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Chief Executive's Foreword

On Friday June 16th, the Annual General Meeting of Fingal County Council was held at which the Mayor and Deputy Mayor for 2023/2024 was announced. I am very pleased to congratulate Cllr Adrian Henchy as he takes the chains of office as Mayor and Cllr Gráinne Maguire who will be Deputy Mayor for the coming year. I look forward to working with the new Mayor and Deputy Mayor as they begin their term and hope they enjoy the experience. I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank the outgoing Mayor Cllr Howard Mahony and Deputy Mayor Cllr Cathal Boland for their outstanding contribution, tireless work and commitment to the people of Fingal in carrying out their duties over the last year. I'm sure there have been many memorable moments for both the Mayor and Deputy Mayor in the hundreds of engagements carried out since June 2022 and each will hold special significance. The visit of the President of the United States of America, Joe Biden, in April 2023 was a particularly wonderful occasion and it was a source of great pride for the people of Fingal that the President was warmly welcomed to Ireland by then Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Howard Mahony. As Cllr Mahony and Cllr Boland pass the ceremonial chains to our new Mayor and Deputy Mayor, they take with them the good wishes and gratitude of their constituents, friends and colleagues on Fingal County Council.

Last month Malahide Castle played host to 7 hugely successful concerts as Depeche Mode, Paolo Nutini, Blur, Sam Fender, Florence + The Machine, Sting and Hozier took to the stage. Thousands of happy fans descended on the coastal town to hear their favourite hits and enjoy the festival atmosphere at this iconic venue. As with any large scale event, the planning that is required to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience is phenomenal. We are fortunate in Fingal County Council to have an incredibly experienced Events Unit who, for many years, have presided over the most highly anticipated concerts, shows and large events and have worked closely with multiple agencies to make these events happen. I would like to thank the Events Unit for their tireless endeavours and I look forward to next year's concert series.

The weather could not have been better for the launch of our €2m sporting hub in Porterstown Dublin 15 on Thursday June 15th. In glorious

sunshine, the facility was officially opened by the Mayor of Fingal Cllr Howard Mahony who was joined by Minister of State Jack Chambers TD and Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth Roderic O'Gorman TD. It was a very proud day for Fingal County Council, Elected Members, local sporting clubs and the Dublin 15 communities as the ribbon was cut on this state of the art all weather field and running track. To have a sporting facility such as this will ensure that local teams and athletes have the best possible training facilities on their doorstep and will encourage and foster talent and promote excellence within its gates.

Each year Newbridge House & Gardens plays host to Flavours of Fingal. This annual county show is a huge draw for people who come from far and wide to experience the 2-day event. Attracting an average of 80,000 visitors every year, Flavours of Fingal is the flagship summer event hosted by Fingal County Council. Held last weekend, this year's extravaganza combined the popular farming, equestrian, music and dancing showcases with new attractions including a circus tent featuring performers from the Broken Theatre Company, the Wellness Lawn, Dog agility competitions and Dublin's Coast and Fields Food Market. The ever popular Fingal Village gives an unique insight into the work of the council and representatives from departments were on hand to showcase the work we do each day. I was delighted to see so many people enjoy the wonderful attractions and it was particularly lovely to welcome members of the Ukrainian community living in Fingal to the event.

There is still much of the summer left to enjoy and we are looking ahead to another weekend of music and entertainment as historic Swords Castle welcomes back country music superstar Nathan Carter with support from Andy Coogan on Friday July 28th. Saturday July 29th will see Spandau Ballet's Martin Kemp take to the stage for an 80's extravaganza. Supported by a Cher Tribute, Choons and MC Enya Martin, this is guaranteed to appeal to pop fans of all ages. I am delighted that the castle continues to be the focal point for summer entertainment in Swords and I hope you all enjoy the festivities.

Best wishes,
AnnMarie Farrelly
Chief Executive

PEOPLE, CORPORATE AND DIGITAL SERVICES

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People Services

Recruitment Programme 2023	
Recruitment Campaigns	61
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Interviews Held to date	1317
New Starters	107
Number of <u>Leavers</u>	76 48 resigned and 28 retired
Number of Vacancies	141
Number of Current Job Offers	70
Internal Promotions	78

Wellbeing Update:

Wellbeing Seminars:

We will be scheduling dates for seminars in August to help with Anxiety, This year we have delivered 23 seminars with a total attendance of 1042 staff.

Employee Assistance Service:

The most recent report from spectrum has shown Anxiety and Relationships issues are main issues people are calling the service with, we are scheduling seminars for anxiety in Sept, and we also have a support directory available to staff with a list of services for relationship advice and support. We will also carry an information drive for the employee assistance service again in August, including depot visits, information at the canteen and through staff messages and a staff competition.

Menopause in the workplace:

The menopause in the workplace training is ongoing. The menopause hub will issue reminders to all staff in July that have yet to register and complete this training.

LGMA Wellbeing Programme Funding:

We have completed our application for LGMA & Healthy Ireland wellbeing funding and hope to secure the maximum amount of €12,000 towards our wellbeing programme.

Fingal 10K:

The Fingal 10k is taking place on July 16th and we have a group of 66 participating this year.



Learning & Development:

In 2023 there are continued high levels of training being provided to improve capacity and competency of our staff while ensuring health and safety compliance. New courses and opportunities are being added all the time.

New courses being introduced in 2023:

- **Supervisory Skills Outdoor staff**
- **Personal effectiveness outdoor staff**
- **Getting the most from PMDS**
- **Grade 7 Training**
- **Introduction to PC skills outdoor staff**

Scheme of Assistance

The staff scheme of assistance programme is also available for staff who wish to further their education in related areas. The program provides funding for applications ranging from certificate up to doctorate level. We have approved 19 applications this year including: Msc in Energy Management, Msc in Information of Libraries Management, Horticulture, Project Management, Drinking Water Treatment Certificate, Diploma & Masters in Local Government Studies courses.

Training delivered:

June is another busy month for training the following courses will be completed by June 31st

41 courses delivered, with approx. **360** attendees, totalling **297.5** training days.

Business & Interpersonal Skills

- Ignite programme 7
- Dignity and Equality
- Effective Business Writing
- Minute Taking
- Time Management
- Grade 6 Training
- Grade 5 Training
- Interviewers Skills training
- Pre-Retirement training
- Procurement training
- Personal Effectiveness Grade 3 & 4
- Council Meeting Staff Induction

Health and Safety

- Driver CPC Module
- Safe Pass
- Lifeguard Ladder training
- Environmental Impact & Appropriate Assessment
- Grab Truck
- Safety at Roadworks
- Managing Aggressive Behaviour Outdoor staff
- Manual Handling outdoor
- Manual Handling Lifeguards
- First Aid
- Fire Warden
- Abrasive Wheels

Wellbeing

Menopause in the Workplace Training ongoing

HSU – Health & Safety Unit

The HSU conducted proactive safety measures during the month of June with the completion of 30 site safety inspections and audits. From January to date the HSU has completed 160 site safety inspections and 25 safety audits. The Unit during the month of June assisted the Training Section with manual handling training for on-boarding Lifeguards and manual handling practical assessments for existing indoor staff. There was one interaction with a HSA inspector at the start of the month and responses to staff H&S queries

continued during the month. The Unit met with Uisce Eireann’s Eastern regional H&S management team to conclude the overview of Water Services safety management system being transferred to Uisce Eireann.

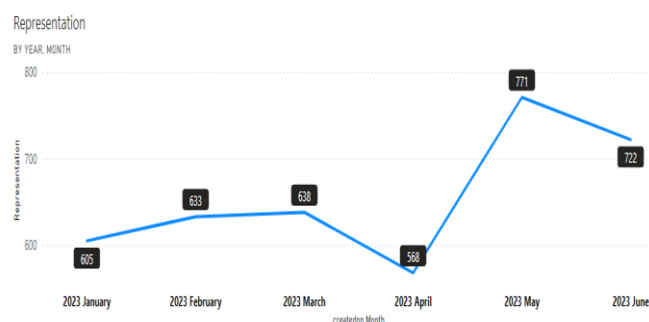
Customer Services

CCU stats to 27th June 2023

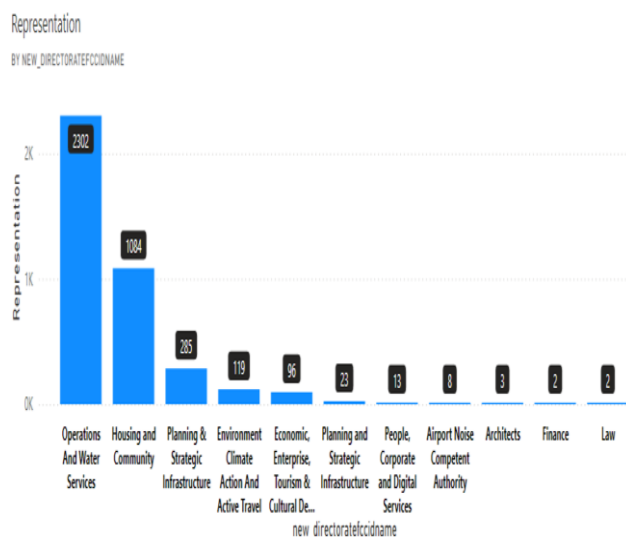
Calls: 10,701
 emails: 1,773
 In Person: 1,251

CRM

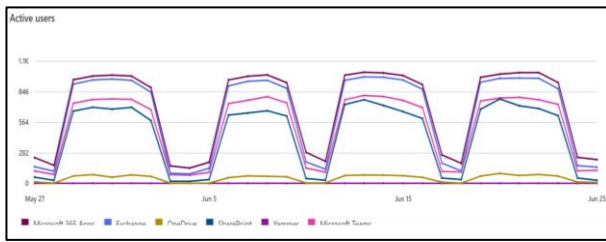
Staff continue to work on the Customer Relationship Management System (CRM) and issue responses to representations from Elected Members (Councillors, TDs and Senators) and complaints submitted by the public. The month of June had a total of 722 Elected Members’ representations.



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



Digital Services Digital Working



In June, staff took part in 7,625 Teams meetings. 23,365 Teams calls were made, and 820,086 emails were received or sent by the Council. 979 support calls were logged by Council staff with the Digital Services Service Desk in the past month and 9 calls were logged by Councillors with Sord. 99.9% server availability and 99.9% network availability was achieved in the month of June. There were no significant outages affecting services.

Infrastructure & Support

Phase 3 of the Teams Meeting Rooms project advanced with the installation of Teams meeting room facilities at the Coolmine Operations Depot Training Room. Additional Teams Meeting facilities were installed at County Hall and at the Civic Offices, Blanchardstown. The offices of the Directors of Service, and The Mayor's Office were included in this phase.



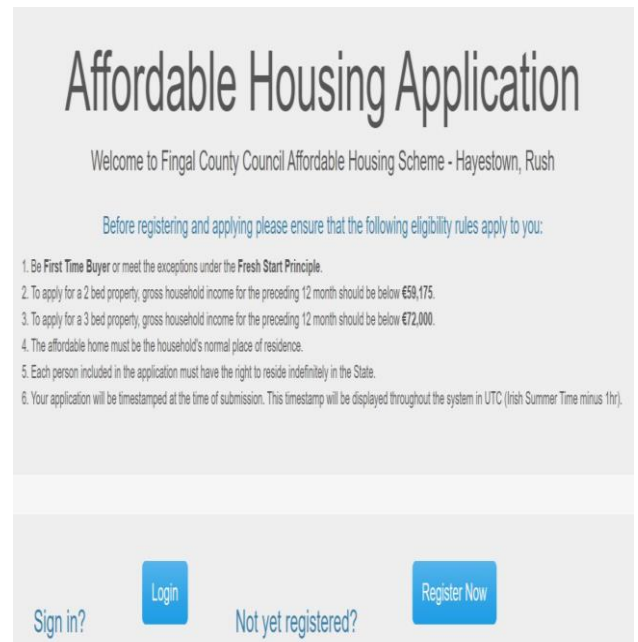
The provision of the new Teams Meeting Room technologies in the Coolmine Operations Depot will allow Management and Staff to host onsite operational team meetings and training with staff in person and/or remotely.

The Digital Services Department commenced a program of work to enhance the Council's Disaster Recovery, Network resilience and Cyber Security capability. The works include the expansion of the Councils vSAN, Firewall infrastructure and additional Server hardening.

The Infrastructure and Operations Team deployed WiFi access points in Water Treatment Plants to assist with the move to Uisce Eireann.

Affordable Housing Portal - Hayestown

The online application portal for those seeking to purchase an affordable home in Hayestown, Rush, Co. Dublin, went live at 12pm on Tuesday 13th June 2023. The application portal is a hosted solution, in collaboration with Interform Ltd.



Communications Website

The fingal.ie website attracted 128,237 page views in the first three weeks on June which generated 274,499 page views. This is already ahead of the figures for June 2022 which were 107,183 and 253,046 respectively. The most popular page was the one providing information on the Malahide Concerts which attracted 21,457 visitors while other popular pages were the Hayestown Affordable Housing Scheme and the Mass & Prayer Schedule for Fingal cemeteries.

Media

The Council issued 26 press releases up to June 26 which included the announcement of the election of a new Mayor and Deputy Mayor. There were also several press releases issued in relation to the Malahide Concerts and next month's Flavour of Fingal and Unison Music Festival. Other topics covered were the Softball World Cup qualifier in Balbriggan, Bathing Water Notices, the Mayor's Awards and funding for summer projects.

The campaign to find a name for one of the new kid goats on Howth Head was very successful and attracted a lot of media attention not only in the Dublin region but from other parts of Ireland as well. There two public calls to action, with 455 names suggested initially before 1,213 people participated in a poll to select one of the four shortlisted names which were Saorla, Talún, Fiáin, and Danu. Talún, with 797 votes, emerged as the most popular choice.



Video

The Communications Unit continues to produce videos highlighting the work of the Council and in recent weeks published videos telling the story of the Mayor's Awards, the opening of Porterstown Recreational Hub and benefits of Playful Streets. From June 1 to June 26, the Council's You Tube channel had 8,081 views.

The awarding of a gold medal for the Fingal garden at Bloom helped drive traffic to three videos which were made about it with a 3D video. which allows viewers to walk around the garden, having an engagement rate of 14% from 3,991 impressions.

It can be viewed at

<https://my.matterport.com/show/?m=VmuY5oAQ7Tr>

Social Media

Friday, June 23, was Your Council Day. This is an annual initiative where the 31 local authorities around Ireland promote their work through their social media channels. Fifty posts were delivered across the Council's Twitter, Facebook and Instagram channels with a video post about the planned Sutton to Malahide Pedestrian and Cycle Scheme attracting the most views.

Building Facilities Management

Energy Performance Contract – Building Facilities
The works phase of our EPC is now completed by the ESCO(Energy Service Company). The 2 civic offices have entered the services phase of the contract for 8 years to carry us through to 2030.

Some delays were experienced in the completion of the works phase due to several different factors. Both parties worked tirelessly to resolve and complete all actions required to get the project to works completion.

The services phase of the contract now involves monitoring and verification of energy in both buildings.

2019 energy consumption of the buildings is used as the baseline year to track progress and verify savings.

The overall energy savings target set is combined 30% of Total Energy cost calculated.

CURRENT JUDICIAL REVIEW CASES

Jimmy Guerin -v- Fingal County Council High court Record Number 2022/15JR
Ciaran O'Kelly and Dorone Paris v An Bord Pleanála and Jacko Investments Limited and Fingal County Council High court Record Number 2023/581 JR
Fiacre Ó Cairbre -v- An Bord Pleanála, Garlandbrook Limited, Alcove Ireland Four Limited, and Uisce Éireann High Court No 2023/570 JR
MKN Properties Limited and another -v- Fingal County Council High Court Record No. 2023/373JR
DAA plc -v- Fingal County Council The High Court Record No 2023/383 JR
Joan Reynolds and Edel McDonough -v- Fingal County Council The High Court Record No 2023/372 JR
Christian Morris v. An Bord Pleanála, Fingal County Council and Trafalgar Capital Limited - High Court Record No. 2022 1074 JR
Graymount House Action Group, Darragh Richardson, and Aoife Grimes v An Bord Pleanála, Fingal County Council, the Minister for Housing, Ireland, and the AG - High Court Record Number 2022/1107 JR
Kimpton Vale Limited V An Bord Pleanála and Fingal County Council Record no 2022/390JR
Mayetown Hall Management Company CLG -v- Fingal County Council High Court Record Number 2023.625 JR

ECONOMIC, ENTERPRISE, TOURISM & CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

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TOURISM DEVELOPMENT

Tourism Strategy 2023 – 2029



Production of the current draft Tourism Strategy was completed in early June. Editing is ongoing and we are also working with a graphic designer to present the strategy in a user-friendly brochure format. The final draft will be presented to the September EETCD SPC meeting, and if approved, to the full council meeting in early October.

Fingal Food Policy



Production of the draft Fingal Food Policy was also completed in early June. The policy takes account of the strong food heritage of Fingal, but brings this into the context of the current market offering and future potential for growth of this sector. The policy includes a Vision for Fingal Food and Drink Industry, a Mission Statement, Policy Format and Six Policy Principles.

Key Areas of the strategy include:

1. Vision and goals
2. Priorities and focus areas
3. Strategic actions with key performance indicators and timeframes
4. Collaboration and partnerships
5. Monitoring and evaluation
6. Resources and implementation
7. Policy review and adaptation

This will also be presented to the September EETCD SPC meeting, and if approved, to the full council meeting in early October.

Fingal Food & Drink Network

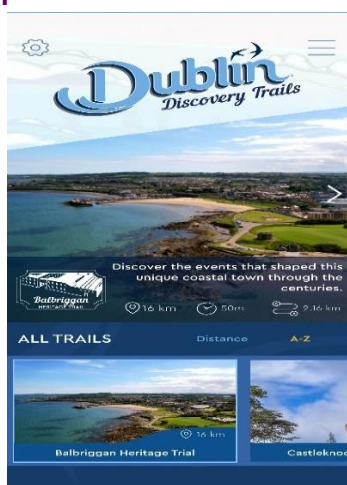


Members of the Fingal Food and Drink Network participated in the launch of Flavours of Fingal County Show on May 30th.

Plans for the Network's presentation at Flavours of Fingal County Show are finalised. The network will present an interesting mix of cooking demonstrations, food pairing, a focus on sustainability, panel discussions and foraging walks. There will also be a showcase of local produce from members of the network.

Flavours of Fingal will also host the next networking event for members at on Saturday 1st July.

Digital Walking Trails for Castleknock and Balbriggan



It is envisaged that the two digital walking trails for Castleknock and Balbriggan that will feature on the Dublin Discovery Trails App will be launched shortly.

Our consultants have now provided the draft trails and they have been circulated to interested parties for final comments.

EETCD are in discussion with relevant parties on the launch date and the marketing and promotion of the trails to ensure they have the maximum reach.

Meeting of the Dublin Local Authority Tourism Network

Tourism representatives of the 4 Dublin local authorities met in Dun Laoghaire on 2nd June to discuss items of mutual interest. Topics included governance structures, progress on tourism strategies, Failte Ireland, Dublin branding, visitor data and measurement and across Dublin collaboration. The next meeting of the group will be held in Fingal in September.

EVENTS

Softball Launch

A photoshoot for the launch of the Women's Softball World Cup took place on Monday 19th June in Balbriggan, this was attended by the new Mayor, local Councillors and the coach and players from Softball Ireland. The Events Unit is assisting Softball Ireland with mail drops to residents in Balbriggan with a discount code and social media support.



Concerts in Swords Castle

The Martin Kemp show is now SOLD OUT, tickets remain available for Nathan Carter.

Flavours of Fingal



The launch of Flavours of Fingal 2023 took place with the outgoing Mayor, kids entertainers, equestrian and Dublin's Coast & Fields Members. New additions this year include the following:

- Kids Theatre Show
- Circus Tent & Acts
- Vintage Cars
- Dublin Coast & Fields Cookery Demo
- Fingal Wellness Area
- Dog Agility
- Irish Dancing

The new website is now live www.flavoursoffingal.ie and tickets for the shuttle buses and car parks are selling well. Positive media coverage of the launch was received in the Irish Independent, the Herald, Dublin Gazette, the Star & The Sunday World.

Unison Festival

The photoshoot launch for the Unison Concerts in Balbriggan & Blanchardstown took place on Wednesday 28th June in Bremore Castle with Mayor Adrian Henchy & various artists from the Festival lineup including the headliner Soule and Ships Wheel. The Mayor will also officially open the festival on Saturday 8th of July at 12pm in Balbriggan.



Malahide Concerts

The Malahide Concerts were a great success. Over the course of seven unforgettable nights, renowned artists such as Sting, Sam Fender, and Depeche Mode graced the stage, captivating the hearts and souls of the audience. With an astonishing attendance of 175,000 over the 7 nights the euphoric atmosphere, electrifying performances, and seamless organization made the Malahide Concerts an unparalleled success, elevating Malahide Castle as a premier destination for remarkable live music experiences.



HERITAGE PROPERTIES

Ardgillan Castle - Roof and Window Conservation Works



The roof and window conservation works on Ardgillan Castle are progressing well. The works have been strategically divided up into five core phases due to the scale of the building.

Phase one and two of the works are now complete, which included the installation of fall restraint systems. Phase three of the works are underway which includes the re-slating of main roof area and the replacement of gutters. Repair works to the window sashes and frames are at an advantaged stage and are being reinstated in batches as they are completed.

Malahide Castle - Boiler upgrade incl. Rainwater Harvesting/CHP



The Mechanical & Electrical consultants have finalised the tender package for the Boiler upgrade incl. Rainwater harvesting/CHP following extensive enabling survey works onsite. The tender is due to be issued at the end Q2.

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 the works will commence in late Q3, 2023 following a tender review and evaluation period.

ARTS OFFICE

Youth and Education

Fingal Arts Office delivered the following projects in celebration of Cruinniu na nOg 2023.

Celestial Mechanics

Celestial Mechanics presented a learning experience for children through both visual art and science at Dunsink Observatory. This unique engagement with children from St. Philip's NS Mountview aged 10-11years was facilitated by artists Aileen Murphy, Mary Jo Gilligan and Julia McConville. Following a tour of the observatory and a screening of telescopic imagery facilitated by scientist Prof. Peter Gallagher and educator Sadhbh Leahy of DIAS, the children created a series of large paintings inspired by themes of astronomy. On Saturday 10th June the children's paintings went on display at Dunsink Observatory with a picnic for guests to mark Cruinniu na nOg.



From the Earth

Children from St. Luke's National School, Tyrrelstown and artist Edel Clarkson welcomed families and the local community to celebrate the installation of their newly created ceramic artworks on the school grounds for Cruinniu na nOg. Over the course of four weeks the children engaged with nature and art. Practical workshops focused on observational drawing, clay modelling, construction and glazing techniques.



Baby Bop Orchestra

An Taoiseach Leo Varadkar, Cllr. Tom Kitt, Cllr. Punam Rane and Deputy C.E. Ethna Felten joined families at Millennium Park to enjoy a series of interactive and lively classical music concerts pitched at early years children on the occasion of Cruinniu na nOg, Violinists Megan Churcher and Natalia Jaworek, clarinettist Margot Maurel, tubist Adam Buttimer and flautist Ciara Corrigan-Margetts, of the Royal Irish Academy, played a musical programme of classical waltzes, Finnish tangos and familiar Disney tunes for everyone to dance along to in a playful and friendly first introduction to brass, woodwind and strings.



A New Beat

The Séamus Ennis Arts Centre's Piper's Garden was alive with music and dance on Sat 10th as young people aged 12 – 18 years took to the stage to showcase 'A New Beat'. Over the course of six weeks musician Robbie Walsh and choreographer Roisin Whelan facilitated a learning experience in bodhrán and contemporary dance culminating with a public performance on Cruinniu na nOg.



Finscealta Beo

Children of Scoil an Duinninigh and Gaelscoil Bhrian Boroimhe, Swords performed their Irish language play 'Finscealta Beo' to a live audience at Carnegie Court Hotel on Sat 10th following a series of theatre workshops facilitated by professional theatre makers Sean and Niall McDonagh of High Rock Productions.



Music Education

Fingal Arts Office & Fingal Music Generation offered free music workshops for young people at Burgundy House Swords on Saturday 10th of June in celebration of Cruinniu na nOg 2023, Creative Ireland Programme.

Vocal Workshop - Finding your Voice

Facilitated by professional vocalist and musician educator Mary Flynn, this workshop took participants aged 7-11 years through some of the fundamentals of vocal practice, with a fun practical session.

Guitar Workshop

Music educator and composer Shane Latimer introduced participants aged 12-15 years to a variety of guitar styles, music genres and music technology employed by professionals in today's recording studios.

Song writing & Recording Workshop

Composer and musician educator Matt Winston led a workshop in song writing and recording technology.



DRAÍOCHT

July will see both our Create Dance groups (participants are children/young people with intellectual and/or physical disabilities) and the D15 Youth Theatre perform their shows in Draíocht's Main Space. A summer programme of workshop and projects for children and young people will take place over June/July.

Draíocht's next Exhibition 'Making Sculpture' curated by D15 writer/curator, Sara Muthi, opens on June 28th. A response space around the theme of sculpture has been developed for the First Floor Gallery.

Draíocht has partnered with the Community Department to place an artist in the Welcome Rooms in Corduff and Parslickstown Community Centres.

With the assistance of the Community Department, Draíocht is delivering an 8-week pilot project in 5 community centres which will take place from October to December 2023. On consultation, it has been agreed that we develop a Choir in each.

Public Art

Dublin Canvas

Submissions received and selected for this year's Dublin Canvas initiative in Fingal.

Boxes in Swords, across Dublin 15, Balbriggan, Howth and Meekstown are set for a refreshed design for 2023. We will work with Dublin Canvas for a bigger programme in 2024.



