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Chief Executive's Foreword

In presenting this month's report I would like to take the opportunity to thank the staff of Fingal County Council for their immense effort, commitment and dedication. The level of activity presented in this report is reflective of the tremendous work that is taking place across every area of the organisation. I am so proud to lead an organisation where the staff have shown such resilience and innovation, a can do attitude to everything that was asked of them and where we really demonstrated the meaning of 'In this Together'. It is evident that every staff member has played an important role in ensuring service delivery continued.

I am so pleased to see the County looking so well with lots of outdoor space for people to safely enjoy. The Council's Economic Development, Operations and Active Travel Departments worked together to ensure that businesses re-opening had support and assistance to create safe outdoor dining areas. The new measures have been positively welcomed by businesses and also the citizens who will enjoy these new vibrant measures in our towns and villages. An additional 2000 Dining Spaces have been provided on the public realm and the additional space will be integral to the viability of the businesses concerned who are reopening with limited capacity. The work of our operational staff in keeping our area maintained is to be commended and makes a significant contribution to the success of our towns and villages. It has been a busy time for all the staff involved.

With restrictions easing it was wonderful to see our Mayor Cllr David Healy attend a number of launches including the official opening of The Green in Malahide, the new playground in Skerries and the launch of the Bleeper Bikes extension in Skerries, launch of the libraries summer reading programme, MicroForest in Blakestown Community School and an art exhibition programme in Newbridge to name a few.

We remain committed to achieving the ambitious targets being set out by Government for housing provision and the disposal of land at Ballymastone was a welcome decision. We spent the last three years developing this particular model, which can deliver mixed tenure residential development as outlined in the Donabate Local Area Plan. I would like to once again thank the councillors for their overwhelming support for our effort to improve the supply of housing in Fingal and I look forward to this project moving forward to the planning application stage as soon as possible. There is great potential to increase housing supply right across the county as we progress our plans for Church Fields in Dublin 15, Cappagh in Dublin 11, Hayestown in Rush, Ballymastone in Donabate, and Hacketstown in Skerries where we are working with the Land Development Agency.

We are all aware of the ransomware attacks on the HSE and the Department of Health and unfortunately such attacks are becoming more and more common. The IT Department in Fingal took swift action following news of the attack on the HSE and as a precautionary measure have protocols in place to check that all Council laptops have all updates fully applied before accessing the Council's network. Prior to this event they had already been raising awareness of the cyber threats that exist and they are rolling out compulsory staff training on this important issue. Vigilance is of the utmost importance.

The Tánaiste's indication that people could be returning to the office in August is a positive sign that we are continuing on the right path and myself and my management team will be giving this much consideration over the next number of weeks ensuring that the safety of our staff and citizens alongside continued service delivery are our priority.

AnnMarie Farrelly
Chief Executive

HR, CORPORATE AND GOVERNANCE

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Major Emergency Management



The Major Emergency Management structures in place within the Council continue to provide the framework within which the Council's Departments adapt and update business continuity plans.

The MEM Eastern Region Steering Group, chaired by the Chief Executive, with representatives from the HSE, Gardaí, local authorities, fire services and Defence Forces continues to co-ordinate a strategic, interagency response to the public health emergency, to co-ordinate services regionally and to support the HSE while ensuring that activities are in line with the national measures. The Group will continue to meet as required.

Locally, Fingal County Council's Management Team continues to meet regularly to ensure continuity of services and put measures in place to align with the Government's plan to ease restrictions.

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Council, at which the election of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor occurs, will take place on Friday next, 18th June, at 4:00pm in the Grand Hotel, Malahide. The election of the Area Committee Cathaoirigh shall also take place at this meeting.

HUMAN RESOURCES

The Human Resource Department continues to plan for and respond to the challenges brought by Covid19. In line with the Government's **COVID-19 Resilience and Recovery 2021 - The Path Ahead**, under current level 5 restrictions staff who can work from home are 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, continues throughout the pandemic ensuring that critical services are not adversely affected. Many of the Council's structured training programmes are now online and are continuing remotely. As part of the Local Authority Climate Action Training Programme, Council staff are currently undertaking "Climate Action - Raising Awareness" training, delivered through the Climate Ireland Learning Platform. The HR Department is continuing the roll out of Diversity, Interculturalism Training which will assist the Council in meeting its obligations under the Public Sector Equality & Human Rights Duty.

The HR Department is engaging currently in large scale recruitment campaigns for a range of roles and there are currently 22 active competitions. Since 12th April a further 68 people have been recruited, including 35 Lifeguards.

Health & Safety Unit (HSU)

The HSU is nearing the end of its remote working VDU assessment program, having reached out on MS Teams to staff working remotely. To date 663 remote working assessments have been completed. Accident

investigation, Covid-19 compliance checks, site safety inspections, fielding staff queries continues along with priority given to compiling FCC's entry for the NISO [National Irish Safety Organisation & Northern Ireland Safety Group] 2021 Safety Awards.



Safety award entry - preparatory work:

Customer Services

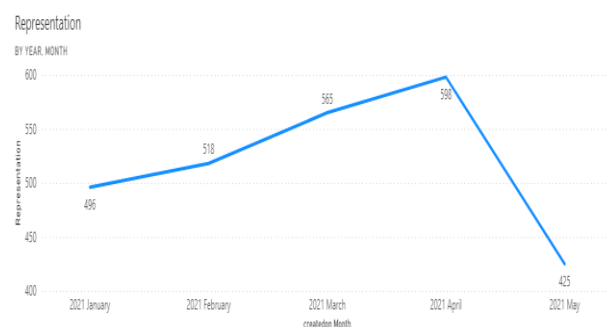
For the month of May, the Council's Customer Care Agents dealt with a total of

- 16,669 telephone calls
- 1,054 emails.

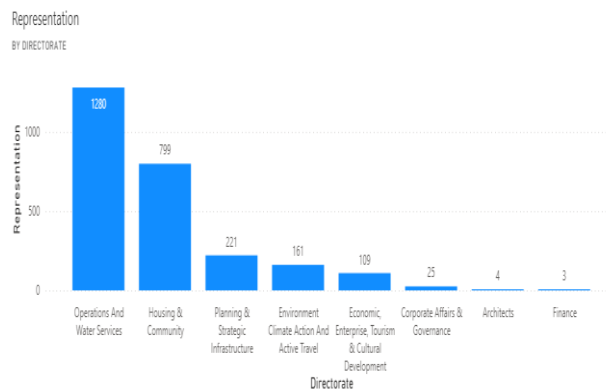
CRM

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 May had a total of 425 Councillor's representations.



The table below shows the number of Councillor's representations assigned to each Department for the year to date.

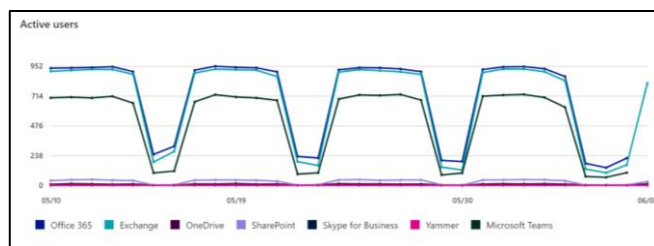


Information Technology

- Remote Working
- Bathing Water Quality Alerts
- Public Wi-Fi

Remote Working

In May there were 9,047 Teams meetings held, 35,211 calls took place and 880,424 emails were received or sent by the Council.



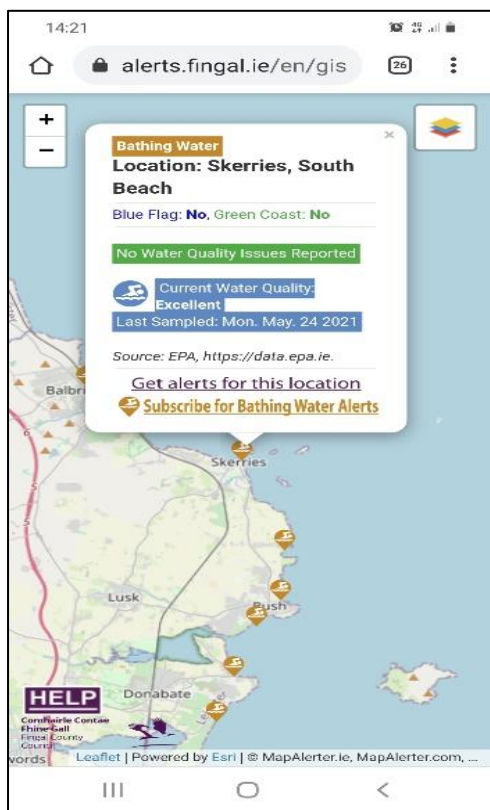
Bathing Water Quality Alerts

Fingal Alerts was updated in May and is now offering bathing water quality alerts for the 10 beaches in the county which are Identified Bathing Waters.

These alerts include bathing water quality results which are generally provided fortnightly during the summer bathing season and also any bathing restrictions if and when they are notified. The alerts are provided from data supplied by the EPA of monitoring carried out by the Council.

If you swim or use any of these beaches, then you can subscribe to get updates throughout the summer months as new results are published by the EPA. Each time the EPA publishes new results or notifications, you will receive an email from Fingal Alerts.

This service is available at <https://alerts.fingal.ie/en/bathing-water-alerts>



Location	Live Access Points	Additional Access Points	Status
Skerries	5	2 tbc	Partly Operational
Lusk	1	1	Partly Operational
Rush	4	0	Operational/Testing
Garristown	0	1	Planned June
Naul	0	2	Planned June
Swords	5	2 tbc	Partly Operational
Donabate	3	0	Operational/Testing
Portrane	1	0	Operational/Testing
Malahide	3	1 + 1 tbc	Partly Operational
Howth	5	0	Operational/Testing
Portmarnock	1	0	Operational/Testing
Blanchardstown Village	2	1 tbc	Partly Operational
Blanchardstown Centre	2	0	Operational/Testing
St. Catherine's Park	1	0	Operational/Testing
Clonsilla	0	1 tbc	Planned June/July
Castleknock	0	1 + 1 tbc	Planned June/July
Mulhuddart	0	1	Planned June/July
Ongar (tbc)	0	1 tbc	Planned June/July

COMMUNICATIONS

Podcasts

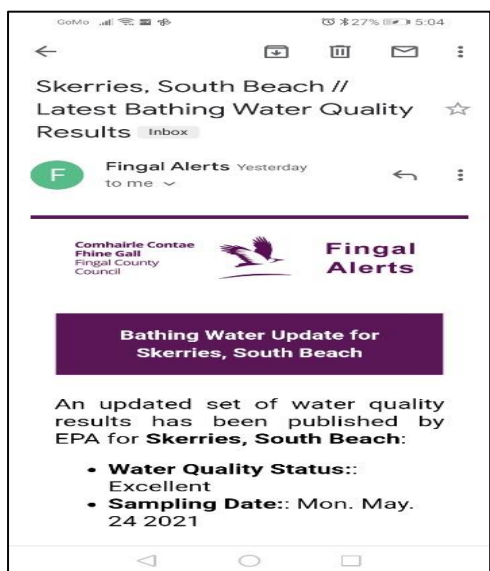
Episode 10 of Inside Fingal features Paul Carroll, Senior Engineer with the Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department outlining the Council plans for Greenways and speaking specifically about projects such as the Fingal Coastal Way, the Royal Canal Urban Greenway and the Broadmeadow Way.

To date there have been 1,559 downloads of the Inside Fingal podcast and 921 internet listens.

All podcasts in the series are available at www.fingal.ie/podcast.

Website

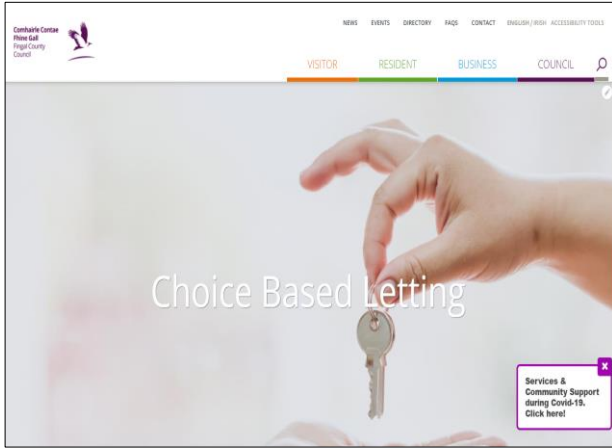
During the month of May, there was a substantial increase in the number of visitors to our website, fingal.ie, and in the number of page views. Unique visitors rose by 32% to 144,800 while page views rose by 50% to 474,200.



Public Wi-Fi

The following table gives an update of the current status of Public Wi-Fi rollout per location –

The Choice Based Letting Scheme and the Dun Emer Affordable Housing Scheme which ran on the website during May were contributory factors in driving traffic to the website along with Planning Applications and Job Opportunities.



Social Media

May saw continued growth on our Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn and Instagram social media accounts.

On Twitter, we now have 19,636 followers which represents an increase of 570 since the start of the year. Our 248 posts received 1million impressions, with a 1.4% engagement rate.

Our Top Tweet related to the result of the special meeting to dispose of lands at Ballymastone, Donabate. It received 89,100 impressions and option selection, receiving 1,731 engagements, an engagement rate of 1.94%.



We now have 22,826 followers on Facebook and during the month of May our 223 posts had a reach of 920,098.

Our most popular post which had a reach of 37,924, was about an Online Gardening Course being offered by Fingal Community Centres and received 2,076 engagement, an engagement rate of 5.47%.



Our Instagram account continues to grow and now has 3,740 followers. Our most popular post also related to the launch of the Fingal Coastal Way route option public consultation.

We now have 4,339 followers on LinkedIn which is an increase of 15.55% since the start of the year.

Irish Language

Having been approved by councillors at the May Meeting, the Council's Fourth Irish Language Scheme 2021-2024 has now been approved by the Department of the Gaeltacht. It has been uploaded on to the website with links from social media and circulated to staff.

Engagement

The Communications Unit worked with various departments on communications and engagement strategies for a number of projects and campaigns.

These included the Royal Canal Urban Greenway, Fingal Coastal Way, Development Plan, Bathing Waters, Outdoor Summer, Affordable Housing, Choice Based Letting, Snugborough Interchange and Sustainable Swords.

We also organised a media event to mark the commencement of construction at the Dun Emer Affordable Housing Scheme which was attended by the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage as well as councillors from the Rush-Lusk Local Electoral Area and members of the national media.

Press Releases

A total of 22 press releases and media invitations were issued by the Communications Unit during May. We also dealt with 27 media queries and interview requests.



ECONOMIC, ENTERPRISE, TOURISM & CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

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EVENTS

Funding Awards and Applications

The Events Unit have been leading on the following funding applications

- **Local Live Performance Programming Scheme - DTCAGSM**

€285k successfully awarded which aimed at using Fingal based event organisers, local artists and performers and ultimately revive Fingal's live events industry.

- **Local Authority Urban Animation Infrastructure Scheme 2021**

Fáilte Ireland's Urban Animation Capital Investment Scheme is a new pilot Capital Grants Scheme for Local Authorities aimed at supporting sustainable tourism development through public realm and urban animation projects that have the potential to transform and re-imagine urban centres for visitors and communities. Application being prepared for a significant installation at Draíocht.

- **Fáilte Ireland's Outdoor Dining Enhancement Scheme**

Fáilte Ireland has developed the Local Authority Weatherproofing & Outdoor Dining Infrastructure Scheme to provide support to Local Authorities to implement remedial works, weatherproofing and infrastructure solutions to streets/ zones where additional outdoor dining could be possible. An application has been made under this scheme for the

development of weatherproof outdoor dining in Howth and we await a decision.

- **Re Imaging Outdoor Spaces Fund - DTCAGSM**

National tourism research continually confirms that attractive towns are a key motivator for holidaymakers in choosing Ireland as a holiday destination, as is interesting history/culture and friendly people. Elements of public realm have been reviewed for tourism opportunities. An application is being prepared under this scheme and will be submitted to the department in due course.

- **Creative Climate Action Fund**

Fingal County Council have partnered with Kildare County Council, Westmeath County Council and Eastern & Midlands CARO on an application under the Creative Climate Action Fund for a project titled "Exploring the Potential for Promoting Climate Action at Concerts, Festivals and Events"

TOURISM

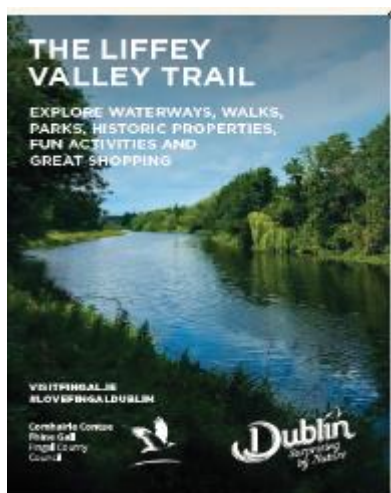
SUMMER PROMOTIONAL CAMPAIGN

The Council met with stakeholders from a variety of tourism sectors from Fingal Chamber, Balbriggan Chamber and Malahide Chamber at the end of May to discuss plans for Summer 2021 and a marketing campaign.

In association with Ripple Marketing and with input from the Fingal Tourism Hospitality Group a summer campaign has been launched and will continue right through to the shoulder season. The campaign will

focus on social media advertising, Google advertising, display & search and on YouTube. It will promote competitions, itineraries for day trips and staycations in the Fingal area.

THE LIFFEY VALLEY TRAIL



In association with local stakeholders, a brochure of the Liffey Valley which stretches from Farmleigh in the Phoenix Park through the villages of Castleknock, Clonsilla, Blanchardstown and Mulhuddart has been produced. Highlighting places of interest, the trail features a rich diversity of historic sites, castles and gardens, visitor attractions, shopping and many recreational activities which are enjoyed in Dublin 15.

The brochure, promoting visits to the Dublin 15 area from both local and domestic visitors alike will be available in all tourist offices in Fingal, on our website and in hotels and tourist attractions across Fingal.

TOURISM DEVELOPMENT GROUPS

The groups continue to work and engage with Fáilte Ireland in the delivery of Fáilte Ireland’s Coastal Development Plan. New saleable experiences will be delivered as a result of this process which will be actively promoted by Fáilte Ireland and through Fingal’s summer campaign.

A Dublin 15 Tourism Development Group has also now been established.

HERITAGE PROPERTIES

UPDATE ON HERITAGE PROPERTY REOPENINGS



Under the Government’s Covid-19 Resilience & Recovery 2021 Plan, and following the recent Government announcement, the following changes have been implemented:

Swords Castle fully re-opened to the public on 10th May.

- Ardgillan Castle is now open offering self-guided tours. The new craft shop in the reception area of the castle is also now open.
- Skerries Mills has also re-opened its doors for non-essential retail and self-guided tours.
- Malahide Casino Model Railway museum re-opened on 27th May for self-guided tours.
- Malahide Castle fully re-opened on 19th May and Newbridge House fully re-opened on 4th June for self-guided tours.
- Cafés across the properties remain open for takeaway only. Outdoor dining at all catering outlets permitted from 7th June.

RECENT HERITAGE PROPERTIES CONSERVATION WORKS INCLUDE:

Casino Model Railway Museum - Continued enhancement to the main model

Malahide Castle - Complete refurbishment of the great hall/ library. Design tender near completion.

Newbridge House - Conservation works to the Sculpture Hall

Ardgillan Castle – Nine previously unused rooms within the castle are now being used as artists residence. New craft and retail shop has also opened to the public.

Shackletons' Mill – Surveys and detailed assessments for developing a new Conservation Management Plan for the Mill has commenced.

CREATIVE FINGAL PROGRAMME 2021



Cruinniú Na nÓg, a day of free creative activity for children and young adults, took place on Saturday

12th June, 2021. Fingal County Council's programme of events offered a wide variety of activities for all ages to choose from across Arts, Libraries, Sports and Music including The Ardgillan Story trail, Hip-Hop dancing, Music Workshops, Coding Classes to name just a few.

SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE SCHEME FOR COVID

The Economic, Enterprise, Tourism & Cultural Development Department are currently validating and processing all completed applications for Q1 and have paid out €520k to date.

The Department of Enterprise Trade & Employment has recently launched the Small Business Assistance Scheme for COVID (SBASC) for Q2, 2021 and DETE has extended eligibility for the €60m Small Business Assistance Scheme for COVID (SBASC) to include businesses operating from a non-rateable premises such as a home business or yard.

SBASC gives grants to businesses who are not eligible for the Government's COVID Restrictions Support Scheme (CRSS), the Fáilte Ireland Business Continuity grant or other direct sectoral grant schemes.

This scheme aims to help businesses with their fixed costs, for example, rent, utility bills, security.

The Q2 scheme covers the period 1 April 2021 to 30 June 2021. Those who applied under Phase 1 are still eligible to apply for a second payment of €4,000 if they continue to meet the criteria which is set out in Frequently Asked Questions.

Each eligible applicant will receive a payment of €4,000 or €1,000 depending on their turnover and if they meet the criteria which is set out in the FAQs.

The closing date for applications for the Q2 grant under SBASC is 21 July 2021.

ARTS

Youth & Education Programme

Micro Forest Launch, Blakestown



This month, students of Blakestown Community School proudly launched their Micro Forest of over 450 broadleaf trees on the school grounds. This beautiful concept of planting a forest outside of their art classroom was developed by artist Gareth Kennedy in partnership with Eoin Donnelly. The art project, initiated by Fingal Arts Office and Superprojects, involved seasonal art and ecology activities. It included wood splitting, wood turning, mulching and tree planting while learning about the ecology of our native woodlands and contemporary art practice in the open air. The Mayor of Fingal, Cllr. David Healy, officiated at the private launch and congratulated the students, school staff and artists. Between lockdowns and school closures, changing seasons and other challenges, this micro forest was established and will benefit local biodiversity and future students for years to come. 'Micro Forest' was presented to a national conference on the theme of 'weaving wellbeing into school life.' It is an exemplary

model of how art can provide us with opportunities to learn about and care for ourselves and our environment. Nationwide visited the project and will broadcast the feature during the summer.

Talisman, Newbridge House Donabate



'Talisman' is an arts-in-education project by artist Barbara Knežević which introduced TY students in St. Joseph's Secondary School to the idea of a 'collection'. The students explored Barbara's artistic practice, which is sculptural, and object based, before engaging with the collection of Newbridge House, Donabate - home to a beautiful collection of artwork and treasured objects collected by the Cobbe family. Curator of Newbridge house, Cathal Dowd Smith, provided a virtual tour of the estate's collection and introduced students to the *Wunderkammer* initiated by Lady Cobbe (1733-1806). Through a series of workshops, the group discussed why people collect objects, what makes some objects more precious to us than others and what meaning materials and objects can carry. Participants were invited to consider objects in their everyday lives that they

consider to be precious, and before creating their own personal objects and sculptures using clay. The students selected several objects from the Newbridge House collection to sit alongside their own hand made work in a final collaborative exhibition with Barbara. The culmination of the workshop series is a public exhibition at Newbridge House which will open to the public on Saturday June 12th for Cruinniú na nÓg. A documentary film of the process will be available soon. Nationwide visited the project this month and will broadcast the feature on the lead up to Cruinniú na nÓg..

