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Fingal County Council



# Chief Executive's Management Report

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# CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S MANAGEMENT REPORT – NOVEMBER 2020

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## Chief Executive's Introduction

I recently made some changes to organisational structure and appointments. The new Environment, Climate Action and Active Travel Department will have responsibility for mobility planning and the delivery of the National Transport Authority's cycle network within the county. This department will continue to look after Climate Action, the enforcement of environmental regulations and the protection and promotion of the environment. Director of Services, David Storey will lead this Department.

I was also pleased to announce that Mary T Daly has joined Fingal County Council. Mary is now appointed as Director of Services for Operations and Water Services.

Ethna Felten, who had been Director of Environment, Climate Action and Water, will now head up the Aircraft Noise Competent Authority, succeeding Gilbert Power who retired during the summer.

In order to further strengthen the Councils Housing delivery and Economic Development capacities responsibility for Arts, Libraries and Creative Ireland moves from the Housing and Community Department to the Economic, Enterprise, Tourism and Cultural Development Department.

## Executive Management Team

<b>CHIEF EXECUTIVE</b>	<b>AnnMarie Farrelly</b>
<b>Director of Housing &amp; Community Development</b>	Margaret Geraghty
<b>Director of Economic, Enterprise, Tourism &amp; Cultural Development</b>	Emer O'Gorman
<b>Director of HR, Corporate &amp; Governance</b>	John Quinlivan
<b>Director of Planning &amp; Strategic Infrastructure</b>	Matthew McAleese
<b>Director of Environment Climate Action and Active Travel</b>	David Storey
<b>Director of Operations and Water Services</b>	Mary T Daly
<b>Director of Airport Noise Competent Authority</b>	Ethna Felten
<b>Head of Finance</b>	Oliver Hunt
<b>County Architect</b>	Fionnuala May
<b>Law Agent</b>	Helen O'Neill

We appreciate the continued support of the Elected Members and look forward to working together under the revised departmental structures.

**AnnMarie Farrelly**  
**Chief Executive**

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### Meetings with Elected Members

The Civil Law and Criminal Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2020 (Section 29) (Local Authorities) (Designation) Order 2020 (S.I. No. 445 of 2020) given effect by the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Mr. Darragh O'Brien TD, on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2020 designates local authorities under Section 29 of the Civil Law and Criminal Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2020, allowing for council meetings and meetings of local authority committees to be held remotely.

At an informal meeting of the Council held on MS Teams on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2020, the amendments to Standing Orders were discussed. The proposed amendments are due to be agreed by resolution on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November at a special meeting of the Council. This will allow members to carry out their statutory duties on behalf of the citizens of Fingal in a remote setting during this Covid-19 period.

### Major Emergency Management



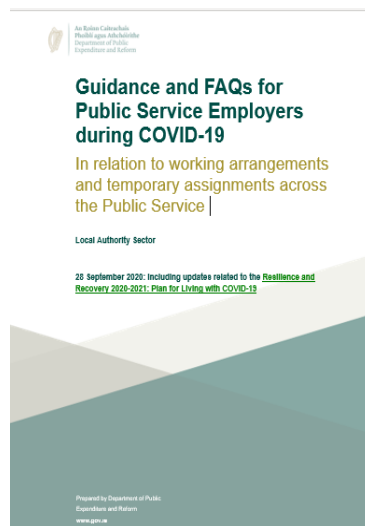
The **Major Emergency Planning** structures in place within the Council continue to provide the framework within which the Council's

Departments adapt and update business continuity plans.

The **Major Emergency Eastern Region Steering Group**, chaired by the Chief Executive, has held weekly meetings particularly in light of the Level 5 restrictions and continues to co-ordinate services on a regional basis and ensures that activities are in line with the national measures.

Locally, Fingal County Council's **Management Team** continues to meet regularly to ensure continuity of services whilst adhering to the Governments National Framework for Living with Covid-19.

### HUMAN RESOURCES



The Human Resource Department continues to plan for and respond to the challenges brought by Covid19. In line with Government guidelines for level 5 lockdown, staff who could work from home were encouraged to do so. Staff continue to be kept up to date on relevant Government directives

and are provided with useful information through text alerts and a dedicated staff information webpage.

Training and development of our staff, including statutory Health & Safety training, has continued throughout the pandemic ensuring that critical services are not adversely affected. Many of the Council’s structured training programmes have now moved to online platforms and courses are well underway with over 365 trained in 42 courses over September and October.

The Council’s Recruitment processes which had been held in abeyance for a period of time during the initial stages of the pandemic are now back up and running. The Human Resource Department has scheduled 600 virtual preliminary interviews as part of its recruitment campaign for November.

### Health & Safety Unit (HSU)

The HSU continues to manage occupational safety and health in Fingal County Council in accordance with ‘Return to Work Safely Protocol – Covid-19 Specific National Protocol for Employers and Workers’. Covid-19 compliance inspections continue throughout the indoor and outdoor workforce and there has been reminders on staff messages for all staff with smart phones to download and utilize the HSE’s Covid Tracker App. A procedure was created to facilitate the holding of staff administrative meetings during the pandemic with an emphasis on virtual meetings – there must be a really good reason as to why a face to face meeting must take place. The HSU completed and submitted the annual NISO [National Irish Safety Organisation] safety award entry in mid-September.

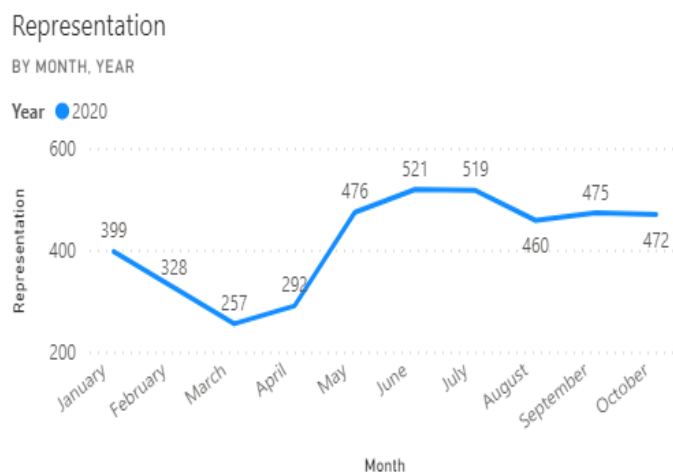
### Customer Services

During the month of October our Customer Care Agents dealt with a total of

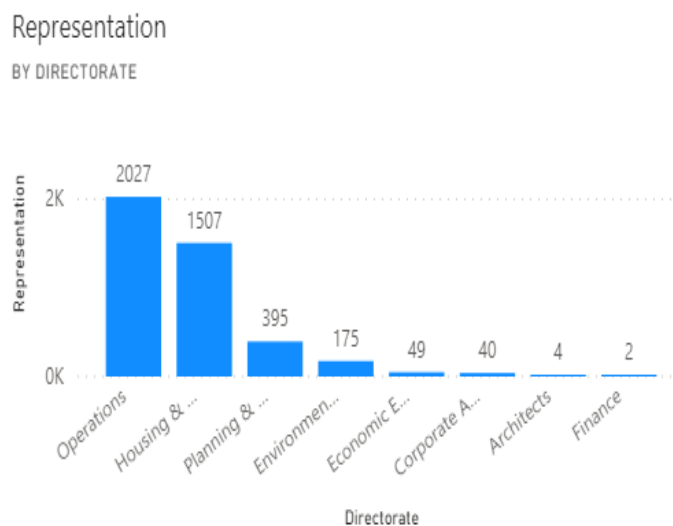
- 15,737 phone calls
- 2,066 emails.

### CRM

Staff continue to work on the Customer Relationship Management System (CRM) and issue responses to Councillors representations and complaints submitted by the public.



The month of October had a total of 472 representations. The table below shows the number of Councillor’s representations assigned to each Department to date this year.

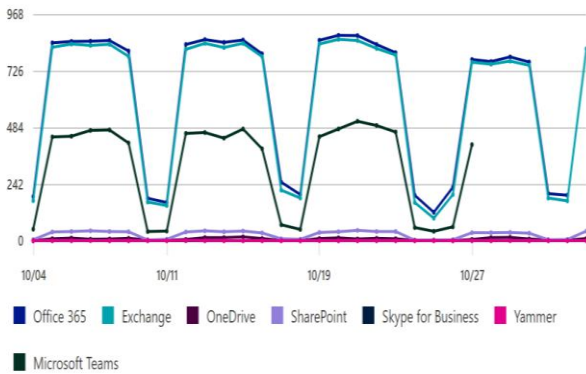


## Information Technology

### Remote Working

Following the move to Level 5 of the Plan for Living with COVID-19, increased numbers of staff are once again working remotely. The graph below illustrates the use of Microsoft cloud applications by Council staff in October including a continued growth in the use of Teams with 1,704 Teams meetings held. Reduced usage can be seen during the last week of October corresponding to the mid-term break period.

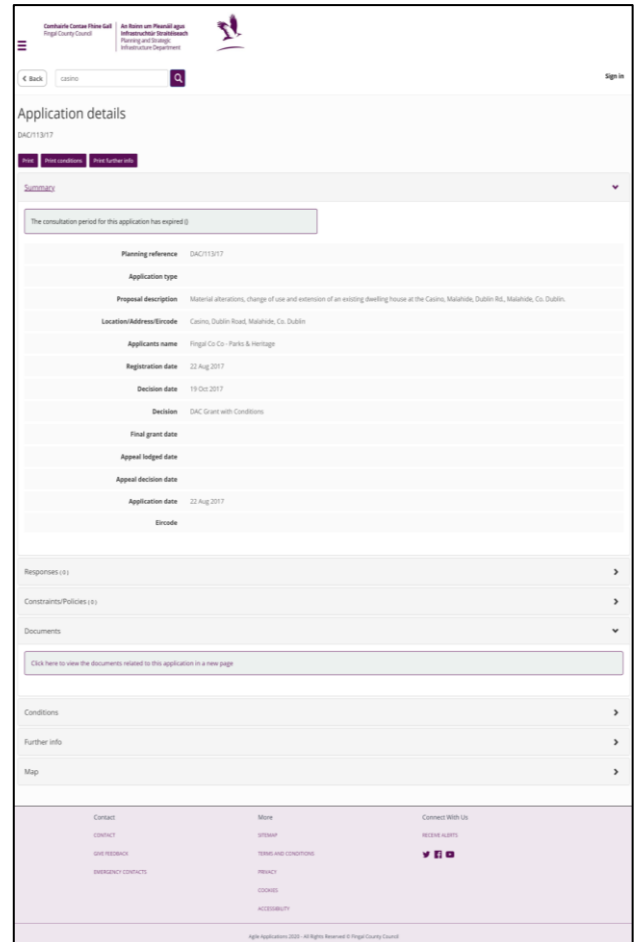
Active users



### Planning System Upgrade

The Planning system was upgraded during the month of October. This latest upgrade provides a foundation for further enhancements which will be implemented in the coming months including improved mapping and mobile access to the Planning system for Planners and Inspectors.

An immediate enhancement is the parallel upgrade to the online Planning Portal which took place. The online Planning Portal now has a more modern and intuitive look and feel, and is more aligned to the design of the Council website.



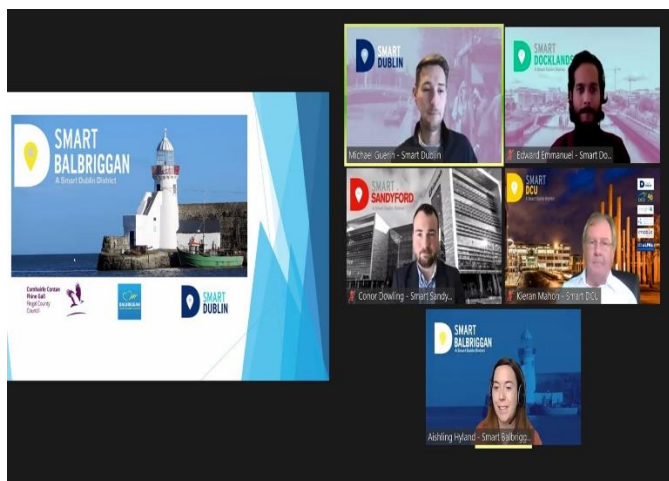
### Public Service Innovation Week



Public Sector Innovation Week 2020 took place in October and Fingal County Council took part in several events showcasing innovative projects and programmes being delivered by the Council. Events included staff innovation showcases, Smart District Innovation webinars, and leadership panel discussions.

The COVID response staff webinar took place on 21<sup>st</sup> October. Throughout the COVID-19 crisis, Fingal County Council has adapted and innovated to meet the needs of our community. This webinar for Council staff showcased the numerous innovations that have been implemented over the last number of months and acknowledged the contributions of staff across the Council. Topics covered on the webinar included the rapid deployment of remote-working technologies, the setting-up of brand new community response services, virtual library services, and cycling and walking initiatives.

The Smart District Webinar on 22<sup>nd</sup> October highlighted the innovative projects that are underway in the four Smart Dublin Districts.



To date, four Smart Districts are live across the Dublin Region: Smart Docklands, Smart Sandyford, Smart DCU and Smart Balbriggan. During the webinar, participants heard from the Smart District panellists about their work to date, how technology projects have been deployed to solve local challenges and about opportunities to get involved.

Link to Smart District webinar - <https://smartdublin.ie/register-now-smart-districts-fast-tracking-innovation-webinar/>

## COMMUNICATIONS

### Podcasts



This month we launched our podcast channel, Inside Fingal. A podcast is an audio programme, just like Talk Radio, but unlike a radio broadcast it is accessible whenever the listener wishes to listen to it.

The purpose of the podcast is to take listeners inside Fingal County Council and give an insight into the work being done by councillors and staff to make Fingal a better place to live, work, visit and do business in. The primary target audience is the citizens of Fingal.

The first episode features interviews with the Mayor of Fingal, Cllr David Healy, and the Chief Executive, AnnMarie Farrelly as well as a report on the Community Call Forum and Helpline, a news bulletin and a competition.

It can be accessed via the council website, [fingal.ie](http://fingal.ie), our social media channels or apps such as iTunes, Spotify, Stitcher, Castbox and Google Podcasts. All podcasts will also be posted to [www.fingal.ie/podcast](http://www.fingal.ie/podcast) where past podcasts will also be available.

## Website

Our website [fingal.ie](http://fingal.ie) continued to draw large numbers during October. Figures show there were 88,800 unique visitors and 254,200 page views.

Most popular pages during September were View/Search Planning Applications, Civic Amenities, , Find a Book, Job Opportunities , Halloween Amnesty at Recycling Centres, followed by the Libraries Homepage and Weekly Planning Lists.

## Social Media



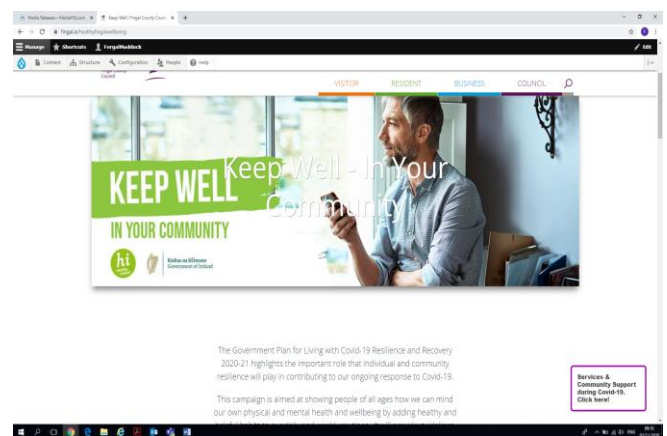
Figures remained strong on our social media accounts during October with followers on both Twitter and Facebook continuing to grow.

On Twitter, there are now 18,926 followers. Our 317 posts had a reach of 947,000 with a 1.3% engagement rate. We now have 21,168 followers on Facebook and during the month of October our 283 posts had a reach of over 993k.

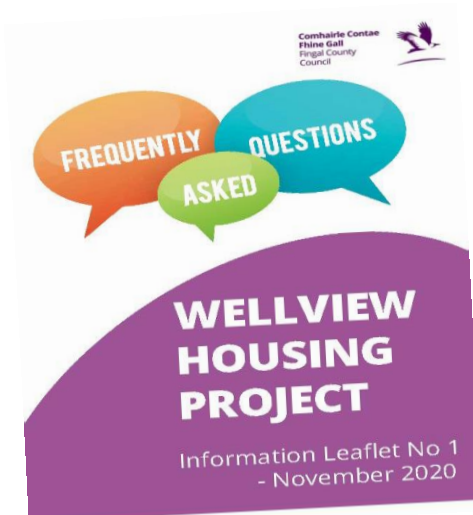
Our Instagram account continues to grow and now has 2,915 followers.

## Communication Materials

The Communications Unit has developed a dedicated webpage as part of the Government's Keep Well campaign which was launched by An Taoiseach. The campaign seeks to show people of all ages how we can mind our physical and mental health and wellbeing by adding healthy and helpful habits to our daily and weekly routines. It will be regularly updated with content under the five key themes: Keeping Active; Keeping in Contact; Switching Off; Eating Well; and Managing Your Mood.



The Communications Unit also worked with the Housing Department to produce an information leaflet to residents of Wellview Estate in advance of work beginning on a new housing project in the area.





## Videos

The Communications Unit produced its second in the series of Fingal Heritage from Above for the Heritage section. The latest instalment featured Drumanagh Promontory Fort.



