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# Chief Executive's Management Report

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# CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S MANAGEMENT REPORT – FEBRUARY 2023

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## **Chief Executive's Foreword**

The last month in Fingal has been a particularly busy time with lots happening around the county. In Dublin 15, the Liffey Valley Trail was launched at Shackleton Gardens highlighting 29 places of interest that showcase the rich diversity of historical sites, visitor attractions, shopping and recreational activities that can be enjoyed in the area. The trail, which stretches from Farmleigh in the Phoenix Park through the villages of Castleknock, Clonsilla, Blanchardstown and Mulhuddart will be of huge benefit to tourists exploring amenities in the area as well as those visiting from closer afield who are seeking to become acquainted with all that Dublin 15 has to offer.

Pairing some of Fingal's most iconic and historic sites with a gathering of traditional and folk musicians made for a hugely successful TradFest last month. 50 acts graced locations including the Chapel at Swords Castle, the Séamus Ennis Arts Centre and Shackleton Gardens over 5 days for what was a true musical celebration. I was very pleased to have attended some wonderful events that took place as part of TradFest in Fingal.

Communities all across Fingal work tirelessly in their areas to ensure they are clean, safe and accessible for residents and visitors alike. Last month, 3 communities in Fingal were represented at the IPB Pride of Place Community Awards. Founded over 20 years ago through a Co-operation Ireland programme to acknowledge the invaluable work undertaken by volunteers and those involved in local community development. The annual event shines a spotlight on local communities and has grown into the largest competition recognising community development achievements on the island of Ireland. The community of Mountview Dublin 15, Balbriggan Men's Shed and Oldtown Community Council were finalists at the awards on January 21<sup>st</sup> with Mountview beating stiff competition in the 'Urban Neighbourhood' category to take home the award on the night. On behalf of the Elected Members and the Executive Management Team, I offer congratulations to all the finalists for their unyielding volunteer work which has been the finest example of collaboration between our Community Development Office and residents in these areas. Over the years, many positive changes have resulted in areas such as Mountview, Balbriggan and Oldtown becoming thriving hubs for sporting and community groups and have provided a focus and support for locals utilising facilities in the area.

Looking ahead to the next few months, plans are at an advanced stage for events such as Seachtain na Gaeilge in March, a series of 7 concerts taking place in Malahide Demesne in June and Flavours of Fingal later in the summer. Bike Week 2023 will also take place from Saturday 13 to Sunday 21 May 2023 and Fingal County Council's Active Travel unit are busy preparing a fun, educational and wide-

reaching programme of events. News has just been announced that Bike Week 2023 will benefit from over €19k in funding from the National Transport Authority. This is a very welcome source of support which will ensure another hugely successful event catering to all ages and ability levels. The programme of events will be revealed in the coming weeks and we are looking forward to welcoming lots of cycling enthusiasts to Fingal in May.

With longer evenings approaching and also the anticipation of better weather ahead, many of us will be planning trips to coastal areas to take in breathtaking views and sea air. In Fingal we are fortunate to have 88km of scenic coastline to explore, some of which comprises the Dublin Bay UNESCO Biosphere. Last month, Mayor of Fingal Cllr Howard Mahony joined Lord Mayor of Dublin Caroline Conroy; Cathaoirleach, Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council Cllr Mary Hanafin and representatives from Iarnród Éireann at Dublin's Connolly Station to unveil a campaign to raise awareness of the Biosphere which tens of thousands of rail customers travel through on DART journeys daily. Travellers on the train line will

be treated to a wonderful visual display of animal and marine life commonly found in the Biosphere through a series of 12 specially designed window illustrations. Seals, goats, newts and harbour porpoise are just some of the species that brighten the journey for the public across 32 carriages in the fleet and are sure to promote the importance of biodiversity and sustainability as well as prompting visitors to keep a close eye out for the many interesting species who call this truly fascinating area home. I hope you get the opportunity to explore Fingal's coastline, regional parks and excellent facilities in the coming months.

In closing, I would like to express my deep appreciation and that of the Elected Members and Executive Management Team to Director of People, Corporate and Digital Services Emer O'Gorman for her leadership, insight and management of many key projects and initiatives during her time in Fingal County Council. I know you will join me in congratulating Emer as she will shortly be taking up her new position as Chief Executive of Wicklow County Council. Emer joined Fingal County Council in 2018 having previously worked in Louth and South Dublin County Councils and her vast experience in and knowledge of Economic Development was invaluable during the time in which she served as Director of Economic, Enterprise, Tourism and Cultural Development. Our loss is certainly Wicklow's gain but Emer takes with her the good wishes of her friends and colleagues here in Fingal as she embarks on this exciting new chapter in her career.

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

## PEOPLE, CORPORATE AND DIGITAL SERVICES

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### People Services

People Services' recruitment of staff continues in January 2023 with 35 active recruitment campaigns.

Recruitment Programme 2023	
<b>Recruitment Campaigns</b>	<b>35</b>
Campaigns Completed	0
Current Campaigns	23
Campaigns Pending	12
<b>Interviews Held to date</b>	<b>345</b>
<b>Number of Appointments</b>	<b>35</b>
New Starters	32
Internal Promotions	3
<b>Number of Leavers</b>	<b>8</b>
Resignations	7
Number of Retirements	1
<b>Number of Job Offers Year to date</b>	<b>78</b>
<b>Number of Offers Declined</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Number of Current Job Offers</b>	<b>32</b>
Job Offers Internal	17
Job Offers External	15
<b>Transfers</b>	<b>4</b>

### Wellbeing Updates

January saw the rollout of wellbeing seminars for staff covering the topics of: **Building Resilience, Mental Health 101 and Managing stress/Making Changes.**

These seminars were delivered online and broadcast live in Watery Lane and Coolmine depots for outdoor staff. The total attendance figures were 387. Recordings of the seminars will also be available to staff to watch later.

New Spectrum Life seminars will be launched in February. The theme for February and March

seminars will be on the topic of Financial Wellbeing. (One of the pillars of our wellbeing strategy.) This topic was chosen based on feedback from the Wellbeing Champion and Committee meetings. See details below.

Financial 101	Fingal County Council	16/02/2023 10:00
Budgeting for Success	Fingal County Council	17/02/2023 10:00
Financial Planning	Fingal County Council	02/03/2023 10:00
Financial 101	Fingal County Council	15/03/2023 10:00
Budgeting for Success	Fingal County Council	23/03/2023 10:00
Financial Planning	Fingal County Council	29/03/2023 10:00

January also welcomed the rollout out of staff wellbeing packs. A wellbeing pack will be issued to over 1600 staff in the organisation. The wellbeing pack has several functions:

- It contains a selection of items staff may find useful and is a token of appreciation
- A visual reminder of Fingal's Staff Wellbeing Programme
- A reminder for staff to take time to look after their own wellbeing.
- Encourage staff to engage in wellbeing related activities such as wellbeing training provided, the EAS and wellbeing activities outside of work.
- Keep the conversation around wellbeing open in the organisation.





## Blended Working

Blended Working arrangements for 2023 are now in place for those who availed of this scheme.

## Learning & Development:

A new course for Grievance and Disciplinary training has launched in January and will be repeated for managers throughout 2023. New courses in Wellbeing also launched and recordings will be made available to staff. January is another busy month for training with the following 23 courses scheduled. With an estimated 603 attendees and approx. 435 training days.

## Business & Interpersonal Skills

Grievance and Disciplinary Training  
Diversity & Interculturalism  
Managing Aggressive Behaviour Training  
Courtroom Skills  
Interviewer Skills  
Ignite grade 3 & 4  
Personal development grade 3 & 4  
IPA Building Capacity for Grade 6 Programme  
IPA Building Capacity for Grade 5 Programme  
Staff Induction course  
A-Z in Local Government

## Health and Safety

Chain Saw Training  
Woodchipper Training  
Pole saw training  
Safe pass Training  
Manual Handling Practical's  
Signing Lighting and Guarding Training  
MEWP training

## Wellbeing

Building Resilience  
Mental Health 101  
Managing stress/Making Changes.

## IT

Microsoft Word  
Practical Payroll

## HSU - Health & Safety Unit

The HSU reviewed monitoring of Covid-19 staff self-isolations. Reporting has reverted to as isolations occur rather than daily reporting. Incidents of self-isolators remained low for the month of January. With the uptake in staff

blended working applications the HSU has seen a large increase in staff requests for remote VDU assessments. The HSU is utilizing MS Teams to schedule and carry out remote assessments and this is running concurrent with office based VDU assessments with 69 assessments completed to date. Accident investigation [12] into dangerous occurrences and incidents were carried out during January along with safety audits [4] and site safety inspections [31]. A number of new risk assessments / SOPs were undertaken in the first month of 2023."

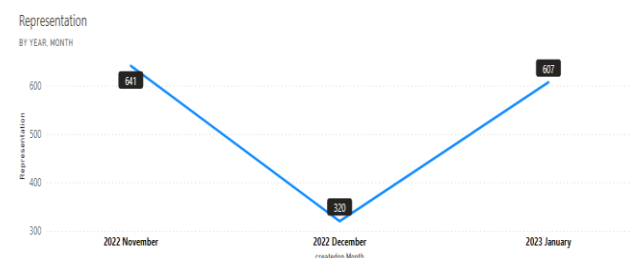
## Customer Services

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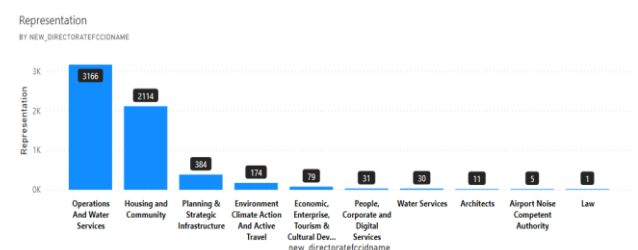
<b>Calls</b>	<b>17,259</b>
<b>Emails</b>	<b>388</b>
<b>Footfall</b>	<b>2,200</b>

## CRM

Staff continue to work on the Customer Relationship Management System (CRM) and issue responses to representations from Elected Members (Councillors, TDs and Senators) and complaints submitted by the public. The month of January had a total of 607 Elected Members' representations.



The table below shows the total number of Elected Members' representations assigned to each Department to date in 2023.



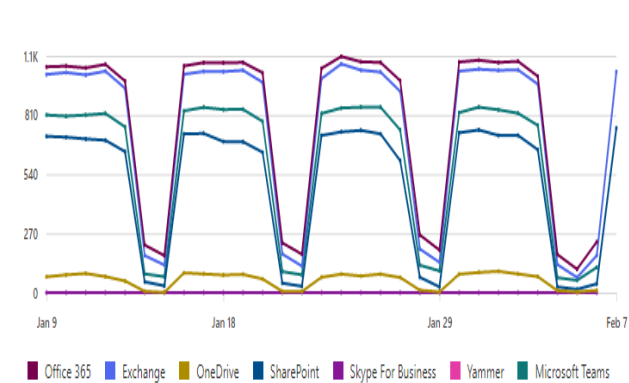
## Digital Services

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### Digital Working

In January staff took part in 8,679 Teams meetings, 24,071 calls took place, and 896,262 emails were received or sent by the Council.

Active users



### Digital Services Infrastructure & Support

1,149 support calls were logged by Council staff with the Digital Services Service Desk in the past month and 12 calls were logged by Councillors with Sord. 100% server availability and 100% network availability was achieved in the month of January.

### Chief Executive Innovation Fund

Four pilot projects have been awarded funding through the Fingal County Council Chief Executive Innovation Fund.

The aim of the fund is to drive and support a culture of collaboration and innovation in the workplace. Fingal County Council staff can apply for funding to support and trial their innovative project or idea. By encouraging staff to submit innovative ideas, the overall aim of the fund is to bring greater value to the council through the awarded projects.

Projects being piloted in 2023 include, smart signage, access to virtual reality headsets in Libraries and improving community gaming activities in the community.

### Smart Tappable Signage



Pilot project using integrated NFC chips in signage in two locations, to improve user-experience and access to information.

### Virtual Reality Headsets in Libraries



Pilot project bringing VR headsets to Fingal Libraries, to enhance access to technology and immersive educational resources.

### Staff Wellbeing Packs



Pilot project supporting the FCC staff Wellbeing initiative via staff wellbeing packs.

### Community Gaming Outreach Programme



Pilot project to promote tabletop role-playing games (TTRPGs) in public libraries and in other community facilities.

## Communications

### **Local Government Education Programme**

As part of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage's campaign to increase the participation of women and people of diversity in Local Government, Fingal County Council developed a Local Government Education Programme

The programme was delivered as four one-hour webinars featuring a presentation followed by questions and answers and ran every Tuesday from January 10 to 31.

- January 10 - An Introduction to Irish Politics
- January 17 - The Importance of Inclusion in Local Government
- January 24 - The Council
- January 31 - Finding Your Political Home

Those who took part in the modules included the Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Howard Mahony; the Chief Executive of Fingal County Council, AnnMarie Farrelly; Professor Gary Murphy of Dublin City University; Mairead O'Shea of She Her Elected; and Valerie McAllorum Byrne, Fingal County Council's Integration Officer.

The fourth module featured representatives from each of the nine political groupings on Fingal County Council talking about their party or grouping. A total of 198 people registered for the programme of which 84% female and 27% of the participants were from a diverse background. Recordings of the four modules can be viewed at [www.fingal.ie/local-government-education-programme](http://www.fingal.ie/local-government-education-programme)

### **Media**

The Communications Unit issued 13 press releases on behalf of the Council during January. The topics covered included Mountview Community Centre's win at the All-Ireland Pride of Place Awards; the installation of the first Bike Bunkers for Fingal; updates on the Skerries Active Travel Plan and the Fingal Climate Change Action Plan; and the launch of the Community Living Rooms pilot.

The Unit dealt with 19 queries during January with the majority being for Housing (5), Planning (4) and Operations (3).

## **Social Media**

Social Media followers continued to rise during January on the five main corporate channels. Facebook has 29,712 followers while there are 22,324 on Twitter and 6,160 on Instagram. LinkedIn has 6,647 followers and You Tube has 926 subscribers. The Communications Unit has also created a TikTok channel and is currently conducting tests to determine which type of content gains most engagement from users on the platform.

### **Videos**

The Communications Unit released seven videos during January ranging from a visit by the Mayor of Fingal and the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to the affordable housing scheme in Dún Emer, Rush, to the Retrofitting Programme for Social Housing. One of the most popular videos was a look inside Bremore Castle in Balbriggan which is not yet opened to the public. It can be viewed at <https://youtu.be/qJA42jDo11I>

### **Website**

The fingal.ie website had 104,179 visitors during January which is an 11% increase on the same month last year when the number of visitors was 10,735. The number of views increased by 12% from 259,545 to 292,526, an improvement of 32,981 from January 2022. However, average time spent on the site dropped from 2:16 to 1:55 compared to 12 months ago. The January 2023 visitor and page views number are also substantially up on December 2022 when they were 81,067 and 197,883 respectively. Among the new pages created during January was one for the Liffey Valley Trail which can be viewed at <https://www.fingal.ie/liffeyvalleytrail>



#### The Liffey Valley Trail



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## Tourism Development

### Events

#### Tradfest Events



Tradfest events took place across Fingal from 26-30th January.

One of the signature events of Tradfest, Stephen Rae's "Saoicht", was performed in Swords Castle (above) & Malahide Castle. "Saoicht" is a significant event in the Tradfest calendar and marks a major step as we look to develop the Tradfest Fingal idea with Temple Bar Co into future years.

Additional events included "The Dublin Legends" in concert at Shackleton Gardens.



The launch of Tradfest took place in the Seamus Ennis Centre on Wednesday 11th of January.

## Liffey Valley Trail Launch Event



The launch of the Liffey Valley Trail took place on Friday 27th of January in Shackleton Gardens. The attendees enjoyed traditional music, Irish dancing & Afternoon Tea.

## St. Patrick's Day Parades



Calls on Social Media have gone out for participants in this year's parades in Swords, Blanchardstown, Balbriggan, Malahide & More, we have already received positive responses from more than 30 groups. The statutory meetings for all parades took place on Thursday 26th of January.



## Festival & Events Funding Scheme

### Festival & Events Funding Scheme 2023



The 2023 funding scheme closed on the 31st of January, over 100 applications were received. Funding of up to €25,000 can be available per event, based on certain criteria been met. Details of the funding schemes can be found at: <https://www.fingal.ie/festivalandevents2023>

## St. Brigid's Day Events



Our St. Brigid's Day events in Clonsilla took place and was fully booked. A fun day of crafts and storytelling workshops took place in Mountview Fortlawn Community Centre.

## Tourism Development

### Tourism Strategy 2023 - 2029

The initial consultation phase of the strategy is completed with individual and focus group interviews now completed.

Together with Crowe Consultants, a multi-stakeholder workshop involving representatives

from State bodies, tourism agencies and the tourism industry, was held on 1st February 2023. The purpose of the workshop was to focus on the tourism product: to identify, explore and assess the tourism assets and potential in the county, gaps and opportunities and the strategic marketing messaging which will support the development of strategic growth and improvement objectives.

The inputs and insights from the industry experts are vital in informing a refreshed tourism strategy with the ambition to create growth opportunities for "a sustainable, innovative, resilient and inclusive tourism sector in Fingal".



## Fingal Food Network

The Fingal Food and Drink Network met on 24th January with the Council's Events Unit to discuss the promotion of Fingal produce at the Flavours of Fingal County Show this coming July.

The group is currently assessing ideas and will be submitting a proposal to Paul in the coming weeks. The groups are also currently driving membership and a mini social media campaign is ongoing to encourage same.

The next meeting of the network will be 21st February 2023 where addition key action for 2023 will be confirmed.

## Fingal Food Policy



The development of a new Fingal Food Strategy has commenced. The strategy will develop 2 key overlapping strands:

- Develop Fingal Food & Drink Tourism Offering
- Grow the Fingal Food and Drink sector

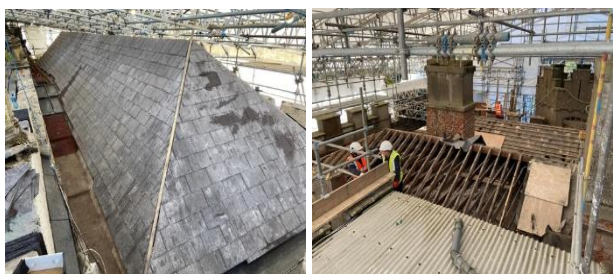
The consultant is currently evaluating the current landscape, conducting an audit in the region, identifying what are the unique selling points for food and drink producers? What do businesses require to strive and develop?

### Heritage Properties Swords Castle



The tender for the next phase of conservation works at Swords Castle has now been published. The works will consist of the upgrading of electrical services, landscaping improvements and conservation works to the Knights and Squires quarter. It is envisaged that works will commence in early May with completion in late July.

### Newbridge House And Ardgillan Castle Roof Projects



The roof and joinery conservation works at Ardgillan Castle and Newbridge House are

progressing well and on schedule. Extensive scaffolding continues to be erected at both sites. Both properties continue to operate as normal with all facilities currently open to the public.

### Catering Services



Following the evaluation of mini competitions for catering Services in respect of the Coachhouse Café, Newbridge and Ardgillan Castle in January, it is envisaged that new contracts will now be in place in late February/early March.

### Arts Office Tradfest 2023



TradFest, Ireland's largest folk and traditional music festival has extended its reach, beyond Dublin city, and out to some of Fingal's most iconic and picturesque venues. These include Malahide Castle, Swords Castle and Shackleton gardens in Clonsilla, Dublin 15. There will be a series of events and performances over the month of January. This new initiative was launched in the Seamus Ennis Arts Centre, on Wednesday 11th January.





## Public Art Programme – St. Patrick’s Heritage and Art Trail Skerries



Artists are advancing the completion of new artworks to accompany the new public signage as part of Failite Ireland’s Destination Towns funding for Skerries. 5 artists have been commissioned through Fingal County Council’s Public Art Panel and were asked to respond to the local environment and the local and visitor experience of the St Patrick’s Heritage and Art Trail. The new works will form a long-term outdoor exhibition along the trail and the arts team are working with the Skerries Autism Friendly Town Network on an initiative that aims to animate the artworks for the neuro diverse community through workshops and the development of an online/physical handbook. Selected artists include Atsushi Kaga (Featured Image, above left), Liliane Puthod (Featured Image, above right), Mary Conroy, Marie Farrington & Bennie Reilly. Works will be in-situ this quarter.

## Fingal Artist’s Support Scheme 2023



Fingal County Council invites applications from artists for up to €5,000 of an award towards travel and professional opportunities, a residency, or the development of work. The award is open to practising artists at all stages in their professional careers working in music, visual art, drama, literature, film and dance.

To be eligible to apply, applicants must have been born, have studied, or currently reside in the Fingal administrative area. The funding is for projects or initiatives which will take place between 1st May

and 31st December 2023. Closing date for receipt of applications: Friday 24th February 2023 at 4.00pm.

## Music Generation Fingal



Music Generation Fingal continues to develop and expand in Fingal in 2023, at present it is involved in specific projects in Balbriggan & Swords. Music Generation is Ireland’s National Music Education Programme which helps children and young people access vocal and instrumental tuition locally.



## Draíocht

Since opening in 2001, there have been 1 million plus visits to Draíocht Arts Centre in Blanchardstown. People of all ages are entertained as audience members, participate in a wide range of programmes and create their own work, giving their voice a platform.

They engage and support local, national and international artists of all disciplines in the presentation and creation of work. Now in its 22nd year of operation, Draíocht will continue to offer family friendly events and performances, exhibitions and events during 2023.

## Theatre at Swords Cultural Quarter – A New Vision for Swords





The newly planned theatre at Swords Cultural Quarter, aims to be a unique venue which will make a vibrant contribution to the cultural, educational and social life of Swords and the north county. The Council's vision is that the theatre will offer something for everyone, from local amateur theatre companies and performers to the best of professional touring theatre companies, performers, musicians and comedians.

The Council's vision is to empower people to feel a sense of ownership and membership of the new venue, whether by learning new skills, putting on productions, or simply enjoying the experience as a member of the audience, we whole-heartedly welcome people to be a part of this new local theatre venue.

## **Libraries**

### **Viewpoints**

As part of the Creative Ireland programme, Fingal Libraries is delighted to host Viewpoints, a touring art exhibition, available through The Glucksman's Art Library, an innovative approach to sharing art and knowledge driven by the principles of creativity, inclusion and participation. The art exhibition is aimed primarily at families and children and provides a fun and accessible way to explore art and includes drawings from Ireland's most talented illustrators: Mary Murphy, Róisín Hahessy, Niamh Sharkey, Peter Donnelly, Fatti Burke, Chris Haughton and Chris Judge.

From January to June, members of the public are invited to view the exhibition as it tours Fingal's network of ten libraries. The touring exhibition will culminate with a day of fun and creativity on Saturday, 10th June at Cruinniú na nÓg in Millennium Park, Blanchardstown. The opening of the exhibition took place on Saturday 28th January at Malahide Library with a giant doodle for young children which was led by Mary Murphy and Niamh Sharkey. Up to 40 children and their families attended this exciting and interactive event. Watch out for Viewpoints as it tours your nearest library: <https://www.fingal.ie/viewpoints-touring-art-exhibition-coming-fingal-libraries>

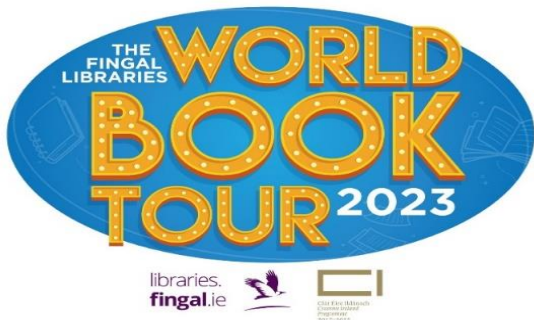


### **St Brigid's Day Celebrations**

Fingal Libraries and Creative Ireland will mark St Brigid's Day with a number of special events to celebrate the creativity and talent of Fingal Women both past and present. In partnership with the Fingal Local Enterprise Office, two inspiring and celebratory talks from three local female entrepreneurs will take place both at Malahide and Blanchardstown Libraries. Noelle McEvoy of Supernature, Lauren McDonald of Lynotts Jewellery and Giselle Makindle of Cream of the Crop will discuss their lives and careers in entrepreneurship with two local secondary schools, inspiring the next generation of entrepreneurs. St Brigid's Day celebrations will also include a local history talk about Irish feminist Frances Power Cobbe (1822-1904) and a number of children's events.

