

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

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County Hall
Swords
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Wednesday, 30th September 2026

To Each Member of the Howth/Malahide Area Committee (Services B - Strategic & General Matters)

Dear Councillor

A meeting of the **Howth/Malahide Area Committee (Services B - Strategic & General Matters)** will be held Hybrid in **Council Chamber - County Hall, Swords/MS Teams** on conclusion of the Services A meeting on **Wednesday, 7th October, 2026** to consider the following Agenda.

Yours faithfully

Aoife Sheridan
Meetings Administrator
Corporate Services

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A G E N D A

- 1 **Confirmation and Re-affirmation of Minutes of the Howth/Malahide Area Committee (Services B - Strategic and General Matters) Meeting held on Wednesday the 2nd September 2026**

QUESTIONS

- 2 **Councillor C. Haughey - Library for Portmarnock - AI109904**
 "To ask the Chief Executive to advise if consideration is being given to building a library in Portmarnock in a future Capital Plan?"
- 3 **Councillor C. Haughey - Feasibility Study for Howth Library Circulation/Publication - AI109905**
 "To ask the Chief Executive to advise if the feasibility study that was completed by the Council on Howth Library will be sent to Councillors and/or published for the public to view?"
- 4 **Councillor C. Haughey - Allocations of Council Apartments at Claremont, Howth - AI109907**
 "To ask the Chief Executive to advise when the Council owned apartments at the Claremont development in Howth will be allocated to people on the Council's housing list?"
- 5 **Councillor C. Haughey - Sutton Cross Bypass - AI109938**
 "To ask the Chief Executive to advise if consideration is being given to create a bypass for Sutton Cross as there is a group who have proposed a bypass to the north and there is also a proposal to reintroduce a historic old road that ran along the coast to the south from the current location of St. Fintan's High School to Church Road."
- 6 **Councillor C. Haughey - Timeline for Racecourse Park Redevelopment - AI110080**
 "To ask the Chief Executive to advise if estimated timelines could be given for the next phases of the Racecourse Park Redevelopment?"
- 7 **Councillor C. Haughey - Gate Lodge, Seamount Road - AI110126**

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise if the Gate Lodge on Seamount Road is a Protected Structure and if so, can anything be done by the Conservation Office to ensure it is kept in good condition?"

8 Councillor E. O'Brien - Update on Taking in Charge of Waterside Estate - AI110093

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the current status of the taking in charge process for Waterside Estate, including details on any services or infrastructure within the estate that have been taken in charge by Fingal County Council, either fully or partially, and what outstanding matters remain before the estate can be taken in charge?"

9 Councillor B. McDonagh - Electric Vehicle Charger - Howth Harbour - AI110132

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise if the Council is aware that the electric vehicle chargers outside Howth Harbour have been out of order for some months and what action can be taken to ensure that they are repaired?"

10 Councillor B. McDonagh - Claremont Social Housing Allocation - AI110134

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise when is it officially projected that the social housing units for the Claremont housing development will be fully completed, allocated, and occupied and what steps the Council is currently taking to hold the developers/stakeholders accountable to their Part V obligations on this specific site?"

11 Councillor J. Hopkins - Red Arch Members Entrance - Racecourse Park - AI110153

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise what efforts have been made/will be made to preserve Red Arch Members Entrance, as this historic piece of important architecture is starting to crumble?"

12 Councillor J. Hopkins - New Street Malahide Costs Breakdown - AI110158

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a detailed breakdown of the costs associated with New Street renovations?"

13 Councillor J. Hopkins - Racecourse Park Delay - AI110161

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a detailed explanation as to why there has been another lost year on this project?"

14 Councillor J. Hopkins - Electric Vehicle Chargers at Howth Library - AI110162

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise if the Council could intervene regarding the electric vehicle chargers at Howth Library as they have been out of order for a number of months and the supplier is unresponsive?"

15 Councillor J. Hopkins - Plastic Signage/Shop Fronts in ACAs - AI110163

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a detailed report on the number of premises that have been contacted in the Architectural Conservation Areas of Howth, Baldoyle and Malahide regarding plastic signage which isn't in keeping with other shop fronts?"

16 Councillor J. Hopkins - Mobile Library Portmarnock - AI110167

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to arrange for an advertised regular (monthly) visit of the mobile library to Portmarnock?"

17 Councillor J. Hopkins - Update on the Open Championship in Portmarnock - AI110171

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the Open Championship in Portmarnock, specifically regarding any road upgrades or CPOs that are required in advance?"

18 Councillor J. Hopkins - Financial Support for Swimming Pool in Portmarnock - AI110172

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise what further financial plans the Council has to support the reopening of the swimming pool if the €240,000 funding cannot be met by the public?"

19 Councillor D. Healy - Electric Vehicle Charging - Howth Library - AI110184

"To ask the Chief Executive to set out the contract or licence whereby

electric car charging is provided near Howth Library including whether there is any requirement for particular standards of service to be met?"

20 Councillor D. Healy - Library in Portmarnock - AI110185

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise what analysis has been done on the need for a public library in Portmarnock, including potential locations for the public library, and to provide a copy of any relevant reports available to the members of this Area Committee?"

21 Councillor D. Healy - Feasibility Study Howth Library - AI110186

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a copy of the feasibility study on Howth Library to the members of this Area Committee?"

22 Councillor D. Healy - Timeframe for Delivery - Racecourse Park - AI110187

"To ask the Chief Executive to set out the timeframe for the delivery of each of the elements of the Racecourse Park development approved by An Bord Pleanála in 2022?"

23 Councillor D. Healy - Availability of Howth Courthouse - AI110188

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise how the availability of Howth Courthouse for community use is being communicated to community organisations and the general public?"

24 Councillor D. Healy - School Children Safety - Stapolin ETNS - AI110190

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on any progress in addressing the safety issues outside Stapolin Educate Together National School?"

25 Applications for Funding

a Applications for Sports Funding

**ENVIRONMENT,
CLIMATE ACTION,
ACTIVE TRAVEL &
SPORTS BUSINESS**

26 Litter Management Plan Annual Report

MOTIONS

27 Councillor J. Hopkins - Timeline and Plans for Dredging - Howth

"That the Chief Executive provide an update of plans and timelines for the post-dredging plans for Howth – i.e. what amenities will be provided – outdoor pool, etc. for development behind West Pier/Claremont Beach."

28 Councillor D. Healy - Progress Report - Improve Conditions on - Malahide Road - AI109588

"That the Chief Executive provide a report on any progress in improving conditions for walking between St. Doolagh's and Kinsealy."

29 Councillor E. O'Brien - Naming of the Park in Seabury in Honour of Philip Lynch - AI109796

"That the Chief Executive provide a full report on the discussion that took place at the Naming and Commemorative Committee regarding the naming of the park in Seabury in honour of Philip Lynch, including next steps and any perceived legal impediment in carrying out the wishes of the Elected Members in Howth/Malahide and the local community in Seabury."

30 Councillor C. Haughey - Boundary Discrepancy between Residents of St Lawrence Terrace and the Council Owned Land at Tuckett's Lane - AI109862

"That the Chief Executive outline if the Property Section has engaged with residents of St. Lawrence Terrace in recent months regarding the boundary discrepancy between the residents and the Council owned land at Tuckett's Lane, including when the issue is expected to be resolved."

31 Councillor B. McDonagh - Bóthar Na Mara Proposal - AI110128

"That the Chief Executive meet those putting forward the Bóthar na Mara from Sutton to Baldoyle proposal with a view to conducting an evaluation of the proposal and in particular with the possibility of acceleration of the cycling and walking components."

32 Councillor C. Haughey - Meeting with Residents of Streamstown Meadow and Clairville Lodge - AI109864

"That the Chief Executive organise a meeting between the appropriate Council Departments (Building Control, Parks) and a number of residents from Streamstown Meadow and Clairville Lodge to outline the works needed to be carried out in order for the taking in charge process to be complete, considering that the company which built the estates has recently gone into liquidation."

33 Councillor D. Healy - Capital Programme in this LEA - AI110182

"That this Area Committee draws the full Council's attention to its previous recommendations that the following be included in the Capital Programme:

- Active Travel link between Claremont Road and Claremont Beach promenade (recommended 2018 and 2023)
- Mayne River Greenway Link through the Red Arches from the Racecourse Park to Clongriffin (recommended 2020)
- Upgrade of the Malahide Demesne gate lodges at the Back Road entrance and railway bridge (recommended 2020)
- Redesign of Howth Railway Station Forecourt (recommended 2022 and 2025)
- All-weather football pitch in Kettles Park (recommended 2024)
- Upgrade to Teddy's Field, Sutton (recommended 2024)
- Pedestrian Bridge over the railway between the apartments on the Techrete site and Claremont Beach, for which a condition was included in Planning Permission SHD/009/19 (recommended 2025)."