A video was also produced as part of the joint appeal by the elected leaders of the four Dublin Local Authorities, the Health Service Executive and An Garda Síochána to citizens to redouble their efforts to slow the spread of COVID-19 and work together to get Dublin down to Level 1 in the Government's National Framework for Living with COVID. The Communications Unit was involved with its counterparts from the other Dublin Local Authorities, the HSE and An Garda Síochána in organising a media event at the Mansion House.



## Press Releases

A total of 24 press releases and statements were issued by the Communications Unit during October.

# ECONOMIC, ENTERPRISE, TOURISM & CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

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## EVENTS

### HALLOWEEN



Over 40 Residents Associations and in excess of 100 individual entries were received for the Halloween Spookify Your Home Contest.

Following suitability assessments 10 locations were selected to light up Fingal over Halloween. These 'hauntings' allowed the community to enjoy the spirit of the spooky season in their own time over the Halloween weekend.



## EVENTS AND FESTIVALS 2021

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### EVENTS & Festivals 2021

Fingal County Council's Events Unit is pleased to announce that it is accepting applications for financial assistance for Festivals and Events taking place in 2021.

Applications will be accepted for existing and/or new events or festivals which animate public spaces in creative and innovative ways and which are focused on developing measurable tourism impacts in the County.

**All applications should include a Covid compliance plan in adherence with current government guidelines.**

For more information and an application form,  
 please email [events@fingal.ie](mailto:events@fingal.ie)  
 or  
<http://fingal.ie/events>

The deadline for completed applications is  
 3pm on Tuesday 15th December 2020.

The closing date for the Events and Festivals Funding Scheme is fast approaching. This scheme is open to all community organisations that meet the criteria details of which can be found at:

[www.fingal.ie/festivalandevents2021](http://www.fingal.ie/festivalandevents2021)

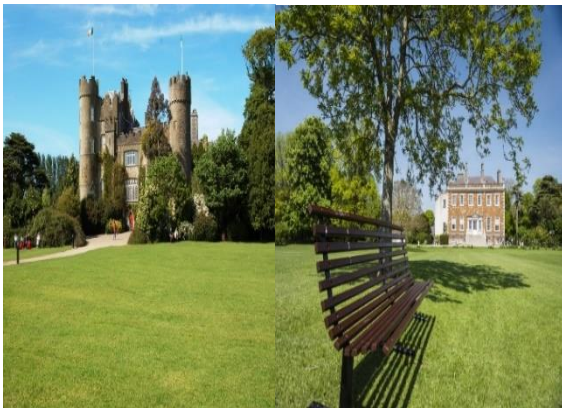
## CHRISTMAS



As we are in level 5 our Christmas Markets will be delivered in a virtual space. The Events unit are currently compiling an online directory of producers who wish to market their products - this will be hosted on [www.fingal.ie/christmas](http://www.fingal.ie/christmas).

## HERITAGE PROPERTIES

### CLOSURE OF SERVICES ACROSS HERITAGE PROPERTIES



From midnight on Wednesday 21st October, the entire country moved to Level 5 of the Government's Resilience and Recovery 2020-2021 Plan for a period of 6 weeks resulting in the following restrictions across our heritage properties:

- Continued closure of Casino Model Railway Museum
- Closure of Swords Castle to the public but weddings will be facilitated during this

period subject to the necessary restrictions.

- No tours of the heritage properties permitted
- Cafés across the properties open for takeaway only.
- Demesnes including playgrounds remain open but the farm at Newbridge House and botanic gardens at Malahide Castle are both closed.

### UPDATES ACROSS THE HERITAGE PROPERTIES INCLUDE:

- Improvement works to the perimeter of Swords Castle to include improved lighting and street furniture are due to commence on 9<sup>th</sup> November.
- The new tourist office will open in the Howth Courthouse once the current restrictions are lifted.
- A tender has been issued for a new Conservation Plan for Shackletons Mills. Closing deadline for submissions is 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2020,



### ILLUMINATION OF SWORDS CASTLE

Swords Castle was lit up in purple and yellow for Delayed Learning Disorder Awareness Day on the evening of Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October.



## TOURISM

### TOURISM PROMOTION.

As Fáilte Ireland have cancelled and/or postponed all promotional campaigns, our Love Fingal Dublin and Dublin Coast & Fields social media and digital marketing platforms are focused primarily on promoting local food producers and restaurants who offer online click and collect or deliveries, promoting the Shop Local campaign for local businesses in the run up to Christmas and sharing good news stories for local product providers who have diversified over the course of the year to adapt and offer better service to their customers.

### FAILTE IRELAND COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The Dublin coastal trail will enable visitors to travel easily and seamlessly from city centre hubs to Dublin's coastal villages. The objective of the coastal trail is drive awareness of the coastal proposition and to develop and promote a rich visitor experience along the coast by bringing the coastal towns to life and spreading visitors beyond the city centre and more evenly along the coastline. It will be launched in Q1 2021.

Over the coming months we will be working with Fáilte Ireland on product development workshops, marketing activities in preparation for the Dublin Coastal Trail launch, looking at organisational

structures and quick-win outcomes such as a DART-based tour itineraries, showcasing the garden and related activity offer in Spring / Summer 2021, and revamped water, biosphere, food and heritage offers on FI websites that promote experience sets and itineraries across the Dublin Coastal Trail.

### FOOD TOURISM

Fáilte Ireland is facilitating the continuing support of food network expert, Marie Brouder, to the Fingal Food Tourism Network steering group. With Maria's direction the group is currently working through the first steps on a 22 action plan including:

- Completing a survey of potential members
- Running a series of networking events to engage potential members (online options)
- Creating a food and drink strategy for Fingal region
- Engaging with established food networks for advice on developing a network
- Creating and implementing an overall marketing and PR plan

### TOURIST INFORMATION OFFICES

All Tourist information offices remain closed during the level 5 restrictions.

### RE-START GRANT

Fingal County Council has paid out €7.53m to 1,542 businesses in the Fingal area for the Restart Grant which gives direct grant aid to micro and small businesses to help them with the costs associated with either staying open or reopening and reemploying workers following COVID-19 closures.

This scheme closed on the 22nd July and the Restart Grant Plus Scheme was subsequently launched. The Council has paid out a further €17.7m to 1786 businesses under this scheme which includes:

- 30% top-up for Level 3 restrictions in the Dublin Region - €3.2m was paid.
- 20% top-up grant for Dublin businesses following the announcement on the 7th October for a Level 3 lockdown for the whole country – a further €2.4m was paid to the eligible businesses on 2nd November.

The Restart Plus Scheme closed on the 31st October 2020.

### Local Enterprise Office Fingal



LEO Fingal continues to help small businesses and start-ups through the impact of COVID-19 and Brexit, with a broad suite of practical support services. The LEO continues to adapt its services to the rapidly changing needs of Fingal businesses and start-ups. Some of the current highlights are as follows:

### Shop Fingal

To help local businesses in the run up to Christmas during the current difficult trading period, LEO Fingal is providing assistance through for a new initiative called "Shop Fingal". This unique initiative provides a boost to businesses by helping them to promote themselves in three ways:

1. Print media: LEO Fingal has teamed up with Local media to provide advertisement spaces to Fingal B2C businesses free of charge.
2. Radio: LEO Fingal is offering 20 x TOV recipients (eligible B2C businesses) an opportunity to promote their business on Dublin radio stations.
3. Digital media: LEO Fingal has partnered with Google in a pilot scheme to offer 30 x TOV recipients a package which includes Google ads, digital marketing masterclasses and access to one-to-one digital marketing expertise.

### Fingal Business Connect



LEO Fingal is launching a new series of six weekly online events to help businesses during the current lockdown and in the run up to Christmas. The first episode will feature Head of Enterprise in Fingal, Oisín Geoghegan, who will provide a brief update on new and essential business supports available to local businesses at this crucial time.

### Micro-Enterprise Assistance Fund



The €2m “COVID-19 Micro-Enterprise Assistance” Scheme was launched on 25th September. The scheme offers a once-off grant of up to €1,000 towards the costs of reopening or keeping a business operational and re-connecting with employees and customers. This grant is valid only to clients who are ineligible for other financial supports such as the Restart Grant Plus. Deadline for applications is the 13<sup>th</sup> November.

## Irish Business Design Challenge



The “Irish Business Design Challenge” is a new collaborative initiative between the LEO Network, Design & Craft Council of Ireland, and Enterprise Ireland. The competition, with €50,000 prize fund, is open to businesses that have pivoted owing to COVID-19. Deadline for applications is the 13<sup>th</sup> November.

## Business Continuity Voucher (BCV)



The BCV scheme (valued at €2,500) was introduced to enable companies and sole traders to develop short- and long-term strategies to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

LEO Fingal received 622 applications, with 477 businesses approved for assistance with a combined value of €1,098,500. Drawdown continues for beneficiaries up to end of November.

## Trading Online Voucher (TOV) scheme



Funded by DCCAE as part of the National Digital Strategy, the TOV scheme supports small businesses to enhance their online offering by providing a grant of up to €2,500 for ecommerce and digital marketing activities.

The 90% match-funding element of the TOV scheme has been temporarily extended.

One TOV information webinar was held in October with 356 participants.

To date in 2020, LEO Fingal has approved 668 TOV applications; compared to 64 in the whole of 2019. The total value of TOV applications approved year to date is €1,548,083

## Start Your Own Business (SYOB)



The 10-module SYOB programme is delivered online. Two SYOB courses with 44 participants commenced in October, bringing the total year-to-date to 212. The final course in 2020 scheduled for delivery in November.

## Sport to Start-up - Start Your Own Business (SYOB)



The second successful *Sport to Start-up* programme delivered by LEO Fingal concluded on 19<sup>th</sup> October. The second Programme saw 15 high-level sportspersons in various disciplines develop their business plans as they prepare for post-sports entrepreneurial careers.

## BREXIT – Change is Coming



With the impending departure of the UK from the EU on the 1st of January 2021, LEO Fingal is actively helping small businesses to prepare for the impact of Brexit by providing information, customs training, advice and mentoring.

LEO Fingal started hosting a new “Prepare Your Business for Customs” series of monthly online workshops. The latest one place on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October with 35 attending. Due to the pressing situation with Brexit, LEO Fingal has increased the number of workshops throughout November, with two delivered per week. All courses book out quickly and we ensure to meet the strong demand.

### Lunch and Learn Series

Each Thursday lunchtime, the LEOs host an interview with experts giving advice on how to adapt business practices to the changing situation. (<https://www.facebook.com/LocalEnterpriseOffice/>)



## Fingal Enterprising Women Network and National Women’s Enterprise Day 2020



The Fingal Enterprising Women Network (FEWN) continues to provide online learning and networking opportunities for women in business and enterprise.

National Women’s Enterprise Day happened on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October. Themed “Stronger Together” the Dublin Regional event was replaced by a national online half-day conference. Áine Kerr was the host, while LEO Fingal was represented by Derya Sousa, the co-founder and COO of Kianda Technologies – this year’s winner of the Fingal Enterprise Awards.

The next FEWN event has been set for Tuesday the 10<sup>th</sup> November and is taking bookings.



**Fingal Enterprising Women Network**

PR 101: How to Gain Valuable PR for Your Business

Tuesday 10th November, 11:00 - 12:15

Featuring Leading PR Expert and Author

Ellen Gunning

### Business Advice Clinics and Mentoring

Clinics and mentoring continue to be offered over the phone and online to help business owner/managers respond to the disruptive impact of COVID-19.

In October 2020, 12 business clinic days were held, offering advice to 113 Fingal businesses. This brings the cumulative figures for 2020 to date to 118 days clinics and 898 attendees.

In addition, 21 businesses were assigned a Business mentor in October, this brings the cumulative figure to 188 individual Mentoring assignments delivered year to date.

The selection process for the new mentor panel continues.

### LEO Fingal COVID-19 Training Update

LEO Fingal continues its delivery of programmes to support SME and Micro Enterprise clients through the current challenges. To date, LEO Fingal has had

4,099 signups to avail of the training and supports available.

Programmes currently on offer include pertinent topics such as:

- Market Research
- Maximise Your Website
- Trademark and patents

The demand for these courses has been substantial with all scheduled courses booking out rapidly. Additional programmes continue to be organised to meet the demand.

### Dublin Breakthrough Innovation Programme



The Business Innovation Programme is a new initiative delivered by the four LEOs in the Dublin Region in partnership with the Dublin Business Innovation Centre. We continue to accept expressions of interest for the programme which runs to December 2020.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

### FINGAL IN IT TOGETHER

The Economic Development Section in association with Fingal Dublin Chamber, Balbriggan Chamber of Commerce, Malahide Chamber of Commerce and Shop Malahide, continues with the Fingal In It Together initiative to support businesses across the County. Businesses can sign up to the Charter on the Council's website and receive decals of the Charter logo for their windows, a pdf copy of the Charter and have a link to their website added to a business directory of those who have signed up to

the Charter on the Council's website. 251 businesses are currently listed in the directory.



As part of this initiative the Council is producing leaflets to promote local businesses in towns and villages across the county and to support the Shop Local concept. The leaflets highlight businesses and services in the local community and encourages citizens to support local business. To date leaflets have been produced for Blanchardstown, Malahide, Skerries, Clonsilla & Coolmine, Swords & Balbriggan. Leaflets are planned for more towns and villages in the County over the coming months.



### Parklet Partners

Following a pilot with parklets in the heart of Swords recently with the aim of supporting local businesses by transforming the existing streetscape into a welcoming and attractive community space the Council has launched the "Parklet Partners" initiative with a revised application deadline of the 6<sup>th</sup> November 2020. The parklet, which accommodates dining space and additional seating, is aimed at encouraging people back into the centre of towns and villages while complying with public health guidance.



## Fingal Main Street Shopfronts & Residences Improvement Grant

The Council has launched an initiative, in partnership with Fingal Dublin Chamber, Balbriggan Chamber of Commerce and Malahide Chamber of Commerce, where main street property owners can apply for grant funding of up to 50% of eligible costs and a maximum of €1,500 to replace and renovate shop fronts and main street residences in Fingal town and village centres. The application deadline was the 30<sup>th</sup> October.

## Sustainable Business

The Economic Development Section is collaborating with The Socratics Consulting Ltd. in Balbriggan to fund the development of a technology platform to reduce food waste in Fingal under the EPA's Green Business Projects to fund projects demonstrating innovation in the Circular Economy. A decision is awaited on the application.



## Social Enterprise Supports

The Local Development Section continues to support the new shoplocal.irish website initiative, a social enterprise which provides an online service to the community highlighting businesses that provide delivery services locally. Almost 350 businesses ranging from arts & crafts, health & beauty and food & drink feature which provide products and services locally are registered on the website.

## Balbriggan Rejuvenation Strategy 2019 – 2025

The Council is finalising the acquisition of several buildings in the town which will allow for the re-imagining of the Harbour area and the opening up of the centre of the town to Millpond Park and the Bracken River with new landscaped amenities. Both areas were identified as key priorities for the development of the town in the Rejuvenation Strategy.

The Rejuvenation Plan's project managers have commenced work on the preliminary surveys and studies required to advance the projects. The Council has completed a market sounding for a commercial operator for the old RNLI Boathouse on Quay Street and is collating the feedback from that exercise to inform the next stage of the procurement process.



The Balbriggan Leadership Group met in October 2020 and welcomed Superintendent Paul Franey of An Garda Síochana as a member of the Leadership Ground. All Pillar Groups met prior to the Leadership Group Meeting to re-prioritise objectives and actions in the post Covid-19 environment and will meet again before year end to progress work across the plans all pillars: Local Economy, Public Realm, Education, Training & Employment & Community Affairs & Integration. The Leadership Group discussed the establishment of a further pillar to focus on issues around community, integration and safety, this pillar group will be established and will meet before year end 2020.

The Smart Balbriggan Steering Group met to review the 200+ responses to the Smart Balbriggan Survey to determine what priorities and objectives

should be included in the Smart Balbriggan Programme. The Programme's strategic priorities will focus on: (1) Community Building; (2) Job Creation & Economic Growth & (3) Improved Services & Public Realm over the next 3 years.

The Our Balbriggan Placemaking Fund Application was launched in October with the objective of making Balbriggan an even better place to live, work and play. Groups, businesses, clubs, artists and individuals who operate within Balbriggan who have a good idea on transforming a space in the town can apply for funding to implement their idea. Grants will range from a minimum of €2,000 to a maximum of €6,000.

## Rural and Local Development

### LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The LCDC continues to oversee and administer the key areas of LEADER and SICAP and the various Local Development and Community Development funding programmes under its remit. The LCDC is also represented on the Fingal Community Call Forum and is supporting many of the LCDC member agencies that are also members or the Community Call in the delivery of their programmes. The LCDC is also supporting the work of the Community Call through the Healthy Ireland Initiative and the many projects up and running under that funding stream.

Applications under the 2020 Community Enhancement Programme have been evaluated and will be approved at the next LCDC meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> November, which will trigger the payment of €68,375 in funding to Community Groups across the county. This fund helps community groups in funding small capital items and equipment. The 2020 funding scheme is also supporting small capital costs associated with adapting to COVID-19.

Applications under the Community Enhancement Programme 2020 Fund for Community Centres and Community Buildings have also been evaluated and will be approved at the LCDC meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> November. Funding of €192,805 was allocated to Fingal under this fund to stimulate local economies by providing capital grants

towards the maintenance, improvement and upkeep of community centres and community buildings, and adaptations and equipment needed as a result of COVID-19. Applicants under both Schemes will receive notification on the outcome of their applications in November with grants paid by EFT after the 5<sup>th</sup> November.

