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Chief Executive's Foreword

This week will see Fingal making final preparations for the celebration of St. Patrick's Day this Friday. Across the county many thousands of spectators will gather to view the 7 parades as they pass through our towns and villages. This year, the festivities of the day begin at 11 am as the Swords Parade gets underway followed by Balbriggan at 12pm, Rush at 1pm, Blanchardstown at 1pm, Lusk at 1:30pm, Malahide at 2pm and Skerries at 3pm. This National day of celebration is one we all look forward to as it gives us an opportunity to enjoy the pageantry, colourful displays and music and dance performances that are so synonymous with the day. Participating community, sporting and recreational groups all across Fingal have been working tirelessly to ensure attendees at the parades will be treated to a truly enjoyable day and I hope you have the opportunity to attend a parade in your locality to cheer them on!

On Friday March 6, I was pleased to attend the openings of three public amenities in the north county which will not only enhance the landscape of the areas but will also serve as an attractive incentive for visitors to come and explore Fingal. Mayor of Fingal Cllr Howard Mahony was accompanied by Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Darragh O'Brien TD, to the first two openings at Swords Regional Park in Oldtown and Swords Archaeological Park in Miller's Glen and was joined by Minister for State at the Department of Transport, Jack Chambers TD, and the Chief Executive of Dublin Airport, Vincent Harrison for the unveiling of the Ward River Regional Park Recreational Hub. These three amenities collectively will offer exceptional outdoor play, recreation and leisure spaces as well as a top class sporting hub at the very heart of the community. Investment of €6 million in this area demonstrates Fingal County Council's continuing commitment to growing Swords and its environs sustainably, innovatively and effectively. Delivery of key capital projects such as these rely on numerous factors including approval from the Elected Members, strategic planning, efficient procurement and collaboration between the Council and members of the community and other stakeholders and I am delighted to see all the work put into these projects coming to fruition for the benefit of the people of Fingal.

International Women's Day took place on March 8th with the theme of #EmbracingEquity. Each year Fingal County Council marks the day with a full programme of events, this year being no exception.

Events supported and facilitated by Fingal County Council included The 'Shine A Light for Women' event in Millennium Park, Fingal She Leads Women's Leadership Photo Exhibition, International Women's Day Celebration at Parslickstown House and a Day of Activities as part of the Bleeding Pig Festival at Donabate Community Centre. Many of the events, talks and seminars that took place focussed on the important issues facing women today as well as information on nutrition, mental health and wellbeing. A very entertaining end to International Women's Day came with performances from three accomplished musicians – Bernadette Nic Gabhann on fiddle, Éilís Murphy on concertina and Megan NicFhionnghaile fiddler and singer in The Atrium, County Hall. The event was organised by the Council's Irish Officer, Bernie Kelly, with support from The Séamus Ennis Arts Centre as part of Seachtain na Gaeilge and proved to be a very enjoyable evening of ceol, craic agus gaeilge! I would like to thank the Elected Members and my colleagues here in Fingal County Council for participating in both International Women's Day and Seachtain na Gaeilge and I hope that many of you had the opportunity to enjoy our varied and engaging programmes.

Just last week, I had the pleasure of attending the sod turning of a new housing development at Hayestown, Rush. When completed in 2024, there will be 62 attractive and energy efficient homes ready for occupation. Thanks to funding made available from the Affordable Housing Fund, the development will comprise of 80% affordable housing and 20% social housing giving house hunters the opportunity to purchase or rent one of 52 homes for significantly less than market rates. Identifying suitable sites in Fingal to progress housing delivery continues to be high priority for the Council and the Hayestown development is ideally situated on a 6 acre site adjacent to a stream and with the benefit of beautiful landscaping throughout. I very much look forward to the completion of this development and to see the first occupants taking up residence in their brand new homes.

I am very pleased to announce that Mary Egan has been appointed Director of People, Corporate and Digital Services. On behalf of myself, members of the Executive Management Team and the Elected Members I would like to congratulate Mary and wish her the best of luck as she commences her new role.

Best wishes,

AnnMarie Farrelly
Chief Executive

PEOPLE, CORPORATE AND DIGITAL SERVICES

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People Services Health & Safety Unit Customer Services	CRM Digital Services Communications

People Services

People Services' recruitment of staff continues in March 2023 with 37 active recruitment campaigns. 15 competitions recently closed which included 4 outdoor and 11 indoor posts with interviews currently being arranged.

Recruitment Programme 2023	
Recruitment Campaigns	37
Campaigns Completed	8
Current Campaigns	23
Campaigns Pending	6
Applicants to date	347
Interviews Held to date	403
Number of Appointments	62
New Starters	38
Internal Promotions	24
Number of Leavers	21
Resignations	19
Number of Retirements	2
Number of Job Offers Year to date	139
Number of Offers Declined	18
Number of Current Job Offers	59
Job Offers Internal	33
Job Offers External	26

Wellbeing Update



Seminars;

The theme for Quarter 1 2023 has a focus on mental & financial wellbeing. In February we delivered a course of Financial Wellbeing seminars including Financials 101, Budgeting for Success, and Financial Planning. These are being repeated

on March 15th 23rd and 29th. They will be streamed live in Watery Lane and Coolmine Depot for outdoor staff. these seminars provide tips and advice on managing your finances, budgeting, and your entitlements. The are delivered by a professional financial advisor James McGoldrick.

Employee Assistance Service;

We also received our first full report on our Employee Assistance Service from Spectrum Life for the period Oct 1st to Dec 31st. The report provides us with anonymised feedback including: Number of calls made to the service, Number of cases opened, Main Method of Contact, Primary presenting problem, Secondary presenting problem, Age Range, Gender, Impacts and Severity. Overall, we received a green light low risk rating. We will use this feedback to influence the range of supports and initiatives for staff over the next quarter.

Menopause in the workplace;

We have recently procured menopause in the workplace training for staff and managers from The Menopause Hub Ireland's First Dedicated Menopause Clinic. 12% of menopausal women leave work due to symptoms & 43% consider leaving. Education and training are key to talent retention. The e-learning hub we are using will provide awareness and information training that includes: Understanding menopause & symptoms | Impact at work | Menopause business case | Role of manager | Supporting your colleagues & team | Legislative Risk.

Upcoming;

Based on feedback from staff and the EAS reports in quarter 2 we plan to focus on Stress management, fitness, and nutrition. Proving seminars on how to manage stress, beat burnout and be happier. We also will be putting together a group interested in training for the Fingal 10k on

July 16th providing support and training programmes. Another round of visits to promote the employee assistance service will take place in March and April.

Learning & Development

In 2023 there will be continued high levels of training provided with new courses and opportunities being added all the time. We also have several Climate Action training programmes that must be rolled out as part of the local authority KPI's they include Climate Action training for Outdoor and Indoor staff. Green Public Procurement training stand 1 and strand 2. Empowering Change Climate Action training. These are provided from relevant Government departments and delivered through the LASNTG (Local Authority Service National Training Group)

The staff scheme of assistance programme is also available for staff who wish to further their education, providing funding for applications ranging from certificate up to doctorate level.

February was another busy month for training with the following courses completed:
48 courses delivered, with **602** attendees, totalling **528.5** training days.

Business & Interpersonal Skills;

- Dignity and Equality Training
- Effective Writing
- Minute Taking
- Managing Aggressive Behaviour
- A-Z Of Local Government
- Time Management
- Grievance and Disciplinary
- Council Meeting Staff Induction
- Ignite Programme 7
- Personal Development Course Grade 3&4
- Pre-Retirement training

Health and Safety;

- Tree Inspection
- Safe Pass
- Child Protection
- Pole-saw training
- Telescopic handler
- Driver CPC
- Chainsaw Training

- Manual Handling
- First Aid
- Abrasive Wheels
- MEWP

Wellbeing;

- Financials 101
- Budgeting for Success
- Financial Planning

IT;

- Intro to Excel
- Intermediate / Advanced Excel
- Prince 2 Practitioner

Requested Training;

- Fundamentals of Carbon Accounting Engineers

HSU - Health & Safety Unit

The HSU monitoring of Covid-19 staff self-isolations for February recorded low single digits. The HSU utilized MS Teams to schedule and carry out remote assessments and along with continuing office based VDU assessments have completed 113 assessments to date. Accident investigation into dangerous occurrences and incidents were carried out during February along with safety audits [4] and site safety inspections [25]. The HSU assisted Uisce Eireann's risk assessment lead with transfer of corporate HSQE documents as part of the transition to a national water services authority, completing this task by early February.

Customer Services

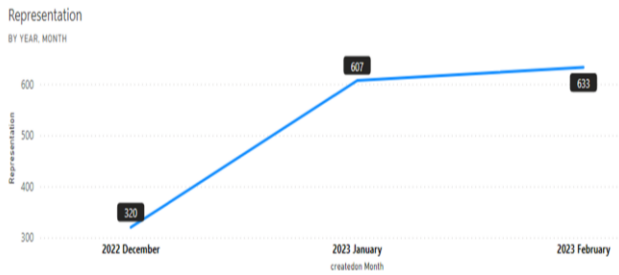
For the month of January the Council's Customer Care Agents dealt with -

Calls	13,667
Emails	816
Footfall	2,393

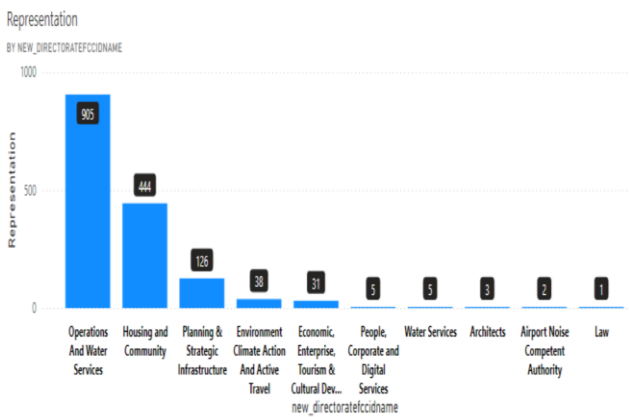
CRM

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 633 Elected Members' representations.



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



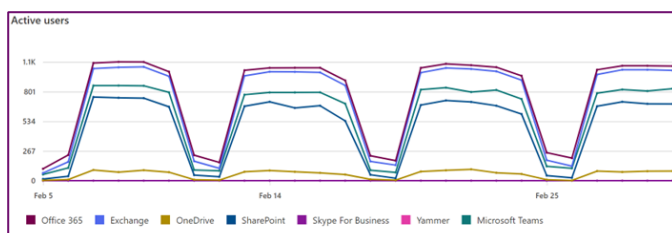
Digital Services

- Digital Services Infrastructure & Support
- Chief Executive Orders System
- Transition from CRM 2011 to Dynamics 365

Digital Services Infrastructure & Support

Digital Working

In February staff took part in 8,806 Teams meetings, 28,670 calls took place, and 929,843 emails were received or sent by the Council.



Digital Services Infrastructure & Support

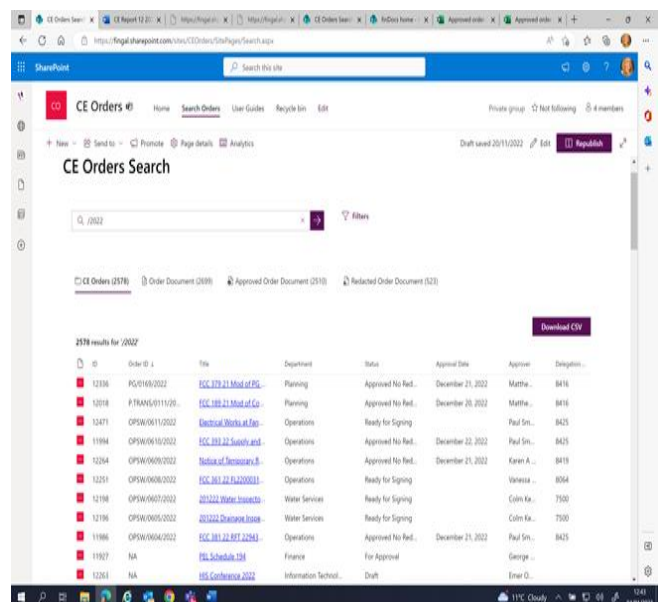
1,248 support calls were logged by Council staff with the Digital Services Service Desk in the past month and 7 calls were logged by Councillors with Sord. 100% server availability and 100% network availability was achieved in the month of February.

Teams Meeting Rooms Project

To date 23 teams meeting rooms have been rolled across the two main offices (County Hall, Swords & Civic Offices Blanchardstown). In Phase 3 of the project a further 11 rooms will be rolled out to include the Office of the Mayor and a Training Room in Coolmine Operations Depot.

Chief Executive Orders System

All departments have now gone live with the CE Order System. All CE Orders other than those for Planning Applications are generated through the new system. Planning Application Orders are still generated through the APAS Planning Application System. Dublin City Council have now purchased the CE Orders system through the Build to Share Framework and are currently running a pilot of the system with a view to going live with all departments over the coming year. For the previous two months, 1060 CE Orders have been approved through the new system.



Transition from CRM 2011 to Dynamics 365

The implementation of Dynamics 365 solution continues to progress. The deliverables from this project will include: (i) a standardised process framework across all FCC services for all calls logged through Dynamics 365, and (ii) an updated Councillors' Portal. It is expected that the Dynamics 365 migration will be ready for testing for April 2023, with a view to going live in May 2023.

Communications

Digital Media

The fingal.ie website has had 200,968 visitors since the start of the year and 539,747 page views with the average time spent on the site being 1 minute 59 seconds.

The corporate Twitter account had 22,199 followers at the end of February, an increase of 102 from the start of the year. There was an average of 13,900 impressions every day during the month and an engagement rate of 1.4%. The top media tweet was one which marked the approval of the Fingal Development Plan by Councillors. It gained 11,034 impressions when published.



Fingal County Council @Fingalcoco

Councillors have voted 34-0 to approve the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029. The Mayor and Chief Executive paid tribute to councillors and staff for their hard work over the past two years to produce a plan that will allow residents, businesses and the county to thrive.

[#Fingal pic.twitter.com/CPuSyln6Mu](https://pic.twitter.com/CPuSyln6Mu)

Our Facebook page saw its reach rise by 24.7% from the previous month with 134,933 impressions while Instagram reach rose by 12.3% to 7,448. There are now 29,913 following our Facebook page while 6,293 are following on Instagram. The LinkedIn account continues to grow steadily and now has 6,742 followers.

Videos

The You Tube channel is closing in on 1,000 subscribers with 946 currently receiving notifications when videos are posted. During February eight videos were published on the channel including one on Fingal receiving CPD accreditation from Engineers Ireland and one on

the Croí Cónaithe Vacant Homes Refurbishment Scheme. A video providing a tour inside Bremore Castle, which was published in January, has had 470 views to date.

Support

During the month of February, the Communications continued to provide support to various departments across the Council. We assisted the Housing Department in hosting a stand at the Property Show in the RDS on February 24 while earlier in the month we provided communications support for the Hands Up For Campaign which was an initiative from the Community Development, Heritage, Culture and Creativity Strategic Policy Committee.



Media

The Communications Unit issued 14 press releases during February. Among the topics covered was the launch of the Irish Rare Breeds Study at Newbridge House and Demesne. Other notable press releases issued included the NTA awarding €17.11m for Fingal Active Travel projects, the promotion of Seachtain na Gaeilge and the Hands Up for Kindness project.



Seachtain na Gaeilge

Seachtain na Gaeilge takes place from 1-17 March and a number of events have been organised to promote this within the council and the county by Irish Officer Bernie Kelly. These included a bilingual walk in Ardgillan Demesne led by Dominica McKeivitt and a musical evening in County Hall Swords with other events taking place in Libraries. A number of Fingal staff and Councillors have also started Irish Language courses



ECONOMIC, ENTERPRISE, TOURISM & CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

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Tourism Development Events Tourism Heritage Properties	Economic Development LEADER Programme Local Community Development Committee Enterprise Centres Healthy Fingal
Cultural Development Arts Libraries	Town Regeneration Balbriggan Socio-Economic Strategy T&V Scheme Local Enterprise Development

Tourism Development

Events

Unprecedented demand for the Festival & Events Funding Scheme some 99 events will be supported in 2023 across Fingal.



It is projected that participation in all 7 St Patrick's Day Parades will exceed 20,000 with over 400 organisations getting into Lá Fhéile Pádraig celebrating the community spirit.



TOURISM

Tourism Strategy 2023 - 2029

A multi-stakeholder workshop involving representatives from State bodies, tourism agencies and the tourism industry, on 1st February. The workshop focused 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 Improvement Proposal covers 3 areas:

- Product
- Structure / Infrastructure
- Marketing

In each of the three areas above gaps and also high-level solutions are identified. These solutions will be developed further in the strategy under the relevant strategic objective. A Marketing Plan is being developed in tandem as Marketing and Promotions will be one of the Objectives within the Strategy.

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 network has also been offered the opportunity to work with a creative food expert to plan and manage this space.



Initial ideas and thoughts would include three themed areas within the 'Flavours' space

- Demos / talks / interactions
- Fingal Food Showcase of produce and tasting
- Fingal Food and Drink retail offering

The group is also driving membership to ensure a good mix of food producers, food retail and hospitality in the network, to that end a mini social media campaign is ongoing to encourage membership. The next networking event for the greater network will be held in Howth in April.

Fingal Food Policy



The food consultant, engaged by the Council is currently evaluating the current landscape, conducting an audit in the region and site visits to a mix of food producers, food hubs and enterprise centres and heritage properties. Opportunities are being identified and what might be required for businesses to thrive and develop.

The consultant is also conducting one to one Interviews, a number of focus Groups and an industry stakeholder survey. The next phase will be consultation analysis of these three processes after which the consultant will present a key findings document to the in-house team.

The consultant has also met with the Fingal Tourism Strategy consultants to ensure both the food policy and the strategy are aligned.

Digital Apps for Walking Trails



The Economic, Enterprise, Tourism and Cultural Development Department has commenced discussions with tourism consultants Peel X on the development of digital walking trails for Balbriggan and Castleknock. Detailed work on the project will commence in March with the intention that the apps will be available for download by the end of May 2023. Following on from the Castleknock app, It is envisaged that additional trails will be developed for the wider Dublin 15/Liffey Valley area.

HERITAGE PROPERTIES

Malahide Castle - Emergency and General Lighting upgrade



The technical specification for the Emergency and General Lighting upgrade of Malahide Castle & Visitor centre is now complete.

The Mechanical & Electrical consultants are finalising the tender package. It is envisaged that works will commence in Q2 2023.

Malahide Castle - Boiler upgrade incl. Rainwater Harvesting/CHP

The Mechanical & Electrical consultants are finalising the tender package for the Boiler upgrade incl. Rainwater harvesting/CHP.

The works will consist of a full replacement of the boilers, reintroduction of the CHP and Rainwater Harvesting System, thus providing enhanced efficiencies over time by reducing costs and by promoting energy and water conservation.

It is envisaged that works will commence in Q2 2023.

Swords Castle – CCTV Works



An up-grade to the CCTV system in Swords Castle is currently underway and is due for completion by the end of March. This will provide for more effective surveillance within the castle and will also monitor activity within the town park.

Swords Castle – Lighting up for Rare Diseases Day



Swords Castle was lit up in blue for a week to raise awareness for Rare Diseases Day that took place on 28th February.

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 to facilitate the works.

Both properties continue to operate as normal with all facilities currently open to the public and information boards at both sites have been erected to inform the public about the conservation works.

Catering Services



Following the evaluation of mini competitions for catering Services in respect of the Coach House Café, Newbridge and Ardgillan Castle, contracts were signed for the new operators in February. The Coach House Café at Newbridge, which closed at Christmas, re-opened to the public on 25th February 2023.

