



# Chief Executive's Management Report

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## Swords Summer Festival 2019



The Swords Summer Festival took place between the 18<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> July.

Shows in the castle included:

- Lightning Comedy in aid of Aware
- Rod Stewart , Swords and District Lions Club
- Hot House Flowers

Entertainment for all the family was provided in the castle and town park over the festival weekend.

Other events supported by Fingal County Council in July/August included:

- #WePlay; Inspiring Girls and Women in Sport Conference, Blanchardstown
- Skerries 100
- 89<sup>th</sup> Island Swim, Howth
- Happenings open air cinema, Balbriggan
- Malahide Has It Festival
- Rush Harbour Festival and Air Show
- Donabate Portrane Summer Festival
- Skerries Triathlon
- Vincent Delaney Memorial Harness Racing, Portmarnock
- Irish Optimist National, Howth

## Fingal Fleadh



Third annual Fingal Fleadh will see Swords Castle and Main Street host a four-day, free-of-charge feast of craic agus ceol from 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> September.

Swords Castle will be the key venue for the event with free concerts featuring The Kilfenora Céilí Band, Ulaid, Liam O'Maonlai, Moya Brennan & Cormac de Barra, John Spillane, The Dixie Micks, Meath Beo and many more.

The event celebrates the strong tradition of music in Fingal, with an emphasis on participation and performance including free workshops.

The Events unit has been shortlisted for the Chambers Ireland - Excellence in Local Government Awards 2019 under the category "Supporting Tourism".

## TOURISM DEVELOPMENT

### Tourism Development Groups

We continue to work with the Tourism Groups. Howth Tourism is currently updating the tourism development plan Failte Ireland resourced two years ago. An online platform has been created to promote and sell a weekly event to feature in the Taste the Island Campaign: The Howth Seafood Shuffle!

The Dublin Bay Prawn Festival has been shortlisted for the Chambers Ireland - Excellence In Local Government Awards 2019

Failte Ireland have been requested to provide a mentor to Skerries Tourism to assist them on developing a plan.

Balbriggan Tourism is working with the 'Our Balbriggan' team to best integrate tourism into their plan. And Fingal's Rural Villages group are liaising with local farmers and food producers to get a Fingal Food Trail up and running.

### Food Projects

Fingal Tourism has been running food campaigns throughout July and August on social media aimed at developing the Fingal Food Story, promoting producers, food heroes, restaurants, and unique food experiences.

A number of food outlets in the Fingal area are engaging with Fáilte Ireland on the Taste the Island Campaign which launched this week and will run from September through to November.

A Fingal food brand, which is being developed in collaboration and consultation with industry partners, Failte Ireland and Food Champions is nearing completion and it is anticipated will be launched in the Autumn.

## HERITAGE PROPERTIES

### Swords Castle



At the end of July/beginning of August, contractors carried out the demolition of the remaining derelict buildings adjacent to Swords Castle as part of the ongoing conservation works at the site.

### Malahide Casino



Fingal County Council has awarded the contract for the operation of the Fry Model Railway Museum, which will be housed in the Casino building in Malahide, to Shannon Heritage.

The Casino and Fry Model Railway will be a wonderful amenity for locals and visitors to enjoy and will open to the public later this year.

The conservation, restoration and extension of The Casino Building, Malahide has been shortlisted for the Chambers Ireland - Excellence In Local Government Awards 2019 under the category "Heritage and Built Environment"

## Local Enterprise Office Fingal



Some of the Local Enterprise Office (LEO) highlights from July/August 2019 are as follows:

### National Women's Enterprise Day

LEO Fingal is organising this year's Dublin region "NWED" event, to take place in the Crowne Plaza Hotel on 17th October 2019. Up to 300 female entrepreneurs are expected to attend the Fingal event, which will feature a strong line-up of inspirational speakers, panellists, to be hosted by presenter Kathryn Thomas.

The official launch of the Dublin NWED took place on Wednesday 26th June at the Crown Plaza Hotel Blanchardstown. The official national NWED launch is scheduled to happen on Monday 2nd of September 2019. LEO Fingal will be represented by Ann McGee, Director of MIAS Pharma.



Representatives from the LEOs in the Dublin region attended the NWED Launch at Crown Plaza Hotel

## Ireland's Best Young Entrepreneur (IBYE)



Fingal Winner will represent Dublin at IBYE National Final: Ciaran Brennan of LiveCosts, D15.

The IBYE national final will take place on Sunday 15th September at Google's European Headquarters in Dublin. A €100,000 investment fund will be awarded to winners.

Ciaran Brennan of LiveCosts.com was selected to represent LEO Fingal and the Dublin Region in the "Best Start-up" category. LiveCosts.com is a construction technology company that has developed the industry's first Artificial Intelligence platform which automates and displays real time construction costs.

### Preparing for BREXIT

LEO Fingal is currently undertaking a campaign to get Fingal business owner/managers to take a proactive approach to prepare advance of the United Kingdom's exit from the Single Market and Customs Union on the 31st October 2019.

To date 114 SME scorecards have been filled. One on One Brexit Mentor sessions also continue to support LEO clients in preparedness for Brexit, with 74 clients so far. availing of Brexit mentoring. Two training workshops on Customs Export & Import Procedures will be held in September (Ballycoolin) and October (Balbriggan), designed to help businesses trade with a "Third Country" (Non-EU).



LEO Fingal is strongly urging clients to prepare for the potential fallout of BREXIT by availing of various mentoring and financial supports.

### National Ploughing Championships 2019



The 88th National Ploughing Championships will be held in County Carlow from September 17th to 19th. Balbriggan-based Berry Be Beauty; which produces natural beauty products and essential oil soy wax candles and diffusers, will be representing LEO Fingal at the Local Enterprise Village 2019.

### Local Enterprise Offices Brand Guidelines

As part of the “Making It Happen” rebrand being rolled out by the Local Enterprise Offices at national level, LEO Fingal is now upgrading the brand image in accordance with the 2019 guidelines. All print and digital promotional material will be gradually updated or replaced to adhere to the new codes.

### Trading Online Vouchers

Funded by DCCAE as part of the National Digital Strategy, this scheme supports small businesses to trade online. A pre-application workshop for Q3 applications will be held in the Riase Centre on Friday 6th September.

### Start Your Own Business Programme (SYOB)

The tenth Start Your Own Business Course of 2019 commenced on 26th June. This is a ten-week course and all courses to date are fully subscribed with a combined total of 115 participants in attendance. Two SYOB courses have been scheduled for September and have already been fully booked out.

### Business Development Workshops

In July, 9 Business Development Workshops were delivered to 70 participants. To date in 2019, 403 people have participated in LEO Fingal Business Development Workshops. The fourth six-week QQI Cert in Social Media and Digital Marketing training started on 13th May with 12 participants in attendance. A fifth course will start on 2nd September.

### Business Clinics and Mentoring

Clinics are offered to individuals that wish to start up a new enterprise or expand their existing business. During July/August, 17 clinic days were undertaken, delivering expertise to 120 businesses in Fingal. This brings the cumulative figures for 2019 to date to 73 days clinics and 403 attendees. In addition 85 individual Mentoring assignments have been delivered year to date.

### Idea Generating Workshop



A new Idea Generating Workshop will take place in Blanchardstown Library on the 17th September 2019. This workshop is currently booked out.

## Balbriggan Socio Economic Strategy



Work is progressing across the plans four pillars: Local Economy, Public Realm, Education, Training & Employment & Community Affairs & Integration.

The Balbriggan Leadership group will meet again in October to assess progress, it will continue to be headed by Professor Brian MacCraith. The Plan contains a full set of socio-economic plans and actions, an accompanying summary document can be downloaded at [www.balbriggan.ie](http://www.balbriggan.ie)

### Local Community Development Committee

Applications received under the Community Enhancement Programme (CEP) 2019 will be evaluated during September. Fingal has an initial allocation of €150,000 from the Department of Rural and Community Development to be granted to community groups and associations for capital items in the County. The total value of project applications received is €1.33 million over 132 projects.

Round 2 of the Healthy Ireland Fund came to an end on the 30th June. Round 3 of the Healthy

Ireland Fund will run from 1st July 2019 to 30th June 2021 and Fingal LCDC has been allocated €184,000 to implement a programme of work during this 2 year period. This consists of €107,000 in Year 1 and a further €77,000 in Year 2. The Fingal LCDC will be submitting projects that can avail of this funding during September. The Fingal LCDC has also been approved for an additional €60,000, through the Healthy Ireland Fund, over the next two years for Mental Health related Projects, which includes a small grants scheme of €30,000.

### SICAP

The Mid-Year Review of the 2019 Annual Implementation Plan has been approved by the LCDC and Pobal. The programme for 2019 is performing well and has met targets year to date.



### LEADER Programme

The Fingal LEADER Programme continues to accelerate the funding of eligible projects in the administrative areas of Fingal, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown and South Dublin.



Year to date, 13 Projects have been approved for €403,000.

In the programme to date, 56 projects have been approved for €1.75 million. Of these 38 are in Fingal . 4 in Dun Laoghaire Rathdown and 14 in South Dublin. The pipeline for new projects to be brought to the LAG in the coming months is strong.

Fingal County Council continues to deliver the financial and administrative oversight responsibilities for the approval and drawdown of LEADER funded projects following the national transfer of the LEADER Article 48 Administrative Checks from Pobal to the Local Authority Sector.

### Enterprise Centres

Occupancy rates at the Council's three enterprise centres in June 2019 were Drinan 97%, BASE 91% and Beat 88%. The three Enterprise Centres currently support 69 businesses and 342 jobs.

The Beat Centre in Balbriggan recently completed the fit-out of 1,000 square feet of Shared Digital Workspace, which is now available to rent. The shared digital workspace consists of 8 Desks, a private office, a meeting room, breakout space and canteen facilities. Dedicated desk space is priced at €190 per month or €60 per desk per week. This workspace fit-out is phase one of a two phase redevelopment within the centre for shared-workspace and services to enterprises in Balbriggan. Phase two is a much larger 3.600 square foot development, which will also include training facilities.



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## Fleet Management

- Contract was awarded to Nissan Ireland for the purchase of 8 fully electric Nissan ENV 200 vans with an expected delivery in Q4 2019.
- Contract was awarded to Harris Commercials for the purchase of 2 fully electric 3.5 Ton tipplers with an expected delivery in September 2019.



## Hires put in Place

- There were 62 hires put in place from 1<sup>st</sup> August to 30<sup>th</sup> August, engaging 24 suppliers.

## Included in these were:

- Tower Lights and Portaloo for Scouting Event, Malahide
- 3 Portaloo for Glebe North Football Club.
- Portaloo and Mobile Unit for Community Dig, Naul
- Road Sweeper for the maintenance of areas surrounding Malahide Castle.

## Street Lighting

**Works Programme:** In July 2019 improved lighting is installed on Old Coolock Lane in Santry. The works consisted of undergrounding of overhead cabling and replacement and installation of extra street lighting.