If Trees Could Talk, Portmarnock



If Trees Could Talk is an exploration of artist Louis Haugh's photographic work for primary school children. His photographs are currently presented on a billboard and bus shelters in Portmarnock enabling children to view the work at scale. The project has three elements – large scale public photographic works, digital activity packs and classroom-based workshops with the artist. The project which began this month introduces the children to Louis' photographic works as a starting point for conversations about trees. These photographs are a

result of Louis' body of research on the history of commercial forestry in Ireland and how Sitka spruce plantations have shaped the Irish landscape for the last 100 years. Louis and educator Anne Bradley are guiding the children through a series of engaging and practical workshops designed to explore several themes including botany, seed collecting, landscape, mythology, and storytelling from indigenous North American culture where the Sitka spruce is a native tree. Each child in the class has received a multi-sensory discovery pack as part of these classroom-based workshops. A beautiful artist-led digital workshop was disseminated to schools countywide enabling all children in Fingal to creatively engage with Louis' artwork.

Public Art

Skerries Destination Towns Art Trail



Artists site visits commenced to begin the development of artworks which will be located along the walking routes of the Skerries Destination Towns' project, St. Patrick's Trail. Artists have been shortlisted through the council's Buildings and Public Spaces Public Art Panel and it is intended to have 5 new works which respond to the themes as set out along the routes which will be created in partnership with Leitrim Sculpture Centre and Bronze Art Factory.

Guest - A New Contemporary Art Exhibition Programme at Newbridge House



The new programme is a developing partnership with Newbridge House which will invite curators to engage with the house and its collections and present new works of art that respond to the history within the house. The project will present new ways of seeing the house and anticipate the possibility of repeat visits. The inaugural exhibition is **curated by Marysia Wieckiewicz Carroll** and is titled **New Considerations of Familiar Settings** and features 9 female artists Ella De Burca, Eithne Jordan, Barbara Knezevic, Niamh McCann, Helen O’Leary, Niamh O’Malley, Lilane Puthod, Alice Rekab with Louise Meade, Katie Watchhorn & Emma Wolf Haugh who’s work responds to the influence of Lady Betty Cobbe on the House. The Exhibition at the house will run from the 4th of June to 19th of September.



Creative Ireland Climate Action is a €2 million nationwide fund- the first of its kind in Ireland for creative projects which can meaningfully connect people with profound changes happening in our environment, society and economy arising from climate change.

The Arts Office has made an application to this fund on behalf of the Council.

LIBRARIES

Re-opening of Libraries

After months of closure, due to COVID 19 restrictions, staff at Fingal Libraries were delighted to welcome the public back into libraries again on the 10th May. Libraries are now open for quick browsing, contact and collect and for printing, photocopying and scanning services. Blanchardstown Library will operate a contact and collect and printing etc. services but will remain closed for browsing due to ongoing refurbishments.

We 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 by email at cocooning.fingal@fingal.ie

First 5 Little Library Initiative

Minister for Children,



Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth, Roderic O’Gorman, T.D., and Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys, T.D., recently announced the roll-out of the First 5 Little Library Initiative. The project is a collaboration between the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth, the Department of

Rural and Community Development and the Local Government Management Agency.

The project aims to support the development of little libraries in early learning and care settings (ELCs) and encourage a love of books and reading among our youngest children. Under the initiative, ELCs receive free book bags and other resources from their local library. There are two book bag types:

- a book bag for general ELCs containing one Irish title and the remainder in English and
- a book bag of all Irish titles for the Naíonraí.

449 book bags have been prepared by Fingal Libraries staff for distribution to ELCs in the County over the last number of weeks. Each bag contains 5 story books for children up to five years. The bag also contains a library card, information about Fingal Libraries, a booklet on sharing books and stories with children under 5 and a guide to developing a little library in the ELC setting.

Cruinniú na nÓg – Libraries Story Trail: 12th June 2021



Cruinniú na nÓg is a national day of free creativity for children and young people, and along with other departments in the Council, Libraries have a great range of events lined up. Starting on the 12th June, the Story Trail project set in the beautiful location of Ardgillan Castle and Demesne, aims to create a family experience that combines creativity, literacy and exercise in a fun and interactive way.

Niamh Sharkey, (pictured), author, illustrator and former Children's Laureate has kindly given Fingal County Council permission to display her book "The Ravenous Beast" along the Storytrail, and has also agreed to do a book-reading and draw-along which are also planned to take place in Ardgillan Castle. Pages of Niamh's wonderful book will be mounted on custom made posts dotted all along a forest walking trail adding an element of delight to the already glorious surroundings.

The good news is that because the project is outdoors and self-paced, with people accessing it in their family units, the trail is Covid friendly. Copies of "The Ravenous Beast" will be distributed to junior infant classes in the local area and Fingal Book-fairies have promised to fly into 6 other Fingal parks on the 12th June to distribute copies of the book!

Other events (online) organised by Fingal Libraries to celebrate Cruinniú include:

- Live webinar from Dublin Zoo entitled "Incredible Invertebrates."
- Podcasting Course for Teens – four hour-long online workshops over four weeks.
- Coding for Beginners - all you need is a PC/Mac, and ideally a webcam/headphones.
- Scratch Coding - learn how to create a character and how to animate her or him.
- Wicklow Willow - learn how to make a totem pole and a wonderful fun Wigwam!

Further information on all the Fingal Cruinniú events is available at <https://www.fingal.ie/cruinniu-na-nog-2021>

Summer Stars

Summer Stars is an exciting national reading challenge and programme aimed at encouraging children to continue reading throughout the summer. It will run in all libraries in Fingal from 12th June to the 31st August. All children are invited to register for the summer reading challenge with rewards and incentives along the way. As part of the Summer Stars programme, the events team in libraries has

organised a great range of activities to keep children engaged with books and reading and to introduce them to fun ways to learn and be creative throughout the Summer. These activities include virtual art videos, Mr. Read story time videos, a creative writing workshop, bee education workshops, creative waste reuse workshops and coding classes.



Fingal Libraries summer events brochure

The full programme of free talks, workshops and services available online at Fingal Libraries, that can inspire, motivate and support all age groups throughout the summer is available in our new brochure at <https://www.fingal.ie/council/service/fingal-library-events>



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FINGAL IN IT TOGETHER



The Council continues its efforts under the Fingal In It Together Charter to support businesses and in May have worked with the business community in respect of the three economic stimulus measures assisting reopening.

Outdoor Dining Scheme



The Outdoor Dining Scheme is funded by Fáilte Ireland and seeks to assist the hospitality and tourism sector to increase their outdoor dining capacity. The call for applications for grants of up to €4,000 aims to help businesses to upgrade and enhance venues and public space and implement weather-proofing solutions to facilitate outdoor dining all year round. The Scheme provides funding for outdoor tables, chairs, umbrellas, electric heaters, screens and windbreaks etc. Expenditure must be incurred between 1st April 2020 and 30th September 2021. The Economic, Enterprise, Tourism & Cultural Department are currently validating and processing completed applications. Further information on the Scheme is available on the Council's website and applications can be made at www.fingal.ie/outdoordining

We await details of the new scheme announced by An Tanaiste for weatherproofing for non food serving premises and we will advise the Members of same when received.

Parklet Partners



The Council’s second call under the Parklet Partners” initiative aims to support local businesses by transforming the existing streetscape into a welcoming and attractive community space. 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. The deadline for applications was the 28th May and 50 no. applications were received. The Council has been engaging with the businesses who have applied and the installation of parklets is underway at locations across the county. The parklet below is being shared between Keelings, the 2 adjacent shops, illustrating the collaboration and mutual support at the heart of the Fingal In It Together Charter.



Fingal Main Street Shopfronts & Residences Improvement Grant

The Council’s call for applications under the Shopfront and Main Street Residences Scheme 2021 closed on the 28th May 2021. 43 no. applications were received and will now be evaluated.

Sustainable Fingal



The Council is extending its **Sustainable Fingal** initiative over the summer to engage with the business community on the implementation of sustainable business measures. The Council’s brochure “Sustainable Ideas for SMEs” contains simple actions for businesses’ to improve their sustainability and is available at www.fingal.ie/sustainablebusiness

Business Supports for Summer 2021

The Council is considering potential initiatives to support business and the community across the county for Summer 2021 which, in addition to the economic stimulus measures already advertised, may include full/partial pedestrianisation of designated streets, provision of a range of additional public facilities and measures to facilitate active travel and encourage footfall. The Council has carried out non-statutory consultation with the local community on proposed measures and a briefing for local Councillors on the results has taken place.

Urbact National Practice Transfer Initiative

The Council was successful in its application in respect of Rush to participate in Ireland’s URBACT National Practice Transfer Initiative based on the Playful Paradigm. The network will consist of Cork City,

Rathdrum (Wicklow), Rush (Fingal), Donegal Town, Sligo Town and Portlaoise. The Initiative will involve Cork City as the Lead Partner sharing the knowledge and best practice learned from their participation in the EU Urbact Playful Paradigm network with other Irish towns to develop play and placemaking actions. The transfer network will run from June 2021 to December 2022.

Our Balbriggan 2019 – 2035 Rejuvenation Plan – A Socio-Economic Strategy

The Our Balbriggan programme office continue to support the Chair of the Leadership Group and its five pillars to progress work across a range of economic and social measures including: Growing the Local Economy, Public Realm & Infrastructure, Education, Skills & Employment, Community Affairs & Integration and Community Safety.



Balbriggan, European project IPLACE and its Urbact Local Group (ULG) continue to meet regularly and are planning a number of tactical small-scale placemaking interventions in the coming months. Balbriggan kicked off its second European programme "Europe for Citizens" in May agreeing a provisional programme of activity focused on youth inclusion, skills and economic opportunity. Balbriggan has been shortlisted for The #DigitalTownAwards which celebrated its inclusion as a SMART district and its aim to solve local challenges using smart

technology projects, innovation and collaboration with a wide variety of local stakeholders.



With regards Public Realm & Infrastructure an Integrated Design Team (IDT) will be appointed in June for the Re-imaged Quay Street and Harbour area element of the Rejuvenation plan. Master Planning Consultants – Paul Hogarth Company were appointed in May to develop a Public Realm Improvement Strategy & Design guide. The Master Planning Consultants have been procured to ensure coherency throughout the transformative public realm and infrastructural elements set to take place throughout the town. Restoration of the RNLI Boathouse is anticipated to commence in the summer with a contract period of 4 months. The lighting of the viaducts is progressing with the draft Licence for signing/sealing received from Irish Rail, installation will commence on the lighting of the viaducts once

insurance indemnifications are issued to the satisfaction of Irish Rail.



Minor works have been completed on the derelict buildings on Bridge St., known locally as De Bruns, to improve aesthetics and secure the site. The procurement of an Integrated Design Team (IDT) is scheduled to occur in Q.3 2021. The development of new spaces incorporating a variety of uses is set to take place, in line with the Our Balbriggan Town Rejuvenation Plans vision to establish this location as a green corridor in the 'Heart' of the town, transforming it into a vibrant, sustainable, family friendly location.

LOCAL & RURAL DEVELOPMENT

LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Fingal 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 of 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, the Community Resilience Fund and the Keepwell Campaign, and the many projects up and running under those funding streams.



SICAP

The SICAP Annual Plan for 2021 continues to be implemented. The €1.24m 2021 SICAP Plan has ambitious KPIs which take into account the many challenges arising from delivering services in a Covid 19 environment. The Fingal SICAP Programme continues to play an important role in the work of the Community Call Forum. Indications to date are that the 2021 SICAP Programme is progressing well and within expectations. The mid-year review of the 2021 annual implementation plan will begin in June.





government supporting communities

LEADER PROGRAMME

The Dublin Rural LEADER Local Action Group and the Fingal LEADER Programme continues to deliver funding and support to eligible projects in the administrative areas of Fingal, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown and South Dublin.



An Roinn Forbartha
Tuaithe agus Pobail
Department of Rural and
Community Development

The updated 2021/22 Transitional Funding Arrangements for the LEADER Programme were recently announced with the Dublin Rural LEADER LAG approved for €1,882,175 to cover both projects funding and administration funding for the period April 2021 – December 2022. Of this amount, €1,411,631 is now available for LEADER Project Applications under the categories of Rural Enterprise, Social Inclusion and Rural Environment. Historically, Fingal Projects comprise of 65-70% of the total LEADER Projects Funding, roughly corresponding to Fingal's share of the Dublin Rural LEADER Geographical Area.

The LEADER Programme reverted on the 1st April to EU Transition Rules for the period 2021-22 with a new Dublin Rural LEADER Local Development Strategy to be put in place for 2023. Under the Transitional Arrangements the Dublin Rural LEADER LAG and the LEADER Programme will continue to be funded by the

Department of Rural and Community Development under the same eligibility and LEADER implementation rules as before. LEADER will continue to approve and fund new projects as normal.

The most recent meeting of the Dublin Rural LEADER Local Action Group (LAG) took place in May. At that meeting, rural communities and enterprises in Dublin received a major boost when LAG approval was given to the addition of new geographical areas to the eligible Dublin Rural LEADER area. The new areas to be included in the expanded Dublin Rural LEADER Programme are Balbriggan, Skerries, Portmarnock, Dubber, Castleknock-Knockmaroon, Lucan North, Glencullen, and Shankill-Rathmichael. This will have no effect on existing LEADER areas. This decision by the LAG which was made with the approval of the Department of Rural and Community Development doubles the population that is now eligible to apply for LEADER Funding.

Going forward there is currently over €3 million in the new LEADER projects pipeline of which over €1 million is for Rural Enterprise.

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 2021

The 2021 Town and Village Renewal Scheme was recently launched by the Department of Rural & Community Development.

As in previous years, Fingal County Council is now seeking expressions of interest from Community Groups / Promoters for potential projects in Fingal, that could be submitted for funding to the DRCD. Guidelines for the 2021 Scheme together with an expression of interest form are available on the

Council's website. In light of the ongoing challenges presented by the Covid-19 pandemic, the maximum grant level has been set at 90% of the total cost of a project under the 2021 Town and Village Renewal Scheme.

This scheme is being brought to the attention of local groups in the county.

The Expressions of Interest Deadline is Monday 14th June (to econdev@fingal.ie only).

Projects will be shortlisted. Those projects that are shortlisted will be asked to complete a more detailed application form for submission to the Department of Rural and Community Development before the 16th July deadline. Please note the Council can only submit one project per town or village, and the County has an overall limit of 8 project applications. Any queries relating to the 2021 Scheme should be emailed to the Local Development Team at econdev@fingal.ie for response.

ENTERPRISE CENTRES

Fingal's Enterprise Centres welcome the launch of ConnectedHubs.ie and look forward to participating in the initiative for the benefit of Fingal based Businesses and Remote Workers. ConnectedHubs.ie is your one-stop-shop for hubs throughout Ireland. Launched in May 2021, it is designed to simplify and standardise the process of sourcing and booking spaces, desks, offices and events in hubs for a day, a week, a month, a year or longer. ConnectedHubs.ie is operated by The National Hub Network, a Government of Ireland initiative that provides a vehicle for individual hubs to come together under a shared identity to maximise the economic opportunity of remote working. The National Hub Network has the support of Government, remote working advocacy groups and industry representatives. In this way, ConnectedHubs.ie also encompasses a range of key features that deliver significant benefits to member hubs, hub clients, employers, local communities and the wider economy.



Occupancy rates at the Council's three enterprise centres at the end of May were Drinan 84%, BASE 88% and Beat 88%. The three Enterprise Centres currently support 62 businesses and 320 direct jobs. 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.

The Drinan Enterprise Centre is currently seeking interest from businesses and remote workers who may wish to avail of remote working options and facilities at the centre. Bespoke options or generic office fit-out options can be considered. A number of expressions of interest have been received which are being evaluated.

The renovation works in the Beat Centre has resumed with the easing of restrictions. Funding for these renovations has been provided by the Dublin Rural LEADER Programme. When completed, the renovations will allow Beat to expand its offering in the areas of remote working hub space and flexible start-up workspace.

The BASE Centre in Mullhuddart has received confirmation of over €80,000 in facilities upgrades from Enterprise Ireland. These works include new remote working hub options and I.T. infrastructure upgrades among others.

Fingal's Enterprise Centres
Supporting Enterprise Development, Innovation and Remote Working

Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall Fingal County Council

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- ▶ food production units
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LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE FINGAL



LEO Fingal continues to help small businesses and start-ups through the impact of COVID-19 with a broad suite of practical support services. Some of the LEO Fingal highlights for May 2021 are as follows:

Evaluation and Approvals Committee

The latest Evaluation and Approvals Committee (EVAC) meeting took place on Wednesday the 26th of May. Five applications were approved for €123,376 worth of funding. This brings the total number of companies approved in 2021 to 17, with a combined value of €394,321.

Student Enterprise Programme 2020/21



Ireland's Finest Young Student Entrepreneurs Celebrated at National Finals in Virtual Ceremony at Croke Park

Students from Fingal have taken the Special Merit prize in Intermediate category at the National Final of this year's Student Enterprise Programme (SEP) on May 14th. The Finals of the Local Enterprise Office (LEO) initiative were broadcast virtually from Croke Park with An Tánaiste Leo Varadkar and Ambassador Derval O'Rourke speaking, as students and teachers watched on from across the country.

Supported by LEO Fingal, the students of Loreto Balbriggan won Special Merit prize in Intermediate category. The winning students were Emily Carroll, Lucy Barnwell, and Hannah Barnwell, who worked under the guidance of their teacher, Paula Gartland. Their student enterprise was called: 'Bee Happy'. In the Junior Category, Swords Community College represented Fingal with their business "Mask Company," a mask-manufacturing business created by students James Fitzgerald, Ben Reilly, Mikey McCann, and Roan Fletcher. In the Senior Category of the competition, Fingal was represented by students Robert Doyle and Cillian Hayes at St. Fintan's Highschool in Sutton, with their business "Dublin Sanitize."

Digital Business Skills Webinars in partnership with Google Digital Garage



Local Enterprise Office Fingal, in partnership with Google's Digital Garage, hosted a series of five free digital skills training webinars for small businesses in the Fingal Region. The webinars took place from the 14th of April to the 12th of May. These webinars have garnered great interest with over 1,300 bookings registered. The Fingal agreement with Google is now being rolled out to all LEOs in the country to coincide with the planned re-opening of the economy.

All webinars can be viewed on the Local Enterprise Office Fingal YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLMciDAqqWv47GtOXKeUifUprxBn8rA6vB>

Fingal Business Podcast Season 1



With the increased popularity of podcasting as a powerful commercial tool, Season one features a business leader sharing their key insights and tips for business. All episodes are available on the Local Enterprise Office Fingal YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLMciDAqqWv47DTixvAnt3z4p2OmSgY--o>

Planning for Season 2 is currently underway.

Fingal Enterprising Women Network



The Fingal Enterprising Women Network (FEWN) continues to provide online learning and networking opportunities for women in business and enterprise. The next online event takes place on Tuesday, the 15th of June, featuring Guest Speaker Alana Kirk - 'Strengthen your Money Mindset'.

Trading Online Voucher (TOV) scheme



An initiative under the Government's 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.

Since January 2021, 249 applications were approved (including applications received in 2020) in the amount of €565,943.

The next TOV information online seminar will take place on Friday, 2nd July 2021, applicants must attend a TOV online seminar to apply for this Scheme. <https://www.localenterprise.ie/Fingal/Training-Events/>

Business Advice Clinics and Mentoring

Business Advice Clinics and mentoring continue to be offered online. We currently have a panel of over 60 Mentors who have a wide range of Mentoring skills including Finance, Business Management, social media, Sales and Marketing, HR, Food & Drink, Social Enterprise, Design & Craft, IP & Legal Services, Technology, Green, Sustainable & Circular Economy.

The Mentor programme is designed to match the knowledge, skills, insights, and entrepreneurial capability of experienced business practitioners, with managers/owners of small businesses who need practical and strategic one-to-one advice and guidance.

In May, 8 Business Advice Clinic days were held, offering advice and support to 81 Fingal Businesses. In addition, 25 companies received one to one general and COVID-19 related mentoring.

Start Your Own Business (SYOB)



In 2021, 143 Fingal participants have participated in 7 online SYOB Programmes. The SYOB programme continues to be highly popular, the next SYOB programme will commence on the 22nd of June 2021.

Business Development Workshops

LEO Fingal continues its delivery of Training programmes to support SME and Micro Enterprise clients through the current challenges. In May, 1,097 clients availed of online training across 20 different on-line courses.

Green for Micro Initiative – Free Mentoring Programme for SMEs



An initiative from the Local Enterprise Offices, the objective of the Green for Micro programme is to help small businesses prepare for the low carbon, more resource efficient economy of the future. <https://www.localenterprise.ie/Fingal/Financial-Supports/Green-for-Micro/>

Qualifying SMEs will access two days of intensive mentoring free of charge including a sustainability audit and action plan, designed to help "green" your business. Green for Micro will allow businesses to avail of advice and technical support from a mentor, covering topics such as:

- resource efficiency
- understanding your carbon footprint
- implementing an environmental management system
- steps to take to reduce costs and lower your greenhouse gas emissions.

LEAN for Business



The LEAN Business Programme is designed to increase efficiency and drive companies' growth with by enabling the implementation of key LEAN principles. The programme includes training workshops and on-site mentoring. Two Dublin Region LEAN cohorts commenced in May; Bookings are now available for the next LEAN cohort which will commence on June 10th.

Microfinance Ireland COVID-19 Loans

LEO Fingal provides a loan scheme through its partnership with Microfinance Ireland. These are loans of up to €25,000 with a six-month (0% interest) moratorium on repayments.

As businesses prepare for the reopening of the economy, LEO Fingal is actively promoting the availability of loans from businesses that have difficulty raising finance from their bank. Six applications have been processed, assessed and submitted to MFI to date this year.

Dublin Breakthrough Innovation Programme



Seven Fingal Businesses are currently participating on the Breakthrough Business Innovation Programme which brings established businesses through a disciplined framework to discover where the innovation potential lies in their enterprise and how they can capitalise on those opportunities.

OPERATIONS & WATER SERVICES

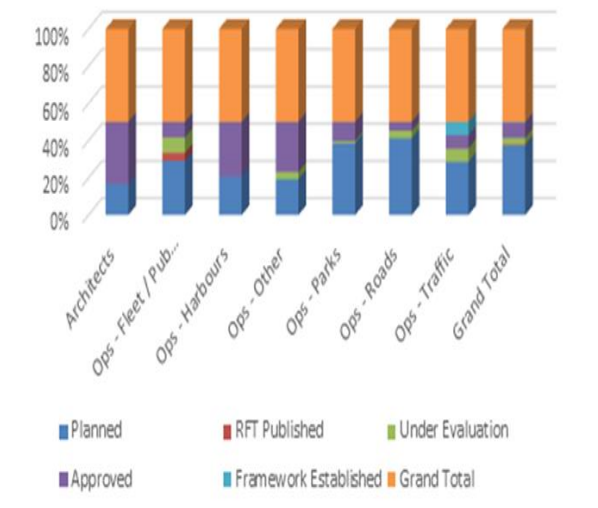
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Procurement

Status	Architects	Ops - Fleet / Pub Light	Ops - Harbours	Ops - Other	Ops - Parks	Ops - Roads	Ops - Traffic	Grand Total
Planned	1	7	5	5	30	61	4	113
RFT Published		1						1
Under Evaluation		2		1	1	6	1	11
Approved	2	2	7	7	8	7	1	25
Framework Established							1	1
Grand Total	3	12	12	13	39	74	7	151



Swords/Balbriggan/Rush Lusk Area

2021 Programme of Works

The Swords/Balbriggan/Rush Lusk Area has recently completed measuring up of Royal Oak in preparation for the procurement of these works as part of the 2021 POWs.