ARTS OFFICE

Public Art



Public consultation has commenced with an initial meeting at Mulhuddart Community Centre as we plan to deliver new art commissions as part of per cent for art funding attached to developments in Dublin 15 including Churchfields. The Public Art Co-ordinator was joined by previously commissioned artists John Byrne, Declan Gorman and local artist John Conway to discuss possibilities and get insight into the communities there. The evening was supported with the help of the area's community officer. There are plans to extend the consultation across a variety of groups in the coming months.

Fingal Artist's Support Scheme 2023



Fingal Arts Office recently invited applications for the Fingal Artists' Support Scheme 2023. This strand of funding allows professional artists to

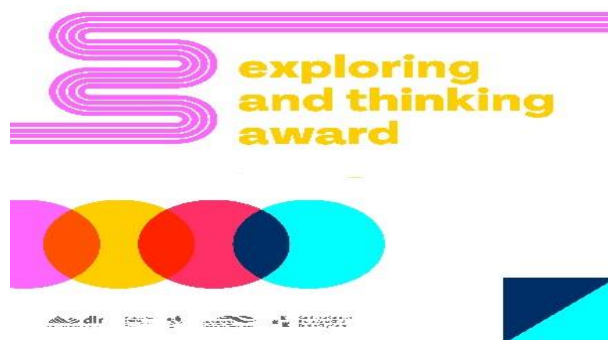
avail of an award up to €5,000 towards travel/professional development opportunities, a residency or towards the development of work. The overall budget for the scheme was increased from €200,000 to €250,000. This year saw the highest number of applications received since the beginning of the scheme in 2014. A total of 252 eligible applications were submitted, an increase of over 50%.

Cruinniú na nÓg 2023



Fingal County Council invites proposals from Artists and Creative Practitioners for the development and delivery of artistic projects for children and/or young people for Cruinniú na nÓg 2023. Cruinniú na nÓg is a flagship initiative of the Creative Ireland Programme's Creative Youth Plan to enable the creative potential of children and young people. This year it will take place on Saturday 10th of June. Access to events, projects and showcases will be free, local and interactive. It's a day of doing, making, and celebrating young people's creativity. Creative Ireland Fingal Commissions are for the development of artistic and creative content that will engage children/young people (0-18 years) in unique experiences in any artform and in response to any thematic - including but not limited to visual art, music, literature, theatre, performance, spoken word, fashion, photography, digital arts, installation art, street art, storytelling, architecture, biodiversity, heritage, archaeology, landscape. We are interested in prioritising face-to face engagement, but will accept proposals for innovative radio, tv, or digital media content. Proposals can aim to engage with early childhood/youth /community/arts settings, primary and post-primary schools, families and more.

Exploring and Thinking Bursary Award 2023



Fingal County Council has partnered with Dublin City Council, South Dublin County Council and Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council to award six artists for the 2023 Exploring & Thinking Bursary, which supports individual professional artists developing their artistic practice working with and/or producing work for early childhood arts. The Award will assist its recipients – Lara Gallaher, Lucy Hill, Joanna Parkes, Janet Moran, Helen Barry and Monica Munoz, to develop their practice in a wide range of arts practices and creative experiences with or for children aged 0 –5 years in different contexts. 'Exploring and Thinking' is a collaborative framework for early childhood arts in the Dublin region, originating in 2016 when the four Dublin Local Authorities partnered for the first time to collectively consider early childhood arts provision in Dublin.

Microforest



Libraries

[International Women's Day](#)



To mark International Women's Day on Wednesday 8th March, Fingal Libraries has programmed a number of special events to celebrate the creativity and talent of Fingal Women. At Rush Library, a discussion with some of Fingal's Inspirational Female Entrepreneurs will take place at 6:30pm. Noelle McEvoy of Supernature, Lauren McDonald of Lynotts Jewellery and Giselle Makinde of Cream of the Crop will be discussing their lives and careers in entrepreneurship. At Malahide Library, well know writer, columnist, and broadcaster, Barbara Scully will give a talk around the important topic of her latest book, *Wise Up: Power, Wisdom & the Older*, which includes ageing and ageism, the role of women in contemporary Ireland and the unlocked opportunities life offers older women post menopause. Both events are free to attend and open to the public.

[Ireland Reads](#)



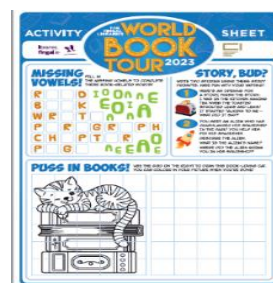
Ireland Reads is an initiative of the government of Ireland, funded by Healthy Ireland to promote literacy and the arts. The nationwide campaign which ran in February 2023, aims to get the whole country reading in the lead up to a national day of reading which took place on Saturday, 25th February. To encourage members of the public to visit their nearest library, Fingal Libraries ran a successful social media campaign, complemented by a number of programmed events and activities, suitable for both children and adults. The [Ireland Reads](#) website is still live and contains book recommendations for both children and adults from Library staff. You can choose the type of book that you would like to read and the book level. The website will recommend a book for you and even show you how long it will take you to squeeze in a read: <https://www.irelandreads.ie/>

[Viewpoints](#)



Viewpoints, a touring art exhibition on loan from The Glucksman's Art Library, is on display at Baldoyle Library until Saturday 2nd March. The tour of the exhibition kicked off at Malahide Library towards the end of January and over 400 people visited the library to view the beautiful artworks. The exhibition is aimed primarily at families and children and provides a fun and accessible way to explore art. The exhibition includes drawings from Ireland's most talented illustrators: Mary Murphy, Róisín Hahessy, Niamh Sharkey, Peter Donnelly, Fatti Burke, Chris Haughton and Chris Judge. A fun and interactive programme of creative events with some of the illustrators is taking place at libraries and primary schools in Fingal. 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. For more information, visit <https://www.fingal.ie/viewpoints-touring-art-exhibition-brochure>

[Fingal Libraries World Book Tour](#)



To celebrate World Book Day Ireland on 2nd March 2023, popular Irish authors Alan Nolan, Patricia Forde, Eve McDonnell, Erika McGann and Peter Donnelly, visited libraries and schools in the Fingal

community between 27th February and 3rd March for lots of fun and mischief! The programme was curated by children's author and illustrator Alan Nolan and reached over 450 children. Each child was 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.

Other Events at your Library

The Spring 2023 programme of events has been running from January across Fingal Libraries and will continue till April. In March, the Spring programme included a range of events for both children and adults: St Patrick's Day crafts for children which ran a number of branches, a 4 week Art Course for beginners at Malahide Library, Genealogy Workshops with Claire Bradley at Skerries and Baldoyle Libraries, a range of events for Seachtain na Gaeilge, Sensory Friendly Lego and Sensory Friendly Soapmaking, and events promoting awareness in engineering for Engineers Week. Check out the full programme of events throughout Spring 23 [here](#).

Creative Ireland community funding

Clár Éire Ildánach
Creative Ireland
Programme



The Creative Ireland Programme is an all-of-government culture and wellbeing programme that inspires and transforms people, places and communities through creativity. Fingal County Council is fully committed to supporting our local communities in participating fully in the new 5 year Creative Ireland programme and to assisting Fingal's citizen to realise their creative potential. As part of this, we are currently seeking applications for funding for creative community projects that are collaborative in nature, transform people and place and benefit the whole community. This grant scheme is open to community groups and not for profit organisations, arts, heritage and cultural groups, venues and societies to support creative projects. Applications by individuals must be in

partnership with a community, cultural or heritage group. To be eligible projects must:

- take place in County Fingal
- be accessible to diverse audiences and participants and will be inclusive in theme and approach
- be designed on a realistic financial basis and provide good value for money

Launch of Creative Ireland strategies



Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sports and Media Catherine Martin TD, Minister of State with responsibility for Local Government and Planning Kieran O'Donnell TD and Fingal Mayor Howard Mahony announced the roll out of 31 new Local Authority Creative Ireland Culture and Creativity Strategies (2023-2027) at an event at Farmleigh in the Phoenix Park on 23rd February 2023.

Building on the success of the first 5 year creative Ireland, a new strategy for Fingal was created during 2022 with input from the community, creative practitioners, and other stakeholders. The vision of the Creative Ireland Programme 2023–2027 is to mainstream creativity in the life of the nation so that individually and collectively, in our personal lives and in our institutions, we can realise our full creative potential thereby promoting individual, community and national wellbeing. The Creative Ireland Programme will deliver through collaboration and partnership promoting understanding and appreciation of the value of creativity in all its forms — whether through the arts, culture, heritage, or technology.

Our creative Ireland strategy focuses on a number of strategic themes which reflect the focus of Fingal as an area and as a local authority. These themes include:

- Changing population and demographics
- Climate action
- Town centre first/rural economy
- Digitalization and ongoing transformation
- Making cities and counties great places to live and work and invest in

These overarching themes will guide our work in creativity over the next 5 years with implementation by the community and the creative and cultural teams and supportive collaboration across Fingal departments.

See Fingal's strategy at <https://www.fingal.ie/fingals-culture-and-creativity-strategy-2023-2027>

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Fingal Skills Strategy

Planning continues for Fingal's 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

CITIZEN, 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 commenced in January 2023 and will continue for 18 months.

GREEN IT YOUR WORK

The Green IT Your Work kick-off meeting took place in Sinaia, Romania on the 27th & 28th February. Representatives were present from Romania, Spain Greece, Cyprus, Slovenia, Croatia, Italy and Ireland. The main objectives of Green IT Your Work are:

- Youth Debates about European Digital Age project highlighting the role of young people in the green transition.
- Promote green jobs with the aim of contributing to greener European cities.



InclusEU

The InclusEU project which aims to encourage volunteer action as a social response for an inclusive Europe will have the initial meeting in Valencia, Spain on March 9th, with Fingal scheduled to host international partners and host an event for young people in Balbriggan in August 2023. The delegation from Fingal will see the Healthy Fingal Coordinator, Sport Officer and a member of the Balbriggan Foroige team in attendance.

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 have been evaluated and a preferred tenderer identified. The Council will commence work on the feasibility study following the appointment of the consultants in March.

LOCAL AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT



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 February.



FINGAL LOCAL ECONOMIC COMMUNITY PLAN 2022 - 2027

Consultation on the new Fingal LECP and engagement with internal and external stakeholders is planned to commence in Q2 2023. A tender competition is in progress to engage consultants to assist with the preparation of the socio-economic profile of the county, drafting the high-level objectives, facilitating the consultation

process and drafting the LECP and initial 2-year Implementation Plan.

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. More 270 applications were received from community and voluntary groups in Fingal for the current and capital funding streams by the submission deadline of 10th February 2023. The evaluation of the applications is underway and groups will be notified of allocations shortly.

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 15th March 2023. 60% of the funding must be drawn down in 2023 and 40% in 2024, with all projects required to be complete by 18th October 2024. The Fund is being administered by Fingal LCDC and consultation has been carried out 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 SICAP 2022 end of year review and the 2023 SICAP Plan and 2023 Case Study were approved at February's LCDC Meeting.



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.

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 for the Dublin Rural LEADER LAG.

The Dublin Rural LEADER LAG is moving to Stage 2 and commencing work on drafting the new Leader Development Strategy with an initial consultation workshop is scheduled for March.

Woodlands for Health

Healthy Fingal have partnered with Mental Health Ireland and the Sports Office to organise the Woodlands for Health walks. The programme will see the HSE mental health services in Swords & Balbriggan avail of the opportunity to introduce service users to walking in Ardgillan while availing of mental health expertise in the calming and quiet atmosphere of the walking paths around the demesne. The walks are referral only and start on March 24th and will take place weekly over a 10-week period.



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 are 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 Balbriggan Leadership group will meet next on March 22nd. The Education, Skills & Training Pillar which met on the 9th February, are organising the third edition of the Loves Learning Skills Festival 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 next Balbriggan Leadership Group Meeting is scheduled to take place in late March 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 Q1. 2024 and be completed on a phased basis in 2025. Irish Water on-site 1st September – 31st December 2023, pumping station upgrade. Car parking resurfacing (Bath Road/Balbriggan FC & Bremore Castle) progressing.

2 – 4 Dublin Street pre planning pack awaiting Planners Sign off before submitting to redevelop 2 – 4 Dublin Street into a Creative Hub.

Site investigations to the rear of the group of derelict buildings on Bridge Street, known locally as De Bruns have concluded. Additional security measures were put in place in advance of phase 1 of development in line with the town plan which will include a new park space in the ‘Heart’ of the town. The green space will follow the River Bracken, through Millpond Park to the rear with entrance onto Bridge Street, flowing down to a transformed Quay Street and Harbour.



Our Balbriggan Public Realm Strategy
MAKE SPACE



A comprehensive Balbriggan Public Realm Strategy - Masterplan & Design Guide and Balbriggan Active Travel & Transportation plan is nearing completion and both are expected to be published Q2 2023. Donnelly Civil Engineering Ltd and MWP Engineering will commence a package of improvement works at Balbriggan Harbour w/c 20th March.



The Our Balbriggan Office continues to generate regular and unique content across all social media (SM) channels, Facebook (FB), Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn.

TOWN CENTRE FIRST - LUSK

A structure for the new Lusk Town Team has been agreed. Together with the Town Team there will be three Pillar Groups representing the Community, Business and Economy and Public Realm / Climate Action & Sustainability (to include Vacant & Derelict Buildings). The first meeting of the new Town Team will be held shortly.

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 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 has informed all successful applicants and is working with them in delivering the scheme.

OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE SCHEME (ORIS)



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. A new ORIS Scheme is expected to be announced shortly by the Department of Rural and Community Development.



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

LOCAL ENTERPRISE WEEK 2023



Local Enterprise Week is launched and ready to go on 6th – 10th March 2023 with a host of learning and networking events. The week will be kicked off with a Start Your Own Business Bootcamp in the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Blanchardstown followed by a Networking event in the Bracken Court Hotel in Balbriggan. There is the Fingal Enterprise Awards in County Hall, Swords, a Social Media event in Sutton as well as many other events both in-person and online throughout the week.

FINGAL ENTERPRISE AWARDS 2023



Fingal Enterprise Awards 2023



Local Enterprise Office Fingal have announced the finalists for the upcoming Fingal Enterprise Awards. The Awards ceremony, which takes place on Tuesday, March 7th, 2023 in County Hall, Swords, recognises and showcases the achievements of local businesses. The seven businesses shortlisted for the awards are; Cream of the Crop (Finalist - Giselle Goncalves Makinde, Dublin 15), Culinary Microherbs (Finalist - Carol Lopez and Paul Curry, Dublin 11), Lynott Jewellery (Finalist - Lauren McDonald, Kinsealy), Milk bath (Finalists - Sandra and Derek Hickey, Lusk), Platform55 (Finalist - Michelle O'Keefe, Malahide), Prints of Ireland (Finalists - Heather Gilroy and Peter O'Neill, Balbriggan) and The Little Wax Company (Finalists - Marc and Amy Herbert, Balbriggan). Finalists are chosen based on performance against several key business strengths, including financial, marketing and planning skills. They also pitch their business to a panel of judges with vast business and entrepreneurship experience. The hopeful finalists will compete for a top prize of €5,000, with each business also receiving €1000 to invest in their business. The overall winner will represent Fingal in the National Enterprise Awards to be held in the Mansion House in June 2023.

START YOUR OWN BUSINESS COURSE - UKRAINE



The Start Your Own Business Course for Ukrainian Nationals completed on 9th February with the participants receiving their certificates of completion. There were over 80 participants in the programme which was run in conjunction with the Irish Red Cross and the Fingal Ukrainian Response Team. Feedback from participants has been positive and upbeat.

FINGAL BUSINESS BRIEFING



Fingal Business Briefings will be ongoing throughout 2023 with the next briefing being held on Thursday March 9th as part of Local Enterprise Week. Information is shared with small business owner managers about supports available to them with Q&A & 1-1 follow ups also available on the day.

LEO FINGAL 2023 TRAINING SCHEDULE



Training continues to be provided at LEO Fingal with a wide range of training and networking events planned over Local Enterprise Week and

beyond. Demand for courses continues to be strong. LEO Fingal's schedule of courses 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. A new Leadership Development programme will be launched, aimed at owner managers to increase their skill levels in Leadership, Sales and other business disciplines with expressions of interest open to small business owners on the LEO Fingal Website.

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. So far in 2023 13 applications have already been approved in the amount of €29,014 showing that 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 a National Spotlight event and will be held online closing out Local Enterprise Week on Friday 10th March from 2 to 5pm.

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.

EVALUATIONS AND APPROVALS COMMITTEE

The first Evaluation and Approvals Committee (EVAC) meeting for 2023 was held on Wednesday 15th February. There were 6 applications approved to the value of €93,750 across Business Feasibility, Priming & Expansion grants.

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. To date 18 clinic days were held in 2023, offering advice and support to 101 clients in Fingal. The Mentoring Programme continues with a total of 49 clients receiving one-to-one mentoring YTD.

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. Applications are processed and assessed by LEO Fingal and submitted to MFI (Microfinance Ireland) 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

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.

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Ward River Valley Park – Highfield Estate

The first set of steps are almost complete at the Highfield Estate section of the Ward River Valley Step Refurbishment contract. The contractor has moved the site compound onto the second location and works are commencing in the coming weeks.



Tree Risk Assessment Training

Congratulations to all the relevant staff countywide dealing with trees on a day-to-day basis who have recently completed the first stage of the Basic Tree Assessment training. The second stage of more detailed training to follow in Autumn 2023.



Convent Lane Balbriggan

Newly installed raised stone planting area recently completed at the entrance to Balbriggan Beach at Convent Lane Balbriggan. Planting within to be co-ordinated with Balbriggan Tidy Towns.



St Catherine's Estate - Rush

Ground works recently underway around the Medieval tower house in St Catherine's Rush. The works to the structure and surrounds all under the supervision of the Architects Department and Heritage Officer.

Swords Area - Roads



Donabate, New Road, new kerbing and footpaths being constructed



Donabate, New Road, slip form kerbing being constructed

Balbriggan Area Roads Depot

➤ Capital Roads Programme

Ahead of the resurfacing of the R132 at Balrothery repairs and improvements to the existing drainage system is now nearing the final stages of completion.

9 no. localised dig and repairs for collapses at various locations on the storm line have been repaired.

Areas prone to localised flooding have been identified and new drainage systems have been designed and constructed in strategic location to alleviate the road from any potential flooding during heavy rainfall events.



Before - collapsed concrete pipe



After - repaired section with uPVC and collars



Recessed perforated manhole sump



Recessed side inlet kerbed manhole



Recessed side inlet kerbed manhole



Recessed perforated manhole sump

Depot Works

➤ Road Maintenance Works

Recent road maintenance works were carried out as part of the Area Engineers road maintenance programme including road repairs along sections for Drisgoue Road, Rolestown and Raheny Lane, Lusk.

The Roads crew also carried out strengthening of a local road at Palmerstown where subsidence issues presented a health and safety risk to road users. Works involved piping a section of open channel drain and backfilling to create a road verge bank to protect road users.



Road subsidence – Palmerstown



Asphalt paver in operation - Drisgoue Road



Piping of open channel section of drain



Placement and compaction of tarmac during road reinstatement – Raheny Lane, Lusk



Backfill and completion of works

Footpaths Works

The Construction Crews replaced defective Concrete Footpaths in Fancourt Heights in Balbriggan.

Footpath works to improve pedestrian permeability also fully completed at Sherlock Park, Skerries.



