



# Chief Executive's Management Report

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## EVENTS

### Fingal Festival of Fire 2019



- Millennium Park, Blanchardstown
- Town Park, Swords
- The Harbour, Balbriggan

In excess of 15,000 people attended all three events. These safer Halloween events are a great success each year and have proven to have resulted in reducing the number of illegal bonfires and use of dangerous pyrotechnics on Halloween night.

### Christmas Lights

The switching on of the Christmas lights will take place on the following dates:

Blanchardstown – 28th November at 7pm

Swords – 29th November at 6.p.m

Balbriggan – 5th December at 7pm

### Christmas Markets

Swords Christmas Market will take place on Friday 29th November from 3 pm – 8 pm, Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November from 12 pm to 8 pm and on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December from 11am to 6pm.

Traders with an emphasis on local produce, artists and collectors will be there as well as lots of family fun including Santa Claus, kids Christmas cartoon cinema club and musical/magic shows.

The Fingal Festival of Fire took place on 31<sup>st</sup> October at the following three locations:



Bremore Castle Christmas Market will take place on Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> December and Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> December from 11am to 6pm.

As well as the Traders, there will be lots of family fun including Santa Claus, children’s entertainment and a full programme of carol singing and live music.



## Other Events

Other events supported by Fingal County Council in November include:

- Marathonkids, Morton Stadium
- Malahide Santa
- Rush Christmas Lights

## TOURISM DEVELOPMENT

### Dublin Airport

Discussions have taken place with Dublin Airport on ways to promote Fingal to the 2 million transport hub passengers annually. The opportunities being explored include:-

- Familiarising the dedicated transfer hosts on what is available in the area
- Digital opportunities on the dublinairport.com transfer hub section
- Targeted advertising in piers welcoming passengers early in the morning
- Work with transatlantic airlines directly so Fingal products could be promoted at point of sale
- Possible participation in the new Welcome Hub, which will be trialled in 2020 (6 to 9 months) and a possible Fingal Tourist Information Kiosk in the meantime (possible FLAG application).

## HERITAGE PROPERTIES

### Skerries Martello tower



SLR Consulting were engaged to undertake a feasibility study on the re-development of the Red Island Martello Tower as a visitor attraction.

Its recommendations will now be presented to the November meeting of the Economic Enterprise and Tourism Development SPC.

### Shackleton Mill



Fingal County Council was approved grant funding in the amount of €35,000 under the Historic Structures Fund 2019 for the purpose of the carrying out of urgent roof repair works on three separate roof areas of the protected structure Anna Liffey Mill, (Shackleton Mill). The cost of the works exceed €91k plus VAT and the balance of the monies have been provided for in the Capital account.

These works have commenced and are expected to be completed by end 2019.

### Local Enterprise Office Fingal



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

### National Women's Enterprise Day



LEO Fingal organised the largest-ever event for National Women's Enterprise Day (NWED). It was held on Thursday the 17th October at the Crowne Plaza Hotel Blanchardstown, with over 400 female entrepreneurs in attendance.

The theme for this year's event was "Making It Happen". TV and Radio Broadcaster, Kathryn Thomas was the Master of Ceremonies, while the Dublin Region NWED Ambassador for 2019 was Ann McGee, Director of MIAS Pharma. Some of Ireland's best-known female entrepreneurs shared their experience at the event in Dublin.

The Dublin NWED event was funded by the LEOs in the Dublin Region and Enterprise Europe Network.

### LEO Leadership and Business Programme



LEO Fingal has launched the inaugural LEO Leadership and Business (LAB) Programme, designed for 12 selected SMEs within the Fingal area.

The LEO LAB will include an innovative and valuable suite of supports including a residential leadership retreat on the 15th and 16th of November 2019 and an international university field trip in January 2020 to allow participants to experience international best practice in Leadership and Entrepreneurship.

### Local Enterprise Offices START initiative



As part of the “Making It Happen” campaign, being rolled out by the LEOs at national level, a new START initiative has been rolled out, featuring extensive publicity to encourage would-be entrepreneurs to turn to their LEO for supports.

These include a dedicated Start-up website (<https://startupnow.ie/>); the Start-up Barometer to evaluate what stage of the process current and potential LEO clients find themselves in; as well as the exclusive Insight magazine edition for start-ups.

### New Productivity Challenge Voucher



The new Productivity Challenge is a national programme run by the LEOs nationwide supporting Ireland’s small businesses and enterprises, by providing them with the right advice and training resources to enhance productivity and efficiency. These vouchers are worth up to €2,500 and limited to 200 nationwide.

### Preparing for BREXIT

LEO Fingal is currently undertaking a campaign to get Fingal business owner/managers to take a proactive approach to prepare in advance of the United Kingdom’s exit from the Single Market and Customs Union.

One-to-One Brexit Mentor sessions continue to support LEO clients in preparedness for Brexit. One training workshop on Customs Export & Import Procedures will be held in November designed to help businesses trade with a “Third Country” (Non-EU).

### Fingal Enterprising Women’s Network (FEWN) Christmas Lunch

The annual FEWN Christmas Lunch will take place on Thursday 5th December at Roganstown Hotel & Country Club

### Trading Online Vouchers



Funded by DCCAE as part of the National Digital Strategy, this scheme supports small businesses to trade online. 22 TOVs worth €43,743 were awarded in October. The next TOV information session will be held on the Friday 6th December 2019.

### Start Your Own Business Programme (SYOB)

The fourteenth Start Your Own Business Course of 2019 commenced on 10th October. This is a ten-week course and all courses to date are fully subscribed with a combined total of 162 participants in attendance.

## Business Development Workshops

In October, 7 Business Development Workshops were delivered to 103 participants. To date in 2019, 602 people have participated in 61 LEO Fingal Business Development Workshops. The final six-week QQI Cert in Social Media and Digital Marketing training started on 14th October with 12 participants in attendance.

## Business Clinics and Mentoring

Clinics are offered to individuals that wish to start up a new enterprise or expand their existing business. During October, 12 clinic days were undertaken, delivering expertise to 93 businesses in Fingal. This brings the cumulative figures for 2019 to date to 83 days clinics and 672 attendees. In addition, 130 individual Mentoring assignments have been delivered year to date.

## LEAN for Micro Dublin Programme

The next LEAN management development programme run by the four LEOs in the Dublin region will commence on Thursday 21st November 2019.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

### Balbriggan Socio Economic Strategy



Strong progress is being made across the 20 Things in the first 12 Months listed in the Our Balbriggan Rejuvenation Plan, including improving the Harbour area, consultation on the development of the Bremore Regional & Amenities Park and increasing the number of public play and exercise facilities in the town.

Implementation groups have met and are progressing work across the plans four pillars: Local Economy, Public Realm, Education, Training & Employment & Community Affairs & Integration. The Plan contains a Town Rejuvenation Map which details public realm commitments and actions across the four Pillars, these and an accompanying summary document can be downloaded at [www.balbriggan.ie](http://www.balbriggan.ie)

### Fingal Local Community Development Committee

Successful applications under the Community Enhancement Programme (CEP) 2019 were announced during October. A list of successful projects were approved by the LCDC at its October Meeting and all applicants have been informed of the LCDC decision resulting from that meeting. The Department of Rural and Community Development have entrusted the LCDC's with responsibility to allocate funding under this scheme to qualifying projects in the LCDC area. Fingal had an 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 was €1.33 million over 132 projects. Funding was approved by the Fingal LCDC for a total of 90 projects under the main CEP Scheme for 2019. A further €13,089.00 in funding was also approved by the LCDC for 10 Men's Sheds and 1 Women's Shed in the Fingal area under a different strand of the CEP Scheme.

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 closing date for applications had been extended to October and Fingal LCDC submitted project proposals that can now avail of this funding. The Fingal LCDC was also 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 annual site visit to Fingal by Pobal was held on the 8th October. During this visit Pobal had the opportunity to meet with representatives from Fingal County Council, the Fingal LCDC, the SICAP Oversight Committee and Empower. The Fingal SICAP programme is progressing well in 2019 and the expectation is that the annual plan targets will be fully met.



### 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.



At the latest Dublin Rural LEADER Action Group Meeting in October, €614,000 was approved for new projects in Rural Dublin. Year to date over €1 million has been approved over 15 projects. In the programme to date, 58 projects have been approved for €2.3 million. Of these 40 are in Fingal, 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. The next LAG meeting is to be held in November.

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.



'The Dublin Rural LEADER LAG at its October meeting in County Hall Swords.'



## Enterprise Centres

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



The environment to succeed



drinan **enterprise** centre  
FINGAL'S INNOVATION HUB ▶

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## Halloween 2019 - Fingal Recycling Centres

The Council's Recycling Centres accepted combustible material from the residents of Fingal for 4 days in October in an effort to reduce the amount of material which otherwise would be disposed of on bonfires with consequential damage to public open spaces. Additional resources were required at the recycling centres to manage the extra volume of vehicles during this period. On average 300 vehicles daily are received in Coolmine Recycling Centre and 500 in Estuary Recycling Centre. However, over the 4 day Halloween Amnesty both centres recorded an almost 50% increase in the number of vehicles attending the Centres. Coolmine Recycling Centre received 2,645 vehicles and Estuary Recycling Centre received over 4,000 vehicles over the 4 days and as a result of this initiative, the amount of materials available for bonfires has reduced and was evident on Halloween night in the Fingal area.