Preparation works for the surface dressing programme has also commenced with the preparation of safety files for Old Brazil Way and South Shore Rush. Minor repair works required in advance of the surface dressing are currently in progress.

Procurement of surface dressing materials for the surface dressing programme has also commenced and under evaluation.

Footway Works



Completion of footway works in Lower Main Street Rush

Depot Works Footway Repairs

Essential footpath repair works continue across the area with the depot crews recently carrying out footpath repair works at Rivermeade National School and Santry Close.



Concrete Repairs Rivermeade



Concrete Repairs Santry Close

Road Maintenance Works

The Depot Crews continue to carry out essential road maintenance works at various locations within the Area including significant road patching work on the Balheary Road.



Road Patching at Balheary Road

Emergency Road Repair Works

The Construction Crews had to be deployed to carry out emergency road repairs to a chamber which had failed on the R132 at Dardistown.



Failed asset covered by steel plate Failed chamber on the R132

KN Project (Drogheda-Dublin) Road Reinstatements

The KN Project is on going with several significant road reinstatement works been carried out at Cobbs Lane and on the R108. Works are currently progressing through the North of the County and in D15 and are expected to continue into May/June. Inspections are ongoing in accordance with the Guidelines for Managing Openings in Public Roads.

Summer Floral Displays 2021

The installation of the 2021 Summer Floral Displays has commenced in 15 locations across the main large Urban Centres in Fingal. All should be in place by the end of the second week of June. For the smaller village's the Council has been providing planters/baskets at the request of the local voluntary groups. All the individual Fingal Tidy Towns groups have requested different type of support when it comes to Floral Display assistance and requests have been accommodated where feasible through the annual Floral/Bulb Display provision or via the annual Programme of Works planned works.



Echlin Court Rush

Ward River Valley Park Update

Works have commenced for the step refurbishment contract at three locations in the Ward River Valley Park. Surveying and design works are almost complete. It is planned to have the contract works commenced during Summer 2021.



Non-Chemical Weed Control Trials Commenced

As part of the Councils plan to trial non-chemical weed control methods across 8 separate locations in Fingal, the process commenced in Balbriggan on 1st June 2021. Sites were chosen for their different challenges and examples of the different types weed control measures required. This trial is for the Hot Foam application method which is suitable in dry or wet conditions and involves saturating the weeds in a hot foam mixture containing natural vegetable oils and sugars at a temperature of 70degrees. The selected sites will have this treatment applied in June and again in September. The results will be evaluated at the end of 2021 as part of the overall aim to continue to search for alternatives to the usual chemical weed control products traditionally used.



Location 2 – Vauxhall Street Balbriggan



Location 1 – The Viaduct Cobble Area Balbriggan – Being Watch closely by Balbriggan Tidy Towns



Construction almost complete of replacement toilets at Newbridge Demesne Playground

Ardgillan Demesne Playground – Steam Washing Deep Clean

A deep clean steam washing was carried out over the last three weeks on Ardgillan Demesne Playground. It was required to close the playground for several hours over a 6-day timeframe, but the results were well worth it, and this destination playground is now already for the busier than normal summer season.



Argillan Gardens – Working with national Botanic Gardens



The Head Gardener in Ardgillan Demesne is working closely with the National Botanic Gardens following the surprise arrival of a very special self-seeded Foxglove in the gardens. This Foxglove is particularly rare and unusual and requires to be self-pollinated in order to survive. It is being arranged to collect the seeds to share with the National Botanic Gardens. We are very lucky to have trained eyes to recognise and protect such a rare treasure.

Harbours

Following a preliminary funding application to the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine under the *Fishery Harbour and Coastal Infrastructure Development Programme 2021*, Fingal County Council has been shortlisted for consideration on the basis of the submission of more detailed technical specifications. If funding is forthcoming, proposed works will take place as follows;

Location	Project	Harbour Development Scheme (75% Project Cost)
Loughshinny Harbour	Reconditioning and re-strengthening of pavement and sea wall and ancillaries	€ 60,000
Skerries Harbour	Replacement of existing AToN serving the harbour; Replacement of existing fenders serving the outer pier	€ 52,500
Balbriggan Harbour	Replacement and installation of 3 x ladders serving the harbour	€ 30,000

Castleknock/Mulhuddart Area

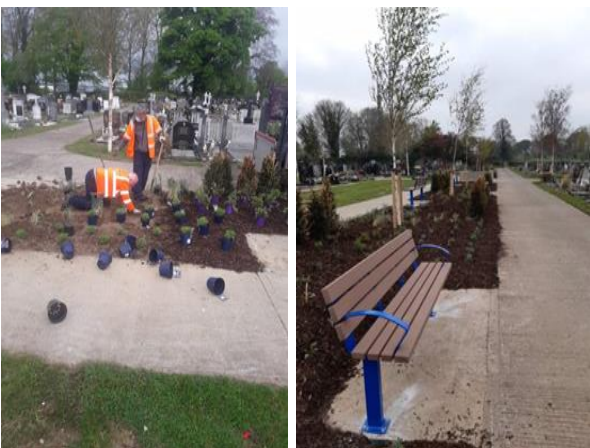
Mulhuddart Cemetery – Improvement Works

The Operations Department recently commenced improvement works in Mulhuddart Cemetery with the removal of the dividing wall to the newer part of the cemetery and re-landscaping of the area. This has opened up the cemetery allowing clear views from the carpark. New Yew and Birch trees have been planted in addition to pollinator friendly plants such as African Lily (Agapanthus), Goldsturm (Rudbeckia), Feather reed grasses (Calamagrostis), Woodland Sage and Catnips (Nepeta) which attracts lots of bees. New benches have been installed giving families an opportunity to sit and contemplate. Further works are planned on the boundary treatment, gates and car park.

Before removal of wall:



After removal and planting scheme:



Emergency Tree Works

Following a Tree Risk Management Survey carried out by a Consultant Arboriculturist on behalf of Fingal County Council a number of trees in the Millennium Park & the Ongar area were identified as being dangerous and a health & safety issue to the public. Therefore, unfortunately the trees had to be removed. All works were essential to the health, safety and wellbeing of members of the public who frequent our Public Parks.



New Gully Cleaning Program

An extensive gully cleaning program was carried out by Castleknock Mulhuddart team in Meakstown and Finglas where bad flooding was taking place. Substantial work has taken place in the areas around St. Margaret's Road, Cappagh Road & Lanesborough. This work was in addition to the annual gully cleaning maintenance programme in place in the Dublin 15 area.

Bin Management and Servicing

Due to Covid 19 restrictions there is a large rise in the numbers of citizens using outdoor public amenities, Cleansing Crews have increased the servicing of bins in the Dublin 15 area and bins are being emptied more regularly. However there has been a huge increase in the disposal of household waste in and beside street bins in addition to large quantities of bottles being left beside litter bins for crews to collect rather than recycling them at nearby bottle banks.



Howth Malahide Area

2021 Programme of Works
Work is ongoing on the tendering and works required to deliver the planned projects on the 2021 Programme of Works.

Depot Works

Following are photographs of some of the works carried out in June by staff of the Howth Malahide team:

Fingal on-call crew making safe a wall that was struck by a car at the back of St Marnock's National School. The structural integrity of the wall itself was severely compromised and the health and safety of both the students and general public was of grave concern. The Principal was very appreciative of the Howth Malahide crew's assistance.



Roads Crew:

The Howth Malahide roads crew working hard breaking out a concrete footpath for new footpath installation in Biscayne.





Howth Malahide crew installing benches at the Casino

Grass Cutting in full progress.

At this time of year, we are hard at work maintaining high standards with our grass cutting. Here is a member of staff cutting the pitches in the front of the Castle.

Opening of the Casino:

Preparation of the Casino Prior to its opening, in line with public guidelines and in accordance of the easing of restrictions due to Covid. Here is the Howth Malahide staff repositioning benches after they were removed to encourage social distancing.



Grass cutting at Malahide demesne



Beach Preparation Works carried out in April for Summer 2021 Visitors

Across the many beaches in the area, beach preparation works are ongoing in preparation for the large number of residents, visitors and staycationers. As an example, below is the lifeguard hut being installed on Burrow Beach



Lifeguard hut installation in preparation for Summer 2021



Litter, Alcohol Prohibition and Anti-Social Behaviour

Unfortunately, excessive littering and anti-social behaviour has continued in areas which was exacerbated by the fine weather. Large amounts of gatherings have taken place on our open space and public areas. Fingal Staff have erected new signage in highly prominent areas outlining the consumption of alcohol in public areas is in contravention of the bye laws and could result in a fine. Liaison with the Gardai continues throughout the months to deal with the Anti-Social behaviour being experienced across the area. Staff continue to work double shifts and additional staff have been drafted in both to deal with the enormous amount of litter.



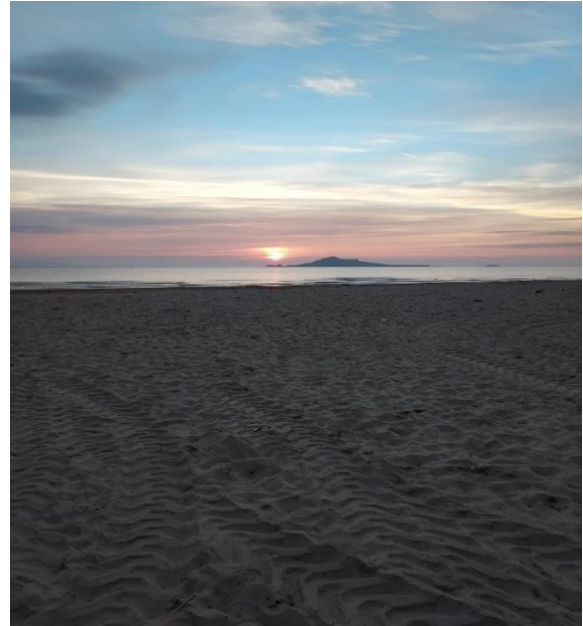
Alcohol Prohibited signage at Malahide Green



Alcohol Prohibited Signage erected at Howth promenade.



Completely Burnt out litter bin and signage following Anti-Social Behaviour on beach



Beach after cleaning by the Howth Malahide Cleaning crew on an early June morning

Daily Beach Cleaning haul at Sutton



Daily beach cleaning rubbish

Malahide Demesne Protection

The Security Firm continues to carry out additional overnight on-site monitoring and patrolling to protect the Demesne and grounds. Incidents and littering have now reduced to more manageable levels however we continue to monitor and liaise with the Gardai

Good News - Spotlight on Malahide Demesne Butterfly House & Breeding

Butterflies are bred locally on site which is a particularly difficult thing to do. Most commercial butterfly houses rely on the importation of pupae which then develop into butterflies. See below for the result of Heliconius butterflies mating in the house at Malahide.



Heliconius caterpillars on a passiflora



Rare Plant gifted to Malahide Demesne from Kew Gardens extends life of butterflies

Psiguria is a genus of flowering plants belonging to the family Cucurbitaceae (Cucumber family). Its native range is Mexico through Tropical America. Kew Gardens gifted the Talbot Botanical Gardens in Malahide Demesne a rare Psiguria warscewicii plant when the butterfly house opened.

A visitor might look at this plant and ask why we keep it. The genus Heliconius (Longwing) butterflies that hang all over the sparse, Cheetos-orange blossoms. To them, Psiguria is the most beautiful thing in the glasshouse. To understand the attraction, it helps to know that Heliconius butterflies have an unusual ability for butterflies. They can digest pollen and use the proteins. All adult butterflies get food with a proboscis – a straw-like tube that can only drink liquids. But the Heliconius butterflies produce a fluid that can dissolve the protein in pollen granules and turn it into liquid form. They essentially use their saliva to turn pollen into a nutritious protein drink. Psiguria co-evolved with the Heliconius to meet the butterfly’s pollen needs, while the butterfly meets the plant’s pollination needs. By digesting this pollen, the average life range of the Heliconius is extended by 10 times e.g. if the normal lifespan is 3 days by digesting this pollen it can extend to 30 days. Unfortunately, the same cannot be said for humans. Psiguria warscewicii is quite a difficult plant to propagate. Staff in the Talbot Botanical gardens have successfully propagated it by placing cuttings in water with added rooting hormone. This information has been gladly exchanged with staff in Kew gardens.



Installation of new bike racks at Malahide Demesne

Robswall Playground Upgrade is complete.



Robswall Playground refurbishment was completed in time for opening over the May bank holiday weekend. Three new all-inclusive pieces of equipment were added to the existing play equipment, while one under used piece of equipment, was removed. More wheelchair friendly seating was provided adjacent to

the playground. The project was funded through Sports Capital Grant funding secured in 2020.

Balscadden Carpark, Howth

Four new bike stands were added to the carpark to encourage cyclists to lock and leave their bikes and walk the coastal looped pathway instead of using cars to arrive at the location



Killeen to Seabury Access Ramp

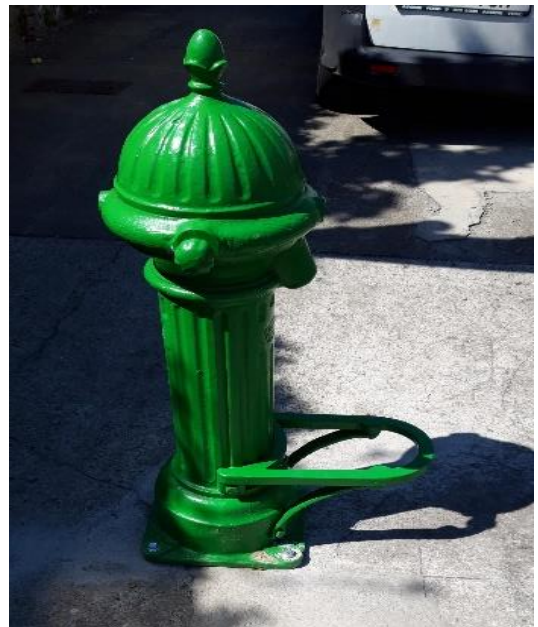
A ramp has been added beside the existing set of steps between Killeen and Seabury to improve access. This is a very busy route to schools and a short cut between several areas. The enclosed pinch point nature & poor visibility, which caused concerns among users, has also been greatly improved. The public lighting project at the location is to follow.



Baldoyle Historic Pump

The has been visually restored to its former glory and returned to its original position in the pavement on the Coast Road by the thatched cottage.

The Historic Baldoyle water pump has been visually restored to its former glory and returned to its original position in the pavement on the Coast Road by the thatched cottage. It has not been connected to any water supply Historic Baldoyle water pump so is not operational.



Historic Baldoyle water pump

Howth / Malahide Operations on Call Crew attends Major Accident

Major Accident on Middle Pier Howth

At 00:29 on Sunday morning 23rd May 2021, the Gardaí alerted the Howth / Malahide On Call crew, seeking assistance following an accident on the Middle Pier in Howth Harbour. A driver lost control of his vehicle on the Middle Pier, crashing into the protective bollards around an ESB sub-station supplying electricity to all premises and trawlers in Howth Harbour, demolishing a couple of bollards and overturning the sub-station. Thankfully nobody was injured.

The Harbour Master following consultation with the Gardaí, ESB crew and On Call supervisor requested that power to and from the sub-station not be knocked off as millions of euros worth of fish and refrigerated food would perish without power overnight.

The ESB crew rendered the sub-station safe, covering any exposed cables. The Howth/Malahide Operations on call crew then erected Heras fencing around the sub-station leaving it safe and inaccessible to the public. The on-call crew cleaned down the oil spill on the road leaving the area safe for vehicular traffic.



Road covered with engine oil from the crashed car

Middle Pier Road



Uprooted protective bollards and upturned ESB sub-station



ESB sub-station overturned from impact of car accident.



Exposed cables and fittings made safe by ESB crew

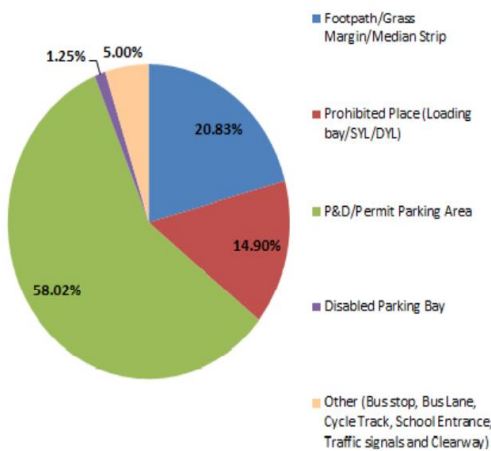


Heras fencing erected by On Call Crew leaving ESB sub-station safe

2. Managed Car Parking Services

There was a total of 960 parking tickets issued in Pay and Display locations during April 2021.

Breakdown of Parking Offences in April 2021:

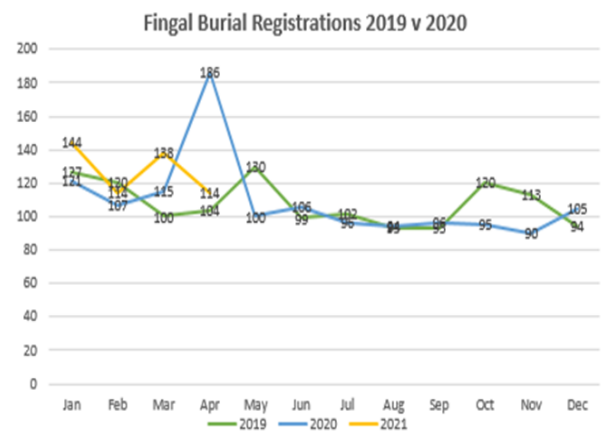


Additional Parking Enforcement measures continued on a Countywide basis throughout April and May 2021, focusing on specific areas where reports of illegal parking have been recorded. The Fingal County Council Parking Control Bye Laws 2020 provide for additional parking enforcement of illegal parking throughout the County.

Between 1st April through to 30th April a total of 139 Warning Notices and 182 Fixed Charge Penalty Notices were issued to vehicles illegally parked outside of Paid Parking Areas for offences including parking on footpaths, parking on Double Yellow Lines and parking without a permit in designated Blue Permit Parking bays.

3. Burial Ground Services

The Operations Department are continuing to administer and monitor delivery to ensure business continuity for Fingal's Burial Ground Service. Essential maintenance works at the burial grounds continued during April 2021.



4. Traffic Operations (County-wide)

Notable Traffic Works in Howth Malahide Area



New Traffic Signals on Greenfields Road - Sutton now in operation



Tactile paving upgraded on Feltrim road by Scoil an Duinnígh. The foreground tactile paving is completely new as a previous tree (now removed) prevented tactile being present because of tree roots.



Typical Slow Zone Sign received as part of the Road signage project. Over 50% of the required signs have been received to date with reminder to arrive early June.



Road relining works completed on the Feltrim road by Scoil an Duinnígh



Works now completed by Irish Water Contractor on the Back Road which was closed by the Railway Bridge for a week earlier in May



Remarking of all the Sharks Teeth on the ramps on Kettles Lane completed to assist with Traffic Calming

The Lower Lucan Road

The Lower Road runs from Knockmaroon Hill to Lucan and is approximately seven kilometres long. The Traffic Section erected 18 number (9 on each side of the road) Warning Cyclists sign. The signs were erected as an initiative to endorse road safety for both the cyclists and motorists alike on the Lower Road.



Cyclist Warning signs erected along the length of Lower Road



Cyclist Warning signs erected along the length of Lower Road

Traffic Contract Work 2021 (County-wide)

Preparation of contracts including but not limited to the list below is being prepared:

- Ramps Contract (County-wide)
- New Signals Installation (County-wide)
- Vehicle Activated Signs Contract (County-wide)
- Traffic Signage Contract (County-wide)

Ramps Contract 2021 (County Wide)

The Ramps Contract 2021 FCC/074/2021 Tender was published on the 25/05/21 with a Clarification date 02/06/22. The closing date for tender receipts 08/06/21.

Following the Public Display as part of the consultation process under Section 38 of the Road traffic Act 1994 for a period of 4 weeks these submissions will be brought back to the members for approval in June.

Fingal County Council Ramps Contract 2021 - Ramps Locations	No.
Baldoyle/Sutton/Malahide	
New Ramps	
Carrickbrack Hill - Asphalt Speed cushions x 4 (2 sets)	2
Greenfields Road by St Sabinas School - Bus friendly flat top ramps x 2	2
Repair Ramps	
St Fintan's road -Sutton asphalt speed cushions by 2 (1 set)	1
Castleknock/Mulhuddart	
Replace/Repair Ramps	
Tyrellstown - Replace modular with in-situ asphalt speed cushions by 5 (1 set)	5
Fortlawn Park - Replace with new ramps.	4
Somerton Road	1
Swords/Balbriggan	
New Ramps	
Beaverstown Road, Donabate - Standard round top ramp x 2	2
Forest Road, Swords - Bus friendly flat top ramps x 2	2
Rolestown Village 50kmh - Standard round top ramp x 2	2
Brackenstown Road - Standard round top ramp x 2	2
Carr's Mill Estate - Standard round top ramp x 2	2
Park Road at Kenure Park/Kenure Gate, Rush - Standard round top ramp x 2	2
L-1275-0 at Scoil Moibhí (Milverton National School, Margaretstown, Skerries, Co. Dublin) - Subject to Speed Limit changes - Standard round top ramp x 2	3
Repair Ramps	
Various locations x 2	2
Total Number of Ramps	31

Traffic Contract Work (County-wide) Contd.



The installation works of a new pedestrian crossing started in April at Clonrath Estate on the Lusk bypass (R127) with the Civil works now completed and awaiting mast arm pole and ESB connection.



New Signage on all approaches to the new roundabout installed on the Dublin Road, Skerries.



The installation of a new Pedestrian Crossing at Morton Stadium, Santry. Civils works ongoing awaiting mast arm support pole with outreach for enhanced visibility.

5. Bridge Rehabilitation

Fingal Bridges Rehabilitation Programme 2021-2023

A Single party Framework Tender was advertised in Etenders on 22nd of January 2021 for the procurement of consultants for the 2021 – 2023 FCC bridge stock repair programme. FCC completed evaluating the tender submissions. Successful and unsuccessful letters to the tenderers sent, contract awarded, and conditions of engagement signed on 31st of May 2021.

Principal Inspections at 60 of Fingal Bridges

The procurement process for engaging Consulting Engineers to carry out 60 no. Principal Inspections on Fingal Bridges has been completed. The Consultant commenced the Principal inspections on 25th of January 2021. Inspections are completed and Consultant provided the executive summary and PI reports last week of April 2021. FCC reviewed the report and PI's. These PI's and report will be used by the appointed Single party Framework Consultant for the 2021 – 2023 FCC bridge stock repair programme.

Emergency Works following partial bridge deck collapse, Balbriggan

External Consulting Engineers who are experienced bridge specialists carried out emergency structural assessments at several pedestrian bridges across the County following on from a partial bridge deck collapse at Vauxhall Street Footbridge in Balbriggan. The bridge has been closed off to the public whilst work is in progress. The other pedestrian bridges are all located in Swords and remain open on the advice of the specialists. TOPO& GPR surveys completed and site investigation is in progress. The Swords bridges are all located on the R132 at Pavillions, Seatown Roundabout and Estuary Roundabout. Contractor is procured for site investigation and repairs at Vauxhall Street Footbridge in Balbriggan.

