Leaflets Indoor Signage – 2 Pull Up Displays Jaw Mounting & Outdoor Banner Gripper Jaws Hallowing Jaws	N	N/A	€2,820.00

		Axminster Chuck Package Lathe			
Heart and Soul Friendship Group GA-003899	€3000	Wellness/Movement Tai Chi Ballroom Social Trips Insurance Laptop	Y	2024-€2999.26	€3000
Thrive Arch Club Dublin 15 GA-003975	€1000	Playball Yoga Sensory Equipment	N	N/A	€1260
Luttrellstown Community Centre GA-003984	€1955	Open Day-entertainer and band Facilitator: Art & Zumba	Y	2024-€2806	€2910.50
Hamilton Park Residents Association GA-003964	€3000	Insurance Inflatables	Y	2025 - €152.25	€3000
Mulhuddart Community Centre GA-003962	€2553	Drill, microwave, cafe equipment Mindfulness workshops & kids' entertainer PC	Y	2025 - €1794.50 2024- €2745	€3000
Diswellstown Community & Recreation Centre Ltd GA-003970	€2776	Facilitator Fee & Equipment Kids Entertainer PA System & Stand	Y	2024-€2852.70	€2968
Castaheany Community Centre Ltd GA-003985	€1955	Open Day-Kids Entertainer and Band Facilitator: Art & Zumba	N	N/A	€2910.50
Mountview Family Resource Centre GA-003956	€2440	Zumba Bus Trip Brass Band Music Bingo	Y	2024-€3000	€2400

Blakestown Community & Resource Centre GA-003977	€3130	Kitchen Pilates Family Day Parent & Toddler Group Equipment	Y	2024-€3000	€3000
Corduff Resource Centre GA-003990	€2758	Entertainment Equipment Newsletter	Y	2024-€2814	€2758.40
Mulhuddart Men's Shed GA-003987	€1065	Insurance – Capped	Y	2025-€2789.75	€500
Meakstown Community Garden GA-003966	€2,750	Gardening, safety & First Aid Equipment Planting & Bedding Materials Insurance	N	N/A	€2,801
Mountview Fortlawn Youth & Sports Hub GA-003988	€2,997	Open Family Day Equipment Plants and Paint	Y	2025 - €2,550.12 2024 - €2,907.38	€2,536.78
Tyrrelstown Community Centre GA-003968	€2,999	Event Company	Y	2025 - €3,000	€3,000
D15 Stay & Play Toy library GA-003980	€2,988	Insurance Facilitators Equipment Hire Equipment Venue	N	N/A	€2,759.90

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

APPLICATIONS FOR SPORTS FUNDING

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

ACTIVITY FUNDING GRANTS APPLICATIONS

Name of Applicant Group	Total Funding Amount Applied for in Respect of this Application	Summary of What Funding is Required For – Breakdown of Items	Has this Group Applied for Funding Previously? Y/N	Total Amount of Funding Group has Received to Date and Broken Down by Year	Total Amount of Funding Proposed by the Fingal Executive and rationale for Approval
Westmanstown Bowling Club	€3,602	The club wants to use the Large Sports Equipment Grant to purchase a wooden gazebo.	Y	2025 - €1,342.00	I recommend that the club are allocated €3,602. The grant will allow club members to change their shoes under a shelter and also be used as a viewing area in wet weather
McKelvey Celtic Football Club	€4,000	The club wants to use the Large Sports Equipment Grant to purchase two dugouts for their astro pitch.	N		I recommend that the club are allocated €4,000. The grant will ensure players and coaches can be seated safely off the sideline

					during games
Tyrrelstown Cricket Club	€4,000	The club wants to use the Large Sports Equipment Grant to purchase a container.	Y	2022 - €950	I recommend that the club are allocated €4,000. The grant will allow the club to expand storage, increasing membership capacity.
Viking Sub Aqua Club	€1,500	The club wants to use the Essential Sports Equipment Grant to purchase a full-face diving mask.	Y	2025 - €3,405	I recommend that the club are allocated €1,500. The grant will allow the club to improve diver safety during training and support beginner divers

It was **proposed by** Councillor M. McCamley seconded by Councillor T. Kitt that this Committee recommends that the County Council **APPROVE** of the Sports Funding in the foregoing report.

Signed: _____

Councillor E. Carbone-Mangan
Area Chairperson

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

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MONDAY 8TH JUNE 2026

ITEM NO. 21

FINANCIAL MATTERS

No Business

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COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 8TH JUNE 2026

ITEM NO. 22

PROPOSED DISPOSALS OF PROPERTIES

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COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

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

File Ref: LD 1634

30th April 2026

To: Each Member of the Council

Re: Notice of proposed disposal of Murtagh's Public House, Residence and Car Park, at Ballough, Lusk, Co. Dublin to Thornberry Property Holdings Limited, Stephenstown Business Park, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin.

Murtagh's Public House, Residence and Car Park, Ballough, Lusk, Co. Dublin was acquired by the Council in 2019 for housing purposes on foot of Chief Executive's Order EETD/380/2018. The purchase price agreed with the Vendor at that time was in the total sum of €525,000.00 (five hundred and twenty-five thousand Euro) plus Vat and Stamp duty, if applicable.

Following the acquisition of the property the Council was unable to secure funding from central government for the re-development of the property for housing purposes. Following extensive internal consultation, the Council took the decision to place the property on the open market for sale in August 2025. The property attracted strong interest and following negotiations with the interested parties the Council has accepted an offer to purchase the property. The purchaser has informed the Council that they intend to renovate the house for use as a dwelling and are considering various options for the future use of the public house and car park.

It is proposed to dispose of Murtagh's Public House, Residence and Car Park at Ballough, Lusk, Co. Dublin to Thornberry Property Holdings Limited, Stephenstown Business Park, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. That the purpose of the disposal is for the renovation of the house for use as a dwelling, with various options for the future use of the public house and carpark under consideration by the Purchaser, subject to planning.

2. The site comprises an area of c. 1,705 square metres approximately as shown outlined in red on Drawing No. LA-4032-26 dated 23rd April 2026.

3. That the Council shall dispose of the freehold title interest in the subject property for a consideration in the total amount of €475,000.00 (four hundred and seventy-five thousand Euro) plus Vat and Stamp Duty, if applicable.

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

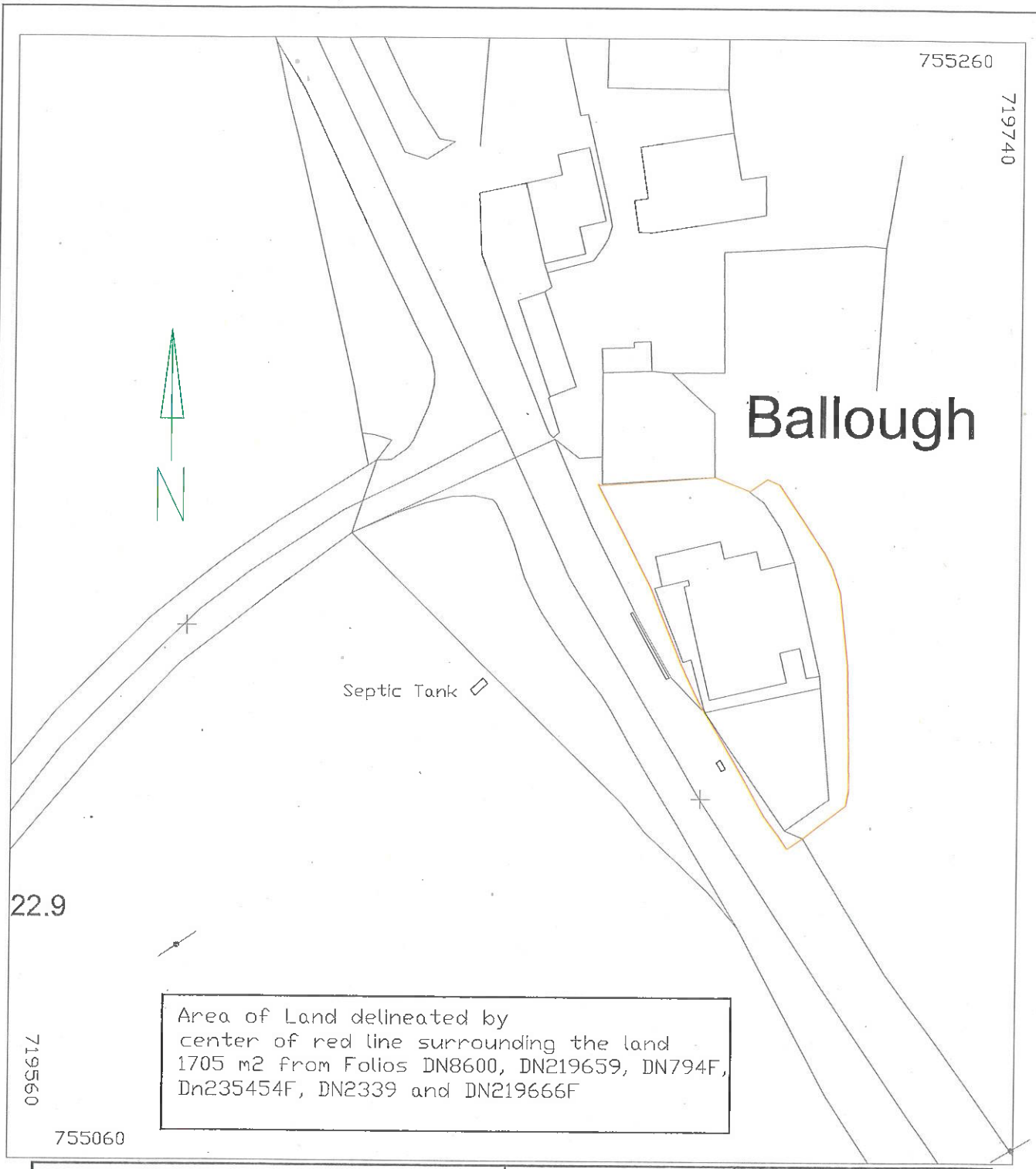
5. All other terms and conditions shall be set out in the legal documentation.

The land to be disposed of was acquired from Gerard and Maeve Murtagh in 2019 for housing purposes.

Notice is hereby given that a report on the proposed disposal will be included on the agenda of the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services B) meeting which is scheduled to be held on Thursday 14th 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 8th June 2026.

Fóg Brendan

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



Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall Fingal County Council	Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL	Dwg No: LA-4032-26	D.S.Ref:
		Date: 23 Apr 2026	Drawn By: LJM
		Scale: 1/1000	Checked:
Project: Land at Murtagh Pub Ballough		Dev. File No:	Job No. SM032/26
Land to be transferred by :		Gross Area :	
		Road Area :	
		Nett Area :	

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COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

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ITEM NO. 23

DECLARATION OF ROADS
TO BE PUBLIC ROADS

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COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 8th JUNE 2026

ITEM NO. 23a

FOREST LITTLE ROAD AND BARBERSTOWN ROAD, SWORDS

DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS

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

Road Schedule

BC Number – 1808
Taking In Charge – Forrest Little Road & Barberstown Road TIC.
DED: Swords, TL: Swords.

Road Name		**Length**	**Description**
Naul Road		1454m	From the junction of Cloghran Roundabout, turn onto Naul Road and head West for 1454m To the junction of Forrest Road,
Forrest Little Road		82.7m	Turn right onto Forrest Road and head North for 82.7m to end of TIC.

		997m	From the junction of Forrest Road and Naul Road turn right and head West for 997m to the R108 roundabout,
		99.8m	Take the second exit and head North for 99.8m to end of TIC.
Dunbro Lane & Kilreesk Road		2266m	From the junction of Naul Road and the R108 roundabout take the first exit and head West for 2266m to the junction Dunbro Lane and Kilreesk Road.
		450m	From the junction of Dunbro Lane and Kilreesk Road turn right and head North for 450m to end of TIC.
		123m	From the junction of Dunbro Lane and Kilreesk Road continue West for 123m to end of TIC.

		Total = 5472.5m	

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Road Schedule

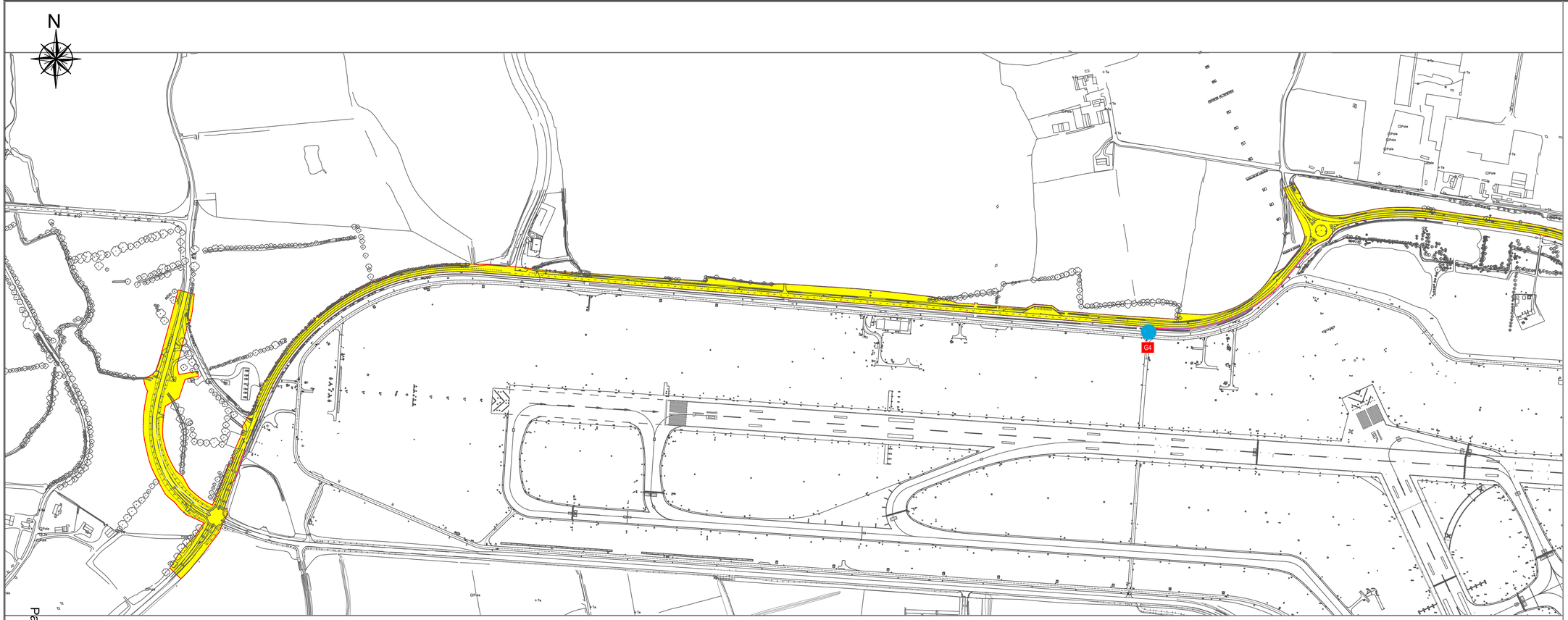
BC Number – 1808
Taking In Charge – Forrest Little Road & Barberstown Road TIC.
DED: Swords, TL: Swords.

Road Name		**Length**	**Description**
Naul Road,		1454m	From the junction of Cloghran Roundabout, turn onto Naul Road and head West for 1454m To the junction of Forrest Road,
Forrest Little Road,		82.7m 997m 99.8m	Turn right onto Forrest Road and head North for 82.7m to end of TIC. From the junction of Forrest Road and Naul Road turn right and head West for 997m to the R108 roundabout, Take the second exit and head North for 99.8m to end of TIC.
Dunbro Lane & Kilreesk Road,		2266m	From the junction of Naul Road and the R108 roundabout take the first exit and head West for 2266m to the junction Dunbro

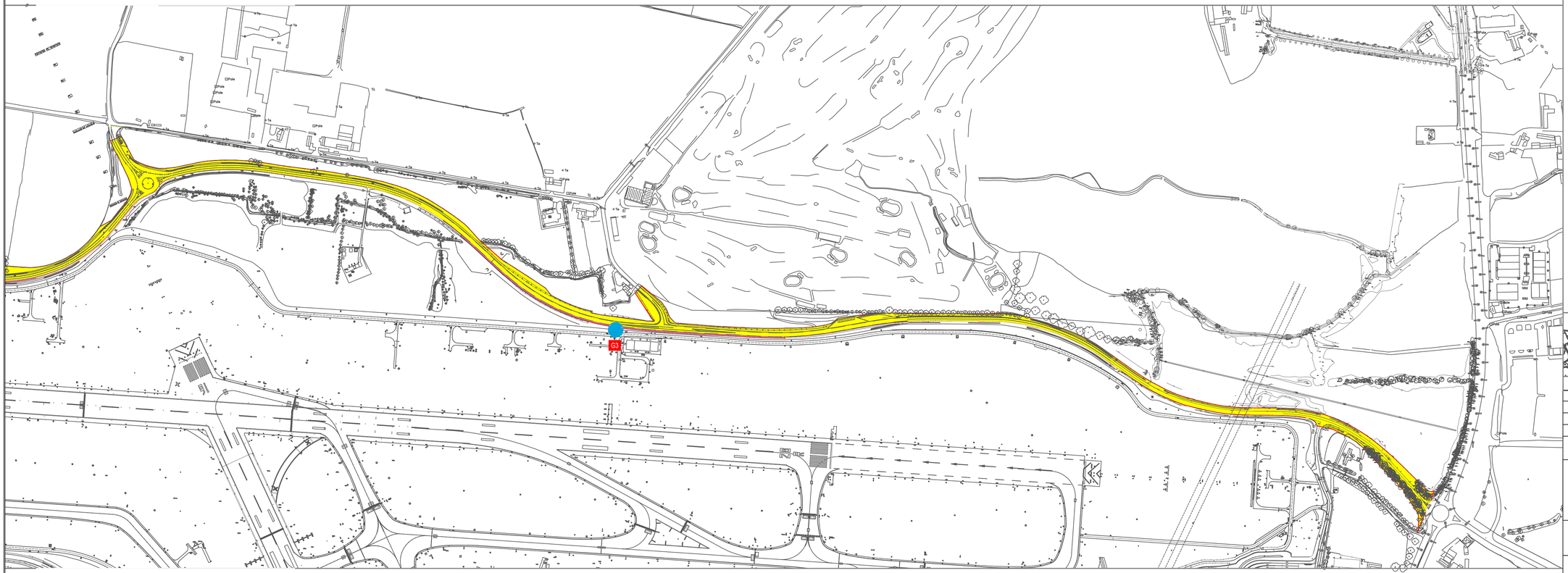
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			Lane and Kilreesk Road.
		450m	From the junction of Dunbro Lane and Kilreesk Road turn right and head North for 450m To end of TIC.
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		Total = 5472.5m	

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01 FCC - ROADS TAKING IN CHARGE - BOUNDARY MAP WEST
Scale: NTS



02 FCC - ROADS TAKING IN CHARGE - BOUNDARY MAP EAST
Scale: NTS



SENIOR ENGINEER: COLIN GALLAGHER			
DATE: Sept. 2025	SURVEYED BY:	F MCNeary	ALL FOUL AND SURFACE WATER SEWERS ARE 225mm.DIA UNLESS STATED.
CHECKED BY: Martin Byrne.	DRAWN BY:	F MCNeary	SCALED DIMENSIONS T TO BE USED.
APPROVED BY: Martin Byrne	BC .	BC No.1808	LENGTH OF ROADS ARE AS ON THE ATTACHED ROAD SCHEDULE.
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Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

Inspectorate Division

TAKING IN CHARGE

Forrest Little Road/ Barberstown Road TIC
DED Swords TL: Swords

Areas proposed to be taken in charge

Foul Water System proposed to be taken in charge.

Surface Water System proposed to be taken in charge.

Watermains proposed to be taken in charge.

HYD Hydrant

Sluice Valve

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COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 8TH JUNE 2026

ITEM NO. 24

LICENCE APPLICATION – 'FLAVOURS OF FINGAL COUNTY SHOW'

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

(Reg. Ref. PEL/002/26)

Section 1.0 Executive Summary

An application has been made by Fingal County Council in accordance with Part XVI of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) for the 'Flavours of Fingal' event in Newbridge Demesne, Donabate (Register Reference PEL/002/26).

The proposed event will comprise outdoor activities to include: livestock and equestrian shows; music performances; country market; artisan food stalls; an extensive 'family fun' area; and, various other additional activities on the 4th and 5th of July 2026. The anticipated attendance will be in the region of 30,000 persons on both days.

The publication of notice of intention to hold the Flavours of Fingal County was made in the Gazette and Irish Independent on Thursday, 19 March 2026. This provided for a three-week period within which to make submissions or observations. The proposal, including the draft plan for the management of the event was available for inspection at the offices of Fingal County Council during office hours and online through the public consultation portal at https://consult.fingal.ie. No submissions or observations were received from third parties during this time.

Having regard to:

- The location, characteristics and setting of the site and its suitability for holding this event;
- The proposals in respect of the event;
- The provisions of Part XVI of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended and Part 16 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended;
- The comments received from state organisations and departments of Fingal County Council; and,
- The history of the successful staging of events on the subject site by Fingal County Council Events Unit, on behalf of Fingal County Council,

It is recommended that a decision to approve the event be made under the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) subject to the schedule of conditions included within this report.

2.0 Introduction

This is an application for a Public Event Licence for an outdoor event 'Flavours of Fingal' event, in accordance with Part XVI of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended). The proposed event will comprise outdoor activities to include livestock and equestrian shows; music performances; country markets; artisan food stalls; an extensive family fun area; and, various additional activities on the 4th and 5th of July 2026. The anticipated audience will be in the region of 30,000 persons per day. The event will be held at Newbridge Demesne, Donabate, Co. Dublin and hosted by Fingal County Council.

Part XVI of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) introduced legislation to provide licensing of certain outdoor events. Section 238 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) provides for the making of regulations by the Minister for matters of procedure and administration in relation to the holding of an event by a Local Authority.

Part 16 (Articles 193 to 199) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) addresses the matter of holding of an event by a local authority. This application has been made in accordance with the provisions of these regulations.

The report of the Chief Executive has been prepared in accordance with Section 238(3) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, which requires that the report shall:

(i) specify the proposed event,

(ii) specify the matters referred to in section 231(4) to which the holding of the proposed event will be subject,

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

(iv) summarise the issues raised in any such submissions or observations and state the response of the Chief Executive to them, and,

(v) recommend whether or not the proposed event should be held.

3.0 Site Location

The proposed event is to be hosted within Newbridge House Demesne, an historic and important regional parkland located c.6km northeast of Swords. The Demesne forms an Architectural Conservation Area (ACA), and the ACA includes objectives to protect its natural and built heritage.

Newbridge House is a protected structure and recorded monument, consisting of a Georgian Villa with a square cobbled courtyard to the rear. A café also adjoins the house. Grounds closest to the main house also include: a working farm that includes stables and a blacksmith workshop, a duck pond, a paddock area and animal / fowl pens. The main access to the demesne is via the R126, with additional access provisions along the eastern boundary (via Cobbe's Lane), northern boundary (via Turvey Avenue) and to the east (via Newbridge Avenue).

It is noted that the receiving environment where the event is proposed to take place, Newbridge House Demesne, has not undergone any substantive changes or alterations since the most recent iteration of the 'Flavours of Fingal County Show' in 2025. To that extent, all of the issues raised in previous years by submissions from internal Council departments as well as external consultees (both statutory and non-statutory) are considered to remain valid.

4.0 Proposed Event

The 'Flavours of Fingal County Show' comprises a combination of outdoor activities including: include livestock and equestrian shows; music performances; country markets; artisan food stalls; an extensive family fun area; and, various additional activities.

According to the public notices, the event will run with public admittance on the 4th and 5th of July 2026 between the hours of 1100hrs to 1800hrs, with an anticipated attendance in the region of 30,000 persons per day (as stated in the public notices).

In summary, the key components of the proposed 'Flavours of Fingal' include six operational zones; listed below and illustrated on submitted maps.

Zone	Name
Zone 1	County Show
Zone 2	Paddocks Area
Zone 3	Walled Garden Area
Zone 4	Front of House Area
Zone 5	Living History Area
Zone 6	Equestrian Area

Each of these zones contains a variety of uses as part of the overall event, ranging from 'family-fun' activities; entertainment; concession and picnic areas; animal & agricultural displays; equestrian; vintage vehicles; historical demonstrations; exhibitor stands; event centre; and, wellness. Car parking areas ('Blue 1', 'Blue 2', 'Brown', 'Green', 'Purple', 'Livestock' & 'Equestrian' have also been illustrated, as well as the 'Transport and Bus Centre' area.

Relative to the 2025 iteration of the event, there are no significant changes within the submitted proposals to be considered within this year's submission.

5.0 Fingal Development Plan 2023 – 2029

Zoning Objective
The site is located in an area designated with Zoning Objective OS - Open Space to 'Preserve and provide for open space and recreational amenities', in the Fingal Development Plan 2023 – 2029.

Green Infrastructure Maps: Low Lying Agricultural
Highly Sensitive Landscape: Coastal
Architectural Conservation Area: Donabate

Protected Structures
RPS – 494 - Newbridge House
RPS – 493 – Lanistown Castle
RPS – 505 - Former Forge and Vernacular House
RPS – 863 - The Old Vicarage
RPS – 495 – The Lodge
RPS – 496 – Motte
RPS – 502 Railway Bridge

National Monuments
SMRS - DU012-060 - House - 18th/19th century
SMRS - DU012-101 – Enclosure

SMRS - DU012-004 - Castle - Tower House
SMRS - DU012-073- Enclosure

Objective GIM2
Protect the natural and built heritage of the following Fingal County Council owned lands (which include important historic sites, landscapes and gardens), while providing significant public amenities; Bremore Castle and Park, Ardgillan Castle and Demesne, Newbridge House and Demesne, Malahide Castle and Demesne, Swords Castle and Park, Santry Demesne, and Beechpark (Clonsilla) and Ward River Valley Regional Park, Swords.

Objective EEO83 – Develop and Promote the Agri-food Sector.
Engage and collaborate with key stakeholders, relevant agencies, sectoral representatives and local communities to develop the agri-food sector in Fingal and the new Fingal Food Policy, to promote and showcase the agri-food sector, including supporting events such as the Flavours of Fingal, and to ensure that the potential of the sector is secured for the benefit of local communities, the environment, the local economy, and national economy.

Section 7.2.5 Growing Tourism Sector of the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029
This relates to the tourism sector and also recognises the role of the Flavours of Fingal in promoting Fingal County:

> *Tourism is one of Fingal's most important economic drivers which is fully embraced by the Council. Through Dublin Airport, Fingal provides the national major link between Ireland and international tourists. Fingal's Tourism sector is characterised by large numbers of SMEs, with 800 businesses providing accommodation and catering services. Guest accommodation supports an estimated 3,000 full time job equivalents and the catering sector provides a further 2000 jobs. The implementation of the Tourism Statement of Strategy and Work Programme 2017 – 2022 including the marketing of Fingal as a visitor location and the engagement with local tourism groups continues across the County. Flavours of Fingal continues to grow and highlight the quality and depth of food and farming in Fingal.*

Objective EEO48 – Events and Concerts
Support events and concerts at suitable locations within Fingal subject to the appropriate licensing arrangements, in consultation with affected stakeholders such as community groups, local businesses and residents in the immediate area where feasible and practical, and to protect and safeguard the amenities of the area and the natural and built heritage.

Section 10.5.2.4 Historic Designed Landscapes
Newbridge Demesne is recognised as a historic design landscape.

Policy HCAP18 – Designed Landscape Features, Settings and Views

Protect the setting, significant views, and built features of historic designed landscapes and promote the conservation of their essential character, both built and natural.

Policy HCAP19 – Development and Historic Demesnes
Resist proposals or developments that would lead to the loss or, or cause harm to the character, principal components or setting of historic designed landscapes and demesnes of significance in the County.

Objective HCAO24 – Alteration and Development of Protected Structures and ACAs
Require proposals for any development, modification, alteration, extension or energy retrofitting affecting a Protected Structure and/or its setting or a building that contributes to the character of an ACA are sensitively sited and designed, are compatible with the special character, and are appropriate in terms of the proposed scale, mass, height, density, architectural treatment, layout, materials, impact on architectural or historic features.

Policy HCAP12 – Interventions to Protected Structures
Ensure that direct or indirect interventions to Protected Structures or adjoining development.
affecting them are guided by architectural conservation principles so that they are sympathetic, sensitive and appropriate to the special interest, appearance, character, and setting of the Protected Structure and are sensitively scaled and designed.

Policy HCAP14 – Architectural Conservation Areas
Protect the special interest and character of all areas which have been designated as an Architectural Conservation Area (ACA). Development within or affecting an ACA must contribute positively to its character and distinctiveness and take opportunities to protect and enhance the character and appearance of the area and it's setting wherever possible. Development shall not harm buildings, spaces, original street patterns, archaeological sites, historic boundaries or features, which contribute positively to the ACA.

Policy HCAP3 – Record of Monuments and Places/ Sites and Monuments Record
Safeguard archaeological sites, monuments, objects and their settings listed in the Record of Monuments and Places (RMP), Sites and Monuments Record (SMR), underwater cultural heritage including protected wrecks and any additional newly discovered archaeological remains.

Objective HCAO2 – Protection of RMPs/SMRs
Protect all archaeological sites and monuments, underwater archaeology, and archaeological objects, which are listed in the Record of Monuments and Places, Wreck Inventory of Ireland and all sites and features of archaeological and historic interest discovered subsequent to the publication of the Record of Monuments and Places, and to seek their preservation in situ (or at a minimum, preservation by record) through the planning process.

Objective DMSO140 – Protection of Existing Landscape
Protect existing landscape features such as scrub, woodland, large trees, hedgerows, meadows, ponds and wetlands which are of biodiversity or amenity value and/or contribute to landscape character and ensure that proper provision is made for their protection and management.

Policy GINHP21 – Protection of Trees and Hedgerows
Protect existing woodlands, trees and hedgerows which are of amenity or biodiversity value and/or contribute to landscape character and ensure that proper provision is made for their protection and management in line with the adopted Forest of Fingal-A Tree Strategy for Fingal.

6.0 Submissions
No submissions from third parties were received within the statutory time period allocated.

7.0 Department Reports
Copies of all reports are available in Appendix 1.

7.1 Internal Department Reports
Water Services Department
No objection.

Transportation Planning Section
No objection, subject to conditions.