National policy on Per Cent for Art, Arts Council Consultation

The Arts Office led a Fingal contingent to represent at the event at Woodquay from our architects, planning, curatorial, artistic and community partners as part of the Arts Council's National Per Cent for Art Policy Consultation.



Announcement of Recipients of the Fingal County Council, Tyrone Guthrie Centre and Bealtaine Festival Residency Award 2023

Fingal Arts Office in partnership with the Tyrone Guthrie Centre and Age and Opportunity's Bealtaine Festival are delighted to announce Colette Cullen and James English as the recipients of the Fingal County Council, Tyrone Guthrie Centre and Bealtaine Festival Residency Award. This award aims to celebrate and support older artists at all stages of their careers working in literature and visual arts.

Colette Cullen, a playwright and James English RHA, a painter, will commence their residencies in

the coming months at the Tyrone Guthrie Centre in the beautiful, tranquil setting of County Monaghan. The award, which comprises of a four-week residency including a travel and materials stipend, will provide an ideal environment for the successful recipients to research and develop new work with the potential to present outcomes during Age and Opportunity's Bealtaine Festival 2024.

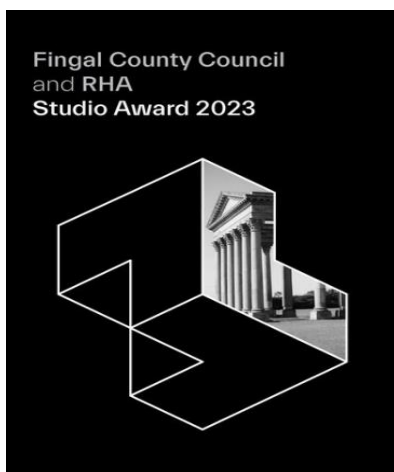


Images courtesy of the artists

When Rachel Met Fiona, 2022 by Colette Cullen. Directed by Iseult Golden featuring Eilish McLaughlin (left) & Emma Dargan-Reid (right). Photographer: Al Craig

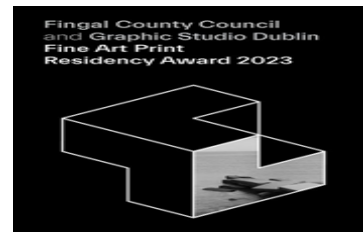
River Sedges, 2023 by James English, Oil on canvas. Photographer Gillian Buckley

Open Call Fingal County Council and RHA Studio Award



Fingal Arts Office in partnership with the Royal Hibernian Academy (RHA), invited applications for a funded studio opportunity at the RHA for a professional artist for the period of one year; the residency will commence at the end of September 2023. The award offers an artist the opportunity to develop their practice within the institutional framework of the RHA and covers the cost of studio rental and administration. The award is open to practicing artists at all stages in their professional careers working in visual art. The closing date for the submission of applications is Monday 24th July.

Open Call Fingal County Council and Graphic Studio Fine Art Print Residency



Fingal Arts Office invited applications for the Graphic Studio Dublin Fine Art Print Residency Award. As part of the ongoing commitment to professional artists, Fingal Arts Office in partnership with Graphic Studio Dublin is offering two fine art print residencies to professional artists at any stage of their careers, working in any discipline, who are interested in exploring print processes. The closing date for the submission of applications is Thursday 27th July.

Local Writers selected for the Irish Writers Centre's National Mentoring Programme

Fingal Arts Office partnered with the Irish Writers Centre to provide professional development opportunities to support Fingal writers through the Irish Writers Centre's National Mentoring Programme. Four local writers; Alicia Byrne Keane, Thomas Brezing, Lauren Lawler and Jack Poole have been selected by the Irish Writers Centre to receive professional literary mentoring over the next eight months from an acclaimed Irish writer of their choice.

Following a national call out, 37 writers were selected from nearly three hundred applicants. Fingal Arts Office funds the literary mentorships along with the Arts Council of Ireland to guarantee that the best applicants from the

county would be selected. Their support will ensure that the chosen mentees receive this potentially life-changing support free of charge. It is also an investment in the long-term literary reputation of the region.



The Séamus Ennis Arts Centre

June was full of beginnings and endings at The Séamus Ennis Arts Centre. With the end-of-term concert for the Music School, the culmination of our Cruinniú na Óg project, making way for the beginning of The Garden Party Summer Programme and a new art exhibition. In a move much celebrated by the local community, we also took advantage of the Garden Party opening evening to announce that the TSEAC café has new operators who will be re-opening imminently.

The Garden Party

The Garden Party 2023 began on June 9th with a collective of Breton folk artists called Arzan. We invited members of community groups, local business owners and members to the opening, which was well attended and a great night had by all.

Thus far in June, the Garden Party has also seen Emma Doran and Neil Delamare perform, and this coming weekend we will host the Cinema Weekend with a Mamma Mia Singalong and a Family screening of Wall-E.



Children

Our Fingal County Council and Creative Ireland funded project “A New Beat” came to an end with a performance of the work created on June 10th, Cruinniú na Óg. This project was a great success, bringing together children from different parts of the community and introducing them to both the Bodhran and contemporary dance. The aim of this project was to examine new routes of access to the traditional arts for children who otherwise would not take part.



Music School

On June 6th we had our first in person end-of-term concert since pre covid. The majority of our 53 students (both adults and children) performed, playing Tin Whistle, Flute, Fiddle, Bodhran, Uilleann Pipes, Banjo, Guitar and Box Accordion. Memorably, some of the students were meeting each other and their teachers for the very first time, as TSEAC has continued the option for students to attend zoom classes.



Art

On June 14th we launched our new exhibition which features artwork from a local group of artists called the Boathouse Painters. The opening was very well attended with over 70 people visiting.

Workshops

On June 17th and 18th Conleth Gent held a sold out wood turning workshop in the Piper’s Garden.

Café

Rosie McNerney and Alan Purcell will be taking over the TSEAC café in the coming weeks and have been providing catering at all Garden Party events. Rosie and Alan run three other cafes in the Fingal area, notably the award-winning Cottage in Swords. We have been working closely with Alan and Rosie to ensure this new engagement will be a great success for the centre and the community.

Libraries

Creative Ireland

Creative Ireland - Collaborative Artworks with Deis Schools

As part of Fingal's Creative Ireland programme, artist Chris Judge is engaging in a collaborative artwork programme with students and teachers in Bracken Educate Together National School in Balbriggan, and St Philips SNS in Blanchardstown. Students are working with Chris to develop ideas and drawings for the overall artwork, which Chris will distil to create a single large-scale artwork (250cm x 100cm) for a key wall in each school.



Cruinniú na nÓg

Summer got off to a creative start in Fingal Libraries with Cruinniú na nÓg on 10th June. This day of free creative activity was a great success, with over 400 children taking part in activities at the festival held in Millennium Park, Blanchardstown, and over 300 children taking part in 15 different workshops and events throughout Fingal Libraries' branch network. Children and young people got the opportunity to try their hand at graffiti art, drumming, making videos, clay modelling and willow weaving among many other activities.



Taoiseach Leo Varadkar visited the festival village in Millennium Park where he met with members of the Baby bop Orchestra, took part in sensory activities with Childvision, created his own piece of art with Graffiti Ink and visited the mobile library.



Roderic O'Gorman TD visited Blanchardstown library where he took part in an art workshop with Alan Nolan, Children's author and a coaster making session in the maker space.



Dungeons and Dragons

Dungeons and Dragons continue to cast their spell over Fingal and a full programme of gaming will be taking place in Swords, Blanchardstown, Baldoyle, Malahide, Balbriggan and Howth libraries this summer, as part of the Fingal Community Gaming Programme.



Mobile Summer Library Tour

The Fingal Libraries Mobile Van will be at community festivals in Fingal this summer. The mobile van was at the Safer Blanchardstown Festival in Millennium Park on 17th June, where children were entertained by Murf the Magician. Upcoming festivals include Flavours of Fingal Saturday, 1st July, Sunday, 2nd July; Meakstown Summer Festival Saturday, 8th July, and Donabate/Portrane Summer Festival Saturday, 12th August.



Repair Café at Fingal Makerspace

Repair Café was a partnership between Fingal Makerspace, Tog Hackerspace and Make Create Innovate.

The objectives were to:

- Reduce waste by repairing items instead of throwing them away
- Encourage the community to learn practical repair skills
- Foster social connections and community engagement
- Raise awareness about the importance of sustainability, the circle economy, and resource conservation.

Ten volunteer fixers participated on the day with 99 items brought in for repair by 61 members of the community. Many fixers were from the local community.

It was a very busy day and the response from the community was really fantastic. The diversity of participants was striking on the day. We made a [short video](#) which captures the essence of the day and the sentiment from those participating. There is very strong interest from all participants and the library setting is really suited to this kind of community engagement.

Summer library highlights

- The Calm Café for Kids with Orlaith O'Sullivan – an 8-week course which guides children to care for their hearts and minds.
- Traditional Irish tales with storyteller Róisín Murphy
- Summer Arts & Crafts with artist Kim Jenkinson
- A Sensory Music Workshop with Musical Tots.
- The Art of Poetry – A Rhyming & Rapping workshop with writer Maeve Devoy
- Impossibly Good Ideas - a writing workshop with author Shane Hegarty
- How to find your voice and stand out with author & illustrator Aoife Dooley - A talk about the inspiration behind Aoife's books & top tips on how she creates graphic novels.
- Sensory Summer Cooking with the Cool Food School
- Mr. Spice Bag – author Freddie Alexander visits libraries
- Story Time, drama and role play with a dog safety message from Dogs Trust

There will also be a variety of story time and arts and crafts sessions run by library staff across all the branches throughout the month. These are always extremely popular and are greatly enjoyed by all attendees.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Fingal Skills Strategy



Fingal's TY Student Skills Expo 2023, to be held in partnership with DCU, is taking place on 3rd October and will be a one-day event at The Helix, DCU to promote future education and skills options to TY students in Fingal. Notices were sent to all secondary schools in Fingal and over 1,700 students are registered to attend the Expo in October.



Interreg Europe



Co-funded by the European Union



The kick-off meeting for the SKYLA Project “Smart Specialisation Skills Ecosystems for the Twin Transition” was held in Brussels in May 2023. 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. Work has commenced on a communication strategy and stakeholder engagement plan. On June 20th, the Fingal Skills Strategy team attended training in preparation for the launch of the project website. The first formal communications meeting will take place in early July. The next meeting of the SKYLA Project partners is scheduled to be held in Fingal in November 2023 and planning for the city visit is underway.



The Council was successful in its application to Urbact for funding to lead a network of 9 small cities/towns in Europe on local economic development called EcoCore. The programme officially kicked off in June 2023 with launch sessions for lead partners and project partners leading into the activation stage of the project. Urbact and Fingal County Council have appointed a lead expert to provide expertise and guidance throughout the project.

The project focuses on the challenges and opportunities for green growth and sustainable economic development along transport corridors. The project duration is 2.5 years.

Balbriggan is the lead town and the other partners committed to the network are Albu Iulia, Romania; Dubrovnik, Croatia; Kekava, Latvia; Ormoz, Slovenia; Parnu, Estonia; Santo Tirso, Portugal; Tuusula, Finland; Villena, Spain. The kick-off for the EcoCore project partners will be scheduled online in July 2023 to discuss a roadmap from the project, budget, establishment of the Urbact Local Group

(ULG) and scheduling city visits. Following this kick-off meeting the Lead Expert and Fingal County Council as Lead Partners shall commence work on the baseline profiles of all participating partner cities, the network roadmap and management. Representatives from each of the project partners will attend the Urbact Summer University in Malmo, August 28th – 30th to build skills in action planning via Urbact methods.

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 second Green IT Your Work meeting took place in Alicante on 10th & 11th May. Representatives were present from Romania, Spain Greece, Cyprus, Slovenia, Croatia, Italy and Ireland who are continuing work on the objectives of Green IT Your Work.



The trip involved a visit to the Hogar Provincial composting centre which manages and maintains a community composting bio-waste pilot plant. A social centre managed by the Diputación de Alicante. The group also visited Casa Tápena (Onil) to learn about projects around environmental education and the use of the natural environment as a resource.

The next event will take place in Thessaloniki, Greece on 29th August 2023.

InclusEU

The InclusEU project which aims to encourage volunteer action as a social response for an inclusive Europe will see Fingal host an event in Balbriggan from September 28th to October 1st 2023. This event will highlight the work being done by Fingal, Foroige, sports clubs and scout group to encourage more young people to get involved in community volunteering. This collaborative project will see 20 young people from local clubs and youth groups take part in leadership and sports education training in July with practical sessions tied into local Fingal led projects.

SUSTAINABLE FINGAL



EETCD is currently inputting into the new Local Authority Climate Action Plan and aligning economic objectives and actions under the Plan.

The Council has collaborated with DCU and DAA to submit two funding applications on sustainable projects and awaits funding decisions:

1. DIFFER is a proposal for a Feasibility Study of District Heating in Fingal & an investigation of the feasibility of district heating from data centres in Fingal to supply Dublin Airport which has been submitted to the SEAI
2. ATLAS is a proposal to consider AI real-time connect on-demand mobility as a service which has been submitted to SFI for the Sustainable Communities Challenge.



The Mayor signed the Circular Cities Declaration for Fingal County Council, which was approved by the Council at its meeting in January. Work is now commencing on an action plan to advance the objectives of Circular Cities in Fingal. Fingal's profile has been published on the Circular Cities website at [CC Declaration | Fingal County \(circularcitiesdeclaration.eu\)](https://circularcitiesdeclaration.eu)



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. KPMG have been appointed to carry out the feasibility study. In late June KPMG presented both a stakeholder engagement summary and preliminary options appraisal to the DBEC Directors. It is anticipated that the feasibility study will be complete in Q3 2023.

LOCAL AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT



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FINGAL LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

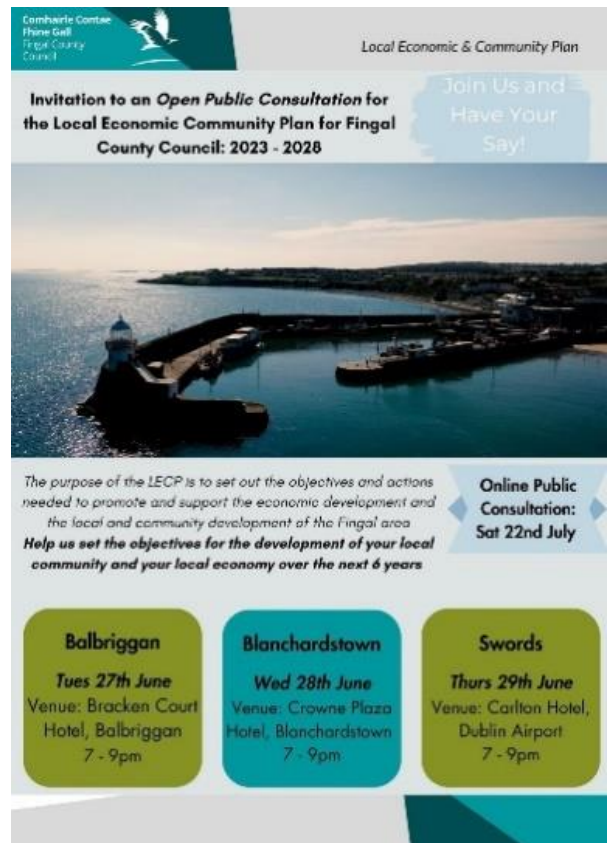
The Fingal LCDC continues to oversee and administer the key areas of LEADER and SICAP and the various Local Development and Community Development funding programmes under its remit. The LCDC also manages the Healthy Ireland Initiative and the Social Enterprise Grants Scheme. The next meeting of the LCDC will take place on 28th June.



FINGAL LOCAL ECONOMIC COMMUNITY PLAN 2022 – 2027

Consultants Grant Thornton have commenced work on the preparation of the socio-economic profile of the county for the new LECP, reviewing the last LECP, drafting high-level objectives, facilitating the consultation process and initial 2-year Implementation Plan. Initial consultation on the new Fingal LECP and engagement with internal and external stakeholders took place in June 2023 and Sub-Committees are being established to collate input to the LECP with an Economic Sub-Committee, a Community Sub-Committee and a Sustainability/Environment Sub-Committee. Public consultation events are scheduled to take place on:

- Tuesday 27th June - Bracken Court Hotel, Balbriggan 7pm - 9pm
- Wednesday 28th June - Crowne Plaza Hotel, Blanchardstown 7pm - 9pm
- Thursday 29th June - Carlton Hotel, Dublin Airport 7pm - 9pm



Information on the new LECP will also be published on the Council’s consultation portal in July and will be open for submissions. The Council has also scheduled a webinar on the new LECP for 22nd July 2023.

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 was allocated €341,875 in funding for groups across the county. More than 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 completed, and payments of the grants to community groups/organisations has commenced.

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 submitted project proposals to DRCD for approval on the 15th March 2023. Fingal County Council has welcomed the allocation of €1,748,912 under the Community Recognition Fund for 26 projects across Fingal.

There is an allocation of €850,512 for eight projects in Swords and €435,000 has been provided for four projects in Dublin 15. Three projects in the Howth Malahide Local Electoral Area have received a total of €92,000 while €96,600 will be spent on four projects in Skerries, Rush and Lusk. Three projects in Balbriggan will be funded by grants amounting to €44,000 while two projects in Baleskin will receive a total of €30,200 and one in Santry will receive €20,000.

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. The Council is now moving forward with project implementation on each of the projects.

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.

Procurement for SICAP for the programme period 2024-2028 is anticipated to commence in Q3 2023 and the Department of Rural & Community Development has issued a Prior Information Notice on etenders and Council staff have attended procurement support sessions. The SICAP Oversight Committee has met to consider the procurement of the new SICAP programme contract and is preparing documents for publication in July.



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.

Fingal Wednesday 3 May 7-9pm Bracken Court Hotel, Balbriggan	Fingal Thursday 4 May 7-9pm Cedars Country House Hotel	South Dublin Monday 8 May 7-9pm Rathfarnham Community Centre	Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Thursday 11 May 7-9pm Dublin Mountain Community Centre
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A series of public consultation workshops with stakeholders were held across the Dublin Rural LEADER LAG area in May to inform the new Leader Development Strategy. The Dublin Rural LEADER LAG is finalising the new Leader Development Strategy for submission by the 14th July 2023.

Woodlands for Health

Healthy Fingal have partnered with Mental Health Ireland and the Sports Office to organise the Woodlands for Health walks. The programme brings service users from the HSE mental health services in Swords & Balbriggan to Ardgillan to interact with other service users and avail of mental health expertise in the calming and quiet atmosphere of the walking paths around the demesne. The occupational therapists are very happy with the impact on patients. A review of the programme is being carried out in July with plans in place to relaunch the programme again in September 2023.



Stroke Survivors Classes

Healthy Fingal in partnership with the Irish Heart Foundation and the Sports Office are supporting a stroke survivors' class in Dublin 15. The class, which started in May, will occur monthly (until

December 2023) and is focused on older adults who have had cardiac issues in the past. The collaboration will see the addition of some low intensity exercise through the provision of a fitness instructor and used as an opportunity to provide participants with information and supports on quitting smoking and/or reducing their alcohol intake. The programme is open to anyone who has had cardiac issues, and anyone interested in attending can contact Katie ksoden@irishheart.ie for more details



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 following the Connected Free Voucher Scheme run in 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, which is chaired by Professor Brian MacCraith provides oversight and stewardship for the plan's implementation. The Leadership group will receive updates on workplan objectives from all five pillar Chairs at the next Leadership meeting scheduled for 26th June.



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, Tender documents to appoint a contractor are currently being prepared prior to being issued to E-tenders shortly. Replies to the Suitability Assessment Questionnaire have been received and are being evaluated. Irish Water are due on-site in Quay Street on the 1st September. Car park resurfacing (Bath Road/Balbriggan FC & Bremeare Castle) is progressing in advance of the site works at Quay Street.

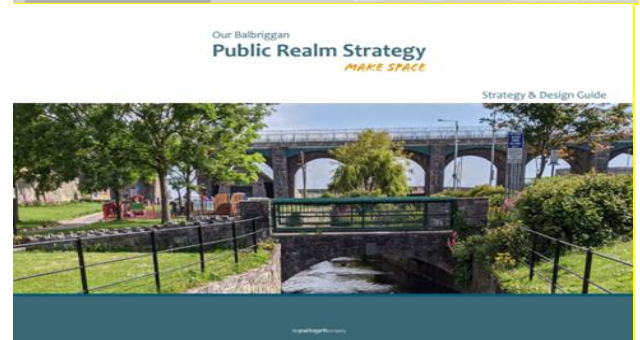
The pre-planning process for 2 – 4 Dublin Street commenced in March. Planning documentation was presented to the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services B - Strategic and General Matters) Area Committee in May prior to the Part VIII being published in July going to full Council in September/ October. 2-4 Dublin Street is to be transformed into a new Creative Hub. 8 workspaces at 2 Dublin Street and an ancillary connected space at 4 Dublin Street will support STEAM education, training and enterprise activities supported by SMART Balbriggan.



A comprehensive Balbriggan Public Realm Strategy - Masterplan & Design Guide and a Balbriggan Active Travel & Transportation plan are both almost complete with both expected to be published shortly further to final internal review which is almost complete.

Demolition works on 14 Bridge Street (house known locally as Keelings) began in early June. Annexes at the rear of DeBruns buildings are also being surveyed before being demolished.

A Balbriggan Shopfront Scheme was launched in early May with over 20 applications received. Successful applicants have been approved and were informed in early June.



Donnelly Civil Engineering Ltd and MWP Engineering are delivering a package of improvement works at Balbriggan Harbour, as part of a wider package of improvements. Work is progressing on the provision of new lights and shoreside services on the West Pier. The main Harbour upgrade works are scheduled to be completed in July.



The Our Balbriggan Office continues to generate regular and unique content across all social media channels, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn with over 5.1k followers on Facebook. The Our Balbriggan Office looks forward to supporting Balbriggan in hosting the World Softball Championship and Unison Summer Festival in July.

TOWN CENTRE FIRST - LUSK

The structure, membership and Terms of Reference 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 second meeting of new Town Team has been held recently in Lusk Cultural Centre. A community briefing is being held in early July to establish the Community Pillar which will support the Town Team in delivering a new Town Plan for Lusk with input from the local community. The tender request to secure a consultant to support the preparation of a new Town Plan is currently in e-tenders.



Lusk Cultural Centre 3 years ago



Lusk Cultural Centre today

TOWN AND VILLAGE RENEWAL SCHEMES

The Regeneration Office continues to oversee the implementation of the Rush Streetscape Scheme. The Council has been approved for €100,000 in funding from the Department of Rural and Community Development for the Rush Streetscape Scheme and 30 properties in the centre of Rush have been approved for funding. Works will continue over the summer period and a number of premises have now been completed in the town. The Donabate Streetscape Scheme was launched in May and applications for this scheme are currently being sought from properties in Donabate Town Centre. €36,000 in funding has also been approved from the Department of Rural and Community Development for this Scheme under the last Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2022.

The application made to the Town and Village Renewal Scheme Building Acquisition Measure for 2023 has been successful with €500,000 now approved for St. Margarets, The funds will be used to purchase properties to re-develop into multi-purpose community facilities. This funding, under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme, is designed to make towns and villages more attractive places in which to live, visit, invest and raise a family.

ORIS: The Regeneration office is currently inviting expressions of interest for projects that could be considered as applications for the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme. The Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) provides funding for the development of new outdoor recreational infrastructure. It also provides support for the necessary repair, maintenance, enhancement or promotion of existing outdoor recreational infrastructure in rural areas across Ireland. The scheme supports outdoor recreation activities such as walking, trekking, cycling, kayaking and hiking. It helps to make use of the resources of the countryside that contribute to healthy active lifestyles. It supports the economic and tourism potential of the area for both local communities and tourist visitors alike.

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

FINGAL ENTERPRISING WOMEN NETWORK



The Fingal Enterprising Women Network (FEWN) ran a very successful Summer BBQ event on June 21st in the Malahide Rugby Club. The 2 speakers Linda Monahan, Corporate to Calm and Denise “Inspired” Horan discussed how to make the most of your business throughout the Summer months & shared some great tips for small business owners. The event was attended by over 150 people and generated a lot of impact on Social media from the attendees.

FINGAL BUSINESS BRIEFING



A further 29 clients attended the June Fingal Business Briefing (FBB), bringing to 142 the total participants at 3 briefings year to date. The Fingal Business Briefing is a monthly event where owner/managers of Fingal-based small businesses and aspiring entrepreneurs learn how they can access a vast array of services from the LEO and other state agencies.

MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME



The Leadership for Growth Management Development Programme concluded on June 16th. The participants are now working on their Assessments and future business plans and will be presented with certificates upon finalising those plans. A second programme is planned for September 2023. This is a hybrid programme (in-person and online) and enables ambitious owner/managers to develop their management capabilities as well as providing a networking platform. Another programme will start in September 2023.

ENERGY EFFICIENT GRANT SCHEME

A new Energy Efficient Grant Scheme launched on 26th May, to be rolled out through the Local Enterprise Offices. The scheme will enable small businesses to invest in technologies and equipment to make their businesses more energy efficient. The grant will cover up to 50% of the costs to a maximum amount of €5,000. The scheme aims to reduce the impact of small businesses on the environment and help them to reduce costs to enable them to become more competitive.

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, a total of 34 applications have been approved in the amount of €71,673. The next Trading Online Voucher seminar will be held on **Friday 7th July** (online).