Bridge repairs at (4 bridges- One contract) Santry, Kilshane Cross, Ballymore and Seatown Roundabout Bridges

Areas made safe. Contactor appointed works are expected to be complete by end mid- July 2021.

Emergency bridge repairs (4 bridges- One contract) at Rallekaystown, Old Yellow Walls Bridge Malahide, Ratharten, Rowlestown

These four emergency bridge repairs were previously advertised and awarded to the successful contractor in November 2020. Works and snagging are now complete.

6. Fleet Management & Plant Hire Unit

Plant Hire

There were 90 hires put in place from 1st May – 31st May 2021, engaging 21 suppliers.

Hires include:

- 12 Portalooos for Beaches and Other Locations in Howth/Malahide
- VMS sign at Millenium Park, Dublin 15 (pictured below)



7. Street Lighting LED Programme

In April the LED Upgrade Program saw 325 LED Upgrade works carried out in the following locations:

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- Balbriggan Car Park...Balbriggan
- Strand Road...Baldoye
- Hansfield Road...Clonsilla
- St. Margaret's Road...Finglas
- Asgard Park...Howth
- Bridgefield Car Park...Malahide
- Church Road...Mulhuddart
- Carrickbrack Heath/Hill/Lawn, Offington Avenue/Drive/Park...Sutton
- R132 Airside to Pinnock Hill...Swords

Works Program: In April new street lighting is installed on Bells Lane in Swords to assist local residents. Ducting works are carried out in Newbridge Demesne to enable upgrading of the CCTV system.



Bells Lane Swords

Newbridge Demesne

Column Replacement:

Column replacement works take place in Beach Park/Carrickhill Heights in Portmarnock. Works consisted of replacement of 24 end of life columns complete with supply circuit improvement.

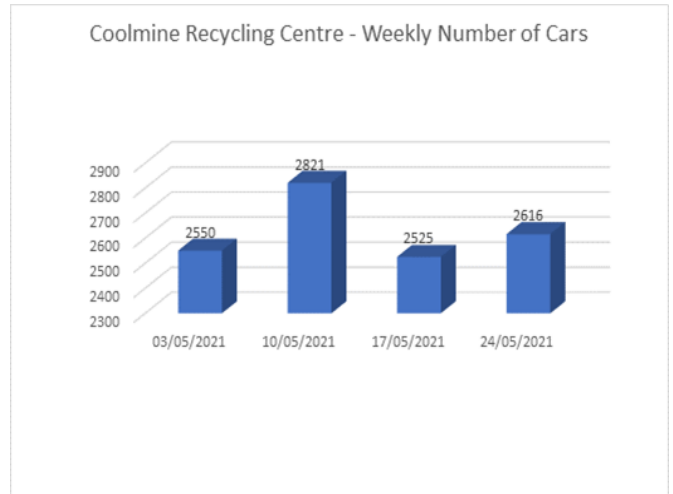
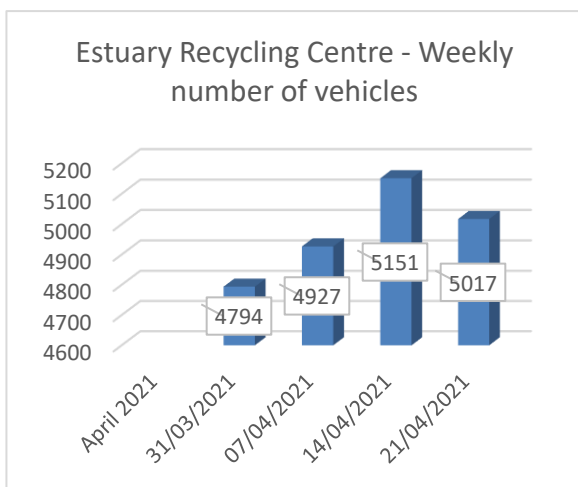


Beach Park Portmarnock



Carrickhill Heights Portmarnock

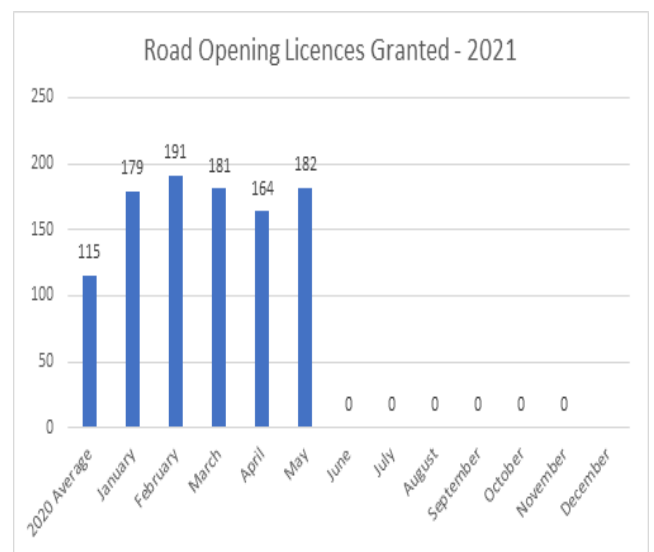
8. Recycling Centres Update

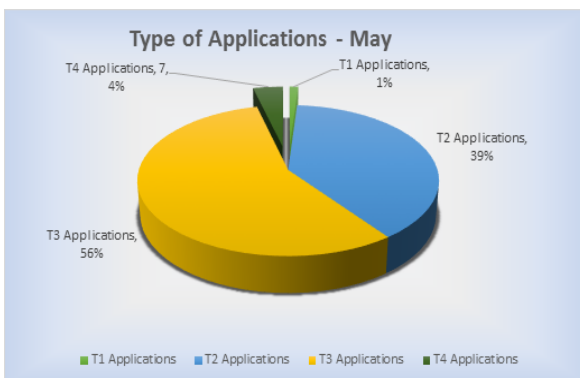
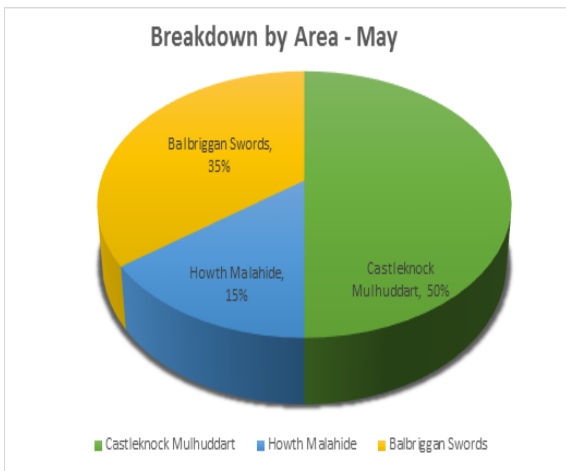


9. Road Opening Licences

The Licensing unit continues to process and manage the licensing system for the County, applications are allocated by area for examination and conditioning which includes reviews of the existing carriageway, footpaths, cycleways and grass verges. Applicants submit temporary traffic management plans for review to ensure all works are carried out safely within the public domain. Road Opening licences are a cross functional process for the department and is essential for the asset management of Fingal County Council Road network.

222 applications have been received for licences during April 2021 and 164 granted.





T1 Application: The T1 is not a licence. It is notification of intent to perform works of high impact due to extent or complexity.

T2 Applications: An application to carry out works of moderate impact due to the location, extent, amount or duration of the work.

T3 Applications: An application to carry out works of low impact due to the location, extent, amount or duration of the work. A T3 licence requires a short application period and does not require a works programme notification.

T4 Applications: A notification of emergency works (as defined under legislation). Notification must occur at the time or as soon as possible after commencement and works must be carried out during a limited time period.

Road Closures

The Operations department has advertised notice that it intends to close the Old Corduff Road pedestrian way under the N3 and Snugborough Road between Main Street Blanchardstown and the Old Corduff Road in order to facilitate construction of the N3 Snugborough Road Interchange Upgrade,

including upgrade of existing Snugborough pedestrian underpass, from 13th May 2021 to 12th May 2022.

Quality Control

The technical team continues to carry out quality control reviews on the quality and standard of works carried out by the utilities on Fingal's Assets. The review's identified a number of non-compliances which are currently been addressed by the associated utilities.

10. Water Services

Water production and distribution, wastewater collection, treatment & disposal continue to be provided as agreed in the Service Level Agreement with Irish Water.

The Council continue to have responsibility for the Storm Water Network

Storm Water (surface water) Network – Operations

Operation and maintenance of the stormwater network is ongoing, in line with Covid 19 restrictions. Works' summary:

- Castleknock Storm water network upgrade is almost completed, with the remaining work comprising of relining of the pipe on Main Street. A Contractor has been procured for these works. Expected completion by end of June.
- Phase 1 (Advance works) to install a section of new stormwater (surface water) network in Ballyboughal is completed, in conjunction with FCC's Housing Department. Works completed - 215m of a 300mm diameter storm sewer has been constructed, with 215m of footpaths reinstated following these works. We have temporarily connected the new sewer to the an old 150mm diameter Fingal County Council pipe that is discharging to the ditch, so housing no longer have to tanker storm water off site.

- Phase 2 comprising the installation of 35m of a 450mm diameter pipe and is to be completed pending the agreements of wayleaves.
- The Storm water manhole covers and frames programme for replacing assets at the end of life is ongoing – Covers and frames were replaced at various locations in Balbriggan, Howth, Donabate and Swords areas.
- Works to install 100m of at 225mm diameter storm water pipe with road gullies and road crossings on the Hearse Road in Donabate have been completed.
- Cleaning and CCTV survey undertaken on Admiral Park storm water pipelines in Baldoyle, which found a housing estates foul sewer misconnected to the surface water sewer. Works are being planned to remove the misconnection.

Other maintenance and minor works ongoing, including the checking and cleaning of surface water outfalls county wide, jetting of storm network on Donabate, and robotic repairs of damaged pipelines in Howth and Malahide.

Storm Water (surface water) Network – Projects

A number of storm water projects are currently being progressed:

- Burrow Beach Surface Water Outfall Pipeline Repair
Scope: This project is to replace the damaged anchor system for the pipeline
Status: Design stage
- Beaverstown Storm Water Pumping Station Upgrade
Scope: Review options for the existing pumping station
Status: Project planning / scoping
- Howth Surface Water Culvert Replacement
Scope: Prepare a design to replace the existing surface water culvert
Status: Preliminary

Irish Water – Towards a National Publicly-Owned, Regulated, Water Services Utility

The Government’s Policy Paper on Water Sector Transformation, entitled *Irish Water – Towards a National, Publicly-Owned, Regulated, Water Services Utility* was published on Tuesday 23rd February 2021.

The paper and accompanying press release are available at www.gov.ie/housing. All new publications appear on the homepage under the Publications heading.

The paper sets out the Government’s approach to water sector transformation including addressing Irish Water as the Single Public Utility.

The Council will continue to work to implement Government policy in regard to water.

Communication with Irish Water for Elected Representatives

The Local Representative Support Desk

- Make contact at localrepsupport@water.ie or by phone at **1890 178 178**. Staff are available Monday – Friday from 9am to 5.30pm to deal with queries from elected representatives about any topic related to Irish Water.
- Outside these hours, the 24/7 customer care line is available for urgent queries at **1850 278 278**
- Irish Water Planned Works - Irish Water Regional Communications team provide regular updates concerning upcoming projects in the area and planned works which may cause disruption to customers. Regularly updates on the website at <https://www.water.ie/water-supply/supply-and-service-update/#>

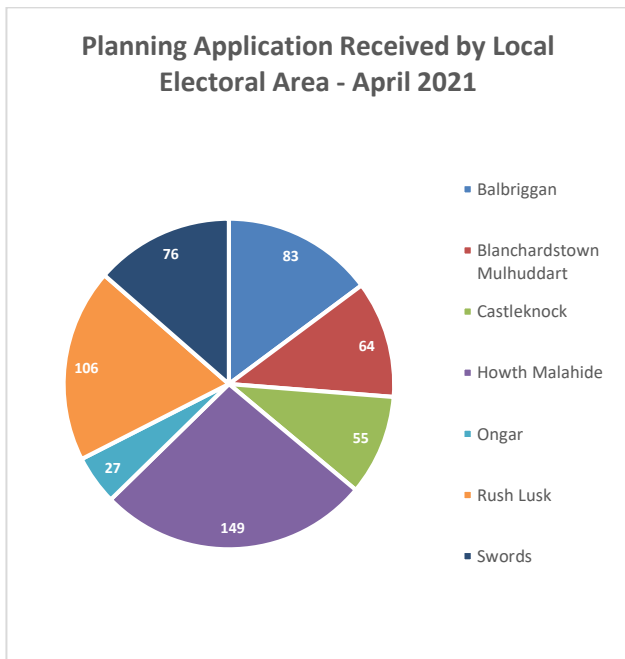
PLANNING AND STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE (PSI)

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Planning Applications

There have been 560 planning applications received to the end of April 2021, 36 of these applications were invalid leaving a total of 524 valid applications. The volume of applications received by Local Electoral Area (LEA) is detailed in the table below.

Up to end of April 2021, 2 Strategic Housing Development (SHD) applications were made to An Bord Pleanála for 609 units. 3 decisions were made by the board up to end of March 2021. Of these, 2 were granted, 1 in February and 1 in March (470 units). 1 application was Refused in March. There is a total of 2 SHD's (609 units) currently in the formal application process.



Planning Decisions

A total of 534 planning decisions have been made to the end of April 2021. There have been 458 decisions to grant permission (86%) and 76 refusals of permission (14%). There have been 33 grants of permissions in respect of single house construction, 281 grants of permission for domestic extensions, 124 commercial/retail grants of permission and 10 grants of permission in respect of housing developments of which 4 relate to development of 2 - 20, 1 relates to development of 20 – 50, 3 relate to 50 -100 and 2 of which relate to development of 100+ housing units.

Building Control Admin

Up to the end of April 2021, there were 49 Disability Access Certificate applications submitted, of these 28 have been granted and 5 are currently on time extension. There were 3 Revised Disability Access Certificate applications submitted, of these 2 have been granted and 1 is currently on time extension. There were also 2 Dispensation/Relaxation applications submitted, of which 1 was granted and 1 is currently on time extension.

There were 72 Fire Safety Certificate applications submitted, of these 26 have been granted, 2 were invalidated and 14 are currently on time extension. There were 10 Revised Fire Safety Certificate applications submitted, 2 were granted, 1 was invalidated and 4 are currently on time extension.

There were 4 Regularisation Certificate applications submitted, 2 were invalidated and 2 are currently on time extension.

A total of 426 building control decisions were processed up until the end of April

2021, this includes decisions that were made on applications submitted pre 2021 in addition to applications submitted in the first 4 months of this year. This is made up of 133 decisions to grant, 5 invalids, 3 amendments and 285 extensions of time.

Building Control Fire Safety, Disability Access, Regularisation and Dispensation/Relaxation Certificate applications can currently be submitted online via the new BCMS applications module and also in hard copy directly into the office. From 1st July 2021 applications will only be accepted via the BCMS.

Parks & Green Infrastructure Division

All-weather Pitch facility and car park at Ward River Valley Park, Swords



Indicative visualisation of proposed all weather pitch

The second and final stage of the tender process to construct the all-weather pitch and car park at Ward River Valley Park has been published. The new third generation synthetic all-weather pitch will be a full sized GAA & Soccer pitch, similar to the facility at Bremeore Regional Park in Balbriggan. The new floodlight facility will be accompanied by car, coach and bicycle parking to service the needs of the pitch

users and to improve access to the park. Subsequent to contract award, construction works for the pitch are scheduled to start in Q4 this year and it is anticipated that works will take 6-8months to substantial completion. The new facility will become a valuable sporting amenity for the people of Swords and wider area.

Work completed on the project to date has involved:

- Landscape & Visual Impact assessment & mitigation (in terms of adjacent heritage gardens)
- Bat survey and design specification of floodlights to lessen impact
- Part 8 planning approval
- Archaeological investigation, reporting and test trenching
- Procurement of sports surface consultant to prepare performance specification
- Procurement and shortlisting of 5 specialist project teams capable of constructing the facilities
- Procurement of Quantity surveying consultancy services to support the phases of the project lifecycle
- Enabling works to facilitate targeted tree removals on site
- Preliminary design and performance specification for SuDS car park and new road entrance including public lighting
- Pre connection inquiries with utility providers including ESB networks to ensure there was capacity
- Site investigation of existing wastewater infrastructure
- Negotiation of build over agreement with Irish water.

Skerries Town Park Playground



The newly constructed playground at Skerries Town Park was opened to the public in April. The natural themed playground takes inspiration from the setting of the adjacent mills and features a windmill and swan and duck sculptures. The playground offers a range of high play-value opportunities in a natural setting, for young children up to the age of 12 years old and is proving to be a popular new amenity for the area.

New Wall and Railing at Balbriggan Castle/Bells Lane



A tender has recently been published for construction of a stone wall and railing at Bremore Castle. The newly constructed boundary will run for the length of the lane abutting Bremore Castle and also enclose Bells Cottage. The works form part of the project to upgrade Bells Lane and the relationship with the castle and regional park and are due to commence later this year.

Strategic Policy Unit

Fingal Development Plan 2023 – 2029

The first round of consultation on the review of the current Fingal Development Plan and preparing the new Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 closed on 12th May.

During this 8-week consultation, an Information Booklet, summarising the seven themes contained in

the Strategic Issues Paper, was distributed to households across Fingal. Four online consultation seminars and a number of prescribed bodies workshops took place. These were all well received and attended.

551 Submissions have been received. These are currently being summarised and will form the basis of the Chief Executive’s Report which will issue in early July.

The Development Plan process is scheduled to run for the next two years and will involve three public consultation stages before the final plan is adopted by Councillors in February 2023. The current stage, which is known as the pre-draft, sets out the strategic direction for the Plan and will form the framework into which objectives and policies at the subsequent stages will sit.



Minecraft Competition

As part of the consultation for the Development Plan, the Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Dept held a workshop with some young people and their families with an objective to design and create an alternative and sustainable future for the Rogerstown Estuary area.

Participants were asked to come up with design solutions for the future of the Rogerstown Estuary area. Their brief was to focus on re-imagined green spaces and public parks, street design including bike

paths and footpaths, biodiversity and bird-watching parks, or public buildings such as schools and community facilities. Or consider the redesign of the route from home to school for children living in the area.

The workshop was a success and we were very impressed with the children's design ideas in terms of creativity to bring together ecological and social values.

The kids proposed different combinations of contemplative and active functions and wanted to remodel Fingal Craft as part of their design thinking. They showed interest in designing the whole area and interconnected them.

Given the success of this first workshop, a second one will be held during the summer.

Sustainable Swords

The first consultation element of the Sustainable Swords project launched on 14th May 2021. Fingal County Council is urging local residents and stakeholders to get involved in the Sustainable Swords placemaking project which is focused on the regeneration and compact, sustainable development of the town.

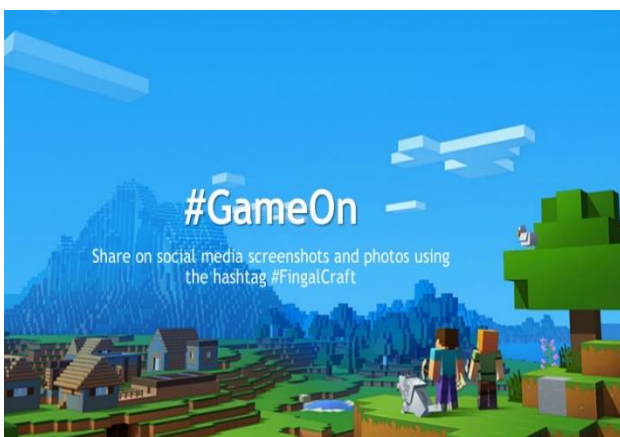


The ambition of Sustainable Swords is to provide a multi-faceted approach to the planning, design and management of new development and spaces, as well as the protection and enhancement of existing assets in order to achieve better quality places as the physical setting for life in Swords.

Fingal has appointed KPMG Future Analytics and Turner & Townsend to work with the Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department to develop this Strategy.

Two surveys have now opened as part of the consultation process and local residents, businesses and interested stakeholders are urged to get involved. More details on the project and the surveys can be found at www.fingal.ie/sustainableswords or <https://consult.fingal.ie/en/surveys>.

The aim of Sustainable Swords is to identify a co-ordinated range of 'pipeline' projects for which future funding can be sought.





Work has already begun to consult with local school children. An Taisce's Green Schools are part of the project team and will be engaging with over 7,500 primary and secondary school students, undertaking audits of walkability and cyclability, and engaging with parents and students to understand what the children of Swords want their future to look like.

The Sustainable Swords strategy, which will include detail on a range of transformational projects, will be published in early 2022.

Vacant Sites Register

There are currently 9 sites on the Vacant Sites Register (VSR). These include 3 residential sites and 6 regeneration sites.

Invoices for the VSR levy have been issued with regard to VS/0016, VS/0117 and VS/0018 for 2019. The demands for payment for these sites had been delayed until recently as each demand was appealed to An Bord Pleanála, who did not make a decision on same until December 2020. The total amount being invoiced for the above sites is €1,344,000. These sites will also be liable for the vacant site levy for 2020 for same amount. A demand for payment for the VSR levy has been issued for VS/0124 (Weavers Row, Clonsilla, Dublin 15) for €129,500 and for VS/0119 (Lands at Howth Road, Co. Dublin) for €2,310,000. A market valuation has been received (13/04/2021) for VS/0129. The site was valued at €450,000.

The 2 demands for payment, VS/0124 and VS/0119 have been appealed to An Bord Pleanála.

There have been notices of intention to place 4 sites on the VSR and these are being assessed at present. A number of sites throughout the county are currently being investigated for compliance with the VSR legislation.

Donabate UFP

Work continues to progress on the preparation of a Draft Urban Framework Plan for Donabate Village Centre.

Sheridan Woods Architects and Urban Planners, who are the consultants appointed to prepare the Public Realm and Traffic Management Strategy (PRTMS) which will form an integral part of the UFP, provided us with a Draft Strategy Document in February 2021 with suggested public realm works for key sites within the village. We have reviewed this Strategy with other Council Departments including Water Services, Transportation, Conservation and Parks and met with SWA to progress the next stage.

Consultants have also been appointed to prepare AA and SEA screening for the UFP.

Heritage Office

The publication of *Snapshots of Fingal's Past* was launched by Mayor of Fingal Cllr. David Healy and Fingal County Council's Chief Executive AnnMarie Farrelly in May 2021. Members of the heritage groups and historical societies who make up the Fingal Heritage Network along with interested members of the public from across the county contributed their images and the stories initially to a virtual exhibition and a series of videos <https://www.fingal.ie/digital-heritage-projects>.

It was decided to publish the results to reach as wide an audience as possible. *Snapshots of Fingal's Past* is dedicated to three members of Fingal's Heritage Network who have passed away during the course of the project and is a fitting tribute to those who have contributed so much to recording Fingal's heritage.



The Heritage Officer gave a talk entitled 'Creating Communities: Fingal Community Archaeology' to the Valuing Volunteers: Engaging Volunteers and Building Capacity webinar organised by the Irish Walled Towns Network on the 25 May 2021.