Parks and Green Infrastructure
No objection, subject to conditions.

Housing Department
No report received at time of drafting this report.

Conservation Officer
The Conservation Officer has no objection in principle. The report recommends that adequate management and protective measures be put in place to ensure that damage is not caused to any of the protected structures, recorded monuments or designed landscape features, and that no permanent alterations are made to the historic demesne to facilitate the event.

Environmental Health Officer
No objection, subject to conditions.

Public Lighting Section
Any proposed lighting plan, whether temporary or permanent, should be submitted to and agreed in writing with the Public Lighting Section.

Previously, the public lighting section have recommended that locations of any tower lights proposed should be located and positioned so that they avoid causing a glare issue to drivers and pedestrians, and that obtrusive light (light spill and light pollution in areas that are not to be lit), is minimised. The hours of operation of the tower lights should also be considered. Given daylight hours at this time of the year, such conditions are not considered necessary during the operation of the event but may be of relevance during event preparation and de-rigging.

Community/Sports Department
No report received at time of drafting this report.

Arts/Culture Department
No report received at time of drafting this report.

Community Archaeologist / Heritage Officer
No report received at time of drafting this report. However, given the similarity between the proposed event and previous iterations of the event, there are no perceived impacts on the archaeological resource at Newbridge Demesne by this year's proposals, as detailed in the application submitted. Therefore, there remain no objections to this development on archaeological grounds.

Environment Department
Report received indicating no objections subject to conditions.

Ecologist
A detailed report was received, which reached similar conclusions to the previously received report of 2024. Both reports seek to mitigate against any potential adverse impacts on the grassland and flora of the Demesne in particular. Given there have been no substantive changes to the receiving environment in the interim, it is recommended that the previously attached conditions are retained.

7.2 External Department Reports

Garda Superintendents
No report received at time of drafting this report.

C.I.E
No report received at time of drafting this report.

Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII)
Submission Received – no objection subject to conditions.

Uisce Eireann
No report received at time of drafting this report.

An Comhairle Ealaoin
No report received at time of drafting this report.

Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage
No report received at time of drafting this report.

Failte Ireland
No report received at time of drafting this report.

An Taisce
No report received at time of drafting this report.

Heritage Council
No report received at time of drafting this report.

Health & Safety Authority
No report received at time of drafting this report. It is noted that a report received in 2024 stated that the proposal appears to be outside the scope of the Chemicals Act (Control of Major Accident Hazards Involving Dangerous Substances) Regulations 2015 and consequently the Authority has no observations to make.

N.T.A.
No report received at time of drafting this report.

Iarnród Eireann
No report received at time of drafting this report.

8.0 Assessment

8.1 Event Management

Article 194(2) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended relates to items which the local authority is required to place on display with respect to the event licence application. As part of the event licence procedure, an Event Management Plan, site layout plan and other supporting information including a Traffic Management Plan have been prepared.

Key elements of the Event Management Plan include:

- Event details
- Event management team (FCC - Paul Barnes; Mags Connelly of MCC Events; Tony O'Brien of Elite Risk Services; and Darren Service of Invictus Events Management).
- Licences, codes of practice, legislation, regulations & by-laws
- Safety & operations
- Crowd safety & movement
- Stewarding
- Medical provisions
- Fire safety
- Equipment standards
- Traffic management
- Policies & procedures
- Event health & safety documentation & inspections
- Accessibility

The Event Management Plan (prepared by NOC Consultancy) contains a safety strategy which states that it is the promoter's objective to provide competent trained staff and recognised safety management systems (including risk assessments), in order to ensure a safe event with minimum risk to the health, safety and welfare of attendees at the 'Flavours of Fingal County Show 2026'. An organisational chart has been provided detailing the roles and responsibilities of key post-holders, including the roles of external agencies.

Risk assessments have been undertaken in relation to this event and are contained in the Event Management Plan. The specific Event Risk Assessment is included as an Appendix (6) in the Event Management Plan and establish risks based on Impact/Severity and Probability. The procedures in the event of an emergency are contained in the Appendices (3 & 5) of the Event Management Plan submitted with this application. The procedures include roles and responsibilities, details of key personnel, procedures and emergency routes. It is stated that all emergency services will be made aware of emergency routes in advance of the event.
A comprehensive traffic management plan has been submitted as part of the application.

Having regard to Article 194(2) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) prior to the staging of the event, an updated event management plan should be submitted to provide details of the deputy event controller and clarity as to whether any reinstatement works are required. In addition, an environmental management plan should be prepared.

8.2 Principle of Proposal
The site is located in an area designated with zoning objective 'OS' Open Space to 'Preserve and provide for open space and recreational amenities' in the Fingal Development Plan 2023 – 2029. The vision of this 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'.

The 'Flavours of Fingal' event is a temporary, 2-day event which would not be prejudicial to the zoning and ongoing use of these lands as open space or the established cultural and recreational facilities thereon. Objective EEO83 of the Fingal Development Plan supports events such as the 'Flavours of Fingal' as a means of promoting and showcasing the agri-food sector while Section 7.2.5 of the Plan in relation to tourism similarly recognises that the 'Flavours of Fingal' event highlights the quality and depth of food and farming in the county. Objective EEO48 of the Development Plan specifically supports events at suitable locations in Fingal subject to appropriate licensing arrangements, appropriate consultation and where the amenities of the area, natural and built heritage can be safeguarded.

Flavours of Fingal is noted to have a successful track record of being hosted at Newbridge Demesne and this event has included engagement and collaboration with a range of stakeholders. It is considered that the proposed event would improve the quality of Fingal's tourism offer, will help promote Newbridge House & Demesne and support the agri-food sector, consistent with the provisions of the Fingal Development Plan in this regard. It is noted that there have been no objections from local residents, or from statutory and non-statutory consultees. This of itself suggests that the event is well organised and well run.

For the avoidance of doubt, the proposed event is considered acceptable in principle.

8.3 Impact on Built Heritage & Landscape
The proposed event is taking place within the curtilage of a historic demesne with mature landscaping and structures of historical importance.

The Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 recognises the importance of Newbridge House and Demesne as a site of historical importance as per the conservation designations. The tourism opportunity of Newbridge House and Demesne is also considered in the Fingal County Development Plan 2023-2029, under Section 7.5.2 and particular attention is given to the rarity of the 18th Century or earlier designed landscapes, which are highly significant and sensitive, under Section 10.5.2.4.

The event will utilise existing amenities alongside the provision of temporary new structures to accommodate the event and activities on site for its duration. It is therefore

important that suitable provision is made to ensure the integrity of the protected structures; mature trees and existing roads are suitably protected from damage during the construction and preparation stage, during the event itself and the site re-instated to pre-event condition afterwards.

Consideration is given to the temporary nature of the event in assessing impacts and the specific layout. Based on the information prepared, there are no perceived impacts on the archaeology features in the Demesne and therefore the event is considered to be consistent with Policy HCAP3 and Objective HCAO2 in respect of safeguarding archaeological sites and their settings.

The report received from the Conservation Office states that there is no objection in principle to the event as long as adequate management and protective measures are in place to ensure that damage is not caused to any of the protected structures, recorded monuments or designed landscape features, and that no permanent alterations are made to the historic demesne to facilitate the event. The report notes that the open fields on the northern side of the demesne are less sensitive than other parts of the demesne and a lot of the activity is centred within these. Care should be taken in the more significant areas of the demesne e.g. within the walled garden, close to the main house and historic outbuildings, within the vicinity of Lanistown Castle, and in proximity to individual or clusters of mature trees. The latter is also discussed further in this report. The Conservation Officer has made a number of recommendations for mitigation to protect Newbridge Demesne and the historic features therein.

Some of the areas of woodland present on the site in the 1840s have been mapped by National Parks and Wildlife Service in the National Native Woodland Survey and have been included in the Ancient and Long-Established Woodland dataset1. These woodlands are outside of the areas proposed to be utilised by the event according to the 'Areas Map' included in the Event Management Plan (Rev001) and no impacts are therefore likely. The application submission does not include documentation which details tree protection. Newbridge House Demesne is a regional park containing numerous trees and woodland areas which will be accessible to the public during the Flavours of Fingal event. As a result of this. adequate tree protection measures should be put in place to avoid potential negative impacts of increased pedestrian footfall and vehicle traffic.

Conditions are recommended to ensure the protection and of the natural and built heritage of Newbridge House and Demesne prior to the event, during and after the event.

It is also recommended that the event organisers ensure that no public or casual access is permitted to those parts of Newbridge Demesne (or property therein) that are not for public use during the event and provide any necessary protective measures in consultation with the management team of Newbridge House and Demesne. Subject to adherence to these conditions, it is considered that the proposed event, would not adversely affect the

character, components or setting of Newbridge Demesne landscape, the character or setting of the Protected Structures within or adjoining the Demesne or the Newbridge Demesne Architectural Conservation Area.

Subject to conditions, the proposed event is considered to be acceptable in terms of its potential impact on both the established Built Heritage & Landscape as they relate to Newbridge Demesne.

8.4 Impact on Amenities

The Planning Authority acknowledges that given the siting of Newbridge Demesne, the proposed event areas are suitably detached from residential areas. Furthermore, given the event is temporary in nature (2 days) with limited operating times over a weekend, it is considered that the event will not negatively impact on residential amenity. It is stated in the Event Management Plan that noise will be limited and shall not cause unreasonable disturbance to any nearby noise sensitive premises and that no vibration exposure is anticipated.

Obtrusive light (light spill and light pollution in areas that are not to be lit should be minimised. This can be addressed by condition. The hours of operation of the tower lights should also be considered, though it is noted that sunset on the weekend of 4/5th of July is 2154hrs, and so light overspill effects are considered to be minimal given the proposed event timings.

Subject to conditions, the proposed event is considered to be acceptable in terms of its potential impact on local amenities, including the residential amenities of nearby occupiers as well as the wider communities of Donabate and Portrane.

8.5 Traffic Management Plan

A Traffic Management Plan has been prepared by Freeflow Traffic Management and included with the submission. Paid car-parking will be facilitated within the grounds of the Demesne. Accessible parking is provided at the most central location on the site, independent of the main car-parks. A Traffic Management Plan for a free flow system has been prepared which details traffic movements which shall be managed by a combination of marshals, TMO and Gardai. The Traffic Management Plan shall be monitored on a continuing basis over the course of the event and amended, if necessary, in conjunction with the Emergency Services, An Garda Siochána and Fingal County Council Operations Department Traffic Section. A Travel Manager should also be included in the proposed roles set out in the event management plan with dedicated duties around active and sustainable travel communication and planning.

The submission received from TII requested that traffic management measures protect the strategic nature of national roads in the area and also included recommendations with regards to signage and the appointment of a liaison officer to address all traffic and

signage issues before and during the event. The historic running of the event appears to have taken these issues into account. Nonetheless, such issues should be addressed by way of conditions.

8.6 Public Transport
According to the event documentation, it is an objective this event to encourage use of public transport to minimise congestion of the public road network. The Planning Authority note that details relating to public transport options should be provided prior to the event taking place, clearly indicating connectivity and the available location, frequency, and capacity for public transport provision on both days of the event.

8.7 Car & Bicycle Parking
Provision has been made for car parking including accessible car parking.

It is also considered that bicycle parking provision should clearly be included with convenient bicycle access routes within the event site, giving priority to cyclists over the private motor vehicle and also comprising dedicated, convenient and secure bicycle parking within the event site. Details of these should be agreed with the Planning Authority prior to the staging of the event.

Subject to conditions, the proposed event is considered to be acceptable in terms of its potential impact on the local transport network as detailed in paragraphs 8.5 to 8.7 above.

8.8 Environmental Monitoring and Measures
It is noted that no specific environmental monitoring statement has been included which would include details on sanitary provision, waste management and damage to property. It is submitted that a comprehensive clean-up post-event will ensure there is no lasting damage.

It is recommended that conditions be attached requiring the reinstatement of the venue subsequent to the event, including litter clean-up of the surrounding area, and for any remedial works arising from any damage caused to public property, facilities or amenities associated with the event. Full details on sanitary provision and the provision of potable water to serve the site will also be conditioned to be detailed prior to the holding of the event.

Food safety is also important and would require facilities regarding storage handling etc. This can be addressed by way of conditions.

A detailed waste management plan from the appointed waste contractor should be prepared in advance of the event to highlight methods of segregation of waste materials and subsequent management of waste streams with an emphasis on reuse and recycling. Waste streams once separated shall not be mixed thereafter. The appointed contractor

shall take into consideration the Green Festival and Events in Fingal Guidance when drafting the waste management plan. Following the event, a waste report shall be submitted by the appointed waste contractor to highlight the success of the measures undertaken and to confirm the quantities of different waste streams reused, recycled, recovered and disposed of to landfill.

All contractors/vendors should adhere to the sustainability initiatives outlined in the Green Festival and Events in Fingal Guidance and provide a summary report after the event to highlight successes in reducing, reusing and recycling waste as well as any issues encountered and improvements for future events.

Subject to conditions, the proposed event is considered to be acceptable in terms of Environmental Monitoring.

8.9 Ecology

According to the documentation prepared for the event, no negative impacts on flora and fauna are foreseen.

The report received from the Fingal County Council ecologist advises that the ecology of the estate, in particular the meadow grassland, is of substantial ecological importance. The grasslands on the site are known to support Hordeum secalinum (meadow barley) which is listed in Schedule A of the Flora (Protection) Order 2022 (S.I. No. 235/ 2022). Meadow Barely has been identified previously within the areas proposed to be 'Staff and Exhibitors Car Park", "Brown Car Park" and "Blue Car Parks 1 and 2".

Measures are therefore required to ensure no impact can occur to this protected species. Potential significant impacts to fauna such as bats, birds and badgers are considered unlikely as the event is carried out on areas of open terrain leaving the woodland areas and fauna therein unimpacted by the event, the hours of the event are 11 am to 6 pm allowing fauna to forage before and after the event and the main period of impacts of the event will be short term in nature (2 days).

Subject to appropriate conditions, the proposed event is considered to be acceptable in terms of its potential negative impacts on local ecology within the site.

9.0 Conclusion

A licence has been applied for by Fingal County Council Events Unit, to hold an event in accordance with Part XVI of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended). The Event Management Plan submitted has been assessed and due consideration given to the protection of Newbridge Demesne in particular the landscape and historical setting including protected structures within Newbridge Demesne.

Having regard to:

- The location, characteristics and setting of the site and its suitability for holding this event;
- The proposals in respect of the event;
- The provisions of Part XVI of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended and Part 16 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended;
- The comments received from state organisations and departments of Fingal County Council;
- The history of the successful staging of events on the subject site by the Fingal County Council Events Unit, on behalf of Fingal County Council,

The Public Event Licence application is considered acceptable subject to conditions to mitigate any potential impacts on the amenities of the area, established trees and woodlands, built heritage and ecology and ensure satisfactory arrangements in respect of the event including waste management, access and traffic management.

10. Recommendation

For the above reasons, it is recommended that a Public Event Licence for the outdoor event: 'Flavours of Fingal County Show 2026' is approved and issued, subject to the following conditions:

1. The event shall be carried out in its entirety in accordance with the plans, particulars and specifications lodged within this application, save as may be required by the other conditions attached hereto. Unless otherwise stated, documentation indicating compliance with the attached conditions shall be submitted no later than 7 days prior to the event. In the event of such documentation not being completed and submitted to the satisfaction of the Planning Authority within 7 days of the event commencing or where compliance with attached conditions cannot be achieved, permission for the event or those elements of the event that are not compliant under the licence may not be permitted and/or the event may not be permissible. The licence hereby issued relates to the holding of an event on 4th and 5th of July 2026 only.

   REASON: To ensure that the development shall be in accordance with the event licence and that effective control be maintained in particular as it may relate to health and safety and the protection of Newbridge House and Demesne.

2. Prior to the holding of the event, an updated event management plan shall be prepared which (a) identifies and confirms the event controller, deputy controller and deputy safety officer and clarifies any reinstatement works that are required after the event. The Fingal County Council Events Unit, on behalf of Fingal County Council, shall be responsible for ensuring compliance with the Event Management Plan, with particular emphasis being placed on health, safety & welfare issues, stewarding, crowd

management and employee safety, and protection of the Newbridge Parkland/ Demesne.

REASON: To ensure that the development shall be in accordance with the event licence, and that effective control be maintained.

3. Safety & Security
(a) The Fingal County Council Events Unit shall ensure that experienced security and safety staff are provided.

(b) Only authorised security and safety staff and working personnel employed by the Fingal County Council Events Unit and designated Council employees shall be permitted to enter the designated parts of the event site during the set up and removal process.

REASON: In the interests of the safety and the proper planning of this event.

4. In relation to all health and safety matters, the Fingal County Council Events Unit shall adhere to the requirements of Fingal County Council, in addition to all legal requirements in relation to health and safety for the construction build, take down and event operation.

REASON: To ensure that the development shall be in accordance with the event licence, and that effective control be maintained.

5. Medical provision shall be in accordance with a Medical Operational Plan which shall be prepared in advance of the event and include suitable parking and access provisions for ambulance service vehicles and equipment.

REASON: In the interests of safety and the proper planning and management of this event.

6. Briefing Prior to the Event
Fingal County Events Unit and/or the Event Management Team on behalf of Fingal County Council shall hold an event briefing meeting. This shall include relevant emergency services and all other relevant bodies and prescribed agencies. The applicant shall also organise and attend a site meeting on the morning of the event with An Garda Síochána, the Emergency Services, and respective prescribed bodies.

REASON: In the interests of the safety and the proper planning of this event.

7. The Organisers shall undertake to ensure there is no breach of relevant licensing laws and in particular those provisions relating to the sale of intoxicating liquor to minors or parties who are under the influence of alcohol. Fingal County Council Events Unit shall

ensure that all staff members engaging in the sale of intoxicating liqueur at the event will be fully familiar with the licensing laws.

REASON: In the interests of the safety and the proper planning of this event.

8. All concession units which are serviced by gas supplies shall have certification certified by a competent person and in accordance with Fingal County Council 'Guide to Gas Usage at Events'.

   REASON: In the interests of the safety and the proper planning of this event.

9. Insurance
   Fingal County Council Events Unit, on behalf of Fingal County Council, shall ensure that there is full insurance provided for this event. This shall include:

   (a) All relevant insurances including indemnity, Public Liability Insurance and Employers Liability Insurance are in place prior to the event against all claims, losses, damages, liabilities, costs and expenses (including necessary legal expenses) arising out of injury to any person or loss of or damage to any property whatsoever, resulting from or in any way connected with or arising out of the use of Newbridge Demesne. (Insurance with an indemnity limit of not less than €25m or any one accident unlimited in any period of insurance with an indemnity limit of not less than €13m for any one accident unlimited in any period of insurance)

   (b) The insurance policies will extend to include the liability of all parties involved in any way with the holding of the event including but not limited to enabling works, catering, broadcasting and crowd control.

   REASON: In the interests of the proper planning of this event.

10. A debriefing session shall be held by the Fingal County Council Events Unit not later than 4 weeks after the event and shall be attended by the prescribed bodies. A copy of all final documentation as required by conditions to this licence shall be made available at this meeting.

    REASON: In the interests of the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

11. Traffic Management
    (a) The Traffic Management Plan shall be monitored on a continuing basis over the course of the event and amended, if necessary, in conjunction with the Emergency Services, An Garda Siochána and Fingal County Council Operations Department Traffic Section.

(b) Any proposed event signage (including contingency plan signing), static and Vehicle Management System (VMS) relating to national roads shall be agreed in writing with the Planning Authority prior to holding the event. Only approved signage shall be placed on national roads. VMS signs shall be used for traffic management purposes only and not advertising, sponsorship or similar.

(c) Prior to the event, the Fingal County Council Events Unit shall consult with Motorway Maintenance and Renewal Contractor Area A where there may be implications for the motorway network subject to Motorway Maintenance and Renewal Contractor Area A provisions.

(d) The sign faces and posts of existing road traffic signs shall not be used as backing/support for any signage.

(e) All signage shall be removed from national routes no later than one week post event unless otherwise agreed in writing with the Planning Authority.

(f) A liaison person shall be appointed by Fingal County Council Events Unit to deal with all traffic and signage issues before and during the event and such person shall be readily contactable by Gardaí, Fingal County Council and Transport Infrastructure Ireland before and during the event.

REASON: In the interest of traffic safety.

12. Dedicated convenient bicycle access routes within the event site shall be provided giving priority to cyclists over the private motor vehicle; the details of which shall be agreed in writing with the Planning Authority prior to the staging of the event.

    REASON: In the interests of safety and the proper planning and management of this event.

13. Dedicated, convenient and secure bicycle parking shall be provided within the event site; the details of which shall be agreed in writing with the Planning Authority prior to the staging of the event.

    REASON: In the interests of safety and the proper planning and management of this event.

14. A Travel Manager shall be included in the proposed roles set out in the event management plan with dedicated duties around active and sustainable travel communication and planning.

REASON: In the interests of safety and the proper planning and management of this event.

15. Public Transport
    (a) The Fingal County Council Events Unit shall engage with Iarnród Éireann seeking advice on technical requirements for mitigating impacts on railway infrastructure and operations. Stakeholder meetings must be scheduled with operational staff in Iarnród Éireann prior to, and with adequate notice, in advance of the events. All decisions and agreements reached must be fully adhered to by the applicant.

    (b) In the interest of crowd management and safety the Fingal County Council Events Unit shall liaise and seek agreement with Iarnród Éireann, as early as possible with respect of any required augmented timetable arrangements, increased train frequencies, or passenger queuing arrangements on the days of the events.

    REASON: In the interests of safety and the proper planning and management of this event.

16. Conservation
    (a) No heavy or load bearing structures shall be placed adjacent to the historic walls of the walled garden.
    (b) Restrictions shall be placed on large or heavy vehicles within the cobbled courtyard area and close to historic walls of the walled garden.

REASON: In the interests of protecting the natural and built heritage of Newbridge House & Demesne and the proper planning and management of this event.

17. Landscape
    The following landscape protection measures shall be implemented:
    (a) The Fingal County Council Events Unit shall meet a representative of the Swords/ Balbriggan Operations Department of Fingal County Council on-site at least 4 weeks pre-event to agree tree and ground protection measures including access routes for works vehicles. The event organisers shall implement any additional tree or ground protection measures instructed by the Swords/ Balbriggan Operations Department prior to or post each event taking place to mitigate the impacts of possible damage.
    (b) The Fingal County Council Events Unit shall submit a Method Statement to the Swords / Balbriggan Operations Department detailing a stage-by-stage activity programme of the event build up and take down works. This shall include a drawing showing location of temporary works access routes, vehicle parking areas & vehicle type (e.g. HGVs) storage compounds, fuel containers, generators and details of any required excavations/foundations. This drawing shall include the location of trees relative to the temporary features.

(c) Any proposed temporary fencing shall be fixed using a surface anchoring system and not excavated foundations. No equipment, vehicles, materials including fuel to be stored or parked within the root protection area of trees as per BS 5837: 2012, Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction - Recommendations.

REASON: To ensure the protection of existing trees in Newbridge Demesne.

18. Waste Enforcement & Regulation

(a) The applicant shall ensure that a detailed waste management plan from the appointed waste contractor is submitted to the Waste Enforcement & Regulations Section for consideration in advance of the event to highlight methods of segregation for waste materials and subsequent management of waste streams with an emphasis on reuse and recycling. Waste streams once separated are not permitted to be mixed thereafter.

This Waste management plan can incorporate a food waste management plan (as required under the Waste Management (Food Waste) Regulations 2009 SI no. 508 of 2009) – if it does not the applicant must provide a separate food waste management plan to comply with these Regulations.

(b) All contractors/vendors shall adhere to the sustainability initiatives outlined in the Green Festival and Events in Fingal Guidance and provide a summary report in writing after the event to the Environment Section highlighting successes in reducing, reusing and recycling waste as well as any issues encountered and improvements for future events.

(c) A waste report shall be submitted by the appointed waste contractor to the Environment Section after the event to highlight the success of the measures undertaken and to confirm the quantities of different waste streams reused, recycled, recovered and disposed of to landfill.

(d) The applicant shall ensure that the vendors appointed to work on the event are compliant with the Separate Collection (Deposit Return Scheme) Regulations 2024. In particular, all retailers of in scope products (beverage containers with a capacity between 0.15L and 3L, manufactured in PET, aluminium or steel) must be registered with Re-Turn (the approved body under the Regulations), must have and display a certificate of exemption issued by Re-Turn for the take back of empty in-scope bottles, and ensure that only in-scope drink bottles and cans displaying the Re-Turn logo are made available for purchase during the events. A list of vendors must be provided to Waste Enforcement & Regulations Section at least 4 weeks prior to the event.

(e) The applicant is encouraged to engage with Re-Turn and local community groups (https://re-turn.ie/community/) or charities (https://re-turn.ie/returnforchildrencampaign/) to organise collections of used bottles and cans from the event.

(f) Separate to the Deposit Return Scheme requirement at 3/ above, and in line with the Circular Economy and in order to prevent and minimise waste generation on site during the events, the following is to be included in the Event Management Plan "an appropriate Deposit/Return reusable drinks cups scheme must be used for this event for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to include beers and spirits; where drinks cups may be reused following return by the customer or collection staff, and washed on/off site".

REASON: In the interests of safety and the proper planning and management of this event.

19. Demesne Renewal

(a) The Fingal County Council Events Unit shall ensure that the venue be reinstated subsequent to the event, including litter clean-up for the full clean-up of the surrounding area, and for any remedial works arising from any damage caused to public property, facilities or amenities associated with the event.

(b) Full details on sanitary provision and the provision of potable water to serve the site shall be provided prior to the event taking place.

(c) Full details on food safety storage facilities shall be provided prior to the event taking place.

REASON: In the interest of public and environmental health.

20. Ecology

A suitably qualified Ecologist, with demonstratable experience in botany and or habitat management, shall be appointed at the earliest possible time to oversee the management measures to protect the grasslands on site and in particular, the protected plant Meadow Barley.

The Ecologists role shall include but not be limited to:

i. Carry out a survey of the grasslands on site prior to mowing to identify locations of Meadow Barley;
ii. Advise what time of year is best for any mowing necessary to occur in advance of the event to give the greatest opportunities for the species rich grassland, and Meadow Barely, on site to set seed;

iii. Ensure the habitat for this plant is excluded to a satisfactory extent from any activities associated with the event.
iv. Ensure the areas identified are supervised for the extent of the festival. This shall include any preparations beforehand and activities involving cleaning up the festival afterwards.
v. Any proposed mitigation measures shall be agreed in writing with Fingal Ecologist, prior to the event.

REASON: In the interests of protecting the natural heritage of Newbridge House & Demesne and the proper planning and management of this event.

21. Environmental Management
Prior to the event, an environmental management plan shall be prepared which includes details on sanitary provision, waste management and damage to property and an environmental monitoring programme for before, during and after the proposed event.

REASON: To protect the amenities, environment and ecology of the area.

22. Lighting
No external lighting design details have been submitted as part of this application. Any proposed lighting plan, whether temporary or permanent, must be submitted to and agreed in writing with the Public Lighting Section.Obtrusive light arising from the event (during preparation, the event itself and removal/ reinstatement) shall be minimised. The hours of operation of the tower lights and details of the extent of light spill from same, shall be agreed in writing with the Planning Authority prior to the event.

REASON: To protect the amenities of the area.

23. Operations Management

(a) The submitted Proposed Traffic Management Plan for Flavours of Fingal County Show at Newbridge Demesne on 4–5 July 2026, prepared by Freeflow Traffic Management (dated March 2026), shall be shared and discussed with the Swords/Balbriggan Operations Department.
In addition, the applicant shall submit a detailed Method Statement outlining the stage-by-stage schedule of the event setup and breakdown. This submission shall include: a site plan indicating temporary works access routes, vehicle parking areas (including vehicle types, e.g. HGVs), storage compounds, fuel containers, generators, and any required excavations or foundations and the locations of existing trees in relation to all temporary infrastructure.

REASON: To protect the amenities of the area.

Appendix 1 Department Reports

1. Internal Department Reports

Water Services Department:

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL INTERNAL CONSULTEE

PLANNING REPORT

Report of the Water Services Department

Register Reference: PEL/002/26

Registration Date: 19-Mar-2026

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within a period of three weeks from the date of publication of this Notice. (19 Mar 2026)

Location: Newbridge House & Farm, Donabate, Co. Dublin

Applicant: Economic, Enterprise Tourism & Cultural Development Dept.

Application Type: Public Event Licence

Report

Flood risk: No objection;

Surface water drainage: No objection

Officer: TM Endorsed: DD

Date: 13/04/2026 Date: 17/04/2026

Transportation Planning Section:

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL INTERNAL CONSULTEE

PLANNING REPORT

Report of the Transportation Planning Section

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Application Type: Public Event Licence

Report

General

The proposed event will take place in the Newbridge Demesne.

Parking

Parking will be facilitated in the grounds of the Demesne. Accessible parking is provided at a central location on the site.

Bicycle Parking

The bicycle parking quantity, location and detail is unclear. Dedicated convenient bicycle access routes within the event site, should be provided giving priority to cyclists over the private motor vehicle. Dedicated, convenient and secure bicycle parking should be provided within the event site.

Traffic Management Plan

A Traffic Management Plan for a free flow system has been prepared which details traffic movements which shall be managed by marshals, TMO and An Garda Síochána. This document has been updated on the basis of previous Flavours of Fingal events. The Traffic Management Plan shall be monitored on a continuing basis over the course of the events and amended, if necessary, in conjunction with the Emergency Services, An Garda Siochána and Fingal County Council Operations Department Traffic Section.

Conclusion

The Transportation Planning Section has no objection to the proposed development subject to the following conditions:

1) The Traffic Management Plan shall be monitored on a continuing basis over the course of the events and amended, if necessary, in conjunction with the

Emergency Services, An Garda Síochána and Fingal County Council Operations Department Traffic Section.

2) Dedicated convenient bicycle access routes within the event site should be provided giving priority to cyclists over the private motor vehicle.
3) Dedicated, convenient and secure bicycle parking should be provided within the event site.
4) A Travel Manager shall be included in the proposed roles set out in the event management plan with dedicated duties around active and sustainable travel communication and planning.