Fresh concrete outside 63 Fancourt Heights



After - Damestown Church



Designated pedestrian crossing points with tactile pavement slabs

Drainage Works

Drainage works were undertaken outside Damestown Church, Naul to alleviate localised flooding at the entrance to the Church.

The Roads crew were also carrying out repairs to some of the gully connections in Newtown Parks, Skerries.



Repair gully connection Newtown Park, Skerries



Before - Damestown Church



Donabate, Beaverstown Orchard, footpath dishing under construction.

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.



Posie Row inlay completed

Chainsaw operator training

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

- Howth/Malahide Area

Programme of Works

Station Road Portmarnock was inlaid. As part of the works a new kerb line, new footpaths, new cycleway, and a pedestrian crossing were installed.

The Train Station in Portmarnock is now connected by the Greenway to Baldoyle. The Road drainage network was also upgraded and repaired in advance of the works.



Roads/Footpaths/ Drainage Works

The roads crew replaced all the concrete footpaths in Oakleigh Court Malahide. They also replaced footpaths in Ard Na Mara Malahide and Sutton Park.



Grass Cutting in Malahide Demesne

With an unusually mild winter and good ground conditions grass cutting has resumed by our staff in the Demesne.



Pruning, Planting & Mulching - Malahide Castle

Our lads are working hard and doing a great job pruning and planting the front beds along the main avenue.

We also recycled woodchips from the recent tree works within the demesne and mulched around the bases of the trees. Apart from the clean aesthetic presented it also helps retain moisture, weed suppression, and probably most important helps in alleviating compaction around the root plate by keeping machinery away from the base and also keeping footfall off.





A Touch of Spring

Nice to see the evenings getting longer and days improving, and this display of daffodils would definitely lift your heart.



Flood Alleviation Works - Bullock Lane



Talbot Botanic Gardens Update



Acacia baileyana in full bloom.

Acacia baileyana or commonly called Cootamundra wattle is a small tree in the flowering plant family Fabaceae. It is indigenous to a very small area in New South Wales Australia comprising Temora, Cootamundra, Stockinbingal and Bethubgra Districts. It flowers from late Winter into early Spring.

The above magnificent specimen presently flowering in the small courtyard in Malahide Demesne.

West Lawn - Talbot Botanic Gardens, Malahide - Carvings

Work on the new Japanese style bird house in the Asiatic Garden, West Lawn Malahide Demesne was completed by Irish woodcarver Richie Clarke.



Carving of Japanese style house from sycamore in Asiatic Garden



Completed Japanese style house in Talbot Botanic Gardens Malahide Demesne



Camellias flowering in the Asiatic Garden, Malahide Demesne



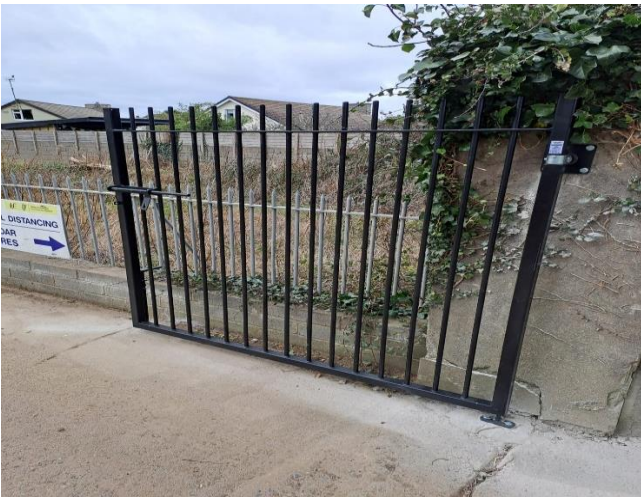
Cyclamen coum naturalising in the Talbot Botanical Gardens

Graffiti Removal & Bin Cleaning



Burial Grounds Updates

Topping up of graves and new gates installation to our works compound.

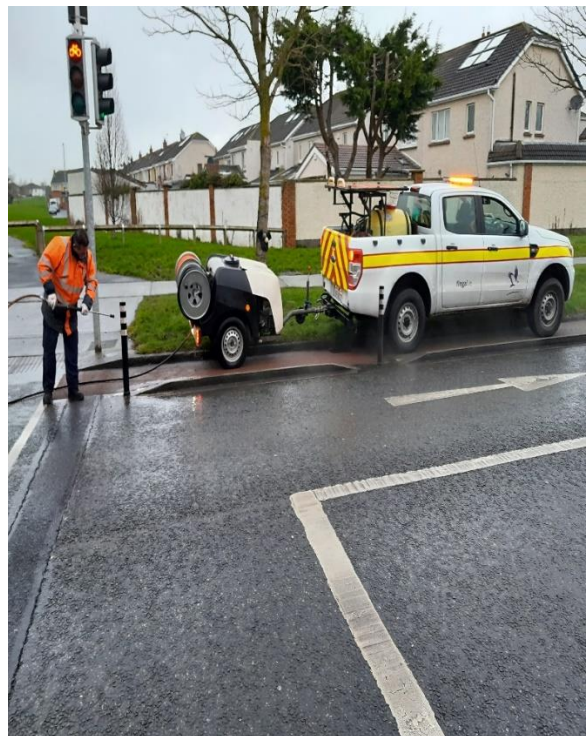
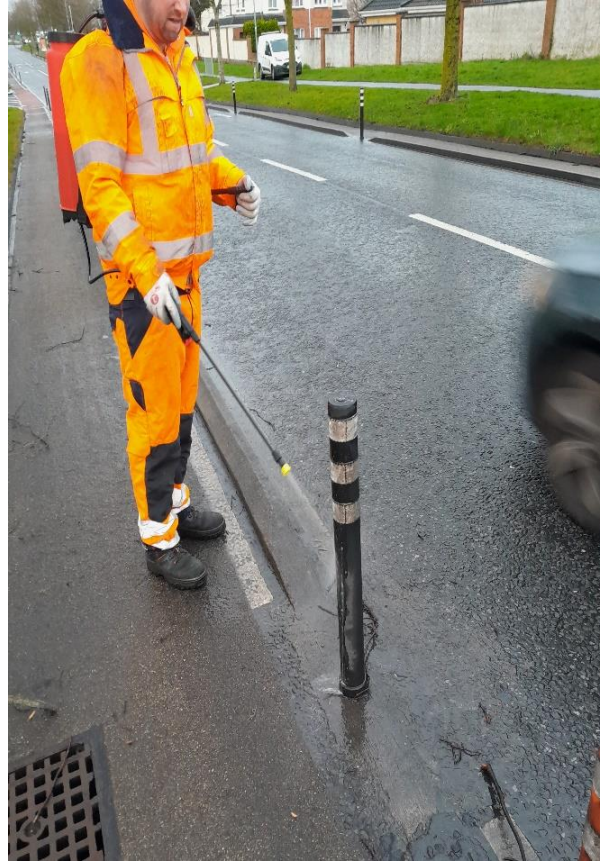


Delivery of new E Dumper to St Fintan's Burial Grounds

Castleknock/Mulhuddart Area

Cleansing

Crews cleaning cycle lane bollards in the Dublin 15 Area



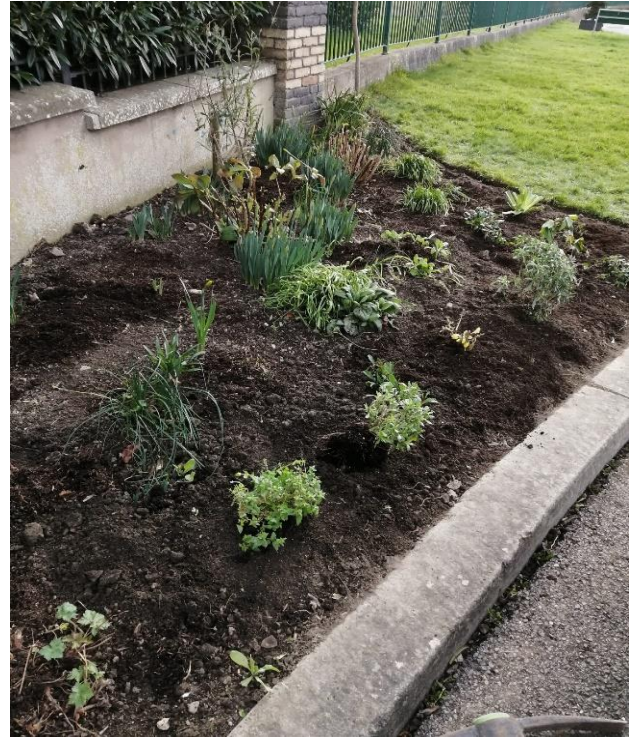
Planting

- Laurel Lodge

Perennial bed has been cut back at Laurel Lodge and additional Pollinator planting will take place here in Q2/2023.



- Lanesborough Gardens



Mick Walsh Park

Car Park in Mick Walsh Park has been opened 24/7 since 1st February, this carpark consists of 71 Parking spaces, 4 of which spaces are designated Disabled Parking only.



Dogs Aid

Bark Mulch being delivered to Dogs Aid Charity in Finglas on 1/2/2023



Millennium Park

Works completed in Millennium Park on the new door installation.



Hedge Cutting

- Charlestown, Mc Kelvey Celtic A.F.C .



- Lanesborough Gardens



Tree Planting

- Georgian Village



- College Grove



Graffiti removal Allendale



Project CitiVerde

Operations staff were delighted to join The Mayor of Fingal, Councillor Howard Mahony, students, staff members, community, and corporate volunteers together with representatives from TUDublin, An Garda Síochána, and local Councillors at a Tree Planting Event at Luttrellstown Community College in support of Blakestown Drive Community Group's [BDCG] Project CitiVerde "Imagining an Urban Oasis"



Car Parking Services

February 2023

There was a total of 1247 parking tickets issued during February 2023.

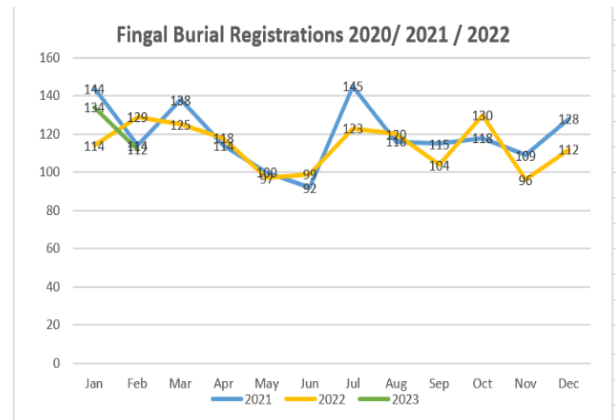
Breakdown of Parking Offences:

Breakdown of Parking Offences	Total	Percentage
Footpath/Grass Margin/Median Strip	128	10.26%
Prohibited Place (Loading bay/SYL/DYL)	284	22.77%
P&D/Permit Parking Area	718	57.58%
Disabled Parking Bay	21	1.68%
Other (Bus stop, Bus Lane, Cycle Track, School Entrance, Traffic signals and Clearway)	96	7.70%
Total	1247	100%

Location	Main Ticket Locations February 2023
Main Street - Swords	88
Bridgefield Car Park - Malahide	69
South Strand Skerries	57
North Street - Swords	57
The Green - Malahide	54
Harbour Road - Skerries	51
Church Road - Malahide	45
The Mall - Malahide	44
Strand Street - Skerries	41
Dublin Street - Balbriggan	41

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 112 Internments in February 2023.



Traffic Operations County-wide

Works are ongoing to deliver the Programme of Works across all three areas. Programme of Works 2023 for all 3 areas have been approved by the Area Committee and works will now begin.

- **Howth/Malahide**

Road Lining in February took place across Howth-Malahide with some locations shown below.

Refreshing existing and adding new Double Yellow lines on road linking Carrickhill Rise and Wendell Avenue (by Dunne's Car Park)



New Double Yellow Lines at Bayside Boulevard South



- **Balbriggan/Swords**

New Speed Signs- Newbarn-Fieldstown-R122 Two New VAS signs on both approaches to the junction with R125/Rathbeale Road



- **Castleknock/Mulhuddart**

Works began in January for the new pedestrian crossing west of Clonsilla train station on the Old Hansfield Road. The civils works for the traffic equipment and associated traffic works were completed in February. The application for power has been made to the ESB.



Traffic Lights on Old Hansfield Road



Disabled parking bay repainted in Mulhuddart Village

Fleet Management & Plant Hire Unit

83 hires were put in place from 01/02/2023–27/02/2023, engaging 20 suppliers. Three new Winter Gritting trucks for operations.



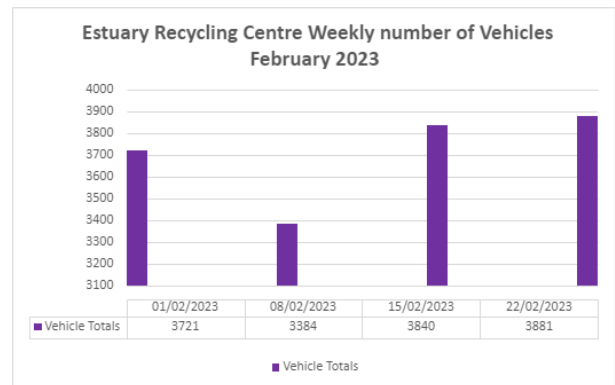
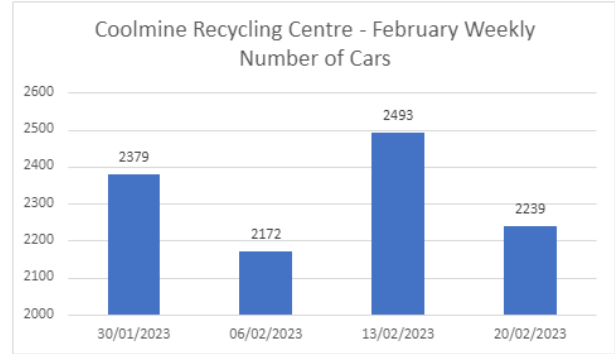
Fully Electric Dumper purchased for St. Fintan's Cemetery.

Street Lighting LED Programme

The Public Lighting Section will continue with the LED Programme in 2023 with 97.1% of all lights switched to LEDs.

Faults reduce to 0.32% of overall numbers of lights. The Public Lighting Area Works Programme was approved by the Area Committee and works will now commence. Additional 180,000 2023 funding for specific public lighting projects to light up necessary walkways and connections to schools and buses will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

Recycling Centre's Update



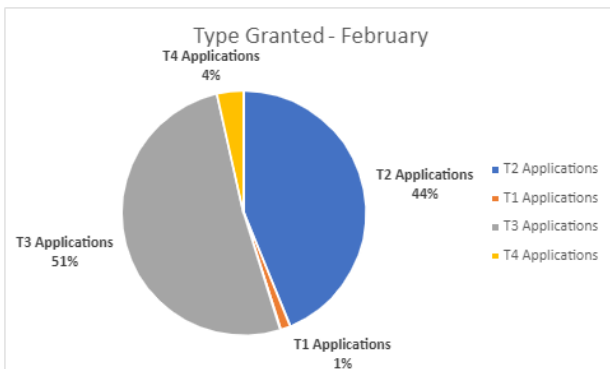
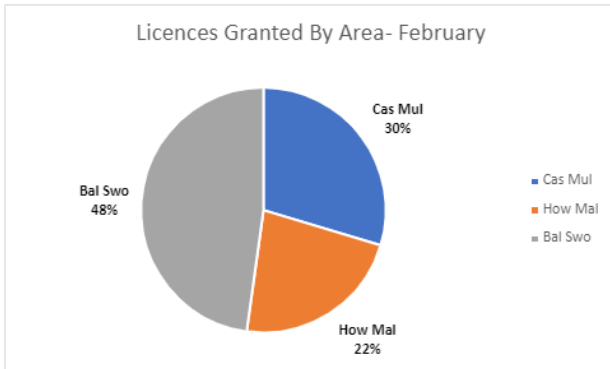
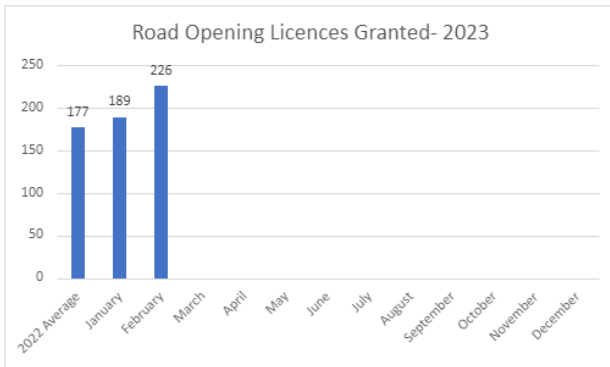
Consultation with the Area Committees on the review on pricing and the provision of a free bulky waste service at Coolmine and Estuary Recycling centres is complete, and a revised report will go to the March Transportation and Infrastructure SPC.

Licences

Road Opening Licences

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

226 Licences were granted in the month of February with on average, 54% of the licences granted by way of automation. Clerk of Works in each area continue to carryout regular inspections following road opening works by utilities.



- Casual Trading License

The Castleknock/Mulhuddart Operations Department are currently in the process of renewing Casual Trading applications for 2023. The licences are valid from 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. Closing date for new applications passed on the 15th of February 2023 at 4pm.

- Street Furniture

Street Furniture renewals took place in January with strong interest from many businesses.

Fees were reintroduced for 2023 following their waiver throughout Covid 19.

Inspections continue to be carried out by our enforcement officer on a regular basis to ensure compliance.

Water Services

- 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 projects that have commenced and planned upcoming 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 in Portmarnock. Significant progress has been made in upgrading the existing stormwater network serving Wendell Avenue & Dewberry Park in Portmarnock. Due to multiple collapses and blockages a section of new network and new manholes are being constructed which when completed will return the existing network to full capacity. Additional gullies were added to Wendell Avenue & Dewberry Park.

This will improve the overall drainage efficiency of Wendell Avenue and increase the half-life of the road surface.

- **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 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

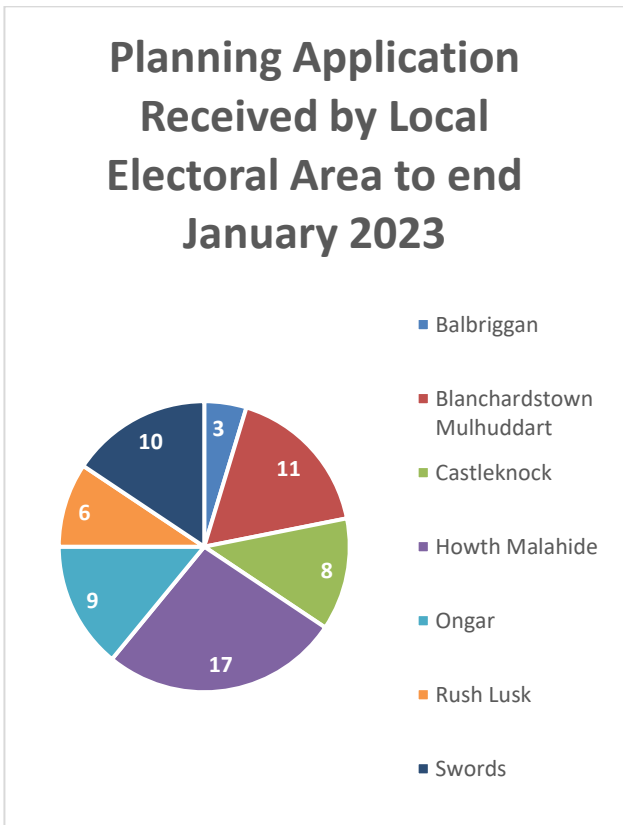
A new framework for the future of water services developed through an engagement process facilitated by the Workplace Relations Commission was announced by the Minister on 24th June 2022. The Council is awaiting signoff of the new ÚISCE ÉIREANN /Local Authority Master Co-operation agreement which will replace the existing Service Level Agreement arrangements. The Council are working with ÚÉ in preparation for the Effective Date when ÚÉ will assume full responsibility for the delivery of all public water services in Ireland. Fingal County Council is scheduled within the first tranche of local authorities to transfer.