### **Fingal Libraries World Book Tour**

To celebrate World Book Day Ireland 2023 (2nd March), popular Irish authors Alan Nolan, Patricia Forde, Eve McDonnell, Erika McGann and Peter Donnelly, will visit libraries and schools in the Fingal community between 27th February and 3rd March for lots of fun and mischief! The programme is curated by children's author and illustrator Alan Nolan and should reach up to 300 children. Each child will be gifted with a book, activity sheet and a fun fact sheet about their visiting author. The aim of this programme is to encourage and instil in children (especially reluctant readers) the love and enthusiasm for reading and creating, and to engage with their favourite author.



### EU50 Exhibition at Blanchardstown Library

As part of the 50th anniversary of Ireland joining the EU, the Department of Foreign Affairs is organising an EU50 programme that has a number of elements including an exhibition. The exhibition will feature the impacts of EU membership on Ireland over the years and will comprise of 12 double sized panels so that the exhibition can be displayed bilingually in Irish and English. Blanchardstown Library is delighted to host the exhibition from Feb 7th to March 4th.

### Spring Events at your Library

Welcome to the Spring 2023 programme of events which will run from January to April across Fingal Libraries:



This year's programme will include a financial wellness talk with "The Money Mentor", author and TV presenter Santis O'Garro, an interactive 4 week programme of talks to inspire our citizens to kick start a more sustainable lifestyle, a series of internet safety talks for children, teens and parents and a very special One Dublin One Book 2023 event with RTÉ's Sinead Crowley, Andrew Hughes (One Dublin One Book author) and author Nicola Cassidy.

There will be a full programme of Healthy Ireland at your Library events to inspire and motivate people to lead a healthier 2023 plus a range of family sensory friendly events. The Spring programme also includes a series of Fingal Maker Space workshops which will facilitate STEAM learning in an informal setting for school students, and an array of events to encourage older people to meet and interact with others at their local library. Check out the full programme of events throughout Spring 2023 [here](#).

### Economic Development

#### Fingal Skills Strategy

Planning continues for a Student Skills Expo in 2023 with consultants engaged to assist with event planning. The event is being planned for October 2023 and participation will be promoted with Fingal Schools.

Fingal County Council has been successful in an application for Interreg Funding as a partner in the SKYLA Project "Smart Specialisation Skills Ecosystems for the Twin Transition". The project will have a term of 4 years and will focus on enhancing the role of VET in smart specialisation sectors. Projects partners include Italy, Poland, Sweden, Lithuania, Bulgaria, Greece and Belgium. The project will be co-ordinated by the Fingal Skills Strategy Team and the project will commence shortly.



### Citizens, Equality, Rights And Values Programme (Cerv)

CERV is an EU Funding Programme for citizens' engagement and the implementation of EU rights and values. Fingal County Council has been awarded CERV funding to participate in 2 separate projects, which will commence in Q1 2023. The Green IT Your Work & InlusEU Project Kick-off meetings for both projects took place in January 2023.

### Green It Your Work

The Green It Your Work project which aims to encourage young people in the green transition & promote green jobs will have its initial meeting in Romania in February 2023.

### InclusEU

The IncluEU project which aims to encourage volunteer action as a social response for an inclusive Europe will have the initial meeting in Spain in March 2023, with Fingal scheduled to host international partners and host an event for young people in Balbriggan in August 2023.



### Sustainable Fingal

The Council continues to work with SEAI Energy Academy to encourage businesses to apply for the Support Scheme for Energy Audits (SSEA) to access a €2,000 voucher towards the cost of a high-quality energy audit to help reduce energy bills. Further information on the grant is available at:

<https://www.seai.ie/business-and-public-sector/small-and-medium-business/supports/energy-audits/>



### Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor

Fingal County Council has been awarded €150,000 by the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage under the Shared Island Local Authority Development Funding Scheme for a Feasibility Study for the development of regional innovation/enterprise hubs along the Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor. The Council is leading on the project with the support of the eight local authorities and two universities of the DBEC partnership. Tender submissions for consultants to carry out the feasibility study are currently

under evaluation with a consultant anticipated to be appointed in February.

### Local & Rural Development



Coiste um Fhorbairt Pobail Áitiúil Fhine Gall  
Fingal Local Community Development  
Committee

### Fingal 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 also manages the Healthy Ireland Initiative and the Social Enterprise Grants Scheme. The last Meeting of the Fingal LCDC was held in December.



Healthy  
Fingal



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

### Fingal Local Economic Community Plan 2022-27

Consultation on the new Fingal LECP and engagement with internal and external stakeholders is planned to commence in Q1 2023. Procurement is underway to engage consultants to assist with facilitating the consultation process and drafting the LECP.

### Community Support Fund

The Community Support Fund (CSF) was launched in January 2023 and is funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development. Fingal has been allocated €341,875 in funding for groups across the county. Community and voluntary groups in Fingal are invited to apply for funding with a submission deadline of 10<sup>th</sup> February 2023. Groups can use the funding to assist with operational costs or to carry out small upgrade works and to purchase equipment to support their

activities. Grants are available to a maximum of €10,000 for Capital Funding and a maximum of €3,500 for Current Funding.

### Community Recognition Fund

The Community Recognition Fund (CRF) was launched in January 2023 and is funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development. Fingal has been allocated €1,813,912 with project proposals to be submitted by the Local Authority for communities hosting high numbers of Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection and/or International Protection Applicants by the 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023. 60% of the funding must be drawn down in 2023 and 40% in 2024, with all projects required to be complete by 18<sup>th</sup> October 2024. The Fund is being administered by Fingal LCDC and consultation is commencing with the LCDC, Local Response Forum and relevant stakeholders.

### SICAP

The resources and staff of the Fingal SICAP Programme continue to be leveraged to assist with the Ukrainian Refugee Crisis response. The SICAP Programme continues to help in the response to this crisis and is a central resource to the work of the Ukrainian Refugee Community Response Forum. Additional funding has been received from the DRCD to help with the delivery of services to Ukrainian Refugees in Fingal and additional staffing resources from the Ukrainian community have been employed on the ground to assist with this. Confirmation was received during December that the Fingal SICAP Programme has been allocated €304,369 in 2023 specifically for Fingal's Ukrainian Refugee Response.



The KPIs and Annual Plan for the 2023 SICAP Programme were agreed in principle by the SICAP Oversight Committee in November and were fully approved by the Fingal LCDC at its meeting in December.

The 2023 Budget for SICAP is €1,424,714. The SICAP Annual Plan 2023 will be brought to the LCDC on 28th February for formal approval.

Currently the End of Year Review Process for 2022 is taking place and will also be brought to the LCDC meeting on 28th February for formal approval.



### Leader Programme

In December, the Dublin Rural LEADER Local Action Group (LAG) approved in full the allocated LEADER 2021-22 Transition Programme for eligible projects in the administrative areas of Fingal, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown and South Dublin.

The Dublin Rural LEADER LAG submitted an Expression of Interest to manage the new LEADER Programme 2023-27 for Rural Dublin. This Expression of Interest has the support of Fingal County Council, South Dublin County Council, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council and Fingal LEADER Partnership, the LAG's Implementing Partner.

On 26th January Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys, announced details of the applicant groups who were successful under Stage 1 of the 2023-2027 LEADER programme, Fingal LCDC was successful to run the next LEADER Programme.

The successful applicants will now move on to Stage 2 which will see them develop their LEADER Local Development Strategies. These strategies will support sustainable development in rural communities.



## New Healthy Fingal Coordinator



A new Healthy Ireland Co-ordinator, Niall Mc Guirk, formerly of FCC Sports Office, has been appointed and he has commenced work on the new Healthy Ireland Strategy. The Healthy Ireland Co-ordinator will also provide support to the local health and wellbeing agenda through collaboration and coordination with relevant groups and implementation of various healthy initiatives and projects.

## Let's Play Rush



Let's Play Rush held a meeting in January to devise a plan and schedule of play events for 2023, building on the success of 2022. This collaboration project includes local representatives and staff from EETCD, Community, Libraries and local community groups to promote play on the streets and public opens spaces in the area. Events planned as part of this project include St. Patrick's Day, National Play Day (June), Sports Day, Teddy Bears Picnic and a water sports event among other events planned for all ages during the year to encourage free play in the town.

## Enterprise Centres

Fingal's Enterprise Centres continue to participate in ConnectedHubs.ie. ConnectedHubs.ie is a one-stop-shop for remote working hubs throughout Ireland.



All three Enterprise Centres currently have space available to start-up businesses and businesses/individuals who wish to avail of remote working options and facilities. Bespoke options or generic office fitouts can be considered.

Occupancy rates at the Council's three enterprise centres at the end of December were all over 90%. The three Enterprise Centres currently support 65 businesses and over 320 direct jobs.



Demand for the new Remote Working Hubs in BASE and Beat remain strong particularly after running two Connected Free Voucher Scheme during August and December 2022.

Fingal County Council was approved for €50,000 in new funding to promote Remote Working Hubs in the County under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme Marketing Measure. A cross-departmental team within the Council is implementing initiatives to promote Fingal as a Remote Working Hub base for remote workers.

## Our Balbriggan 2019 - 2025 Rejuvenation Plan - A Socio-Economic Strategy



The Our Balbriggan Programme Office continues to support the Leadership Group and its five pillars, who meet regularly, to progress work across a range of economic and social measures including: Growing the Local Economy, Public Realm & Infrastructure, Education, Skills & Employment, Community Integration, Health & Well Being and Community Safety.

The Education, Skills & Employment and the Local Economy Pillar groups are scheduled to meet in February. Both groups are progressing objectives as set out in the town plan. The third edition of the Our Balbriggan Loves Learning Festival is set to take place on the last week of March, led by the DDLETB it includes a wide range of stakeholders including schools, community groups, education services and business. The Balbriggan Leadership Group Meeting is scheduled to take place on February 22nd and will receive updates from all five pillar chairs.



The Quay Street & Environs scheme is in final detailed design phase with works anticipated to commence in late 2023/2024 and be completed on a phased basis in 2025. 2 - 4 Dublin Street transformation as a centre of creativity, innovation & technology is in the final stages of preparing planning pack for internal circulation in FCC in Q1 2023.

Work to finalise a comprehensive Balbriggan Public Realm Strategy - Masterplan & Design Guide and a Balbriggan Active Travel & Transportation plan is nearing completion and are expected to be published by end Q1 2023.

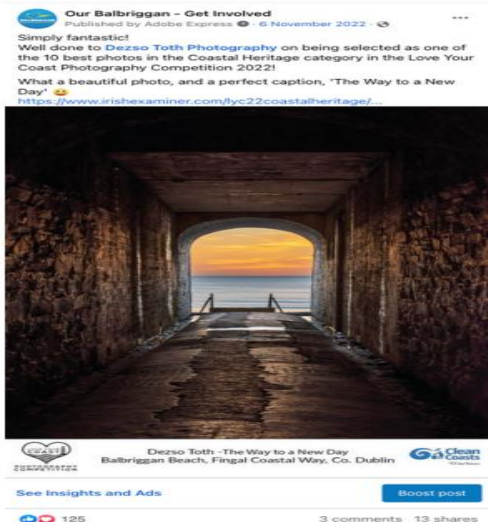


In advance of the full transformation of the Harbour (former O'Sheas Night Club) the site has been levelled out to create a 'meanwhile space'. Steel Corten planters with timber framed seating, bins and bike racks have been installed.

A temporary tarmac finish completes this newly defined safe allowing a free flow of pedestrians and cyclists. A package of minor work improvements on the harbour including seating, lighting, storage and additional harbour amenities will commence in February 2023 to be completed May 2023. FCC Operations team have served notice of provisional determination of abandoned vessels at Balbriggan Harbour.

The appointment of a Harbour Master has assisted with closer co-operation between harbour users and begun initiating a number of processes which will assist with general uplift at this location.





Streetscape Scheme with work progressing on the implementation of these schemes. Residents, businesses and community groups in Rush were asked to submit expressions of interest for various grants for enhancement measures such as painting, shopfront repair, signage lighting and planting. The maximum amount of funding available to each property is €10,000 overall and following a review 30 properties in Rush have been approved by the Department of Rural and Community Development and will be availing of funding from the scheme. The Council is in the process of writing to all applicants.

### Outdoor Recreational Infrastructure Scheme (Oris)



The Our Balbriggan communications strategy and social media accounts are responsible for generating frequent and original content which receive consistently high levels of engagement across channels. Highlights from 2022 include:

- 95 pieces of print coverage (45 online and 50 print)
- 1,148,804 number of people reached across all social media platforms (x4)
- 1,957 total posts
- 694 new Facebook followers (4,897 total),
- 2,641 likes
- 298 new twitter followers (1,737 total)
- 33 new followers on LinkedIn (287)
- 146 new Instagram Followers (2,825)
- 2,750 subscribers to Our Balbriggan e – bulletin mailing list

### Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2022

The Council was recently approved for funding from the Department of Rural and Community Development of €100,000 for the Rush Streetscape Scheme and €36,000 for a new Donabate

The Department of Rural & Community Development under the Outdoor Recreational Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) is providing funding of €23,400 for the development of the Castleknock Historical Walking Trail. ORIS is also providing funding of €28,800 for enhancements to the Balbriggan Historical Walking Trail. Consultation on both projects has commenced with local groups.



LEO Fingal provides a broad suite of support services to stimulate enterprise and enable small businesses to succeed. Some of the LEO highlights for January 2023 are as follows:



## Local Enterprise Week 2023



Plans are underway for Local Enterprise Week 2023 which will run from 6th – 10th March. The week will include daily events both in person and online where small business owners can learn new skills or partake in networking and other events. The series of activities was launched on Friday 3rd February with the publication of a full schedule of events. Details and bookings are now available on our website, and events are open to all small business owners and aspiring entrepreneurs in the Fingal area.

## Leo Fingal Approves €1,300,000 Grant Support & 206 Net New Jobs



Local Enterprise Office Fingal announced that a record €1,300,000 of grant assistance was approved in 2022 for small Fingal businesses, including Business Feasibility, Priming and Expansion grants, as well as Trading Online grants and Export incentives. It was further announced that 206 net jobs were created in client businesses supported by LEO Fingal, not including companies that transferred from LEO Fingal on to Enterprise Ireland. The new figures show that LEO Fingal financially have supported 239 small businesses in their portfolio across the county, and these companies in turn employ 1069 people.

## Fingal Enterprise Awards 2023



The Fingal Enterprise Awards competition is organised annually by the Local Enterprise Office to acknowledge the achievements of small businesses. This is part of a national competition in which one overall winner from each of the 31 Local Enterprise Office areas will compete for the National awards. Each of the finalists who complete the full judging process will be eligible to share in the overall prize fund of approximately €10,000 to be invested in their business. The Fingal winner will be announced and presented at an event to be held during Local Enterprise Week 2023.

Following an assessment of eligible applications these are the 7 Fingal Businesses that have been shortlisted and are now going forward to the judging phase of the competition:

The Little Wax Company Ltd (Balbriggan), Zow Foods Ltd T/A Cream of the Crop Gelatos (Blanchardstown), Parenting Institute Ltd T/A Platform55 (Malahide), Prints of Ireland (Skerries), Culinary Microherbs (The Ward), Lynott Jewellery Holdings Ltd (Swords) and Milk Bath Ltd. (Donabate).

## Start Your Own Business Course - Ukraine



Oifig Fiontair Aitiúil  
Local Enterprise Office Fingal

Crois Dhearg na hÉireann  
Irish Red Cross



A new Start your own Business course developed specifically for Ukrainian Refugees commenced in the Riasc Centre, Kinsealy on Thursday January 19th. The inaugural event was attended by over 80 Ukrainian aspiring entrepreneurs who are looking to start their own business. This initiative is being run at the request of the Irish Red Cross in conjunction with the Fingal County Council Ukrainian Response team and supported by Fingal LEO. This programme was open to Ukrainian refugees within Dublin & surrounding areas. The entrepreneurs are now attending online modules of the course with the final module on Feb 9th.

### Fingal Business Briefing



The first Business Supports Briefing of 2023 was held on Friday January 27th in the Riasc centre in Kinsealy. The event was well attended with many people remaining behind to ask follow-on questions. Fingal LEO plan to do a hybrid of online and in person briefing sessions throughout 2023. At the Briefing events, information is shared about supports available to small business owners and Q&A plus 1-1 follow ups are also available on the day.

### FINGAL BUSINESS NETWORK



The LEO's Fingal Business Network held its first meeting of 2023 on Friday January 20th in the Riasc Centre in Kinsealy. The theme of the meeting was "The Board you can't afford ©" and gave attendees the chance to pitch their business to a group of like-minded small business owners, receive feedback and agree on the next steps for their business in 2023. The groups worked well together, creating connections and the feedback from the event was very positive. The Fingal Business Network encourages information sharing, discussion, peer to peer learning and facilitated networking among local businesses.

### Leo Fingal 2023 Training Schedule



Training has started apace at LEO Fingal with demand for courses proving strong. LEO Fingal's schedule of courses for 2023 includes the flagship Start your own Business course and Digital Marketing & Social Media training. The training programme is one of the key services provided by LEO Fingal and consistently receives positive feedback from attendees. In 2023, a new Leadership Development programme will be launched, aimed at owner managers to increase their skill levels in Leadership, Sales and other business disciplines.

### TRADING ONLINE VOUCHER SCHEME



An initiative under the Government's National Digital Strategy, the TOV (Trading Online Voucher) scheme supports small businesses by allowing

them to enhance their online offering by providing a grant of up to €2,500 for ecommerce and digital marketing activities. 111 applications were approved in 2022, in the amount of €237,079. There is still strong interest in E-trading with applications and approvals running at nearly double pre-covid years. The next Trading Online Voucher seminar is on Thursday 2nd February 2023 and attendees can apply for the voucher after attending this event.

### Fingal Enterprising Women Network

Challenging your own relationship with  
**FEAR & ACTION**



The Fingal Enterprising Women Network (FEWN) is continuing to welcome new members in 2023. As part of Local Enterprise Week 2023, FEWN will host a special event on the 10th of March 2023 entitled “Challenging your own relationship with FEAR & ACTION” which will feature guest speaker Sonya Lennon. The event will take place in the Carlton Hotel Dublin Airport.

### Evaluation And Approvals Committee

The first Evaluation and Approvals Committee (EVAC) meeting for 2023 will be held on Wednesday 15th February. In 2022, 47 applications were approved for a total of €1,045,384 being the highest grant approval amount for Fingal LEO in a single year.

### Business Advice Clinics And Mentoring

Business Advice Clinics and mentoring services continue to be offered online and now have an option for clients to meet in person in the Business Advice Clinic based in County Hall, Swords. In addition, clients are continuing to receive one to one business mentoring with our panel of mentors. Eight clinic days were held In January 2023, offering advice and support to 73 clients in

Fingal. The Mentoring Programme continued in January 2023 with a total of 20 clients receiving one-to-one mentoring.

### Microfinance Ireland Loans

LEO Fingal provides a loan scheme through its partnership with Microfinance Ireland, with “soft” loans of up to €25,000 per approved applicant. LEO Fingal is actively promoting the availability of loans from businesses that have difficulty raising finance from their bank. 15 applications were processed and assessed by LEO Fingal and submitted to MFI (Microfinance Ireland) in 2022. In 2023 LEO Fingal will continue to assist clients with their applications to enable them to raise much needed capital. Applications submitted through LEO Fingal get a reduced interest rate of 4.5% APR

### Showcase Ireland



Ten design and craft businesses supported by LEO Fingal had the opportunity to meet international buyers from all over the world as part of the Local Enterprise Showcase 2023 which was hosted in the RDS, Dublin from January 22nd - 24th. About 100 LEO-supported businesses from across the country were present at the event, with the biggest number hailing from Fingal!

### Student Enterprise Programme



The 2022/23 Fingal Student Enterprise Programme is well underway with 26 Second level schools



across Fingal participating in this year's programme. The savvy students will develop their own actual businesses, researching, resourcing, trading services and products, with the guidance of business mentors. Fingal LEO boasts the largest enterprise programme prize fund for second level students in the country with prizes including an international educational trip to a European City for the senior category winning student and teachers. Final preparations are underway for the Fingal County Final will take on Wednesday 15th March 2023 in the Crowne Plaza Blanchardstown.

### Ukraine Enterprise Crisis Scheme



Assistance for business energy costs is being awarded to qualifying businesses affected by the increase in input costs or supply chain issues in relation to the Ukraine war. Clients are being advised to speak to the Local Enterprise Office to assess eligibility and to apply.

## OPERATIONS & WATER SERVICES

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### Works Programmes Balbriggan/Swords Area



#### **Communication Board Signage in Ardgillan Playground**

The first installation of a Communication Board has been introduced into the Ardgillan Demesne Playground. The text, Images and wording has been devised through a collaboration with Inclusion Ireland and Trinity Collage Dublin. The board is based on Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AACs) which support or replace spoken communication. They allow for playground users who may have language difficulties to interact and communicate.

The board displays a series of images from the specific playground and a set of core words and activities displayed as individual graphics. There have been two printed up for Ardgillan Demesne Playground.

It is now planned to roll this new signage out in all FCC Playgrounds.



#### **Inclusive Roundabout Newbridge Demesne Playground**

As part of a countywide refit of existing playground equipment a new Inclusive Roundabout has been installed in Newbridge Demesne Playground.



#### **Landscaping Scheme Portrane Green**

As part of the 2022 POW a new landscaping scheme was agreed and implemented at Portrane Green





### Calisthenics Area Portrane Green

As part of the 2022 POW a refurbishment of the old outdoor adult fitness area was planned for Portrane Green. The final landscaping improvements for this area will be carried out during 2023.



**Before** - Landscaping Scheme Balrothery



**After** - Landscaping Scheme Balrothery

As part of the Urban and Village Renewal Funding scheme for Balrothery a new landscaping scheme in front of Balrothery Graveyard is currently underway. The scheme will consist of an extensive perennial pollinator planting scheme that will provide flowering and seeding interest throughout the year. It will provide a major focal point at the entrance to Balrothery along the R132.



**Oldtown Village - Entrance Feature**

As part of the 2022 Programme of Works a new entrance stone was installed at the entrance to Oldtown Village



**Newbridge Farm - Farm Fencing**

As part of the continuing upgrades to the animal paddocks in Newbridge farm replacement fencing will continue throughout 2023





### **Newbridge Demesne – Car Park**

As part of the continuing upgrades to the infrastructure at Newbridge Demesne a redesigned area at the car park entrance is currently underway.



### **Skerries Town Park**

As part of the continuing improvement upgrades to the infrastructure at Skerries Town Park a new Goal Post Storage Area has been installed adjacent to the sports pitches. This is to facilitate the storage challenges faced by the clubs using the space.



### **Chainsaw operator training**

As part of ongoing staff training for chainsaw operators in the Balbriggan Swords Area

### **Howth/Malahide Area**

The Draft Works Programme 2023 has been put together by the Howth Malahide team and will be presented at the 1<sup>st</sup> February ACM to the Elected Members for their discussion & consideration. Once the POW 2023 has been approved and adopted by the Full Council, work will begin on the works contained in it.