### SICAP



As a result of COVID-19, the LCDC supported and endorsed a new SICAP Response Plan to deal with COVID-19, which has been implemented by Empower and has been central in responding to emerging challenges in the community. The Fingal LCDC had its annual SICAP meeting with Pobal during October. The meeting was extremely positive and the strong performance of the Fingal SICAP Programme during 2020 and its role in the Fingal Community Call was highlighted and recognised. The Fingal LCDC SICAP Programme going forward is also strategically aware of an increasing unemployment rate locally and the implications this will have on service provision through the programme into the future. The LCDC will be working with Empower and Pobal during November in devising the Fingal SICAP Annual Plan for 2021.

### 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.

The Programme's overall budget for supporting projects is €4.77 million. The most recent Dublin Rural LAG meeting was held in October 2020 where €1.4 million in final approvals were made over 11 new projects in Rural Dublin.

The current LEADER Programme concludes on the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020. It is expected that Dublin Rural LEADER will approve its entire approved programme budget by that time. The pipeline of new projects is extremely strong with €3.5 million worth of applications currently in the pipeline. The final LAG Approvals Meeting in this programme will be held in December.

Completed project claims continue to be paid out to promoters and priority has been given to getting this funding out to provide stimulus in rural areas.

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. There has been no interruption to the delivery of the LEADER Programme or the Article 48 Checks as a result of Covid-19.

### TOWN AND VILLAGE RENEWAL SCHEME

Fingal County Council submitted 6 applications for the Standard Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2020 for the following villages and awaits a decision on funding:

1. Rush
2. St. Margaret's
3. Donabate
4. Rolestown & Lusk
5. Balrothery
6. Naul

The Council's 4 applications under Round 3 of the Town and Village Accelerated Measures (Large Towns) were successful with total funding of

€158,254 being awarded between the towns of Swords, Skerries, Balbriggan and Malahide.

### ENTERPRISE CENTRES

Occupancy rates at the Council's three enterprise centres at the end of October were Drinan 84%, BASE 88% and Beat 88%. The three Enterprise Centres currently support 62 businesses. A number of businesses in the Centres had been accommodated with rent moratoriums to help them through lockdown cashflow difficulties but all businesses have now returned to normal rental arrangements. All tenant businesses are being assisted in accessing financial and non-financial supports currently available through COVID-19 support measures. There has been a net loss of two businesses across the centres since the beginning of the COVID-19 crisis but enquiry levels have increased in recent weeks and a number of new start-up businesses are currently being evaluated and provisionally approved for units in the centres.



# OPERATIONS & WATER SERVICES

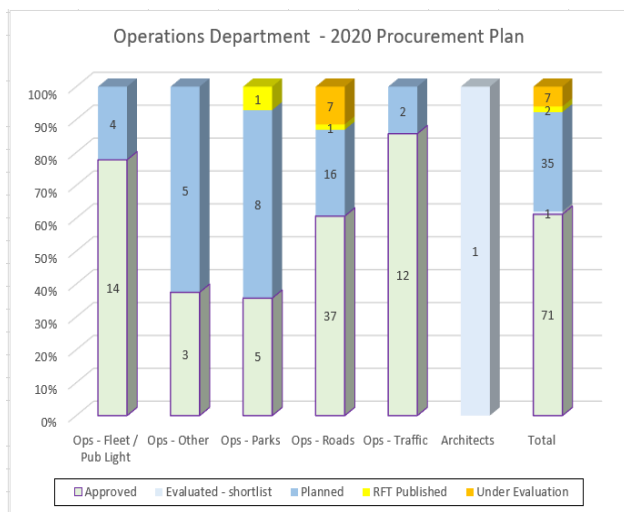
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## Works Programme

### Procurement

Status	Ops - Fleet /	Ops - Other	Ops - Parks	Ops - Roads	Ops - Traffic	Architects	Total
Approved	14	3	5	37	12		71
Evaluated - shortlist						1	1
Under Evaluation				7			7
RFT Published			1	1			2
Planned	4	5	8	16	2		35
<b>Total</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>116</b>

## Road Improvement Works 2020



Fingal County Council carried out significant road improvement works on the R132 from Lissenhall to Tesco Roundabout. Due to the nature and volume of traffic counts along this section works were required to be carried out at night. The contract included the surface overlay of carriageway with HRA where approximately 26,105 m<sup>2</sup> of pavement was reconditioned. Ironworks and drainage works were also upgraded as part of the road improvement works with new road lining also completed.

### R132 Grass and Hedge cutting

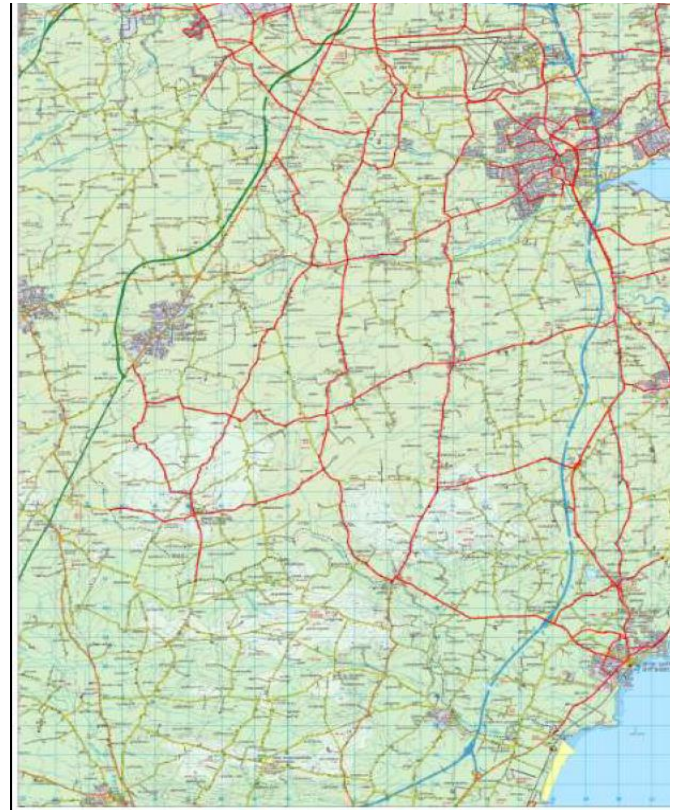
Fingal County Council recently completed grass and hedge cutting works on the R132. The depot crew engaged the support services of a Mobile Traffic Management Unit enabling the crew to complete works as quickly as possible without causing any significant impact to existing traffic.



### Fingal Winter Service Plan 2020/2021

Fingal County Council recently signed off on the Winter Service Plan 2020-2021 detailing the Operations Departments road salting routes and service schedules for Winter Servicing Fingal's roads from the 12<sup>th</sup> of October 2020 to the 30<sup>th</sup> of April 2021.

### Fingal Salting Routes 2020/2021



### Our Balbriggan Programme of Works

#### Upgrading Entrance to Bremore Castle Estate.

New Landscaping Scheme installed at the entrance to Bremore Castle Residential Estate. This project was agreed as part of a Deputations request in 2019 and included as part of the 5 projects selected for the Balbriggan area in the 2020 Programme of Works.





### Portrane Sea Defence Works

Fingal County Council Operations Department has been requested to deliver the construction of a sea defence rock armoury wall at Burrow Road Portrane. The sea defence system is critical for the protection of the public sewer and road which run adjacent to the shore at Burrow Road. The project design includes the construction of 50 metres of a new sea wall by way of rock armoury joining the existing sea wall on Quay Road to an existing revetment at Burrow Road. Works will take approximately 3-4 weeks to complete and will also involve the removal of existing structures in the works area that have been already undermined by Coastal Erosion.



### KN Project Dublin-Drogheda Fibre Cable Network

The KN Project has entered into its last phase of the project, namely the road reinstatement stage. Approximately 26 km's of single lane carriageway is required to be fully reinstated as part of this construction project. Reinstatement works have commenced in the Naul Area with approximately 4.5 km of single lane carriageway fully reinstated.

### Widening of footpath on Clonsilla Road



### Autumn Leaf Collection

A dedicated leaf crew was piloted successfully in the Castleknock/Mulhuddart area in 2019 and has re-commenced prioritising the clearance in public areas and regional roads which are heavily used paths and thoroughfares in villages, schools and train stations. The crew will operate until January 2021.



**St. Catherine's Park- Woodland Area**

Staff from the Coolmine Depot recently designed and constructed a beautiful bridge for the woodland area in St. Catherine's. The new bridge enhances and adds to the beauty of the woodland area.



Works carried out by Operations in conjunction with Corduff Park/Grove Residents Association

**Landscaping of Roundabouts - Castleknock & Coolmine**



Installation of solar bins in Mulhuddart Village, Blanchardstown Village, Littlepace and Clonsilla Link Road.



- Blanchardstown Road North, Broadway Drive/Grove/Park/Road, Church Avenue, Clonsilla Close/Park, St Patricks Park, Woodview Grove...Blanchardstown
- Carpenterstown Road, Hawthorn Lawn, Pecks Lane...Castleknock
- Donabate Community Centre entrance road, Newbridge Avenue...Donabate
- R122 Baleskin Centre, St Margarets Road...Finglas
- Ministers Road...Lusk
- Chalfont Avenue/Place/Road, Grove Avenue/Road, Seamount Road...Malahide
- Skerries Road...Rush
- Skerries Harbour, South Strand, The Haven, The Stables...Skerries
- Boraimhe estate, Boru Court, Nevinstown Lane, Ridgewood estate, Swords Enterprise Park entrance road, The Cedars, The Elms, Southbank, The Willows...Swords

### Fleet Management & Plant Hire Unit

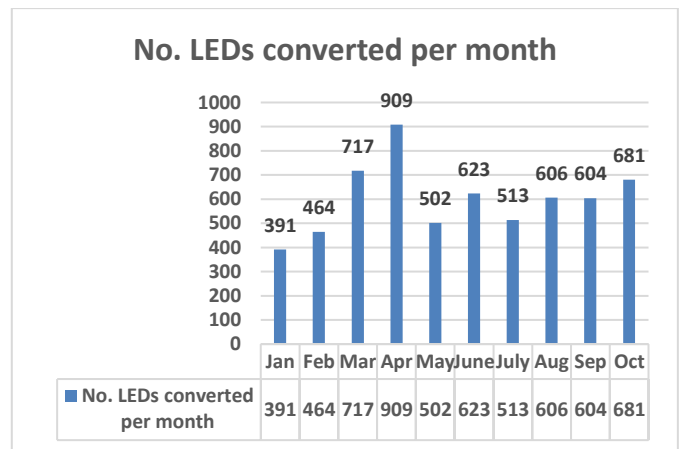
There were 80 hires put in place from 1<sup>st</sup> October – 30<sup>th</sup> October, engaging 27 suppliers. Hires include:

- Excavator and Waste Grapple, and 3 VMS for Amnesty at Estuary Recycling Centre
- Sod Cutter "Groundsman TMC26 with 16" Blade" for Ardgillan Castle

### Street Lighting LED Programme:

In October the LED Upgrade Program saw 681 LED Upgrade works carried out in the following locations:-

- Premier Business Park...Ballycoolin
- Sillogue Road R108...Ballymun



**Street Lighting Works Programme:** Works continue installing new lighting on Cappagh Road in Finglas, bridging a gap between Heathfield estate and the M50 overpass. 6 existing columns with collision damage at the location are replaced at the same time.

In Balbriggan new street lighting is installed on Flemington Lane linking Flemington Park with existing lit roads/footpaths.





Cappagh Road Finglas

Flemington Lane Balbriggan

**Column Replacement:** Column replacement works take place on the R132 at Ballough Cross. 3 badly corroded columns are replaced with both contractors and ESB Networks on site.



R132 Ballough Cross

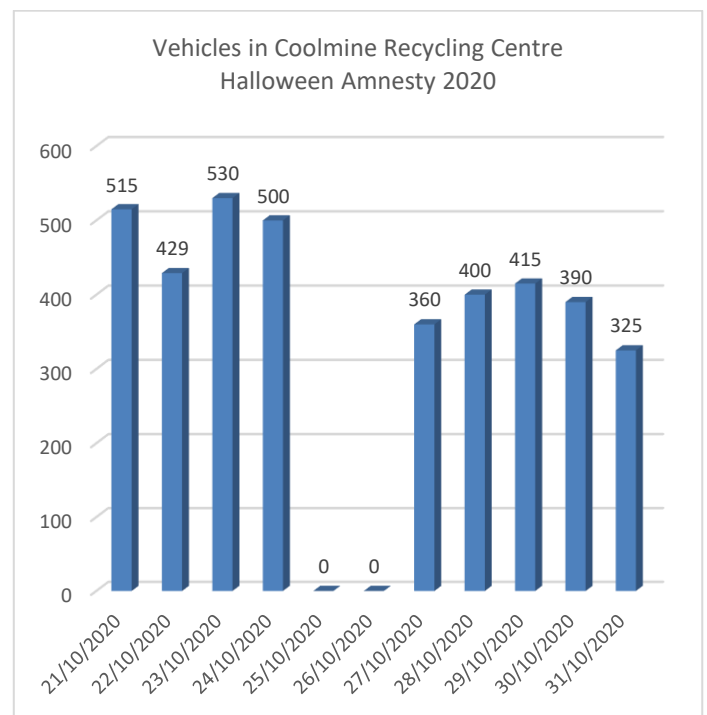
### Halloween Amnesty in Recycling Centres

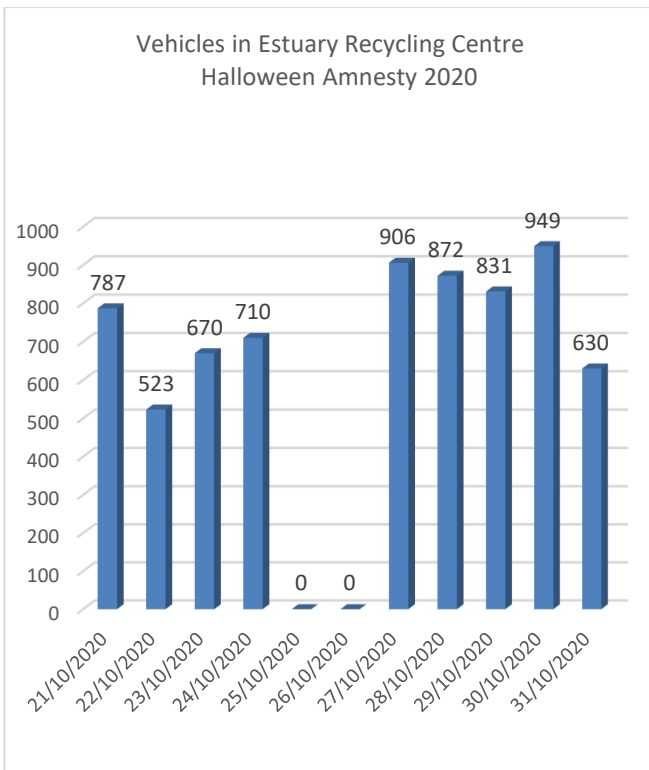
The Annual Halloween Amnesty, in the Estuary and Coolmine Recycle centres, was extended with additional free days added as a means of supporting local communities. This initiative is provided to assist in the protection of open spaces

by reducing potential waste disposal on local bonfires. In the past this initiative has delivered successfully in reducing the damage to public open spaces and subsequent clean ups.

This year the initiative ran from Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> to Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October for free disposal of combustible materials (eg. beds, sofas, wooden doors) for residents of Fingal. The additional days are included to provide the public with increased access to the recycling centres which are operating under Covid Social Distancing protocols with strict allowance on the number of vehicles in the centres at any given time.

It was noted that the numbers using the facility this year was impacted by the 5km maximum distance allowed under Level 5 of Covid restrictions. The total number of vehicles in Coolmine over the 9 days was 3,684 and the total number in Estuary was 6,878, a total of 10,562 availed of the 2020 Halloween Amnesty.





### Collection of bonfire materials

Operations Department staff have removed large quantities of potential bonfire materials throughout the county, reducing the potential for air pollution and damage to open spaces.



### School Wardens

School Wardens continue to work during level 5 restrictions as schools remain open. Health and Safety are carrying out Covid 19 compliance checks on wardens and return their findings to the Road Safety Section.

### Traffic Section

#### Speed Limits Project

It is intended to bring the Speed Limit Bye-Laws to the Full Council meeting in November.

#### Expansion of Fingal County Councils Duct infrastructure

Discussions are ongoing on various projects, both internally and through 3<sup>rd</sup> parties, throughout the county, to identify strategic locations where ducting can be provided to add to FCC's ducting assets in order to provide Fibre Optic connectivity to remote locations, and interconnectivity of Fingal's assets. Mapping of this infrastructure is also ongoing on G.I.S. so that it is recorded for future use.

Works are well advanced with 3<sup>rd</sup> parties installing traffic ducting infrastructure in key strategic routes around the airport and Swords to the Rathbeale Road and sections around Dublin Enterprise Zone (DEZ) which will form part of a vital asset going forward with the aim of improving traffic management and ensuring the DEZ continues to be the sought after destination with regards to ease of commutability. 12km of the 15km are now constructed by KN Networks.