Grants:

The Heritage Council's Community Heritage Grant Scheme 2021 Tranche 2 was announced. Community Groups apply directly to the Heritage Council often with the advice and support of the Heritage Office. The following was awarded to groups in Fingal -

- Howth Eire 6 Restoration Group: To restore the WWII "EIRE 6" neutrality/aerial recognition sign on Howth Head: €9,000
- Naul Community Council: Know your Naul - Community Heritage Audit 2021: €6,940
- The Mothers' Union: Repairs of existing historic monument of the founding member of our charity established in Ireland and to raise awareness of our charity which is about supporting women and families: €2,300
- Garristown Biodiversity Action Plan: Undertake Biodiversity Action Plan to maintain any already existing biodiversity and increase and encourage further biodiversity within the town of Garristown and surrounding townlands: €1,239

Transportation Planning

The public consultation for the Fingal Coastal Way route options recently closed and will now be reviewed by the project team. The consultation on the

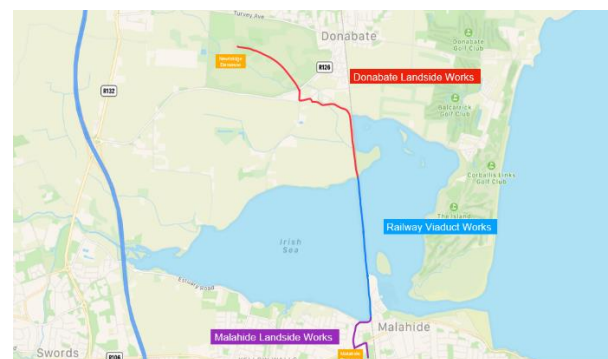
Royal Canal Greenway recently commenced and a number of briefings for elected representatives and local residents were undertaken in tandem with the online display of a large amount of information, reports, drawings and visual materials. Public consultation on the N3 Upgrade M50-Clonee is also currently underway via the Fingal consultation portal, and leaflet drops, and social media postings are ongoing to promote the consultation. Sustainable Swords consultation is also ongoing.

Park Road Rush

There will be a covid compliant official opening of the newly upgraded Park Road Rush by Deputy Mayor Councillor Robert O'Donoghue in the presence of the Chief Executive, local elected representatives, the project team and local stakeholders.

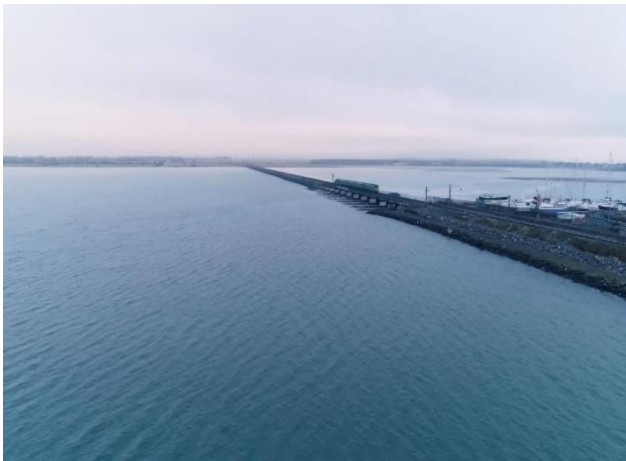


Broadmeadow Way



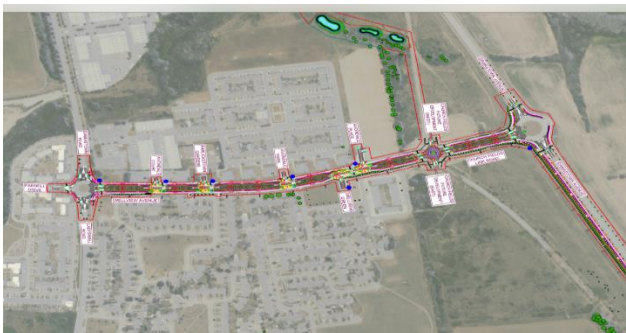
Detailed design is ongoing on the Broadmeadow Way Greenway. RPS Consulting Engineers, Irish Rail and the Council project team have been continuing to engage in the context of the complexities of the interface between the proposed Greenway and Irish

Rail infrastructure and the potential construction constraints. The landward design work is also progressing. The topographical survey for the project is nearing completion on site, initial ground investigation along the estuary crossing is due to commence on the 31st May. The ground investigation for the remainder of the scheme has been procured and is pending going to site. Advanced fencing and site clearance and arborist tenders are currently out to tender. The main application for Foreshore Lease and License has been submitted to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. The Council team met with representatives from the Department to discuss the application.



Churchfields Link Road

The tender pack for the road’s construction contract is to be issued to the Council for review in late May. Once the documents have been peer reviewed and signed off it is expected that Stage 2 of the tender process will commence in late June with tenders being issued via etenders to the six shortlisted tenderers for this project which will open up a significant tract of residential development lands.



Hole in the Wall Road/Mayne Road Upgrade

The reinforced concrete bridge deck was poured and is now weatherproofed. The new diverted 125mm dia. watermain which was required to facilitate this project is now commissioned. The construction of chambers for traffic, EIR, surface water and public lighting has commenced at Marsfield Avenue, within DCC’s administrative area. Works are continuing on the roadway, cycle tracks, footpaths and flood defence structures, with the project due to be substantially completed this Summer. This project will underpin the ongoing residential development in this fast-growing area and contribute to a significant improvement in the local transportation network including sustainable transport infrastructure.



Steel fixing for bridge deck



Bridge Deck poured, cured and waterproofed

Portrane Road Enhancement Project

An asbestos survey has been carried out on the farmyard buildings that are to be taken down as part of this project. These will be rebuilt at the back of the new, wider footpath. A condition survey of the existing surface water drain on Portrane Road will also

be carried out ahead of the main construction work commencing. Preparations are being made with regards to a CPO process which will be necessary to acquire lands for construction of the wider footpath and traffic-calmed road layout.

Turvey Avenue Footpath Enhancement

The P&SI project team responsible for delivering the project are finalising arrangements with Fingal County Council's Property Services division in order to commence a CPO process to acquire lands necessary for construction of the new footpath. The P&SI project team have been engaging with affected landowners to agree and document works affecting their property boundaries. The CPO process is expected to commence imminently.

Donabate Pedestrian Bridge

Consultation with Irish Rail to place the new pedestrian bridge into service above the railway is at an advanced stage. Detailed designs and other technical documents related to the project were considered at a meeting of the Irish Rail Safety Panel earlier this month, with the outcome of the meeting due to be issued shortly. In tandem with on-going liaison with Irish Rail, tender documents for the appointment of an engineering consultant to undertake site supervision duties during the construction stage are currently being finalised. A Suitability Assessment Questionnaire for Stage 1 of the procurement process for a main contractor was issued to the market in May. Construction on this NTA-funded project expected to commence in Q4 2021.

Built Environment Division

1. Development Management/Forward Planning (Water Services)

Development Management

- Our work as internal consultee on planning applications continues remotely and has resulted in 30 reports being prepared and 26 assessments of Additional Information in April 2021.

- Pre-planning consultations – During April, staff from Planning (Water Services) have engaged in 9no pre-planning discussions with developers 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.
- SHDs – staff are engaged as internal consultees in discussion on an additional 5no. SHD applications.
- The Built Environment Intern, Mai Yan, is working on a report on Green/Blue Roofs best practice report and gathering GIS data for all the Flood Risk Assessments carried out in Fingal.

Flood Risk Assessments/ Drainage Strategies

- FCC staff are currently managing the preparation of Surface Water Management Plans to inform Belcamp LAP, Dunsink Masterplan, Rowans Little/ Folkstown/ Flemington and the Balbriggan Masterplan.
- FCC staff have met with the appointed consultants and kicked off the development of the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment for the upcoming County Development Plan.

Irish Water

- Staff continue to liaise with Irish water regarding existing constraints within the water/wastewater networks and identifying solutions to resolve.
- Connection and Developer Services – staff continue to provide a planning review of water/wastewater connection applications on behalf of Irish Water with 46no. applications processed requiring Water Services planning during April with an average turnaround of 6 working days.

Building Control/Taking in Charge

Building Control

- BCMS – 94 CNs for 429 units received in April and 33 Completion Certificates processed. Building Control Site inspection for April is at 2.5% of new buildings. Almost all DAC, FSC and Dispensations are now coming through electronically via the BCMS applications module.
- Enforcement – Compliance issues range from moisture ingress (Part C), sound (Part E), Insulation/cold bridges (Part L) and accessibility (Part M).

Taking in Charge

- There were no estates taken in charge during May, but we are aiming for 8 estates in June which will be an all-time record monthly number for Building Control/TIC.
- We have 49 Developments with formal TIC requests and a further 279 developments on our system, of which 62 are likely to remain private.
- High Court proceedings Fingal County Council v HCC International Company PLC (Bonds for Manor Park Homebuilders-Ongar) have been settled through mediation. The terms of settlement agreed between FCC and HCC will allow the Council to tender a Contractor to complete the outstanding works required to bring the estate up to Taking In Charge standards. These works are expected to commence in the coming months.
- Phase 1 Tender for TIC works on the following estates - Chieftain's way, Martello, New Haven Bay is now evaluated and is about to be awarded to the winning Contractor, there was a delay due to outstanding items to be agreed with Irish Water. Phase 2 Tender for TIC works – Drynam, is about to be awarded.

Proposed TIC for June Meeting

Estate Name and Location

Castlecurragh Estate, Dublin 15
Rokeby Park, Phase 2, Lucan, Co. Dublin
Hawthorn Lawn, Castleknock, Dublin 15
Park Manor, Castleknock, Dublin 15
Hazel Court, Portmarnock, Co. Dublin
St. Mary's, Baldoyle, Dublin 13
Scotchstone Court, Swords, Co. Dublin
Kenure Gate, Rush, Co. Dublin

Dangerous Structures

- We currently have 46 active dangerous structures. There were 4 new notifications in April.
- On Portrane Beach, our Contractor has completed the reinstatement of the compounds. A grassed area is still fenced off to give the grass a chance to take hold.



Fire in Ashtown Mill – structure and place assessed by BC Engineer

References

- The number of reference requests received in April was 376

HOUSING

Housing

- Supply
- Asset Management
- Support
- Tenancy Services

AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN LUSK

Applications for the Dun Emer Affordable House Purchase Scheme closed on 31st May at 5.00pm. The Council received 316 completed applications via the on line application portal in relation to the 39 affordable homes available for purchase by eligible first time buyers. These applications will now be assessed in accordance with the Scheme of Priority adopted by the Council.



MIXED TENURE SITES

The Council is currently at pre-planning design stage on schemes that will deliver mixed tenure housing via affordable purchase, cost rental and social housing.

Church Fields, Dublin 15



Guide prices are set out below;

DWELLING TYPE	NUMBER	
2 Bed Apartment	8	From €166,000
3 Bed Duplex	8	From €206,000
3 Bed Terrace	15	From €250,000
3 Bed Semi	8	From €258,000

- Deliver approximately 1,000 mixed tenure dwellings;
- Initial 300 dwellings at design/pre-planning stage
- Construction of the new link road to commence on site in coming months
- Design of the linear park is underway

Hayestown Site, Rush



3D Views of the Proposed Development



View of main entrance from Old Road



Street view towards north units



View from main public open space towards north-east units

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Fingal County Council - Architects Department

- Deliver a total of 62 dwellings
- Mixed tenure
- Planning approved in April

Hackettstown Lands, Skerries

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



The LDA propose road infrastructure upgrade which is funded through the Serviced Sites Fund.

Plan to deliver 344 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.

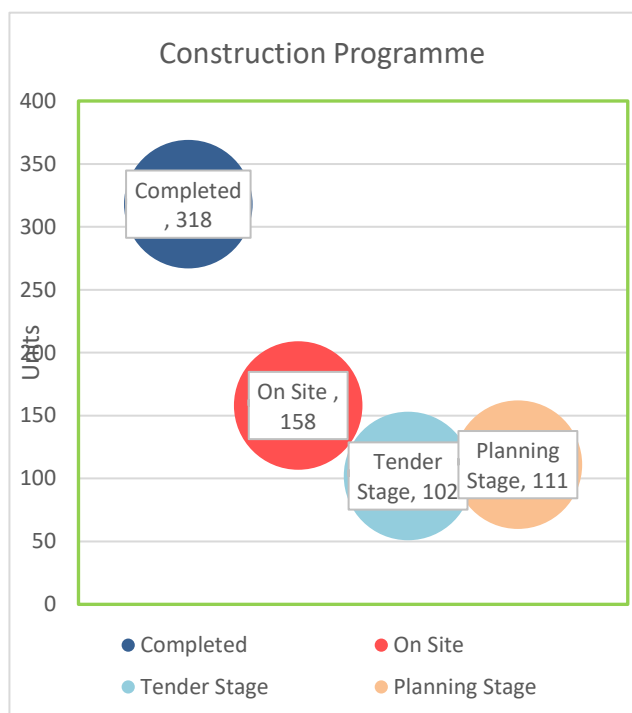
Social Housing Delivery

The delivery of social housing is continuing across the county despite the Covid-19 restrictions that were in place earlier in the year. The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage have set the 2021 social housing delivery targets for Fingal via build and leasing as follows;

2021 Delivery Targets

Delivery Mechanism	Target
Build	431
Leasing	130

Construction Programme



On Site

Church Road, Dublin 15 - Cluid Housing	65
College St. Baldoyle - Cluid Housing	4
Wellview Cul de Sacs, Wellview, D15	20
Cappagh, Dublin 11	69

Tendering Stage

Tucketts Lane, Howth	8
Outlands, Swords, Co Dublin	11
Church Fields Phase 2B, Mulhuddart, D15	67
Church Road, Lusk	5
Former Leonards Garage, Lusk	10
Infill Site adjacent to 169 Clonsilla Road, D15	1

Planning Stage

Garristown – North and East Housing Association	6
Kilhedge Lane - Tuath Housing	31
Mayeston, Dublin 11	74

Older Persons Accommodation

The construction of new homes specifically for older people is a priority under Pillar 2 of the Rebuilding Ireland Action Plan. Older persons have specific housing requirements such as being in proximity to their family and social networks and the need for access to public and other essential services, recreation and amenities.

The Council in partnership with FOLD Housing have delivered 31 homes specifically to accommodate older persons at Abelard Square, located in the Phoenix Park Racecourse. These homes were acquired under the Part V process from the developer and were allocated to older persons nominated by Fingal County Council.

Residents and management in the new-build development have a suite of automated and monitored energy and wellness services, controllable via a smartphone app. The new wellness suite of services includes motion and connected health monitoring - allowing loved ones and carers to either communicate in real time with the resident or be notified of changes in their routine if required. The wellness suite learns usual behaviours within a living space and then recognises changes which in turn triggers agreed alerts. This means if there is any issue with the tenant falling or collapsing FOLD will receive an alert and can make contact to arrange immediate assistance.

At the centre of the suite is a wellness cam which allows family members and carers to virtually drop in on residents via voice and video to see if they are well. This plug-and-play technology is about peace of mind for families, and people in charge of residents. Similarly, connected health devices such as blood pressure or diabetes monitors link with the hub, allowing nominated people, including medical professionals, to view a dashboard of current stats.

The properties are adapted to meet the changing needs of the residents. The smart zone system allows residents to age in place and can help to ease the transition to old age by avoiding unnecessary visits to the emergency departments or costly nursing home care, many older people want to remain in their homes and expect to live their days out in their current residence. Technological advances installed in these apartments at Abelard will benefit the residents and allows FOLD Housing to provide personal centred housing solutions.

The Housing Department are committed to delivering accommodation suitable for older persons across the county. We are currently working in partnership with Tuath Housing to design a development which will deliver 31 homes specifically designed to accommodate older persons on a Council owned site at Kilhedge Lane, Lusk. Details of this scheme will be presented to the Area Committee in the coming months.



Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan

Current Loan Book Value - €145,618,223

Loans Drawn Down under RIHL - 272

Value of RIHL lending - €58.5 million

Covid-19 Agreements to Pay - 129

Mortgage holders experiencing difficulties making repayments should contact the Council immediately on loans@fingal.ie and the Council will endeavour to find an individual solution with each borrower.

Rent Payments – Council Tenants

The Rent Assessment Team continue to assess accounts under the annual rent review. Should tenants have any queries regarding their rent charge they should contact the Council immediately at email; rents.assessments@fingal.ie Further details are available on the Council's website www.fingal.ie.

**Housing Asset Management Report
Energy Efficiency/Retrofitting Programme
(Housing Circular 8/21)**



The newly revised 2021 Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme is the first of a ten year programme which is expected to grow to meet the Programme for Government retrofit commitment. This revision will require local authorities to move to a ‘deeper retrofit’ programme, thus building on what has been completed in previous years. The revised programme provides for significant upscaling in the level of funding available and focuses on ensuring that the fabric of the home is upgraded and an energy efficient heating system is provided.

An initial national preliminary allocation of €35m which is calculated on a stock percentage basis is being made available immediately. The final approved allocation for Fingal County Council is €1,759,475 with a target of 65 properties to be retrofitted to a B2/Cost Optimal standard.

Voids Programme 2021 (Circular 17/21)

The 2021 Voids Programme supports the refurbishment of circa 3,000 vacant properties nationally. Two refurbishment options are being funded this year which afford greater flexibility to local authorities, thereby facilitating maximum impact on the level of vacancy. The Standard Refurbishment programme provides for a maximum funding of €11,000 per property and Non-Standard provides for an average of €50,000 per property. The emphasis under the 2021 Voids Programme is on minimum refurbishment works to comply with the Housing (Standards for Rented Houses) Regulations 2019 to ensure quick turnaround and letting.

The 2021 Voids Allocation for Fingal County Council is 157 properties in total comprising of 141 Standard and 16 Non-Standard. Any void properties approved

for funding under this programme is on the understanding that work will be completed and the property either tenanted or a tenancy offered and accepted in 2021.

Returning Dwellings to Productive Use

The number of casual voids within social housing stock which are currently in the re-let process is as set out in the table below:-

Voids for Re-letting	at 2 nd June 2021
In letting process	45
Undergoing re-let repairs	19
With County Architect for procurement of pre-let repairs	8
TOTAL	72

Pre and Post Re-let Works which were completed recently in a property in Blanchardstown, Dublin 15 below:-





estates will be completed as part of the current programme between now and the summer of 2021. (listed below: Batch F & G).

The current programme is nearing completion and a new programme of works is being prepared for roll out later in the year.

Batch F	
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
Batch G	
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 tenants. The Council releases batches of work to dedicated Contractors throughout the course of the year. To date, the Council has provided Contractors with 9 of 20 batches totalling 2,174 properties and servicing is progressing well.

Cyclical Maintenance - Scheme Painting

The programme provides for external painting and joinery repairs to council housing stock which currently operates on a 6/7 year cycle. Works are ongoing in Wellview Estate and will commence in the North County in the next phase. The remaining

Some of our recently painted properties in Wellview, Muhuddart, Dublin 15 below:-



Housing Support

Housing Assistance Payment (HAP)

The HAP Team in Fingal County Council continues to deal with a significant level of queries and applications, with citizens making contact through email and phone during **COVID-19** restrictions. Additional resources have been put in place to deal with the calls and emails from those who continue to be affected by the current crisis and to deal with new applications. Considerable time is spent following up on outstanding documentation from both prospective Tenants and Landlords in order to progress applications. It is expected that the new online portal will shortly be entering the initial testing stage. This should create efficiencies in the application process as only fully completed applications can be submitted.

Since its inception in Fingal County Council in 2017, the HAP team has set up over 2,800 tenancies. The 375 new tenancies set up to date in 2021 is 2nd highest nationally.

Focus on Social Housing Applications

The Minister for Housing, Mr Darragh O'Brien TD, gave direction through the issuing of Circular 11/2021 of the changes to the Social Housing Assessment Regulations which have come into operational effect from **April 19th 2021**.

The new **Social Housing Application Form** is available to download from Fingal's website, via <https://www.fingal.ie/do-i-qualify-social-housing>

The new **HMD-Form 1 Medical Form** is also available to download from Fingal's website, via <https://www.fingal.ie/do-i-qualify-social-housing>



How do I apply?

You have to complete an [Application for Social Housing Support](#) and make sure you provide all the supporting documents that are needed. The best way to submit your application form is to call in person to the Blanchardstown Office where a housing officer will go over the form with you to make sure it is complete. If you send in a form which isn't fully complete it will delay the processing of your application.

When you visit the public counter to make your application, you will need have this list of documents [Documents Needed for Your Housing Application](#) with you. Please bring the original documents, **and** copies of the documents.

Please be aware that it can take up to 12 weeks to process your application. You will receive written notification to let you know whether or not you've been accepted onto the Council's housing list.

Application for Social Housing Support [Application for Social Housing Support](#)

Disability and/or Medical Information form [HMD Form 1](#)

An Easy to Read Guide to Filling in the Social Housing Support Application Form, can be found [here](#)

Easy to Read Guide

You will also find an **Easy to Read Guide** in the same location (<https://www.fingal.ie/do-i-qualify-social-housing>) to assist those who may be applying for Social Housing Support.

[Easy to Read Guide to](#)

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2021 Social Housing Application Form:-



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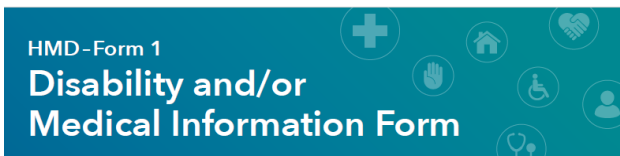
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Important: Please Read the Following Information Carefully

HMD-Form 1 Disability and/or Medical Information Form



About this form

This form is for anyone who is applying for social housing or a social housing transfer due to a disability or medical grounds. The information provided will be used to assess if priority status should be awarded to an application.

Medical/Welfare Update

The Housing Support Team are continuing to progress applicants' requests for medical priority, with the continuance of virtual medical/welfare meetings in collaboration with the HSE, and meetings are scheduled to continue in May and on into June.