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**Comhairle Contae Fingall
Fingal County Council**

**Minutes of Howth/Malahide Area Committee
(Services B - Strategic & General Matters)**

Wednesday, 2nd September, 2026

PRESENT

Councillors

Haughey, Cathal
McDonagh, Brian

Councillors

O'Brien, Eoghan
Tormey, Aoibhinn

Apologies for inability to attend were received for Councillors Jimmy Guerin, David Healy and Joan Hopkins.

The Area Chairperson, Councillor Aoibhinn Tormey, presided.

OFFICIALS PRESENT

David Storey (Director of Services); Aoife Sheridan (Senior Executive Officer); Brian Murray (Senior Executive Officer); Kevin Halpenny (Senior Parks and Landscape Officer); Emer Tierney (Senior Engineer); Hans Visser (Senior Executive Parks and Landscape Officer); Shane McMorrow (Senior Executive Engineer); Emily Crawley (Sports Programme Administrative Manager); Nuala Casey (Active Cities Coordinator); Geraldine O'Hanlon Prunty (Senior Community Officer); Grainne Carroll (Administrative Officer); Niall Kelly (Administrative Officer); Fearghal McSweeney (Administrative Officer); Sarah Jane Moonan (Senior Staff Officer).

HMB/150/26 (Agenda Item No)

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Area Chair, Councillor A. Tormey, welcomed everyone to the meeting and reminded Members that Standing Orders would apply to all aspects of the meeting.

HMB/151/26 (Agenda Item No 1)

Confirmation and Re-affirmation of Minutes of the Howth/Malahide Area Committee (Services B - Strategic and General Matters) Meeting held on Wednesday the 3rd June 2026

Minutes of the Howth-Malahide Area Committee Meeting held on Wednesday the 3rd June 2026 which had been circulated were **CONSIDERED**.

It was then **PROPOSED** by Councillor B. McDonagh, seconded by Councillor E. O'Brien and **RESOLVED** –

“That the minutes of the Howth-Malahide Area Committee Meeting held on Wednesday the 3rd June 2026 be **ADOPTED**.”

HMB/152/26 (Agenda Item No)

QUESTIONS

It was proposed by Councillor A. Tormey, seconded by Councillor E. O'Brien and **RESOLVED**:

“That pursuant to Standing Order No. 51, Questions 2 – 17 be **ADOPTED**.”

HMB/153/26 (Agenda Item No 2)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Portmarnock Greenway Cleaning - AI108695

HMB/154/26 (Agenda Item No 3)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Social Housing Stock - Inbhir Ide, Malahide - AI108698

HMB/155/26 (Agenda Item No 4)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Update on Bus Shelters - Grange Road, Baldoyle - AI108703

HMB/156/26 (Agenda Item No 5)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Station Road, Portmarnock Land Acquisition - AI108705

HMB/157/26 (Agenda Item No 6)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Details of Feasibility Study for Howth Library

HMB/158/26 (Agenda Item No 7)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Status of Derelict Home - Stapolin Lawns, Baldoyle

HMB/159/26 (Agenda Item No 8)

Councillor C. Haughey - Howth Library Capital Funding - AI109471

HMB/160/26 (Agenda Item No 9)

Councillor C. Haughey - Taking in Charge of Clairville Lodge and Streamstown Meadow - AI109472

HMB/161/26 (Agenda Item No 10)

Councillor C. Haughey - Kinsealy to Portmarnock Walking and Cycling Scheme - AI109473

HMB/162/26 (Agenda Item No 11)

Councillor C. Haughey - Planning Enforcement Belcamp - AI109482

HMB/163/26 (Agenda Item No 12)

Councillor C. Haughey - Taking in Charge, Belcamp - AI109485

HMB/164/26 (Agenda Item No 13)

Councillor D. Healy - Update on Howth Courthouse Community Availability - AI109577

HMB/165/26 (Agenda Item No 14)

Councillor D. Healy - Update on Train Timetables Correspondence - AI109578

HMB/166/26 (Agenda Item No 15)

Councillor D. Healy - Howth Station Forecourt Redesign - AI109579

HMB/167/26 (Agenda Item No 16)

Councillor D. Healy - Placement of Bus Stops - Sutton to Malahide - AI109582

HMB/168/26 (Agenda Item No 17)

Councillor D. Healy - Strandmill Retrofit - AI109583

HMB/169/26 (Agenda Item No 18)

Applications for Funding

a Applications for Community Funding

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

Geraldine O'Hanlon Prunty, Senior Community Officer, Economic, Community and Culture Department read the report into the record.

Following discussion, it was proposed by A. Tormey, seconded by Councillor C. Haughey and **AGREED**:

"That this Committee recommends that the County Council **APPROVE** of the funding set out in the foregoing report."

b Applications for Sports Funding

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

Nuala Casey, Active Cities Coordinator, Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel and Sports Department read the report into the record.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor A. Tormey, seconded by Councillor E. O'Brien and **AGREED**:

"That this Committee recommends that the County Council **APPROVE** of the funding set out in the foregoing report."

STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE & TRANSPORT BUSINESS

HMB/170/26 (Agenda Item No 19)

Kinsealy to Portmarnock Walking and Cycling Scheme

Emer Tierney, Senior Engineer, Infrastructure and Transport Department gave a presentation to the Members.

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

ECONOMIC, COMMUNITY & CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT BUSINESS

HMB/171/26 (Agenda Item No 20)

Shopfront Improvement Scheme 2026 – Request for Approval of Funding

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

Niall Kelly, Administrative Officer, Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department read the report into the record.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor A. Tormey, seconded by Councillor C. Haughey and **AGREED**:

“That this Committee recommends that the County Council **APPROVE** of the funding set out in the foregoing report.”

ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE ACTION, ACTIVE TRAVEL & SPORTS BUSINESS

HMB/172/26 (Agenda Item No 21)

Litter Warden 7- day Service Summer Activity Report

Brian Murray, Senior Executive Officer and Grainne Carroll, Administrative Officer, Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel and Sports Department gave a presentation to the Members.

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

HMB/173/26 (Agenda Item No 22)

Local Sport and Physical Activity Plan 2024-2029 – Sports Department Strategy Update

Nuala Casey, Active Cities Coordinator and Emily Crawley, Sports Programme Administrative Manager, Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel and Sports Department gave a presentation to the Members.

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

HMB/174/26 (Agenda Item No 23)

Correspondence

- a** **Letter dated 8th June 2026 from the HSE - Councillor J. Hopkins - HSE Plans for Property in Baldoyle Village - AI104395**

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

- b** **Email dated 12th June 2026 from Irish Rail - Councillor D. Healy - DART Timetable at Weekends in this LEA - AI108731**

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

- c** **Email dated 6th August 2026 from the NTA - Councillor D. Healy - DART Timetable at Weekends in this LEA - AI108731**

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

MOTIONS

HMB/175/26 (Agenda Item No 24)

Councillor E. O'Brien - Update on Feltrim Active Travel Programme - AI109061

The Motion, in the name of Councillor E. O'Brien, was proposed by Councillor E. O'Brien and seconded by Councillor A. Tormey.

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

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

HMB/176/26 (Agenda Item No 25)

Councillor C. Haughey - Portmarnock Sports Hub - AI109469

The Motion, in the name of Councillor C. Haughey, was proposed by Councillor C. Haughey and seconded by Councillor A. Tormey.

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

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

HMB/177/26 (Agenda Item No 26)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Timeline and Plans for Dredging - Howth

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

HMB/178/26 (Agenda Item No 27)

Councillor B. McDonagh - Baldoye Portmarnock Cycleway - AI109567

The Motion, in the name of Councillor B. McDonagh, was proposed by Councillor B. McDonagh and seconded by Councillor A. Tormey.

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

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

HMB/179/26 (Agenda Item No 28)

Councillor D. Healy - Progress Report - Improve Conditions on - Malahide Road - AI109588

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

HMB/180/26 (Agenda Item No 29)

Councillor C. Haughey - Planning Enforcement regarding Construction Traffic using Streamstown Lane - AI109514

The Motion, in the name of Councillor C. Haughey, was proposed by Councillor C. Haughey and seconded by Councillor A. Tormey.

