



Chief Executive's Management Report

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Chief Executive's Foreword

With the festive season almost upon us, it is an opportune time to reflect on the past year in terms of work and projects undertaken on behalf of the people of Fingal as well as making provision for the years ahead. Reflecting on the year, we have certainly had a busy, challenging and productive 12 months.

Earlier this year, Fingal County Council delivered a Development Plan that will be in effect until 2029 and which will provide for the creation of sustainable, socially integrated and economically vibrant communities with a focus on maintaining strategic greenbelts and rural settlements. The future direction of Fingal as a place to live, work, visit and do business is set out and clearly envisaged for the duration of the plan.

A robust and ambitious annual budget of €361.9m was presented for 2024 representing investment in over 900 projects countywide and a spend per head of population in Fingal of €1,099. Adoption of the Budget sees an additional €28.1m available from that received in the budget for 2023 and guarantees service delivery across all departments.

As always, provision of housing, associated infrastructure and amenities remained a priority in 2023 with work starting on housing developments including Balmoston in Donabate which, when completed, will provide 1,200 quality homes linked into to an excellent road network and a top class recreational hub. Overall, Fingal County Council will

deliver around 3,300 new build social homes before 2026, as well as a further 1,000 affordable purchase and cost rental homes over that same period.

I am very pleased that another milestone has been reached in the development of the Swords Cultural Quarter as tender documents have been published. Although there has been significant progress already made through enabling works, it is envisaged that construction of the building which will include a county library, theatre, gallery, arts spaces, a maker space, and a café will commence in Q2 next year.

Providing for the financial, economic, social and strategic direction of the county is an undertaking made possible only through diligent work, consultation and collaboration and I am very grateful to the Elected Members and staff of the council who liaised with stakeholders, communities and business owners and worked tirelessly throughout the year to bring plans and initiatives to fruition.

2023 was another fantastic year in terms of staging of festivals, concerts and most recently, festive Christmas Markets. In June, Malahide Castle and Gardens once again opened up for the series of 7 concerts where thousands of fans enjoyed musical stalwarts such as Depeche Mode, Sting and Florence + The Machine. With provision for bicycle parking and links to bus and train networks, Malahide is the perfect location for concertgoers and indeed we are already looking forward to the 2024 series of concerts!

It was a pleasure to welcome so many visitors to Flavours of Fingal in Newbridge Demesne in July where we showcased the best of Fingal with stands from local food producers, live entertainment, children's entertainment and the ever popular Fingal Village where departments highlighted the many services we provide to the people of Fingal.

Being recognised for excellence is indeed an honour and it is a source of pride for all of us in Fingal County Council that in 2023 Hartstown Park in Dublin 15 was awarded a Green Flag from An Taisce. This very popular park is a haven for visitors of all ages with an all-weather pitch, cycling and walking trails and children and adults exercise areas. The awarding of the green flag brings to seven the number of green flags achieved by Fingal parks this year which is a great testament to the dedication of the staff who sustainably manage these parks for the enjoyment of all. Staying with horticulture, 'A Breathing Space for Fingal' won a coveted gold medal at this year's Bord Bia Bloom – a phenomenal achievement. The garden, which was visited by President Michael D. Higgins and his wife Sabina, comprised of a stunning collection of more than 3,000 perennial plants and mature trees which were used to create a forest bathing space. This remarkable garden is now permanently located in a Community Garden in Lanesborough Park, Meakstown in Dublin 15 and serves as a lasting tribute to all those who endured hardships during the challenging period of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Each year the Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Awards celebrate the outstanding work being carried out by Local Authorities all over Ireland. This year I am very pleased that Fingal County Council won the award in the Communications category for our 3D/Virtual Reality Models of Public Realm Projects.

In recent weeks, towns and villages across the county have been decorated and illuminated in preparation for the season. In Dublin 15, Shackleton Gardens were transformed into a spectacular wonderland as the Festive Lights Show enchanted visitors each day. It was a visual treat for all ages as immersive projections and vibrant colours lit up this beautiful location. Christmas Markets all across Fingal have also bestowed on us that uniquely festive feeling with a vast array of stalls from artisan food producers, skilled craftspeople and artists all offering visitors the opportunity to support local businesses and pick up exceptional gifts for friends and family.

On behalf of the Executive Management Team and the Elected Members, may I wish you all a very peaceful and Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

AnnMarie Farrelly
Chief Executive

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People Services - Recruitment

Recruitment Programme 2023 YTD	
Total Recruitment Campaigns	91
Campaigns Completed	72
Current Active Campaigns	19
Interviews Held to date	2013
New Starters	194
Number of Current Job Offers	48

Learning and Development

The Learning & Development team continues to implement and deliver the staff training programme for 2023.

October Completed Courses	
Number of courses	64.5
Number of Attendees	727
Number of Training Days	597.5

New Courses

In November, we launched a Competency-based Interview Skills Course, catering to both indoor and outdoor staff through in-person sessions and live webinars. This training fosters personal development, empowering our current staff to advance within the organisation.



Climate Action Raising Awareness Training

In November, our second round of climate action training for outdoor staff marked a key National KPI for Local Authorities and fulfilled commitments in our Climate Action Plan. Over a two-week span, 163 outdoor staff participated. We extend gratitude to operations staff and depots for efficiently managing high attendance while maintaining operational services.



December Learning and Development courses being delivered.

Business and Interpersonal Skills

Ignite Staff Development Programme
 Team Building Training
 Grade 5 Management Development
 Grade 6 Management Development
 Managing Aggressive behaviour
 A-Z of Local Government
 Diversity and Interculturalism
 Getting the most from PMDS
 Staff Induction
 MS Teams Training
 Public Works Training

Health and Safety

Safepass
 Driver CPC module 5
 Manual Handling
 Woodchipper

Wellbeing

Mental Health First Aid
 Digital Gym information session.

IT

Basic IT Skills

Wellbeing Update

On November 20th and 21st, we conducted another impactful round of Mental Health First Aid Training. In 2023, we've already empowered 50 staff through this invaluable course, with plans to train more in 2024. This aligns seamlessly with our wellbeing strategy, fostering an open organisational culture around mental health.



Fingal County Council Digital Gym.

On November 20th, we launched our exclusive Digital Gym for staff, a collaboration with Spectrum Life. Offering diverse fitness classes, including Yoga, Pilates, HIIT, Combat, and more, our platform ensures accessibility and flexibility. This initiative reflects our commitment to holistic wellbeing, empowering staff to enhance physical and mental health seamlessly.

Employee Assistance Service

We communicated the annual usage figures of our Employee Assistance service to our wellbeing champions and committee. With an average uptake of 5.3%, typical for an organisation our size, the primary concerns raised by staff will remain the central focus of our 2024 wellbeing program.

HSU – Health & Safety Unit

The HSU carried out 21 site safety inspections and audits for the month of November, 15 VDU assessments for office and remote based staff along with carrying out incident investigations and sending out 8 draft ancillary safety statements for consultation with staff including a risk assessment of indoor air quality. Staff queries to the HSU continued throughout November with the majority of queries pertaining to remote VDU assessments. The staff health and safety quiz draw [a health and safety week initiative] took place mid-November with a total of six winners drawn.

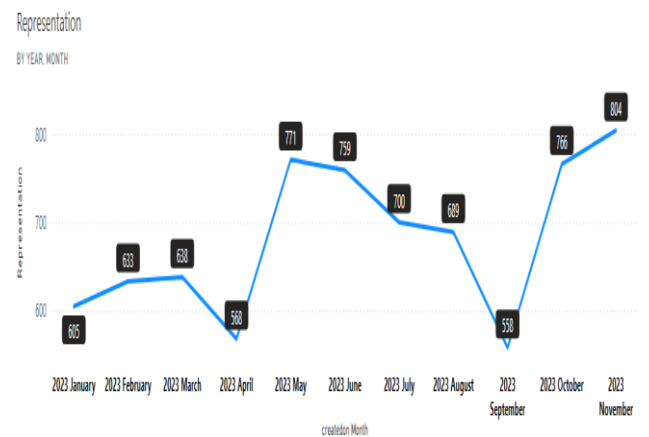


Customer Services

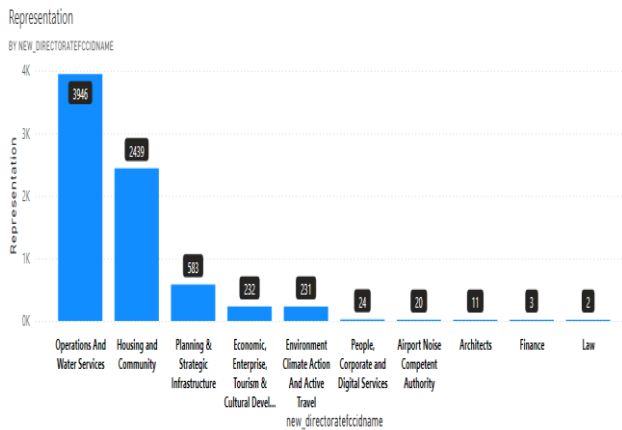
Month	Total No. of Calls	Total No. of Emails	Presenting in Person
November	16370	380	1698

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 total number of Elected Members’ representations were as follows for November – 804



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



Digital Services

Digital Services

- Digital Working
- Digital Services Infrastructure & Support
- VR for Libraries Launch
- Smart City Expo
- The Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Governments Awards win

VR for Libraries Launch

The VR for libraries project launched in Blanchardstown Library on Tuesday 14th of November. Attended by the Mayor of Fingal, CE AnnMarie Farrelly, Director of Service Mary Egan and Betty Boardman County Librarian, along with some of the VR champions and a TY class from Blakestown CC.

The TY students had a chance to experience VR, many for the first time. They enjoyed time using some of the curated apps on the VR and one of the 3D planning models.



After speeches from Lisa Deacon, project manager, Fingal Mayor Adrian Hinchey, and CE AnnMarie Farrelly the project was officially launched and open for public use.



The VR for libraries project went down very well with the TY students, with comments of thanks and "we will be back to try more" as they returned to school. The survey done on the day reflected this.

Smart City Expo

Fingal County Council was represented at this years Smart Cities Expo World Congress in Barcelona. Held each year, the Expo is the world's biggest and most influential event on urban innovation. It connects leaders from industry, governments and academia to move cities towards a better future. Aishling Hyland, Digital Programme Officer showcased FCC projects and gave a talk on Smart Dublin, an initiative of the four Dublin local authorities.



The Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Awards

Excellence in Local Government awards was held on Thursday 23rd of November in the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Santry. The Digital Services Department was shortlisted in the Communications category for Use of 3D Models & VR experiences to Enhance Planning Consultations. Happily, FCC scoped the top prize in the communications category.



The Waterford Crystal trophy was accepted by Aishling Hyland Digital Services, Mayor of Fingal Adrian Hinchey CE AnnMarie Farrelly, Aoife Sheridan, Economic Development and Lisa Deacon Digital Services. It was a happy night for the team.

Communications

Website

There were 124,182 visitors to the fingal.ie website during November and 287,440 page views. The average time spent on the site was one minute and 55 seconds. Those figures bring the total number of visitors to the website this year to 1,352,037 which is already 24,664 more than the total figure for 2022. The most popular pages during the month were Planning, Christmas Markets, Contact Us, Pitch Playability and Libraries

Press Releases

There were 18 press releases issued in November. These included the welcoming of a Global Award for our Senior Parks and Landscape Officer Kevin Halpenny, the passing of the 2024 budget by councillor, and the issuing of the tender for the iconic building that will house the new library, theatre and gallery in the Swords Cultural Quarter. Another press release promoted the Christmas Markets in Swords Castle, Bremore Castle and Shackleton Gardens while others promoted Clean Air Week, the Annual Adventure Tourism Conference and Fingal Inclusion Week.

Videos

Eight videos were published during November and these included the provision of VR Headsets for Libraries, Turvey Nature Reserve, Fingal's Food Heritage, Active Travel and Swords Festival of Fire. Videos can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/@FingalCountyCouncilVideo/videos>

Social Media

Social Media was used to deliver messages to residents during Storm Debi which hit Ireland on November 13 and resulted in a Red Storm Alert for Fingal.

Facebook remains the Council's most popular social media platform with 32,391 followers. The top post was the announcement of the Christmas Markets which reached 34,282 people, had 35,560 impressions and generated 4,335 clicks.

X, which was formerly known as Twitter, has 23,119 followers and during November there was an engagement rate of 1.6% from 269,800 impressions.

LinkedIn has 8,061 followers, Instagram has 8,382 followers and the You Tube channel has 1,190 subscribers.

The five corporate social media channels now have a cumulative following of 73,143.

Shop Local

A Shop Local for Christmas campaign has been rolled out in the lead up to Christmas. It features advertisements on bus shelters, social media and local print media urging people to shop within Fingal.



Events

The Communications Unit provided event management support to the Housing Department for a morning briefing with financial advisers and also assisted Corporate Services with the Mayor's event to mark the 25th anniversary of the Good Friday Agreement. The Unit also hosted an East Region Major Emergency Management workshop and training exercise in County Hall, Swords, for Media Liaison Officers from the three principal response agencies.

Media Queries

The Communications Unit received 27 media queries during November. Topics included the Peter McVerry Trust, Dog Attacks, Storm Debi, Planning and Dublin Airport.

Building Facilities

Energy Team

SEAI Awards 2023

Members of the Energy Team represented Fingal in attending the SEAI Awards 2023 in November, where Fingal County Council were finalists in the category 'Leadership in the Public Sector Decarbonisation and Energy efficiency'

Fingal were selected as one of 3 Finalists in this category, and while we didn't win on the day, it was a great achievement for Fingal to be selected as one of the top 3 finalists.

Across all 11 categories there was 141 entries in total.

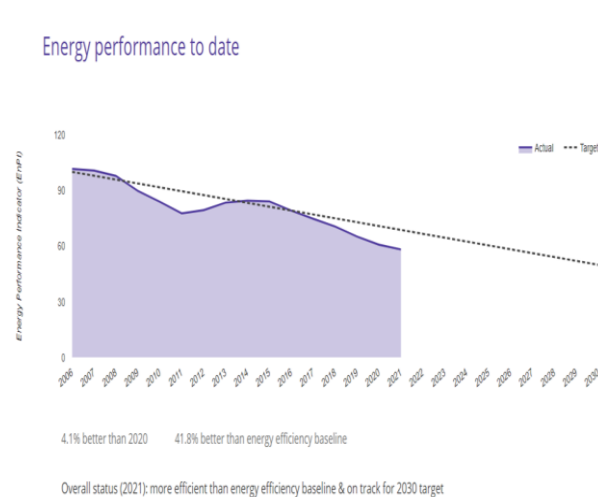


Fingal County Council - Annual Energy Statement 2021

On the 6th of November 2023 the SEAI released the Annual Report 2022 on Public Sector Energy Performance.

The report which captures 2021 data shows that the 345 public bodies and 2,898 schools who reported collectively improved their energy efficiency by 31.5% since 2009.

Fingal's Energy Performance to date is shown in the graph below. Fingal Energy savings since energy efficiency baseline is at a rate of 41.8% of our overall 50% reduction required by 2030. This information is based on the data reported by the Council for 2021 through SEAI's public sector energy monitoring and reporting (M&R) system.



Current Judicial Review Cases - October 2023

Erigo Limited and Joseph Flood -v- Fingal County Council and others Intended Judicial Review - High Court Record Number 2023/1233 JR
Timothy Fitzgerald and James Fitzgerald -v- Fingal County Council - High court Record Number 2023_1236_JR
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
Portmarnock Real Estate Developments Limited and St. Marnocks 11 DAC -v- An Bord Pleanála and Fingal County Council - High Court Record No. 2023/901 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
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
DAA v Fingal County Council and the Irish Aviation Authority and ors - High Court record Number 2023 / 916 JR
FRIENDS OF THE IRISH ENVIRONMENT COMPANY LIMITED & ANOR -V- MINISTER FOR HOUSING LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND HERITAGE - High Court Record Number 2023/1047 JR
Christian Morris v. An Bord Pleanála, Fingal County Council and Trafalgar Capital Limited High Court Record No. 2022 1074 JR
Fiacre Ó Cairbre -v- An Bord Pleanála, Garlandbrook Limited, Alcove Ireland Four Limited, and Uisce Éireann - High Court No 2023/570 JR
Kinwest Limited -v- An Bord Pleanála, Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage and Ireland and Attorney General High Court Record No. 2023/1206 JR
Kinwest Limited -v- An Bord Pleanála, Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage and Ireland and Attorney General High Court Record No. 2023/1207 JR
Kinwest Limited -v- An Bord Pleanála, Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage and Ireland and Attorney General High Court Record No. 2023/1208 JR
Martin Ryan and Mary Ryan - High Court Judicial Review Proceedings Record Number :- 2023 No 1245 JR
Niall O'Connor & Geraldine Kiernan V ABP & FCC High Court Record No. 2023/1122 JR
Barford Holdings Limited v Fingal County Council High Court Record No 2020/616 JR
Jimmy Guerin -v- Fingal County Council High Court Record No 2022/116 JR

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TOURISM DEVELOPMENT TOURISM AND FOOD STRATEGIES



The Fingal Tourism Strategy was agreed and the Fingal Food & Drink Policy was adopted at the November Council meeting and plans to launch both documents are underway.

Fingal Food & Drink Network



To round up all the events and initiatives of the year, and to acknowledge the support of Fingal County Council, FFDN will issue a newsletter to members and potential members in early December 2023

The Network held its final meeting of the year on 28th November. They discussed plans for 2024 including potential familiarisation trips to the Boyne Valley and Belfast Food trail in early 2024.

Tradfest Reception



At an evening reception on 29th November in County Hall, the Mayor welcomed key stakeholders from the tourism and hospitality sectors, local tourism groups and representatives from the traditional Irish music community in Fingal to celebrate and promote the upcoming Tradfest concerts taking place across Fingal at the end of January 2024.

Dublin LA Tourism Network

A meeting of key tourism personnel from the 4 Dublin local authorities took place in SDCC at Tallaght Stadium on 23rd November. This meeting was a great opportunity to share information in respect of each LA's tourism strategies, address concerns and challenges in areas such as branding, tourism data analysis and collation for the Dublin region, promotion of Dublin by Failte Ireland and consider options for further collaboration.

IAAT Conference in November



Ireland's Association for Adventure Tourism (IAAT) held its Annual Two-Day Conference at the Castleknock Hotel on 21st & 22nd November. The 2023 Adventure Tourism Conference was supported by Fingal County Council as the main event sponsor, Tourism Northern Ireland and Fáilte Ireland. The IAAT conference included a day of adventure activities followed by talks, guest speakers and discussion panels with industry leaders.

IAAT hosted a Fingal Tourism Showcase & Networking event on the first evening of the conference. The Mayor formally welcomed delegates to Fingal and mingled with guests and participants from across Fingal's tourism businesses. The showcase event was a great opportunity to meet tour operators, activity providers, and successfully highlighted the best of tourism offerings in Fingal.

The Events team is busy delivering events across the county for the Festive Season including Christmas Markets, Lighting Ups, Malahide Santa Parade and Festive Lights Show in Shackleton Garden, Clonsilla.

All information on Festive Events can be found at www.eventsinfingal.ie/christmas

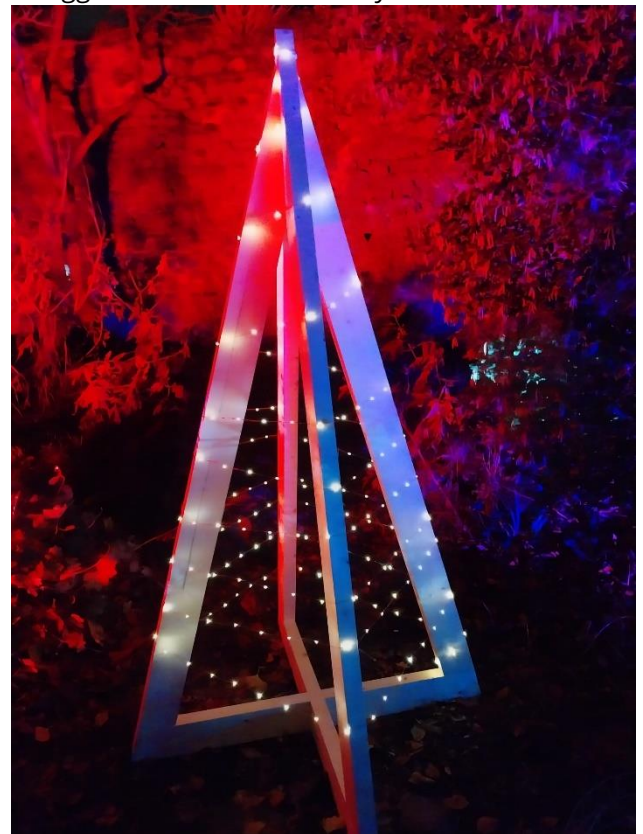


EVENTS

Festive Events in Fingal 2023



The Festive Light Show in Shackleton Garden began on the 20th of November and has been extended until 10th of December. This years show is bigger and better than last year.





St. Brigid's Day 2024



We are pleased to confirm that we have organised exciting daytime activities on a similar scale to last year. Additionally, we are diligently working on an evening concert featuring talented female artists to be held in St. Brigid's Church. Due to the unpredictable weather in February these events will be indoors in local community facilities. We will communicate all the event details once they are confirmed.

Festival & Event Funding 2024



The 2024 Festival & Event Funding Scheme was launched on the 29th of September. With over 100 funding awards given out this year covering an impressive array of events and festivals the scheme will be open until the end of January 2024. So far 18 groups are in the process of submitting applications, we would encourage groups to apply early.

HERITAGE PROPERTIES

Ardgillan Castle and Gardens - RTE Nationwide Feature



Ardgillan Castle and Gardens featured on RTE Nationwide which was aired on the 3rd November. Anne Cassin the presenter of the show was given a tour of the Castle and Gardens which covered exciting things happening in the Castle, such as the recently completed restoration project of the roof and windows, artists' studios, as well as the recently launched art gallery.

Newbridge House - Roof and Window Conservation Works



The roof and window conservation works on Newbridge House are now substantially complete. Scaffolding has been dropped in line with the completion of the external works. Internal plaster repairs and redecorating are near completion, and work is currently underway putting all the interiors back to their original state. The tours are expected to reopen to the public in early December.

Swords Castle Halloween Spooktacular

On the 30th of October Swords Castle hosted an event run by the DAA and their event management company, which was focussed on local families from the Swords area. The event had spooky guests, scary storytelling, a pumpkin patch, and a Halloween disco. All sorts of Ghouls and Goblins showed up and a good evening was had by all. The feedback from all involved, and the Castle guides was very positive and more young people got their first visit to the Castle grounds.



Malahide Castle – Wonderlights



Ireland's biggest ever immersive light show experience "Wonderlights" has returned to Malahide Castle and Gardens with a brighter, bolder and more eye-catching display. The operator on-site has received huge positive feedback for the quality of the display this year. Particular attention has been placed on illuminating gardens this year with a 'The Magic of Winter' theme, which brings the beauty of the winter garden to life. Wonderlights returned to Malahide Castle on the 10th of November and will run until January 2nd.

The full experience can be booked at:

<https://followfoxevents.digitickets.ie/event-tickets/50554?catID=49716&branches.branchID=2120>

CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

ARTS

Youth and Education

Exploring & Thinking Dublin Local Authority Partnership Malahide Castle

The Exploring & Thinking Early Childhood Arts Partnership held a Practice Sharing Day at Malahide Castle on November 16th. Artists in receipt of local authority support gave presentations on their work, followed by guest speaker Suzanne Zeedyk (UK) -a developmental psychologist and research scientist interested in the importance of connection in our early years, who gave a presentation on what the science tells us about early brain development. Dr Zeedyk and an invited panel of artists discussed the role of the arts in human development and society followed by an open floor dialogue with the audience sharing practice and experience. We welcomed members of the Arts Council, educators, policy makers, arts managers and others with an interest in early childhood arts and had a very successful event. <https://www.fingal.ie/events/exploring-thinking-practice-sharing-event>



Youth Dance Feasibility Study, Public Consultation

Fingal Arts Office and Dublin Youth Dance Company invite young dancers and dance enthusiasts to contribute to a survey which aims to map youth dance engagement in Fingal.

The online survey is part of a collaborative research and development project between FCC Arts Office and DYDC. The purpose of the project is to map youth dance activity in Fingal and to explore the development of a contemporary youth dance programme for children and young people aged 10-23 years old. Informed by extensive stakeholder consultation and research, the project will culminate in a feasibility study for the development of contemporary dance opportunities with, for and by children and young people (aged 10-23 years) from diverse and new communities in Fingal.

The survey seeks to gather insights, ideas and perspectives from children and young people who are living in Fingal and/or currently participating in formal or informal dance activities in Fingal of any type.

Survey Link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DYDC-Fingal-Youth-Dance-Survey> The closing date for responses was **Sunday 3rd December 2023.**



Public Art

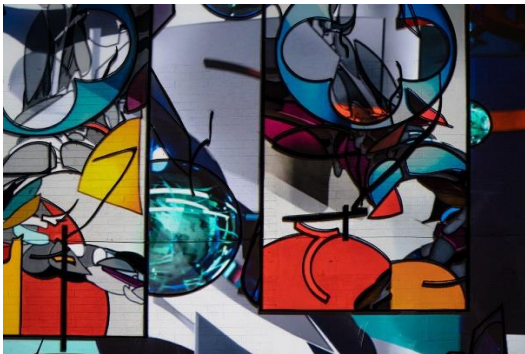
Decade of Centenaries Commission – Turning of the Tithe by Sophie Daly

We marked the final chapter of the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport & Media funded Decade of Centenaries Programme with a new work by Fingal Artist Sophie Daly titled **Turning of the Tithe**. The work was created in partnership with the libraries and archive team and forms part of the exhibition and publication *Politics, War & Revolution – 1912-2023*. This animated work reflected on the often silent losses during this period of history where the plight of mothers losing sons in the fight for Irish Freedom was all but forgotten. The artist originally from Lusk, had her own connection to the Decade of Centenaries having attended the Thomas Ashe Primary School and having relatives that were part of Fingal's History. The work, the book and the exhibition was launched in County Hall by Cllr Adrian Henchy Mayor of Fingal. The animation will tour with the exhibition to libraries in 2024.