Contact Details for Tenancy Services Division

Set out below are the Housing Support Team Contact and the Tenancy Services Division details-

The Housing Support Team Contact Details	
Phone	01 890 5902 /01 890 5000
Email	Housing.allocations@fingal.ie
Website	www.fingal.ie

THE HOUSING UNIT CONTACT DETAILS

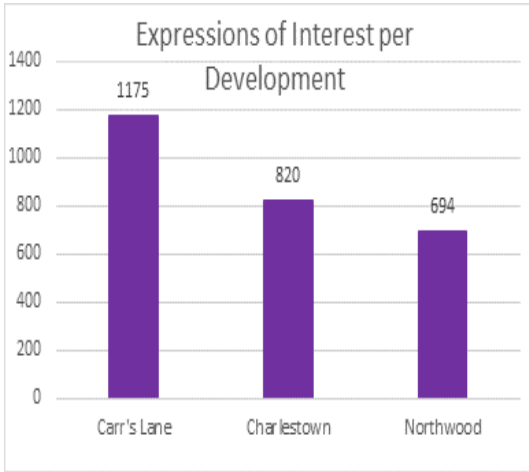
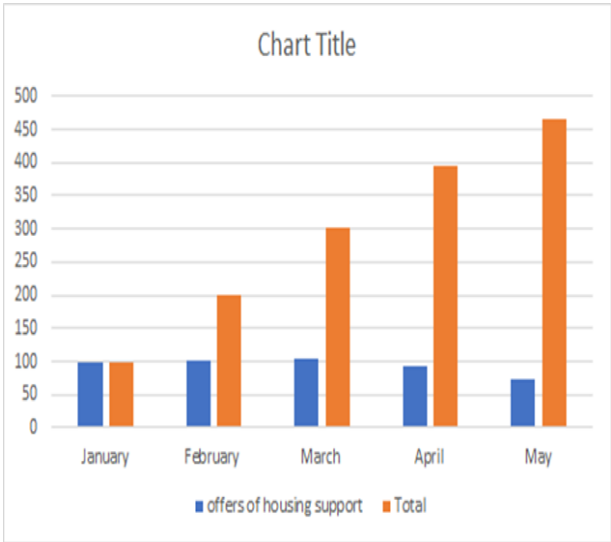
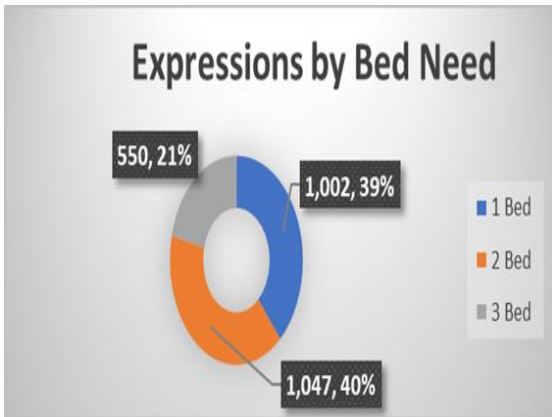
Homeless Services	01 890 5090 homeless@fingal.ie
HAP	01 870 4515 HAP@fingal.ie
Estate Management (Maintenance, ASB & Special Projects)	01 890 5588 Estatemanagement@fingal.ie
Lettings	01 890 5380 Housing.allocations@fingal.ie
Housing Support	01 890 5902 Housing.allocations@fingal.ie
Customer Care Team	01 890 5000 CustomerCareUnit@fingal.ie

Choice Based Lettings

Choice Based Letting (CBL) is an approach used for allocating dwellings which allows housing applicants to express an interest in being considered for the allocation of designated Social Housing Units.

Fingal County Council provided information on our website, from Tuesday 4th May 2021, on a selection of developments and individual units which have been designated for allocation using this approach. Expressions of interest were accepted for the initial period up to 5pm on 12th May, 2021. Access to the Choice Based Letting (CBL) system is via the Council website <https://www.fingal.ie/choicebasedlettingscheme> at

There was a fantastic response to this initial scheme with 2,689 individual expressions of interest. A breakdown of these figures can be viewed in the graphs.



Homeless Services

The Council's Homeless Team continue to engage with those experiencing homelessness to offer advice and support.

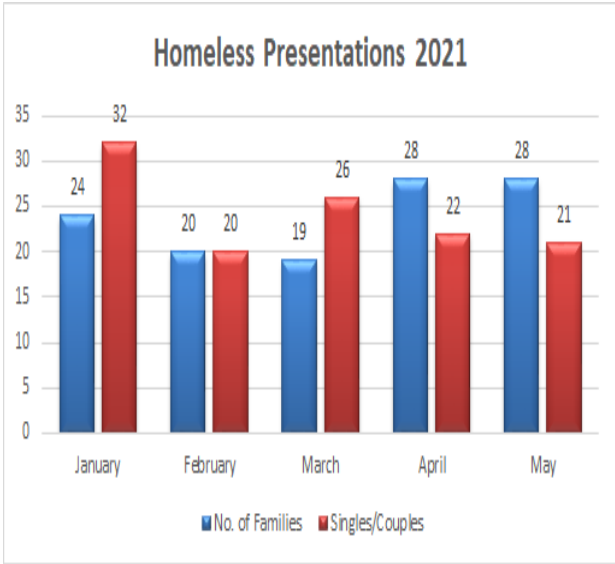
In May 2021 there were 49 new homeless presentations, comprising 28 families and 21 singles/couples.

The Lettings Team have reviewed these applications and liaised with Respond! Housing. Fingal Housing Staff are in the process of contacting all applicants who have expressed interest to update them on their CBL application.

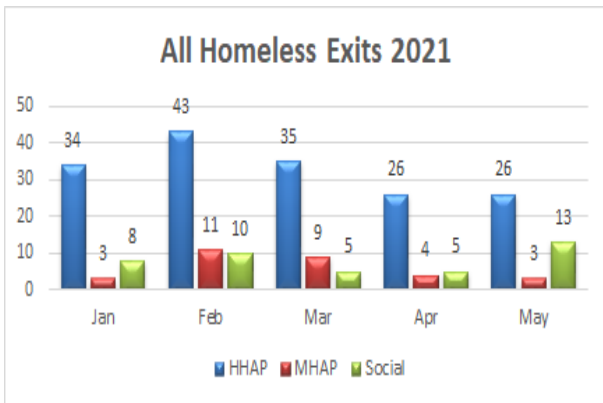
The Lettings team are currently working to provide a range of dwellings across the county to be allocated under Choice Based Lettings. It is expected to advertise further homes in the coming weeks. Applicants have been encouraged to follow Fingal County Council on social media to stay informed of new dwellings available through CBL.

Offers of Housing Support

The Housing Allocations Team has continued to provide offers of social housing throughout Level 5 restrictions **COVID-19** and this is demonstrated in the chart below.



During May 2021, 42 households, comprising 25 families and 17 singles/couples, exited homeless circumstances into various forms of social housing support- including into private rented tenancies under Homeless HAP. Homeless HAP accounts for 26 of these tenancies.



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 relevant and current public health guidelines and restrictions levels.

Daily site visits by Housing Inspectorate are continuing with due care to maintain public health guidelines while checking on vulnerable residents 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.

Senior Officials are engaged on an ongoing basis with the HSE pertaining to Covid Public Health Guidelines.

Illegal Occupation of Lands

Incidents of illegal occupation of both Council owned lands and privately-owned lands are recurring issues within the Fingal administrative area. The Housing Department continues to engage with our colleagues from the Economic Development, Environment and Operations Departments and other statutory agencies to ensure all appropriate actions are taken to prevent incidents of illegal occupation and deal with accordingly when they occur.

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. Preparation and site specific works are continuing in order to progress Traveller Specific Accommodation at Stockhole Lane and Cappagh in accordance with the provision of the Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019-2024. Site works at Stockhole lane are progressing well with an approximate completion date in July 2021.

General site maintenance has continued on all Traveller Specific Sites throughout every level of Covid restrictions, however there have been instances where the progression of works have been hindered by the actions of some residents which has prevented access to sites and progression of works. Incidents of illegal dumping and damage to portable toilet units remains an issue on some sites.



Dumping of waste - Moyne Park



Damage to Portable Toilets - St Mary’s

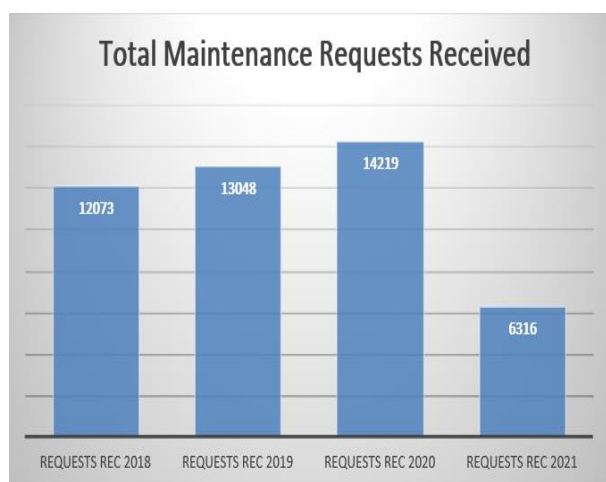
Housing Welfare Service

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 various mechanisms including the Fingal Community Response Forum.

The Estate Management Section continues to work with the most vulnerable and complex of our Tenants in collaboration with our Housing Welfare, Tenancy Sustainment Officers and external statutory agencies to protect the most vulnerable of our tenancies.

Maintenance Requests



During Level 5 Restrictions essential maintenance works such as electrical, water and heating are being completed. With the current gradual easing of restrictions in the second quarter of 2021, all outstanding maintenance requests not previously prioritised will now progress.

Anti-Social Behaviour/Inspectorate Unit

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

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

Stock Management

23 Downsizing, 9 Regularisation of Tenancy, 25 Breaches of Tenancy, 23 Miscellaneous (including cases of Family Breakdown/Illegal Occupants)

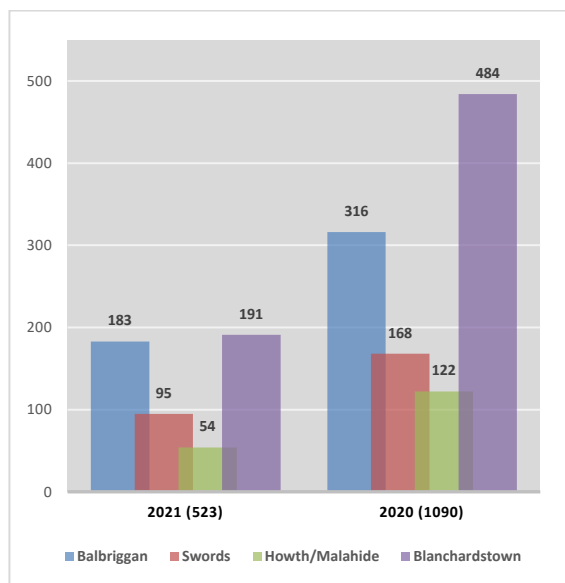
Surrenders on EM Grounds 2021 – 0 (Jan), 1 (Feb), 1 (Mar), 0 (April), 1 (May)

ASB Caseload Management

May 2021	Active Investigation	Active Monitoring	Closed
Dublin 15	13	09	6
North County	22	10	14
Total	35	19	20

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 increase of ASB complaints is reflective of Covid-19 restrictions where citizens are at home more and are more observant of their environs and less tolerant of nuisance behaviours. Complaints received for May are down on the previous two months.

Area Breakdown 2020-2021

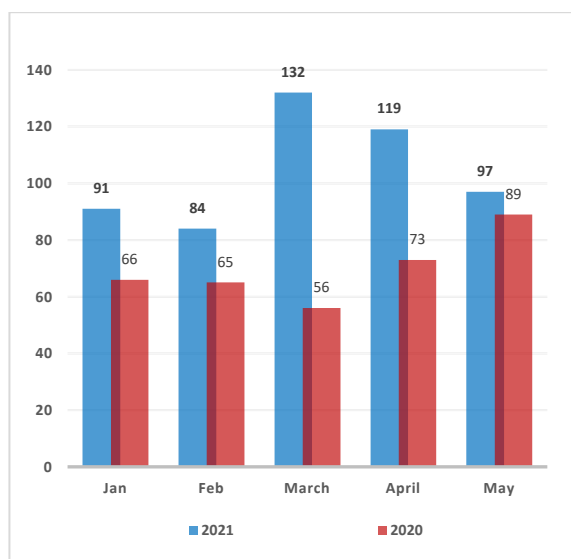


Tenancy Alerts 2021	14
Tenancy Alerts 2020	35
Tenancy Warnings 2021	1
Tenancy Warnings 2020	4

Inspectorate

Traveller Specific Inspections 2021	750
Traveller Specific Inspections 2020	1735
Estate Inspections 2021	512
Estate Inspections 2020	636
EM/ASB Inspections 2021	1373
EM/ASB Inspections 2020	3610

Monthly Breakdown of Complaints Received



Anti-Social Interventions

Interviews Held 2021	11
Interviews Held 2020	108

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE	FINGAL COMHAIRLE NA nÓg
Fingal Communities in Focus Baldoyle Tidy Towns Pride of Place 2021 Excellence in Business Award 2021	Update
FINGAL INTEGRATION OFFICE	COMMUNITY FACILITIES UNIT
Fingal Integration Forum (Africa Day 2021) Irish Traveller Movement – Yellow Flag Programme	Fingal Keen to be Green Charter Reopening our Community Centres Community Facilities Network – Spring/Summer Training
STRATEGIC UNIT	SPORTS OFFICE
PPN Plenary Meeting Fingal PPN Handbook Review Gardening for Well-Being Funding Support Community Activity Funding Summer Project Funding Remedial Works Funding Internal Funding Support External Funding Support	Cycling Without Age Cruinniú na Nóg Balbriggan Water Sports Festival Active Club Challenge Active Travel Meeting MarathonFamilies Funding & Grants Recreational Football HomeFit KickFit Programme
AGE FRIENDLY FINGAL	
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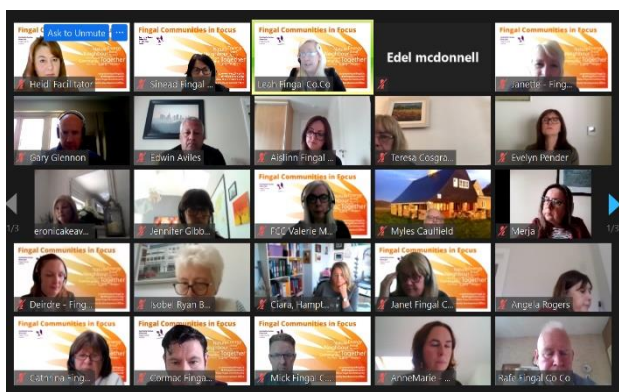
Fingal Communities in Focus

“Fingal Communities in Focus” a webinar for resident associations and local enhancement groups (Tidy Towns, Community Associations, Estate Management Groups etc.) in Fingal was hosted by the Fingal Community Development Office on Wednesday May 26th. The event was very successful with 72 groups registering for the event and 65 taking part on the

day. Videos showcasing the work of three groups – Taylors Hill Residents Association in Balbriggan, Bayside Community Association in Sutton and Whitestown Estate Management in Dublin 15 – were shown at event as well as video contributions from the Mayor Cllr. David Healy and Chief Executive AnnMarie Farrelly. Through the online registrations, information was gathered on the needs of these groups and this was further supplemented with information gathered from the breakout rooms

during the webinar which gave local groups the opportunity to contribute and discuss their challenges and successes. Some of these challenges related to volunteering (in particular the expectations that agencies have of volunteers), insurance, knowledge of the services provided by the County Council and knowledge of various department personnel and funding schemes available. Many of the groups represented on the day received assistance from Fingal County Council through the Fingal Community Development Office over the years and many started their work with guidance and support from the Community Officers across the County. There was strong support coming from the gathering for the development of a network of the groups represented and the Fingal Community Development Office is committed to exploring the development of a network and how best it can be supported.

environmental activities in the area. A link up with the Fingal Volunteer Centre saw many local volunteers join with the group for clean ups in the on Saturday May 22nd. Community Office staff participated in a walkabout to identify local projects which will be supported throughout the summer. An activities funding application to support the group's work in participating with the Bee Corridor project was recently approved for funding at the Malahide/Howth area committee meeting.



Pride of Place 2021

Community office staff have been supporting Rush Tidy Towns, Bayside Community Association and the D15 Peer Support Group of the Blanchardstown Centre for Independent Living in preparation for this year's Pride of Place Competition. The three groups have been formally entered to represent Fingal in this year's competition, which recognises the best in community development projects, supported by local authorities on the island of Ireland.

Judging in the competition will take place later in the summer, most likely in County Hall Swords and the Blanchardstown Grove Road Offices, if Covid 19 restrictions allow. The fallback position will be video calls with the judges as happened last year. We are already wishing the three Fingal groups well as they prepare to make Fingal proud again at Pride of Place 2021.



Baldoyle Tidy Towns

The Community Development Office of FCC has been working closely with the newly established Baldoyle Tidy Towns group on a number of community and



Excellence in Business Award 2021

The Public Sector Magazine's 'Excellence in Business Award 2021' was awarded to Fingal County Council's Community Development Division for excellence in promoting community development within local communities. This award was nominated to Fingal's Community Development Division by a panel of judges based on 'Outstanding Contributions' in supporting Local Communities. A number of county councils were put forward for this award and Fingal's community division were awarded winners of this excellent award.



FINGAL INTEGRATION OFFICE:

Fingal Integration Forum

The Fingal Integration Officer is currently supporting the development of the Fingal Integration Forum. They recently hosted Africa Day 2021 with funding from the Department of Foreign Affairs / Africa Aid. On the 25th of May Forum members went to Virgin Media Studios and helped Ireland AM celebrate Africa Day! They also hosted an event in Fingal which was launched by Mayor of Fingal Cllr. David Healy and aimed to showcase to 55 organisations / individuals that attended the diverse and cultural richness of Africa.



FINGAL INTEGRATION FORUM

Coordially invites you to Fingal Africa Day on Tuesday, 25th MAY 2021 From 7 pm to 9 pm on Zoom

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Let us Celebrate together as one family @AfricaDay

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An Roinn Gnóthaí Eachtracha
Department of Foreign Affairs

Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

Irish Traveller Movement – Yellow Flag Programme:

Blakestown Community School has been selected to join the Yellow Flag Programme in September 2021. The Yellow Flag Programme, developed by the Irish Traveller Movement and supported by the Fingal Integration Officer, is running in several schools in the Fingal area and provides a practical series of 8 steps that brings issues of interculturalism, equality and diversity into the whole school-based programme and allows schools to apply them in the day to day running of the school. It works with students, staff management, parents and wider community groups so that issues of diversity and equality are not merely seen as “school subjects” but can be understood and taken outside the school setting into the community. Like the Green Schools Programme, the Yellow Flag is an award scheme. On successfully completing the 8 steps and an external review, the school is awarded the Yellow Flag in recognition of its work in promoting diversity and inclusion.



STRATEGIC UNIT:

PPN Plenary Meeting

The Plenary is the ultimate decision-making body of the PPN. It holds two meetings per year. The Plenary facilitates an update on PPN activity, dialogue on PPN strategy and the highlighting of local issues. On June 23rd this year we are delighted to host our PPN Plenary.

On the 23rd May Fingal PPN sent out Plenary invitations to all member groups inviting two representatives to the Plenary.



Fingal Public Participation Network

The Secretariat will provide an update on

- PPN Activity
- Finance
- Linkage Groups
- PPN Handbook Review
- Strategic Plan Review

This year will be the first online elections. We will be opening our online elections on the 25th June at 9.a.m. and closing the election 25th June at midnight.

Elections: There are Eight Secretariat Vacancies

- One Community Pillar vacancy to be filled.
- Four Social Inclusion Pillar vacancies to be filled.
- Three Environment Pillar vacancies to be filled.

Elections: There are Five LCDC Vacancies

- Two Community Pillar vacancy to be filled.
- Two Social Inclusion Pillar vacancy to be filled.
- One Environment Pillar vacancies to be filled.

Fingal PPN Handbook Review

Following the launch of the new PPN Handbook in November 2020, the Secretariat identified an opportunity to review the handbook and use this to inform a review of the PPN Strategic Plan. Fingal PPN set up a working group to oversee this review.

The working group consists of a representative of the Secretariat (John Melvin), PPN Representatives (Alice Davis) and PPN Acting Resource Worker (Laura Barton). The working group commenced work on the PPN Handbook Review in January 2021. An information night on review of the PPN Handbook was held on the 19th May 2021. The PPN Handbook Review will be presented at the Plenary 23rd ratification.



As a PPN, we provide space for community groups to grow and develop through our training supports. This year we are running the PPN Spring/Summer Training Courses 2021.

- Running an Effective Meeting Wednesday **9th June 2021 7-9pm**
- Using Social Media to promote your Organisation: Wednesday **16th June 2021 7-9pm**
- Grant Writing Tips and Tricks: Wednesday **30th June 2021 7-9pm**

Places are filling up fast on our courses, they are proving very popular.

Gardening for Well-Being



On May 13th 2021 the Gardening for Well-Being project commenced. This initiative is a follow on from the Community Together programme and seeks to mitigate the effects of social isolation and loneliness and the adverse effect on physical and mental well-being. It has been well received with 79 participants attending. This 5 week long collaborative initiative between Fingal County Council Community Office, Tyrrelstown community centre and the Organic Centre aims to enhance health and wellbeing as well as active learning and living. An exhibition will take place at the end of the programme to showcase pictures from gardens across Fingal County Council. The Gardening for Well-Being project connects people to local community life and Tyrrelstown community centre. It supports the community to stay connected enhancing well-being and connectivity. The project supports the community to participate and engage with online learning so that we can continue to work and engage with our communities in a hybrid level of government restrictions due to Covid 19.

Funding Support

The Community Development Office supports volunteer led community groups and community services in either their application funding or through the direct provision of funding. The office works through the following

- (1) Direct/Community Office Funding / Remedial Works Funding
- (2) Internal Funding Support
- (3) External Funding Support

Appendix 2 contains the full detail on funding supports.

AGE FRIENDLY FINGAL:

Acorn Tablets

Age Friendly Fingal distributed ACORN Tablets to two Nursing Homes across Fingal, Rush Nursing Home, Talbot Lodge Nursing Home, Malahide and Beechtree Nursing Home, Oldtown. The residents of these homes can now connect with family and friends at home and abroad through digital technology.

Skerries Age Friendly group did fundraising in 2020 to purchase two ACORN Tablets for citizens which are now being used by participants in day care services.



Talbot Nursing Home, Malahide



Rush Nursing Home

Music Making memories in Nursing Homes

During each weekend in May, Music Making memories continued in the Nursing Homes with performances by Stage 2 in Beechtree, Lusk, Talbot Lodge and Rush. This brings positive wellbeing and connectivity to the residents.



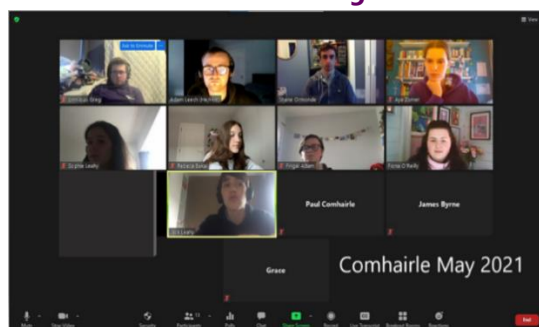
Appointment of Healthy Age Friendly Homes Co-Ordinator

Fingal County Council welcomes Danielle Moynihan who has been appointed as the local Healthy Age Friendly Homes Co-Ordinator for the Fingal Region. On foot of the 'Housing Options for Our Ageing Population' policy statement, Age Friendly Ireland developed a proposal for new roles which would work across health and housing functions to support older people to live in their own homes for as long as possible. Funding was secured for these new

positions from the Department of Health/Slaintecare in December 2020. Nationally there are nine local Healthy Age Friendly Homes Co-Ordinators and Fingal County Council has agreed to host a Local Coordinator and provide support services to the Shared Services Centre (SSC) on a full-time basis to fulfil the ambitions and progress the strategic objectives of the Healthy Homes Programme | Phase 1. Danielle will be working closely with the Housing & Community Department and all relevant stakeholders.



FINGAL COMHAIRLE NA nÓg:



Throughout May the Comhairle have continued to work on this years topic based on the subject of mental health. A survey has been developed by Comhairle Na Nog in collaboration with Fingal Children and Young Peoples Services Committee (FCYPSC) . The members will be supported in identifying key areas to work on from the survey findings. In addition, Comhairle participated in the PPN Consultation on the Strategic Plan and members attended the UNCRC review with the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth. This consultation on the rights of the child had input for consideration for United Nation decision makers.