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

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

HMB/181/26 (Agenda Item No 30)

Councillor B. McDonagh - Area Committee Submission to Aircraft Noise Regulation for Application F23A/0781 - AI109571

The Motion, in the name of Councillor B. McDonagh, was proposed by Councillor B. McDonagh and seconded by Councillor A. Tormey.

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

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

The Meeting concluded at 16.40.

AREA CHAIRPERSON

DATED

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

HOWTH/MALAHIDE AREA COMMITTEE MEETING (Services B – Strategic & General Matters)

WEDNESDAY 7th OCTOBER 2026

ITEM NO. 02

LIBRARY FOR PORTMARNOCK - AI109904

Question: Councillor C. Haughey

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration is being given to building a library in Portmarnock in a future Capital Plan?"

Reply:

The Library Development Plan places a strong emphasis on the development of new and the improvement of existing library facilities. The delivery of these new and improved facilities, through the Council's Capital Programmes, provide the space for physical engagement with library services, and through our investment in technology and in electronic services, they also ensure that the virtual library is available 24/7.

The Council is focussed on providing new library services in the areas of the county that have the greatest need with new libraries planned for Churchfields/Mulhuddart and the county library at Swords.

Significant investment has been made in improvements of existing library services, over the last 2 years, with upgrades to branches in Donabate, Skerries, Malahide and Baldoyle, providing increased study spaces, meeting spaces and new and improved access to technology. New furnishings have further enhanced the building and have created modern state of the art facilities for citizens.

Portmarnock is well served by library services, given its proximity to a branch library at Malahide (approx. 3 km) and Baldoyle Libraries (approx 4km) with both libraries easily accessible via public transport and cycling routes. Both libraries will soon provide My Open Library services giving library members extended access to library services in the evenings, at weekends and over holidays.

The mobile library offers a service to Portmarnock at St Helen's National School every second Monday morning as well as visiting St Anne's Square and Carrickhill Road every second Monday afternoon. The creche in Portmarnock (The Village creche) also receives visits on a regular basis.

As a result, there are no current plans to provide a library in Portmarnock however the potential for increasing the availability mobile library stops will be examined and planned as the timetable allows.

Timetable and contact details are available here [Fingal Library Network | Fingal County Council](#)

Source of Reply:

Lilian Whelan, A/County Librarian, Economic, Community & Cultural Development

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HOWTH/MALAHIDE AREA COMMITTEE MEETING (Services B – Strategic & General Matters)

WEDNESDAY 7th OCTOBER 2026

ITEM NO. 03

FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR HOWTH LIBRARY CIRCULATION/PUBLICATION - AI109905

Question: Councillor C. Haughey

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise if the feasibility study that was completed by the Council on Howth Library will be sent to Councillors and/or published for the public to view?"

Reply:

A total of €186,960 has been allocated to Howth library for 2027. Several options were explored including adding an additional floor to the existing building & also expanding the building to take in the entire site.

The site and available options present significant challenges with limited additional floor space to the existing building. In this context, consideration continues to be given to possible options that can lead to the upgrade of library facilities in Howth. Upgraded facilities would include a MOL.

It should be noted that the funding for the project is currently as "Under assessment" in the 3-Year Programme, and a source of funds is yet to be identified.

Source of Reply:

Lilian Whelan, A/County Librarian, Economic, Community & Cultural Development

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**HOWTH MALAHIDE AREA COMMITTEE MEETING
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WEDNESDAY 7th OCTOBER 2026

ITEM NO. 04

**ALLOCATIONS OF COUNCIL APARTMENTS AT CLAREMONT,
HOWTH - AI109907**

Question: Councillor C. Haughey

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise when the Council owned apartments at the Claremont development in Howth will be allocated to people on the Council's housing list?"

Reply:

The Claremont development is in the lettings process with qualified applicants on the Social Housing Waiting list currently under assessment for an allocation. The Council's Asset Management Team is in the final stages of completing some minor work needed. The development will be ready to let in the coming weeks.

Source of Reply:

Ciara R. Kenny, Senior Staff Officer, Housing Department

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HOWTH MALAHIDE AREA COMMITTEE MEETING (Services B – Strategic & General Matters)

WEDNESDAY 7th OCTOBER 2026

ITEM NO. 05

SUTTON CROSS BYPASS - AI109938

Question: Councillor C. Haughey

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration is being given to create a bypass for Sutton Cross as there is a group who have proposed a bypass to the north and there is also a proposal to reintroduce a historic old road that ran along the coast to the south from current location of St. Fintan's High School to Church Road."

Reply:

Fingal County Council is currently preparing a planning application for submission to An Coimisiún Pleanála for the Sutton to Malahide Pedestrian and Cycle Scheme which links Sutton to Malahide via Baldoyle and Portmarnock. The proposal includes the addition of enhanced pedestrian and cycle infrastructure along Station Road at Sutton Dart Station.

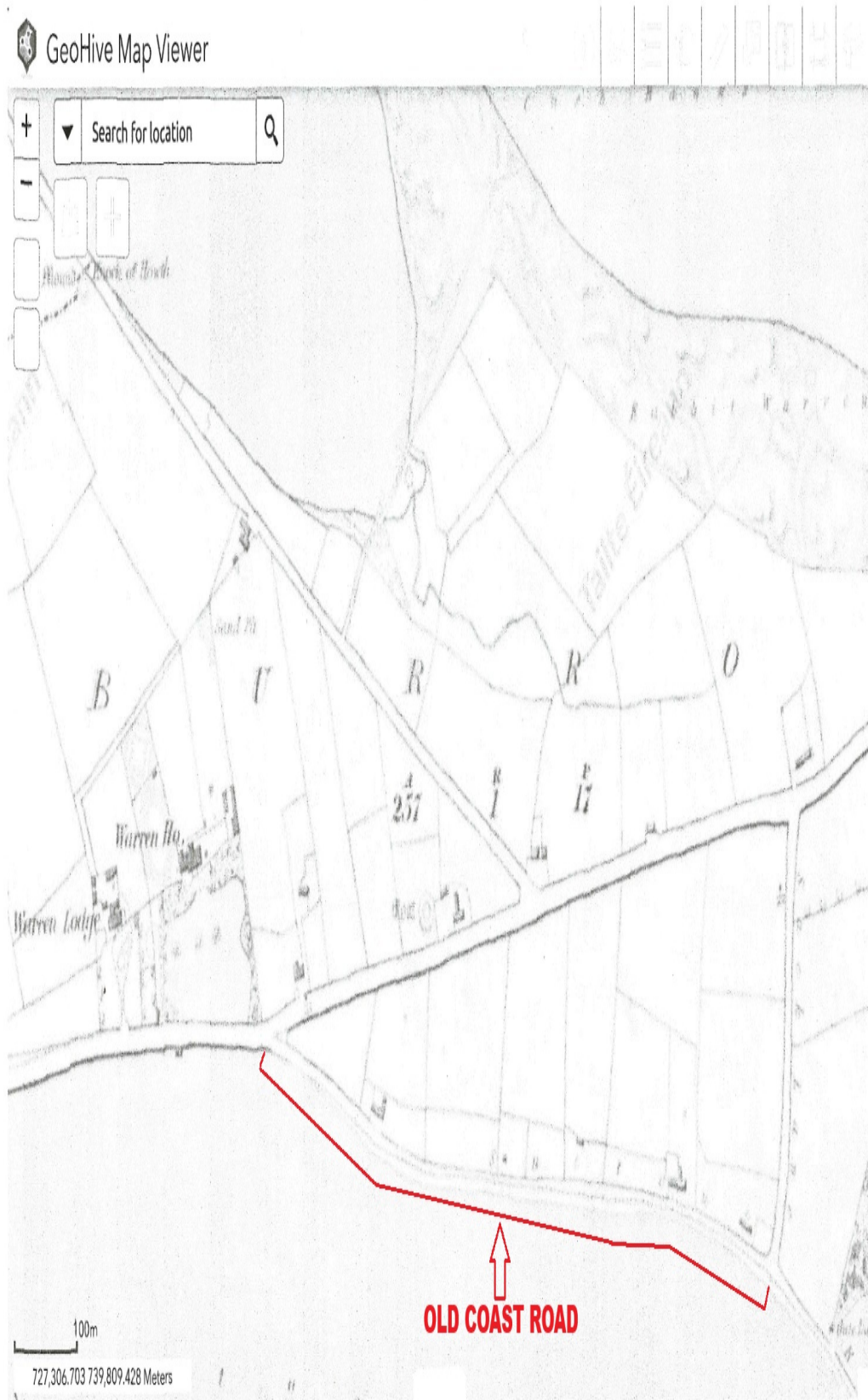
As part of the options selection process at this section of the route, one option considered, was a coastal boardwalk which would run from the Golf Club, along the coast behind the residences at Sutton cross, linking in with the existing Baldoyle Promenade.