In addition the Operations Department collected materials throughout the county for approximately 2-3 weeks prior to Halloween with increased collections on the last few days before Halloween. Significant quantities of combustible material were removed including a large number of wooden pallets and tyres.



New stone wall and footpath in Hollystown



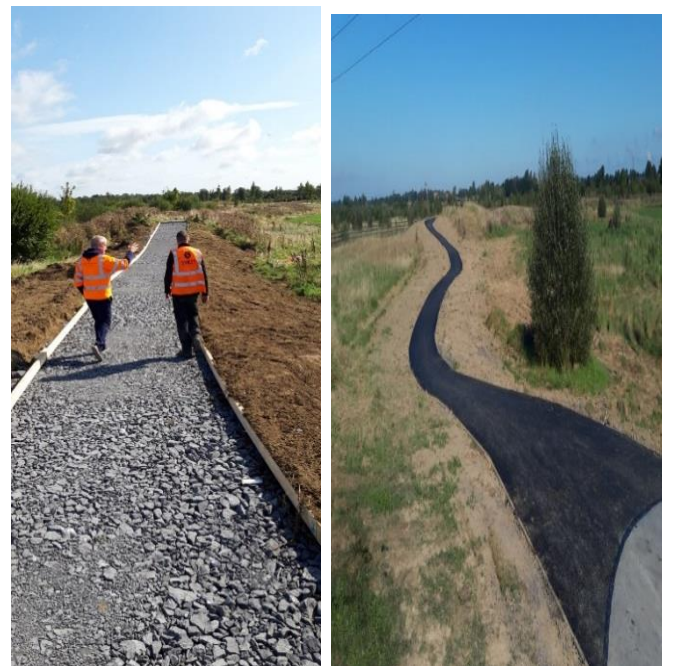
### Programme of Works

The Operations Department continue to work through the 2019 Special Works Programme.

### Footpath improvements in Broadway Park



### Completion of footpaths in Tyrellstown Park



## Works Programme:

Carrickhill Road Upper in Pormarnock was resurfaced at night time with works commencing on the 10<sup>th</sup> of October. The works are now complete.



## River Clearance

As part of the FEMFRAM study (Fingal East Meath Flood Risk Assessment and Management study) the Gaybrook Stream was widened and deepened to alleviate flood risk to the Aspen and Birchdale housing estates in Kinsealy that had previously been flooded during extreme weather events. The channel had become overgrown and had washing machines, trees and other materials dumped in the stream. The clearance of the stream is presently ongoing, and is approximately 75% complete.



Section of stream before works



Section of stream after works completed

## Fleet Management & Plant Hire Unit

### Hires put in Place

There were **92** hires put in place from 1<sup>st</sup> October to 31<sup>st</sup> October, engaging **24** suppliers.

### Included in these were:

- Front Loading Shovel for the loading of salt (Gritting Season) into barn at Swords, Watery Lane.
- Excavator and Driver with Waste Grapple for Halloween Amnesty at Recycling Centre Estuary Road.
- Generators, Tower Lights, Crew Cab Van and Portaloos for Festival Of Fire Swords/Blanchardstown 2019.
- 5 VMS for National Slow Down Day (Road safety).
- 3.5T Van (BOX BODY with tail lift) for Transport of Furniture for Building Facilities.



**Front Loading Shovel for the loading of salt into Barn**

**Public Lighting**

**Column Replacement:** The column replacement program for Pinewood Green estate in Balbriggan began in October with works starting on Pinewood Green Avenue.

Preparation works begin for Christmas lighting in Balbriggan town. Column motifs are installed and a new banner is hung above the library.



**Balbriggan Library – Town Square**



**Pinewood Green Avenue**

**Drogheda Street Balbriggan**

**LED Programme:** In October the LED Upgrade Program saw 733 LED Upgrade works carried out in the following locations:-

Riverwood Chase/Close/Copse/Court/Crescent/ Dale/Dene/ Drive/Gardens/Glebe/Glen/ Green/ Grove/Heath/Lawn/Park/Place/Terrace/Vale/View/ Way... Carpenterstown

Beechpark Orchard, Collegewood, Collegefort, Oak Lodge...Castleknock

Blackwood Estate, Linnetsfield Avenue/Drive/Rise/View, Ravenswood...Clonee

Charnwood Avenue/Court/Dale/Gardens/Green/ Grove/Heath/Lawns/Meadows/ Park, Limelawn Court/Glade/Green/Hill/Rise/Wood, Mount Symon Avenue/ Close/Crescent/Dale/Drive/Green/Lawn/ Park/Rise, Sorrell Estate, St Mochtas Estate... Clonsilla

## Traffic Operations Unit

### Traffic Management Schemes

**2019 Traffic Signal Contract** – Work is continuing on the installation of the 8 pedestrian / zebra crossings at various locations throughout Fingal. Clonsilla Road, Powerstown Road, The Casino Malahide are now completed and awaiting ESB connection. Kinsealy Malahide Road Educate Together School has now been ESB connected. Station Road Ongar and Station Road Burrowfield are 90% complete and Balrothery is 90% complete awaiting lining completion and electrical connection. The remaining site, Barnageeragh Road, will be progressing in the coming weeks.



**Balrothery**



### **Station Road, Ongar**

**2019 Traffic Signals Upgrades** – Upgrade works are continuing at various Fingal sites. Work commenced recently on the upgrade to the existing dual pedestrian crossing on Main Street, Howth Traffic Lights adjacent to the Church. The existing halogen lights signal heads and poles will be replaced with more economic LED lights and the signal control box will be moved closer to the crossing.



**Main Street Howth:**  
New crossing from both sides with new tactiles and wider tram lines

**Signing and Lining** – Work is continuing on the installation of road markings throughout the County



**Double yellow lines, Laurel Lodge**

**2019 VAS Signage Contract** – There are a total of 26 new sites with 36 new proposed signs to be installed. Sign installation will commence in November by the appointed Contractor.



**Box junction, Coolmine Industrial Estate**



**VAS location chosen on Shelerin Road**



**Sharks Teeth painted on Sheepmoor Avenue Ramps**



**Road markings recently installed in Seamount, Malahide**

**2019 Ramps Contract** –The contractor has been appointed and works are planned to start week commencing 11<sup>th</sup> November. Five sets of speed cushions are also planned to be installed along Cave/Bissett Strand during November.

**2019 Bicycle Counter Tender** - Three sites have been proposed with one cycle counter installed at each of the sites. Tenders which were submitted for the project are currently being evaluated.

### Traffic Projects Unit

#### Speed Limits Project

Work is ongoing on the consultation phase of the Speed Limit Review for Fingal County. As part of this review further 30 km/h Slow Zones will be provided throughout the county. The maps have been issued to An Garda Síochána for consultation and submissions. Following the submissions by An Garda Síochána the Drawings will be updated before being presented to the Elected members.

#### Traffic Control Project

Traffic Signals Maintenance Contract: Work is continuing on the updating of the Traffic Assets information on the Deadsure system. This information will form part of the Traffic Signals Contract.

#### Fibre Optic Connectivity for junctions

Ducting has been secured in Blanchardstown, Ballymun, along the Hearse Road from Lissenhall interchange to the new Donabate Distributor Road tie-in, and has been installed in the new Donabate Distributor Road. This will allow for future fibre connections in these areas to allow the junctions to be monitored by CCTV and to connect the junctions to a future traffic control system.

### Road Safety Section

#### School Streets Initiative



**Existing Traffic at St. Oliver Plunketts School on Grove Road, Malahide**

The Traffic Projects Road Safety Section is proposing to pilot a School Streets initiative on Grove Road Malahide at St Oliver Plunketts School. Pedestrianising the road outside the school, which has over 900 pupils, aims to reduce the level of conflict that is visible at this location. The proposal aims to reduce the risk of traffic accidents, congestion and improve air quality and make it healthier and safer for children to get to and from school by encouraging parents and pupils to choose a more sustainable form of transport to make their daily commute.

This is the first time such an initiative has been trialled in Ireland and will involve the temporary closure of Grove Road between Church Road and



The Rise so it becomes a pedestrian and cycle zone during the school's opening and closing times 08.30-09.15 & 13.00 – 14.45 during school term time only.

**Reserve School Wardens:** - Further 'Buddy Up' school warden training continued throughout October.

**Bleper Bike Share Scheme** - Further bike racks will be installed throughout the month of November in the Dublin 15 area, Swords, Portmarnock, Baldoyle, Sutton and Seabury, Malahide to encourage Bleper Bike share scheme user growth amongst commuters.

### Bridge Rehabilitation Project

Work is progressing on the following projects:

**Rehabilitation of Church Road Bridge, Blanchardstown, Wyanstown Bridge & Wimbletown Bridge**

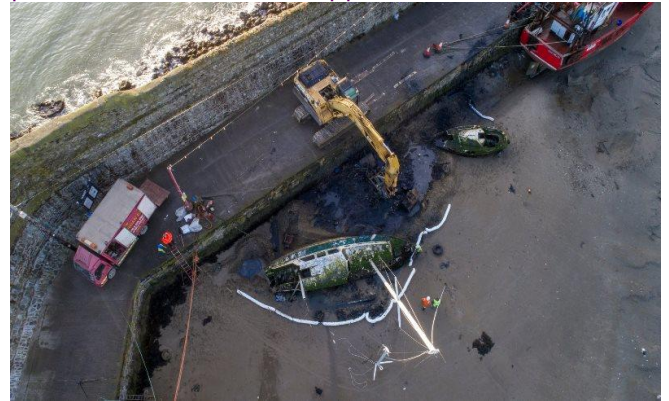
The tender document preparation for the engaging of a site contractor for the rehabilitation of the Church Road Bridge, Blanchardstown, Wyanstown Bridge and Wimbletown Bridge is ongoing. Site works are expected to commence in Q1 2020. The Topographical and Ground Penetrating Radar surveys were carried out in October 2019 and will inform the tender package that the Consultant is currently working on.