James Earley - Mural Commission - Snugborough Road Interchange

Artist James Earley has been appointed following a limited competition to deliver a new mural for the underpass of the Snugborough Road Interchange. The proposal was presented and supported by local councillors as part of the progress meeting updates on the interchange project with our colleagues in engineering and construction partners BAM. The work will commence in December this year and will be completed by January 2024. (Sample of previous work).



- 12 Months Free Studio at MART Studios Harolds Cross - beginning January 2024
- €800 towards production of work.
- A place in MART's Annual Awards Exhibition, where the artist will join a group exhibition and receive an artist fee and materials & technical fee and marketing support from MART.



Fingal Arts Office Awards

MART Graduate Studio Award

The Fingal Arts Office Graduate Award Opportunity 2024 in Partnership with MART Gallery & Studios was recently announced.

As part of an ongoing commitment to professional artists Fingal County Council's Arts Office are offering a Graduate Studio Award at MART for one year with inclusion in MART'S Annual Exhibition Award show in 2024.

This residency will be offered to one graduate. The opportunity is part of a series of initiatives by Fingal Arts Office to promote and support the professional practice of emerging artists. It will provide an ideal environment for the development of creative projects, development of a graduates practice and an opportunity to network with other artists. The Residency Includes:

Draíocht

Draíocht was nominated by Fingal County Council to represent the Council in the Creative Place category of 'The Pride of Place' awards. We are delighted that on the evening of the Award Ceremony on November 10th, Draíocht placed in that category and we brought home an Award for the County.



The September to December period is traditionally the busiest season in a venue. Over this time, the Draíocht staff team have delivered shows with Dublin Fringe Festival, 2 shows with Dublin Theatre Festival, Coolmine Musical Society as well as a full programme of comedy, music, film and work for children, the exhibition and artist's studio programme, the children/youth arts programme, artists supports and residencies, preparation for the ambitious NEST programme, the Community Centre Choir and other projects. The development of our 2024 to 2029 Strategy was in addition to the above.

As part of Fingal Inclusion week, we ran an Intergenerational Art Workshop for children and grandparents, in which they created a beautiful Robin Collage.



The Séamus Ennis Arts Centre Youth and Family

Thanks to the funding from Fingal County Council, we had a successful line up for our Halloween events the first week of November. We hosted a Kite Making Workshop and an Owl Log Workshop, in addition to our inaugural Frightening Folklore trail, which took place after dark in Chapel Lane, adjacent to the centre. Families were led by Droch Ola, who introduced them to a variety of other spooky friends.

The same week we ran a Family Scarecrow Building workshop, with all proceeds for entries going to Barnardos Children's charity.

Music

The 4 of Us performed two sold out shows on the 3rd and 4th November.

Donal Clancy also performed his Folk and Blues Revue on November 11th, while Jo Beth Young and Serious Child brings her Irish tour to TSEAC on November 18th.

Our Singing Sessions returned after a hiatus, led by local singer Fergus Callihane and Macdara Yeates, with guest singer Kevin Coneff of The Chieftans. This was a fully hybrid event which was accessible on Zoom, in person and via live stream on Facebook and YouTube. Below are some of the statistics of where people tuned in from, with over 1600 views on Facebook alone.



Theatre and Comedy

We have had two sold out Comedy Gigs scheduled for November – a collective of comedians on November 10th including Karl Spain and Shane Daniel Byrne, and Chris Kent on November 30th. Seamus O'Rourke returns to TSEAC on November 29th for a sold out The Ballad of Mossy Flood.

Film

Numbers for our film audience has been growing throughout November, with many availing of the our Dinner and Show ticket, in collaboration with the Cottage Café.

Workshops and Art

Vaida Varnagiene opened her Unseen City exhibition on November 4th. Her paintings are vibrantly coloured with an architectural appeal, and has been resonating with visitors to the gallery.

We kick off the Christmas season on November 26th with our Christmas Crafternoon Teas – at this sold out event, participants will partake in a Christmas decoration making workshop followed by a fireside afternoon tea supplied by the Cottage café.

LIBRARIES

Fingal Libraries featured twice on RTÉ!

Blanchardstown and Garristown Library featured on RTÉ television in two separate programmes, both of which aired during the same week in November. The very popular Fingal Makerspace Repair Café which is based at Blanchardstown Library appeared on Heated - a brand new six-part climate series.

The TV programme which is produced by indiepics for RTÉ, seeks out inspirational stories about ordinary people making significant differences in their communities. The Repair Café is a wonderful community initiative run by Fingal Libraries allowing people to breathe new life into their broken household items by meeting up at the Fingal Makerspace to mend, learn, and connect, with the primary aim of building a more sustainable future.

As part of the Autumn Winter programme of Events at Fingal Libraries, the Rediscovery Centre visited Garristown Library for Science Week (12th – 19th November) for an Engineering workshop. The RTÉ News2Day programme came along to film Ms. Keogh's 4th class from Garristown National School who were invited to Garristown Library to enjoy the interactive workshop. RTÉ News2Day is a daily local and international news stories for kids.



Virtual Reality available at your local Fingal Library

Blanchardstown Library was the home to a golf course, a racket ball court, loads of graffiti, and the historically famous house of Ann Frank on Tuesday 14th of November, as virtual reality (VR) enthusiasts helped launch the VR for Libraries project. VR enthusiasts were joined by TY students from Blakestown Community School for a showcase and demo of VR headsets. The event was officially launched by Mayor of Fingal, Adrian Henchy and Fingal County Council Chief Executive, AnnMarie Farrelly. VR for Libraries is a collaborative project with Fingal Libraries and Digital Services and sees the introduction of VR technology to Fingal Libraries and access to free 3D modeling gaming software Unity Learn. The pilot project will see twelve VR headsets in five libraries

along with access to Unity software through Fingal Library PCs. Call into the following libraries and ask for the VR Champion who will be very happy to assist: Blanchardstown, Balbriggan, Swords, Malahide and Donabate Libraries.



From TY to TV – A Screenwriting Workshop Series with Dave Rudden and the Students of Fingal Community College

Following the success of the Fingal Festival of Children’s Literature, a 3-part Screen writing workshop is currently running with author Dave Rudden and the TY Students of Fingal Community College. The series of workshops will lead the students through the key elements of crafting a story – character, setting, plot, pacing and editing. The overall framework of the workshop rests on the process by which an idea is turned into a project for screen. To celebrate the end of the project, film producer Ali Doyle (Black 47, Evil Dead Rise) will come in to assess the students’ work and give them encouragement and industry tips. Dave Rudden is a writer of young adult fiction, juvenile fantasy and science fiction, and is best-known for his Knights of the Borrowed Dark. A full set of Dave’s trilogy will be gifted to each student. The book-gifting element of the Festival is funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development under the Community Recognition Fund.

Spring 2024 Programme of Events at Fingal Libraries

Fingal Libraries Spring 2024 programme of events will be unveiled early in the new year. The range of talks and workshops scheduled from January to April 2024 will reflect national and library led programmes around themes such as culture, creativity, heritage, financial wellness, healthy living, and science and will be reflective of the diverse and specific needs of our citizens across Fingal. This year’s programme will include:

- An ‘In Conversation’ event with best-selling authors Emer McLysaght and Sarah Breen of the Aisling series of books.
- Author and playwright Dermot Bolger talking with Anne McGriffin about her latest novel.
- A special One Dublin One Book 2024 event with author Louise Nealon.
- Financial wellness workshops funded by Europe Direct.
- A 4-week programme of talks with The Sustainable Life School to inspire us to kick start a more sustainable lifestyle.
- Smart Phone/Tablet classes.
- A full programme of Healthy Ireland at your Library events to inspire and motivate people to lead a healthier 2024.
- A range of family sensory friendly events.
- A series of Fingal Maker Space workshops which will facilitate STEAM learning in an informal setting for school students.
- An array of events to encourage older people to meet and interact with others at their local library.
- A full programme of events to celebrate women as part of the celebrations for St Brigid’s Day 2024.
- The Fingal World Book Tour 2024 with a fun and interactive schools and libraries programme.

Watch out for the Fingal Libraries Spring 2024 brochure which will be available at your nearest library.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Fingal Skills Strategy

The Skills Strategy Implementation Group met on the 1st November. The Chair of the Fingal Skills Strategy, Siobhan Kinsella, stepped down as chair of the Fingal Skills Strategy and Council officials and members of the Skills Strategy Group all expressed their appreciation for her dedication to the Fingal Skills Strategy and all her work which was instrumental in the publication and implementation of the Strategy.



The Implementation Group discussed the success of the Xplore Your Future Expo in The Helix on the 3rd October and acknowledged the excellent work of the event managers on the day, the fantastic collaboration between the education/training providers, public services and private businesses on the day and the positive feedback received from exhibitors, teachers and TY students. Plans for a further Expo in 2024 were discussed and will be brought to the next SPC meeting and the next Implementation Group meeting in January 2024.



The Group also reviewed plans for the Interreg SKYLA Project Partners visit in November, progress towards the next iteration of the Skills Strategy and work programmes for the sectoral sub-groups in 2024.



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The SKYLA Project “Smart Specialisation Skills Ecosystems for the Twin Transition” is a 4-year project which focuses 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.

Representatives from the project partners visited Fingal on the 7th & 8th November where representatives engaged in a policy workshop and project work relating to the policy challenges and opportunities that each of the partners is facing. The visit included keynote addresses to the partners from Nora Condon of Solas on skills forecasting and Natasha Kinsella of the Dublin Regional Skills Forum (DRSF) on the work being done by DRSF in engagement with industry stakeholders and developments in Ireland in micro-credentials and apprenticeships.

Site visits for the partners were facilitated by DDLETB at Baldoyle Training Centre where new developments in training provision were showcased and a site visit to DCU where partners heard about DCU's work in the fields of sustainable aviation, climate action, water quality and citizen science initiatives.



Economic Development Strategy

Grant Thornton Consultants continue work to develop an Economic Development Strategy for Fingal. A presentation was made to the September meeting of the Economic, Enterprise, Tourism & Cultural Development SPC on the approach and timelines for delivery of the Strategy. It is anticipated that the draft Strategy will be launched in Q1 2024.



Fingal County Council is leading the URBACT EcoCore Project which comprises a network of 9 small cities/towns in Europe focussing on challenges and opportunities for green growth and sustainable economic development along transport corridors.

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. Fingal County Council as Lead Partner and the Lead Expert have commenced city visits to prepare baseline studies of all partner cities with the cities of Balbriggan, Villena, Ormoz, Dubrovnik, Tuusula, Parnu, Kekava, Albu Iulia and Santo Tirso completed.

The first transnational city visit to Balbriggan took place on the 20th - 22nd November with representatives from all the partner cities engaging in project work, discussion of the roadmap for the project for the next 2 years, workshops on gender, digital innovation, active travel, DBEC and regional collaboration and the Fingal Skills Strategy. Site visits around Balbriggan were organised for the partners and there were peer review and feedback sessions.





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 fourth Green IT Your Work meeting will take place in the Larnaca, Cyprus in December 2023. Representatives will be present from Romania, Spain Greece, Cyprus, Slovenia, Croatia, Italy and Ireland.



Work is continuing on the objectives of 'Green IT Your Work' which are:

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

InclusEU

The InclusEU project aims to encourage volunteer action as a social response for an inclusive Europe.

Work continues on the project with partners from Italy, Poland, Hungary, Spain, Portugal, the Netherlands and Romania.

Woodlands for Health

Healthy Fingal have partnered with Mental Health Ireland and the Sports Office again to organise the 2nd set of Woodlands for Health walks. The programme will see the HSE mental health services in Swords & Balbriggan avail of the opportunity to introduce service users to walking in Newbridge Demesne while availing of mental health expertise in the calming and quiet atmosphere of the walking paths around the demesne. The walks are taking place every Friday and run until 24th November.



Sustainable Fingal



The Council collaborated with DCU and DAA to submit two funding applications on sustainable projects, however the applications were not successful, work has commenced to re-orient the projects into other funding streams.



The Mayor signed the Circular Cities Declaration for Fingal County Council, which was approved by the Council at its meeting in January. Work is in progress to develop an action plan to advance the objectives of Circular Cities in Fingal. Fingal’s profile has been published on the Circular Cities website and the first annual report on Fingal’s transition to the circular economy under the Circular Cities Declaration was submitted in October 2023.

[CC Declaration | Fingal County \(circularcitiesdeclaration.eu\)](https://circularcitiesdeclaration.eu)

Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor



Fingal County Council was 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. DBEC’s ambition is to use innovation hubs to encourage the development of new and existing high-growth businesses to stimulate sustainable and climate-conscious growth along the Corridor. The Council is leading on the project with the support of the eight local authorities and two universities of the DBEC partnership. The feasibility study has been completed and will shortly be submitted to the Department. Drawdown of the eligible funding has been completed.

LOCAL AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT



Fingal Local Community Development Committee

The Fingal LCDC continues to oversee and administer the key areas of LEADER and SICAP and the various Local Development and Community Development funding programmes under its remit. The LCDC also manages the Healthy Ireland Initiative and the Social Enterprise Grants Scheme. The LCDC met on the 25th October 2023 to consider progress on the LCEP and other matters.



Fingal Local Economic Community Plan 2023 – 2028

Consultants Grant Thornton have prepared the socio-economic profile of the county for the new LCEP, reviewed the last LCEP, drafted high-level objectives and facilitated the consultation process with the public and key stakeholders and incorporated feedback on the draft LCEP. The 2-year Implementation Plan of the LCEP (2023-2028) has been drafted for consideration.

A series of stakeholder consultation sessions on the Local Economic & Community Plan (LCEP) 2023-2028 were held during November on the draft LCEP which was also submitted to the Eastern Midlands Regional Assembly (EMRA) for their input. It is anticipated that the LCEP will be brought to the January 2024 Council meeting.

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 is ongoing.

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 received an 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.

All projects are required to be complete by 18th October 2024 and work is progressing on the implementation of project with the Council submitting an initial drawdown on October 26th of €178,000 in respect of works completed during 2023.

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. The Fingal SICAP Programme has been allocated €304,369 in 2023 specifically for Fingal's Ukrainian Refugee Response with an additional allocation of €65,000 recently granted.

Procurement for SICAP programme period 2024-2028 has been completed and it is anticipated that contract execution will take place in December.



Leader Programme

In December 2022, 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.

Fingal LCDC was successful in Stage 1 to run the next LEADER Programme 2023 - 2027 for the Dublin Rural LEADER LAG and submitted the new Leader Development Strategy for evaluation in Stage 2. In October 2023 the Council was advised that the Dublin Rural LAG and the implementing partner Fingal LEADER Partnership CLG have been approved to deliver the new Programme.

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 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.

Drinan Enterprise Centre is promoting the availability of a bespoke media studio facility available for immediate booking to all individuals, groups and business interests.



TOWN REGENERATION

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 receive updates on workplan objectives from all five pillar Chairs at Leadership meetings. A review of the Our Balbriggan Programme, its delivery timelines and governance structures will commence shortly, where the programme will be realigned to the national URDF funding timeframe 2024 – 2030. As part of the review process, a combined workshop of the Community Integration Health & Wellbeing Pillar and Safe Balbriggan has taken place, with the result of the workplan being fed back to the pillar group members.



The Quay Street, Harbour & Environs scheme is anticipated to be on site to commence end of Q1. 2024 and be completed on a phased basis in 2025. Tender request to source a suitable contractor to deliver the project were issued on e-tenders on October 9th with tender submissions due by 20th November. Irish Water are currently on site in the Quay Street Car Park to complete upgrade works on the pumping station located there, with alternative car parking currently available at Bath Road/Balbriggan FC & Bremore Castle. Communications to this effect have been issued on social media and other local channels in Balbriggan.



Part 8 Planning Permission for 2-4 Dublin Street was granted approval at full Council in October and the project will now progress to detailed design phase. 2-4 Dublin Street is to be transformed into a new Creative Hub with 8 workspaces at 2 Dublin Street and an ancillary connected space at 4 Dublin Street which will support STEAM education, training and enterprise activities supported by SMART Balbriggan and the Fingal Arts Office.



Demolition works on 14 Bridge Street (house known locally as Keelings) have been completed. Work on the installation of a temporary Pocket Park has commenced at the site. Landscaping, street furniture and fencing are due to be completed in early December. Annexes at the rear of DeBrunns buildings are in the process of being demolished. An Integrated Design Team will be appointed shortly to assist in determining the options for the long-term use and design of the site in line with site constraints. The evaluation of tenders received for this IDT is almost complete.

Donnelly Civil Engineering Ltd and MWP Engineering have delivered a package of improvement works at Balbriggan Harbour.

The main Harbour upgrade works and shoreside services are complete, with some lighting improvements awaiting final completion further to new electricity connections.

The programme office working with the architect's department have initiated the Boathouse & Bathhouse Conservation & Sustainable Re-Use Project as part of the wider URDF Coastal and Promenade project. Work will commence shortly on enabling Works, followed by procurement of topographical and measured buildings survey, a full ecological study and then preparation of developed design and pre-Part XI Planning proposal.



A comprehensive Balbriggan Public Realm Strategy - Masterplan & Design Guide and a Balbriggan Active Travel & Transportation plan are complete with both expected to be published shortly.



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.



Town & Village Renewal Schemes

The 2023 Town and Village Renewal Scheme was launched during the Summer and the Town Regeneration Office submitted 5 applications to the Department of Rural and Community Development in November.



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 are three Pillar Groups representing the Community, Business and Economy and Public Realm / Climate Action & Sustainability (to include Vacant & Derelict Buildings).

The consultants to support the preparation of a new Town Plan have been appointed and are working with the Community, Businesses and Public Realm Pillars in Lusk to get their views for inclusion in the new town plan. Work on this progressing well, with a draft of the new Town Centre First Plan for Lusk currently being reviewed.

The Regeneration Office has completed the implementation of the Rush Streetscape Scheme. The Council had 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 supported with funding.

The Donabate Streetscape Scheme was launched in May and applications for this scheme were 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.

An application under the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme for a feasibility study for facilities for sea swimmers in Skerries was successful in November.

The Town Regeneration Office was successful in securing €7 million for a new revolving fund that will acquire vacant or derelict properties to renovate, bring back into use and sell back into the market for housing purposes. An initial 19 properties under this fund have been approved for purchase by the URDF Call 3 Fund / Department of Housing Heritage and Local Government.

The Derelict Sites Section which manages the Derelict Sites Register was moved to the Town Regeneration Office in August further broadening the capacity of the office to deal with town centre vacancy and dereliction. Reports for derelict sites can be made to derelictsites@fingal.ie.

LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE



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

Management Development Programme



The second Leadership for Growth programme concluded in November 2023 with participants now working on their work-based assessments which is a plan for their business. On completion of these WBA's the business owners will be invited to a graduation ceremony to mark their achievement in completing the programme. A number of these businesses are already working with LEO Fingal on their expansion plans.

Fingal Business Network



Local Enterprise Office Fingal are delighted to host our Christmas Fingal Business Network Lunch at the Roganstown Hotel and Country Club. We have guest speaker Aine Kerr lined up to share her "Top Tips for Business Success" with our Fingal Entrepreneurs and business owners. The Mayor of Fingal Cllr Adrian Henchy and Fingal County Council Chief Executive AnnMarie Farrelly will open the event and there will be Q&A followed by lunch and networking. This will be the final networking event of 2023 from Fingal Local Enterprise Office and we are looking forward to meeting all of our local businesses for what promises to be an inspirational afternoon.

Fingal Business Briefing



The next monthly Fingal Business Briefing will run on December 6th for small businesses and entrepreneurs in the Fingal area. The briefings outline the supports and services available to small businesses and individuals seeking to start their own business, through the LEO and other state agencies. Year to date, 259 individuals have attended a business briefing in 2023.

Fingal Chamber Business Awards 2023



Fingal Chamber of Commerce hosted their annual Business Awards at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Santry on Friday 10th of November. Local Enterprise Office Fingal were delighted to sponsor the award for Business of the Year (Start up / New Business) which was won by Prints of Ireland, founder Heather Gilroy. There was also a special commendation for Platform55, founders Michelle O’Keeffe and Tracy Gunn. There were many other Local Enterprise Office Fingal clients nominated and winners in other categories such as Dylan Smith of QedON who was awarded Young Business Person of the year.

Energy Efficiency Grant Scheme



The first approval under the new Energy Efficiency Grant Scheme was granted in September 2023. The scheme, which is being rolled out throughout the 31 Local Enterprise Offices, 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 goal is to reduce the impact of small businesses on the environment and help them to reduce costs to enable them to become more competitive. As part of the process, applicants complete the Green for Business Programme, a customised initiative whereby the business develops a strategy to become sustainable.

Trading Online Voucher Scheme



An initiative under the Government’s National Digital Strategy, the Trading Online Voucher (TOV) 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, as well as giving businesses a better understanding of how they can exploit E-Commerce opportunities for their business. So far in 2023, a total of 75 applications have been approved in the amount of € €163,925. The next Trading Online Voucher seminar will be held in the new year.

Business Advice Clinics and Mentoring



LEO Fingal provides one to one business support services through Business Advice Clinics and a Mentoring programme, online and in person. The Fingal mentor panel consists of a variety of skilled and experienced mentors from a range of business backgrounds. In 2023 to date the clinics have offered one-to-one advice and guidance to 904 clients in Fingal. The Mentoring Programme continues with a total of 248 clients receiving mentoring year to date.

November Mentor Meeting

LEO’s panel of expert business mentors gathered in the Carton Hotel Dublin Airport at the end of November for a networking meeting and update on LEO activities.

Expert Mentors, Dominic Mullan and Tony McNally gave an informative presentation on InterTradeIreland’s offerings including the Innovation Boost Programme, which offers Republic of Ireland based SME’s funding to work jointly with a college in Northern Ireland on an innovation project.

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 14 MFI loan applications YTD.

Training and Events

Training courses in November covered various topics including our regular Start your own business course. We have had 300 people attending a course or briefing since the beginning of October. The planning is now underway to launch the curriculum for Q1 2024. The "Start Your Own Business" Courses continue to fill up quickly, and we have seen strong demand for a course on Canva which was launched recently and booked out in less than a week. In early January, LEO Fingal is running a special workshop for the craft businesses which are attending Showcase exhibition in the RDS and we will have James Stewart from Celtic Candles as guest speaker to give first hand hints and tips to the exhibitors.

118 participants have embarked on one of 10 SYOB programmes year to date. There were a further 84 participants in the SYOB Bootcamp in Local Enterprise Week and 113 at the U-Start programme for Ukrainian nationals earlier in the year.

Showcase Ireland 2024



Showcase Ireland 2024 will take place from 21st – 23rd January 2024 at the RDS, Dublin. Showcase is presented by Design & Crafts Council Ireland, Enterprise Ireland and Local Enterprise Offices and supported by the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment.

This four-day trade show is recognised as one of Ireland's largest international trade shows and offers manufacturers, designers and craft makers the opportunity to exhibit their new collections. LEO Fingal have been allocated 8 stands for this event. Following a selection process, the 8 successful applicants have been chosen to represent LEO Fingal: Stories by Ola (Skerries), Moss of the Isles (Swords), Nicola Weldon (Balbriggan), Clémence Prosen Art & Design (Balbriggan), Rob Stears Illustrations (Castleknock), Waylon & Flo (Skerries), Luxie Kids (Trading as BabyDub, Donabate). These craft & design businesses are also provided with training by LEO Fingal specifically on sales techniques for craft products who are displaying & selling their work at exhibitions.

Evaluations and Approvals Committee

The Evaluation and Approvals Committee (EVAC) meeting met on 18th October and approved €123,700 in funding across Business Feasibility, Priming and Expansion Grants. Year to date €681,900 has been approved across thirty-seven applications from 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 13th December.

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Balbriggan Area Parks



Recent upgrading to landscaping in small Bridge Park, Ballyboughal as part of 2023 programme of Works.



Newly installed seating Ardgillan Demesne woodland walk to playground.

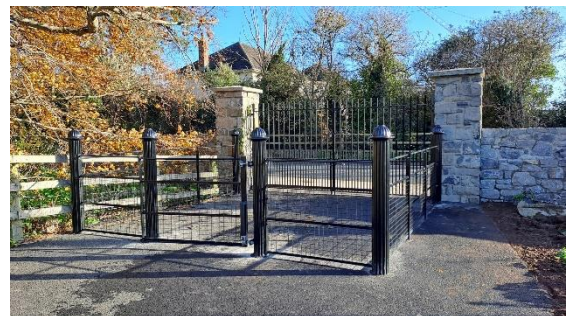


Newly widened and resurfaced pedestrian pathway at Orlynn Park, Estate Lusk as part of 2023 programme of Works.



Newly installed seating within Glebe Park Balrothery.

Swords Area Parks



Newly constructed pedestrian entrance and footpath in Newbridge Demesne opposite Semple Woods Estate on Hearse Road Donabate.



Recently installed natural Chestnut Fencing to compliment newly landscaped area at the entrance to Portrane Beach as part of 2023 programme of Works.



Newly installed Rainwater harvesting container at Broadmeadow Community Garden as part of 2023 programme of Works.

Loughshinny Harbour

The spray concreting of Loughshinny Harbour.



Skerries

Newly constructed disabled parking space on South Shore Street, Skerries.



Newly defined car parking space and redesigned entrance to beach at Quay Street in Skerries.



Newly storm drainage installed on Strand Street in Skerries ahead of resurfacing works.



Balbriggan

Rebuilt section of wall at Chapel Gate, Balbriggan, completed by inhouse bricklayer.



Reynoldstown

Collapsed section of roadside bank on R122 at Reynoldstown - piped and stabilised. Roadside fencing has since been installed.



Garristown

Drainage works being completed at Garristown.



Howth Malahide Area

Programme of Works 2023

Work on the 2023 Programme of Works in the Howth Malahide area is nearing completion. Most items of work have been completed with the remainder in progress. Road Inlay works and footpath works are also ongoing throughout the area.

Roads Works & Footpath Works in Howth Malahide area

Bayside Footpaths POW 2023 throughout the area - various photographs







Streamstown Lane Kerbing and Inlay 2023 POW



**Streamstown Lane, Kerbing and Inlay 2023
POW**



Roads Crew Repairing Potholes, Sutton Cross

**Roads Crew Footpaths Ashley Rise
Portmarnock**

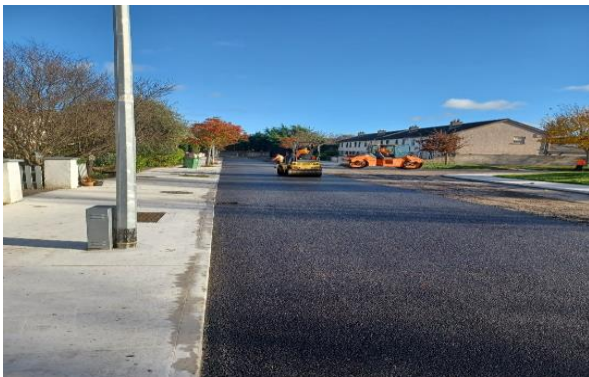


**Swords Road, Malahide - Capital Programme
2023. Inlay Kerb and Footpath Widened**





Footpaths Willie Nolan Road, Baldoyle POW 2023



Road Inlay, Parkvale, Baldoyle 2023 POW

Malahide Demesne ➤ New signage

New signage throughout key locations directing members of the public to the village.