### **Programme of Works**

New Road drainage was installed at the Junction of the R106 and R107 Swords Malahide Rd. This area is locally known as McAllister's Garage. This work will address the flooding issues at the junction and will also keep soil and debris off the road surface. As part of this project Operations Department installed traffic ducting that will facilitate future upgrading of the traffic lights at the junction.







### Roads/Footpaths/ Drainage Works

The road drainage on Station Road, Portmarnock was Jetted and had CCTV surveys carried out to find any damaged and missing sections and ensure that all road gullies were connected to surface water network.

New Gullies were installed, and repairs were carried out on the damage line and buried chambers were uncovered and reconstructed. This work is being done before the road is overlaid in February 2022.

The concrete works and junction build outs have been completed on the Station Rd Footpath and Cycle path on Station Rd Portmarnock.







### Upgrade of footpaths

The Roads Crews replaced Defective Concrete Footpaths in Offington Lawn in Sutton.



The ditches along Chapel Rd have been cleaned to prevent the flooding of Chapel Rd and on the R124.



### Upgrading of new road surfacing within the Demesne

Contractor scraping existing surface prior to regulating with fresh stone before the final Tarmacadam surface is laid. These works will eliminate any water from pooling and will make it a more enjoyable experience for the general public using the park.



**Before**



**After**



### **Commemorative Tree Planting**

An additional 50 Quercus Robur were added to the commemorative grove within the grounds of the park. This is a lovely tranquil place to gather your thoughts, to remember loved ones and enjoy your surroundings.

All trees have been planted by our own staff within the park.



### **Woodland Management at Malahide Demesne**

The last of the tree works being completed. Below shows the Contractors working on the Large Oak just off the Main Avenue as you approach the castle.



### **Butterfly House Update**

Work is ongoing on the new energy efficient heating system for the Butterfly House, Malahide Demesne. When completed it will reduce the carbon footprint and running costs by up to 60%.





Inside of New Boiler House for Butterfly House



Bamboo style fencing based on ancient Japanese fencing West Lawn Malahide



Ongoing work showing underground heating before grilles are in place



Underground heating trench complete with new grilles in the Butterfly House



Wonderlights - Memories from this year in the West Lawn, Malahide



Phoenix carving lit up, West Lawn



Asiatic Garden showing Dragon carvings surrounded by mystical figures

### West Lawn - Talbot Botanic Gardens, Malahide

Work on the new bamboo style fence around the pond in the West Lawn has just finished. This fence is a replica of ancient Japanese bamboo fencing designed in powder coated bamboo coloured galvanised steel to blend in with the Japanese / Asiatic Garden.



### Parks & Open Spaces

Ongoing works are being carried out at Paddy's Hill / Robswall Park to alleviate problems with water seeping onto the paths which then freezes in the colder weather.

This work will make the paths a much safer and comfortable place to enjoy a leisurely walk.



Paddy's Hill Drainage Works



Example of flooding before Drainage works

### Howth Lower Cliff Walk

This walk is a hugely popular coastal pathway leading to spectacular views across Dublin Bay and

towards Irelands Eye and Lambay Island, along the north coast.

Improving access as far as the first viewing point at Howth Head Peak will make this walk more inclusive. It will allow people with disabilities and older adults increased use of and access to this fabulous natural amenity so they too can enjoy these amazing views from Howth Head Peak and The Nose of Howth.



Before: Howth Cliff Walk Works



After: Howth Cliff Walk Works



Rough ground at viewing area making it difficult to access this area.



**Before**



**After**

Visibility works to highlight obstacles along the pathway were carried out to improve the area for visually impaired and wheelchair users.



Works to improve visibility of obstacles at Howth

**Burial Grounds Works**

Work has been ongoing at all the Burial Grounds in the Howth Malahide LEA. This month Balgriffin Cemetery works are highlighted.



Topping up of our graves burial grounds

Balgriffin cemetery site works for new storage building & designated area for storage and deployment of our seasonal lifeguard huts



Balgriffin Cemetery Works



Storage area for Lifeguard Huts during the non-bathing season



### Cleansing

Baldoyle Main Street and surrounding area being cleaned and swept.



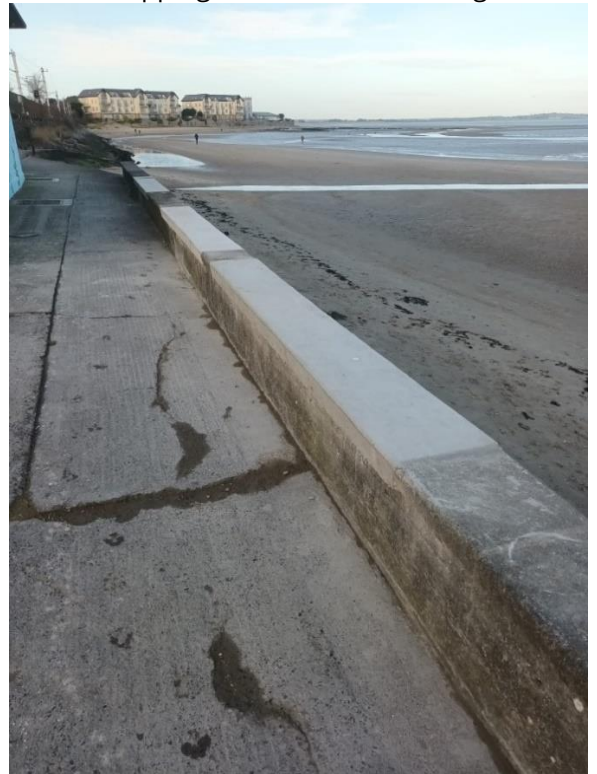
Sweeper cleaning the path

### Beaches

Claremont beach replacement of sea wall capping as part of ongoing works .



Capping works with shuttering



Completed capping works



## **Castleknock/Mulhuddart Area**

### **Liffey Valley Trail**

Official Launch of Liffey Valley Trail on Friday 27th January at Shackleton's Gardens.



The Operations Crew recently installed new chevrons at Kilshane Cross.



## **Mick Walsh Park, Mulhuddart**

From Wednesday 1st February the car park at Mick Walsh Park will be opened 24/7 on a trial basis.



Recently installed new calisthenics and fitness conditioning equipment at Mick Walsh Park for use by the clubs and the public





### Planting

New Perennial flower bed being planted in Wellview Estate



### Millenium Park, Christmas Tree Chipping

Fingal crews Castleknock/Mulhuddart Operational Area chipping Christmas tree in Millennium Park

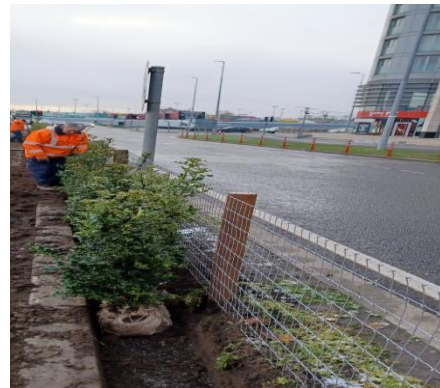


Heather bed planted in Shackelton's Gardens



### New Holly Ilex Hedge

planted opposite Charlestown Shopping Center along center reservation of road where new fence was also erected



### St Catherine's Park

New greeting sign erected outside St Catherine's Park entrance in Lucan



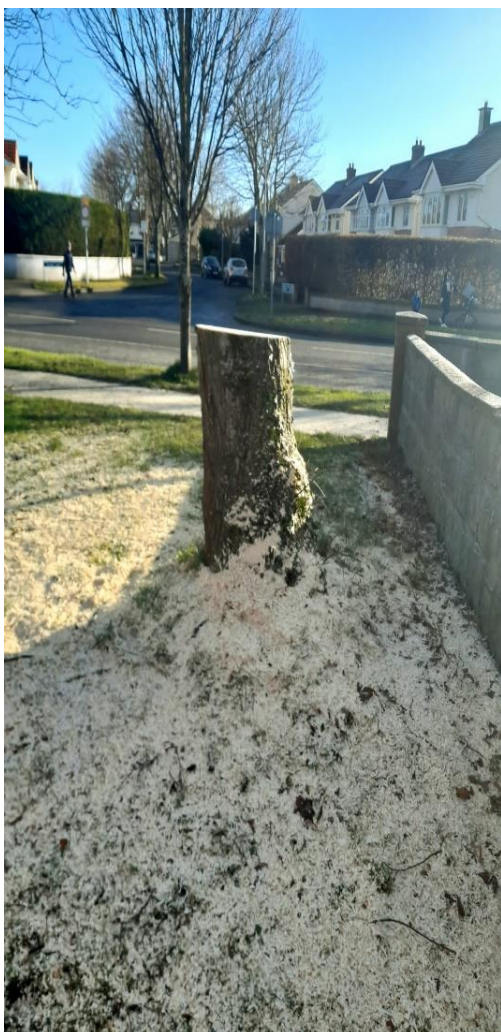
### Ivy Removal Works

carried out by Operations Staff on the Railings and Peers of the Bramley Estate on The Carpenterstown Road





**Tree removal works** carried out at Maple Glen by the tree crew



### Car Parking Services - January 2023

There was a total of 1264 parking tickets issued during January 2023.

Breakdown of Parking Offences:

Breakdown of Parking Offences	Total	Percentage
Footpath/Grass Margin/Median Strip	166	13.13%
Prohibited Place (Loading bay/SYL/DYL)	301	23.81%
P&D/Permit Parking Area	696	55.06%
Disabled Parking Bay	18	1.42%
Other (Bus stop, Bus Lane, Cycle Track, School Entrance, Traffic signals and Clearway)	83	6.57%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1264</b>	<b>100%</b>

Location	Main Ticket Locations January 2023
Airside Motors Park Road 2 Swords	147
Main Street - Swords	115
North Street - Swords	62
South Strand Skerries	48
Strand Street - Skerries	48
Bridgefield Car Park - Malahide	45
The Green - Malahide	42
The Mall - Malahide	40
Railway Street Balbriggan	37
Church Road - Malahide	36

### Burial Ground Services

The Operations Department are continuing to administer and monitor delivery to ensure business continuity for Fingal's Burial Ground Service. There were 122 Internments in January 2023 (excluding Mulhuddart Cemetery).

### Traffic Operations County-wide

Works are ongoing to deliver the Programme of Works across all three areas. In addition, the Traffic Engineering team have been putting together the draft 2023 Programme of Works for presentation and consideration by Members at the three Area Committee (Services A) meetings in February. Once the POW 2023 has been approved and adopted by the Full Council, work will begin on the works contained in it.



**Works carried out by the Traffic Section in January 2023**  
**New Road Lining**



Swords – Thornleigh Educate Together School Lining & School Warden Crossing



Works in progress for the new pedestrian crossing on Old Hansfield Road

**Addition of filter light**

In mid-January, a left only filter light was added to the off-ramp on junction 4 on the M3, which has an added an extra phase to turn left into Littlepace. This should improve traffic flows at the junction and alleviate queues on the off-ramp.



A left turn only filter light has been added to the off-ramp on Junction 4 on the M3

**Old Hansfield Road**

Works began in January for the new pedestrian crossing west of Clonsilla train station on the Old Hansfield Road

**Fleet Management & Plant Hire Unit**

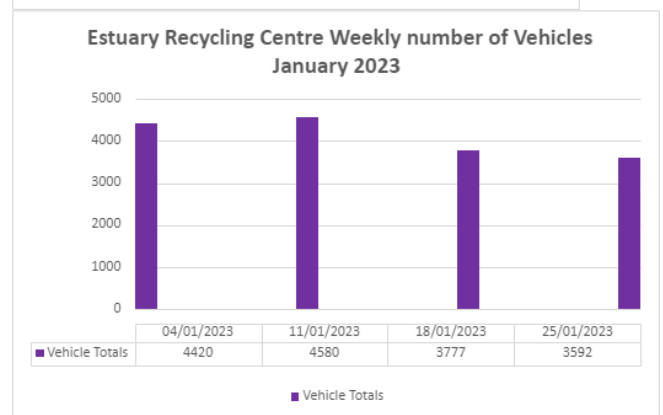
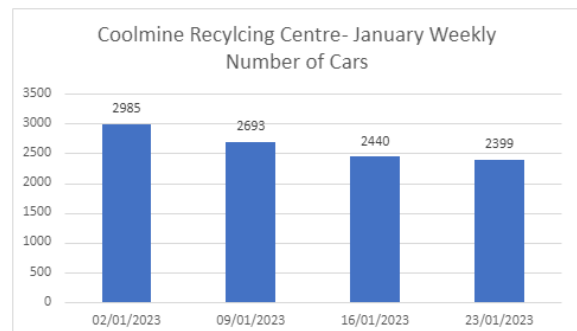
104 hires were put in place from 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023– 23/12/2023, engaging 2 suppliers.

41 Tenders were awarded in January 2023.

**Street Lighting LED Programme**

The Public Lighting Section will continue with the LED Programme in 2023 with 96.6% of all lights switched to LEDs.

**Recycling Centre's Update**



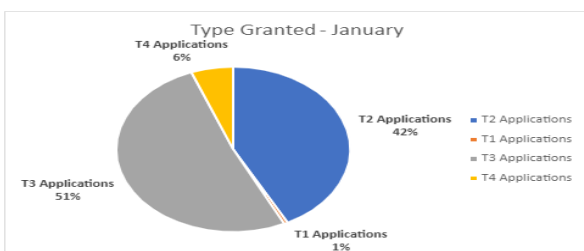
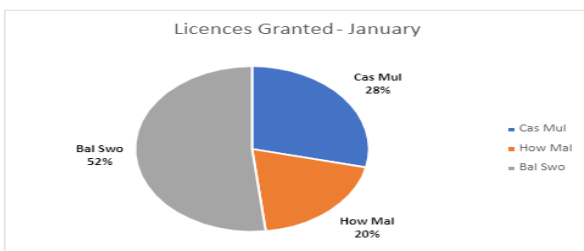
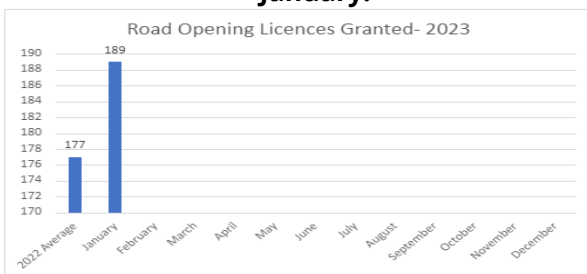
## Licences

### Road Opening Licences:

The new efficiency functionality with respect to automated granting of T3 licences is operating well. Since 1st June 2022, the majority of T3 ROL applications have been granted by way of automation and 3 Clerk of Works has been appointed to Swords/Balbriggan, Castleknock/Mulhuddart and Howth/Malahide areas to carryout improved post inspection of all road openings by utilities.

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 are essential for the asset management of Fingal County Council Road network.

### 189 Licences were granted in the month of January.



## Casual Trading Licence

The Castleknock/Mulhuddart Operations Department are currently in the process of renewing Casual Trading applications for 2023. The licences are valid 01 March 2023 to 29 February 2024.

There has been significant interest to date in a variety of pitches for coffee, ice-cream, hot food, and flowers at burial grounds and applications are being processed accordingly.

All details of Casual Trading pitches and fees available at [www.fingal.ie/casual-trading](http://www.fingal.ie/casual-trading).

Closing date for new applications is 15<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at 4pm.

## Water Services

### Water and Wastewater Connections

There are 9 applications in progress as of from 30th January 2023 which consists of 5 Water Connection applications and 4 Drainage Connection applications as per Maximo/D365 39 applications were returned to Uisce Eireann as of from 30th January 2023, 23 of them were water connections and 16 were drainage connections.

### Storm Water (surface water) Network - Operations Update

Operation and maintenance of the Stormwater Network is ongoing.

A preventative maintenance programme for 2023 is currently being developed. CCTV works will commence this month in Garristown then moving on to the D15 area later in January.

Operational maintenance works were carried out on a number of assets in January with ironworks being replaced in Rush & Skerries.

Mapping of unknown networks and internal liner repair works are ongoing in the Portmarnock area. Works were carried out to repair a collapsed section of pipe causing road flooding along Carpenterstown Rd in Castleknock.

Figure WS.1 Extent of blockage removed.



## Stormwater Capital Programme 2023-2025

Fingal County Council are continuing to progress projects recently adopted in the 2023-2025 Stormwater Capital Programme. The 3-year programme includes 14 projects valued at approximately €3.63 Million. Below is a brief update in relation to the current status of some of the planned projects.

### Howth Stormwater Culvert:

The tender for the CCTV and Flow and Monitoring survey element of the Howth Stormwater Culvert Project is now complete with the contract due to be awarded to the winning bidder in the next few days. The CCTV and Flow Monitoring survey will confirm the current condition and capacity of the existing stormwater sewer enabling the project team to consider preliminary designs.

### Wendell Avenue/Heather Walk:

Stormwater sewer rehabilitation works are continuing to progress well at Heather Walk and Drewbury Park Portmarnock. Significant progress has been made in upgrading the existing stormwater network serving Wendell Avenue Portmarnock. Due to existing site conditions a section of new network and new manhole was constructed which when completed will return the existing network to full capacity. Additional gullies were added to Wendell Avenue which will improve drainage of Wendell Avenue and increase the half-life of the road surface.

**Figure WS.2** Installation of new stormwater sewer and new manhole in Heather Walk Portmarnock.



### Burrow Beach

Scott Cawley Consultants working in Partnership with Brady Shipman Martin signed off on the required Appropriate Assessment Screening Report for the Burrow Beach Project and finding that the Burrow Beach proposed works have been screened out enabling Fingal County Council to progress to the next stage of the project.

### Communication with Irish Water for Elected Representatives

The Local Representative Support Desk  
Make contact at [localrepsupport@water.ie](mailto:localrepsupport@water.ie) or by phone at **0818 178 178 / 0818 578 578**.

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 **1800 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-and-service-update/#> publications appear on the homepage under the Publications heading.

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



## Framework for future of Water Services

A new framework for the future of water services developed through an engagement process facilitated by the Workplace Relations Commission was announced by the Minister on 24th June 2022. The Framework will help to ensure a stable operational environment is maintained as the water sector completes the transition to a national water services authority, based on the full integration of public water services within Irish Water.

To facilitate the transition to a national water services authority, the Framework provides for:

1. Irish Water to assume responsibility for the management and direction of water services operation and activities
2. The voluntary transfer, of existing local authority water services staff to Irish Water as permanent employees between now and 2026.
3. The identification of opportunities for water services staff not transferring to Irish Water to avail of opportunities to re-deploy to other areas within Local Authorities.
4. The commencement of water services staff recruitment directly by Irish Water to fill vacancies arising in Water Services.
5. A voluntary redundancy scheme for local authority water service staff; and

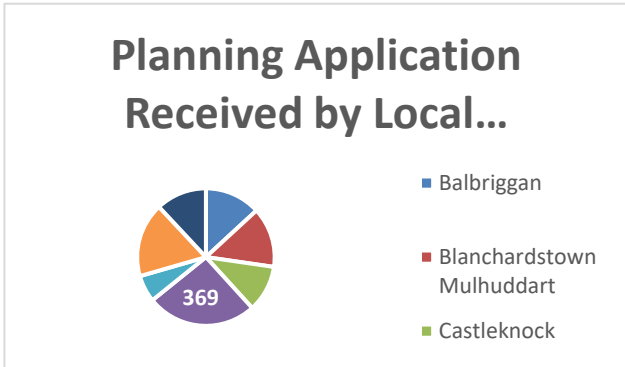
A new Irish Water-Local Authority agreement, replacing the existing Service Level Agreement arrangements, to ensure that Irish Water has full accountability for the for the delivery of water services and direct management of the water services staff who choose to remain employed by their local authority under contract to Irish Water for the transitional period to the end of 2026.

# PLANNING AND STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE (PSI)

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## Planning Applications

There have been 1422 planning applications received to the end of December 2022. 119 of these applications were invalid leaving a total of 1303 valid applications. The volume of applications received by Local Electoral Area (LEA) is detailed in the table below.



## Planning Decisions

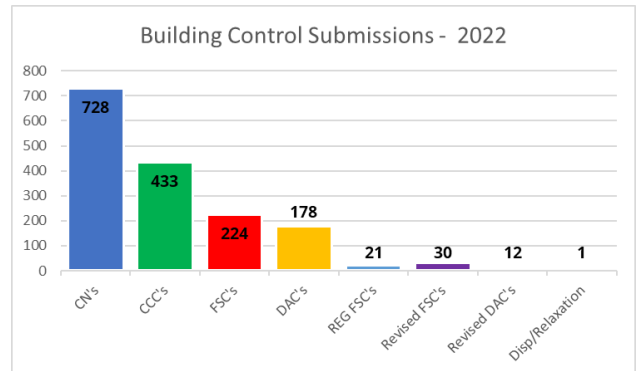
A total of 1210 planning decisions have been made to the end of December 2022. There have been 993 decisions to grant permission (82%) and 217 refusals of permission (18%). There have been 82 grants of permissions in respect of single house construction, 576 grants of permission for domestic extensions, 281 commercial/retail grants of permission and 25 grants of permission in respect of housing developments of which 13 relate to development of 2 - 20, 4 relates to 20 - 50 and 2 relate to 50 -100 and 6 which relates to 100+.

### Building Control Admin:

Building Control received 1,627 Building Control submissions during 2022. This was made up of 728 Commencement Notices, 433 Certificates of Compliance on Completion, 275 Certificates related to Fire Safety and 191 Certificates related to Disability Access submissions.

Commencement Notices and Certificates of Compliance on Completion are submitted online through the Projects module on BCMS. The preferred option for submitting Fire Safety, Disability Access, Regularisation and Dispensation/Relaxation Certificate applications is online through the Applications module on BCMS, submissions can also be made by hard copy directly into the office.

The Building Control Admin team processed 1,240 decisions in 2022, relating to Fire Safety and Disability Access Certificates. This was made up of 442 decisions to grant, 7 invalids, 3 refusals and 788 extensions of time.



## Strategic Policy Unit

### Draft Fingal Development Plan 2023 - 2029

The Draft Fingal Development Plan is now in the final Stages of the plan-making process. This stage relates to the proposed Material Alterations to the Draft Plan. The proposed Material Alterations (Amendments) originated from the consideration of the submissions received between February and May 2022 on the Draft Development Plan 2023 - 2029. The Chief Executive prepared a report on these submissions and the Elected Members considered the report at Special Council Meetings

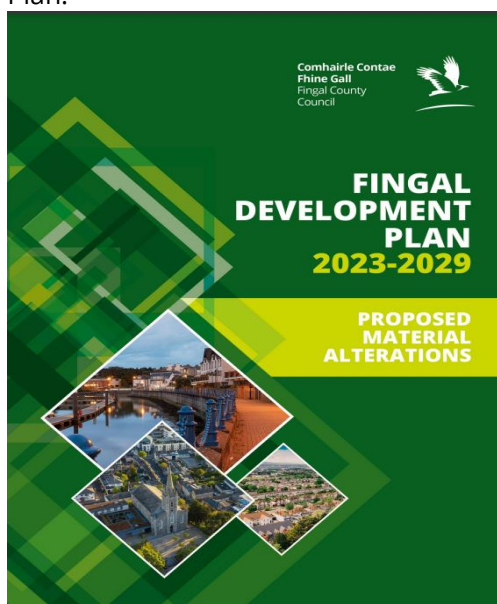


held in September and October 2022, where the members resolved to amend the Draft Plan.

The public consultation on the proposed Material Alterations to the Draft Fingal Development Plan ran until 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2022. 197 submissions have been received. The Chief Executive's Report on submissions received was issued to the members on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023. The final meetings to discuss the CE Report and adopt the Development Plan will take place later this month.