PLANNING AND STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE (PSI)

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Planning Applications

There have been 64 planning applications received to the end of January 2023. 13 of these applications were invalid leaving a total of 51 valid applications. The volume of applications received by Local Electoral Area (LEA) is detailed in the table below. From January 1st to 31st 2023, 0 Large-scale Residential Development (LRD) applications were made to the Local Authority. 3 decisions were made up to end of January 2023. Of these, 3 applications were Granted (1,257 units). There are a total of 20 SHD applications (13,038 units) currently in the formal application process with An Bord Pleanála. The Bord have not issued any decisions on SHD applications to the end of January 2023.



Planning Decisions

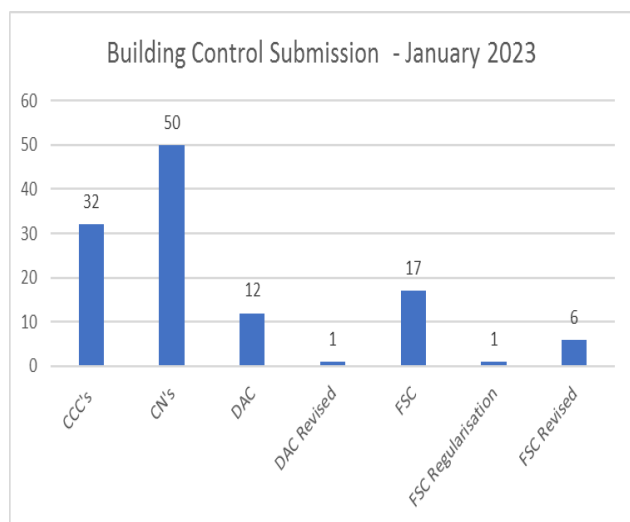
A total of 1210 planning decisions have been made to the end of December 2022. There have been 993 decisions to grant permission (82%) and 217 refusals of permission (18%). There have been 82 grants of permissions in respect of single house construction, 576 grants of permission for domestic extensions, 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+. A total of 106 planning decisions have been made to the end of January 2023. There have been 89 decisions to grant permission (84%) and 17 refusals of permission (16%). There have been 12 grants of permissions in respect of single house construction, 39 grants of permission for domestic extensions, 20 commercial/retail grants of permission and 7 grants of permission in respect of housing developments of which 4 relate to development of 2 - 20 units, 0 relates to 20 - 50 units, 0 relate to 50 -100 units and 3 which relate to development of 100+ Units.

Building Control Admin:

In January 2023, there were 119 Building Control submissions made via the BCMS. This was made up of 50 Commencement notices, 32 Compliance of Completion Certificates, 24 Fire Safety related Certificates and 13 Disability Access related Certificates. Commencement notices and Compliance on Completion Certificates are submitted through the Projects module on BCMS. Fire Safety, Disability Access, Regularisation and Dispensation/Relaxation Certificate applications

can be submitted online via the Applications module on BCMS and we are also still accepting hard copy applications directly into the office. Most applications are now being submitted via the online system.

The Building Control Admin team processed 97 decisions in January 2023 relating to Fire Safety and Disability Access Certificates. This was made up of 21 decisions to grant and 76 extensions of time.



Strategic Policy Unit

Draft Fingal Development Plan 2023 – 2029

The Fingal Development Plan was adopted on 22nd February 2023. The new Plan will come into effect on 5th April 2023.

The adoption of the Plan marks the end of the 99-week process which included three rounds of public consultation, numerous webinars, meetings and over 2,600 submissions.

The Development Plan sets out the framework to guide future development within Fingal with the focus placed on the places we live, the places we work, and how we interact and move between these places while protecting our environment. The aim is to progress to a more sustainable development pattern for Fingal County Council in the immediate and long-term future.



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



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 as of October 1, 2022.

The draft map is available to view:

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

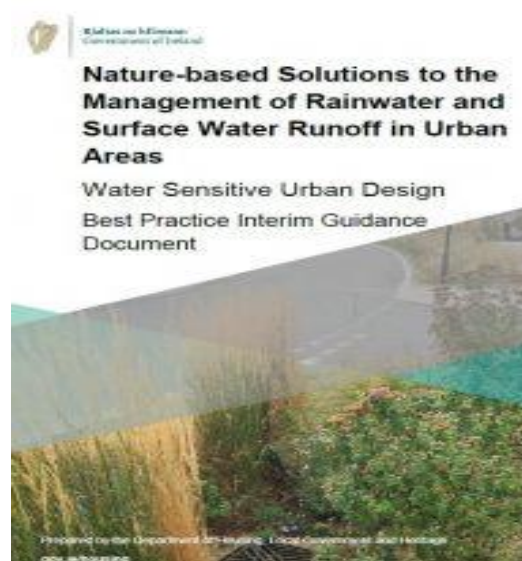
121 Submissions have been received and assessment of these is now ongoing. Submissions can be viewed here: <https://consult.fingal.ie/en/consultation/residential-zoned-land-tax-consultation>

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.

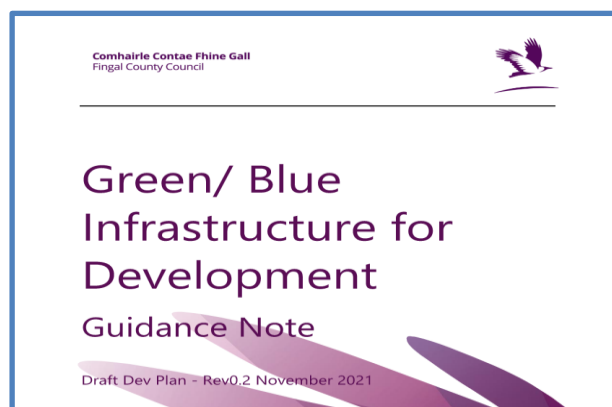
Built Environment Division

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 30/09/2023. The tenders were assessed and a recommendation for progression to the next phase has taken place.

Building Control/Taking in Charge Section Building Control

- There were 21 Building control site inspections in February 2023 with 42 separate buildings being inspected.
- There were no enforcement notices issued in February but there were 4 Section 11 requests for further information issued following site visits.

Taking in Charge

- There are 3 developments Limetree Avenue and Carrick Court Close due to be taken in charge in the April 2023 Council Meeting. A further 3 developments namely Miller Glen phase 4, Silverbanks, Baldoye and Balgriffin Grove in Malahide have been advertised for Taking in Charge in the May 2023 Council Meeting.

Pictures



Checking the CE Marking on Insulation on a site in Castleknock as part of our duties under the Construction Products Regulations



Checking Engineered Timber Roof on a development in Garristown

Transportation Planning Church Fields Link Road

The Powerstown Road Safe Routes to School element of the Project is nearing completion, this will deliver high quality two-way off carriageway cycle track and pedestrian facilities along with upgraded controlled crossings. The Phase 1 of the link road and 'Dutch Style' cycle friendly roundabout are nearing sectional completion, the contractor is installing the new trees into the bioretention areas which form part of the SuDs strategy for the project. The contractor has also provided upgraded ESB ducting infrastructure to facilitate the diversion of the current overhead line and assist in the delivery of housing in the adjacent Church Fields Masterplan lands.



Broadmeadow Way Greenway

The project team have been working closely with property section and our legal team to secure a licence agreement which permits access to a landlocked section of the project route. A contractor has now been appointed to install a 1.2km access track to the northern shore of Malahide Estuary, this will facilitate access for a contractor to undertake ground investigation

works on the estuary causeway the outcome which will be used to inform the design of the causeway section of the greenway.



S2M Pedestrian and Cycle Scheme



The project team from the Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Dept has recently completed its preliminary cost estimate for the scheme. The total cost estimate of €45m has received NTA Board Approval and the project will now proceed toward finalising the preliminary design. The project team is currently finishing its review of public consultation submissions and discussions at

the successful drop-in information evening and webinars in 2022. A Public Consultation Report will be published online outlining the results of the consultation in March. This process has helped the team to identify areas of concern for review or potential change and this design review process is underway while the Public Consultation Report is being finalised. Following this review process documents will be prepared for a planning application to An Bord Pleanála. The application is expected to be made in late 2023 and is likely to take the form of an Appropriate Assessment, Environmental Impact Assessment Report.

Donabate Pedestrian and Cycle Bridge

The process to approve placing the Donabate Pedestrian Bridge into service above the Dublin to Belfast Railway Line is nearing completion. A detailed design submission containing all necessary technical and safety-related information is currently being assessed by the Board of Irish Rail as part of the approval process. Once Irish Rail approval is in place, the bridge design will be submitted to the Commission for Railway Regulation for final approval. Consultations with the developers of the lands on either side of the pedestrian bridge are at an advanced stage and the necessary legal agreements to allow access for Fingal County Council's works contractor through these development lands are expected to be finalised and agreed shortly.

A consultant has been appointed to provide site supervision and contract administration services for the construction stage of the project. A works contractor will be appointed once final approval is granted by the Commission for Railway Regulation. Once all third party approvals are in place, construction of the bridge can commence.

R132 Connectivity Project

Following Statutory Planning approval for the R132 Connectivity Project. A tender brief was prepared, and a tender FCC/318/22 was issued for Consultancy Services with a multidisciplinary design team for the remainder of the project lifecycle to Detailed Design and Procurement, Construction and Implementation and Close-out and Review. The evaluation assessment of the tender submissions is nearly now completed, and it's envisaged a consultant will be appointed in late

March. Once a consultant is appointed the project will then be progressed at Detailed Design stage.

Kinsealy Walking & Cycling Routes

A tender was issued FCC/325/22 Stage 1 for the Establishment of a Single Party Framework for Civil & Structural Engineering Consultancy & Associated Services - Initial Contract for Kinsealy Walking & Cycling Routes. The evaluation assessment of the tender submissions is nearly now completed, and this will allow the procurement process to progress to Stage 2 in March.

Harry Reynolds Road Pedestrian and Cyclist Route A tender FCC/164/20 Stage 2 was issued in early January for the Construction Phase of the Harry Reynolds Road, Pedestrian and Cyclist Route which recently closed for submissions. The evaluation assessment of the of the tender submissions is programmed to be undertaken in March to progress the procurement process to the construction stage of the project.

Snugborough Interchange Upgrade

Snugborough Interchange Upgrade Project Construction works are continuing during Q1. Much of the current work involves diversion of utilities in to newly constructed infrastructure. These include telecommunications and electricity. When many of these major utility diversions have been advanced new areas of work will open. There will be local safe diversions for pedestrians around the works and these will be signed. The current projected completion time for the project is Q3 this year. It is intended that the inbound N3 bus lane will reopen at the end of Q1.

The website www.snugboroughinterchange.ie containing information on the project will continue to be updated with information relating to the project.



Ongar Barnhill Road

An advance site clearance contract was carried out early in Q1 in advance of the nesting season. Fencing is being installed currently along the land to be part of the Barberstown lane south upgrade. Tenders for stage 1 of a restricted procedure for the main contract are currently being assessed. It is intended that the tender process for stage 2 will be during early Q2 and that a contractor will be appointed during Summer. The project will take almost 2 years to construct.



Royal Canal / Grand Canal Loop Greenway

Fingal County Council are entering into an agreement with South Dublin CC to advance a route options and river crossing design for a greenway between the Royal and Grand canals. A designer will be appointed and managed by SDCC on behalf of FCC. A briefing for the area members is currently being organised and it is intended that the route options for a river crossing and link to the Royal Canal will be ready for a public engagement in a few months' time.

Heritage Officer



The Fingal Thatch Project 2022 was launched on the 16 February by Fingal Mayor, Cllr. Howard Mahony in the Casino Model Railway Museum, Malahide, a beautifully restored thatched building which is of significant historical importance to Fingal's thatch heritage.

Prepared by Carrig Conservation on behalf of Fingal Heritage Office, the report-which contains the context, issues and story of thatch in Fingal and a gazetteer of remaining structures- is available to download

from <https://www.fingal.ie/.../Fingal%20Thatch%20Project...>

FINGAL THATCH PROJECT 2022



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The Heritage Centre

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An important element of the project is the Fingal Thatch Project Storymap

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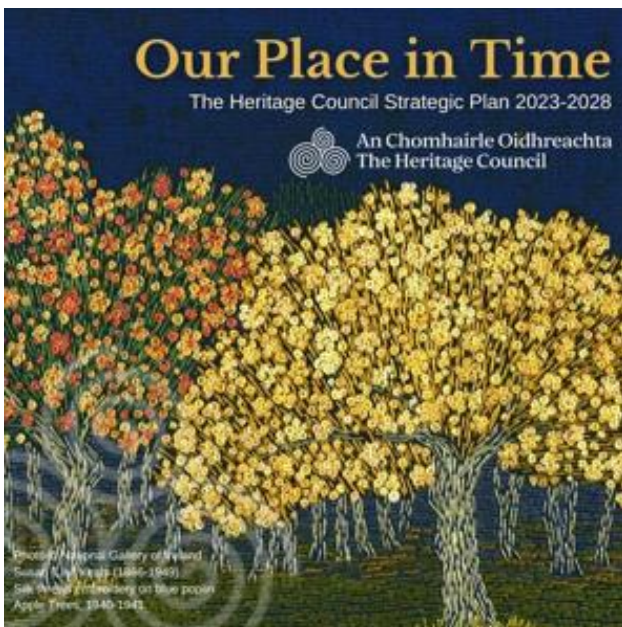
which has some fantastic recordings from the National Folklore Collection, a video of Charlie Fanning thatching and mapped photos and memories contributed by communities, from across Fingal.



Drumanagh-the movie!

Reflecting the school's curriculum, this video https://youtu.be/3B_R9XASjuw records what is involved in archaeological excavation and post-excavation, celebrates the experiences of the participants and summarises what was found in Trench 4. *Digging Drumangh* fulfils objectives of the Fingal Heritage Plan 2018-2023 and Drumangh Conservation Study & Management Plan.

This new strategy has the ambition for Ireland to take its place in Europe and the world as an exemplary country committed to the principles of climate justice, conservation, heritage management, education and societal engagement. In addition, it acknowledges the importance of heritage in all its manifestations and will inform the development of the new Fingal Heritage Plan. Read and access the strategy here: <http://bit.ly/3m0oPPU>



The Heritage Council Strategic Plan 2023-2028 "Our Place in Time" was launched recently by Minister Malcolm Noonan.

HOUSING

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Housing Supply

Social Housing Development for Older Persons in Lusk

On Friday 10th of February, Mayor of Fingal, Cllr. Howard Mahony welcomed Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Darragh O'Brien to Lusk for the official sod turning of Killhedge Lane, a new social housing development being delivered by Tuath Housing in partnership with Fingal County Council.

Kilhedge Lane in Lusk is a sheltered housing scheme that will provide 31 new single-story homes for older persons and is due for delivery in 2024. The development – which will be built on land owned by Fingal County Council – will consist of 18 two-bed homes and 13 one-beds with an additional communal facility area for residents. The new homes are being funded by the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage via the Capital Assistance Scheme. The 31 new residents will come from the Fingal County Council housing list.



Affordable Housing Development at Hayestown, Rush

On Friday 3rd March, Mayor of Fingal, Cllr. Howard Mahony welcomed Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Darragh O'Brien to Rush for the official sod turning of the new affordable housing development at Hayestown in Rush. The development will consist of 62 new 2 and 3-bedroom homes, with 52 of the homes being made available to eligible purchasers in line with affordable purchase regulations and the Council's scheme of priorities. Details of the application process to submit an interest in purchasing the affordable homes will be available in the coming months. The remaining 10 homes in the scheme will be made available to people on the Council's social housing list.



**Housing Delivery
Construction Programme**

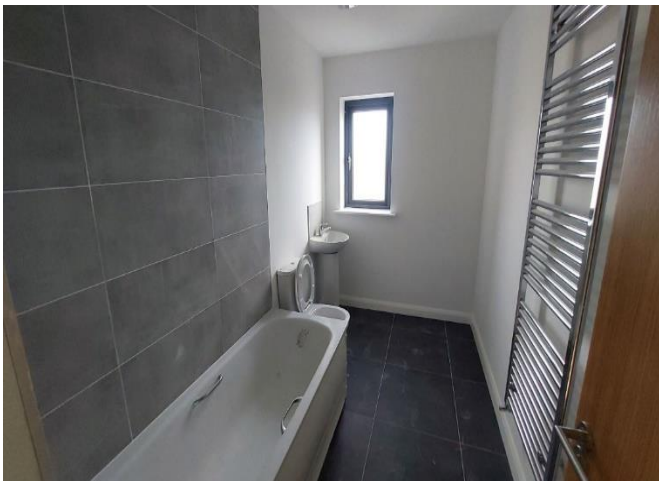
Summary of unit numbers in pipeline	units
Under Construction	308
Tender Stage	300
Planning and Design	1,048
Part V	124
TOTAL	1,780



Restoration works under way of 14 units at St Ita's Hospital Campus in Portrane

Projects on site

Fingal County Council Social & Affordable Housing scheme at Dun Emer, Lusk - 39 affordable units & 12 social units being delivered.





Fingal County Council infill scheme at Clonsilla Road, Dublin 15



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

Fingal County Council infill scheme at Sheepmoor, Dublin 15



26 Units under construction which will be delivered in partnership with Cluid Housing Association at Clonross, Old Navan Road, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15



Housing Loans Update

Circular 07/2023 was issued on the 28th February, and this confirms the Government decision to make changes to the Local Authority Home Loan scheme. The circular announces the publication of new regulations - Housing Loans (Amendment) Regulations 2023 (S.I. 76 of 2023), a new credit policy, and new guidelines for Local Authorities. The main differences are:

- Borrowers can apply for a max loan of €324,000
- The Loan can be used to purchase a property of a new max value of €360,000
- Single borrowers can earn up to €70,000 to qualify for the loan, couples can earn up to €85,000

The Loan application process in Fingal will be augmented by the introduction of an online application portal. This month Fingal County Council will introduce the portal to streamline the process and ensure applicants have all their documents in one place before submitting them. This will be explained to the applicants when they first contact the loans team, and help will be provided to all applicants to ensure that this is efficient and speeds up the process. An online video tutorial has been developed to support this. The portal will remove the need to produce paper copies of the application form and the supporting documents, reduce postal delays and speed up the process.

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 have commenced in Strandmill Road, Portmarnock and will shortly commence in Barnewall, Donabate. St. Catherine's Close, Rush and Whitestown Gardens, Blanchardstown are currently at survey stage.

Fingal County Council and the SEAI have entered 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.



Successful solar panel installation

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	28 th February 2023
In the letting process	59
Undergoing re-let repairs	21
With County Architect for procurement of pre-let repairs	10
TOTAL	90

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 currently reaching completion in Abbylea Estate, Swords and will soon commence in St Cronan's Estate, Swords.

Housing Assistance Payment (HAP)

HAP continues to be the primary source of rent support for those in private rented accommodation. Fingal County Council has set up over 50 new tenancies in 2023 to date with approximately over 3,600 tenancies set up since HAP began in 2017.

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.

Rents

The new rent review process continues with over 1200 accounts being assessed in this quarter. Tenants will be notified of their new rent charge which will remain in place for a two-year period. A further 1000 tenants will receive Rent Assessment Forms for completion within the next month.