➤ **Festival of Fire**

Festival of Fire was a huge success on Halloween night, where revellers young and old came to enjoy the fireworks displays.



➤ **Golf Pavillion**

New bin storage area and path recently completed at the golf pavilion.



Parks & Open Spaces

➤ Halloween Night

Halloween night brought it normal problems. Below is the afterhours crew breaking up and removing burning fires at request of Garda.



JCB attempting to break up fire at Racecourse Park



New handrail on Tramline.



Full Load removed from Seabury Park that was stacked up around goal posts. Fire put out with minimal damage done to pitch because Operations Crew actions.



Burial Ground Works

➤ Balgriffin Cemetery

Works are continuing the upgrading of the boundary wall at Balgriffin cemetery as seen below.



Laying of boundary wall foundations at Balgriffin cemetery



Balgriffin burial grounds ongoing hardcore works to assist funeral traffic vehicles and foot fall.

Beaches, Cleansing and Storm Support Works

High Rock, Coast Road



Preparations to replace ladder at high rock due to storm damage.





Refurb and painting of our planter boxes in Fingal and Balgriffin Burial Grounds.



Drainage and flood relief works at St Fintan's burial grounds.

**CASTLEKNOCK MULHUDDART Area
New Wood Carvings**



Carvings from what remained of an Oak Tree (over 100 years old) where only its trunk remained.

The wooden carved structure is located on the Green Open Space, Portersgate Estate, Clonsilla.

Eco-Toilet, Porterstown



An Eco-toilet has now been installed this month in Tyrrelstown Park, beside the playground for use by all park-users.

STORM DEBI - 13th November

Following Storm Debi, a number of trees were felled and damaged in the D15 area.



Fallen trees at Strawberry Beds Road



Fallen tree removal been carried out at River Road, Dublin 15



Erection Of Christmas Trees



Clearing of trees at Littlepace Drive Open Space.

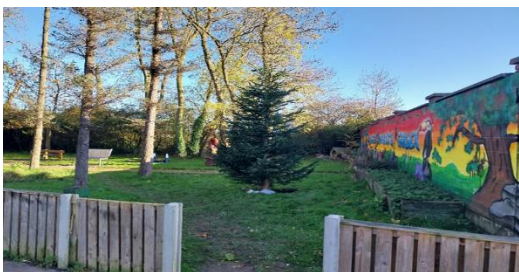




Castleknock Village



Blanchardstown Village



Tyrellstown

New Park Benches



New Park Benches have been placed in Beechpark, Clonsilla and Corduff Park.

Waterville Park



Ongoing works are being carried out at Waterville Park.

Porterstown Park

Works in Porterstown Park include:

- Top dressing of overflow car park Porterstown Park
- Ongoing work on the extension of football pitches at Porterstown Park



Castleknock



Tree Pruning been carried out by crews in Castleknock.

Parkor Facility – Millennium Park



Work is well underway in Millennium Park , Dublin 15 with the installation of Fingal Co. Co. 's first dedicated Parkor facility.

The project will also integrate a teen space ensuring that the recreational needs of young people are met through the development of youth-friendly and safe environments whilst also promoting relevant qualifications/standards in the provision of recreational activities.

Car Parking Services

October 2023

There was a total of 1274 parking tickets issued during October 2023.

Breakdown of Parking Offences
Top 10 Offences

Offence	Main Ticketing Offences - October 2023
9A - A VEHICLE COMMITTING AN OFFENCE CONTRARY TO PAY AND DISPLY/PERMIT PARKING	640
04G - PARKING A PRIVATE VEHICLE IN A LOADING BAY	132
08A - PARKING A VEHICLE ON A FOOTPATH	129
9A - A VEHICLE OUT OF TIME TICKET	128
9D - PARKING A VEHICLE ON A DOUBLE YELLOW LINE	85
9C - VEHICLE OUTSIDE BAY	42
9F - PARKING/STOPPING A VEHICLE IN A DISABLED PERSONS PARKING BAY	21
04C - PARKING A VEHICLE IN A TAXI BAY	19
07A - OBSTRUCTION TO OTHER ROAD USERS/PEDESTRIANS	17
08C - PARKING A VEHICLE ON A MEDIUM STRIP	11

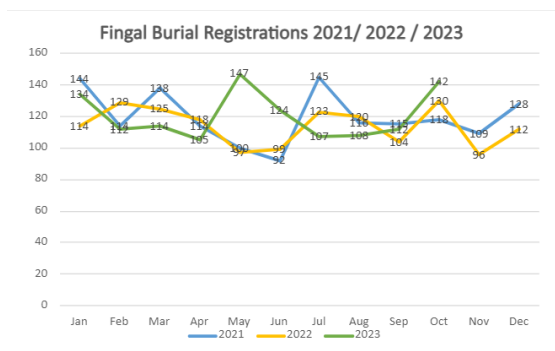
**Main Ticketing Locations:
Top 10 Locations**

Location	Main Ticket Locations October 2023
North Street - Swords	119
Main Street - Swords	76
Bridgefield Car Park - Malahide	66
Church Road - Malahide	56
The Green - Malahide	53
Harbour Road - Skerries	52
South Strand Skerries	51
Coast Road - Malahide	48
Drogheda Street - Balbriggan	44
Strand Street - Skerries	40

Burial Ground Services

At the Council meeting on 9th October 2023 the Burial Ground Bye-Laws 2023 were made by resolution of the Council. These Bye-Laws came into force on 8th November 2023.

The Operations Department are continuing to administer and monitor delivery to ensure business continuity for Fingal’s Burial Ground Service. There were 142 Interments in October 2023.



Traffic Operations County-Wide

The 2023 Program of Works has been progressing well in each Administrative Area.

Castleknock/Mulhuddart 2023 POW

Works on the new Traffic Signals in Dublin 11 & 15 are progressing well.

The Zebra Crossings on the roundabout on Carpenterstown Avenue and Laurel Lodge Road were made operational on the 23rd of November. Each arm of the roundabout has a raised zebra crossing, which will enhance pedestrian safety at this location.



New four-arm raised zebra crossings on Carpenterstown Avenue/Laurel Lodge Road

➤ **Road Markings - Lining**



Double yellow lines added on Castleknock Avenue at the rear of the pedestrian crossing.



KEEP CLEAR road marking added at the entrance to Hazelbury Park.



Hilltown Road, River Valley, Swords – Ramp Repair



River Valley Road at Church, Swords – Speed Cushion Repair

Balbriggan/Swords Area Traffic



R125 Airside Eastbound – Traffic Calming - New Speed Reader Sign.



R125/Rathbeale Road Westbound at Kettles Country House Hotel – Traffic Calming - New Speed Reader Sign.



Continuing works ongoing at

- *Dublin Road, Lusk on the New signaled pedestrian crossing,*
- *Loughshinny- New signaled pedestrian crossing in progress.*
- *Loughshinny- New pathway connecting new signaled pedestrian crossing to the village.*

Howth/Malahide Area - Traffic



Extension of 50KPH Speed Limit Zone in Chapel Road Kinsealy with new signs installed.



Completion and activation of new traffic signals with MOVA system at Swords Road/Malahide Road Junction as part of the 2023 POW



Five ramps Installed along Chapel Road -Kinsealy following activation of the Street Lights on the 20/11/23



Examples of Road Marking and signage completed works in October 2023

Below: New Plastic Bollards and Double Yellow Lines installed outside entrance to Scoil Neasain - Baldoyle



Below: Additional SLOW Markings for Greenfields Road with new Double Yellows and lining refreshed at junction of Church Road/Greenfields Road





Below: New Signage at Seamount Road/Mountfield Lodge junction and along Seamount Road-Malahide



Additional Speed Limit Sign for Blackwood Lane



Below: New Double Yellow Lines for Texas Lane/Old Yellow Walls Junction and New New speed roundels for College Street Baldoye.



Fleet Management & Plant Hire Unit

100 vehicle and plant hires were put in place from 01/11/2023 to 30/11/2023, engaging 28 suppliers.

Street Lighting LED Programme

The Public Lighting Section will continue with the LED Programme in 2023 with 99.4% of all lights switched to LEDS.

100% of new Decorative LED fittings have been installed in towns and villages across the county.



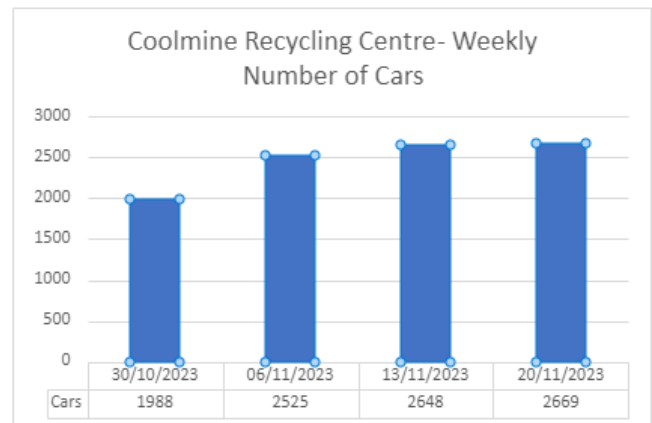
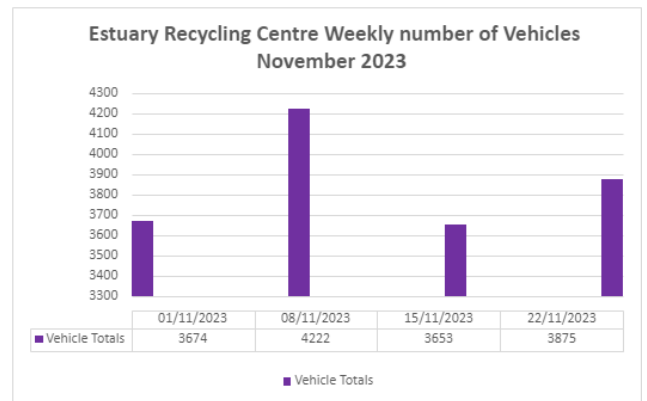
The Public Lighting Area Works Programme is well under way across the county with several jobs complete. (Mourneview Estate - Skerries,) (Red Arches – Car park, Baldoyle) (Manorfields Pedway, Ongar).

Christmas Trees



Public lighting is working along with parks to have all Christmas trees lit in time for the Christmas period.

Recycling Centres Update

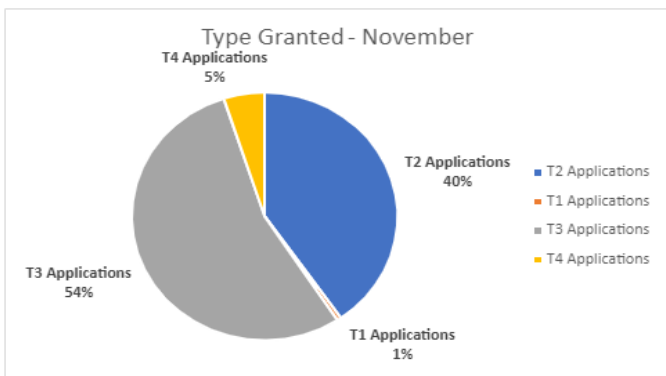
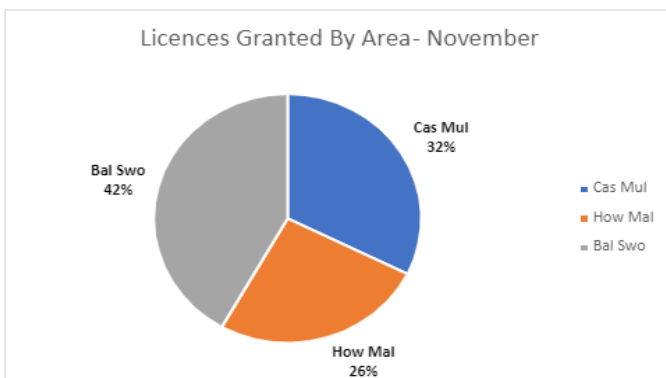
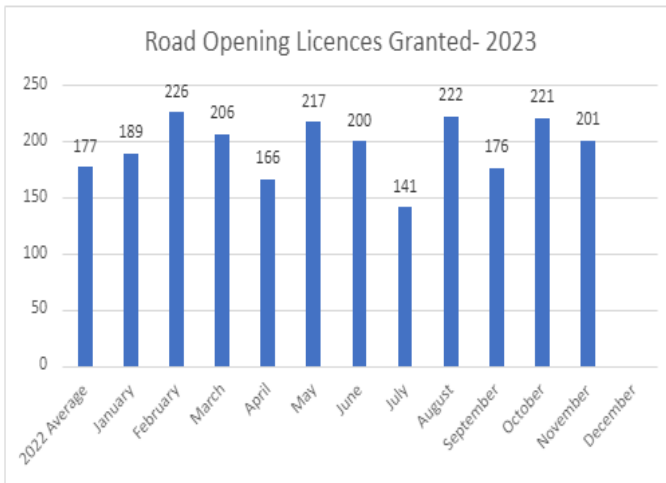


Licenses

- 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.

201 Licences were granted in the month of **November**, **59%** 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

Fingal County Council currently have 30 Casual Trading Pitches occupied throughout the Administrative Area.

Covering Hot Food/Tea & Coffee/Ice Cream and Flowers.

Fingal County Council is currently in communication with several interested parties who are interested in taking up additional pitches throughout the county, site inspections have been arranged.

The Castleknock/Mulhuddart Operations Department is in regular communication with our traders and area inspectors to assist in delivery of quality service and ensure compliance.

Street Furniture Licences



Fingal County Council currently have 34 valid Street Furniture Licence's throughout the county: 1 in Castleknock/Mulhuddart, 6 in Balbriggan/Swords and 27 in Howth/Malahide, this is a significant increase on previous years.

We are currently in communication with several applicants regarding the issuing of new SFL licences, pending site inspections in the coming weeks.

Castleknock/Mulhuddart Operations department have now fully completed refunds in accordance with S.I. 256 dated 22 of May 2023 for all Street Furniture Licence Holders in the area following engagement with the businesses.

The Castleknock/Mulhuddart Operations Department have carried out over fifteen site inspections this year with further planned before Christmas.

Storm Water

- Stormwater Capital Programme 2023-2025

Fingal County Council are continuing to progress projects adopted in the 2023-2025 Stormwater Capital Program. The 3-year program includes 14 projects initially valued at approximately €3.63 Million, and being kept under review. Below is a brief update in relation to the status of some of the projects that have commenced and planned upcoming projects.

- Howth Stormwater Culvert

Topographical and Manhole Surveys are complete and satisfactory. Flow and CCTV surveys are complete. Optioneering and Investigation Report for WPB has been completed and must be submitted for FCC review. Preliminary design reports are being updated with survey information and updates of associated drawings. Additional fees to be approved.

- Bath Avenue Storm Water Pipe

This project involved the laying of a new Stormwater pipeline along Bath Ave in Malahide to alleviate localised flooding and allow for future capacity. Construction works were completed on schedule on 24th November following a 10-week window road closure. In total 235m of pipe was laid, the existing network on Grove Road has been connected to the new network, 9 new gullies and 1 Nr pepper pot have been installed and 6 new manholes have been constructed. The new SW pipe is tied into an existing outfall on the Coast Rd. Some accommodation works remain and final reinstatement works to follow.



- 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. A request for tenders issued in early December for advanced materials purchasing. Works will be executed by FCC Direct Labour with technical assistance to be provided by design consultants.

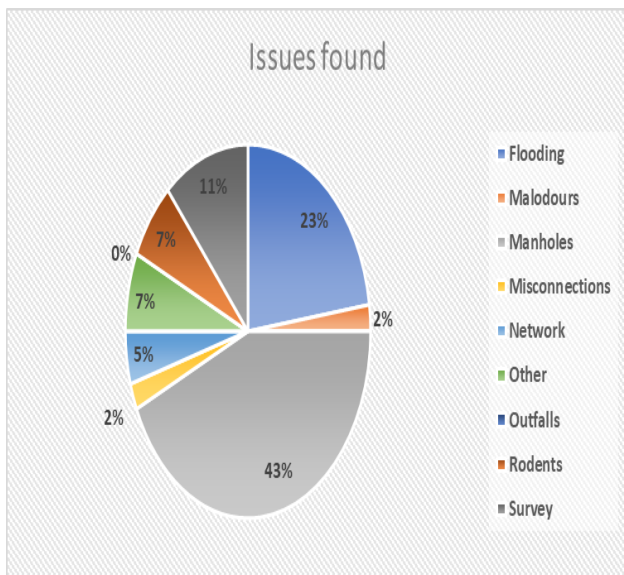


- Ongar Development Stormwater Remedial Works

Remediation works on the drainage network in **Ongar** following its Taking in charge are 95% complete including additional works identified following inspection by the Drainage section. The works are being undertaken by Formac Contractors with design and supervision by OCSC Consulting Engineers. The initial contract was for 5 months starting in April 2023. As-built drawings are being developed for issue in due course.

- Storm Water Maintenance

Maintenance of the network and much of the capital works programme is generated by inspections which are tabulated on a Works Planner. The types and volumes of issues reported are shown in the chart.



To support Storm Water Preventative maintenance, a contractor has been procured with a Jet Vac Recycler truck and CCTV camera van. Survey works are ongoing in the in the Blanchardstown & Castleknock areas.

The manhole cover and frame replacement programme for replacing assets at the end of life is ongoing. Assets have been replaced in **Malahide and Howth Main St.**

Additional CCTV surveys are being carried out in **Rusheeny and Manorfields** estates to determine the Storm Water network condition ahead of works planned in November. These works will include of trenchless techniques and robotic cutting.



A contractor is being procured to undertake various remedial works including part-liner repairs on damaged sections of the storm water network along **Carpenterstown Rd** in Castleknock.

CCTV surveys are currently being undertaken in **Georgian Village** to determine the cause of road flooding. A contractor has been procured to carry out mapping, robotic root removal and condition reports.

Following recent reports of road flooding along **Treen Hill & Minister's Road**. CCTV surveys were carried out and restrictions in the network around Kilhedge Lane have been identified. The results of these surveys have been. it is proposed to lay 60m of 300mm dia pipe along Minister's Rd to replace collapsed and damaged sections. Materials are being procured for Direct labour to commence implementation in January 2024.





SW Pipelines in the **Ballykea** area of Loughshinney have been surveyed and jetted and a large amount of debris removed from a culvert, in response to recent flooding.

Quotations are being sought to carry out maintenance on the **Beaverstown Stream** to remove restrictions and to increase carrying capacity during heavy rainfall.

- **Biodiversity**

Assistance is being given by the Storm Water Unit to *Baldoyle Tidy Towns* who have secured funding for a Biodiversity project on the **Seagrang Park** stream, Baldoyle.



Storm Water Connections:

To date 15 new connection applications have been processed in 2023.

PLANNING AND STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE (PSI)

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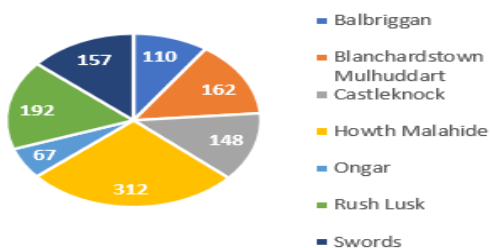
Planning Applications

There have been 1148 planning applications received from 1st January 2023 to 31st October 2023, of these 147 applications were invalid leaving a total of 1001 valid applications. The volume of applications received by Local Electoral Area (LEA) is detailed in the table below.

From 1st January 2023 to 31st October, 10 Large-scale Residential Development (LRD) full applications have been made to the Local Authority. From 1st January 2023 to 31st October 2023 thirteen decisions have been made on Large Scale Residential Developments. Of these thirteen decisions made, eleven have been to grant Permission (3,791 Units) one decision has been made to request further information and one decision has been made to invalidate an application.

An Bord Pleanála have issued 17 decisions (4 Refusals & 13 Grants - 5709 units) on SHD applications in the period from 1st January 2023 to 31st October. There are five SHD's (4,577 units) remaining with An Bord Pleanála for decision.

Planning Applications Received by Local Electoral Area to end of October 2023



Planning Decisions

A total of 1011 planning decisions have been issued to 31st of October 2023. There have been 833 decisions to grant permission (83%) and 178 refusals of permission (17%). Included in the 833 grants there have been 64 grants of permissions in respect of single house construction, 465 grants of permission for domestic extensions/works, 71 commercial/retail grants of permission and 42 grants of permission in respect of housing developments of which 21 relate to development of 2 - 20 units, 6 relates to 20 - 50 units, 7 relate to 50 -100 units and 8 which relate to development of 100+ Units.

Building Control Admin

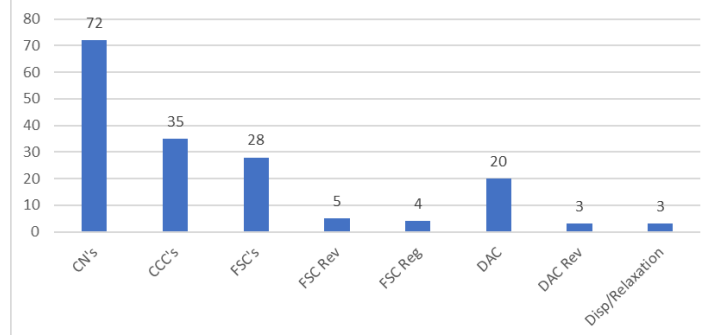
In October 2023, there were 170 building control submissions made via BCMS.

This was made up of 72 Commencement notices, 35 Compliance of Completion Certificates, 37 Fire Safety related Certificates and 26 Disability Access related Certificates.

Commencement notices and Compliance on Completion Certificates are submitted through the Projects module on BCMS. Fire Safety, Disability Access, Regularisation & Dispensation/Relaxation Certificate applications can be submitted online via the Applications module on BCMS and the Council accepts hard copy applications directly into the office. Most applications are now being submitted via the online system.

The Building Control Admin team processed 159 decisions in October 2023 relating to Fire Safety and Disability Access Certificates. This was made up of 60 decisions to grant and 99 extensions of time.

Building Control Submissions October 2023



Strategic Policy Unit

Local Area Plans, Masterplans and Framework Plans

In July, the first round of Plans falling out of the development plan was agreed. This comprises Swords and Flemington LAP's, the Dunsink Plan, Kilbarrack and the Old School House Masterplans and the Stephenstown, Folkstown and Clonsilla Framework Plans.

Work has begun on the Flemington Local Area Plan and the Clonsilla Framework Plan.

The Draft Donabate Framework Plan is almost complete and will be published this month, subject to the outcomes of the environmental assessment consultation which is ongoing.

Residential Zoned Land Tax

The Residential Zoned Land Tax (RZLT) is a tax aimed at activating serviced and residentially zoned land for housing. Local authorities are responsible for identifying the land that is subject to RZLT.

Fingal County Council's final RZLT map for 2024 is now available on our website and at our public office at County Hall, Main Street, Swords.

The map includes lands that meet the relevant criteria for inclusion on the map as set out in the current legislation.

In Scope Residential Lands in Fingal: 3,519 Hectares

In Scope Mixed Use Lands in Fingal: 209 Hectares
Residential Zoned Land Tax will be charged annually from 1 February 2025 onwards (subject to the passing of Finance (No.2) Bill 2023). The tax will be administered by the Revenue Commissioners and landowners will have to register for the tax.

There is no opportunity to make submissions in respect of land identified on the final map published on 1 December 2023.

There will be a chance to make submissions in respect of land on the draft revised final map for 2025 during 2024. A draft revised final RZLT map for 2025 will be published by 1st February 2024.

Built Environment Division

Building Control/Taking in Charge Section – 30/11/2023

- There were 11 Building Control Inspections in October 2023 with 15 buildings inspected.
- There were 2 Section 11 requests for further information following building control inspections, issued in November and there have been no enforcement notices issued.
- There was 1 road taken in charge at the Council meeting of the 13th of November 2023 (Cois Sruthain).
- There is 1 development up for taking in charge at the December Council meeting (Glen Ellan Road Extension) and 1 development up for taking in charge in January 2024 (Bay Meadows Phase 2)
- The Taking in Charge request for the Drynam Estate has been validated and taking in charge drawings are being prepared. It is intended to advertise this estate for taking in charge early in 2024.
- The bondholder has agreed to undertake some further small works in Thornleigh Estate in Swords in order for Fingal to release the remainder of the bond. These works should be carried out shortly.
- The Ongar Remediation works contract are almost complete. O'Connor Sutton Cronin are managing these works on behalf of Fingal County Council. The remaining works in Ongar to be carried out are for Irish water and will take circa 2 months. Formac and O'Connor Sutton Cronin have been engaged to carry out the remediation works in Mount Eustace and Cruise Park to bring these estates to a taking in charge standard. These works are starting in December and will take approximately 2 months.
- Works are ongoing in the Gallops housing estate by a contractor carrying out "Taking in Charge" works for Fingal County Council.



Checking window board height in a house in Carpenterstown (Part K)



Checking a house in Ballyboughal for wheelchair access (Part M)

Transportation Planning

Snugborough Interchange upgrade

The Snugborough Interchange is currently programmed to be completed in March 2024. The last element of the scheme to be completed will be the shared active travel route through the underpasses. The scheme has been delayed mainly due to the complexity of the scheme and the number of utility diversions involved. In early December all traffic will be diverted onto the new N3 overbridge to allow the old bridge over the N3 to be given new waterproofing and resurfacing.