BUSINESS ADVICE CLINICS AND MENTORING



Business Advice Clinics and mentoring services continue to be offered in-person and online. To date the Business Advice clinic has offered advice and support to 448 clients in Fingal. The Mentoring Programme continues with a total of 151 clients receiving one-to-one mentoring YTD. LEO Fingal has a panel of skilled and experienced mentors from a range of business backgrounds. The panel of Mentors meet up on a regular basis facilitated by LEO Fingal. The next Mentor meeting will take place on 30th June where we are introducing “Mentor Information Sharing” sessions, where mentors will have an opportunity to learn from each other.

MICROFINANCE IRELAND LOANS

LEO Fingal provides a loan scheme through its partnership with Microfinance Ireland, with 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). Applications submitted through LEO Fingal are eligible for a reduced interest rate. LEO Fingal has processed and submitted five MFI loan applications YTD. An online lunchtime briefing was held on June 15th to learn all you need to know about how to create a winning loan application, joined by a Guest speaker from Microfinance Ireland.

TRAINING AND EVENTS

The LEO Fingal team are busy planning the Q3 & Q4 Training schedule and adding new classes and programmes to the curriculum. The programme will be launched from end of June with the first courses available to book from early July. There have been 1648 people attending training events either in person or online with Fingal LEO year to date achieving 94% of the yearly target set by Enterprise Ireland.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR MICROEXPORTERS

The Technical Assistance for Micro Exporters (TAME) grant enables clients to explore and develop new market opportunities. The TAME grant part-funds the costs that can be incurred investigating and researching export markets, e.g. exhibiting at Trade Fairs, preparing marketing material and developing websites specifically targeting overseas markets. There have been 4 TAME Grants approved YTD with a value of €2,500 each.

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. Applications are now open to Fingal based businesses.

DIGITAL START

The Digital Start Programme provides support to obtain digital strategy, technical and/or advisory services for eligible businesses. Digital consultants help to develop a unique digital strategy that transforms businesses by identifying they are on their digital business journey, developing a digital adaptation plan based on identified need and assisting to implement a digital plan. There have been 9 approvals in 2023 YTD.

EVALUATIONS AND APPROVALS COMMITTEE

The Evaluation and Approvals Committee (EVAC) meeting met on 1 June and approved €111,850 in funding across Business Feasibility, Priming and Expansion Grants. Year to date €355,250 has been approved across nineteen applications by Fingal Businesses. A further 2 Agile Innovation grants to the value of €101,000 have also been approved in 2023. The next EVAC meeting is Wednesday 28th June.

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Balbriggan/Swords Area

➤ Floral Display Contract

Summer Floral Displays Countywide

As part of the annual Floral Display Contract the Summer Displays have been installed countywide during June. For the 2023 summer displays each planter contains 40% pollinator plant content along with the usual fillers to achieve the required five-month display. For summer 2023 the grower has trialled some new experimental mixes with an aim to increase the pollinator percentage year on year.



➤ Newbridge Demesne

New Pedestrian Access

Works nearing completion on a redesigned pedestrian access from the existing carpark to the front of Newbridge House. Some railing still to be installed but the newly planted backdrop is ready just in time for The Flavours of Fingal County Show.



➤ Santry Demesne

Perennial Planting Scheme

As part of the 2023 Programme of Works a new perennial planting scheme has been added to the entrance to Santry Demesne. Planting scheme in accordance with The All-Ireland Pollinator Plan





Eco Toilet Walled Garden

Following ongoing collaboration with Santry Community Garden an Eco Toilet has been installed to facilitate the fantastic community garden volunteers.



Wildflower Planting

The approach road to Santry Demesne has a spectacular wildflower planting display. The warm weather during early summer 2023 has allowed this scheme to really reach its peak this summer.



➤ Ardgillan Demesne

Improved Road Signage

Replacement Road Directional Signage has been installed on all the approach roads to Ardgillan Demesne.



New Swings

The long-awaited replacement swings have been installed at Ardgillan Playground.



➤ Skerries

Knee Rail at Mourné View, Skerries

The installation of a knee rail around the open space at Mourné View is nearing completion.



Floral Display at Harbour Road, Skerries

Planters in situ along Harbour Road with a colourful mix of summer bedding and pollinator friendly plants.



➤ **Lusk**

Wildflower area at the recently taken in charge Rathmore Park, Lusk



➤ **Ward River Valley Park**

Steps Refurbishment

The second set of steps currently being refurbished in the Ward River Valley Park are almost complete. The third set will commence during Autumn 2023.



Seating

An additional 6 park benches and 3 bins have been installed at the Swords Manor section of the Ward River Valley Park



Footpath Works



Installation of Park Bench bases at Brackenstown Road, Swords



Concrete footpath repair works by internal Operations crew at Pine Grove, Swords

Footpath works outside Fingallians GAA club, Swords





Water main installation works for Estuary Recycling Centre, Swords



Donabate Turvey Avenue Road inlay works

Skerries Lighthouse Window

Footpath works by Operations crews, Swords Oakland



Dangerous section of 8ft deep ditch piped by Balbriggan Roads Crew, Oldtown.



New Gully installed by Balbriggan Roads Crew at area previously prone to flooding in Walshestown.



Road resurfacing works carried out as part of the Roads Capital Programme on R-128 Loughshinney



Footpath works carried out as part of 2023 Programme of Works in Orlynn Park, Lusk.





Resurfacing works ongoing on R-132 Delvin Bridge to Balbriggan as part of the Roads Capital Programme



Replacement of Skerries Lighthouse window from plastic to glass

Howth Malahide Area Programme of Works

Work is progressing on the 2023 Programme of Works in the Howth Malahide area. The work continues very well throughout all the work areas of roads & footpaths, traffic management and parks & open spaces. Concrete footpaths were replaced in Millview Lawns and on Millview Rd as part of the 2023 POW. Concrete paths were also replaced on Harbour Rd Howth and Duncarraig Sutton as part of the 2023 POW.

➤ Footpath Works

Depot Works



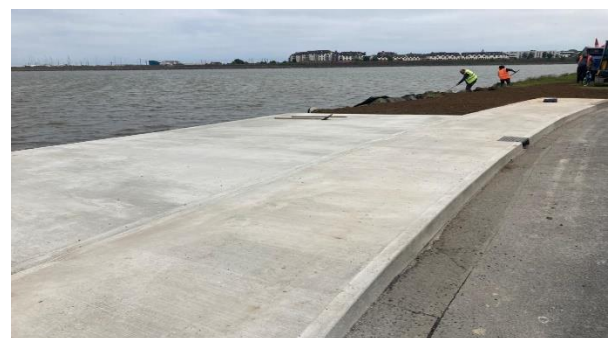
Footpaths replaced and drop kerb and tactiles installed at Glencarraig, Sutton by crews



Pedestrian crossing installed on station Rd.



Path repaired and jetty Cave Strand, Malahide. Work by contractors



Cave Strand



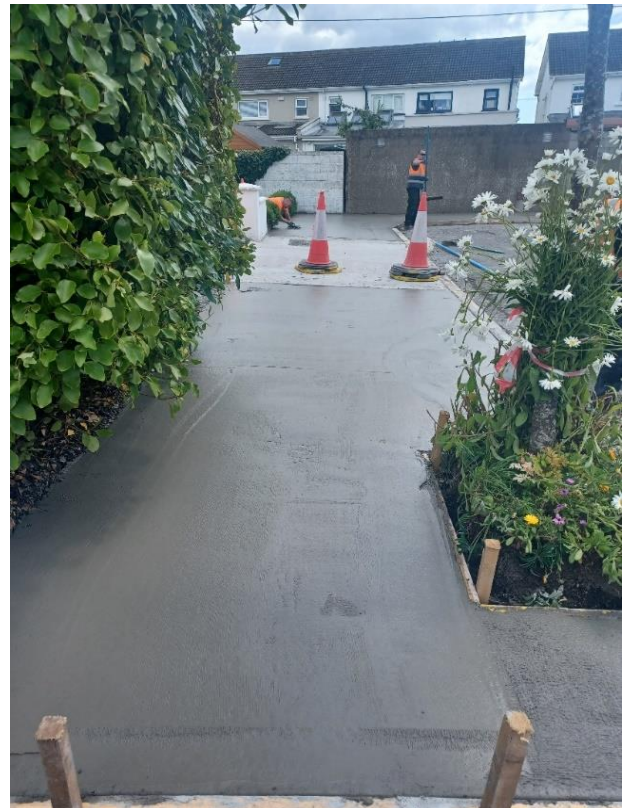
Millview Rd, Malahide Concrete footpaths
2023 POW



Footpaths upgrade in Duncarrraig Sutton – Part
of the programme of works carried out
by contractors



Footpath improvements in Parkvale Baldoye.
These works are being carried out by the Malahide
Howth Ops team and will continue for the next
couple of weeks.



Malahide Demesne

Concerts

Good atmosphere for the Malahide Concert Series in Malahide Demesne for all 7 concerts throughout the month of June.



Burial Grounds Works

Staff tackling the amarestrial weed at our Fingal burial grounds.



Saint Fintan's Blessing of the Graves

Cleansing



Our cleansing staff tackling the beaches Howth Malahide.

Parks & Open Spaces



Repair to dune fencing at Portmarnock Beach

Castleknock/Mulhuddart Area

New footpath - Coolmine



Before and after photos of new footpath inserted along back wall of Recycle Centre Porters Road at fire station Coolmine

Cutting of Hedgerow on Carpenterstown Road



Before and after photos of Hedgerow cut back on The Carpenterstown Road which were blocking Pedestrians on footpath.

Hedgerow Cutback at Grove Road

These works were carried out for health and safety of the public to use the footpaths.



Planting at Lanesborough

Planting took place at Lanesborough Gardens this month.



Removal of Bollards - Finglas

120 Bollards in Dunsoughly Finglas along fenced area which were removed with a Stump Grinder.



Entrance to Coolmine Industrial Estate



The entrance to Coolmine Industrial Estate was planted recently with Red Thyne and finished off with Bark Mulch at Entrance to Coolmine Ind Estate.

Planting at Martin Savage Memorial Monument



Summer bedding was planted at the Martin Savage Memorial Monument on the Navan Road.

Cutting back of hedgerow at Cherry Park

Hedgerow was cut along footpath at side of 1 Cherry Park Carpenterstown beside Coolmine Roundabout.



Car Parking Services

April 2023

There was a total of 1596 parking tickets issued during May 2023.

Breakdown of Parking Offences:

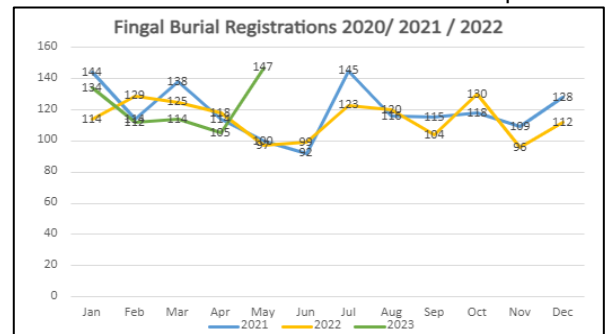
Offence	Main Ticketing Offences - May 2023
9A - A VEHICLE COMMITTING AN OFFENCE CONTRARY TO PAY AND DISPLY/PERMIT PARKING	849
08A - PARKING A VEHICLE ON A FOOTPATH	171
04G - PARKING A PRIVATE VEHICLE IN A LOADING BAY	151
9A - A VEHICLE OUT OF TIME TICKET	144
9D - PARKING A VEHICLE ON A DOUBLE YELLOW LINE	108
04C - PARKING A VEHICLE IN A TAXI BAY	38
07A - OBSTRUCTION TO OTHER ROAD USERS/PEDESTRIANS	35
9F - PARKING/STOPPING A VEHICLE IN A DISABLED PERSONS PARKING BAY	23
9H - PARKING IN AN ELECTRIC BAY	14
04B - Vehicle Parking Opposite a Continuous White Line	11

Main Ticketing Locations:

Location	Main Ticket Locations May 2023
North Street - Swords	122
Bridgefield Car Park - Malahide	115
South Strand Skerries	76
Church Road - Malahide	75
Harbour Road - Skerries	75
Main Street - Swords	65
The Green - Malahide	61
Drogheda Street - Balbriggan	51
Coast Road - Malahide	49
Railway Street Balbriggan	45

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 105 Interments in April 2023.



Traffic Operations County-Wide Countywide Traffic Signals Tender

The Traffic Section issued the 2023 Traffic Signal's contract for tender. Tender submissions have been received and will be evaluated over the coming weeks.

It is envisaged that a contractor will be appointed in July and works will commence countywide in August 2023.

Countywide Traffic Calming Tender

The Traffic Section has issued a request for tender for the 2023 Traffic Calming Ramps contract. Closing date for the RFT is 29/6/23. Following the tender review of submissions, a contractor will be selected. Works are expected to commence countywide in August 2023.

Traffic Signal relocation

Work has been carried out at the New Road junction with R126 Donabate Distributor Road – Signal pole relocation to accommodate new footpath and cycle lane.



New Road junction with R126 Donabate Distributor Road

Construction Works

In the Swords area, Contractor, KLM, has completed their investigation works/slit trenches

for the TII Metrolink scheme along the R132 Swords Bypass.

Completed Traffic Works



The lights sequence was altered at the junction of St. Mochtas and Coolmine Industrial estate, improving efficiency at the junction.



Upgrade works at the junctions of IKEA and Decathlon are progressing well and should be completed in July.

Fleet Management & Plant Hire Unit

90 hires were put in place from 01/06/2023–30/06/2023, engaging 23 suppliers.

Hire of Steel Tracked Excavator and Operator for the Material Segregation and Site works in the Walled Garden, Millennium Park in Dublin 15



Street Lighting LED Programme

The Public Lighting Section will continue with the LED Programme in 2023 with 98.5% of all lights switched to LEDs.

80% of new Decorative LED fittings have been installed county wide.



Faults reduce to 0.29 % of overall numbers of lights. The Public Lighting Area Works Programme was approved by the Area Committee and works will now commence. 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.



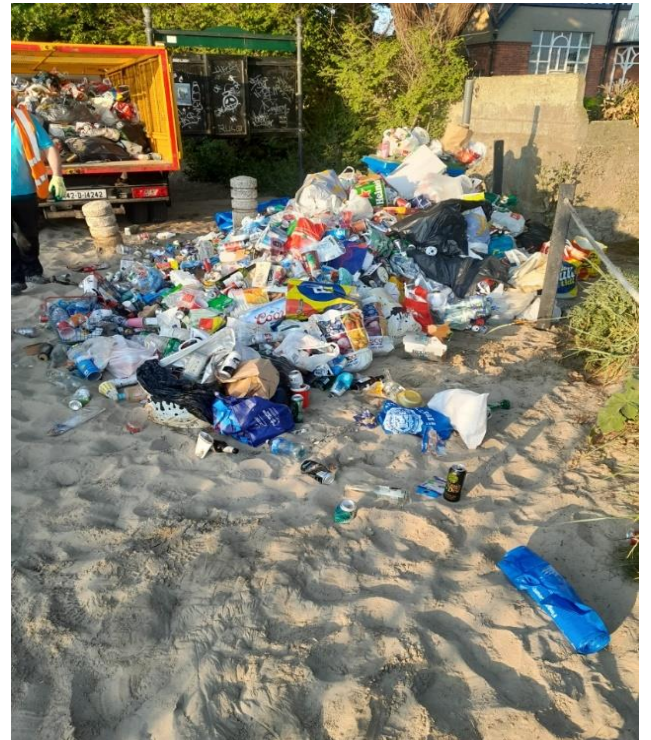
Millbank Tower Rush (POW)

The Millbank has been lit using feature lighting as part of the 2023 Programme of Works (POW)

Beaches and Lifeguard Service

The influx of visitors to our beaches during the recent spell of warm weather provides additional challenges for cleansing crews and for the Lifeguard Service

Additional bins have already been deployed to all beaches to deal with the increased numbers of visitors expected. Additional cleansing crews are operational from 5.30am on all beaches on Sunday and Monday mornings to undertake beach clean-ups prior to the arrival of the next day's visitors. Beach users are asked to follow 'Leave No Trace' principles and bring their litter home with them to avoid incidences of accumulations such as that shown in the photo.



Cleansing crews from Howth Malahide Operational Area tackling the accumulation of rubbish as part of the early morning clean-ups at one of Fingal's beaches

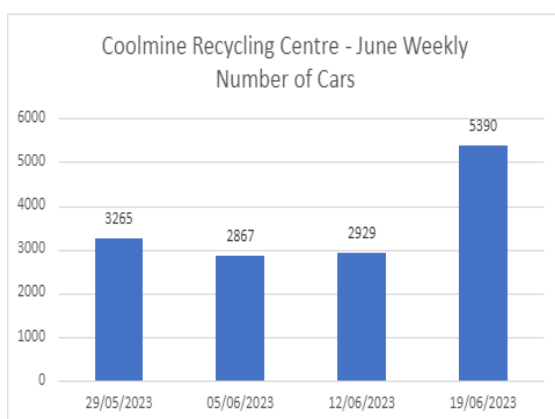
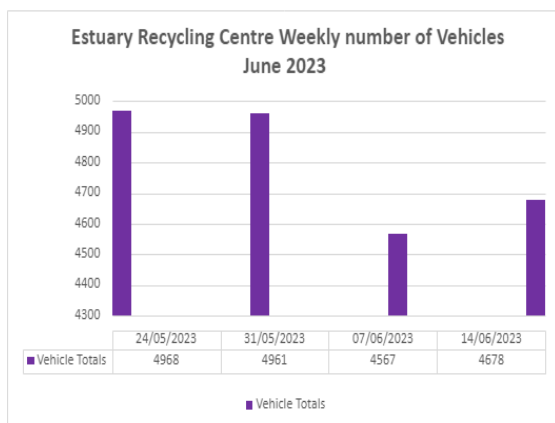
Lifeguard Service 2023

Fingal County Council sought to employ 45 beach lifeguards for the 2023 Bathing Season an increase of 5 on last year. However, following a rigorous recruitment process, the Council has secured just 27 lifeguards for the season ahead. Last year we were successful in employing 35. The availability of qualified and interested candidates has gradually reduced over the past number of years.

With the conclusion of state exams, availability of those recruited for the 2023 Bathing Season has started to ramp up and we will move to a 7 Day service at some of our beaches for the months of July and August. However, this puts additional pressure on the reduced number of lifeguards available and this year will see us having to close some Life Guard Stations at some of the designated bathing water beaches in order to provide a full service at the busier and more challenging locations.

The Council will publish on its website www.Fingal.ie and through its social media platforms, notice of manned lifeguard stations, weekly in advance.

Recycling Centre's Update



License's

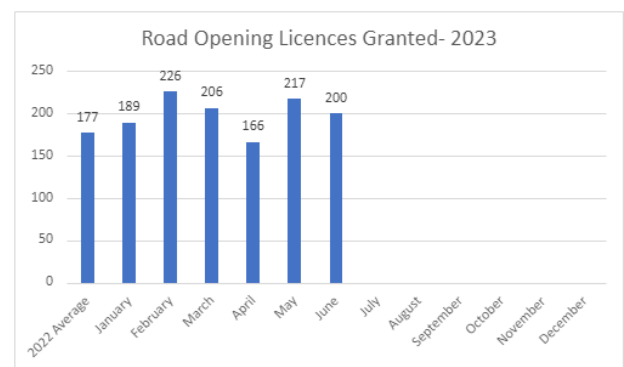
- Road Opening License's

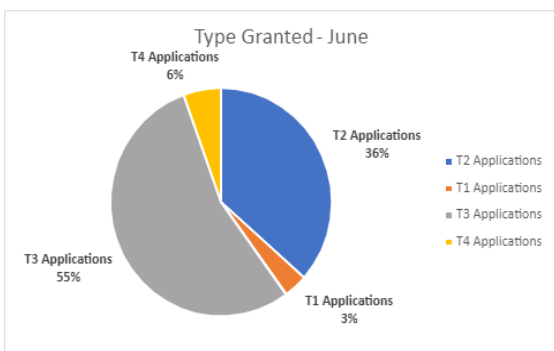
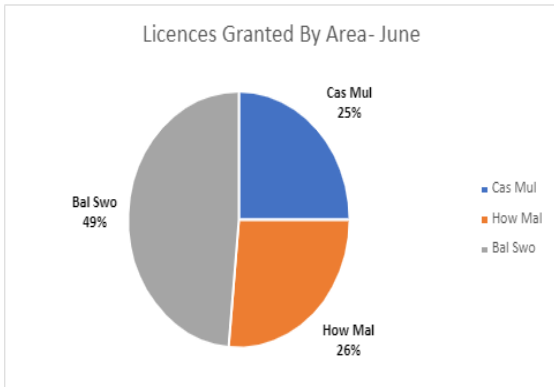
The Licensing unit continues to process and manage the licensing system for the County. Applications are allocated by area for examination and conditioning which includes reviews of the

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.

200 Licences were granted in the month of **June**, **60%** of which were granted by way of automation. Clerk of Works in each area continue to carry out regular inspections following road opening works by utilities.





- Casual Trading License

The Castleknock/Mulhuddart Operations Department have advertised any available casual trading pitches in both February & April many of which have been taken up with a record number of Traders in 2023.

Any remaining available pitches can be found on the Fingal County Council website and applications will be taken on a case-by-case basis.



Street Furniture renewals are now up to date for 2023 & inspections continue to be carried out and will intensify throughout the summer's months. Additional inspections to ensure compliance have been carried out on New Street during concert evenings.

We will be issuing refunds in accordance with S.I. 256 dated 22 of May 2023. When preparing the budget for 2023 provision was made for income of €17,050.00. To date €23,625.00 has been received from Street Furniture License's.

This income will not now be realized and the consequential reduction in income and expenditure will be reflected in the Revised Budget for 2024.

Storm Water

- Stormwater Capital Programme 2023-2025

Fingal County Council are continuing to progress projects recently adopted in the 2023-2025 Stormwater Capital Program. The 3-year program includes 14 projects valued at approximately €3.63 Million, although this is being kept under review. 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

Topographical and Manhole Surveys have been undertaken. Rain gauges and flow monitors are being installed on the catchment network and will be followed by a CCTV Survey of the sewer. The information from these surveys will inform the condition parameters of the existing sewer and will allow for a preliminary design to be developed. It is expected that the surveys will be complete by the end of June.

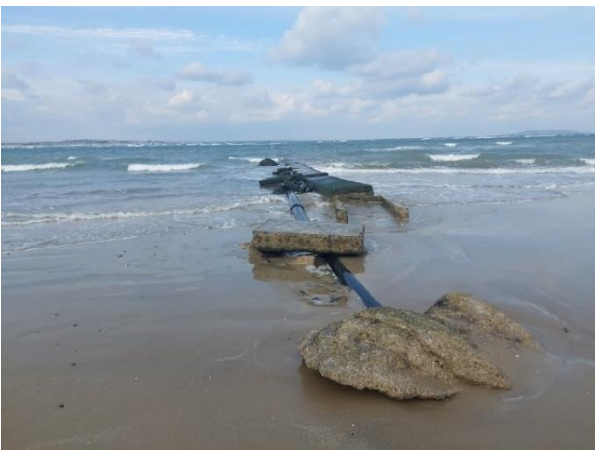
- Wendell Avenue/Heather Walk:

Stormwater sewer rehabilitation works in Portmarnock are now complete. In total 200m of collapsed sections of network have been replaced in the Dewberry Park, Wendell Avenue and Heather Walk estates. The works will improve the overall drainage efficiency of Wendell Avenue and increase the half-life of the road surface. Final road reinstatement works are planned for Q3 2023.



- **Burrow Beach**

The proposed remediation of a surface water outfall pipe on Burrow Beach is scheduled to begin following the seabird wintering season around March 2024. It will be executed by our own Direct Labour section. Advanced materials purchasing will commence in due course.



- **Bath Avenue Storm Water Pipe**

An in-house Design has been drafted and is currently being evaluated with a view to being progressed to construction phase. Scantech Geoscience Ltd were awarded the contract to conduct a GPR and pavement thickness survey. Survey works were completed on the 07/06/2023 and a report is being drawn up. Once complete

work can begin on project timeline planning and a commencement date can be planned. This project will commence a scheme involving the laying of a new Storm water pipeline along Bath Ave, Malahide to alleviate localized flooding and allow for future capacity.

- **Ongar Development StormWater Remedial Works**

Remediation works have commenced on the drainage network in Ongar following its Taking in charge. The works are being undertaken by Formac Contractors with design and supervision by OCSC Consulting Engineers and have a duration of five months. With about 25% of the works programme expended all reinstatements of footpath and road are complete with drainage repairs underway currently.

- **Storm Water Maintenance**

The proposed Stormwater preventative maintenance cycle for 2023 is currently being planned and costed. Two areas not previously mapped and surveyed have been identified with work due to start in Q3 2023. A contractor will be procured with a Jet Vac Recycler truck and CCTV camera van. The Stormwater manhole cover and frame replacement programme for replacing assets at the end of life is ongoing.

As a result of a connection request for future development CCTV surveys were carried out on the Ballycoolin Rd in D15. Unfortunately, this survey had to be abandoned due to heavy silt. This network will now need to be jetted and a condition survey report will be commissioned. Once complete these surveys will determine the feasibility and capacity of this line to take the proposed increased volumes.

A precast headwall has been ordered for White's Road in Castleknock. This headwall is due to be installed before the end of June.

A CCTV survey is being carried on Clonsilla Rd, Clonsilla, D15 to determine the viability of a new connection to an existing network for a business connection.

An investigation was carried out to determine the source of oil contamination of the Storm Water network at the Estuary in Swords. Fingal Environment section received complaints of oil in the inner Estuary. Water Services have since placed

oil booms and soak mats. The findings of this survey are currently being analysed by FCC environment to determine if additional steps are required.

Multiple misconnection surveys are taking place in Balbriggan to assist with ongoing investigations to determine if misconnections are present in these networks. These surveys have been commissioned to assist FCC Environment to identify the cause of high E. coli levels that are regularly being detected in the Harbour area.