**Rehabilitation of Knightstown Bridge, Colecot Bridge & Callaighwee Bridge**

The instream works were completed in September and the remaining out of stream works were completed in October. Snagging of the works was also completed in October. Work is ongoing on the completion of the Safety Files for all three bridges.

### **Balbriggan Harbour**

In support of the "Our Balbriggan" initiative the Operations Department **removed** three abandoned vessels from the harbour in October. A contractor has also been appointed to provide power and fresh water supplies to the harbour.



### **Reinstatement works at Cobbes Lane, Donabate**



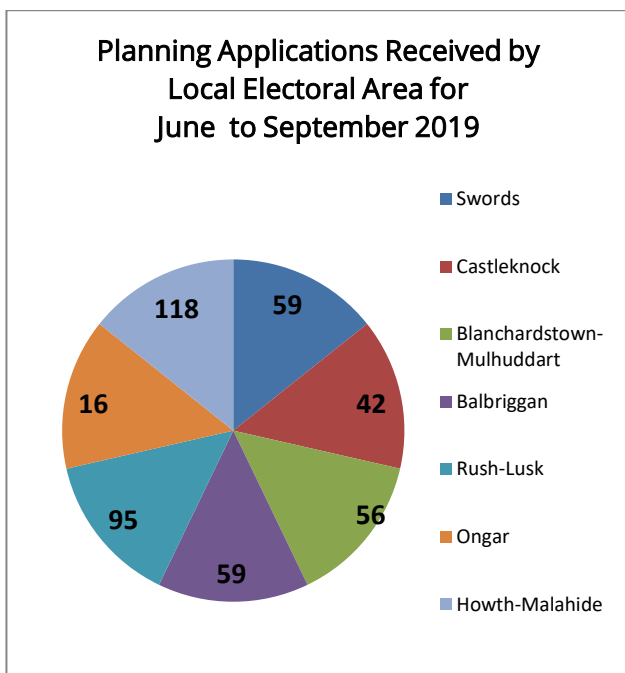
# PLANNING AND STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE (PSI)

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## Planning Applications

There have been 986 planning applications received to the end of September 2019, 105 of these applications were invalid leaving a total of 881 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, 1 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 19 SHDs in the formal pre-planning process.



## Planning Decisions

A total of 877 planning decisions have been made to the end of September 2019. There have been 717 decisions to grant permission (82%) and 160 refusals of permission (18%). There have been 59 grants of permissions in respect of single house construction, 388 grants of permission for domestic extensions, 204 commercial/retail grants of permission and 27 grants of permission in respect of housing developments – 3 of which related to 100 plus developments 8 of which related to development 50 - 100 housing units and 16 of which related to developments of 2-20 housing units.

## Building Control

There have been 143 Disability Access Certificates submitted to the end of September 2019, of these 128 have been granted, 1 was deemed not required and 3 are currently on time extension. There have been 208 Fire Safety Certificates submitted to the end of September 2019, of these 141 have been granted, 5 were invalidated and 45 are currently on time extension.

## Proposed Variation No. 1 to the Fingal Development Plan and Draft Dublin Airport Local Area Plan.

The Chief Executive's Report on the submissions received on the proposed Variation No. 1 was

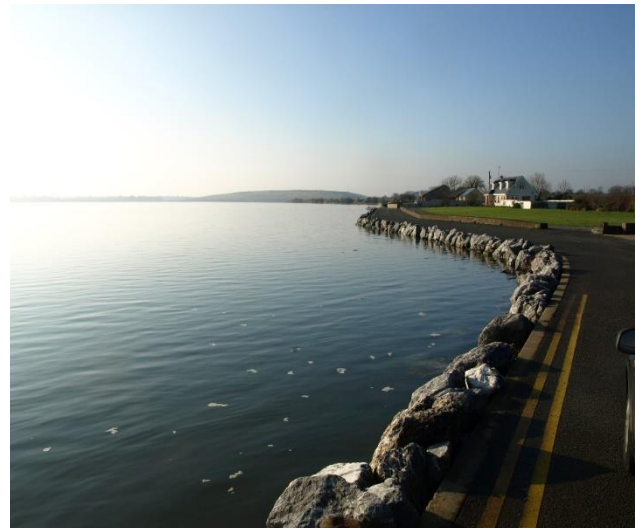
circulated to all Elected Members on the 4<sup>th</sup> of November. The Chief Executive's Report on the submissions received on the Draft LAP will be circulated to all Elected Members on the 20<sup>th</sup> November. A briefing session has been arranged for the Elected Members from 6-8pm on the 25<sup>th</sup> November in County Hall on the Chief Executive's reports for the Variation and Draft LAP.

### **Harry Reynolds Road Pedestrian and Cycle Route Public Consultation**

A non-statutory public consultation event on the preliminary design of this scheme will take place on 21<sup>st</sup> November from 4.00pm – 8.00pm in the Bracken Court Hotel, Balbriggan. Following this, it is hoped to present a design to the Area Committee in early 2020 with a view to progressing to Part 8 planning. It is hoped that the significant local knowledge of residents and other interested parties can be received during this event and members of the project team will be present to take questions and receive feedback.

### **Fingal Coastal Way Public Consultations**

The project team continues to progress the constraints study and initial route options assessment for the Fingal Coastal Way from Donabate to Bremeare. A number of non-statutory public consultation evenings will take place from 5pm– 8pm on 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> November in Rush Library, Bracken Court Hotel Balbriggan and Skerries Sailing Club respectively. It is hoped that the significant local knowledge of residents and other interested parties can be received during these events and members of the project team will be present to take questions and receive feedback.



### **Broadmeadow Way Greenway Project**

Following the submission of the Compulsory Purchase Order and planning application for the Broadmeadow Way greenway project earlier this year, An Bord Pleanála has recently confirmed that one objection has been received to the CPO and an oral hearing on the CPO will now take place in early December, unless the objection is withdrawn in the meantime. An Bord has decided not to hold an oral hearing on the planning application, however it has requested the Council to prepare responses to the issues raised in the third-party submissions received during the public consultation period.

### **Part 8 applications in Donabate**

A number of Part 8 applications are currently in progress in and around Donabate village:

- 1.** The **Donabate Pedestrian and Cycle Bridge** was on public display from 17th September with submissions accepted until 30th October. A Chief Executives Report is currently being prepared for presentation to the Area Committee.
- 2.** Proposed realignment of the **R126 Hearse Road** in the townland of Lanestown is currently on public display until 13th November, with submissions or observations accepted until 27th November. A Chief Executives Report will

then be prepared for presentation to Councillors at the January Area Committee Meeting.

3. The proposed construction of a new footpath over a distance of 115 metres on the northern side of Turvey Avenue is currently on public display, with submissions accepted until 27th November. A Chief Executives Report will then be prepared for presentation to Councillors at the January Area Committee Meeting.

Outreach with local schools and the educational sector as a whole, is an important element of the Community Archaeologist brief. Archaeology forms part of the new Junior Cert curriculum- indeed the Fingal's community archaeology initiative at Swords Castle is featured in the history books. The 'pop up' museum with the 1<sup>st</sup> year classes of Lusk Community School; a lecture was given to UCC Archaeological Society and seventy students and staff from UCD visited Drumanagh and Swords Castle for their first year assignment, during October.

### Howth Community Archaeology Book Launch

The Community Archaeologists were delighted to launch the Fingal County Council supported publication of *A Guide to the Archaeology of the Howth Peninsula: the story of Howth and its people* by the Resurrecting Monuments Community Archaeology Group on the 24 October 2019. This publication, which combines archaeology, history, folklore and walking trails, tells the story of Howth from prehistoric times until the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.