The works on the old bridge will continue into February next year. Following this new traffic signals and the new junction layouts/ new pedestrian crossings will be put in operation. Works for completion of the retaining walls between the new cycle friendly underpasses near Waterville junction will continue along with an art feature. It is intended that by mid-December some additional capacity improvements to help traffic flow will be in place. Resurfacing at the N3 off ramp was carried during overnight closures at the end of November. Updates will be posted on the scheme web site www.snugboroughinterchange.ie

Ongar Barnhill Link Road

Bam Civil Ltd. are completing the site compound and have carried out preliminary works in advance of the main works. Meetings have taken place with Irish Rail to advance the construction of the new bridge over the railway line. Updates for the scheme will be posted on www.fingal.ie/ongar-barnhill



PSI-039 R132 Connectivity Project

Consultation with the National Transport Authority and with Transport Infrastructure Ireland regarding the connection with Metro Link is ongoing with Monthly meetings. The findings from the ground investigation works carried out in June and July was compiled and now will assist in the decision-making process for the detailed design stage. Meetings with a developer on a new access onto the R132 has also taken place. Modelling the impact of this junction is currently being undertaken. Detailed design stage is underway and progressing as programmed.

PSI-005 Harry Reynolds Road Pedestrian and Cyclist Route

Construction works is progressing on the Harry Reynolds Road Pedestrian and Cyclist Route for this key infrastructure project for Balbriggan. The work is ongoing and progressing well at three locations on the project on Hamilton Road, Harry Reynolds Road just south of the R122 and at Moylaragh Road. Another meeting has been arranged for December in relation to progressing the art installation piece with Fingal's Art Officer, Local Councillors, Tidy Town Committee members and Our Balbriggan to progress the process of developing a theme and guidance's on commissioning of the art installation. Additional meeting with the ESB in November onsite following the agreement of the new connect point at 12 Controlled crossing points along the project. Also, relocation of existing ESB cables has been agreed on Harry Reynolds Road.

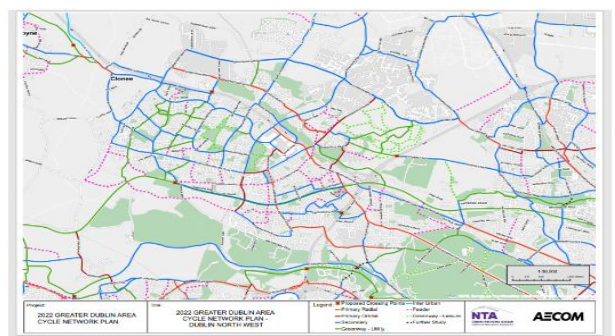


To assist with communication to the community a dedicated project website has been setup which will be updated throughout the project, highlighting the projects progression and key milestone stages; [Harry Reynolds Road Pedestrian & Cycle Route | Fingal County Council](#)



Consultancy Framework for Dublin 15 Walking and Cycling Projects

The Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Dept has commenced the procurement process for a Single Party Framework for Engineering Consultancy Services for Pedestrian and Cycling Route Projects in the Dublin 15 Area. The closure date for submission was late October. The assessment of the tender submissions for Stage 1 is currently underway and the letters of intent will be issued in December moving the procurement process to Stage 2. Proposed projects will include the Clonsilla-Damastown Cycle Route and Pedestrian & Cycling Bridge at Granard Bridge Castleknock.



Cycle Network Plan for The Greater Dublin Area - Proposed Cycle Network Dublin North West - Sheet N6

PSI 063 Granard Bridge

A tender brief is currently being prepared for a Pedestrian and Cycling bridge over the Maynooth Rail line and Royal Canal at Granard Bridge on the Castleknock Road and will form an integral part of the walking and cycling route for Blanchardstown to Phoenix Park which is a proposed route in the NTA's Greater Dublin Area Cycle Network Plan. The tendering for this project will form part of the initial project for the Engineering Consultancy Services Framework for Dublin 15 Pedestrian and Cycling Route Projects which is currently at stage 1 of the procurement process.



Figure 1 - View from Rail Bridge towards Granard Bridge and Blanchardstown



Figure 2 - Site Location

PSI – 004 Royal Canal Urban Greenway

Dialogue continues to be held with landowners and with key stakeholders the National Transport Authority and Waterways Ireland along the route of the greenway to ensure a coordinated, high quality final design is achieved at interfaces between existing facilities and the proposed scheme. Landowner searches and land referencing are ongoing also. Following this process, the required documents including the Environmental Impact Assessment Report will be prepared for a planning application to An Bord Pleanála in mid-2024.

S2M Pedestrian and Cycle Scheme

The preliminary design drawings are being finalised. The recently published Cycle Design Manual has led to some improvements being incorporated into the overall scheme design. The new manual draws on the experience of delivering cycling infrastructure across Ireland over the last decade, as well as learning from international best practice, and has been guided by the need to deliver safe cycle facilities for people of all ages and abilities. A surveyor has recently completed topographical surveys of public and private lands within the proposed scheme. Ground Investigation Works will be required along the route at all locations where new structures are being proposed. A tree surveyor will be procured in the coming months and a survey of all trees along the proposed route will be carried out. Following this process, the preliminary design can be finalised and documents will be prepared for a planning application to An Bord Pleanála. Engagement with potentially impacted property owners, businesses and stakeholders is ongoing. A search of unregistered lands is ongoing for production of the deposit maps for the land acquisition.



Kinsealy Walking and Cycling Routes

The consultancy framework for various Swords & Kinsealy projects with the initial project being the Kinsealy Walking and Cycling Routes was recently awarded to Barry transportation. The appointed consultants are currently progressing the Kinsealy Walking and Cycling Routes Projects. The Options Selection phase is progressing on two routes, Kinsealy Lane and Chapel Road/Station Road to determine the draft preferred routes. A survey has been procured to carry out traffic surveys. This is programmed for December. In addition, a surveyor has been procured to carry out topographical surveys. Briefings will be undertaken with the local members at the next milestone stage. Non-statutory stakeholder consultation which will include road users will be targeted for 2024 whilst targeted stakeholder consultation, for example with potentially affected landowners, will be undertaken as needed.



Fingal Coastal Way

Liaison with landowners and residents' groups along the route of the Fingal Coastal Way continues. Appointment of a contractor for the topographical survey of public lands is progressing. This survey will allow design in the town and village centres to be progressed. Affected landowners with farming and horticultural businesses will be informed in the coming weeks with regard to the appointment of the scheme agronomist, at which point further liaison meetings will be held along the route. Searches continue for potentially affected landowners who have not been identified yet.

Broadmeadow Way Greenway

Design options for the northern causeway are continuing to be developed using recently acquired ground investigation data from the ground investigation (GI) contract conducted over the summer months. These options will then be workshopped with Irish Rail to seek approval to proceed with single preferred design option that meets the project objectives and ensure the safety and integrity of the railway causeway.

Tender competitions for a number of sub-elements of the project are advancing through the procurement process including;

- Tender competition for a precast concrete manufacturer for the 12-span 180m long precast bridge deck units has ended and tenders are now being assessed.
- Main estuary bridge Civil Engineering contractor - tender responses for this difficult and time constrained works package are currently being evaluated.
- OHLE strengthening works contractor, strengthening works to the foundations of the overhead electrical systems associated with the Dart which must be completed in advance of the bridge and ramp construction.
- The Underwater Archaeology Unit in the Department of Local Government and Heritage have requested that Fingal County Council undertake an underwater archaeology desktop assessment as part of planning and foreshore commitments, the tender pack for this piece of work has been issued to the market with the competition due to close in December.

We continue to work with and engage with the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage on the Foreshore application as we await a final outcome.



Church Fields Link Road

Works are continuing on phase 2 of the Church Fields Link Road and Cycle Network project, including the upgrade and reconfiguration of the existing Wellview Avenue and the installation of 670m of high quality pedestrian and cycling facilities through the eastern parklands linking up with existing networks and future proposed facilities in the vicinity



PSI-026 Turvey Avenue & Portrane Road

Fingal County Council has lodged an application to An Bord Pleanála (ABP) for a Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) for the Portrane Road Enhancement Project and two landowner objections have been lodged with ABP in this regard.

Further consultation regarding landowner concerns is ongoing, with one of the landowners having now agreed to withdraw his objection. 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. A decision from An Bord Pleanála on the CPO application is expected shortly.

Separately, Fingal County Council has completed a tender competition to procure a works contractor to build a Footpath Enhancement project on nearby Turvey Avenue, in Donabate. The project will see the construction of a new section of footpath to improve pedestrian safety and increase connectivity for people walking between Donabate Village and the residential areas along Turvey Avenue, west of Donabate Train Station. A works contractor is expected to be appointed imminently with construction work due to commence in early 2024.

PSI-027 Donabate Pedestrian Bridge

The detailed design for the construction of a new pedestrian and cycle bridge over the Dublin to Belfast Railway line at Corballis, Donabate has been approved by Iarnród Éireann and the Commission for Railway Regulation. The new bridge will cross over the railway line, facilitating a safe and segregated pedestrian and cycle route and will enhance connections between the development lands at Corballis, Donabate Village, the railway station and Newbridge Demesne. Heads of terms have been agreed and necessary licence agreements are being finalised with the developers of adjacent lands to facilitate access to, and construction of, the bridge. Procurement for a main contractor for the works is ongoing and construction is expected to commence in Q1 2024.

Donabate Transport Projects

Fingal County Council has appointed Roughan and O'Donovan, a leading multi-disciplinary consultancy firm, to provide engineering, planning and environmental services for the Donabate Transport Projects, which comprise a number of major projects with the objective of improving transport and active travel infrastructure and road safety on the Donabate-Portrane peninsula.

The projects include:

- Phase 2 of the Donabate Distributor Road project, to improve access to Donabate and Portrane from the M1-Lissenhall Interchange for all road users, particularly vulnerable road users such as pedestrians and cyclists;
- Blakes Cross Junction Upgrade, to provide a safer junction layout that caters for both motorised traffic and active travel modes of transport such as walking and cycling;
- A study of the M1-Lissenhall Interchange, in collaboration with TII, to assess all technical and operational traffic issues associated with this strategic motorway junction;
- Donabate Active Travel Routes which encompass a number of related local projects which aim to increase local connectivity for pedestrians and cyclists.

Work on the initial data-gathering, concept development and option assessment stages of the Donabate Transport Projects is underway. Further stages of work, relating to environmental assessment, planning consent, etc. will follow on in subsequent years as appropriate.

Parks & Green Infrastructure Division

Balbriggan Pocket Park

Balbriggan Pocket Park will open on 7th December. Located on a previously derelict site on Balbriggan Main Street, the Pocket Park will greatly improve the physical and visual amenity of the streetscape at this location.





Play Space Meakstown

The development of the major new playground located at Lanesborough Park is progressing well in spite of challenging weather conditions. It is planned to open the facility early next year.



Heritage Officer

BLAS: Fingal's Food Heritage Project



Phase 1 of the project has been completed. The project explores, records the traditions, attitudes, beliefs, and practices that surround how we produce and consume food. Food memories, photos, and recipes from the community are shared on our digital map and a framework document for further phases of the project has been formulated. Lesson plans and food trees have been developed for primary schools and the first of our videos focusing on the dining, kitchens, recipe book and walled gardens of Newbridge Demesne was filmed by FCC Digital Officer Mark Broderick. To see all and access links go to <https://www.fingal.ie/blas-fingals-food-heritage>

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To find out more about Blas: Fingal's Food Heritage go to <https://www.fingal.ie/blas-fingals-food-Fingal-Heritage>



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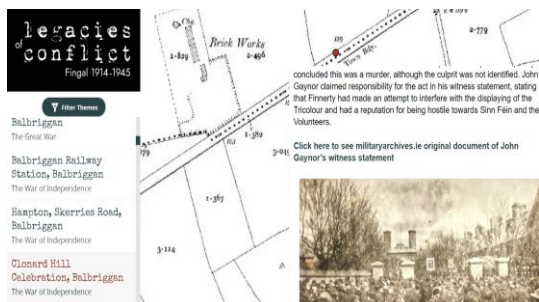
Fingal's Food Heritage - Newbridge House

In Fingal we have strong tradition of horticultural, farming and fishing. Our food heritage enco...

Legacies of Conflict Memory Map

The Legacies of Conflict Memory Map legaciesofconflict.fingal.ie went live as part of Innovation Week. It is a digital map and is a way of sharing the information gathered thus far, pertaining to the conflict era 1914-1945 in Fingal.

You can zoom into your own area and just point to the pin or search according to one of the six themes listed. Many of the entries have links to further information such as the Military Archives and reading resources.



Digging Drumanagh 2023

An important element of the Digging Drumanagh project is dissemination. The Heritage Officer spoke at the following;

- 29th EAA Annual Meeting, Belfast
- Trinity College Dublin Archaeology Society
- Institute of Archaeologists of Ireland Conference
- Roman Finds Group-New Research on Finds from the edges of Roman Britain and Beyond Conference
- Rush & Loughshinny Historical Society



Community Monuments Fund 2024



The Community Monuments Fund 2024 is currently open. Funding which is 100% is prioritised for owners, custodians, communities and local authorities for the care, conservation, maintenance, protection and promotion of archaeological monuments.

The impact of climate change is increasingly evident and maintenance and repair is the key to building resilience in our monuments to enable them to withstand the effects of a changing environment. Details and applications forms are available at

<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/362a1-community-monuments-fund-2024-call-for-projects/>

The fund is administered by the Heritage Office for the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

Grants

Recoupment of the County Heritage Plan grants totalling €37,250 received by the Heritage Office from the Heritage Council has been made.

- €17,250 Fingal Food Heritage 2023
- €10,000 Digging Drumanagh 2023
- €10,000 Fingal Heritage Plan 2024-2030



Recoupment of the grants made by the Community Monument Fund 2023 for Fingal, totalling €498,239.30

Stream 1 (Works)

- €120,000 St Columba's Towers, Swords
- €120,000 Malahide Church & Graveyard
- €113,971.38 Balrothery Tower House
- €120,000 St Mary's Church & Graveyard, Clonmethan, Oldtown

Stream 2 (Surveys, Plans)

- €24,267.90 Mulhuddart Church and Graveyard Conservation Management Plan.

HOUSING

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Affordable Home Purchase Scheme



Fingal County Council are making homes available for sale under affordable dwelling purchase arrangements across the County.

Our pipeline for affordable housing over the coming years is below:

Affordable Housing Pipeline	Units
Dun Emer, Lusk - Completed	39
Hayestown, Rush - In Progress	52
Hampton Gardens Close, Balbriggan - In Progress	18
Kilmartin Grove Phase 1-Coming Soon	20
Ballymastone, Donabate - Coming Soon	286
Church Fields, Mulhuddart - Coming Soon	260

Fingal County Council is also actively engaging with Developers for opportunities to collaborate on Turnkey developments that are suitable for sale under Affordable Purchase arrangements.

Construction Programme

Summary of unit numbers in the pipeline	Units
Under Construction	307
Schemes with Planning Approval and Tender Stage	413
Planning and Design	1,112
Part V	271
TOTAL	2,103

Progress of Projects on Site

43 homes delivered in Lanestown View, Donabate in partnership with Circle Housing Association



29 homes delivered in Stapolin, Baldoye in partnership with Respond Housing Association



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

Nine units have been completed and the restoration works commenced on the next 5 units and are due for completion in mid-2024.



**Fingal County Council – Update on Affordable Housing Scheme at Hampton Gardens Close, Balbriggan
18 Affordable Units**

18 homes have been made available for sale under an Affordable Housing Purchase Arrangement with Orchid Homes in Balbriggan, Co. Dublin. The development is progressing well with completion expected in early 2024. 6 of the 9 no. 1 bedroom apartments are sale agreed and 9 no. 2 bedroom duplex units are all sale agreed. The portal remains open to further applications for the 3 remaining no. 1 bedroom apartments. Applications can be made through www.fingal.ie/affordablehousing

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

Works are continuing with Phase 1 of the affordable units at Hayestown, Rush which is due for completion in early 2024. Phase 1 consists of a total of 26 units – 24 affordable private homes & 2 social homes.





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

Works are continuing on the 31 units in Lusk being constructed by Tuath Housing. This development is due for completion in early 2024.



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

Works are progressing at Bowden Court, Swords.



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

Works at Ballough Place, Lusk are progressing without significant delays.



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

Works are progressing at Monastery Court, Lusk and the scheme is on track for completion in Quarter 2, 2024.



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

Works are nearing completion at the Clonsilla Road project and handover is expected this December.



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

Works are nearing completion at the Sheepmoor project and handover is expected this December.

Housing Asset Management Report

Energy Efficiency/Retrofitting Programme

Fingal County Council’s Energy Efficiency Retrofit programme is progressing well. Work has been completed on 103 properties to date in Strandmill Estate, Barnewall Estate, Rivermeade, and Glasmore Court. Works on a further 19 properties are currently underway in Strandmill Estate, Glasmore Park, and Whitestown Gardens.

Investigative works are ongoing in several other housing estates across the county to include them in this program.



Post-works – Strandmill Estate, Portmarnock (external wall insulation, new windows and doors)

Returning Dwellings to Productive Use

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

Voids for Re-letting	30 th November 2023
In the letting process	52
Undergoing re-let repairs	24
With County Architect for procurement of pre-let repairs	8
TOTAL	84

Planned Maintenance Programmes

Cyclical Maintenance - Scheme Painting



Domville Woods – Before (L) and after (R)

The Scheme Painting Programme provides for external painting and joinery repairs to Council housing stock and currently operates on a 6/7-year cycle. Works are reaching completion in Corduff Close, Corduff Cottages, Corduff Crescent, Corduff Green, and Corduff Place. Works are continuing in Domville Woods.

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 318 new tenancies in 2023 to date with approximately 3907 tenancies set up since HAP began in 2017.

The HAP team is 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 at 01 8905000 via the CCU or through email at 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 is 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 two Possession orders with 5 others currently before the courts. We have recently resolved one case to a satisfactory conclusion for both the tenant and the council. Regarding the two possession orders secured, both tenants are engaging with the team to address their areas.

The Rents team encourages any tenant who is having trouble 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.

Local Authority Home Loan

The Local Authority Home Loan (LAHL) continues to be popular among people who are unable to secure funding from commercial lenders to allow them to purchase a home with 503 applications received.

The loan application process has been augmented by updates to our online loan application portal which has been upgraded in recent weeks to allow for easier submission of documentation and clearer information on what is required. Applicants can still submit a loan application and required documentation by post if they wish to do so.

49 borrowers have drawn down a total of 9.3m in Local Authority Home Loans since the introduction of the scheme in January 2022.

Further information on the Local Authority Home Loan and the eligibility criteria can be found at www.fingal.ie/localauthorityhomeloan & www.localauthorityhomeloan.ie



Private Rented Inspections

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

The team successfully reached 100.42% of the 2023 target by the end of quarter three. 5451 inspections took place across a total of 4595 dwellings. 966 re-inspections were carried out in October and November to improve compliancy. As a result of this, at the end of November 2023, 24% of properties inspected in 2023 are now in compliance.

The team will continue to work with the contractor for the last month of the year to further improve the compliance figures.

Additionally, preparations are underway for the first batch of 2024 which will be due for inspection in the first week of January.

Housing Tenancy Services Report

Housing Support and Housing Position

Housing List positions have been issued to all applicants.

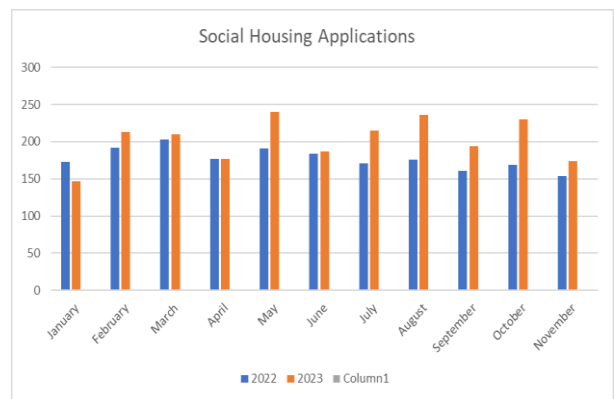
The list position is also available through the CBL portal on Fingal.ie. Applicants who do not have access to this portal should contact Choicebasedlettings@fingal.ie to request their unique username and password.

Changes to Income Eligibility Thresholds

By Circular 48/2022 and changes being implemented via the Social Housing Assessment (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2022, the Social Housing Eligibility Bands increased with effect from 1st January 2023.

Housing applications received year to date.

Jan - November 2023	2,223
Jan - November 2022	1,952



Housing Support Appeals

Applicants are reminded, that an appeal must be received within 28 days of a decision being communicated in writing to be eligible for review.

An email address has been established to facilitate the submission of appeals about housing support applications by applicants e.g., closure of social housing applications, transfer of tenancy, income limit queries, medical priority, and transfer applications. Applicants can email – Housing.Appeals@fingal.ie.

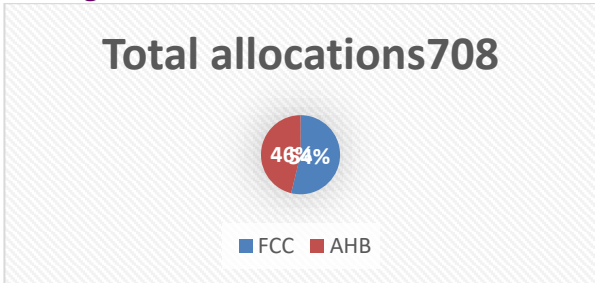
Housing Needs Assessment

Following Circular 26/2023 as released on 5th July 2023, the Summary of Social Housing Assessment (SSHA) is due for return to the Department of Housing Local Government and Heritage by 29th November 2023.

Letters Issued to applicants on 15th September to all applicants required to complete the SSHA. Following the successful launch of the Online HNA System in 2022, applicants have been advised to complete the assessment where possible online. This system went live on Monday 18th September 2023 with initial uptake positive and was closed on Wednesday 22nd November.

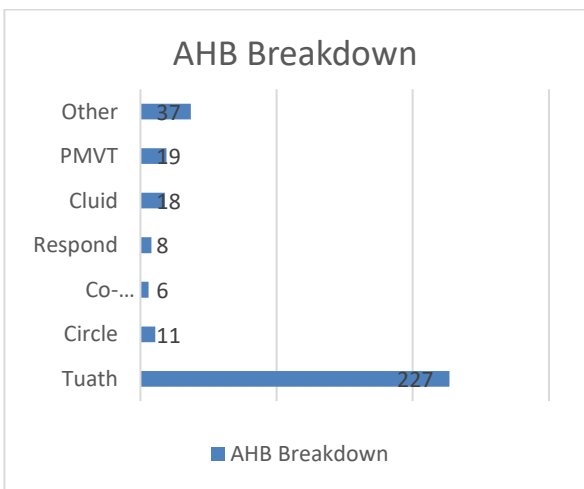
The assessment was complete with the Summary Return submitted to the Department on 28th November 2023.

Lettings



The above chart depicts the total number of properties allocated since the beginning of 2023. 327 of these allocations have been in collaboration with a number of Approved Housing bodies. The other 381 properties allocated were allocated using Fingal County Councils own stock.

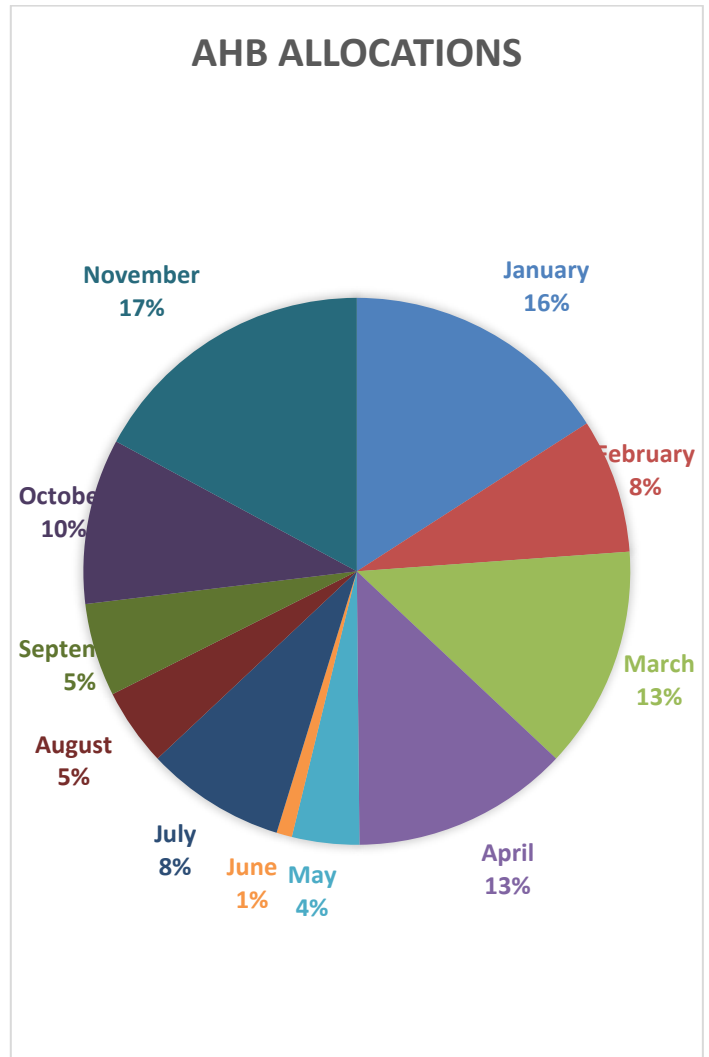
Of all the 708 allocations made to date, 363 were made via Choice Based Lettings.



This chart portrays a breakdown of the AHB'S, reflecting the nominations sent to them during 2023 thus far. Tuath have received the most nominations from Fingal County Council in 2023. Of the 327 allocations in collaboration with the approved housing bodies, Tuath housing association received 227.

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

Total Allocations to date in collaboration with Approved Housing Bodies was 327, the below diagram portrays the monthly allocations.



Choice Based Lettings November Advertised Properties

Advertisement Period	Property	Bed	Type	Number of Views	Expressions of interest
1 st – 7 th November	Parslickstown Green, Mulhuddart, Dublin 15	3	House	968	100
8 th – 14 th November	Wellview Avenue, Mulhuddart, Dublin 15	3	House	854	60
22 nd – 28 th November	Barnewall Avenue, Donabate, Co Dublin	3	House	994	168
22 nd – 28 th November	Domville Woods, Santry, Dublin 9	3	Duplex	687	65
			Total	3503	393

Respond Housing association have taken delivery of 29 properties in Baldoyle Dublin 13, these properties were advertised using the choice-based lettings portal and receive a high level of interest. Fingal County Council and Respond are working together closely to ensure all properties are allocated in a timely manner.

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

Homeless Services.

Homeless Exits 2023

During November 2023, 34 households exited homeless circumstances into various forms of social housing support - including privately rented tenancies under the Homeless HAP Scheme.