**Traffic Control Centre Project**

Detailed design drawings, specification and bill of quantities are being developed at present. Works have commenced to relocate drawings cabinets

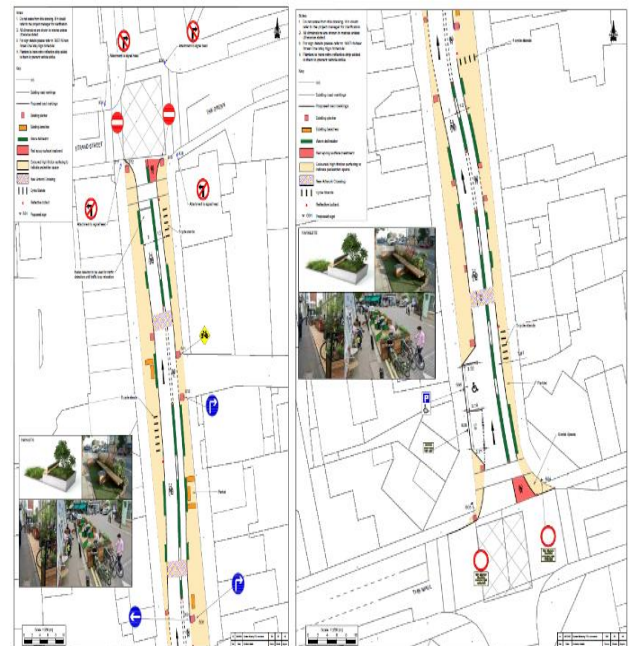
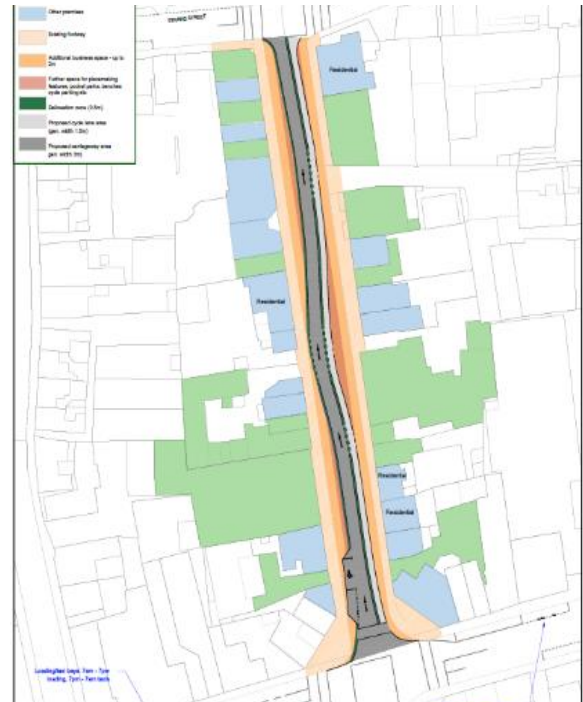
and the cleaning room to facilitate the construction of the traffic control room.

Files storage units are being assessed for retention/removal to provide space for the traffic control room.



**New Street One-Way system**

The New street one way system has been designed and will be installed in November.



**Ramps**

The 2020 Ramps Contract (FCC/279/20) is underway with focus on the ramps located at schools being a priority. The Ramps Scheme 2020 consists of 30 no. Traffic Calming Ramps with all

installed at School's and it's envisaged the remaining will be installed in October.

Traffic Calming Ramps as follows:

The Avenue, Rush, at St Catherine's National School - Standard round top ramp x 2	2	Installed
<b>Total Number of Ramps</b>	<b>28</b>	

Ramps Scheme 2020	No.	Progress
<b>Baldoyle/Sutton/Malahide</b>		
<b>New Ramps</b>		
Strand Road, Howth - Bus friendly flat top ramps x 1	1	To be completed 2020
Strand Road, Howth at St Fintans Road - Asphalt Speed cushions x 2 (1 set)	1	To be completed 2020
Strand Road, Portmarnock - Asphalt Speed cushions x 4 (2 sets)	2	To be completed 2020
Back Road/Castlefield junction, Malahide, Table ramp, buildout and new drainage	1	To be completed 2021
<b>Repair Ramps</b>		
Portmarnock asphalt speed cushions by 2 (1 set)	1	Cancelled as repair not required
<b>Castleknock/Mulhuddart</b>		
<b>New Ramps</b>		
Castleknock Drive - Standard round top ramp x 2	2	To be completed 2020
Allendale to Ravenwood estate - Asphalt Speed cushions x 4 (2 sets)	2	Scheduled for November
Glenville Road - Standard round top ramp x 3	3	Scheduled to be completed in November
<b>Repair Ramps</b>		
Hollystown & Tyrellstown - Asphalt Speed cushions x 14 (7 sets)	7	Scheduled for November
<b>Swords/Balbriggan</b>		
<b>New Ramps</b>		
Donabate - Carrs Mill/ Rahillion - Standard round top ramp x 3	3	Installed
Swords - Brackenstown Road - Standard round top ramp x 2	2	Installed
Donabate - Junction of Portrane Rd, Beaverstown Rd & Ballisk Lane - Raised Table Junction Ramp	1	Scheduled for November



Newly installed Ramp - Carr's Mill, Donabate



Newly installed Ramp - The Avenue, Rush, at St Catherine's National School

### New Signals Installation (county-wide)

The 2020 New Signals Installation Contract commenced on the 7<sup>th</sup> September. The contract consists of the supply and installation of 5 No. Signalised Pedestrian Crossings, 2 No. Signalised Toucan Crossings and 2 No. Zebra Crossings within the administrative area of Fingal. The Contract includes both the civil and the electronic/electrical works for the project.

The schemes include the provision of traffic lights, traffic calming ramps, appropriate road signage and road markings. Pedestrian Crossings are at the following locations:

Traffic Signals for 2020		
Description and Locations		
<b>Baldoyle/ Sutton/ Malahide</b>	<b>Type of Crossing</b>	<b>Progress</b>
St Sabina, Sutton, Dublin 13 )	Signalised Pedestrian Crossing	Scheduled for November
Carrickhill Road Lower, Portmarnock (under review)	Signalised Pedestrian Crossing	Under review
<b>Castleknock/ Mulhuddart</b>	<b>Type of Crossing</b>	
Barnwell Road, Hansfield, Dublin 15	Zebra Crossing	Civils work commenced
St. Margaret's Road, Ballymun, Dublin 11	Signalised Toucan Crossing	Civils work complete
Diswellstown Road, Castleknock, Dublin 15	Zebra Crossing	Civils work commenced
<b>Swords/ Balbriggan</b>	<b>Type of Crossing</b>	
R127, Link at Racecourse Common, Lusk	Signalised Pedestrian Crossing	Civils work complete
Fancourt Road, Balbriggan	Signalised Pedestrian Crossing	Civils work started
Balbriggan Road, Skerries	Signalised Pedestrian Crossing	Scheduled for November

St Cronans Avenue, Swords	Signalised Crossing	Toucan	Signals Installed, Civils work ongoing
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**Traffic Signals Contract 2020**



**Newly installed Toucan Crossing - Civil works near completion. St. Cronan's Avenue, Swords**



**Newly installed Signalised Zebra Crossing – Diswellstown, Dublin 15**



**Balrothery Village - New Zebra Crossing was commissioned in October.**

## VAS Contract (County wide)

The 2020 Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) Contract works commenced in mid-September. The Swords/Balbriggan VAS locations have been reviewed and agreed on site by Fingal's Engineers and the appointed contractor. The signs installation started in Mid-October.

Vehicle Activated Signs are located at the following location:

Vehicle Activated Sign 2020
<b>Description and Locations</b>
<b>Baldoyle/Sutton/Malahide</b>
Feltrim Rd, Streamstown Wood, Co. Dublin - Left turn warning sign
7-9 Malahide Rd, Streamstown Wood, Malahide, Co. Dublin - Speed sign
72-76 Balglass Rd, Howth, Dublin - Flashing right bend ahead sign
Railway Cottage, Back Rd, Broomfield, Malahide, Co. Dublin - Flashing pedestrians ahead sign
Rob's wall heading to Malahide - Cycle sign
Thormanby Road from Howth - Cycle sign
Malahide road heading to Malahide - Cycle sign
<b>Castleknock/Mulhuddart</b>
Clonsilla Road (Between Coolmine & Roselawn) - Speed sign
Lower Road, Lucan - Speed sign
Carpenterstown Road/Burnell Park - Cycle sign
Lucan - Clonee Road (outside St. Catherine's Park) - Cycle sign
Castlecurragh Road - Mulhuddart - Cycle sign
<b>Swords/Balbriggan</b>
Garristown - Speed sign
Man O War - Speed sign
Old Road, Rush - Speed sign
R122 at intersection L5085 - Speed sign
Fieldstown R125/R122 Junction approach- Speed sign
Donabate, Portrane Road - Speed Sign
Hearse Road - Donabate bound - Cycle sign
Balheary Road - Cycle sign
R122 - Balbriggan to Naul Westbound - Cycle sign
R108 - Ballyboughal to Naul Northbound - Cycle sign

## VAS Signs Contract 2020



Newly installed Speed Reader sign – Portrane Road at Entrance to Portrane Village

## Footpath Build Outs

As part of the 2020 programme of works, areas were identified within the Cas-Mul area that could improve road safety for both pedestrians and motorists alike, by reconfiguring the existing footpaths. The junction of Clonsilla Road and Blanchardstown Main street was one such area identified that had safety concerns and would benefit from reconfigured footpaths.



New tactile paving installed at Blanchardstown Main Street/Clonsilla Road junction



Footpath widened at Blanchardstown Main Street/Clonsilla Road junction

### Road Lining Contract

As part of the 2020 programme of works, areas were identified where new Lining could improve road safety.

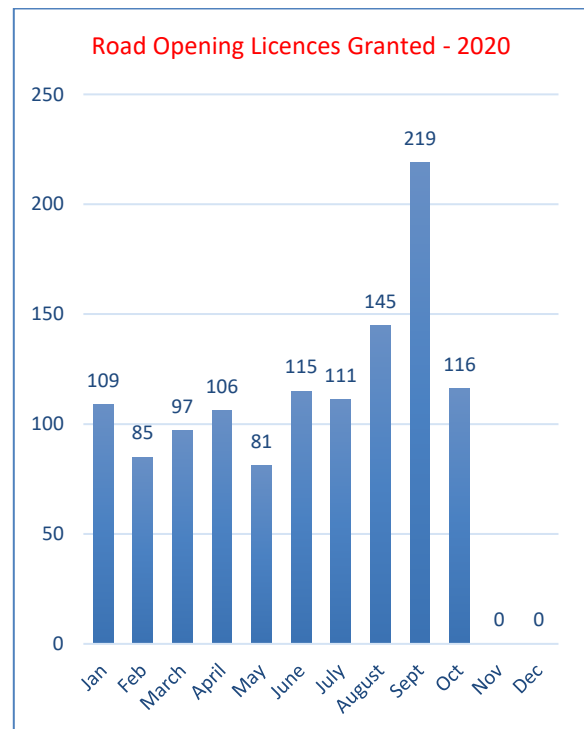


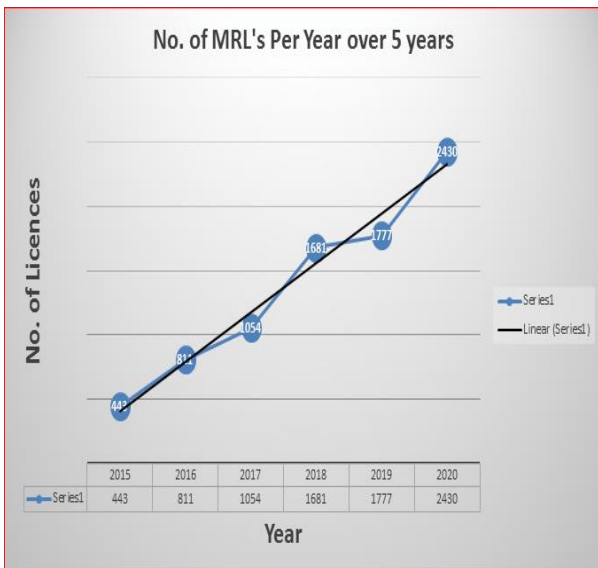
Balscadden - St Benignus NS, - New School Road Lining.



### Road Opening Licences

Licensing unit continues to process and manage the licensing system for the County, licences are allocated to areas for conditioning including review of temporary traffic management plans. Road Opening licences are a cross functional process for the department and is essential for the asset management of Fingal County Council Road network.

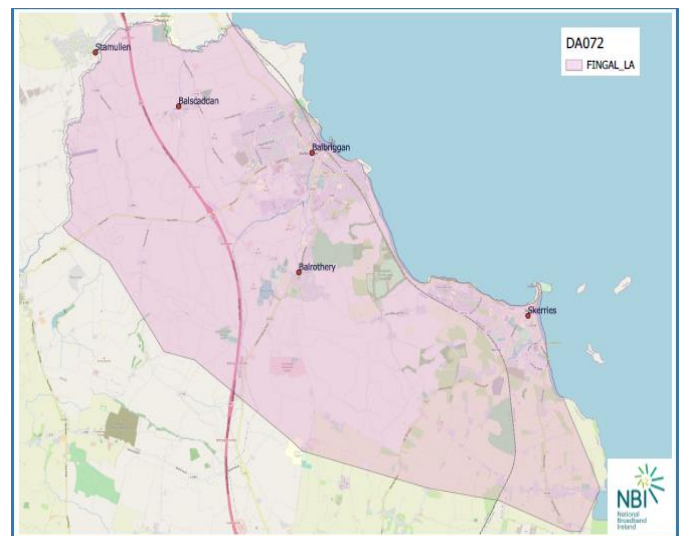




- Swords Pipeline – Irish Water/John Craddock – Road Closures**  
 Major infrastructure works remain scheduled for January 11<sup>th</sup> through April 1<sup>st</sup> 2021 affecting Swords Main Street junction with the R106 and the R106/Malahide Road up to Mountgorry roundabout (Applegreen). Road Closures will be in effect for 3 months in sections along this route. Following this finishing works (i.e Swabbing, Testing, Chlorination, Commissioning and handover to IrishWater/FCC Operations) are scheduled for April 2021 and will include lane closures with traffic management in place.
- Stamullen to Balbriggan (on the R132) Foul Sewer Rising Main Pipeline**  
 Fingal County Council road engineers are in ongoing discussions with Irish Water on programme of works for the 2.1Km Installation of Twin Rising Mains on the R132 from Delvin Bridge to Cardy Rock, Balbriggan. Works are due to commence in Q1 2021.
- Loughshinny Foul Sewer Rising Mains.**  
 Irish Water 1.5Km Installation of a Rising Mains on Harbour road and Mine Road.

Road closure required on Harbour Road which was Submitted in September for November and December. Works has begun on Phase 1 in Loughshinny Car park.

- National Broadband Ireland – Non-intrusive survey works** began in September in the Skerries and Balbriggan area (as per map below) as part of the Governments National Broadband Project with Map Road Licences currently been issued for the survey works which will inform the civil works required. National Broadband Ireland envisages that a T1 for the Civil Works in the Skerries and Balbriggan Area will be submitted in December 2020 with works starting in early 2021.



**National Broadband Ireland Survey Area**

### Cycle Counters

Three totem Cycle counters are in now in operation at the following locations:

1. On cycleway at Coast Road/Baldoyle road junction (recording both ways)
2. On the R124 by the entrance to Clonliffe Harriers (recording North bound cyclists)
3. Castleknock road in direction approaching Chesterfield avenue.



Picture : Totem cycle counter at at Coast Road/Baldoyle road junction



### **New Flexible Bollards to prevent parking - Coast Road Portmarnock by Velvet Strand**

A request from the Malahide Garda Inspector to the traffic section was undertaken to prevent parking along the Coast road as shown below. The bollards will prevent illegal parking on the footpath and not block pedestrians.



**New Bollards - Coast road Portmarnock**

### **Bridge Rehabilitation Project**

Procurement Process for the Provision of Consultancy Services for Fingal Bridges Section 2021-2023

The Council's bridge repair programme for the next 3 years will require procurement of a Consultant. The initial purpose is to identify the bridges that will require repairs as per the successful Consultant's technical report, EI's, MI's, PI's, SI's, condition ratings of each bridge.

#### **Rehabilitation of Curragh, Curragh West & Clonshaugh Bridges**

The Engineering Consultant carried out the design of the bridge rehabilitations and prepared the tender documents on 14th May 2020. FCC advertised the tender on 15th May 2020 in Etenders with a queries deadline of 1st of June and Closing date 15th of June 2020. Tender Assessment meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> of July 2020.

Contractor namely Cumnor Construction Ltd commenced works on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2020. This was a significant milestone in terms of commencement of works to meet the in-stream fisheries requirement in order to have all work complete in 2020.

Contractor completed all instream works in the available window in 2020. Works ongoing for the rest of the works.

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

Successful/ unsuccessful letters sent to the tenderers on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2020, two weeks stand still period, post tender meeting, letter of acceptance followed. Contractor have sent FCC the programme of works and methodology.

Due to the requirements to work within the Regional Fisheries requirements from July to end of September for all instream works Contractor namely Cumnor Construction Ltd commenced works on first week of July 2020 and completed all instream works in the available window in 2020. Works ongoing for the rest of the works.

Royal Oak Santry Footbridge, Effelstown and Ratharten Bridges Rehabilitation

Contract documents BOQ, Preliminary H&S plan, RFQ, Declaration to tenderers etc prepared and published on 02/06/2020 in QQ Etenders. Contract awarded on 9 June 2020. The contractor namely John Browne Construction Ltd due to complete the works by end of November 2020.