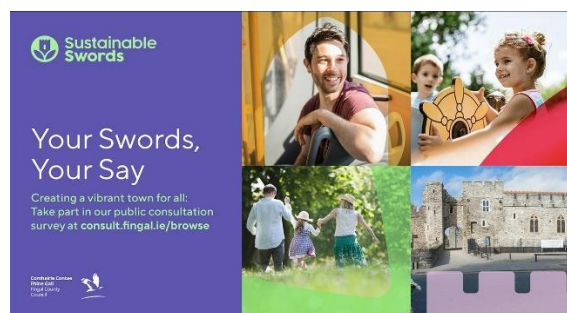
The new Development Plan will come into effect 6 weeks after its adoption.

The Material Alterations to the Draft Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 and submissions received can be found at <https://consult.fingal.ie/en/consultation/proposed-material-alterations-draft-fingal-development-plan-2023-2029> alongside all other documents and news relating to the Draft Fingal Development Plan.



### **Sustainable Swords**

The Sustainable Swords Strategy was agreed by the Members at the December meeting. This follows extensive consultation and engagement with the local community. The Strategy outlines 16 possible projects which would transform Swords. The agreed Strategy and all other supporting documents can be found here: [www.fingal.ie/sustainableswords](http://www.fingal.ie/sustainableswords)



### **Residential Zoned Land Tax**

The Government's 'Housing For All - A New Housing Plan for Ireland' proposed a new tax to activate vacant land for residential purposes as a part of the Pathway to Increasing New Housing Supply.

The Residential Zoned Land Tax was introduced in the Finance Act 2021. The process to identify land to which the tax applies is now underway and the tax will be payable from 2024.

The objective of the tax is to activate land that is serviced and zoned for residential use or mixed use, including residential use, in order to increase housing supply and to ensure regeneration of vacant and idle lands in urban locations. These locations have been identified within statutory land use plans as being appropriate locations for housing and they have benefitted from investment in the key services to support the delivery of housing.

Fingal County Council has prepared a draft map of the land considered to be in scope for the RZLT (Residential Zoned Land Tax) as of October 1, 2022.

The draft map is available to view here:

<https://fingalcoco.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=5871c1ac8daa40e081292b978e1ee83a>.

121 Submissions have been received and assessment of these is now ongoing. Submissions can be viewed here: <https://consult.fingal.ie/en/consultation/residential-zoned-land-tax-consultation>

A supplemental map will be published on 1 May 2023 identifying additional land considered to be in scope as a result of a change of zoning, servicing

or where the local authority becomes aware of the fact that land, which didn't appear on the draft map, may meet the criteria for being in scope, such as where this has been identified during submissions. The supplemental map will also be on public display and open to submissions which may challenge the inclusion of additional land on the map.

## Parks & Green Infrastructure Division

### Porterstown Park Recreational Hub



Works on the new All-Weather Pitch & Running Track are at an advanced stage. Recent milestones include the completion of 540 metres of security fencing and the ball stop net. Quality street furniture including litter bins, boot cleaners, stainless steel bollards & bicycle racks have also been installed. The commissioning of the LED floodlighting system is expected to progress over the coming weeks along with the installation of a water drinking station.

The main outstanding project deliverable is the surfacing and lining of the running track. This specialist work is highly weather/temperature dependent, and it is anticipated that it may be late April of this year when suitable conditions prevail to complete this works item. Following testing & certification it is planned to open the facility for public use shortly thereafter.

### Recreational Hub at Ward River Regional Park



Works continue to progress towards the substantial completion of the all-weather 3G pitch and ancillary car & bicycle parking at the Ward River Recreational Hub. The commissioning of the LED floodlighting system is now complete, and the goal posts will be installed as the finishing touch just prior to handover of the facility. The automated gate system at the car park entrance is currently being installed while the completion of the surfacing of the shared route to the cycle parking is scheduled for completion this week. Outstanding works, which are weather dependent, include the completion of a Go Games/training pitch facility at the north of the carpark and the reinstatement of grassed areas in and around the site. Notwithstanding these weather dependent works, it is planned to make the 3G pitch and car park available for use by the public in the coming weeks following certification of the facilities.

### Ward River Regional Park Development Project

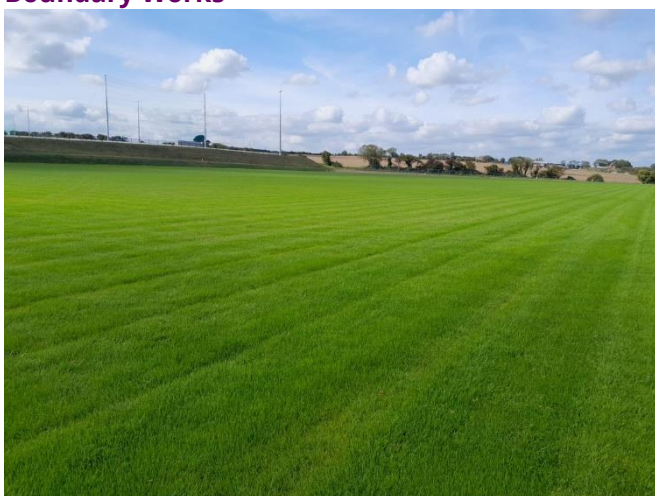


Work continues toward achieving part 8 planning permission for a new regional park. This month has seen the completion of phase 1 vegetation clearing works at Brackenstown Walled Gardens. Topographical and service surveys have commenced north of the river around the lands at Swords Manor to enable the design of a northern recreational hub. A LiDAR survey of the entire park was completed and is currently being processed for use in the design process. Site inspections of the historical structures within the park were completed by all consultants in January and will



form the basis of prioritising any works required to ensure the structure stability of the structures in the future. A contractor has been procured to execute a survey of these structures. The draft stage 1 (analysis) report has been reviewed and is nearing completion. This will inform the second stage of the project, namely design, which has just commenced. Building on the valuable contributions and feedback to date, a second phase of public consultation will take place in the first half of 2023 to further develop the preliminary design proposals.

### Bremore Regional Park GAA Pitch and Boundary Works



The second phase of the works on the boundary around the newly constructed GAA pitch at Bremore Recreational Hub have commenced this January. Fencing materials have been ordered and construction on the entrance from Bells Lane to the facility is planned to start during February. It is anticipated that the overall construction phase for the boundary works will be completed during the second quarter of this year.

### Built Environment Division

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

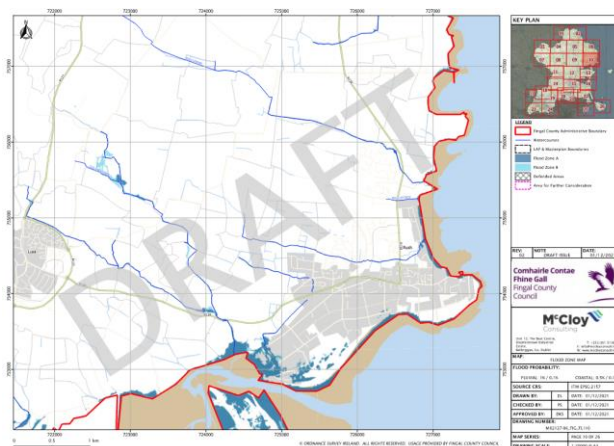
#### Development Management December 2022

- 71 no. new planning files have been received.

- 15 no. Additional Information files have been received and 0 clarification on Additional Information.
- 4 no. Compliance Submissions have been received; 3 no. have been processed.

### Flood Risk Assessments/ Drainage Strategies

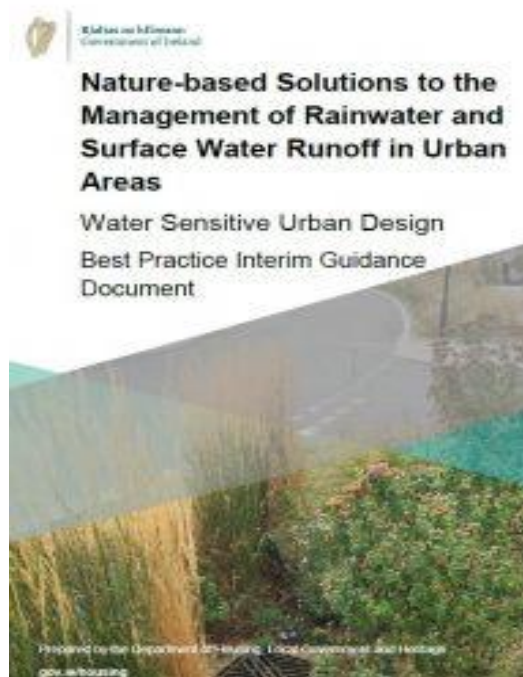
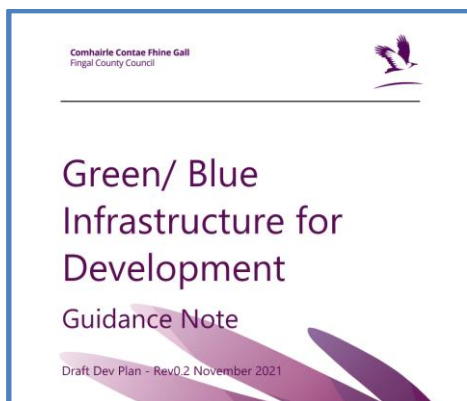
- FCC WSFP staff completed liaising with the appointed consultants developing the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment for the County Development Plan. The SFRA (STRATEGIC FLOOD RISK ASSESSMENT) flood mapping & report has been completed and staff are working with Planners on the Material Alterations.
- The Water Services Planning Dept has responded to the motions received from the councillors under the motion headings of green infrastructure, flooding, Irish Water & re-zoning.



- A new document “Nature-based Solutions to the Management of Rainwater and Surface Water Runoff in Urban Areas - Water Sensitive Urban Design - Best Practice Interim Guidance Document” has been issued by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. It is intended as a high-level best practice interim guidance document for all those whose work impacts on the urban environment, for urban planners and all built environment professionals involved in the planning process such as engineers,

architects and landscape architects and shows how to move towards a more systematic and sustainable approach to urban planning and design that seeks to mimic the natural water balance of rural areas through “water sensitive urban design”.

- Sustainable Drainage System (SuDS) – The Fingal SuDS guidance document (Green/Blue Infrastructure for Development) has been reviewed to include changes in technical standards. This document along with the Draft SFRA documents have been incorporated into the new development plan.



## Incorporating Sustainable Drainage Systems in Residential Developments



The GDSDS has outlined SuDS as a sustainable way to manage surface water as we prepare to meet the challenges of climate change. This example of Millers Glen in Swords, shows an example of surface water being held onsite, providing treatment via appropriate planting, and then discharging at greenfield runoff rate. This is a move away from the traditional method of collecting all surface water via piped systems which can often no longer manage the intense rainfall's being experienced.

## Multi-Party Framework Agreement for the preparation of Surface Water Management Plans (SWMP)

The procurement process has begun for the new Multi-Party Framework Agreement for the preparation of Surface Water Management Plans (SWMP) for the new County Development Plan. The SAQ for the above framework was posted on eTenders with a closing date for tender submissions set for 30/09/2022. The tenders were assessed and a recommendation for progression to the next phase took place in December.

## 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 however there have been 5 CDS applications during December.
- Staff continue to complete Irish Water templates for every planning file completed.

## Built Environment Division

### Building Control/Taking in Charge Section - 01/02/2023

#### Building Control

- There were 14 Building control site visits in January 2023 with 39 separate buildings being inspected.



- There were no enforcement notices issued in January but there were 3 requests for further information following site visits.

#### Taking in Charge

- The 2 developments, “New haven Bay” and “Cois Inbhir” were taken in charge on the 17<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

#### Dangerous Structures

- There was 1 dangerous structure notified in January 2023. There are a total of 46 dangerous structures active in our database. Two dangerous structures files were closed in January.



Inspecting fire sealing of services passing through walls on a site in Carpenterstown.



Checking CE marking and Declaration of Performance for bricks being used on a site in Carpenterstown

## Transportation Planning

### Donabate, Swords and Kinsealy Transportation Schemes

Stage 1 of the procurement process for an engineering consultant has been completed for a consultant to work on a range of schemes across Donabate, and the Stage 2 process is currently underway. The procurement of a consultant to be appointed to progress a package of schemes in Swords and Kinsealy schemes is also currently underway, Stage 1 is under assessment with Stage 2 to follow on later in Q1. The project team will undertake informal briefings with the elected members as soon as the consultant is appointed for each of these work programmes to provide further details and visibility on the scope of the projects.

### Ongar-Barnhill Link Road

Construction of the Ongar Barnhill Link Road is scheduled to commence in summer 2023. The project will significantly improve safety and connectivity of the transportation network for all users in the area especially pedestrians and cyclists and will underpin significant residential development and provision of new homes in the area. Advance site clearance and fencing works are taking place at the moment, to the north of Barberstown Lane South. These works are being undertaken outside of the nesting season to minimise the impact on nesting birds. The main works contract is currently at Stage 1 of the two-stage tender process, and the main contractor appointment is expected to take place in Q2 with site works to take two years.

### Snugborough

The Snugborough Interchange upgrade is progressing and is expected to be complete in Q3 of this year. Many of the structural elements of the scheme have been completed at this time and the underpass under Snugborough Road will be completed in Q2 following utility and traffic diversions. Work is progressing well on this large and complex scheme as per the scheme photo attached.



### Church Field Link Road Project

The Church Field Link Road project includes the provision of high-quality cycling and pedestrian links to Gaelscoil an Chuilinn and Powerstown Educate Together schools with integration to the wider cycle and pedestrian network. Works on the Powerstown Road to provide a two-way off carriageway cycle track and pedestrian footpath are well progressed as per attached photo. The route to the school campus will also include

additional Safe Routes to School interventions such as signalised pedestrian crossings and carriageway surface treatments. Work on the main link road section is also well advanced as can be seen from the attached photo. Bituminous surfacing has recently been undertaken, as this work can only be undertaken above a certain temperature. Works to the Wellview Avenue section of the project will commence in Q2.





# HOUSING

<b>Housing</b> Supply Asset Management Support	Tenancy Services Housing Ukraine Response Vacant Homes
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## Housing Supply

### **Church Fields, Dublin 15**

The contractor is currently on site constructing the Church Fields Link Road and Cycle Network which will facilitate the development of the entire Church Fields landbank with the potential to deliver 1,000 mixed tenure homes.

The Stage 1 (Expressions of Interest /Prequalification) of a two-stage procurement process for the appointment of a contractor to construct the 300 units concluded in December.

The second stage in the process is currently underway and a tender will issue to the successful applicants in Q1 2023.



*Outlands, Swords*

### **Housing Delivery**

#### Construction Programme

<b>Summary of unit numbers in pipeline</b>	<b>units</b>
Under Construction	231
Tender Stage	377
Planning and Design	1,048
Part V	139
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,656</b>

### **Projects on site**

Fingal County Council construction scheme at Outlands, Swords – 11 dwellings



*Fingal County Council infill scheme at Clonsilla Road, Dublin 15*



*Part V Units under construction at Seamount, Malahide, Co Dublin*



*Units under construction which will be delivered in partnership with Cluid Housing Association at Station Road, Portmarnock, Co. Dublin*



### **About Praxis Care**

Established over 35 years ago Praxis Care provides a range of services for people with disabilities across Ireland. Praxis Care now provides services and supports to over 400 adults and children in Ireland and has four residential services for people with an intellectual disability in the Fingal region. These services include support to attend day opportunities and clinical supports.

Praxis Care is a non-for-profit organisation, with charitable status, that is funded through an Annual Service Arrangement with the HSE. Praxis works with many partners in its mission, but particularly with the HSE and Fingal County Council.

### **Praxis Residential Services**

The organisation established Praxis Housing Association, which is an Approved Housing Body (AHB). Through this AHB, Praxis currently provides residential and supported living services to adults with an intellectual disability and ensures they have a home for life within their local community. There is an urgent need to increase Praxis residential services for people with an intellectual disability especially as our ageing carer population results in many elderly parents being unable to continue in a caring role.

One funding source that has proved highly successful for Praxis to date is the Capital Assistance Scheme which is facilitated through Fingal County Council's Housing Department. As such, Praxis has benefited greatly from CAS in order to address the residential needs of its service users, of which five will be accommodated in CAS-funded homes. For these individuals, it is more than a home – it is a chance to live a life of greater independence and inclusion. It also relieves parents and carers of a worry that is so permanent and profound in their lives.





## How CAS has benefited Praxis Housing Association?

The Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS) is designed for the provision of rented accommodation for those with priority needs, i.e. elderly, disabled and homeless. CAS has enabled Praxis to provide an additional two distinct types of full-time residential accommodation to service users. A two-bed bungalow in Rush is in the process of receiving CAS funding and a bungalow in Swords that provides high support accommodation has already been approved. The photo above shows the Swords unit and it provides fully supported accommodation for up to four service users who each have their own private en-suite rooms.

CAS enables Praxis to provide residential solutions in a timely manner to adults with an intellectual disability who are on the Housing List. It allows the residents to have a greater level of independence in an environment suited to their support needs, whilst reducing the demand on ageing parents and carers. While CAS provides the capital funding in partnership with Fingal County Council, the HSE provides the revenue to deliver the necessary residential supports. *"I never imagined that my son would be given this opportunity to live in the community in such a pleasant bungalow. Thank you so much."* (Parent)

Praxis looks forward to continuing to work in partnership with Fingal County Council and the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide more homes to adults with an intellectual disability in the Fingal region. Praxis would also like to thank the Elected Members and staff of Fingal County Council for all their help and support to date.

Praxis currently have CAS supported homes in Swords, Balbriggan and Rush.

## Housing Loans Update

Government circulars issued at the end of 2022 are now in effect with regards to interest rates and the Mortgage Protection Insurance rate for home loans. The new lending interest rate is 3.35% for under 25-year terms and 3.45% for under 30-year

terms. The new MPI rate is 0.038%. There is also a new MPI provider selected for the scheme, which is Cornmarket.

The Local Authority Home Loan was created last year and continues to attract a high level of queries and applications from members of the public seeking to secure a mortgage with the Local Authority. There have been 266 Local Authority Home Loan applications received to date under the scheme. Also, to date, €18.1 million of lending has been approved, with approximately €5 million of applicants having moved to the sale agreed stage.

## Housing Asset Management Report Energy Efficiency/Retrofitting Programme

Ninety-two properties were retrofitted under the highly successful 2022 programme, exceeding the DHLGH-set target of 81 for 2022 and which followed a pilot energy retrofit programme in 2021. Starting off in Jugback Estate, Swords, the project then moved to St. Paul's Balbriggan, Lissenhall in Swords and Whitechapel Clonsilla, where extensive works were carried out including electrical upgrades, attic insulation, installation of triple glazed windows and doors along with PV panels where required to reach a B2/Cost optimal standard.

The 2023 programme will see further growth and expansion of this project throughout the Fingal region. Works will shortly commence in Strandmill Road, Portmarnock. St. Catherine's Close, Rush and Whitestown Gardens, Blanchardstown are currently at survey stage.

Fingal County Council and the SEAI are to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to explore the possibility of undertaking pilot projects to test a partnership approach to upgrading privately-owned homes funded by SEAI government grants in existing local authority estates where Fingal County Council are undertaking works funded by the DHLGH.



External insulation underway in St. Paul's, Balbriggan.

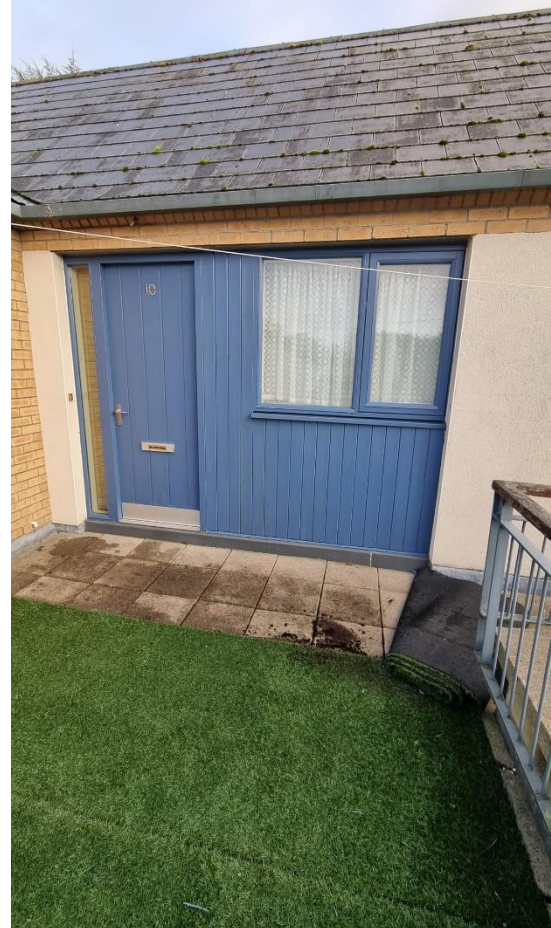
### Returning Dwellings to Productive Use

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

Voids for Re-letting	30 <sup>th</sup> January 2023
In the letting process	61
Undergoing re-let repairs	27
With County Architect for procurement of pre-let repairs	8
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>96</b>

### Planned Maintenance Programmes Cyclical Maintenance - Scheme Painting

The Scheme Painting Programme provides for external painting and joinery repairs to Council housing stock and currently operates on a 6/7 year cycle. Works are reaching completion in Dromheath Avenue, Cruise Park and St. Brigid's Court and Park, Blanchardstown. Works have commenced in Mooretown and Seatown, Swords. Works are due to commence in Abbylea, Swords next week.



Before and after in St. Brigid's Court



## Housing Assistance Payment (HAP)

HAP continues to be the primary source of rent support for those in private rented accommodation. The recent discretionary increase by the Minister for Housing (to 35% of the basic HAP rate) allows the Local Authority to increase the basic HAP rate payment in line with rent on an income to rent ratio. In January 2023, 30 new tenancies were set up by the Fingal HAP Team.

The HAP team are on hand to deal with any queries from applicants and landlords in person at the Housing Department in the Fingal County Council Blanchardstown Office, by phone on 01 8905000 via the CCU or through email [hap@fingal.ie](mailto:hap@fingal.ie).

## Rents

The new rent review process has commenced and batches of tenants have been receiving their Rent Assessment Form (RAF). Tenants are required to complete this form and return it to the Rents Section with relevant documents to ensure they are charged the correct rent. The rent will then be reviewed on a two-year cycle basis.

The Rent Arrears team are working methodically through accounts in substantial arrears to encourage tenants to engage with the Council in reducing their arrears. In cases where there is no engagement, despite repeated efforts, proceedings have issued through the legal arena and to date the Rents Section has secured one Possession Order with 4 others currently before the courts.

The Rents team encourage any tenant who is experiencing difficulty paying their rent to engage with the Council to examine possible solutions. However, there are instances where tenants do not engage or make alternative payment arrangements and, in those situations, the Council needs to take further action.

## Housing Adaptation Grants

Fingal County Council approved its full allocation of grant funding for 2022 from the Department of Housing for works under the Housing Adaptation Schemes.

## Housing Tenancy Services Report

### Housing Support Housing Position

Following Completion of the Housing Needs Assessment on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2022, the current housing list position is in preparation for all applicants.

This will be available through the CBL portal on [fingal.ie](http://fingal.ie) shortly. Applicants who do not have access to this portal should contact [Choicebasedlettings@fingal.ie](mailto:Choicebasedlettings@fingal.ie) to request their unique username and password. The most recent list position issued on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 is available in the portal currently.

Letters will issue to applicants, this year, in addition to the portal.

## Changes to Income Eligibility Thresholds

In accordance with Circular 48/2022 and changes being implemented via the Social Housing Assessment (Amendment)(No. 3) Regulations 2022, the Social Housing Eligibility Bands will increase with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023.