The option was assessed using standard route selection criteria, Environmental Impacts, Safety, Directness, Coherence, Attractiveness, Comfort, Property, Impacts Operational Impacts, Budget Risks, Programme Risk. It scored poorly due to environmental impacts of constructing a facility within an SPA. The report noted that the biggest issue with this option was the environmental impact. The circa 450m boardwalk section of this route within the intertidal areas of Baldoyle Bay would be entirely within the Baldoyle Bay Special Area of Conservation (SAC) and also within the Baldoyle Bay Special Protection Area for birds (SPA). These designated conservation areas are protected at EU / international level. The

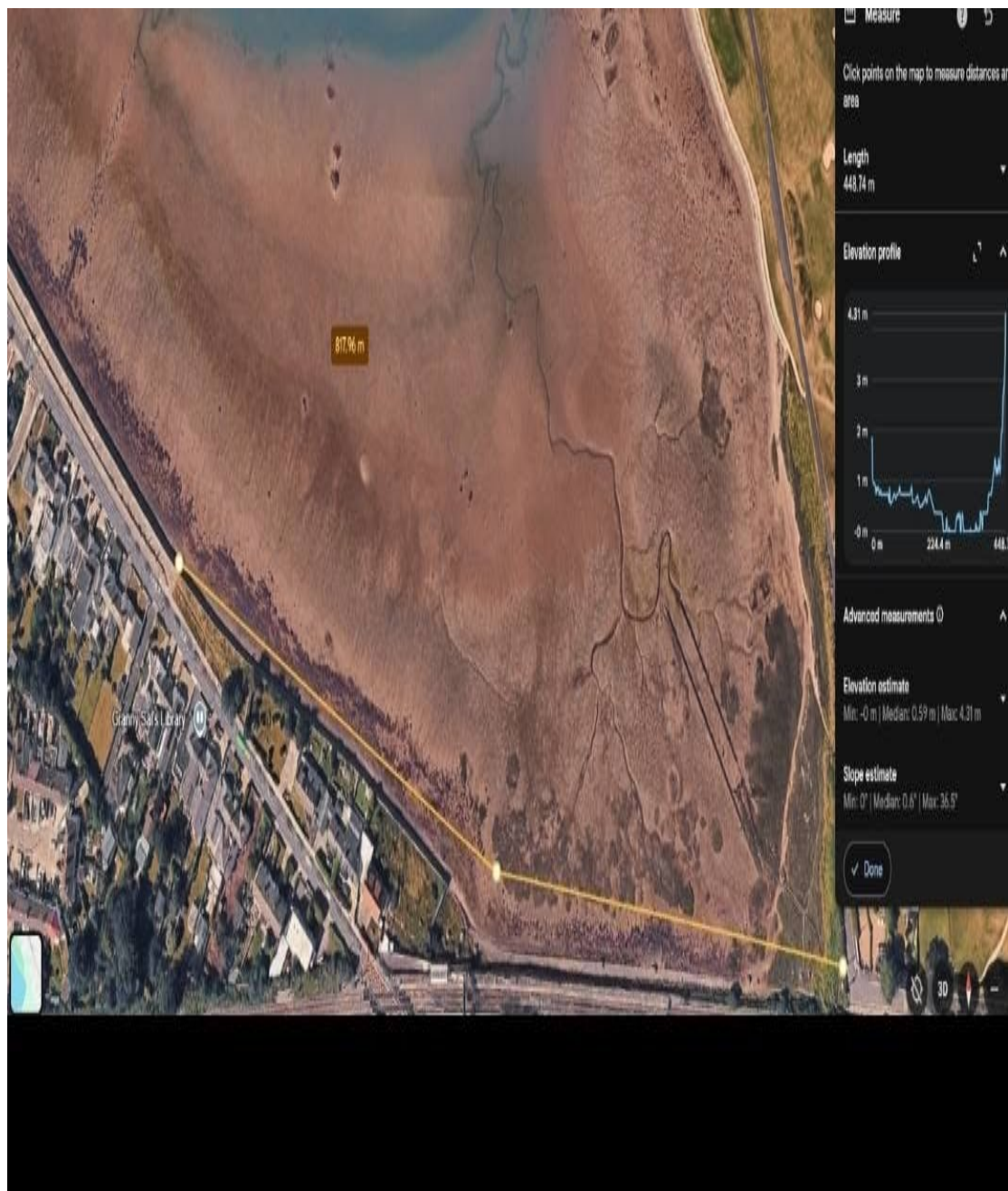
habitats within SAC and SPA are also protected at EU / international level. The construction of the boardwalk would result in the direct loss of protected habitat. Having regard to the environmental constraints outlined above and given that such a proposal is not identified in the Fingal County Development Plan, nor the Capital Programme, resources cannot be allocated to carry out a feasibility study.

Source of Reply:

Linda Lally, Senior Engineer, Infrastructure & Transport Department



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ITEM NO. 06

TIMELINE FOR RACECOURSE PARK REDEVELOPMENT - AI110080

Question: Councillor C. Haughey

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise if estimated timelines could be given for the next phases of the Racecourse Park Redevelopment?"

Reply:

The construction of phase I of the Racecourse park development works (located between the Grange Road and Red Arches Road) has been tendered and the Council is currently in the process of completing the tender process. It is envisaged that the construction of phase I will start in 2027.

Source of Reply:

Hans Visser, Senior Executive Parks & Landscape Officer, Parks & Green Infrastructure Division

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ITEM NO. 07

GATE LODGE, SEAMOUNT ROAD - AI110126

Question: Councillor C. Haughey

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise if the Gate Lodge on Seamount Road is a Protected Structure and if so, can anything be done by the Conservation Office to ensure it is kept in good condition?"

Reply:

The Gate Lodge is a Protected Structure. The Conservation Office will contact the registered owner with regard to the condition and will inform them that conservation funding is available to assist with the repair of the historic fabric and that the funding streams for 2027 are currently open for applications.

Source of Reply:

Helena Bergin, Senior Executive Architectural Conservation Officer

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ITEM NO. 08

UPDATE ON TAKING IN CHARGE OF WATERSIDE ESTATE - AI110093

Question: Councillor E. O'Brien

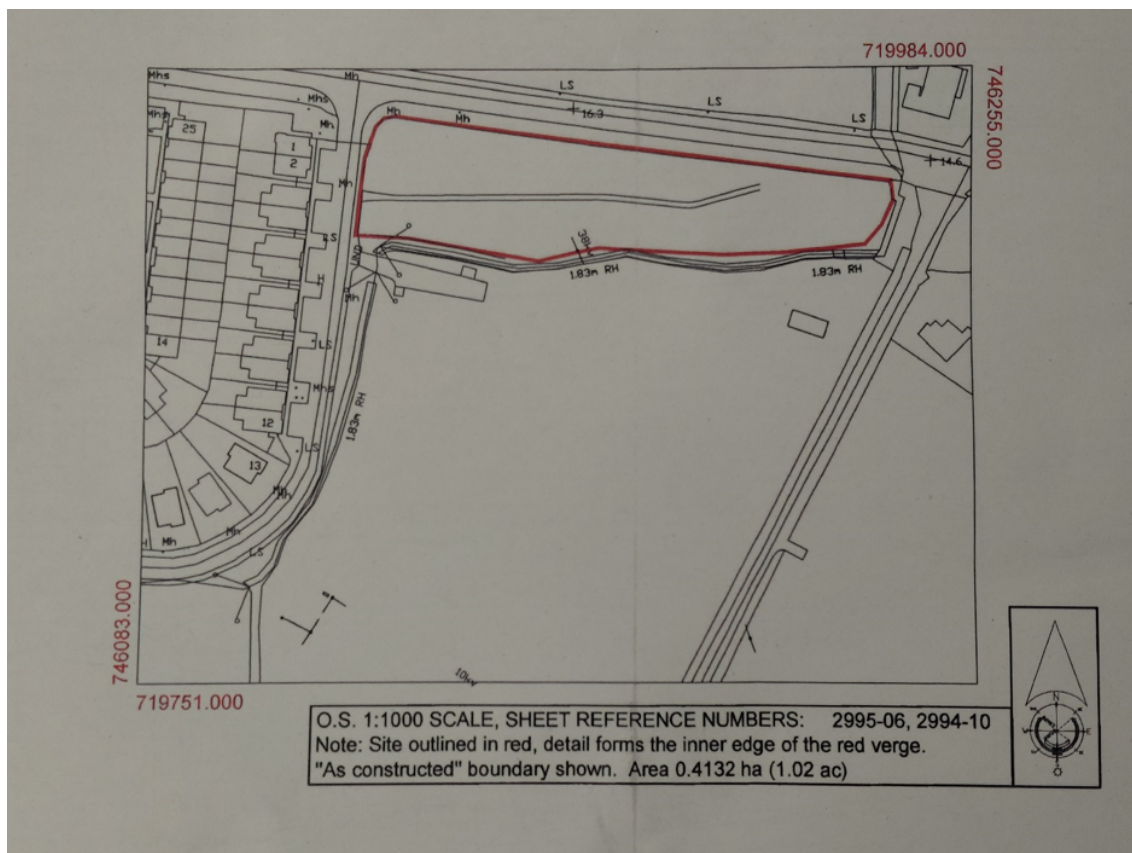
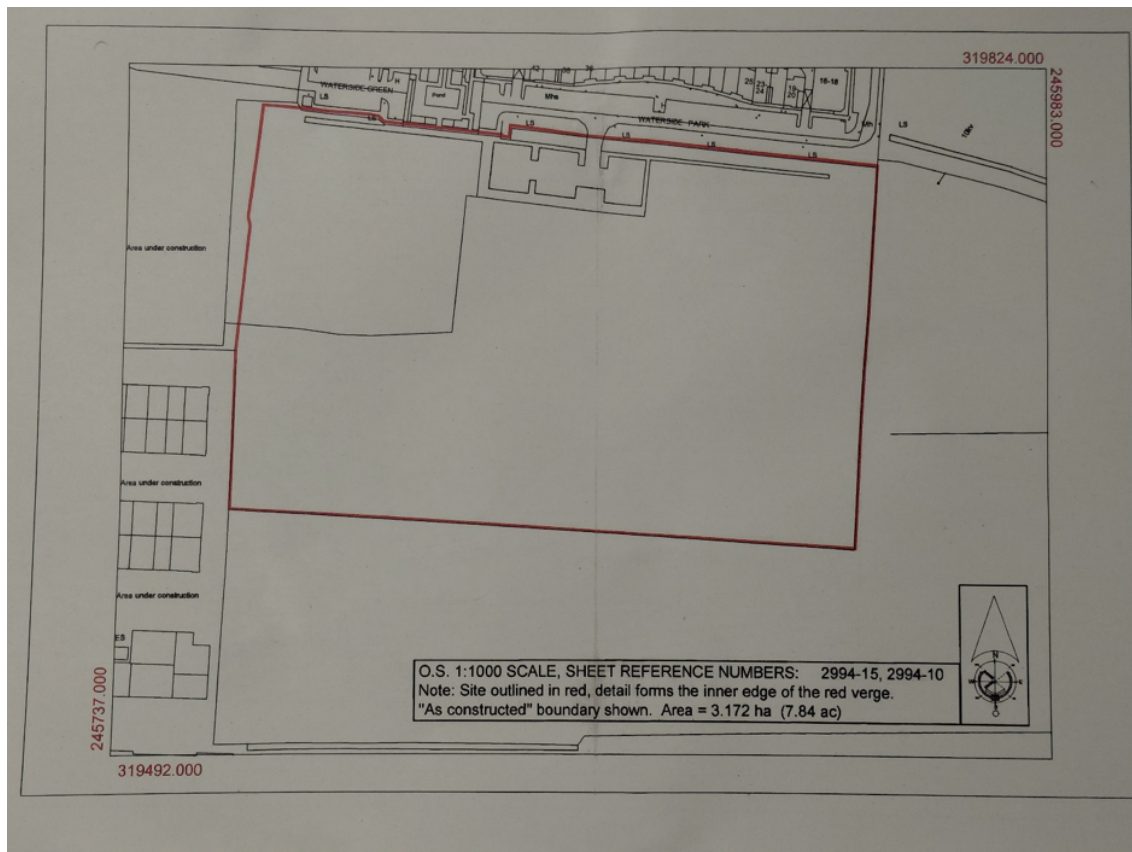
"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the current status of the taking in charge process for Waterside Estate, including details on if any services or infrastructure within the estate been taken in charge by Fingal County Council, either fully or partially and what outstanding matters remain before the estate can be taken in charge?"

Reply:

Fingal County Council (FCC) Building Control have issued an outstanding works list to the developer. A meeting with the developer to review outstanding works list items completed to date has been requested. UÉ have requested drawings and access to inspect the Foul Pumping Station currently maintained by the developer. FCC building Control are working with the developer to complete a Taking In Charge (TIC) map for this development to FCC TIC Standard. FCC Parks have confirmed that the areas show on the maps below have been legally transferred from the developer to FCC.

Source of Reply:

Shane Harding, Executive Engineer, Planning & Development Department.



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ITEM NO. 09

ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGER - HOWTH HARBOUR - AI110132

Question: Councillor B. McDonagh

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise if the Council is aware that the electric vehicle chargers outside Howth Harbour have been out of order for some months and what action can be taken to ensure that they are repaired?"

Reply:

The Active Travel Section has investigated the ongoing issues affecting the EV charger at Howth Library. The charger was originally installed by Fingal County Council however the charger was not transferred to ePower along with the Council's other charging units, and the contract has since lapsed. The existing charger now requires replacement, and the Active Travel Section is engaging with a charge point operator to provide a new charging unit. It is anticipated that the replacement works will be completed before the end of 2026.

Source of Reply:

Stephen McGinn, Walking and Cycling Officer, Active Travel

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ITEM NO. 10

CLAREMONT SOCIAL HOUSING ALLOCATION - AI110134

Question: Councillor B. McDonagh

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise when is it officially projected that the social housing units for the Claremont housing development will be fully completed, allocated, and occupied and what steps the Council is currently taking to hold the developers/stakeholders accountable to their Part V obligations on this specific site?"

Reply:

The Claremont development is in the lettings process with suitable applicants on the Social Housing Waiting list currently under assessment for an allocation. Some minor adaption works were required to make the properties ready for occupation and were completed at the end of September 2026.

I can confirm that the developer has fully discharged and complied with all obligations arising under Part V. Accordingly, there are no outstanding Part V obligations remaining to be discharged by the developer in respect of the scheme.

Source of Reply:

Ciara R Kenny, Senior Staff Officer, Housing Department.
Glenda Robertson, Administrative Officer Housing Department.
Mark McGinty, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Department.

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ITEM NO. 11

RED ARCH MEMBERS ENTRANCE - RACECOURSE PARK - AI110153

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise what efforts have been made/will be made to preserve Red Arch Members Entrance, as this historic piece of important architecture is starting to crumble?"

Reply:

Fingal County Council (FCC), in conjunction with the National Transport Authority (NTA), is proposing to develop the Sutton to Malahide Pedestrian and Cycle Scheme which will provide a safe, high quality, sustainable transport and recreational walking and cycling route to link Sutton, Baldoyle, Portmarnock and Malahide.

The current preliminary design proposes the construction of segregated cycle facilities along the coast road at Racecourse Park. Within this section, provision is made for pedestrian and cyclist facilities in the form of two-way cycle track on the western side of the road. The proposed facilities comprise of a 3.0m wide two-way cycle track with 2.0m wide segregated footpath. A 0.5m wide buffer will be provided separating the cycle provision from the carriageway, and a grassed verge will be provided between the cycle track and the footpath measuring around 2.4m wide. In order to provide these facilities on the west side of the road, the existing wall will be required to be removed, and a new boundary wall at a setback distance will be provided. The existing Red Arche will also be removed and set aside for reuse.

It is noted that the current wall is in private ownership. A compulsory purchase order application will be made to acquire the land required for the scheme at this location, which will include the boundary wall.

Documents are being prepared for a planning application to An Coimisiún Pleanála for the Sutton to Malahide Walking and Cycling Scheme. This includes preparation of an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR), Natura Impact Statement (NIS) and Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) documentation. The Application to ACP is scheduled to be submitted in Q4 of 2026.

Source of Reply:

Linda Lally, Senior Engineer, Infrastructure & Transport Department

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ITEM NO. 12

NEW STREET MALAHIDE COSTS BREAKDOWN - AI110158

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a detailed breakdown of the costs associated with New Street renovations?"

Reply:

Below is a breakdown including the actual pre-construction stage design costs paid to date during the design stages of the project, in addition to the costs of the construction and handover stages, which are based on the costs tendered by the winning design team and contractor during the procurement process.