## HOUSING AND COMMUNITY (H&C)

Housing	Community Sports Arts 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 5,285 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>

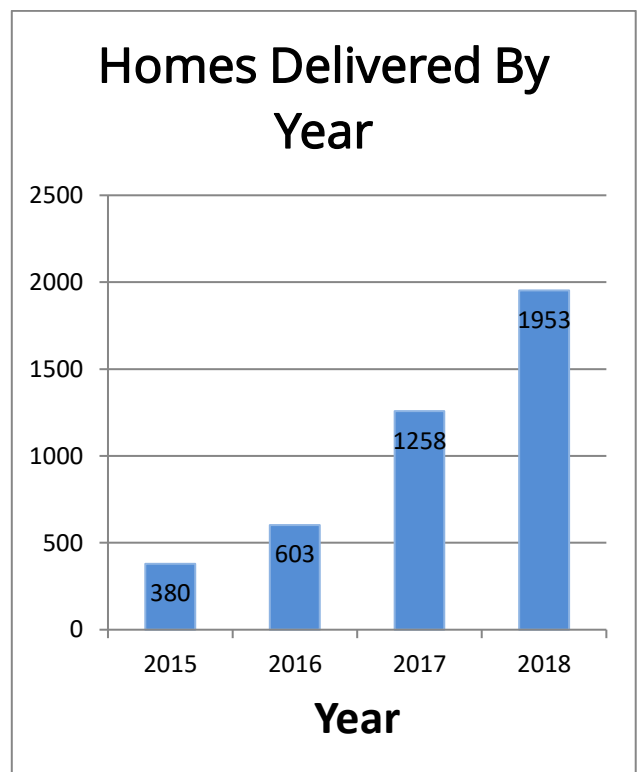
\*Construction, Part V, Turnkey Acquisitions

### 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.

## 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 McVerry Trust	8	Completed
Rivermeade	2	Completed
Pinewood CC, Balbriggan	2	Completed
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
Rathbeale Road, Swords	24	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 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 meeting the eligibility criteria, it 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	849
Number of applications approved	408
Value of the loans approved	€88,096,998.00
Number of loans drawn down	165
Value of loans drawn down	€37,047,649.00

### 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 (10%)	2019 (15%)	2020 (20%)	2021 (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.

### November Photos from social housing construction schemes

#### Rolestown, Co Dublin - 26 units:





**Ladyswell Crescent, Mulhuddart, D15 – 22 units**

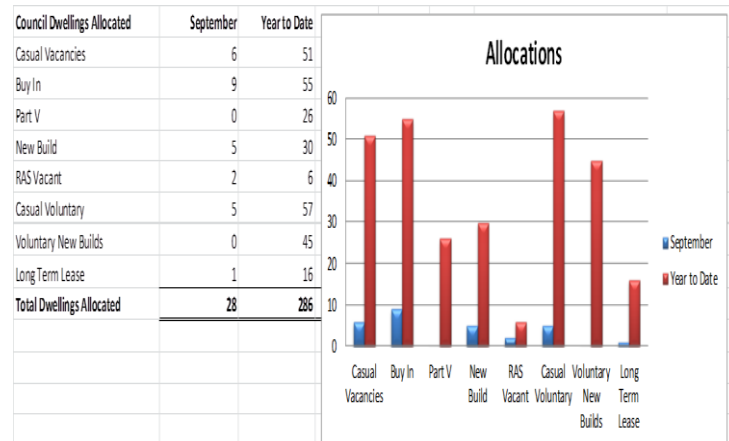
**Housing Tenancy Services Report**



**Housing Support**

*Offers of Housing Support*

In 2019 to end September, Fingal County Council allocated 286 properties to applicants on the social housing list. 102 of these properties went to homeless households.

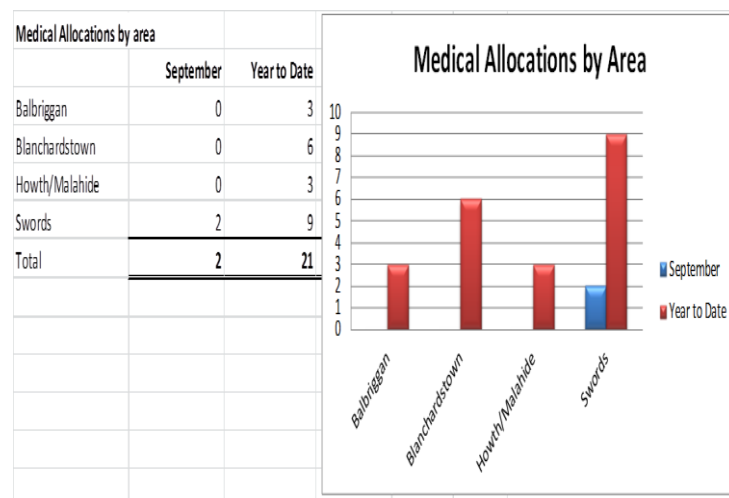


**Avondale, Mulhuddart, D15 – 42 units**



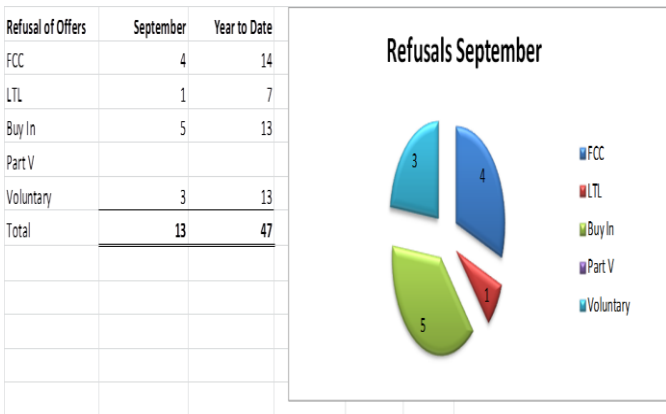
*Offers under Medical Priority*

21 of the above 286 allocations went to households who were approved for medical priority.



### Refusals of Offers

To date in 2019, 47 households have refused offers of dwellings from Fingal County Council. This includes refusals from 7 families who are residing in commercial emergency accommodation (hotels and B&B's)

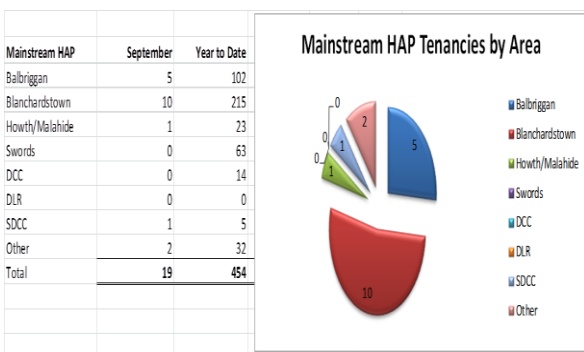


### Housing List Position Letters

Housing applicants were advised by letter of their position on the housing list, during week beginning 7<sup>th</sup> October 2019.

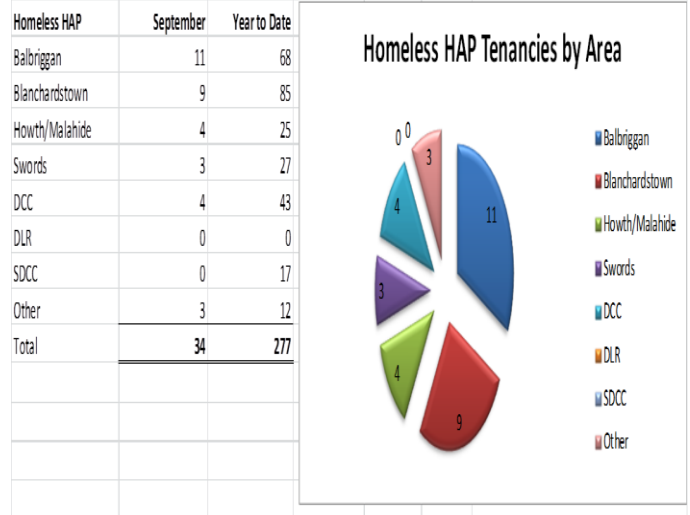
### Housing Assistance Payment(HAP)

HAP was introduced in Fingal County Council in 2017. Under the Scheme, tenancies may be approved outside of Fingal, to those who qualify for Housing Support. Since then 1783 tenancies have been registered. In 2019 to date, 454 tenancies have been registered with a further 19 being progressed.



### Homeless Services

Homeless HAP was introduced in Fingal County Council in 2015. Since then over 900 tenancies have been registered. In 2019 to date 277 tenancies have been registered with a further 34 being processed for October.



The Councils Homeless Clinic, which is open every morning from 9.30 to 12.30 sees approximately 40 new families experiencing homelessness every month. The Council provides advice and support to these families and advises them of the options available to them. The Council works in conjunction with various agencies such as Focus and Threshold in supporting homeless families.

### Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019-2024

The Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019 – 2024 was adopted by the Council on the 8<sup>th</sup> July, 2019. The following is the position in relation to accommodation targets for the current year

Type	Target 2019	In progress	Delivered
Group Housing Refurbishment	4	2	3
Group Housing New	0	0	0
Halting site Refurbishment	30	15	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>3</b>

### Proposed Traveller Group Housing at Stockhole Lane

A proposal to construct 7 No dwellings as part of a Traveller specific group housing scheme on Stockhole Lane, Baskin went on public display on 15<sup>th</sup>October in accordance with Part XI of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001(as amended), Fingal County Council.

### Returning Dwellings to Productive Use

The number of casual voids within Social Housing Stock which are currently in the re-let process is as set out in the table below;

Voids	At 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2019
In letting process	29
Undergoing re-let repairs	22
With County Architect for procurement of pre-let repairs	28
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>79</b>

### Planned Maintenance Programmes

#### Boiler Servicing

The council provides an annual boiler servicing facility, including all maintenance and upgrade works, for a nominal fee of €3 per week to participating tenant.