## **WATER SERVICES**

### **Operations**

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

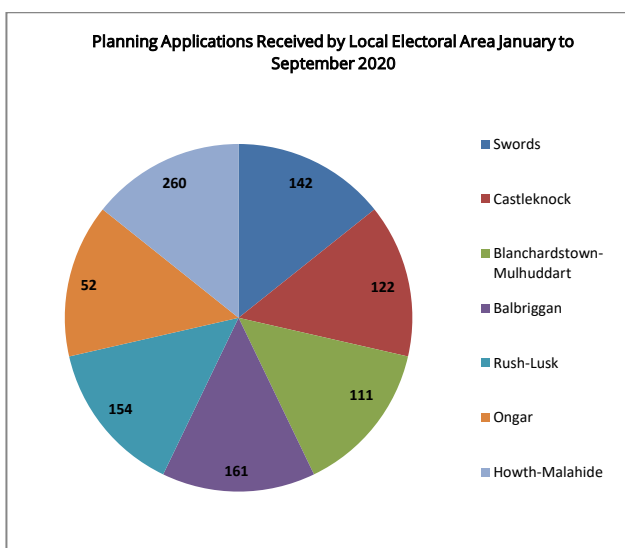
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## Planning Applications

There have been 1,002 planning applications received to the end of September 2020, 163 of these applications were invalid leaving a total of 839 valid applications. The volume of applications received by Local Electoral Area (LEA) is detailed in the table below.

To date in 2020, 4 Strategic Housing Development (SHD) applications (for 628 units) were made to An Bord Pleanála. The Board granted permission for 12 SHD's (2469 units); 3 in January, 5 in March, 2 in April and 2 in August. The Board refused permission for 2 SHD (531 units) in February and July. There is a total of 1 SHDs (198 units) currently in the formal application process.



## Planning Decisions

A total of 806 planning decisions have been made to the end of September 2020. There have been 645 decisions to grant permission (80%) and 161 refusals of permission (20%). There have been 61 grants of permissions in respect of single house construction, 349 grants of permission for domestic extensions, 180 commercial/retail grants of permission and 38 grants of permission in respect of housing developments - 18 of which related to development 2 - 20 housing units, 3 of which related to development 20 - 50 housing units, 5 of which related to development 50 - 100 housing units and 12 of which related to developments of 100 + housing units.

## Building Control/Bonds and Contributions

There were 129 Disability Access Certificates submitted up to the end of September 2020, of these 100 have been granted and 5 had extensions of time applied. There were 188 Fire Safety Certificates submitted up to the end of September 2020, of these 94 have been granted, 4 were invalidated and 32 had extensions of time applied.

There were 12 Regularisation (FSC) Certificates submitted up to the end of September, of these 10 had extensions of time applied. There were 3 Dispensation/Relaxation Certificates submitted up to the end of September, all 3 have been granted.

A total of 728 building control decisions were made up to the end of September, this includes decisions that were made on applications submitted pre 2020 in addition to the decisions that were made on applications submitted this year. There were 293 decisions to grant, 1 refusal, 4 invalids and 430 extensions of time.

Building Control Fire Safety, Disability Access, Regularisation and Dispensation/Relaxation Certificate applications can now be submitted online via the new BCMS applications module. We are also still accepting hard copy applications directly into the office until such time as the new legislation is signed into effect.

### **Donabate Urban Framework Plan**

Works continues to progress on the Donabate Urban Framework Plan with preparation of the report on the consultations. The Liaison Committee met recently to review the recent consultation and subsequent report. Separately, Sheridan Woods, Architects & Urban Planners, have been appointed and have commenced the 'Public Realm and Traffic Management Strategy' for the Donabate UFP.

### **R132 Junction Upgrade Scheme at Swords**

As part of the current Masterplans for Swords and, for the facilitation of development along the R132, current junction arrangements do not meet the growing demand for sustainable and assessable transport options for a road within an increasingly urban environment. The South Fingal Transport Study Recommendation 11 states the requirement to:

*"Improve connectivity for pedestrians and cyclists travelling across the R132 Swords Road from existing and proposed development lands to the town centre. This will be achieved by replacing the existing roundabouts with signalised junctions and incorporating controlled toucan crossings. This will replace or supplement the existing footbridges."*

According, Fingal County Council has engaged a suitably qualified and experienced Engineering Consultancy Design Team to redesign the

intersections along the R132 from the Pinnock Hill Roundabout to the Estuary Roundabout. Additional crossing point requirements are also being assessed as part of the scheme.

Non-statutory public consultation will begin this month

### **Development Management/Forward Planning (Water Services)**

#### **Development Management**

Our work as internal consultee on planning applications continues remotely and has resulted in 99 reports being prepared in October.

#### **Pre-planning consultations**

During September staff from Planning (Water Services) have engaged in discussions with developers at pre-planning stage to discuss issues related to the provision of water services and to ensure the implementation of flood risk management and sustainable drainage systems on site. These meetings have also included discussions on drainage and flood risk management relating to economic development, including pharma and logistics development and also to strategic infrastructure project, such as Metrolink and Dart+. Recent consultation and collaboration has yielded some significant improvements in proposals with regard to sustainable drainage in the county. All these meetings are being conducted online using Microsoft Teams.

#### **Flood Risk Assessments and Drainage Strategies to inform Local Area Plans (LAP)**

FCC staff are currently managing the preparation of the surface water management plan to inform Belcamp LAP and Kellystown LAP.

FCC staff are progressing with the engagement of consultants for the preparation of surface water management plan in Balbriggan and Dunsink. In addition FCC has commenced the preparation process for engagement of consultants to prepare the SFRA for the Development Plan.

### **SHDs**

Staff are engaged as internal consultees in discussion on approx. 17no. SHD applications.

### **CDS**

Staff continue to provide planning review of water/wastewater connection applications on behalf of Irish Water with 19no. applications processed during September. Staff have remote access to IW's network and as such this process continues as normal.

### **Building Control/Taking in Charge**

Building Control Inspections are currently being carried out on a business-as-usual basis within the guidelines from the HSE, CIF and FCC's Corporate safety systems, with 33 first-time inspections completed in October. Inspectors and engineers continue to engage with developers by other means to deal with building control.

### **BCMS expansion**

FCC staff continue to engage collaboratively with the National Building Control Office following the implementation of the final module of the BCMS (Building Control Management System – an online forum for Building Control documentation). This new applications module went live on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2020 and has brought Fire Safety Certificates, Regularisation Certificates and Disability Access Certificates all online. The NBCO has provided support in the “post go-live” era to resolve practical issues with the system. This completes the paperless conversion of building control documentation, which is particularly welcome given recent circumstances.

### **Dangerous Structure/Places inspections**

Each complaint continues to be assessed on a case by case basis. During September we have received 6 notifications and we have conducted 6 site visits.

### **Taking in Charge of Legacy Developments**

Bond claims have been submitted and verified by IBRC through 2019/2020. FCC have had significant success in sequestering bonds, with approx. €2.8M secured to date. As such FCC are progressing works contracts to tender in line with public procurement rules and covid compliances for the

construction sector. This work will lead to the Taking in Charge Statutory process.

### **Construction Products Directive**

FCC staff and engaging with relevant stakeholders in the context of Brexit and its implication on construction products on the market. An awareness campaign for developers was instigated through BCMS and planning processes. FCC staff are enhancing our CPD through the NSAI in the context of a standardised approach to the legal position. In addition FCC staff continue to engage collaboratively with the National Building Control Office as they establish a CPR unit in their office that will assist with cross boundary CPR issues and market surveillance issues into the future.

### **Parks and Green Infrastructure Division**

#### **New Park and playground proposals for Lanesborough, The Naul, Garristown and Howth.**

The Parks & Green Infrastructure Division have engaged Áit Urbanism + Landscape to support the development of proposals for a village park in the Naul, a public playground at Howth Seafront, a garden incorporating a public play space at Garristown Library and a park development plan incorporating play provision for Lanesborough Park.

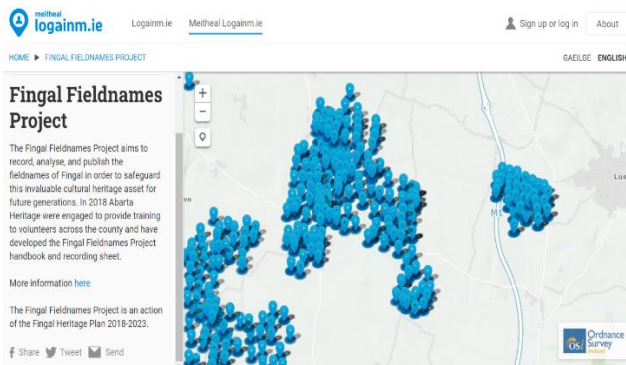
The survey, analysis and information gathering phase of the project has commenced and the proposals will be brought through the Part 8 planning process in 2021.

#### **All-weather Pitch facility, car park and associated ancillary works at Ward River valley Park, Swords**

To satisfy the conditions of planning approval for the project, the Parks and Green Infrastructure Division appointed archaeological consultants to conduct a detailed assessment in advance of the development works. The on-site testing is now complete and a report on the findings from this and a desktop study is being produced by the consultants.



The Fingal Fieldnames Project has reached a milestone as the names recorded so far have now been made available online for the first time. The results to date, which have been gathered by volunteers since 2018, can be viewed on <https://meitheal.logainm.ie/fingal-fieldnames/> . Meitheal Logainm.ie is a tool for storing and sharing placename data developed by Fiontar & Scoil na Gaeilge, DCU, in collaboration with the Placenames Branch of the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media and gives users the opportunity to promote the cultural heritage of the country in the digital age by mapping and sharing fieldnames and minor placenames online.



## HOUSING & COMMUNITY, CULTURE & SPORTS & LIBRARIES

<b>Housing</b>	<b>Community, Culture &amp; Sports</b> Arts Office Community Development Office Sports Office
	<b>Libraries</b>

### Housing Supply Report

Fingal County Council continues to deliver social housing units and continues to provide housing solutions in accordance with the Rebuilding Ireland Action Plan through a range of delivery mechanisms including construction, Part V, acquisitions, leasing and Housing Assistance Payment Scheme (HAP).

### Construction Programme

The Council has an ambitious construction programme underway with 29 sites across the county and 318 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	Completed
Church Road, Dublin 15 - FCC	22	Completed

Rolestown Phase 1	26	Completed
Rathbeale Road, Swords	24	Completed
Church Road, Dublin 15 - Cluid Housing	65	On Site
College St. Baldoyle - Cluid Housing	4	On Site
Wellview Cul de Sacs, Wellview, D15	20	Tendering Stage
Tucketts Lane, Howth	8	Tendering Stage
Cappagh, Dublin 11	69	Tendering Stage
Outlands, Swords, Co Dublin	11	Tendering Stage
Church Fields Phase 2B, Mulhuddart, D15	70	Tendering Stage
Church Road, Lusk	5	Tendering Stage
Kilhedge Lane - Tuath Housing Association	48	Planning Stage
Former Leonards Garage, Lusk	10	Planning Stage
Garristown - North and East Housing Association	6	Planning Stage
Hayestown, Rush	65	Planning Stage
Infill Site adjacent to 169 Clonsilla Road, D15	1	Planning Stage
	700	

### Church Fields, Dublin 15

Detailed design and the pre-planning process have commenced in relation to 498 discounted purchase, discounted rental and social properties. Progress on delivering the housing potential of the site continues.



- An initial phase of the housing development of Church Fields has been approved and a contractor is to commence on site in December.
- The next phase of development consisting of 70 social houses has been approved and a contractor will be on site Q1 2021.
- 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.
- Part XI for the road link between Damastown Road and Wellview Avenue including the upgrade of the existing Wellview Avenue and a cycle way adjacent to Church Road was approved and construction is scheduled to commence in Q2 2021.
- The green infrastructure design is also underway as outlined in the Land Management Plan.

The Area Committee will be briefed in relation to the housing design layout of the overall site shortly.

### **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.

### **Hackettstown Lands:**

- The LDA has lodged a planning application for the road infrastructure upgrade which is funded through the Serviced Sites Fund.
- Design of the housing is currently underway by the LDA. They propose to deliver 346 housing units of mainly affordable/cost rental and dwellings available for affordable purchase. Housing will also be provided for families in need of social housing.
- Further information will be brought to the Area Committee when available.

### **Part V Delivery**

The Housing Department continues to work closely with developers to secure a steady delivery of social housing units through the Part V process. There have been 30 Part V dwellings delivered to date this year with a further 70 dwellings nearing completion.

### **Other Development Opportunities**

The Housing Department continue 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. All opportunities and proposals to provide much needed additional turnkey housing are considered.

### **Pilot Dun Emer Home Purchase Scheme**

The Pilot Dun Emer Home Purchase Scheme is before this meeting for approval in advance of a national scheme being introduced. Following approval of the Pilot Dun Emer Home Purchase Scheme by Council, full details of the Dun Emer Development of 39 affordable dwellings and the requirements of the application process will be available on the Council's website. It is proposed to outline the application process itself, the eligibility criteria and all the relevant supporting documents required in order to lodge a completed application. This will allow those wishing to apply for an affordable home the time to compile the necessary documents.

The date for receipt of completed applications will then be advertised in the national press, the Council's website, social media, etc. It should be noted that applicants will be given priority in the order in which they apply.

Full details of the scheme will be available on the Council's website [www.fingal.ie](http://www.fingal.ie).

### **Leasing Schemes**

The Housing Department continues to operate the various leasing schemes to provide much needed properties for social housing. There has been a noticeable increase in the number of properties and leasing proposals being offered to the Council over the past few months. There have been 46 properties delivered to date this year with a further

65 properties being processed. This is to be welcomed and every effort is made to secure long term leases with interested property owners and developers.

### Covid19 Employment Loss

#### Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan

Number of applications received to date	1081
Number of applications approved	483
Value of the loans approved	<b>€105,628,781</b>
Number of loans drawn down	246
Value of loans drawn down	€53,294,449

Mortgage holders who have lost employment due to the Covid19 crisis and are experiencing difficulties making repayments should contact the Council immediately on [www.loans@fingal.ie](mailto:www.loans@fingal.ie)

Further to Circular 29/2020 which issued on Monday the 28<sup>th</sup> September, Central Government has extended by 3 months the payment break option for borrowers whose incomes are affected by Covid-19. However, Mortgage Protection Insurance payments must continue to be made so as not to break the continuity of cover. Fingal County Council will endeavour to find an individual solution with each borrower. Failure to make mortgage repayments without an agreement with Fingal County Council may affect credit ratings and limit ability to access credit in the future. Further details are available on the Council's website [www.fingal.ie](http://www.fingal.ie)

#### Rent Payments – Council Tenants

The Rent Assessment Team are available to Council tenants who have temporarily lost employment due to Covid19 crisis. Tenants may have their rent temporarily re-assessed based on Social Welfare payments until their employment situation becomes clearer. Tenants should contact the Council immediately at email; [rent.assessment@fingal.ie](mailto:rent.assessment@fingal.ie) Further details

are available on the Council's website [www.fingal.ie](http://www.fingal.ie).

### 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.

For the duration of the current Covid19 restrictions, emergency inspections will be carried out as required.

The annual targets are as follows:

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

### Housing Asset Management Report

#### Returning Dwellings to Productive Use

Funding has been allocated to Fingal County Council by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage under its 2020 Voids Stimulus funding. All properties must be tenanted or signed up for tenancy before year end. This will provide significant financial support to the Council in returning void properties to a lettable condition and work is underway to return a large number of properties to productive use in the coming weeks.

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 for Re-letting	At 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2020
In letting process	47
Undergoing re-let repairs	33
With County Architect for procurement of pre-let repairs	23
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>103</b>

Estate	
Ladyswell Road	Dublin 15
Parslickstown Estate	Dublin 15
Castlegrange Estate	Swords
Wellview Estate	Dublin 15
Cardy Rock Estate	Balbriggan
Barnewall Avenue/Crescent	Donabate
Church Road	Dublin 15
Rockabill	Skerries
Bealing Avenue/Grove	Dubin 15

## 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. The 2020 servicing programme is underway and a total of 2,838 properties have been approved with 2,014 serviced to date. It is anticipated that any delays incurred during the Covid Lockdown period will be addressed during the remainder of 2020.

### Cyclical Maintenance

This programme provides for external painting and joinery repairs to council housing stock and this currently operates on a 6/7 year cycle. The contractors are finishing the remaining properties in Castlecurragh and Dromheath Estate. The contractors will then commence external painting in Parslickstown Estate and Church Road. The remaining estates to be completed as part of the current programme will be carried out between now and early summer of 2021. (listed below: Batch F & G)

Estate	
Dromheath	Dublin 15
Castlecurragh Heath/Vale	Dublin 15
St Patricks Park	Donabate
Shamrock Park	Oldtown
Windmill Estate	Skerries
Toberburr Avenue	St Margarets
The Bawn Grove/ The Hill	Malahide
Kirkfield Cottages	Clonsilla
Lambeecher Estate	Balbriggan

## Housing Tenancy Services Report

### Housing Support

#### STATUTORY HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT 2020

The Housing Support Team is currently preparing a Social Housing Assessment Summary in accordance with Section 21 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2009. All Local Authorities are required by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage to complete this assessment for all persons who have applied for social housing support.