These works will include the upgrade of the watermain and foul drainage networks. The Council intend to enter into a State Body Agreement with Uisce Éireann to recover the costs of these items, including the portion of the design costs and construction costs associated with these works. It has been calculated that the total recoverable costs from Uisce Éireann will be €915,923.37 (Incl. VAT), which comprises €212,632.04 (Incl. VAT) of design fees, and €703,291.33 (Incl. VAT) of construction fees (subject to agreement with Uisce Éireann and execution of the State Body Agreement). Breakdown below:-

<i>Item</i>	<i>€ (incl. VAT)</i>	<i>Subtotals € (incl. VAT)</i>
Pre-Construction Stages		
Total pre-construction professional services fees paid to end of design stages.	1,115,838.42	1,115,838.42
Construction and Handover Stages		
Total Professional Design Team Services for Construction and Handover Stages	670,240.00	
<i>Fee for Construction and Handover Stages**</i>	<i>5,179,979.64**</i>	
Subtotal Construction and Handover Stages		5,850,219.64
Total Projected Project Fee	€6,966,058.06 (Incl. VAT).	
Total costs recoupable from Uisce Éireann (subject to agreement and execution of State Body Agreement)	€915,923.37 (Incl. VAT)	
Net Projected Project Project Fee (subject to agreement and execution of State Body Agreement)	€6,050,134.69 (Incl. VAT)	

**Breakdown of Fee for Construction and Handover Stages:

<i>Item</i>	<i>€ (Incl. VAT)</i>
Preliminaries	698,995.40
Surface Water Drainage	434,081.78
Foul Water Drainage	224,575.53
Watermain	386,895.69
Electrical Services	565,296.39
Mechanical Services	332,545.02
Siteworks	2,513,279.83
Amount for Bond	24,310.00
Total Construction Cost	€5,179,979.64 (Incl. VAT)

Source of Reply:

Shane McMorro, Senior Executive Engineer, Active Travel

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ITEM NO. 13

RACECOURSE PARK DELAY - AI110161

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a detailed explanation as to why there has been another lost year on this project?"

Reply:

The tender process for phase I of the Racecourse park development works (located between the Grange Road and Red Arches Road) has taken longer than expected. It is envisaged that the construction of phase I will start in 2027. Site clearance and tree planting works have been undertaken this year. Some pathway demolition and development works will take place in the area north of the community gardens in October.

Source of Reply:

Hans Visser, Senior Executive Parks & Landscape Officer, Parks & Green Infrastructure Division

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ITEM NO. 14

ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGERS AT HOWTH LIBRARY - AI110162

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise if the Council could intervene regarding the EV chargers at Howth Library as they have been out of order for a number of months and the supplier is unresponsive?"

Reply:

The Active Travel Section has investigated the ongoing issues affecting the EV charger at Howth Library. The charger was originally installed by Fingal County Council however the charger was not transferred to ePower along with the Council's other charging units, and the contract has since lapsed. The existing charger now requires replacement, and the Active Travel Section is engaging with a charge point operator to provide a new charging unit. It is anticipated that the replacement works will be completed before the end of 2026.

Source of Reply:

Stephen McGinn, Walking and Cycling Officer, Active Travel

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ITEM NO. 15

PLASTIC SIGNAGE/SHOP FRONTS IN ACAS - AI110163

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a detailed report of the number of premises that have been contacted in the Architectural Conservation Areas of Howth, Baldoyle and Malahide regarding plastic signage which isn't in keeping with other shop fronts?"

Reply:

From 2021 to date, the Planning Enforcement Section has issued 20 warning letters and 10 Enforcement Notices in relation to shop front signage in the Architectural Conservation Areas of Howth, Baldoyle and Malahide.

Source of Reply:

Fearghal McSweeney, Administrative Officer, Planning and Development Department

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ITEM NO. 16

MOBILE LIBRARY PORTMARNOCK - AI110167

Councillor J. Hopkins

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to arrange for an advertised regular (monthly) visit of the mobile library to Portmarnock?"

Reply:

The mobile library offers a service to Portmarnock at St Helen's National School every second Monday morning as well as visiting St Anne's Square and Carrickhill Road every second Monday afternoon.

The creche in Portmarnock (The Village creche) also receives visits on a regular basis.

The potential for increasing the availability mobile library stops will be examined and planned as the timetable allows.

Timetable and contact details are available here [Fingal Library Network | Fingal County Council](#)

Source of Reply:

Lilian Whelan, A/County Librarian, Economic, Community & Cultural Development

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ITEM NO. 17

UPDATE ON THE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP IN PORTMARNOCK - AI110171

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the Open Championship in Portmarnock, specifically regarding any road upgrades or CPOs that are required in advance?"

Reply:

The Infrastructure and Transport Department is developing proposals for upgrades to Golf Links Road in Portmarnock. The Project is currently in Phase 2: Options Assessment. It is envisaged that the proposed upgrade works will include facilities for walking and cycling along Golf Links Road and will also include measures to improve the junction with Strand Road as well as the beach car park. Topographical surveys and Wintering Birds surveys have recently been completed; feasibility assessment and option development is underway.

It is not possible, at this early stage in the project, to confirm the requirement for CPO.

Source of Reply:

Emer F Tierney, Senior Engineer, Infrastructure and Transport Department

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ITEM NO. 18

**FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR SWIMMING POOL IN PORTMARNOCK -
AI110172**

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise what further financial plans the Council has to support the reopening of swimming pool if the €240,000 funding cannot be met by the public?"

Reply:

Fingal County Council has made a financial contribution of €500,000 towards the required repairs of the Portmarnock swimming pool. This contribution represents the extent of the funding currently available from the council and no further funding will be allocated for this project.

Source of Reply:

Chloe Farrell, Principal Sport Officer, Sports Office

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ITEM No. 19

ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING - HOWTH LIBRARY - AI110184

Question: Councillor D Healy

"To ask the Chief Executive to set out the contract or licence whereby electric car charging is provided near Howth Library including whether there is any requirement for particular standards of service to be met?"

Reply:

The Active Travel Section has investigated the ongoing issues affecting the EV charger at Howth Library. The charger was originally installed by Fingal County Council however the charger was not transferred to ePower along with the Council's other charging units, and the contract has since lapsed. The existing charger now requires replacement, and the Active Travel Section is engaging with a charge point operator to provide a new charging unit. It is anticipated that the replacement works will be completed before the end of 2026.

Source of Reply:

Stephen McGinn, Walking and Cycling Officer, Active Travel Department

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ITEM NO. 20

LIBRARY IN PORTMARNOCK - AI110185

Question: Councillor D. Healy

“To ask the Chief Executive to advise what analysis has been done on the need for a public library in Portmarnock and on potential locations for a public library in Portmarnock and to provide a copy of any relevant reports available to the members of this Area Committee?”

Reply:

The Library Development Plan places a strong emphasis on the development of new and the improvement of existing library facilities. The delivery of these new and improved facilities, through the Council's Capital Programmes, provide the space for physical engagement with library services, and through our investment in technology and in electronic services, they also ensure that the virtual library is available 24/7.

The Council is focussed on providing new library services in the areas of the county that have the greatest need with new libraries planned for Churchfields/Mulhuddart and the county library at Swords.

Significant investment has been made in improvements of existing library services, over the last 2 years, with upgrades to branches in Donabate, Skerries, Malahide and Baldoyle, providing increased study spaces, meeting spaces and new and improved access to technology. New furnishings have further enhanced the building and have created modern state of the art facilities for citizens.

Portmarnock is well served by library services, given its proximity to a branch library at Malahide (approx. 3 km) and Baldoyle Libraries (approx 4km) with both libraries easily accessible via public transport and cycling routes. Both libraries will

soon provide My Open Library services giving library members extended access to library services in the evenings, at weekends and over holidays.

The mobile library offers a service to Portmarnock at St Helen's National School every second Monday morning as well as visiting St Anne's Square and Carrickhill Road every second Monday afternoon. The creche in Portmarnock (The Village creche) also receives visits on a regular basis.

As a result, there are no current plans to provide a library in Portmarnock however the potential for increasing the availability mobile library stops will be examined and planned as the timetable allows.

Timetable and contact details are available here [Fingal Library Network | Fingal County Council](#)

Source of Reply:

Lilian Whelan, A/County Librarian, Economic, Community & Cultural Development

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ITEM NO. 21

FEASIBILITY STUDY HOWTH LIBRARY - AI110186

Question: Councillor D. Healy

“To ask the Chief Executive to provide a copy of the feasibility study on Howth Library to the members of this Area Committee?”