Officer:	**Laura Burke**	Endorsed:	
Date:	**1st May 2026**	Date:	

Conservation Officer Section:

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL INTERNAL CONSULTEE

PLANNING REPORT

Report of the Conservation Officer Section

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Applicant: Economic, Enterprise, Tourism & Cultural Development Dept

Application Type: Public Event Licence

Report

Flavours of Fingal is an annual event within the lands of Newbridge House and Demesne. The lands contain several Protected Structures and Recorded Monuments and is also designated as an Architectural Conservation Area. The historic designed landscape is a very significant 18th century landscape.

The Conservation Office has no objection in principle once adequate management and protective measures are in place to ensure that damage is not caused to any of the protected structures, recorded monuments or designed landscape features, and that no permanent alterations are made to the historic demesne to facilitate the event. The open fields on the northern side of the demesne are less sensitive than other parts of the demesne and a lot of the activity is centred within these.

The submitted Event Management Plan does not contain any specific protocols for the historic buildings, structures, or landscape within the site. Care needs to be taken in the more significant areas of the demesne not to endanger or damage the elements or structures that contribute to the special interest of the Protected Structures or the historic designed landscape, in particular within the walled garden, close to the main house and historic outbuildings, within the vicinity of Lanistown Castle, and in proximity to individual or clusters of mature trees. These sensitive locations should be clearly marked in the Event Management Plan and specific direction outlined in the plan on the movement of vehicles or equipment within them for the set up and dismantling of the event and on any activities within the spaces that might give rise to a fire risk.

It is asked that:

- The placement of event/commercial stalls or vehicles in the area directly in front of the front elevation and steps of Newbridge House is not appropriate and is not to be permitted. The Site Layout Map of the events area does not include this space as part of the event but vehicles have been placed on it in previous years. The Event Controller should ensure that this area remains free of commercial stalls/vehicles.
- No heavy or load bearing structures should be placed against or close to the historic walls of the walled garden or within the historic outbuilding areas and courtyard.
- Restrictions should be placed on large or heavy vehicles within or close to the historic walls of the walled garden.

- Temporary (demountable) protective measures/markers should be considered at historic gate entrances or openings in walled enclosures to pre-warn of limited widths and/or heights to prevent vehicle strikes.
- Large or heavy vehicles should not be permitted within the cobbled courtyard as they have the potential to damage the cobbled surface and paving stones. The delivery, offloading or collection of materials and stalls for the event (including materials being brought in by event participants/stall holders) within the courtyard should be directed to and restricted to the small parking area immediately outside it, adjacent to the toilet block. Equipment such as trollies should be provided in this location to assist in the transfer of heavy items into the courtyard area. Event Management Personnel should supervise the loading of vehicles in this location to ensure the restrictions are adhered to.
- The Heritage Officer should be consulted in relation to any potential impacts and requirements relating to the Recorded Monument of Lanistown Castle and the area of archaeological potential around it.
- The provision of car parking areas and the siting of activities should be careful of vehicular movements and compacting of ground around the root systems of mature trees, particularly any surviving natural features of the 18th century designed landscape. The comments of the Parks and Landscape Officer should be sought in relation to any required protective measures for the mature trees or other designed landscape features during the course of the event.
- A map for the event should be generated to highlight the areas where the movement of vehicles need to be particularly careful or where size and load restrictions apply (e.g. within the walled garden, close to the main house and historic outbuildings, archaeological sensitive zone within the vicinity of Lanistown Castle, in proximity to individual or clusters of mature trees). Written instructions should be provided to the drivers of any vehicles that need access to these areas setting out the restrictions/guidance that needs to be adhered to.

Signed:	
	Helena Bergin
Position:	**Senior Executive Architectural Conservation Officer**
Date:	**17/04/2026**

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL INTERNAL CONSULTEE

PLANNING REPORT

Report of Parks and Green Infrastructure Division

Register Reference: PEL/002/26

Registration Date: 19-Mar-2026

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Location: **Newbridge House and Farm, Newbridge Demesne, Donabate, Co Dublin**

Applicant: **Economic enterprise, Tourism & Cultural development**

Application Type: **Public Event Licence**

Report

Site Zoning:

The site is zoned: OS - Open Space, Objective Description Preserve and provide for open space and recreational amenities, Objective Vision, 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.

Response:

The Parks & Green Infrastructure Division has no objection in principle to the granting of a Public Event Licence for the Flavours of Fingal event.

In the event of planning permission being granted, the following conditions should be applied:

In order to ensure the protection of the existing landscape and trees within Newbridge Demesne, the applicant shall implement the following landscape protection measures:

The applicant shall meet on-site with a representative of the Swords/Balbriggan Operations Department of Fingal County Council no later than four weeks prior to the event to agree on appropriate tree and ground protection measures, including designated access routes for works vehicles. The applicant shall implement any additional tree or ground protection measures as directed by the Swords/Balbriggan Operations Department, before the event.

Officer: **Gemma Carr** **Endorsed:** _____

Date: **06/04/26** **Date:** _____

Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

An Roinn Comhshaoil, Gníomhaíochta ar son na hAeráide, Taistil Gníomhaigh & Spóirt
Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel and Sports Department

24th March 2026

Planning Officer

Planning Department.

Register Ref: **PEL/002/26**

Location: **Newbridge House and Farm, Newbridge Demesne, Donabate, Co Dublin**

Applicant: **Economic enterprise, Tourism & Cultural development**

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Department, Fingal County Council, County Hall, Main Street, Swords, Co. Dublin within a period of three weeks from the date of publication of this Notice. (19 Mar 2026)

App. Type Public Event Licence

Date Recd.: March 20, 2026

With reference to the above application the Environment Section (Waste Enforcement & Regulation) have the following comments:

1/ The applicant shall ensure that a detailed waste management plan from the appointed waste contractor is submitted to the Waste Enforcement & Regulations Section for consideration in advance of the event to highlight methods of segregation for waste materials and subsequent management of waste streams with an emphasis on reuse and recycling. Waste streams once separated are not permitted to be mixed thereafter.

This Waste management plan can incorporate a food waste management plan (as required under the Waste Management (Food Waste) Regulations 2009 SI no. 508 of 2009) – if it does not the applicant must provide a separate food waste management plan to comply with these Regulations.

2/ The applicant shall ensure that a waste report is submitted by the appointed waste contractor to the Planning Authority after the event to highlight the success of the measures undertaken and to confirm the quantities of the different waste streams reused, recycled, recovered and disposed of to landfill.

3/ The applicant shall ensure that the vendors appointed to work on the event are compliant with the Separate Collection (Deposit Return Scheme) Regulations 2024. In particular, all retailers of in scope products (beverage containers with a capacity between 0.15L and 3L, manufactured in PET, aluminium or steel) must be registered with Re-Turn (the approved body under the Regulations), must have and display a

certificate of exemption issued by Re-Turn for the take back of empty in-scope bottles, and ensure that only in-scope drink bottles and cans displaying the Re-Turn logo are made available for purchase during the events. A list of vendors must be provided to Waste Enforcement & Regulations Section at least 4 weeks prior to the event.

4/ The applicant is encouraged to engage with Re-Turn and local community groups (https://re-turn.ie/community/) or charities (https://re-turn.ie/returnforchildrencampaign/) to organise collections of used bottles and cans from the event.

5/ Separate to the Deposit Return Scheme requirement at 3/ above, and in line with the Circular Economy and in order to prevent and minimise waste generation on site during the events, the following is to be included in the Event Management Plan "an appropriate Deposit/Return reusable drinks cups scheme must be used for this event for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to include beers and spirits; where drinks cups may be reused following return by the customer or collection staff, and washed on/off site".

6/ All contractors/vendors should adhere to the sustainability initiatives outlined in the Green Festival and Events in Fingal Guidance and provide a summary report after the event to highlight successes in reducing, reusing and recycling waste as well as any issues encountered and improvements for future events.

Regards

Maeve Cronin



Executive Scientist

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL INTERNAL CONSULTEE

PLANNING REPORT

Report of the Public Lighting Section

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Location:	**Newbridge House and Farm, Newbridge Demesne, Donabate, Co Dublin**
Applicant:	**Economic enterprise, Tourism & Cultural development**
Application Type:	**Public Event Licence**

Report

No external lighting design details have been submitted as part of this application. Any proposed lighting plan, whether temporary or permanent, must be submitted to and agreed in writing with the Public Lighting Section.

Officer: **Kevin Broderick** **Endorsed:** _____

Date: **23/03/2026** **Date:** _____

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL INTERNAL CONSULTEE

PLANNING REPORT

Report of the Council's Ecologist

Register Reference: PEL/002/26

Registration Date: 19-Mar-2026

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Applicant: Economic enterprise, Tourism & Cultural development

Application Type: Public Event Licence

Report

Newbridge Demesne hosts a variety of protected fauna, flora and habitats. Under the headings woodland, grassland, protected flora and protected fauna, various ecological sensitivities are discussed and mitigation presented aimed at avoiding/reducing any potential impact on them, in line with legislative requirements including the Irish Wildlife Acts 1976 (as amended) and the Birds and Natural Habitat Regulations (2011). The event will be hosted during daylight hours over two days during day light hours and it is assumed that the majority of the set up and take down activities occurring the week before and after the event.

1. Woodland

The woodland along the western boundary of the site is recorded as ancient and long-established woodland of *Fraxinus excelsior - Hedera helix* woodland group, *Acer pseudoplatanus - Crataegus monogyna* vegetation type. This type of woodland is also present at the eastern area of the site. The proposed event will not overlap with either area, therefore no direct or indirect impacts are anticipated.

It has been noted that while the woodland areas here are undoubtedly of value, a recent ecological study noted that the meadow areas are the most important of the semi-natural habitats within the demesne, particularly as they support rare grass species[1].

2. Grassland

Newbridge Demesne hosts one priority Annex I habitats Orchid-rich calcareous grassland 6210[2] and one Annex I Lowland hay meadows (*Alopecurus pratensis, Sanguisorba officinalis*) 6510[3]. It also hosts non-annex Habitat grasslands including Dry calcareous and neutral grassland GS1, Dry meadows and grassy verges GS2, Wet grassland GS4 and Improved agricultural grassland GA1, as shown in the Figure below. The black hatched area in the figure below is priority Annex I Orchid rich habitat, and the orange is GA1, GS1, GS2 and GS4.

[1] Newbridge House and Farm - Great Irish Grasslands
[2] Irish Semi-Natural Grassland Survey 2013 Webviewer: Irish Semi-Natural Grassland Survey 2013
[3] NPWS (2025). The Status of EU Protected Habitats and Species in Ireland. Volume 2: Habitat Assessments.



Reference: DAHG: Irish Semi-Natural Grassland Survey 2013

A grassland study undertaken on behalf of NPWS noted that Newbridge Demesne contained notable plants species, and the site is "*worthy of inclusion within an SAC by virtue of the Annex I grassland habitats and species*" it supports[4]. However in 2018, it was noted that the orchid rich grasslands in Newbridge Demesne (site 1324) are in favourable condition in terms of area, but unfavourable-bad in terms of structure and function, future prospects and overall conservation status[5]. The areas of Orchid-rich grassland are in the areas zoned to be used for an equestrian car park. The remaining areas of the grassland will be in the southern extremity of zone F front of house or one of the main areas of activity.

For lowland hay meadows, the reports that "*Gains were most significant in large State-owned park grasslands such as …. Newbridge Demesne, Co. Dublin*". It report also notes the reason for the increase of this habitat "*the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan has likely played a role in raising the profile of pollinator-friendly mowing practices and has been adopted by a number of larger landowners, including Local Authorities".* Further information on lowland hay meadows is awaited (Martin et al, in prep)[3].

Mitigation

Ideally, the calcareous priority Annex I habitat areas should be avoided and managed in a manner to ensure these habitats achieve favourable conservation status, i.e. of good

[4] O'Neill, F.H., Martin, J.R., Devaney, F.M. & Perrin, P.M. (2013) The Irish semi-natural grasslands survey 2007-2012. Irish Wildlife Manuals, No. 78. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, Ireland.

[5] Martin, J.R., O'Neill, F.H. & Daly, O.H. (2018) The monitoring and assessment of three EU Habitats Directive Annex I grassland habitats. Irish Wildlife Manuals, No. 102. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, Ireland.

ecological condition. This includes avoiding cutting grasslands in June, allowing it to develop and mature with September mowing implemented. To ensure this occurs, the use of the priority Annex I Orchid rich habitat for car parking must be avoided, shown in black hatching in Figure above. Any areas of this habitat fenced off for protection during the show events.

To further reduce impact and compaction of the grassland areas in general, mitigation measures including the use of vegetation protection systems are required to reduce the risk of negative impact to the grassland, seed bank and root systems including avoidance of soil compaction. This would include, for example use of heavy-duty event flooring to minimize soil compaction and protect root systems caused by repetitive movement of vehicles. Additional negative impacts from the movement of vehicles and people in wet weather must also be avoided including rutting and poaching of the soil. If damage to the soil or vegetation occurs, reseeding using imported seed is not permitted, only natural regeneration should be permitted. If this is not feasible, any other approach must be undertaken in line with a grassland management plan and the FCC biodiversity section.

3. Protected Flora

The grasslands on site support Meadow Barley *Hordeum secalinum* which is listed on Schedule A of the Flora (Protection) Order 2022 (S.I. No. 235/ 2022). In accordance with Section 21 3(a) of the Wildlife Act 1976, as amended, *"…a person shall not, save under and in accordance with a licence granted by the Minister under this section- cut, pick, collect, uproot or otherwise take, injure, damage or destroy any specimen to which this section applies or the flowers, roots, seeds, spores or other part of such specimen*". In accordance with Section 21 (4) of the Wildlife Act 1976, as amended "*A person who contravenes subsection (3) of this section shall be guilty of an offence.*"

Records show Meadow Barley occurs within the proposed Brown and Blue Car Parks, with one record from 2013 within the Equestrian Car Park as shown in Figure 31 below. The populations identified in 2013, illustrated within the purple line were not refound in 2020/21. The report notes that this area was subject to intensive mowing by July 2021 and the populations could not be refound, indicating a potential for their loss due to mowing. Figure 29 illustrates new populations identified in 2020, with Figure 30 showing new populations identified in 2021.

The Ecological Study undertaken on Newbridge Demense in 2020[6] noted that a "*correct mowing regime is also vital for the conservation of populations of Meadow barley. In 2020 mowing too early adversely affected the ability of the populations to set seed and as there*

[6] Wilson. F., Curtin. T., Keeley. B., Mullen. 2022, Newbridge Demesne, Donabate, Co. Dublin. Ecological Study

are legal obligations to protect this species, this should not occur again." Mowing of these areas must therefore only be undertaken in mid-late September allowing the plant to flower and set seed.

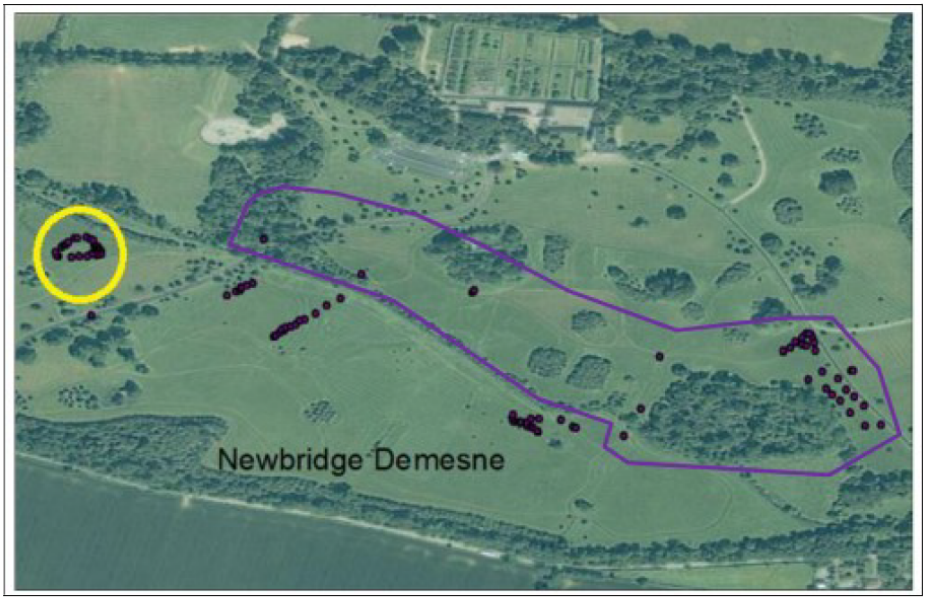


Figure 31. Populations recorded by Gethings (2013), which could not be resurveyed or were not refound by Curtis & Wilson (2020/2021) as they had been mown (shown in purple). The yellow circle indicates the known population prior to the Gethings 2013 survey at this site.

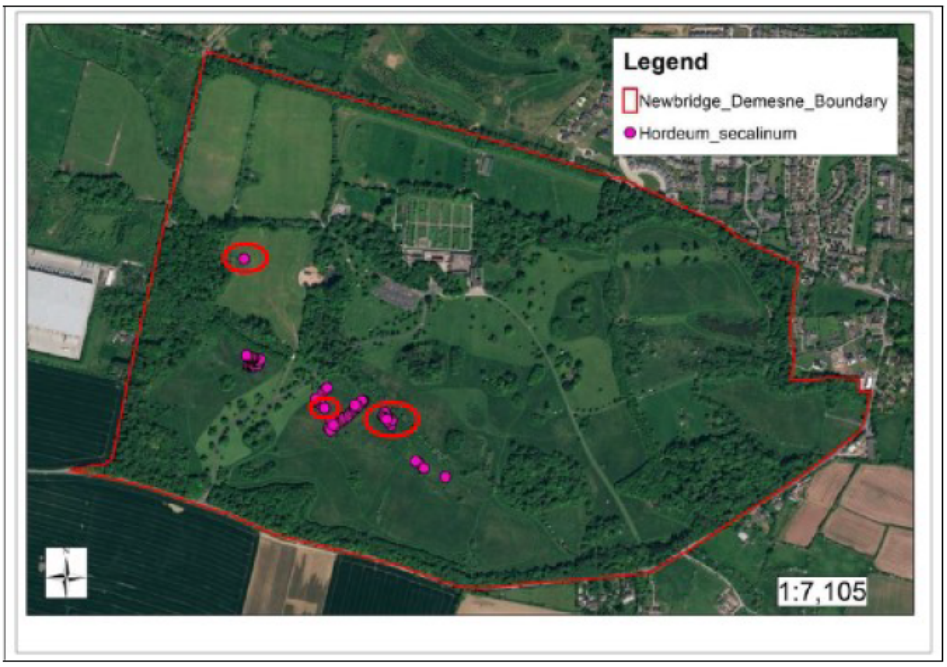


Figure 29. New *Hordeum secalinum* populations recorded in the south west of Newbridge Demesne on 16th June 2020 by Curtis & Wilson (indicated by red circles).

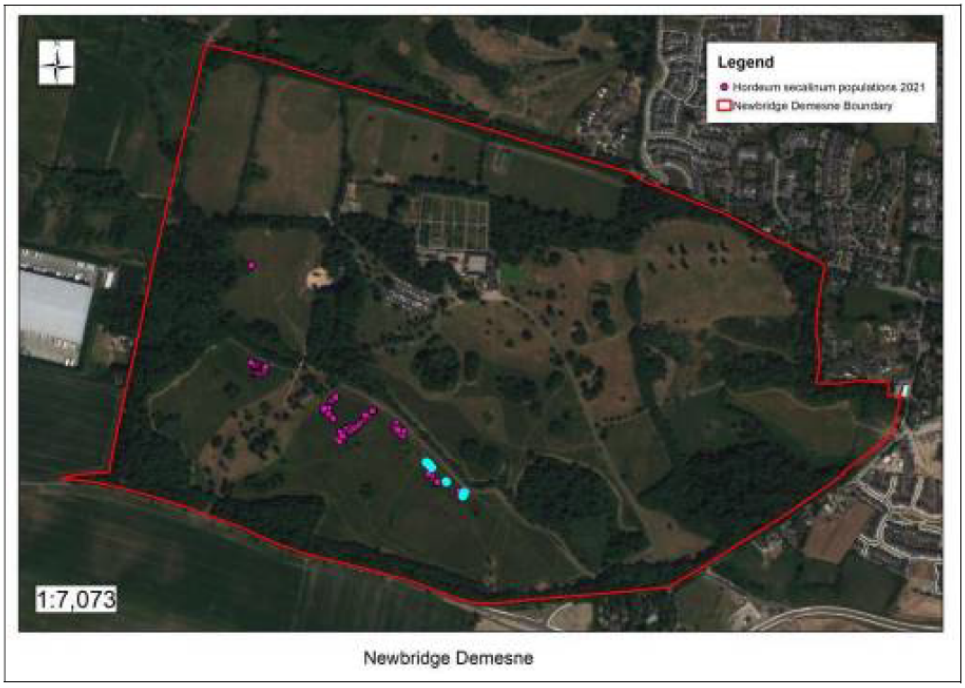


Figure 30. Some additional populations were recorded on 17th July 2021 in Newbridge Demesne on by Curtis & Wilson (highlighted in blue).

Mitigation

The show including car parking areas should ideally avoid the areas hosting known populations of Meadow Barley.

Where this is not feasible, a vegetation survey is required prior to any mowing being undertaken of the car park areas to identify areas hosting Meadow Barley populations. These areas must then be protected through the erection of temporary fencing around the populations to exclude vehicles and people. Mowing of these areas can then be undertaken during the correct season in September to allow natural dispersion of the seeds.

4. Protected Fauna

The show and any mowing will be undertaken during the breeding bird season, therefore there is a risk of disturbance to breeding birds and direct loss of their nests if they are located in grasslands to be used for the event.

No direct impacts to fauna such as bats and badgers are envisaged. The event will be hosted in the open areas of the demesne leaving the woodland areas and fauna therein unimpacted by the event. Unlike the flora species, the majority of fauna will be temporarily disturbed during daylight hours and can relocate as needed to woodland refugees or other areas to avoid significant impacts, the exception being any nests, eggs or chicks of breeding birds. This will enable fauna to forage before and after the event which is short term in nature.

No external lighting design details have been submitted as part of this application. No impacts to nocturnal species are therefore anticipated.

Mitigation

At least 3 weeks prior to the event occurring, before any grassland is mowed, a breeding bird survey must be undertaken by an experienced ornithologist to identify any breeding birds and their nests. These areas should then be demarcated and chicks allowed to hatch (roughly 2.5 week period). Once fledged, the grassland area can be mowed. In the interim the remaining area of grassland, now used by breeding birds can be mowed to avoid any additional nests being established.

Officer: **Joanne Allen-Hamilton** **Endorsed:** _____

Date: **14/04/2026** **Date:** _____

From: INFO <Information@tii.ie>
Sent: 09 April 2026 11:25
To: Planning Department <Planning@fingal.ie>
Subject: TII26-135718 - FINGAL CO.CO. Event License Application Ref. PEL/002/26 at Newbridge House and Farm, Newbridge Demesne, Donabate, Co Dublin.

You don't often get email from information@tii.ie. Learn why this is important A Chara, I refer to your email 23 of March 2026 regarding the above event licence application at Newbridge House and Farm

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A Chara,

I refer to your email 23 of March 2026 regarding the above event licence application at Newbridge House and Farm, Newbridge Demesne, Donabate, Co Dublin, for the Flavours of Fingal County Show, 2026. The position in relation to your enquiry is as follows.

Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) outlines the following recommendations for the Council's consideration prior to the issuing of any event licence:

- TII acknowledges that a traffic management plan has accompanied the event licence application as part of the event management plan. Traffic management must ensure that the strategic function of national roads in the area is safeguarded during the proposed event. TII recommends that the Council address this issue prior to any decision to grant an event licence.

- While a Road Safety Audit is not required for temporary traffic management plans, the local authority is requested to ensure full consideration of the safety requirements of all road users is included as part of the assessment of the event licence application.

- Any proposed event signage, static and Variable Message Signs (VMS), relating to national roads shall be agreed with the local authority no later than one month prior to the event. Only signs detailed in a traffic management plan sanctioned by An Garda Síochána or the local authority may be placed on the national road network. VMS signs are to be used for traffic management purposes only and not for the promotion of sponsors, etc. TII advises that the NRA/TII Guidelines for the Use of Variable Message Signs on National Roads should be consulted. A signing plan should also include a contingency plan for signing.

- With regard to the above point, consultation should take place with Motorway Maintenance and Renewal Contractor (MMaRC) Area A; GSJ Globalvia Sacyr Jons (GSJ Ltd.), via the road authority, where there may be implications for the motorway network subject to MMaRC contract provisions, e.g. advance event signage, specific event traffic management proposals, etc.

- The sign faces and posts of existing road traffic signs shall not be used as backing/support for any signage.

- Unless otherwise agreed in writing with Fingal County Council, all signage shall be removed from national routes no later than one week post the event.

- A liaison person shall be appointed by the organiser to deal with all traffic and signage issues before and during the event, and such person shall be readily contactable by An Garda Síochána, Fingal County Council and TII at all times before and during the event.

- Appropriate accreditation and car parking to be provided for TII personnel in order to attend the meetings concerning traffic issues during the event, if required.

TII requests that the above observations be taken into consideration prior to the granting of any event licence in the interests of safeguarding the safety and strategic function of the national road network in the area.

I hope this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

Rachel Begley
Regulatory & Administration Executive
Transport Infrastructure Ireland



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Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

Chief Executive's Management Report

8th June 2026
Item No. 25

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Chief Executive's Foreword

Last month, Fingal County Council reached a major sustainability milestone with confirmation that the use of one million plastic bottles was avoided with EcoFil water dispensing stations across the county. The water stations are in place in thirty-one locations with three high use locations saving over 90,000 plastic bottles each. Fingal is the first local authority in Ireland to achieve the milestone and it speaks to the commitment of the people of the county to build upon positive sustainability practices and to engage with initiatives which provide reusable options and seek to reduce waste. The Ecofil Iconic-V water dispensers were developed and manufactured in Ireland and since their launch in 2023, they have proven to be sturdy, weather resistant and hygienic sources of refreshing water for sports teams, walkers/joggers and visitors to our parks and public realm spaces. I am pleased that our installations have proven so convenient and popular, whether you are out for a walk or supporting your team in a local park or even enjoying the beach on a sunny afternoon, please take the opportunity to fill up at your nearest Ecofil dispenser listed here: Water Stations in Fingal

The town of Balbriggan is undergoing a significant rejuvenation at the moment with works continuing on delivering economic, infrastructural and social features of the Our Balbriggan Rejuvenation Programme. The redevelopment of Quay Street and the Harbour area is due for completion this year while the creative hub planned for Dublin Street will welcome visitors from the end of next year. Locals and visitors to Balbriggan have witnessed the positive changes in the area in recent years as improvements take shape and there are exciting times ahead. There was further good news for the coastal town, and wider North Fingal area, with the approval of the planning for the Balbriggan Community Swimming Pool at last month's council meeting. The investment of €11m in the project will cover the construction of a six-lane 25m pool with changing facilities, viewing gallery, meeting spaces, reception area, staff offices and welfare spaces. The carefully designed and planned proposal was refined through the public consultation process to include a variable pool depth ranging from 1.10 metres to 1.80 metres. This will accommodate a wider range of users and support activities including learn to swim programmes, swimming training and general recreation. This highly anticipated facility will be fully accessible and will hugely compliment the suite of activities and amenities available in the area as well as supporting active and social lifestyles for service users.

Summer in Fingal means lively local and family friendly festivals and exciting concerts featuring your favourite international and home-grown acts! Towns across Fingal including Blanchardstown, Skerries, Castleknock and Donabate/Portrane will host fun summer festivals with live music, arts & crafts, children's entertainment and delicious food offerings. Annual favourites including Flavours of Fingal, the Rush Harbour Festival & Fingal Rush Air Display and the Fingal 10k race attract thousands of people each year as do the highly anticipated Malahide concert series and the Swords Town Park concerts. This year, eight top acts take to the stage at Malahide Castle with Nick Cave and the Bad Seeds commencing proceedings on Wednesday, June 10th. Thousands of concert goers will gather to see Kingfishr, Kodaline, Teddy Swims, Katy Perry, Michael Bublé, Calvin Harris and Maroon 5. I think you will agree, this is a hugely exciting and impressively diverse line up and no doubt all the acts will put on incredible shows in the stunning grounds of Malahide Castle.

From Malahide to Donabate now and the newly imagined Flavours of Fingal – the always anticipated county show will offer visitors an exciting new experience while retaining the focus on family friendly fun, equestrian events, live music and entertainment, delicious food and interactive activities. This is the 14th year of the show and while paid car parking will be available, we are encouraging everyone to use public transport to get to Newbridge House on Saturday, July 4th and Sunday, July 5th. There are a huge number of events taking place across Fingal in the coming months, all of which can be found on the following website https://www.eventsinfingal.ie/events I hope you can take the opportunity to attend and enjoy some of these fantastic events.

Finally, as the AGM of Fingal County Council takes place on Friday, June 12th, the term of office of Mayor Tom O'Leary and Deputy Mayor Gráinne Maguire draws to a close. Before the chains of office pass to the next Mayor and Deputy Mayor, I know you will join me in expressing gratitude to them both for their commitment and dedication to their work on behalf of their constituents over the last year. No doubt there have been many standout moments for the Mayor and Deputy Mayor since their election on June 13th, 2025, and I hope this last year has been a fulfilling, enjoyable and memorable one.

Best wishes,

AnnMarie Farrelly
Chief Executive

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People Services

People Services will continue to deliver targeted recruitment campaigns throughout 2026 to attract and secure high-quality talent in an increasingly competitive labour market. In parallel, People Services remains committed to strengthening organisational capability by ensuring employees' skills, competencies and professional development are continuously enhanced.

Wellbeing Update

People Services 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 Health & Safety Unit 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.

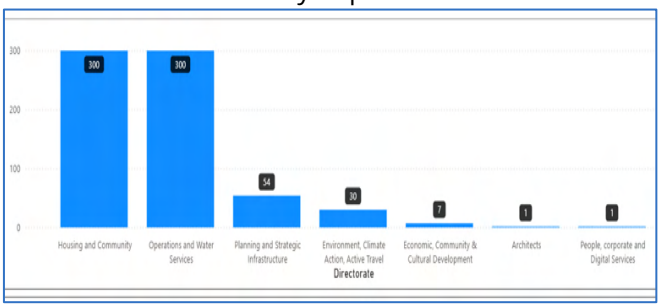
Customer Services

Customer Care Unit Statistics – May 2026

Total Calls CCU	Total Emails CCU	Total In Person Transactions
8138	996	1064

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 May was 693 broken down by department as follows:



Communications

Digital Statistics

The fingal.ie website had 162,004 visitors during May, up 5,727 from the previous period. The number of page views decreased to 316,845. The average time spent on the website decreased to 1m 13s. Two of the most popular pages were for Howth Maritime Festival (28,504 views) and recycling centres (9,153 views). Planning applications remains popular, with 22,015 views.