To date surveying has started in Clonard Court and a heavily silted and restricted line was identified. This will need to be jetted to free up the line to continue the surveys.



Works are ongoing on a Storm Water private drain under public restriction in Hamilton Avenue in Balbriggan. A new section of pipe will be laid to repair the collapsed section of pipe.



Storm Water Connections:

Currently there is 1 connection application being processed as of the 21st of June 2023. To date 8 new connection applications have been processed in 2023.

Water Services

Update on the Framework for future of Water Services and the Effective Date for Fingal County Council

A new framework for the future of water services was announced by the Minister on 24th June 2022.

➤ **Master Co-Operation Agreement**

The Úisce Éireann/Fingal County Council Master Co-operation agreement was signed by the Council on the 5th May 2023. This Agreement replaces the existing Service Level Agreement.

➤ **Effective Date**

Fingal County have now been notified by Uisce Éireann that the Effective date for this Council is between 25th and 27th July, 2023. Full responsibility for the direct management of public water services will transfer from Fingal County Council to Uisce Éireann on that date and UE will take over Management and Direction of the Fingal Water Services staff.

➤ **Local Authority Water Services Staff**

Fingal Water Services staff means Council personnel engaged in the provision of Water Services for more than 50% of their time at the Effective Date. Staff Briefings are currently underway with all staff.

Staff working in LA Water Services currently have several options available to them:-

- I) Remain as "Local Authority Water Services Staff" and transition to Uisce Éireann;
- II) Apply for positions, including promotion opportunities, and posts out of LA Water Services in the Local Authority and opportunities to apply for posts within Uisce Éireann;
- III) Seek to remain as local authority employees – reassignment at current or analogous grade within the Local Authority
- IV) Voluntary Redundancy Scheme (VRS), as applicable (guidelines awaited)

Items i, ii, iii, remain a person choice of individuals

All staff can continue to work within their local authority if they choose to do so. After the effective date the Council will manage requests for transfer/reassignment. This process will continue up to the end of 2026.

Industrial Relations

Notice Letter from the Union was received by all local authorities on 15th May with regards to the withdrawal of labour by its members and the placing of pickets for 48 hrs from 0:00hrs on Wednesday 7th June until 24:00 hrs on Thursday 8th June. Industrial Action for 7th June was called off with all aspects of the Irish Water Framework to be honoured.

Further Notice letter received from Unite Union with regards to the withdrawal of labour by its members

Water and Drainage Connections:

There are 20 applications in progress with FCC as of from 22/6/23 which consists of 6 Water Connection and 14 Drainage connections. FCC returned 26 applications to Uisce Éireann so far in June 2023 as per Maximo/d365.

Communication with Uisce Éireann for Elected Representatives

The Local Representative Support Desk
Make contact at localreprsupport@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 Uisce Éireann.

Outside these hours, the 24/7 customer care line is available for urgent queries at **1800 278 278**.

Uisce Éireann Water Planned Works – Uisce Éireann 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.

PLANNING AND STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE (PSI)

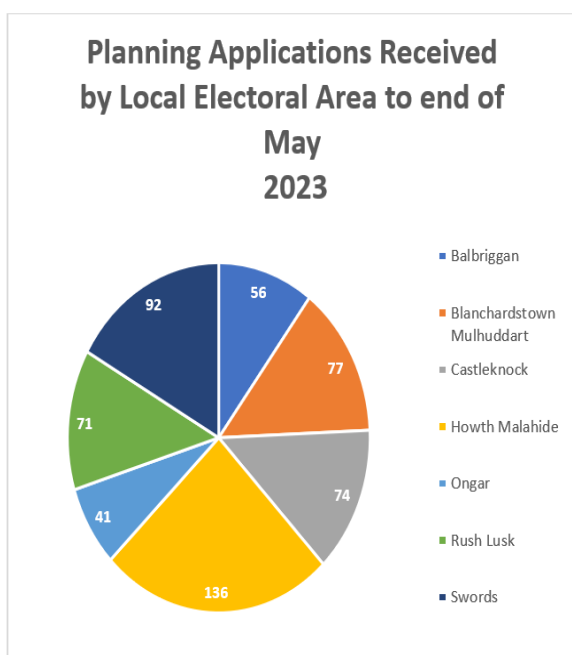
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Planning Applications

There have been 547 planning applications received from 1st January 2023 to the end of May 2023. 81 of these applications were invalid leaving a total of 466 valid applications. The volume of applications received by Local Electoral Area (LEA) is detailed in the table below.

From January 1st, 2023, to May 31st, 2023, four Large-scale Residential Development (LRD) full applications have been made to the Local Authority. From January 2023 to May 2023 six decisions have been made on Large Scale Residential Developments. Of these six decisions made, all have been to grant Permission (2,587 Units).

An Bord Pleanála have issued 11 decisions on SHD applications in the period from January 2023 to the end of April 2023. No decisions have been made by An Bord Pleanála in May thus 10 SHD's (7,406 units) remain with An Bord Pleanála for decision.



Planning Decisions

A total of 502 planning decisions have been made to the end of May 2023. There have been 418 decisions to grant permission (84%) and 84 refusals of permission (16%). There have been 35 grants of permissions in respect of single house construction, 223 grants of permission for domestic extensions/works, 46 commercial/retail grants of permission and 26 grants of permission in respect of housing developments of which 12 relate to development of 2 – 20 units, 3 relates to 20 – 50 units, 5 relate to 50 -100 units and 6 which relate to development of 100+ Units.

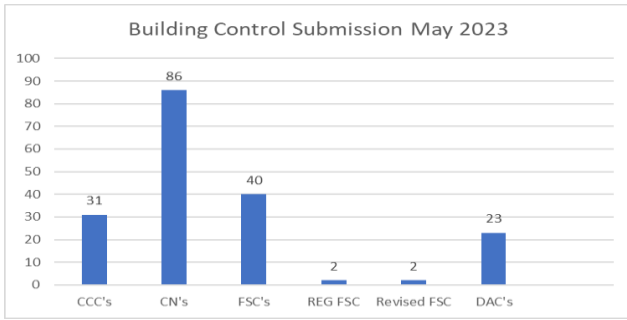
Building Control Admin

In May 2023, there were 184 building control submission's made via BCMS.

This was made up of 86 Commencement notices, 31 Compliance of Completion Certificates, 44 Fire Safety related Certificates and 23 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 141 decisions in May 2023 relating to Fire Safety and Disability Access Certificates. This was made up of 50 decisions to grant and 91 extensions of time.



Strategic Policy Unit

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.



The Fingal Development Plan is subject to draft Ministerial Directions at present. Fingal County Council received notification from the Minister of State for Local Government and Planning of his

intention to issue a Direction pursuant to Section 31 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended). This draft Direction was on public display for two weeks, between 18th April and 2nd May. 172 submissions have been received. In accordance with the requirements of the Planning & Development Act (as amended), a Chief Executive's Report on submissions received has been prepared and circulated to the Office of the Planning Regulator (OPR), the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly and Elected Members.

The OPR issues a recommendation to the Minister to issue a Direction with or without minor amendments. And/or the OPR can appoint an inspector where there is a material amendment proposed to the Minister's draft Direction or further investigation is deemed necessary.

Within 6 weeks of receiving the OPR's recommendation, the Minister will issue a Direction and;

- If agrees, issues a Direction to the local authority. The Direction takes immediate effect.
- If disagrees, prepares a statement outlining the reasons for not agreeing with the OPR, which is laid before each House of the Oireachtas.

Separately, the Council is aware of judicial review proceedings as follows, in relation to the Development Plan: DAA v FCC Reynolds and McDonough v FCC and MKN Properties Limited and another v FCC.

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



In May, the Sustainable Swords project was entered into the IPI awards on Friday in 4 categories.

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>.

Draft Map Submissions:

- Number of submissions received on Draft map – **121 submissions - 142 land parcels in total**
- Number of rezoning requests – **3**

- Number of sites removed from the Draft map – **26 removed, 3 part removed**
- Number of sites retained on the Draft map – **97 retained, 9 part retained**
- Number of sites whereby there was 'no action' (residential property for example) – **7 (no action) 6 (part no action)**
- Number of appeals lodged to ABP – **83**

Next Steps

Where land was included on the draft, and where no submissions were received relating to the land, it is to be included in the final map.

Where an appeal was made to ABP which has been decided within the relevant statutory time frame, or in any event, not later than 30 days prior to the publication date for the final maps (i.e. 1st November 2023), then the final map shall reflect the decision of ABP.

Where ABP has not reached a decision in respect of an appeal by 30 days prior (by 1st November 2023) to the publication of the final map on 01 December 2023, the land in question shall be included in the final map and the landowner may seek a deferral of tax liability until the appeal has been determined.

Where no decision has been made by ABP at least 30 days prior to date of publication of the final map, or where a decision is subject to JR which has not been determined at least 30 days prior to date of publication, then the land is included on the final map.

The final maps will identify all of the land considered to be in scope for FCC and will provide for the overall area in hectares.

Parks & Green Infrastructure Division

Porterstown Recreational Hub

Works on the new Porterstown Recreational Hub have reached substantial completion. The facility includes a 400m 6 lane athletics track surrounding a full sized 3G all-weather sports pitch, both surfaces have been certified to conform to World

Athletics and FIFA standards and will be lit by LED floodlights.

Designed for high intensity use, Porterstown Recreational hub has the capacity to cater for the high demand of local sporting organisations and schools representing a spectrum of sporting codes. The venue will undoubtedly inspire the community to engage in sports and become a valuable amenity for the people of Dublin 15 and wider area. Officially opened on 15th June, the facility will be ready for public use over the coming weeks.



Aerial shot of Porterstown Recreational Hub



Official opening photo at Porterstown

Play Space Projects at Lanesborough Park, Howth Harbour, Garristown Library and Bremore Regional Park

The procurement phase for the design and delivery of four quality play spaces at Lanesborough, Howth, Garristown and Bremore has concluded. The winning tenderer is a specialist play space contractor who has been formerly appointed on foot of the process. These much anticipated works are to take place over the coming weeks and months.



Imagery of Play Provision proposed for Howth Harbour

Built Environment Division

Building Control/Taking in Charge Section - 26/06/2023

Building Control

- There were 20 Building control site inspections in June 2023 with 44 separate buildings being inspected.
- The 2 developments Ballygossan Park Phase 1 in Skerries and the "Entrance off Roundabout on R121 opposite The Boulevard, Blanchardstown" advertised for the June 2023 meeting were put back to July 2023 due to Councillors request for additional information. As a result of this, all further Taking in Charge drawings will be presented at the relevant Area Committee Meeting prior to be Taking in Charge at the full Council Meetings. The Taking in Charge drawings will also incorporate a QR code which will navigate to the development in Google Maps to allow members of the public and councillors quickly identify the area.
- We also advertised Rahillion Phase 2 and Knightsgate Avenue for taking in charge later in the year.
- The Ongar Remediation works contract is underway and Formac Construction are currently carrying out works in the Blackwood estate. O'Connor Sutton Cronin are managing these works on behalf of Fingal County Council.

Pictures



Checking Insulation in a housing development in Lusk.



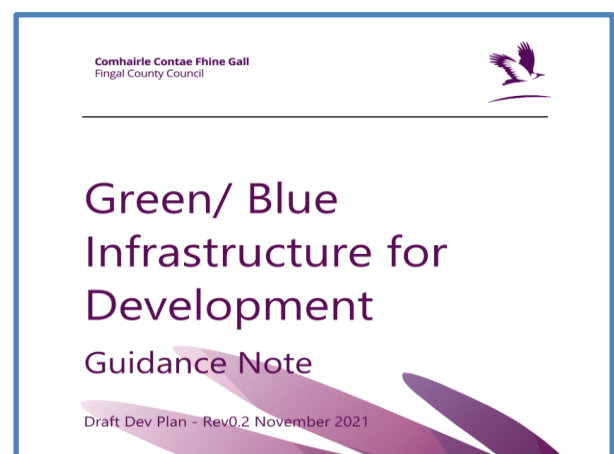
Checking web joists and timber frame in a housing development in Clonsilla.

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 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.

Transportation Planning

Ongar Barnhill Road

Tender applications from suitable contractors were received in June. These tenders are being assessed and it is intended that a contractor will be appointed for construction in Q3 this year. Construction will last almost 2 years.

Snugborough Interchange upgrade

The project is progressing with completion expected in late Autumn or shortly after. A site visit for Councillors from the BMCO committee was arranged on the 15th of June. From late June until August the pedestrian access west of Snugborough Rd to Tolka valley park will be temporarily closed to allow for construction works. Local diversion signage will be in place. During late June/ early July there will be night time black top surfacing works near the roundabout at Waterville. Traffic management changes will take place over the coming weeks.



PSI-039 R132 Connectivity Projects

Following the recent appointment of a project consultant for Stages, Detailed Design and Procurement, Construction and Implementation, Close-out, and Review. A meeting has taken place with TII's MetroLink project team to coordinate both projects and will continue throughout the design phase. The consultants are in the process of drawing up a programme for the detailed design stage to undertake the project. There has also been ground investigation works carried out in June and more will continue in May to allow for informed decisions at the detailed design stage.

PSI-041 Kinsealy Walking and Cycling Routes

The consultancy framework is at stage 2 procurement for various Swords & Kinsealy projects with the initial project being the Kinsealy Walking and Cycling Routes. The tender assessment has now taken place and the successful and unsuccessful letters are being issued now with the standstill period in place. It is expected that a consultant will be appointed in July 2023. Swords projects will follow on directly including the Western Distributor Road. Briefings will be undertaken with the local members at the next milestone stage.

PSI-005 Harry Reynolds Road Pedestrian and Cyclist Route

Following completion of a public procurement process Jons Civil Engineering was appointed on the 15th of June as contractor for the construction phase and will shortly begin work on construction of this key infrastructure project for Balbriggan.



The Harry Reynolds Road Pedestrian and Cycle Route will provide a cycle-link between Drogheda Street and Hamilton Road in Balbriggan. The route will serve 3 school campuses at Ardgillan Community College, St. Molagas and Balbriggan Educate Together National School, as well as offering a safe cycling and walking route to shops, childcare facilities and community amenities. To assist with communication of the project to the community a dedicated project website has been setup which will be updated throughout the project, highlighting the projects progression and key milestone stages; [Harry Reynolds Road Pedestrian & Cycle Route | Fingal County Council](https://www.fingal.ie/harry-reynolds-road-pedestrian-cycle-route)



A sod turning event for project is programmed to take place on the Harry Reynolds Road on the 29th of June to kick start the construction works onsite.

PSI-023 Swords Western Distributor Road

The consultancy framework is at stage 2 procurement for various Swords & Kinsealy projects with the successful and unsuccessful letters are now being issued. The Swords WDR will be one of the early projects to be appointed, target date for the commencement of consultancy services is Q3 2023.

S2M Pedestrian and Cycle Scheme



The project team from the Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Dept has received NTA Board Approval for a preliminary cost estimate of €45m and is now finalising the preliminary design. The project team has published its findings from the 2022 Preliminary Design Public Consultation and the Public Consultation Report is available online @ <https://www.fingal.ie/suttontomalahide> . The public consultation process has helped the team to identify areas for review or potential change and this design review is continuing. Following this review process documents will be prepared for a planning application to An Bord Pleanála.

Royal Urban Greenway Update



The project team from the Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Dept has recently completed its preliminary cost estimate for the scheme. The total cost estimate of €34m has received NTA Board Approval and the project now proceeding toward finalising the preliminary design. Following this process documents will be prepared for a planning application to An Bord Pleanála.

Fingal Coastal Way



The project team from the Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Dept has published its findings from the 2022 Emerging Preferred Route Public Consultation and the Public Consultation Report is available @ <https://www.fingal.ie/fingal-coastal-way>. The public consultation process has helped the team to identify areas for review or potential change and this review is continuing.

PSI-012 Broadmeadow Way

The civil and ground investigation contractor has mobilised to site to commence a works package which includes security fencing, new culvert and ramp. These works will continue over the summer months under Fingal County Council and Irish Rail specialist supervision. This is an important milestone which will inform the detailed design of the northern causeway element of the project.

The project team has appointed a specialist consultant to advise, coordinate and oversee multi-annual ecological and biodiversity surveys as required by our planning consent and surveys are currently underway. Land acquisition negotiations with a number of landowners and design coordination with Irish Rail are ongoing. As part of the Foreshore licence process, FCC are coordinating a Foreshore public consultation for the Broadmeadow Way Greenway on behalf of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. The consultation commenced on 14th June and will run until 14th July 2023.



PSI-026 Portrane Road Enhancement Project

Fingal County Council is making final preparations to lodge an application to An Bord Pleanála to use a Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) for the Portrane Road Enhancement Project. The project involves works to widen the existing narrow footpath on the northern side of Portrane Road in order to provide a suitably wide and safe footpath for pedestrians to use in the vicinity of two national schools (St. Patrick's Boys National School and Scoil Phádraic Cailíní). The project also involves works to provide safe pedestrian crossings and appropriate traffic calming facilities. Subject to approval from An Bord Pleanála, the CPO will allow Fingal County Council to purchase privately-owned land that is required to widen the path and deliver the project. The CPO application is due to be lodged to An Bord Pleanála in early July and, subject to Bord approval, construction works are expected to commence later this year.

PSI-042 Donabate Transportation Projects

A letter of award is expected to issue in the coming week and a multi-disciplinary engineering consultant will be formally appointed to assist the Planning and Strategic Infrastructure project team to work on the initial phases of the Donabate Transportation Projects. The consultants initial appointment is to provide concept feasibility, option assessment and initial design work for these projects. It is expected that subsequent phases of work, relating to environmental assessment, planning consent, etc. will follow on in subsequent years as appropriate.

HOUSING

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Housing Supply

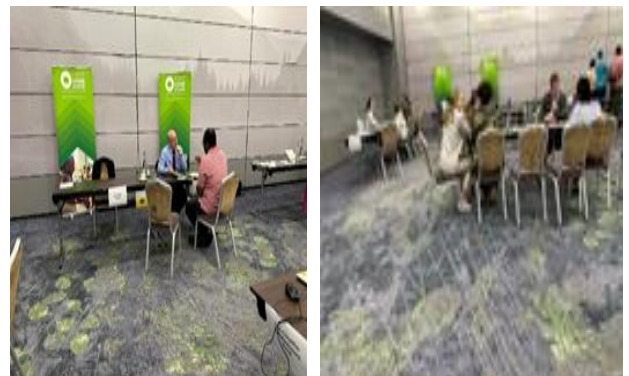
Affordable Housing Applications for Hayestown Rush

The online application portal for those seeking to purchase a home at Hayestown, Rush went live at 12pm on Tuesday 13th June 2023. To date, 518 users registered on the portal, 510 users activated an application and 457 have started their application. A total of 240 applications have been submitted to date.



The link to the portal remains opened until 5pm on the 4th of July 2023 and is available to access at <https://www.fingal.ie/AffordableHousing>.

Homes on offer under the scheme will be a mix of two and three-bedroom houses. Prices for eligible applicants will start at €228,000 for a 2-bedroom mid-terrace house, with prices for a 3 bed mid-terrace house starting from €284,500 and prices for a 3-bed semi-detached house starting from €299,500.





The Housing Department will be attending Flavours of Fingal on Saturday 1st July and Sunday 2nd July at the Fingal Village to provide more information to the public in a one-to-one setting. The housing information event will be an opportunity for residents looking to purchase an affordable home or renovate a home to learn about the various housing schemes and grants available to them from the Council and receive guidance and support on the application process.

This follows on from a successful information event in Blanchardstown in May and will provide an excellent opportunity for residents and anyone wishing to make their home in Fingal to speak directly with members of Fingal’s Housing team in a one-on-one setting and get answers to any questions they may have.

Construction Programme

Summary of unit numbers in pipeline	units
Under Construction	135
Schemes with Part 8 Planning Approval and Tender Stage	470
Planning and Design	449
Part V	143
TOTAL	1,197

Visit to Liscappagh



18 homes delivered in partnership with Cluid Housing Association at Dun Sí, St. Marnocks Bay, Portmarnock, Co. Dublin



Progress of Projects on Site

Fingal County Council – Restoration of St Ita’s Portrane 14 units

Three units have been completed and the restoration works commenced on the next 6 units at the beginning of June 2023.



Fingal County Council- Affordable Housing Scheme at Hayestown, Rush, Co Dublin 52 Affordable & 10 Social Units

Works commenced on the first number of affordable units at Hayestown, Rush early June 2023



Tuath Housing – Construction Scheme at Kilhedge Lane, Lusk, Co. Dublin – 31 dwellings



Fingal County Council – construction scheme at Bowden Court, Swords – 11 dwellings



Fingal County Council - construction scheme at Ballough Place, Lusk - 10 dwellings



Fingal County Council - infill scheme at Sheepmoor Avenue - 1 unit



Fingal County Council - construction scheme at Monastery Court, Lusk - 5 dwellings



Fingal County Council - infill scheme at Clonsilla Road - 1 unit



Housing Loans Update

The Local Authority Home Loan continues to be in demand by prospective homeowners who cannot secure commercial lending to proceed with a house purchase. As of the 26th of June 2023, Fingal County Council have received 363 applications, of which 173 have been seen by the Credit Committee, after which 57% have secured approvals in principle.

The Loan application process in Fingal is now augmented by the introduction of an online application portal. As of the 14th March 2023 Fingal County Council introduced the portal to streamline the process and ensure applicants have all of their documents in one place before submitting them. The portal is located at [Local Authority Home Loan | Fingal County Council](#)

Housing Asset Management Report

Energy Efficiency/Retrofitting Programme

The 2023 Retrofit programme is well underway with works nearing completion in Strandmill Estate, Portmarnock (Phase I), Barnewall, Donabate and Rivermeade Park, St. Margaret's. The project features extensive improvements including electrical and heating upgrades, attic insulation, installation of triple glazed windows and doors along with PV panels where required to reach a B2/Cost optimal standard.

Works are under way in Phase II Strandmill, Portmarnock and will shortly be commencing in St. Catherine's Close, Rush and The Court, Glasmore Park, Swords, while Whitestown Gardens, Blanchardstown is currently at survey stage.



External Wall Insulation underway in Strandmill Estate, Portmarnock.

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	22nd June 2023
In the letting process	44
Undergoing re-let repairs	24
With County Architect for procurement of pre-let repairs	6
TOTAL	74

**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

Inbhir Ide, Malahide and are ongoing in Sheephill and Corduff Grove, Blanchardstown.



Before and after painting pictures taken in Sheephill Estate, Blanchardstown

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 182 new tenancies in 2023 to date with approximately over 3,771 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 and tenants are required to return their Rent Assessment Form with the relevant documents so that an assessment can be carried out and the correct rent charge applied to the account.

The Rent Arrears team are working methodically through accounts in substantial arrears to encourage tenants to engage with the Council in reducing their arrears. In cases where there is no engagement, despite repeated efforts, proceedings will progress through the legal arena and to date the Rents Section has secured one Possession Order with 7 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.

Private Rented Inspections

The private rented inspections team had another successful year in 2022, exceeding the target set by the DHLGH by inspecting 6112 dwellings equalling 117% of the annual target, placing Fingal in the first quartile of local authorities nationally.

For 2023, following the roll out of annual registration by the RTB and a project to streamline registrations, the target for 2023 is set at 4,576, equating to just over a quarter of 18,000 registered tenancies within Fingal.

The team continue to work on meeting this target and improving compliance. 64.5% of the target was reached by the end of May comprising of a total of 3,407 inspections and 2,952 dwellings inspected.

Housing Tenancy Services Report

Housing Support Housing Position

Housing List positions have been issued to all applicants.

The list position is also available through the CBL portal on fingal.ie. Applicants who do not have access to this portal should contact Choicebasedlettings@fingal.ie to request their unique username and password.

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.

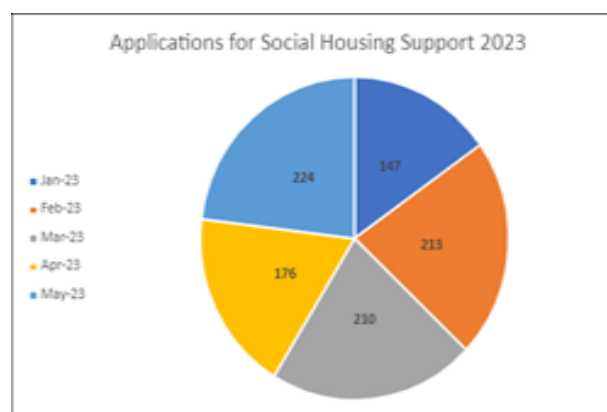
Income thresholds prior to 2023 detailed below:

Band	Single Adult	2 Adults	1 Adult 1 Child	1 Adult 2 Children	2 Adults 1 Child	2 Adults 3 Children	3 Adults 4 Children
1	€35,000	€36,750	€35,875	€36,750	€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	2 Adults 1 Child	2 Adults 3 Children	3 Adults 4 Children
1	€40,000	€42,000	€41,000	€42,000	€43,000	€45,000	€48,000

Breakdown of 970 Housing Support Applications received 1st January to 31st May 2023



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.