### Income thresholds prior to 2023 detailed below:

Band	Single Adult	2 Adults	1 Adult 1 Child	1 Adult 2 Children
1	€35,000	€36,750	€35,875	€36,750

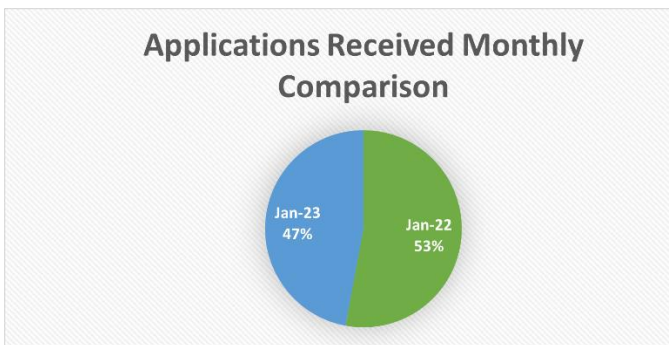
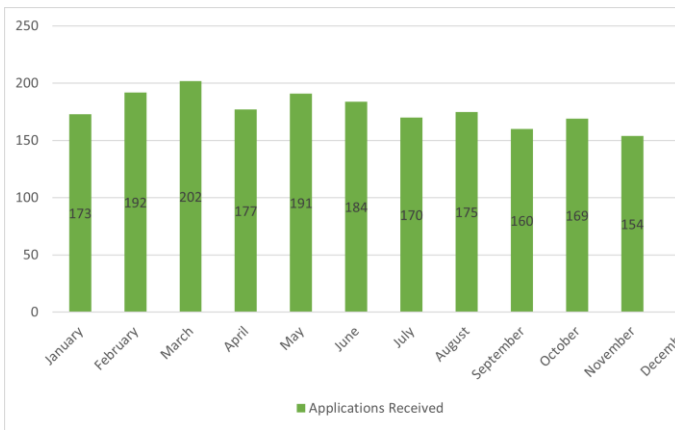
Band	2 Adults 1 Child	2 Adults 3 Children	3 Adults 4 Children
1	€37,625	€39,375	€42,000

The revised thresholds from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023 for different household compositions are detailed in the table below:

Band	Single Adult	2 Adults	1 Adult 1 Child	1 Adult 2 Children
1	€40,000	€42,000	€41,000	€42,000

Band	2 Adults 1 Child	2 Adults 3 Children	3 Adults 4 Children
1	€43,000	€45,000	€48,000

**Breakdown of 2,044 Housing Support Applications received 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022**



**Housing Support Appeals**

Applicants are reminded, an appeal must be received within 28 days of a decision being communicated in writing in order to be eligible for review. Appeals received after this time may result in automatic refusal.

A new email address has been established to facilitate the submission of appeals pertaining to

housing support applications by applicants e.g. closure of social housing applications, transfer of tenancy, income limit queries, medical priority & transfer applications. Applicants can email – [Housing.Appeals@fingal.ie](mailto:Housing.Appeals@fingal.ie).

**Choice Based Lettings January Advertised Properties**



Advertisement Period	Property	Bed	Type	Number of Views	Expressions of Interest
11 <sup>th</sup> - 17 <sup>th</sup>	Chapel Hill, Garristown	3 x 2	Semi-D	1150	159
11 <sup>th</sup> - 17 <sup>th</sup>	Mayeston Green, Finglas	2	Apt	683	106
11 <sup>th</sup> - 17 <sup>th</sup>	Beechfield, Castaheary	2	Terrace	1214	242
11 <sup>th</sup> - 17 <sup>th</sup>	Wellview, Mulhuddart	2	Terrace	886	145
18 <sup>th</sup> - 24 <sup>th</sup>	Westend, Blanchardstown	3	Apt	669	72
18 <sup>th</sup> - 24 <sup>th</sup>	Clonmethan, Oldtown	3	Bungalow	915	97
18 <sup>th</sup> - 24 <sup>th</sup>	Windmill Row, Garristown	3	Terrace	814	108
25 <sup>th</sup> - 1 <sup>st</sup>	Bremore, Balbriggan	3	Duplex	767	61
25 <sup>th</sup> - 1 <sup>st</sup>	Martello Road, Balbriggan	3	Terrace	821	104
25 <sup>th</sup> - 1 <sup>st</sup>	Millstream, Portmarnock	1	Apt	670	127
25 <sup>th</sup> - 1 <sup>st</sup>	The Kilns, Portmarnock	2	Apt	1128	159
			<b>Total</b>	<b>9,717</b>	<b>1,380</b>

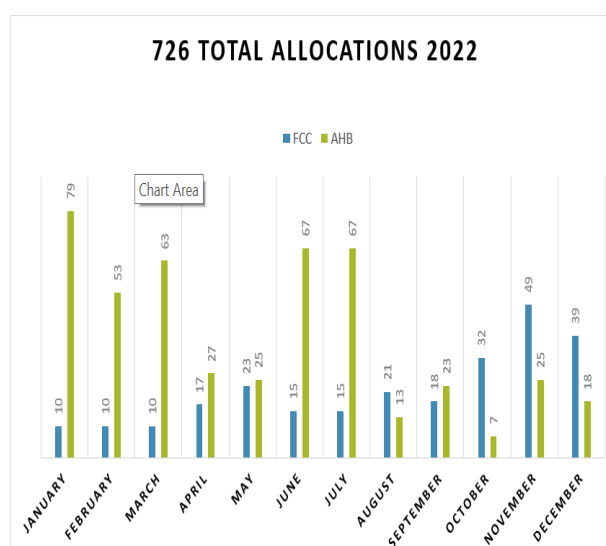
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## APPROVED HOUSING BODIES

Approved Housing Bodies are independent, not-for-profit charities registered as approved housing body under the Housing (Regulation of Approved Housing Bodies) Act 2019. Fingal County Council make offers of Social Housing by nomination of applicants to Approved Housing Bodies from the Council’s list of approved housing applicants for housing support provided in the County by these Bodies.

### Total allocations for 2022



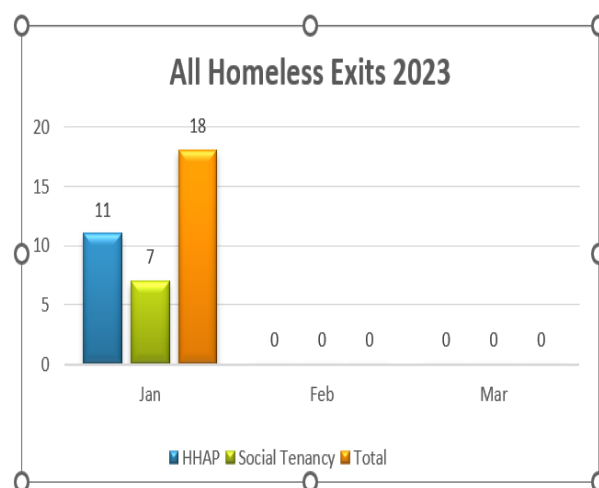
*This chart shows a breakdown of allocations for FCC and AHB stock in 2022*

Respond received the most nominations in 2022 from Fingal County Council with their developments in Charlestown and Carr’s Lane providing approximately 197 units in total. The collaboration between Local Authorities and Approved Housing Bodies is having a positive impact in the delivery of social housing, we aim to minimise the length of time units are vacant. FCC aim to work under the Best Practice guidelines as per the Code of Practice with an aim to continually refine and make improvements to the allocation process

## Homeless Services

### Homeless Exits 2023

During January 2023, 18 households exited homeless circumstances into various forms of social housing support - including into private rented tenancies under the Homeless HAP Scheme. Homeless HAP accounts for 11 of these tenancies, comprising 10 homeless prevention and one who exited from emergency accommodation. Separately there were 7 households that exited Homelessness into social tenancies. In total 8 FCC households exited emergency accommodation during January 2023.



### Homeless Presentations

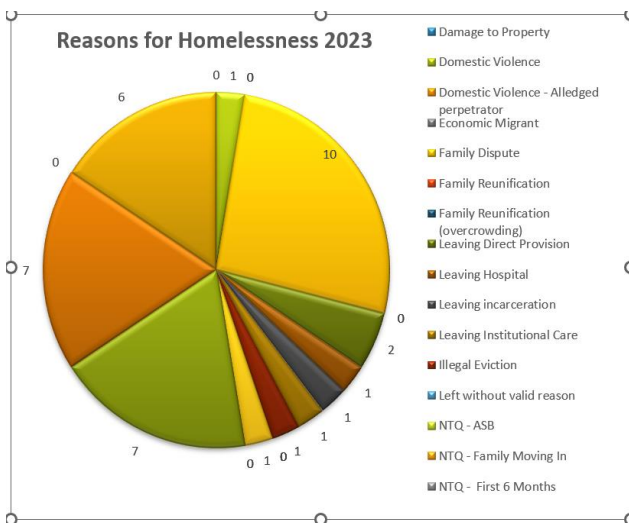
Fingal’s Homeless Team continue to engage with those experiencing homelessness to offer advice and support. Homeless Assessments continued to be carried out.

In January 2023 there were a total of 38 full homeless assessments completed – comprising **14** families and **24** singles/couples.

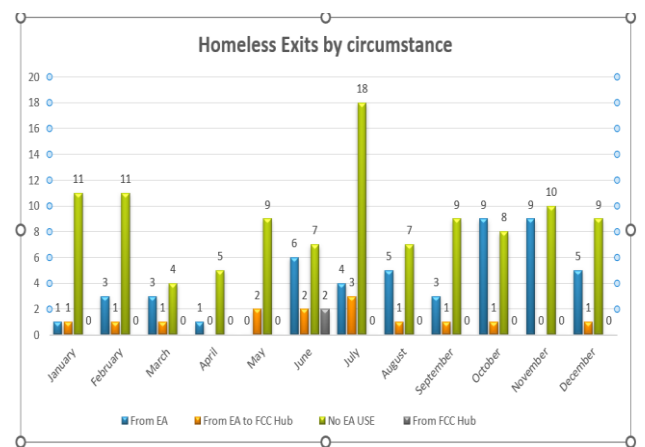
During January 2023, of the Homeless Assessments carried out, only one case resulted from a **Notice to Quit** (NTQ) having been served due to rent arrears. This low figure for January reflects the Winter Eviction Ban 2023 currently in place for NTQs. The only NTQ’s that can be exercised during the ban are those relating to non-payment of rent or ASB. **Renting a room** or licensee presenters are not covered by the Winter

Eviction Ban 2023 and accounted for 18% of assessments during January 2023.

There are also a considerable number of people making contact stating that they are Homeless due to **family breakdown** (26%). Most of the other presentations to the Homeless Section are from living in **overcrowded conditions** (18%) and state that they cannot/will not return to the property. The remaining reasons are outlined on the chart below.



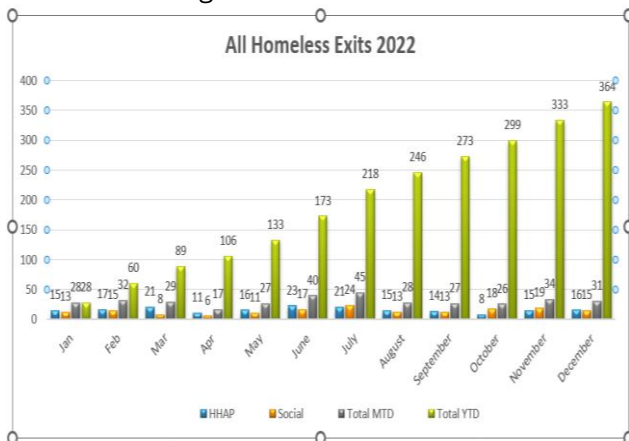
The 172 homeless exits to social tenancies comprise of 49 households who exited directly from emergency accommodation (EA). There were 108 exits that were categorised as no emergency accommodation use during 2022 (No EA Use), most of these exits comprised households from existing (pre-2022) Homeless HAP tenancies or over-holding situations. There were two allocations of social tenancy where the applicants exited directly from an FCC HUB and 13 of the exits were households who were accessing emergency accommodation and nominated to an FCC HUB.



### Homeless Exits 2022

Homeless exits for the year 2022 were 364 in total. This total figure comprises of two branches. The first is the Homeless HAP Scheme. During 2022 there were 192 new Homeless HAP tenancies created.

Additionally, there were 172 allocations of social tenancies during 2022.



### Emergency Accommodation (including Fingal County Council Family Hubs)

There continues to be an extremely high demand for Emergency Accommodation across the region for both families and individuals.

### Rough Sleepers

The Homeless Services Team continue to liaise with the DRHE Outreach Team regarding any reports of rough sleeping, to establish their names and circumstances and to offer supports. Regrettably, some rough sleepers are reluctant to engage with service providers and may refuse offers to access emergency accommodation. Any rough sleeper who is willing to engage with the Outreach Team and/ or the Council or will be assisted.

The Council will carry out homeless assessments and every effort is made to encourage them to avail of homeless services.



### **Rough Sleepers Co-ordination Group**

In January 2023, the Housing Department established a Rough Sleepers Co-ordination Group comprising senior staff from the Homeless Team and the Housing Inspectorate.

This Group meets weekly and the role will be to track any reports of rough sleepers and to continue to monitor reported locations of rough sleepers. The Group will also work in collaboration with our Operations Department as required.

### **Cold Weather Strategy 2022/ 2023**

The Dublin Region Homeless Executive (DRHE) has activated its Cold Weather Strategy 2022/ 2023 which runs from November 2022 to the end of March 2023. This is to meet a likely increase in demand for homeless services and to have the appropriate contingency plan in place for cold weather conditions.

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

### **Homeless Action Plan 2022- 2024**

The DRHE, with the approval of all 4 local authorities in the Dublin region, has finalised the Homeless Action Plan Framework for Dublin 2022-2024. This Plan is the first plan to be put into operation since Ireland signed the Lisbon Declaration on combatting homelessness in June 2021, which aims to end homelessness by 2030.

It will follow on from the previous Homeless Action Plan for 2019- 2021 and continues with the three key themes of **Prevention, Protection and Progression**.

The Plan was developed based on a detailed consultative process including submissions from various Stakeholders, interested organisations, Service Providers, Members of SPCs of the four Local Authorities, the Dublin Joint Homelessness Consultative Forum and the Statutory Management Group.

### **Traveller Accommodation Programme Traveller Accommodation**

A significant programme of works in relation to the refurbishment and upgrading of existing accommodation on Traveller specific sites is currently ongoing in conjunction with staff from the County Architect's Department. These works are in accordance with the objectives set out in the Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019-2024.

Regular site visits by Housing Inspectors continues on all Fingal County Council Traveller specific sites while checking on vulnerable residents and advising on the continued supports available. Council Officials continue to liaise and engage with the Traveller Community, Traveller Advocacy Groups, Welfare Services, Child Services, Mental Health Services and other services and agencies to resolve issues when and where possible.

Circular 45/2022 required the Council to carry out the "Annual Estimate of Accommodation of Traveller Families for 2022", Fingal's Annual Estimate returned a total of 588 Traveller families (end Dec 2022) residing within the Local Authority area to the Department.



Recently delivered mobile homes to a Council Traveller Specific Site in accordance with the Pilot Caravan Loan Scheme.

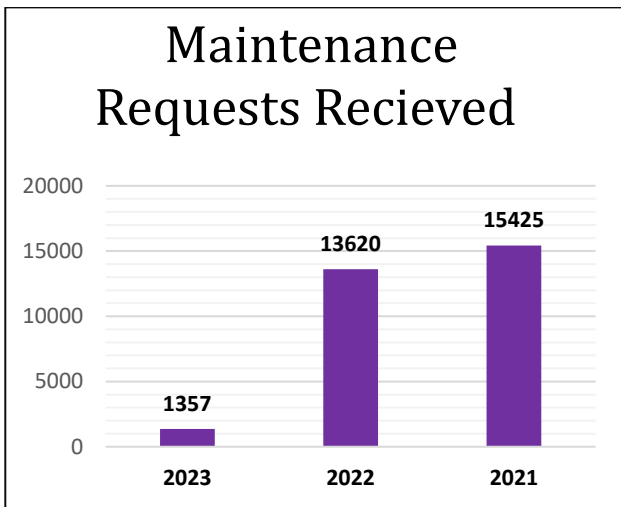


On-site maintenance works and removal of waste by the Council.

### Housing Welfare Service

The Estate Management Section continues to offer support to the most vulnerable of our Tenants in collaboration with our Social Workers, Tenancy Sustainment Officers and work collaboratively with external statutory agencies to protect and assist the most vulnerable through a range of support services.

### Housing Maintenance



### Boiler Servicing Programme

The Council provides an annual heating servicing facility, including all maintenance and upgrade works, for a nominal fee of €3 per week to participating tenants. Contractors progress batches of work throughout the course of the year. Contractors are working across the County in areas such as Dromheath, Whitechapel, Turnapin, Abbeylea and Dún Saithne.

### Anti-Social Behaviour/Inspectorate Unit

The management and sustainment of social tenancies and good estate management falls within the remit of the ASB/Inspectorate Unit. Alleged breaches of Tenancy Agreements are investigated and pursued in accordance with housing legislation and policy. The Council has recently been granted an Exclusion Order which is in force for a period of three years, made by the District Court, pursuant to Section 3 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1997, as amended. This Exclusion Order was sought by the Council as

a consequence of ongoing and persistent anti-social behaviour by an individual. A copy of the order has been issued to An Garda Síochána.

There are occasions when the vulnerabilities, complexities and health related issues associated with a tenancy require tenancy sustainment and welfare 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 may be required to ensure all agencies work collaboratively with a view to achieving best outcomes for our Communities. This work is ongoing in relation to a number of Tenancies in the county.

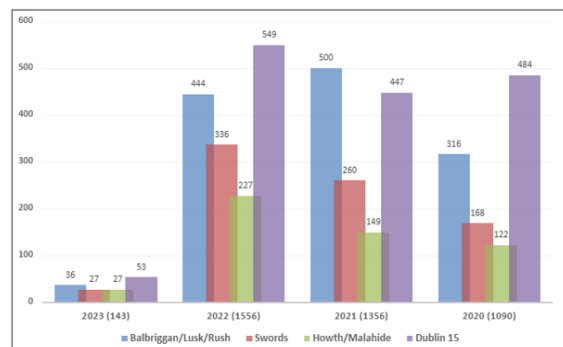
### ASB Caseload Management

Jan 2023	Active Investigation	Active Monitoring	Closed
Dublin 15	27	12	14
North County	61	16	13
<b>Total</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>27</b>

All complaints are received in confidence.

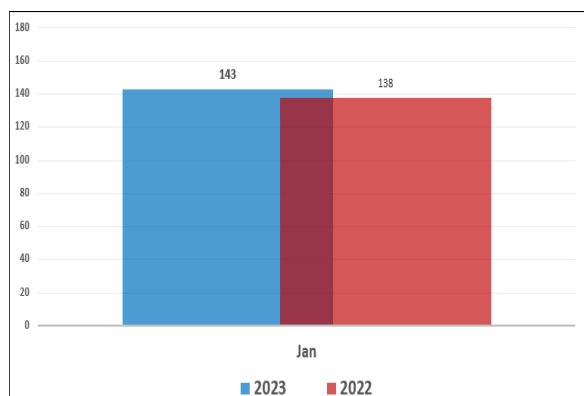
### Surrenders on Estate Management Grounds 2023 – 2 (Jan)

### Area Breakdown 2020-2023 – ASB Complaints Received





## Monthly Breakdown of ASB Complaints Received 2022-23



## Anti-Social Behaviour Interventions

<b>Interviews Held 2023</b>	<b>8</b>
Interviews Held 2022	101
<b>Tenancy Alerts 2023</b>	<b>0</b>
Tenancy Alerts 2022	39
<b>Tenancy Warnings 2023</b>	<b>0</b>
Tenancy Warnings 2022	6

## Inspectorate

<b>Traveller Specific Site Inspections 2023</b>	<b>148</b>
Traveller Specific Site Inspections 2022	1673
<b>Estate Inspections 2023</b>	<b>78</b>
Estate Inspections 2022	1086
<b>Estate Management Inspections 2023</b>	<b>141</b>
Estate Management Inspections 2022	2109

## Housing Ukraine Response

### *Those Fleeing the Conflict in Ukraine*

The Government is committed to delivering a humanitarian response to welcome people fleeing the conflict in Ukraine and seeking protection in Ireland.

Web resources with useful information on support and accommodation for Ukrainian refugees and the wider Fingal community are shown below:

[www.gov.ie/ukraine](http://www.gov.ie/ukraine)

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The Council's Fingal Ukraine Response Forum continues to meet regularly to assist co-ordinate the response of the various statutory agencies and voluntary groups in the county to assist the Ukraine community.

## Liam Rodgers Rest Centre

The centre was re-opened as temporary accommodation for displaced Ukrainians on the 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2022 to cater for increasing pressures on the accommodation situation in the country for displaced Ukrainians. The centre is presently utilised for new arrivals to the country with various statutory agencies linked with the centre to provide support to the new arrivals. Every effort is made to move the rest centre occupants to more permanent accommodation as soon as possible with a steady stream of moves to pledge accommodation. Supported by the Council and the Peter McVerry Trust (PMVT), **82** persons have moved from the rest centre to pledge accommodation across the county and country since the 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2022 with further moves to pledge accommodation to take place in the coming days.

## Pledge Accommodation

387 pledge properties (vacant and mainly house share) in the county were assigned to Fingal County Council by the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth (DCEDIY) to assess if still available and suitable for occupation, which was on foot of a call for pledged properties in early 2022 operated via the Irish Red Cross (IRC). The Council sought to contact all 387 owners. The Council work with its implementing partner (PMVT) to match Ukrainian displaced persons to these properties where the properties remain available and suitable. To date, 106 of these properties have been occupied. **8** house share properties remain to be occupied but are not immediately available for occupation or in a process of matching. The balance were deemed unsuitable following assessment for various reasons, including pledge withdrawn by the property owner, or the property owner has not responded to contact to date.

**A new national call for vacant unoccupied properties** to accommodate Ukrainian displaced persons was launched on the 24<sup>th</sup> November 2022. In terms of the Fingal area, **10** properties have been pledged to date. **3** of these properties are occupied with another property due to be occupied in the coming days. **3** properties were withdrawn or deemed unsuitable following inspection with the remaining **3** subject to inspection and dialogue with the owners. The Council is engaging with **6** other property owners who have not formally pledged a property but have made an expression of interest. It should be noted that the monthly recognition payment is now €800 per month. To pledge an unoccupied property, please visit the national portal at <https://offerahome.ie> or for enquiries, e-mail [offerahome@fingal.ie](mailto:offerahome@fingal.ie)

### **Vacant Homes**

The Council's Vacant Homes Action Plan was launched on the 9<sup>th</sup> December 2022.

The Vacant Homes Plan will help continue to bring vacant properties back into use as a cost-effective and sustainable way to increase the supply of housing to meet housing need. In doing so, the Council believes it can help improve neighbourhoods, increase access to housing and help to improve quality of life for those living in the towns, villages, rural and larger urban areas within the county.



**Croí Cónaithe**

The Vacant Homes office is accepting applications under the Croí Cónaithe Refurbishment Grant Scheme. This is a national scheme administered by local authorities introduced under *Housing for All*. This scheme provides new choices for people to live in towns, villages and rural areas in Ireland through the provision of a grant to support the refurbishment of vacant properties subject to the application meeting the scheme criteria.

***Note the scheme is expanded to cover all parts of the country (urban and rural). Accordingly, applications are now accepted with respect to all areas in Fingal.***

Subject to meeting eligibility criteria, a grant of up to a maximum of €30,000 is available for the refurbishment of vacant properties for occupation as a principal private residence, including the conversion of a property which has not previously been used as residential. Where the refurbishment costs are expected to exceed the standard grant of up to €30,000, a maximum top-up grant amount of up to €20,000 will be available where the vacant property is confirmed by the applicant to be derelict (i.e. structurally unsound and dangerous) bringing the potential total grant available for a derelict property up to a maximum of €50,000.

***New applications and expressions of interest continue to be received.***

To date, **11** applications have been received. **3** have been approved with works underway. In addition, staff are engaging with **21** other expressions of interest.