## Old Coolock Lane Santry

**Column Replacement:** The column replacement program saw the installation of 35 no. street lighting columns in July and August in the northern area of Portmarnock.



## LED Upgrade Programme

In July/August the LED Upgrade Program saw 1382 LED Upgrade works carried out in the following locations:-

- Luttrellstown Avenue/Close/Green/Park/View/Walk, The Beeches ...Carpenterstown
- Brompton Court/Green/Grove/Lawn, Castleknock Avenue/Brook/Close/Crescent/Dale/Downs/Drive/Elms/Glade/
- Grange/Grove/Laurels/Lodge/Meadows/
- Oaks/Rise/Vale/View/Walk/Way/Wood, College Grove, Delwood Close/Drive/Grove/Lawn/Park/ Road/Walk, Laurel Court, Oak Lawn, Park Avenue, Park Drive Avenue/Close/Court/Crescent/Green/Grove/Lawn, Park Manor, Parklands, Whites Road...Castleknock
- Hazelbury Green/Park, Manorfields Estate...Little Pace

- Fortlawn Avenue/Drive/Park, Inglewood Estate, Woodlands, Woodvale Estate...Clonsilla
- Ashfield Estate, Blakestown Drive, Dromheath Avenue, Parnell Estate, Pinewood Court, The Nurseries, Westhaven...Mulhuddart
- Baleally Lane, Chapel Farm Road, Dun Emer Road...Lusk
- Broadmeadows, Milesian Avenue/Court/Grove/Lawn...Swords
- Coolmine Mews, Coolmine Road, Whitestown Avenue/Crescent/Drive/Gardens/Green/Grove/Park/Walk ...Blanchardstown

## Speed Limit Review

The Speed Limit Review for Fingal County is ongoing at present. As part of this review further 30 km/h Slow Zones will be provided throughout the county to help make our housing estates safer for all.

## Traffic Management Schemes

**2019 Traffic Signal Contract** – The contract for the Traffic Signals has been awarded to Traffic Solutions for the installation of 8 pedestrian / zebra crossings at various locations throughout Fingal. Three of these crossings are under construction at present. It is envisaged all 8 will be completed by Q4 2019.

**2019 Traffic Signals Upgrades** – Upgrade works are ongoing at various sites around Fingal.

**30kph signs** – The 30kph signage has been delivered to the depots. The signs are being installed by the depot crews as resources allow, this work commenced in January 2019 and is ongoing at present.

**2019 VAS Signage Contract** – The 2019 VAS Signage contract has been returned and the contractor PWS has been appointed. Work on the installation of the signage is due to commence in September and is expected to be completed by Q4 2019.



**2019 Footpath Contract** – The 2019 contract is currently underway and is being carried out by the direct labour crew. As part of this contract 2 new bus stops were installed on the Ongar Distributor Road for Dublin Bus. Other projects include the realignment of footpaths and lining for a mini roundabout at the junction of the Feltrim Road and Kettles Lane and the improvement of a crossing from Station Road Portmanock to the Drumnigh Road, and the improvement to the junction for pedestrians at Church Road/Main St. Swords and work is ongoing on Estuary Road/Texas Lane Malahide.

**2019 Ramps Contract** –The traffic management schemes were brought, as headed items, to the three area committee meetings. Approval was given at the ACM's for the schemes to be put on public display for 4 weeks which is now complete. Contract documents are being developed at present.

**2019 Bicycle Counter Tender**

A tender is due back in early September for totem bicycle counters to be installed at strategic locations along the bicycle network. Fingal

County Council will install three totem bicycle counters at specific locations to enhance the well-used bicycle routes and provide data feedback to Fingal Traffic Section, cyclists and other third parties.



**Bridge Rehabilitation**

The construction work on the bridges programme commenced on 12<sup>th</sup> of July 2019 on Knightstown, Colecot, Callaighwee bridges. In stream works are due to be finished by first week of September. Road closures will take place for two weeks starting mid-September and all out of stream works to be completed by start of October 2019.

**Hartstown Park**

The Operations Department recently liaised with the Central Remedial Clinic and Daughters of Charity Day centre based in the Hartstown Area and carried out works at two locations to provide wheelchair access to the park. The new entrance was officially opened on the 10<sup>th</sup> July 2019 and there has been very positive feedback from both organisations. Their clients now have the

opportunity to access the park and enjoy the local amenity.



The Operations Department continue to work with local communities, Residents Associations and Tidy Town Committees



Removal of Graffiti on Castleknock Rd



Planters installed in Fortlawn Estate



New pedestrian barrier at Castleknock road to Georgian Village

The Castleknock/Mulhuddart Operations Department continue to work through the Programme of Works including footpath repairs.



**Footpath repairs on the Snugborough Road & Drainage works on Hartstown road**



**Footpath repairs at Sheepmoor Gardens**

**BleperBike\_Promo Days**

In July and August, Bleper Bike held a number of successful lunchtime information sessions for members of the public outside the Fingal offices in Blanchardstown and also in Swords and Howth in order to create awareness to passing individuals with regards to the bike share scheme, how it works and by giving individuals a one-day coupon for use on the bikes.



**School Wardens:**

Interviews were held in August for the position of Reserve School Wardens and 15 successful candidates were placed on the reserve panel. This will help to ensure that children are safely assisted across our busy roads going to and from school.

Schools are back after the Summer and the majority of our 120 School Wardens has successfully completed their Health and Safety, Manual Handling and Child Protection Training. The remaining Wardens will complete training requirements during the Halloween mid-term break.

**Bike Week 22<sup>nd</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019:**

**Street Velodrome/Schools Bike Week Event:**

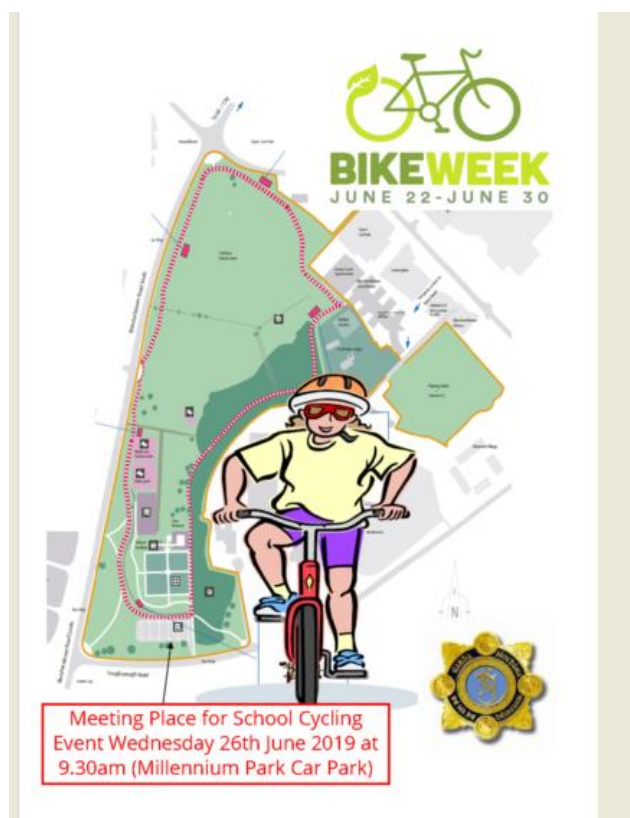
As part of Bike Week 2019, the Road Safety Section hosted "Street Velodrome" at Civic Offices, Grove Road, Blanchardstown on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June in conjunction with the "Schools Bike Week" event held in Millennium Park.

Street Velodrome is a self-contained, pop-up structure with elevated banked corners, which offers free access to cycle sport right in the heart of the community.

The event was completely free to attend, with all bikes, helmets and professional coaching all provided and was enjoyed by all who attended.

Schools Bikeweek Event, targeted at 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class pupils, was successfully held in Millennium Park, Blanchardstown on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

The event included students taking part in the Street Velodrome, safety talks with An Garda Síochána, Cycle skills course and prize giving, concluding with a “Pedal around the Park” .



### Flavours of Fingal:

The Road Safety Section set up a “cycling zone” dedicated to all things cycling and to encourage public participation at Flavours of Fingal this year which included Street Velodrome, Cycling participation area, 3 times World Guinness record holder BMX Stunt Champion displaying his talents, Pedal Power Challenge along with a Road Safety stand offering road safety paraphernalia to kids and adults. The cycling zone was hugely successful and high praise given by all who attended.

### European Mobility Week 16<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2019

European Mobility Week will be held from 16<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> September this year. As in previous years, the Road Safety Section are holding a car free day in Malahide. New Street will be temporarily closed from 10am-2pm on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September and there will be a number of events taking place to encourage the public to walk/cycle into the village on this day in support of European Car Free Day to include kids activities, music, Bleeper bike electric bikes/scooters demo’s, pedal power smoothie maker and free tea and coffee for those who walk/cycle to the event. All are welcome.

### Great Dublin Bike Ride 2019:

Sport Ireland, in conjunction with Cycling Ireland has teamed up with the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport, Dublin City Council, Healthy Ireland and Fingal County Council for the Great Dublin Bike Ride, which will be held on September 29<sup>th</sup> in Dublin. It's a bike ride for all abilities novice to expert with two route options 60km or 100k. A large majority of the routes are in Fingal and over 25km are along our beautiful coast. This event will be a flagship event in Ireland for the European Week of Sport.

## Surface Dressing



Surface dressing continued with our own Fingal County Council Operations crews throughout the summer months as part of the annual Programme of Works.

## Balrothery Graveyard Steps



New steps to the graveyard completed as part of the Town and Village Urban Renewal Scheme in Balrothery.

## Green Flag Awards 2019



Green Flag awarded to Ardgillan Demesne, Santry Demesne, Millennium Park, Malahide Demesne, and St Catherine's Park.

## Summer Festivals and Community Events





Support provided to a range of events throughout the summer months, Rush Harbour Festival, Rockabill Off Road Racing, Donabate Portrane Summer festival .

**Communities in Bloom** is a Canadian non-profit organisation which is dedicated to enhancing green spaces in communities worldwide. Malahide was nominated by the Department of Rural and Community Development for the Communities in Bloom competition which is an international challenge involving winners from different National Programs (including Tidy Towns of Ireland) competing with each other based on population categories. Representatives from the Howth/Malahide Operations Team and Malahide Tidy Towns Committee accompanied the two international judges, Richard Daigneault and Mauro Franco Paradisi on a tour of Malahide Village and Malahide Demesne on the 10<sup>th</sup> July 2019. The results of the competition will be announced at the Communities in Bloom

Symposium which will be held in Yarmouth, Nova Scotia on the 28<sup>th</sup> September 2019.



The Howth Malahide Operations Team supported and facilitated a number of events during July and August including the Malahide Has It Festival 2019, the Wild Air Run and the Dublin Bubble Rush.