COMMUNITY FACILITIES UNIT:

Fingal Keen to be Green Charter



The Community Facilities Support unit are currently in pre-production with filmmakers on an introductory video for Fingal County Council's Keen to Be Green Project which will be rolled out across all centres in the coming months. The current draft of the video script was written by the Community Facilities Support Unit with the help of the Environmental Officer. It is planned that the video will cover each stage of the project using a variety of different visuals and how it ties in with Fingal County Council's current Climate Action Plan. It will help launch the Keen to Be Green Project in Sept and will inform citizens how our facilities intend to become sustainable and help raise awareness about the Climate Action in the process.

Reopening our Community Centres

Community centres are starting to look at reopening to the community following the recent government announcements. The majority of community groups and organisations will be accommodated as far as is possible as long as they operate within guidelines.

This is a very exciting time for communities now that they will be able to meet at their local community centre and meet up with their friends. A number of centres will also run summer projects and a wide range of outdoor activities. They are encouraging communities to make the most of the great outdoors.

Community Facilities Network – Spring/Summer Training

Community Facilities Management Support Unit, in conjunction with Fingal Community Facilities Network is continuing its spring / summer online master class programme. To date over 85 people have attended training as part of the masterclass online program.

- Role of a Chairperson
- How to recruit new board members
- Strategic Planning
- Risk Management
- Developing an effective annual report
- Understanding and preparing budgets
- First Responders

These training sessions will assist board members, directors, chairpersons, managers and staff in the Fingal Community Facilities Network to develop their skills and improve service delivery.

SPORTS OFFICE:

Cycling Without Age

The Sports Office, Active Travel and Fingal Age Friendly are collaborating on this project which will see the procurement of accessible bikes in potentially 3 Fingal locations (Baldoyle/Portmarnock Greenway, Skerries and St. Catherine's Park). The sports office has been involved in the site visits to these locations and we will be putting out an expression of interest form to gather interest for users, pilots, operations and maintenance.

Comhairle Contae
Fhine Gall
Fingal County
Council



Location - Skerries Route



Obstacles - Bollards



Pedestrian
Bridge



No Cycling
Markings

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Fingal Cycling Without Age Site Report



Cruinniú na Nóg

The Sports Office in partnership with Cruinniú na Nóg are running a Hip-Hop Dance event on Saturday 12th June in both Balbriggan and Tyrrelstown. The sessions will be led and choreographed by Donna Moran from Irish Hip Hop Master Champions & Fit Kids/Fit Teens Dance School and is aimed at encouraging teenagers to get involved in dancing, provide a safe environment and to encourage physical activity.

Balbriggan Water Sports Festival

The Sports Office have developed a water sports activity proposal and we will be meeting with Operations and the Events Team during June to discuss the viability of hosting a two-day water sports festival in Balbriggan in August.



Active Club Challenge

The Sports Office in association with Healthy Fingal and our NGB partners have developed a six-week programme, which will begin on Monday June 14th and is free of charge for any Fingal sports club. It is specially designed to provide a safe, enjoyable, and encouraging environment to allow participants to build up fitness and stamina.

All sports clubs are being encouraged to facilitate the setting up of running, walking and/or cycling groups to both their members and non-members to help them to become active in their local community while staying safe.

As part of the six-week programmes in walking, running or cycling, Fingal County Council will hold a

free online 'Nutrition Information' session for all participants and an online 'Introduction to Exercise' session to give participants some health-related support and advice to encourage people to stay involved in the programme.



Active Travel Meeting

The Sports Office had an initial meeting in May with our colleagues in the Active Travel Department to discuss our strategies and goals and look at potential project collaboration. After a very encouraging and productive meeting we are going to hold further discussions in June around some key projects we identified with potential opportunity to collaborate on, including but not exclusively:

- Safe Routes to School
- School Streets
- Cycle Bus

MarathonFamilies

The MarathonFamilies programme, which is a running/walking programme to encourage families to complete a Marathon in 4 weeks starts in June. This programme provides families with a safe, fun and healthy activity and encourages families to exercise

together, achieve a goal and ultimately improve the overall health of the Family unit.

Funding & Grants

The Sports Office have increased the promotion of grants (pic below) available to sports clubs and groups who focus on promoting physical activity. We have contacted all sports clubs/groups on our database, put out communication through our Sport Development Officers and formulated a social media plan to reach out to as many sports clubs/groups as possible about the opportunity for funding. Normally we would expect approximately 10 clubs to receive Sports Equipment Funding in any given year and already in 2021, we have given out grants to 24 clubs.

To date we have approved equipment funding to:

	Clubs	Amount
1	Balbriggan Cricket Club	€2,000
2	Balbriggan Volleyball Club	€988
3	Baldoyle Boxing Club	€2,000
4	Ballyboughal Boxing Club	€2,000
5	Castleknock LTC	€2,000
6	Clann Mhuire GAA	€2,000
7	Clonee Utd Football Club	€1,948
8	Corduff Football Club	€2,000
9	Dublin Airport Football Club	€1,512
10	Loughshinny Utd FC	€1,739
11	Lucan Cricket Club	€1,280
12	Lusk Athletics Club	€2,000
13	Lusk United Football Club	€2,000
14	McNally Swords Cycling Club	€1,882
15	Montview B&G FC	€2,000
16	O'Dwyer's GAA	€1,685
17	Ongar Chasers Basketball Club	€2,000
18	Skerries Harps GAA	€1,872
19	St. Finian's GAA	€1,907
20	St. Margaret's GAA	€2,000
21	St. Peregrine's GAA	€2,000
22	St. Sylvester's GAA	€2,000
23	Swords Celtic Football Club	€2,000
24	Westmanstown Bowling Club	€1,478
	TOTAL	€38,813

These applications have been recommended by the Sports Office and are going to Area/Full Committee meetings in June or have been approved in previous meetings. A further 5 grants were not recommended by the Sports Office as they did not meet the funding guidelines or were withdrawn by the groups themselves.

Recreational Football

The Sports Office are planning on launching our Recreational Football Programme in Tyrrelstown on the new All-Weather pitch. This programme is open to all ages over 18 but is targeted at middle aged men with a major focus on integration. The programme is due to launch on June 14th, which coincides with Men's Health Week. The aim of the programme is to give members of the community a physical and social outlet on a weekly basis without the commitment that is involved in joining a club team.

HomeFit

These free, online fitness classes are available to the public and will continue until the middle of June and are open to all levels of ability. There will be three classes a week delivered live online at 1pm and include a Body Mind Movement, Core and Chair Exercise class. Each class lasts 30–40-minute and are delivered by qualified instructors.

KickFit Programme

The Sports Office have developed KickFit, which is a fitness through football exercise programme that targets women over 18 years. The programme, which is supported by the FAI is being offered to all football clubs in the county. The aim of the programme is for clubs to create a socially focused physical activity in the football club that can be attended by all female members of the community. We have programmes starting this month in Balbriggan, Coolmine, Corduff, Swords, Lusk and Malahide.



FINGAL KickFit

**Women Only
Fitness Through Football**

- To provide a weekly fun, safe and enjoyable fitness class for women
- To use the group as a possible recruiting ground for volunteers for the football club
- To create a 'non football' socially focused activity in the football club that can be attended by all female members of the community
- Fingal will cover the cost of a coach for a 6 week pilot programme

More info: bit.ly/fingalkickfit

Councillor Constanza Prince OBE
Fingal County Council



ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE ACTION & ACTIVE TRAVEL

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Climate Action

The Fingal Climate Change Action Plan 2019-2024 (CCAP) was launched in Sept 2019, and actions are ongoing.

The CCAP and the One Year Progress Report can be viewed at <https://www.fingal.ie/climate-change-action-plan-2019-2024>

The four Dublin Local Authorities, CARO & Codema are planning on holding a Climate Action Week from 13th September 2021 to showcase the work which is being done across the region. Plans are being put in place at present with a schedule of webinar events and site visits being developed. More information to follow.

Climate Action "Raising Awareness" training is being rolled out to all grades and feedback is positive. Building Capacity training will be rolled out to Climate Action Teams in June / July. A Championing Leadership pillar will be delivered to senior staff and councillors in Q4 2021.

A cross departmental Decarbonisation Zone working group has been formed to consider potential areas and work towards selecting an area and implementation plans. This work is ongoing.

A public, Sustainable Energy Community (SEC), information session was hosted by Codema. This session introduced the SEC Programme and the role of the SEAI mentor and the Dublin Local Authorities as Lead Partner Applicants. The SEC programme is a SEAI programme. The Council is working to promote, facilitate and support the programme, and low value

grants will be made available to SEC's once established and up and running.

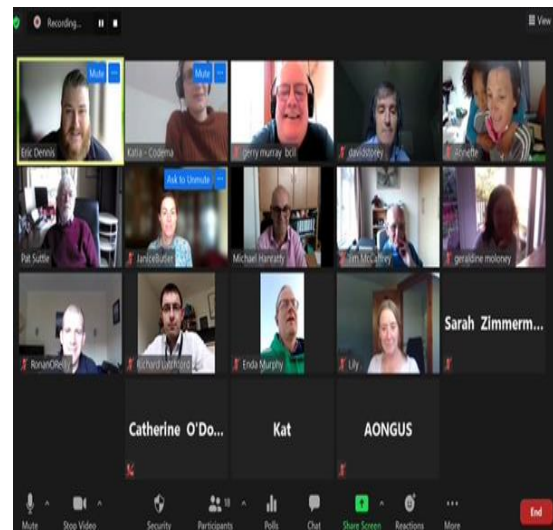
The SEAI Public Sector Energy Conference 2021 was held on 3rd June. It was an information sharing event to help public sector organisations plan to achieve the ambitious energy efficiency targets for 2030.

Fingal
SUSTAINABLE ENERGY COMMUNITIES

Sustainable Energy Community
This FREE online workshop will explain how an SEC can help Fingal citizens identify sustainable energy solutions in our homes, businesses and communities.

Wednesday 26 May @ 19:00

zoom



Environmental Awareness

The Anti-Litter & Anti-Graffiti Fund was open for applications from Fingal Groups throughout May.

A Birdwatch Ireland Event was held on 13th May with great attendance from Fingal community groups. The session encouraged groups to assess local bird populations and plan projects that would enable an increase in threatened bird populations. The session was recorded and is available here: <https://www.fingal.ie/birdwatch-ireland-video>

World Bee Day and National Biodiversity Week were promoted.

A food waste and landscaping waste composting course has been delivered to 30 participants who are members of community groups from around Fingal. Follow-up projects are now being planned.

Rediscovery Centre paint is available for community groups to order paint and have it delivered free of charge, for painting estate walls and common areas.

The first phase of Community Centre Sustainability Manager Training has been delivered. This phase focused on Waste and Recycling. Centres will become leaders in sustainable practices.

Litter kits have been delivered to groups, individuals and schools to enable them to tackle litter in their areas.

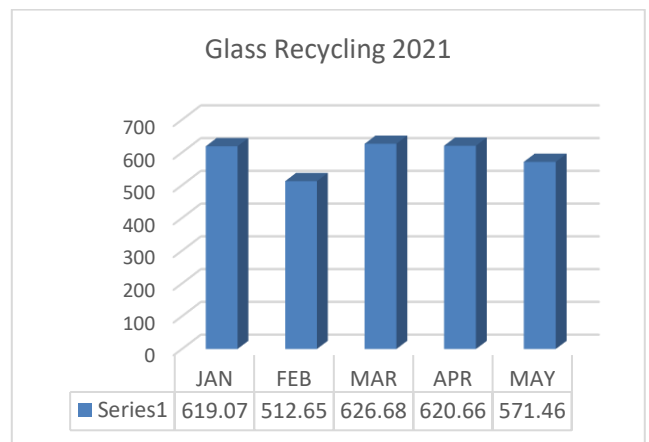
Green Schools Flag Online Assessments are ongoing, all assessments must be completed before 25th June. Online presentations are also being delivered to schools regarding single-use plastics, ocean plastics and litter.

Stencils for the dog fouling pilot has been started in Rush and has been very well received.



Bring Centres Glass Recycling

The chart below shows the total tonnages of glass collected per month throughout the Fingal network.





Freshly Painted Bottle Banks at Barnagerragh Skerries and Extra Glass Bottle Banks added to Watery Lane site Swords to facilitate increased capacity currently at this site.

A program of power washing of the Bring Banks for 2021 is being rolled out to all Bring Bank sites in Fingal.

Textile Recycling

A Request for Tender for the provision and maintenance of textile banks and the collection and recycling of collected textile for Fingal has been advertised on the 1st of June 2021.

Water Quality Protection

Bathing Water Quality

The 2021 Bathing Season has begun on 1st June and our *pre-season* investigative samples show the bathing waters are meeting the results for “*excellent*” water quality (see table below). The Brook Beach, Portrane was sampled on 24th May and met the standard for “good” but this bathing water was re-sampled on 31st May (investigative*) and has met results for “*excellent*” water quality. The later pre-season result is now used for data assessment purposes. The table below includes the awards announced by An Taisce on 25th May last. Velvet Strand, Portmarnock is one of only six beaches in Ireland to have been awarded both the Blue Flag and Green Coast awards. The first in-season seawater

sample will be taken on 8th June and results will be circulated on our website and on social media (facebook and twitter).

The national website (www.beaches.ie) operated by the Environmental Protection Agency will publish all verified results from seawater sampling during the bathing season (1st June – 15th September) and any bathing water restriction notices that are required as part of our management of bathing waters. Such bather health information notices will be either advisory (Advice not to swim) or prohibition (Do not swim) and will be circulated following advice from the Health Service Executive following any pollution incident reported or observed. For more information on the management of bathing waters in Fingal check out our new Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) Section of the website under *Beaches and Bathing Water Quality Information* here; <https://www.fingal.ie/beaches-bathingwaterquality>

Register for Fingal alerts and get bathing water results from www.beaches.ie direct to your phone/email; <https://alerts.fingal.ie/en/bathing-water-alerts>

Bathing Water	Pre-season result	Date collected	2021 – An Taisce Awards
Balbriggan Front Strand	Excellent	24 th May 2021	
Skerries South Beach	Excellent	24 th May 2021	
Loughshinny	Excellent	24 th May 2021	
Rush North	Excellent	24 th May 2021	
Rush South	Excellent	24 th May 2021	Green Flag Award

			(new) 
Portrane The Brook	Excellent	31st May 2021 Pre-season replaced*	
Donabate Balcarrick Beach	Excellent	24th May 2021	
Malahide	Excellent	24th May 2021	
Portmarnock Velvet Strand	Excellent	24th May 2021	Blue and Green Flag Awards  
Sutton Burrow	Excellent	24th May 2021	Green Flag Award 
Claremont Howth	Excellent	24th May 2021	

Litter Management

Routine Litter Patrols

A total of 252 routine Litter Warden patrols were carried out between Monday to Friday during May.

Additional Litter Patrols

In addition to the planned routine litter patrols, the Litter Wardens carried out an additional 60 Patrols

across the county in a direct response to the elevated levels of footfall during the current Covid restrictions. These patrols were targeted at business premises providing take away services and licenced premises selling take away drinks which has been identified as a arising source of litter pollution as the weather improves and people begin to enjoy the outdoor facilities in our towns and coastal areas.

The dedicated Litter Warden patrols of River Valley Park continue and relationships are being strengthened between the Environment Department and citizen led organisations such as Tidy Towns and Swords Pickers.

Enforcement Action

Month	Fines issued 2020	Warnings Issued 2020	Fines Issued 2021	Warnings Issued 2021
January	83	39	3	16
February	103	12	33	23
March	32	16	36	35
April	0	1	66	27
May	0	3	71	116
June	35	1		
July	99	18		
August	49	7		
September	34	7		
October	3	7		
November	34	11		
December	22	9		

Dog Warden & Dog Shelter Service

The dog Wardens continue to monitor areas of high footfall to ensure compliance with the Control of Dogs Act 1986 and provide any assistance necessary.

Particular attention is being given to beaches and parks during the current spell of good weather and to date no major incidents involving dogs has been brought to the attention of the Environment Department.

Enforcement Action (Fines Issued)

Month	Total
Jan	3
Feb	6
Mar	5
Apr	5
May	1

The tender process for the Dog Warden and Dog Shelter Service is currently at evaluation stage.

Horse Welfare Programme

The horse welfare programme continues apace with the latest meeting involving the Council, the Department of Agriculture and the DSPCA held on 2nd June 2021.

A clinic for registration of horses on the landfill took place on the 27th May 2021 with 36 horses being registered and microchipped. This represents about 40% of horses currently on the landfill. A further clinic has been arranged for June with a further 41 horses being registered for microchipping. This will represent around 90% of horses on the landfill.

Regular welfare inspections on the horses on the landfill are carried out by the DSPCA Animal Welfare Officers.

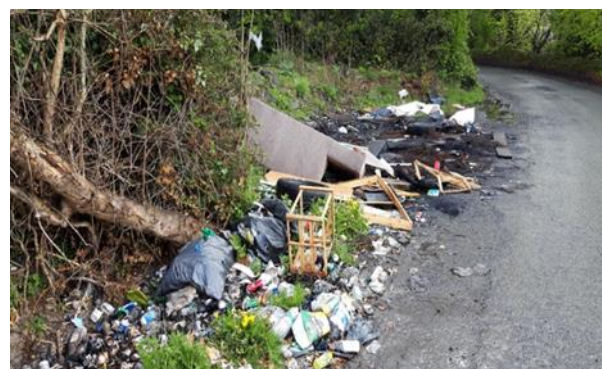
Waste Enforcement

Anti-Dumping Initiative

The Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications has made funding available, through the Waste Enforcement Regional Lead

Authorities (WERLA's), to support the 2021 Anti-Dumping Initiative (ADI). Since the launch of this initiative in 2017, over 1,000 projects have been successfully delivered across all 31 local authority areas and this has served to ensure that illegal dumping remains high on the agenda for communities across the country and that the appropriate supports and interventions are available to combat the problem.

The Waste Enforcement Unit successfully secured €40,000 in funding under the 2021 ADI which will be used to tackle a number of blackspot areas where illegal dumping is taking place. Additional monitoring and CCTV will be used to target Illegal waste collectors and individuals who don't have a bin collection service and who dump domestic waste in known blackspot areas.



End of Life Vehicle Project

Investigations continued during May for the End of Life Vehicle Project 2020 - 2021. Inspections were carried out at several suspected illegal car breaking yards and directions issued to clear sites and stop all illegal activities. Significant progress has been made

to date with over 40 illegal sites closed down and hundreds of ELV's brought to authorized treatment facilities for recovery and disposal.

Waste Enforcement Officers from Fingal County Council, Dublin City Council and the East Midlands WERLA with support from An Garda Siochanna carried out a successful multi-agency End of Life Vehicle operation at a site in Finglas during May. A total of 9 End of Life Vehicles (ELV's) along with quantities of other waste metals and used tyres were removed from the site and brought to an authorised treatment facility (ATF) for recycling and disposal. Further investigations will be conducted to ascertain the owners of the ELVs involved and fixed penalty notices will be issued where appropriate under the Waste Management Act 1996.

The registered owner has a legal responsibility to bring an end of life vehicle to an ATF where the vehicle will be disposed of in an environmentally sound manner and where the owner will be provided with a certificate of destruction (CoD). A CoD ensures that no further transactions such as change of ownership may be processed against the vehicle. ATFs are permitted facilities authorised to treat, recover and dispose of ELVs (also known as scrap cars). Fingal Co. Council and Dublin City Council are committed to using their powers under the Waste Management Act to deal with the unauthorised collection and disposal of ELV or scrap cars.



Metal Theft Investigations - An Garda Siochana and FCC Waste Enforcement Unit

The Waste Enforcement Unit are working closely with the Garda Crime Task Force, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the National Transfrontier Shipment Office (NTFSO) and the Eastern Midlands Waste Enforcement Regional Lead Authority (WERLA) to help tackle metal theft and improve the traceability of waste received at Authorised Treatment Facilities (ATFs') and metal recycling facilities.

End of Life Vehicles (ELVs') and their components can have significant monetary value (catalytic converters, lead acid batteries). This value can encourage the illegal dismantling of ELV's in the community which can result in serious environmental pollution. ATFs' and metal recycling facilities which are authorised by the Local Authority or the EPA can potentially facilitate this illegal activity by accepting high value waste streams arising from unauthorised facilities or criminal activity. These high value waste streams enter the ATF's or metal recycling facilities under the guise of 'general public' and are subsequently processed. This activity can undermine compliant operators and foster the growth of illegal dismantling and the theft of high value car components such as catalytic converters.



The Waste Enforcement Unit are carrying out investigations at two metal recycling facilities where potential breaches of permit conditions have been highlighted. Further breaches of the Waste Management Act (WMA) 1996 have been identified

for individuals transporting high value waste streams such as catalytic converters to metal recycling facilities for cash payments. Fingal County Council are taking the lead within the Region and preparing legal files for prosecution of individuals transporting waste without a waste collection permit. The Waste Enforcement Unit are also liaising other Local Authorities throughout the country to facilitate similar investigations to establish if certain individuals residing within their jurisdiction are collecting/transporting waste without a waste collection permit (Section 34 WMA offence) and other potential offences relating to breaking of ELV's without the necessary authorization(s) at illegal breaking yards (Section 39 WMA offence). At present over 500 individuals have been identified for potential illegal transportation of waste such as catalytic converters, lead acid batteries, alloy wheel and ELV metals. Significant resources will be required to tackle the issue of metal theft and metal traceability and Fingal County Council's Waste Enforcement Unit are taking the lead to address this important national waste priority for 2021.

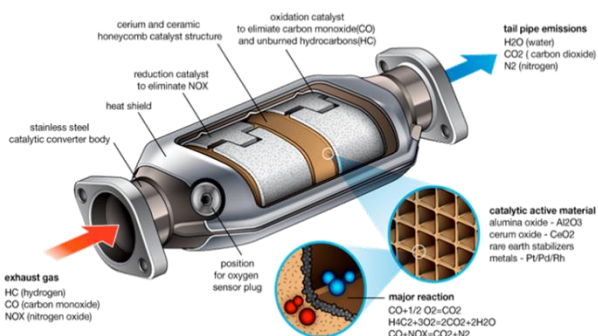
- o Highest usage recorded on Saturdays with 23.95% followed by Fridays with 16.86%.
- o Howth train station was the most popular location once again.
- o High levels of activity along coastal routes with longer durations of bike hire.
- o Average of 83 bikes in Fingal available for hire each day of the month.
- o Pit-Stop function reintroduced in April. This will result in journey numbers decreasing as users can now pause a journey instead of ending and starting a new journey.

Expansion of Bleeperbikes in the County

As part of our response to COVID Bleeper bikes have now arrived in: Balbriggan, Rush, Skerries, Donabate & Portrane

We will continue to promote usage of Bleeper through our social media platforms.

All Fingal staff can avail of free bleeper bike hire.

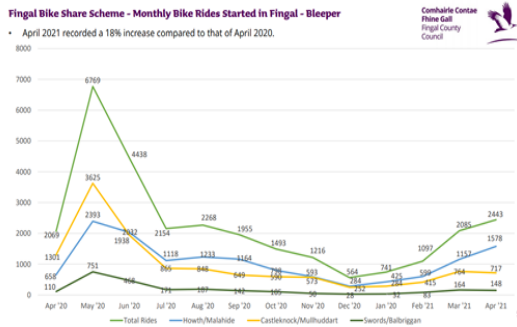


Active Travel

Fingal Bike Share Scheme – April Usage – Bleeper

- o 2443 bike journeys started within Fingal in April, up from 2083 in March.
- o 2593 bike journeys ended within Fingal in April.