The Rent Arrears team are working methodically through accounts in substantial arrears to encourage tenants to engage with the Council in reducing their arrears. 15 Tenancies Warnings were issued in February to tenants in arrears. In cases where there is no engagement, despite repeated efforts, proceedings will progress 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 Tenancy Services Report Housing Support

Housing Position

Following Completion of the Housing Needs Assessment on 29th November 2022, the current housing list position is in preparation for all applicants, with an expected issue date in early March.

This will be available through the CBL portal on fingal.ie shortly. Applicants who do not have access to this portal should contact Choicebasedlettings@fingal.ie to request their unique username and password. The most recent list position issued on 1st 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 1st 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

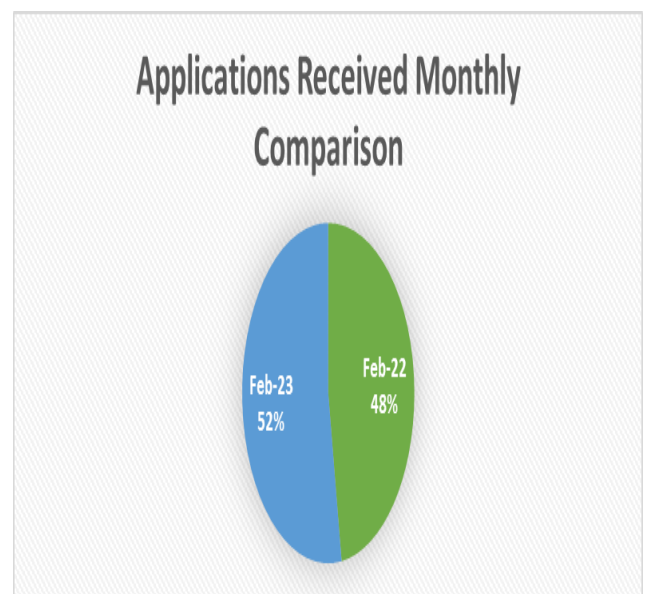
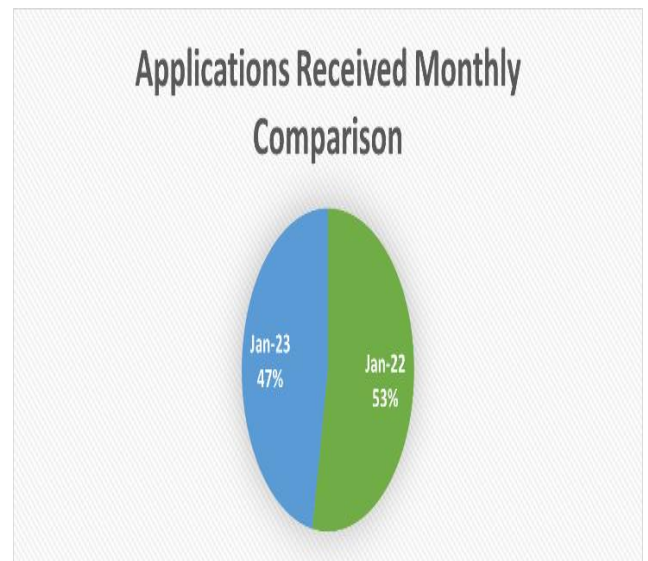
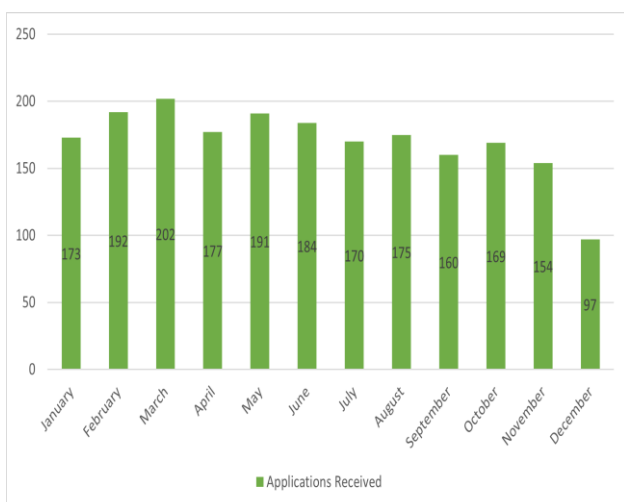
Band	2 Adults 1 Child	2 Adults 3 Children	3 Adults 4 Children
1	€37,625	€39,375	€42,000

The revised thresholds from 1st 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 1st January to 31st 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.

Choice Based Lettings February Advertised Properties

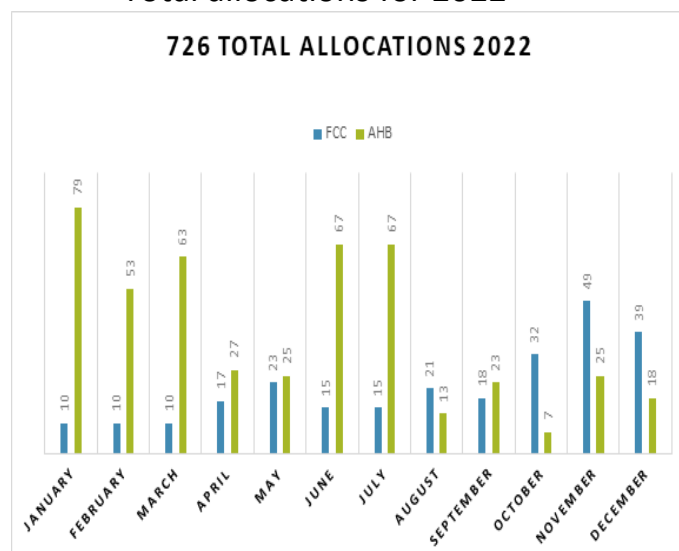


Advertisement Period	Property	Bed	Type	Number of Views	Expressions of interest
1 st - 7 th February	Bremore Pastures Avenue	2	Terrace	870	125
1 st - 7 th February	St Werburghs Court, Drynam Road	2	Apt	775	174
1 st - 7 th February	Holywell Way, Swords	2	Apt	745	127
1 st - 7 th February	Rathmore Avenue	2	Apt	654	129
1 st - 7 th February	Willans Way, Ongar	2	Apt	707	162
8 th - 14 th February	Manor Square, Ongar	1	Apt	672	116
8 th - 14 th February	Bantry Square, Dublin 15	2	Apt	828	157
8 th - 14 th February	Corduff Grove, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15	3	Terrace House	766	62
8 th - 14 th February	St Marnocks Bay, Portmarnock	2	Apt	849	162
15 th - 21 st February	Church Fields, Mulhuddart, Dublin 15	2	Terrace	1350	259
15 th - 21 st February	Church Fields, Mulhuddart, Dublin 15	3	3 Storey Houses	1448	176
15 th - 21 st February	Liscappagh, Cappagh Road	3	Terrace	1098	133
15 th - 21 st February	Creston Avenue, St Margaret's Road	2	Apt	797	96
22 nd - 28 th February	Castlegarage Park, Clonsilla	2	Apt	902	149
22 nd - 28 th February	Avondale Park, Mulhuddart	3	Terrace	753	75
			Total	13,214	2,102

Applicants who do not have access to this portal should contact Choicebasedlettings@fingal.ie to request their unique username and password.

APPROVED HOUSING BODIES

Total allocations for 2022

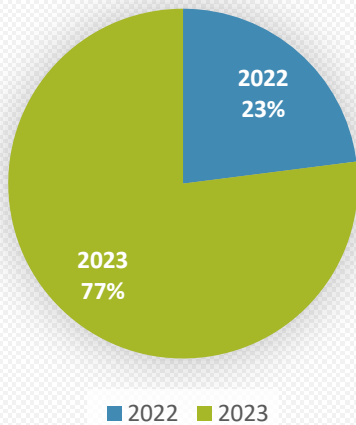


The collaboration between Local Authorities and Approved Housing Bodies is continuing to have a positive impact on the delivery of social housing, we aim to minimise the length of time units are vacant. FCC continue to work under the Best Practice guidelines as per the Code of Practice with an aim to continually refine and make improvements to the allocation process.

18 units in Portmarnock, Co. Dublin and 26 units in Clonross, Dublin 15 are being delivered in March 2023. These properties are being managed by Cluid Housing Association. Cluid is an Approved Housing Body and service provider. Cluid Housing is a not-for profit charity providing over 10,000 affordable, high-quality homes to people in housing need.

So far in 2023, there have been 67 allocations of properties with AHBS, the majority of allocations have been sent to Tuath housing association. Tuath are managing a number of large schemes presently in the Fingal area, some of which include, Balbriggan, Swords, Blanchardstown and Santry.

Nominations Comparison between Jan/Feb 2022 Jan/Feb 2023



The chart shows a comparison in the volume of nominations sent to AHB's on behalf of Fingal County Council housing applicants from January / February 2022 and January / February 2023. There has been a 54% increase in nominations to AHB's so far in 2023.

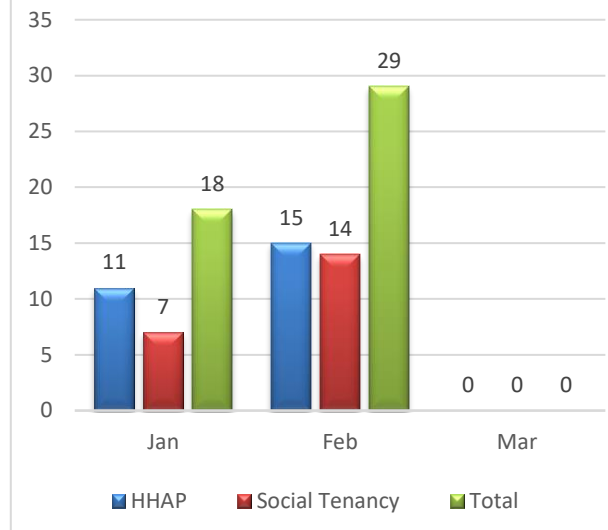
Homeless Services Homeless Exits 2023

During February 2023, 29 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 15 of these tenancies, comprising 10 homeless prevention, four who exited from emergency accommodation and one from Direct Provision.

Separately there were 14 households that exited Homelessness into social tenancies.

In total 7 FCC households exited emergency accommodation during January 2023.

All Homeless Exits 2023



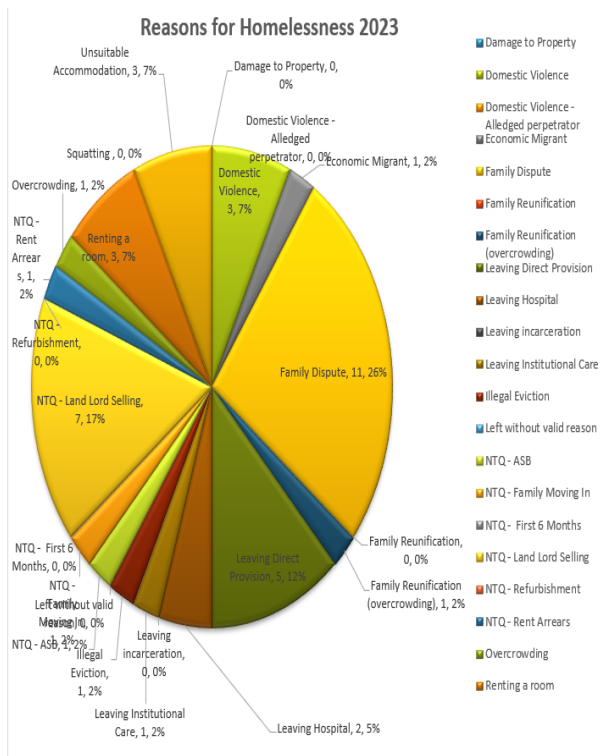
Homeless Presentations

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

In February 2023 there were a total of 42 full homeless assessments completed - comprising **15** families and **27** singles/couples.

During February 2023, of the Homeless Assessments carried out, 10 cases resulted from a **Notice to Quit (NTQ)** having been served. **Renting a room** or licensee presenters are not covered by the Winter Eviction Ban 2023 and accounted for 7% of assessments during February 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** (2%) and state that they cannot/will not return to the property. The remaining reasons are outlined on the chart below.



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.

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.

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.



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

ESTATE MANAGEMENT
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.

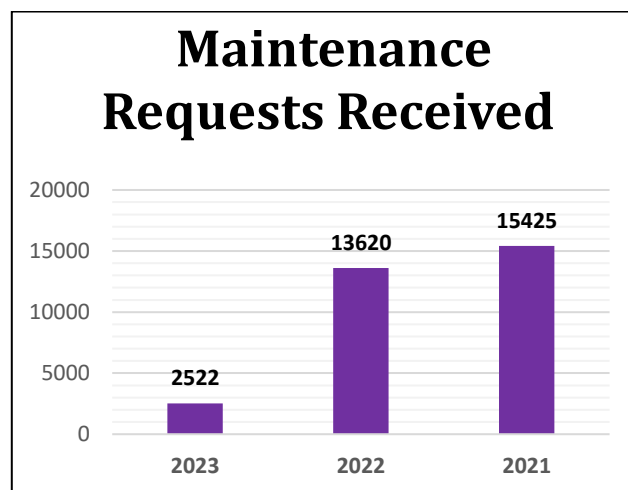
Disabled Persons Grants (DPGs)

In accordance with the Disabled Persons Grants Scheme provided by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, the Estate Management Section continues to process eligible applications working in collaboration with the Council's Architects Department.



Extension works progressing on Council property in accordance with the Disabled Persons Grants Scheme

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. The 2023 programme of work has commenced, with Contractors are working on the across the County in areas such as Corduff Estate, Blackmills, Lambeecher, Glasmore, Cardy Rock and Ballygarra.

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.

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

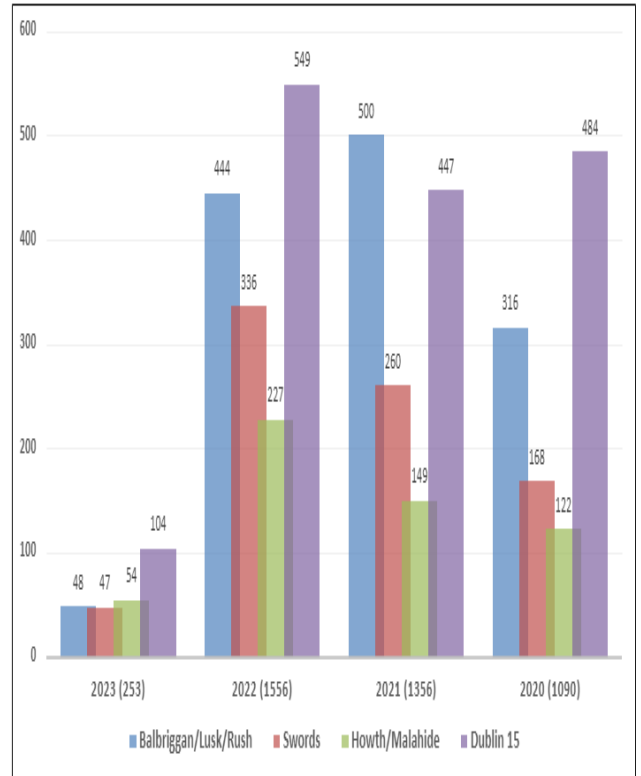
Feb 2023	Active Investigation	Active Monitoring	Closed
Dublin 15	34	8	9
North County	39	11	9
Total	73	19	18

All complaints are received in confidence

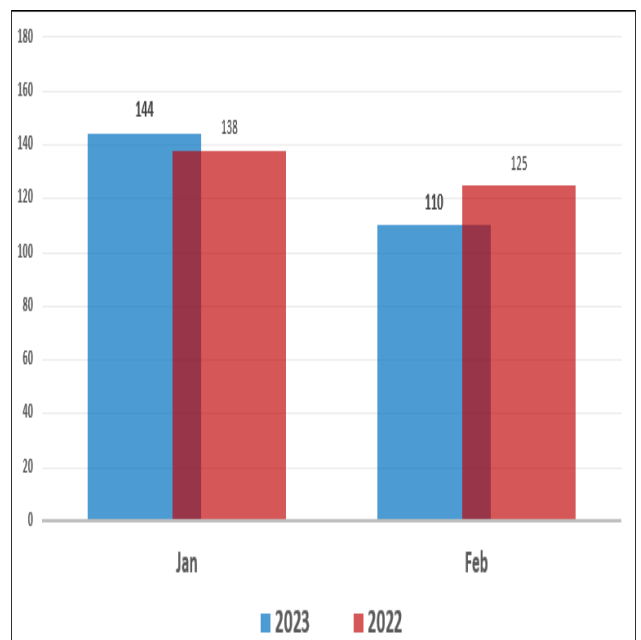
Surrenders on Estate Management Grounds

2023 – 2 (Jan), 3 (Feb)

Area Breakdown 2020-2023 – ASB Complaints Received



Monthly Breakdown of ASB Complaints Received 2022-23



Anti-Social Behaviour Interventions

Interviews Held 2023 Interviews Held 2022	18 101
Tenancy Alerts 2023 Tenancy Alerts 2022	4 39
Tenancy Warnings 2023 Tenancy Warnings 2022	0 6

Inspectorate

Traveller Specific Site Inspections 2023 Traveller Specific Site Inspections 2022	285 1673
Estate Inspections 2023 Estate Inspections 2022	196 1086
Estate Management Inspections 2023 Estate Management Inspections 2022	316 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

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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 2nd November 2022 to cater for increasing pressures on the accommodation situation in the country for displaced Ukrainians. The centre is presently operating at full capacity 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), **101** persons have moved from the rest centre to pledge accommodation across the county and country since the 2nd November 2022 with further moves to pledge accommodation to take place in the coming days.

Pledge Accommodation

A new national call for vacant unoccupied properties to accommodate Ukrainian displaced persons was launched on the 24th November 2022. In terms of the Fingal area, **12** properties have been pledged to date. **5** of these properties are occupied with another property due to be occupied in the coming days. **4** properties were withdrawn or deemed unsuitable following inspection with the remaining **3** subject to inspection and dialogue with the owners. The Council is also engaging with 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. It is expected that there will be a further national call for vacant properties shortly and an associated promotional campaign

Vacant Homes

The Council's Vacant Homes Action Plan was launched on the 9th 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. Work is underway at St Ita's Portrane to bring **14** dwellings back into use. **2** housing units are at the concluding stages of a CPO process that will make the units available for social housing

use with the CPO process to commence shortly with respect to **2** additional units. The Croi Connaithe Refurbishment grant scheme is also in utilisation to address vacancy and assist citizens get a home.



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 at an increasing rate.

To date, **18** applications have been received. **4** have been approved with works underway in these dwellings. In addition, staff are engaging with **31** other expressions of interest which will lead to further applications. An information campaign by

the DHLGH has recently concluded to raise more awareness of the scheme and to further promote the grant scheme. This has been supplemented by promotion of the scheme via the Council's social media and at the Council's stand at the Property Show held in the RDS on the 25th and 26th February 2023

For enquiries on the above scheme and on vacant properties generally, please contact the Council's Vacant Homes Office via e-mail at vacant.homes@fingal.ie

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Community Development Office

Community Development

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Donabate Bleeding Pig festival IWD event
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Online Activities Funding Information Session 29th March

Sports Office

Balbriggan Sports HUB
National LSP Newsletter
Fingal Older Adult Aqua-Aerobics at the National Aquatic Centre
Women in Sport Week - 6th March to 12th March
Nutrition Roadshow Series
Sports Strategy Public Consultation

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 February/March the Community Development Office worked in partnership with a number of community groups and partners to support the projects/Initiatives set out below

Fingal Comhairle na nÓg

The FCNN steering group had a very successful first in person meeting with new members of 2023. They discussed social media activity and are still working on their project title. The group now have one participant fully garda vetted. He is fully trained and working alongside the co-ordinator as a volunteer. One young person was nominated and chosen to be part of the HSE Youth Mental Health Fund Selection Committee.