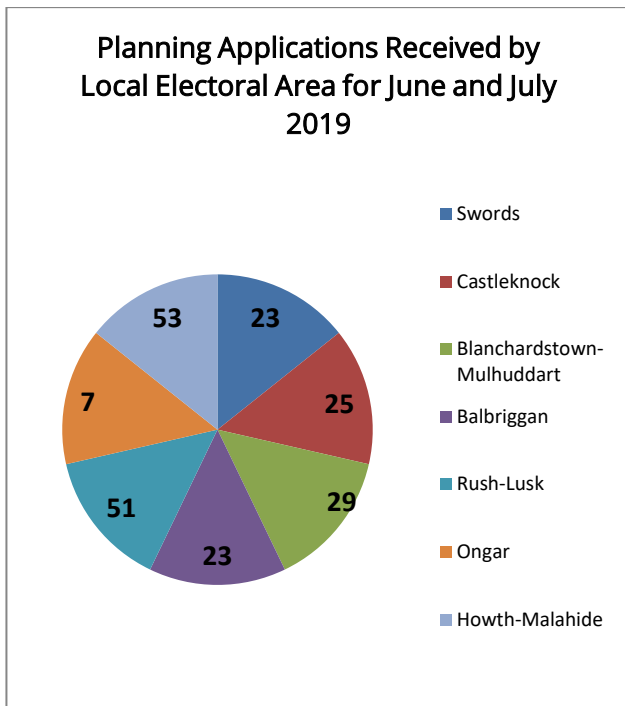
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## Planning Applications

There has been a total of 752 planning applications received to the end of July 2019, 69 of these applications were invalid leaving a total of 683 valid applications. The volume of applications received by Local Electoral Area (LEA) is detailed in the table below. Please note that the data for individual LEA's is only available from June 2019.

To date in 2019, one Strategic Housing Development (SHD) application (for 153 units) was made to An Bord Pleanála. The Board refused permission for the SHD on 25th June, 2019. There are currently 14 SHDs in the formal pre-planning process.



## Planning Decisions

A total of 698 planning decisions have been made to the end of July 2019. There have been 575 decisions to grant permission (82%) and 123 refusals of permission (18%). There have been 45 grants of permissions in respect of single house construction, 319 grants of permission for domestic extensions, 154 commercial/retail grants of permission and 23 grants of permission in respect of housing developments - three of which related to development of 100 plus units, seven of which related to development 50 - 100 housing units and 13 of which related to developments of 2-20 housing units.

## Building Control

There have been 115 Disability Access Certificates submitted to the end of July 2019, of these 86 were granted, one was deemed not required and 14 are currently on time extension. There have been 166 Fire Safety Certificates submitted to the end of July 2019, of these 94 were granted, four were invalidated and 45 are currently on time extension.

## Planning Enforcement

On-going enforcement action. 176 warning letters and 9 enforcement notices issued with issue of further notices imminent. It has been necessary to pursue legal proceedings in 12 cases through the courts. Court Orders secured or agreed outcome in advance of Court in 5 cases, with another 7 cases at varying stages in the legal process.

### **Draft Dublin Airport Local Area Plan**

The draft Dublin Airport Local Area Plan went on public display for a 6 week period from September 3<sup>rd</sup> to October 15<sup>th</sup>. Proposed variation no. 1 to the Development Plan 2017 – 2023 regarding land use and noise management will be on public display for a 5 week period from September 10<sup>th</sup> until October 15<sup>th</sup>. The Council will host two information evenings for members of the public in order to set out the contents of the LAP and provide background information outlining the need for the LAP. All interested parties are encouraged to attend these events which will be facilitated by the Council's Department of Planning and Strategic Infrastructure. One will be held in County Hall, Swords on September 18 and the other will be in the Radisson Blu Hotel in Dublin Airport on October 1. Both information evenings will run from 4.30pm to 8pm.

The draft LAP has been prepared in line with the objectives of the Fingal Development Plan, relevant national and regional guidelines and the transport strategy of the National Transport Authority. The draft Plan is a requirement of the current Fingal Development Plan and consists of a written statement and maps setting out a land use strategy for the proper planning and sustainable development of the airport, in addition to a Strategy for St. Margaret's Special Policy Area. As the draft LAP and the draft Variation are two separate processes, it is important when making a submission to clearly state if it relates to the draft LAP or the proposed Variation No.1 to the Development Plan.

### **Rathbeale Road Upgrade**

Construction works are ongoing on the Rathbeale Road Upgrade Project. The contractor Jons Civil Engineering Limited were granted a temporary closure of the Rathbeale Road which commenced on the 19<sup>th</sup> August and will continue until the 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2019. A temporary diversion is in place on the Castlevue Extension/Glen Ellan

road and a temporary parking area is being provided for school drop-offs.

### **Hole in the Wall Road/Mayne Road Junction Upgrade**

The Hole in the Wall Road/Mayne Road Junction Upgrade Scheme will include the construction of a new four-arm signalised junction with the Drumnigh Road (R124) and Mayne Road (R123), provision of upgraded footpaths, cycle tracks, pedestrian crossing facilities, street furniture, road signage & markings, landscaping & planting and accommodation works. The tender evaluation will be signed off within the next two weeks, which will then be sent for approval to the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government for funding approval under their LIHAF scheme. If approval is given, it is likely that works will start on site in Q1 2020 with an approximate one year construction period.

### **Churchfields Link Road**

Fingal County Council is developing the Churchfields Link Road as an advance works project within the Draft Church Fields Land Management Plan. The link will connect from Damastown Avenue roundabout to Wellview Avenue, including the upgrade of Wellview Avenue to Lady's Well Road in Mulhuddart. RPS Consulting Engineers have recently been engaged as civil engineering consultants to provide road design engineering services for all stages of the project. Feasibility & Option Selection and Environmental Evaluations are currently ongoing and a planning process will commence with a view to publishing a Part 8 application in early 2020.



### Project Talamh - Lands at Ballymastone, Donabate

The development of the strategic land bank at Ballymastone, Donabate is focused on delivering a successful and sustainable community through the provision of a mixed tenure residential development, physical and social infrastructure, as well as improving connections between the new and existing communities. The tender process in respect of the site at Ballymastone, Donabate commenced in October 2018. Stage 1 of the process is complete and the Council is currently engaged in a dialogue process with the participating Candidates on the proposals for

developing the site. The development must meet the requirements of the Fingal Development Plan 2017 – 2023, the Donabate Local Area Plan 2016 – 2022 and relevant planning and development and environmental legislation. Information sessions for Councillors will be ongoing as the project progresses.

### Heritage Week 2019

National Heritage Week 2019 in Fingal between 17<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> August encompassed a range of well-attended events. Highlights include 'Stories from the Fields of Fingal' which showcased the work to date of the Fingal Fieldnames Project in preserving the cultural heritage and traditions of the county. Mayor of Fingal Cllr. Eoghan O'Brien launched the Fingal Heritage Plan 2018-2023 at the Fingal Heritage Network's annual event in Malahide. A talk on 'Community Archaeology in Fingal' was held in Balbriggan Library where the Bremore Castle guide incorporating the results of the Bremore Big Dig 2017 and the historical development of the castle was launched by Kevin Halpenny.



### Naul Community Archaeology Project

Naul Community Dig 2019 took place throughout Heritage Week. Participants from Naul and wider Fingal excavated two trenches to the rear of Naul Graveyard. Requested by Naul Community Council this excavation was high in community interaction and will facilitate the graveyard

extension. It also featured as a heritage week event on RTE's Morning Ireland radio programme. Inter-departmental collaboration is an essential part of setting up such an event and the Community Archaeologist would like to convey her thanks to the Operations Department, and the Technical section of Planning & Infrastructure for their assistance.



There is ever increasing demand for community participation in archaeology-based projects within Fingal. Consultation with the public has indicated a desire for diverse projects based around awareness-raising; information sharing, education, family based activities, exploration of tourism capability, as well as archaeological research, survey, excavation and interpretation. The Draft Fingal Community Archaeological Strategy is currently open for submissions until 27 September 2019 on <https://consult.fingal.ie/en/consultation/draft-fingal-community-archaeology-strategy-2019-2023>

## HOUSING AND COMMUNITY (H&C)

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| Housing | Community<br>Sports<br>Arts<br>Libraries |
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### Housing Supply Report

Fingal County Council is very proactive in the delivery of social housing units and has provided housing solutions for 4,927 families over the lifetime of the Housing Strategy 2020 and Rebuilding Ireland Action Plan through a range of delivery mechanisms including construction, Part V, acquisitions, leasing and Housing Assistance Payment Scheme (HAP).

| Delivered via | Target       | Delivered    |
|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| New Build*    | 408          | 420          |
| Acquisitions  | 67           | 214          |
| Leasing       | 166          | 83           |
| HAP           | 1,085        | 1,236        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  | <b>1,826</b> | <b>1,953</b> |

### Delivery Output 2015-2017

The target set for delivery of social housing by Fingal County Council for the three year period 2015 – 2017 was **1,376** homes.

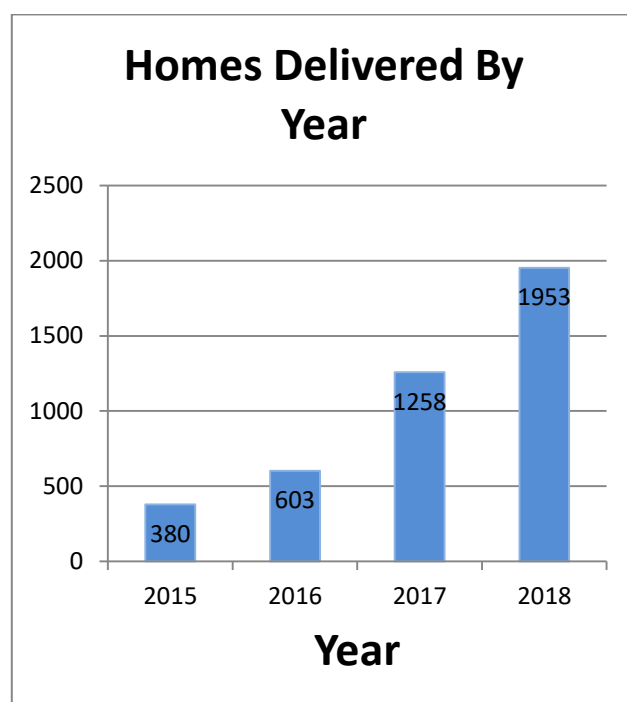
Delivery output for 2015-2017 was **2,241** homes.

| Year         | Homes Delivered |
|--------------|-----------------|
| 2015         | 380             |
| 2016         | 603             |
| 2017         | 1,258           |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>2,241</b>    |

### Delivery Output 2018

A target of delivering **1,826** social housing units during 2018 was set for Fingal and **1,953** units were delivered by year end.