A Housing Needs Assessment Project Team has been established who are working to ensure contact is established with all applicants who are required to have an assessment completed.

To date, a letter and assessment form has been issued to the identified group of applicants, and a follow up Reminder Letter has also issued. The Housing Needs Assessment project team will also be establishing further contact by phone or email in early November with our applicants to ensure they have been included in the assessment.

Whilst the initial return date of 30<sup>th</sup> September has now passed the Council will continue to accept completed assessment forms and the Housing Needs Assessment Project Team would encourage our applicants to complete and return the form.

Details of the assessment are also available on Fingal's [Website](https://www.fingal.ie/council/service/housing-needs-assessment) via

<https://www.fingal.ie/council/service/housing-needs-assessment>

The Housing Support Team Contact Details	
Phone	01 890 5902 /01 890 5000
Email	<a href="mailto:Housing.allocations@fingal.ie">Housing.allocations@fingal.ie</a>
Website	<a href="http://www.fingal.ie">www.fingal.ie</a>

THE HOUSING UNIT CONTACT DETAILS	
Homeless Services	01 890 5090 <a href="mailto:homeless@fingal.ie">homeless@fingal.ie</a>
HAP	01 870 4515 <a href="mailto:HAP@fingal.ie">HAP@fingal.ie</a>
Estate Management (Maintenance, ASB & Special Projects)	01 890 5588 <a href="mailto:Estatemanagement@fingal.ie">Estatemanagement@fingal.ie</a>
Lettings	01 890 5380 <a href="mailto:Housing.allocations@fingal.ie">Housing.allocations@fingal.ie</a>
Housing Support	01 890 5902 <a href="mailto:Housing.allocations@fingal.ie">Housing.allocations@fingal.ie</a>
Customer Care Team	01 890 5000 <a href="mailto:CustomerCareUnit@fingal.ie">CustomerCareUnit@fingal.ie</a>

### Offers of Housing Support

The Lettings Team have continued to provide offers of social housing support right throughout the recent COVID -19 Lockdown period and this is demonstrated in the table below. The supply of housing is continuing through a number of mechanisms, allowing Fingal County Council to continue to make offers of housing support across

Approved Housing Bodies, Standard Social Housing as well as the provision of a number of transitional housing options.

Month	Offers of Housing Support 2020
January	117
February	103
March	137
April	114
May	97
June	90
July	72
August	144
September	91
October	87
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1052</b>

### Housing Assistance Payment (HAP)

The HAP team in Fingal County Council continues to operate as normal with the public making contact through email and phone during COVID-19 restrictions. Additional resources have been deployed to assist with the volume of calls/emails from those who have been affected by the current crisis (in relation to a change in income).

Since its inception in Fingal County Council in 2017, the HAP team have set up over 2,300 tenancies.

### Homeless Services

The Council's homeless team continue to engage with those experiencing homelessness to offer advice and support. Homeless Assessments are conducted over the phone during the current Level 5 public health restrictions. In October there were

59 new homeless presentations, 32 of which were families.

25 families exited homeless circumstances during October into various forms of social housing or, into private rented tenancies under Homeless HAP.

Since 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020, a total of 498 households have exited homelessness through the various means of housing support. Homeless HAP accounts for 352 of these tenancies.

### **Cold Weather Strategy 2020/2021**

The Dublin Region Homeless Executive ( DRHE) has activated its Cold Weather Strategy 2020/2021 which will run from November 2020 to end of March 2021. This is in order to meet a likely increase in demand for homeless services and to have the appropriate contingency plan in place for cold weather conditions.

In the event of cold weather or any emergency event, the DRHE co-ordinates the response to homelessness on behalf of the four Dublin Local Authorities. Whilst services operate throughout the year to support people experiencing homelessness, during the winter period, services are increased and enhanced to mitigate against the health risks that the bad weather poses.

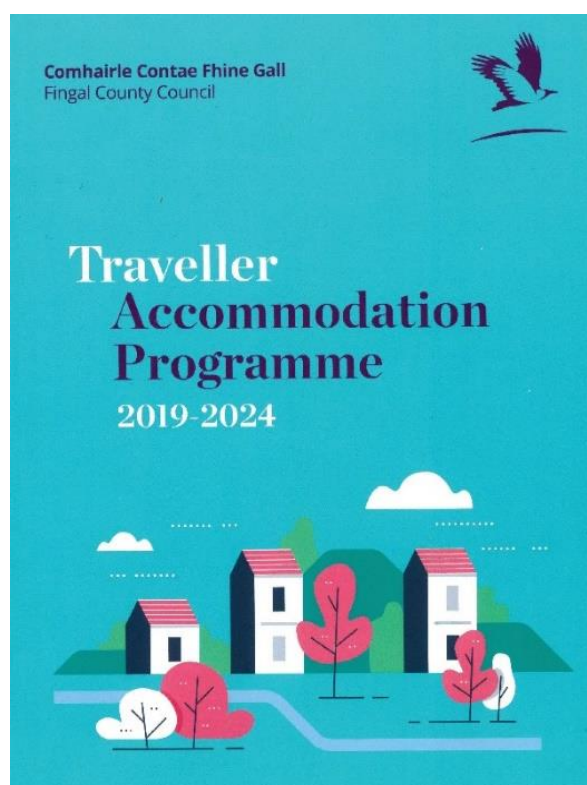
### **Traveller Specific Supports**

#### *Covid-19 Continued Support*

Measures have continued within Fingal to ensure that Traveller families receive as much assistance as possible during these unprecedented times, and particularly having regard to the recent elevation of the Dublin area to Level 5 restrictions. Daily site visits by Housing Inspectorate and Senior Council Officials are continuing with due care to maintaining public health guidelines while checking on vulnerable tenants and advising on the continued supports available. In addition, the Council's designated Social Worker Service for Travellers continues to make regular contact with the most vulnerable, in order to assist with additional needs arising from the current circumstances.

### **Traveller Accommodation**

A programme of works in relation to the refurbishment and upgrading of existing accommodation on specific sites, is currently in development with the County Architect. Works are ongoing at St Mary's Halting Site, Cappagh and prepared for other locations. The provision of additional accommodation in accordance with the Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019-2024 is ongoing.



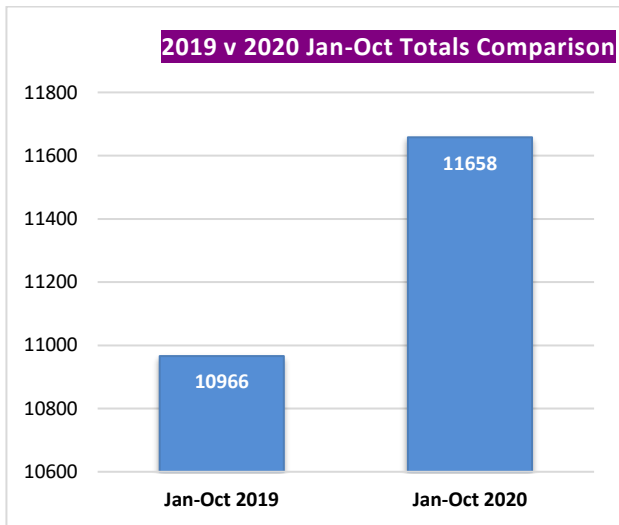
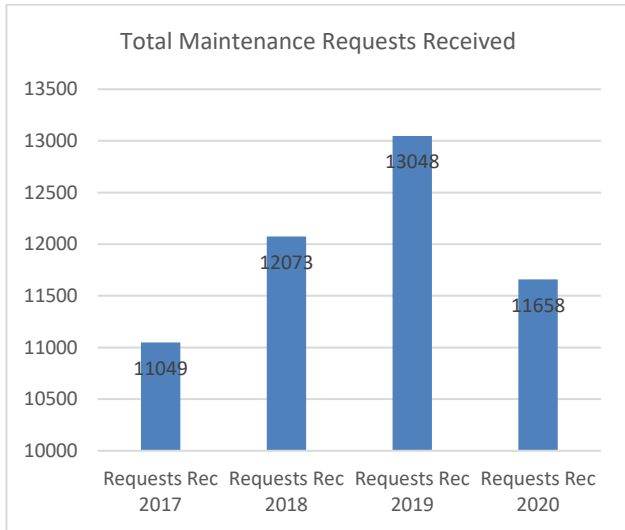
### **Housing Welfare Service**

The Social Workers attached to the Housing Department are available to support vulnerable tenancies and to work with housing applicants who have medical/welfare needs.

In response to Covid-19, the Housing Social Workers have been actively engaged with their most vulnerable cases at this time providing support, information and inter-agency linkages when and where required. Tenants were identified by the Social Workers and Housing Inspectors who may be considered particularly vulnerable during Covid-19 and follow-on action has been initiated

through a number of mechanisms including the Fingal Community Response Forum.

**Maintenance Requests**



6% increase in maintenance requests received for Jan-Oct period in 2020 in comparison to 2019

**Anti-Social Behaviour/ Inspectorate /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.

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Fingal County Council



Tenants  
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**Stock Management**

61 cases under review – 19 Downsizing, 10 Regularisation of Tenancy, 18 Breaches of Tenancy, 14 Miscellaneous (including cases of Family Breakdown/Illegal Occupants)

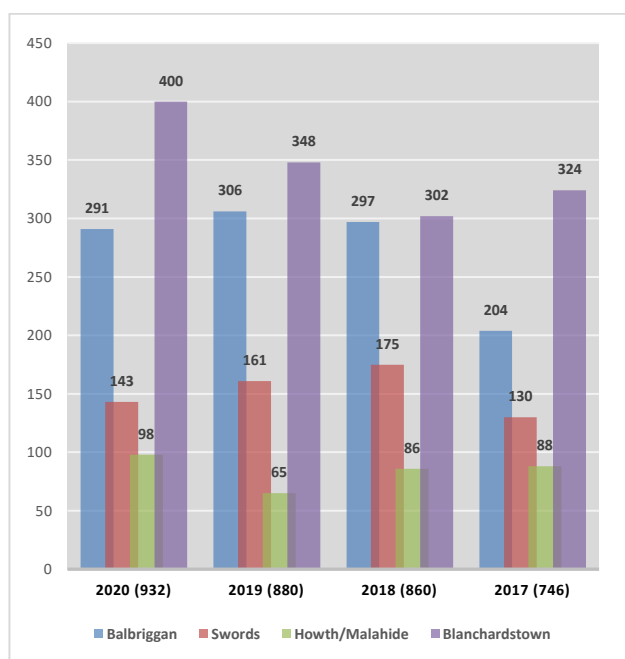
Surrenders on EM Grounds – 1 (Jan), 3 (Feb), 3 (March), 3 (April), 1 (May), 1 (June), 1 (Aug), 0 (Sep), 1 (Oct)

### Anti-Social Behaviour

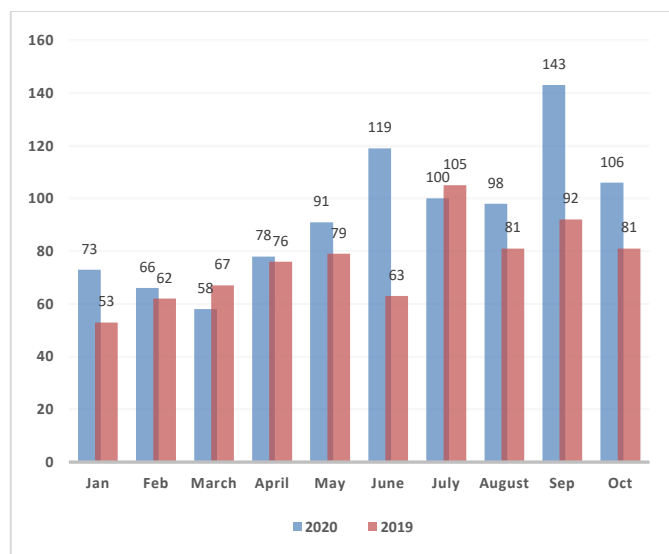
October 2020	Active Investigation	Active Monitoring	Closed
Dublin 15	52	74	29
North County	28	14	10
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>39</b>

ASB complaints received are followed up and investigated and taking into consideration the current public health guidelines all efforts are made in this regard to achieve best outcomes. The number of ASB complaints received YTD has exceeded the 2019 end of year figures which is reflective of current Covid-19 restrictions where citizens are at home more and possible more observant and less tolerant.

### Area Breakdown of Complaints



### Monthly Breakdown of Complaints



### Anti-Social Interventions

Interviews Held 2019	123
Interviews Held 2020	105
Tenancy Alerts 2019	30
Tenancy Alerts 2020	31
Tenancy Warnings 2019	4
Tenancy Warnings 2020	3

### Housing Inspections

Traveller Specific Inspections 2019	1818
Traveller Specific Inspections 2020	1460
Estate Inspections 2019	944
Estate Inspections 2020	472
EM/ASB Inspections 2019	3858
EM/ASB Inspections 2020	2710

## Halloween 2020

The Housing Inspectorate Unit have been actively focused on estate and site inspections dealing with the prevention and removal of stored waste for Halloween bonfires which is onerous and costly for the Council.

Housing Inspectors work in collaboration with our colleagues in the Operations Department to ensure visible and reported stockpiles are removed as expeditiously as possible and on occasions have been met with obstructions and threats in the removal of such waste.





## Community Culture & Sports Division

### Creative Ireland:

#### Dear Fingal

Fingal County Council has provided funding for a new film "Dear Fingal" featuring a stellar cast and crew of homegrown talent as it continues to support and assist the Arts sector during the difficult Covid-19 period. Funded through the Creative Ireland Fingal programme which is coordinated by Fingal County Council, the film is now available to view online on the Council's YouTube Channel. Recorded in Swords Castle, it can be viewed in six separate pieces or in one overall piece. Produced and directed by David Gilna, the film features performances from stage and screen star Ciara O'Callaghan, award-winning playwright Elaine Murphy, West End musical star Brian Gilligan, international modern Irish dancers Prodigig Nawal, Elabdri, Meadhbh Kennedy, Christen Mooney, Georgina Donovan, Kellie Morris, artist Glenn Matthews and up-and-coming singer/songwriter Muireann. Music was composed by Trisha O'Keefe and Louis Maxwell looked after cinematography.



#### Covid Care Concerts

Covid Care Concerts is a new project that has been devised by the Mobile Music Machine (MMM) in

response to the many social challenges presented by Covid 19. They specialise in delivery high quality, string and operatic workshops and have been commissioned by Fingal County Council to deliver 10 concerts in residential care homes around the administrative area of Fingal using top musicians during October 2020. Each performance will take place in the grounds of the nursing home, allowing the musicians to follow social distancing guidelines. The aim is to allow residents who during this difficult time when families are not in a position to visit and access to occupational therapy such as arts and music have been lost to experience the therapeutic joy of live classical music.

#### Arts Office:

#### Professional Coaching for the Arts and Creative Sector

Following the success of the one-hour coaching sessions offered to artists and arts professionals in June of this year, the Arts Office offered a follow-up session to all participants in October. This second session reviewed the actions and decisions each person made, and which were set out, alongside other information and ideas from the coach, in individual coaching reports. They used the second session to reflect on how the coachee was getting on, what s/he has achieved or what is getting in the way of their progression, and to support their thinking and practice as they consider 2021. The session offered both practical supports e.g. funding advice and motivational encouragement i.e. building confidence and clarifying focus, as required.

#### Youth & Education: A Space for Learning

Fingal Arts Office is working with curator Rayne Booth and Blakestown Community School to realise two arts-in-education projects that have been adapted to comply with public health & safety measures.

#### Flourish with artist Fiona Hallinan.

Using technology artist Fiona Hallinan will remotely connect with transition year students to

explore table manners and rituals in different families and cultures. The school will be sent an art pack in advance which contains text and a questionnaire focused on food rituals, as well as materials for making objects in response to the ideas generated.

### Micro-forest with artist Gareth Kennedy.

The transition year group will then work with artist Gareth Kennedy to establish an outdoor 'hedge school' within which they will explore wood culture and ecological relationships. They will establish a 'micro forest' around this improvised space of learning over the coming months. This micro forest will enable the students to learn about connections between our ways of living and the natural world.

### Musician-in-Residence Programme

A return to practical in-school delivery is eagerly sought by many schools involved in the MIR which was severely impacted by the advent of Covid-19. Since schools reopened communication has centred on revising programme content and delivery to trial a safe return to music lessons in the classroom in line with Government public safety measures. Currently twelve schools have successfully resumed musical activity with their professional musicians. Communication is ongoing with the remaining schools and alternative virtual options are being considered for some. Projects are located in twenty-five primary schools throughout the county, with an estimated 2,000 children benefiting annually.

### Once Upon a Sound at The Hide Sculpture, Rogerstown Park Lusk

As part of our ongoing public engagement at the Hide Sculpture we have developed a music focused online series titled *Once Upon a Sound* radio broadcaster Donal Dineen has selected and interviewed a number of outstanding Irish musicians who have performed with their chosen instrument or song especially for the Hide Sculpture Context. The recordings will be available to the public on Fingal arts Vimeo site this month's guest is Singer/Songwriter Anna Mieke Bishop, Anna Mieke was featured recently as part of the

Other Voices/RTE Courage series whose music featured as the backdrop to this year's popular series Normal People. *(The recordings were carried out in line with Covid 19 guidelines).*



### Age Friendly Fingal:

The Staying Connected project is shortlisted for the Excellence in Local Government Chambers awards, and this project has started its second phase of delivering Acorn tablets to the participants of the day care services, below please find some feedback from the recipients, their families and the nurses that are taking part in this initiative.