Reply:

A total of €186,960 has been allocated to Howth library for 2027. A feasibility study was undertaken on the existing Howth Library site and several options were explored including adding an additional floor to the existing building & also expanding the building to take in the entire site.

The site and available options present significant challenges with limited additional floor space to the existing building. In this context, consideration continues to be given to possible options that can lead to the upgrade of library facilities in Howth. Upgraded facilities would include a MOL.

It should be noted that the funding for the project is currently as “Under assessment” in the 3-Year Programme, and a source of funds is yet to be identified.

Source of Reply:

Lilian Whelan, A/County Librarian, Economic, Community & Cultural Development

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ITEM NO. 22

TIMEFRAME FOR DELIVERY - RACECOURSE PARK - AI110187

Question: Councillor D. Healy

"To ask the Chief Executive to set out the timeframe for the delivery of each of the elements of the Racecourse Park development approved by An Bord Pleanála in 2022?"

Reply:

The construction of phase I of the Racecourse park development works (located between the Grange Road and Red Arches Road) has been tendered and the Council is currently in the process of completing the tender process. It is envisaged that the construction of phase I will start in 2027.

Source of Reply:

Hans Visser, Senior Executive Parks & Landscape Officer, Parks & Green Infrastructure Division

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ITEM NO. 23

Question: Councillor D. Healy

“To ask the Chief Executive to advise how the availability of Howth Courthouse for community use is being communicated to community organisations and the general public?”

Report:

Community interests with a precedent for using the space in the evenings are facilitated with use of the building where possible; this arrangement is now subscribed to the maximum extent and Fingal County Council is currently unable to offer the building for further additional use. The Tourism and Community Departments are exploring mechanisms that would enable Howth Courthouse to be made available for additional community use while also continuing to fulfil its function as a tourism information office. Any increase in costs that may be associated with this will be considered for inclusion in 2027 budget proposals.

Howth is presently served with a state-of-the-art community centre at the nearby Racecourse Centre in Baldoyle. This building is designed for communities of all types, is sustainable, has a low carbon rating and is available and specifically resourced to cater to community group needs from 9am to 10pm. In addition, under the Capital Programme 2026-2028, the Community Development & Inclusion Division is progressing the redevelopment of the nearby Balydoyle Forum to the extent possible, recognising that funding provision for project remains under assessment.

Source of Reply:

Declan Power, Senior Executive Officer, Economic, Community and Cultural Development
Cormac Healy, Senior Executive Officer, Economic, Community and Cultural Development

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ITEM NO. 24

SCHOOL CHILDREN SAFETY - STAPOLIN ETNS - AI11019

Question: Councillor D. Healy

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on any progress in addressing the safety issues outside Stapolin Educate Together National School?"

Reply:

A number of options have been developed for Stoplin ETNS with the aim of improving active travel infrastructure in the vicinity of the school. The Active Travel Office has held a number of meetings with landowners adjacent to the school in an effort to secure agreement on the land acquisition required to facilitate the proposed improvements.

While positive engagement has taken place, a final agreement has not yet been reached. A final meeting with the landowners is scheduled for this week, following which a preferred option will be selected and the preliminary design finalised. And the project progressed. Depending on the chosen option this will involve the following

- Taking in Charge (This may not be required depending on the option chosen)
- Preliminary design
- Consultation
- Detailed design
- Tender for a works contractor
- Construction works.

Source of Reply:

Larry Bergin, Senior Executive Engineer, Active Travel.

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Item No. 25a

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
Portmarnock Sports and Leisure Centre Badminton Club	€1,500	Supply of shuttlecocks for the club - Victor Champion No.1 Shuttlecocks 50 1547.50	Y	2021 - 425	This essential equipment for the club, needed for general gameplay, will help cater for the growing numbers of both youths (boys & girls)

					and adult participants. I recommend PLSC Badminton Club receive the Essential Sports Grant amount of €1,500 for the purchase of 50 packs of Shuttlecocks
Beann Eadair CLG	€4,000	Purchase of Husqvarna front cutting ride on mower - Husqvarna R216T Ride on Mower 6699	Y	2021- €2,000	I recommend Beann Eadair receive the Large Sports Equipment Grant amount of €4,000 for the purchase of a Husqvarna Ride-on Lawnmower. This essential equipment for the club will maintain both adult and juvenile GAA pitches which is essential in retaining membership at all levels within the club.
Fingal Academy Badminton	€1,500	Purchase training shuttles for the club for the season - RSL Classic Tourney Speed 78 x €34.26	N	N/A	I recommend Fingal Academy Badminton Club receive the Essential Sports Grant amount of €1,500 for the purchase of Shuttlecocks. This essential equipment for the club, needed for

					games and training, will help cater for the growing numbers of youths in the club
Portmarnock Tennis Club	€500	Halloween tennis tournament for all ages of children up to age 12	Y	2025 - €2,751 2022 - €3,000	Fingal Sports Office will award the maximum Sports Activity of €500 for Halloween Themed Tennis Tournament for children under 12. This tournament is open to any child in the community and will increase participation of both boys and girls and also provide opportunities for youths not engaged in sport and physical activity.

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ITEM NO. 27

TIMELINE AND PLANS FOR DREDGING – HOWTH

Motion: Councillor J. Hopkins

“That the Chief Executive provide an update of plans and timelines for the post-dredging plans for Howth – i.e. what amenities will be provided – outdoor pool, etc. for development behind West Pier/Claremont Beach?”

Report:

Planning Application F21A/0368 was received by the planning department on 6th July 2021. The proposed development consisted of:

- (i) Dredging of the harbour.
- (ii) Stabilisation of dredge material.
- (iii) Reclamation of land on the west side of the West Pier using dredge material.
- (iv) Construction of an embarkment and rock armour revetment around the perimeter of the reclaimed area.
- (v) Landscaping of the reclaimed area and provision of pavements, including footways, roadways and parking areas.
- (vi) Construction of a slipway access to the water.
- (vii) Provision of storage areas for harbour activities; and
- (viii) Provision of services, including surface water drainage, mains water supply, lighting, and associated underground ducting.

Permission was granted by the Planning Authority on 5th August 2022. The application was subsequently appealed to An Coimisiún Pleanála who upheld the decision to grant permission on 30th July 2024.

The plans and timelines for the implementation is a matter for the developer/applicant. The future layout of the area would be in accordance with the details submitted with the planning application and the conditions attached to the Order.

Source of Report:

Niamh Reid, Administrative Officer, Planning & Development Department

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ITEM NO. 28

PROGRESS REPORT - IMPROVE CONDITIONS ON - MALAHIDE ROAD - AI109588

Motion: Councillor D. Healy

“That the Chief Executive provide a report on any progress in improving conditions for walking between St. Doolagh’s and Kinsealy.”

Report:

St. Nicholas of Myra National School and Malahide/Portmarnock Educate Together National School are included in Round 3 of the NTA-funded Safe Routes to School Programme (SRTS).

Design work has commenced for both schools and is currently at the options selection stage. As a result, the exact extent of the proposed works has not yet been determined, however, it is not anticipated that the scheme will extend as far as St. Doolagh’s. The planned works will provide a safer environment at the front of both schools through measures aimed at reducing traffic speeds, improving visibility, and enhancing pedestrian facilities along the Malahide Road.

Any additional improvements in the vicinity of St. Doolagh’s may need to be considered as part of a future programme of works.

The Operations Department do not have any plans at this location under the current Capital Programme.

Source of Report:

Shane McMorrow, Senior Executive Engineer, Active Travel.

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ITEM NO. 29

NAMING OF THE PARK IN SEABURY IN HONOUR OF PHILIP LYNCH - AI109796

Motion: Councillor E. O'Brien

"That the Chief Executive provide a full report on the discussion that took place at the Naming and Commemorative Committee regarding the naming of the park in Seabury in honour of Philip Lynch, including next steps and any perceived legal impediment in carrying out the wishes of the Elected Members in Howth/Malahide and the local community in Seabury."

Report:

The Naming and Commemorative Committee met in July 2026 where the Committee reviewed proposals for naming and commemoration. The Committee were advised that the park is currently named Seabury Park and that a proposal had been received to rename the park in honour of Philip Lynch.

The Council advised the Committee members that Regulations required under Park 18 of the Local Government Act 2001, Section 192 have not yet been made. Until such time as those Regulations are made the proposal to rename Seabury Park in honour of Philip Lynch cannot proceed.

The Council will continue to monitor the situation with regard to the making of the required Regulations by the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage. When the Regulations are made and set out the procedures that the Council is required to follow in respect of a proposal to change the name of an area, the Council will be in a position to progress the proposal.