\*Construction, Part V, Turnkey Acquisitions



## Targets for 2019

The target for delivery during 2019 has been set at **2,184** dwellings which is an increase of 20% on the target set for 2018. This target includes delivery under construction, Part V, acquisitions, leasing, HAP and RAS.

| Delivery Mechanism   | Target 2018  | Target 2019  |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------|
| New Build            | 408          | 419          |
| Acquisitions         | 67           | 121          |
| Leasing              | 166          | 170          |
| <b>Sub Total</b>     | <b>641</b>   | <b>710</b>   |
| HAP + RAS            | 1,185        | 1,474        |
| <b>Overall Total</b> | <b>1,826</b> | <b>2,184</b> |

## Construction Programme

The Council has an ambitious construction programme underway with 22 sites across the county and 210 homes already delivered. The following table outlines the various stages that construction projects are currently at.

| Project                        | Units | Status    |
|--------------------------------|-------|-----------|
| St Cronan's x 2 schemes        | 15    | Completed |
| Cappaghfinn I                  | 14    | Completed |
| Balrothery - North + East      | 9     | Completed |
| Wellview, Dublin 15            | 20    | Completed |
| Racecourse Common              | 74    | Completed |
| Ballyboughal                   | 8     | Completed |
| Pinewood, Balbriggan           | 20    | Completed |
| Estuary Road - V de Paul       | 8     | Completed |
| Castlelands, Balbriggan        | 24    | Completed |
| Ravenswood, Coldwinters, Peter | 8     | Completed |

|   |            |                 |
|---|------------|-----------------|
| McVerry Trust                                       |            |                 |
| Avondale, Dublin 15                                 | 42         | On Site         |
| Church Road, Dublin 15 - FCC                        | 22         | On Site         |
| Rolestown Phase 1 (10 delivered Q2 2019)            | 20         | On Site         |
| Rolestown Phase 2                                   | 6          | On Site         |
| Rivermeade  | 2          | On Site         |
| Rathbeale Road, Swords                              | 24         | On Site         |
| Pinewood CC, Balbriggan                             | 2          | On Site         |
| Church Road, Dublin 15 - Cluid Housing              | 64         | On Site         |
| Tucketts Lane, Howth                                | 8          | Tendering Stage |
| Wellview Cul de Sacs                                | 20         | Tendering Stage |
| College St. Baldoyle - Cluid Housing                | 4          | Tendering Stage |
| Cappagh, Dublin 11 (ACM on 3rd Oct)                 | 69         | Planning Stage  |
| Kilhedge Lane - Tuath (ACM on 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov) | 48         | Planning Stage  |
| Outlands, Swords (ACM on 10 <sup>th</sup> Oct)      | 11         | Planning Stage  |
| Church Fields Phase 1B (ACM on 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec) | 70         | Planning Stage  |
|   | <b>612</b> |                 |

In addition, there are a number of schemes at pre-planning stage which will be brought forward to the relevant area committees over the coming year.

## Church Fields, Dublin 15

The Land Management Plan for the Church Field lands has been developed and provides for the optimal layout and future sustainable development of the lands and provided for a mixed tenure residential development with associated community facilities. Approaches to housing delivery on the strategic land bank at Church Fields, Dublin 15 are being examined, with the Project Talamh Programme Office conducting

economic and financial modelling and analysis. An initial phase of the housing development of Church Fields was approved recently. The next phase of development consisting of 70 social houses will be brought forward to the Area Committee for approval shortly. Funding has been approved under the Serviced Sites Fund (SSF) to enable delivery of key road and green infrastructure to facilitate the development of the site. Work is underway on the design of the road link between Damastown Road and Wellview Avenue, upgrade of the existing Wellview Avenue and a cycle way adjacent to Church Road. It is proposed to present this to the Area Committee in the coming year. Work is also underway on the design of the green infrastructure as outlined in the Land Management Plan.

### Land Development Agency

The Council is working closely with the Land Development Agency (LDA) to bring forward land banks located in Fingal to unlock their potential to deliver mixed tenure housing.

The Council has received funding under the SSF for lands at Hackettstown in Skerries which is in the Land Aggregation Scheme and currently in the ownership of the Housing Agency/LDA. The Council has been working with the LDA and the Housing Agency to bring this site forward for development.

### Part V Delivery

Delivery under Part V has increased year on year with the upturn in construction. Early on-site delivery of units is the approach taken by the Council in Part V negotiations with developers. The following table demonstrates the delivery under Part V since 2015;

| Year         | Part V Delivery |
|--------------|-----------------|
| 2015         | 15              |
| 2016         | 12              |
| 2017         | 87              |
| 2018         | 125             |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>235</b>      |

### Approved Housing Bodies

The Approved Housing Bodies continue to play an important role in the delivery of social housing and the Council continues to work closely with AHB's operating in the County.

### Other Development Opportunities

The Housing Department are available to meet with developers who are building across the county with a view to exploring opportunities to bring forward proposals to increase the supply of social housing.

### Serviced Sites Fund

The Serviced Sites Fund (SSF) provides for enabling infrastructure to facilitate the delivery of affordable homes on local authority and Housing Agency sites. Fingal County Council has received approval in principle for the following projects which will enable the delivery of social, affordable purchase and affordable rental homes at scale on strategically located sites in the county;

|                        |                     |
|------------------------|---------------------|
| Church Fields          | € 11m               |
| Cappagh                | € 3.5m              |
| Dun Emer, Lusk         | € 1.5m              |
| Hackettstown, Skerries | € 2.2m ( LDA site ) |

## Affordable Dwelling Purchase Arrangements

The Council sought Expressions of Interest for the developed design, construction, delivery and sale of affordable residential units on a site in Fingal ownership at Dun Emer, Lusk. This process is being instigated to appoint a Development Partner with a view to progressing enabling infrastructure along with the affordable scheme at the site in Dun Emer.

The Affordable Dwelling Purchase Scheme is a national initiative that will see affordable homes built on state owned land in co-operation with local authorities.

In order to underpin progress in the area of affordable housing, the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government commenced Part 5 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 2009 on 18th June 2018, the effect of which was to put in place new legislative provisions for affordable dwelling purchase arrangements. In accordance with this legislation, a Scheme of Priority was adopted by the Council at the May meeting and further regulation in respect of the Affordable Dwelling Purchase Scheme is expected later this year.

## Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan

RIHL was launched on 1st February 2018 and, for those eligible, offers a choice of two different loan products with low interest rates. Further details and application forms available on [www.rebuildingirelandhomeloan.ie](http://www.rebuildingirelandhomeloan.ie)

|   |             |
|---|-------------|
| Number of applications received to date | 782         |
| Number of applications approved         | 356         |
| Value of the loans approved             | €81,520,431 |
| Number of loans drawn down              | 141         |
| Value of loans drawn down               | €31,232,299 |

## Private Rented Inspections

In February 2018, all local authorities were issued with targets for the Inspection of Private Rented Properties by the DHPLG in conjunction with its Strategy for the Private Rental Sector – a key component of Rebuilding Ireland. The aim is to increase the national average inspection rate from 6% to 25% of registered rental properties by 2021. The targets are based on the percentage of tenancies registered with the RTB, which within the Fingal County Council administrative area was 21,034 at end of 2018.

The annual targets are as follows:

|               |               |               |               |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| 2018<br>(10%) | 2019<br>(15%) | 2020<br>(20%) | 2021<br>(25%) |
| 2,072         | 3,155         | 4,207         | 5,259         |

During 2018 there were 2,102 first inspections and 888 second inspections carried out. Inspections for 2019 are ongoing.

## Photos from active social housing construction schemes

### Rolestown, Co Dublin - 26 units:







Pinewood, Balbriggan – 2 units:



Ladyswell Crescent, Mulhuddart, D15 – 22 units



### Housing Tenancy Services Report

### Homeless Services

Rathbeale Road, Swords – 24 units:



Fingal County Council is currently in contact with circa **638** families who are in homeless circumstances or at risk of homelessness.

**256** families have had their homeless circumstances alleviated in 2019 to 31<sup>st</sup> August (including **176** Homeless HAP tenancies). In addition further tenancy arrangements will conclude shortly through the various forms of social housing support.

Tenancy Support is provided through supports such as SLI (Support to Live Independently) and varying other supports to ensure new tenancies are sustained. Homeless Prevention advice

continues to be offered through the Council's Homeless Team in partnership with Threshold Clinics and the Threshold Freephone service.

### Housing Assistance Payment

The number of mainstream HAP and Homeless HAP tenancies created since the commencement of both schemes is as set out in the table below:

| Year         | Mainstream HAP | Homeless HAP |
|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| 2015         | 0              | 10           |
| 2016         | 0              | 131          |
| 2017         | 480            | 231          |
| 2018         | 844            | 358          |
| 2019 to date | 443            | 227          |

### Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019-2024

The Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019 – 2024 was adopted by the Council on the 8<sup>th</sup> July, 2019.

| Type                        | Target 2019 | In progress | Delivered |
|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|
| Group Housing Refurbishment | 4           | 2           | 3         |
| Group Housing New           | 0           | 0           | 0         |
| Halting site Refurbishment  | 30          | 30          | 0         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                | <b>34</b>   | <b>32</b>   | <b>3</b>  |

### Returning Dwellings to Productive Use

| Voids                                 | At 30 <sup>th</sup> August, 2019 |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| In letting process                    | 29                               |
| Undergoing re-let repairs             | 20                               |
| With County Architect for procurement | 24                               |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                          | <b>73</b>                        |

### Planned Programmes

#### Scheme Painting

The target for 2019 is 550 dwellings. The contract commenced in May 2019 and 262 dwelling are completed to date.

| Estate                  | Units      | Completed  | Status      |
|-------------------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| Seaview Park            | 13         | 13         | Completed   |
| Jugback Lane            | 49         | 49         | Completed   |
| Ministers Park          | 58         | 58         | Completed   |
| Glasmore Park           | 26         | 26         | Completed   |
| Longstone Park          | 20         | 20         | Completed   |
| Seamount Grove          | 39         | 39         | Completed   |
| Hands Lane Cottages     | 7          | 7          | Completed   |
| Fortlawn Estate         | 229        | 50         | In progress |
| Sheepmoor Estate (part) | 109        | 0          |             |
|                         | <b>550</b> | <b>262</b> |             |

## Heating Upgrades

Boiler upgrades are continuing based on the Council's commitments under its Climate Change Action Plan

|       | Completed 2018 | Target 2019 | Completed to date |
|-------|----------------|-------------|-------------------|
| Total | 146            | 150         | 165               |

## Community Culture & Sports Division

### Community Development Office:



### **COMMUNITY MEETING HUB**

The first community pod has been installed in Donabate Portrane Community Centre. This will be run as a pilot and if successful will be rolled out across other community facilities with suitable foyer space. It was identified that during the setup phase new groups are not in the position to pay rent for meeting rooms in community centres due rental costs and insurance. The community pod is a way of providing a free of charge meeting space for up to six people in the foyer of the community centre to discuss their community work without having to book a room in the centre. The centre has a booking system in place whereby those wishing to use the pod can book their space at reception in advance. It is envisaged that this will encourage greater participation from new and upcoming groups. The pod was funded under the Community Enhancement Programme for 2018.

### Flemington Community Research Report

The Launch of the **Flemington Community Research** report will take place on September 16<sup>th</sup>

at 4.00 pm in Flemington Community Centre. The report "Livability and Flemington: an analysis of the issues of most concern to the community in the hinterland of Flemington community centre, Balbriggan" will be launched by the Mayor of Fingal Cllr. Eoghan O'Brien.