LGBTQi Information Session, Swords

A presentation and information session on LGBTQi Rights including Employment Equality Legislation, Equal Status Act, The Gender Recognition Act and information on change of name by deed poll took place at St Colmcille's GAA Swords as part of the Community Department's Winter Pride initiatives.

Donabate Bleeding Pig Festival International Women's Day Event

The Bleeding Pig Cultural Group on the Donabate/Portrane Peninsula organised a varied

programme of events in celebration of International Women's Day, with funding and logistical support from the FCC Community Office. The events, on 5th & 8th March included a talk on the Pearse sisters, titled "Sisters of the revolution" by Teresa and Mary Louise O'Donnell as well as talks on female health and mental health issues. Music and songs were provided by, among others, Mná Ukulele. As part of the celebration a film from Saudi Arabia, titled "Wadjda" which was screened in Donabate Parish Centre focused on the barriers women face in that country. All events were free of charge and open to all members of the local community.



Flemington International Women's Day Event, Balbriggan

Flemington Community Centre in Balbriggan celebrated International Women's Day with a menu of activities aimed at the diverse community of north-west Balbriggan. Talks on women's health, demonstrations of menopause yoga by the FCC Sports Office, introduction to Reiki and many other activities took place. A talk by the Sister Sheds organisation with a keynote address by Dr

Ebun Joseph also took place. Dr Ebun spoke out about Equity issues for communities living in an inter-cultural society, with particular emphasis on the barriers faced by women. The event was co-sponsored by the FCC community office and was attended by local councillors and representatives of many community groups, agencies and residents' groups active in the area.



Shine A Light for Women: International Women's Day

Fingal County Council are proud to bring Shine A Light for Women to Dublin 15 this International Women's Day, 8th March 2023. This is the second year of this initiative, which sees our Sports Office collaborating with the Community Office on delivering this important awareness event. The theme of this year's International Women's Day is 'Embracing Equity.'

The Community and Sports Office are committed to supporting the social inclusion of women and encourage them to participate and raise awareness of issues that affect their lives. Being included, and belonging, feels good. When we

embrace equity, we embrace diversity, and we embrace inclusion. Clonee Women's Shed is an example of inclusion in action at a local level. This event will officially launch this first women's shed in Dublin 15 which provides a space for women to meet and support each other through various ages and stages in life.



Parslickstown Property Marking Clinic

A Property Marking Clinic was held recently in Parslickstown House in collaboration with An Garda Síochána. The event saw items such as bikes, scooters, laptops and trade tools marked by a property marking machine with the owners Eircode. This will ensure that property is returned to its owner in a prompt manner if it becomes separated from its owner in the future. This is the first of a series of these clinics to be held in Parslickstown House with the support of the Community Development Office.

Safeguarding your Digital Financial Wellbeing Workshop

To mark Internet Safety Day, The Community Office, in partnership with Bank of Ireland held a 'Safeguarding your Digital Financial Wellbeing' workshop in Tyrrelstown Community Centre. The very informative workshop was hosted by a qualified financial advisor with over 15 years' experience in the field. The tips and pointers given on the day were very useful and all in attendance have a greater awareness of how to remain safe and know the red flags to look out for when online.



**To mark Internet Safety Day
Tyrrelstown Community Hub in association
with Bank of Ireland will host a workshop on
Safeguarding Your Digital Financial
Wellbeing**



- What is Financial Wellbeing
- Understanding Cybercrime
- Common Tactics Used by Criminals
- Securing Your Home Network
- Guidance for Online Safety
- Top Tips and Q&A

The workshop will be presented by a Financial Wellbeing Coach with over 15 years experience

**Where: Tyrrelstown Community Hub - Tyrrelstown
Community Centre D15 PWY2
When: Tuesday 7th Feb at 12 - 1**



Contact: Deirdre 087 182 3611 /
deirdre.gaughran@fingal.ie



Dublin 15 Stay and Play Toy Library

Community officers have been out meeting new groups and supporting them in the predevelopment stages of their groups establishment, including the D15 Stay and Play Library coming soon to Mountview Community Centre. The group operates as a Stay and Play Toy Library parent and toddler group. The committee have been working closely with the community development office and have come together to formalise and launch this new initiative on the 1st April and will meet in Mountview Community Centre every Wednesday between 11-2pm thereafter.

The launch aims to attract over 70 participants including children and their families where they will be able to hear about the toy library, register and get involved in a range of craft and messy play activities including child's entertainer, face painting and make and play crafts using-everyday household items.



One Town Singers Swords

One Town Singers Swords is a multi-cultural community singing group piloted by the Community Department in collaboration with One Town One Voice in Swords. The group formed in November and have performed at the Christmas Craft Market in Swords Castle. The group have formed their own committee and are now registered with the PPN. They have several performances lined up including an event with Swords Women's Shed to celebrate International Women's Day and Swords St. Patrick's Day Parade. The group continue to grow with over 50 members living in Swords, many from around the world.



Swords Celebrates International Women's Day

Holywell Community Centre welcome women to a Finance Wellness Information Session, with Swords Citizens Advice. This practical session which focuses on how to save money, guidance on your tax credits, social welfare entitlements the session will take place Tuesday 7th March 2023 from 11am to 12pm



Swords Women's Shed not only celebrated their first birthday on the March 8th, they are also hosting an evening of invaluable talks and interactive sessions for women. Nurse Maureen O'Dwyer will discuss menopause, nutrition, skincare, personal safety, anti-bullying and women in politics. The evening will finish with One Voice Singers Swords singing from their songbook covering hits from the 60's, right up to date.

International Women's Day 2023

OPEN TO ALL! *Free Entry*

Come along to International Women's Day at Swords Women's Shed, where we will host One Voice Singers Swords, a variety of different talks, demos, and exhibitions with lovely refreshments for all to enjoy.

MARCH 8TH

19.30 - 22:00

THE HALL,

**ST. COLMCILLE'S GAA,
HOLYBANKS, SWORDS**



Fingal She Leads Womens Leadership Photo Exhibition

Through our Eyes, the Power of Women's Leadership in Community Action, is an initiative of Fingal County Council's She Leads Women's Leaders programme. It recognises and celebrates the leadership of women in a visual way and serves to inspire others to take an active role in their own communities. The Exhibition involves 45 photos and stories showcasing the leadership of Fingal Women in Community Action as part of International Women's Day. The exhibition opening will take place on the 6th March in the Carnegie Court Hotel, Swords and will display in Fingal County Council, County Hall and Fingal Libraries from March to May 2023. The project was led by the Community Development Office and the She Leads Advisory Committee. All photos were taken by a volunteer photographer, Monica Manzzi, a member of the advisory committee.

FINGAL SHE LEADS WE LEAD
WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION
 in association with Fingal County Council

Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Howard Mahony invites you to 'Through our Eyes, the Power of Women's Leadership in Community Action', photography exhibition opening on **Monday 6th March 6.30pm** in the Carnegie Court Hotel, North Street, Swords.

In celebration of International Women's Day, we will be exhibiting 45 photos and stories showcasing the leadership of Fingal Women in Community Action. The exhibition will display in Fingal County Council, County Hall Swords and Fingal Libraries across March to May 2023. Please RSVP by Thur 2nd March to <http://rb.gy/hvucxq>

 Carnegie Court Hotel
Swords, Co. Dublin
 March 6, 2023
 6.30pm – 7.30pm



collaboration between the FCC Sports Office and the centres. Rounding out the session, Donal Ryan from DR Accountants offered a comprehensive overview of the role of an auditor, and implementation of best financial practices that centres can adapt to ensure financial compliance. The CFMSU continues to work with the network to identify relevant training opportunities and speakers for our Network events.

Hartstown Community Centre

Following the transfer of ownership of Hartstown Community Centre from the Arch Diocese to the council, a planning application has been registered with Fingal CC for change of use and retention of childcare facility and other minor matters at the centre. Application has been validated (Reg. Ref. No.: FW23A/0021) and final date for the submission of observations is 14th March. Remedial works to address fire safety issues began on 23rd February 2023.

Interagency

The Community Development office actively seek to work in collaboration with agencies to maximise service delivery and resources to communities. In February/March the CDO supported the delivery of the following:

Foroige

Foroige has thanked Fingal's community office for funding support to allow them to make the dream of a dedicated youth space in Tyrrelstown a reality. The space in question was previously a solicitor's office. The funding received from Fingal County Council has allowed them to install a kitchen, knock walls, install new flooring as well adding storage. Over the coming weeks/months they will continue to make it as youth friendly as possible.

Fingal PPN registration

There are currently 680 groups registered with the PPN with 13 new groups signing up for membership in 2023. 534 groups are registered under the Community Pillar, 113 are under the Social Inclusion Pillar and 33 are under the Environment Pillar.

FACILITIES

Network Masterclass



Supported by the Community Facility Management Support Unit (CFMSU), the Fingal Community Facility Network held a Masterclass on Wednesday 22nd February in the Clayton Dublin Airport Hotel. In attendance were management personnel representing 27 community facilities. Speakers on the day were Niall Edwards from EMS Health and Safety who gave an overview of the health and safety landscape and some of the requirements of the centres, Chloe Farrell, representing the FCC Sports office, gave an overview of the programmes the Sports Office are planning to roll out across the community centre network and gave ideas for

PPN Policy Hub

The PPN website continues to be a trusted source of information for the community and is updated regularly with relevant information. The Fingal PPN Policy Hub may be accessed through the PPN website <https://fingalppn.ie/>. This policy hub aims to support and guide linkage groups and their reps in building capacity when engaging with relevant committees as well as assisting in contributing to the decision-making processes in Fingal. The Policy Hub comprises of policies in three areas: Fingal Wide Policies, Regional Policies and National & European Policies.

Integration

The Community Development Department work to provide leadership on the delivery of national and local directives that support the development of inclusive communities and civic engagement.

Fingal Winter Pride - LGBTQ+ 40th Anniversary

History of Pride:

A talk by Dublin Pride on the history of LGBTQ+ rights over the 40th year period of Pride took place in Blanchardstown Library on Thursday, 2nd Feb @ 6.30pm. Following the presentation, refreshments were provided along with the chance to chat and obtain information on the services available.



Ukraine Supports



Fingal Ukrainian Information Network

A Fingal Ukrainian Information Network has been established by FCC Community Development Office to enable the timely sharing of information to and from the Ukrainian community and FCC. Included on this Network are representatives from prominent Ukrainian Volunteer Groups, Ukrainian women residents in temporary rest centre accommodation, in host accommodations, and Ukrainian women residents in Fingal for many years. The network meets monthly and provides support, insight, and resources directly to our Ukrainian community in Fingal. It also provides invaluable feedback for Fingal County Council which ensures that we continue to focus our Community Integration support on the areas which are most in need.

Art Therapy for Older Ukrainian Guests

A comprehensive programme for elderly Ukrainians in socio-psychological support, using art therapy commenced this month.

Art therapy is a method that gently maintains an optimal psycho-emotional level in a creative way. For elderly people, forced to move because of war, this method it is hoped will assist them to continue with their daily lives, processing their individual realities. This 10-week programme facilitates 10 older Ukrainian residents and is delivered as a direct response to needs voiced at the Fingal Ukrainian Information Network.

AGE FRIENDLY

Age Friendly Fingal is committed, 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.

DDLETB Swords hosts Fingal Older People's Council



Dublin and Dún Laoghaire Education & Training Board (DDLETB) Swords hosted the February meeting of Fingal's Older People's Council. The OPC were delighted with the invitation to use the facility.

DDLETB Swords are seeking recognition as an Age Friendly Business, and the OPC members provided valuable assistance by completing a walkability study of the premises on the day. The OPC's assessment and recommendations will contribute to the process of gaining recognition as an Age Friendly Business and any associated changes to the premises which this may entail. The OPC were particularly pleased with the meeting room as it met their needs, due to the space which allowed members to socially distance, the natural light and excellent acoustics.

Using the facilities was a great opportunity to collaborate and network. The OPC and DDLETB look forward to future collaborations.

Information Event for older people in Swords

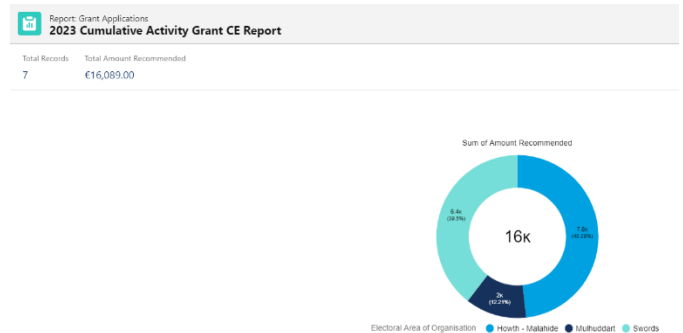
Following the success of the information events for over 55s in Dublin 15 in 2022, similar events will be held across the county in 2023.

The first showcase of 2023 will take place in Fingallians GAA Club on Thursday 30th March (2.00 p.m.- 4.00 p.m.) to highlight the services and activities/social clubs available for older people living in Swords. Approximately 25 services will be in attendance including An Garda Síochána, Care & Repair, HSE, Sage Advocacy, Libraries, Senior Alert, Fingal Age Friendly Homes, Swords Men's Shed, One Town Singers Swords and Alone.

The event will be advertised through social media and leaflet drops in local service providers in the area such as post offices, GPs, hairdressers, and local shops.

FUNDING

Activities Funding (up to 27th February 2023)



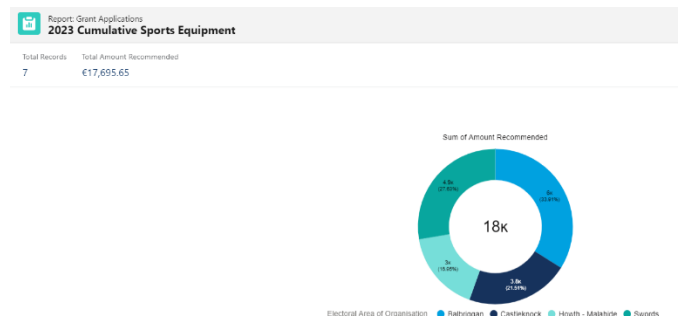
Communities Activities Funding has been awarded to 7 projects to the amount of €16,089.

Howth Malahide – €7,770 – across 3 projects

Swords - €6,355- across 3 projects

Mulhuddart - €1,964 – across 1 project

Sports Equipment Funding (up to 27th February 2023)



Sport Equipment Funding has been awarded to 7 projects to the amount of €17,695.65.

Howth Malahide – €3,000 – across 1 project

Swords - €4,889 - across 2 projects

Castleknock/Mulhuddart- €3,807 -across 2 projects

Balbriggan €6,000 – across 2 projects

External Funding

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

(please see appendix)

Online Activities Funding Information Session 29th March

The Community and Sports Office are hosting an online information evening on the Community and Sports Office Community Activities Funding Scheme on Wednesday 29th March, 7.00pm – 8.30pm.

This scheme is available to Community and Voluntary groups in Fingal to apply for sports equipment, area enhancements activities, office equipment, publications, promotional material, community events, environmental/ climate action initiatives, tutors fees and course material etc. Each group can apply for up to €3,000. Community groups are invited to join this event to learn about the scheme, how to apply, talk through the criteria and to share their ideas.

To book please click here

<https://consult.fingal.ie/en/content/fingal-county-council%E2%80%99s-community-and-sports-office-community-activities-funding-information-evening>



Fingal County Council Community Activities Funding Scheme Information Session

Wednesday 29th March 2023
7.00pm- 8.30pm

Community Groups are invited to attend to learn about the scheme criteria and how to apply for funding. Register to attend here
<http://bitly.ws/ASC8>

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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

Balbriggan Sports Hub

Fingal Sports Office identified a need for a new programme on Saturday mornings in Flemington Community Centre for children who may not have found their sport yet. The programme is targeting children aged 8-11 years who are currently taking part in the Fingal School sports programme and offering different sports and skills each Saturday to try out. The group are currently trying out Sports Con – an introduction to fundamental movements (jump, skip, throw, kick etc) and the group will also try out basketball, athletics and pickleball plus many more sports! The programme has been a great success 3 weeks in with over 30 children taking part each week and a waiting list of children looking to join!



Fingal Older Adult Aqua-Aerobics at the National Aquatic Centre

A new 10-week Older Adult Aqua-Aerobics programme has commenced in the National Aquatic Centre with seventy-eight participants registered to join. This programme is targeted at Older Adults in Dublin 15 who wish to improve their level of fitness. Due to the popularity of the programme the class is divided into two sessions, each one led by a trained instructor provided by the NAC. This water-based exercise is suited to this specific age group as it is gentle on participants' joints and improves aerobics fitness. The programme will continue into the summer months in response to the demand for places.

National LSP Newsletter

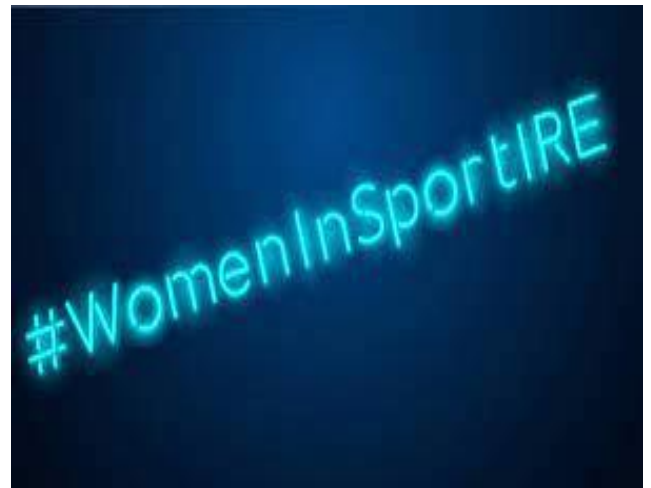
Over the past 21 years, the network of Local Sport Partnerships has flourished on a journey that has seen the network grow from a pilot initiative in 8 counties, to a full network of 29 LSPs, one in every county, employing over 240 staff members and with 380 members sitting on their boards and management committees.

The **Local Sports Partnerships 2022 Highlights**

eNewsletter below gives us a glimpse of the wide range of programmes, courses and events that are being run each year across Ireland. Further details are available at

<https://www.sportireland.ie/participation/local-sports-partnerships>

Women in Sport Week – 6th March to 12th March



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Community Event

BALBRIGGAN BEACH FESTIVAL

This year, we saw local clubs of GAA and soccer showcasing their skills during blitz's, national governing bodies of Volleyball Ireland and Cricket Leinster bringing 'come and try' sessions to the beach along with a new addition this year of beach fitness with family yoga and a beach bootcamp.

EXERCISE: ENERGISE

Fingal County Council's Sports Office were delighted to hold the Exercise: Energise "Come and Try" Multi-Sports Day on November 23rd for the first time since 2019. This year's schools Exercise: Energise Programme had a record thirteen Fingal Secondary Schools taking part in the initiative this year.

Marathonkids

Marathonkids launched in September with nearly 4,000 students from 38 schools in Fingal taking part in the 8-week programme. Students from 5th & 6th class performed 4 running sessions each week inching them closer to completing their first marathon as well as learning about the benefits of physical activity through the Marathonkids workbook.

www.fingal.ie

SPORT IRELAND LOCAL SPORT PARTNERSHIPS

This year's Women in Sport Week will be highlighting the International Women's day theme of "*embracing equality*" for Women in Sport. Fingal Sports Office along with National Sports Governing Bodies, Clubs and Schools will be hosting a series of events and courses throughout the week including collaborating with the Community Development Office on the "Shine a light" Event on International Women's Day by providing a fitness tutor for gentle exercise.