"Hi Elizabeth, Mam was thrilled with today and she remembered some staff from dads time in Lusk unit. I think this is a great idea and will benefit mam in this awful time that we are subjected to again. Regards, Jackie and Patricia"

“The tablets are working very well with our residents. One of our residents has commented he can see and talk to his family in his own room”

“Some of our residents enjoy viewing photographs, listening to music etc”

“We have enlisted the support of the activities staff to help residents use their tablets”

“One of the greatest advantages is video calls”

“Residents can speak to their families abroad”

“I can't believe how easy it is to see my son in Australia, it's like he is beside me”

“One of the residents who was a long-time member of the yacht club had lots of photographs uploaded onto his tablet and with minimal help, he can open and enjoy looking at them”

**Cocooning Activities booklet part 2, from the Roaring 20's to the Covid 20's "My life through a lens"**



### Fingal Comhairle na nÓg:

Fingal Comhairle na nÓg hosted the very first Virtual AGM nationally on the 13<sup>th</sup> of October 2020. The Mayor, Chief Executive and a number of Councillors were in attendance. The Comhairle members were joined by young people from schools across Fingal. It was skilfully hosted by Comhairle in a very successful virtual gathering. The Comhairle showcased their work throughout the year which focused on the issue of Climate Action and Peer Pressure. They were involved in consultations such as the Fingal Biodiversity Plan, Fingal Music Generation and the Youth Justice Strategy. The guest speaker, Shane Martin

(Moodwatchers), focused on methods of resilience. Small groups discussed the topics that were suggested by young people across Fingal and facilitated by Foroige and Fingal County Council staff. These groups have put forward topics for the new Comhairle. Comhairle na nÓg AGM welcomed in its new members on Tuesday the 20<sup>th</sup> of October. The final steering committee meeting in 2020 will take place on Tuesday, the 17<sup>th</sup> of November from 2.30pm - 3:30pm.



## Fingal Virtual Halloween Project 2020

The Community Development Office this year has two countywide Halloween 2020 initiatives. Fingal County Council is co-ordinating a Virtual Halloween competition 2020. The Community Development office are working with community centres to support alternative methods to reach out to communities across Fingal this Halloween. Twenty-seven centres will be supported in running a mask-making, colouring and poem writing competition using virtual mediums. The entries can be sent as pictures or scanned documents. The closing date for Fingal's Halloween competition entries is the 30<sup>th</sup> of October 2020. The age categories include 4-7-year olds; 8-10-year olds; and 11-13-year olds. There will be three prizes for the winners of each age category. The winners of Fingal Virtual Halloween Project 2020 competition will have their work showcased throughout community centres and Fingal County Council social media platforms. Communities and individuals interested in taking part in this Halloween competition can contact the community centres participating <https://bit.ly/2HvFJSA>



**HALLOWEEN COMPETITION!**  
SPOOOOKY CREATIONS NEEDED!  
\* DRAW OR PAINT A PICTURE  
\* MAKE A MASK OR  
\* WRITE A POEM  
Email your poem, picture or mask photo / scan to:  
Remember to include your name, age and address!!!  
AGE GROUPS: 4-7yrs, 8-10yrs, 11-13yrs  
PRIZES: BOOK VOUCHERS  
1st €40, 2nd €30, 3rd €20 (In each age-group)  
FUNDING BY: Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall Fingal County Council  
Closing date: 30th October 2020

On Friday the 30th October Fingal County Council Community Development Office in celebration of Halloween have also invited young people in Fingal to take part in making their very own creative masquerade masks with Jo May the Creative Facilitator from ReCreate. These Masquerade workshops will take place via zoom at 11.00am;

12.00pm; and 2.00pm. Fingal County Council will be capturing moments of the workshop on the day.



## Community Development Level 4 Course in Balbriggan

The Community Development Level 4 Course has recommenced in Balbriggan on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October. The course was developed by the Fingal Community Education Network which is a partnership that includes Fingal County Council, DDLETB and Empower. It addresses the need in Balbriggan for grassroots community development and local leaders who can develop projects and initiatives and create positive change. Nine local women are taking part in the course which is aimed at building on the community development experience already in the group. It is hoped that the course will also build the confidence of the women to develop projects independently and that it will assist them by giving a greater understanding of the landscape of community development and how projects can be progressed, key stakeholders etc.

## Community Facilities Support Unit:

### Website Design

The Fingal Community Facilities Network – a network of 31 Fingal County Council supported facilities across the county has recently engaged a Website Designer to design and develop a new

website for the Network. With the aim of the Network being 'Connecting Communities' – the development of this website is an exciting venture into improving access to information for both residents of Fingal and managers of our facilities. The website will be widely linked on other relevant sites and will also provide important links to Service Providers and essential services within the area of Fingal. It is hoped that the website will be live and active before the end of the year.

### Funding for Collaborative Training

The Network has also recently applied for funding under the Wheels Training Link Programme – 2020 to 2022. The Training Links Programme aims to facilitate upskilling of those working in nonprofit sector organisations through collaborations in networks – it is based on an approach that incentivises organisations to work and collaborate with other organisations (via networks) to identify shared training and support needs. Successful Networks will receive funding, facilitation, information and advice to implement innovative, cost effective training for organisations within the network.

### Climate Change and Community Facilities

The FCC Environment Education Officer will deliver a presentation on climate change and initiatives to the Facilities Network – with a view to creating new synergies by developing environmental projects in community centres – it is hoped this presentation will take place over the coming weeks – the Network is eager to explore ways of supporting the environment.

### Community Facility Remobilisation Steering Group

The above group continues to meet regularly during the ongoing restrictions. Their most recent meeting discussed the effects on Community Facilities of the upgrading to Level 5 restrictions. All Community Facilities supported by Fingal County Council were provided with an update on the Government Framework for the next 6 weeks. The Remobilisation Group offers invaluable support and advice to Managers and Boards during these difficult times. It is planned to hold a

virtual meeting with all facility managers/Board reps over the coming weeks.

### Tyrellstown Community Facility

The Department of Education & Skills have scheduled a detailed survey of Tyrellstown Community Centre – as one of the facilities constructed by Western Build – the survey will be carried out during the mid-term break the Technical Team from the DOES took occupancy of the building on October 26th and will vacate again on completion of the survey on Nov 1st

FPPN:

### Fingal Inclusion Week 2020



Fingal Inclusion Week takes place from Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November to Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2020. Over 30 events will take place across Fingal throughout the week aimed at highlighting the positive work that communities are involved in to reduce social exclusion, raise awareness of social exclusion and to celebrate diversity. While Covid 19 has presented its challenges for us all, community groups and organisations remain dedicated to inclusion in Fingal by diversifying how they deliver their events this year.

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.

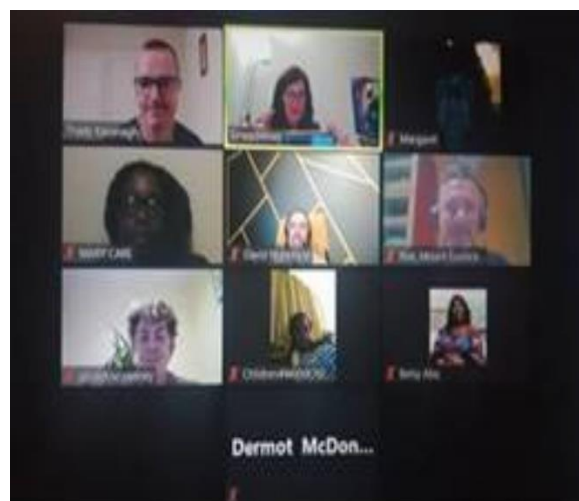
### Fingal PPN Plenary



Fingal PPN will hold its first virtual plenary meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm. PPN members will be updated on PPN activity so far in 2020, as well elect new representatives for Fingal PPN Secretariat. More information available here: <https://fingalppn.ie/launch-of-fingal-inclusion-week-fingal-ppn-plenary-meeting/>

### Training & Equipment for Community Groups

As part of Fingal Inclusion Week, an extensive support package has been organised for community groups and services taking part and hosting a virtual event. Participating groups and services will be provided with an equipment pack that will include a Smartphone cradle, lapel mics and mini tripod to assist the groups to prepare for their event. In addition, 3 training sessions have been arranged in 'Effective Zoom' and a further session in 'Creating Video on your Smartphone'. See images below of groups participating in the Video training and the equipment pack



### Bayside Community Association

Bayside Community Association's busy autumn programme of activities has continued, safely, during lockdown, with support from the Community Development Office. The Community Orchard in Bayside will feature in a forthcoming edition of Nationwide on RTE – the orchard project has been supported by FCC, including the awarding of a community enhancement grant. The association was also recently awarded Creative Ireland Programme funding for a standing stones project, which will be located in Alden Park in 2021 in co-operation with Operations Department and the FCC Community Office.







## **LIBRARIES**

### **Fingal's Library Services during Level 5**

During Level 5 of the Plan for Living with COVID-19, although our buildings are closed to the public, library services are still very much available in the digital and virtual space. We hope to be able to resume the contact and collect service on 1<sup>st</sup> December or as Covid restrictions allow.

As always our online services are available to all library members and include eBooks, online learning courses, eMagazines, language learning, music streaming, newspapers and reference databases. These are readily available at <https://www.fingal.ie/council/service/fingal-library-eservices-and-eresources-online>

Check out our online events on our YouTube channel

at [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC\\_6CWbONlz0-YxDP1aTnGiA/videos](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_6CWbONlz0-YxDP1aTnGiA/videos) where you can find a wide range of digital events including the Fingal Festival of History talks, online story times, wellbeing workshops and creative writing for kids.

We will continue to operate our delivery service to cocooners, the housebound, residential services and to anyone with health issues. The cocooning library service can be contacted at 8906719/8604290 or email at [cocooning.library@fingal.ie](mailto:cocooning.library@fingal.ie) We are currently calling to 166 cocooners and our delivery team have made 300 deliveries and delivered 4,000 books since the service started in May.

### **Health and Wellbeing**

The recently launched Government's "Keep Well" campaign aims to support people and communities in minding their physical and mental health over the coming months. Under the Healthy Ireland at Your Library programme, the events team at Fingal Libraries has organised a series of yoga workshops and talks on managing anxiety and keeping ourselves mentally fit during the COVID 19 pandemic. These events will be available on our YouTube channel and across our social media platforms.



**Healthy Ireland**  
at your Library

The Department of Rural and Community Development has approved funding for the Libraries Department under the Dormant Accounts Fund, for a programme to address the health and well-being of children and their parents. The programme will include:

- Online wellbeing talks for children and their parents
- Specific talks for children with neuro-diverse conditions such as ADHD and Autism
- A technology based literacy programme
- A creative writing programme
- An after school online coding camp

### **Rewarding Reads**

Libraries around the country are teaming up with Creative Ireland to remind everyone that they can #StartANewStory and discover lots of 'Rewarding Reads' through their library, even while Covid-19 restrictions are in place. Online library services, including free access to eBooks and audiobooks, will continue throughout all stages of the Government's Living with Covid-19 plan. Recognising that we might all be looking for a little distraction over the coming winter months, the Rewarding Reads campaign is designed to let everyone know that reading can be an excellent way to relax, escape, boost creative wellbeing or learn something new.

The Rewarding Reads campaign features a diverse range of Ireland's literary icons, from classic writers to new talents, as well as books across all genres. Authors featured in the campaign include Flann O'Brien, Emma Dabiri, Vicky Phelan, Roddy

Doyle, John Boyne and Sally Rooney. Further information is available at <https://www.librariesireland.ie/news/enjoy-some-rewarding-reads-with-your-library>

## Work Matters



Work Matters is an initiative which supports entrepreneurs, job seekers and career changers. Jill Barrett, accredited personal, executive and leadership coach has created 3 videos which are available on our Youtube channel, on creating a winning CV, doing interviews and moving from unhealthy thought patterns towards more solution focused thinking.

## European Green Deal

Starting on the 2nd November, the Europe Direct Centre at Blanchardstown Library will broadcast a series of interviews that will explain some of the key aspects of the European Green Deal. The interviews will be posted on our social media channels at 11am daily. With an introduction by the Mayor of Fingal, Cllr. David Healy, the interview line-up is as follows:

- Introductory explanation of the European Green Deal – Jonathan Claridge (Head of Communication at the European Commission Representation in Ireland)
- European Climate Law / Biodiversity Strategy – TBC –Ciaran Cuffe (MEP)
- Farm to Fork Strategy – Sinead McCarthy (National Food Centre / Teagasc)
- How the EGD will be financed and the Just Transition fund – Patrick O’ Riordan (Economist at European Commission Representation in Ireland)

- Implications of EGD for Fingal and Ireland – Aoife Sheridan (Fingal County Council)

## Science Week



Science Week from the 8<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> November will feature online coding workshops for children and videos to explain what science is and how it affects our daily lives, the origins of the solar system and how to get crafty with waste.

## Department of Rural and Community Development Funding

The Libraries Department has been approved funding of €100,000 under the Public Libraries Small Scale Capital Works Programme. This funding will be allocated to improvement works at Blanchardstown Library.

# ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE ACTION & ACTIVE TRAVEL

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## Environmental Awareness

The eleven funded Master Composter 'Stop Food Waste' projects have been completed in Castleknock, Rush, Donabate, Lusk, Balbriggan, Skerries, Sutton and Malahide. These involved installing wormeries and carrying out training at schools for food waste, workshops for members so the public to learn about composting and food and garden waste, setting up on leaf-mould cages in several areas for making compost, and also projects at Skerries and Turvey Allotments. These worked with groups and individuals in the community. The photos show the project at Lusk National School.



Many of the Communities4Environment Anti Litter & Anti Graffiti projects have been completed. This one in Taylors Hill Balbriggan saw the community transform an area of green space – into a beautiful community area with trees, plants and flowering areas. The whole community pitched in which makes these projects extra special and successful.



October was ReUse month and Fingal celebrated this on 23<sup>rd</sup> October - a day of promotion of the Instruments Project and Fingal's 1<sup>st</sup> 'Greener Grocer', a ReUse shop that has opened up in Castlelands Balbriggan. The 'Repair my stuff' was also promoted where repair companies can register free.

October is ReUse Month

**Visit Fingal's 1<sup>st</sup> Refill Shop**

Castleland Park Shopping Centre Balbriggan

## Climate Action

Fingal Climate Change Action Plan was launched in Sept 2019, and actions are ongoing. The Plan can be viewed at <https://www.fingal.ie/climate-change-action-plan-2019-2024>

A 1 Year CCAP Progress Report will be submitted to the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment in November; and to the Climate Action, Biodiversity & Environment Strategic Policy Committee in December.

## Overview of Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Bill 2020

On 7th October 2020 the Government published the draft text of the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Bill 2020.

The Bill draws on recommendations of the Citizens Assembly on Climate, as well as those of a Joint Oireachtas committee on Climate Action. The Bill was also a key commitment of the Programme for Government where it was identified as a priority for legislation.

### Key Elements at a Glance

- Establishes a 2050 emissions target
- Introduces system of successive 5-year, economy-wide carbon budgets starting in 2021
- Strengthens the role of the Climate Change Advisory Council in proposing carbon budgets
- Introduces a requirement to annually revise the Climate Action Plan and prepare a National Long Term Climate Action Strategy at least every decade
- Introduces a requirement for all Local Authorities to prepare individual Climate Action Plans which will include both mitigation and adaptation measures
- Gives a stronger oversight role for the Oireachtas through an Oireachtas Committee

## 2050 Target

Section 3 of the Bill puts into law a commitment for net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050, through establishing a 'National 2050 Climate Objective' – that the State will pursue the transition to a 'climate resilient and climate neutral economy' by the end of the year 2050.

A 'climate neutral economy' is defined in section 2 of the Bill as meaning a sustainable economy where greenhouse gas emissions are balanced or exceeded by the removal of greenhouse gases.

In order to pursue the 2050 target the Bill requires the Minister for the Environment to submit to Government:

- (i) annual revisions to the Climate Action Plan,
- (ii) a series of National Long Term Climate Action Strategies,
- (iii) national and sectoral adaptation plans, and
- (iv) Carbon Budgets.

### Climate Action Plans & Strategies

In order to pursue the National 2050 climate objective the Minister for the Environment is required to prepare an annual update to the climate action plan and, at least once every ten years, prepare a national long term climate action strategy.

The minister is required to prepare a Roadmap of actions which have to specify measures required for the next period of five years as well as setting out policies, measures and potential policies that may be required over the course of the following ten years.

### Carbon Budgets

The Bill establishes a system of successive carbon budgets starting in 2021. Carbon budgets are defined in the Bill as meaning, in relation to one or more greenhouse gases, the total amount of greenhouse gas emissions that are permitted during the budget period;. Each five year carbon budget will allocate emissions ceilings to all relevant sectors (known as 'decarbonisation target ranges').

The Carbon Budgets will run for a period of five years but shall be made for 3 sequential periods so that the first budgets will span 2021-2035.

### Oireachtas Scrutiny

The Bill provides that Dáil Éireann may refer a proposed carbon budget to a Joint Oireachtas Committee which shall consider the carbon budget and provide a report containing its recommendations to both Houses of the Oireachtas within 2 months from the date it was presented to the Dáil.

If both Houses of the Oireachtas do not approve a Carbon Budget the Minister shall within two months consult with other Ministers, consult with the advisory Council, amend the Carbon Budget and submit to Government for approval to once more lay before each House of the Oireachtas.