The report was commissioned by the Flemington Local Development Group and was led by Cairde. The Balbriggan Integration Forum and the University of Ulster have also collaborated on this project.

### **Tyrrelstown Community Research**

Work on the Tyrrelstown Needs Analysis research, commissioned by the Tyrrelstown Development group and funded the Community Office has continued all summer. Focus groups and one-to-one interviews have been capturing what life is like in Tyrrelstown in 2019 and what needs to be done to increase the quality of life across all sectors of the community for the future.

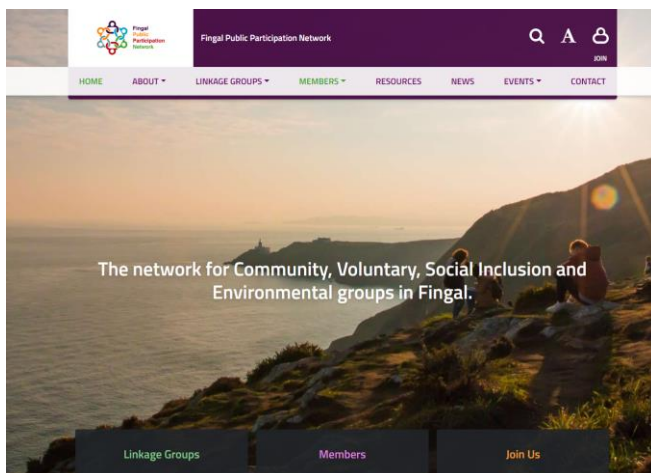


## Ongar Development Group Activities

Ongar Development Group has been busy over the summer, organising a community safety meeting with support from the Community office – the first to be held in Ongar since 2013. The Ongar Development group is now busy finalising arrangements for the annual Community Family Day taking place in Ongar Community Centre on Sunday Sept 8<sup>th</sup> – 2pm to 5pm – all welcome!



## New Fingal PPN Website Live



The new Fingal PPN website went live in August and will be tested with members and the public over the next few months.

Key features of the new PPN website introduce a greater sense of openness and accountability to the work of the PPN. The new website focuses largely on promoting the work of the PPN Linkage Groups and providing relevant resources and information to community organisations. The website is available at [www.fingalppn.ie](http://www.fingalppn.ie).

## Fingal Inclusion Week 2019



Fingal PPN and Fingal County Council are partnering on the development of Fingal Inclusion Week 2019. Fingal Inclusion Week will highlight the positive work that communities and agencies are involved in to reduce social exclusion and poverty in Fingal. The week also aims to raise awareness of the barriers experienced by citizens of Fingal that lead to social exclusion. Over 70 events are planned for the week, which takes place from 11 to 17 November 2019. More information will be available in due course.

## PPN Linkage Group Meetings Round 4 2019



The 4<sup>th</sup> round of Fingal PPN Linkage Group meetings takes place from the 3<sup>rd</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> September 2019.

Linkage Groups are an opportunity for community organisations from across Fingal to meet together in networks, to highlight issues or concern and organise collective advocacy campaigns. Any community organisation who is a member of the PPN can participate. For more see [www.fingalppn.ie](http://www.fingalppn.ie)

### Age Friendly

In accordance with the Fingal Age Friendly Strategy 2018-2023, it is intended to carry out three walkability studies on the following dates: Howth 10<sup>th</sup> October 2019; Blanchardstown 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2019 and Balbriggan 6<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

### Sports Office:

#### Youth Sports (Small Grants) Scheme

The above scheme for 2019 has been launched. Application forms have been circulated to Sports Clubs in addition to, advertisements in the local press and soft copies of the forms have been forwarded to all Councillors. The closing date for this funding is **4pm on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2019.**

### Some August Highlights

#### Festival of Football Success

More than 300 girls descended on the AUL complex in Clonsaugh on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August for the 17<sup>th</sup> edition of the Fingal Festival of Football, which has in recent years become a fantastic promotion for girls' football in Fingal. This football event is also one of the Sports Office's initiative in promoting the Irish Federation of Sport 20X20 campaign and many of the girls proudly "showed their stripes" on the day.

This event run in collaboration with FAI/Fingal Development Officers provides opportunities for girls to put on a club jersey for the very first time or to act as pre-season warm up for the more established teams. This year's Festival had teams

from all over Dublin, Meath, Kildare and over 89 players travelled from Donegal to take part.

St. Ita's FC triumphed in the U14 Cup competition and with Bohemian FC beating Raheny Utd for the Shield. The visitors from Donegal took home three trophies in the U13 and U12 competitions



#### Nordic Walking Workshops

Two 2-hour Beginners Nordic Walking Workshops took place on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> of August in Kenure Park, Rush and Ward River Valley Park in Swords and are an initiative under the Community Walking Programme. Twenty two participants took part in the workshops and they were led by a trained Nordic Walking instructor. The participants were given a comprehensive tutorial in the fundamental Nordic Walking technique .The aim of these workshops is promote Nordic Walking and support the establishment of Nordic Walking groups across Fingal.



### Pitch and Putt Championship

The final of the Fingal & East Meath Pitch & Putt Championship for 2019 concluded on 23<sup>rd</sup> August at Ring Commons Sports Complex. This tournament was run over 4 Fridays during the summer. It was a very close finish to the competition with teams from Ring Common, Skerries, Laytown and Ballyboughal playing out a great final. This tournament in partnership with Ballyboughal Pitch & Putt and Fingal Sports Office and has now become a regular summer fixture. The perpetual trophy was presented to the winning Captain of the Ringcommons Pitch and Putt Team.



### Arts Office:

2019 RHA School & Fingal Arts Studio Award Open Call 2019



Fingal County Council Arts Office in partnership with the RHA School are offering an opportunity of a funded studio space for a professional artist for the period of one year, commencing in November 2019. The award offers an artist the opportunity to develop their practice within the institutional framework of the RHA and covers the cost of studio rental and administration. The award is open to practising artists at all stages in their professional careers working in visual art. To be eligible to apply, applicants must: have been born, have studied, or currently reside in the Fingal administrative area. The deadline for applications is 30<sup>th</sup> August 2019.

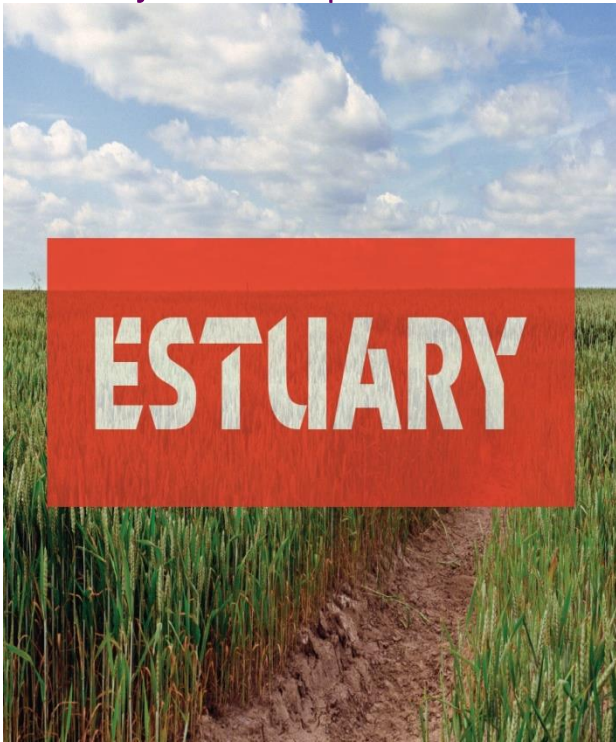
### Cold Winter Tree by Grace Weir



Fingal County Council, in conjunction with the Erigo Group is delighted to announce the commissioning of a major new piece of contemporary public art by internationally renowned artist, Grace Weir, for the impressive new Vantage Business Park located at Coldwinters, just off the N2 in North County Dublin. The Flood family, in association with Fingal County Council Arts Office (Public Art Programme Infrastructure) have appointed Grace Weir from our Buildings and Public Places Panel. The work will be completed in Spring 2020.

*Photo Laurence Flood Erigo Group & Artist Grace Weir at the new Vantage Business Park Site, Coldwinters, N2*

**Estuary** – An exhibition to celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of FCC Municipal Art Collection



To mark the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Fingal County Council, the Arts Office has commissioned an exhibition entitled Estuary to highlight the Council's Municipal Art Collection which has been assembled since 1994. The exhibition will run from September 12 to November 16 in Draiocht Arts Centre, Blanchardstown and there will be a number of supporting events.

The exhibition is curated by Fingal artists Una Sealy, RHA, James English, RHA, Joshua Sex and Sanja Todorovic.

The Mayor of Fingal, Councillor Eoghan O'Brien will officially launch the exhibition and publication **'Not in Alphabetical Order 2'** with special guest, poet, writer and lecturer Theo Dorgan on Thursday 12 September at 7pm.

#### Events include:

- Estuary Tour, Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Sep, 7-8pm.
- Estuary Tour and Visit to THE HIDE SCULPTURE, 28<sup>th</sup> Sep, 12-2pm, 20 Participants.
- Where the Tide Meets the Stream, Printmaking Workshop in association with Graphic Studio Dublin, Sat 26<sup>th</sup> Oct, 2-4pm, 10 Participants.
- CPD for Primary School Teachers, Tue 29<sup>th</sup> Oct, 10am-3pm.
- Estuary Life, Still-Life Painting Workshop, Thu 7<sup>th</sup> Nov, 10.30am-1.30pm, 15 Participants.

#### Programme of Events for Children & Young People

- Early Years Arts with Lucy Hill and local crèche services, Oct.
- Family Day, Sat 19<sup>th</sup> Oct, 12noon-3pm.
- Primary Schools, An Appetite for Adventure, Thu 14<sup>th</sup> Nov, 10am-11.30 / 12.30-2pm.
- Post-primary Schools, Drawing in a Digitally Mediated World, Tue 8<sup>th</sup> Oct, 10.30am-12noon / 1-2.30pm.
- Leaving Certificate Art History Appreciation: Revision Day, Tue 5<sup>th</sup> Nov, 10.30am-1.30pm.

All events are free, for bookings and further information contact Draíocht box office 01 885 2622.