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 June Advertised Properties



Advertisement Period	Property	Bed	Type	Number of Views	Expressions of interest
14 th - 20 th June	Golden Ridge Mews, Rush, Co. Dublin	3	Apartment	833	55
14 th - 20 th June	Golden Ridge Mews, Rush, Co. Dublin	2	Apartment	1079	140
14 th - 20 th June	Golden Ridge Mews, Rush, Co. Dublin	2	Apartment	1239	162
14 th - 20 th June	Liscappagh, Cappagh Road, Finglas, Dublin 11	2	Apartment	1143	163
21 st - 27 th June	Melville Way, Meakstown, Finglas, Dublin 11	1	Apartment	723	125
Total					645

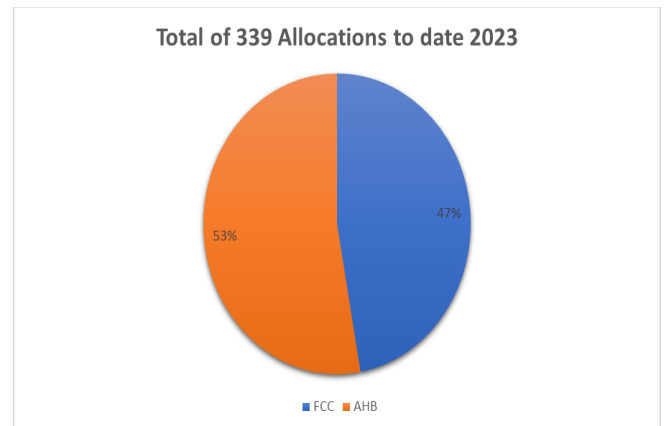
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Wellview Dublin 15, Allocations

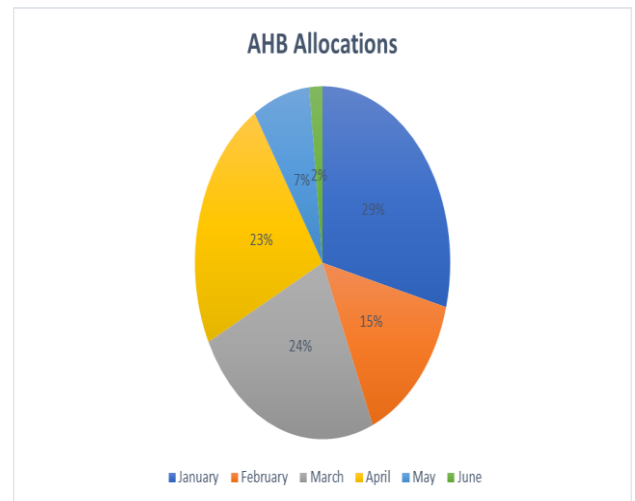
20 units in Wellview, Dublin 15 have been delivered. The Wellview development consists of 2 beds, 3 bed and 4 bed specially adapted properties. 16 units have been allocated during June 2023.



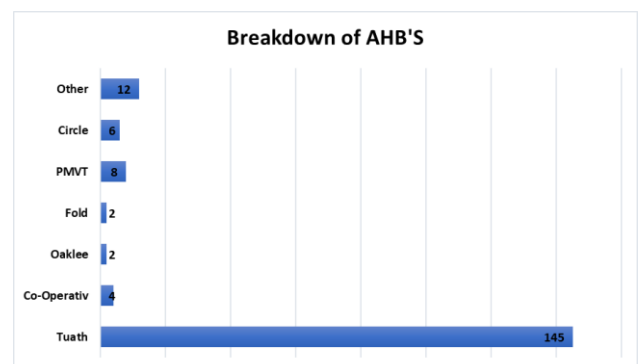
Total allocations for 2023 to date



The above chart depicts the total number of properties allocated since the beginning of 2023. 179 of these allocations have been in collaboration with a number of Approved Housing bodies. The other 160 properties allocated were allocated using Fingal County Councils own stock.



AHB nominations month by month.



This chart portrays a breakdown of the AHB'S per nomination sent to them during 2023 thus far. Tuath have received the most nominations from Fingal County Council in 2023 so far.

Cluid housing association have confirmed the delivery of 18 units in Saint Marnock's Bay, Portmarnock, Co. Dublin. This development consists of both 3 and 2 bed properties. Fingal County Council have nominated to 16 units thus far.

The collaboration between Local Authorities and Approved Housing Bodies is continuing to have a positive impact on the delivery of social housing.

Homeless Services

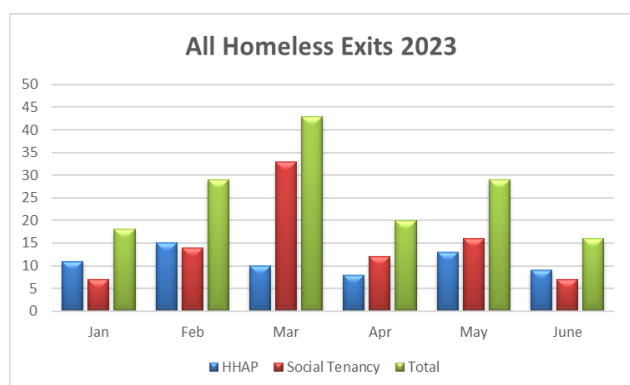
Homeless Exits 2023

During the month of June 2023, 16 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 9 of these tenancies, comprising 5 homeless preventions and 4 who exited from emergency accommodation.

Separately there were 7 households that exited homelessness into social tenancies (1 of whom exited emergency accommodation).

In total 5 FCC households exited emergency accommodation during June 2023.

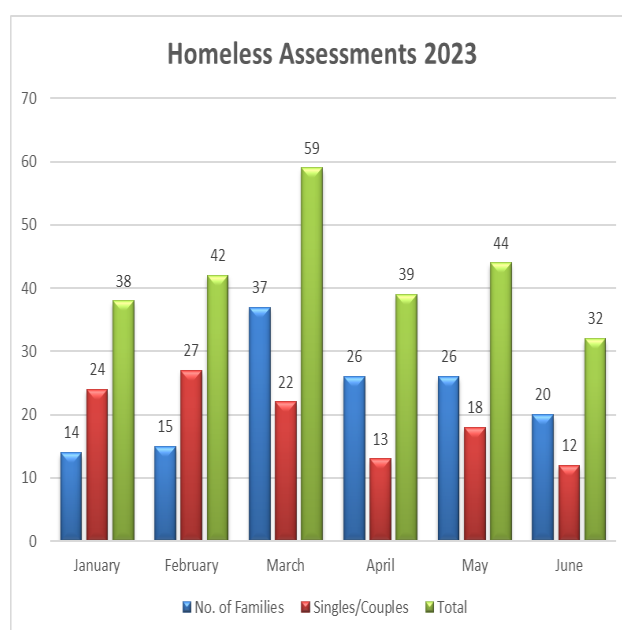


Homeless Presentations

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

In June 2023, there were a total of 32 full homeless assessments completed - comprising 20 families and 12 singles/couples.

To date in 2023 there have been a total of 254 full homeless assessments completed.



During June 2023, of the 32 Homeless Assessments carried out, 16 cases resulted from a **Notice to Quit** (NTQ) having been served, equating to 50%. **Renting a room** or licensee presenters are not protected by the Residential Tenancies Act and accounted for 2 (6%) of assessments during June 2023.

There are also a considerable number of people making contact stating that they are Homeless due to family breakdown (9%). Most of the other presentations to the Homeless Section are from living in overcrowded conditions (3%) and state that they cannot/will not return to the property. The remaining 32% comprise various reasons are outlined on the chart below.

social housing list, providing advice on applying for Choice Based Lettings, advising the person on the level of Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) they may be eligible to receive, and, in some cases, assessing if the Council can acquire the dwelling where the tenants reside if it is being offered for sale.

- Placement in emergency accommodation will be a last resort, if no other alternative can be identified.

The Council has been engaging with tenants who have been issued with a notice of termination, as well as their landlords, and following assessment, 7 tenant in-situ properties are at the sale closed stage. A total of 31 properties are at the sale agreed stage with a further 71 cases in the negotiation process. In addition, the Council is assessing a further 291 queries concerning notices of termination and tenant-in-situ acquisition.

The Council will continue to deal with notice of termination queries and cases as expeditiously as possible and progress tenant in-situ acquisitions while taking account of circulars and guidance issued by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

Fingal County Council continues to liaise with other Dublin and neighbouring local authorities to deal with tenancy issues that may require an inter-authority approach. In particular, we are working closely with our colleagues in the other Dublin Local Authorities on the implementation of the Government policy and guidance, with a focus on the needs of tenants.

Whilst the Council will, in the context of current circumstances, adopt flexibility in dealing with potential acquisitions of properties with tenants in-situ, any acquisition is subject to appropriate due diligence and checks before any commitment is made to acquire, including, for example, determining that a valid notice of termination is in place, the tenant has a social housing need, and the condition and valuation of the property.

The Government has put forward options to allow tenants who are not eligible for social housing to remain in their homes, including schemes to support the purchase of homes and a Cost Rental in-Situ Scheme. On the Cost Rental Tenant-in-Situ Scheme, this is available for tenants who are not eligible for social housing and are at risk of homelessness. The DHLGH has advised that local authorities are to be the first point of contact for this scheme, but it is managed by the Housing Agency. Under the scheme the Housing Agency can purchase a property and rent it to the tenant. Fingal County Council will undertake an initial assessment of the tenant's circumstances and refer details to the Housing Agency for consideration, where the tenant is at risk of homelessness and the Cost Rental Tenant-in-Situ scheme applies. The Housing Agency will then make contact with the landlord with regard to the purchase of property.

Where a tenant wishes to purchase their home from the landlord, local authorities can provide advice about the Local Authority Home Loan scheme. The Government is examining implementing a 'right of first refusal' for tenants to purchase their homes, as well as expanding the First Home shared equity scheme. The Council will be able to provide more information on these when available.

Work around preventing homelessness, assessing notices of termination and responding to tenant and landlord tenant in-situ queries is being led on by the Council's Homelessness section, taking a tenant-centred approach, supported by staff dedicated to deal with tenant in-situ housing acquisitions. The contact details below, including a dedicated email address NTQEnquiries@fingal.ie, should be used by tenants who may have received a notice of termination or a landlord who has issued a notice of termination to their tenants and who may wish to sell their property to the Council.

The key contact details are:

Fingal County Council Housing Department
Monday to Friday, 9am to 4.30pm: Tel. **01 890 5090** or homeless@fingal.ie
Email: NTQEnquiries@fingal.ie

**Dublin Region Homeless Executive, Central Placement Services:
Freephone 1800 707 707**

Launch of Fingal County Council 's Housing Strategy for Disabled People 2021- 2026 held on 17th May 2023, Council Chamber, County Hall.

The Council's Housing Strategy for Disabled People 2021- 2026 was launched by former Mayor Cllr Howard Mahony on 17th May 2023, in the Council Chamber, County Hall Swords which was filled to capacity on the day. The launch was attended by the Chief Executive, elected members. Housing SPC, Senior Council officials, Disability Steering Group, Disabled Persons Organisations, Service Users, Service providers, Housing Agency, HSE, various Approved Housing Bodies and advocacy groups.

The Strategy was prepared in collaboration with the Disability Steering Group, comprising, Chairperson, Mr. Robert Burns, Director of Services Housing & Community Dept., and the various aforementioned stakeholders.

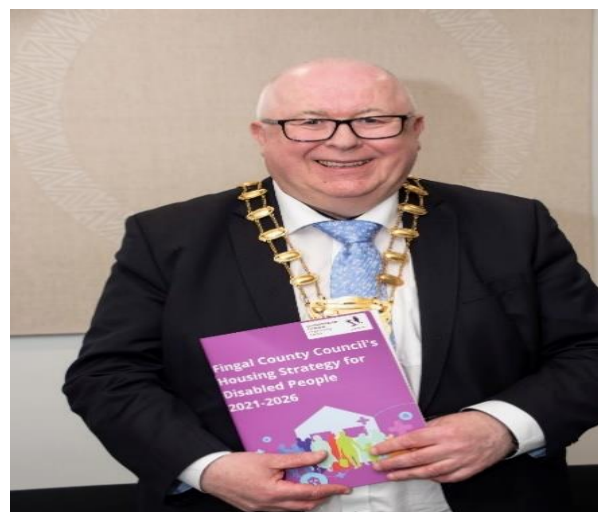


This new Strategy builds on the strategic aims of the previous one, (2016- 2020) whilst setting new aims, thereby reinforcing the Council's commitment to responding to the challenges and availing of the opportunity to improve service delivery in helping meet the needs of disabled people.

The core objective of the Strategy is to promote equality of access for disabled people to the full range of housing options available, to work collectively and in collaboration with relevant stakeholders and to ensure that the strategic aims set out are implemented in a fair, equitable and timely manner. The Strategy aims to provide disabled people with better opportunities and foster a more inclusive community. The approach not only prioritises accessibility but also recognises the importance of creating environments that promote independence, equality, and integration for all residents.

Individuals with disabilities, whether they be mental, sensory, intellectual, or physical - regularly face numerous challenges in finding suitable housing options that meet their specific needs. However, the Council believes that this forward-thinking approach - will help to break down these barriers and creating a living environment that enables people with disabilities to thrive and actively participate in their local communities.

Launching the strategy, the former Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Howard Mahony said: "I am proud to launch this strategy which I believe will help secure a better housing experience for those with a disability and further empower them to live the life they want to lead. It is a really important collaborative piece of work that brings increased opportunities for independence and supports the physical, mental and emotional well-being needs of people."





Key elements of the new housing strategy include:

- **Universal Accessibility:** All housing units should be appropriately designed and future proofed with universal accessibility in mind, particularly in the planning stages of new housing developments. This means incorporating features such as wider doorways, ramps, elevators, and accessible bathrooms to ensure individuals with disabilities can navigate their homes with ease and dignity. By eliminating physical barriers, we are promoting independence and empowering residents to live with greater freedom and autonomy.
- **Integrated Communities:** Our strategy encourages the development of integrated communities where individuals with disabilities live alongside their peers without disabilities and ensuring personal supports are in place for people transitioning congregated type settings into locations of peoples choosing, close to services, public transport etc. By promoting diversity and inclusivity, we are fostering social connections, reducing stigmatisation, and creating opportunities for meaningful interactions among residents. This integration allows individuals with disabilities to become active participants in community life, breaking down stereotypes and building stronger, more cohesive neighbourhoods.

- **Supportive Services:** Recognising that some individuals with disabilities may require additional support, our strategy looks to ensure that adequate support services are available for people who need them. Interagency collaboration, particularly with the HSE in this regard, is an integral part of the implementation of the aims of the Strategy. These services can include personalised care plans, assistance with daily living activities, and access to healthcare resources. This approach will help provide residents with the tools they need to live independently and pursue their goals.

The benefits of this strategy extend far beyond the individuals directly impacted. By embracing inclusive housing, we are nurturing a more diverse and dynamic community that thrives on the strength of its inclusivity.



Recognising the fundamental importance of accessible and supportive housing, the comprehensive strategy addresses the unique housing requirements of people with disabilities. By championing the provision of inclusive and accessible housing options, the strategy looks to deliver a range of substantial benefits to both individuals and the wider community.



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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. These works are in accordance with the objectives set out in the Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019-2024. Refurbishment works to the 5 Bay Halting Site at St Brigid’s Lawns, Porterstown, Dublin 15 have commenced. Works include replacing the existing welfare units with new modern units and upgrades to the on-site utilities.

Regular site visits by Housing Inspectors continue 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.

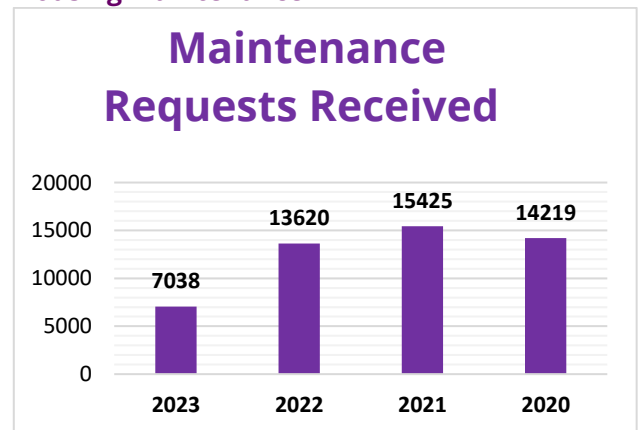
ESTATE MANAGEMENT
Housing Welfare Service

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.

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 continues, with

Contractors working across the County in areas such as Whitestown, Mary Brennan, Rossan, Bealing Avenue, Linn Dubh, Dun Saithne, Brega, Mooretown, Jugback and Castlegrange.

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.

The Housing Forum for the Dublin 15 area has resumed, with the most recent meeting taking place in early May. The next meeting of the Blanchardstown Forum is scheduled to take place on 14th July 2023. The Housing Forum affords collaborative working between Council Officials, Elected Representatives, Statutory Agencies and Community Representatives in relation to good estate management.

ASB Caseload Management

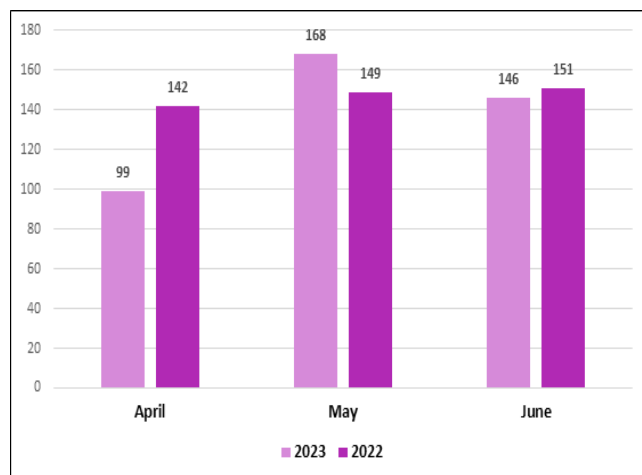
June 2023	Total Complaints Received	Active Investigation	Active Monitoring	Closed
Balbriggan	9	6	2	1
Rush / Lusk	25	22	3	0
Swords	25	19	4	2
Howth / Malahide	21	20	1	0
Blanchardstown / Mulhuddart	51	38	4	9
Ongar	14	1	2	11
Castleknock	1			1
Total	146	106	16	24

All complaints are received in confidence by the ASB Unit

Surrenders on Estate Management Grounds

2023 – 2 (Jan), 3 (Feb), 2 (March), 2 (April), 1 (May), 1 (June)

Monthly Breakdown of ASB Complaints Received 2022-23



Anti-Social Behaviour Interventions

Interviews Held 2023	43
Interviews Held 2022	101
Tenancy Alerts 2023	16
Tenancy Alerts 2022	39
Tenancy Warnings 2023	3
Tenancy Warnings 2022	6

Inspectorate

Traveller Specific Site Inspections 2023	813
Traveller Specific Site Inspections 2022	1673
Estate Inspections 2023	568
Estate Inspections 2022	1086
Estate Management Inspections 2023	923
Estate Management Inspections 2022	2109

Housing Ukraine Response

Those Fleeing the Conflict in Ukraine

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

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

www.gov.ie/ukraine

[Ukraine українці Україна | Fingal County Council](#)

The Council's Fingal Ukraine Response Forum chaired by the Mayor continues to meet regularly most recently on the 20th June 2023 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), **179 persons** have moved from the rest centre to pledge accommodation across the county and country since 2nd November 2022 with further moves to pledge accommodation to take place in the coming days.

OfferAHome Accommodation

National call for vacant unoccupied properties (OfferAHome) to accommodate Ukrainian displaced persons was launched on the 24th of November 2022. In terms of the Fingal area, all suitable properties offered are occupied. The monthly recognition payment is **€800** per month for vacant properties and **€800 euro** to host a Ukraine person in your home. To pledge accommodation, please visit the national portal at

<https://offerahome.ie> or for enquiries, e-mail offerahome@fingal.ie.

Note **Helping Irish Hosts** can offer support and advice to both hosts and guests in pledge accommodation. See website <https://www.helpingirishhosts.com> for further information. The Council is developing closer working relations with Helping Irish Hosts with Helping Irish Hosts having a stand in the Council's tented village at Flavours of Fingal where they provided advice on hosting Ukrainians and encourage further participation in hosting.

Vacant Homes

In addition to the 9 vacant properties that came into the ownership of the Council via CPO in recent years, 2 additional dwellings are advancing through the CPO process, one which has a large associated site. It is expected CPO will commence with respect to a third property shortly. The Croí Cónaithe Refurbishment grant scheme is also in utilisation to address vacancy, assist citizens get a home and is attracting increasing enquiries, applications and grant approvals.

Croí Cónaithe Vacant Homes Refurbishment Grant

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 covers all parts of the country (urban and rural) and applications are accepted with respect to all geographical areas in Fingal. On the 1st May 2023, the scheme was further extended with the eligibility criteria now allowing for properties build pre-2008 to qualify and grants increasing to €50k (vacant) and €70k (vacant and derelict). The scheme now also allows for a grant for approved properties to be rented on the private-rented market when refurbishment is complete. Prior to the recent change, the grant approved property had to be the principal private residence of the grant approved owner.

To date, **51 applications** have been received under the scheme, **14** which have been approved in principle with further applications moving to approval stage. In addition, staff are engaging with numerous other expressions of interest which have potential to lead to further applications.

Promotion of the scheme is on-going with the Vacant Homes Team present at the Fingal Tented Village at Flavours of Fingal to promote the grant scheme and at the Council's Housing Information Event on the 17th May 2023 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Blanchardstown.

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

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 June the Community Development Office worked in partnership with several community groups and partners to support the projects/initiatives set out below.

Mountview Community Youth and Sports Hub - Celebrating Community Event.

The Community Development Office have been working closely with Mountview Community Youth and Sports Hub to deliver their Celebrating Community Event. This event took place on the 23rd of June in both Mountview Community Centre and Fortlawn Community Centre and was received well by the whole community. During the event the community centre showcased all the supports and service they have to offer. There were several free taster sessions including Mommy and Me Fitness Classes, Reiki, Martial Arts classes, Ballroom Dancing to mention a few. The D15 Toy library also had a water play activity that was enjoyed by all.

SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES

COME AND CELEBRATE YOUR COMMUNITY

JUNE 23RD

STARTS AT 10.30am-2pm

CONTACT THE CENTRE TO REGISTER FOR ACTIVITIES
Call 01 821 8665
Email: mfccampusreception@gmail.com

@ Mountview Community Centre and Fortlawn Community Centre

Celebrating Mountview and Fortlawns success

The community office delivered presentation of the Fingal Community Hub supports available in the Mountview and Fortlawn community to the Mayor of Fingal, Local Councillors and the Taoiseach Leo Varadkar. This event invited attendees to celebrate the achievement of the Mountview and Fortlawn Community in its success at winning 1st Place Urban Neighbourhood Category IPB Pride of Place 2022. The Taoiseach had the opportunity to meet all the groups that were key players in winning the award. This was a great opportunity for the winners to showcase the hard work they continue to do.

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SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

INVITATION

Please join us as we celebrate the achievement of Mountview and Fortlawn Community as winner of the IPB Pride of Place Best Urban Neighbourhood

23RD JUNE 2023

Mountview Youth & Community Centre
Lohunda Downs, Clonsilla, D15 EY81
10am - 10.30am
RSVP: pauline.poole@fingal.ie

Thrive Balbriggan

The Thrive Balbriggan Project, which aims to improve the mental health of all in the community of Balbriggan, met in June to brainstorm and introduce the newly elected committee to all stakeholders while celebrating the great work completed to date. The Group welcomed new volunteer members and generated ideas to support the workplan for the coming months. Thrive Balbriggan aims to create a happy and healthy community of Balbriggan, represent all residents living in the area and encourage participation in projects and events aiming at improving their mental health and wellbeing. Since its inception in 2021 Thrive Balbriggan has brought agencies and the community together to support a healthy and positive community in Balbriggan, with local Connect Cafes and high-profile events such as the annual “Hello How Are You Day”

Failte Isteach Donabate End of Season Event

Failte Isteach Donabate marked a highly successful year of activities with an event to honour students and tutors in early June. Sixteen students, the majority of whom are from Ukraine, were presented with certificates of participation. Nine volunteer tutors, who organise both weekly language support sessions in the centre on Tuesdays and Thursdays were presented with certificates recognising the great voluntary work they do.

As a mark of thanks from the participants, a short play in Ukrainian was staged in the library. Failte Isteach Donabate is a partnership between the local Failte Isteach volunteer group and the Community Development and Libraries Departments.

Classes will resume in the autumn, and we wish both participants and tutors a restful and enjoyable summer break



Preparations for Pride of Place 2023

Work is well underway for preparation of the judging of the three Fingal entries in this year's IPB Pride of Place competition, which will take place in the first week of September.

Pride of Place recognises the best in community development in Ireland and is organised each year by Co-operation Ireland.

Garristown Community Council will represent Fingal in the category for populations of between 500 and 1500 and a local committee is already meeting fortnightly to plan the event.

In Swords the Broadmeadow Community Garden Group are entered in the Biodiversity and Climate Action category, a new category introduced this year to highlight how communities can play their part in climate change.

Finally, the Draiocht Arts centre in Blanchardstown will represent Fingal in the Creative Place Category with an emphasis on the tremendous work they do engaging families, children and the community of Dublin 15 in the arts in general.

The winners of the 2023 Pride of Place competition will be announced at an event in Armagh City on 10th November 2023 hosted by Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council.



Taste of Nations at Summerfest, Balbriggan

On the 4th of June 2023 the Taste of Nations participated in Balbriggan Summer Festival. Taste of Nations is an ongoing activity carried out by the Balbriggan Integration Forum during the Balbriggan Summerfest, which occurs on the June Bank holiday every year.

The event is one of the most important integration events in Balbriggan every year and is vital in building links across communities and cultures in the town. Every year thousands of people in the town attend the Summerfest.



Castleland Community Funday to mark Centre Reopening in Balbriggan

Castleland Community Centre in Balbriggan, partnership with the Castleland Development Group hosted a Community Fun Day to celebrate the full reopening of the Centre in June. The centre, had been shared with a local school while refurbishments work took place in recent years.

Castleland Development Group comprises several stakeholders including Castleland Community Centre, DDELTB, Balbriggan Garda, Foroige, Castleland Neighbourhood Watch, Castleland Park View Residents Association and Fingal County Council Community Office.