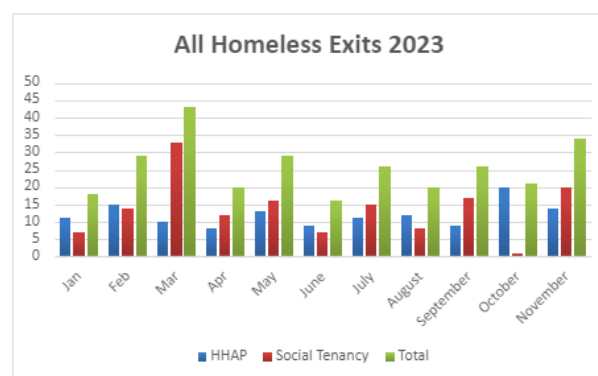
Please see the table below for a breakdown of the figures:

Type of Exit	HHAP Tenancy	Allocation of Tenancy	Total
EA	2	0	2
Homeless Prevention	12	20	32
Total	14	20	34

There was a total of 32 homeless prevention cases and 2 who exited emergency accommodation comprising:

20 allocations of social housing support to homeless prevention cases.

14 Homeless HAP tenancies, comprising 12 homeless preventions and 2 who exited emergency accommodation.

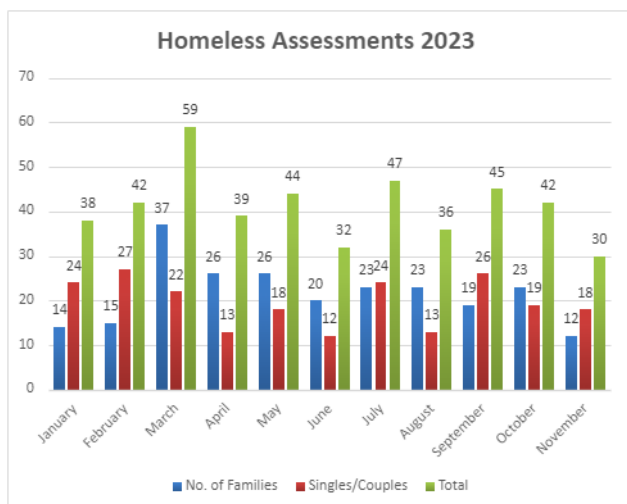


Homeless Assessments

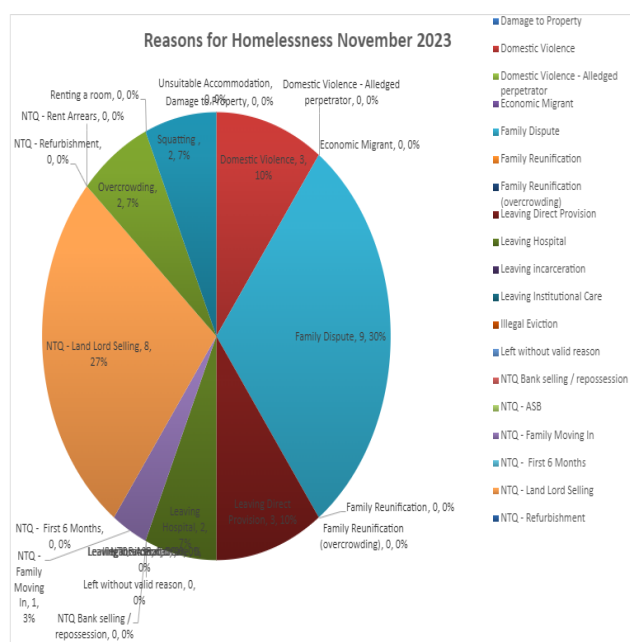
Fingal's Homeless Team continues to engage with those experiencing homelessness to offer advice and support. Homeless Assessments continued to be carried out.

In November 2023, there were a total of 30 full homeless assessments completed – comprising 12 families and 18 singles/couples.

To date in 2023 there have been a total of 454 full homeless assessments completed.



During November 2023, of the 30 Homeless Assessments carried out, 30% cases resulted from a Notice to Quit (NTQ) having been served. Most of the other presentations to the Homeless Section are from living in overcrowded conditions (7%) and state that they cannot/will not return to the property. The remaining 33% comprise various reasons outlined in the chart below



There are also a considerable number of people making contact stating that they are Homeless due to family breakdown (30%).

Emergency Accommodation (including Fingal County Council Family Hubs)

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

Rough Sleepers

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

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

A weekly Rough Sleepers Coordination Group monitors the reports of rough sleepers. The reports come from various outlets, including the DRHE Outreach Team, Elected Representatives, the FCC Operations Department, and the general public.

The progress of these cases is monitored until the needs of the reported rough sleepers are met and the cases can be closed.

Cold Weather Strategy 2023/24

In the event of cold weather or any emergency event in Dublin, the Dublin Region Homeless Executive (DRHE) coordinates the response to homelessness on behalf of the four Dublin Local Authorities. To meet the increase in demand for homeless services and have the appropriate contingency plans in place for cold weather conditions, the DRHE is activating the Cold Weather Strategy 2023/24 in the Dublin Region.

The Cold Weather Strategy focuses on expanding the current capacity to meet the increasing demand for emergency accommodation whilst also providing a targeted response for people who are long-term rough sleeping.

Increase in emergency accommodation for singles/couples

In partnership with DRHE service providers, capacity for singles and couples has been increased and these beds will be available on a phased basis throughout the winter months. As these beds come on stream, they will be made available as needed, depending on the demand for homeless services on any given night. Equally, they will provide vital capacity if an extreme weather event occurs. For all households assessed by an LA as requiring access to temporary accommodation, all residential services now operate on a 24-hour basis, with meals provided on-site and/or cooking facilities. The total additional capacity is 330 permanent beds and 40 extreme weather beds. The permanent beds are operated on a 24-hour basis with meals provided onsite.

Enhanced services operational during cold weather conditions

DRHE services operate throughout the year to support people who are sleeping rough. During the cold weather period, services are enhanced to mitigate the health risks that cold weather poses. The cold weather provides opportunities for more assertive engagement with long-term, entrenched rough sleepers and hard-to-reach groups, aimed at placing them in appropriate and long-term accommodation. Enhanced services operating for this cold weather period include:

- Dublin Street Outreach service provided by the Dublin Simon Community. The team provides a service 7 am – 1 am Mon- Fri and 9 am – 1 am Saturday and Sunday.

- The Outreach Mobile Health Clinic, operated by SafetyNet and funded by the HSE, delivers services two nights a week (Tuesday & Thursday) and every second Friday morning with the Dublin Outreach teams, to support rough sleepers with complex medical needs. This Outreach clinic offers a comprehensive primary health care service targeted at people who are experiencing homelessness in Dublin.
- The DRHE, Dublin Simon Outreach Team, Housing First, the HSE and An Garda Síochána will continue to work closely together during the winter period with the same goal of improving outcomes for people who may be sleeping rough.
- The DRHE has 40+ emergency beds that can be activated during extreme weather conditions or adverse events.

Dublin Street Outreach Service Tel: 01 872 0185 from 7 am to 1 am

The DRHE in partnership with Dublin Simon Outreach and the PMVT Intake team are assertively working on the streets offering accommodation to all rough sleepers. The teams are very familiar with the locations of people sleeping rough across the Dublin Region and persistently work with individuals to support them into emergency accommodation. This process can take time and multiple contacts, as some people do not want to engage but the teams persevere with every person working to achieve a successful outcome.

The service operates 365 days a year, until 1 am. The Outreach Teams also ensure that people sleeping rough are linked with other appropriate health services such as addiction and mental health services to prevent further rough sleeping. PMVT's Housing First Intake team links rough sleepers to permanent accommodation with long-term support.

All emergency accommodation is now 24-hour, with food and shower facilities provided.

Homeless Action Plan 2022- 2024

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

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

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

Preventing Homelessness, Notices to Quit and Tenant In-situ Acquisitions

Fingal County Council is aware that households in the Fingal area who may have received a notice to quit, which is also referred to as a notice of termination, from their landlord may be worried or unsure of what to do.

Fingal County Council and the Dublin Regional Homeless Executive (DRHE) would like to advise anyone affected of the services that are available to them in these circumstances.

We strongly encourage tenants residing in the Fingal area, who have been issued with a notice of termination, to contact Fingal County Council as soon as they receive a notice from their landlord. The contact details for Fingal County Council are provided at the bottom of this page.

When the tenants contact Fingal County Council, staff in the Housing Department will take note of the termination date.

The Council advises the tenant to refer the notice to Threshold, a service funded by the DRHE to provide a Tenancy Protection Service for private renters in the Dublin Region, including Fingal. Threshold can also be contacted directly on Freephone 1800 454 454 or via their website www.threshold.ie which contains more information and advice on the validity of your notice.

The Council's first response will be to try to prevent homelessness. This includes assessing the person's position on the 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, 39 tenant in-situ properties are at the sale closed stage. A total of 109 properties are at the sale agreed stage with a further 54 cases in the negotiation process. In addition, the Council is assessing a further 303 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. The Cost Rental Tenant-in-Situ Scheme 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 contact the landlord about the purchase of the 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.

Works around preventing homelessness, assessing notices of termination, and responding to tenant and landlord in-situ queries are being led on by the Council's Homelessness section, taking a tenant-centred approach, supported by staff dedicated to dealing 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 Thursday, 9 am to 5.00 pm,

Friday 9 am to 4.30 pm:

Tel. **01 890 5000** or homeless@fingal.ie

Email: NTQEnquiries@fingal.ie

Dublin Region Homeless Executive, Central Placement Services:

Freephone : 1800 707 707

TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION PROGRAMME

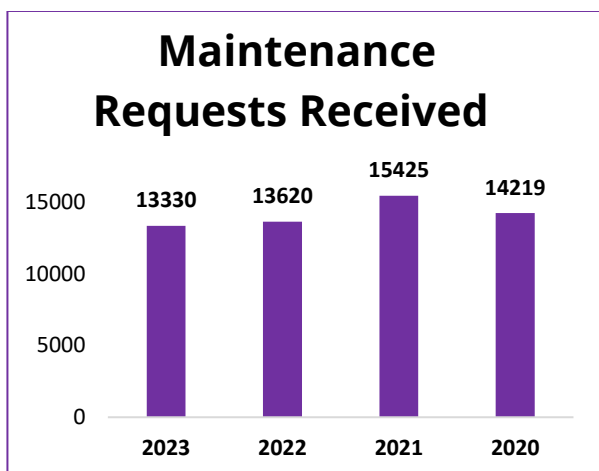
Traveller Accommodation

Refurbishment works to the 5 Bay Halting Site at St Brigid's Lawns, Porterstown, Dublin 15 is ongoing. 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 all Fingal County Council Traveller specific sites while checking on vulnerable residents and advising on the continued support 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.

Housing Maintenance



Boiler Servicing Programme

The 2023 Programme of work is 90% complete, with Contractors working across the County in areas such as Corduff, Drumheath, Fortlawn, Wellview, Dun Saithne, cardy Rock, St Paul's and Patrick's Grange.

Anti-Social Behaviour/Inspectorate Unit

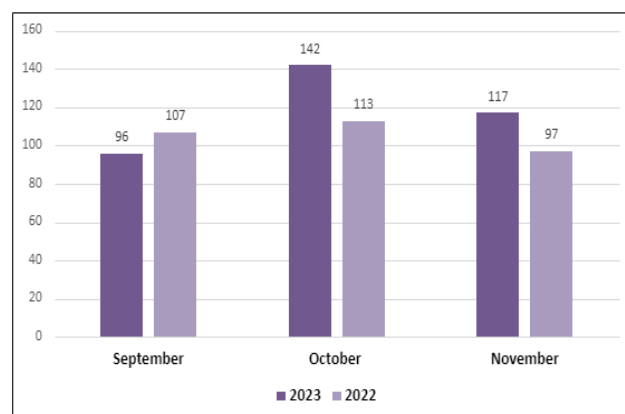
The Council is committed to investigating all reports of ASB and will take all preventative measures possible. All complaints are received in confidence by the ASB Unit

ASB Caseload Management

November 2023	Complaints Received	Active Investigations
Balbriggan	12	9
Rush / Lusk	9	8
Swords	21	8
Howth / Malahide	20	16
Blanchardstown / Mulhuddart	31	9
Ongar	17	11
Castleknock	7	5
Total	117	66

Surrenders on Estate Management Grounds 2023 – 2 (Jan), 3 (Feb), 2 (March), 2 (April), 1 (May), 1 (June), 2 (July), 4 (August), 3 (September), 1 (October), 2 (November).

Monthly Breakdown of ASB Complaints Received 2022-23



Anti-Social Behaviour Interventions

Interviews Held 2023	91
Interviews Held 2022	101
Tenancy Alerts 2023	21
Tenancy Alerts 2022	39
Tenancy Warnings 2023	4
Tenancy Warnings 2022	6

Inspectorate

Traveller Specific Site Inspections 2023	1552
Traveller Specific Site Inspections 2022	1673
Estate Inspections 2023	1305
Estate Inspections 2022	1086
Estate Management Inspections 2023	1666
Estate Management Inspections 2022	2109

Tenant Induction Courses 2023

Fingal County Council are currently delivering Tenant Induction Courses in the Mulhuddart Community Centre. This partnership has been hugely successful due to its central location and the great facilities the centre has to offer.

8 Tenant Induction Course have been completed to date for the developments listed below. The final course is scheduled for Monday 11th December 2023.

- Kilhedge
- Wellview
- Liscappagh
- Churchfields

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](http://www.fingal.ie/ukraine)

The Council's Fingal Ukraine Response Forum chaired by the Mayor continues to meet regularly to coordinate the response of the various statutory agencies and voluntary groups in the county to assist the Ukraine community. The most recent meeting of the Ukraine Response Forum was held on the 23rd November 2023.

Liam Rodgers Rest Centre

The centre continues to provide accommodation and support to Ukrainian Beneficiaries of Temporary protection. In the main occupants are new arrivals to the country. The centre is presently operating at full capacity with various statutory agencies linked with the centre to provide support to the new arrivals.

Supported by the Council and the Peter McVerry Trust (PMVT) over **402 persons** have moved from the Liam Rodgers centre to OfferAhome\pledge accommodation across the county and country

with arrangements finalising concerning further moves to OfferAhome\pledge accommodation. An additional **200 persons** have moved along to varying other forms of accommodation in the main to state contracted accommodation.

OfferAhome\Pledge Accommodation

The monthly recognition payment is **€800** per month for vacant properties and **€800** to host a Ukraine person in your home. To pledge fully vacant accommodation, please visit the national portal at

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

To pledge a room in your home, this can be done through the Irish Red Cross via www.redcross.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.

Vacant Homes.

Three dwellings are currently advancing through the CPO process, one of which has a large associated site. An Bord Pleanála has confirmed that the CPO is to operative concerning 2 of these properties.

Sale closed last month on a property in the Dublin 15 area under the Buy and Renew Scheme with the property now in the pre-let repair programme for social housing stock. Another dwelling is at sale agreed stage under the Buy and Renew scheme.

The Croí Cónaithe Refurbishment Grant Scheme is also in utilisation to address vacancy and assist citizens in getting a home with increasing enquiries, applications, and grant approvals.

Croí Cónaithe Vacant Homes Refurbishment Grant

On the 1st May 2023, the scheme was further extended with the eligibility criteria now allowing for properties built 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 market when refurbishment is complete. Before the recent change, the grant-approved property had to be the principal private residence of the grant-approved owner.

To date, **80 applications** have been received under the scheme, **40 of** which have been approved with other applications moving to the approval stage. In addition, staff are engaging with numerous other expressions of interest which have the potential to lead to further applications.

Promotion of the scheme is ongoing by the Vacant Homes Team who have been present at various Housing Information Events most recently the event held in the Crown Plaza, Hotel, Santry on the 1st December 2023. For enquiries on the 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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Fingal Inclusion Week 2023

Fingal Inclusion Week 2023 is an initiative led by Fingal County Council, Fingal County Council Integration Office. 2023 is the fifth year of Fingal Inclusion Week. Around 70 events took place across the County of Fingal from Monday the 13th of November to Sunday the 19th of November. All Fingal Inclusion Week events are free to attend and open to everyone.

Fingal Inclusion Week aims to:

Highlight the positive work that communities, agencies and other organisations are involved in to reduce social exclusion and poverty in Fingal.

Raise awareness of the barriers experienced by citizens of Fingal that lead to social exclusion.

Promote an understanding of inclusion in Fingal and celebrate diversity across the county.

Keen To Be Green Communities Skerries



Fingal Inclusion Week saw the launch of Keen To Be Green Communities Project in Skerries. The opening event, hosted by Sustainable Skerries, was a **Welcome to Skerries walk** which was a 90-minute scenic tour of some of the eco-friendly sites in the town. Over 10 different nationalities attended the event.

Sustainable Skerries are a key stakeholder in the project along with Skerries Tidy Towns, Skerries Community Garden and Skerries Cycling Initiative, all of whom have engaged with the Community Development office to plan the project, which will see the groups working together to promote sustainable and environmentally friendly practices and a circular economy throughout Skerries.

Throughout the Skerries Cycling hosted a free bike repair workshop and launch a 5-week beginner cycling course to 15 locals, with the help of FCC Active Travel as well as the Community Office.

Black Raven Pipe Band Free Adult Piping & Drumming Course 2024



Black Raven Pipe Band in Lusk launched a free Adult learning course during Fingal Inclusion Week which will offer free drumming and piping tuition to 20 new participants throughout 2024. The programme was officially launched by Band Vice President Cllr. Rob O'Donoghue at an event held in Lusk Cultural Centre on 18th November 2023.

The Programme will not only provide the new skills to 20 members of the community but will help to increase membership for the band to allow them to continue to perform locally and also compete internationally to continue their legacy in the Lusk Community, which dates back to 1910. This legacy was demonstrated at the launch as it opened with a performance using 100-year old restored pipes, donated by the Meehan family.

Balbriggan Social Inclusion Week Tour



The Balbriggan Inclusion Week Committee highlighted the strong collaborations within the community through a 'Social Inclusion Week Tour'. This tour had 6 stops ending with community services and local community showcase and included

1. **The Black & Irish Podcast in Our Balbriggan Hub;**
2. Food Poverty Tour with Empower, The Men's Shed, The Health Inclusion Hub, Aster Family Resource Centre with a Connect Cafe;
3. Balbriggan Traveller Project 'Cultural Tea & Chats';
4. Domestic Violence Awareness Workshop with Garda Domestic Abuse Coordinator and Sonas;
5. Foroige services with participatory workshops.
6. The services and local community showcase solidified the strong community and services in Balbriggan and brought about further collaborations into the future.

The Balbriggan Social Inclusion Tour committee worked well in development stronger connections between services, agencies, Fingal County Council, An Garda Siochana, and the community by sharing information and highlighting the positive work that communities, agencies and other organisations are involved in to reduce social exclusion and poverty in Balbriggan.





Library of Migrant Women Exhibition



The Library of Migrant Women is a participatory art project created in which migrant women tell stories of their journey from their homeland to Ireland. It features 11 stories written by migrant women about the social issues that affect them daily, their work to transform their lives, and the lives of those around them. The Fingal Integration team hosted the Library of Migrant Women exhibition. in Balbriggan Library as part of Fingal Inclusion Week.

Art Across Cultures Exhibition



Fingal Integration Team in collaboration with Irish Traveller Movement developed a programme on Anti-Racism awareness. Young from 12-18 years across Fingal were asked what anti-racism means to them and to express this in a visual way. The exhibition showcases the responses in a vibrant and colourful way. The exhibition was showcased at Lusk Cultural Centre during the Fingal Inclusion week.



Swords Women's Shed Celebrate Fingal Inclusion Week



The Swords Women's Shed celebrated Fingal Inclusion Week with various events throughout the week. The sheds mission of uniting women was to the key objective with inclusive events for everyone to enjoy. The week commenced with tea and chat, tennis in Swords town park, and 'Walk and Talk' around the village. Meditation and Pilates Classes were organised for members to give it a new activity a go. Garda Sargent Kenny gave an informative talk to the women's shed on crime prevention. The week of celebrations concluded with a trip to Ballyboughal Pitch & Putt Club.

Swords Men's Shed "Minding their Hearts"



Members of Swords Men's Shed took the historical trail around Swords as part of their celebration for inclusion week. The theme for the week was minding their hearts with a visit by Irish Heart mobile health unit and a night walk through the village.

Introduction to Local Government: Training for People with Disabilities

As part of Fingal Inclusion Week, an introduction to local government workshop was held with the aim of targeting people with disabilities or those working with people with disabilities. This was also an opportunity for community groups to meet the new Fingal Access Officer Cathal Kearney and engage with our colleagues in Corporate to learn how to check the register and to register to vote. To make the session as inclusive as possible, Irish Sign Language interpreting was also made available.

A recording of the session is available for those interested in learning more.



Rush Tidy Towns Sustainability Workshop

Rush Tidy Towns delivered an interactive workshop for all ages at the Rush Community Centre. The workshop focused on the 17 themes of combating Climate Change and was attended by many groups from the Rush area, who are all supported by the FCC Community Office, including Rush Men's Shed, Rush Senior Citizens and several residents' associations. Over the next few weeks Rush Tidy Towns are working with the Community office to prepare a funding application towards the sustainable development of the town.



Failte Isteach Donabate trip to Botanic Gardens

Failte Isteach Donabate, the volunteer- led conversational English project, organised an educational trip to the Botanic gardens in Glasnevin. Supported by the Community Office almost 40 students and tutors from the project engaged in a walking tour and recreation at the Gardens. The students included several from Ukrainian rest centres in Donabate and Swords along with Failte Isteach students who take part in the weekly classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Donabate /Portrane Community Centre.



Mulhuddart Winter Fest



Mulhuddart Winter Fest took place in Mulhuddart Community Centre on Friday 17th November. This event aimed to highlight groups and supports available in Mulhuddart including Blanchardstown Centre for Independent Living, Mulhuddart Men's Shed and more. Attendees were treated to entertainment from Festival in a Van which was kindly supported by Fingal Libraries and Creative Ireland funding. The bike repair clinic was sponsored by Active Cities.



Balseskin Information Event



The Community Office partnered with Jesuit Refugee Service to run an information event at Balseskin, National Reception Centre. The event saw almost 30 national organisations such as Ruhama, Legal Aid Board, Failte Isteach, Akidwa, Sanctuary Runners and others host information stands on-site in Balseskin.

Clr. Adrian Hency, Mayor of Fingal, Minister Joe O'Brien, the Fingal Integration Officer and members of the Community Development team attended this event in support. Residents of the reception centre attended the event and welcomed the engagement with the range of services and agencies on the day.

Fingal She Leads

She Leads, We Lead Fingal Women Bringing Change



Fingal She Leads held an open forum to plan their 2024 activity. Next year, the project will be looking towards the upcoming local elections and specifically how to engage and increase the participation of women. The project proposes to host a series of workshops across Fingal. The workshops will involve capacity building training, information speakers and will culminate in the development and presentation of the Fingal Womens Manifesto to candidates running in the local election.

Trip to the Klimt exhibition



Fingal Community Department organised a trip to the Klimt exhibition for the Ukrainian D15 Older and Wiser group and their D15 Irish counterparts. The attendees enjoyed an immersive exhibition. Spirits were so high on the return to a social lunch in Draoicht that a singsong broke out, with our guests singing Molly Malone in Ukrainian and our Irish contingency joining in for the chorus. A memorable day that has sparked plans for several integrated craft & choir get togethers.

Launch of Fingal Seniors Connect Initiative



The launch of Fingal Seniors Connect was a highlight of Inclusion week for Fingal Ukrainian Supports. This innovative project is made possible by the generous support of Age Friendly Skerries, having donated Acorn tablets, previously used during Covid by residents of local nursing homes, allowing Ukrainian participants to access virtual English classes and communication tools. The donated Acorn Tablets have been upgraded and the functions translated into Ukrainian to ensure ease of access and absolute inclusivity for the participants in the programme.

The support of Age Friendly Skerries is a testament to the power of inclusion & the impact that community groups can have on the lives of those in need.

Community Development Failte Isteach Swords



Failte Isteach, Swords continues to expand and in November welcomed new students to learn English. The weekly classes in Holywell Community Centre now host almost 20 students from all over the world. The classes which are facilitated by the Community Department and led by volunteers take place each Monday morning. They are open to anyone who wishes to learn English or improve their conversational English.

Holywell Residents Association Community Clean Up



Supported by the Community Development Office, the residents and community of Holywell, Swords took to the streets, paths, and flower beds of their estate on a bright November morning.

Thanks to the Operations Department and the litter depot at Holywell Community Centre, the group were well prepared for planting, tidy-up and leaf collecting.

Pride of Place 2023



The competition run by Co Operation Ireland looks at the best examples of community development on the island of Ireland.

And Draocht Arts Centre in Blanchardstown, Dublin 15 was awarded a runners up prize in the Best Creative Place category, North and South, winning out over many others for the excellent outreach work they do with families and young people in Dublin 15 and beyond.

Fingal was represented by three groups at the finals in Armagh, with Garristown and the Broadmeadow Community Garden in Swords also flying the flag for Fingal at the event.

The Finals Award Ceremony was attended by the Deputy Mayor of Fingal, the Deputy CE and representative of the FCC Community Office and the three groups involved in this year's competition.

Cricket4All Competition



On Sunday 19th November, the second Fingal Cricket4All Competition took place in North County Cricket Club. Three intergenerational teams of different abilities competed against each other for the coveted Fingal Cricket4All Trophy.

A break in the competition provided an opportunity for participants and their families to enjoy the traditional cricket teas. All participants were presented with Cricket Leinster/Fingal Cricket4All medals. Prior to the competition, the Ireland U19 men's team popped in to wish the participants well in the competition.



Facilities

Building Upgrades Hartstown Community Centre

Anticipation is building as the Board, staff and users of Hartstown Community Centre are gearing up for the builders to arrive on site in early 2024 to carry out a comprehensive renovation of the centre. This will require the centre to close for approx. 12 months, however FCC will be providing temporary accommodation and staffing cover to allow the 2 childcare services to operate fully and safely during the closure.

Collaboration with the community facilities in Dublin 15 have been demonstrated fully, as the staff have been busy liaising with other FCC supported community centres across Dublin 15 to ensure that groups will not be left out during the closure.

The Board and Staff are looking forward to welcoming the community into the improved centre in 2025, with an increased focus on Community Development initiatives and a new Coffee Dock in place.