***An information campaign by the DHLGH has also commenced to raise more awareness of the scheme and to further promote the grant scheme***

A separate Croí Cónaithe (Serviced Sites Fund) is also in place. This fund allows local authorities to make serviced sites in towns and villages available to potential individual purchasers. These sites will be available at a discount on the market value of the site for the building of a property for occupation as the principal private residence of the purchaser.



The level of discount to the individual will depend on the level of servicing cost incurred by the local authority before the sale of the site with discounts up to a maximum of €30,000. The amount of such discount will be reflected in the sale price of the site to the purchaser. The examination of sites that may be suitable for the scheme is under way and any relevant sites will be advertised on the Council's website when such sites have been identified. Engagement is taking place with the DHLGH on the operational aspects of the scheme and a process to identify suitable sites is underway.

For enquiries on the above schemes, please contact the Council's Vacant Homes Office via e-mail at [vacant.homes@fingal.ie](mailto:vacant.homes@fingal.ie)

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

<p><b>Community Development Office</b> <b>Community Development</b></p> <p>St Catherines Resident Association IBP Pride of Place Awards 2022 One Town Singers Swords Mid East Network Fortlawn Community Garden Open Day Clonee Women's Shed Glas @ TU Dublin Dublin 15 Community Development Network for Community Centre Managers Parslicktown House Community Garden Tyrrelstown Community and Sports Hub – Property Marking Clinic Thrive Balbriggan Sub-Groups and Action Research Officer Flemington Interational Women's Day Committee Fingal She Leads International Women's Day Summer Projects Call for Expressions of Interest</p> <p><b>Strategic</b> Comhairle na nÓg</p>	<p><b>Facilities</b> Welcome Rooms in three community centres</p> <p>Master Class developing a marketing strategy</p> <p>Video on the Fingal Community Facilities Network</p> <p><b>Integration</b> Fingal Migrant Integration and Social Cohesion Strategy Pillars Meet to update actions in the Action Plan 2022-23</p> <p><b>Funding</b> Fingal LCDC Community Supports Fund Information Event Activity Funding Awarded in 2023 External Funding Application Support</p> <p><b>Age Friendly Fingal</b> Fingal's Older Peoples Council OPC Retirement</p> <p><b>Sports Office</b> Moving For Life &amp; Older Adult Exercise programme KickFit Inclusion Programme Sports Conditioning Fingal HomeFit Pilates</p>
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### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE Community Development

Community development is a process where community members come together to take collective action and generate solutions to common problems. Community wellbeing, economic, social, environmental and cultural challenges are often solved through collective action being taken at a grassroots level. Community development ranges from small initiatives within a local group to large initiatives that involve the broader community. Building community capacity, strengthening community participation and involving people in decisions that affect their lives is a complex process and can only

be achieved by working with local communities and agencies who have responsibility to the people in those communities. In December and January the Community Development Office worked in partnership with several community groups and partners to support the projects/Initiatives set out below. Mountview, Dublin 15 wins Best Urban neighbourhood in the IPB Pride of Place Awards





The community of Mountview in Dublin 15 was the big winner for Fingal County Council at the 2022 IPB Pride of Place Awards finals which honours the best in community development in all of Ireland. The awards, now in its 20<sup>th</sup> year, are organised by north-south organisation Co-operation Ireland. Each community applicant is visited by a team of judges, following a presentation. Fingal was represented by Mountview, Balbriggan Men's Shed and Oldtown Community Council and Judging took place in September. High praise was received for community spirit among the residents of Mountview when awarding the prize. The community "work extremely hard to maximise, to fully utilise the facilities that are available to them. They made a positive and enthusiastic presentation to the judges who were impressed by what they have achieved to date and their plans for the future". The Mountview entry, supported by the FCC Community Office saw the Mountview Youth and Community Centre, Family Resource Centre, Neighbourhood Youth Project and the residents of the Fortlawn estate and Flower Power group collaborate to showcase all that is great in this vibrant urban neighbourhood. Mountview Boys and Girls FC and the local Kurdish Community Group were also represented in the entry. The Community Office is now actively looking for groups to represent Fingal in the 2023 competition, which will be launched in the next few weeks.

### **St Catherines Resident Association**

Nominated for the Tesco *Community Funds* initiative; St Catherines Estate Committee in Rush were recently awarded with a cheque for €806 euro from the Tesco store in Rush. A committed group of local residents who come together regularly to enhance the estate and promote a sense of pride amongst all the age groups living in St Catherines. Overseeing the installation of flower boxes around the estate was one such initiative, whilst taking the time to promote and support recreational opportunities for residents including *Lets Play Rush Events* or *Halloween* activities. Working with FCC Community Development department, they continue to build their capacity as a committee. They are proud of the fact the local

people of Rush decided how the Tesco Community Fund would be shared and that Tesco deemed them to be worthy recipients. Continuing their great work, plans are already being made for 2023. The fund awarded is a valuable contribution to the work of the committee and an acknowledgment of their commitment to creating a sense of place for the residents of St Catherines Estate.



Pictured are: ***Steven Leavy Tesco Rush store manager alongside Matthew Knowlden and Denis Cullen from St. Catherine's Estate Committee and Debbie Rennicks Customer Service Agent from Tesco Rush.***

### **One town Voice Singers Swords**

St. Colmcille's GAA, Swords welcomed back the local singing talents of the One Town Singers. Coordinated by the Community Development Office and meeting every Tuesday night under the musical direction of Aine Daly & Tony Cox, the group continue to grow in numbers and musical ability. People from all over the world including Mexico, Germany, Lithuania sing to the tunes of ABBA, Queen and The Beatles.

### **Mid-East Network**

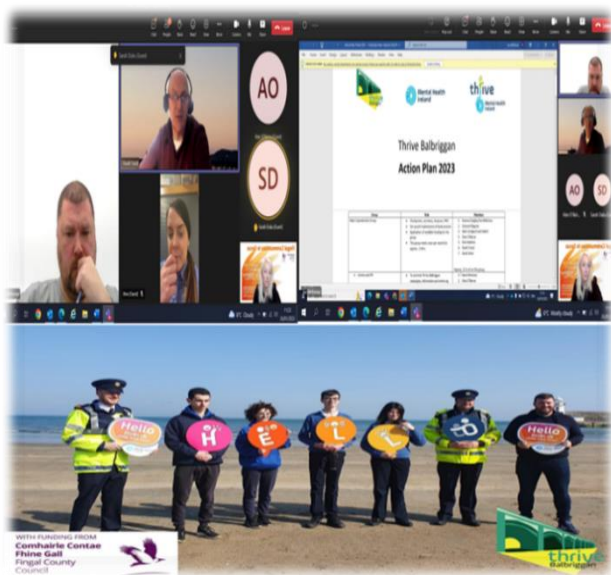
The managers from the four Community centres in Swords continue to meet to create a workplan for the centres for 2023. Upcoming events for International Womens Day, St. Patricks Day and summer events are in preparation. The sharing of ideas, information sessions held in all the participating community centres facilitate the reaching of all parts of Swords and Mid East Fingal.

## Thrive Balbriggan Sub-Groups and Action Research Officer

On the 12 January 2023, Thrive Balbriggan members came together to form subgroup committees for 2023 and to discuss the introduction of a Thrive Action Research Officer to further strengthen, develop and expand Thrive Fingal while capturing and documenting achievements and developing the evidence base for Thrive in Ireland.

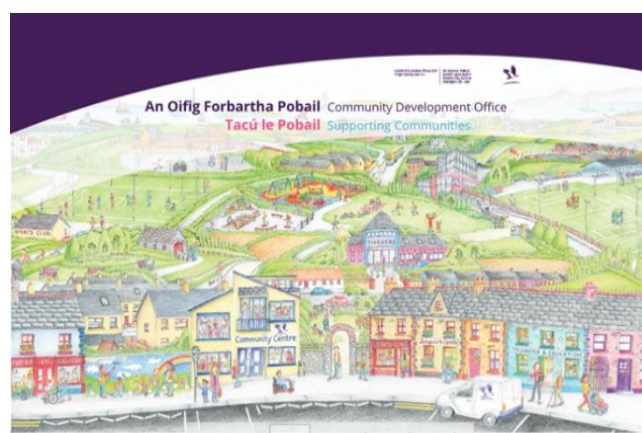
Strongly supported by the Community Development Office, Thrive Balbriggan's objective is to create a happy and healthy habitat for all citizens, an environment that could be conducive to positive mental health and a programme which reflects the character and identity of the community. The group is going from strength to strength and have developed 4 working groups. These subgroups consist of; Steering committee, Comms and PR; Campaigns and Events; Mental Health and the Community. Thrives steering committee met to identify actions for their subgroup in relation to constitution, funding and community leadership positions.

On the 2nd of February 2023, the Mental Health and the Community sub-group will meet in Flemington Community Centre under the Hub Approach. This sub-group will focus on meeting needs & identifying barriers in the community.



## Flemington International Women's Day 2023 Committee

Flemington Community Development Hub held the first meeting of the International Women's Day Committee for the Flemington area. The committee consists of several stakeholders including; Community Development Officer, Flemington Community Centre, Trimleston Residence, Taylor Hill Residence Association, Balbriggan Bake Club, The Irish Wheelchair Association members, Community Office, Mental Health Ireland and Fingal Sports.



## Fortlawn Community Garden Open Day

Fortlawn Community Garden is being supported by the Community Office through the Mountview Community and Sports Hub to host an Open Day on the 9 February. This event will celebrate the recent Pride of Place award for the community and is also designed to act as a recruitment drive for new volunteers.





### Clonee Women's Shed

The Community Development Office attended the first meeting of the **Clonee Women's Shed** on the 11 January. There was an incredible turn out and it was wonderful to see so many women from the area come together and in such a determined way. The Community Office looks forward to supporting this group in the coming months by offering pre-development supports.



### GLAS @ TU DUBLIN

January saw the first project partner meeting for the new Glas @ TU Dublin Community Garden Project. This initiative sees The Community Development Office work with Global Action Plan (GAP) and TU Dublin on bringing GAP's successful community garden model from Ballymun to Dublin 15. Community groups and local organisations will be invited to participate in this new initiative over the coming weeks with a view to an official launch of this project in May.

### Dublin 15 Community Development Network for Community Centre Managers

A second meeting of this new network which aims to drive community development initiatives through the community centres across Dublin 15 was held in January with the support of the Community Development Office. A new community development calendar has been created to support Community Centres to plan around key dates such as National Volunteering Week, International Women's Day and Halloween among other projects. It is anticipated that this group will also provide peer support to community centre managers, aid collaboration and support a cohesive approach to community development in Dublin 15.

### Parslickstown House Community Garden

Committee members from the community garden met with Hans Zomer of Global Action Plan, who visited Parslickstown House to provide valuable start up advice and information to the group. There are plans for some of the committee to visit the Global Action Plan Garden in Ballymun to see this project in action and to garner some gardening tips and advice from their onsite gardener. This project continues to develop with the support of the Community Development Office.

### Tyrrelstown Community and Sports Hub

The first Garda Property Marking Clinic for Tyrrelstown Community Development Hub of 2023 was a great success. The local community showed up in force with their bikes, laptops, tools and other items to be marked with their Eircode. This will ensure that property is returned to its owner in a prompt manner if it becomes separated from its owner.



### Facilities

#### Welcome Rooms

In January, The Community Development Office supported and funded the development of 'Welcome Rooms' within three community centres in Fingal, two in Dublin 15 and one in Swords. Parslickstown House, Corduff Resource Centre and Rivervalley Community Club were identified as the three spaces to roll out the initiative on a three-month pilot phase, running to the end of March. The rooms are designed to be a Living Room space within the community centre and are equipped with armchairs, board games, books, a kids play

area, TV's, a radio and charging points for devices. There is also the facility for people to help themselves to tea and coffee and light refreshments. The space is freely available to all. The rooms are available broadly in line with the opening hours of the centres. Neighbouring Local Authorities have visited the Welcome Rooms and expressed an interest in developing the initiative within community spaces in their remit.



**Developing marketing strategies in community centres**



30 community facilities participated in a Masterclass “Developing a Marketing Strategy” The training covered a wide range of topics. Piecing together a successful marketing strategy is essential for any social enterprise to survive. This training looked at developing an effective and high performing strategy. It also provided an opportunity for community centres to look at their target audience and start to reach outside the norm.

## She Leads International Women’s Days

Comhairle Contae  
Fhine Gall  
Fingal County  
Council



## She Leads, We Lead Fingal Women Bringing Change



Fingal She Lead's, an initiative of Fingal County Council, as part of International Women's Day 2023 is celebrating women's leadership in a visual way, through a photography exhibition. The exhibition will feature portraits of women from Fingal who are leading in Community Action. Accompanying stories will showcase their leadership achievements. This exhibition will be on display in Fingal County Council's County Hall during the International Women's Day celebrations and will serve as a powerful inspiration for women and encourage others to become active in their communities. Community & Voluntary groups or services in Fingal are invited to nominate a female member(s) of their group who has demonstrated leadership in their community. Closing date for nominations is **Friday 10th February, 5pm.** <https://consult.fingal.ie/en/content/2023-iwd-leadership-exhibition>

## Summer Projects Expression of Interest

Are you a  
**Community  
Voluntary Group?**  
Have you an activity  
that would benefit people  
in Fingal County?

Fingal County Council  
Community Activities  
Funding Scheme can help  
your group

Over €70,000 funding will be made available to groups to provide summer projects in 2023. To find out more, please express your interest by the 24th February 2023.

<https://consult.fingal.ie/en/content/fingal-county-council-2023-summer-project-expression-interest-form>

From the 23 January, community and voluntary groups are invited to register their interest to host a Summer Project. Only groups that have expressed an interest can progress to applying for funding. Closing date for this Expression of Interest is the 24 February 2023– click here to register <https://consult.fingal.ie/en/content/fingal-county-council-2023-summer-project-expression-interest-form>

### Community Facilities Promotional Video series.

The filming of the second in a series of videos promoting the work of the Community Facilities Management Support Unit in the Community Office was completed in January. The finalised video will be ready in February.

The video will highlight the origins and work of Fingal Community Facilities Network which now has a membership of 34 Community facilities throughout Fingal. The production features contributions from Naomi Weir Senior Executive Officer as well as managers and staff from Baldoyle Community Hall, Parslickstown House Community Centre, Huntstown Community Centre and Luttrellstown Community Centre. The video is scheduled to be released on the FCC YouTube channel when post-production is completed in February.

### Strategic

#### Comhairle na nÓg

Fingal Comhairle na nÓg held a meeting with all members. 13 new members have joined Fingal's Comhairle na nÓg bringing the total up to 26 from across Fingal. They discussed how to move the topic on from the AGM. The topic they will focus on for 2023 is Education. One past participant has agreed to volunteer with the Comhairle over the next year, helping the appointed Foróige Youth Officer. The Pobal report for 2022 and request for funding for 2023 have been completed and submitted. The first steering committee meeting of 2023 will be held on February 7.

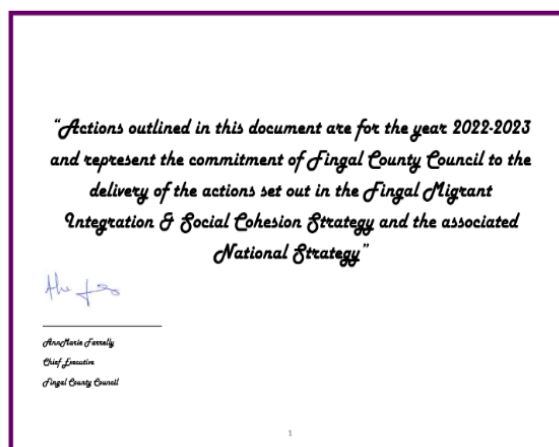


### Integration

The Fingal Integration Team works to deliver the Fingal Migrant Social Cohesion Strategy 2019-2024. The Team promotes inclusion and diversity in all areas of work and support delivery of actions through collaborative work / initiatives across the county of Fingal.

Fingal Migrant Integration and Social Cohesion Strategy Pillars Meet to update actions in the Action Plan 2022-23:

The Pillar Chairs meeting took place on the 24 January to progress the action plan for 2022-23. Pillar Chairs are committed to completing Actions outlined in the Fingal Migrant Integration and Social Cohesion Strategy. In 2022 the group said a big thank you to Brian Buckley SEO Corporate Department who has since retired and welcomed Nicola Halleran onboard. The group look forward to working with Nicola in our continued commitment to deliver on strategy actions.





## Age Friendly

Age Friendly Fingal is committed, through this strategy, to driving a collaborative, multi-sectoral approach which supports interventions that will significantly help to improve the quality of life of the current population of older people in Fingal and future generations.

## Fingal's Older Peoples Council



Fingal Age Friendly's "is committed to enhancing the quality of life of older people in Fingal, by guiding and coordinating the strategic development of Fingal as an age friendly county, through the development and oversight of cross sectoral age friendly initiatives".

**Fingal Age Friendly Strategy 2018-2024.** To achieve this, Fingal County Councils plans must be informed by the needs of today's older people, so that future generations will experience their communities as age friendly.

**Fingal's Older People Council (OPC)** which is a representative group of older people formed to identify priority areas of need, raise issues of importance and inform and influence the decision-making process of Fingal County Council's Age Friendly Programme is seeking new members. If you are a member of an older aged group in Fingal and would like to represent them on Fingal's OPC please email [community@fingal.ie](mailto:community@fingal.ie) for more details.

## OPC Retirement



After many years of dedicated service to the Fingal's Senior Citizens forum and Fingal's Older Peoples Council – Kathleen O'Brien has retired from her role as OPC treasurer to concentrate fully on her extensive and valued volunteer work in her local town.

On Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2023 the OPC presented Kathleen with flowers and a gift as a token of their appreciation for the commitment Kathleen has given to the group over the years.

We wish Kathleen the very best in her future endeavours.

## Funding

### Fingal LCDC Community Supports Fund Information Session

Over 70 groups attended the *Fingal LCDC Community Support Fund* online information session on Wednesday 25 January. The session was delivered by the Community and Sports Development Office to generate an awareness of the scheme and support groups when making the funding application.

### Activities Funding (up to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023)

Report: Grant Applications  
2023 Cumulative Activity Grant CE Report



Communities Activities Funding has been awarded to 1 project to the amount of €2800 to date.

Howth Malahide – €2,800K

### External Funding Application Support

During January 2023, the Community Development Office has supported 7 Community and Voluntary organisations in their application for external (non-Fingal County Council owned) funding.

### Sports Office

The Sports Office supports and delivers programmes aimed at increasing participation in sport, targeting specific groups such as children, youth at risk, disadvantaged groups, teenage girls, women in sport, older adults and people with disabilities

### Moving for Life & Older Adult Exercise Classes



Both the Moving for Life programme in St. Maccullin's Community Centre in Lusk and the Older Adult Exercise Classes in Balbriggan Combined Clubs recommenced in January. Participants numbers across both programmes has increased to over sixty and continues to grow. The increased numbers of participants reflect the increased demand for in-person physical activity classes after the years of Covid restrictions and the importance of social interaction. Both programmes cater for men and women and are led by trained instructors specialising in exercises suitable tutors for those returning to exercise and whose mobility may have declined during the Pandemic. Both programmes will run for ten weeks on Tuesday morning in Lusk and Thursday in Balbriggan.

### Kick Fit-Inclusion Programme

The Kick Fit-Inclusion programme started on Wednesdays in both the ALSAA Sports Centre and The Combined Clubs in Balbriggan with four adult day services from Rush, Balbriggan, Swords, and Howth taking part. This programme aims to keep

the service users fit and moving through the winter period when access to the outdoors is limited because of weather. Each day service will host a blitz every six weeks and many of the participants have filtered into local Inclusive soccer clubs.



### Sports Conditioning

The Sports Conditioning programme recommenced in January with three Balbriggan primary schools taking part in movement skill assessments. This will be followed up by multi activity sessions in the school in addition to staff training. The new and key outcome emanating from this initiative is provision for pupils, especially those not engaged in after-schools clubs, to have the opportunity on Saturday mornings to take part in a new Multi-Sport Club in Flemington Community Centre as an extension of this programme. This development aims to address the drop-off in sports participation among certain cohorts.



### Fingal HomeFit Pilates

The Fingal HomeFit Pilates resumed for 2023 with nearly 100 participants attending the first online class in early January. Jane from Core Healthy has been delivering a beginners Pilates programme. Pilates is a non-impact form of exercise that focuses on controlled movements to improve posture, strength and flexibility. You do not need to have any prior experience for these classes which are suitable for people of all ages and fitness levels. The programme will continue until 20 February.

# ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE ACTION & ACTIVE TRAVEL

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## Active Travel Protected Cycle Lanes Baldoyle-Howth Protected Cycle Lane Scheme Phase 1

Minor concrete, line marking and bollards works were carried out over the past month. The scope of works for the protected cycle lanes has now been completed by the contractor. At present the project is currently going through the snagging phase to progress the project to close out. Snagging works will be carried out on Grange Road, Warrenhouse Road, Dublin Road and Howth Road.

## St. Cronan's Ave and Brackenstown Road Protected Cycle Lanes

Site works are now back in full swing after a well-earned Christmas break for the contractor. We are now entering into the final quarter of works and starting to see the whole project coming together for the benefit of the local community. The contractor is currently tackling some of the more challenging work elements having commenced the upgrading of the T-junction at St. Cronan's Avenue and Brackenstown Road. Works are progressing well with this junction upgrade with the contractor nearing completion of the new concrete kerb realignment and installation of civil works for new zebra crossings. The existing T-junction will now be upgraded to a mini roundabout with pedestrian crossings on two arms to provide a safer and more efficient junction for all road users. Two new

concrete pavements were constructed along Brackenstown Road where the buses wait to go into services and at the Swords Manor shops. A number of new cycle paths were constructed to connect St. Cronan's View and St. Cronan's Way to the new cycle paths and Zebra crossings.



**Figures 1:** Junction upgrade works at Brackenstown Road and St. Cronan's junction



**Figure 2 & 3:** New connecting paths from housing estates to cycle lanes and new bus layby



## Towns & Villages

Works are continuing in the development of an Active Travel Plan for a number of our Towns & Villages. Details are outlined below.

### Skerries Active Travel Plan

The project team are now reviewing two consultant draft reports on the completion of the Public Consultation stage and research by the ESRI into Behavioural Change to Active Travel. Elected members will be briefed at the Area Committee meeting regarding the findings of these reports and both reports will be published on Fingal's Consultation Portal for public viewing. Preparation of tender documents will now proceed to appoint an integrated design team to develop Active Travel measures for Skerries Town.

### Connectivity/Permeability

We are continuing to receive various requests for Permeability and Connectivity improvements from various stakeholders across the county. These requests are being recorded in detail for evaluated through a multi criteria analysis. The projects are then reviewed across the departments to identify if an appropriate means of delivery can be established on the ground.

Where other projects being progressed in the area at either design or construction stage; we endeavour to include these Connectivity and Permeability improvements within those projects. Greenway connectivity support teams have been convened to review, design, and deliver active travel infrastructure that will enhance accessibility between the proposed strategic greenways and residential, educational, amenity and commercial zones. These support projects have been set up for Fingal Coastal Way, Broadmeadow Way/Sutton to Malahide Greenway and Royal Canal Greenway. This will help to optimise the use of the proposed greenway by both leisure and commuter users.