Source of Report:

Aoife Sheridan, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services

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ITEM NO. 30

BOUNDARY DISCREPANCY BETWEEN RESIDENTS OF ST LAWRENCE TERRACE AND THE COUNCIL OWNED LAND AT TUCKETT'S LANE - AI109862

Motion: Councillor C. Haughey

"That the Chief Executive outline if the Property Section has engaged with residents of St. Lawrence Terrace in recent months regarding the boundary discrepancy between the residents and the Council owned land at Tuckett's Lane, including when the issue is expected to be resolved."

Report:

The Property Section has had recent engagement with the residents of St. Lawrence Terrace regarding the proposed agreement relating to the boundary discrepancy between the residents' properties and Council-owned land at Tuckett's Lane. Property Services can confirm that this matter is being reviewed to determine the rectification of the boundaries as requested. As soon as this review is completed, Property Services will update the residents.

Source of Report:

Ciara OhAodha, Senior Executive Officer, Economic, Community & Cultural Development

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COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

HOWTH MALAHIDE AREA COMMITTEE MEETING (Services B – Strategic & General Matters)

WEDNESDAY 7th OCTOBER 2026

ITEM NO. 31

BOTHAR NA MARA PROPOSAL - AI110128

Motion: Councillor B. McDonagh

"That the Chief Executive meet those putting forward the Bóthar na Mara from Sutton to Baldoyle proposal with a view to conducting an evaluation of the proposal and in particular with the possibility of acceleration of the cycling and walking components."

Report:

Fingal County Council is currently preparing a planning application for submission to An Coimisiún Pleanála for the Sutton to Malahide Pedestrian and Cycle Scheme which links Sutton to Malahide via Baldoyle and Portmarnock. The proposal includes the addition of enhanced pedestrian and cycle infrastructure along Station road at Sutton Dart Station.

As part of the options selection process at this section of the route, one option considered, was a coastal boardwalk which would run from the Golf Club, along the coast behind the residences at Sutton cross, eventually linking in with the existing Baldoyle Promenade.

The option was assessed using standard route selection criteria, Environmental Impacts, Safety, Directness, Coherence, Attractiveness, Comfort, Property, Impacts Operational Impacts, Budget Risks, Programme Risk. It scored poorly due to environmental impacts of constructing a facility within an SPA. The report noted that the biggest issue with this option was the environmental impact. The circa 450m boardwalk section of this route within the intertidal areas of Baldoyle Bay would be entirely within the Baldoyle Bay Special Area of Conservation (SAC) and also within the Baldoyle Bay Special Protection Area for birds (SPA). These designated conservation areas are protected at EU / international level. The

habitats within SAC and SPA are also protected at EU / international level. The construction of the boardwalk would result in the direct loss of protected habitat. Having regard to the environmental constraints outlined above and given that such a proposal is not identified in the Fingal County Development Plan, nor the Capital Programme, resources cannot be allocated to carry out a feasibility study.

Source of Report:

Linda Lally, Senior Engineer, Infrastructure & Transport Department

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ITEM NO. 32

MEETING WITH RESIDENTS OF STREAMSTOWN MEADOW AND CLAIRVILLE LODGE - AI109864

Motion: Councillor C. Haughey

“That the Chief Executive organise a meeting between the appropriate Council Departments (Building Control, Parks) and a number of residents from Streamstown Meadow and Clairville Lodge to outline the works needed to be done in order for the taking in charge process to be complete, considering the recent fact that the company which built the estates has gone into liquidation.”

Report:

A complete outstanding works list has been issued to the developer previously by FCC, these records have been shared with the appointed Liquidator. The Liquidator (on a letter received by FCC on 4th of September 2026) has confirmed he will appoint a contractor to complete the outstanding works list and Foul Pumping Station Access Road through the open space area. FCC have requested a start date for the appointed contractor to complete works in these developments to Taking In Charge (TIC) Standard. A meeting with residents can be organised once works are completed and both developments have been TIC. The developer has submitted the required deeds of dedication to the Property Services section of Fingal County Council in relation to the taking in charge of the Public Open Space in this estate. The Property Services section shall now engage legal services to proceed with the legal transfer of the open space.

Source of Report:

Gemma Carr, Senior Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, Infrastructure and Transport Department

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WEDNESDAY 7th OCTOBER 2026

ITEM NO. 33

CAPITAL PROGRAMME IN THIS LEA - AI110182

Motion: Councillor D. Healy

"That this Area Committee draws the full Council's attention to its previous recommendations that the following be included in the Capital Programme:

- Active Travel link between Claremont Road and Claremont Beach promenade (recommended 2018 and 2023)
- Mayne River Greenway Link through the Red Arches from the Racecourse Park to Clongriffin (recommended 2020)
- Upgrade of the Malahide Demesne gate lodges at the Back Road entrance and railway bridge (recommended 2020)
- Redesign of Howth Railway Station Forecourt (recommended 2022 and 2025)
- All-weather football pitch in Kettles Park (recommended 2024)
- Upgrade to Teddy's Field, Sutton (recommended 2024)
- Pedestrian Bridge over the railway between the apartments on the Techrete site and Claremont Beach, for which a condition was included in Planning Permission SHD/009/19 (recommended 2025)."

Report:

The Council's Capital Programme 2026 - 2028 contains 309 individual projects across all Council service areas, with a projected total expenditure of €1.434 billion over the three-year period. Overall, the Capital Programme represents one of the most substantial investment plans undertaken by Fingal County Council, with projects aimed at delivering housing, transport connectivity, environmental sustainability, economic development, community facilities and improved public services across the county.

Updates on the projects outlined in the motion are listed below:

- *Active Travel link between Claremont Road and Claremont Beach promenade*
The project identified is not on any current programme of works. The project is listed on our Permeability and Connectivity Tracker and is under consideration for a future programme of works, subject to approvals and an appropriate funding stream.
The Permeability and Connectivity Tracker currently has over 150 projects listed for locations throughout the county.
- *Mayne River Greenway Link through the Red Arches from the Racecourse Park to Clongriffin*
Funding for this project has been included in the proposed 3 year Capital Programme 2027 – 2029.
- *The upgrade of the Malahide Demesne gate lodges at the Back Road entrance and railway bridge*
The Malahide Demesne Properties project is included in the current Capital Programme under the Economic, Community & Cultural Development Department. It provides for a programme of restoration and upgrading of the properties within Malahide Demesne, with the Council assessing the potential of a variety of funding streams on an ongoing basis to progress works to complement and support the amenity and tourism purposes of the Demesne and commercial operations at the visitor centre. The south gate lodge and the south-east gate lodge specifically are subject to interventions to stabilise the structures and seal the roofs. To enable this an asbestos survey is required and is ongoing at the present time. Once complete and subject to funding, further works will be progressed.
- *Redesign of Howth Railway Station Forecourt*
As the land in question is in the ownership of Íarnród Éireann / Córas Iompair Éireann (CIÉ) any operational works to the forecourt on their land is a matter for them. The Operations Department has completed adjacent works to accommodate busses i.e. reconfiguration of parking, installation of bollards and relocation of a disabled space.
- *All-weather football pitch in Kettles Park*
The site in question has limited capacity to accommodate the proposed facility and more suitable options in the locality are being assessed.
- *Upgrade to Teddy's Field, Sutton*
The Capital Code for Teddys Field has been removed following consultation with the local community in 2025. The consultation process resulted in 26 submission made by the local community. The majority of them (21) were against the proposal to add play items, a path or do anything to the open space.

The residents value nature, especially the bird species that are attracted to this area. As a result, Teddys Field will remain as it is and continue to be an feeding ground for Brent Geese and Curlew.

- *Pedestrian Bridge over the railway between the apartments on the Techrete site and Claremont Beach, for which a condition was included in Planning Permission SHD/009/19*

As part of the ABP decision to grant permission on the Techcrete site (Reg Ref: SHD/009/19) the Developer was conditioned to agree a special contribution under Section 48 2(c) with the Council. This has now been agreed. Whilst the inclusion a special contribution was conditioned, the bridge was not included in the planning permission. The inclusion of a feasibility study has been recommended for the Capital Programme 2027-2029.

Source of Report:

Matthew McAleese, Director of Services, Infrastructure and Transport
Declan Power, Senior Executive Officer, Economic, Community & Cultural Development
Breen Doris, A/Senior Engineer, Active Travel
Therese Casey, Executive Parks and Landscape Officer, Operations Department
Aoife Sheridan, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services

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