Accessible Reception at Parslickstown House

Parslickstown House was successful in securing 25k under the Community Centre Investment Fund. FCC Architects Dept and Community Department worked in partnership with the board of management to explore maximising the reception space. On completion the space will be fully accessible. This will allow for the creation of an employability hub in the house. Works are currently underway and are due to reach completion in mid- December.

Interagency

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

In November the CDO supported the delivery of the following:

Fingal Comhairle Na nÓg



During the 2023 Youth Conference, Fingal Comhairle Na nÓg identified their key issues of concern and agreed on the main topic of focus in 2024 which will be **Lack of spaces/facilities for younger people**. After the AGM an information meeting was held to provide further information to young people who may wish to get involved with the FCNN, resulting in 7 new members.

One member has been involved in creating a short video to promote the work of Comhairle na nÓg nationally. Another member attended a branding presentation and got a sneak peak at the new Comhairle branding that will be introduced next year.

Fingal PPN Plenary

The Fingal PPN Plenary took place on Tuesday 21st November in the Radisson Blue Hotel, Dublin Airport. It was a successful, productive, well attended meeting with plenty of engagement from all there.

The focus of the Plenary was on improving the work of the PPN and its engagement with the community groups of Fingal to provide effective input into the policy decisions of the strategic policy committees, Joint Policing Committee and the Local Community and Development Committee of Fingal County Council.

Thrive Balbriggan

The FCC Community Office continues to work with Thrive Balbriggan on a new mental health initiative which aims to encourage the community of the town to thrive in a positive mental health sense.

The initiative, supported by Mental Health Ireland is inspired by similar in New York and London, and builds on community activities and engagements to support and nurture people's mental health.

Although just a short time in operation Thrive Balbriggan has been shortlisted in the top three Volunteer Ireland Awards which will take place on 2nd December. The FCC community office working with thrive is actively looking at expanding the project to other parts of Fingal.

Ukrainian Supports

Social excursion with Carnegie Seniors to Malahide Lions

Fingal Ukrainian seniors currently residing in Carnegie Hotel, Swords, paid a visit to their new friends, the Malahide Lions to have afternoon tea and a few rounds of Bingo to celebrate Inclusion Week.



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.

Representative Honours await Fingal Cricket4All Participants



Cricket4All an intergenerational project, was first introduced in 2023 by the Community Department in collaboration with Cricket Leinster with funding from DCEDIY and continued in 2024 with support from the Community Department, Sports Department and Age Friendly Fingal. Due to the success of the Fingal Cricket4All Initiative, Cricket Leinster has decided to develop a Cricket4All Leinster team to travel to Manchester in early 2024 to participate in an international Table Cricket Competition.

Without this project, Cricket Leinster would not have been able to talent ID and develop players for this team. This will be the first team to represent Ireland abroad at a Table Cricket Competition. It is a great opportunity for participants to represent Leinster. Exciting times ahead for this group of enthusiastic cricketers.

Shared Island Intergenerational Project



The collaboration with the Community Department and Linking Generational Northern Ireland continues to progress. The project in Balbriggan is now firmly established with a core group of young people aged 12-14 from Foroige and a group of older people living close to the town who are involved in various local groups.

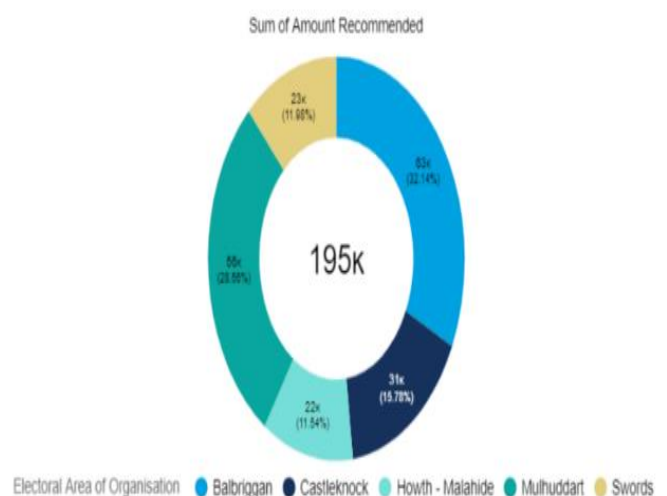
The group have identified a number of challenges for residents in Balbriggan, particularly younger and older people with hidden disabilities. The group have agreed that the need for a safe space in the town, to take a break or just sit and watch the world go by is the challenge they will address. They are currently working on a survey of their peers to ascertain what this space would like.

On Friday 17th November, the group participated in a walk of the town to identify suitable places and spaces. While the plan was for the older participants to talk about the history of the town, it transpired that one of the younger members of the group has a keen interest in history and preceded to point out places of historical interest, much to the delight of the older people.

The next event for the group is a site visit to a sensory garden in Kildare and a welcome room in Parslickstown House, Dublin 15.

Funding

Activities Funding (up to 24th Nov)



Communities Activities Funding has been awarded to 91 projects to the amount of €194,645 in 2023.

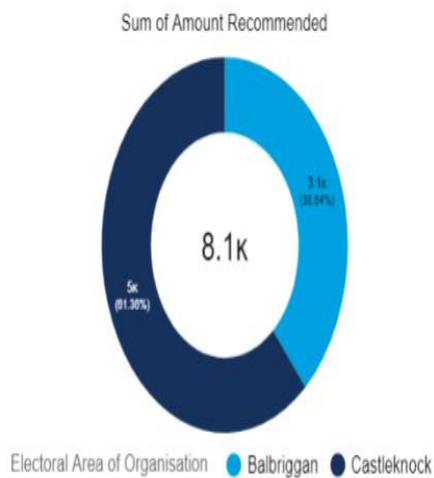
Howth Malahide - €22,462K - across 11 projects

Swords - €23,317.00 - across 11 projects

Castleknock/ Mulhuddart - €86,307.85 - across 39 projects

Balbriggan - €62,558.59 - across 28 projects

Community Facilities Remedial Works Scheme



Remedial Grant Funding has been awarded to 2 projects to the amount of €8,139.00 in 2023

Castleknock/ Mulhuddart - €4994 - across 1 project

Balbriggan - €3,145 - across 1 project

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BLRS Area

St Cronan's Ave and Brackenstown Road Protected Cycle Lanes

This project is now moving towards substantial completion with most of the works, landscaping, street furniture, new crossing points and junction upgrades complete. Snagging works will be continuing over the next number of weeks following walk through with our Operations and Parks Department.

We recently had the official opening of the scheme with local Cllrs, Minister Darragh O'Brien, representatives from the NTA and the project Team in attendance, together with Senior Management from FCC.

Mayor of Fingal Cllr Adrian Henchy says 'Creating local Active Travel connections is vital. The children attending school at St. Cronan's will grow up making their way to school under their own team, whether it be cycling or walking, and will learn that choosing Active Travel is best for their mind and body as well as being best for the planet.'



R132 Ministers Road to Blakes Cross and Kilhedge lane

The contractor has been busy completing all civil works in advance of the road resurfacing works that are planned to commence on the 26th November. The resurfacing works will be completed from Corduff School to Quickpenny Lane and will be done during the evening and night-time to minimise disruption to locals, businesses and Corduff School. Letter notifications were issued to residents and landowners in advance of the works and regular updates will be provided through councillor weekly updates and social media channels. The contractor is aiming to have approximately 75% of the project complete before the Christmas break with only minor civil works to be complete in the new year such as bollard installation, road markings, signage, and final reinstatements. Traffic Management will be maintained throughout the works, and this will be changing daily to keep up with the works as they progress. This project will provide safe walking and cycling infrastructure in this area and will be part of the overall network identified in the Dublin Cycling Network Plan as we roll out the programme of works over the coming years from Active Travel.



Seatown Road Swords:

The Project Team together with the Engineering Consultants are finalising the Non-Statutory Public Consultation Report which will be published on the Consultation Portal in the coming weeks. Works are ongoing to finalise the detailed design and Tender documents with the aim to go to the market in the coming weeks for a Contractor to complete the works proposed on the ground and progressing with the Construction stage in early 2024. This project will provide segregated walking and cycling infrastructure from the R132 at Swords through to the estuary and connectivity to Malahide along the estuary.

Donabate Portrane R126 cycle paths:

An Engineering consultant is appointed to the project and several surveys have been completed to inform the design process. The Engineering consultant is currently working with the project team in developing concept designs and options report to assist with stakeholder engagement. The project will extend from the end of the distributor road in Donabate along the R126 right through to the coast at Portrane. The Project aims to provide walking and cycling infrastructure from Donabate to the coast at Portrane which will provide connectivity to the Fingal Coast Route.

Coney Hill Balbriggan R132 cycle paths:

An Engineering consultant is appointed to the project and several surveys have been completed to inform the design process. The Engineering consultant is currently working with the project team in developing concept designs and options report to assist with stakeholder engagement.

Pathfinder Pinnock Hill to Airport cycle paths:

The Project Team has appointed an Integrated Design Team to work on the concept and preliminary designs for the project. A traffic and topographical survey consultant have been appointed to the project and is currently working with the project team to complete the traffic survey to inform the design process.

The Project Team have programmed to develop the concept designs by the end of the year so that they can be agreed with relevant stakeholders before moving to the next steps in early 2024. Further updates will be provided over the coming months.

Howth-Malahide Area:

Baldoyle-Howth Protected Cycle Lane Scheme Phase 2

A review of requests for funding for the 2024-2025 programme is ongoing by the Active Travel Unit, including for a review of the existing road network in Baldoyle. This review will include Willie Nolan Road, Brookstone Road and Main Street.

It will comprise an advancement of a previous study for the improvement of pedestrian and cycle facilities on the existing road network. A brief will be developed for consultants in the coming months, in line with the Fingal County Development Plan, the Climate Action Plan and an Active Travel Strategy for Fingal.

Once a further study and preferred option has emerged from the process, it is envisaged that the scheme will progress, subject to funding from the National Transport Authority (NTA).

Paddy's Hill to Broomfield via Naomh Mearnóg GAA

The design brief has been finalised for this connectivity project. Internal consultation with other FCC departments has taken place. The Active Travel Unit are in the process of finalising the remaining tender documents.

The next step is to run a tender competition to appoint a design consultant for the Feasibility/Options Selection stage.

Enabling works to provide connectivity from Paddy's Hill Car Park to St. Helen's Junior School and Limetree Avenue, including footpath works, tree surgeon works, new access points into the school and the provision of ramps are now complete.



BMCO Area:

Snugborough Road – NAC to Ongar

The options report for the project has been completed after internal reviews by the Active Travel team and a workshop with the NTA. A Gateway 2 Report has been issued to the NTA for approval to proceed to the preliminary design phase of the project. Further engagement is taking place with the NTA in this regard.



Clonee to Blanchardstown Shopping Centre

All data collection has been collated and has informed the initial development of the options report. The design consultant has reviewed the draft Options report and drawings following input from the Active Travel team and have submitted the latest draft report for consideration. Engagement has taken place with the NTA to cater for new bus lay-bys on Littlepace Road.

Castleknock to Dunsink Lane

This project is now concentrating on Auburn Avenue linking into the Royal Canal at the 12th Lock. The Options Report and relevant drawings for Auburn Avenue have been reviewed and approved by the NTA in compliance with the Gateway 2 Hold Point requirements. The project is proceeding to preliminary design where a road safety audit will commence on the latest drawings.

Seapark Hill to Old Golf Course Link Park

Meetings have taken place with the Resident's Association and comments from residents, the Active Travel Unit and internal FCC stakeholders have been taken on board.

A brief and tender document are now being prepared to progress the project from the design stages through to completion as soon as possible.

Feltrim Road Cycle Infrastructure

Design brief is complete, and the remaining tender documents are being finalised. It is expected that the works will go to tender for a design consultant in Q4 2023.

Scoil an Duinnigh to Waterside Footpath and Cycleway

Planning permission has been granted for the school and Department of Education is to engage with Fingal County Council on planning conditions related to pedestrian access. However, a footpath, dropped kerbs with tactile paving have been provided on the route to/from the school and the Feltrim Road.

Hartstown/Huntstown/Mountview Road

It is proposed to use a newly formed Single Party Framework to progress design from earlier work carried out by the Cycle Design Office. Fingal County Council will progress on finalising the detailed design for roundabout and junction upgrades. This is subject to revision of design standards to ensure compliance with the new National Cycle Manual.

Castleknock to Blanchardstown via Farmleigh

Stage 2 of the tender competition for a design consultant and assessment has been completed. Contract documents have been signed and sealed and a commencement meeting is to take place to discuss the initial

contracts and other proposed projects over the lifetime of the framework.

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 Chief Executives report for the Part VIII is now being prepared and it will be presented to the area meeting and full Council in January 2024.

Balrothery Active Travel Plan

Ramboll have been appointed as consultant, and a kick-off meeting has taken place. Fingal County Council have met the consultant on site for an initial orientation of the area.

Ramboll have begun the process of information gathering with a view to collecting data and conducting initial surveys in Q1, 2024.

Skerries Active Travel Plan

Stage One of the tender competition for the appointment of an integrated Design Team is now completed with the tender assessment process completed and letter to successful and un-successful tenders to be issued. This will allow for stage 2 of the process to commence which will take 7-8 weeks to complete. The Project Team have recently published the Consultation Report for the project together with the ESRI report that was carried out on Active Travel best practice Nationally and Internationally. This report will inform the overall design process when the integrated design team is appointed in the near future. The Skerries Active Travel Plan will provide an overall plan for Skerries going forward and is expected to identify several projects that we can take forward for development, through various works streams and funding bodies.

Skerries Harbour Road:

The Project Team together with the Integrated design team have been developing preliminary drawings and options report to assist with stakeholder engagement. Internal workshops to discuss through the proposals occurred during the last few months and this feedback from these meetings have been taken on board.

The project team and the Integrated design team are developing photo montages and video footage of the proposal to assist in the consultation phase of the project. It is intended to go initially to Pre-Planning with the proposals to establish the governance and planning route for the project. The decision on this is expected in early 2024.

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. Several projects identified through this process are being developed through the design phases for execution on the ground.

Other projects are being progressed in the area at either design or construction stage. These Connectivity and Permeability improvements are being delivered in cooperation with our Operations Department. These projects will enhance local communities and provide improved walking and cycling infrastructure within the county.

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:

The project team and the Engineering Consultants are finalising the Non-Statutory Public Consultation Summary Report which will be published on the Consultation Portal. Works are ongoing to finalise the detailed design and Tender documents with the aim of going to the market in the coming weeks for a Contractor to complete the works proposed on

the ground and progressing to Construction stage during early 2024.

Rush South Beach:

The project team and the Engineering consultant are currently preparing concept design and options report for new universal access path. Discussions with landowners are ongoing, and we are working collaboratively with the property owners to find an optimal solution that caters for everyone's needs.

Balgriffin Park Shared Pedestrian and Cycle Path:

This connectivity piece provides a shared pedestrian and cycle path from the county boundary with Dublin City on Balgriffin Park, to the junction with the R123. This will provide a pedestrian and cycling connection for many dwellings on/near Balgriffin Park to the newly constructed pedestrian and cycling facilities on the R123. Works are nearing substantial completion and snagging is due to take place.



Howth Summit Inn to Bus Stop 567:

Dropped kerbs with tactile paving have been provided on the route between the Summit Inn and Bus Stop 567. This work has been completed.

Offington, Howth:

Junction tightening and provision of tactile paving is underway at three junctions in Offington, Howth: The two junctions of Offington Drive with Offington Avenue and the junction of Offington Lawn with Offington Avenue. This will slow turning movements by motorised vehicles while providing a shorter crossing distance for pedestrians and other vulnerable road users.

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, Skerries, Howth-Malahide and Dublin 15 in the coming weeks.

The contractor has completed the installation of 4 Bicycle Parking Sheffield Stands and a bicycle repair station have been installed on the Baldoyle to Portmarnock Greenway, Co. Dublin. This provides 8 additional bicycle parking spaces in the Baldoyle area.



18 bicycle parking spaces have been provided in the Malahide Area. 4 Bicycle Parking Sheffield Stands have been installed at the Beach Car Park and 5 Bicycle Parking Sheffield Stands at the Public Toilets, Coast Road, Malahide, Co. Dublin.



4 bicycle parking spaces have been provided in the Swords Area. 2 Bicycle Parking Sheffield Stands have been installed at Hilltown Way, Swords, Co. Dublin.



8 bicycle parking spaces have been provided in the Portmarnock Area. 4 Bicycle Parking Sheffield Stands have been installed at the Beach Car Park, Portmarnock, Co. Dublin.



From the expressions of interest received from schools and sports clubs earlier this year we have managed to procure a supplier who will be delivering the bike racks to the schools and clubs who submitted a request. The Active Travel Team and the supplier will be in touch directly with the relevant parties to notify them when the delivery will be taking place over the coming month.

Safe Routes to School

Round 1 – Tranche 1

The works contractor for the Safe Routes to School Tranche 1 contract is finalising snags at each of the 5 schools. 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

Works are now completed on this SRTS Project. The contractor has recently carried out some snagging and maintenance work to the Rain Gardens and addressed issues that were identified through the independent Road Safety Audit.

Castaheany ETNS / St.Benedict's NS

Works are now completed at the school site. The contractor has carried out minor snagging and maintenance on rain gardens. The Stage 3 Road Safety Audit has been completed by an independent auditor.



Bayside Junior & Senior School

Works are now completed at the school site. The contractor has carried out minor snagging and maintenance on rain gardens. The Stage 3 Road Safety Audit has been completed by an independent auditor.



Scoil Choilm CNS

Installation of flexible bollards on Porterstown Rd. outside the school entrance is complete. These initial works took place before the new school year starts to alleviate poor parking near the school gates. The main works are due to start during Q1 2024.



Round 1 - Tranche 2

Detailed Design is nearing completion for the Tranche 2 schools (4 no.) with a view to progressing to construction in Q1 2024. Contract documents are being finalised to engage a contractor for the works.

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. An Taisce are due to provide delivery plans for each of the schools in the new year that will inform the design process. Fingal County Council are in the final stages of procurement of a consultants' team that will be working on the designs for these schools.

Mobility & Behaviour Change **Learn 2 Cycle with a Disability**

Children taking the Learn 2 Cycle with a Disability course in Sutton will have their last lesson on Monday 27 November. Courses are continuing across the County with the most recent course starting in Diswellstown Community Centre on Thursday 23 November, with the last session finishing on Thursday 21st December. We are currently finalising our schedule for 2024 and will circulate the dates and venues as soon as possible.



Staff eBike Trials

The Staff eBike Trials are currently on going, there are now 5 eBikes on loan, that are a mix of trekking and folding bikes and we are looking at adding further eBike options in January 2024.

We recently took delivery of two new Kuma F1 Folding eBikes that are proving a very popular choice for the trials.



Skerries Cycling Lessons

As part of the Community Departments Keen to be Green Initiative we have assisted in setting up cycling lessons for adults in Skerries. This 5 week course is taking place from Kellys Bay in conjunction with Skerries Cycling Initiative. By week 2, the majority of the group had progressed to on road sessions and the course has provided a new sense of freedom for the participants.



Cycle Friendly Employer Audit

We recently undertook the Cycle Friendly Employer Audit as part of CFE Accreditation. The independent audit took place across the Swords and Blanchardstown Offices and looked at the bike facilities on offer to staff. The report scored Fingal County Council in the high silver category with a number of changes that we can make to move into the Gold Category.

Leading Lights Award - Junior School Warden Programme, Rush National School

Rush National School has been awarded a Leading Light Award in the Education Primary Category for its Junior School Warden Programme. The awards ceremony will take place in the, RDS Concert Hall on Thursday, 7th December.

Gosford Park Site Visit

Our Walking and Cycling Officers recently met with representatives from Ulster Cycling to look at Community Bike and Walking Facilities in Gosford Park, Co Armagh. The site visit showed some of Cycling Irelands work around accessible cycling, recreational hubs and educational facilities. We have taken some great learnings from the visit that we hope to be able to implement in Fingal at our Learn 2 Cycle Tracks that we are currently working on.

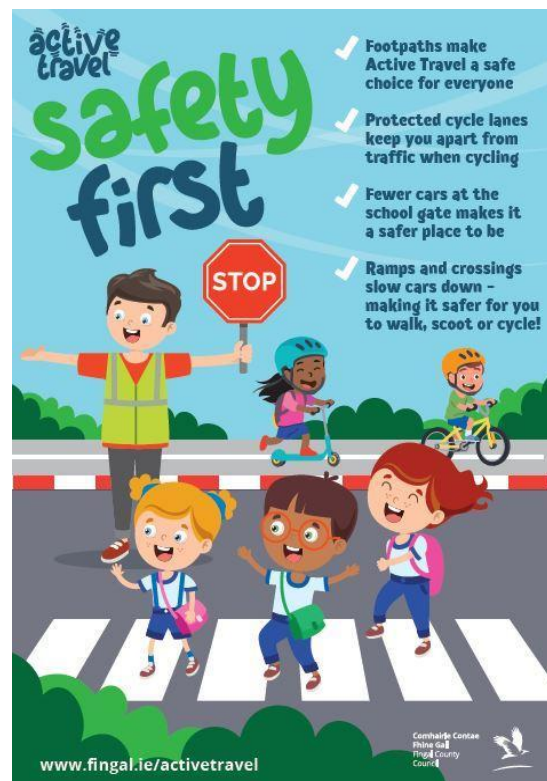


Clean Air Week

As part of our work with Green Schools, we promoted their Clean Air Week Campaign from 20th - 24th November. The week focused on educating people about the importance of reducing traffic around schools, not idling engines and using more sustainable forms of travel where possible.

We also used it as an opportunity to revamp our schools' resources page and we coincided it with the release a recent animation project that we have been working on with students from TU Dublin

Some of the resources can be seen below and our animation is also available to watch on <https://www.fingal.ie/news/free-school-resources-celebrate-clean-air-week>



eCargo for Business/Community Group Trials

We recently put out an Expression of Interest form to local businesses and community groups who would be interested in taking part in a 12 month trial that would see them receive an eCargo bike for their local deliveries, volunteering or other jobs. The response was very good, and we are hoping to have all our eCargo Bikes out with local businesses and community groups in early December.



IAAT Conference

The Active Travel team, in partnership with the Sports Office were present at the Irish Association of Adventure Tourism Conference for the Tuesday night Showcase Event in Castleknock Hotel, it was a brilliant opportunity to meet a cohort of local and Irish Businesses who have sustainability at their core. The conference was organised and sponsored by Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Department and was a brilliant example of the progressive nature of both Fingal County Council and the small adventure tourism businesses operating here.



Special Education Cycle Training Course

As part of goal of making independent cycling attainable to all we recently donated a number of bikes to the Autism unit of Hansfield ETNS in Dublin 15. The six bikes will be housed within the ASD Unit and be available to Staff for one to one cycling lessons throughout the week. The donation coincides with the Schools undertaking of the Cycle Right Training Course and the tutor is able to give tips on teaching people to cycle. We hope to expand this course in 2024 to include an online training course for teachers and SNA's. The Bikes are all refurbished bikes that have been donated from The Rediscovery Centre in Ballymun, a great example of the circular economy in action.



Men's Walk & Talk Groups

Our newest Men's Walk & Talk Group Kicks off on Thursday 7th December in Castleknock. The Group is open men of all ages and will meet at Castleknock Community Centre. The Walks will be led by a local Volunteer Walk Leader covering between 3km – 5km depending on the ability of the group. There is no need to register, just show up on the night. There will be tea and coffee for the group afterwards in the Community Centre as well. We are always on the lookout for walk leader volunteers who would be interested in supporting a Walk and Talk Group in their area.

Comhairle Contae
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**CASTLEKNOCK
MENS
WALK & TALK
GROUP**

When: Thursdays from
7th December
Time: 6pm
Meeting Point:
Castleknock Community
Centre
Walk Leader: Paul
Distance: 3km - 5km



Active Travel



Malahide Christmas Lights Parade

On Sunday 26th November we assisted the Events unit in transporting Santa around Malahide as part of the Christmas tree lighting event. Santa was one of the many people who have enjoyed a Cycling Without Age Trip around Fingal this year so far, we are looking forward to our next trip with Santa in Baldoyle on Sunday 3rd December!



Schools Active Travel Talks - St Fintans NS, Sutton

St Fintans in Sutton are the newest Fingal school to sign up to take part in the Fresh Air Friday Campaign and as part of that our Walking and Cycling Officers met with Students from 1st Class to 6th Class to talk about the importance of sustainable transport, road safety and our new school resources. We're always looking for new schools to get involved in the Fresh Air Friday campaign.

The Skerries Community Car

The Community Car in Skerries had 102 requested trips in October, we have recently brought on board new volunteers that has significantly helped in reducing the missed demand on the Community Car. We are always in need of additional volunteers for the Community Car, if you are interested in learning more, please contact active.travel@fingal.ie

Month	Total Bookings	Total Trips	Appoint. Cancelled by Hospital	Missed Demand (no volunteer available)
Feb	106	90	12	4
Mar	108	58	34	16
Apr	114	80	16	18
May	65	34	11	14
Jun	50	26	8	16
Jul	50	33	7	10
Aug	130	52	28	50
Sep	128	66	30	32
Oct	102	68	22	14



Bike Share Schemes

Bleeper Bike

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



Bleeper Bike Update October 2023; key statistics

832 bike journeys started within Fingal operating zone in October
827 bike journeys ended within existing Fingal operating zone in October
Highest usage recorded Sundays (18.3%) & Saturdays (16.3%)
Castleknock and Howth/Malahide were the most popular starting points
Estimated emissions avoided in Oct – 557kg of CO2

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 October 2023; Key Statistics

Metric	June
Trips	1,684
No of Customers	773
Trips / Customer	2.2
Distance Covered (KM)	5673km
Average Trip Duration	15.5 min
Average Trip length (KM)	3.4 km

The number of active vehicles were reduced across the County in the week leading up to and during the October midterm break to reduce the likelihood of vandalism.

Blanchardstown remains the most popular location for eBike Share in Fingal.

At the end of October 2023, we have had 31,228 Bike Share trips across Fingal between TIER and Bleeper Bike. We are currently working on a Bike Share plan to increase this number in 2024.

Climate Action

An extensive public consultation process for Fingal's Draft Climate Action Plan 2024-2029 ran for 6 weeks from mid-September and a series of public information events were hosted to actively engage with and inform the public and other stakeholders of the Draft Plan.