Three other schools have submitted expressions of interest in starting their own Cycle Bus. The Active Travel section will support these schools by providing high viz vests, bells, lights and guidance to encourage safe cycling and sustainable travel.

We hope this is the first of many Cycle Bus initiatives throughout Fingal.

Market Soundings Micro E-Mobility Solutions

In February 2021, Active Travel requested Market Soundings for the provision of sustainable micro e-mobility solutions (electric scooters and electric bikes) in the Fingal Administrative Area.

On May 7th, companies were invited to make presentations on their submissions to the Active Travel Section. Companies were advised that once legislation is enacted regarding the usage of e-scooters on public roads, a tender process will be initiated for the roll-out of micro e-mobility solutions in Fingal.



Cycle Bus Launch

On a beautiful, sunny morning, Fingal’s first official ‘Cycle Bus’ was launched on Monday 31st May with students from Castleknock Educate Together National School.

The ‘Cycle Bus’ initiative is about giving primary school children the opportunity to cycle to school in a safe, healthy, social, and enjoyable environment. It’s about community involvement where parents, grandparents, teachers, and volunteers all create the conditions for this to happen by volunteering to participate in the cycle bus. It also enables us to reduce pollution and traffic congestion from around school zones, creating a safe and healthy environment in our neighbourhood schools, empowering children to become more responsible, independent and active and to hopefully develop a lifelong love of cycling.





Cycling without Age

Fingal County Council are delighted to announce that 'Cycling without Age' is coming to Fingal. This inter-departmental initiative is being implemented by Active Travel, Age Friendly Fingal, Community, Sports and Fingal's Active Cities Project.

Cycling Without Age is a movement which was started in Denmark in 2012 by Ole Kassow. Ole wanted to help elderly people get back on their bicycles, but he

had to find a solution due to their limited mobility. The answer was a trishaw and he started offering free bike rides to the local nursing home residents. Cycling without Age is now active in 42 countries worldwide.

We are seeking volunteers and operations managers to support us in delivering the best possible experience for older people in our community with mobility limitations.

For those interested in being involved in this initiative as a volunteer, service user or operations manager, a survey can be completed on the consultation portal <https://consult.fingal.ie/en/content/cycling-without-age-information-form>

Three trio-bikes have been ordered and the three proposed locations are:

Baldoyle/Portmarnock Greenway

- o Skerries Seafront
- o St Catherine's Park



Safe Routes to School Programme (SRTS)

The *Safe Routes to School* Programme is designed to encourage as many pupils and students as possible in primary and post-primary schools to walk and cycle to and from their schools.

It has three aims:

1. To accelerate the delivery of walking/scooting and cycling infrastructure on key identified access routes to schools;
2. To provide "front of school" treatments which will emphasise the importance of the school-going children accessing the school; and
3. To expand the amount of bike parking available at schools.

The Active Travel Section are actively engaging with An Taisce on the delivery of this programme. An Taisce received 40 Expressions of Interest from schools in Fingal across all three electoral areas.

All expressions of interest will be reviewed in partnership with An Taisce and Active Travel to determine the best solution for schools i.e. School Street or School Zone. Selection of schools will be made within the coming weeks to engage with the programme in 2021.

FCC Active Travel Programme 2021

NTA funding has been secured for a number of projects, details of progress outlined below:

[Hartstown / Huntstown / Mountview Road, Dublin 15](#)

This project involves the construction of a Kerb Protected Cycle Lane along the length of Hartstown, Huntstown and Mountview Road. The installation of the kerb along the cycle path was completed at the end of 2020 and design works are currently under way on the next section of the scheme. We are aware of reported issues with the new infrastructure and are taking these into consideration as part of the design process. The planned works include junction build outs which will provide a safer crossing location for pedestrians, roundabout modifications which will provide a safer path for cyclists through roundabouts and finally bus stop build outs which will allow cyclists to pass safely behind bus stops and remove the

current conflict with busses. These works are expected to begin in early Q3 of 2021.



Hartstown/Huntstown Kerb Protected Cycle Lane

St. Cronin's Road, Swords

St Cronin's Rd is a Protected Cycle Lane project. Design works on this project is now complete and works will commence pending staff recruitment.

R132 Ministers Road to Blakes Cross

Works proposed along the R132 include the installation of a protected cycle lane along with junction modifications as well as additional measures around Corduff National School and Killhedge Lane to allow for additional safety for students attending the school. Design works on this project are underway and works will commence Q3 of 2021.

Upcoming Projects

The Active Travel Unit will also be commencing design works on the following schemes:

- Bus Gate at Littlepace
- Protected cycle Lane on Snugborough Road – NAC to Ongar

Town & Villages Mobility

Currently the Active Travel Unit is reviewing towns and villages around the county with a view to identifying projects and measures which will allow for people to make meaningful journeys using active travel modes such as walking and cycling. This review will inform our works programme over this and coming years.

The provision of safe outdoor spaces that facilitate social distancing is an essential requirement for Summer 2021. NPHET have stated that outdoor living is key to reducing the spread of COVID-19. In line with the Programme for Government, 'Our Shared Future', local authorities have been mandated to "carry out an assessment of their road network, to see where space can be reallocated for pedestrians and cyclists".

In response to this, Fingal County Council has identified New Street, Malahide, as an ideal location for pedestrianisation in line with Government requirements. Notification has been made to all statutory stakeholders including Dublin Firebrigade, Dublin Bus, the HSE, the ambulance services and trials have been carried out with Dublin Firebrigade for emergency access through New Street and Ross Cottages.

Work has been carried out on New Street, Malahide to pedestrianise the street from the 4th June 2021 from 11.00am - 04.00am each day.

Connectivity Review

We are continuing to receive various requests regarding Permeability and Connectivity pieces from various stakeholders across the county. These are being recorded in detail for further investigation and development.

We are currently developing a Connectivity Tracker that will record, evaluate and help to identify the best course of action and mechanism to develop these

ideas and progress them to fruition and delivery on the ground.

Bike Racks

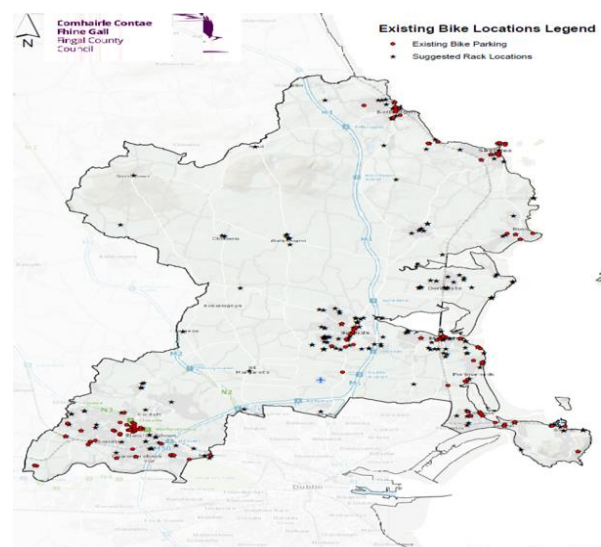
Fingal County Council is currently rolling out the installation of more than 400 new bike racks around the county. The Active Travel Unit is also currently investigating suitable locations where bike racks can be placed in the future.

Active Travel have now surveyed 90% of the county to identify all the existing bike racks in Fingal's boundaries. The intention is to show/ identify clearly on a map which of these bike racks fall into FCC public/ private ownership – railway stations, schools, shopping centres, GAA clubs etc. and the number of racks at each location.

The next batch of bike racks which have been identified in the public realm as suitable possible locations will accommodate an approximate 25 additional bike parking locations in each local electoral area and this installation is an ongoing/ continuation of the overall program of works (POW) for the Active Travel Unit.

The new proposed bike rack locations are a mix of Councillor/ public/ staff suggestions.

Mapping



The Active Travel Section has also invited all local sports clubs to apply for bike racks to encourage members to cycle to and from training sessions and home matches. This scheme is currently being advertised on the website and across all Fingal social media platforms.

The closing date for applications is 17th June 2021.

Kissing Gates



Presently 30% of Fingal has been surveyed to identify existing kissing gates. There is at present a field application in development that would streamline the process of mapping this asset and other existing assets. The plan is to identify, map, code all existing kissing gates in Fingal which may be a barrier to public space, parks, access to cycle facilities and public transport routes for wheelchairs, push buggys, bikes etc. and to assess alternative solutions that open up accessibility and encourage active travel.

Pedometer Initiative

Active Schools Week took place nationally from 26th to 30th April, however many schools across Fingal have undertaken their own Active Schools Week at various different dates.

Réalt na Mara National School, Skerries were gifted 430 pedometers from the Active Travel Section for students participating in their Active Schools Week held from Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June 2021.



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APPENDIX 1

REVENUE ACCOUNT INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION AT 31st MAY 2021

	EXPENDITURE			INCOME			NET
	Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent to date	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised	€
Housing & Building	29,203,669	71,062,100	41%	30,085,961	74,321,200	40%	-882,293
Road Transport & Safety	10,475,947	24,972,900	42%	2,855,508	7,500,800	38%	7,620,439
Water Services	7,720,413	13,792,400	56%	7,240,627	17,168,500	42%	479,786
Development Management	6,170,669	13,785,400	45%	3,006,722	4,496,500	67%	3,163,946
Environmental Services	17,148,085	42,814,100	40%	2,633,818	6,089,700	43%	14,514,268
Recreation & Amenity	13,781,773	36,628,900	38%	852,623	1,921,900	44%	12,929,150
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	319,200	1,127,300	28%	106,464	225,100	47%	212,736
Miscellaneous Services	47,402,880	35,878,200	132%	39,075,932	14,325,100	273%	8,326,948
Central Management Charge	17,232,741	46,313,300	37%	1,250,984	3,187,700	39%	15,981,756
Local Property Tax / GPG				3,126,667	7,504,000	42%	-3,126,667
Rates				62,347,542	149,634,100	42%	-62,347,542
	149,455,377	286,374,600	52%	152,582,848	286,374,600	53%	-3,127,471

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 31/05/2021

	Balance at 01/01/2021 €	Expenditure YTD €	Income YTD €	Balance at 31/05/2021 €
A Housing & Building	-33,151,165	21,884,659	-12,745,126	-24,011,632
B Road Transport & Safety	17,501,293	20,942,892	-527,448	37,916,737
C Water Services	-12,552,750	618,137	-378,958	-12,313,571
D Development Management	-101,477,199	5,073,133	-15,327,855	-111,731,921
E Environmental Services	-14,681,189	1,880,743	-5,002,421	-17,802,867
F Recreation & Amenity	-12,299,513	6,112,708	-784,522	-6,971,327
H Miscellaneous Services	-79,809,475	2,645,710	-12,657,843	-89,821,608
Total	-236,469,998	59,157,982	-47,424,173	-224,736,189

SUMMARY OF CORPORATE DEBTORS TO 31/05/2021

	Balance at 01/01/2021 €	Balance at 31/05/2021 €	Current debt €	> 1 Year €
RATES	-14,751,274	77,702,820	72,451,333	5,251,487
LOANS	1,701,915	1,818,664	307,730	1,510,933
RENTS	7,082,917	7,452,821	3,494,167	3,958,654

Figures for rents and loans are unadjusted by credits/prepayments

Appendix 2– Community Funding Supports

Funding Support

The Community Development Office supports volunteer lead community groups and community Services in either their application funding or through the direct provision of funding. The office works through the following

1. Direct/Community Office Funding / Remedial Works Funding
2. Internal Funding Support
3. External Funding Support

(1) Direct/Community Development Office Funding Scheme

The Community Development Office administer and support community groups in their application for Community Funding i.e. Activity funding, Summer Project funding, Halloween funding, Remedial Works etc.

Community Activity Funding

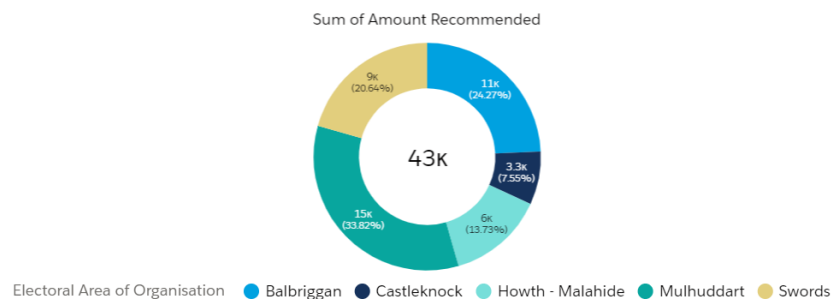
May 2021

The following is a brief summary of Community Activity Funding processed in May 2021 (awaiting Approval at the June Full Council Meeting

30 Community Activity Funding applications processed (awaiting approval)

Total of €43,440

Report: Grant Applications 2021 Activities Grant Monthly CE Report	
Total Records	Total Amount Recommended
30	€43,440.40

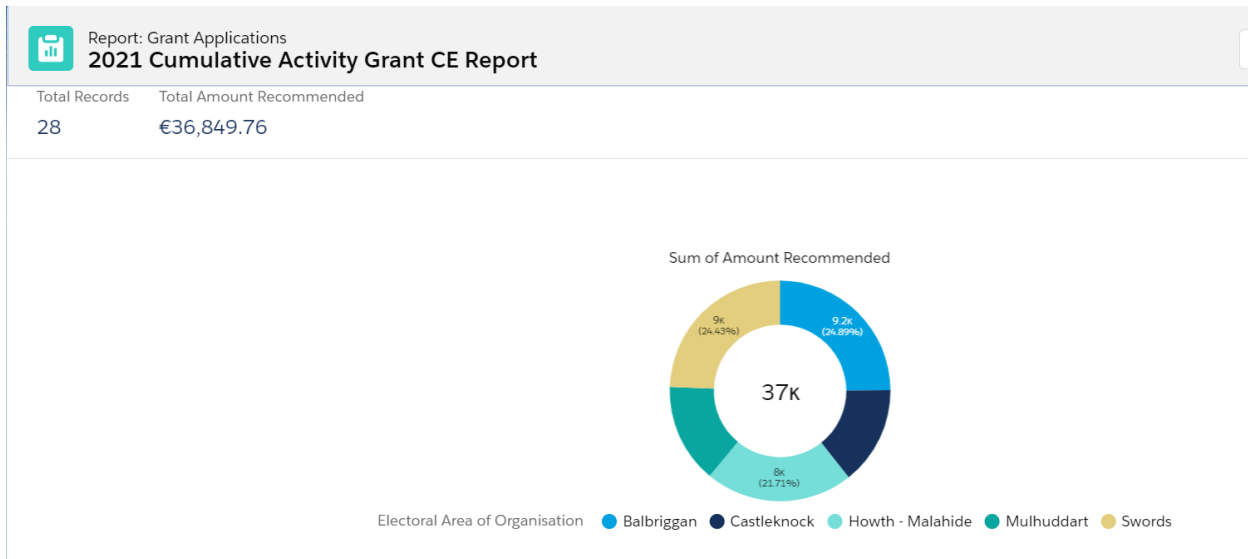


Jan- May 2021:

The following is a cumulative summary of Community Activity Funding approved since Jan 2021. Please note applications awaiting approval at the June Council Meeting are not included

28 Activity Funding Processed

Total of €36,850

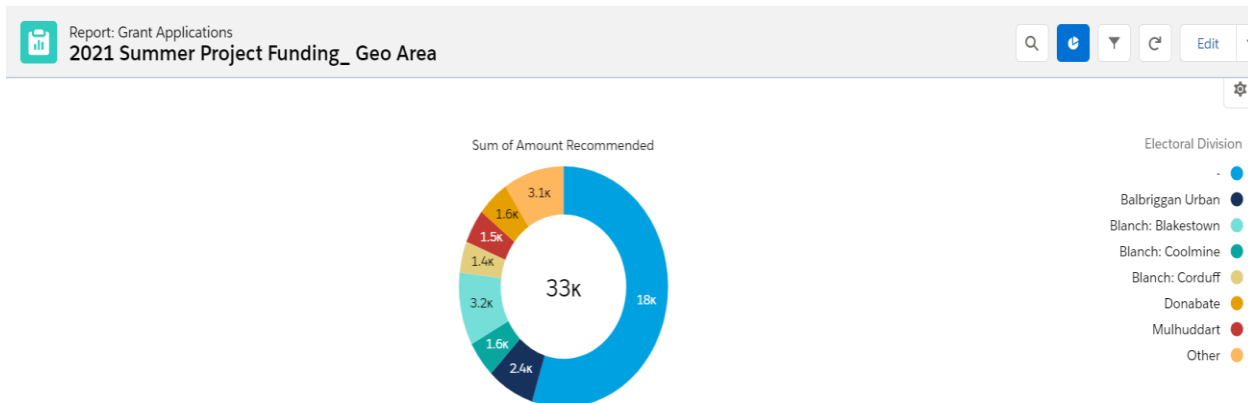


Summer Project Funding

The following is a brief summary of Summer Project Funding processed in April/May 2021 (awaiting Approval at the June Full Council Meeting

35 Summer Project applications processed (awaiting approval)

Total €34,520.67



Remedial Works Funding

Following is an update on the Remedial Works Funding awards Jan- May 2021

Grant Scheme	Name of Group	Status	Amount Requested
Remedial Funding for non-FCC owned facilities	Donabate Parish Hall	Approved	€7,323
	Huntstown CC	Approved	€20,000
	Oldtown Handball Alley	Withdrawn by Group	€9,250
	Rivervalley CC	Approved	€12,000
	Round Towers GAA, Lusk	Approved	€12,414
	Rush Community Council	Approved	€3,102

(2) Internal Funding Support

Community Development Office supported the following groups in their application for internal Funding Supports. Such schemes are administered by other Fingal County Council Department i.e. CEP Community Enhancement, Creative Ireland

Jan – May 2021 Internal Funding Support

FCC Department - Funding Source	Grant Scheme	Name of Group	Status Application Preparation Submitted/Awaiting a Decision Award Decision – Successful / Unsuccessful	Amount Awarded	Date of Award
Economic Development, Tourism and Local Enterprise Office	Community Enhancement Programme CEP 3 – COVID Emergency Fund	Donabate/Portrane Men's Shed	Successful	€1000	25/3/21
		Evora Park RA Howth	Successful	€950	25/3/21
		Leithinis Donabate/Portrane	Successful	€1000	25/3/21
		Meakstown Community Council	Successful	€1500	25/3/21
		Mid Sutton Community Centre	Successful	€1500	25/3/21
		Oldtown Community Council	Successful	€1191	25/3/21
		Swords Tidy Towns	Successful	€800	25/3/21
		Bayside community association	Successful	€1000	25/3/21
		Liam Rogers Community Centre	Unsuccessful		

		Inbhir Ide RA Malahide	Unsuccessful		
		YouCan Cancer Support Network Ireland	Unsuccessful		
		Malahide Old Village RA (OSRARA)	Unsuccessful		
		Fingal Community Facilities Network	Unsuccessful		
		Blakestown CC	Unsuccessful		
Environment Department	Anti-Litter & Anti-Graffiti Fund	Bayside Community Association	Application Preparation	TBC	
Economic Development, Tourism and Local Enterprise Office	Creative Fingal – Creativity in Older Age	Donabate/ Portrane Community Centre	Submitted/ Awaiting Decision	TBC	
Arts Office	Arts Grants	Castleland Community Centre	Submitted - Awaiting Decision	TBC	TBC
Environment Department	Environmental Awareness	Fingal Community Facilities Network	Award Decision - Successful	€6000	March 2021
Economic Development, Tourism and Local Enterprise Office	Creative Fingal – Creativity in Older Age	Forget-Me- Nots	Award Decision - Successful	€13,200	March 2021

Fingal Creative Ireland Funding	Scheme Heritage Events/ Education	Blakestown CC	Award Decision - Successful	€6000	May 2021
Environment Dept	Anti-Graffiti Fund	Blakestown CC	Award Decision - Awaiting Decision	TBC	

(3) External Funding Support

Community Development Office supported the following groups in their applications for external funding Supports. Such schemes are non-Fingal County Council funding scheme and are administered by a government department or national organization/ service i.e. Sports Capital, Community Integration etc.

Jan – May 2021 External Funding Support

Funding Source	Grant Scheme	Name of Group	Status	Amount Awarded	Date of Award
			Application Preparation Submitted/Awaiting a Decision Award Decision – Successful / Unsuccessful		
Department of Rural & Community Development	Community Development Pilot Programme	Sport Against Racism Ireland	Application Preparation	TBC	
Fingal Chamber of Commerce	Communities funding scheme	Donabate Portrane Men's Shed Swords Tidy Towns	Successful Unsuccessful Unsuccessful	€1000	18/3/21

		Donabate Parish Hall Malahide Old Village RA (OSRARA)	Unsuccessful		
Department of Rural & Community Development	2021 Community Development Pilot Programme	Balbriggan Integration Forum	Submitted/awaiting decision	TBC	TBC
Department of Children and Youth Affairs	Sports Capital	Corduff RC	Submitted /awaiting decision	TBC	TBC
Department of Children and Youth Affairs	Sports Capital	Donabate Portrane CC	Submitted /awaiting decision	TBC	TBC
Department of Children and Youth Affairs	Sports Capital	Applewood CC	Submitted /awaiting decision	TBC	TBC
Department of Children and Youth Affairs	Sports Capital	Holywell Community Centre	Submitted/ awaiting decision	TBC	TBC
Department of Children and Youth Affairs	Sports Capital	Castleland CC	Submitted /awaiting decision	TBC	TBC
Dept of Rural & Community Development	2021Community Development Pilot Programme	Mulhuddart / Parslickstown House Management	Submitted /awaiting decision	TBC	TBC
Community Foundation of Ireland	Circular Economy	Fingal Community Facilities Network	Submitted /awaiting decision	TBC	TBC
Department Rural and Community Development	Broadband Connection Point	Community Development Office – Tyrrelstown	Unsuccessful		

		Community Centre			
Dept Children Equality Disability Integration and Youth	Comhairle na nÓg 2021 programme	Fingal Comhairle na nÓg	Awarded Decision – Successful	€20,000	Jan 2021
Dept of Rural & Community Development	2021Community Development Pilot Programme	Corduff Sports Centre	Submitted /awaiting decision	TBC	TBC
Ireland Funds	Heart of Community Fund Chromebooks / IT Training Equipment	Corduff Resource Centre	Award Decision – Unsuccessful		
HSE	National Lottery Funding Interactive Screen	Corduff Resource Centre	Submitted/Awaiting a Decision		
Faite Ireland	Outdoor dining enhancement scheme	Blakestown CC	Submitted/Awaiting a Decision		
Pobal	Healthy Ireland Fund	Mulhuddart Cc	Award Decision – Successful	8000	May 2021
RTE	Community Fund integration families program	Mulhuddart CC	Submitted/Awaiting a Decision		
Ireland Funds	Heart of the Community Fund - I.T Equipment (post Covid-19 Related)	Blakestown CC	Award Decision - Unsuccessful		
HSE	National Lottery replacement floor in café	Blakestown CC	Submitted/Awaiting a Decision		
Creative Ireland	Creativity in older age joint application with other D15 centres	Blakestown CC	Submitted/Awaiting a Decision		