The Funday included workshops delivered by DDELTB, a Thrive Balbriggan connect Café to promote better mental health in the community, Foroige workshops, and various family friendly activities, including a balloon twister, fairground train and games. There was a strong turn-out from the local community on the day.

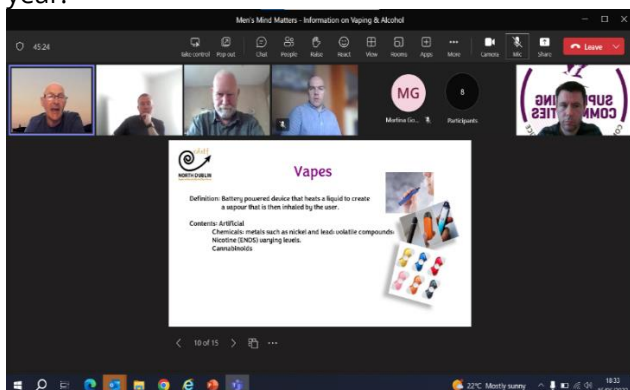


Men's Minds Matter Online Workshop

The Community Office in partnership with the Sports Office and Healthy Fingal hosted an online workshop on the theme of Men's Minds Matter as part of Men's Health Week. The free online information session included presentations from John O'Sullivan and David Creed of the North Dublin Regional Drug and Alcohol Task Force.

The topics of Vaping and cocaine use and the effects of same and information on the supports and services available in Fingal were foremost on the workshop.

The workshop was aimed at fathers of all ages to inform them during Men's Health Week and in the run up to Father's Day on June 18th. The session was well attended and will be repeated later in the year.



MIND, Malayalee Indian Mega Mela Day, ALSAA Sports Campus Swords

A spectacular multicultural event in ALSAA Sports Campus, welcomed over a thousand people from different communities to celebrate the Malayalee Indian community here in Fingal. The Mayor of Fingal, Cllr. Howard Mahony opened the celebration by lighting the event lamp.

Showcasing the best of South Indian traditions, food, dance and culture, there was something for everyone including indoor and outdoor games, sports, art, writing competitions, fashion shows, live music and bands entertained everyone in attendance as they enjoyed the day.

<https://youtu.be/6i6rZ8UZvGs>



Residents Association and Local Enhancement group forum

Over 27 Residents Association Estate Enhancement groups have responded to the development of a Fingal Resident Association and Local Enhancement Group Forum. The forum will focus on

- (i) sharing of experiences and exchange of best practices among member groups
- (ii) providing expertise/ training in areas relevant to the member groups

- (iii) developing resources that will enhance the knowledge and skills of Resident Association and Local Enhancement group members

The majority of those consulted expressed the need for supports in funding, climate action, community engagement and project development. A local advisory group met on the 15th June and identified *'energising and bring new people into your group'* as a key theme for an event in early Sept .

Climate Action Heros Awards



Following a two-week national competition organised by Global Action Plan in April. Fingal have scooped the top three teams national awards. Over 21 groups in Fingal registered to log their everyday climate action friendly actions. 517 people participated nationally and 143 were from Fingal. 15 community groups successfully completed the challenge. The three winning groups are the Ukrainian Volunteers of Ireland, Castleknock Tidy Towns, Myrtle The Coast Residents Ass, Baldoyle.

In total, Fingal made a saving of 14,744.12 Co2 omissions. Participating groups will be acknowledged at the Climate Action Hero Award Ceremony on Wednesday 28th June in County Hall. Swords 6.30pm

The challenge created an awareness of Climate Action and the positive impact that both individuals and groups can make in reducing CO2 omissions. The Community Office invested significant effort to encourage participation from local groups.

Facilities

Fingal County Council's Community Development Office is pleased to partner with Quality Matters and the Fingal Community Facilities Network in producing an operational guidance manual. This resource has been created to help community facility managers, boards of management and staff, who face daily challenges with a range of diverse tasks, to oversee the day-to-day operation of their community facilities. It provides practical guidance on the key areas of facility management in simple and comprehensible language, while linking to resources where more in-depth, detailed information can be found. The guidance manual, which will be available online and supported with a wide range of available resources/ templates, will be updated regularly to ensure it remains relevant and up to date. Funding for the guidance manual has been provided by Fingal County Council <https://fingalcommunityfacilitiesnetwork.ie/policy-hub/>

The concept of the guidance manual is to provide a centralised location where community organisations managing community facilities can access a wide range of resource materials. Community facilities provide opportunities for activities, sports and recreational initiatives, social and community interaction and meeting spaces; all of which benefit the local community. Fingal County Council recognises the enormous challenges facing volunteer boards of management and centre managers on a day-to-day basis. The Council's vision is to support community facilities to enhance wellbeing and meet the changing needs of communities.

Balbriggan Travellers Project - Annual Mass of Health & Hope and Information Sharing Event.

On Tuesday the 13th of June, we were delighted to attend the *Health & Hope Mass* for the travelling community in Matt Lane Community Facility, St Macullins Park, Balbriggan. This well attended annual ceremony, is an opportunity for service users to remember loved ones, celebrate the work of the Balbriggan Travelers project and participate in a range of on- site information sessions encompassing the themes of *Health and Hope*. This year's poignant ceremony included a presentation from the HSE Smoking Cessation

team, information on Menopause supports and raising awareness around the supports available to anyone experiencing domestic violence. Additionally, *Involve Traveller Youth Service* distributed their award-winning game 'No Shame' Displaying a life-size version of the game, they encouraged everyone to take part in a lively, informative, and enlightening game which highlights the importance of protecting your mental health. The *Involve Traveller Group* are determined to raise awareness amongst young people on how they can improve their overall wellbeing. They are also happy to deliver information and demonstrate their award-winning board game to other service providers and community groups. An offer that members of the Community Development Team intend to take them up on soon.



Interagency

The Community Development Office actively seek to work in collaboration with agencies to maximise service delivery and resources to communities

Comhairle na nÓg

Three participants from the Fingal Comhairle na nÓg have been nominated to sit on the National Youth Assembly of Ireland for 2023/2024. Fingal Comhairle na nÓg had a day-long gathering in Blanchardstown to progress their topics and plans for the forthcoming 2023 AGM. The FCNN coordinator and FCC Community Development Office representative attended the Annual National Comhairle na nÓg coordinators event hosted by the Youth Reform Strategy and Participation Unit of the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth, held in Dublin last month. The event participants learned about emerging trends, projects and opportunities for Comhairle Na nÓg nationally. The participants also brainstormed on ways to engage on these topics and learn from other Comhairle groups around the country.

Fingal Play Streets Pilot project

Fingal has partnered with A Playful City to collaborate with 12 communities on the delivery of playful streets over the summer season. The pilot was launched on 27th May in Taylor Hill, Balbriggan and this was followed on 25th June with playful streets in Ballygarra Park - Garristown, Clonmethan Green - Oldtown, Taylor Hill, Racecourse Commons - Lusk and St Catherines - Rush. The council has worked on streamlining the road closure process as well as developing engagement with communities on the delivery and ownership of the project. It is intended to provide supports to a further 8 locations over July and August.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rp18XRqaHX8&feature=youtu.be>

<https://www.irishtimes.com/health/your-wellness/2023/06/06/playful-streets-how-parents-are-reclaiming-their-local-roads-for-their-children-to-play/>



Integration

Africa Day Celebrations in Lusk, Balbriggan & Blanchardstown 2023

Fingal Africa Day was celebrated across the county in May/June with funding from the Department of Foreign Affairs / Africa Aid in collaboration with the Fingal Integration team. The groups and events that were supported with funding were Lusk Community Council, Balbriggan African Community & African Advocacy Network Ireland. The event celebrates the richness of African cultures and the contribution of people of African descent to Irish life.

On Thursday, 25th May, Lusk Community Council celebrated Africa Day with the theme "Shared Heritage", in collaboration with the Fingal Community Development office. The aim of the event was to showcase African culture and the importance of diversity and inclusion



On Saturday, 27th May, Balbriggan African Community celebrated Africa Day with the theme "Africa as a Continent "in Flemington Community Centre. The event showcased the elements from different countries within Africa



On Sunday, 28th May, the African Advocacy Network Ireland celebrated Pride of Africa achievement awards in Dublin 15 to recognize the accomplishment and service to the African communities in Ireland



Voter Registration Pop-Up Info Sessions

As part of our Fingal Africa Day Celebrations, Fingal Integration Team in collaboration with the Corporate Department hosted a Voter Registration pop-up information session at Lusk Cultural Centre on Thursday, 25th May.



Ukrainian Supports

Donation of Bikes to Liam Rodgers Centre



In June the Community Development Department took delivery of 20 folding bikes for use by Ukrainian refugees at reception centres. We'd like to thank Francesco Pilla of UCD for funding the initiative and Bleeper for providing these bikes.

This is the second large donation of bikes for rest centres, having received 10 refurbished bikes from the ReDiscovery centre in Ballymun for the residents of Shoreline in Donabate.

We now have plans in place for Adult cycle training in both locations, and integrated cycle training in both local schools for Irish and Ukrainian students to learn cycle safety together. This is being delivered in collaboration with our Active Travel Department

Older & Wiser Group of Senior Ukrainians forms in D15



As a result of a request for space to gather socially received through the Fingal Community Ukrainian Information Network we made a room available in Blanchardstown Library on Monday mornings. This space has now facilitated the formation of the Older & Wiser group, led by Olena (a member of the Network and incredible Ukrainian volunteer) This group already boasts 21 members, with plans to expand and visit other senior groups in the county. Fingal Community are delighted to support and facilitate the Older & Wiser group.

Carnegie Ukrainian Seniors Tour Malahide



In June, the Carnegie Ukrainian Seniors took a very special summer trip to tour Malahide on Toots, the Tourist Train. Facilitated by the Fingal Ukrainian Support Group and financed by Fingal Community Department, the group of 14 had an incredible day. Pictured above, 97-year-old Maria enjoying the Malahide scenery with her fellow guests.

Age friendly

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

Fingal's Older People Conference 2023



On the 26th May 2023 – Fingal's Older Peoples Council hosted a very successful annual OPC conference in Kettles Hotel, Swords. 134 older people, who represent the voice of the older people from many older adult groups from across the county, were in attendance on the day .

This year's conference was themed "***Aging Well in Fingal***" and guest Speakers, Celine Clarke, Age Action, Bernie Murphy & Tara Mills, Dublin North's HSE's ICPOP team, Louise Edmonds, Age Friendly Ireland and Andrew McCann, Citizens Information spoke about Ageism, preserving your memory, falls prevention, assistive technologies, and knowing your rights. The topic presentations were followed by a lively panel discussion with questions received from the conference attendees on real life issues faces Fingal Citizens as we all age.

Just before lunch the conference attendees were treated to a book reading from Peig McManus'

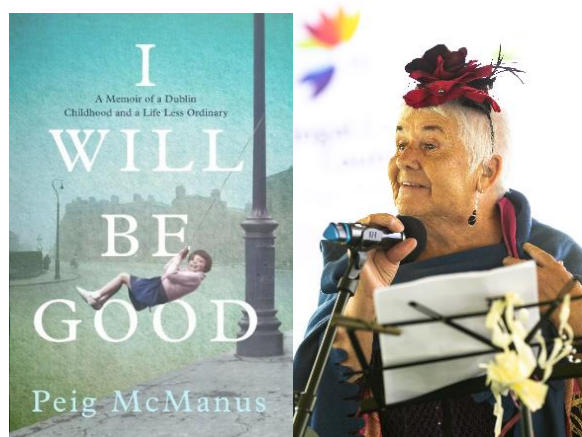
newly published book, "*I will be good*". Peig is a long-standing member of the Fingal Older Peoples Council and is an active advocate of resolving issues for older people across the county.

After lunch the conference attendees were entertained by "Stage 2" with music and dancing until the conference ended.

As part of the conference the attendees were asked to complete a short survey highlighting their priority areas of concern across the 8 Age Friendly Values of the Older Person including Housing, Transportation, Civic Participation, Outdoor Environments, Communication, Civic Engagement, Community Supports & Health Services and Social Inclusion as they Age in Fingal. The data received will be collated to form the basis of the research and development of Fingal's new Age Friendly Strategy 2024-2028.



Fingals OPC Published Author



Peig McManus, who is a long-standing Fingal OPC member has recently published her memoir "*I'll be Good*".

Peig grew up in one of the last of Dublin's tenements, under the shadow of the Second World

War. She learned early about social barriers and, from a young age, set about a path of community activism and educational reform.

Peig trained as a therapist and worked for many national organisations. She worked in radio and television for many years, and pursued studies and practice in homeopathy and meditation.

If you would like to hear more about Peig's book and her full and exciting life you can tune into her radio interview on **Tuesday 20th of June on 89.5 FM Hospital Radio from 10 a.m. to 11.00 am.** You can also get an opportunity to hear readings from Peig's memoir as she plans to take part in Fingal Libraries **Write Time Festival** in September. Fingal's OPC would like to congratulate Peig on this amazing achievement and wish her all the success in the world as she promotes her book over the coming months.

Funding

Activities Funding (up to 16th June 2023)



Communities Activities Funding has been awarded to 40 projects to the amount of €83,644 in 2023.

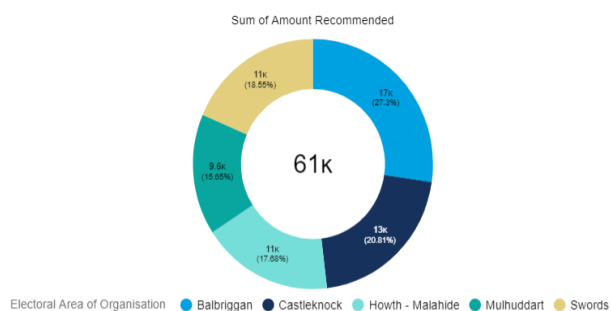
Howth Malahide - €20,812 - across 10 projects

Swords - €12,855- across 6 projects

Castleknock/Mulhuddart- €21,377 - across 11 projects

Balbriggan - €28,600 - across 13 projects

Sports Equipment Funding (up to 16th June 2023)



Sport Equipment Funding has been awarded to 24 projects to the amount of €61,083 in 2023

Howth Malahide - €10,802 - across 4 projects

Swords - €11,331 - across 5 projects

Castleknock/Mulhuddart- €22,275 - across 9 projects

Balbriggan €16,676 - across 6 projects

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

Physical Activity Leader Refresher Training



On the 13th of June, 18 trained Active Physical Active Leaders (PALs) took part in a four-hour refresher training workshop in Blakestown Community Resource Centre. Fingal Sports Office partners with Age & Opportunity to support these training initiatives. Active PALs (Physical Activity Leaders) training workshops train older people how to lead sport and activity sessions in their local groups and communities. This was the first refresher workshop provided by the Active Age & Opportunity Team and they were keen to research how many of the participants have returned to leading their groups since the pandemic. There were participants from Blanchardstown Active Retired, Corduff Resource Centre, Rush Men's Shed, Castleknock Community Centre and representatives from care homes. They all agreed that the process was slow to return to activity but that programmes such as Older Adult Exercise Programmes, Walking Football and the Refresher Workshop helped with re-connecting with groups and to exchange and share ideas.

Fingal ParkFit Programme



The Fingal ParkFit 10-week fitness initiative, kicked off last week at three prominent locations in Fingal County: Millennium Park in Blanchardstown, Holywell Park in Swords, and Martello Tower in Balbriggan. The programme aims to promote physical activity, community engagement, and overall well-being. In its inaugural week, the ParkFit Programme witnessed an impressive turnout, with over 110 enthusiastic participants joining the initiative.

The participants exhibited great enthusiasm, displaying a strong commitment to improving their fitness and overall health. The initiative's ability to attract individuals from diverse backgrounds and fitness levels is a testament to its inclusivity and broad appeal. The engaging activities and supportive environment at Millennium Park in Blanchardstown, Holywell Park in Swords, and Martello Tower in Balbriggan have contributed to the success of the programme. The ParkFit Programme is expected to continue fostering a sense of community, promoting physical activity, and empowering individuals to achieve their fitness goals over the coming weeks.

Summer Project Leaders Workshop

10 Summer Project leaders took part in Fingal Sports 'Summer Project Workshop'. Coordinators who received Community Grant funding for their summer projects had the opportunity to do the 2-hour course which looked at the practicalities of hosting a summer project from event management, safety and practical ideas for activities during their camps. Each participant also

received a Sport Ireland Accreditation in the 'Understanding Physical literacy' Course.



Try Track and Field Finals Event

Athletics Ireland in collaboration with Fingal Sports hosted a Finals Day in ALSAA Sports Centre as a culmination of the 6-week schools programme. 400 students attended on the day with children getting to experience running races on a professional track. Since February, 12 Fingal school have taken part in the programme with over 2000 children experiencing Track and Field events. Many of these students have also fed into Fingal's Balbriggan Sports Hub on Saturday mornings with a similar community programme to be set up in Corduff for September. It is envisaged that this will create a sustainable community-club link to Athletics Clubs in the local areas.

Transition Year Soccer Graduation and New Programme

Fingal County Council has been working in partnership with the FAI on a Transition Year Course for young males based in Corduff Sports Centre Dublin 15 whereby selected participants follow a year long programme of soccer, health, fitness and education since 2016. The class of 2022/23 graduated on Thursday 25th May in Corduff Sports Centre in an event which was presided by the Mayor of Fingal, Councillor Howard Mahony and joined by Councillors and Officials from Fingal County Council, the FAI, Course leaders and coaches. Special guests on the day included Ireland U21 Manager Jim Crawford & Ex Student and current Millwall FC Striker Aidamo Emakhu.

In September, Fingal County Council is very pleased to be extending this course offering to high potential girls, again in partnership with the FAI. This new course will mirror the successful course for boys which has been running since 2016 in Corduff Sports Centre. The course gives TY students an opportunity to sample full-time football training while also fulfilling their educational requirements and obtaining qualifications in coaching and fitness training.

Over the course of the 2023-24 school year, the 25 Transition Year students participating in the programme will mix their academic subjects with a range of football coaching courses and modules in Fitness Instruction, Media Skills and Personal Development, as well as football training and strength and conditioning work.

In addition, the participants will undertake an ITEC Fitness Instructors Course delivered by Litton Lane Fitness Training. They will also return to their local primary school one day a week to work with teachers in the delivery of physical education and gain valuable work experience. The Sports Office, FCC looks forward to this inaugural course commencing in September and hopefully welcoming participants to their graduation ceremony in 2024.

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Active Travel

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Strategic Planning

Active Travel Strategy

The Active Travel Strategy was presented at the full Council meeting in June 2023 and has been adopted by the councillors.

The Strategy is now intended for use by planners, decision makers and anyone else within the council who is in a position to influence how people travel around the county.

Protected Cycle Lanes:

BLRS Area:

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

The laying of the new red cycle paths along Brackenstown Road and St. Cronan's Ave is progressing well and will be completed in late June. The new roundabout layout with Zebra Crossings at Brackenstown Road and St. Cronan's Ave is now operational. Works have commenced on the installation of signage, line marking and bollards.

Recently completed roundabout on St Cronins PCL Scheme



R132 Ministers Rd to Blakes Cross + Kilhedge Lane

Tender competition closed with 2 no. submissions. An evaluation board has assessed the tenders and

aim to appoint a contractor to undertake the construction works during the month of July.

Seatown Road Swords:

Engineering consulting are finalising the Non-Statutory Public Consultation Summary Report which is due to be issued for review by Active Travel.

Donabate Portrane R126 cycle paths:

Engineering consultant is currently developing concept drawings and options report to assist with stakeholder engagement.

Coney Hill Balbriggan R132 cycle paths:

Engineering consultant is currently developing concept drawings and options report to assist with stakeholder engagement.

Pathfinder Pinnock Hill to Airport cycle paths:

Project team are liaising with Dublin Airport Authority and the National Transport Authority in relation to agreeing the scope of the project. Tender documents were published by CPU and the tender competition is now live with a closure date during July.

Howth-Malahide Area:

Baldoye-Howth Protected Cycle Lane Scheme Phase 1

Phase 1 of the scheme is substantially completed.

Baldoyle-Howth Protected Cycle Lane Scheme Phase 2

Options report received and under review by Active Travel.

Paddy's Hill to Broomfield via Naomh Mearnog GAA

Design brief being prepared for the connectivity project. Once complete it is intended to run a tender competition to appoint a design consultant for the project. Small works are being completed around the existing car park through Operations department.

Seamount Heights to Old Gold Course Link Park

Preliminary design was revisited after feedback from Active Travel and internal FCC stakeholders. A meeting with residents was held on 24th May 2023. Our next steps are to incorporate the comments expressed at the site meeting on 24th May 2023 into the proposal. This will be developed to detailed design and tendered for the construction of the works as soon as possible.

Station Road Portmarnock Footpaths and Cycleway

Majority of works have been completed by contractor regarding footpath, cycle lane and resurfacing works. Awaiting ESB connection for the new pedestrian crossing on Station Road.

Feltrim Road Cycle Infrastructure

These works are expected to go to tender for a design consultant in 2023.

Scoil an Duinnigh to Waterside Footpath and Cycleway

These works are expected to go to tender for a design consultant in 2023.

BMCO Area:

Snugborough Road - NAC to Ongar

Work is continuing on the options report for the project after internal reviews by the Active Travel team and a workshop with the NTA. Further design changes are being developed by the design team taking into consideration future BusConnects projects in the immediate area. A Gateway 2

Report is nearing finalisation to be issued to the NTA for approval to proceed to the preliminary design phase of the project.

Clonee to Blanchardstown Shopping Centre

All data collection has been collated and has informed the initial development of the options report. In June the initial draft options report was submitted to FCC for review which will be carried out over the coming weeks.

Castleknock to Dunsink Lane

Work is continuing developing the options report for the project where a rapid build option for Auburn Avenue is being explored. A draft options report has been submitted to FCC.

The internal review has taken place and will be issued back to the designers for their consideration.

Hartstown/Huntstown/Mountview Road

The phase 2b junction designs have been completed by the cycle design office (CDO). These designs are being reviewed by FCC before tendering for construction.

Castleknock to Blanchardstown via Farmleigh

Stage 1 of the SAQ has closed and the first tender assessment has been completed. We are now proceeding to Stage 2 of the tendering process. Stage 2 will be published during month of July.

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 Street

The submission and observation period, as part of the statutory consultation process, closed on Friday, 2nd of June. A review of all submissions and observations is currently underway. The submissions are being grouped into themes, and responses are being prepared. An appeal was lodged with An Bord Pleanála and a submission is being prepared to be lodged to An Bord Pleanála.

Balrothery Active Travel Plan

Tender competition has closed and assessment is ongoing. It is the aim to appoint a consultant during July to commence work on the Active Travel plan.

Skerries Active Travel Plan

Stage One of the tender competition is open and once the deadline has passed an assessment board will be organised to examine any submissions for stage 1.

Skerries Harbour Road:

Engineering consultant is currently developing concept drawings and options report to assist with stakeholder engagement. Internal workshops to discuss through the proposals occurred during the month of June and this feedback will be taken on board prior to progressing onto public consultation phase.

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. A number of projects identified through this process are being developed through the design phases for execution later this year.

Where other projects are 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.

Newtown Bridge, Balheary Road:

Engineering consulting are finalising the Non-Statutory Public Consultation Summary Report which is due to be issued for review by Active Travel.

Rush South Beach:

Engineering consultant currently preparing concept design and options report for new universal access path. Discussions with Landowners will follow to get agreement on design options and for landtake required.

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

Contractor is currently on site at various locations across the county and is progressing works to install a number of bike parking facilities across the county. Further works are planned in Swords and Dublin 15 areas in the coming weeks. 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 area. Installation works have now commenced.



Recently installed bike repair station

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.

Rush and Lusk Educate Together

We are nearing the completion of this Safe Routes to School project with all construction works and main planting of rain gardens now complete. The project team will do a final snagging walk through with of the design consultants, Operations and the Active Travel engineer to catch any final elements that need to be addressed. Stage 3 RSA has been completed by independent auditor.

Castaheany ETNS / St.Benedict's NS

Works are approaching substantial completion at the school. Advance warning signs have been installed at the school and the planting of the rain gardens is complete. The remaining works to be completed on site is the epoxy resin application. This will take place over the summer when the

school is closed. Stage 3 RSA has been completed by independent auditor.

Bayside Junior & Senior School

Works are approaching substantial completion at the school. Advance warning signs have been installed. The planting of the rain gardens is complete. The remaining works to be completed on site is the provision of permanent parking signs and the epoxy resin application. This will take place over the summer when the school is closed and is weather dependent. Stage 3 RSA has been completed by independent auditor. Below are photos of the protected cycle lane, the raised table crossing outside the school and one of the raingardens installed.

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. An initial meeting has been held with the NTA regarding the preliminary designs of the project. Work is ongoing in relation to progressing the design to detailed stage.

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 **Walking & Cycling Buses**

A walking bus and cycling bus were held at St Cronan's NS Swords on Friday 23 June, to mark the end of their Get Active Week. Members of the Active Travel team led a walking and cycling bus, to promote the use of the newly installed walking and cycling infrastructure leading to the school. In partnership with Owen McGrath from Fingal Sports Office we also facilitated a 'shake and wake' movement session for junior and senior infants in the school yard, with the students having lots of fun and getting some fresh air and energy to start the day.



Hansfield ETNS walking bus

During the month of June we held a number of pop up walking buses for students in the primary school. Each Walking Bus was very well attended with over 60 children taking part across the two days. We hope to continue this progress in September



Portmarnock Cycle Bus

Our Walking and Cycling Officers joined The St Marnocks Walking Bus for their final spin of the school term. Over 20 children too part on the day and it was also a great chance to present the school with their **Bling Your Bike to School event** from Bike Week.

