



Review of Fingal County Council Beach & Foreshore Bye-Laws 2006

Public Realm, Transportation/Mobility Management Strategic Policy Committee Meeting

2nd June 2026

Fingal County Council Statutory Powers to make Bye-Laws



- Fingal County Council in exercise of the power conferred on the Council by Part VII of the Local Government Act, 1994 and in the interest of the common good of the local community make the Bye-Laws governing beach and foreshore in the County of Fingal for the purpose of regulating the use of the beach/foreshore adjoining the functional area of the County of Fingal.

Why Review the Beach Bye-Laws



- The current beach Bye-Laws were adopted on the 13th February 2006, came into force on the 15th of March 2006 and are in need of updating and review.
- To update terminology and rules to align with modern practices and technological change.
- To consider community feedback/complaints received
- To resolve any ambiguities and update provisions.
- To address any new issues that have arisen.
- To align the Bye-Laws with some of the Council's newer plans and policies e.g. Fingal Climate Action Plan 2024, the Fingal County Outdoor Recreation Plan and the Biodiversity Action Plan.

Proposed Amendments to Beach Bye-Laws



- More stringent rules around animal control
- Ban on inflatable toys
- Regulation of use of Drones
- Regulation of use of Motor/Electric Vehicles
- Ban on BBQ's
- Beach habitat protection
- Ban on metal detectors
- The capacity to designate smoke/vape free areas
- Regulation of campervans at beaches and the surrounding areas, including carparks
- Clarity on sports training on beaches
- Change to Fixed Penalty Amount

Proposed Timelines for Review



June 2026

Presentation of proposed amendments and indicative timelines for the review of the Fingal County Council Beach/Foreshore Bye-Laws to the Public Realm, Transportation/ Mobility Management Strategic Policy Committee



Proposed Timelines for Review



June 2026

Consultation with
Elected Representatives
on Beach/Foreshore
Bye-Laws 2026



Proposed Timelines for Review



July & August 2026



Public Consultation (8 Weeks)

Proposed Timelines for Review



**September
2026**

Report to Area
Committees on
Public
Consultation and
Draft Bye-laws



**September
2026**

Report to SPC on
Public
Consultation and
Draft Bye-Laws



**September
2026**

Report to CPG
on Public
Consultation and
Draft Bye-laws

October Council Meeting:



October 2026

Report to Council on Public
Consultation and presentation of
Draft Bye-Laws 2026 for adoption

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Any Questions?