Area	No of dwellings in 2019 Servicing Programme	No Allocated to Contractor	Serviced in 2019 to end October	% Completion rate
Dublin 15 and South Fringe (Harris Heating)	2419	2238	1722	77%
North and East Fingal (Harris Heating)	2661	2537	1743	69%
<b>Total</b>	<b>5080</b>	<b>4775</b>	<b>3465</b>	<b>73%</b>

#### Cyclical Maintenance

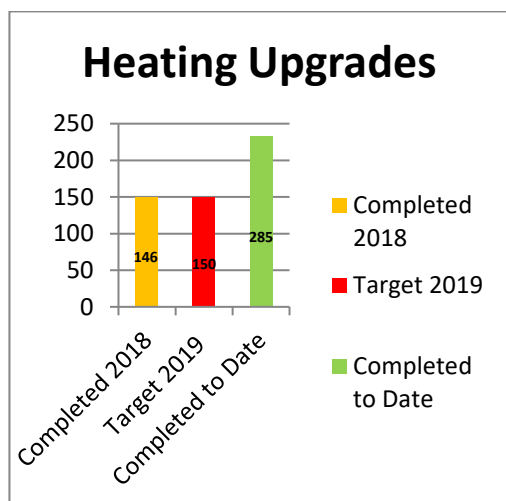
This programme provides for external painting and joinery repairs to council housing stock. Currently the programme operates on a 6/7 year cycle. The current contract commenced in May

2019 and 347 dwellings have been completed to date out of a target 550 dwellings

Estate	Units Included		Status
Seaview Park, Portrane	13	13	Complete
Longstone Park ,Portrane	20	20	Complete
Ministers Park , Lusk	58	58	Complete
Hands Lane Cottages	7	7	Complete
Glasmore Park	26	26	Complete
Jugback Lane	49	49	Complete
Seamount Grove, Malahide	39	39	Complete
Fortlawn Estate	229	135	In progress
Sheepmoor Estate (part)	109	0	
	<b>550</b>	<b>347</b>	

### Heating Upgrades

Boiler upgrades are continuing based on the Council's commitments under its Climate Change Action Plan. These include boiler and systems upgrades ( as required ) as part of re-let repairs to void properties



### Estate Maintenance and Grass Cutting

The Housing Maintenance Division provides a grass cutting service for circa 350 elderly or vulnerable tenants, within its housing estates. In

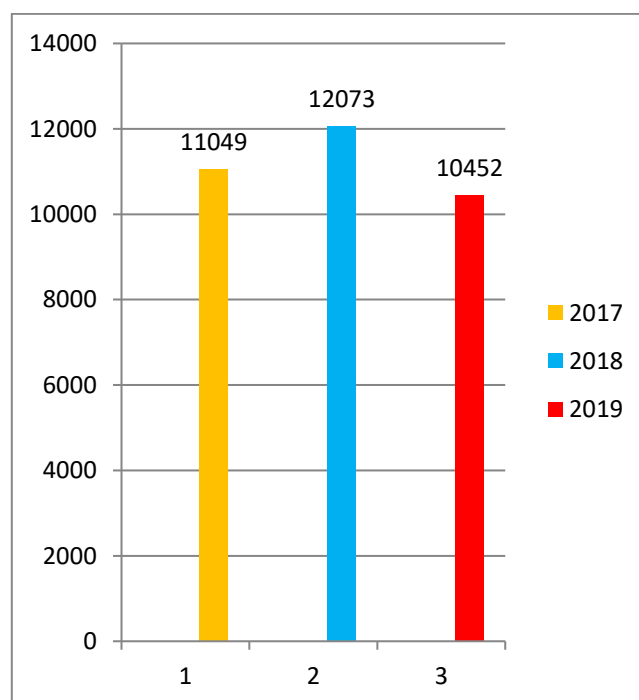
addition, grass cutting is provided in small areas of open space, not covered by Operations Department, with the overall objective of improving the visual aspect of the estates.

Laneways provided to the rear of dwellings in the older estates can be a source of dumping and anti-social behaviour and the Housing Maintenance Division works with local residents to find solutions where issues exist. In some cases, laneways are gated and keys provided to adjoining residents for local access. In other situations, where all householders are in agreement, laneways can be incorporated into the adjoining rear gardens.

**Laneway in Fortlawn, Dublin 15-** works are underway to incorporate a section of laneway at Fortlawn Avenue into three Council Properties. It is anticipated that the works will be complete in late-November.

**Laneway in Lambeecher, Balbriggan** - 4 laneways in Lambeecher to be gated following survey of residents.

### Total Maintenance Requests



## Anti-Social Behaviour/Inspectorate/Welfare/Stock Management

The ongoing management and sustainment with regard to social tenancies and good estate management falls within the remit of the ASB/Inspectorate Unit. Alleged breaches pertaining to tenancy agreements are investigated and pursued in accordance with Housing legislative guidelines.

There are occasions when the vulnerabilities, complexities and health related issues associated with a tenancy require tenancy sustainment intervention and supports. Ongoing case management and review with a variety of external agencies, including Approved Housing Bodies, An Garda Síochána, Tusla and the HSE is a necessity to ensure all agencies work collaboratively with a view to achieving best outcomes.

## Stock Management

40 cases under review – 18 regularisations, 12 breaches – (allegations of illegal occupancy, sub-lets),

4 downsizing, 1 abandonment (repossessed), 5 Miscellaneous

Surrenders 61 YTD – 16 surrenders achieved through Estate Management intervention

## Housing Welfare

90 cases under review with Housing Social Workers

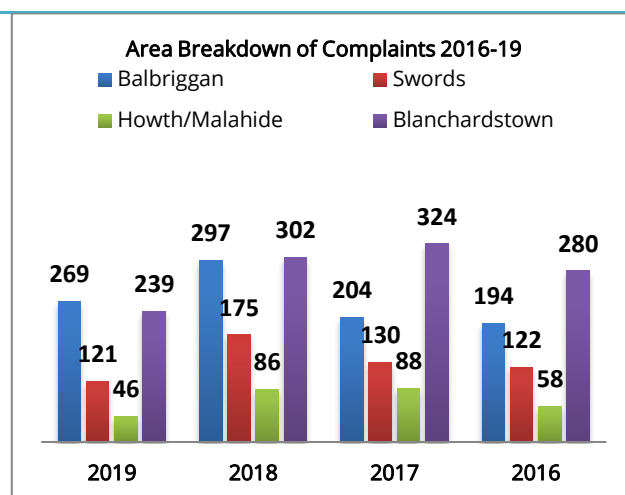
## Anti-Social Behaviour

### Total Complaints Received

2019 (end of Sept)	675
2018	860
2017	746
2016	654

### Area Breakdown of Complaints

	2019	2018	2017	2016
Balbriggan	269	297	204	194
Swords	121	175	130	122
Howth/Malahide	46	86	88	58
Blanchardstown	239	302	324	280
<b>Total</b>	<b>675</b>	<b>860</b>	<b>746</b>	<b>654</b>



## Anti-Social Interventions (end of September)

Interviews Held	68
Tenancy Alerts	20
Tenancy Warnings	1
Tenant Induction Training	10

## Community Culture & Sports Division

### Arts Office:

#### **Musician-in-Residence Programme 2019**

The Musician-in-Residence Programme is now live in 25 schools throughout the county. Following a ten month planning process, professional musicians are now beginning to implement their music plans in Fingal primary schools. The Arts Office conducted a process to create a 'musicians panel' in order to suitably match musicians with schools who sought to initiate projects in line with local needs and now offer financial support to allow the projects to flourish. RTE News 2Day visited St. Michael's House Special School who are collaborating with a local mainstream school - St. Laurence's National School to implement a project that places access and inclusion at its core: <https://www.rte.ie/player/series/news2day/SI0000001210?epguid=IH000369238>

#### **New Bursary Award**

Fingal Arts Office is working in partnership with the other Dublin Local Authorities to collectively consider early childhood arts in the Dublin region. Our priorities are access with an emphasis on under-served communities, positive impact on the early childhood sector, and a focus on the artist and artistic practice. In October the partnership announced a new Bursary Award open to artists who wish to develop a practice in early childhood arts. Proposals can include and are not limited to: Professional Development, Research & Creation of New Work, Residencies and Mentoring. The Bursary range is €200 - €10,000.

Follow this link for full details:

[http://fingalarts.ie/resources/ExploringThinking\\_BursaryAward\\_2019.pdf](http://fingalarts.ie/resources/ExploringThinking_BursaryAward_2019.pdf)

#### **Estuary – Public Engagement Programme, October**

To promote and provide access points to Estuary – an exhibition in celebration of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Fingal County Council's Municipal Art Collection, Fingal Arts Office has organised a Public Engagement Programme for people of all ages, abilities, and from all locations throughout Fingal and beyond.



*Fingal's Youth & Education Officer introduces school groups to the Estuary exhibition in October.*

The programme kicked off with a curators' tour of the exhibition on Culture Night, followed by a visit to The Hide Sculpture. Then exhibiting artist Sean Molloy met with students from Coolmine Community School Dublin 15, and Bremore Educate Together Secondary School Balbriggan, to share insights into his exploration of traditional old master drawing techniques.



*Students brainstorm ideas with artist Sean Molloy.*

Artist Catherine Barron invited families to interact with her exhibited artworks and to play with the architecture of the gallery space itself.



*Children enjoy time with exhibiting artist Catherine Barron and the Estuary Exhibition.*

We invited early years specialist Lucy Hill to design a bespoke Professional Development Day for local early childhood educators. They explored prominent themes of nature and the environment featured within the exhibition that would translate well into creative activities back in the early childhood settings. Lucy will have follow up visits in each setting represented to support participating educators implement their new learning back in the crèche settings.