Walking & Cycling Bus Promotions

We have redesigned the Walking & Cycling Bus Webpage on Fingal.ie to highlight the process of setting up a Walking & Cycling Bus for the next school year. This information has gone out to schools, on social media and to the two teachers magazines (INTO & ASTI)

<https://www.fingal.ie/activetravel/roadsafety/cycling-and-walking-buses>

We are planning to hold a webinar for parents interested in setting up their own Walking or Cycling Bus in August prior to the schools returning.

Holyfamily SNS - Cycle to Ballyboughal

We were delighted to be able to support the 6th class students from Holyfamily SNS on their annual Cycle to Ballyboughal. 47 students completed their Cycle Right Training under the tutelage of their teacher Tommy Duffy. The event was supported by An Garda Siochana and a host of volunteers.



Active Schools Week – Roll or Stroll

As part of Active Schools Week we engaged with several schools to encourage students to take part in Active Travel on the school commute by Walking, Cycling or Scooting to school at least three times during their Active Schools Week. This proved a great success by all the schools who took part and it is something we hope to build on again for 2024.

Try a Bike Days- Coolmine & Watery Lane Depots

Two 'Try a Bike Days' were held, one in Watery Lane Depot and another in Coolmine Depot. Cycle Bike, based in Capel Street were on hand with a range of bikes for staff to take on a test ride and ask questions. The days were a great success, with lots of interest from staff. We are hoping to run further events for Fingal staff during the year.



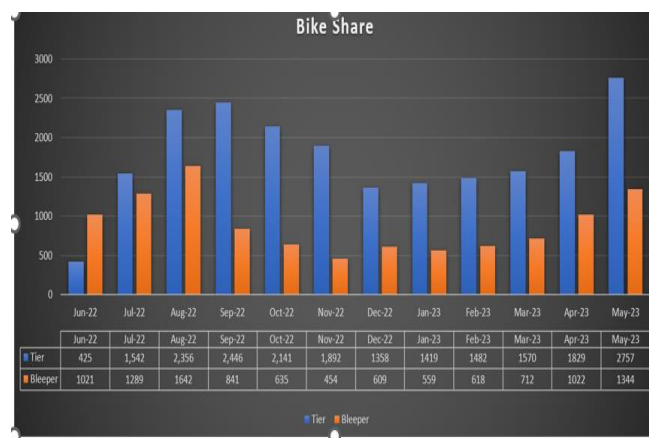
Community Car

The Community Car in Skerries continues to provide a vital service for people who need support in attending hospital appointments, shopping and various other tasks.

Month	Total Bookings	Total Trip Numbers	Appointment Cancelled by Hospital	Missed Demand (no volunteer available)
February 23	106	90	12	4
March 23	108	58	34	16
April 23	114	80	16	18
May 23	65	34	11	14
June 23	50	26	8	16

We had connectivity and eCharger issues throughout the month of May and June which effected the rollout of the service. These have largely been resolved now and we expect Trip numbers to increase accordingly in July

Bike Share Schemes



Bleper Bike May 2023; Other Key Statistics – Bike Share Countywide:

You can pick up a Bleper bike easily. Just download the Bleper app, scan the code on the bike to unlock it and you're on your way!

1334 bike journeys started within Fingal operating zone in January
1366 bike journeys ended within existing Fingal operating zone in January
Highest usage recorded on Saturdays (18%) & Wednesdays (15.9%)
Howth, Sutton and Blanchardstown were the most popular starting points
Average number of 140 Bikes available in Fingal – (SLA for 120 bikes) for hire each day of the month

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.

TIER Mobility May 2023; Other Key Statistics

Metric	May
Trips	2,757
No of Customers	1,276
Trips / Customer	2.2
Distance Covered (KM)	11,354 km
Average Trip Duration	19 min
Average Trip length (KM)	4.1 km

Blanchardstown was the most popular location for eBike Share, followed by Skerries and Malahide. Lusk saw the largest month on month increase, seeing an increase of 322%

There is still a relatively high level of missed demand for eBike share, we are currently going through a large programme of works to increase parking density for all bike users.

ENVIRONMENT

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.

As part of this activity, the ECAAT Dept is coordinating input from across Departments, and is engaging with internal teams on action review and development at present.

Updates will be provided to the Climate Action SPC and Public Consultation is planned for September / October.

World Sand Dune Day event - Rush South Beach - Saturday 24th June 2023

World Sand Dune Day, designed to highlight the importance of sand dunes, is celebrated annually on the last Saturday in June by coastal communities and projects across the world. The event was established in 2021 by Dynamic Dunescapes and Sand of LIFE, two projects working to restore coastal sand dune systems.

This year, World Sand Dune Day fell on Saturday 24th June and Fingal County hosted a well-attended and very successful sand dune awareness event at Rush South Beach. Rush South Beach stretches for

2.4km and is backed by a little over 1km of sand dunes. For coastal communities like Rush, sand dunes are the first line of defence against coastal erosion, flooding and storm-force winds. Sand dunes are fragile and are at risk of being damaged by intense storms which we will see more of in the future as a direct result of climate change.

For the event, the Council's Climate Action Section partnered with An Taisce's Clean Coasts, Dublin's Climate Action Regional Office CARO and Rush Tidy Towns to deliver a walk and talk to the dunes which raised awareness of the importance of sand dunes, how we are managing the dunes and also what locals can do to help protect the sand dunes.

Fingal's newly elected Mayor, Councillor Adrian Henchy opened the event and outlined why sand dunes are so important. David Storey, Fingal's Director of Service Environment, Climate Action and Active Travel Department gave an overview of Fingal's Climate Action Plan and highlighted the Council's commitment to protecting and managing sand dunes as a nature-based solution to counteracting the impacts of climate change on the coastline. Professor Iris Moeller and PhD student Abbie Nugent from Trinity College's Geography Department, gave a talk on sand dune geomorphology and how we can protect sand dunes. Rush Tidy Towns gave a talk on their recent Sustainable Development Goal SDG Champions Award for their work in the local community.

Overall, the event was very well received and feedback from attendees has been very positive. The Climate Action Section look forward to hosting future World Sand Dune Day events at other coastal locations in Fingal.



Professor Iris Moeller TCD talks all things sand dunes at Rush South Beach



New signage at Rush South Beach to encourage people to stay off the dunes to protect them from damage. Newly erected cordon and bi-lingual signage to encourage people to stay off the dunes

Environmental Awareness

The Anti Litter Anti Graffiti funding Competition was launched and promoted with community groups around Fingal. Groups can apply for up to €1,500 funding support to assist with litter and graffiti spots and local awareness projects. Applications are currently being assessed.

The National School Litter Poster Competition was won by Naul National School. The poster will be printed on signage for parks in the Swords Balbriggan area. Fingal County Council partnered with the National 'Love this Place' Leave No Trace Summer litter campaign. Media assets will be promoted widely over the summer months.

Recycled paint is being promoted and made available to communities throughout Fingal for public spaces. This is in partnership with the Rediscovery Centre.

Fingal County Council took part in National Food Waste Recycling Week. Over 2,000 free kitchen caddies were given out to members of the public for food waste through the 10 hub Community Centres. A display of food waste/ compost and 'Do's and Don'ts' was exhibited at the staff canteen in county hall.

Bring Centres

Bottle Banks

Environment have installed a new Bring Bank facility at Mick Walsh Park, Ladyswell, Mulhuddart, Dublin 15 which was long awaited in the area and has been welcomed by residents for the recycling of glass and cans.



Mick Walsh Park Mulhuddart Dublin15

Painting Project on the Bottle Banks

The painting project continued throughout June and below are some images of the much-improved sites. Environment have received positive feedback from the local Tidy Towns associations as they are judged on the Bottle Bank facilities in their areas.



Howth Reservoir Carpark painting the top of the Banks



Rivervalley ,Swords painted above

Social Media

We continue in Environment to publicise our new sites through social media, especially coming up to bank holiday weekends.



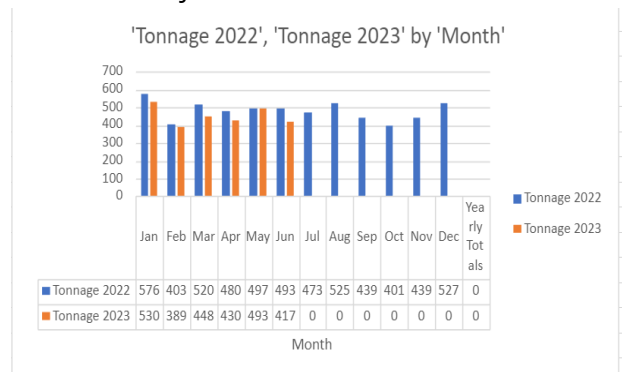
Beech Park Clonsilla, above

New Location for Bottle Bank

Location of Bottle Bank at Donabate Supervalu was moved to a more favourable position from the carpark to the entrance of the supermarket.

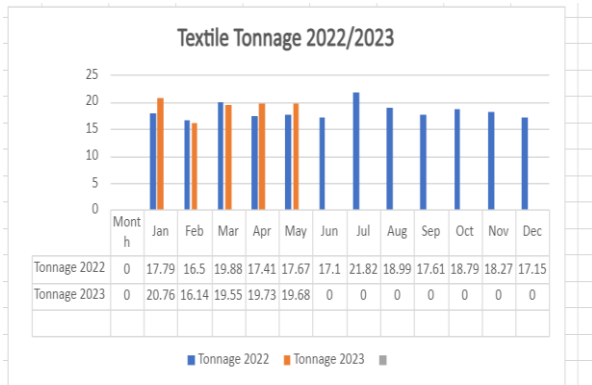


The Glass Tonnage Report for June 2023 year to date compared to tonnage collected June 2022 is shown below. There were 417 tons of glass collected for recycling to the 26th of June 2023, this is compared to 493 tons which were collected in the month of June 2022.



Textile Banks

The Textile Tonnage Report for 2023 compared to 2022 is shown below. The amount of textiles collected for May 2023 was 19.68 tons compared to 17.67 tons which was collected in May 2022.



Baldoyle Red Arches Site popular for textile recycling with over 400 Kgs in the month of May.

Litter Management

In June, the Litter Wardens continued with their daily patrols, including all the litter black spots.

A Balbriggan beach litter awareness event took place on the 9th of June 2023, during which the Litter Warden met with members of the local Tidy Towns committee, Local Schools and Community Groups.



Dog Fouling is an issue on all our beaches and can have a potential impact to water quality. Planned bathing water sampling will take place from May to September this year.

The Litter wardens continue to raise awareness of the issue of dog fouling on beaches, they carry out extra inspections daily and on the Sundays prior to the water sampling taking place. They carried out



an awareness campaign in June on the following beaches, engaging with dog owners and dispensing dog poo bags, to make people aware of their responsibilities to clean up after their dogs.

- **Balbriggan**
- **Skerries**
- **Loughshinny**
- **Portmarnock**
- **Rush South**
- **Rush North**
- **Donabate**
- **Portrane**
- **Burrow beach, Sutton**
- **Claremont**

Litter Wardens also erected anti dog fouling signage in areas where complaints were received.

The Litter Warden also checked to see if any issues had arisen for the Operations crews, carried out inspections and followed up with fines/warning notices, if evidence found.

A total of 276 planned inspections were carried out on litter black spot all over the Fingal County Council area. All the bring banks in the Fingal were inspected daily to ensure that there was no dumping. Any evidence found was dealt with under the Litter Pollution Acts.

The Litter Wardens carried out investigation on reports of abandoned cars and burnt-out cars. Local businesses were inspected, to ensure they were keeping their premises free of litter.

There were 3 cases before the district court in June. One case was paid in advance and was struck out.

2023	Fines issued	Notices issued
Month	Fines	Warning Notices
June	35	37

One fine was issued for dog fouling.

The following cases were assigned to the Litter Warden under the CRM system.

CRMs June 2023	Amount
Env - Dog Fouling	2
Env - Fly tipping 1-20 bags equivalent	12
Env - General Litter Issue	13
Bottle Banks	7
Env - Pollution - Dog Fouling Signage	6
Env - Abandoned cars	31
Unauthorised signage	1

Abandoned Vehicles

There have been 212 reports of alleged Abandoned Vehicles received between 1st January 2023 – 22nd June 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.

To report a suspected abandoned vehicle the following information is required and should be emailed to environment@fingal.ie

- **Vehicle Registration**
- **Colour / Make / Model**
- **Exact Location**
- **Period of time that vehicle has not been moved***
- **Name and Contact Number of person reporting the vehicle**

Information on Abandoned Vehicles can be found on the Fingal County Council website: <https://www.fingal.ie/council/service/abandoned-vehicles>

2023	Abandoned Vehicles Removed as at 22 nd June 2023	Burnt out Vehicles Removed as at 22 nd June 2023
January	0	1
February	1	0
March	1	1
April	0	0
May	0	0
June	0	3
TOTAL:	2	5

Dog Warden Service

The dog wardens continue to carry out enforcement in relation to breaches of the Control of Dogs Act 1986, Control of Dog Regulations 1998, Parks and Open Spaces bye-laws and Beach and Foreshore bye-laws. They also educate dog owners on the responsibilities of keeping a dog and remind owners to pick up after their pets when in public places.

The dog wardens are also continuing with door-to-door licence checks. Dog owners should ensure that they hold a valid licence for their dog and if issued with a 10-day notice by the dog wardens, should present their licence to Environment@Fingal.ie 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. 135 x '10 Day Notices' were issued by the dog wardens during June 2023. 53 fines were issued during June 2023.

Month	10 Day Notices		Fines Issued		Fines Paid	
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
Mar	48	97	5	29	€300	€2,000
April	26	152	26	42	€0	€1,500
May	418	232	11	98	€500	€2,556
June	256	135	40	53	€200	€1,500

The Animal Welfare Section received 45 complaints in relation to dogs in May 2023.

Dog Licences and Fines

The below table shows the number of annual and lifetime licences purchased in February, March, April and May 2023 in comparison with the same months in 2022. An annual dog licence fee is €20 and a lifetime dog licence fee is €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 responsible for can incur a €100 fine.

Month	Annual Licences Purchased		Lifetime Licences Purchased		Income from Licences	
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
March	458	561	47	55	€15,740	€18,900
April	529	451	54	41	€18,140	€14,760
May	1217	918	132	64	€42,820	€27,320
June	647	516	77	41	€23,720	€16,060

FINE PAYMENTS

Year	Fine Payments Received
1 January 2023 to date	€18,456
2022	€15,400
2021	€1,200

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 closed to the public on Sundays.

The dog shelter holds stray dogs picked up by the dog warden and dogs who have been surrendered by their owners either to the dog wardens or directly to the shelter. At the beginning of the month there were 15 dogs in the shelter. During June 2023, 13 dogs were brought to the shelter by the dog wardens as stray or surrenders and 1 dog was surrendered by a member of the public.

Of these 29 dogs, 6 have been reclaimed by their owners, 5 dogs have been rehomed to rescue and 6 have been rehomed to members of the public. At the end of June there are 10 dogs remaining in the shelter.

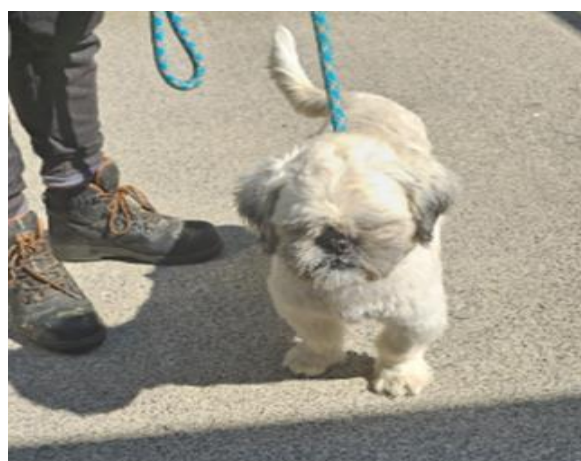
Dogs in Shelter at the start of June 2022	4	Dogs in Shelter at start of June 2023	15
Stray/Seized dogs brought to Shelter	12	Stray/Seized dogs brought to Shelter	13
Surrendered by owners	5	Surrendered by owners	1
Reclaimed	2	Reclaimed	6
Rehomed to Rescue	5	Rehomed to Rescue	5
Rehomed to Public	2	Rehomed to Public	6
PTS at Request of AGS	0	PTS at Request of AGS	0
PTS	0	PTS	1
Dogs in Shelter at the end of June 2022	8	Dogs in shelter at the end of June 2023	10



Avril was not reclaimed by her owner and is available for rehoming



Hayley was rehomed to a member of the public



Enrico was rehomed to Mollie Moo's Rescue

Horses

Weekly equine welfare inspections continue to take place on Dunsink Landfill to monitor the number of horses and any welfare concerns that the horses may have. Any horses with welfare concerns are removed from the landfill by our contractor to their shelter facility to receive veterinary treatment. The 10 hay feeders continue to be refilled weekly by the Operations Department to ensure adequate forage is available for the horses on the landfill until there is more grass growth on the site. Currently there are 82 horses on the landfill site.

No horses were reported as having welfare issues on Dunsink Landfill during June 2023 and no horses were seized from public spaces. Six horses were rehomed in June.

Water Quality

Fingal County Council have commenced a number of misconnection surveys in order to try and reduce cross contamination within the surface water networks which outfall to our rivers. The Drainage and Environment Departments are currently conducting 2 significant misconnection surveys which cover a drainage network of over 53 acres of paved surface. Misconnection surveys can be complex and challenging surveys sometimes yielding very little outcomes, however to date Fingal County Council has already identified a number of point source misconnections and in each case the property owner has been advised of the misconnection and has agreed to redirect the misconnection to the foul sewer.



Bathing Water Quality

Fingal County Council has completed 2 rounds of its 2023 scheduled bathing water monitoring programme with all beaches found to be of Excellent water quality found at all bathing areas in round 1 however recorded 2 fails in round 2. Both fails were thought to be due to network issues with a recorded accidental spillage upstream of Claremount beach and a significant misconnection in Balbriggan.

Water quality has been restored to excellent water quality at Claremount Beach to good water quality at Balbriggan however the prohibition notice at Balbriggan was temporarily left in place until the misconnection issue which is been rectified is fully resolved.

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The table below outlines key financial statistics at the end of May 2023.

Rates

Overall Commercial Rates collection to the end of May 2023 is **46%**.

Rates Collection	
Rates collected €M	72.5
Rates Collection %	46%

Development Levy Income

Development levy income collected to the end of May is €9.3m this is c.**23%** of the overall collection during 2022.

Development Levy Income	
Levies Receipted €M	9.3
Levies collected as % of 2022	23%

Payroll

Overall payroll spend to the end of May is €34.0m which is c. **96%** of budget year to date.

Payroll	
Salaries & Wages €M	34.0
Percentage of budget YTD	96%

Procurement

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

Procurement Activity		Note
No. of contracts awarded (details below) for year to date	107	
Value €m	39.5	
Procurements ongoing at end of May		
No. of procurements awaiting tender responses	22	(i)
Value €m	190.4	
Procurements under evaluation		
No. of procurements under evaluation	35	(ii)
Value €m	50.5	
Procurements at approved		
No. of procurements at approved	8	(iii)
Value €m	5.1	

Notes:

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

Appendix 1 (a)

REVENUE ACCOUNT INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION AT 30 JUN 2023

	EXPENDITURE			INCOME			NET
	Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent to date	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised	€
Housing & Building	43,527,261	90,151,700	48%	43,773,008	94,681,700	46%	-245,747
Road Transport & Safety	14,657,410	32,392,400	45%	4,994,916	8,698,800	57%	9,662,494
Water Services	9,623,678	14,994,900	64%	8,780,285	18,028,400	49%	843,392
Development Management	9,679,722	19,874,200	49%	3,396,820	5,480,800	62%	6,282,901
Environmental Services	22,360,061	48,361,500	46%	4,799,912	10,542,200	46%	17,560,149
Recreation & Amenity	24,486,264	49,953,500	49%	1,114,483	2,386,500	47%	23,371,782
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	686,960	1,380,600	50%	192,733	340,100	57%	494,227
Miscellaneous Services	11,892,592	22,836,300	52%	14,232,047	24,576,200	58%	-2,339,455
Central Management Charge	22,806,098	53,803,600	42%	1,787,919	3,904,000	46%	21,018,178
Local Property Tax / GPG				4,889,650	9,779,300	50%	-4,889,650
Rates				77,665,350	155,330,700	50%	-77,665,350
	159,720,045	333,748,700	48%	165,627,124	333,748,700	50%	-5,907,079

Appendix 1 (b)

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 30/06/2023

		Balance at 01/01/2023 €		Expenditure YTD €		Income YTD €		Balance at 30/06/2023 €
A	Housing & Building	-45,026,626		45,924,973		-17,070,856		-16,172,509
B	Road Transport & Safety	12,033,473		10,247,411		-4,703,668		17,577,216
C	Water Services	-10,811,421		471,897		-519,662		-10,859,186
D	Development Management	-134,303,923		13,257,702		-21,163,281		-142,209,502
E	Environmental Services	-21,303,306		2,709,486		-910,364		-19,504,184
F	Recreation & Amenity	-14,103,073		17,126,056		-9,200,162		-6,177,179
H	Miscellaneous Services	-52,242,890		10,238,036		-8,856,150		-50,861,004
	Total	-265,757,766		99,975,561		-62,424,143		-228,206,348

Appendix 1 (c)

SUMMARY OF CORPORATE DEBTORS TO 30/06/2023				
	Balance at 01/01/2023	Balance at 30/06/2023	Current debt	> 1 Year
	€	€	€	€
RATES	€3,146,921	€70,676,108	€68,070,777	€2,605,331
LOANS	€2,030,260	€2,077,780	€260,702	€1,817,078
RENTS	€9,426,987	€9,126,446	€4,099,292	€5,027,154

Figures for rents and loans are unadjusted by credits/prepayments

Appendix 2 Contracts Awarded to end of May

Dept	Description of Procurement	Supplier Name	Current Value of Contract (excl. VAT)	Contract Start Date (actual)	Contract End Date (actual)	Actual Duration (months)	Contract Award Date
Operations	Rd Inlay & Ancillary Works, Wellview Ave, Mulhuddart	Lagan Asphalt Ltd	€ 69,163	01/06/2023	01/09/2023	3	23/05/2023
Operations	Concrete Footpath Repair 2 - 10 sq mts Phoenix Residential Estate, Castleknock, Dublin 15	John Browne Construction Ltd	€ 65,000	01/06/2023	01/09/2023	3	23/05/2023
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Specialist Ecology/Biodiversity Advice, support, management and coordination of surveys - Broadmeadow Way	Brady, Shipman Martin	€ 215,000	01/05/2023	31/05/2031	96	23/05/2023
Housing	Refurbishment of 6 Houses, Portrane Avenue, Portrane	CTS Projects Ltd	€ 999,775	01/05/2023	30/11/2023	7	18/05/2023
Operations	Consultancy Services for Fingal Harbours and Associated Services - Initial Contract for the Rehabilitation of Skerries Harbour	Byrne Looby & Partners Ltd	€ 74,615	06/03/2023	06/09/2024	18	12/05/2023
Operations	Supply only of Ready Mix Concrete for Fingal Castleknock/Mulhuddart	Keegan Quarries Ltd	€ 50,600	18/05/2023	31/12/2023	7	11/05/2023
Operations	Purchase of 1 x 7.5 Tonne Tipper Truck	FUSO Ireland, MMC Commercials	€ 127,722	05/05/2023	04/05/2024	12	05/05/2023
Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary Works, Edgewood Lawn, Corduff, Dublin 15	Lagan Asphalt Ltd	€ 109,787	15/05/2023	15/08/2023	3	04/05/2023
Corporate Affairs	Removal of Asbestos from a house on Parnell Square East Dublin 1	Grove Environmental Solutions Ltd.	€ 35,900	01/04/2023	01/06/2023	2	04/05/2023
Libraries	Design, Supply, Installation and Maintenance of Library Building Automation solution (My Open Library) for Skerries Library	Spectrum Communications Ltd	€ 41,005	01/05/2023	30/04/2024	12	04/05/2023
Operations	Road resurfacing & Ancillary Works, on the R122 Fieldstown Bridge 1 to Surgalstown Cross	Roadstone Ltd	€ 671,175	01/06/2023	01/09/2023	3	03/05/2023
Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary Works on the R125 County Boundary to Lispopple Cross	D.M. Morris Limited	€ 473,469	01/06/2023	01/09/2023	3	03/05/2023
EETCD	Economic Consultancy Services for the Development of an Economic Development Strategy for Fingal	Grant Thornton Finance Ltd	€ 157,500	09/05/2023	08/11/2023	6	03/05/2023
Operations	Installation of new timber knee rail fencing in Swords	Fingal Farm Home and Garden	€ 45,687	08/05/2023	08/07/2023	2	02/05/2023

Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Topographical Survey for the design stage of the N3 M50 to Clonee Road Scheme	IO Geomatics Ltd	€ 164,950	16/01/2023	15/07/2023	6	28/04/2023
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Re-Instatement of Car Park Surface & Footpaths, ducting and 5 x light sockets and assoc. works at Bath Road Car Park, Balbriggan	Postmount Buildings Limited T/A Hayes Civil Engineering	€ 28,850	24/04/2023	12/05/2023	1	26/04/2023
Operations	Hire of Generators, Tower Lights and Electricians and Teleporter for Flavours of Fingal County Show 2023	GH Energy Rentals Ltd	€ 90,000	28/06/2023	07/07/2023	8 days	25/04/2023
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Construction of Harry Reynolds Road Pedestrian & Cycle Route	John Civil Engineering Co. Ltd	€ 7,715,430	15/05/2023	15/06/2024	13	24/04/2023
Housing	Employers Representative Led Integrated Consultant Design team for proposed residential developments at Holywell & Seatown Road, Swords, Co. Dublin	Henchion Reuter Architects	€ 2,449,510	01/04/2023	29/02/2028	58	19/04/2023
Operations	Installation of 2. No. Half MUGAS to Wellview and Parslickstown Residential Estates	Outfit Outdoor Fitness Equipment Ltd.	€ 75,450	01/05/2023	31/05/2023	1	19/04/2023
Operations	Supply & Installation of Permanent Road Traffic Signs and Ancillary Works	PWS Signs Ltd	€ 33,430	02/05/2023	22/12/2023	8	18/04/2023
Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary Works, Turvey Avenue, Donabate	D.M. Morris Limited	€ 89,939	08/05/2023	08/09/2023	5	18/04/2023
Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary Works, Hazelwood Green & Avenue	D.M. Morris Limited	€ 80,130	30/04/2023	30/07/2023	3	18/04/2023
Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary Work, Balscadden Road, Howth	John McQuillan Contracts Ltd	€ 100,705	05/05/2023	01/06/2023	1	17/04/2023
Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary Works, Chapel Green, Lusk	Lagan Asphalt Ltd	€ 84,460	01/06/2023	21/06/2023	3 weeks	14/04/2023
Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary Works, Curran Park, Balbriggan	Roadstone Ltd	€ 61,729	01/06/2023	21/06/2023	3 weeks	14/04/2023
Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary Works Balgriffin Cemetary	John McQuillan Contracts Ltd	€ 30,092	25/04/2023	23/05/2023	1	14/04/2023
Operations	Supply and Installation of an Outdoor Fitness Hub at Littlepace Park, Dublin 15	Outfit Outdoor Fitness Equipment Ltd	€ 113,725	01/04/2023	30/05/2023	2	13/04/2023
Operations	Installation of Concrete Footpath Works - Traffic Section	Clar Con Construction Ltd	€ 25,650	25/04/2023	04/08/2023	5	12/04/2023
Operations	Concrete Footpath Construction at Pinewood & Ashfield Green Residential Estates, Huntstown, D 15	John Browne Construction Ltd	€ 37,815	30/04/2023	30/05/2023	1	12/04/2023
Housing	Energy Efficiency Retrofitting Works	Bayview Contracts Ltd	€ 2,000,000	01/03/2023	31/03/2025	24	12/04/2023

Operations	Conservation, Architectural & Engineering Consultancy Services for Talbot Botanic Garden Glass House Refurbishment, Malahide, Co. Dublin	Bluett & O'Donoghue (Prodomo Ltd)	€ 79,930	11/04/2023	23/01/2024	10.5	12/04/2023
Operations	Bituminous Footpath Works at Balscadden Road, Howth	D.M. Morris Limited	€ 53,295	24/04/2023	23/05/2023	1	09/04/2023
Operations	Hire of 1 x 85 HP Plus 4 wheel Drive Tractor/with driver/operative 1 x Backhoe Excavator, 1 teleporter, 1 x John Deer Gater with cab	Larry Kieran Plant Hire Ltd	€ 62,883	10/04/2023	30/09/2023	5	06/04/2023
Libraries	Creator - Makers In Residence Programme & Development of Maker Spaces	Make Create Innovate Limited	€ 117,500	01/03/2023	01/03/2025	24	06/04/2023
Operations	Overlay at Back Corballis Road, Donabate	Roadstone Ltd	€ 50,981	17/04/2023	17/07/2023	4	05/04/2023
Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary Works, Estuary Road, Swords	John McQuillan Contracts Ltd	€ 136,350	08/05/2023	08/09/2023	5	05/04/2023
EETCD	Conservation & Enabling Works - Swords Castle	Oldstone Conservation Ltd	€ 621,115	17/04/2023	11/07/2024	15	04/04/2023
EETCD	Enabling Works - initial contract for SCQ Enabling Works (€5m/€750k)	Hegarty Demolition Ltd.	€ 834,932	05/04/2023	25/07/2024	16	04/04/2023
People Services	Corporate Employer Branding Project	Barlo	€ 81,000	20/02/2023	19/02/2025	24	03/04/2023
Corporate Affairs	Provision of a Water Hygiene Programme	Healthy Buildings (Ireland) Ltd. T/A HBE	€ 71,892	01/04/2023	31/03/2025	24	01/04/2023
Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary works at Bun a Knock, Naul	Siac Bituminous Products Ltd	€ 38,025	24/04/2023	28/04/2023	1 week	31/03/2023
Digital Services	Vmware vSan Expansion - Provision of Vmware Software and L	Triangle Computer Services	€ 93,231	01/05/2023	30/04/2024	12	31/03/2023
Community	Provide Outdoor Equipment lockers with app access	BoxUp SA	€ 34,443	01/03/2023	01/03/2027	48	31/03/2023
EETCD	Development of the Castleknock and Balbriggan App Trails and the inclusion of same in the Dublin Discovery Trails AR App	Peel Entertainment Group Ltd t/a Peel Interactive	€ 50,000	27/03/2023	31/07/2023	4	31/03/2023
Operations	Concrete Footpath Construction in a series of batches from 6 - 12 Sq Mts at Mainstreet, Howth, Co. Dublin	Formac Construction	€ 80,826	24/04/2023	24/05/2023	1	30/03/2023
Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary Works at Townparks Distributor Road, Skerries	Roadstone Ltd	€ 77,592	24/04/2023	05/05/2023	2 weeks	30/03/2023
Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary Works at Healys Lane, Rush	Roadstone Ltd	€ 39,209	08/05/2023	19/05/2023	2 weeks	30/03/2023

Corporate Affairs	Supply of Fixed Voice Services	Eir Ltd	€ 110,000	01/01/2023	31/08/2023	8	29/03/2023
Digital Services	Property Interest Register Annual Maintenance Services	Irish Mapping & GIS Solution Ltd.,	€ 27,110	01/01/2023	31/12/2025	36	28/03/2023
EETCD	Classical Production for Shackleton Proms Event	Arun Rao	€ 41,000	12/05/2023	14/05/2023	2 days	28/03/2023

Operations	Footpath Landscaping & Drainage Works, Paddys Hill	Jim Hayes Civil Engineering	€ 39,000	15/04/2023	14/05/2023	1	27/03/2023
Operations	Donabate Cemetary Upgrade Works	Lakelands Civil Engineering Ltd	€ 47,425	27/03/2023	26/06/2023	3	27/03/2023
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Ongar Development Remedial Works	Formac Construction	€ 806,074	17/04/2023	18/08/2023	4	24/03/2023
Digital Services	12 month Autodesk Software Subscription (2023)	Diatec Group	€ 56,063	01/03/2023	29/02/2024	12	22/03/2023
Corporate Affairs	County Hall Courtyard Upgrade Works	McKeon Construction Ltd T/A Hereworks	€ 989,616	20/03/2023	31/07/2023	4	22/03/2023
Operations	Supply & Installation of Landscapes Structure We-Go Swing Unit at Malahide Demesne	Sole Sports and Leisure Ltd	€ 52,000	22/08/2023	12/09/2023	3 weeks	21/03/2023
Operations	Road Inlay and Ancillary Works, Sycamore View, Castleknock,	Lagan Asphalt Ltd	€ 30,957	01/05/2023	31/05/2023	1	20/03/2023
Operations	Supply of Macadam for various locations in Fingal County Council for Road Repairs	Roadstone Ltd,	€ 95,770	17/01/2023	31/12/2023	11.5	15/03/2023
Operations	Road Marking for Howth/Malahide Area	Nuzum Road Services Ltd	€ 27,504	02/04/2023	01/07/2023	3	13/03/2023
Operations	Hire of Rubber Wheeled Excavator (Wacker Neuson EW65 or Equivalent)	Thomas Brennan & Sons Ltd	€ 72,000	13/03/2023	12/03/2026	36	13/03/2023
Operations	Brackenstown Road Subsidence and Reinstatement	Larry Kiernan Plant Hire Ltd	€ 75,998	06/03/2023	06/06/2023	3	13/03/2023
Operations	Hire of 2 Mobile Welfare Pods	G & J Kearns Ltd	€ 50,000	13/03/2023	12/03/2026	36	09/03/2023
EETCD	Provision of Economic Consultancy Services for a feasibility Study for the Development Regional Innovation Hubs in the Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor Region	KPMG Ireland	€ 112,995	07/03/2023	06/09/2024	18	07/03/2023
EETCD	Catering Services at Ardgillen Castle, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin	Brambles Deli Café Ltd	€ 51,500	04/03/2023	03/03/2024	12	04/03/2023
EETCD	Production & Promotion of Unison Festival	TASCQ	€ 70,000	01/03/2023	28/02/2024	12	01/03/2023

Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Broadmeadow Way Greenway - GI Enabling Works, Access Track	Glas Civil Engineering Ltd	€ 231,279	13/03/2023	13/05/2023	2	01/03/2023
Digital Services	Revamp of Council Chamber Technology	SKS Communications Ltd	€ 275,504	03/01/2023	02/01/2028	60	28/02/2023
Operations	Kerbing & bituminous Footpath Works on a section of New Road, Donabate, Co. Dublin	D.M. Morris Limited	€ 165,072	07/03/2023	07/06/2023	3	28/02/2023

Housing	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	23/02/2024	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 a Dwelling in Corduff Green, Dublin 15	Arthurstown Construction Limited	€ 124,563	01/02/2023	31/12/2023	11	22/02/2023
Housing	Renovation of 3 Dwellings, St. Philomenas Court, Ballycoolin, Dublin 15	Arthurstown Construction Limited	€ 191,625	06/03/2023	31/08/2024	18	21/02/2023
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
Environment, Climate Action	Horse Seizure Services	County Council Security Support Services Ltd	€ 100,000	16/02/2023	15/02/2024	12	16/02/2023
Operations	Urgent Drainage Works in Malahide Demesne	Aquaturf Solutions Ltd	€ 27,987	27/02/2023	10/03/2023	0	16/02/2023
Digital Services	Requirement for departmental access to lawlink	Rochford Brady Legal Services Ltd	€ 43,458	01/01/2023	31/12/2023	12	16/02/2023
Digital Services	Supply of 200 Microsoft 365 E5 Licences	MicroMail Ltd	€ 49,992	01/02/2023	31/05/2023	4	16/02/2023
Digital Services	Maintenance and Support of the Cygnus Housing Loans Software System	Gemini Consultants Ltd	€ 56,839	01/04/2023	31/03/2024	12	16/02/2023

Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Asbestos Removal Turvey Depot	Grove Environmental Solutions Ltd.	€ 89,500	14/02/2023	15/05/2023	2.5 months	14/02/2023
Housing	10 Unit Housing Development with Studio/Gallery Space at Ballough Place, Barrack Lane, Lusk and proposed 5 Unit Passive House Development at Monastery Court, Church Road, Lusk	AXIS Construction	€ 4,623,548	13/02/2023	14/02/2025	24	13/02/2023
EETCD	Catering Services at Newbridge House Visitors Centre, Donabate	Brambles Deli Café Ltd	€ 60,000	27/02/2023	26/02/2024	12	10/02/2023
Operations	Resurfacing Works on the existing all weather pitch in Skerries Town Park	Sole Sports and Leisure Ltd	€ 393,285	11/07/2022	30/09/2022	2	09/02/2023

Operations	Balbriggan Harbour Redevelopment Minor Works	Donnelly Civil Engineering Ltd	€ 448,435	23/01/2023	21/07/2023	6	07/02/2023
EETCD	Training Services for Local Enterprise Offices - LEAN Business Programme Dublin	Jigsaw VATVAE t/a Jigsaw Better Business	€ 355,500	01/01/2023	31/12/2024	24	06/02/2023
EETCD	Food Tourism Marketing Consultant for Fingal Food & Drink Po	Marie Brouder	€ 31,750	01/02/2023	30/06/2023	5	31/01/2023
Operations	Design and Installation of 25 Linear meters of ARMCO Crash Barrier along R122 Outside St. Margarets National School	Motorway Care	€ 29,670	03/01/2023	28/02/2023	2	23/01/2023
Operations	Removal of Dangerous Dead Trees overhanging the Turvey Avenue and the R126 at Cobbes Lane	Redwood Tree Services Ltd	€ 26,000	23/01/2023	23/02/2023	1	20/01/2023
Operations	Maintenance, Servicing, Repair and Ticket replenishment of Pay & Display Parking Machines	Actavo (Sierra Support Services Group)	€ 50,000	01/02/2023	30/06/2023	5	18/01/2023
EETCD	Requirement to provide specialist lighting consultancy services for Quay Street & Environs Public Realm Project, Balbriggan	Arup	€ 29,000	23/01/2023	23/06/2023	6	17/01/2023
Operations	Provision of Enforcement and Legal Services to Fingal County Council for Parking Services	Parkrite	€ 182,184	01/02/2023	30/06/2023	5	16/01/2023
Operations	Planting & Maintenance of Council Owned Summer/Winter Floral Display Baskets/Planters for various locations within Fingal Administrative Area and the Supply of a limited number of units	Redlough Landscapes Ltd	€ 173,182	10/01/2023	10/12/2024	24	12/01/2023
Operations	Road Resurfacing R132, Balrothery to Balbriggan	D.M. Morris Limited	€ 575,190	01/03/2023	01/05/2023	3	12/01/2023
Operations	Purchase of 2 to 5 New 80 kw 4 wheel drive tractors	Midlouth Garage	€ 285,000	12/12/2022	12/12/2023	12	09/01/2023

Operations	Purchase of 2 to 4 New Electric Dumpers with 1500kg Payload Capacity	Maher Tractor Sales Ltd	€ 78,000	05/12/2022	04/12/2023	12	09/01/2023
Environment, Climate Action	Environmental Monitoring & Reporting Services	McQuillan Environmental John McQuillan Contracts Ltd	€ 101,028	09/01/2023	08/07/2023	6	09/01/2023
Corporate Affairs	Postal Collection Services for 2023	Print Post Ltd.	€ 145,000	01/01/2023	31/12/2023	12	05/01/2023
Community	Implementation of a series of Pilot Playful Streets throughout Fingal	A Playful City	€ 100,000	01/01/2023	31/12/2023	12	01/01/2023
EETCD	Production, Promotion and Distribution of Tradfest: The Fingal Sessions (six half hour TV Shows for Domestic (RTE) and global distribution	TASCQ	€ 130,000	01/01/2023	31/12/2023	12	01/01/2023
Housing	Weekly Bin Collections and Ad hoc Skip Collections from the Halting Sites in the Fingal Area	Starrus Holdings Ltd	€ 64,000	01/01/2023	30/09/2023	9	01/01/2023
Housing	Parnell Estate D15 Management Service - Unsold Affordable	Paula Barrett Properties Ltd	€ 240,000	01/01/2023	31/12/2023	12	01/01/2023
Operations	Hire of Excavator & Operator at the Former Dunsink Landfill & Environs	Anthony Patton Plant Hire Ltd	€ 78,000	16/01/2023	15/01/2024	12	01/01/2023
Digital Services	Citrix Licences and Support Services Ltd	Arkphire Security Ltd	€ 25,540	01/01/2023	31/12/2023	12	01/01/2023
Digital Services	Upgrade of Broadband Bandwidth for Public Internet Access in Fingal Libraries	Virgin Media	€ 36,000	01/01/2023	31/12/2025	36	01/01/2023

Appendix 3
Active Travel Investment Grants 2023 Allocations

Active Travel Investment Grants: 2023 Allocations		
Project Code:	Project Name & Funding Allocation 2023	Comments
FCC/19/0005	Schools Streets non SRTS €100,000	Small improvements at schools (not in SRTS programme) which can be delivered through numerous departments.
FCC/20/0004	Bicycle Parking (Covid) €150,000	Contractor is gearing up to complete bike parking stands in various locations across the county. Further work packages are being developed by the team for Swords and Dublin 15 areas. Ongoing liaison with Operations and Parks to agree suitable locations for bike parking.
FCC/21/0001	Snugborough Road – NAC to Ongar €220,000	Work is continuing on the options report for the project after internal reviews by AT team. Subject to that meeting the Gateway 2 Report is to be issued to the NTA to gain approval to proceed to preliminary design phase of the project.
FCC/21/0002	Baldoyle to Howth €300,000	Phase One of the project has reached substantial completion.
FCC/21/0006	Clonee to Blanchardstown Shopping Centre €235,000	Data collection for the options stage of the project has been completed i.e. topographical, traffic surveys, tree surveys. This data will feed into development of the options report for the project. Draft options report has been submitted by consultant to be reviewed by Active Travel.
FCC/22/0001	Castleknock to Dunsink Lane €185,000	Work is continuing on developing the options report for the project. Option for a rapid build option for Auburn Avenue is being explored as part of the design process. Draft options report has been submitted by consultant to be reviewed by Active Travel.
FCC/22/0004	Hartstown/Huntstown/Mountview Rd D1 €100,000	The phase 2b junction designs have been completed by the cycle design office (CDO). These designs are being reviewed by FCC before tendering for construction.

FCC/22/0005	St. Cronan's Ave & Brackenstown Rd €1,387,711	Contractor currently on site laying red SMA. Work has also commenced on line marking, signage and bollard installation.
FCC/22/0006	Rathingle/Rivervalley Rd. Swords €176,000	Design works for phase 2b the modification of the existing roundabout is currently being discussed with the NTA.
FCC/22/0007	Balbriggan Road Mill Street and Drogheda Street €100,000	Active Travel have been working closely with the Our Balbriggan Project Team. On completion of the concept design piece relating to the overall Our Balbriggan Active Travel Strategy we are developing a brief for appointment of multi-disciplinary engineering consultant to develop options report and detailed design for this element of the project. This work is ongoing.
FCC/22/0009	Permeability Links North County €465,000	Several projects are still being identified and assessed via multi criteria analysis. We are also in ongoing discussions with Operations to incorporate other works in order to get best value for money when we go to delivery of these works. Active Travel are preparing a tranche of works which includes removal of barriers that are currently impeding permeability and connectivity issues. A number of crossing points are also being considered and provided as part of these works.
FCC/22/0010	R132 Ministers Rd to Blakes Cross + Kilhedge Lane €300,000	Tenderers have been evaluated and it is expected to appoint a contractor during July.
FCC/22/0011	Skerries – Harbour Road (footpath build outs) €905,000	Engineering consultants are finalising concept designs and options report. The project team will then engage with the public and stakeholders to gather feedback on draft designs.
FCC/22/0012	Seatown Roundabout to Estuary Rd (Swords to Malahide) €140,000	Engineering consulting are finalising the Non-Statutory Public Consultation Summary Report which is due to be issued to Active Travel for review.
FCC/22/0014	Balbriggan – Coney Hill from Devlin Bridge to Bremore Cottages €140,000	Consultant is finalising concept drawings and options report which is expected to be submitted to the project team.
FCC/22/0015	Rush South Beach (Bawn Rd across carpark and out to South Shore. €500,000	We are continuing engagement with Property Section with regard to acquisition of lands in this area. Works are also ongoing to look at options in this area that will serve not only this project but that will benefit the Fingal Coastal way route options.

FCC/22/0016	New Street Public Realm Project €583,899	Statutory consultation has closed for the project. An appeal has been lodged to ABP by local resident association. Council to compile submission to ABP in relation to this appeal.
FCC/22/0018	Data collection for Active Travel Projects €60,000	Traffic, air, noise etc
FCC/22/0019	Skerries Active Travel Plan €655,000	Tender competition is ongoing for Stage 1 of the process.
FCC/22/0020	Balrothery Active Travel Review €282,500	Tender is currently being assessed with a view to appoint consultant during July.
FCC/22/0021	Seamount Heights to Old Golf Links Park €300,000	Preliminary design is being revised after feedback from FCC.
FCC/22/0022	Broomfield to Paddy's Hill via Naomh Mearnog GAA €350,000	A specification for the tender of these works is being prepared with a view to going to tender in 2023. Small works are ongoing around existing car park through Operations.
FCC/22/0026	Fingal County Council Active Travel Office – Staff Costs €1,100,000	
FCC/22/0028	FCC Castleknock to Blanchardstown via Farmleigh €90,000	Stage 1 of the SAQ has closed and tender assessment completed. It is expected to proceed to Stage 2 of the tendering process in July.
FCC/22/0030	Station Road Portmarnock Footpaths and Cycleway €150,000	Resurfacing works have been completed for cycle lane and footpath. Minor enabling works carried out footpath upgrade works towards Kinsealy.
FCC/ 23/XXX	Scoil an Duinninigh to Waterside footpath and cycleway €220,000	These works are expected to go to tender for a design consultant in 2023.
FCC/ 23/XXX	Feltrim Road cycle infrastructure €120,000	These works are expected to go to tender for a design consultant in 2023.

FCC/23/XXX	Active Travel Pathfinder – Swords to Airport quick build €200,000	Project team are liaising with Dublin Airport Authority and the National Transport Authority in relation to agreeing the scope of the project. Tender was uploaded to eTenders in June and it is planned to assess any submitted tenders during July.
FCC/23/XXX	Donabate to Portrane (R126) - Distributor Road to Portrane Avenue €40,000	Consultant is finalising concept drawings and options report which is expected to be submitted to the project team for review.
FCC/23/XXX	SRTS (R1) – Scoil Mhuire & Iosef, Sinsear – Bayside Senior National School €200,000	Contractor is nearing completion of construction works on site.
FCC/23/XXX	SRTS (R1) – Scoil Ghrainne CNS €200,000	Preliminary design submitted to NTA to obtain approval to proceed to detailed design.
FCC/23/XXX	SRTS (R1) – Bayside Junior School €200,000	Contractor is nearing completion of construction works on site.
FCC/23/XXX	SRTS (R1) – Scoil Choilm CNS €200,000	Preliminary design submitted to NTA to obtain approval to proceed to detailed design.
FCC/23/XXX	SRTS (R1) – Rush & Lusk ETNS €200,000	Construction work is now complete and final snagging works and inspections are proposed for early June.
FCC/23/XXX	SRTS (R1) – Pope John Paul II NS, Malahide €200,000	Preliminary design submitted to NTA to obtain approval to proceed to detailed design.
FCC/23/XXX	SRTS (R1) – Castaheany ETNS €200,000	Contractor is nearing completion of construction works on site.
FCC/23/XXX	SRTS (R1) – St. Benedict’s NS €200,000	Contractor is nearing completion of construction works on site.
FCC/23/XXX	SRTS (R1) – Ladyswell National School €200,000	Preliminary design submitted to NTA to obtain approval to proceed to detailed design.

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	Social	Bowden Court (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 (169a Clonsilla Road) https://goo.gl/maps/Q2Mvqau7RceRHDXy5 (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	Ballough Place (Former Leonards Garage), Lusk https://goo.gl/maps/8u6BiRWzuLSTtmjk8	10 9x2Bed 1x1Bed	On Site	Q1 2023	Q1 2024

Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Monastery Court (Katie's Hunts), Church Road, Lusk https://goo.gl/maps/vqRAVUw8ZghM75w66	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	Q2 2023	Q3 2024
Balbriggan/Rush -Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	St. Ita's, Portrane Portrane Ave - Google Maps	14 Restoration of existing cottages	On Site	Q4 2022	Q4 2023

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Schemes with Part 8 Planning Approval and at Tender stage

Area Committee	Provider	Funding Stream	Site Name	No. Units	Status Detail	On Site Date	Handover (estimated)
Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castl eknock/Ongar	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Church Fields 53°24'44.7"N 6°23'39.0"W - Google Maps	300 27x1Bed 118x2Bed 136x3Bed 19x4Bed	The second stage tender process has been published to the shortlisted tenderers 21st April. Tender return 14 th July.	Q4 2023	Q4 2024
Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castl eknock/Ongar	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Mayeston, Dublin 11 53°24'28.4"N 6°17'02.1"W - Google Maps	121 37x1Bed 72x2Bed 12x3Bed	The second stage tender process has been published. Tender return 7 th July	Q4 2023	Q4 2025
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social - Elderly	North Street, Swords 53°27'38.6"N 6°13'06.7"W - Google Maps	13 6x1Bed 7x2Bed	Design Team being appointed. A tender process will then follow to procure a contractor for construction.	Q2 2024	Q3 2025
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk /Swords	FCC	Social -	Seatown Swords 53.459821, - 6.217958 Google Maps	36 36x2Bed	Design Team preparing detailed plans for construction. A tender process will then follow to procure a contractor for construction.	Q1 2024	Q3 2025

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Schemes at Pre-Planning Stage

Area Committee	Provider	Funding Stream	Site Name	No. Units	Status Detail	On Site Date	Handover (estimated)
Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castl eknock/ Ongar	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Church Fields, 4A 53°24'44.7"N 6°23'39.0"W - Google Maps	217	Pre-Planning and design stage. Part 10 planning application for 217 units was lodged to ABP earlier in June.	Q1 2025	Q2 2026
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 Process Ongoing.	Q4 2023	Q4 2024
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	Glenveagh Living Limited	Mixed Tenure Large Scale Residential Development (LRD) lodged by Glenveagh Living Limited 16th Sept 22 for 432 units. 20% social 20% affordable	Ballymastone Donabate 53°29'21.2"N 6°07'58.1"W	172	A decision to Grant Permission was made by An Bord Pleanala on 28 March 2023. Judicial Review process has commenced.	TBC	TBC
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Holywell, Swords 53°26'48.1"N 6°12'42.8"W	54	Pre-Planning and design stage	Q2 2024	Q4 2025

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

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Long Term Leasing

Area Committee	Lessor	Funding Stream	Site Name	No. Units	Status Detail	Handover (estimated)
Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar	Glenveagh Homes	Enhanced Leasing	Balroy House	82	On site	Q1 2024
Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar	Alanna Homes	Long Term Leasing	Hansfield	159	On site	Q3 2023

Appendix 5

External Funding – Community and Sports Development

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