The Public Consultation process has now closed, and submissions are being assessed. A CE Report is being prepared for the Climate Action SPC and for Council. This will be presented to Councillors in January.

ENVIRONMENT

Environmental Awareness

The Leaf Mould Initiative was rolled out to 38 community groups in Fingal, 140 leaf cages were set up in areas with high leaf fall. This 'bio-circular economy initiative' uses leaves to create quality compost locally and reduces transport emissions associated with the Council collecting leaves in trucks. Winter Tree planting took place in 9 Fingal schools facilitated by Dale Treadwell naturally Wild. Blanchardstown Tidy Towns volunteers filling their new leaf cages.



The Fingal Instruments Project gave 7 Guitars to Transition Year students on a tour of the Estuary Recycling Centre, and to the Coolmine Rehabilitation Centre, Dublin 15. Repaired Bikes from the Recycling Centre and the Rediscovery Centre were given to the Migrant Reception centre in Fingal.

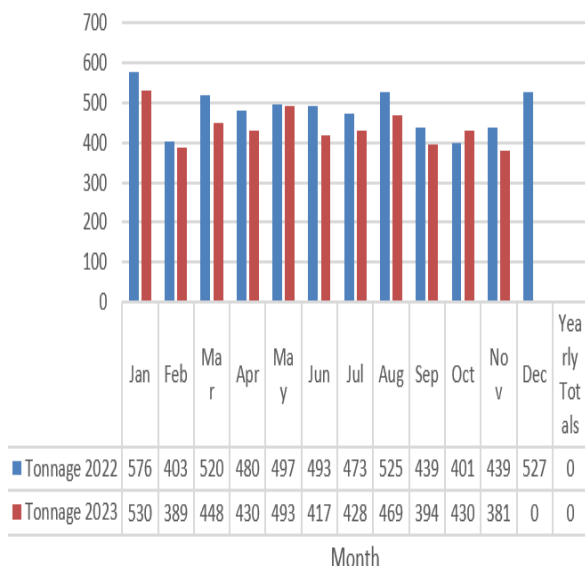


Fingal County Council has funded 52 Global Action Plan workshops in 28 schools since September. These include Biodiversity, Climate Action, Wide about Waste, Circular Economy, Fast Fashion and Life Below Water. The Green Schools Travel Flag was raised by students at Loreto College to celebrate their achievements in Active Travel and reducing emissions associated with commuting to school. Councillors Ian Carey, Brigid Manton and Joe Newman attended the event.



Bring Centres

'Tonnage 2022', 'Tonnage 2023' by 'Month'



Bottle Banks

Total Glass volumes collected in November 2023 were **381 Tonnes**. This compares with a Glass collection figure of **439 Tonnes** of Glass collected in November 2022.

Textile Banks

Total textile volumes collected in October 2023 were **21.42 Tonnes**. This compares with a figure of **18.79 Tonnes** collected in October 2022.

Litter Management

In November as part of their role to increase the public interest in keeping their areas clean and free of the litter, the Litter Wardens completed their Litter Pollution surveys which measures the composition and extent of litter pollution in the Fingal County Council area.

They also continued with their daily patrols and carried out 276 inspections on all known litter black spots in Fingal.

They ensured that the roads were being kept clean of muck and that the building sites had a road sweeper in operation and followed up

on reports to ensure farmers were ensuring the roads were keep clean of muck.



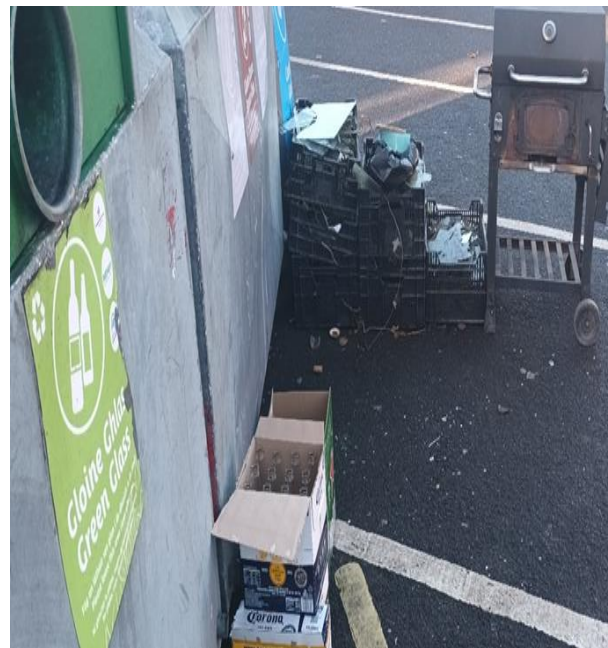
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The Litter Warden conducted walking patrols, engaging with business regarding their responsibilities to keep outside their premises clean and free of litter. They also checked to see if any issues have arisen for the Operations crews, and they carried out inspections and followed up with fines/warning notice if evidence found.

All the bring banks in the Fingal area were inspected daily to ensure that there was no dumping. Any evidence found was dealt with under the Litter Pollution Acts.



Two new Variable Message Display VMS units were installed at Peter & Paul Church carpark, Balbriggan and Fingal Cemetery, Balgriffin displaying NO DUMPING - AVOID €150 FINE BRING YOUR BAGS & CARDBOARD HOME WITH YOU.



The Litter Warden also investigated reports of abandoned cars, taking photographs, and updating the litter app and the CRM system.

2023	Fines / notices issued	
Month	Fines	Warning Notices
Nov	44	6

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

CRMs November 2023	Amount
Env - Dog Fouling	2
Env - Fly tipping 1-20 bags equivalent	49
Env - General Litter Issue	16
Env - Miscellaneous	3
Env – Littering at Bottle Banks	18
Env- (crisp bags, cig butts etc)	2
Env litter incident with witness	5
Env - Pollution - Dog Fouling Signage	2
Env – Abandoned cars	21

Abandoned Vehicles

There have been 351 reports of alleged Abandoned Vehicles received between 1st January 2023 – 28th November 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 persons 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 of 24/11/23	Burnt out Vehicles Removed as of 24/11/23
January	0	1
February	1	0
March	1	1
April	0	0
May	0	0
June	0	5
July	1	0
August	0	3
September	3	0
October	0	0
November	4	0
TOTAL	10	10

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 byelaws and Beach and Foreshore byelaws. 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 also increase their patrols of the beaches during the summer months to optimise bathing water quality and retain the status of Fingal's Blue Flag beaches.

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 controlofdogs@fingal.ie within the 10 days provided on the notice. Failure to do so may result in a fine being issued for failing to produce a dog licence when requested to do so by a dog warden and keeping a dog without a valid licence. The fine per offence is €100. 91 10 Day Notices were issued by the dog wardens during November 2023. 7 fines were issued during November 2023.

Month	10 Day Notices		Fines Issued		Fines Paid	
	2022	2023	22	23	22	23
Mar	48	97	5	29	€300	€2,000
Apr	26	152	26	42	€0	€1,500
May	418	232	11	98	€500	€2,556
June	256	135	40	53	€200	€1,500
July	407	109	20	35	€500	€2,644
Aug	446	140	24	21	€1200	€1,400
Sept	385	125	24	40	€1,300	€2,849
Oct	511	241	108	40	€1400	€1,500
Nov	187	91	71	7	€3,420	€1,000

The Animal Welfare Section received 35 complaints in relation to dogs in November 2023.

Dog Licences and Fines

The below table shows the number of annual and lifetime licences purchased from March to November 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
Mar	458	561	47	55	€15,740	€18,900
Apr	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
July	1075	766	88	47	€33,820	€21,900
Aug	1025	838	61	51	€29,040	€23,900
Sept	850	759	88	48	€29,320	€21,900
Oct	873	670	78	30	€28,380	€17,600
Nov	644	662	46	41	€19,320	€18,980

FINE PAYMENTS

Year	Fine Payments Received
1 January 2023 to date	€29,949
2022	€15,400
2021	€1,200

We will continue to advertise the requirement for dog owners to hold a licence for their dogs on social media platforms.

Does your dog have a licence?

Purchase at any Post Office or online at licences.ie

Annual Licence Fee: €20.00. Lifetime Licence €140.00.

Failure to purchase a licence can result in on-the-spot fine of €100 or court prosecution and fine of €1,270

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 November there were 26 dogs in the shelter. During November 2023, 21 dogs were brought to the shelter by the dog wardens as stray or surrenders and no dogs were surrendered by a member of the public. Of these 47 dogs, 2 have been reclaimed by their owners, 14 dogs have been rehomed to rescue, 6 have been rehomed to members of the public and 1 was PTS. At the end of November there are 24 dogs remaining in the shelter. The shelter has a **Facebook page Dublin County Dog Shelter** and **Instagram Account @dublincountydogshelter** which they actively update with strays and dogs wishing to be rehomed.



Dogs in Shelter at the start of November 2022	15	Dogs in Shelter at start of November 2023	26
Stray/Seized dogs brought to Shelter	20	Stray/Seized dogs brought to Shelter	21
Surrendered by owners	6	Surrendered by owners	0
Reclaimed	9	Reclaimed	2
Rehomed to Rescue	11	Rehomed to Rescue	14
Rehomed to Public	8	Rehomed to Public	6
PTS	1	PTS	1
Dogs in Shelter at the end of November 2022	12	Dogs in shelter at the end of November 2023	24



Contact the shelter on 0873914008, WhatsApp or Facebook to make an appointment to see the dogs available for rehoming.

The total number of dogs entered through the shelter from 1st January 2023 to date is 232, compared to 222 entered to the shelter for the full year 2022.

Molly is a beautiful Springer Spaniel Two years old and is available for adoption in the shelter



Nugget is a little Jack Russell who is two years old and is a quiet calm girl and is available at the shelter.



Horses

Weekly inspections continue to take place on Dunsink Landfill to monitor the numbers and welfare of the horses onsite. There are 10 hay feeders being filled by the Operations Department on a weekly basis to ensure adequate forage for the horses on the landfill.



Water Quality Bathing Water:

On the 21st of November 2023 Fingal County Council met with the EPA to discuss water quality improvements at Balbriggan Front Beach since the finding and removal of significant pollution sources from the River Bracken during the summer of 2023.

The EPA acknowledged that the removal of the misconnections in Balbriggan has resulted in a definite improvement in water quality in the river.

Fingal County Council requested the EPA to consider reclassifying the designated bathing area considering the significant improvements.

The EPA advised that if Fingal County Council can maintain improvements in water quality through 2024, then the Balbriggan Bathing Area will qualify to be considered as a Designated Bathing Area undergoing a "change" in status in 2025 and potentially reclassified in 2026

Fingal County Council is continuing to carry out weekly sampling of the River Bracken in an effort to try and identify and remove other potential pollution loads in the river.

EU WaterFramework Directive:

Fingal County Council is meeting with the EPA on the 6th of December 2023 to review Fingal County Council’s recent River Surveys and associated findings in the River Delvin. Fingal County Council finds that at least 1 of the EPA Q value river sampling sites on the river does not have the required ecological potential to achieve Good Status and therefore warrants a thorough analysis.

Historical Landfills

Construction Works at Balleally continues with Works Package 9 namely the planning, design and construction of a purpose-built maintenance shed almost completed and scheduled to be completed by year end 2023.

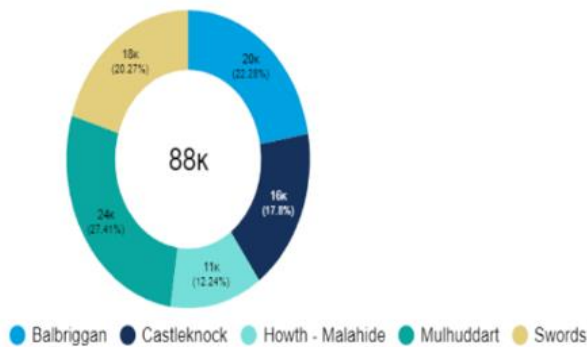
Fingal County Council has also just received detailed works programmes for WP8, the decommissioning of the on-site leachate plant and WP10, the installation of a new fire hydrant and service main which are both scheduled to be completed in Q1 2024.

SPORTS OFFICE

Sport Equipment Funding (up to 24th November 2023)

Sport Equipment Funding has been awarded to 34 projects to the amount of €88,275.99 in 2023

Howth Malahide – across 4 projects	€10,801.95	–
Swords /Balbriggan across15 projects	€37,565.80	–
Castleknock/Mulhuddart- across 15 projects	€39,908.24	–



Primary School Initiatives and Saturday Hubs

November saw the continuation of the Fingal Sports Primary school initiatives. These activities included Sports Conditioning, Try Track and Field and GAA Handball targeting over 1200 children in D15, Balbriggan and Skerries. The GAA Handball have developed a club/school link with St.Brigids GAA and our Try Track and Field and Sports Conditioning programme continue to feed our Community Multi-Sport Hubs in D15 and Balbriggan every Saturday.



Teen Library Exercise Survey

This November the Teen Library Exercise Survey was launched in Balbriggan, Blanchardstown and Malahide Libraries. The survey is a brief questionnaire aimed at gathering insights and preferences of teenagers regarding exercise and physical activities available to them in the library. The aim is to understand how we can better support teenagers and offer some respite during study periods in the library.

The outcome of the survey is to develop a physical activity programme that caters to the needs of teen library users, with the intention of it being introduced in February 2024.

Marathonkids Final Mile Events

On the 14th and 15th November, we hosted the MarathonKids Final Mile events in Morton Stadium, Santry. 5,000 5th & 6th class primary school students from Fingal, Dublin City and South Dublin came together over the 2 days to complete their last mile of an 8-week programme. The programme which started in September, incorporates daily runs, physical & mental health education, nutrition and exercise. The students recorded daily updates in their digital workbooks and learned about subjects linked to the Social, Personal & Health Education (SPHE) module of the student's curriculum.



Cricket Leinster Coaching Update

One of Cricket Leinster's priorities moving into 2024 is ensuring the growth in participation is matched by the growth in coaches to safely run and inspire our youth and club coaching programmes. In conjunction with Cricket Ireland, four coaches linked to three Fingal clubs attend The King's Hospital school over two recent weekends to complete their 'Core Coach' coaching course. 'Core Coach' is the fifth step of seven levels of coaching badges available to Leinster and Fingal coaches in what has been a major overhaul to help coaches find the level and training they wish to coach at. Fingal club representatives Chuka Abu & Adrian Harper (Balbriggan CC), John Devane (North County CC) and Bilal Awan (Castleknock CC) attended the Core Coach course, with Bilan, age 19 one of the youngest present (below)



FAI Inclusion Week

During Inclusion Week in Fingal, a diverse range of football events highlighted the sport's inclusivity. The Walking Football Santry Tournament featured teams like Swords A, Swords B, Happy Feet Leixlip, Hartstown Huntstown FC, Willow Park Athlone, and Kilcoole, with Swords A emerging as winners in a lively evening of 3-4 matches, engaging 50 participants aged 50-77. In the Disney Playmakers programme, 120 girls were seamlessly integrated into local clubs, marking the first step in their development pathway. The Future Stars initiative involved 50-60 girls aged 8-10 in multi-week sessions, establishing links with local clubs for continued community involvement.

Girls in Green saw 8 new players, aged 14-16, complete a 10-week programme, training with a local Fingal club and securing league participation, with added funding for gear. Futsal in the Yard reached 300 students, providing a session led by the local officer, upskilling teachers for future events. Show Racism the Red Card engaged 130 students, and the Community Football League thrived with 125 participants during peak hours. In Men's Shed Football Sessions, 20 men, including retirees, played and socialised through Walking Football, emphasising the social aspects.



Learn to Swim

Fingal's Under 23 Legacy Learn to Swim programme in partnership with Swim Ireland has concluded its first term! 24 young swimmers took their first strokes towards a lifetime of aquatics. The energy and enthusiasm they've brought to each session have been truly inspiring. The programme will continue now with the second term having started in early November! Here's what some of our budding swimmers had to say about their experience:

" The sessions have been very helpful for my daughter to be more confident in the water. I have seen a huge difference in her ability." - Kemi

" I really enjoyed the lessons, the coaches were really nice and helped us to learn at a pace we were comfortable with. The classes were well structured and pushed us far enough to learn a lot during the past six weeks." - Sasha



Come and Try Aquatics

Building on the momentum of the Under 23 European Swimming Championships, the National Aquatic Centre was available to the community to plunge into the world of aquatics with Swim Ireland and Fingal County Council at a Come and Try Session with 76 signed up to take part!

Taking place on November 18th at the National Aquatic Centre, this was a taster-sessions to introduce swimming, diving, water polo, and lifesaving.



Boccia Inclusion Week

During Inclusion Week, Fingal Sport Office hosted our first Boccia Blitz in Alsaa. Boccia is a sport similar to bowls but played indoors with leather balls. The blitz was attended by over 100 people, mainly people with disabilities from various disability day services as well as an older adults group. Mayor Henchy attended the afternoon and got involved in a game or two. The event was successful and there are plans to make it a monthly occurrence.



A Moment for Me

Fingal Sports Office in conjunction with Swords Celtic Football Club are running a 5 week yoga and movement programme for the parents of children who take part in the weekly Football For All session. Football For All is a specific session for children with disabilities and typically the parents of these children will stay at the club for the hour of training. Providing a yoga session on site allows the parents to have some 'me' time while also getting active.



ARCHITECTS DEPARTMENT

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This project was funded through the Heritage Council 'Heritage Stewardship Fund.'

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Mausoleum at St. Margarets Graveyard

Historic Stone Tombs in Fingal

Fingal Conservation Office was aware of the significant number of important historic tombs in Fingal. No audit had been carried out on the tombs to establish their current condition and consequently there was no system in place for their management and repair. An application was made to the heritage council to enable the engagement of a Conservation Consultant to survey graveyards in Fingal that are managed by Fingal County Council. Fingal was successful in the application and commissioned a consultant to carry out the survey during this summer.

Survey and Findings

99 tombs were recorded in 19 historic graveyards maintained by Fingal County Council. Some graveyards have quite a number of these tombs for example there are 20 tombs at St Fintan's in Sutton and 15 tombs at Holmpatrick in Skerries.



Table Tomb at St. Fintans Graveyard in Sutton

The surveyed tombs were divided into 9 categories - *Table, Coped, Chest, Effigial, Pedestal, Wall Monument, Mausoleum, Ledger, Slab and Railed Enclosures.*



Railed Enclosure Tomb

Of the graveyards surveyed, 20 tombs were identified as requiring urgent repairs in 12 different graveyards. These will be prioritised for repair under suitable programmes in consultation with the Heritage Office and the Operations Department subject to funding streams. The projects will be project managed by the Conservation Office and the Architects Department.

St. Margarets Graveyard - Heritage Week Talk

As part of the project, a well-attended talk was held at St. Margarets Graveyard. This was hosted by the Consultant during Heritage week on the 19th of August. There was clear interest from the local community for the repair of the mausolea at St Margarets and this showing a clear mandate from the public to continue this valuable work.



Heritage Week Talk at St. Margarets Graveyard

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The table below outlines key financial statics at the end of October & November 2023.

Rates

Overall Commercial Rates collection to the end of November 2023 is running at **96%**.

Rates Collection	
Rates collected €M	149.3
Rates Collection %	96%

Development Levy Income

Development levy income collected to the end of October is €26.4m this is c.**92%** of the overall collection for same period in 2022.

Development Levy Income	
Levies Receipted €M	26.4
Levies collected as % of 2022	92%

Payroll

Overall payroll spend to the end of October is €69.1m which is c. **97%** of budget year to date.

Payroll	
Salaries & Wages €M	69.1
Percentage of budget YTD	97%

Procurement

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

No. of contracts awarded (details below) for year to date	254	
Value €m	83.7	
Procurements ongoing at end of November		
No. of procurements awaiting tender responses	12	(i)
Value €m	130.4	
No. of procurements under evaluation	45	(ii)
Value €m	112.3	
No. of procurements at approved	20	(iii)
Value €m	130.5	

Notes:

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

Appendix 1 (a)

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

	EXPENDITURE			INCOME			NET
	Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent to date	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised	€
Housing & Building	83,562,137	90,151,700	93%	86,714,902	94,681,700	92%	-3,152,765
Road Transport & Safety	30,022,766	32,392,400	93%	9,339,371	8,698,800	107%	20,683,395
Water Services	16,963,041	14,994,900	113%	16,151,801	18,028,400	90%	811,240
Development Management	19,211,400	19,874,200	97%	5,199,170	5,480,800	95%	14,012,229
Environmental Services	42,365,238	48,361,500	88%	10,136,682	10,542,200	96%	32,228,556
Recreation & Amenity	45,920,405	49,953,500	92%	2,511,412	2,386,500	105%	43,408,993
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	1,447,221	1,380,600	105%	371,160	340,100	109%	1,076,061
Miscellaneous Services	21,783,843	22,836,300	95%	24,403,812	24,576,200	99%	-2,619,969
Central Management Charge	43,527,591	53,803,600	81%	3,531,470	3,904,000	90%	39,996,121
Local Property Tax / GPG				8,964,358	9,779,300	92%	-8,964,358
Rates				142,386,475	155,330,700	92%	-142,386,475
	304,803,642	333,748,700	91%	309,710,613	333,748,700	93%	-4,906,971

Appendix 1 (b)

CAPITAL ACCOUNT
INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 31/10/2023

	Balance at 01/01/2023 €	Expenditure YTD €	Income YTD €	Balance at 31/10/2023 €
A Housing & Building	-45,026,626	177,893,032	-122,807,191	10,059,215
B Road Transport & Safety	12,033,473	23,170,409	-16,811,303	18,392,579
C Water Services	-10,811,421	772,615	-1,008,164	-11,046,970
D Development Management	-134,303,923	24,144,933	-49,495,721	-159,654,711
E Environmental Services	-21,303,306	3,858,121	-1,533,515	-18,978,700
F Recreation & Amenity	-14,103,073	25,205,949	-16,283,041	-5,180,165
H Miscellaneous Services	-52,242,890	15,955,359	-15,125,075	-51,412,606
Total	-265,757,766	271,000,418	-223,064,010	-217,821,358

Appendix 1 (c)

SUMMARY OF CORPORATE DEBTORS TO 30/11/2023				
	Balance at 01/01/2023	Balance at 30/11/2023	Current debt	> 1 Year
	€	€	€	€
RATES*	€3,146,921	€6,601,823	€5,127,619	€1,474,204
LOANS	€2,030,260	€2,093,033	€240,689	€1,852,343
RENTS	€9,426,987	€9,665,516	€4,527,656	€5,137,860

* value of debit at 31/12/2022 was 5.1m with a credit of 1.97m which has substantially been offset against demands 2023 leaving an aged debt greater than the opening balance

Figures for rents and loans are unadjusted by credits/prepayments

Appendix 2 Number of Contracts Awarded for year to date

Dept	Description of Procurement	Supplier Name	Current Value of Contract (excl. VAT)	Contract Start Date (actual)	Contract End Date (actual)	Actual Duration (months)	Contract Award Date
Operations	Urgent Essential Works to the Malahide Road	Campbell Catering t/a Aramark	€ 402,800.00	27/11/2023	31/03/2024	4	30/11/2023
Planning and Strategic	Fingal Coastal Way Topographical Survey	Apex Surveys	€ 49,400.00	01/09/2023	30/11/2023	2	29/11/2023
Operations	Installation of Pipework and all ancillary services for the connection of a new water supply to Shackleton Gardens	GMC Utilities Group Ltd.	€ 60,686.00	16/11/2023	15/12/2023	1	22/11/2023
Digital Services	Annual ComplyKEY Premium Support	ComplyKEY	€ 44,246.00	01/01/2024	01/01/2025	12	21/11/2023
EETCD	Mural Artwork Snugborough Road Interchange Infrastructural Works	Iverna	€ 45,000.00	04/12/2023	20/12/2023	1	20/11/2023
Planning and Strategic	Taking in Charge Works for the Mount Eustace and Cruise Park Estates in Tyrellstown	Formac Construction	€ 234,323.00	01/11/2023	28/02/2024	4	17/11/2023
Housing	Demolition Works at 30-32 North Street, Swords, Co. Dublin	Hegarty Demolition Ltd.	€ 150,000.00	30/10/2023	22/12/2024	14	15/11/2023
Operations	Butterfly Pupae for the Tropical Butterfly House in Malahide Demesne	Stratford-upon-Avon Butterfly Tropical House	€ 36,000.00	01/08/2023	31/07/2024	12	14/11/2023
Operations	Installation of a replacement portal and related ancillary services at Newbridge Demesne	Larry Kane Steelworks Ltd	€ 97,600.00	01/11/2023	30/04/2024	6	14/11/2023
Operations	Construction of a replacement Farm Animal Shed at Newbridge Demesne	Dowcon Ltd	€ 105,726.00	01/11/2023	30/04/2024	6	14/11/2023
Operations	Construction of a new Boundary Wall at Balgriffin Cemetary	Clar Con Construction Ltd	€ 123,566.00	08/11/2023	05/12/2023	1	08/11/2023
Community	Supply & Installation of temporary Accommodation for Childcare at Hartstown Community Centre, Hartstown	Cpac Modular	€ 173,260	01/10/2023	31/12/2024	15	07/11/2023
Corporate Affairs	Webcasting Services	Public-I Group	£ 109,446.00	24/11/2023	23/11/2025	24	06/11/2023
Planning and Strategic	Preparation of a Local Area Plan for Flemington, Balbriggan	RMLA Ltd	€ 57,937	15/11/2023	14/11/2024	12	06/11/2023
EETCD	Provision of Services for Fingal Remote Working Hubs Brand Identity & Marketing Campaign	Ripple Marketing	€ 45,000	02/10/2023	01/03/2024	5	01/11/2023
Operations	Mechanical Planting of Bulbs and Wildflowers Countrywide	Flower your Place	€ 240,185	02/10/2023	03/11/2023	2	26/10/2023
Operations	Concrete Footpath Construction in a series of batches from 3 - 8 meters at Various Locations in Bayside, Co. Dublin	Joe Duke & Co. Ltd	€ 49,020.00	20/11/2023	15/12/2023	1	24/10/2023
Operations	Resurfacing of Sections of the R105, Sutton Cross	D.M. Morris Limited	€ 129,477.00	06/11/2023	01/12/2023	1	24/10/2023
Operations	Shared Bituminous Cycle & Footpath and existing concrete footpath works at Balgriffin Park	Formac Construction	€ 160,951.00	08/11/2023	01/12/2023	1	24/10/2023