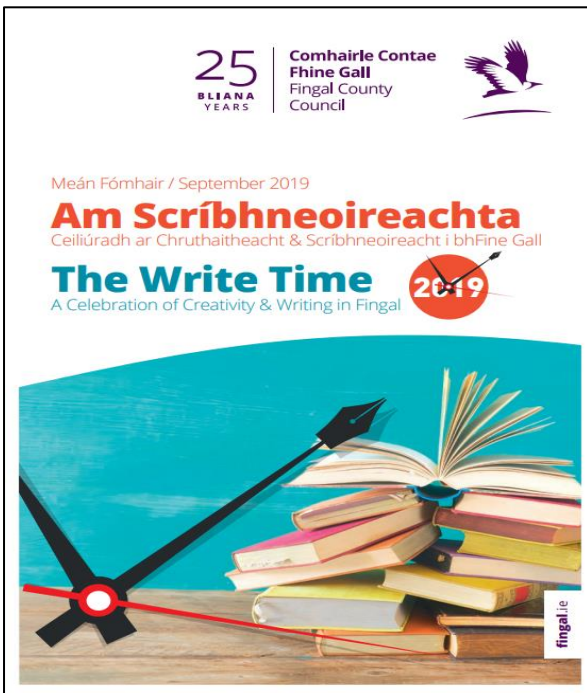
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## LIBRARIES

### Write Time Festival: 7<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Fingal Libraries' Write Time Festival was launched recently at Blanchardstown Library by the Deputy Mayor of Fingal, Cllr. Tom Kitt. Running throughout the month of September in branch libraries throughout the County and at Skerries Mills, this fourth annual Write Time Festival celebrates the written and spoken word in Fingal. Libraries will host free workshops and talks throughout the month to spark the imagination and inspire creativity.



This year's programme features a panel discussion on *Yes, We Still Drink Coffee!* - a new anthology of essays by and about women human rights defenders around the world. Orla Lehane, curator and editor, and contributors Catherine Dunne, Hilary Fannin and Lia Mills will discuss their experience of working on this project. Portmarnock-based author Rónán Hession will read from his debut novel *Leonard and Hungry Paul*, described by *The Irish Times* as a book that will "bring you sunshine even if the summer is a

washout". Travel documentary-maker Manchán Magan will help you transform the sights, sounds and soul of a journey into engaging prose in his travel writing workshop.

If you are interested in writing young adult and children's literature, Conor Kostick will help you create appealing characters and moving dramas. Write Time events that will spark the imaginations of young writers include Maeve Devoy's workshop, *The Little Detectives*, where she introduces the nuts and bolts of story-telling to children aged 8 - 12 years. Children aged 10 + and teens can learn to write and perform a Rap Song with the Max Lyrical Rap Workshop. Poet Máighréad Medbh offers teenagers a chance to experiment with different ways of producing a poem in her experimental poetry workshop *Truth or Dare*.

Admission is free to all events, but booking is essential. To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event. For the full programme of talks and workshops, please contact your local library branch or see Fingal Libraries website: [fingal.ie/libraries/](http://fingal.ie/libraries/) or Facebook page: [@FingalLibraries](https://www.facebook.com/FingalLibraries).



Write Time Festival launch: L to R, Chief Executive, AnnMarie Farrelly; Senior Executive Librarian, Lilian Whelan; County Librarian, Betty Boardman; Deputy Mayor of Fingal, Cllr. Tom Kitt

### Autism Friendly Libraries in Fingal

From September, Fingal Libraries is introducing quiet time and relaxed programming specifically aimed at people with ASD. The project, initiated by Blanchardstown Library staff, is being funded from the Dormant Accounts Fund, through the Department of Rural and Community Development. Quiet time will allow people with ASD and their families to access libraries during quieter, less busy times and will be scheduled once a month. Supports from trained staff will be available and will include sensory story time, Lego sessions and mindfulness workshops.

A pop-up Autism Experience Exhibition "In Your Shoes" will be on display in some of Fingal's libraries. This interactive exhibition aims to engage young people aged 16-22 in gaining a greater insight into what it is like living with Autism.

### Fingal Festival of History: 30<sup>th</sup> September - 7<sup>th</sup> October 2019

The third annual Fingal Festival of History, a week of history talks and events organised by Fingal Libraries, takes place from 30th September to 7th October in branch libraries and at the Archbishop's Chapel, Swords Castle. The aim of the festival is to bring history to life and to make it accessible to as wide an audience as possible.

This year's programme of talks includes:

- *Hurling in 19<sup>th</sup> Century Ireland* with Pat Bracken
- *"Mise an Fear Cheoil" Séamus Ennis* with Ríonach Uí Ógáin, Róisín Elsafty & Peter Browne
- *Lodgers and Landladies: The forgotten World of Life in Digs 1890-1920* with Ruth McManus
- *Impressions of a Visitor to Dublin in 1806-1807* with Angela Byrne
- *The Rise and Fall of John Spicer's 'Model Bakery' Balbriggan 1904-1942* with Frank Whearity

All events are free of charge but require advance booking at [library.events@fingal.ie](mailto:library.events@fingal.ie)

### Local Studies and Archives Launch

Fingal's Local Studies and Archives service was officially opened on 22<sup>nd</sup> August at its new location at 46 North Street, Swords, by the Mayor of Fingal, Cllr. Eoghan O'Brien. This new location gives the service a street presence and brings it into the developing Swords Cultural Quarter. Local Studies and Archives houses, preserves and makes available the historical records of both the community and the Council, making it an invaluable resource for local and family history. Historians, Fingal residents curious about their past and children researching for school projects, all use the service which is free of charge.

At the opening of the new premises, the Mayor also launched two recently published history books by local author Gerard Ronan entitled "The Round Towers of Fingal – their hidden history" and "William Kelly of Portrane – Forgotten Hero of the Famine & Land War".



The official opening of Local Studies and Archives at 46 North Street

## Mobile Library Service invited to Ploughing Championships!



The Libraries Department has been invited to bring a mobile library van to the Ploughing Championships, which are being held in Carlow from 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> Sep. The mobile library service has had a particularly busy summer this year with appearances at festivals and family days, including Flavours of Fingal, Swords Summerfest and the Donabate Portrane Festival.



Mobile Library service at the Donabate Portrane Festival: L to R: Senior Librarian, Ronan O' Malley; Mayor of Fingal, Cll. Eoghan O'Brien; Mobile Library Driver, Greg Condon; TD, Darragh O'Brien



Blanchardstown Library will host an evening of music and fun to mark Culture Night on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September. The evening will begin at 5.45pm with a presentation for children who took part in the Summer Stars Reading Challenge. This will be followed by a Mad Professor fun science workshop, with music for all the family from the Blanchardstown Brass Band. Blanchardstown ICA and the local Traveller Development Group will display crafts on the night. There will also be information stands from the Dublin 15 Women's Shed and from the Mulhuddart Men's Shed.

### Proposed refurbishment and extension of Skerries Library

The Council is looking for views on a proposed refurbishment and extension of Skerries Library. The plans are on display until Tuesday 10th September at County Hall, Swords and at Skerries and Blanchardstown Libraries. Submissions or observations in relation to the proposed development can be made up until 4.30pm on Wednesday 25th September 2019. More information is available at <https://consult.fingal.ie/en/browse>

# ENVIRONMENT & WATER SERVICES (EWS)

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## ENVIRONMENT

### Environmental Awareness

The Greener Communities Competition with a focus on Biodiversity received over 80 applications for 14 categories. Judging is ongoing. Awards night is planned for October 3<sup>rd</sup> evening.

There are two Community Environmental grants open for applications at present.

1. Communities4Environment Anti-Litter and Anti-Graffiti Competition

Fingal County Council Environment, Climate Change and Water Services Department has launched a competition where communities/residents/estate groups can apply for €2,000 funding. Applications are invited for the grant scheme which is targeting areas that have issues with litter and graffiti. These areas can be transformed into beautiful spaces for everyone to enjoy. Closing date is Friday 6<sup>th</sup> Sept.

2. Community Environmental Action Fund – (formerly the Local Agenda 21) closing date 27<sup>th</sup> Sept.

The following assessment criteria will be used to rank eligible proposals. Decisions on funding will be based on this ranking.

- **Partnership arrangements**
- **Awareness raising potential**
- **Climate Change and Biodiversity**

- **Value for money**
- **Widely replicable**
- **Feasibility of project targets**



Media:

There are ongoing bus shelter and billboard campaigns, social media campaigns and cinema

advertises with a focus on food waste, anti-litter and dumping and increasing biodiversity.

## Circular Economy

The EPA call for “Innovation for a Circular Economy” fund closed on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June. This annual funding programme aims to develop innovative practical solutions for business to promote the circular economy, maximise resource efficiency and reduce waste with focus on plastics, construction and demolition waste, food waste and resources and raw materials.

## Connecting the dots in a circular economy: a new ISO technical committee just formed.

While standards and initiatives abound for components of the circular economy, such as recycling, there is no current agreed global vision on how an organization can complete the circle. A new ISO technical committee for the circular economy has just been formed to do just that, currently made up of experts from over 65 different countries, including our own NSAI, and growing. Further details at [ISO/TC 323](#)

## Climate Action

The Fingal County Council Climate Change Action Plan 2019-2024 has been officially published.

Following an extensive 6 week public consultation process in February/March of this year, nearly 170 people attended 4 events across Fingal County and over 120 submissions were received.

The final Plan contains 133 actions that are ongoing or planned within the Council, covering five key action areas – Energy and Buildings, Transport, Flood Resilience, Nature-Based Solutions and Resource Management.

The Plan was adopted by the elected members in May of this year.

The Climate Change Action Plan is a joint initiative between the four Dublin local authorities, the Dublin Metropolitan Climate Action Regional Office and Codema, the Dublin energy agency. The Actions in the Plan will be regularly monitored and updated by a dedicated Climate Action Team, working in conjunction with all Council Departments.

To read the Fingal County Council Climate Change Action Plan 2019-2024 click here <http://www.fingalcoco.ie/environment/climatechange/>

## Bathing Water Quality 2019

The Bathing season commenced on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2019 and will run until 15<sup>th</sup> September. The last scheduled sample for the identified bathing waters is 9<sup>th</sup> September. The seven rounds of scheduled samples taken to date have resulted in all samples achieving a standard of excellent or good quality standard except Balbriggan Beach and Skerries for the scheduled sampling on 12<sup>th</sup> August.

A sample result of “poor” meant a Prohibition Notice was erected on Balbriggan Beach on 14<sup>th</sup> August and was removed on 19<sup>th</sup> August when the re-sample result achieved “good” status.

A period of heavy rainfall events preceded this prohibition and approximately 40mm of rainfall was recorded in the 3 days before the scheduled sample. Rain washes contaminants into our waters resulting in surface water from rural and urban areas washing into streams, rivers and coastal waters. After a heavy rainfall event, the Environmental Protection Agency refer to advice from the HSE to avoid recreational waters for 48 hours at your beach or bathing area to protect your health and prevent the risk of getting a recreational water illness. This is known as the

“48 hour rule” and the advice is to follow this rule to avoid an upset tummy. A sample result of “sufficient” resulted for Skerries Beach for 12<sup>th</sup> August and it’s resample taken on 15<sup>th</sup> August resulted in a return to “excellent” status.

Three Prior warnings were issued on 4<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> June respectively and 8<sup>th</sup> August for our blue flag beach at Portmarnock, The Velvet Strand in light of expected heavy rainfall events during the bathing season. In all cases this warning was lifted within three or four days when analysis showed that quality was excellent.

Information on the results of water quality sampling undertaken at Fingal beaches is available to view during the bathing season at [www.beaches.ie](http://www.beaches.ie) and is posted on noticeboards at the beaches.