All Local Authorities are required to prepare individual Climate Action Plans which will include both mitigation and adaptation measures. FCC Climate Change Action Plan 2019-2024 fulfils this requirement and will be strengthened on an ongoing basis having regards for Government Policies on Climate Change and guidelines issued by the Minister.

### Waste Management Planning

The EPA have published national waste statistics for 2018. The total amount of municipal waste (household plus commercial) was 2.9 million tonnes, of which 1.1 million tonnes is recycled, 1.24 million tonnes goes for waste to energy and 0.42million tonnes landfilled. 1 million tonnes of waste was exported for energy recovery

The full report is available here

[https://www.epa.ie/pubs/reports/waste/stats/was\\_tereport2020/EPA\\_Nat\\_Waste\\_Stats\\_Report\\_Web.pdf](https://www.epa.ie/pubs/reports/waste/stats/was_tereport2020/EPA_Nat_Waste_Stats_Report_Web.pdf)

The Pandemic created a different dynamic in relation to waste management- both commercially and at household level. Waste Management Committees to ensure that capacity could meet demand. A particular trend was the increase in household cleanouts resulting in bulky waste brought to bring and civic amenity centres - leading to temporary capacity issues in Q1 and Q2 of this year.

### Water Quality Protection

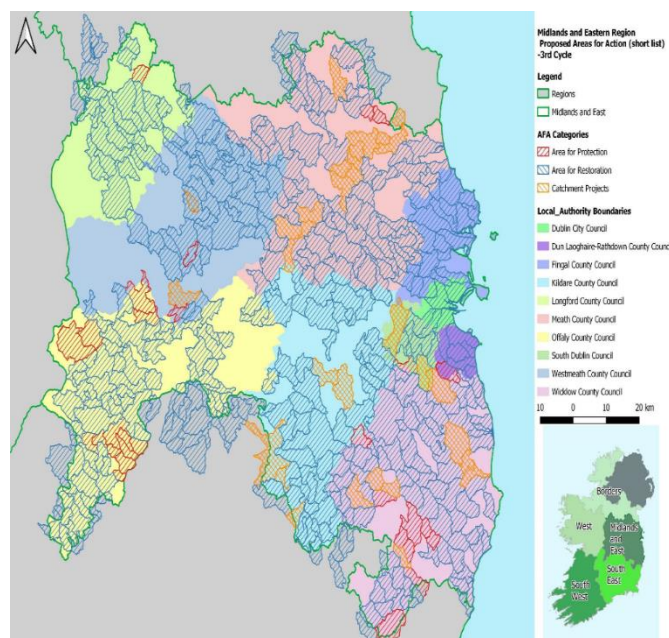
A draft list (457 water bodies) is to be submitted to the EPA for their approval and prior to the publication of a draft 2022-2027 River Basin Management Plan in Q1 2021 for public consultation.

The proposed Areas for Restoration -composed of "At Risk" water bodies

- proposed in the next plan or Third Cycle Plan in Fingal are the following:

Delvin, Matt/Bracken, Mill stream, Broadmeadow Estuary, Ward, Mayne rivers. Water Bodies in sub-catchments previously selected in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Cycle will have their restoration deadlines extended into the 3<sup>rd</sup> Cycle. These are Rogerstown Estuary, Upper Tolka and Santry.

Three water bodies will be reviewed by the EPA as their ecological status is currently unassigned - these are Howth, Gaybrook and the Sluice.



Midlands-East Water Region Short List of proposed Areas for Action

### Litter Management

The Litter Wardens continue inspections of business premises and consultations with business owners in order to reduce the level of materials available to individuals for collection and use in Halloween bon fires.

### Landfill Aftercare

Public access to Rogerstown Park has been extended from November 7<sup>th</sup> to include a mid-level path, effectively doubling the length of walkway available and opening up of additional views of the the estuary. This extended

access was possible due to the recent completion of topsoiling at the mid reaches of the former landfill, which had been delayed due to the pandemic.

### Waste Enforcement



Fingal County Council undertook a major End of Life Vehicle (ELV) operation at St Christopher's Lane, Cappogue, Dublin 11 which saw a total of **160 End of Life Vehicles** removed from the site. The multi-agency operation involved 70 personnel comprising members of An Garda Síochána, Social Protection, Waste Enforcement, the National Trans frontiershipment Office and the Waste Enforcement Regional Lead Authority (WERLA). 160 vehicles were removed off site and brought to an authorised treatment facility (ATF) for recycling and disposal. As part of the operation **170 tonnes of illegally dumped waste** was also removed and significant civil works undertaken to prevent further illegal activity. A combination of CCTV monitoring, waste enforcement inspections and Garda surveillance will be utilised to prevent further illegal ELV activity on St Christopher's Lane.

ATF's are permitted facilities authorised to treat and recover end of life vehicles (normally known as scrap cars and small vans). They have the necessary infrastructure for storing, treating and recovering ELV's. Depositing a vehicle at an ATF ensures that the vehicle will be dismantled in an environmentally friendly manner, with all hazardous material removed, before the vehicle is crushed.

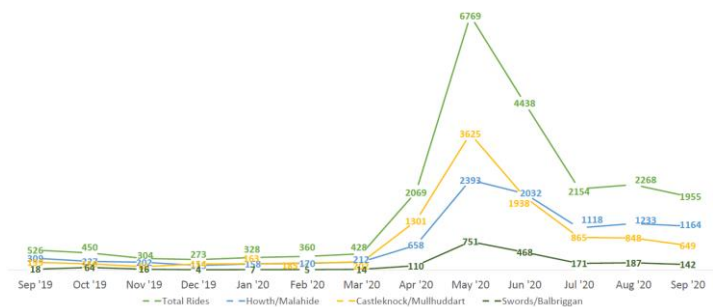
ELV's contain a range of waste oils and other fluids which can have a significant effect on the environment if not depolluted and disposed of properly. ELV's contain many hazardous materials such as lead acid batteries, fluids including lubricating oil, coolant, brake fluid, and catalytic converters, all of which must be disposed of safely in order to prevent pollution.

### Active Travel Section

#### Bleper Bike Share Scheme –

Bleperbike have reported that rides have decreased from 2268 in August to 1955 in September. However, usage remains steady over the last 3 months and numbers are almost 4 times that of September 2019. Sunday's are the most popular day with 19.74% of the total week's usage, followed by Saturday, which accounts for 16.11% usage for the week.

These figures show that cycling continues to be a popular method of travel. We will continue to promote usage of BleperBike through our social media platforms.



Congratulations!

## BLEEPERbikers in Fingal

you travelled **5,510,143 metres**

IN THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

you saved  
**1,683,263 (g)**  
carbon emissions

you burned  
**1,402,723**  
calories

### In September Bleeper accumulated:

- 5,510,143 metres
- 1,683,263 (g) of carbon emissions saved
- 1,402,723 calories burned

The hire of Bleeper bikes continue to be free for all Fingal staff.

### Bike Week – Fit & Fun in Fingal

As part of Bike Week 2020, and due to the ongoing restrictions posed by the Covid 19 pandemic, many of our scheduled events could not take place.

### Bike Week – Medals and Photograph Competition Winners

The bespoke “Pedal for your Medal” medals, manufactured by Irish company, MMI Group have been distributed to all of those who completed the 50km virtual cycle challenge. Two prizes of a €100 voucher for Cyclezone bike shop in Blanchardstown were also awarded to two ladies who completed an accumulated total of 50kms during Bike Week.



### Bike Racks for Schools initiative

Since the announcement of the Bike Racks for Schools initiative on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> of September, 43 schools have applied for bike racks. Schools can apply by completing the online application form and submitting it to [Road.Safety@Fingal.ie](mailto:Road.Safety@Fingal.ie). The bike racks will be funded by the NTA



Toast racks that will be gifted to schools who apply for “Bike Racks for Schools”

### Excellence in Local Government Awards



The School Streets initiative that was officially launched on Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> of November 2019 has been shortlisted for the Excellence in Local Government Awards. The awards take place on Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> of November at 3.30pm. The awards will be a virtual event this year and we are confident that the first “School Street” in Ireland will claim the award for “Enhancing the Urban Environment”.



Grove Road-Before the implementation of School Streets



Grove Road-Launch day of School Streets



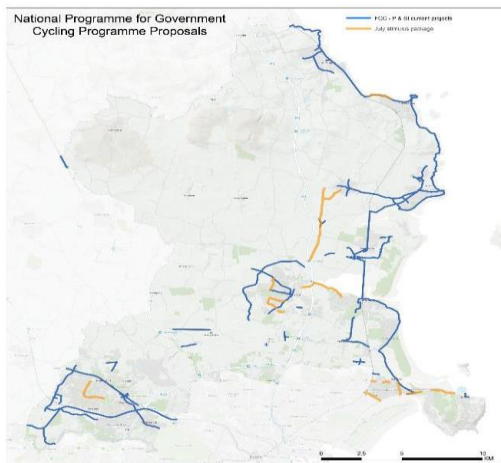
Grove Road - After the implementation of School Streets

## Stimulus Package

The following projects were identified in the Stimulus Package for funding from the NTA.

Stimulus: 2020 Allocations			
No.	Project Name	Description	Est. 2020 Funding
<b>Fingal County Council</b>			
1	R108 Sillogue	Road Network upgrade including advisory cycle lanes	€175,000.00
2	R132 Lissenhall, Ministers Road - Blakes Cross + Kilhedge Lane	Improve cycle connection from Lusk to Blakes Cross via Corduff NS. Traffic calming to reduce speeds and redesign of former National road for reduced volumes of traffic and increased cycling ped activity.	€1,300,000.00
3	Naul GAA signalised crossing R100 Naul GAA Club	Junction Improvement required for all road users including cyclists	€85,000.00
4	Malahide Estuary cycle connections Seatown Rd & Estuary Road	Improve cycle connection from Swords to Malahide	€1,000,000.00
5	Royal Canal Royal Canal Clonsilla to R149	Temporary footpath/cycle track 2m wide on existing grass surface as a means of encouraging people to use this location as an amenity	€100,000.00
6	Huntstown Way / Hartstown Rd Huntstown/Hartstown	Light segregation of existing cycle lanes	€70,000.00
7	Swords Swords - Rathingle Road / River Valley Road	Light segregation of existing cycle lane on Rathingle/Rathbeale Road	€55,000.00
8	R809 R809 - Grange Road	Light segregation of existing cycle lanes through Baldoye	€30,000.00
9	R105 Howth Road	Light segregation of existing cycle lanes: from sutton to howth village.	€100,000.00
10	R117 Skerries Road	Light segregation of existing cycle lanes but may look to close off road and allow for local access only	€350,000.00
11	Various Locations	Light segregation of existing cycle lanes at various other locations	€500,000.00
12	Skerries Coast	New Cycleway beside existing walkway	€125,000.00
Total			€3,890,000.00





## Hartstown/Huntstown Road.

**Hartstown Road Protected Cycle Lanes**

**What is proposed?**  
Upgrading the existing cycle lanes on Hartstown Road and Mountview Road by providing a new kerb to protect cyclists from vehicular traffic.

**Why?**  
Now more than ever, we need more people to choose cycling and walking for local and commuting trips.  
Cycle tracks physically separated from traffic and pedestrians by kerbs is what people want to encourage them to cycle more and  
Recent surveys show 72% of residents in Fingal support building more protected on-road cycle lanes even if means less room for other road traffic.

**Scheme Benefits**

- Safer cycle facilities, linking the area to schools and workplaces
- Safer pedestrian environment
- Improved air quality, reduced traffic speeds and associated noise
- Quick, efficient construction

Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall  
Fingal County Council

## Fingal Capital Programme 2020-2022

### July Stimulus (Ops)

- €4m over 4 months
- 11 schemes, short-term implementation
- 35km total

The first of these projects is the Hartstown/Huntstown Road. This project was designed by the NTA's Cycle Design Office (CDO) in conjunction with FCC and works commenced on October 12<sup>th</sup> 2020 by GMC.

The cycle segregation will take the form of an extruded concrete kerb on the line of the existing cycle lanes.

It is intended to follow shortly after this project with the Swords Rivalley/Rathingle Road and St Cronan's (Ardcian) Road. Design is currently in progress with the contractor having carried out the surveys of the existing carriageway.

Design is currently underway for the R132 Ministers Road to Blakes Cross, and for Seatown Roundabout to Estuary Road by Aecom; and for Skerries Coast Road by Arup.

Topographical survey works have also commenced on the Baldoyle and Howth protected cycle schemes.

**Where is the scheme?**  
Protected cycle facilities on both sides of Hartstown Road, Mountview Road and Huntstown Way from Blanchardstown Road South Junction to Huntstown Way/Blakestown Road Junction - a distance of 3 kilometres.

**How will it be built?**  
A raised concrete separator kerb will be installed between the traffic lanes and cycle lane on both sides of the carriageway.  
The kerbs will be dropped to carriageway level to allow for access to side roads, bus stops, and for drainage; and during and after construction, access will be maintained to all properties and residences along the route.

**Commencement Date**  
Works will commence on the 12th of October 2020 for a period of 8 weeks.

NTA  
National Transport Authority

GMC Utilities Ltd. were appointed by Fingal County Council (FCC) as Contractor for the Hartstown/Huntstown/Mountview Road scheme. The works extend from Blanchardstown Rd South / Mountview Rd junction to Huntstown Way/Blakestown Road junction. Works commenced on the 12th Of October 2020. Construction – Site progress

- 580m of extruded kerb installed. (CH 3240 to CH 2380)
- 58 no cycle friendly gullies installed throughout the scheme extents. (136 to be installed in total).
- 1 no chamber raised on Blanchardstown Rd / Mountview Rd. (CH 3190)
- All northbound carriageway resurfaced. (CH 0 to CH 3240)

- Southbound carriageway resurfacing to commence on the 2nd November 2020 (CH 0 to CH 3240)
- Works to footways for the extents of the route completed by 30<sup>th</sup> October: footpaths and pavement breakout and reinstatement, top-soiling, new kerb upstands, crossings upgrades/repairs and tactile paving all completed.
- Rubber island kerbs (at speed cushions) removed for extents of scheme 24no
- Temporary keep right bollards installed across extents of scheme adjacent to speed cushions to replace island kerb units until extruded cycle lane kerb is installed.
- Excavated and reinstated concrete c/way at Willow Wood Downs junction to address drainage/ponding issue.
- Traffic management - Typically working in 300m sections.



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### Financial Reports

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## APPENDIX 1

### REVENUE ACCOUNT INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION AT 31ST OCTOBER 2020

	EXPENDITURE			INCOME			NET	Notes
	Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent to date	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised	€	
Housing & Building	49,036,723	64,668,499	76%	53,188,604	67,692,700	79%	-4,151,881	
Road Transport & Safety	19,614,116	23,627,200	83%	5,761,183	6,609,400	87%	13,852,933	
Water Services	14,671,753	13,535,000	108%	14,502,727	17,109,500	85%	169,025	
Development Management	35,615,462	15,538,700	229%	29,839,847	4,285,700	696%	5,775,614	1
Environmental Services	36,123,616	42,952,600	84%	6,027,612	6,679,000	90%	30,096,004	
Recreation & Amenity	27,824,525	34,225,501	81%	1,159,370	1,691,300	69%	26,665,155	
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	628,387	900,300	70%	207,608	210,100	99%	420,779	
Miscellaneous Services	73,833,036	29,041,500	254%	54,281,783	6,282,400	864%	19,551,253	2
Central Management Charge	35,719,169	45,480,800	79%	2,398,946	3,031,800	79%	33,320,223	
Local Property Tax / GPG				6,273,750	7,528,500	83%	-6,273,750	
Rates				124,041,417	148,849,700	83%	-124,041,417	
	<b>293,066,787</b>	<b>269,970,099</b>	<b>109%</b>	<b>297,682,847</b>	<b>269,970,099</b>	<b>110%</b>	<b>-4,616,060</b>	

Notes

(1) Increase due to the Restart Grant. (2) Increase due to the Rates Wavier.

## CAPITAL ACCOUNT

		Balance at 01/01/2020 €	Expenditure YTD €	Income YTD €	Balance at 31/10/2020 €
A	Housing & Building	-36,816,097	81,726,268	-62,636,574	-17,726,403
B	Road Transport & Safety	23,162,527	27,122,719	-10,480,204	39,805,042
C	Water Services	-14,803,701	1,142,077	282,940	-13,378,684
D	Development Managemer	-109,842,777	11,515,986	-7,437,660	-105,764,451
E	Environmental Services	-12,699,108	6,331,173	-5,391,418	-11,759,353
F	Recreation & Amenity	-1,575,613	9,776,546	-7,828,920	372,013
H	Miscellaneous Services	-43,171,040	4,152,175	-28,103,255	-67,122,120
	<b>Total</b>	<b>-195,745,809</b>	<b>141,766,944</b>	<b>-121,595,091</b>	<b>-175,573,956</b>

<b>SUMMARY OF CORPORATE DEBTORS TO 31/10/20</b>				
	<b>Balance at 01/01/2020</b>	<b>Balance at 31/10/20</b>	<b>Current debt</b>	<b>&gt; 1 Year</b>
	<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>
<b>RATES</b>	4,906,810	12,323,240	10,661,535	1,661,705
<b>LOANS</b>	1,363,067	1,610,501	333,162	1,277,339
<b>RENTS</b>	5,100,489	6,460,832	3,397,788	3,063,044

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