Facebook rose to 47,640 followers (+1%) while the number of views increased to 2,083,254 (+35%) from the previous month. There were 74,867 (+20%) engagements, the number of reactions, clicks, comments, shares and saves on our posts. The most popular post was Things to know before heading to Howth Maritime & Seafood Festival this weekend (31,176 views).

Instagram rose by 676 to 19,686 followers. Total views went up by 18.8% to 929,169, with a reach of 88,148 (+74.5%). There were 11,905 (+64.3%) interactions. The most read post was Dive Into Howth Maritime Festival This Weekend in Dublin (50,043 views).

WhatsApp now has 4,011 followers (+1.15%) with 1,813 accounts reached during May, while numbers following our other corporate channels increase monthly - Threads (1,802), TikTok (1,235) and Bluesky (553).

LinkedIn followers are now at 13,750 (+147). Our YouTube Channel subscribers rose by 21 to 2,056 in May. Total views in May were 6,744. We now have 879 videos, our most popular videos during May were the Affordable Housing Scheme - Online Application Tutorial (21,141 views) and the introduction to Fingal's Nurturing Communities through Nature Bord Bia Bloom Garden 2026 (300 views). We continue to webcast the monthly Council Meeting - May had 739 views.

Press Releases

There were 21 press releases issued during May covering topics such as Fingal being the first in Ireland to save one million water bottles through public water stations, the extension of the Fingal athletics league and Morton Games partnership, the Howth Maritime & Seafood Festival, funding for the restoration of Portmarnock Swimming Pool, the commencement of the next phase of Swords Public Realm works, and the commencement of ANCA's public consultation.

Key coverage during the month of May included RTE, Irish Times and Irish Independent covering the refusal of planning permission for Manna's drone base in Coolmine as well as the La Papessa Pizza planning case.

There was also extensive national coverage across TV and Radio on the public consultation by ANCA, including features on RTE Radio 1, Newstalk and SixOne.

Fingal's Bloom Garden was also featured heavily including a special feature on RTE's Bloom segment and interviews on RTE Radio 1.

Local papers picked up the likes of erosion at the proposed location of a swimming platform in Balbriggan, the improvement of water quality at Fingal beaches, and the presentation of a new minibus by Fingal County Council staff to St Michael's House Oaklands Service



Minibus presented by Fingal County Council staff to St Michael's House Oaklands Service.

Media Queries

Media queries during May included the provision of lifeguards at beaches in Fingal, arson attacks on council homes, the disposal of nitrous oxide canisters, the provision of circuses on council owned land, and taking in charge of estates.

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Explore Fingal Food Markets

Following a successful pilot season in 2025, Fingal County Council has launched the 2026 Explore Fingal Markets programme, marking the first rollout within the wider Explore Fingal brand family.



Laura Duffy, Chair of Fingal Food Circle; The Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Tom O'Leary; Wiseman, owner of SA Braai at Explore Fingal Markets Malahide.

The programme began with the weekly Saturday Explore Fingal Market Malahide on 2nd May, followed by the launch of the monthly Explore Fingal Market Swords in Swords Castle on 16th May. A pilot market is also planned for Millennium Park, Blanchardstown on 13th June.



Markets will run throughout the summer across Malahide, Swords and Blanchardstown, with a strong focus on local food producers, Fingal Food Circle members and Fingal farmers. All markets are free to attend and aim to support local enterprise while enhancing the visitor experience across Fingal.



Explore Fingal Brand-Welcoming for visitors of Explore Fingal Markets-Swords, 16th May 2026.

Explore Fingal Brand Rollout: Regional Workshops & Community Group Training

Fingal County Council continued the rollout of the new Explore Fingal destination tourism brand through a series of regional brand workshops held in Malahide and Naul on 20th May, followed by Blanchardstown on 21st May. The practical workshops were designed to support tourism, food and drink businesses in understanding the Explore Fingal brand and how it can be incorporated into their own marketing activity. Businesses were introduced to the brand guidelines, provided with access to downloadable assets and shown how alignment with the destination brand can support promotion, visibility and visitor engagement across the county.

The team also continues to support growing community involvement in tourism development through the delivery of Community Tourism Group Training held at Swords Carnegie Library on 13th May. Groups from Blanchardstown, Castleknock, Clonsilla, Swords, Naul, Donabate, and Malahide attended & this forms part of ongoing efforts to strengthen local engagement and community participation within Fingal's tourism sector.



SEO Declan Power opening the Community Tourism Group Training hosted in Carnegie Library swords, 12th May 2026.

EVENTS

Malahide Castle Concerts

8 Concerts scheduled for Malahide Castle



Howth Maritime Festival

Took place over the weekend of the 23rd & 24th May, a bumper attendance enjoyed all the festival had to offer.



Festival and Events Funding – May- June 2026

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
Balbriggan SummerFest
St Maurs GAA Summer Festival
25th Anniversary Skerries Trad Music Weekend
Safter Together Summer Festival
Skerries Rowing Club Regatta
Castleknock Village Festival
5th Annual Skerries Wild Bee Festival
Dublin Plein Air Painting Festival
Ballyboughal Heritage Summer Festival
Lusk Summer Festival
The Three Island Challenge
Leinster ILCA Championship
East of Ireland Pipe Band Championships
Annual Slí Dhala Summer School 2026

Total Funding awarded: €211,166

HERITAGE PROPERTIES

Ardgillan Castle



As one of Fingal's main hubs for artists and in celebration of the Summer Solstice, Ardgillan Castle are hosting the 'An Ghrian Arts Festival', a weekend of arts events in the castle from 19th-21st June.

Malahide Castle and Gardens



Queen Flash featuring the Live Queen Experience comes to Malahide Castle this September. Set against the stunning backdrop of one the iconic historic castle, this spectacular open air Queen tribute concert will celebrate the greatest hits of one of the world's most legendary rock bands. Tickets are now on sale.

Newbridge House and Farm



Immerse yourself in the world of Bridgerton with a stunning string quartet performance in a beautiful walled garden. Enjoy a romantic evening filled with classic and contemporary tunes. The concert will take place on August 9th and tickets are now on sale.

The Casino Model Railway Museum



Special offer €2 museum entry is now available during the weekly Explore Fingal food market at the Casino. To avail of this offer simply attend the market on any Saturday from 10-4pm and then pop into the Museum. In anticipation of increased footfall this Summer the Casino was also recently repainted and improvements were made to the bathrooms.

CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

The Carnegie

Open calls were issued during this period for two new music development initiatives connected to the future programming of the Swords Cultural Quarter. In partnership with Music Network, a call out was launched for the Musician in Residence programme aimed at supporting artist engagement and community participation through a workshops and performances.

In parallel, a commissioning opportunity was developed with the Contemporary Music Centre for a new choral work for Fingal based choirs that will premiere at the launch of Culture House. Both initiatives represent an important step in developing ambitious, artist-led and community-driven programming for the *Cultural Quarter ahead of its opening.*

Youth & Education



Seanchaí Microforest Publication Launch, Blakestown.

A new publication showcasing the journey of the Seanchaí Microforest was released following a public celebration on site in the presence of Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Tom O'Leary, Deputy Currie, Deputy Donnelly, Cllr Walsh, Cllr Carbone Mangan, Cllr Kitt, Cllr Donnelly and Cllr Troy. Seanchaí Microforest is an arts-in-education initiative developed by Fingal Arts Office, Superprojects, artist Gareth Kennedy and Blakestown Community School.

Colaiste Dhulaigh's Graduate Show, the Atrium, Swords.




Fingal Arts Office hosted the City of Dublin FET College Dhúlaigh Art and Design Graduate Showcase at the Atrium of Fingal County Council in acknowledgement of the powerful role that art plays in lifelong education. Graduates came together from a wide range of backgrounds, reflecting vibrant diversity in the exceptional work on display across art, craft, and design. Deputy Mayor, Cllr Grainne Maguire welcomed the graduates, tutors and families, acknowledging the remarkable dedication, resilience, creativity and vision that filled the Atrium.

Youth Dance Programme Development, Balbriggan.



Over 100 children in Balbriggan are working with three of Ireland's leading dance artists to learn urban and fusion dance styles as part of a new initiative from Fingal Arts Office in partnership with the Dublin Youth Dance Company (DYDC). Facilitated by professional dance artists Matt Szczerek, Alex O'Neill and Josué Reis, the programme is creating new and accessible opportunities in dance that empowers children to express themselves creatively, enhance their quality of life, and promote positive outcomes across physical, mental, and social health.

Every 5th-class pupil in St. Teresa's NS and Balbriggan ETNS is receiving a 12-week dance course covering dance technique, choreography, improvisation, and performance preparation. The school-based projects form part of a wider dance initiative for children and young people, which will also include a summer dance project delivered in community settings, alongside further training pathways with DYDC in the future.

Public Art

Harry's Wall, Balbriggan– John Kindness



Artist John Kindess returned to Balbriggan in May to continue production on Harry's Wall at the Harry Reynolds Road in Balbriggan. We will officially launch the work later this year.

Creative Places Balbriggan



The Creative Places Balbriggan Strategy 2026-27 was officially launched at The Lark Concert Hall in Balbriggan. The strategy has three main priority pillars of work– Creative Youth, Creative Industry and Climate Action.

The project also launched its first funding call with the Making Waves Seed Funding Scheme, which will fund programmes up to €5,000 to kickstart creative activities between artists and Balbriggan community groups. Balbriggan Cultural Companions celebrated Bealtaine Festival in May with free photography and flower-arranging workshops for over50s in Ardgillan Castle. The coordinator also attended the official launch of Bealtaine at Aras an Uachtaráin.
Local artist support clinics also continued with "Sounding Out Balbriggan" at The Lark Concert Hall.

Castleknock Tidy Towns – Auburn Avenue – Active Travel – Public Art Commissioning Process

As Part of our Public Art Strategy, the arts office are developing a public art commissioning toolkit and have started a pilot project with Castleknock Tidy Towns and Curatorial Production organisation Kunstervein Aughrim.



Local Arts Development



To mark the end of Maria McSweeneys artist residence at Loughshinny Boathouse, the arts office hosted public events as part of Dublin Climate Action Week and Biodiversity Week.

On Saturday 16th May, Maria was joined by Dr. Maeve Edwards from the Irish Seaweed Consultancy. The event featured a seaweed education walking tour along the beach in Loughshinny, where 25 participants learned about and foraged for local seaweed species from the shore. On Saturday 23rd May, Maria was joined by Lorraine Bull, the Executive Biodiversity Officer for Fingal County Council who led a walking tour in addition to an open studio where visitors can visit the Loughshinny Boathouse and see Maria's work created during her 9 month residency.

Draíocht

The May /June programme is well underway. The programme includes our programme mix of local, arts and commercial work seeing 4 Dublin 15 based schools of dance/drama/music presenting their end of year performances in Draíocht during that period. Our next Exhibition is 'Colourings' by Lucy Hill, curated by Helen O'Donoghue . This will open on Saturday June 6th at 1pm. This is Cruinniu Na nOg, the national day celebrating children's creativity, so it is a fitting day to open this show, given that it is a commission for children. It forms part of a very busy Cruinniu Na nOg, programme at Draíocht which includes graffiti workshops, performances of a dance project created with and performed by young people and a Family Day. Diarmuid Woodcock, who was one of the Spring 26 artists, will be in the Studio from mid-May to mid-July. The Fingal/Draíocht Artists Studio Residency award application closing date has passed and the Selection Panel will meet on June 3rd. The selected artist will be in the Studio from September to end of December 2026.
The 'Other Kitchens' Residency with Veronica Coburn and Lou Lewis will finish at the end of May. A work in progress showing of the pieces will take place on May 29th at 12 noon. Industry professionals and Dublin 15 residents who talked to Ron and Lou of their experiences of prescription meds, will be invited to same. The plan for this piece is that Draíocht will take it out to Dublin 15 houses in 2027, continuing our commitment to make work that is relevant and to brain same outside the walls of Draiocht's building. Veronica Coburn's piece 'Without Distinction of Sex' which is our 2026 Dublin Theatre show is now full speed ahead.

Members of the community choir (mostly Fingal residents) will meet in Draíocht over May, June and July. Recording of the choir may take place here over a weekend in July depending on viability of the space/roof works.

The 2026 Toddler TakeOver Event took place on the 13th and 14th May. This is the 11th year of the event and it is incredibly popular. The first session for May 14th sold out in one minute! The structure changed this year to enable more toddlers have access to this experience created for them. Over 500 people came through the building between 10am and 2pm on May 14th. The May 13th event was opened to special units and preschools.

Full details are available on www.draiocht.ie

The Seamus Ennis Arts Centre

Workshops

This month we ran a **Sourdough Making Workshop** on the 10th May which sold out with 20 attendees. Due to the popularity of this workshop, we were lucky to be able to offer a second workshop which also sold out at 20 attendees

Ceílí Beag returned this month for their parent & toddler sensory workshop which took place on Friday 15th May and was also sold out with 15 attendees.

For National Drawing Day on 16th May we welcomed artist Cormac Dennis who ran his **Spectrum Sketch – Drawing in Colour** workshop which was sold out with 16 attendees.

Our workshops conclude this month with our monthly **Pop Up Gaeltacht** which will take place on Thursday 21st May.

Film

This month we continued our film screenings with **Urchin** scheduled to screen on Thursday 7th May however due to issues out with our control unfortunately we had to cancel this event. Our IFI Schools program continued this month where we screened the film **Alemania** on the 7th May to Junior Cycle Spanish students from Dundalk Secondary School with 72 attendees.

Music

On the 9th May we welcomed **Kimmie Rhodes** back to the TSEAC stage where she played to 65 attendees. This month we also welcomed Dublin singer and songwriter **Zoé Basha & Band** on the 15th May. This event was attended by 38 guests. Out traditional Irish music sessions continued this month with **Seisiún Oige** taking place on Sunday 17th May where 15 attending young musicians were be led by Comhaltas Craobh Fionnghlaise in a traditional Irish music slow session specifically designed for children and young adults. Our monthly **Traditional Irish Music Slow Session with Paudie O'connor** took place on Sunday 17th May which was attended by 20 people in the room and an additional 15 attendees who joined in via zoom. Our monthly **Singing Session** will take place on Thursday 21st May both in person and online and will welcome special guest singer **Ian Lynch**. The Singing Sessions will also be available to view via live stream on our FB, YouTube and Instagram.

Our month of music events will conclude with an acoustic show from **The 4 of Us** on 22nd May.





Special Events

Our annual **Artisan Food Fair** took place on Sunday 10th May which saw our courtyard come alive with artisan foods, local produce, makers and bakers. The food fair welcomed a large and steady crowd throughout the course of the day with approx. 880 attendees.

This month will end with a special commemorative event on 28th May **The Séamus Ennis Commemorative Finglas & Ballymun Community Event for All** will bring people together to honour Séamus Ennis through shared tradition, performance and participation, reflecting the values of music, community and cultural heritage that shaped his life's work.

This event will be held in Erins Isle GAA club and is ran in connection with Dublin City Council.

Visual Arts

Our current exhibition '**Bog to Bloom' by Daniel Chester** will continue to hang in The Easter Snow Gallery until the 31st May. This stunning exhibition features a body of paintings that are inspired by the landscapes of rural Leitrim, Fermanagh, Sligo and Donegal.

LIBRARIES

Cruinniú na nÓg



Cruinniú na nÓg will take place on Saturday, 6th June offering a day of free creative activities for children and young people across Fingal. This year, over 50 events will take place in libraries, Draiocht and Seamus Ennis centres and Swords castle. Swords Castle will host *We Own the Castle*, a live music event for teenagers featuring Garageland Galaxyz, alongside the *Wavin' Words* spoken word event showcasing performances by some of Fingal's most promising young talent.



Fingal was represented at the national launch of the programme on 18th May, by Eabha O'Keeffe (17) and the band Aerial Thomas Flynn (15), Matthew Newell (16), Nathan Kegan (17), and Alex Greham (17) who performed for Minister Patrick O'Donovan.





PlayLab Project

Fingal Libraries is partnering with the HSE and Aster Family Resource Centre, Balbriggan, for the PlayLab initiative. PlayLab is designed to support early childhood development through promoting arts-based engagement and parental wellbeing.

Little Library Book Bags



Parents whose children are starting school this September can pick up a free bag of books from their local library, as part of the national 'My Little Library Book Bag' initiative. 'My Little Library' aims to instil to a lifelong love of books and reading in young children.

Inclusive Creativity

Adults supported by Prosper Fingal are taking part in creative workshops in Balbriggan, Howth, Malahide and Rush libraries over the summer months.

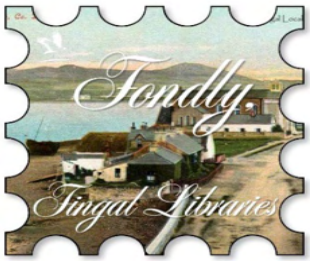
Swords Castle Food Markets: Chapel Programme

Fingal Libraries is once again running a programme of events for all ages in the Chapel, Swords Castle, as part of the summer food markets.

Discovering Drumanagh

Discovering Drumanagh captures the creative response of students from St. Catherine's National School, Rush working alongside Fingal-based author and illustrator, Niamh Sharkey, to one of the county's most fascinating hidden landscapes: Drumanagh, an ancient Iron Age promontory fort..

Fondly, Fingal Libraries



Fingal Libraries is launching letter writing programme *Fondly, Fingal Libraries* in June 2026 for adult library patrons, developed in partnership with Delaware Libraries, USA.

Patrons will be matched with patrons of Delaware Libraries based on age, interests and preferences, and communicate as pen pals through handwritten letters using An Post.

The programme promotes connection, cultural exchange and creative engagement while supporting Fingal's commitment to addressing loneliness and social isolation, in line with the Korale Interreg project, placing special focus on engaging Housebound Library users

The project will be promoted during the month of June, with the registration window open between 29th June and 19th July.

Poetry and Translation EU presidency commission

Fingal Libraries are working with poet Christodoulos Makris on an event that centres connectivity through language, as part of the programming for Ireland's EU presidency.

Bringing together poets and translators working in various languages including Irish, Latvian, Italian and German, this interactive poetry event will include informal discussion of the translation process as well as poetry performance.

Hi Digital Tablet Launch

Fingal Libraries have partnered with Vodafone Foundation to make digital skills education more accessible to elderly borrowers through a tablet loan scheme. In partnership with ALONE, Hi Digital is Vodafone Foundation's free online course for older people, helping them to build digital confidence through short, simple lessons.

Poetry in Swords Castle



Fingal Libraries collaborated with Fingal-based poetry collective Rough Draft Poetry for two spoken word events in the Chapel, Swords Castle. 'Bloom' featured spoken word performance, music, and collaborative writing exercises. 'Strands of Home' focuses on women's stories and will take place on Poetry Day Ireland, 28th May.

Creative Health and Wellbeing in the Community

Creative Fingal has successfully secured additional funding under the *Creative Health and Wellbeing in the Community Scheme 2026–2028* to deliver two projects:

- Imagine, Create, Grow: Helium Inspiring Life Through Art
- Weaving Worlds: Creative Fashion Upcycling Across Borders and Ages

Economic Development

Sister Cities – Fingal & Chengdu

A delegation from Fingal, led by the Mayor Cllr Tom O'Leary, and including the Chair of the Economic SPC Cllr Kieran Dennison and the Chair of the Planning SPC Cllr Eoghan O'Brien, attended the 2026 Chengdu International Friendship Cities Cooperation and Development Conference.



The Mayor participated in Roundtable Dialogue with Mayors from 32 cities in 26 countries attending the Conference on Economic, Community & Cultural co-operation between Chengdu and its 254 sister cities. This is a significant opportunity for Fingal to develop international relationships through a broad network of local governments.



The delegation met with representatives from the Chengdu Municipality to explore the opportunity for increased cooperation and development of this long-standing relationship. Meetings were also held with a variety of state and business enterprises and regulators in the planning, economic development, energy, tourism and arts sectors and these links will assist in developing the relationship with Chengdu.

The delegation also visited Beijing and met with Irish Ambassador Dr. Nicolas O'Brien and with Enterprise Ireland representatives to discuss the general relationship between Ireland and China, the potential benefit to Fingal and opportunities to work with the Embassy to develop the Fingal - Chengdu link.



Xplore Your Future Fingal TY Skills Expo 2026 – Update – May 2026



- Following on from last year's extremely successful event in the Helix which hosted over 2300 students and 80+ exhibitors, preparation is underway for the 4th annual Xplore Your Future Fingal TY Skills Expo.
- Registration has closed with over 2300 students registered.

Dublin Tech Week – Update May 2026



- The Council in collaboration with Fingal Chamber Skillnet held a flagship event as part of Dublin Tech Week with Riot Games opening the doors to their remote broadcast centre in Swords on the 28th of May.
- The event was attended by TD's Councillors, local government, education stakeholders and representatives from local businesses in Fingal.

Interreg Skyla Project – Update – May 2026



- On the 5th- 6th of May the Economic Development team attended the 7th SKYLA Partner meeting in Athens.
- The meeting brought together regional authorities, education providers, policymakers, and stakeholders onsite and online to exchange good practices, review policy developments, and collaboratively prepare the final phase of the project.
- 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 May 2026

- An update on the Strategy will be brought to the June SPC meeting.

Circular Cities - Update – May 2026

- The 2026 Circular Cities Declaration Report for Fingal was submitted to the CCD on the 11th of May, highlighting Fingal's sustainable and circular initiatives.

LOCAL AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Fingal LCDC

- Next LCDC Meeting: 16th July 2026
- Healthy Ireland & LECP: Ongoing implementation and review.
- New LCDC brand launched by DRCDG.

LEADER Programme Update

- LAG Meeting took place on 20th May 2026. Nine projects were approved by the LAG.

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.

Woodlands for Health

- Healthy Fingal is working with the HSE's mental health services to support people dealing with mental health issues through the delivery of walking programme in Newbridge Demesne.
- The Programme will run for 8 weeks starting in June with approximately 30 participants taking part, with information provided in relation to follow-on physical activity options in the community.



Smoke Free Homes

- Healthy Fingal is working with the HSE and Empower to promote the Smoke Free Homes Challenge, which takes place throughout the month of June.
- A number of schools in Fingal are taking part in the Smoke Free Homes colouring competition and we're encouraging households to sign up to the challenge.
- The initiative aims to highlight the dangers of second-hand smoke in both the home and car with weekly information provided weekly to households with an opportunity for them to win some prizes for taking part.



Sailing into Wellness

- Healthy Fingal is working with the North Dublin Drugs & Alcohol Task Force to provide people in recovery with the opportunity to take part in a weeklong sailing programme.
- The programme will take place at Howth Yacht Club, with the initiative running for a week in June and July.
- It aims to support personal development, promote positive mental health, help participants to set goals and build confidence, teamwork and resilience.



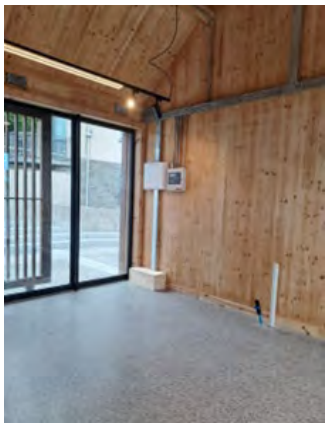
TOWN REGENERATION OFFICE

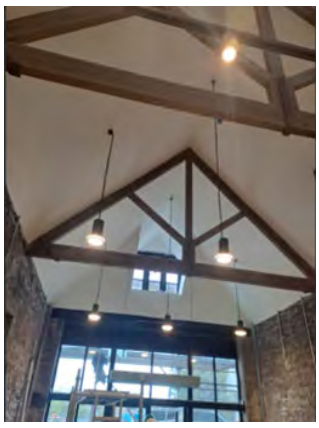
Our Balbriggan 2025 – 2030 Rejuvenation Plan – A Socio-Economic Strategy

The Balbriggan Leadership Group, chaired by Dr. David Begg is scheduled to meet on June 10th, where Members will 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.



The Quay Street, Harbour & Environs redevelopment works are now in their final phase, with the majority of the work scheduled to be substantially completed in June 2026.





The heritage restoration of the RNLI Boathouse building, harbour pavilion buildings, kiosks and public toilets are due for completion in June 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.



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.

Our Balbriggan Programme Office and FCC Architects continue 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. Work has commenced on the Chieftain's Drive/Moylaragh Road Scheme, Balbriggan, with the installation of a Half MUGA and additional outdoor enhancements. Works will be completed in the coming weeks.
This adds to the variety of locations available for young people of Balbriggan, with three other locations completed in Millpond, Bremore and Charlie Moore Parks.



Town Centre First

Lár Bailte ar dTús
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. Meetings in Rush and Balrothery took place in the third week of 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.

In May, the Town Regeneration Office commenced a series of capacity building workshops, led by an experienced facilitator in Skerries.

The meetings have been well attended by representatives of local community groups, local businesses, and residents. Further meetings will take place over the coming months. The process will conclude with the formation of a new Town Team for Skerries, and the creation of a Town Centre First Health Check for the Town.







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.

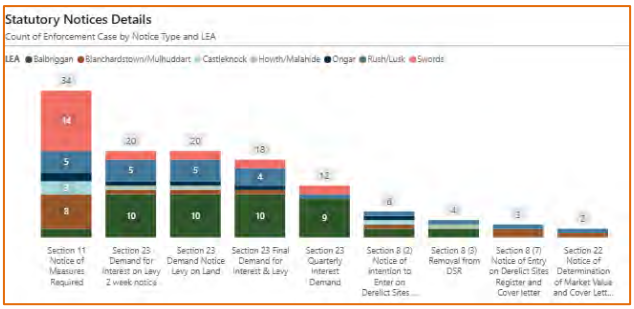
Balrothery – Feasibility Study for Public Realm Enhancement

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 contractor has now been appointed to complete an initial Geophysical Study of the area in question within Balrothery.

Derelict Sites

119 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 78 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.

National Enterprise Awards 2026



Fingal Enterprise Awards Winner Marti Nulty of Now Coco based in Ballyboughal represents Fingal at the National Enterprise Awards in the Mansion House on Thursday June 18th. We wish Marti the best of luck at the National Final.

Fingal Business Network



The latest Networking event titled "The Grit and the Glory" took place on 24 April at the Carlton Dublin Airport Hotel with over 70 Fingal businesses in attendance featuring a panel discussion among four Fingal businesses exploring the highs and lows of their business journey. The Fingal Business Network meets three to four times per annum, with the next event planned for Friday 25th September 2026.

Student Enterprise Awards 2026 - National Final May 7th



The Student Enterprise Programme National Final took place in Mullingar on 7 May 2026, with Fingal proudly represented across the Junior, Intermediate and Senior categories.

The students showcased innovation, creativity and entrepreneurial skill, making a highly positive impression at national level. Notably, Tiny Terrariums (Loreto Balbriggan) was awarded the Sustainability Award in the Intermediate category, recognising excellence in environmental awareness and sustainable business practices.

Fingal Enterprising Women's Network (FEWN)



Building on its successful International Women's Day event, FEWN hosted its Summer Event on May 29th at the Carlton Hotel, Dublin Airport with almost 100 female entrepreneurs being inspired by award winning entrepreneur Emma Maye. The theme was "Own Your Value: Money Mindset for Business Success". Attendees listened to an engaging fireside chat exploring money mindsets, pricing strategies, negotiation, and resilience. The event concluded with a networking lunch.

Fingal Business Supports Briefing



The May online Business Supports Briefing attracted 126 registrants who joined to learn about how the LEO can support their business. The next briefing will take place online on June 17th. A video version has also now been released, meaning clients can watch the most recent briefing at any time.

Food Sectoral Supports

Run by the LEO with Supervalu/Musgraves, Food Academy applications closed in May with 5 Fingal businesses applying for a much coveted place in the final shortlist. Finalists get a listing with SuperValu and exposure to the experience of supplying a large Food Business. The next LEO Food Starter Programme commences on 2nd June. Dublin Food Chain, an initiative of the 4 Dublin LEOs announced a new schedule of network events, to include learning events, international market visits and business networking.

Evaluations and Approvals Committee

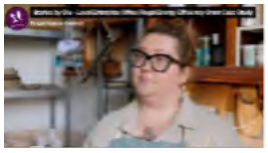
The Evaluation and Approvals Committee (EVAC) ap proved €418,092 across26 business grant applicatio ns to date in 2026. The next EVAC meeting will convene on 26th June.

Management Development



LEO Fingal has 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. 226 participants have attended these sessions ytd.

Sustainability Supports





LEO Fingal provides expertise and incentives to enable small businesses to reduce their carbon footprint and become more sustainable. 20 applicants were approved for funding under this scheme in 2025. 8 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 484 clients have signed up to the mentor and business advice clinic service year to date.

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 14 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 runs a comprehensive programme of Training and Events throughout the year. So far in 2026 there has been 67 events with 1,764 registered, including 6 Start Your Own Business courses with 79 participants and 3 Business Supports Briefings with 408 attending.

Internationalisation and Export Development

The 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 3 businesses year to date with several businesses currently working on applications.

Digital & Innovation Supports

The Grow Digital Voucher and Digital for Business sc hemes offer SMEs grant and capability supports to embrace digital technology. So far in 2026, 29 clients have been approved through these programmes. There have also been 3 Digital Boost Webinars to educate clients on these programmes and to help them apply with the next Webinar on 4th June.

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 will target grant recipients in the past 2 years to participate in a lean workshop in September to advance understanding of Lean throughout their business practices.

Community Wellbeing
Equality
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Empowerment
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & INCLUSION
Making a Difference

Community Development & Inclusion

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- Funding

Community Development

Community Development supports people to work collectively to address social, economic, environmental, and cultural challenges, from local initiatives to wider programmes. Capacity and participation rely on collaboration between communities and supporting agencies.

The Community Development & Inclusion Division delivers work across community support, social inclusion, equality, intercultural engagement, and empowerment.

This month, the Community Development Office supported the following:

IPB Pride of Place Competition 2026



Howth, Huntstown, and Balrothery will represent Fingal in the 2026 IPB Pride of Place Competition, an all-island awards programme recognising excellence in community development.