### **Fingal Water Project**

The Environment and Water Services Department of Fingal County Council and the Environmental Sustainability & Health Institute (ESHI) of the Technological University Dublin (TU Dublin) have established a Water Research initiative known as The Fingal Water Project.

This pilot initiative known as the Fingal Water Project proposes to evaluate the use of Floating Treatment Wetlands (FTWs) as a means of controlling stream-pond water quality throughout the Fingal County Council area.

With the assistance of staff from the Operations Department and Parks Planning, the Floating Treatment Wetlands were deployed in five ponds (Waterville, Santry, Ward, Jone’s and Bergin’s Ponds during the week beginning 29/7/2019.

Each Floating Wetland unit is populated with three plant species native to the pond and/or immediate vicinity. The growth and development of this vegetation on the floating wetland units will involve the uptake of pollutants and other substances from the pond waters. The effectiveness of the nutrient and pollutant uptake by the vegetation will be monitored over a two year period involving both regular water quality

testing and plant tissue analysis. The outcome of this pilot study will be a greater understanding of water quality and eco-hydrodynamics in the surface waters of Fingal County Council. This project will enhance knowledge in community water quality management and addresses the requirements of good water quality governance and control.

By creating habitat and treating water quality, the FTWs can assist in achieving the objectives of the Water Framework Directive.

### **Litter Management**

A total of 104 litter fines were issued in August. 18 were issued in the Balbriggan/Swords Electoral Area, 4 issued in the Howth/Malahide EA and 82 in the Castleknock/Mulhuddart EA.

31 of these fines were issued under Section 3(1) of the Litter pollution Act with 58 and 11 being issued under Sections 3(1) pursuant to Section 27 and Section 19(1) respectively. The remainder of the fines were issued under various miscellaneous sections.

A total of 45 warning notices were issued in August and 23 prosecutions under the Act instigated in the month.

### **Waste Management Services**

#### **Waste Enforcement**

Quarter 3 will focus on inspections at authorised treatment facilities and waste facilities and the validation of annual returns for 2018 in terms of waste flows. The identification of unauthorised End of Life Vehicle (ELV) sites for further investigation has also commenced with multi agency support available through the Waste Enforcement Regional Lead Authority (WERLA) for

the East & Midlands region. A list of suspected sites has been compiled with initial investigations and data gathering underway.

Brown bin roll out has been a major objective over the past 6 months and a national priority under the RMCEI Plan 2019. We've worked closely with each of the main waste operators to encourage full brown bin roll out to all householders in Fingal.

An awareness campaign on brown bin use was undertaken recently in the Boroimhe Estate in Swords to encourage people to segregate food waste and use the brown bin. Within the Eastern Midlands Region Fingal has the highest percentage of households where a brown bin has been provided with current at 99%.



Work continues in relation to the "Man in the Van" and illegal dumping campaign funded under the anti-dumping initiative (ADI). Education and awareness is the key to success in order to tackle illegal dumping therefore a number of innovative methods are being used to ensure that our message regarding unauthorised waste collectors and illegal dumping reaches a wide audience as follows:

- a) Cinema campaign - video clip highlighting the issue showing in three different cinemas from now until Christmas. The video is also on Youtube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I5Ysq->

[uTt10](#) and shows how waste handed over to unauthorised waste collectors ends up being dumped in the countryside instead of being brought to a licenced waste facility for recovery/disposal.

- b) Billboard campaign - poster advertisement at three locations (2 week cycle each) highlighting the issue of illegal waste collectors and illegal dumping.



- c) Bus Shelter campaign - poster advertisement at 15 locations running for 3 x 2 week cycles to get the message out there that your waste is your responsibility and your potential court fine (up to €5,000) if your waste is found dumped and to alert people to the fact that no waste permit means it's an illegal waste collection service being offered.
- d) Donedeal.ie and Adverts.ie - removal of ads offering illegal waste collection services plus a banner style ad which appears when someone searches for waste/rubbish removal services.



- e) Press Release – issued through local newspapers and to all Councillors during July.
- f) Fingal Social Media sites – advertisement of illegal waste collector’s poster and press release. Advice given on how to check if a collector is legitimate or not through the National Waste Collection Permit Office (NWCPO) and how to dispose of waste/bulky items correctly.
- g) Poster campaign – issued through local community groups, community centres, Dublin Airport Authority, displayed at Council buildings, libraries and on [www.mywaste.ie](http://www.mywaste.ie)

Social media sites like Facebook and Twitter are key platforms that illegal waste collectors use to advertise services and target unsuspecting householders. While it’s possible to get illegal ads taken down on sites like Donedeal.ie and Adverts.ie efforts to get ads offering illegal waste collection services removed on Facebook have proved unsuccessful. This is an issue that will be examined further in Q4. As Facebook don’t run pop up or banner style ads we are currently looking at newsfeed posts as a means of targeting specific users (25 – 60 year olds) within a specific area i.e. Fingal, to highlight the issue of unauthorised waste collectors and illegal dumping. Raising awareness through social media sites is a key priority in the fight against illegal dumping.

## WATER SERVICES

### Operations

Water and Drainage Services continue to be provided as agreed in the Service Level Agreement with Irish Water.

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- **Baldoyle;**
- **Malahide;**
- **Donabate & Portrane;**
- **Rush;**
- **Lambay Island;**
- **Skerries;**
- **Other.**

# CORPORATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNANCE (CAG)

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## Communications

### FINGAL NEWS

The 9<sup>th</sup> edition of the Fingal News has been published in both English and Irish, as well as online at <http://fingal.ie/news-and-events/fingal-news/>.

### ANNUAL REPORT



The 2018 Annual Report has been published. The 84 page document includes reports on Service Delivery from 13 different departments as well the Corporate Plan, Strategic Policy Programme and the financial position of the Council. The Report is available from the Council Offices in Swords or Blanchardstown and can also be viewed on the [fingal.ie](http://fingal.ie) website at <http://fingal.ie/media/Final%20Annual%20Report%202018.pdf>

## COUNCIL NOMINATED FOR 11 EXCELLENCE AWARDS



Fingal County Council has been shortlisted for eleven awards in the 16<sup>th</sup> annual Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Awards. The Awards, sponsored by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government, are held to recognise and celebrate the outstanding work being carried out by Local Authorities all over Ireland.

The wide range of projects shortlisted is a testament to the excellent work being done by all Fingal County Council Departments and also reflects the diversity of initiatives and projects being implemented in Fingal.

The awards will be presented on Thursday, 28th November in the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Northwood Park, Santry Demesne, Dublin 9.

The projects shortlisted were:

- Our Balbriggan - Imagine the Possibilities - Get Involved in Best Practice in Citizen Engagement
- Healthy Fingal Learning Portal in Health & Wellbeing
- The Fingal Events Unit in Supporting Tourism

- End to End Mobile Solution for Private Rented Dwelling Inspections in Local Authority Innovation
- Pollinator Friendly Free Tree Initiative in Sustainable Environment
- STEAM through Fingal in Best Library Service
- Dublin Bay Prawn Festival in Festival of the Year
- Smart Street Furniture in Enhancing the Urban Environment
- The Conservation, Restoration and Extension of The Casino building, Malahide in Heritage and Built Environment
- Irish Aphasia Theatre in Disability Services Provision
- The Acorn Project in Age Friendly Initiatives

## THE DRIVE FOR FIVE AND THE TRY FOR THREE



The atriums in County Hall, Swords, and the Civic Offices, Blanchardstown, have been decorated in navy and sky bunting and flags to show our support for the Dublin Men and Ladies GAA teams in their respective All-Ireland Football Finals. Swords Castle was also lit up in blue and messages of support were posted on the Council's social media accounts.

### INTERNATIONAL KARATE COMPETITION



Competitors from 6 continents took part in the 5<sup>th</sup> JKS Karate-Do International & Para Cup tournament which was held from August 23 to 25. The competition was held at the National Indoor Area in Abbotstown while many of the other events associated with the tournament were held in Swords. The event was organised by Swords Karate Club and officially opened by the Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Eoghan O'Brien.

The event attracted 510 competitors from 30 countries ranging from 14 years to veterans. It was the biggest Karate event to have ever taken place in Ireland.

### LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUPPLIER ENGAGEMENT EVENT

**InterTraderIreland**  
**Local Government  
Supplier Engagement Event**

In partnership with  
**LGMA**  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT MANAGEMENT AGENCY

**Date:** Tuesday 1st October 2019  
**Venue:** CityWest Hotel & Conference Centre  
- Sycamore Suite, Dublin  
**Time:** 10am - 2pm (Registration from 9.30am)  
**Cost:** Free of charge

Fingal County Council will be one of eight local authorities involved in the Local Government Supplier Engagement Event which is being organised by InterTraderIreland in partnership with the Local Government Management Agency.

The event, which takes place in Citywest on October 1, is aimed at businesses who are interested in doing business with local authorities in the Eastern Region. Various Fingal County Council departments will have stands at the event where they will be able to talk to potential suppliers about the type of services and goods they want to procure and there will also be a dedicated Procurement stand to explain how the process works.

## Information Technology



### Fingal County Council projects shortlisted for eGovernment Awards

IT projects shortlisted for the eGovernment Awards:

- **Wayfinding Accessibility Initiative** was shortlisted in both the Universal Design and Local Government Award category
- **Our Balbriggan Socio-Economic Strategy Public Consultation** was shortlisted in the Local Government Award category
- **Smart Street Furniture Pilot** was shortlisted in the Innovation Award category
- **PRTB Inspections System** was shortlisted in the Mobile Award category

### Wayfinding Accessibility Initiative: IT Dept.

The aim of this project is to improve footpath accessibility for people with limited mobility through an accessibility app, Route4U. This pilot project was initiated by Fingal County Council through the [SBIR Wayfinding Challenge](#) with Smart Dublin and in partnership with Enterprise Ireland.

### Our Balbriggan Socio-Economic Strategy Public Consultation: IT & Economic Development Depts.

Utilising ArcGIS data collection tools this project received submissions from 25% of the population of Balbriggan, making this one of the most successful public consultations ever conducted by Fingal County Council.

### Smart Street Furniture: IT & Operations Depts.

The purpose of this project is to develop Fingal's "smart" public infrastructure. A number of solar powered, Wi-Fi enabled benches with wireless charging facilities and environmental sensors will be deployed in a number of locations across the county, the first of which are being deployed. This project is supported by the Department of Rural and Community Development Digital Innovation Programme.

### PRTB Inspections System: IT & Housing Depts.

Utilising the ArcGIS Suite of technology this new system manages the large volume of Private Rented Accommodation Inspections to be carried out by Fingal County Council, enabling us to meet our targets.

The nominations show that the Council continues to be at the cutting edge of digital innovation within the Local Government sector and shows the excellent work being done by the staff working in this area.

The winners will be announced on September 11 at a function in City Hall, Dublin.



## Digital Strategy Consultation

Fingal County Council is creating a Digital Strategy to encourage and support communities and businesses to reap the full rewards of a digitally enabled society.

