

**COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL**

**MARINE & COASTAL MANAGEMENT
STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Wednesday 29th November 2023

Item 04

Dune and Beach Management for Coastal Protection

Motion: Councillor D. Healy

“That the Chief Executive provide an update on the development of a policy for the management of beaches and dunes aimed at protecting them from erosion and encouraging the growth of dunes and beaches as coastal protection for developed areas of Fingal, particularly in the context of rising sea levels, as agreed at the March meeting.”

Report:

The current Fingal Biodiversity Action Plan 2022 – 2030 includes the following action:

Biodiversity Action Plan No. 76

Action: Review beach management practices of FCC in context of management of SAC's and SPA's.

Objective: To assess the impact of beach cleaning operations on the ecology of the beach and dunes habitats and associated flora & fauna species.

KPI: Beach cleaning operations reviewed and amended where necessary by Fingal County Council

The current priority actions for the Marine and Coastal SPC in the first implementation period 2023-2026 period are:

Biodiversity Action Plan No. 57: Restore marine ecosystem along Fingal coast by supporting restoration projects of Oyster beds, Shellfish beds, Seagrass beds and Kelp stands.

Biodiversity Action Plan No. 92: Establish a monitoring programme on coastal dynamics along the Fingal Coast.

It is currently planned to undertake Action No, 76 during the 2nd implementation period.

Source of Report: Kevin Halpenny