- Howth Sutton Autism Friendly Community: Inclusive Communities category
- Balrothery Community Association: 2,500–5,000 population category
- Huntstown Community Centre: Urban Neighbourhoods category

Judging takes place 24–25 August, with finals on 24 October at the Convention Centre Dublin.

Partners for transformation community leadership training in Lusk



Fifteen participants completed leadership and capacity-building training at Lusk Cultural Centre. The programme combined theory, practical skills, and volunteer experience, focusing on group effectiveness, inclusion, and long-term sustainability. Participants are now applying learning locally.

Street Feasts

Roadshows in Baldoyle and Mulhuddart helped drive participation, with 99 Fingal groups registered for Street Feast (23–24 May), promoting neighbourly connection and local engagement.

Rivermeade: Place Standards Tool Progress Report.

Strong resident engagement continues, with over 20 volunteers and stakeholders expected to participate. The Place Standards event is scheduled for 29 June.

THRIVE Swords: Hello, How are you?

A public engagement event at Pavilions Shopping Centre distributed 400–500 conversation cards, encouraging social connection and active listening.



Dublin Climate Action Week & Fingal Keen to Be Green Communities

An event at Knocksedan Estate engaged 60 residents through a garden tour and sustainability workshops. Interest is growing ahead of the installation of the FCC Bloom Show Garden at Brackenstown Walled Gardens.



Strengthening Community Connections in Churchfields, Mulhuddart through collaboration and innovation.

Collaborative initiatives strengthened community connections through outreach, reduced anti-social behaviour, and increased participation. Progress includes a new Residents' Association, planned community garden and wellbeing hub, and youth engagement programmes.



Community Facilities Management

The unit supports 38 centres and oversees capital works.

Corduff Resource Centre



Refurbishment is on track for summer 2026. Works include insulation, roofing, mechanical and electrical upgrades, and accessibility improvements. Additional funding supports boundary and car park upgrades.
The centre will be managed by Fingal Community & Recreation Services CLG.

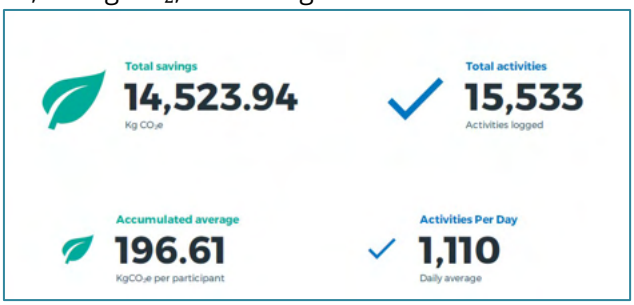
European URBAN Initiative

Co-funded by the European Union

Fingal secured funding for governance exchange with partners in Finland and Spain. A May visit enabled shared learning and identification of best practices to support future growth.

Fingal Community Centres - Climate Action Heroes Challenge

142 participants across 26 teams achieved savings of 14,524 kg CO_2, exceeding 2025 results.





Interagency

The Community Development Office collaborates with agencies to enhance service delivery across Fingal.

Fingal Comhairle na nÓg (FCNN)

Fingal Comhairle na nÓg
Your Local Youth Council

Six Fingal members attended Dáil na nÓg 2026, contributing to discussions on education reform.



Fingal Public Participation Network (FPPN)

The May Plenary (60 groups) included updates on finances, the 2027–2031 Strategic Plan, and re-registration of 971 groups.



Age Friendly Fingal

The 2026 OPC annual conference (120 attendees) focused on safe independent living, covering safety, fall prevention, online security, and supports.



Funding Award: Weaving Worlds Intergenerational Cross-Border Project

€163,000 secured for a cross-border, intergenerational fashion upcycling initiative promoting wellbeing, creativity, and inclusion.

Monthly Singalong Socials for over 55s



Monthly sing-alongs provide accessible social opportunities, supporting wellbeing and reducing isolation.

Funding

- 65 Community Activity Grants awarded: €171,446.53
- Additional summer project funding: €71,949 (38 groups)
- €500,000 approved for Portmarnock Sports & Leisure Centre repairs
- Further applications open until 30 June 2026

ACM Area	Number of Grants	Amount
BRLS	25	€67,718.26
BMCO	32	€85,940.27
HOWTH/MAL	8	€17,788.00

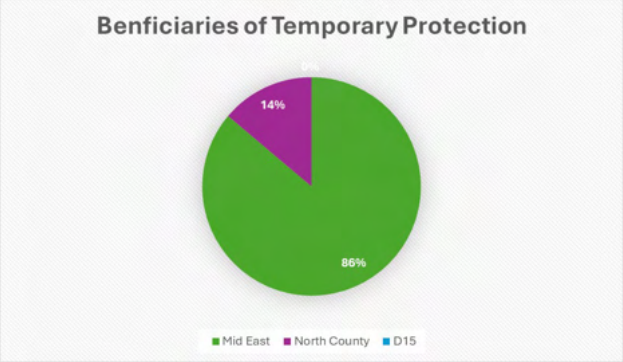
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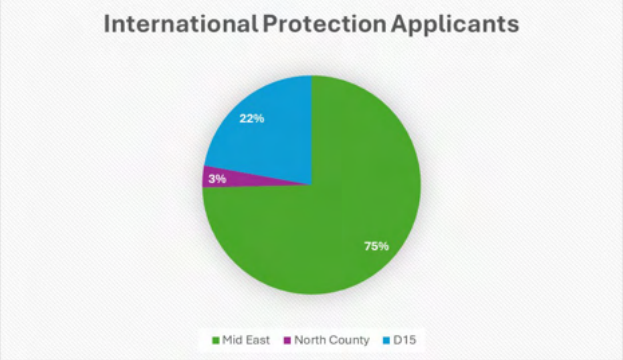
Provides services supporting inclusion and intercultural understanding.

Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT)

Clinics continue for IPAS and BOTP residents (total: 2,319 individuals across Fingal regions).

Geographical Area	BOTP Residents	IPAS Residents
North County	33	63
Mid-East	312	1475
Dublin 15	0	436
Total	**345**	**1974**





Fingal Integration Talks

Sessions delivered on employment and training supports for new arrivals.



Maynooth Knowledge Exchange Workshop

Participation in Maynooth University event on diaspora engagement and community cohesion.

Celebrating Irish Refugee Week

"Art Takes Courage" competition launched for all age groups.



ITM Yellow Flag Awards

Three Fingal schools recognised for promoting inclusion and anti-racism under the ITM programme.



Community Events

- “Born into Conflict” exhibition highlighted impacts of war
- Five Africa Day events celebrated culture and diversity
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Africa Day 2026







Tenant Induction Presentations

New tenant talks delivered on inclusion, anti-racism, and reporting incidents.

CIF (Community Integration Forum)

The next CIF meeting is scheduled for 9 June. In Next meeting scheduled for 9 June, including briefing on the EU Migration Pact.

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Area Business Totals for April 2026

Area	Public CRM's	Rep CRM's	Area Questions	Area Motions	Headed Items
Balbriggan/Swords	607	148	15	12	0
Castleknock/Mulhuddart	232	85	10	5	1
Howth/Malahide	215	50	25	3	0
Total	**1,054**	**283**	**50**	**20**	**1**

Works Programme
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area

Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area

Swords

The water refill station at the All Weather pitch in Ward River Valley Park was upgraded as part of the countywide refill upgrades. This new unit provides live data regarding usage and can notify Operations of any functional issues which require action.





Upgrade works at Longstone Park as part of the POWs. Works included new hard surface treatment, perennial planting, wildflower areas and relocation of planters. Some materials used have been reclaimed from a local depot and reused as part of the project. The existing trees were protected during the works with Chestnut paling fencing installed to protect planting. The project has been undertaken in collaboration with the local group and residents.







Bulb and tree planting undertaken as part of enhancement works in Ward River Valley Park at Brackenstown Road. These landscape works were done in phases in line with the creation of the Learn to Cycle track installed. Flowering trees and 750m2 of pollinator friendly bulbs were planted around this section of park and are now in full bloom.



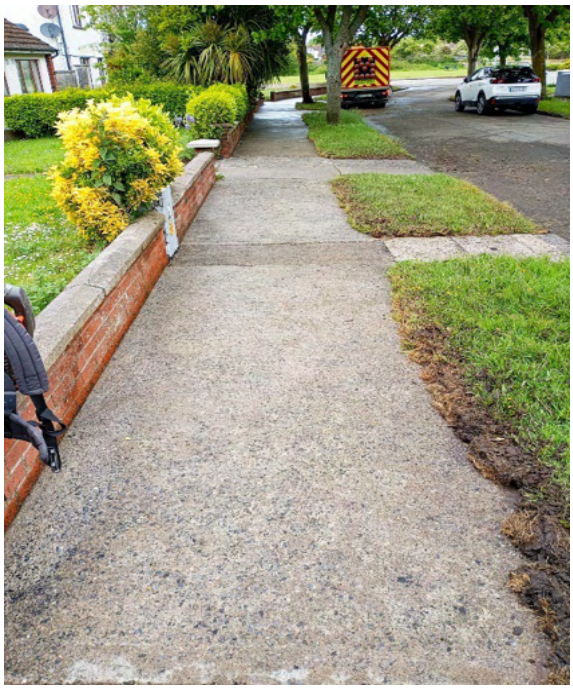


Before and after of path cleaning in Portrane.









New Eco Toilets being installed in Donabate.





Newbridge

New planting in the glasshouse in the Newbridge Walled Garden.





New raised beds for vegetables in Newbridge Walled Garden.





The Leinster Pipe Band Championship in Newbridge.





North County

Resurfacing works complete in Oldtown, part of our Programme of Works.





New path in Moylaragh, Balbriggan, as part of our Programme of Works.



Lighting of newly surfaced paths in Glebe Park.



Prep works for the installation of exercise equipment in Balscadden.



Landscaping works in Ballyboughal.



Knee rail upgrade works at Barnageeragh.



Roads / Footpaths

Repair of masonry brick wall at Oldtown by Construction crew as part of general maintenance works programme.



Footpath replacement works by Balbriggan Construction crew at Clonard Court as part of roads general maintenance programme.





Footpath repair works carried out in Lusk by construction crew as part of Balbriggan area roads general maintenance programme.



Section of ditch along R130 Oldtown piped and backfilled by Roads crew to protect road users from dangerous road edge.



Night works ongoing on R127 as part of this year's Capital Works project. Resurfacing section from Ardla to Finnegans corner.



Sand patch testing carried out on site as part of resurfacing quality checks.



Part of section completed.



Howth/ Malahide Area

Howth Harbour Front/Olympic gardens



Olympic gardens, Howth after a tidy up and landscaping works.



Olympic Gardens



Landscaping works extended to the areas beside Olympic gardens and the carpark/recycling Bins – these areas were reseeded with grass.

Bayside



Tidy up of lanes in Bayside estate and removal of ivy from walls.

Malahide Demesne & Woods





Top layer of Ballylusk stone laid on new path along the Vehicle entrance to Malahide Castle.



Soil/Grass conditioning and aeration prior to busy season ahead and concerts.



Sand spreading on the amenity/sport areas of the Demesne.



Newly planted trees adjacent to the Pitch & Putt club. Water bags to assist with root establishment of new trees.



New mowers and benches delivered to the Depot.

Final stages of works at Glass house restoration – Walled gardens



Reinstatement of paths took place in the walled gardens after the Glasshouse renovation works.





40 steps' Howth





Before and After pictures showing the clean up at the Boreen/40 steps in Howth. A busy short cut route to the village, this path needs to be kept accessible & clear of vegetation.

Sutton Cross



Sutton Cross - seasonal Begonia planting scheme completed.

Howth Pathways

Annual clearing of all water bars on the Howth pathways has begun. These disperse surface water off the trails, stops pooling, slip hazards and protects the path surface.



Sport Ireland inspections of all 4 loops carried out recently. Water bars are an import part of inspection and aid surface conditions for walkers.

Roads / Footpaths – Howth/Malahide

Thormanby Road, Howth

The Howth Malahide Crew are progressing with new footpaths near the entrance to Casana View on the Thormanby Road.



Baskin Cottages

The Contractor has completed new slip form kerbs, which was followed up by The Howth Malahide Crew constructing a new tar footpath.




R124 at Chapel Road Junction, Portmarnock

The Contractor is working on a new drainage system on the R124, starting near the junction at Chapel Road.





Cleansing, Beaches and Toilets Howth Malahide




Preparation works for clean up entrance to Claremont beach Howth.



Installation of new information board at velvet strand Portmarnock.



Weed clearance at Fingal Burial Grounds





Graffiti removal and deep cleaning of Howth Malahide toilets.







Removal of fly tipping Bayside.



Installation of new bin bases Howth Malahide.

Castleknock/Mulhuddart Area

Auburn Avenue -Damastown Football Grounds



Stumps removed and ground reinstated with soil and grass seed in Damastown football Grounds and on Auburn Avenue.

Ongar Woodlands -litter picking

Operations crew carried out litter picking along ditches and woodland at Ongar Woodlands.



Tolka Valley from Brookhaven Drive





The piers leading into Tolka valley from Brookhaven Drive have been cleaned.

Millennium Park -Connect Festival

The Connect Festival, in co-ordination with Operations, took place in Millennium Park on the 2nd & 3rd May.







Castleknock Green



Works commenced to provide a new 2.5m looped pathway around the green at Castleknock Green.



Porterstown

Works to the overflow carpark is continuing. Kerb layout has been installed, and stone build up is now complete.





St Catherine's Park - Lucan



Works to commence roofing of the courtyard buildings will commence before the end of Q2 2026.

Hansfield and Aspen Avenue



Re-painting of line markings has been completed at Hansfield and Aspen Avenue.



Beechfield footpaths – Reinstatement

Reinstatement works have been completed to address damage to footpaths in Beechfield, Dublin 15, with a view to improving surface condition and pedestrian access.





Luttrellstown

Reinstatement works have been carried out to repair the footpath in Luttrellstown.





Ongar Village

Installation of new bins, maintenance and provision of new flower planters have been completed in Ongar Village.



Westway Estate



Reinstatement works have been carried out to repair the footpath across the open space in Westway Estate.



Hartstown



Community artwork installed in Hartstown. This project included stakeholders from the Central remedial clinic, Hartstown, St. Philips National School, Sacred heart National School, who all assisted in its completion.

Darkness into Light, St. Catherine's Park

In collaboration with Operations, Darkness into Light 2026 proved to be an incredibly powerful event with a turnout of approx. 2,500 gathered in St. Catherine's Park in support of Pieta House for the event.





St. Catherine's Park – darkness into light Saturday 9th May 2026.

Car Parking Services

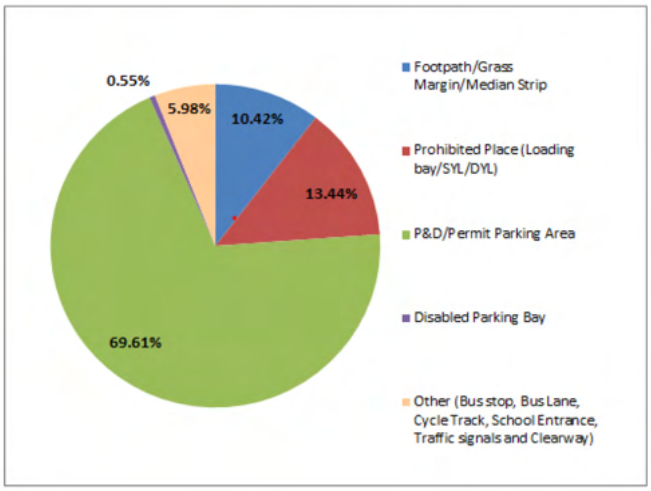
April 2026

There was a total of 1,622 parking tickets issued during April 2026.

Top 10 Main Ticketing Locations:

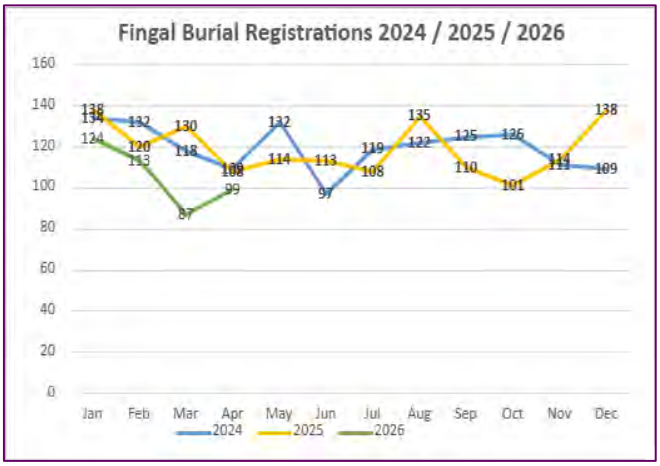
Location	Main Ticket Locations April 2026
Bridgefield Car Park - Malahide	104
North Street - Swords	102
Red Island Carpark Skerries	82
Coast Road - Malahide	74
Harbour Road - Skerries	70
Main Street - Swords	70
Strand Street - Skerries	66
South Strand Skerries	61
The Green - Malahide	59
Drogheda Street - Balbriggan	52

Breakdown of Parking Offences:



Burial Ground Services

There were 99 Interments in April 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

Swords Pavillions S.C. – Upgrade of controlled pedestrian crossing





Rush- Harbour Road Double Yellow Lines





L1080 Hollywood Road- Stop Road Markings





Balrothery- New signage and road markings Knightswood Road.



Howth/Malahide Area - Traffic

New Pole and STOP sign at junction of Castleway/Swords Rd.



Repainting of planters on the Malahide Road (with the assistance of the Parks section.)



New road warning signage for junction of Biscayne and Coast Road (R106)





Junction Upgrade of Drynam Hall/Kettles Lane entrance. Entrance was narrowed with new tactile pavement and entrance ramp.

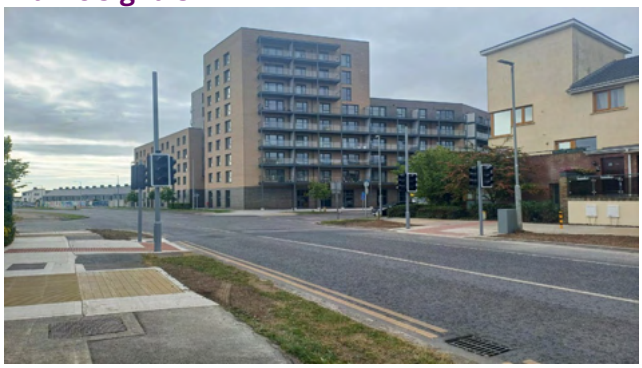






Castleknock/Mulhuddart Area

Traffic Signals



New pedestrian crossing being constructed on St Margarets Road in Dublin 11.

Signs



Concealed Entrance sign installed on the R149.



60kph sign and pole installed on Beechwood Heath.



60kph sign installed on Barnwell Road.

Swords

- Whitestown Park Walkway, Coolmine
- Malahide Castle walkway, Malahide



New Lighting Scheme on Whitestown Park Walkway, Coolmine

2026 POW Works in Progress/Ongoing:

- Annaly Grove, Ongar
- Charlie Moore Park, Balbriggan
- 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 Complete:

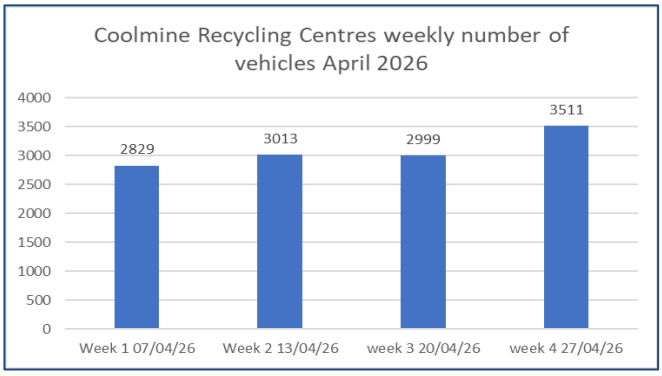
- Woodvale Estate, Clonsilla
- Flemington Park, Balbriggan
- Thormanby Lodge, Howth

Public Lighting Column Replacements in Progress/Ongoing:

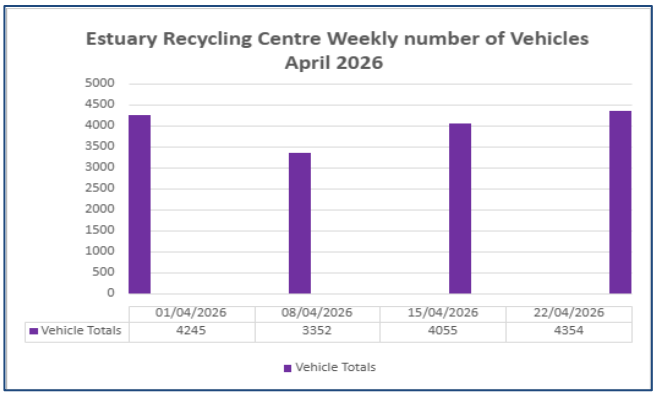
- Seatown Estate, Swords

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 Coolmine Recycling Centre above.



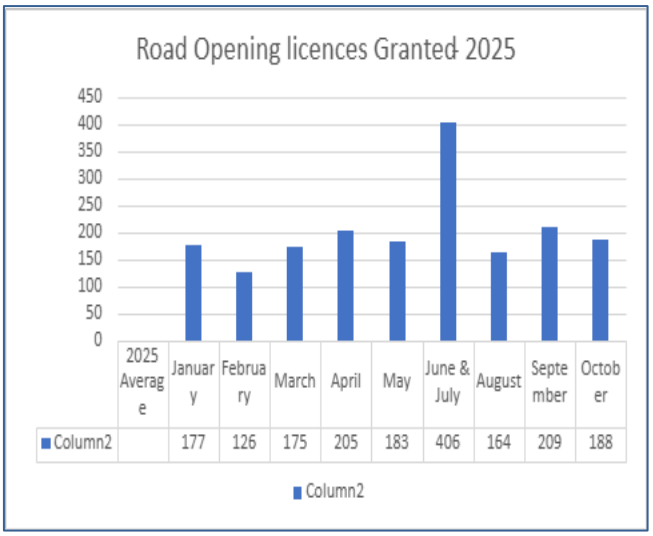
Statistics for Estuary Recycling Centre above

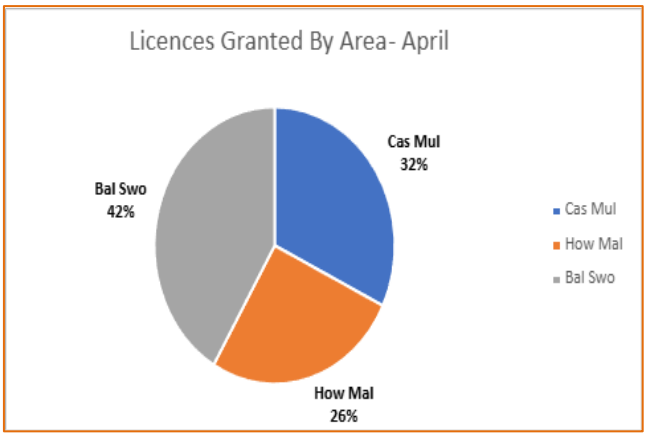
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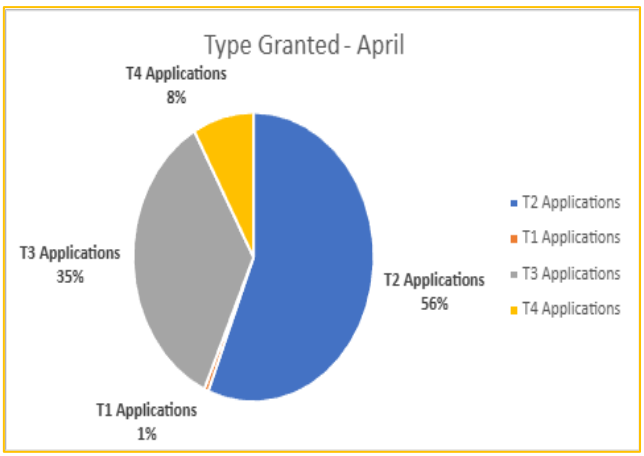
➢ Road Opening Licenses

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.

151 Licences were granted in the month of April, 43% of which were granted by way of automation. Clerks of Works in each area continue to carry out regular inspections following road opening works by Utilities.







Bus Enhancement Scheme

Works are ongoing in all three administrative areas on the NTA approved and funded bus stop enhancements at 13 locations.

➢ Howth Malahide Area

As part of the 13 countywide locations bus enhancement scheme, the upgrading of stops at Howth and Malahide have been completed.

➢ Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area

Works on two bus stops on the R127 in Balbriggan have been completed as part of the 2025 BSEP Works Programme. The 2026 BSEP Work Programme for the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area is currently under feasibility review from a short list received from the NTA.

➢ Castleknock/Mulhuddart Area

The bus stop enhancement projects which received final NTA Approval to be constructed are as follows: one located on the Ratoath Road (L3080), Hollywoodrath and two on the R122 close to the National Reception Centre, Balseskin, Dubber. All these bus stop enhancements have been completed. The 2026 BSEP Work Programme for the Castleknock/Mulhuddart Area is currently under feasibility review from a short list received from the NTA.

Grass Pitch Applications 2025/26

Fingal County Council have completed the grass pitch allocation process for the 2025/2026 playing season. All the 74 clubs have now paid in full. The process for re-allocation of pitches will begin in June of this year and we are expecting high demand for all pitches throughout the county. All clubs will be communicated with, and the relevant deadlines will be set for receipt of applications.

Casual Trading License

Fingal County Council has a total of 33 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 x5 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 has 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 currently have 4 additional applications that we are currently processing and would envisage licences being issued out for these businesses in the coming days.
Inspections continue throughout the county to ensure compliance of all businesses.

Harbours

Fingal County Council applied for funding from the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine under the 2026 Local Authority Marine Infrastructure Scheme in February this year and grant funding to the value of €154,006.80 (breakdown in table) was awarded and announced by Ministers Heydon and Dooley on the 20th of May.

Priority	Project title	Eligible project costs	Maximum funding conferred
1	Skerries Harbour	149,342	112,007
2	Rush Harbour	56,000	42,000
	Total	**205,342**	**154,007**

Skerries Harbour

Emergency stabilisation works are now scheduled to commence on Skerries Pier mid June. 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 was held with key stakeholders on the 12th of May in Skerries Library to outline the works and ramifications with a presentation provided by the awarded Contractor, Cunningham Civil & Marine.



Balbriggan Harbour

The Dredging of Balbriggan Harbour Project is currently at statutory consent stage and is awaiting the issue of a Marine Usage Licence (MUL) from the Maritime Area Regulatory Authority (MARA).

An application for the MUL was submitted in April 2026 and is presently undergoing a non-statutory public consultation process being conducted by MARA. At this time, MARA has not confirmed any timeline for the determination or issue of the licence.

Loughshinny Harbour

The Dredging of Loughshinny Harbour is currently at the preliminary study stage, which will inform the detailed design and the preparation of a Marine Usage Licence (MUL) application to MARA. Submission of the MUL application is anticipated in Q3 2026.

A design solution to address damage to the capping beam caused by a storm in January 2026 is currently being finalised, with repair works expected to commence in the coming weeks. In the interim, the final 4-metre section of the pier head remains closed to the public.

Rush Harbour

A package of repair and improvement works is currently being prepared for Rush Harbour, with the objective of upgrading mooring and berthing facilities within the pier, as well as addressing structural issues along the harbour walls and associated infrastructure. Works are anticipated to commence in Q3 2026.

Fingal – Water Safety

Fingal County Council is finalising the recruitment of lifeguards for the 2026 Bathing Season. The service is aligned with the requirements of the EU Bathing Water Directive which defines the start of the bathing season as 1st June.

Lifeguard cover will be provided on weekends from the 30th of May to 28th of June at locations published on our social media channels. The service will run full time on all our beaches from the 29th of June to the 30th of August subject to the availability of lifeguards. Blue flag beaches will be manned the first two weekends in September in accordance with the Blue Flag criteria.

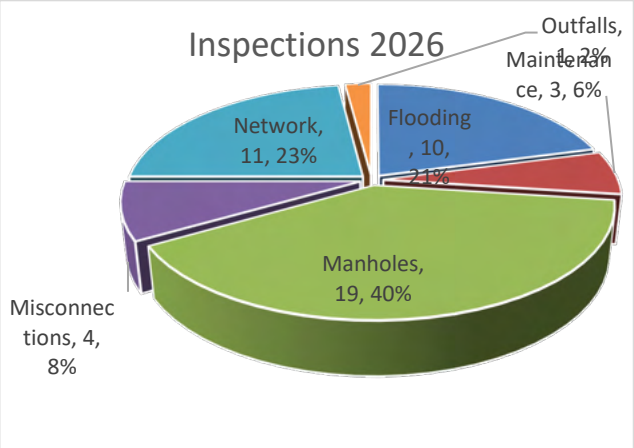
The preseason bathing water quality results across our beaches have come back as excellent water equality.



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

Project consists of the design and construction of a Stormwater culvert replacement on Howth main street (Work Package A) and the separation of a combined sewer on Tuckett's Lane Howth (Work Package B).

Work Package A: Preliminary design complete. Draft topographic and GPR survey files received from contractor are currently under review. If no service diversions are required, tender documents and drawings will be completed within the next two months.

Work Package B: Full road-width reinstatement expected to commence and complete week beginning 25th May 2026. This will close out this works item.



Tuckett's Lane works

Howth Stormwater Network Improvements.

Installation of upsized pipes in Seaview Terrace and road reinstatement is now complete.





Beaverstown, Donabate.

Works have concluded on a package to clean and reprofile a series of ditches that lead to a Stormwater Pump Station. Re-location of palisade fencing and the installation of a new post and rail fence completed this phase of the works.





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 scheduled for late June 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.

Clifford's Lane/Milesian Grove intersection network. Minor excavation and pipeworks to alleviate recent flooding issues are now complete. Reinstatement is on-going.



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 at the end of 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 damaged pipeline. Works will commence in July 2026 during school holidays.



Surveys carried out at Mount Symon, D15 identified a possible Foul-to-Storm sewer misconnection. A specialized contractor has been appointed to carry out remedial works and will commence when the start date is agreed.

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.

Outfall Upgrades/Maintenance

Ongoing weekly maintenance continues at the major Coastal Outfalls in Skerries, Howth & Sutton.

Repair works now complete on the damaged outfall at Claremount Beach Howth.

Preventative Maintenance Jetting Programme

Jetting, Robotic & CCTV works were carried out in Dale View, Mill Lane and Batter Lane.