The Digital Fingal team recently led a number of workshops with Councillors and community and business stakeholders to gather feedback on the development of a Digital Strategy for Fingal. To support the consultation process a Public Issues Paper was published on the Council's Consultation Portal, which received 26 detailed submissions with over 60 observations. The team also developed a short user-friendly survey to support stakeholder engagement. The Digital Fingal Team had a stand at Flavours of Fingal and also attended a number of libraries where they asked people to get involved and have their say on the Digital Strategy by taking part in the Survey. 337 people took part in the Digital Strategy survey.

The Digital Fingal Team is currently collating and analysing the submission and survey feedback from participants and commencing drafting the Digital Strategy for Fingal.



## FINANCE

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### Financial Reports

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- Revenue Account Income & expenditure to 31<sup>ST</sup> August, 2019
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- Summary of Corporate Debtors to 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2019

## Appendix 1

### REVENUE ACCOUNT INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION at 31st AUGUST 2019

|    |  | EXPENDITURE |              |          | INCOME      |              | NET      |             |
|----|--|-------------|--------------|----------|-------------|--------------|----------|-------------|
|    |  | Expenditure | Adopted Full | % Budget | Income      | Adopted Full | % Budget |             |
|    |  | €           | Year Budget  | Spent to | €           | year Budget  | Raised   |             |
|    |  |             | €            | date     |             | €            | €        |             |
| A  | Housing & Building                       | 35,983,190  | 55,374,400   | 65%      | 37,105,476  | 54,644,700   | 68%      | -1,122,286  |
| B  | Road Transport & Safety                  | 16,481,743  | 22,753,599   | 72%      | 4,575,572   | 6,606,600    | 69%      | 11,906,171  |
| C  | Water Services                           | 11,785,973  | 14,421,200   | 82%      | 12,556,179  | 17,344,100   | 72%      | -770,206    |
| D  | Development Management                   | 9,078,087   | 14,559,300   | 62%      | 3,020,584   | 4,103,300    | 74%      | 6,057,503   |
| E  | Environmental Services                   | 26,400,585  | 40,451,101   | 65%      | 3,211,494   | 4,615,000    | 70%      | 23,189,091  |
| F  | Recreation & Amenity                     | 22,560,876  | 33,719,101   | 67%      | 1,449,836   | 1,672,800    | 87%      | 21,111,041  |
| G  | Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare | 474,363     | 908,500      | 52%      | 173,754     | 251,100      | 69%      | 300,609     |
| H  | Miscellaneous Services                   | 6,577,091   | 9,985,800    | 66%      | 7,718,156   | 11,191,300   | 69%      | -1,141,065  |
| J  | Central Management Charge                | 26,654,651  | 45,132,499   | 59%      | 1,915,286   | 2,814,500    | 68%      | 24,739,365  |
| LG | Local Property Tax / GPG                 |             |              |          | 5,016,467   | 7,524,700    | 67%      | -5,016,467  |
| RA | Rates                                    |             |              |          | 84,358,267  | 126,537,400  | 67%      | -84,358,267 |
|    |  | 155,996,560 | 237,305,500  | 66%      | 161,101,070 | 237,305,500  | 68%      | -5,104,510  |



## CAPITAL ACCOUNT

|   |                         | Balance at<br>01/01/2019<br>€ |  | Expenditure<br>YTD<br>€ |  | Income<br>YTD<br>€  |  | Balance at<br>31/08/2019<br>€ |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------------|--|-------------------------|--|---------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| A | Housing & Building      | -39,053,881                   |  | 90,031,484              |  | -65,892,674         |  | -14,915,071                   |
| B | Road Transport & Safety | 14,040,730                    |  | 19,557,587              |  | -5,872,604          |  | 27,725,713                    |
| C | Water Services          | -11,583,404                   |  | 873,052                 |  | -831,016            |  | -11,541,368                   |
| D | Development Management  | -79,698,688                   |  | 8,298,550               |  | -24,888,136         |  | -96,288,274                   |
| E | Environmental Services  | -12,148,504                   |  | 2,056,262               |  | -1,733,291          |  | -11,825,533                   |
| F | Recreation & Amenity    | -7,038,810                    |  | 9,966,606               |  | -9,966,606          |  | -7,038,810                    |
| H | Miscellaneous Services  | -42,598,226                   |  | 13,826,582              |  | -2,355,649          |  | -31,127,293                   |
|   | <b>Total</b>            | <b>-178,080,783</b>           |  | <b>144,610,123</b>      |  | <b>-111,539,976</b> |  | <b>-145,010,636</b>           |

| <b>SUMMARY OF CORPORATE DEBTORS TO 31/08/19</b> |                              |                            |                     |                    |
|---|------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
|   | <b>Balance at 01/01/2019</b> | <b>Balance at 31/08/19</b> | <b>Current debt</b> | <b>&gt; 1 Year</b> |
|   | <b>€</b>                     | <b>€</b>                   | <b>€</b>            | <b>€</b>           |
| <b>RATES</b>                                    | 6,197,540                    | 34,232,085                 | 30,654,723          | 3,577,362          |
| <b>LOANS</b>                                    | <b>1,310,476</b>             | <b>1,286,617</b>           | <b>398,951</b>      | <b>887,666</b>     |
| <b>RENTS</b>                                    | 4,246,486                    | 4,638,634                  | 2,643,064           | 1,995,570          |

*Figures for rents and loans are unadjusted by credits/prepayments*



## Chief Executive Report, 9<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2019, Report to Council



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#### 1.3 FLAG NE Structure and Governance

Each FLAG Board is made up of a number of area representatives of fishery and aquaculture dependent community’s inc. public and private sector representatives, voluntary and community bodies who have an active interest in retention and the regeneration of fishing, seaside and harbour communities within 10 kilometres from the coastline.

After the success of a small pilot between 2012 and 2014, the new enlarged FLAG was introduced after each of the 7 regions produced Local Development

Strategy's. In July 2016 Minister Michael Creed TD launched the new FLAG Programme 2016 - 2023.

## 2. FLAG North East - Strategy Overview

The following graphic is a summary of the Programme Strategy for FLAG North East region.



Source: FCC Analysis of DAFM / BIM OP documents 2016 - 2019

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## 3. FLAG NE Areas of Funding Supports

Eligible grant levels operate from **40%** for Private sector funding, 60% for Community groups and upto **100%** for public sector inc. local authority funding. The average grant aid level todate has tended to be in and around 60% support levels.

### FLAG NE Areas of Support and Budget include:-

- Economic Development of Coastal Communities (78%);
- Coastal Skills Development (9%);
- Social Wellbeing and Cultural Heritage (9%);
- Fisheries Governance; (3%);
- Environmental Protection (3%)

| <b>What can be supported under FLAG?</b>   |   |
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| List based on: UP4 EMFF Regulation, Article 63 CPR & Seafood Development Programme Priorities                            |   |
| <b>'Area of Activity'</b>  | <b>Examples of the types of Project</b>   |
| Adding value to fishery and aquaculture products   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Business Creation / Diversification</li> <li>• New Products and Processes</li> <li>• Improvements to Premises</li> <li>• Purchase of new equipment;</li> <li>• Improvements to piers and harbours</li> </ul> |
| Creating / Maintaining jobs in coastal areas   |   |
| Promoting Innovation in Fisheries and Aquaculture and supporting Diversification inside and outside commercial fisheries |   |
| Lifelong Learning and attracting young people in Fisheries and Aquaculture Areas   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training courses – in fishing and wider marine sector</li> <li>• Support for young people through grants or apprenticeships</li> </ul>   |
| Promoting the environmental assets of the fisheries and aquaculture areas and mitigation of climate change               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sustainable Management Plans for businesses;</li> <li>• Signage for scenic areas / new blue ways</li> </ul>  |
| Promoting social well-being and cultural heritage in fisheries and aquaculture areas                                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Historical events / Festivals / Exhibitions</li> <li>• New signage for existing sites</li> </ul>   |
| Strengthening the role and governance of fisheries communities in local development                                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Projects to promote capacity in coastal communities;</li> <li>• Development of new community hubs.</li> </ul>  |

Source: BIM FLAG NE Brochure 2018.

## 4. Examples of FLAG NE Activities in Fingal 2017- 2019

- Friends of Howth Maritime Museum – Feasibility Study
- Work inputs on the Turvey Allotments / Regional Park 2018-19
- Clean Coasts & An Taisce Beach vehicle equipment
- Proposed Beach Management Plan funding
  
- Lambay Estate Company – Water Infrastructure (Rainwater Harvesting), new boat contribution;

- Egan's Ocean Fresh Retail, Packaging in Skerries & Finglas;
- Doran's Seafood Processors – Feasibility Study, ISO Support and Plant investment, Baldoyle;
- Fingal CC County Libraries 'Steam Train' Education Initiative;
- Fingal CC Skerries Martello Tower and Howth Courthouse Tourism Office;
- Balbriggan Fishermen's Heritage Centre Proposal 2015/16;
- Adventure Centre upgrade, North Beach, Rush;
- Marketing and Event support of Summer Festivals including Skerries Summer Festival, Rush Air Show, Donabate & Portrane Summer Festival, Dublin Bay Prawn Festival in Howth;
- Malahide and Howth **Sea Scouts** Equipment & Kayak Training;
- Inputs and funding support for external consultants to undertake operational and tourism review of 4 **Fingal Harbour's** for FCC 2018/2019;
- **Regatta course & Feasibility Study** support for Skerries Rowing Club;
- **Marketing support** for Fingal Tourism for the Dublin Bay Prawn Festival, Howth.

## 5. Fingal CC Role on FLAG NE 2013 - 2019:

- Provide timely access to DAFM, BIM Fund Programme, Knowledge and expertise in EU Programme, BIM & FLAG Grant rules/funding application forms;
- Act as Local Authority voice on FLAG's nationally;
- Organise & undertake meetings with Counsellors and FCC staff, promoters with prospective project applications;
- Hosting of Joint Workshops in Fingal with Fingal PPN, Meath and Louth LA's, Dublin Rural LEADER, Clann Credo, Others.
- Business Case / Policy submissions;
- Role as Deputy to Chair of FLAG NE since 2013;
- Chair of (Non-Fingal) Projects Evaluation Committee;
- Identify and meet with new business, project applications within FLAG NE Region and Fingal;
- Jointly manage FLAG NE Events annual calendar, visit, represent and support FLAG NE sponsored events from March to Oct;
- Maintain the following and inputs into:-

**Instagram #Flag northeast**

[www.facebook.com/Flag.northeast](http://www.facebook.com/Flag.northeast)

LinkedIn/BordlascaighMhara/FLAG

[www.bordiascaighmhara.ie/flag](http://www.bordiascaighmhara.ie/flag)

- PR support role, Press, Radio, Articles, On-line presence inc. Web, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn and WeChat;
- Jointly manage FLAG NE monthly 'Activity Tracker';
- Input at Quarterly Board and Project Review meetings.
- End of year Client visits;

## 6. FLAG NE Contacts

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