The events will be starting with the Olympic Handball Association facilitated workshops in Le Chéile Secondary School in Tyrrelstown for their female students to encourage them to try out a new sport.

Following on from the success of last year's online conversation sessions with Niamh Fahey and Diane Cauldwell, Swords native and member of the World Cup qualified Women's National Team will be the guest for an online Webinar with Fingal/FAI Development Officer, Sharon Boyle. The Fingal/FAI team will also be hosting an online Safeguarding Course and an in-person PDP 1 course for female coaches in the A.U.L complex on the 6th & 7th March respectively. Over that weekend the Cricket Development Officer will be hosting a training session for the Women's Cricket Squad in Castleknock highlighting excellence and achievement in the sport.

Our on-going Women in Sports programmes such as Socia Ball, an initiative to re-engage women in basketball using a recreation and non-competitive model and the teenage girls' Exercise: Energise Programme in fourteen secondary schools will continue for the week each designed to encourage women & girls to participate in physical activity in a fun and sociable environment.

Nutrition Roadshow Series

Fingal County Council Sports Office supported by Healthy Fingal launched the Nutrition Roadshow Series in February. Laura Kealy from Bridge Nutrition delivered 4 workshops on Sports Performance Nutrition. The events took place in 4 club venues throughout Fingal and the target audience comprised of those interested in quality nutrition for sports performance and good health. The series kicked off on 7th February with Workshop 1 in Lusk AFC on 'Nutrition For Endurance Activities'. This was followed in week 2 by a workshop on Field-Sports Nutrition in Fingallians GAA. There was a great attendance at workshop 3 in Westmanstown RFC and this was followed by the last workshop in the series on 'Nutrition For the Young Athlete' on 27th February with plenty of tips for parents on quality nutrition for youths.

Throughout the series Laura gave some powerful insights into the fundamentals of fuel and hydration for sports performance as well as some practical tips for making drinks and healthy snacks. The workshops received great feedback from

attendees especially for the excellent videos and materials accompanying the series.



Sports Strategy Public Consultation

We are calling on the people of Fingal to take part in a community consultation exercise. This valuable information will help us understand the sporting needs of our community and guide us in the development of our Local Sports Plan for Fingal. More Info: <https://bit.ly/3K8Vo8w>
Complete the survey for a chance to win a €100 One4all voucher! <https://bit.ly/3S499as>
In addition to the public survey there will also be a series of online focus groups.

Register here: <https://bit.ly/3EsbhDw>

Fingal Local Sports Plan
Online Public Information Sessions

Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

Fingal County Council is carrying out a consultation exercise to support the development of our **Fingal Local Sports Plan**

Join us for a series of online public information sessions

People With Disabilities	Tuesday	28 th February	@ 4.30pm
Sports Clubs	Tuesday	28 th February	@ 6pm
Older Adults	Wednesday	1 st March	@ 2pm
New Communities	Wednesday	1 st March	@ 5pm
NGBs including 'Minority Sports'	Thursday	2 nd March	@ 10am
Young People	Thursday	2 nd March	@ 4.30pm
Traveller Community	Thursday	2 nd March	@ 6pm

Register here: qrco.de/SportsPlanWorkshops
or scan our QR code:

Fingal Local Sports Plan

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Let us know what you think!

To help us develop the plan, we are asking people living across Fingal to complete this short survey:

qrco.de/SportsPlanSurvey1

or scan our QR code:

Completion of the survey will enable entry into a draw for a **€100 One4all voucher!**

ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE ACTION & ACTIVE TRAVEL

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Protected Cycle Lanes

Baldoyle-Howth Protected Cycle Lane Scheme Phase 1

The Stage 3 Road Safety Audit has been completed by the Road Safety Consultant and works are ongoing to complete snag items. Small landscaping measures are planned to be introduced on Grange Road in the coming weeks.

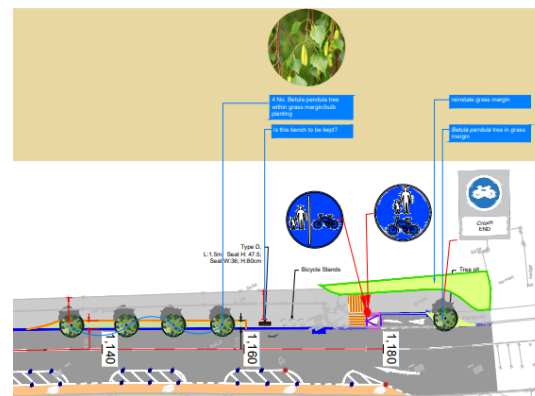
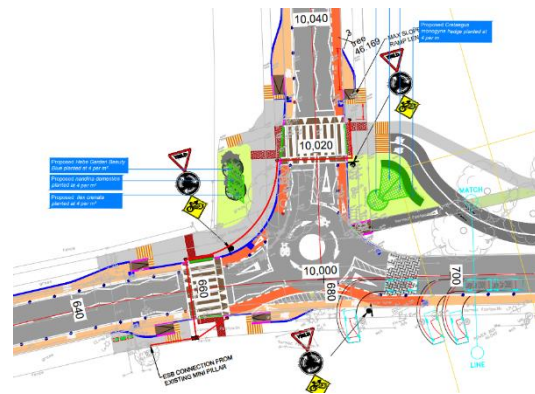
Baldoyle-Howth Protected Cycle Lane Scheme Phase 2

Options report received and under review by Active Travel.

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

As the project now enters the final stages the contractor is busy reinstating green spaces and opening back up areas that were cordoned off during the works. There is a big push on from the Active Travel project team to keep the pressure on the contractor to finish out the final elements of the scheme before Easter. Following a recent on-site meeting with our Parks Department, the contractor's landscape designer is finalising drawings and planting schedules to allow the landscape contractor to complete the planting up of unfinished areas. The other works to be finished out are the resurfacing of the cycle lanes and ESB Network connection to the new pedestrian crossings. We are awaiting availability of the

surfacing contractor and suitable weather conditions to finish out the surfacing and line marking.



Proposed upgrade at St. Cronan's Ave / Brackenstown Road Junction and Landscaping

Towns & Villages

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

New St

Pre-planning application submitted to FCC Planning Department.

Balrothery Active Travel Plan

Following the lack of engagement by consultants in the tender process carried out in 2022, a new process has commenced to appoint consultants to carry out a study and draft proposals for an Active Travel Plan for Balrothery.

Skerries Active Travel Plan

Currently waiting on new NTA Framework to go live to progress a tender competition for the appointment of an Integrated Design Team. This will be the second tender competition for an Integrated Design Team as the previous competition was unsuccessful. The new tender brief will allow the project team to take findings from the public consultations and research undertaken by the ESRI and include this as part of the brief. The ESRI are finalising research report and it is due to be published.

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 evaluation 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.

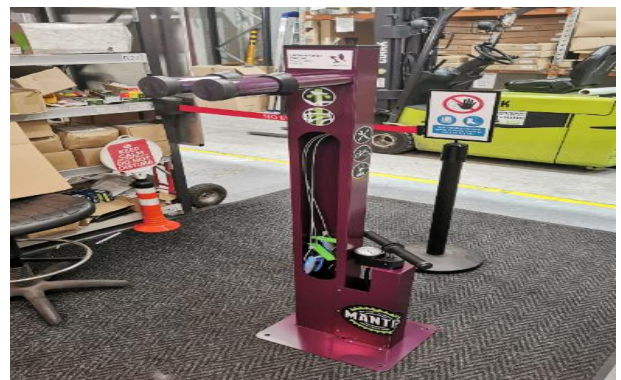
Access Constraints

Following on from circular (NGS Circular 4/22) and 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 and 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

The Contractor is now in the final stages of delivery for this school's project. All footpath repairs, junction upgrade works (Raheny Close), traffic calming ramps, bollard installation, new pedestrian crossing, road resurfacing works are now complete. The final outstanding works include the planting of the Rain Gardens and the line marking and signage installation which the contractor expects to have complete in the coming weeks.



Raheny Close junction upgrade

Castaheany ETNS / St.Benedict's NS

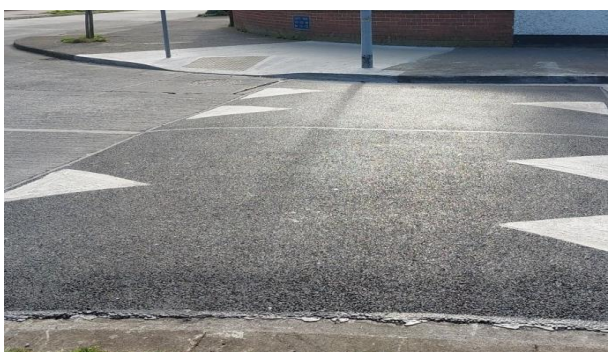
Junction and resurfacing works have been completed at the front of school. Rain gardens on approach to the school have been constructed and filled in with soil. Planting of gardens will occur in the coming weeks. Minor works remaining on site are signage install, line marking and epoxy resin

application. Please note that some of the works are weather dependant.



3. Bayside Junior & Senior School

Junction tightening has been completed for all the junctions. Raised ramps and raised table surfacing works have been completed at the school site. Works have been completed on installing infrastructure for new raised crossing. Work is to commence on completing the remainder of rain gardens.



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 are working closely with An Taisce in relation to data collection and engagement with the schools to develop briefs to enable the tender process for designers and contractors to carry out the works.

Mobility & Behaviour Change

St Patrick's Walking Bus – Skerries

We filmed a promotional video with our Communications Team to promote the benefits of Walking Buses for both Schools and Parents. We filmed with Students and Parents from the Skerries Walking Bus that serves St Patricks Junior and Senior National Schools. The Link to the video is [HERE](#)



Figure: Skerries Walking Bus

Learn 2 Cycle with a Disability

We have 18 confirmed Learn 2 Cycle Courses planned for 2023. Our first 4 Courses of 2023 are all just finishing, with new courses starting from Saturday 25th Feb in Corduff Sports Centre and Monday 6th March in Applewood Community Centre. Our latest groups just received their completion certificates and were very proud of their achievements.



Figure: Learn 2 Cycle Participants 2023

Rush Men's Walk & Talk Group

The Rush Men's Walk & Talk Group started Tuesday 7th February with a large number of people turning up, the group has had a steady number each week so far. The group will meet at the entrance to Kenure Park each Tuesday night and go for a 5km walk around the Rush area. We are happy to speak

to anyone who is interested in setting up their own Walking Group.



Figure: Rush Men's Walk & Talk 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 next walks are taking place on Wednesday 8th March in Swords and Blanchardstown.

Staff Smarter Travel Survey

The Active Travel unit is leading the roll out of the NTA staff travel survey for all Fingal County Council staff, with the survey commencing from the start of March 2023.

The survey is the first step in NTA's Smarter Travel Workplace programme. The programme encourages sustainable travel choices for staff.

By engaging with the programme sites can:

- promote sustainable transport options
- make sustainable transport modes more accessible
- enhance staff well being
- provide better accessibility to the site for employees and visitors
- improve parking management



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

The Cycling Without Age Trishaw in Santry went live for bookings on Monday 20th February. The route around Santry Demesne is beautiful and we are looking forward to our first service users. Bookings can be made for Santry or St Catherine’s Park through the booking portal at <https://www.fingal.ie/activetravel/mobility/cycling-without-age-fingal>

We will be holding an Open Day for Service Users on Saturday 11th March, anyone interested in attending can email Stephen.mcgin@fingal.ie



Figure: Cycling Without Age Volunteers Santry

Bike Week Funding

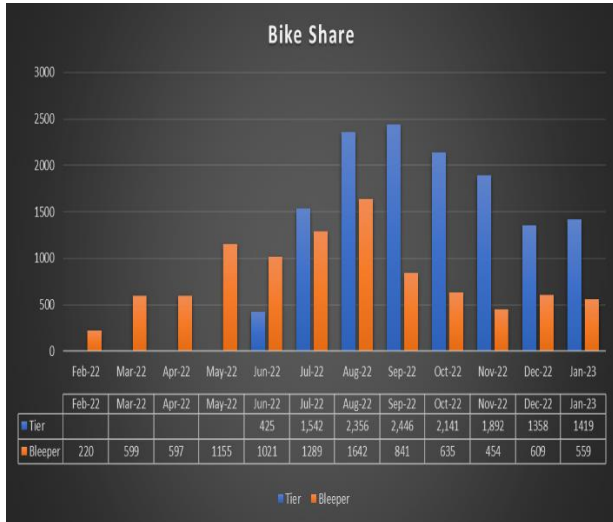
Bike Week 2023 takes place between Saturday 13th and Sunday 21st May. To support our Schedule of Events for the Week the NTA have granted Fingal County Council over €19,000 in Funding



Figure: Bike Week Funding 2023

Bike Share Schemes

Trips per month (previous 12 months)



Bleeper Bike January 2023; Other Key Statistics – Bike Share Countywide:

559 bike journeys started within Fingal operating zone in January
585 bike journeys ended within existing Fingal operating zone in January
Highest usage recorded on Sundays (19.5%) & Saturdays (15.7%)
Blanchardstown & Coolmine were the most popular starting points followed closely by Howth
Average number of 131.5 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 January 2023; Other Key Statistics

Metric	December
Active Vehicles	270
No of Customers	652
Trips / Customer	2.2
Distance Covered (KM)	4,781km
Average Trip Duration	15.55min
Average Trip length (KM)	3.4km

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.

Climate Action

The Department of the Environment Climate and Communication is due to issue guidelines in respect of the content and preparation of Local Authority Climate Action Plans in early March 2023. This stems from a requirement in the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Act 2021. All local authorities will be required to engage with this guidance in order to comply with the provisions of the Act.

As the four Dublin Local Authorities (DLA) already have Climate Change Action Plans (CCAPs) comprising adaptation and mitigation actions in place, it is the intention that existing plans will be varied and amended to align the existing CCAPs with the requirement of this new national guidance, and increased level of ambition stemming from the National Climate Action Plan 2023.

The Environment Climate Action and Active Travel Department is currently engaged with the DLA and the Climate Action Regional Office to plan for amending the existing CCAP's and will be engaging with the Climate Action Biodiversity and Environment SPC and the Council in due course.

Environmental Awareness

Green Schools Assessment visits have begun with over 30 Fingal schools going for the Green Schools Flags this year.

The Fingal County Council website has been updated for groups to download social media assets for local anti-litter campaigns.

Litter pickers were supplied to Rolestown N.S to help them tackle litter in the village and to the Laurel Lodge Environmental Group for the Castleknock area.

A waste prevention and gardening project was started at the Sophia Housing homeless service in Donabate. This involves implementing a waste segregation management system in the offices and residential units.

All-Ireland Pollinator signs were supplied to the Malahide allotments which are managed by the Epilepsy Care Foundation.

Musical Instruments were delivered to St. Fintans Senior High School in Sutton/ Baldoyle and to Sphere 17 Youth Service in Kilbarrack. The young people receive music lessons as part of the social program for crime prevention and community interaction.



Pat O'Gorman from Fingal Bee Keepers Association at Malahide allotments

Bring Centres

Bottle Banks

Below is an Artwork that was completed by a local group at Corduff Community Centre to brighten up the area. Environment hope to do more artwork in this area and have reached out to Community Centres to avail of the anti-litter anti-graffiti grant

through our Environment Awareness Officer. Meanwhile the Environment Department have sent a list of sites to our contractor to commence the general painting and upkeep of the bring bank sites that were not painted last year.



Can Banks

In Fingal we have 40 can bank sites across our Bring Bank network. Glassco, our contractor collects from these sites, cleans the steel and aluminium, cuts them into pieces and bales them into cubes. The are then sent to be remelted back into aluminium sheets to be totally reused again which is a perfect example of the Circular Economy.

Aluminium is an infinitely recyclable material, and it takes up to 95 percent less energy to recycle it than to produce primary aluminium, which also limits emissions, including greenhouse gases. Today, about 73 percent of all aluminium cans in Ireland are recycled. In Fingal in 2022 a total of 30.78 tons of aluminium/Steel was collected and recycled from our Bring Bank sites.

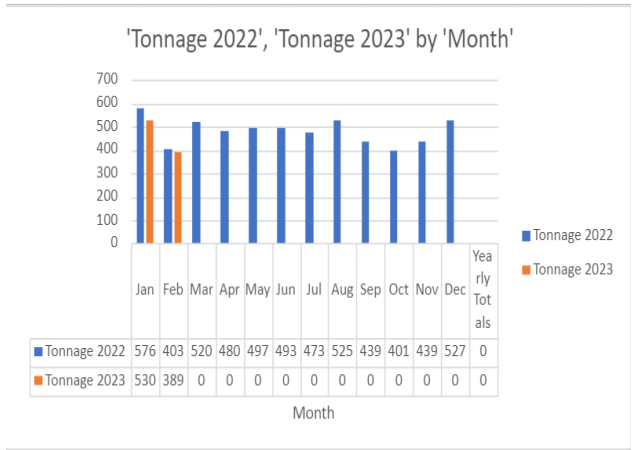


Bales of cans above ready to leave our Glassco site to be melted down to create fresh aluminium sheets

Assessment on Blanchardstown, Castleknock, Mulhuddart & Dublin 15 for 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.

The Glass Tonnage Report for February 2023 year to date compared to tonnage collected February 2022 is shown below. There were 389 tons of glass collected for recycling to the 27th of February 2023. This is compared to 403 tons which were collected in the month of February 2022.

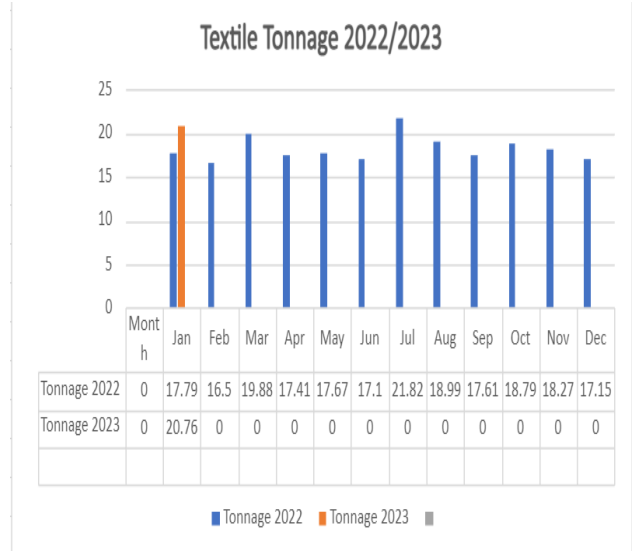


Textile Banks

There was a new textile bank placed at Swords Manor site in Swords (picture below). This site is on a list for painting and will be done shortly.



The Textile Tonnage Report for 2023 compared to 2022 is shown below. The amount of textiles collected for January 2023 was 20.76 tons compared to 17.79 tons which was collected in January 2022.



Litter Management

In February, the Litter Wardens continued with their daily patrols, including the coastal routes to carry out foot patrols to advise people of their responsibilities to pick up litter and to speak to dog owner regarding their responsibilities. They also erecting anti dog fouling signage in areas where requests were received.

A total of **276 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 Acts. They carried out investigation on reports of abandoned cars. Local businesses were inspected, to ensure they were keeping their premises free of litter.

In the district court in February 2023, one case was successfully prosecuted, and costs were awarded.