Underground Stormwater storage Assets

Continuing Identification and recording of underground storm water management assets county wide.



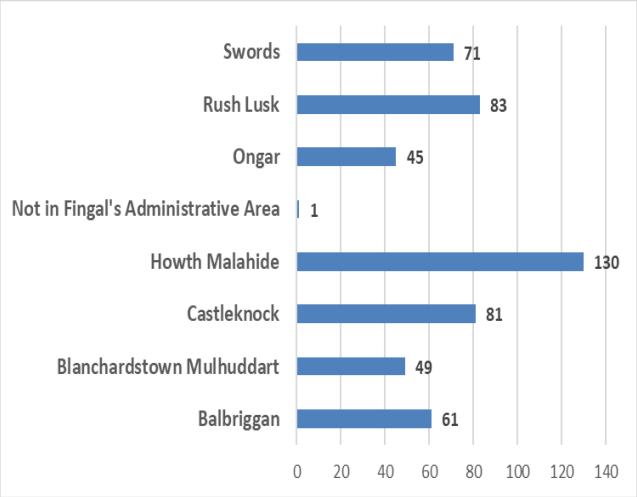
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

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Planning Applications

Between 1st January and 30th April 2026, a total of 521 planning applications were received, including 465 electronic applications via the national portal. Of these, 88 applications were deemed invalid, resulting in 433 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, 6 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 30th April 2026, a total of 583 planning decisions were issued. The figures include 346 decisions to grant permission and 105 refusals of permission.

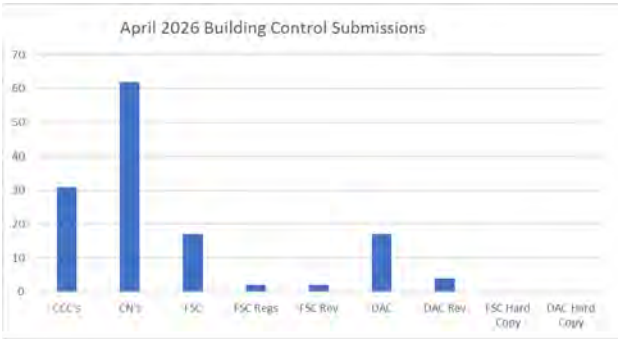
Building Control Admin

In April 2026, there were 136 building control submissions made via BCMS.

This was made up of 62 Commencement notices, 31 Compliance of Completion Certificates, 21 Fire Safety related Certificates, 21 Disability Access related Certificates and 1 dispensation/relaxation.

Commencement notices and Compliance on Completion Certificates are submitted through the Projects module on BCMS. Fire Safety, Disability Access, Regularisation and Dispensation/Relaxation Certificate applications can be submitted online via the Applications module on BCMS and the Council accepts hard copy applications directly into the office. Most applications are now being submitted via the online system.

The Building Control Admin team processed 138 decisions in April 2026 relating to Fire Safety and Disability Access Certificates. This was made up of 49 decisions to grant, 88 extensions of time and 1refusal.



Strategic Policy Unit

Residential Zoned Land Tax

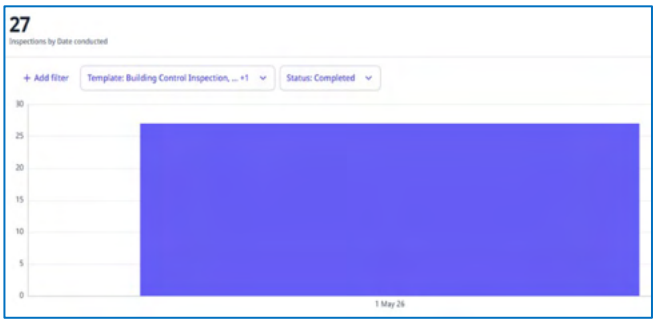
The Residential Zoned Land Tax (RZLT) is a tax aimed at activating serviced and residentially zoned land for housing. Local authorities are responsible for identifying the land that is subject to RZLT. Consultation on the final RZLT map for 2026 and the draft map for 2027 closed on 1st April. The submissions received during the consultation period are currently being reviewed.

Urban Area Plans, Masterplans and Framework Plans

Work is ongoing on the preparation of a draft Urban Area Plan for Dunsink. It is intended that this draft will be placed on public display in Q2.

Built Environment Division

Building Control



27 building control inspections were carried out in May 2026 so far, covering 42 Buildings.

There were no section 11 requests or enforcement notices sent in May 2026.

Taking in Charge

We have taken 2 estates in charge in April 2026

- Barnageeragh Cove phase 3
- Semple Woods phase 1

Building Control have taken Earnans wood estate into maintenance in May 2026.

Building Control have advertised Knightsbridge in Rush and Comyrn Manor in Swords for Taking in Charge later this year.

There are 50 developments with formal Taking in Charge requests, and an additional 295 developments recorded in our system. O'Connor Sutton Cronin are working as our consultant for managing Taking in Charge works where we have taken the bond. The first contract was for Chapelwood, Chapelton, Alderwood and Redwood in Dublin 15. The closing date for this tender was 21st May 2026 and we are now in the tender assessment stage.

The second contract is for Weston Park, Oldtown Avenue, Dooroge Woods, Palmer Avenue, Ceol Na Mara and The Stableyard. The consultants have been appointed for these works and snagging works will commence on these estates within the couple of weeks

Dangerous Structures

There were no dangerous structures reported in May 2026.

A total of 106 dangerous structures remain active in our database.

Pictures



Inspecting Airtightness layer on a creche in Balbriggan



Checking vertical fire stopping and insulation on apartments in Skerries.

Development Management

WSFP continue to work on new LRD applications, planning files, additional information files, clarification of additional information files and compliances.

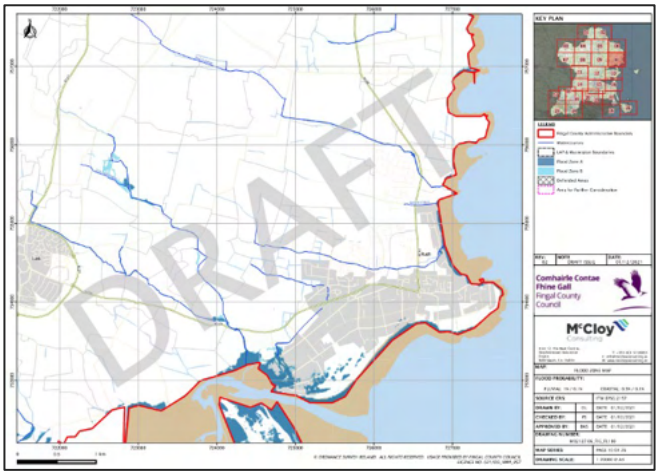
WSFP continue to support pre-planning consultations with developers to discuss issues related to the provision of water services and to ensure the implementation of flood risk management and sustainable drainage systems on site.

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

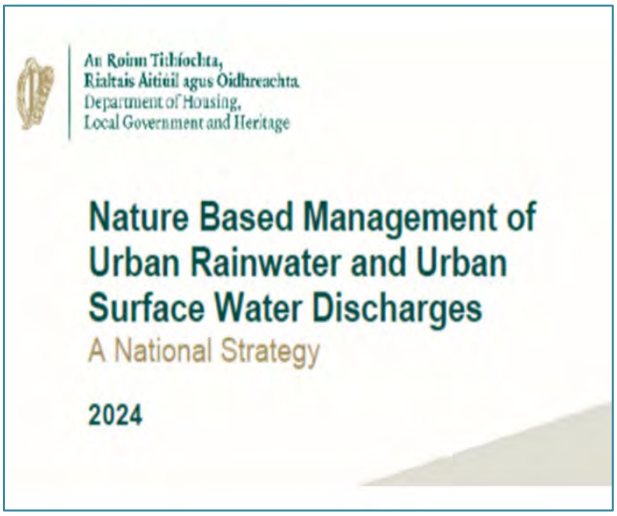
McCloys Consulting Engineers were appointed to produce a Domestic SuDS Guide for FCC. This was completed in Q3 2024, the guide is available on Fingal`s website along with a short presentation video.

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.



Irish Water

Staff ceased completing Irish Water templates for planning files in October 2024.

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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.

The contractor is continuing to 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.



Site Compound Establishment



Works at Estuary Roundabout & Trench Boxes installed for Foul Sewer



Works at Bostik for the New Bostik Junction

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.

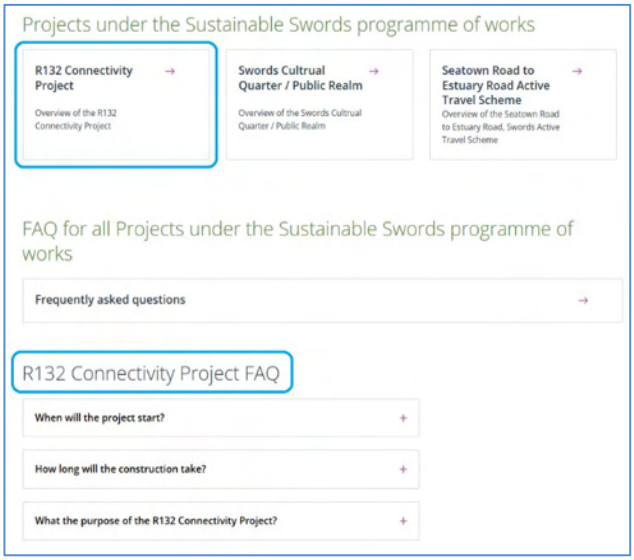
Ongoing monthly communication meetings with First responders, private bus and public bus transport operators.

Ongoing monthly meetings with Uisce Éireann to coordinate the foul sewer works incorporated into the R132 project, as well as the mitigation measures.

Ongoing coordination and progress monitoring meetings with NTA and TII/Metrolink to coordinate the project phases and timelines, as well as mitigation measures.

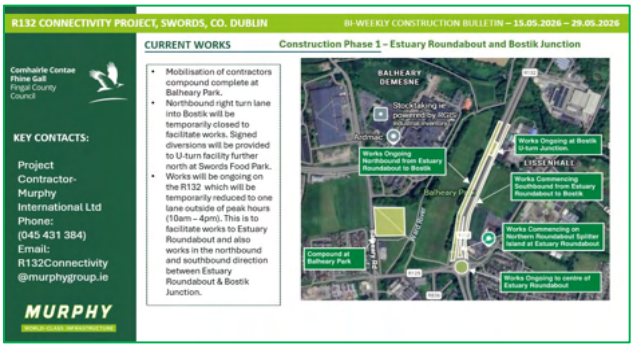
Project website

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, key stakeholders and councillors 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. A Launch date for the public Art installation will be arranged in the coming weeks once the installation is completed.

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.

The first pack of documents have been released and reviewed, and the amendments have been done by RPS. These amendments will be discussed at the next meeting with our procurement unit scheduled for the 26th of May.

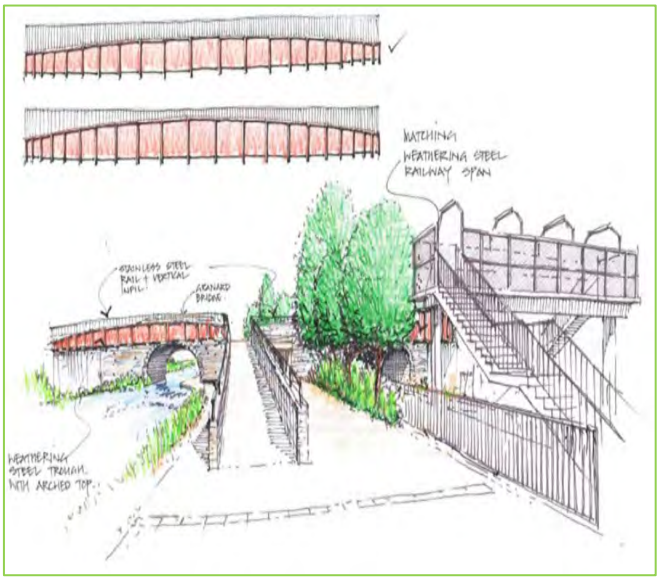
Meetings and Reports

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 released the structures option report this month and it has been reviewed by the team.

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]



Weathered steel arched trough bridges (artist's impression)



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 in the Infrastructure & Transport 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 required 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 prepared by the consultants once the detailed design is completed.





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.

Key Updates:

- The preliminary design stage has closed, and we have progressed to the statutory process phase where the planning application is being compiled for submission to An Coimisiún Pleanála (previously An Bord Pleanála).
- Stakeholder engagement is ongoing, including coordination of the design with Uisce Éireann and utility providers.
- Engagement with potentially impacted property owners, businesses and stakeholders is ongoing. The project team began to contact affected landowners in November 2025 to discuss the compulsory purchase order process and the scheme and land acquisition requirements. As we look to close out this phase, we would encourage anyone who has not been in contact to reach out to our Project Liaison Officer, Daragh Sheedy, Contact Number: +353858701276 with any queries.
- Documents are being prepared for a planning application to An Coimisiún Pleanála. This includes preparation of an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR), Natura Impact Statement (NIS) and Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) documentation.
- Initial draft chapters for the EIAR and NIS have been received and are under review.
- CPO documentation is currently being prepared for submission to An Coimisiún Pleanála.
- The Design Team will prepare land acquisition drawings to form part of the formal CPO application to An Coimisiún Pleanála.



Artist visual of possible layout for the Sutton to Malahide Pedestrian and Cycle Route at Portmarnock

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 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. Targeted non statutory consultation is ongoing with School workshops progressed and a briefing for Fingal Chamber of Commerce complete. A round of stakeholder workshops for Main Street Businesses & Residents and local community groups is being prepared for June.

Upon completion of this consultation process, informed by the submissions made by stakeholders, the design of the scheme will progress to the next phase.

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 Q1 of 2027.

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 June 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 prepare a design for 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.

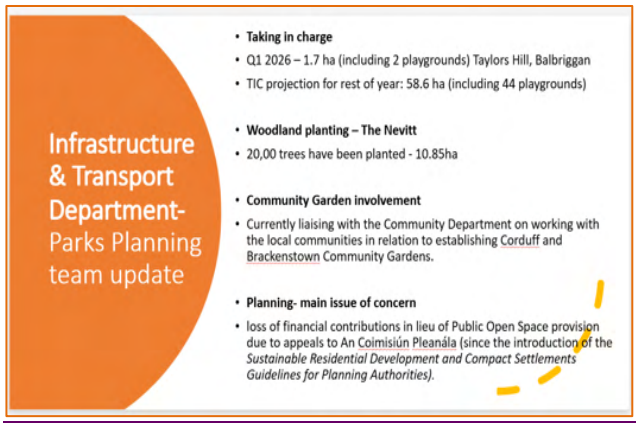
A non-statutory consultation was carried out arranged from Monday 20 April 2026 until Monday 18 May 2026 for postal and online submissions. https://consult.fingal.ie/en/browse

Fingal County Council organised 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.

Meath County Council organised an in-person public consultation event to view and comment on the Emerging Preferred Route in Meath County Council Offices Dunshaughlin, Drumree Rd, Dunshaughlin, Co. Meath, A85 XK20 between 4pm – 7:30pm on Wednesday, 29 April 2026. A submission report will be prepared for the engagement which has been carried out. The project design will be considered by Fingal CC, Meath CC and TII as to what elements of the design need to be changed.

Parks and GI Division

Team Update



Bord Bia Bloom

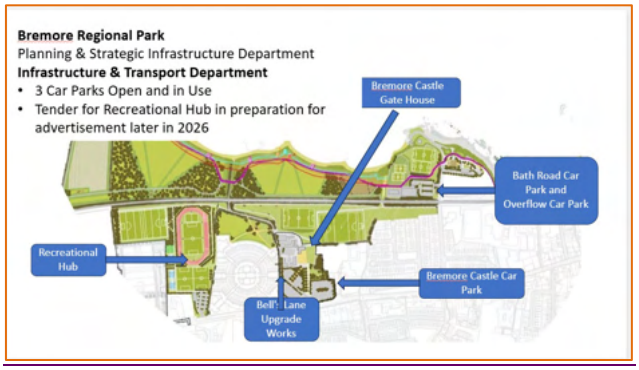


Ballymastone Recreational Hub

The contractor has completed the stripping of topsoil, and the site is currently being screened for any archaeological findings before the main construction works begin.



Bremore Regional Park



Skerries Town Parks - Sports Pitch Upgrade

Contractor commenced works last month to upgrade 3no. playing pitches, construct a new internal path network and landscaping including SUDs features. Very good progress to date including stripping of topsoil, pitch drainage installation and re-grading of ground levels.



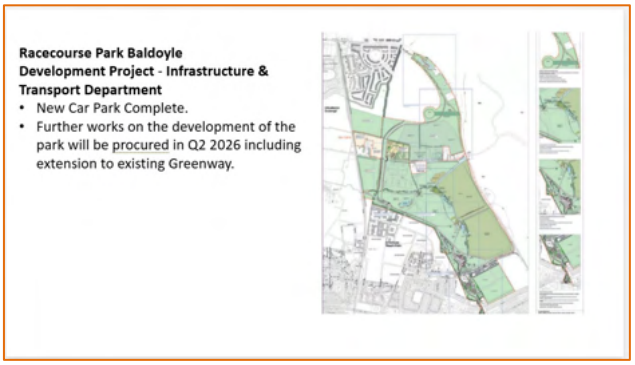
Rathmore Recreational Hub Lusk



Ward River Regional Park



Racecourse Park Baldoyle



Naul Village Park

Construction of the Naul Village Park are progressing from the ground works including drainage & path installation to the landscape elements including topsoiling, boundary treatments and tree planting.



Meakstown Community Garden

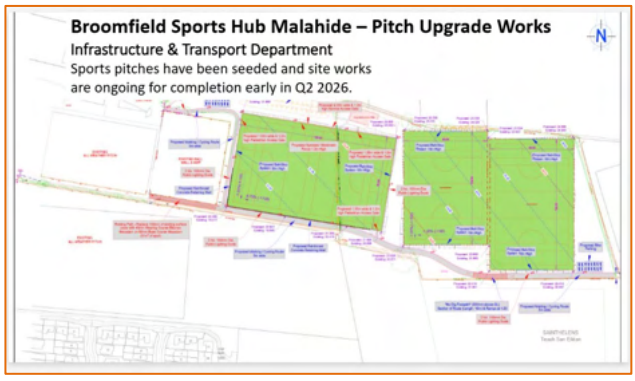


Corduff Park Upgrade

The site works are progressing as per the Works Programme including subbase & fencing installation for a full-size all-weather pitch and subbase for a new car park. The project includes a Community Garden, path upgrades and a new playground.



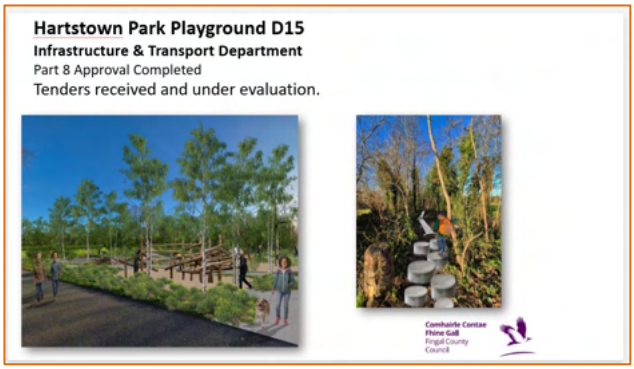
Broomfield Sports Hub Malahide



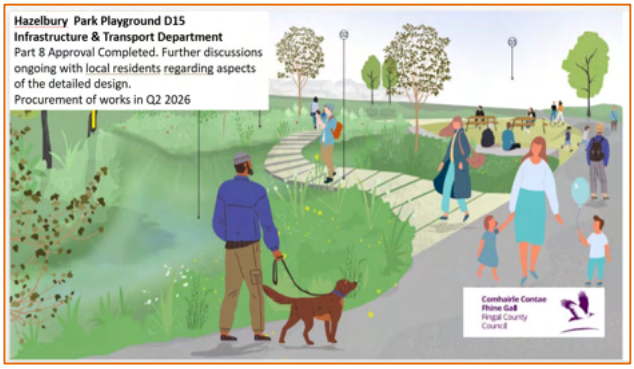
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Affordable & Cost Rental Developments in progress.

Affordable Development	Status	Sale Agreed
Baile na Móna, Swords	Assessment of Applications Ongoing	135/151 Homes Sale Agreed
Church Fields (Phase 2)	Assessment of Applications Ongoing	102/110 Homes Sale Agreed
Balmoston (Phase 2)	Assessment of Applications Ongoing	63/73 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 on going	22/36 Homes Sale Agreed

1000th Affordable home

Fingal County Councils Affordable Housing team is proud to mark a significant milestone for Fingal with the sale of our 1,000th affordable home, representing life-changing opportunities for 1,000 families across the county.

The Affordable Purchase Scheme provides first-time buyers and eligible applicants with the chance to buy a new home at an initial reduced cost, with Fingal County Council bridging the gap between market price and what purchasers can afford.

The sale of our 1000th Affordable home is a significant milestone for Fingal County Council reflecting our leadership in this area, and our continued commitment to delivering high-quality, sustainable homes and building communities across Fingal.

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. Two homes were delivered in Rivervalley, Rolestown, Co Dublin through Part V with a strong Part V pipeline expected for the remainder of 2026.

CALF Programme

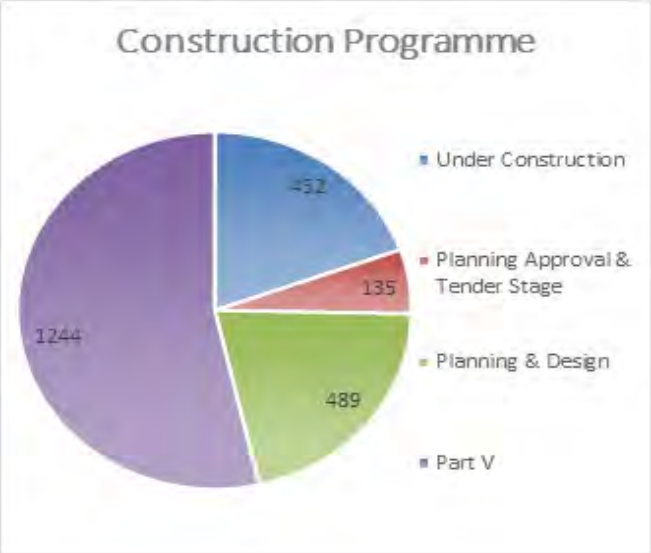
There are currently 845 homes under construction across the County in partnership with Approved Housing Bodies. Kilmartin Town Centre, Dublin 15 - 120 Homes under construction in partnership with Tuath Housing through CALF delivery



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 works is progressing well on the delivery of 274 new homes in 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. Plans are being finalised for an application to An Commisiun Pleanala for Phase 2.



Crowscastle Green, Holywell, Swords

Construction is progressing well on the delivery of 5 7 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

The 2026 Energy Retrofit Programme is underway. Procurement is currently ongoing, and teams are onsite. Areas confirmed for 2026 include: Fortlawn, Whitestown, Ringfort, Ministers Rise, Lambeecher, Ballygarra, Mourne Close, Forest Road.

EERP Update May 2026	
Completions	10
Pre Survey	36
Surveyed	64
Tender ongoing	79
Tender Awarded	17
On site	15

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 May 2026	
Painting Completions	325
Boiler Replacements	43
Heat / Smoke Detector replacement	89

Voids

Casual Voids May 26th 2026	
In lettings	54
Re-let works	46
Unavailable	10
Total	110

New to Stock May 26th 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 **283** applications since the scheme commenced in 2022.

Croí Cónaithe Applications 2026	
Received	**26**
Approved	**29**
Paid	**32**

- Properties can 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 May 2026	
Received to date	**242**
Paid to date	**181**
Open applications	**378**

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 **83 new HAP tenancies** in 2026 to date with approximately 4585 HAP tenancies established sinc e 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 help them to navigate this change. The rents collection rate has shown **an increase of €1.1m** 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 Private Rented Inspections team are working towards inspecting 25% of the registered tenancies which is approximately 21,000 tenancies. The target of 5,321 for 2026 has been received from the Department of Housing. Currently, 2,372 inspections have been conducted in 2026, with 404 of them being inspected in May. 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.

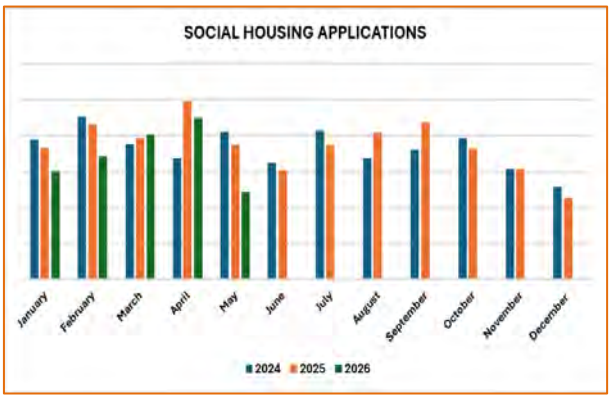
Housing Tenancy Services Report

Housing Support

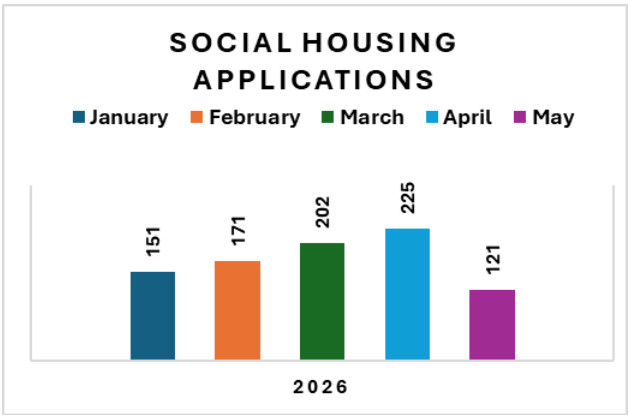
2026 Housing List Position are available on the Choice Based Lettings Portal. This is a static list position and will be issued and updated on CBL yearly. Further information can be sought via choicebasedlettings@fingal.ie

The Housing Support Section continues to receive a large volume of Housing Applications, Medical Applications, Amendment requests and appeals.

Year on year comparison by month



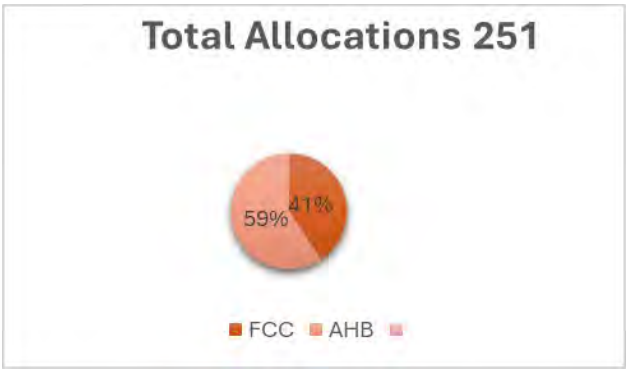
Applications received



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.

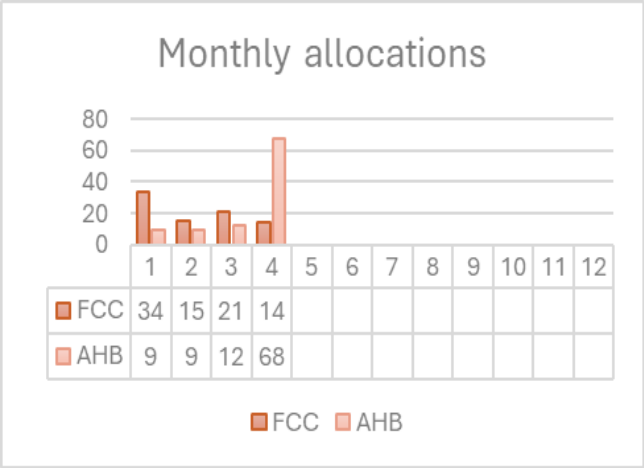
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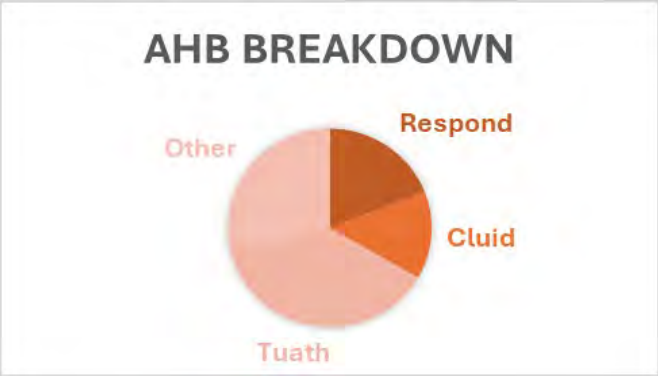
The above chart depicts the total number of properties allocated since the beginning of 2026.

149 of the 251 allocations have been in collaboration with several Approved Housing Bodies. The other 102 properties were allocated using Fingal County Councils own stock.

The charts below show the breakdown of AHB and FCC allocations per month.

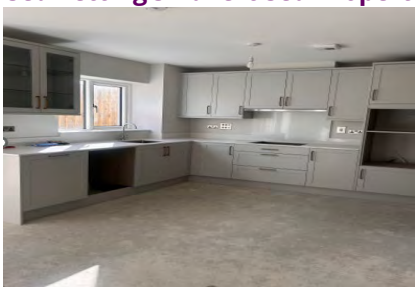


Tuath have received the most nominations from Fingal County Council during the month of May.



The Approved Housing Bodies inform Fingal County Council when an applicant has accepted and signed a tenancy following a nomination from Housing Lettings. The collaboration between Local Authorities and Approved Housing Bodies is continuing to have a positive impact on the delivery of social housing.

Choice Based Letting's Advertised Properties May



Internal image of advertised property at Clonrath Hill, Lusk, Co Dublin

Advertisement Period	Property	Bed	Type	Number of Views	Expressions of interest
20th-26th May	Niven Oaks, Northwood, Santry	2	Apt	1607	336
20th- 26th May	Niven Oaks, Northwood, Santr	1	Apt	1612	335
20th-26th May	Clonrath Hill, Lusk	3	House	1937	351
			Total	5,156	1,022

Applicants who do not have access to this portal should contact Choicebasedlettings@fingal.ie to request their unique username and password.