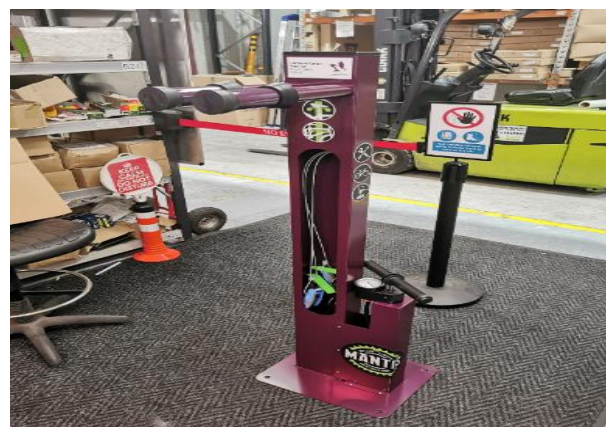
### Access Constraints

Following on from circular (NGS Circular 4/22), the guidance from the NTA (Access Control of Active Travel Facilities) the Active Travel Unit has mapped the access constraints (in particular kissing gates) within Fingal. We have put together a list of access

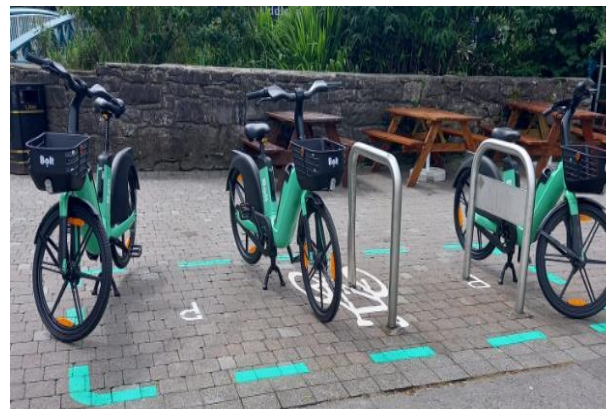
constraints to be considered for removal and works proposed to improve for pedestrians, cyclists and disabled persons. This list is currently being reviewed by the various departments to ensure that the removal of these constraints provide a positive impact in these areas. On completion of the review Fingal County Council Active Travel in conjunction with Operations will be coordinating the removal of these access constraints across the county.

### Secure Bicycle Parking Infrastructure

Our Contractor is gearing up to commence new bike parking infrastructure in the Howth & Malahide, Swords and Dublin 15 areas in Q1 of 2023. Locations are currently being agreed for expansion of virtual e-bike parking in public areas. Active Travel has taken delivery of six new bike repair stations and will be rolling out two stations in each of the electoral areas in the coming weeks.



Typical bike repair station



Typical virtual e-bike parking bays

## Road Safety

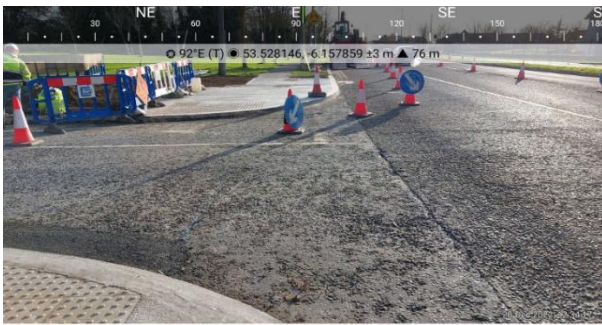
### Safe Routes to School

#### Round 1 – Tranche 1

The works contractor for the Safe Routes to School Tranche 1 contract is making great progress at each of the three school sites. Works to date have progressed well, with little or no disruption to the schools or traffic in each of the three areas. A brief update is provided below for each school site and associated construction works completed to date since the appointment of the works contractor.

#### 1. Rush and Lusk Educate Together

Works are now complete on Raheny Close junction upgrade with the raised table ramp installed in January and all footpath refurbishments and landscape reinstatement completed.



Works under the SRTS Programme close to Rush & Lusk Educate Together to install new pedestrian crossing point at the end of Raheny Lane also along the R127

#### 1. Castaheany ETNS / St.Benedict's NS

Junction tightening, and footpath works have been completed. Pencil bollards have now been installed around the area leading up to the school. Over the coming weeks, the roadworks will be

carried out to install raised tables at 3 no. Junctions around the school. Note this phase of the works is weather dependent. Works overall are progressing very well with excellent feedback from residents.



#### Bayside Junior & Senior School

Junction tightening has been completed at Alden Park, Verbena Lawn and Sarto Park. The tabletop ramp has been installed at the junction between Verbena Avenue & Sarto Park. Works have commenced on installing a dedicated pedestrian crossing outside the school.



#### Round 1 – Tranche 2

Design is currently underway for the Tranche 2 schools (4 no.) with a view to progressing to construction later in the year.



## Round 2

In mid-December An Taisce announced Round 2 of the Safer Routes to School programme, with the following Fingal schools selected:

- Holy Family Junior National School, Forest Fields, Swords
- Scoil Bhríde Buachaillí, Church Avenue, Blanchardstown
- Scoil Bhríde Cailíní, Church Avenue, Blanchardstown
- St Helen's SNS, Limetree Avenue, Portmarnock
- St. Colmcille's Girls' National School, Chapel Lane, Swords

The Active Travel team will shortly commence a review of our procurement strategy in this regard.

## Mobility & Behaviour Change St Cronan's Walking Bus

We are continuing the Walking Bus Initiative in St Cronan's JNS & SNS for the next 4 weeks to try and build momentum amongst the parents. The Walking Bus aims to encourage children and their parents to swap out the car in favour of a walk to school. The Walking Bus has scheduled 'stops' around the school that participants get collected from. Walking Buses are a key element of encouraging the adoption of more Active Travel measures in schools.



Figure: Walking Bus December 2022

## Learn 2 Cycle with a Disability

Our Learn 2 Cycle with a Disability Courses restarted in January for 2023. We are currently running courses in Corduff Sports Centre and Applewood Community Centre. In 2023, courses are also planned for Flemington Community Centre, Tyrrelstown Community Centre, Donabate Portrane Community Centre.



Figure: Learn 2 Cycle Sessions 2022

## Rush Men's Walk & Talk Group

Following on from the success of our other Men's Walk & Talk Groups we are launching a new group in Rush on the 7<sup>th</sup> February. The group will meet at the entrance to Kenure Park each Tuesday night and go for a 5km walk around the Rush area.



Figure: promotion leaflet for Rush Group

## Staff Walk on Wednesdays

As part of our Staff Engagement plan for Active Travel we will be holding guided walks once a month and encouraging staff to Walk on Wednesday with colleagues at lunchtime. The first walks are taking place on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February in Swords and Blanchardstown.



### **Bike Bunkers – Barnwall Court Balbriggan**

We have partnered with Barnwall Court Management Company CLG to pilot a Bike Bunker Scheme for the residents. Designed to provide secure, covered bike parking for up to 6 adult bikes per bunker and with 2 bunkers installed, this innovative storage solution from manufacturer Castit Ltd is a step forward for Active Travel in the Balbriggan area.



Figure: Bike Bunkers in Barnwall Court

### **School Talks – St Cronan’s JNS & SNS**

As part of the awareness campaign around the new Safer Routes to School Infrastructure that is being installed around the St Cronan’s Schools, our Walking & Cycling Officers have been engaged with the schools on various projects. Recently, they spoke with students from Junior Infants, Senior Infants, 3<sup>rd</sup> Class, and 4<sup>th</sup> Class to discuss Active Travel, the benefits to the Environment and the purpose of the new infrastructure being built. The students had some brilliant ideas around Active Travel and how we can use Active Travel to tackle Climate Change. Talks are also scheduled for early

February with the remaining classes as well as the Parents Association.



Figure: Active Travel Presentation in St Cronan’s

### **One to one Cycling Lessons – Adults**

As a precursor to our Adult Learn to Cycle Group Lessons in February, we are holding a number of one-to-one lessons with adults who are complete beginners to cycling. These off-road lessons are being facilitated by a qualified cycling tutor and it is hoped that participants will progress to a level that will allow them to participate in the Adult Group Lessons that are restarting at the end of February in Baldoyle.

### **Adult Cycling Lessons**

From 21 February 2023, a six-week group adult cycling course will begin in Baldoyle Racecourse Park, aimed at novice cyclists to learn key cycling skills, bike safety skills, and to gain confidence for on-road cycling.



Figure: Adult Cycling Lessons Oct 2022

### Cycling Without Age - Santry

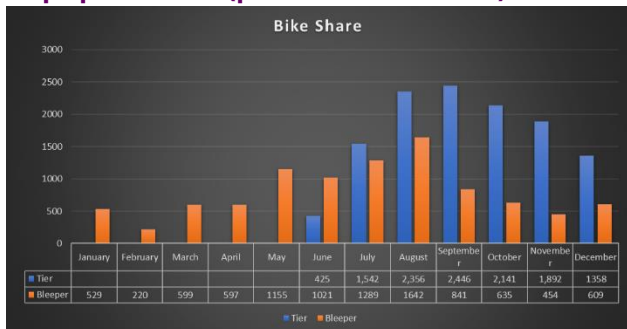
On Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> January we trained another 17 volunteers for Cycling Without Age in Santry, This Trishaw is due to launch in early February. We are undertaking an awareness building campaign among the local service providers who would benefit the most from the service. More information on Cycling Without Age can be found at their website <https://cyclingwithoutage.ie/>



Figure: Cycling Without Age Volunteers Santry

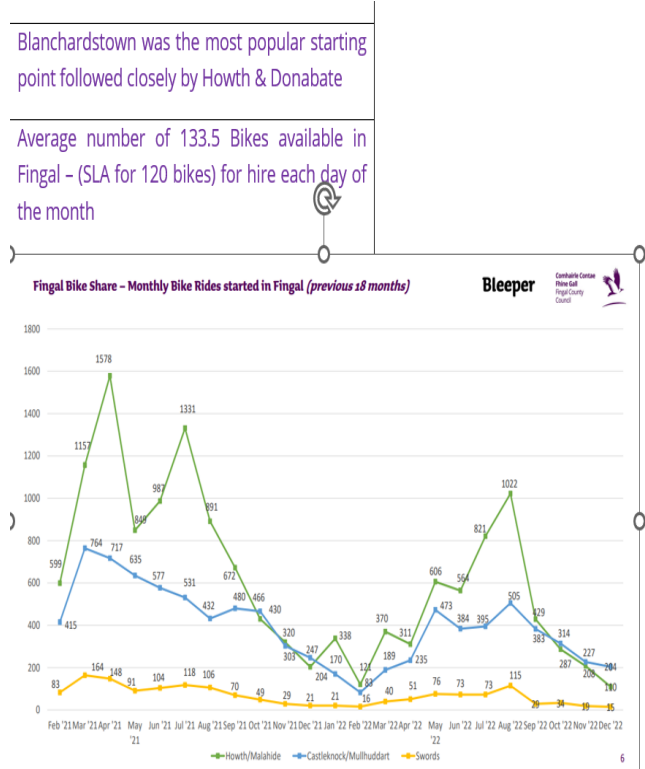
### Bike Share Schemes

#### Trips per month (previous 12 months)



#### Bleeper Bike December 2022; Other Key Statistics – Bike Share Countywide:

609 bike journeys started within Fingal operating zone in December
614 bike journeys ended within existing Fingal operating zone in December
Highest usage recorded on Fridays (18.9%) & Wednesdays (17.6%)
Blanchardstown was the most popular starting point followed closely by Howth & Donabate
Average number of 133.5 Bikes available in Fingal – (SLA for 120 bikes) for hire each day of the month



If you notice any bike parked incorrectly or vandalism in your area, please contact the Bleeper customer care team <https://www.bleeperactive.com/contact-us>

### TIER eBike Update

You can pick up a TIER e-bike easily. Just download the TIER app, scan the code on the e-bike to unlock it and you're on your way! The e-bikes are suitable for anyone over the age of 16 and note that a credit or debit card is required to sign up for the service. In December 2022, we surpassed the 50,000km travelled by eBike mark in Fingal. This is a phenomenal achievement in the first six months of the Pilot.

### TIER Mobility December 2022; Other Key Statistics

Metric	December
Active Vehicles	247
No of Customers	645
Trips / Customer	2.1
Distance Covered (KM)	4,496km
Average Trip Duration	15.28min
Average Trip length (KM)	3.3km



If you notice any bike parked incorrectly or vandalism in your area, please contact the TIER customer care team by email or through the App at [support@tier.app](mailto:support@tier.app).

## Climate Action

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

The CCAP Third Annual Progress Report was presented to the Corporate Policy Group in January 2023 and was well received. The Report presents an overview of progress against each theme of the Plan in a very accessible format, and outlines progress in summary against all of the actions in the Plan. The Report can be viewed at <https://www.fingal.ie/climate-change-action-plan-2019-2024>

The Governments Climate Action Plan 2023 (CAP23) was launched on 21 December 2022. It sets out how Ireland can accelerate the actions that are required to respond to the climate crisis, putting climate solutions at the centre of Ireland's social and economic development. A supplementary Annex of Actions will be published early in 2023. The Plan can be viewed at: <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/7bd8c-climate-action-plan-2023/>



## CLIMATE ACTION PLAN 2023 CAP23

Changing Ireland for the Better



## Environmental Awareness

Launch of School Waste Sorted videos: The Dublin Local Authorities in partnership with VOICE Ireland charity have developed videos to help schools manage their waste better. The videos are freely available to all schools in Gaeilge and English and can be streamed online at [www.youtube.com/@schoolwastesorted](http://www.youtube.com/@schoolwastesorted) These videos collect and share best practice from Irish primary and secondary schools. Both videos were filmed at Howth Road Mixed National School, Dublin 3.



## Circular Economy

The Corporate Policy Group was presented with a Circular Cities proposal in January 2023, following a recommendation by the Climate, Biodiversity and Environment SPC and it was well received. The Council agreed to sign up to the Circular Cities Declaration in January 2023. In doing so, the Council will be committing to work to accelerate the transition from a linear to a circular economy within the Dublin region.

## Bring Centres

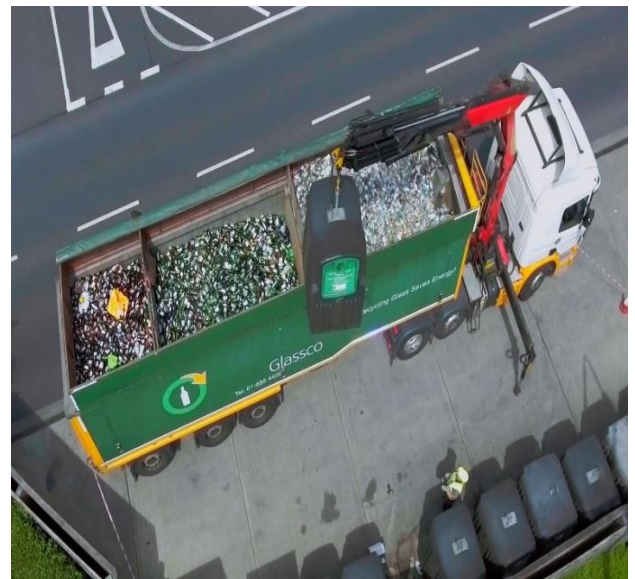
### Bottle Banks

New Signage erected Sutton Tennis Club. Some of the Wheelie Bins have also been replaced here in late January.



### Segregate the glass at our Bottle Banks

All our Contractor's collection vehicles have three individual sections in the trailer to accommodate the three different colours of glass. Each section has a dividing door which allows them to empty the glass into the correct colour bay when the vehicle arrives back at the processing facility this initial colour sorting makes it a lot easier to recycle the glass back to new glass bottles and jars in various colours. Of all the material that reaches the plant, less than 1.3% ends up in landfill. This material is mainly made up of labels, corks, plastic rings and lids. Different types of glass have different properties and are not all recyclable. Bring banks cannot take ovenware glass or "Pyrex", lightbulbs, leaded glass, glazing glass or ceramics such as cups, plates and saucers this is displayed on all our signage.

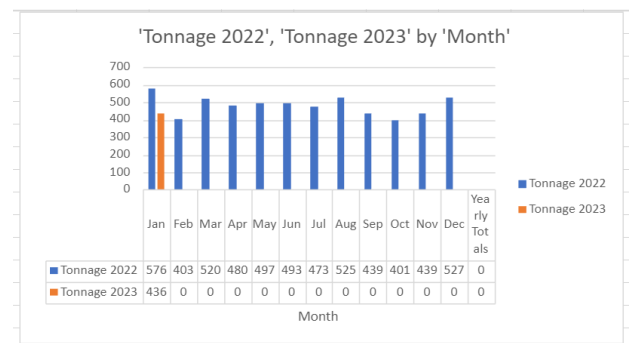


### Assessment on Castleknock, Mulhuddart Potential sites for Bring Banks

Environment in conjunction with Fingal County Council's Operations Department have identified some potential sites for installation of bottle banks and will be working to progress these sites in the first and second quarter of 2023.

### Bottle Banks /Can Banks

The Glass Tonnage Report for January 2022 year to date compared to tonnage collected January 2023 is shown below. There were 435 tons of glass collected for recycling to the 25<sup>th</sup> of January 2023. This is compared to 576 tons which were collected in the month of January 2022.

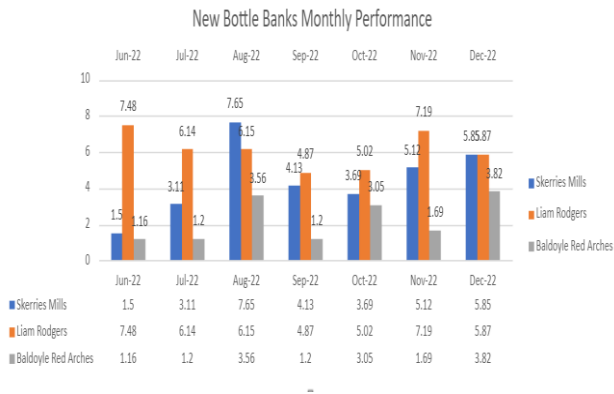


### Assessment of Recently Added Bottle Bank Sites

The Chart below shows the performance of three of our new Bottle Bank facilities for the period June to Dec 2022. This shows the steady increase on all



sites once the public become aware of the new location and continue to use it. A total of 119 tons of glass has been collected and recycled from these three sites in the period.



### Textile Banks

The Textile Tonnage Report for 2022 compared to 2021 is shown below. The amount of textiles collected for January 2023 will be available next month.



### Litter Management

In January, the Litter Wardens continued their campaign to raise awareness of the issue of dog fouling in the Fingal area. They also erected anti dog fouling signage in areas where complaints were received.

A total of **231 planned route** inspections on litter black spot areas were carried out.

They also carry out inspections on the bring banks in the Fingal to ensure that there was no dumping. Any dumping found was investigated under the Litter Pollution Act. They carried out investigation on reports of abandoned cars and burnt-out cars. Local businesses were also inspected, to ensure they were keeping their premises free of litter.

In the district court in January 2023, three case was successfully prosecuted, and cost were awarded. Two cases were paid in advance and were struck out.

2023	Fines/notices issued	
Month	Fines	Notices
January	44	16

From 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023 to 26<sup>th</sup> January 2023, 111 cases were assigned to the Litter Warden for investigation under the following heading from the CRM system.

CRMs created between 1st January 2023 and 26 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	Amount
Env - Dog Fouling	1
Env - Fly tipping 1-20 bags equivalent	22
Env - General Litter Issue	40
Env - Pollution - Dog Fouling Signage	8
Env – Abandoned cars	38
Env litter incident with witness	2

### Abandoned Vehicles

**2022 Summary:** The Abandoned Vehicles Pilot scheme is one year on, with a total of 383 vehicles reported to the Environment Department between 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022 – 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022. Following investigations, a total of 13 abandoned vehicles and 3 burnt-out vehicles were removed by the Environment Department in 2022.

**2023:** 38 reports of alleged Abandoned Vehicles received between 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2023 – 24<sup>th</sup> Jan 2023. Burnt-out vehicles are also reported to the Environment Department, 1 burnt-out car was removed in January 2023

The Litter Wardens carry out an initial inspection of all reported abandoned and burnt-out vehicles. For further information on abandoned vehicles, there is a dedicated webpage on the Fingal Council website:  
<https://www.fingal.ie/council/service/abandoned-vehicles>

2023	Abandoned Vehicles Removed as at 24/01/2023	Burnt out Vehicles Removed as at 24/01/2023
January	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>

### Dog Warden Service

The dog wardens continue to issue on the spot fines to dog walkers/owners who are in breach of the Control of Dogs Act 1986, as amended. Dog walkers/owners should make themselves familiar with the regulations in order to avoid being issued with an on the spot fine.

34 on the spot fines were issued by the dog wardens in January in relation to the Control of Dogs. A number of these fines included restricted breed dogs being unmuzzled while in a public place. There is a strict, zero tolerance policy in relation to restricted breed dogs being unmuzzled and owners using an incorrect lead while out in a public place with such dogs.

The dog wardens are also continuing door to door licence checks. Dog owners should ensure that they hold a valid licence for their dog and if issued with a 10 day notice by the dog wardens, should present their licence to [Environment@Fingal.ie](mailto:Environment@Fingal.ie) within the 10 days provided on the notice. Failure to do so may result in a fine for failing to produce a dog licence when requested to do so by a dog warden and/or keeping a dog without a valid licence. The fine per offence is €100.

34 fines were issued in January in relation to dog licences.

Month	10 Day Notices	Fines Issued	Fines Paid
December	13	84	€3,600
January	40	68	€4,760



**Total fines paid in 2021: €1,200.**  
**Total fines that were paid in 2022: €15,650.**  
**Total fines paid between the 1<sup>st</sup> of January and 26<sup>th</sup> of January: €4,760.**

The dog wardens responded to 38 calls received in January regarding stray dogs and control of dogs.

### Dog Licences

The below table shows the number of annual and lifetime licences purchased in December, compared to November. A yearly licence costs €20 and a lifetime licence costs €140. We will continue to promote the requirement for a dog licence on social media platforms. It is a legal requirement to hold a valid licence for any dog you own or are responsible for.

Month	Annual Licences Purchased	Lifetime Licences Purchased	Income from Licences
December	469	54	€16,940
January	635	65	€21,800

In December, five cases in relation to the Control of Dogs were successfully prosecuted in the District Court. A total of €3,585 including costs was awarded to Fingal County Council by the District Court judge on the day.

### Dog Shelter Service

The dog shelter holds “Meet & Greet” visits for those looking to rehome a dog. Visits can be arranged, by appointment only, from Monday – Friday, 10am until 4pm and on Saturday from 11am and 1pm



The dog shelter holds stray dogs picked up by the dog warden and dogs who have been surrendered by their owners. At the beginning of the month there were 12 dogs in the shelter. During January, 13 dogs were found straying/seized and 4 dog was surrendered by their owner.

Of these 29 dogs, 3 have been reclaimed by their owners, 8 dogs have been rehomed to rescue and 7 have been rehomed to members of the public. At the end of January there are 10 dogs remaining in the shelter.

Dogs in Shelter at the start of December	12
Stray/Seized dogs brought to Shelter	13
Surrendered by owners	4
Reclaimed	3
Rehomed to Rescue	8
Rehomed to Public	7
PTS	1
Dogs in Shelter at the end of December	10



*Arlo was surrendered by his owner on the 19<sup>th</sup> of January and rehomed on the 22<sup>nd</sup>*



*Blair has been in the shelter for 105 days and is still looking for his forever home*



*An un-microchipped lurcher was found straying and brought to Village Vets, Clonsilla where the wardens collected her and brought her to the shelter*

### **Horses**

Weekly inspections are continuing to take place on Dunsink Landfill to monitor the numbers and welfare of the horses onsite. Currently there are 111 horses on the main landfill site. There are now 10 hay feeders being refilled by the Operations Department on a weekly basis. In January there were 2 seriously welfare compromised horses taken from the Landfill.

### **Flood Schemes**

The OPW have recently appointed ARUP consulting engineers to undertake a scheme viability review of several schemes in Dublin, Meath & Louth. This review will include the schemes at Portmarnock, Malahide & Rush.

The review is likely to be completed by the end of the year. Further progress with the above schemes will be dependent on the outcome of the review.