## Fingal Arts Office announce the 2019 recipient of the Graduate Award



Fingal County Council Arts Office in partnership with MART is delighted to announce, Sharon Ramsey as the successful recipient of the Graduate Award 2019.

As part of an ongoing commitment to emerging artists Fingal County Council's Arts Office offer a one-year Graduate Studio Award in MART with inclusion in the 'Award' show in March 2020, an exhibition which is dedicated to the support and professional development of recent graduates.

The Graduate Award, which commences in October 2019, will provide an ideal environment for Sharon to develop her practice and an opportunity to network with other artists. In addition, Sharon will also have access to 'Smart Talks', a series of professional development presentations and workshops presented by MART.

Sharon Ramsey is a recent Master of Fine Art (MFA) Graduate of NCAD. On hearing of her award, she commented; "I am delighted and honoured to receive this Graduate Award. Having the support of Fingal Arts Office and MART has been an incredible boost to my confidence as a recent graduate and I look forward to working with them both in the coming year. It will give me an opportunity to establish a working practice within a vibrant and supportive art community and help to facilitate a greater understanding of what it means to pursue a career as an artist."

## Public Art

Estuary Engagement Programme, to coincide with the inclusion of The Hide Suite in the recent exhibition, we arranged a special tour and visit to the Hide Sculpture with the artist Garrett Phelan and Dr. Frank Prendergast of Birdwatch Ireland.



Infrastructure – Buildings and Public Spaces Programme – Harry Nash Renault has engaged two Fingal artists sculptor Clíodhna Cussen and Painter Una Sealy to create new work for his new Ballycoolin premises with new works set to be delivered early next year.

## Community Development Office:

### **Interim report on Community Facilities in Fingal:**

Following the discussion at the October Council meeting it was agreed that an update would be provided on Community facilities in Fingal with childcare facilities on site.

From an initial audit there are approximately 33 Community Centres/Facilities in the Fingal area and 17 of these have childcare facilities.

In addition, Fingal County Council owns 15 community centres and 11 of these have childcare facilities. We are aware that a number of these facilities have been inspected by Tusla and in some cases the works required to upgrade the facilities are in the region of €200,000. In addition to upgrades on the childcare element of the centres Fingal County Council carried out conditioning surveys on these centres and a budget of €2.45 million has been provided in the Capital Programme 2020 – 2022 to complete the works on a phased basis over the next 2 – 3 years.

The need for childcare facilities in Fingal is acknowledged especially as the population of Fingal is one of the youngest in the country. One of the main issues is the necessary requirement on childcare providers to meet the legislative standards required. There are a number of stakeholders to be consulted including the Department of Children & Youth Affairs; the Department of Rural & Community Affairs; Tusla; the HSE; Community Centres themselves and the Archdiocese of Dublin, County Childcare Committee.

However, in order to provide some financial support to community facilities not in FCC ownership, it is proposed to put in place a new Community Facilities Grant Fund in 2020. An amount of €200,000 will therefore be included in the draft revenue budget for consideration by the Council. The criteria of a Community Facilities Grant Fund will be launched in the New Year.



## Launch of Luttrellstown Community Facility



Mayor of Fingal Cllr Eoghan O'Brien, in the company of AnnMarie Farrelly, Interim Chief Executive of Fingal County Council, was on hand to open this wonderful new centre in the Dublin 15 area on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2019.

Luttrellstown Community Centre opened in June and the modern multi-purpose-built facility includes a full-size sports hall with changing rooms, a dance studio, meeting rooms and a childcare room.

The Centre is located adjacent to Luttrellstown Community College and was constructed under the "Fingal Schools" model, which has been operating successfully across a number of communities since its inception in 2010.

## Launch of Skerries Autism Friendly Town

### Background

Skerries Autism Friendly Town Initiative was established with the assistance of FCC Community Development Office. The focus of this initiative is to provide a platform where autism groups can speak as one recognised voice on matters relating to their well-being in Skerries and help promote ways of effective action towards that end.

This includes developing the capacity of local leaders, supporting training opportunities, mentoring local groups while partnering with key agencies to develop and deliver innovative projects which will be of benefit to the autism sector.

They are linking with other partners Supervalu, Skerries Community association, Prosper Fingal,

Skerries Men's Shed, etc. Skerries Autism Friendly Town Initiative will be held on Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> November at 8pm at Scoil Réalt na Mara, Skerries.



Fingal Older Peoples Council members visit Dáil Éireann to attend a questions and answers session.



Deputy Mayor Tom Kitt with Cllr, Mary McCamley and former Minister Michael Woods at the Forget-me-nots Mad Hatters Tea Party on the 11<sup>th</sup> October where over 350 people enjoyed an afternoon of music and dance.

## An Garda Síochána launch the Diversity & Integration Strategy 2019-2021

An Garda Síochána launched the Diversity & Integration Strategy 2019-2021 in Flemington Community Centre, Balbriggan on 9<sup>th</sup> October. The launch event was addressed by a number of speakers including the Mayor of Fingal Cllr Eoghan O'Brien, also the Minister of State for Equality, Immigration and Integration David Stanton TD and the Commissioner of An Garda Síochána Drew Harris. Importantly the document delivers a working hate crime definition and also introduces a Pulse record for non-crime hate incidents. It acknowledges the under-reporting of crimes against marginalised and minority groups and "demonstrates an openness and willingness on behalf of An Garda Síochána to receive reports from and professionally investigate crimes against these individuals and communities".



## Bayside Irish Language Festival



Launch of Rí Rá Chois Bá, Féile Gaeilge do chách the first local Bayside Irish language festival. Satharn, 12 Deireadh Fómhair with an Leas-Mhéara Cllr. Tom Kitt

This journey started with Pop Up Gaeltacht Chois Bá which started in March 2018, a monthly gathering that has gone from strength to strength ever since. This festival is another step along that road. These initiatives give communities a boost, they create opportunities for people to engage with their heritage and improve their language skills, they bring people together and benefit local businesses. Everyone gains from promoting our language locally.

## Fingal Inclusion Week 2019



Fingal Inclusion Week takes place from Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> November 2019. Over 100 events will take place across Fingal throughout the week aimed at highlighting the positive work that communities are involved in which reduces social exclusion and raise awareness while celebrating diversity.

Further information is available at [www.fingalinclusionweek.ie](http://www.fingalinclusionweek.ie).

This is an initiative of the Community Development Office and Public Participation Network.

## Dublin 15 Safer Halloween Project



The Community Office is supporting eleven local groups and organisations in Dublin 15 who will run Safer Halloween projects on the afternoon of 31<sup>st</sup> October. This year the local events were designed to complement the Dublin 15 Festival of Fire and parade taking place at Millennium Park later that evening. Local Communities have organised events such as pumpkin patches on open spaces which had previously been the location of unwelcome local bonfires. Community Centres ran Halloween-themed discos early in the evening for younger kids. This is the second year of the Dublin 15 Safer Halloween project and evidence from last year suggested a significant reduction in illegal bonfires and related ASB in the participating communities across Dublin 15.

## Fáilte Isteach Tutor Training

Fáilte Isteach Tyrrelstown, in conjunction with the Third Age Foundation, organised tutor training for 15 voluntary English language facilitators in Tyrrelstown Community Centre. The volunteers from Fáilte Isteach Tyrrelstown and further afield were trained to deliver conversational English classes for migrants and others in local communities who need support with conversational English. The FCC Community Development Office supports several independent Fáilte Isteach projects in Communities such as Tyrrelstown and Lusk and also links in with other

Fáilte Isteach services run by Empower under the SICAP programme.



## Zeminar Event - 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> October 2019



The Community Development Office coordinated and supported the participation of Libraries, Environment, Comhairle na nÓg, Jigsaw and Foróige in this Generation Z event. This event was held for the first time in the National Sports Campus and was a huge success for those who participate in engagements with young people. Over 15,000 young people between the ages of 15 to 25 participated over the 3 days. Mayor Fingal Cllr. Eoghan O'Brien toured the event on the 9<sup>th</sup> October 2019 and met with our 5 groups and many other organisations and young people.

### Fingal Migrant Integration & Social Cohesion Strategy

The launch of the Fingal Migrant Integration & Social Cohesion Strategy will take place in the Atrium on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 4pm.

### Age Friendly

### Walkability Study

In accordance with the Fingal Age Friendly Strategy 2018-2023, walkability studies were carried out in Blanchardstown on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2019 and in Howth on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2019. Members are invited to attend the next walkability study which will take place in Balbriggan on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2019.



### Harvest Social

Over 120 senior citizens gathered in Fingallians GAA Club on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2019 for the Fingal Older People's Council's Annual Harvest Social Event which was attended by the Mayor Councillor Eoghan O'Brien. A fantastic evening of music and dance was held at this wonderful event which aims to alleviate social isolation and loneliness among senior citizens across Fingal.



In accordance with the Fingal Age Friendly Strategy 2018-2023, it is intended to carry out three walkability studies on the following dates; Blanchardstown - 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2019; Howth - 24<sup>th</sup> October 2019 and Balbriggan - 6<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

### **Sports Division:**

#### **Respect Cup**

Boys and Girls from fifteen primary schools throughout Dublin 15 participated in the FAI / Fingal County Council Primary Schools Futsal Respect Cup in Corduff Sports Centre on Wednesday October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

26 teams amounting to nearly 300 players enjoyed what was a wonderful showcase for school's futsal. The event included a "Show Racism the Red Card" element to the afternoon's showpiece. In conjunction with the futsal event a Respect art competition ran in the schools, where children were tasked with painting or drawing what "respect" meant to them.