Allocations Annual Report

In accordance with Section 22 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions), the housing allocations made by Fingal County Council are set out below for the information of the members:

Year	Total Allocations	FCC	AHBs		1 Bed	2 Bed	3 Bed	4 Bed
2024	**883**	385	498		249	353	239	42
2025	**956**	446	510		248	432	218	58

Homeless Services.

Homeless Exits 2026

During May 2026, 55 households exited homeless circumstances into various forms of social housing support - including privately rented tenancies under the Homeless HAP Scheme.

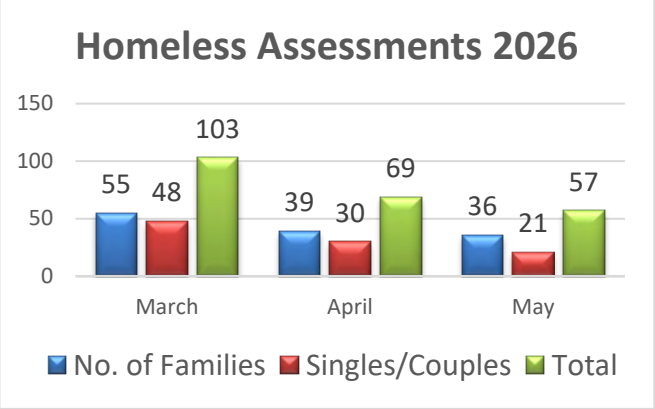
Please see the table below for a breakdown of the figures:

Type of Exit	HHAP Tenancy	Allocation of Tenancy	Total
EA	9	15	24
Homeless Prevention	14	17	31
Total	23	32	55

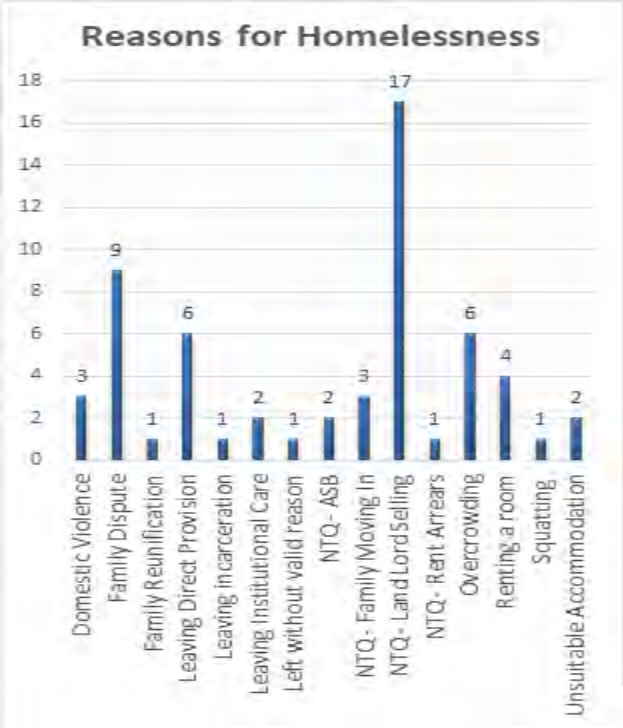
There was a total of 31 homeless prevention cases and 24 who exited emergency accommodation comprising:
17 allocations of social housing support to homeless prevention cases and 15 exited emergency accommodation.
23 Homeless HAP tenancies, comprising 14 homeless preventions and 9 who exited emergency accommodation.
This year there has been 17 refusals of offers received by the Homeless team, 9 of these refusals were rescinded by the applicants upon further engagement from the Homeless team.

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 May 2026, there were an approx. 57 full homeless assessments completed – comprising 36 families and 21 singles/couples.



During May 2026, of the 57 Homeless Assessments carried out, 39% of cases resulted from Notice to Termination (NOT) having been served, 15% 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 (7%) and were from leaving direct provision (10%). The remaining 19% comprise various reasons outlined in the next chart.



Emergency Accommodation (including Fingal County Council Family Hubs)

There continues to be a high demand for Emergency Accommodation across the region for both families and individuals.

Rough Sleepers

The Homeless Services Team continues to liaise with the DRHE Outreach Team regarding any reports of rough sleeping, to establish their names and circumstances and to offer support. Regrettably, some rough sleepers are reluctant to engage with service providers and may refuse offers to access emergency accommodation.

Any rough sleeper who is willing to engage with the Outreach Team and/ or the Council will be assisted. The Council will carry out homeless assessments, and every effort is made to encourage them to avail of homeless services. A weekly Rough Sleepers Coordination Group monitors the reports of rough sleepers. The reports come from various outlets, including the DRHE Outreach Team, Elected Representatives, the FCC Operations Department, and the public.

There have been 52 reported rough sleeping cases by 25/05/2026. 17 of the clients have taken up Emergency Accommodation.

There are 9 registered long term entrenched rough sleepers (1 couple, and 7 males) in the Fingal Area, only two 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. Members of the homeless team supported the Outreach team to carry out the Spring Rough Sleeper count last month.

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 21 Fingal County Council clients have been identified, 1 has been housed and 3 more are currently under offer and another 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.

We are also holding a preliminary meeting with Prosper Fingal with the view of setting up a sub-group with them.

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 in July 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.

Illegal Encampments/Occupiers

The Housing Department recently managed two incidents of illegal encampments in the Ballycoolin area. The first encampment comprised approximately 30 trailers along with a number of associated vehicles, while the second involved 18 trailers and vehicles.

In both cases, statutory notices were issued, and the Housing Department worked in close collaboration with An Garda Síochána to successfully have the occupants vacate the sites.

These incidents place a considerable strain on Housing Department resources, requiring significant staff time and financial expenditure. This includes the serving and enforcement of statutory notices, coordination of removals, and extensive clean-up operations, as substantial amounts of waste and debris are left behind following such encampments.





Illegal Occupiers in Damastown





Waste & Debris left behind in the Ballycoolin area

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 Baskin Green

Dumping on sites

Illegal dumping on halting sites remains an ongoing issue.

Council contractors frequently clear dumped waste from these sites, incurring significant costs to the Council.

Letters continue to be sent to residents reminding them that household waste collection is available on-site and urging them to refrain from illegal dumping.



Dumping in St Philomena's Park



Dumping in Barnlodge



Dumping in St Mary's



Waste on site at unofficial halting site at Sillogue



Waste removal at Sillogue Green

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	**5,464**
Tenancy Alerts Issued	**23**
Interviews Scheduled	**24**
Unauthorised Works Recorded	**38**
Permission For Work Requests	**78**
DPG Applications Received	**52**

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.

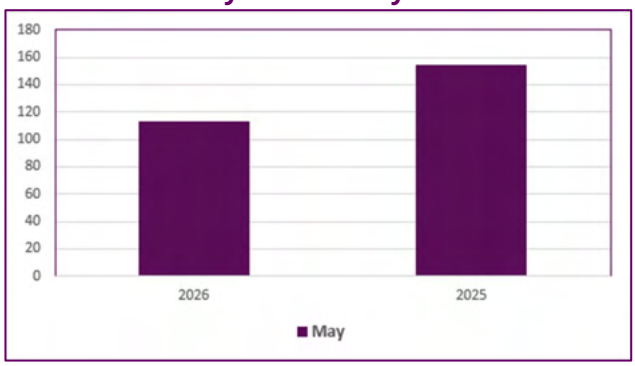
ASB Caseload Management

Complaints May 2026	Total	Active	Monitoring	Closed
Balbriggan	14	10	1	3
Rush / Lusk	41	34	1	6
Swords	13	6	4	3
Howth/ Malahide	15	5	8	2
Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart	20	4	7	9
Ongar	1	1	0	0
Castleknock	9	9	0	0
Total	113	69	21	23

Anti-Social Behaviour Interventions

Interviews Held 2026 to date	**67**
Interviews Held 2025	91
Tenancy Alerts 2026 to date	**27**
Tenancy Alerts 2025	
Tenancy Warnings 2026 to date	**3**
Tenancy Warnings 2025	10

Comparison of Complaints received May 2026 vs May 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**
May	**8**
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	**854**
Housing Inspections	
January	**682**
February	**1091**
March	**1074**
April	**1156**
May	**1200**

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Seatown Road Swords:

John Cradock Ltd. have progressed works associated with Phase 1, from the R132 heading eastwards. Ducting and drainage works have progressed, and kerbing works have commenced on the southern side of Seatown Road. The permanent bus stop on the north side of Seatown Road has been opened for use.





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 have commenced. Works will be ongoing during June 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 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

A non-statutory public consultation commenced on 22nd May 2026 and will finish on 19th June. Submissions can be made at:

Clonee to Blanchardstown Walking and Cycling Scheme | Fingal County Council Online Consultation Portal.

New Street, Malahide

Stage 1 (Suitability Assessment Questionnaire) of the Construction Tender is now complete.

The Stage 2 Construction Tender documents have been assessed by the Active Travel unit and are intended to be published in June.

Balrothery Active Travel Project

As part of the first project under the Balrothery Active Travel Plan, design work is now progressing on a trial to be implemented later this year. The aim of this trial is to reduce reliance on cars, promote active travel, and improve safety for all users, while allowing the proposed designs to be tested prior to any permanent implementation. Targeted stakeholder engagement also underway in the village.

Feltrim Active Travel Project

As the preliminary design phase comes to a close, key reports including the Road Safety Audit, Structures Options Report, and Stage 1 Road User Audit have now been received. The Active Travel team are in the process of setting up pre-planning meeting with internal stakeholders in the coming weeks.

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.
Extensive traffic and parking surveys are underway to inform the design of upcoming schemes. Initial engagement has been undertaken with schools in the town, and it is intended to go out to public consultation on initial projects in the coming weeks.

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 by end of 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 in Q3 2026.

Newtown Bridge, Balheary Road:

Final snag items have been issued to the contractor and will 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 was advertised on SupplyGov.ie and closed on 30 April 2026. The evaluation of tenders has now been completed, and the appointment of the successful contractor is currently being finalised.

Subject to finalisation of the contract, construction works are anticipated to commence in June/July 2026, with substantial completion expected by December 2026.

Safe Routes to School Round 3

For Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Round 3, the tender has now closed on eTenders.gov.ie as of 15 May 2026, and the evaluation of submissions is currently underway.

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 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.

People can sign up here:

https://forms.bleeperactive.com/260883764539977



Bike Week 2026

Bike Week 2026 took place from Saturday 9th to Sunday 17th May with over 20 public events across the County.

Despite challenging weather conditions across the week, the events ran very successfully and were well attended by the general public.

The Active Travel team would like to thank all our internal and external partners, volunteers, suppliers and the public who came out to support the week.

Some of the highlights of the week are captured below.



Fig. 1 – Millennium Park Family Day



Fig. 2 – Sofa to Saddle Greenway 25km



Fig. 3 – HERMoves Cycle Donabate Community College



Fig.4 Variety Inclusive Cycling Day – Millennium Park



Fig. 5 – Balance Bike Buddies Party – Holywell



Fig. 6 – The Sunset Cycle – Phoenix Park



Fig. 7 – Bremore Family Fun Day – Balbriggan



Fig. 8 – Malahide Castle Family Day



Fig. 9 – Baldoyle Biosphere Cycle

PeriAsty – Balbriggan Green Commute

Between the 2nd April and 19th May there have been nearly 130 journeys to and from Balbriggan Train Station by the 5 initial participants. We are currently working with our project partners, UCD, Irish Rail and Bleeper Bike to see can the scheme be extended to other train stations in North County Dublin.



Skerries Community Car

In May 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
May	214

EVPZ

The EVPZ vehicles completed 46 journeys in May 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
May	46	4,674km

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
Apr 26	1104	1,055	2,159

Quiet Streets 2026

The Quiet Streets Applications closed to applicants on 27th April 2026 with nearly 30 applicants. 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 2026 took place on May 11th -17th this year and it was a great success. During this week we saw over 20 public and closed events take place in Fingal celebrating and demonstrating climate action. Dublin Climate Action Week 2026 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) Dublin Climate Action Week (DCAW) aims to showcase the 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, festivals, film screenings, walks and hands-on workshops. These events helped raise awareness about climate change, inspire action and facilitated engagement with communities on climate action in Fingal.



Fingal Climate Action Team, Millenium Park



Fingal Climate Action Team at Launch of DCAW 2026



Climate Action Week Display, Blanchardstown Library



Bike/Climate Action Week Family Fun Day, Millenium Park 9th May



SuDS Demonstration



Biodiversity Lego Workshop



GIY & Sustainable Gardening Workshop



Workshops at GLAS TUD Community Garden



Bird Watch Ireland Talk



Tours of Walled Garden, Knocksedan



Children's Climate Action Mural



Clean Coast Beach Walk, Donabate Beach





W(o)ar Tracing Workshop, Loughshinny



Bike/Climate Action Week Family Fun Day Malahide Castle

Balbriggan Decarbonisation Zone

Works continue to progress the Balbriggan Decarbonisation Zone. Stakeholder workshops are planned to begin in June.

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

Interreg Co-funded by the European Union
North-West Europe
E2-CUTIES

Work continues on E2CUTIES in partnership with Codema and Balbriggan Sustainable Energy Community. The first iteration of the pilot plan for E2CUTIES is expected to be completed by the end of May.

Small Changes, Big Difference – Climate Action Animation Series.

Fingal County Council Climate Action invites residents and communities to take part in climate action through a new series of short, animated videos. This six-part series shows how simple, everyday actions can make a real difference at home, in your community and across Fingal. These videos can be accessed here: https://www.fingal.ie/small-actions-big-difference-climate-action-animation-series

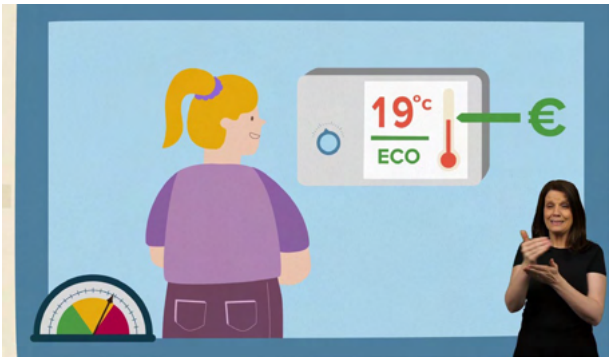


The videos cover the themes:

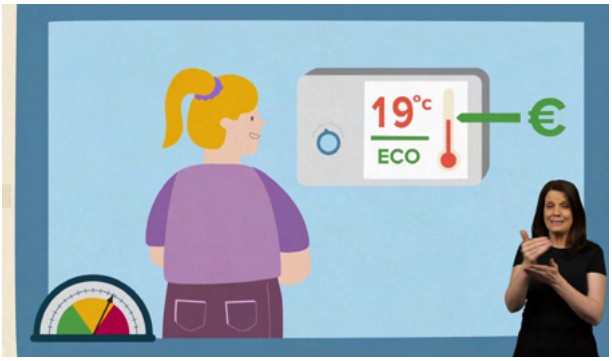
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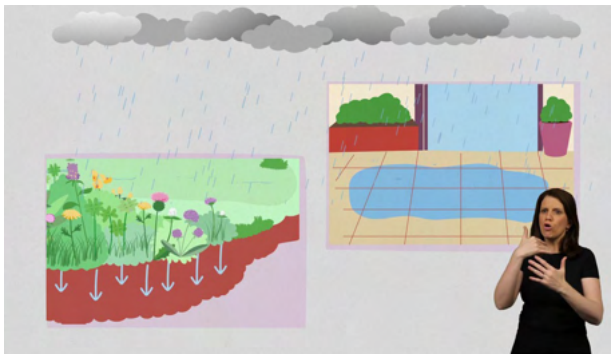
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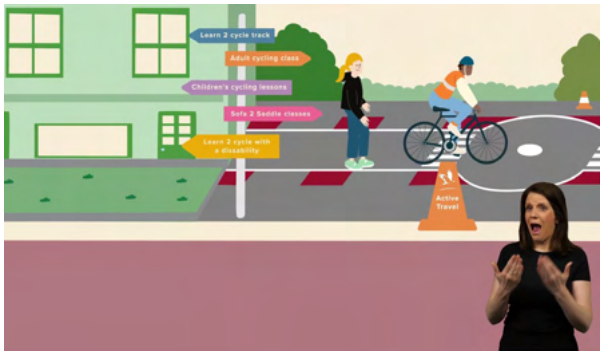
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Home Energy Saving Kits

Feedback is now requested from HESK users (survey included on the inside of the kits available in Swords and Blanchardstown).



Multi-Roofs

Fingal Climate Action Team attended the consortium meeting of the multi-roofs project in the Digital Hub. The Climate Action Team participated in the focus group hosted by Codema, alongside colleagues from the other Dublin local authorities and Smart Dublin. The session provided an overview of the MultiRoofs project and showcased practical examples of multifunctional rooftop solutions from European cities, highlighting opportunities to use roof space for renewable energy, biodiversity, and climate resilience. MultiRoofs is an Interreg NWE project exploring how roof space can be used in multifunctional ways to address urban challenges. Roofs can be used in many beneficial ways, including:

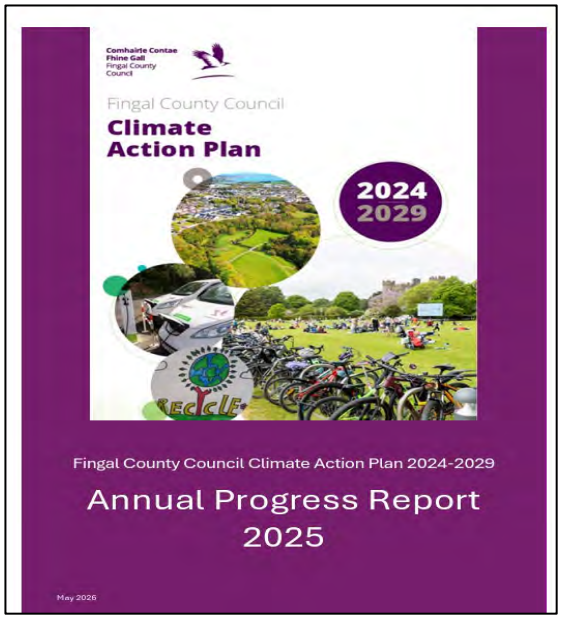
- For renewable energy production
- To increase biodiversity
- To improve air quality
- To mitigate against the impact of flooding



MultiRoofs Focus Group

Fingal Climate Action Plan Progress Report 2025

Fingal County Council agreed the Annual Climate Action Plan Progress Report 2025 at the May meeting of the council. The report outlines the comprehensive steps taken throughout 2025 to advance the Council's ambitious climate goals and align with the targets set under Ireland's National Climate Action Plan. A copy of the report can be found here: https://www.fingal.ie/ClimateAction



Our Balbriggan- Sustainability, Climate Action and Biodiversity Pillar

The Climate Team continue to support the Sustainability, Climate Action and Biodiversity Pillar Action Plan.

Community Climate Action Fingal Grant

€1,303,700

Minister Darragh O'Brien announced the approved list of grant recipients for Phase 2 at the end of May. The Minister topped up the grant by €2.6m nationally as it was so over-subscribed. 55 Fingal applicants have received allocations totalling €1,303,700 for climate actions in community settings to reduce emissions. The grant has 5 main themes, Community Energy, Travel, Food and Waste, Shopping and Recycling and Local Environmental and Climate Action. Projects under these themes will include installation of solar PV, new windows and doors, insulation of buildings, bike repair stations, bike lockers, swap shop kits, water fonts for clubs, rainwater harvesting and community gardens, recycling bins, biodiversity projects, raingardens, planting of bulbs, native pollinator areas and trees.

The successful groups have been informed, and projects will be undertaken and completed in the next 16 months.





ENVIRONMENT

Environmental Awareness:

Green-Schools Awards 2026

23 schools across Fingal have been awarded their Green Flag under the Green-Schools programme. This fantastic achievement is a testament to the dedication, collaboration and hard work of the entire school community.

Schools were recognised across a range of themes, including Litter & Waste, Energy, Water, Travel, Biodiversity, Marine Environment, Global Citizenship and Green-Schools Projects—highlighting the breadth of environmental action taking place in our schools.
The Eve Estuary Hub won a Regional Energy School of the Year Award. Captain Zero and the team delivered an inspiring and engaging presentation, showcasing all the fantastic work they've accomplished around this theme.



One Small Action for Nature – Fingal Schools Challenge

24 classes received their Bosca Dúlra Nature Boxes for taking part in the 'One Small Action for Nature – Fingal Schools Challenge', were classes completed one simple action for nature, submitted a photo, and wrote a sentence describing what their class did to help nature.



Dublin Climate Action Week

The Environmental Awareness Officer delivered a presentation at the Brackenstown Walled Garden event, providing guidance on best practice in domestic waste management. Kitchen caddies were distributed to support improved food waste segregation.

At family fun day events in Millennium Park and Malahide Castle, the Environmental Awareness Officer also distributed kitchen caddies, compostable liners, and information leaflets outlining green cleaning practices for use in the home and garden.



Litter Management

In May 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 have commenced working 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
May	73	5

Summary of Litter Fines issued May 2026

Type of offence	No. Of Fines issued
Unauthorised signage	52
Littering at Bring banks	5
Cigarette butts thrown from car/ onto ground	4
Fly tipping/Dumping	8
Failing to keep public place free of litter outside business	4

There were no cases before the district court in May 2026.

Litter Management Requests for May 2026

Type of Requests:	Number
Dog fouling signage request	5
Abandoned cars	7
Dumping of large amounts	1
Black spot inspection	697
Bring Bank inspections	459
Report of dumping 1-20 bags	29
Witness statement form received	2
Unauthorised Signage	48
Report of litter issue	26
Total cases	**1274**

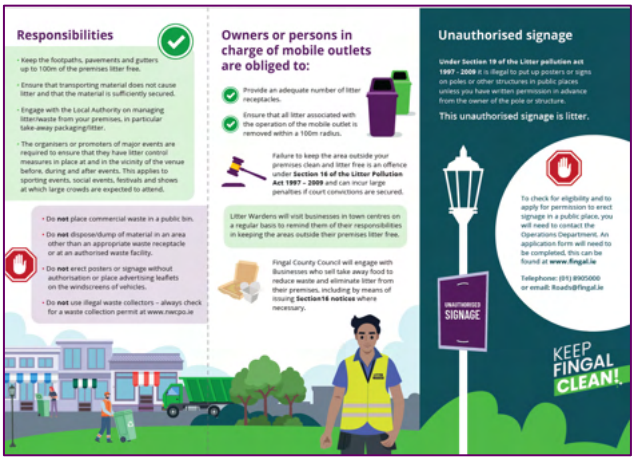
Our Litter Awareness Campaign continues to address ongoing issues such as illegal dumping/fly-tipping, dog fouling, unauthorised signage, cigarette butts/disposable vapes, muck on the road etc.

We are working on additional posters that will be advertised through the Councils Social Media Platforms, at Bus Shelters, in Libraries, Community Centres, schools and any other viable sources.

The litter wardens commenced distribution of the new business leaflet in May and are engaging with local businesses to advise them of their responsibilities in relation to litter management under the Litter Pollution Act.







Abandoned Vehicles

A total of 255 reports of abandoned cars were received from 1st January to 27th of May 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**

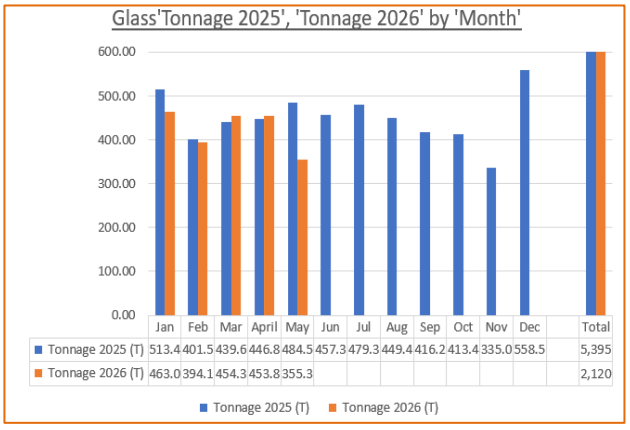
Further information on Abandoned Vehicles can be found on the Fingal County Council website: Abandoned Vehicles | Fingal County Council

	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	2		0
June		0		1
July		0		0
August		0		0
September		3		0
October		5		0
November		2		0
December		6		0
	15	23	1	4

We have updated our abandoned vehicle procedure in May 2026. Vehicles that are reported abandoned in estates where the owner is a resident within the estate are no longer exempt. These vehicles will now be officially deemed abandoned if they meet the criteria and we will actively follow our formal removal process.

Bring Banks & Bottle Banks

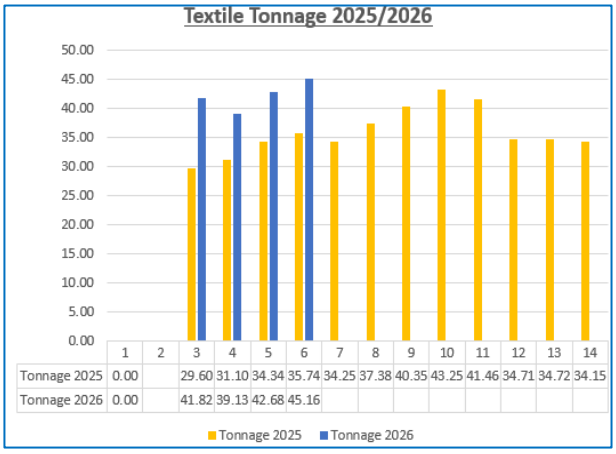
Glass volumes collected to date in May 2026 were **355 (T).** This compares with a collection figure of 485 (T) for all of April 2025.



	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Tonnage 2025 (T)	513.4	401.5	439.6	446.8	484.5	457.3	479.3	449.4	416.2	413.4	335.0	558.5	5,395
Tonnage 2026 (T)	463.0	394.1	454.3	453.8	355.3								2,120

Textiles Banks

Textiles collected in **April 2026** were **45 (T**). This compares with a collection figure of 36 (T) in April 2025.



	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Tonnage 2025	0.00		29.60	31.10	34.34	35.74	34.25	37.38	40.35	43.25	41.46	34.71	34.72	34.15
Tonnage 2026	0.00		41.82	39.13	42.68	45.16								

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 454 x 10 Day Notices and 44 Fines issued by the dog wardens to the 25th of May 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	454	99	44	15	€4071	€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	936	1268	94	257	€24,067	€29,949.50

Month	Annual Licences Purchased		Lifetime Licences Purchased		Income from Licences	
	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025
January	851	952	49	66	€23,880	€28,280
February	741	846	42	56	€20,700	€24,720
March	855	835	62	61	€25,780	€25,240
April	851	839	52	46	€24,300	€23,220
May	813	937	40	64	€21,860	€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	4,111	9602	245	646	€116,520	€282,480

The Control of Dogs Section received 38 complaints relating to dogs from 1st of May 2026 to the 25th of May 2026.

Service	No of complaints per service from 1st of May 2026 to 25th of May 2026
Env - Dog Fine Appeal	4
Env - Dog on Dog Attack	2
Env - Dog on Person Attack	2
Env – Dog warden assistance, garda request	1
Env - Restricted Breed Dog	8
Env - Surrendered Dog	1
Dog Warden Incident	4
Env- Stray Dog	11
Issue with Dog	5
Grand Total	**38**

Dog Licences



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 May 2025	**20**	**Dogs in Shelter at start of May 2026**	**6**
Stray/Seized dogs brought to Shelter	10	Stray/Seized dogs brought to Shelter	6
Surrendered by owners	2	Surrendered by owners	3
Reclaimed	3	Reclaimed	2
Rehomed to Rescue	12	Rehomed to Rescue	2
Rehomed to Public	2	Rehomed to Public	2
PTS	0	PTS	1
Dogs in Shelter at the end of April 2025	**15**	**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.

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.

Bathing Water Quality

The 2026 Bathing Water season commences on the 1st of June 2026 with the bathing water sampling calendar in place for all 10 designated bathing areas namely, Portmarnock, Donabate, Claremont, Portrane, Loughshinny, Skerries, Rush North, Rush South and Balbriggan. All pre-season samples collected and tested on the 25th of May 2026 have all returned as been of excellent water quality. Latest results have been posted on the beach notice boards and will continue to be updated with latest results after each bathing water sampling round. Latest results will also be posted by Fingal County Council on council social media portals and will also be continually updated and published by the EPA on beaches.ie.

Waste Enforcement & Regulations

Complaints

There were 24 waste complaints recorded in May, and 12 investigated with 30 resolved including cases from previous months. The table below shows the types of waste complaints investigated in May.

Types of Complaints	May-26
Fly Tipping/Illegal Dumping	1
HH Waste - Storage/Burning	8
Waste Presentation Bye-Laws	2
Non-routine inspections	1
Total	**12**

The below table shows the number of year-to-date complaints recorded from the period January to May 2026 compared to previous years.

Year	May
2022	104
2023	104
2024	117
2025	171
2026	129

Waste Presentation Bye-Laws Project

After engaging 4000 households in Fingal in 2025 through letter correspondence and door to door inspections, a list of households that failed to prove compliance with the Waste Bye-Laws was created. 380 Fixed Payment Notices were issued to these households, and they were given the option to appeal and have the FPN withdrawn. 186 of these households provided proof of compliance in their appeal and the FPN was withdrawn. The remaining households that do not appeal will have a legal file prepared against them for prosecution.

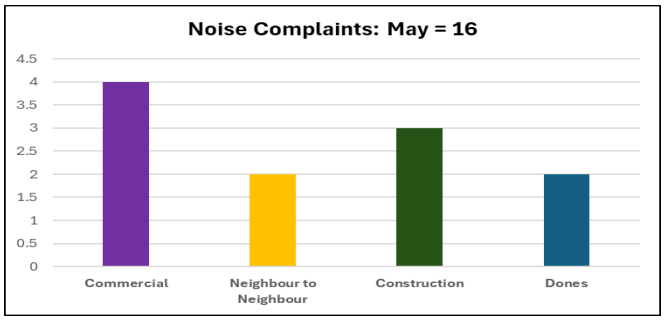
Following the survey of 4000 households in 2025 to assess compliance with Fingal's Waste Presentation Bye-Laws, an additional 3500 households on the reverse register (a register of households suspected of not availing of a bin service) have been sent correspondence requesting proof of compliance in 2026.

The 3500 households include the following areas in Fingal. Donabate, Portrane, Howth, Baldoyle, Sutton, Portmarnock, Malahide, Swords, Rush, Lusk, Skerries and Balbriggan. Households will receive an initial letter followed by a reminder letter requesting proof of compliance, those that do not respond will be called to by an inspector requesting same. Households that do not respond to the project or fail to provide evidence of compliance may be issued a Fixed Payment Notice.