## **Waste Enforcement & and Regulation**

### **Environmental Inspection Plan 2023**

The Environmental Inspection Plan (RMCEI Plan) 2023 is currently being finalised and will be submitted to the EPA in early February. The overall objective of the Plan is to identify and prioritise enforcement activities under key areas such as Litter Management, Water Pollution, Waste Enforcement & Regulation and Air & Noise Pollution to ensure that Fingal County Council effectively comply with its obligations under all environmental legislation.

The legislation underpinning the Inspection Plan is designed to protect the environment and minimize the risk of pollution from a variety of different activities. The Inspection Plan takes account of a range of National Enforcement Priorities as well as several Local Environmental Priorities for 2023.

The Department of Environment, Climate and Communications (DECC) have confirmed the following high-level enforcement priorities for 2023:

### **National Waste Priorities 2023**

The Department of Environment, Climate and Communications (DECC) have set out the following high-level priorities for 2022 to 2024:

- ✓ Tackling Significant Illegal Waste Activity
- ✓ Construction and Demolition Activity
- ✓ Waste Data & Waste Flows
- ✓ End-of-Life Vehicles (ELVs) & Waste Metal Industry
- ✓ Waste Collection - Household & Commercial Waste
- ✓ Producer Responsibility Initiatives and Additional Local Priorities



### National Water Priorities 2023

- ✓ Pressures from agriculture (slurry soiled water collection and storage)
- ✓ Pressures from agriculture (slurry and fertiliser spreading)
- ✓ Domestic Wastewater Treatment Systems (DWWTs) and Septic Tanks
- ✓ Discharge licences and Misconnections
- ✓ Local priorities and water quality monitoring

### National Air & Noise Priorities 2023

- ✓ Solid Fuel
- ✓ Air Quality Monitoring and Data Use
- ✓ Environmental Noise Directive
- ✓ Air and Noise Control (including Planning)
- ✓ Ongoing Air and Noise Enforcement Work

The Environmental Inspection Plan is an important element of the Environment Division Operational Plan 2023, under the objective “to protect and enhance the natural environment of Fingal through effective education, awareness, monitoring and enforcement of national and local legislation and policy”. The Plan will be reviewed periodically throughout the year to take account of any legislative or policy changes that arise. During 2022 a total of 1,372 waste related inspections were undertaken across 57 different work areas. A total of 1,427 work days involving 6 waste enforcement officers were allocated to ensure that all waste priorities were addressed and targets achieved as set out within the Inspection Plan 2022.

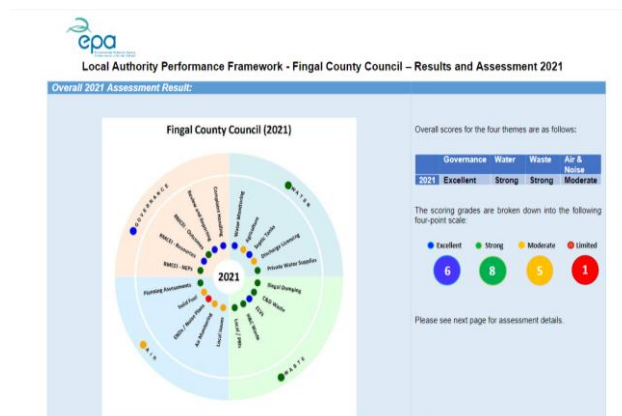
### Environmental Inspection Plan - Inspections Completed in 2022

Category	No. of Planned Inspections	Inspections Completed
Waste Enforcement	1,208	1,372
Water Pollution	999	1,246
Litter Management	3,216	3,387
Air & Noise Pollution	334	345

A detailed summary of all inspection completed in 2022 (RMCEI Data Return) will also be submitted to the EPA in conjunction with a National Enforcement Priorities (NEP) Report to tell the story behind the inspection statistics and how key assessment criteria were met such as the following:

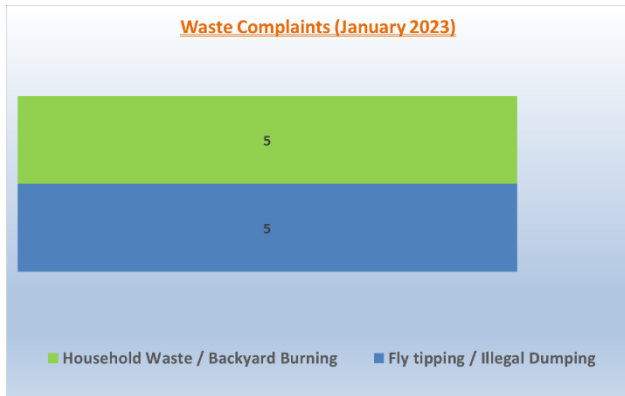
1. A Documented Compliance Rate
2. Appropriate Site Selection
3. Non-Compliances/Unauthorised Activities Detected
4. Clear Environmental Outcomes Achieved
5. Collaborative Work
6. Proactive Approach and Innovation
7. Promotion of Compliance & Environmental Awareness
8. Significant Enforcement Actions and Prosecutions
9. Case Studies Provided

The Environmental Inspection Plan 2023, the NEP Report 2022 and the EPA Data Return 2022 will then be assessed by the EPA to provide each Local Authority with a performance score in each of the key areas of Governance, Water Pollution, Waste Enforcement, and Air & Noise Pollution. Fingal County Council performed well in 2021 as detailed below with a score of “Strong” for Waste Enforcement and Water Pollution and a score of “Excellent” noted for Governance including handling and investigation complaints and implementation of the Environmental Inspection Plan.



## Complaints

A total of 10 waste complaints were recorded for the month of January. Waste complaints related to backyard storage of waste/backyard burning and fly tipping/dumping. Awareness and education around the management of domestic waste in a sustainable and environmentally safe manner is crucial to ensure all households participate in a waste collection service as per the waste presentation bye-laws and use three bins (black, green and brown) to manage their waste. To report unauthorised waste collectors or illegal dumping contact [environment@fingal.ie](mailto:environment@fingal.ie) or Tel: 01 8906799.



## End of Life Vehicle Project

Inspections at high and low risk illegal ELV sites continues to be a major priority for the Waste Enforcement & Regulation Section in 2023.

Significant progress has been made to date with 81 illegal ELV sites closed. 1 high risk ELV site reopened in January following receipt of a complaint from a member of the public alleging the operator was dismantling ELV's without the appropriate waste authorisation. A follow-up inspection is underway and enforcement action will be taken against the operator to ensure the illegal activity ceases. Legal files have been prepared to tackle the more difficult high risk ELV sites where site operators/landowners are refusing to remove ELV's.



A recent court case heard in the District Court resulted in a site operator in Lusk pleading guilty to offences under Section 32, 39 and 55 of the Waste Management Act 1996 for storing and illegally dismantling ELV's without the appropriate waste authorisation and for failing to comply with a Section 55 Notice to cease illegal activity and clear the site of waste. The case was adjourned until June 2023 to allow the operator to clear all remaining waste from the site. The Judge will determine sentencing and costs in June dependant on the extent of clearance works undertaken by the operator in the interim.

## Waste Facility Permits

Waste Facility Permit WFP-FG-22-0001-01 has been granted to Amazon Data Services Ireland Ltd for a facility at Northwest Business Park, Dublin 15. The facility will be used for the reception, storage, inspection and preparation for treatment of closed containers of Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment generated at the permit holder's data centres, including shredded hard drives. The shredding of hard drives will not take place at this facility but at the data centres where they are generated, using a mobile shredding unit.



A recent case at the District Court saw a metal recycling company holding a Waste Facility Permit plead guilty to breaches of its permit conditions relating to the quantity of waste handled at the facility in 2021 and 2022, an offence under Section 39(9) of the Waste Management Act 1996, as amended. The Court indicated it would apply Section 1.1 of the Probation Act if the company made a contribution of €1,000 to the Little Flower Penny Dinners charity and discharged the Council's costs. The matter was adjourned to allow the company time to organise payments.



## FINANCE

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The table below outlines key financial statics at the end of December 2022.

### Rates

Overall rates collection to the end of December 2022 is running at **96%**.

Rates Collection	
Rates collected €M	132.3
Rates Collection %	96%

### Making of the Rate

Following determination of the Annual Rate on Valuation by the Members at the Annual Budget Meeting, the rate was made by the Chief Executive on the 23rd January 2023. The total amount of current rates assessed for 2023 is €155,097,523. Rates Bills were issued to customers by post in the last week of January 2023.

### Development Levy Income

Development levy income collected to the end of December is €28.0 this is c. **107%** of the overall collection during 2021.

Development Levy Income	
Levies Received €M	38.0
Levies collected as % of 2021	107%

### Payroll

Overall payroll spend to the end of December was €78.1m which is c. **100%** of outturn year to date.

Payroll	
Salaries & Wages €M	78.1
Percentage of outturn to 31/12	100%

### Procurement

Outlined below is a summary of the overall procurement activity at end of January

Procurement Activity		Note
No. of contracts awarded (details below) for year to date	7	
Value €m	0.47	
<b>Procurements ongoing at end of January</b>		
No. of procurements awaiting tender responses	9	(i)
Value €m	15.9	
No. of procurements under evaluation	45	(ii)
Value €m	45.8	
No. of procurements at approved	12	(iii)
Value €m	16.4	

### Financial Reports

Monthly financial reporting of the Revenue/Capital accounts and on Debtors will commence, as normal, from the period ending February 28, 2023 for the March Council meeting.

### Notes:

- (i) Procurements awaiting tender responses – tender responses awaited at end of January.
- (ii) Procurements under evaluation – tender responses submitted and being evaluated at end of the January.
- (iii) Procurements at approved – Tender responses have been evaluated and approved. Pre- contract award processes ongoing at end of January.

## Appendix 1

### Number of Contracts Awarded for year to date

Dept	Description of Procurement	Supplier Name	Current Value of Contract (excl. VAT)	Contract Start Date (actual)	Contract End Date (actual)	Actual Duration (months)	Contract Award Date
Operations	Design and Installation of 25 Linear meters of ARMCO Crash Barrier along R122 Outside St. Margarets National School	Motorway Care	€ 29,670	03/01/2023	28/02/2023	1	<b>23/01/2023</b>
Operations	Removal of Dangerous Dead Trees overhanging the Turvey Avenue and the R126 at Cobbes Lane	Redwood Tree Services Ltd	€ 26,000	23/01/2023	23/02/2023	1	<b>20/01/2023</b>
Operations	Purchase of 2 to 5 New 80 kw 4 wheel drive tractors	Midlouth Garage	€ 171,000	12/12/2022	12/12/2023	12	<b>09/01/2023</b>
Operations	Purchase of 2 to 4 New Electric Dumpers with 1500kg Payload Capacity	Maher Tractor Sales Ltd	€ 78,000	05/12/2022	04/12/2023	12	<b>09/01/2023</b>
Environment, Climate Action	Environmental Monitoring & Reporting Services	McQuillan Environmental John McQuillan Contracts Ltd	€ 101,028	09/01/2023	08/07/2023	6	<b>09/01/2023</b>
Digital Services	Citrix Licences and Support Services Ltd	Arkphire Security Ltd	€ 25,540	01/01/2023	31/12/2023	12	<b>01/01/2023</b>
Digital Services	Upgrade of Broadband Bandwidth for Public Internet Access in Fingal Libraries	Virgin Media	€ 36,000	01/01/2023	31/12/2025	36	<b>01/01/2023</b>

**Appendix 2**  
**Active Travel Investment Grants 2023 Allocations**

<b>Table A: Fingal County Council</b>		
<b>Active Travel Investment Grants: 2023 Allocations</b>		
<b>Project Code</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>2023 Allocation</b>
<b>Fingal County Council</b>		
FCC/12/0001	Broadmeadow Estuary Cycle & Pedestrian Bridge	€ 800,000
FCC/13/0001	S2S Extension Sutton to Malahide	€ 200,000
FCC/14/0001	Royal Canal Cycle Route (12th Lock-KCC) (CN2) inc. Deep Sinking Coolmine	€ 200,000
FCC/18/0001	Harry Reynolds Road Cycleway in Balbriggan	€ 1,700,000
FCC/19/0005	School streets (non-SRTS)	€ 100,000
FCC/20/0001	Donabate Ped and Cycle Bridge	€ 450,000
FCC/20/0004	Bicycle Parking	€ 150,000
FCC/20/0008	Church Fields Link Road	€ 1,000,000
FCC/21/0001	National Aquatic Centre (NAC) to Ongar Village	€ 220,000
FCC/21/0002	Baldoyle to Howth	€ 300,000
FCC/21/0004	Donabate Hearse Rd/Main St/Portrane Rd (Link 1 & Link 2)	€ 200,000
FCC/21/0005	Damastown to Clonsilla Cycle Route	€ 100,000
FCC/21/0006	Clonee to Blanchardstown Shopping Centre	€ 235,000
FCC/22/0001	Castleknock to Dunsink Lane	€ 185,000
FCC/22/0004	Hartstown / Huntstown /Mountview Road	€ 100,000
FCC/22/0005	St Cronins Road rapid build active travel	€ 1,387,711
FCC/22/0006	Rathingle / Rivervalley Road Swords	€ 176,000
FCC/22/0007	Balbriggan Road, Mill Street and Drogheda Street	€ 100,000
FCC/22/0009	Permeability Links North County	€ 465,000



## Active Travel Investment Grants: 2023 Allocations

Project Code	Project Name	2023 Allocation
<b><u>Fingal County Council</u></b>		
FCC/22/0010	R132 Ministers Road to Blakes Cross and Kilhedge Lane	€ 300,000
FCC/22/0011	Skerries - Harbour Road	€ 905,000
FCC/22/0012	Seatown Road to Estuary Road (Swords to Malahide)	€ 140,000
FCC/22/0014	Balbriggan - Coney Hill From Devlin Bridge to Bremore Cottages	€ 140,000
FCC/22/0015	Rush - South Beach (Bawn Road across carpark and out to S Shore Road) New footpath and cycle path	€ 500,000
FCC/22/0016	New Street Malahide Improvement Scheme	€ 583,899
FCC/22/0018	Data collection for Active Travel Projects (traffic, air, noise)	€ 60,000
FCC/22/0019	Skerries Active Travel Plan	€ 655,000
FCC/22/0020	Balrothery Active Travel Review	€ 282,500
FCC/22/0021	Seamount Heights to Old Golf Links Park Active Travel Route	€ 300,000
FCC/22/0022	Broomfield to Paddys's Hill via Naomh Marnog GAA Active Travel Route	€ 350,000
FCC/22/0026	Active Travel Office - Staff Costs	€ 1,100,000
FCC/22/0027	Swords Cycle Network - Sustainable Swords	€ 200,000
FCC/22/0028	Active Travel scheme Castleknock to Blanchardstown via Farmleigh	€ 90,000
FCC/22/0029	R132 Junction upgrade design	€ 200,000
FCC/22/0030	Station Road Portmarnock Footpaths and Cycleway	€ 150,000
FCC/23/XXXX	Scoil an Duinninigh to Waterside Footpath and Cycleway	€ 220,000
FCC/23/XXXX	Chapel road to An Tagasc building Active Travel	€ 155,000
FCC/23/xxxx	St Catherine's Park Boardwalk	€ 100,000
FCC/23/xxxx	Feltrim Road cycle infrastructure	€ 120,000

Active Travel Investment Grants: 2023 Allocations		
Project Code	Project Name	2023 Allocation
<b><u>Fingal County Council</u></b>		
FCC/23/xxxx	Castlelands Active Travel routes	€ 50,000
FCC/23/xxxx	Active Travel Pathfinder - Swords to Airport quick build	€ 200,000
FCC/23/xxxx	Donabate to Portrane (R126) - Distributor Rd to Portrane Avenue Active Travel Routes	€ 40,000
FCC/23/xxxx	SRTS (R1) - Scoil Mhuire & Iosef, Sinear - Bayside Senior National School	€ 200,000
FCC/23/xxxx	SRTS (R1) - St. Luke's NS Tyrrelstown Dublin 15	€ 200,000
FCC/23/xxxx	SRTS (R1) - Scoil Ghrainne CNS	€ 200,000
FCC/23/xxxx	SRTS (R1) - Bayside Junior School (Scoil Náisiúnta Muire agus Iósef, Sóisear)	€ 200,000
FCC/23/xxxx	SRTS (R1) - Scoil Choilm CNS	€ 200,000
FCC/23/xxxx	SRTS (R1) - Rush & Lusk ETNS	€ 200,000
FCC/23/xxxx	SRTS (R1) - Pope John Paul II NS, Malahide	€ 200,000
FCC/23/xxxx	SRTS (R1) - Castaheany ETNS	€ 200,000
FCC/23/xxxx	SRTS (R1) - St. Benedict's NS	€ 200,000
FCC/23/xxxx	SRTS (R1) - Ladyswell National School	€ 200,000
FCC/23/xxxx	SRTS (R1) - St. Patrick's N.S. Diswellstown	€ 200,000
<b>Total:</b>		<b>€ 17,110,110</b>

## Appendix 3

### Housing Delivery Construction Programme

#### Schemes on Site

Area Committee	Provider	Funding Stream	Site Name	No. Units	Status Detail	On Site Date	Handover (estimated)
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Dun Emer, Lusk <a @53.523833,6.176111,15z"="" href="https://www.google.com/maps/place/53°31'25.8" n+6°10'34.4"w="">53°31'25.8"N 6°10'34.4"W</a> - <a href="#">Google Maps</a>	<b>51</b> 8x2Bed 31x3Bed 12x4Bed	On Site	Q2 2021	Q1 2023 <i>Phased delivery</i>
Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar	FCC	Social	Cappagh <a @53.396333,6.326111,15z"="" href="https://www.google.com/maps/place/53°23'46.8" n+6°19'34.0"w="">53°23'46.8"N 6°19'34.0"W</a> - <a href="#">Google Maps</a>	<b>69</b> 10x1Bed 26x2Bed 25x3Bed 8x4Bed	On Site	Q2 2021	Q1 2023 <i>Phased delivery</i>
Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar	FCC	Social	Church Fields Phase 2B <a @53.396333,6.326111,15z"="" href="https://www.google.com/maps/place/53°23'46.8" n+6°19'34.0"w="">https://goo.gl/maps/NKii5qCJehgaJzj38</a>	<b>67</b> 6x1Bed 17x2Bed 34x3Bed 10x4Bed	On Site	Q4 2021	Q1 2023 <i>Phased delivery</i>
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Outlands, Swords <a @53.464639,6.234472,15z"="" href="https://www.google.com/maps/place/53°27'52.7" n+6°14'04.1"w="">53°27'52.7"N 6°14'04.1"W</a> - <a href="#">Google Maps</a>	<b>11</b> 4x1Bed 4x2Bed 3x3Bed	On Site	Q4 2022	Q4 2023
Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar	FCC	Social	Infill Sites in Dublin 15 <a @53.464639,6.234472,15z"="" href="https://www.google.com/maps/place/53°27'52.7" n+6°14'04.1"w="">https://goo.gl/maps/UqNat8GX7BBo8cEh8</a> (169 Clonsilla Road) <a @53.464639,6.234472,15z"="" href="https://www.google.com/maps/place/53°27'52.7" n+6°14'04.1"w="">https://goo.gl/maps/Q2Mvqau7RceRHDxy5</a> (Sheepmoor shop site)	<b>2</b> 1x2Bed 1x3Bed	On Site	Q1 2023	Q4 2023



### Schemes with Part 8 Planning Approval and at Tender stage

Area Committee	Provider	Funding Stream	Site Name	No. Units	Status Detail	On Site Date	Handover (estimated)
Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Church Fields <a href="#">53°24'44.7"N</a> <a href="#">6°23'39.0"W - Google Maps</a>	<b>300</b> 27x1Bed 118x2Bed 136x3Bed 19x4Bed	The second stage in the process is currently underway and a tender will issue to the successful applicants in Q1 2023.	Q3 2023	Q4 2024
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Hayestown, Rush <a href="#">53°31'24.1"N</a> <a href="#">6°06'42.1"W - Google Maps</a>	<b>62</b> 17x2Bed 45x3Bed	Development agreement being finalised with contractor.	Q1 2023	Q2 2024
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Former Leonards Garage, Lusk <a href="https://goo.gl/maps/8u6BiRWzuLSTmj8">https://goo.gl/maps/8u6BiRWzuLSTmj8</a>	<b>10</b> 10x2Bed	Tender evaluation has concluded. Current estimation on a start date is Feb 2023.	Q1 2023	Q1 2024
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Church Road, Lusk <a href="https://goo.gl/maps/vqRAVUw8ZqhM75w66">https://goo.gl/maps/vqRAVUw8ZqhM75w66</a>	<b>5</b> 5x2Bed	Tender evaluation has concluded. Current estimation on a start date is Feb 2023.	Q1 2023	Q4 2023
Area Committee	Provider	Funding Stream	Site Name	No. Units	Status Detail	On Site Date	Handover (estimated)
Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Church Fields <a href="#">53°24'44.7"N</a> <a href="#">6°23'39.0"W - Google Maps</a>	<b>300</b> 27x1Bed 118x2Bed 136x3Bed 19x4Bed	The second stage in the process is currently underway and a tender will issue to the successful applicants in Q1 2023.	Q3 2023	Q4 2024
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## Schemes at Pre-Planning Stage

Area Committee Meeting	Provider	Funding Stream	Site Name	No. Units	Status Detail	On Site Date (est) *	Handover (est)
Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar		Mixed Tenure	Church Fields, D15 <a href="#">53°24'44.7"N 6°23'39.0"W</a> - <a href="#">Google Maps</a>	<b>700</b>	Pre-Planning and design stage. Part 10 to be lodged to ABP April 2023	Q4 2024	Q4 2025
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Mayeston, Dublin 11 <a href="#">53°24'28.4"N 6°17'02.1"W</a> - <a href="#">Google Maps</a>	<b>121</b>	Part 8 - public consultation period to conclude on 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	Q1 2024	Q3 2025
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social - Elderly	North Street, Swords <a href="#">53°27'38.6"N 6°13'06.7"W</a> - <a href="#">Google Maps</a>	<b>13</b>	Part 8 -public consultation period to conclude on 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb, 2023	Q4 2023	Q4 2024
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social -	Seatown Swords <a href="#">53.459572, -6.218227</a> <a href="#">53°27'38.6"N 6°13'06.7"W</a> - <a href="#">Google Maps</a>	<b>36</b>	Part 8 - public consultation period to conclude on 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb, 2023	Q1 2024	Q2 2025
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	North and East Housing Association	Social - Elderly	Garristown <a href="#">53°34'03.7"N 6°22'42.1"W</a> - <a href="#">Google Maps</a>	<b>6</b>	Part 8 - public consultation period to conclude on 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb, 2023.	Q4 2023	Q4 2024
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	Glenveagh Living Limited	Mixed Tenure	Ballymastone Donabate <a href="#">53.487935, -6.137834</a>	<b>172</b>	Large Scale Residential Development (LRD) lodged by Glenveagh Living Limited 16th Sept 22 for 432 units. 20% social 20% affordable	Decision to Grant Permission was made by Fingal County Council. An appeal has subsequently been lodged on 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec to ABP.	TBC

*\*The above estimated timelines are indicative and subject to a successful planning and procurement process.*

**Appendix 4**  
**Community Funding Dec/Jan**

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Grant Scheme</b>	<b>Name of Group</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Amount Awarded</b>	<b>Date of Award</b>
Department of Rural & Community Development	Dormant Accounts Fund Engagement Project	LGBTI Engage Pilot Project	Successful	€40,000	December 2022
POBAL CSP funding	New application for 2023 contract	Mulhuddart CC	Successful	TBC	January 2023
POBAL CSP funding	New application for 2023 contract	Mountview CC	Successful	TBC	January 2023
POBAL CSP funding	New application for 2023 contract	Huntstown CC	Successful	TBC	January 2023
POBAL CSP funding	New application for 2023 contract	Baldoyle Forum	Successful	TBC	January 2023
Energy Scheme	Community & Voluntary Energy Support Scheme	Parslickstown House	Waiting on second release		