#### **Marathonkids Final Mile**

The Final Mile of the Marathonkids Programme, will take place in Morton Stadium, Santry from 9am on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November. This year's event will include students from South County Dublin Schools and Dublin City Schools.

The programme involves 6th class students running a marathon over 8 weeks in school, where they learn about the benefits of sport through a specially designed workbook. The programme started in September with 40 primary school and 3,300 students involved. David Gillick (Former Olympian & European 400m Indoor Champion) is the programme's ambassador and has visited schools in Swords with plans for visits to Balbriggan and Blanchardstown.

#### **FCC / FAI Transition Year Fitness and Football Course Launch**

The fourth year of the Fitness and Football Course will be officially launched on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 11 am by the Deputy Mayor of Fingal Cllr Eoghan O'Brien in the company of Andy Reid, former Republic of Ireland Senior International and Tom Mohan u19s Manager at Corduff Community Centre.

The yearlong course, which caters for 25 Transition Year Students who will participate in a range of football coaching badges, an ITECH full fitness instructors qualification and academic subjects such as Maths and English. In addition they will participate in a number of personal development modules. They will also return to their local primary school one day a week to work with teachers in the delivery of physical education to gain valuable work experience.

#### **Date for your Diary**

The official launch of the Healthy Fingal Learning Portal will take place in Balbriggan Education Together on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November at 3.30.

## LIBRARIES

### Europe Direct / Blanchardstown Library Climate Emergency conference

Over 200 people attended a conference called "Climate emergency – This Generation's Inheritance" organised by Europe Direct and Blanchardstown Library on Tuesday 22nd October at the Castleknock Hotel. The audience included Fingal County Councillors and staff, senior cycle pupils from 8 secondary schools, home schooled children and members of the public.



The event was formally launched by the Mayor of Fingal, Cllr. Eoghan O'Brien and moderated by consultant and broadcaster, Stiofán Nutty. The aims of the conference were to demonstrate clearly the gravity of the climate emergency, to examine how climate change has already affected people around the world, to explore what the future holds if we do not act now and finally to encourage action to prevent further increases in global temperatures.

Speakers included Documentary Film Maker, Peadar King; Assistant Professor of Journalism at DCU, David Robbins; Assistant Professor in the School of Law and Government at DCU, Diarmuid Torney; General Secretary of ICTU, Patricia King; UN Youth Ambassador, Valery Molay and Mindfulness Teacher, Rita O'Donovan. Topics included "Climate Change – A Just Transition for Workers", "The global politics of climate change, or, why small countries like Ireland need to act too", "Greta Thunberg and the communication of climate change" and "Introducing a Mindfulness perspective".

### Science Week: 10th -17th November



Fingal Libraries will once again mark Science Week, an initiative of Science Foundation Ireland, which takes place on an annual basis in November. Science Week is a collaboration of events involving industry, colleges, schools, libraries, teachers, researchers and students throughout Ireland. As the largest science festival in the country, it celebrates science in our everyday lives. Events taking place in Fingal Libraries include a robotics workshop, a Fab Lab with laser cutters, vinyl cutters and 3D printers, the Mad Professor Fun Scientist Show, the Big Bear Planetarium and interactive science experiments. As with all events in Fingal Libraries, there is no charge but booking is essential. Log on to [www.fingallibraries.ie/events](http://www.fingallibraries.ie/events) for further information.

## Know Your Rights

As part of Fingal Inclusion Week from 11<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> November, Fingal Libraries and Citizens Information are holding “Know Your Rights” sessions at Blanchardstown, Donabate, Baldoyle, Howth, Balbriggan, Malahide and Rush Libraries. Participants will find out about employment rights, tax, back to work supports and social welfare entitlements.

## Battle of the Book



Swords Castle was the venue for the recent launch by the Mayor of Fingal, Cllr. Eoghan O'Brien, of this year's Battle of the Book. Also present were the author of the chosen book, Rod Smith, staff from Fingal Libraries, representatives of the sponsors, the Dublin Airport Authority and publishers, Poolbeg, as well as some avid readers from one of the participating schools, St Marnock's in Portmarnock. The chosen book, "*World War I: When the lights went out in Europe*" is Malahide man Rod's 11<sup>th</sup> book for children.

The Battle of the Book is a reading programme running from October 2019 until March 2020, designed by staff at Fingal Libraries for primary schools in the area. The programme encourages children to read for pleasure and for knowledge and to feel confident in sharing the experience of reading with each other.

## Irish Crime Fiction at Malahide Library

Malahide Library recently hosted an evening dedicated to Irish crime fiction of the past and present with four Poolbeg authors. The four Irish authors were Nicola Cassidy, Maria Hoey, Andrea Mara and Jane Ryan. The special evening provided the audience with a unique opportunity to listen to four successful and acclaimed Irish authors as they discussed the inspiration for their crime novels, on how social media can hamper or aid plot lines and what provided the tug towards crime fiction.

## Healthy Ireland at Your Library

Fingal Libraries continues to deliver the Healthy



Healthy Ireland  
at your Library

Ireland at Your Library programme throughout our branch network, with a series of talks and workshops. Counsellor and Psychotherapist,

Fiona Hall will hold managing anxiety workshops at Rush, Baldoyle, Malahide and Balbriggan Libraries during November and December. All our branches carry a comprehensive collection of books on health and wellbeing and the Libraries website has e-books, e-magazines and other e-resources which cover healthy lifestyles and positive living.

### **Regular Clubs at Rush Library**

A quilting group meets at Rush Library every Tuesday morning from 10.30am – 12.00pm. Adults meet to play scrabble on Tuesdays at 6.30pm and the Baby Book Club will meet on Thursday 22nd of November at 10am.

### **Raising bilingual children – talk at Swords Library: Wed 13th Nov: 6:30pm-7:30 pm**

Why do some bilingual children prefer one language over the other? How can I help my child to develop two languages at the same time? These and other questions will be addressed by Dr. Francesca La Morgia of Mother Tongues, in this talk for parents who are raising bilingual or multilingual children. Parents will learn about bilingual language development and common strategies to support their child's linguistic development.

### **Reuben the Entertainer at Garristown Library**



Reuben the Entertainer of RTE Junior fame, kept children at Garristown Library spellbound recently during a story-time session. The Library holds regular events for children including a chess club on Monday afternoons, story-time on Tuesday and

Thursday afternoons, a monthly junior readers book club and a baby book club.



# ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE ACTION & WATER SERVICES (ECAWS)

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## ENVIRONMENT

### Environmental Awareness

#### Communities4Environment Anti-Litter and Anti-Graffiti Competition

There was 42 applications from community groups were received and 15 were awarded for the €2,000 fund. This is the first year that the ALAG fund is to be used in this way. These projects are funded by Fingal County Council and the Department of Communications, Climate Action and the Environment.

Competition Results are on the Fingal website <https://www.fingal.ie/anti-litter-anti-graffiti-competition-funding-2019>

**Community Environmental Action Fund** (formerly the Local Agenda 21) - There was an increase in the number of applications from 38 in 2018 to 60 applications in 2019. Overall fund remains at €40,000 (20K from Department matched by 20K from FCC). Projects awarded are listed on our website

<https://www.fingal.ie/council/service/community-environmental-action-fund-2019-formerly-local-agenda-21>

**Instruments Project** – At the two Fingal Recycling Centres, Estuary Swords and Coolmine staff are

putting-by lots of different types of instruments which would otherwise be discarded. These are then cleaned and mended and re-distributed or matched with organisations in Fingal such as Autism Centres, Rehabilitation groups and Addiction centres. This is a Waste Prevention Project which is proving very popular and it is great to see groups benefiting from this initiative.

**Media:** There are on-going bus shelter, social media campaigns and cinema adverts with a focus on Composting food waste, anti-litter and dumping and increasing biodiversity. The instruments Project is also being promoted.

### Water Quality Protection

Local Authority staff have now completed the scheduled Farm Inspections mandated under the EU (Good Agricultural Practice for Protection of Waters) Regulations 2017.

A public meeting, on the Upper Tolka Priority Area for Action, is being planned for **Tuesday the 26<sup>th</sup> of November**. This is being organised under the Local Waters Programme Office and details of the event will be released in the coming days.

## **Litter Management**

A total of 55 litter fines were issued in October. 32 were issued in the Balbriggan/Swords/Rush/Lusk Electoral Area and 23 in the Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar EA. 7 of these fines were issued under Section 3(1) for general littering, 42 were issued under Section 19, for the illegal erection of signage. The remainder were issued under various miscellaneous sections of the Litter Pollution Act.

A total of 18 warning notices were issued in October. 2 in the Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar EA, and 16 in the Balbriggan/Swords/Rush/Lusk EA.

46 court prosecutions under the Act were instigated in October.

## **Waste Enforcement**

Quarter 4 will focus on inspections in relation to Producer Responsibility Initiatives such as Waste Electronic and Electrical Equipment (WEEE), Batteries, End of Life Vehicles (ELV's) for the importation of vehicles, compliance with REPAK End of Life Tyres (ELT) and mercury waste inspections (dental practices).