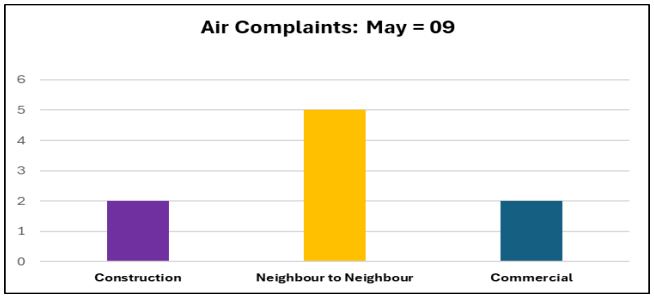
Air Quality & Noise Pollution

Complaints

A total of **17 noise complaints** were received and investigated during May. Complaints were received regarding neighbour-to-neighbour noise, construction noise, drone noise and noise associated with commercial activities.



A total of **11 air complaints** were received and investigated during May and these included complaints regarding neighbour-to-neighbour, air pollution issues and complaints about emissions from construction and commercial sites.



Air & Noise Planning Files

The Air and Noise Section have reviewed **9 Planning Applications** referred by the Planning Department during May. 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 **10 Planning Compliance Submissions** has been reviewed for compliance with air and noise related planning conditions for May. 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. The team is currently engaging with other relevant FCC departments and external events organisers to coordinate resources and provide oversight on the upcoming summer events at Malahide Castle. The team will work closely with third-party noise/acoustics consultants appointed by the event organisers to ensure compliance with noise requirements.

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 team will also inform the EPA on the findings the findings of the Q4 2025 and Q1 2026 inspection including feedback from producers. 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 May 2026, there are 20 premises registered under the Deco Paint Regulations. Following our Q4 2025 inspections, we are continuing to work closely with vehicle refinishers as they progress through the registration process and move toward full compliance. We will also continue to monitor and inspect any new refinishing businesses that may emerge. The team is currently reviewing our outstanding list to determine whether the Regulations apply to additional premises. 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 carry out routine inspections of the two ambient air quality monitors located in the Fingal area. Routine inspections were carried out in April 2026 and will be inspected again in June. The Air and Noise team assisted the EPA in investigating and resolving a fault with one of the air monitors in May. Data from these monitors is communicated to the EPA to support national air quality monitoring, air quality modelling and highlight potential air quality issues. The team is also discussing and exploring the possibility of procuring services for the provision, installation and maintenance of 'local' air quality monitors to be deployed throughout Fingal. FCC is working closely with DLRCC, as the lead contracting authority for an upcoming tender.



SPORTS

FITMAN – Programme for Older males

FITMAN is an innovative community health initiative launched by the Fingal County Council Sports Office to engage older men in regular physical activity within a supportive, social setting.

The program offers accessible, beginner-friendly fitness sessions designed for men who may not typically engage in sports or exercise. In partnership with a local gym in Swords, the six-week program features two structured group sessions each week, blending practical fitness training with essential nutrition guidance.

The inaugural Swords program welcomed 22 participants and yielded remarkable outcomes. Many participants experienced weight loss and improvements in overall fitness, with nearly all reporting increased strength and a greater ability to handle everyday physical tasks that had previously been challenging.

FITMAN has now also been set up in Balbriggan, Baldoyle, and Blanchardstown in Q3. We plan to have engaged close to 150 older males by the end of the year.



Monthly Boccia Blitzes

The Boccia Blitz has seen outstanding success this year, drawing nearly 100 participants from local adult disability day services. Our second blitz took place at ALSAA on April 28th, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Additional Activities: Alongside the Boccia events, we also provide a “Come Try” sports session, featuring our co-funded sports staff who lead the activities.
So far, we have highlighted Basketball, Cricket, and Rugby, all of which have garnered excellent feedback from participants.





Monthly Football For all Blitzes

First of Six Scheduled Football Blitzes for Adults with Disabilities
The first of six planned soccer blitzes for adults with disabilities was held on April 30th at the Breamore Castle all-weather pitch in Balbriggan.
Organised in collaboration with Dublin City Council, this year’s event featured 14 teams, bringing together nearly 150 players from eight different day services.
The blitzes take place on Thursdays from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM, with teams competing in divisions according to their skill and ability levels.





Civic Reception for Balbriggan Cricket Club

Last week Balbriggan Cricket Club were invited to a Civic Reception in County Hall in recognition of winning the prestigious All-Ireland Senior Cup in 2025. Balbriggan defeated Clontarf to claim their first ever All-Ireland Senior Cup trophy last August. The team were greeted by Acting Mayor Cllr Tony Murphy, Cllr Malachy Quinn, and Cllr Brendan Ryan, who expressed their pride in the club and highlighted the spectacular achievement. Well done to everybody involved in the club!



Fingal Athletics League Finals Day

The Finals Day for this year’s Fingal Athletics League took place on 13th May in ALSAA Sports Complex. The conclusion to the programme brought 50 schools and over 2,300 primary school students together for a fantastic day of running, fun and community spirit. There were 8 category winners, including Greenest School, Rivervalley CNS and the Best overall school, St. Patrick's NS, Diswellstown. St Patrick’s NS will now be invited as the guest of honour to the Morton Games on 10th July.





Train Like HER

The Train Like HER programme is a new community initiative in Balbriggan Sports Centre's gym. Delivered in partnership with DDLETB and Healthy Fingal for girls aged 15 to 18 years. The programme is one of the HER Moves initiatives promoted by the Sports Office.

It provides a safe and supportive environment where participants learn the correct use of gym equipment, with a focus on weight and resistance training, under the guidance of a qualified tutor. The main aim of the programme is to promote fitness, confidence, and well-being among teenage girls.

Healthy Fingal is supporting the initiative by providing speakers on relevant health topics. Eighteen girls are currently enrolled, with strong cross-community participation supported by local sports clubs, youth groups, and secondary schools. The gym will be available to the girls throughout the summer.



Exercise: Energise Her Moves 2025/2026

Thirteen secondary schools across Fingal participated and completed this year's Exercise: Energise Her Moves Programme. The programme is designed for girls aged 12–15 who are not currently participating in sport or physical activity. Activities can take place during lunchtime and/or after school, with participants encouraged to choose the activities themselves. The main highlight for participants this year was an active multi-sports day held in March at the National Indoor Athletics Arena.

A total of 429 participants took part across their schools, engaging in a wide range of activities including self-defence, personal training, gym-work, dance, and cheerleading. Now in its 14th year, the programme continues to grow in popularity among both students and teachers. Pictured are students from Ardgillan College and Hartstown Community School



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Rates

Commercial Rates collection to the end of May 2026 is 63.4%.

Rates Collection	
Rates collected €m	€112.6 *m*
Rates collected %	63.4%

Development Levy Income

Development levy income collected to the end of May is €20.5 million.

Development Levy Income YTD May 2026	
Levies Receipted	€20.5 m
Levies Collected as a % of 2025	23.7%

Payroll

Overall payroll spend to the end of May was €38.2m which is c. 100.3**%** of budget.

Payroll	
Salaries & Wages €m	€33.3m
Percentage of budget.	100.3%

Borrowings

The 2nd tranche of the loan (€20m) for the development of Swords Culture House, previously approved by the Council, is to be drawn down in the coming weeks.

Procurement

Outlined below is a summary of the overall procurement activity at end of May

No. of contracts awarded (details below) for year to date	104	
Value €m	€51m	
Procurements ongoing at end of May		
No. of procurements awaiting tender responses	18	(i)
Value €m	€329m	
No. of procurements under evaluation	30	(ii)
Value €m	€121m	
No. of procurements at approved	18	(iii)
Value €m	€26m	

Notes:
(i) Procurements awaiting tender responses – tender responses awaited at end of May.
(ii) Procurements under evaluation – tender responses submitted and being evaluated at end of the May.
(iii) Procurements at approved – Tender responses have been evaluated and approved. Pre- contract award processes ongoing at end of May.

Appendix 1

Revenue Account Income and Expenditure at 31/05/2026

REVENUE ACCOUNT INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION AT 31 MAY 2026

	EXPENDITURE			INCOME			NET
	Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent to date	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised	€
Housing & Building	56,056,346	146,350,700	38%	57,048,918	153,470,900	37%	-992,572
Road Transport & Safety	15,925,576	38,862,000	41%	4,611,700	10,906,700	42%	11,313,876
Water Services	3,420,120	9,382,300	36%	4,112,709	10,034,000	41%	-692,589
Development Management	9,818,290	27,038,500	36%	3,344,980	10,387,900	32%	6,473,309
Environmental Services	21,205,187	52,919,900	40%	3,696,595	9,825,900	38%	17,508,592
Recreation & Amenity	27,465,319	68,414,200			6,291,100	35%	25,258,813
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	650,228	1,844,900	35%	162,939	490,200	33%	487,290
Miscellaneous Services	8,270,643	22,106,400	37%	12,144,626	29,603,200	41%	-3,873,983
Central Management Charge	24,460,570	66,434,500	37%	1,352,708	4,222,000	32%	23,107,862
Local Property Tax / GPG				9,315,066	22,356,100	42%	-9,315,066
Rates				73,235,583	175,765,400	42%	-73,235,583
	167,272,278	**433,353,400**	**39%**	**171,232,330**	**433,353,400**	**40%**	**-3,960,052**

Appendix 1 continued

Capital Account Income and Expenditure at 31/05/2026

CAPITAL ACCOUNT INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 31/05/2026					
		Balance at 0/01/2026 €	Expenditure YTD €	Income YTD €	Balance at 31/05/2026 €
A	Housing & Building	-17,629,903	101,942,815	-98,406,975	-14,094,063
B	Road Transport & Safety	7,427,965	6,647,205	-4,806,991	9,268,179
C	Water Services	-11,303,514	1,278,500	-593,521	-10,618,535
D	Development Management	-190,158,270	10,942,799	-21,734,047	-200,949,518
E	Environmental Services	-12,190,128	3,126,913	-384,839	-9,448,054
F	Recreation & Amenity	-1,135,457	10,739,877	-7,454,091	2,150,329
H	Miscellaneous Services	-44,325,231	7,085,855	-6,653,521	-43,892,897
	Total	**-269,314,538**	**141,763,964**	**-140,033,985**	**-267,584,559**

Appendix 2
Number of Contracts Awarded to the end of May 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	Q3 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 – Age Friendly	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 – Age Friendly	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 – Age Friendly	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.

Appendix 3 - continued

CALF Delivery in partnership with Fingal County Council

Area Committee	AHB	Funding Stream	Scheme Name	No. of Units	Projected Substantial Completion*
Balbriggan / Rush-Lusk Swords	Tuath	CALF	Whitehaven, Santry, D9	47	Q1 Delivered
Balbriggan/ Rush- Lusk Swords	Oaklee	CALF	Harmans Rest, Donabate	44	Q3 2026
Balbriggan/ Rush- Lusk Swords	Tuath	CALF	Niven Oaks, Santry D9	170	2026
Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar	Respond	CALF	Pipers Square, Charlestown, St, Margarets Road, Finglas, D11	95	Q3 2026
Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart, Castleknock/Ongar	Tuath	CALF	Tyrrelstown Square, Hollywoodrath, Dublin 15	120	Q3 2026
Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart, Castleknock/Ongar	Oaklee	CALF	The Lodge, Clonsilla Lodge, Dublin 15	57	2027
Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart, Castleknock/Ongar	Cluid	CALF	St. Josephs, Clonsilla Dublin 15	113	2027
Blanchardstown / Mulhuddart, Castleknock/Ongar	Cluid	CALF	Luttrellstown Gate, Clonsilla, D15	151	2027/2028
Blanchardstown / Mulhuddart, Castleknock/Ongar	Tuath	CALF	Park Lodge, Hansfield, D15	95	2028

*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	111 Sale Agreed	111/112 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	63/73 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

MONDAY 8TH JUNE 2026

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COUNCILLOR T. O'LEARY

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COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 8TH JUNE 2026

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CONFERENCE REPORT

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COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 8TH JUNE 2026

ITEM NO. 28

CORRESPONDENCE

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Comhairle Cathrach & Contae Phort Láirge
Waterford City & County Council

Our Ref: PA/2026/274

To whom it may concern

The following was resolved and agreed by members at a meeting of Waterford City and County Council held on 9th April, 2026.

"In recognition of the rights of people with disabilities and of the importance of complying with legal obligations, including the Disability Act 2005, this Council:

- *formally supports the Irish Wheelchair Association's Access It's No Joke Campaign, which highlights the critical need for a dedicated professional in every local authority to improve disability access to public services and amenities in our communities;*
- *requests the Chief Executive to examine and report on the feasibility, including resource implications the appointment of a dedicated, full-time and fully resourced Access and Inclusion Officer in order to ensure that the Council fully meets its statutory obligations under Section 26 of the Disability Act 2005 and to align with the European Union (Accessibility of Websites and Mobile Applications of Public Sector Bodies) Regulations 2020, and in order to ensure best practice internally within this organisation and externally in supporting people with disabilities;*
- *requests the Chief Executive to examine and report that procedures are in place throughout the organisation to make provision for all Council strategies, plans and projects to be formally reviewed in order to ensure that the rights and needs of people with disabilities are adequately addressed;*
- *requests the Chief Executive to examine and report on the feasibility, including resource implications, of establishing and maintaining a disability consultative forum under the aegis of the Council to ensure that disability groups and people with disabilities can be brought together to consult with the Council in a structured and sustained manner;*
- *requests the Chief Executive to examine and report on the feasibility, including resource implications, on the provision of training on disability rights to Council staff; and,*
- *requests the Chief Executive to examine and provide a report;*
    - *that outlines the Council's legal obligations under the Disability Act (2005), taking independent expert legal advice if necessary;*
    - *that provides details on what measures have been taken to achieve compliance with these legal obligations in the last 5 years;*
    - *that identifies:*
        - *which legal obligations are not currently being complied with,*
        - *what measures are necessary to achieve compliance with them,*
        - *and time-bound plans to implement these necessary measures; and,*

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Comhairle Cathrach & Contae Phort Láirge
Waterford City & County Council

Our Ref: HD/MNR/PA/2026/

Local Authorities

16th April, 2026

To whom it may concern,

The following was resolved and agreed by the members at a meeting of Waterford City and County Council held on 9th April, 2026.

"On Friday March 27th, citing significant commercial losses, Bus Éireann announced that it had notified the National Transport Authority (NTA) that from Sunday May 24th it was withdrawing three Expressway services, two of which are of significant importance to Waterford in particular and to the southeast region in general, i.e.:

- *Waterford to Dublin & Dublin Airport - Route 4, which with 12 services daily Bus Éireann themselves refer to as "key to the Southeast of Ireland"; and,*
- *Rosslare & Wexford to Waterford - Route 40 segment, which services Rosslare Europort and multiple stops from there to Waterford Bus Station.*

These Expressway bus services are not just of significant importance to Waterford City and County, but to the entire region.
At a time when people are being encouraged to maximise their use of public transport to help the environment, and at a time when resources are being poured into the integrated transport hub on the North Quays, it beggars belief that our national bus company would terminate long standing services between Waterford & the wider Southeast region and our capital city, our largest international airport, and our nearest ferry port.
No other city or city region would be expected to tolerate such blatant disregard and disrespect.
The inconvenience to commuters, students, hospital patients, tourists, holiday makers, and others heading to catch a flight or a ferry could be incalculable.
Waterford City & County Council calls on the NTA to immediately put in place a Public Service Obligation (PSO) to ensure that there is no loss of service on Routes 4 and 40.
Waterford City & County Council also calls on Bus Éireann to keep Routes 4 and 40 operating as normal for as long as it takes for the NTA to complete the PSO designation process.
If passed, in addition to being communicated urgently to the NTA and Bus Éireann, this motion is also to be circulated to the Southern Regional Assembly and to the local authorities through whose functional areas Routes 4 and 40 pass."

Please quote our reference number.

Yours sincerely,

Honor Dunphy
Meetings Administrator
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Comhairle Contae
Ros Comáin
Roscommon
County Council

Date: 5th May 2026
Re: Plenary Meeting of Roscommon County Council
Ref: 16.26

Dear Meetings Administrator

At a recent Plenary Meeting of Roscommon County Council, the following motion was agreed by the Members:

To request the Minister for Housing and Local Government, to establish a Commission for the Validation of Planning Objections. This Commission should be Independent of the Department and chaired by a retired High Court Judge / Senior Counsel. This Commission would be responsible for the validation and scrutiny of objections to large scale projects at local and national level. The Commission would examine these objections thoroughly and would scrutinize the bona fides, location and relation to the objection and of the objectors. This would eliminate delays and would discourage vexatious and spurious objections by third parties with personal agendas. Significant fines should be implemented against objections deemed vexatious and spurious.

It is requested that this motion is circulated to all other Local Authorities.

Yours sincerely

Karen Hanley

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Karen Hanley
Meetings Administrator
Corporate Services
Roscommon County Council
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Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2026, 1:09 PM
Subject: Cavan County Council Motion

Dear Meetings Administrator,

At a recent meeting of Cavan County Council representatives of the North- East Sepsis Awareness group addressed the elected members on the importance of recognizing symptoms of sepsis. The representatives emphasised that sepsis does not discriminate and can affect anyone of any age. The elected members of Cavan County Council passed a resolution asking the I write to the Minister for Health asking that a public awareness campaign on sepsis be funded. The members also asked that I contact all local authorities asking them to write to the Minister for Health in support of funding a public awareness campaign.

Yours Sincerely,
Senior Staff Officer,
Corporate Services.

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Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe
Galway County Council

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28th May 2026

An Taoiseach Michéal Martin,

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RE: Resolution of Galway County Council – CETA Trade Agreement

A chara,

At the May Meeting of Galway County Council, the following resolution was passed:

This Council agrees that the Comprehensive Economic Trade Agreement (CETA) providing additional rights to multinational corporations to sue the state outside of ordinary legal systems we currently have will undermine EU social, health and environmental standards. This Council acknowledges that many of the trade elements are already in place and does not need the addition of corporations being able to sue the Irish government through the Investor Court System (ICS) when any new laws affect their profits. This council stands against the Investor Court System (ICS) and calls this constituency a CETA-Free Zone.
This Council resolves to write to the Minister for Trade, the Minister for Local government and the Taoiseach to outline this position. It further resolves to

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publicise the council's concerns about CETA and to circulate this motion with other Councils as correspondence for consideration.

I would be obliged if you could consider and revert to me with your views on the above Motion so that I can advise the Elected Members.

Please arrange to reply directly to Ms. Jean Brann, County Secretary at secretary@galwaycoco.ie

Mise, le meas,

Ms. Jean Brann
County Secretary

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28th May 2026

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28th May 2026

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RE: Resolution of Galway County Council – CETA Trade Agreement

A chara,

At the May Meeting of Galway County Council, the following resolution was passed:

This Council agrees that the Comprehensive Economic Trade Agreement (CETA) providing additional rights to multinational corporations to sue the state outside of ordinary legal systems we currently have will undermine EU social, health and environmental standards. This Council acknowledges that many of the trade elements are already in place and does not need the addition of corporations being able to sue the Irish government through the Investor Court System (ICS) when any new laws affect their profits. This council stands against the Investor Court System (ICS) and calls this constituency a CETA-Free Zone.
This Council resolves to write to the Minister for Trade, the Minister for Local government and the Taoiseach to outline this position. It further resolves to publicise the council's concerns about CETA and to circulate this motion with other Councils as correspondence for consideration.

I would be obliged if you could consider and revert to me with your views on the above Motion so that I can advise the Elected Members.

Tá mile fáilte roimh chomhfhreagras agus ghnó i nGaeilge.
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Please arrange to reply directly to Ms. Jean Brann, County Secretary at secretary@galwaycoco.ie

Mise, le meas,



Ms. Jean Brann
County Secretary

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ITEM NO. 29

DEPARTMENTAL/MINISTERIAL CORRESPONDENCE

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Attachments: HPLG-MBO-04422-2025.pdf

Oifig an Aire

Office of the Minister

RE: HPLG-MBO-04422-2025

Dear Ms O hAodha,

I refer to your correspondence of 9 December 2025 regarding minimum standards in homeless accommodation, to which I am now responding on behalf of Mr James Browne T.D., Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

The Minister has asked me to explain to you that the role of the Department in relation to homelessness involves the provision of a national framework of policy, legislation and funding to underpin the role of local authorities in addressing homelessness at local or regional level. Statutory responsibility for the provision of accommodation and related services for homeless persons rests with individual housing authorities.

Regarding standards in emergency accommodation, a National Quality Standards Framework (NQSF) was developed by the Dublin Region Homeless Executive (DRHE) in partnership with the NGO Sector, the HSE, and other key stakeholders. The standards framework is now in place nationally for all local authority and NGO services. A copy of the NQSF is available at the following link: https://www.homelessdublin.ie/our-work/quality-standards.

Given the increase in contracting private accommodation exclusively for the use of homeless households and to ensure standards in these facilities, the DRHE adapted the NQSF standards to apply their provisions to private emergency accommodation. The standards contained in “Quality Standards for Private Emergency Accommodation” have been developed with regard to the different service models in Private Emergency Accommodation i.e. different entities providing the facility and the supports. As was the case with the roll-out of the NQSF to NGO services, a developmental approach to the roll out of the standards is being taken.

It is a matter for local authorities to monitor standards.

The ultimate aim is to ensure that standards are being applied and monitored across all facilities, irrespective of whether they are NGO or privately operated. In Dublin, an in-house standards team monitor compliance with the NQSF for NGO facilities under the service level agreements in place. These include checks on the physical standards, occupancy, supports and hygiene. The DRHE has also appointed an officer to begin the roll out of monitoring of standards in Private Emergency Accommodation (PEA) facilities.

In addition, the DRHE, following a competitive tender process, appointed an independent inspectorate to carry out inspections on DRHE services. The most recent inspection reports are available for review on the DHRE website at: https://www.homelessdublin.ie/quality-standards/test2.

Budget 2026 provides a total allocation of €563.5m to address homelessness. This includes €513.5m in current funding to ensure local authorities can provide sufficient emergency accommodation as well as essential related services including Housing First supports, homelessness prevention supports, day services, and tenancy sustainment measures. Additionally, €50 million in capital funding will allow local authorities to invest in the provision of local authority or NGO owned emergency accommodation facilities, developing a more sustainable approach to the delivery of emergency accommodation and ensuring that services are tailored for the needs of clients.

The funding allocation for 2026 will also support the operation of 36 family hubs across the country. These hubs have kitchens, laundry rooms, homework clubs and play spaces. Families are also given extra help with any additional services that they might need as well as support to find a home of their own.

I would like to thank you for raising this matter, and the Minister would like to thank the local authorities for their work in addressing homelessness.

Yours sincerely,

Jack Savage

Private Secretary

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ITEM NO. 30

AUDIT ON THE STATUS/CONDITION OF FINGAL'S ROADS

Motion: Councillor JK Onwumereh

"In view of the growing number of complaints by vehicle owners, that the Chief Executive gives an audit on the status/condition of Fingal County Council's roads and to report sections where there is need to effect repairs."

Report:

Fingal County Council allocates a large portion of its annual budget to road maintenance and management. The amount has increased considerably over the past five years, increasing from €17m in 2021 to €28.6m in 2026. The Council also receives €3m per annum in capital funding to resurface the regional roads.

The audit/inspection of the regional and local roads in this county Council is an ongoing process. A Pavement Surface Condition Index (PSCI) rating is attributed to each road surface during each inspection. The Road Management Office (RMO) Pavement Management System (PMS) is updated, with these new PSCI ratings, when inspections are carried out.

All resurfacing works done under the Council's annual Programme of Works and Minor Works budgets have a before and after inspection done and a PSCI rating given. Again, these ratings are uploaded onto the RMO PMS. All regional roads in the county were surveyed in 2025. This survey captured machine road condition parameters and visual PSCI condition ratings across the entire regional road network. The resulting condition ratings of each road were put on the PMS.

Inspections of road surfaces throughout the county are also carried out in response to complaints and CRMs received, and also defects recorded by our staff

whilst moving about the county in the course of doing their jobs. A Clerk of Works has been assigned to each of the 3 areas to carry out pre and post inspections on road openings done by the various utilities.

Further training of Fingal County Council's personnel, in the carrying out of PSCI audits/inspections, is to be done by the RMO in the next few months. This will allow the Council to continue to monitor and maintain the roads it owns to a sufficiently high standard.

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

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ITEM NO. 31

SCHEME TO TACKLE GRAFFITI ALONG RAILWAY LINES

Motion: Councillor A. Tormey

"That the Chief Executive introduce a once off scheme that offers to paint graffiti covered buildings in industrial estates, along rail lines within the county, to ameliorate a prolific eyesore."

Report:

Fingal County Council arranges for the removal of graffiti from public property only. This includes buildings and walls in our ownership, parks and open spaces, and public infrastructure such as bins, benches and other street furniture.

Under the current system, each reported case of graffiti is logged by the Operations Department, and a works list is issued to the Probation Service for graffiti removal. Graffiti deemed to be offensive in nature is prioritised for urgent removal by the Operations Department in order to minimise its impact.

Fingal County Council's streetscape initiatives for 2026 focus on enhancing town centres through, and funding for, façade improvements, shopfront upgrades, and public realm enhancements. Fingal County Council's Streetscape Scheme is a targeted funding call via the Department of Economic, Community and Cultural Development. It is aimed at assisting with the improvement of the appearance of the streets within the centres of Fingal's towns and villages. This generally includes shopfront improvements, painting, signage replacement or removal, lighting, and green planting.

One of these initiatives is the Anti-Litter and Anti-Graffiti Grant which is administered annually by Fingal County Council. The fund is part-sponsored by the Department of Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel and Sports. Each year, community groups across Fingal undertake a variety of initiatives funded through the scheme, contributing to enhanced public spaces and increased community engagement. With respect to graffiti removal, activities include but are not limited to painting over graffiti, painting of estate walls and painting murals to combat repetitive graffiti.

Applications and more information can be found at https://www.fingal.ie/anti-litter-anti-graffiti-grant-2026

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

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ITEM NO. 32

NEW SEVESO SITES IN FINGAL

Motion: Councillor M. McCamley

"That the Chief Executive provide an update on any new Seveso sites in Fingal since the commencement of the current Development Plan, to add to the nine mentioned in Chapter 14 of the Development Plan, and how the Council continues to adhere to the Control of Major Accident Hazards (COMAH) should an accident ever occur."

Report:

Since the commencement of Fingal County Council's 2023 – 2029 Development Plan, a new Seveso site has been developed. The site is called Alexion AstraZeneca Ltd and is located at the College Business & Technology Park, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15.

The Health & Safety Authority (HSA) is the Central Competent Authority and, as such, is charged with the enforcement of the Chemicals Act (Control of Major Accident Hazards Involving Dangerous Substances) Regulations 2015 (the "COMAH Regulations"). Fingal County Council as the relevant local authority is designated under the regulations as a Local Competent Authority.

In relation to an upper tier Seveso site, the relevant Local Competent Authority is required to prepare an external emergency plan for action outside the establishment, which will include arrangements for co-ordinating off-site action and resources. Plans are in place for all upper tier sites in the Fingal County Council's administrative area.

The operators of the lower tier sites are subject to the regulations, and no specific off-site plans are required. The response arrangements as set out in Fingal

County Council's Major Emergency Plan will be applied by the Principal Response Agencies to an accident or incident at any of these establishments.

Dublin Fire Brigade's Major Emergency Planning team, on behalf of Fingal County Council, ensures that Seveso sites are safe by ensuring that the regulatory standards are adhered to on these sites. This reduces the risk of an incident happening.

Alongside other agencies, Dublin Fire Brigade ensures that adequate and up-to-date emergency plans are in place for Seveso sites in Fingal. This means the emergency services are well prepared if an incident does occur.

As well as leading emergency plan development, Dublin Fire Brigade also runs the public consultation process and testing exercises at all upper tier Seveso sites in the Fingal area.

Source of Joint Report:
Róisín Burke, Director of Planning and Development
Mary Egan, Director of People, Corporate & Digital Services

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ITEM NO. 33

"FAIR CHANCE TO SAVE" RENT PILOT SCHEME

Motion: Councillor J. Humphreys

"That this Council requests the Chief Executive to bring forward proposals for a time-limited pilot scheme to support Council tenant households where a working adult child is saving towards a first-time buyer mortgage, including options to cap, reduce or rebate the additional rent arising from the income of adult household members for the duration of the pilot, and to set out the legal, financial and equality implications of such a scheme."

Report:

Under Fingal County Council's Differential Rent Scheme "assessable income" is described as the income of all persons in the household over the age of 18. The rent charged to Fingal County Council primary earners is 14.5% under the current Differential Rent Scheme, which represents a significant support for Fingal County Council tenants and already well below comparable costs within the wider rental sector. In addition, where adult children are not the primary earners in the household, their rent is capped at €60 per week. Given the costs of providing and maintaining Council housing stock, these Council rental charges could already be considered to be a robust form of financial support to Council tenant households where a working adult child is saving towards a first-time buyer mortgage.

In addition, there are a variety of other state supports to help first time buyers such as Help to Buy, Local Authority Affordable Purchase schemes and the First Home scheme.

Given the above, without a wider national policy and statutory footing for same being in place, the complex legal, financial and equality implications and the significant financial, legal, governance and staff resources that would be required

to implement such a pilot scheme within Fingal County Council, it is not possible to bring forward proposals for a pilot scheme of this nature.

Source of Report:
Paul Carroll, Director of Housing

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ITEM NO. 34

SECTION 5
DECLARATION OF EXEMPTIONS

Motion: Councillor P. Quinlan

"That we the Elected Representatives request that the weekly planning list published online by the Council for members of the public to review, and circulated to the Elected Representatives, be inclusive of Section 5 Declaration of Exemptions, specifically IPAS, as currently, they are not published."

Report:

The weekly planning lists published on Fingal County Council's website include details of Section 5 Declaration of Exemption applications received and decisions made.

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

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ITEM NO. 39

GAS BOILER DEROGATION

Motion: Councillor J. Newman

"That the Chief Executive writes to the Department for Housing to call for a derogation for vulnerable people who apply for the Older Persons Grant Scheme which includes a natural gas boiler."

Report:

If this motion is passed, the terms therein will be forwarded to the Department of Housing and when a reply is received the Members will be informed.

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

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