2023	Fines issued	Warning notices issued
Month	Fines	Warning Notices
February	39	7

From 1st February 2023 to 28th February 2023, 72 cases were assigned to the Litter Wardens for investigation under the following headings from the CRM system.

CRMs created between 1st February 2023 to 28 th February 2023	Amount
Env - Dog Fouling	7
Env - Fly tipping 1-20 bags equivalent	6
Env - General Litter Issue	10
Env - Pollution - Dog Fouling Signage	8
Env – Abandoned cars	28

Env – Dog fouling signage	7
Env – Unauthorised Signage	2
Env - litter incident with witness	4

Abandoned Vehicles

There have been 76 reports of alleged Abandoned Vehicles received between 1st January 2023 – 27th February 2023.

Burnt-out vehicles are also reported to the Environment Department.

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 27/02/2023	Burnt out Vehicles Removed as at 27/02/2023
January	0	1
February	1	
Total	1	1



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.

32 fines were issued by the dog wardens in February for breaches of the Control of Dogs Act 1986. 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. Dog owners must have their dogs under control at all times.

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 Controlofdogs@Fingal.ie within the 10 days provided on the notice. Failure to do so may result in a fine being issued for failing to produce a dog licence when requested to do so by a dog warden and keeping a dog without a valid licence. The fine per offence is €100.

Month	10 Day Notices	Fines Issued	Fines Paid
January	40	68	€7,800
February	13	32	€2,600

Total fines that were paid in January: €7,800

Total fines paid between in February: €2,600

The Animal Welfare Section received 60 CRMs in February in relation to dogs.

Dog Licences and Fines

The below table shows the number of annual and lifetime licences purchased in February, compared to January. 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

under the Control of Dogs Act 1986. Failing to hold a valid licence for a dog that you are own or are in responsible for can incur a €100 fine.

Month	Annual Licences Purchased	Lifetime Licences Purchased	Income from Licences
January	635	65	€21,800
February	562	58	€19,360

On the 7th of February, one case in relation to the Control of Dogs was successfully prosecuted. Fines and costs were awarded to Fingal County Council totalling €439. In the second case a fine of €200 in relation to the Probation Act was handed down and a third was issued with sub service.

On the 14th of February, the judge in the District Court heard a case in relation to the breaching of a Court Order to which the defendant pleaded guilty.

Dog Shelter Service

Dublin County Dog Shelter holds “Meet and Greet” visits for anyone looking to rehome a dog. Visits can be arranged by calling the shelter and arranging an appointment. These visits can be arranged from Monday – Friday from 11am to 1pm and from 2pm to 3.30pm.

The shelter is also open on Saturday from 11am – 1pm. The shelter is not open on Sunday's.



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 9 dogs in the shelter. During February, 14 dogs were found straying/seized and 4 dogs were surrendered by their owners.

Of these 27 dogs, 7 have been reclaimed by their owners, 3 dogs have been rehomed to rescue and 2 have been rehomed to members of the public. At the end of February there were 12 dogs remaining in the shelter.

Dogs in Shelter at the start of January	9
Stray/Seized dogs brought to Shelter	14
Surrendered by owners	4
Reclaimed	7
Rehomed to Rescue	3
Rehomed to Public	2
PTS	3
Dogs in Shelter at the end of January	12



Viv the lurcher was found straying in Balheary, Swords by a member of the public and the dog wardens attended to collect her. She was not microchipped and as a result her owner could not be contacted. Viv is now available for rehoming.



A large Caucasian Shepherd was found as a stray in Santry by the dog wardens. This dog was microchipped, his owner contacted, and he was reclaimed within 5 days.

Horses

Weekly inspections continue to take place on Dunsink Landfill to monitor the numbers and welfare of the horses onsite. Currently there are 106 horses on the main landfill site. There are 10 hay feeders being refilled by the Operations Department on a weekly basis to ensure adequate forage for horses on the landfill. In February there were 3 seriously welfare compromised horses removed from the Landfill and taken to the shelter to receive veterinary treatment.

7 horses were seized from the public realm in February. 1 of these has been reclaimed by its owner.

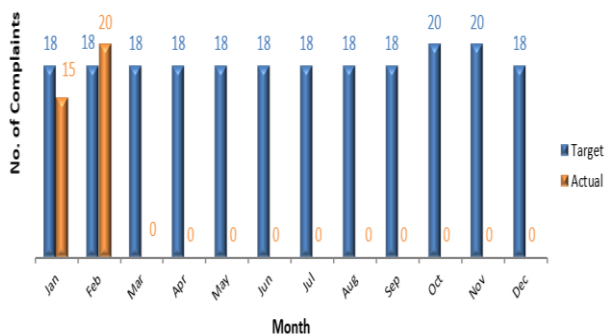
This horse was found grazing (unauthorised) on Fingal County Council land. As a result, he was seized by the horse contractor following a period of time given to the owner to move their horse. The owner made contact with the Animal Welfare Section and reclaimed his horse, paying all associated fees. This horse has now been relocated to a Department of Agriculture, Farming and The Marine registered Equine Premises.

Waste Enforcement & Regulation

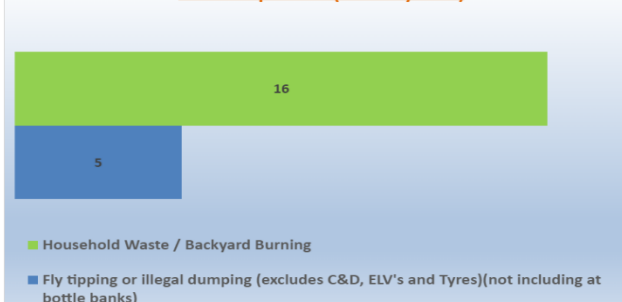
Waste Complaints

Responding to waste complaints continues to be a major priority for waste enforcement officers in 2023. A total of 20 waste complaints were recorded for the month of February. The majority of complaints related to backyard storage of household waste and backyard burning of waste (76%) with fly tipping and illegal dumping accounting for a further 24% of waste complaints. Information in relation to unauthorised sites/collectors can be forwarded to environment@fingal.ie.

Complaints 2023



Waste Inspections (February 2023)



Article 27 By-Products

Article 27 of the European Communities (Waste Directive) Regulations 2011 (S.I. 126 of 2011) makes a key distinction between the regulatory regime for substances or object that are defined as “waste” and those that are instead to be viewed as a “by-product”.

Under the Regulations, an economic operator can notify the EPA that it views a production residue generated by its main production process, as a “by-product” of the said production process. For example, sawdust shavings and woodchips can be viewed as a by-product from untreated timber manufacturing.

Four criteria must be met by the production residue for it to be considered a by-product rather than a waste:

- ✓ The further use of the substance or object is certain
- ✓ The substance or object can be used directly without any further processing other than normal industrial practice
- ✓ The substance or object is produced as an integral part of a production process
- ✓ The further use is lawful in that the substance or object fulfils all relevant product, environmental and health protection requirements for the specific use and will not lead to overall adverse environmental or human health impacts.

By-product notifications are made to the EPA through an online portal. Fingal County Council Waste Enforcement Section then has a role to carry out site inspections at the site of origin and / or site of destination to check that the material matches that which has been notified as a By-Product as opposed to a waste material.

In January and February, 10 notifications were received regarding by-products having either a site of origin or a site of destination or both within Fingal. All notifications were for soil and stone materials, e.g. soil and stones excavated as part of developments and then notified as by-product.



Inspections have been completed for 5 of the notifications with the remaining sites to be inspected shortly. Inspections to date have found the materials matched what was notified under the Article 27 notification with no further action required.



The EPA carries out an assessment of all notifications and then makes a determination. The

determination is either to agree with the decision as notified that the material is a by-product, or that the material is a waste i.e. the notification fails to satisfy the 4 key criteria required for the material to be classed as a by-product.

Where the EPA makes a determination that the material is a waste, and the material has already moved, the site of destination becomes an unauthorised waste disposal site for which enforcement action is then required. Early inspection of sites notified under Article 27 minimises the risk of being confronted with an unauthorised waste disposal site.

National Enforcement Priorities (NEP) Progress Report 2022

The FCC National Enforcement Priorities progress report 2022 has been submitted to the EPA detailing the extensive work undertaken by the Waste Enforcement Section, Water Pollution Section and the Air & Noise Pollution Section during 2022. The NEP report gives a full overview of all national enforcement priority activities and tells the story behind the hundreds of inspections, patrols, investigations, and enforcement actions that were undertaken during 2022 and how key criteria were met such as:

- Documented Compliance Rate for Regulated Sites
- Appropriate Site Selection Methodology
- Unauthorised Activities Identified and Actioned
- Highlight Positive Environmental Outcomes
- Lessons Learned and Improvements Made
- Collaboration with other Agencies
- Proactive Approach showing Innovation
- Promote Awareness Campaigns
- Initiate Enforcement Actions and Prosecutions
- Share Case Studies



Under Waste Enforcement there are detailed descriptions of the work undertaken to tackle illegal waste activities and illegal waste collectors using a multi-agency proactive approach, increased checkpoints through collaboration with the Gardai and the Divisional Crime Task Force, increased surveillance, and waste enforcement patrols at sites of interest and the use of Anti-Dumping Initiative funding to target key blackspot areas. Other key areas where extensive work was undertaken during 2022 using innovative techniques with positive outcomes were:

- End of Life Vehicles and the Waste Metal Sector
- Construction and Demolition Waste Activities
- Household & Commercial Waste Collection
- Producer Responsibility Initiatives

The NEP Progress Report 2022 can be found at www.fingal.ie - Council – Environment – Environmental Awareness.

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The table below outlines key financial statics at the end of February 2023.

Rates

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

Rates Collection	
Rates collected €M	27.1
Rates Collection %	17%

Development Levy Income

Development levy income collected to the end of February is €5.0m this is c. **12%** of the overall collection during 2022.

Development Levy Income	
Levies Receipted €M	5.0
Levies collected as % of 2022	12%

Payroll

Overall payroll spend to the end of February was €12.9m which is c. **91%** of budget year to date.

Payroll	
Salaries & Wages €M	12.9
Percentage of budget to 28 February	91%

Procurement

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

Procurement Activity		Note
No. of contracts awarded (details below) for year to date	28	
Value €m	14.8	
Procurements ongoing at end of February		
No. of procurements awaiting tender responses	10	(i)
Value €m	64.4	
No. of procurements under evaluation	41	(ii)
Value €m	59.3	
No. of procurements at approved	9	(iii)
Value €m	10.6	

Notes:

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

Appendix 1 (a)

REVENUE ACCOUNT INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION AT 28 FEBRUARY 2023

	EXPENDITURE			INCOME			NET
	Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent to date	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised	€
Housing & Building	13,885,127	90,151,700	15%	13,187,277	94,681,700	14%	697,850
Road Transport & Safety	4,966,712	32,392,400	15%	1,411,052	8,698,800	16%	3,555,661
Water Services	2,976,709	14,994,900	20%	3,117,661	18,028,400	17%	-140,951
Development Management	2,960,099	19,874,200	15%	798,608	5,480,800	15%	2,161,491
Environmental Services	7,554,116	48,361,500	16%	1,437,456	10,542,200	14%	6,116,659
Recreation & Amenity	7,704,341	49,953,500	15%	220,739	2,386,500	9%	7,483,602
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	238,410	1,380,600	17%	58,318	340,100	17%	180,092
Miscellaneous Services	4,318,318	22,836,300	19%	5,362,421	24,576,200	22%	-1,044,103
Central Management Charge	7,255,619	53,803,600	13%	499,300	3,904,000	13%	6,756,319
Local Property Tax / GPG				1,629,883	9,779,300	17%	-1,629,883
Rates				25,888,450	155,330,700	17%	-25,888,450
	51,859,451	333,748,700	16%	53,611,166	333,748,700	16%	-1,751,715

Appendix 1 (b)

CAPITAL ACCOUNT						
INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 28/02/2023						
		Balance at 01/01/2023 €	Expenditure YTD €	Income YTD €		Balance at 28/02/2023 €
A	Housing & Building	-37,308,179	10,360,425	-1,569,064		-28,516,818
B	Road Transport & Safety	20,946,130	2,537,641	-1,499,958		21,983,813
C	Water Services	-10,771,291	37,132	-103,559		-10,837,718
D	Development Management	-143,780,658	2,621,040	-7,446,991		-148,606,609
E	Environmental Services	-21,053,306	1,257,690	-303,576		-20,099,192
F	Recreation & Amenity	-4,356,482	2,159,100	-2,159,100		-4,356,482
H	Miscellaneous Services	-44,394,736	2,980,884	-2,981,848		-44,395,700
	Total	-240,718,522	21,953,913	-16,064,096		-234,828,705
	NB***					
	The Opening Balance for 2023 is subject to change as the AFS 2022 is not finalised					

Appendix 1 (c)

SUMMARY OF CORPORATE DEBTORS TO 28/02/2023				
	Balance at 01/01/2023*	Balance at 28/02/2023	Current debt	> 1 Year
	€	€	€	€
RATES	€3,146,139	€130,231,054	€125,164,678	€5,066,376
LOANS	€2,030,260	€2,058,474	€278,119	€1,780,355
RENTS	€9,426,987	€9,091,944	€3,932,370	€5,159,574

Figures for rents and loans are unadjusted by credits/prepayments

*Note: Balances at 1/1/2023 are only provisional and will be finalised on completion 2022 AFS.

Appendix 2

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
Housing Architects	Single Storey Extension to Dwelling at Whitestown Drive, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15	Arthurstown Construction Limited	€ 123,797	27/02/2023	10/06/2023	4	27/02/2023
Corporate Affairs	Supply and Installation of Etrek Chargers and Back Office	Easy Go	€ 32,659	24/02/2023	25/02/2024	12	24/02/2023
Corporate Affairs	Supply & Install of Roof Guardrail Protection - Civic Office Grove Road	Barton Industrial Services Ltd	€ 27,080	01/02/2023	30/04/2023	3	23/02/2023
Housing	Refurbishment works to dwelling at Corduff Green, Dublin 15	Arthurstown Construction Limited	€ 124,563	01/02/2023	31/12/2023	11	17/02/2023
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Design and Site Supervision Services for Ongar-Barnhill Road Construction Stage	Clifton Scannell Emerson Associates	€ 965,610	01/03/2023	01/09/2026	42	21/02/2023
Digital Services	Implement and deploy Dynamics 365 for Field Services as both an asset management solution and scheduling solution	Ergoservices Ltd t/a Ergo	€ 198,000	01/04/2023	31/03/2026	36	21/02/2023
Community	Community Care Construction Works Meakestown Sports and Community Centre	Vision Contracting Ltd	€ 6,153,131	20/02/2023	14/10/2025	32	20/02/2023

Appendix 3
Active Travel Investment Grants 2023 Allocations

Table A: Fingal County Council		
Active Travel Investment Grants: 2023 Allocations		
Project Code	Project Name	2023 Allocation
Fingal County Council		
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
Fingal County Council		
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
<u>Fingal County Council</u>		
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, Sinsear - 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
Total:		€ 17,110,110

Appendix 4 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 53°31'25.8"N 6°10'34.4"W - Google Maps	51 8x2Bed 31x3Bed 12x4Bed	On Site	Q2 2021	Q1 2023 Phased delivery
Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar	FCC	Social	Cappagh 53°23'46.8"N 6°19'34.0"W - Google Maps	69 10x1Bed 26x2Bed 25x3Bed 8x4Bed	On Site	Q2 2021	Q1 2023 Phased delivery
Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar	FCC	Social	Church Fields Phase 2B https://goo.gl/maps/NKii5qCjehgaJzj38	67 6x1Bed 17x2Bed 34x3Bed 10x4Bed	On Site	Q4 2021	Q1 2023 Phased delivery
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Outlands, Swords 53°27'52.7"N 6°14'04.1"W - Google Maps	11 4x1Bed 4x2Bed 3x3Bed	On Site	Q4 2022	Q1 2024
Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar	FCC	Social	Infill Sites in Dublin 15 https://goo.gl/maps/UqNat8GX7BBo8cEh8 (169 Clonsilla Road) https://goo.gl/maps/Q2Mvqau7RceRHDx5 (Sheepmoor shop site)	2 1x2Bed 1x3Bed	On Site	Q1 2023	Q4 2023
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	Tuath Housing	Social - Elderly	Kilhedge Lane, Lusk 53°31'24.4"N 6°10'30.3"W - Google Maps	31 13x1Bed 18x2Bed	On Site	Q1 2023	Q1 2024
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Former Leonards Garage, Lusk https://goo.gl/maps/8u6BiRWzuLSTmjK8	10 10x2Bed	On Site	Q1 2023	Q1 2024
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Church Road, Lusk https://goo.gl/maps/vqRAVUw8ZqhM75w66	5 5x2Bed	On Site	Q1 2023	Q4 2023
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Hayestown, Rush 53°31'24.1"N 6°06'42.1"W - Google Maps	62 17x2Bed 45x3Bed	On Site	Q1 2023	Q2 2024

Schemes with Part 8 Planning Approval and at Tender 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 53°24'44.7"N 6°23'39.0"W - Google Maps	300 27x1Bed 118x2Bed 136x3Bed 19x4Bed	The second stage in the process is currently underway and a tender will issue to the successful applicants in March 2023.	Q3 2023	Q4 2024

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 53°24'44.7"N 6°23'39.0"W - Google Maps	700	Pre-Planning and design stage. Part 10 to be lodged to ABP in Q2 2023	Q1 2025	Q2 2026
Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Mayeston, Dublin 11 53°24'28.4"N 6°17'02.1"W - Google Maps	121	Part 8 - public consultation period to conclude on 20 th March 2023	Q1 2024	Q3 2025
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk /Swords	FCC	Social - Elderly	North Street, Swords 53°27'38.6"N 6°13'06.7"W - Google Maps	13	Part 8 -public consultation period concluded on 10 th Feb, 2023. CE report for consideration at March meeting.	Q4 2023	Q4 2024
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk /Swords	FCC	Social -	Seatown Swords 53.459572, -6.218227 53°27'38.6"N 6°13'06.7"W - Google Maps	36	Part 8 - public consultation period to concluded on 14 th Feb, 2023. CE report for consideration at March meeting.	Q1 2024	Q2 2025
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	North and East Housing Association	Social - Elderly	Garristown 53°34'03.7"N 6°22'42.1"W - Google Maps	6	Part 8 - public consultation period to concluded on 10 th Feb, 2023. CE report for consideration at April meeting.	Q4 2023	Q4 2024
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	Glenveagh Living Limited	Mixed Tenure	Ballymastone Donabate 53.487935, -6.137834	172	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 th Dec to ABP.	TBC

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

Appendix 5
Community Funding Dec/Jan

Funding Source	Grant Scheme	Name of Group	Statis	Amount Awarded	Date of Award
Department of Foreign Affairs	Shared Island Civic Society Fund	Linking Generations Northern Ireland	Submitted/ Awaiting Decision	€9,750	Department of Foreign Affairs
HSE Lottery Funding	Building upgrades	Rivervalley CC	Submitted/Awaiting a Decision	€12,500	HSE Lottery Funding
Energy Scheme	Community & Voluntary Energy Support Scheme	Rivervalley CC	Submitted/Awaiting a Decision	TBC	Energy Scheme
Energy Scheme	Community & Voluntary Energy Support Scheme	Liam Rogers CC	Submitted/Awaiting a Decision	TBC	Energy Scheme
Energy Scheme	Community & Voluntary Energy Support Scheme	Holywell CC	Submitted/Awaiting a Decision	TBC	Energy Scheme
Energy Scheme	Community & Voluntary Energy Support Scheme	Applewood	Submitted/Awaiting a Decision	TBC	Energy Scheme