Ireland has adopted the National Regulations, S.I. 533 of 2018, relating to the phasing out and safe disposal of mercury and mercury waste. These provide for the enforcement of the EU Mercury Regulations (EU) 2017/852. The Regulations replace and update the previous Mercury Regulations (S.I. No. 27 of 2012, EU Regulation (EC) 1102/2008). Inspections will be carried out on commercial and business premises to ensure compliance with the new regulations in terms of the use of mercury and the safe storage and treatment of mercury waste.

Work continues on unauthorised End of Life Vehicle (ELV) sites 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 finalised

with initial inspections due to commence shortly. The unauthorised nature of these sites means there is a high risk of environmental pollution such as surface water and groundwater contamination from these waste activities.

## **WATER SERVICES**

### **Operations**

Issues at the Leixlip Water Treatment Plant in recent weeks have led to the issuing of Boil Water Notices across Fingal which has caused considerable disruption to citizens and businesses.

The most recent Boil Water Notice was issued on Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, following heavy rainfall that led to high levels of turbidity in the River Liffey which the old treatment plant struggled to treat.

Our staff on duty reacted quickly when turbidities in the final treated water exceeded targets and shut down the old part of the water treatment plant on Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, as it was not able to achieve satisfactory treatment.

The filters were extensively backwashed to bring the plant back into compliance. When the plant was restarted on Monday morning it still was not possible to achieve satisfactory treatment standards. A decision had to be made to either leave large areas without supply or to initiate a Boil Water Notice so, in conjunction with the EPA and the HSE, Irish Water announced a Boil Water Notice.

The EPA carried out an audit of the incident on Friday, November 8.

A Boil Water Notice was also issued on Tuesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, following an issue with the treated drinking water from the Leixlip Water Treatment Plant the previous night. A blockage in an alum dosing line was not picked up when alarms went off and is the subject of an ongoing investigation.

The EPA carried out an audit of the October incident which can be viewed here:

<https://www.epa.ie/pubs/advice/drinkingwater/drinkingwateraudits2019/leixlipwatertreatmentplantaudit20191024.html>

This is the first time that Boiled Water Notices have had to be issued for the treated water produced at the Leixlip Water Treatment Plant and our staff worked closely with Irish Water, the EPA and the HSE to resolve the October issue as quickly as possible.

We are currently working with those agencies in resolving the issues which caused the most recent Boiled Water Notice. We welcome Irish Water's planned upgrade of the older plant and will give them every support to ensure the works are completed as soon as possible. These works will assist in minimising future disruptions to the treated water supply.

## CORPORATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNANCE (CAG)

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Information Technology Fingal Voices App

### Information Technology

Pilot project to engage with Unheard Voices through the Fingal Voices app is launched by Fingal County Council

The Fingal Voices app has been developed as part of the Unheard Voices Challenge which aims to explore innovative solutions to encourage a greater diversity of voices, because inclusivity is essential to successful local decision-making.

The Fingal Voices app allows citizens to ask questions, make suggestions and respond to polls and surveys.

As users engage with the app, they gain points which can be redeemed for various prizes.

Geolocation technology is used to match users with questions and surveys relevant to them, such as events they are attending or issues affecting their locality.

A beta version of the app will be evaluated during the pilot project, which runs from October 23 2019 to January 31 2020.

During this period the Council will be encouraging citizens to download the app and give their feedback on this engagement tool.



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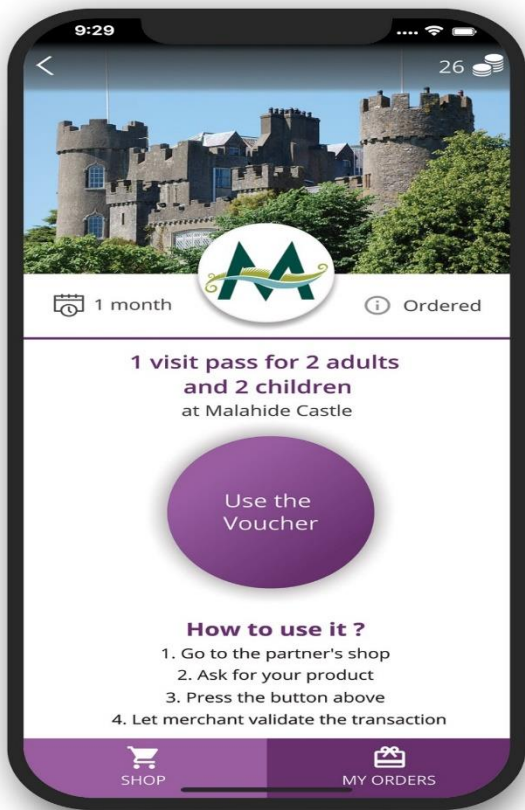
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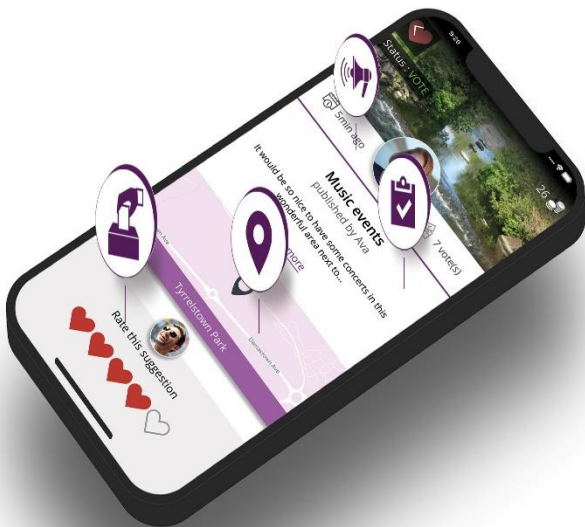
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The Fingal Voices app is now available:

- for Android devices  
at [https://play.google.com/apps/testing/io.smartfutures.fingal.unheard\\_voices](https://play.google.com/apps/testing/io.smartfutures.fingal.unheard_voices)
- for Apple devices  
at <https://testflight.apple.com/join/vOTW03Qe>



## FINANCE

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### Financial Reports

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- Summary of Corporate Debtors to 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2019

## Appendix 1

		EXPENDITURE			INCOME			NET
		Expenditure	Adopted Full	% Budget	Income	Adopted Full	% Budget	
		€	Year Budget	Spent to	€	year Budget	Raised	€
			€	date		€		
A	Housing & Building	46,216,938	55,374,400	83%	45,516,753	54,644,700	83%	700,185
B	Road Transport & Safety	20,509,439	22,753,599	90%	5,589,625	6,606,600	85%	14,919,813
C	Water Services	14,944,939	14,421,200	104%	14,493,913	17,344,100	84%	451,026
D	Development Management	10,768,357	14,559,300	74%	3,903,445	4,103,300	95%	6,864,912
E	Environmental Services	32,909,210	40,451,101	81%	4,172,612	4,615,000	90%	28,736,598
F	Recreation & Amenity	27,154,228	33,719,101	81%	2,057,918	1,672,800	123%	25,096,310
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	591,037	908,500	65%	214,681	251,100	85%	376,356
H	Miscellaneous Services	6,502,160	9,985,800	65%	9,555,803	11,191,300	85%	-3,053,643
J	Central Management Charge	33,276,602	45,132,499	74%	2,369,996	2,814,500	84%	30,906,605
LG	Local Property Tax / GPG				6,270,583	7,524,700	83%	-6,270,583
RA	Rates				105,447,833	126,537,400	83%	-105,447,833
		<b>192,872,909</b>	<b>237,305,500</b>	<b>81%</b>	<b>199,593,163</b>	<b>237,305,500</b>	<b>84%</b>	<b>-6,720,254</b>

**CAPITAL ACCOUNT**  
**INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO**  
**31/10/2019**

	Balance at 01/01/2019 €	Expenditure YTD €	Income YTD €	Balance at 31/10/2019 €
A Housing & Building	-39,053,881	110,912,806	-90,032,717	-18,173,792
B Road Transport & Safety	14,040,730	24,061,578	-7,472,393	30,629,915
C Water Services	-11,583,404	1,140,856	-742,905	-11,185,453
Development				
D Management	-79,698,688	9,969,384	-30,641,715	-100,371,019
E Environmental Services	-12,148,504	2,426,117	-1,922,302	-11,644,689
F Recreation & Amenity	-7,038,810	11,252,803	-11,139,817	-6,925,824
H Miscellaneous Services	-42,598,226	14,063,192	-2,838,187	-31,373,221
	-		-	
<b>Total</b>	<b>178,080,783</b>	<b>173,826,737</b>	<b>144,790,036</b>	<b>-149,044,082</b>



<b>SUMMARY OF CORPORATE DEBTORS TO 31/10/19</b>				
	<b>Balance at 01/01/2019</b>	<b>Balance at 31/10/19</b>	<b>Current debt</b>	<b>&gt; 1 Year</b>
	<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>
<b>RATES</b>	6,197,540	18,422,588	15,346,781	3,075,807
<b>LOANS</b>	<b>1,310,476</b>	<b>1,304,019</b>	<b>2,249,909</b>	<b>945,890</b>
<b>RENTS</b>	4,246,486	4,830,041	2,749,524	2,080,517

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