Housing	Provision of New Modular Accommodation Liam Rodgers Community Centre	Cpac Modular	€ 97,325.00	23/10/2023	23/12/2023	2	23/10/2023
Operations	DE vegetation of 16 Fingal Bridges	Triur Construction	€ 39,720	01/10/2023	30/11/2023	2	23/10/2023
EETCD	Clearing Hazardous/Dangerous Rubbish and Site Clearance at Rathoath Road, Dunsink Finglas	G & K Kearns Developments Ltd	€ 127,096	11/10/2023	10/11/2023	1	20/10/2023
Corporate Affairs	Mobile Voice & Data Communications and Associated Products & Services	Vodafone	€ 90,000	01/10/2023	30/11/2023	2	19/10/2023
Active Travel	Supply and Delivery of Bicycle and Scooter Parking Equipment for Schools and Clubs in Fingal Area	Pittman	€ 27,006.00	21/09/2023	21/03/2024	6	18/10/2023
Corporate Affairs	Provision of Services for Roof Maintenance and Callouts at 17 Fingal Locations	Geoffrey T Kelly Roofing and Cladding	€ 26,200	05/09/2023	04/09/2024	12	16/10/2023
Operations	Supply, Delivery and erection of individual Christmas Trees for the Christmas Season 2023	King Tree Services	€ 46,443	27/10/2023	22/12/2023	2	12/10/2023
Operations	Purchase of requirement for 4 Ford Transit Vans	Henry Ford & Son Ltd.	€ 86,976	10/10/2023	09/10/2024	12	11/10/2023
Corporate Affairs	Provision of Fire Alarm and Emergency Lighting Maintenance Services	G4S	€ 32,445	09/09/2023	08/03/2024	6	11/10/2023
Operations	Resurfacing of one lane of Greenfield Road in Howth	Pavement & Road Surfacing Ltd	€ 62,522	16/10/2023	10/11/2023	1	09/10/2023
Planning and Strategic	Supply & Install New Boundary Fencing at Hampton Lands, Ardgillan Demesne, Balbriggan	Irish Fencing Services	€ 151,467	01/09/2023	01/04/2025	18	26/09/2023
Planning and Strategic	Installation of SeeBees at the Burrow, Portrane, Co. Dublin	Larry Kiernan Plant Hire Ltd	€ 75,987	01/10/2023	30/11/2023	2	25/09/2023
Operations	Road Salt for the 2023/2024 Winter Season	Salt Sales Company	€ 161,795	01/10/2023	31/12/2023	3	25/09/2023
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Quantity Surveying Services for the proposed development at Ballymastone Recreational Hub	Levins Associates	€ 30,900.00	01/11/2023	31/05/2024	7	22/09/2023
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Ward River Regional Park Historic Structures - Brick Arch and Walled Garden Sheds	Francis Haughey Building & Civil Engineering Contractors	€ 295,808	10/09/2023	09/02/2024	5	21/09/2023
Operations	Concrete Footpath Construction in a series of batches from 2 - 10 sq meters at Roselawn Road, Walk & Court, D 15	Formac Construction	€ 39,125	01/10/2023	01/11/2023	1	19/09/2023
Operations	Footpath Works, Paddys Hill, Portmarnock	Jim Hayes Civil Engineering	€ 71,370.00	18/09/2023	13/10/2023	1	18/09/2023
Operations	Resurfacing of Drynam, Seatown & Lissenhall Footbridges	Donnelly Civil Engineering Ltd	€ 228,756	31/08/2023	30/01/2024	5	14/09/2023
Operations	Solar Power Signage	PWS Signs Ltd	€ 31,185	11/09/2023	31/12/2023	4	14/09/2023

Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary Works, Dublin Road, Swords	D.M. Morris Limited	€ 163,656	25/09/2023	25/12/2023	3	13/09/2023
Operations	Loughshinny Harbour Refurbishment Works	Donnelly Civil Engineering Ltd	€ 158,498	01/10/2023	22/12/2023	3	13/09/2023
EETCD	Upgrade of fire alarm system at Malahide Castle	Pioneer Fire & Security for Upgrade	€ 70,871	01/10/2023	14/10/2023	2 weeks	11/09/2023
Digital Services	NEC Application Programs for which the RDBA Service is being provided : NEC Housing	NEC Software Solutions	€ 66,000	01/09/2023	31/08/2025	24	07/09/2023
Housing	Churchfields, Damastown Ave, Mulhuddart, D 15 Watermain Diversion	Hegarty Demolition Ltd.	€ 625,173	11/09/2023	04/12/2024	15	06/09/2023
Operations	Football Pitch Extension at Porterstown, Dublin 15	KT Civil Engineering	€ 45,000	01/09/2023	01/10/2023	1	06/09/2023
Operations	Path Network, Tolka Valley	KT Civil Engineering	€ 28,000	15/09/2023	15/10/2023	1	06/09/2023
Operations	Path Extension, Delwood Park, D 15	KT Civil Engineering	€ 33,000	01/09/2023	01/11/2023	2	06/09/2023
EETCD	Project Management Consultancy Services for the Fingal Local Economic & Community Plan	Grant Thornton Finance Ltd	€ 48,900	08/05/2023	07/02/2024	9	06/09/2023
EETCD	Provision of Multi Disciplinary Consultancy Services for Industrial Zones, Infrastructure & Public Realm Projects in respect of the Economic Zone & Industrial Landbank at Stephenstown, Balbriggan	Clifton Scannell Emerson Associates	€ 317,182	01/08/2023	31/07/2025	24	06/09/2023
ANCA	Legal Services for Aircraft Noise Competent Authority	A & L Goodbody LLP	€ 1,000,000	01/09/2023	31/08/2025	24	05/09/2023
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Construction of a Pocket Park at Bridge Street, Balbriggan	Peter O'Brien & Sons Landscaping	€ 41,535	28/08/2023	23/09/2024	13	05/09/2023
Active Travel	Requirement for Engineering Consultancy Services for Active Travel Pathfinder Swords to Airport Quick Build	Tobin Consulting Engineers	€ 225,775	21/08/2023	20/08/2026	36	05/09/2023
Operations	Engineering Consultancy Services for Dredging of Balbriggan Harbour	Byrne Looby & Partners Ltd	€ 287,130	18/09/2023	17/09/2026	36	04/09/2023
Operations	Demolition and Remediation Works of a bridge Structure at Grallagh	Triur Construction	€ 44,265	01/09/2023	30/09/2023	1	04/09/2023
Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary Works R109, Lower Lucan Road	D.M. Morris Limited	€ 658,619	01/10/2023	01/12/2023	2	01/09/2023
Community	8 Week running programme for 5th and 6th class students in Primary Schools	Marathon Kids	€ 26,900	01/09/2023	31/12/2023	4	01/09/2023
Operations	Concrete Footpath & Bituminous Cycle Track Installation at Northwood Avenue, Santry, Dublin 9	John Browne Construction Ltd	€ 44,250	25/09/2023	25/10/2023	1	31/08/2023
Operations	Concrete Footpath Construction in a series of batches Deerpark Road, Drive & Avenue, D 15	Citius Ltd	€ 34,990	15/09/2023	15/10/2023	1	31/08/2023

Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary Works Northwood Avenue, D 9	Lagan Asphalt Ltd	€ 130,351	11/09/2023	11/10/2023	1	31/08/2023
Operations	Caretakers agreement to manage and operate the concession Malahide Recreational Facility, located in the Pavillion Building, Malahide Demesne	Aramark Northern Europe	€ 126,465	01/09/2023	31/12/2023	4	31/08/2023
Libraries	Supply & Installation of 3 Tovertafel Unit to include 2 year licence, warranty, service and staff training	Homecare Medical	€ 28,510	01/07/2023	01/07/2025	24	30/08/2023
Operations	Design & Build Public Conveniences and Associated Works at Burrow Beach, Portrane	Lidan Innovations Ltd	€ 202,343	17/07/2023	17/07/2024	12	29/08/2023
Operations	Design & Build Public Conveniences and Associated Works at Malahide, Muldowney	Lidan Innovations Ltd	€ 329,129	17/07/2023	16/07/2024	12	29/08/2023
Operations	Design & Build Public Conveniences and Associated Works at Howth East Pier, Co. Dublin	Lidan Innovations Ltd	€ 447,089	17/07/2023	16/07/2024	12	29/08/2023
EETCD	Provision of Services for the Co Ordinator and Delivery of the Student Enterprise Programme for Fingal Local Enterprise Office	Real Events Management T/A Real Nation	€ 40,600	21/08/2023	21/06/2024	10	28/08/2023
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Supply & Execution of ESB approved Civil Works to enable the undergrounding of e	Larry Kieran Plant Hire Ltd	€ 78,997	01/09/2023	01/10/2024	13	24/08/2023
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Sutton to Malahide Pedestrian & Cycle Scheme Topographic Survey	Apex Surveys	€ 32,910	01/08/2023	07/10/2023	5 weeks	23/08/2023
Environment, Climate Action	Supply Anti Littering Devices at Locations in Fingal	RiteView Solutions	€ 25,120	01/03/2023	28/02/2024	12	18/08/2023
Planning and Strategic	Installation of Traffic Signals in respect of the Harry Reynolds Road Pedestrian & Cycle Route	Traffic Solutions Ltd	€ 165,281	21/08/2023	21/02/2025	18	16/08/2023
Planning and Strategic	Main Works Contract of the Ongar to Barnhill Road Scheme	BAM Civil Limited	€ 16,823,243	14/08/2023	18/04/2025	20	15/08/2023
EETCD	Provision of Consultancy Services to develop Town Centre Plans for Fingal County Council with an initial contract to develop a Town Centre Plan for Lusk, Co. Dublin	AP + E	€ 63,680	08/08/2023	31/10/2023	3	14/08/2023
Active Travel	Work on the R132 Cycle Lane Scheme (Blakes Cross to Quickpenny Lane)	McAvoy Contracts Ltd	€ 2,202,117	31/07/2023	31/12/2024	19	11/08/2023
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Conservation Repairs to Malahide Church and Graveyard, Malahide Demesne	James Francis Haughey Building Contractors	€ 128,974	08/08/2023	31/10/2024	15	08/08/2023
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Provision of Road Removal Works St. Itas, Portrane, Co. Dublin	Larry Kieran Plant Hire Ltd	€ 38,975	14/08/2023	08/09/2023	1	03/08/2023
Operations	Installation of Traffic Signals within the Admin Area of Fingal Co Co Council	Traffic Solutions Ltd	€ 1,423,645	24/07/2023	31/12/2023	5	02/08/2023
Corporate Affairs	Catering Services for Fingal County Council Offices in Swords & Blanchardstown	Compass Catering Services Ireland Ltd	€ 750,000	25/07/2023	24/07/2025	24	02/08/2023
Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary Works R125, Clonsilla Road Junctions at Coolmine and Blanchardstown, D 15	Lagan Asphalt Ltd	€ 170,971	25/08/2023	25/11/2023	3	01/08/2023

Digital Services	Backup & Disaster Recovery services for Office 365 & SharePoint Online	Sureskills Ltd	€ 49,470	01/08/2023	31/07/2026	24	01/08/2023
Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary Works, Castleknock Road, Auburn Ave Junction.	Lagan Asphalt Ltd	€ 76,234	23/08/2023	23/08/2023	12	01/08/2023
Environment, Climate Action	Provision of a Management Service in respect of Glass Bottle Banks in the Dublin Area	Glassco Recycling Ltd	€ 520,000.00	01/08/2023	31/10/2023	3	28/07/2023
Operations	Resurfacing of Sections of the R106, Swords Road, Malahide & Ancillary Works	D.M. Morris Limited	€ 280,087	21/08/2023	21/09/2023	1	28/07/2023
Planning and Strategic	Site Surveys and Snagging Drawings and Taking in Charge Drawings of 13 Estates due to be taken in charge	Thorntons Chartered Surveyors	€ 37,620	12/07/2023	12/04/2024	9	28/07/2023
Operations	Concrete Footpath Construction in a series of batches from 3 - 7 sq meters at Melrose Park and Drinan Hall	John Browne Construction Ltd	€ 27,895	14/08/2023	08/09/2023	1	27/07/2023
Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary Works Millview Lawns, Malahide	Pavement & Road Surfacing Ltd	€ 89,400	04/09/2023	29/09/2023	1	27/07/2023
Corporate Affairs	Supply of Fixed Voice Services	Eir Ltd	€ 87,500	01/09/2023	29/02/2024	6	26/07/2023
Operations	Maintenance, Servicing, Repair and Ticket replenishment of Pay & Display Parking Machines	Actavo (Sierra Support Services Group)	€ 50,000	01/07/2023	30/11/2023	5	24/07/2023
Operations	Provision of Enforcement and Legal Services to FCC for Parking Services	Parkrite	€ 182,184	01/07/2023	30/11/2023	5	24/07/2023
Housing	24 Hour Security Service at Liscappagh Estate, Dublin 11	ABM	€ 127,458	15/06/2023	11/08/2023	2	24/07/2023
Operations	Construction of a Parkour Facility at Millennium Park, Dublin15	Outfit Outdoor Fitness Equipment Ltd	€ 98,120	01/09/2023	30/09/2023	1	21/07/2023
Operations	Concrete footpath construction in a series of batches from 3 - 8 meters at Willie Nolan Road and Mainstreet, Baldoyle, Co. Dublin	Joe Duke & Co. Ltd	€ 41,131	14/08/2023	08/09/2023	1	19/07/2023
Operations	Supply and Installation of specified calisthenics and outdoor fitness equipment to Hazelbury Park, D 15	Outfit Outdoor Fitness Equipment Ltd	€ 60,625	01/08/2023	31/08/2023	1	19/07/2023
Environment, Climate Action	Dublin Airport Noise Plan 2024 - 2029 Appointment of Acoustic Consultants	Logika Noise Air Quality Consultants	€ 60,000	01/07/2023	01/07/2025	24	18/07/2023
Operations	Temporary Car Park Surfacing and Associated Works at Ballymastone	DM Morris Ltd	€ 209,089	02/09/2023	01/10/2024	13	17/07/2023
Corporate Affairs	Catering Services for County Hall and Grove Road	Compass Catering Irl Ltd	€ 94,248	01/04/2023	24/07/2023	4	17/07/2023
Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary Works R125, Murrough Road to Watery Lane, Swords	D.M. Morris Limited	€ 292,977	17/07/2023	17/10/2023	3	13/07/2023
Operations	Supply & Installation of Full Size MUGA at Mick Walsh Park, Dublin 15	Outfit Outdoor Fitness Equipment Ltd	€ 66,225	03/07/2023	31/07/2023	1	12/07/2023
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Multi Disciplinary Engineering Consultancy Services, Kinsealy Walking & Cycling Routes	Barry Transportation	€ 396,356	15/06/2023	14/06/2025	24	12/07/2023

Operations	Requirement for Road Lining Contract for the Fingal Swords, Balbriggan Areas Including PSCS	MacLochlainn (Roadmarkings) Limited	€ 46,718	24/07/2023	31/12/2023	5	11/07/2023
Operations	Road Lining Contract for Castleknock Mulhuddart, Blanchardstown including PSCS and Traffic Management	MacLochlainn (Roadmarkings) Limited	€ 59,965	10/07/2023	31/12/2023	6	10/07/2023
Environment, Climate Action	Provision of Eircode/Postcode Address Encoding Services	Dataconversion Direct Ltd	€ 45,000	10/07/2023	10/10/2023	3	10/07/2023
Housing	Actuarial Services for the replacement of Fingal County Councils Housing Loans System	Mazars	€ 43,750	03/07/2023	03/12/2023	6	10/07/2023
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Supply & Install temporary Traffic Management Equipment for 2 Car Parks in Balbriggan	McAvoy Contracts Ltd	€ 39,120	06/07/2023	06/07/2024	12	07/07/2023
Planning and Strategic	Traffic Management Equipment for 2 Public Car Parks in Balbriggan	McAvoy Contracts Ltd	€ 39,120	26/07/2023	25/08/2023	1	07/07/2023
Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary Works, Parkvale, Baldoyle	John McQuillan Contracts Ltd	€ 58,101	24/07/2023	04/08/2023	1	07/07/2023
Housing	24 Hour Security Services for 67 Newly Constructed Units to be delivered on a phased basis during July & August 2023 at Churchfields Estate	ABM	€ 188,842	24/07/2023	03/11/2023	5	06/07/2023
Operations	Supply & Delivery of Washed Surface Dressing Chips	Tullyraine Quarries Limited	€ 30,075	14/07/2023	14/12/2023	5	06/07/2023
Operations	Installation of Traffic Calming Ramps, Ramp Components, ramp replacement and repairs	MCM Surfacing Ltd	€ 148,335	17/07/2023	19/01/2024	6	04/07/2023
Operations	Replacement of Artificial Grass Surfaces to Two MUGAS in Whitestown, D.15	Sole Sports and Leisure Ltd	€ 47,811	07/07/2023	06/08/2023	1	04/07/2023
Operations	Purchase of New Compact Tractors	Dublin Grass Machinery	€ 68,000	25/06/2023	24/06/2024	12	04/07/2023
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Multi-disciplinary Engineering Consultancy Services for Donabate Transport Projects Active Travel Routes Design Services	Roughan & O'Donovan Ltd	€ 690,814	19/06/2023	19/06/2025	24	04/07/2023
Digital Services	Renewal of the subscription to the Technical Index	Allium UK Holding	€ 31,269	01/07/2023	30/06/2024	12	30/06/2023
EETCD	Supply, Installation, derig and transportation of 3 x 3m gazebos, picket fencing and truck stage for the Flavours of Fingal County Show 2023	Castle Stage Hire	€ 55,925	28/06/2023	03/07/2023	1 week	28/06/2023
Operations	Concrete Footpath Construction in a series of batches from 3 - 8 sq meters at Moyclare, Baldoyle	Clar Con Construction Ltd	€ 30,960	03/07/2023	28/08/2023	7 weeks	27/06/2023
Planning and Strategic	Wetland Restoration and Greenway Project - St. Itas Donabate	Larry Kieran Plant Hire Ltd	€ 39,987	26/06/2023	07/07/2023	2 weeks	23/06/2023
Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary Services Works, Church Street & St. Patricks Park, Blanchardstown, D15	D.M. Morris Limited	€ 72,995	01/07/2023	01/10/2023	3	22/06/2023

EETCD	Provision of Stewarding Services for Flavours of Fingal 2023	Invictus Event Management Ltd	€ 52,806	21/06/2023	04/07/2023	2 weeks	21/06/2023
Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary Works, Glasmore Park, - Windmill Lands, Swords, Co. Dublin	John McQuillan Contracts Ltd	€ 55,739	30/06/2023	30/11/2023	5	20/06/2023
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	The Design and Execution of Works in connection with the Installation of Play Spaces for Fingal County Council - four distinct projects - ITT (Repeat of FCC/173/20	Creative Play Solutions	€ 1,697,921	15/05/2023	15/09/2025	28	20/06/2023
Operations	Supply & Installation of Specified Calisthenics and Outdoor Fitness Hub at Damastown Park and Porterstown Park, D. 15.	Outfit Outdoor Fitness Equipment Ltd	€ 92,795	30/06/2023	30/07/2023	1	20/06/2023
Operations	Concrete Footpath Construction in a series of batches from 3 - 7 sq meters at Stapolin Lawns and Grange Park, Baldoyle	John Browne Construction Ltd	€ 39,323	26/06/2023	25/07/2023	1	19/06/2023
Operations	Supply of Bitumen Emulsion Fingal Area 2023	Colas Teoranta	€ 16,662	01/07/2023	01/12/2023	5	16/06/2023
Operations	Supply of Bitumen Emulsion Fingal Area 2023	Lagan Asphalt Ltd.	€ 32,075	01/07/2023	01/12/2023	5	16/06/2023
Operations	Supply of Bitumen Emulsion Fingal Area 2023	Irish Tar and Bitumen Suppliers Limited	€ 116,462	01/07/2023	01/12/2023	5	16/06/2023
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Re Surfacing of Existing Car Park at Bremore Castle, Balbriggan	Larry Kieran Plant Hire Ltd	€ 27,250	15/05/2023	15/06/2023	1	16/06/2023
EETCD	Supply of Buses/Coaches/Minibuses including wheelchair accessible vehicles, event staff as bus stops and management of online booking form	Marathon Training & Events	€ 127,250	01/07/2023	02/07/2023	1 day	15/06/2023
Operations	Consultancy Services for a Bridge Inventory Survey of Fingals Road Network	Atkins Ireland (WS Atkins Ireland Ltd)	€ 29,060	10/04/2023	09/06/2023	3	15/06/2023
Operations	2023 Road Network Machine Survey Services	PMS	€ 37,676	14/06/2023	31/10/2023	4	14/06/2023
Digital Services	Provision of Services on the online portal for Affordable Housing Schemes	Interform Limited	€ 35,250	09/06/2023	09/06/2024	12	12/06/2023
Corporate Affairs	Replacement of Critical LV Electrical Infrastructure (ACBs) in Blanchardstown Library & Draiocht and Malahide Library	Vincent Doherty Ltd	€ 66,605	01/06/2023	31/08/2023	3	12/06/2023
EETCD	Traffic management for Flavours of Fingal 2023	Freeflow Traffic Management	€ 54,315	09/06/2023	02/07/2023	1	09/06/2023
Housing	24 Hour Security Service at Wellview Estate, Dublin 15	DTC Security Ltd	€ 92,860	04/07/2023	05/09/2023	3	07/06/2023
Operations	Resurfacing of Dublin Road, R106 in Malahide	D.M. Morris Limited	€ 82,160	01/07/2023	30/07/2023	1	06/06/2023
Community	Provision of an Audit of Community, Sports & Recreation Facilities in the Administrative area of Fingal County Council and a radius of 10km around its	KPMG Ireland	€ 58,475	22/05/2023	16/01/2024	8	06/06/2023
Community	Modification & Upgrade Works at Hartstown Community Centre, D 15	FLN Consulting Engineers	€ 26,900	01/06/2023	31/07/2026	37	01/06/2023

EETCD	Bridge Stret Demolitions & Enabling Works Phase 1 as Part of the Balbriggan Rejuvenation Plan 2019 - 2025	Hegarty Demolition Ltd.	€ 183,884	01/06/2023	14/07/2024	13	01/06/2023
Operations	Road Markings at various locations within the Fingal Area	Nuzum Road Services Ltd	€ 57,248	14/06/2023	14/06/2024	12	01/06/2023
Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary Works, R125 Murrogh Road to Watery Lane, Swords	John McQuillan Contracts Ltd	€ 267,406	01/06/2023	24/09/2023	4	01/06/2023
Environment, Climate Action	Environmental Awareness Campaign Cinemas	Pearl & Dean Ireland Ltd	€ 86,000	01/06/2023	31/05/2024	12	01/06/2023
Operations	Cleaning & Maintenance Services for all public conveniences within Fingal County Councils Administrative Area	Healthmatic Ltd	€ 1,822,007	28/04/2023	27/04/2025	24	01/06/2023
Operations	Footpath Construction Millview Lawns, Millview Court, Millview Road, Yellow Walls Road and Sea Road, Malahide	John Browne Construction Ltd	€ 40,152	06/06/2023	23/06/2023	1	29/05/2023
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	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
EETCD	Malahide Castle & Visitor Centre Emergency Lighting Works	Norton Electrical Ltd	€ 186,995	01/06/2023	01/09/2024	15	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
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Disposal of Waste from Site to the rear of Seamus Ennis Arts Centre	Larry Kiernan Plant Hire Ltd	€ 45,929	06/06/2023	06/07/2023	1	16/05/2023
Operations	Purchase of 3 Ford Ranger Crew Cab Jeeps with Automatic Transmission & Hard Top Canopy	Henry Ford & Son Ltd.	€ 77,040	10/05/2023	09/05/2024	12	12/05/2023
Operations	Consultancy Services for Fingal Harbours and Associated Services - Initial Contract for the Rehabilitation of Skerries Harbour	Byrne Looby & Partners Ltd	€ 104,615	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	Supply & delivery of All-Inclusive Carousel in Santry Demesne Playground	Spraoi Linn Ltd	€ 26,350	03/05/2023	03/08/2023	3	05/05/2023
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 Suralstown Cross	Roadstone Ltd	€ 852,077	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	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	€ 43,850	24/04/2023	24/11/2023	7	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	Jons 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
Planning and Strategic	Supply of specially cut limestone blocks for the completion of the parapet on Bremore Castle Gate House	McKeown Stone	€ 33,628	26/06/2023	31/07/2023	5weeks	18/04/2023
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	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	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	€ 36,486	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
ousing	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	12/04/2023
Operations	Bituminous Footpath Works at Balcadden 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 Licencing	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	Ongar Development Remedial Works	Formac Construction	€ 919,532	01/05/2023	30/09/2023	5	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	Road Inlay and Ancillary Works, Sycamore View, Castleknock, Dublin 15	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	€ 301,441	06/03/2023	24/11/2023	8	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	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	€ 232,319	13/03/2023	12/05/2023	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	€ 104,500	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	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
Housing	Environmental Risk Assessment Site at Sillogue, Ballymun	RPS Consulting Engineers Ltd	€ 35,463	01/02/2023	31/12/2024	23	10/02/2023
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	€ 475,935	11/07/2022	31/08/2023	13	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 Policy	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	08/01/2024	12	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	26/05/2023	24/05/2024	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		
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	Gateway 2 Report has been 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. A second Draft options report has been submitted by consultant and been reviewed by Active Travel.
FCC/22/0001	Castleknock to Dunsink Lane €185,000	The options report and relevant drawings for Auburn Ave and Dunsinea Lane have been submitted to the NTA in compliance to the Gateway 2-5 Hold Point requirements. A Draft options report has been submitted by consultant for Dunsink Lane and currently been 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	The Chief Executive's report is now being prepared and it is anticipated that this will be presented to the meeting of the County Council in January 2024.
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	The consultant has begun the process of information gathering with a view to collecting data and conducting initial surveys in Q1, 2024.
FCC/22/0021	Seamount Heights to Old Golf Links Park €300,000	A brief and tender documents are now being prepared to progress the project from the design stages through to completion as soon as possible.
FCC/22/0022	Broomfield to Paddy's Hill via Naomh Mearnog GAA €350,000	Enabling works to provide connectivity from Paddy's Hill Car Park to St. Helen's Junior School and Limetree Avenue, including footpath works, tree surgeon works, new access points into the school and the provision of ramps are now complete. The next step is to run a tender competition to appoint a design consultant for the Feasibility/Options Selection stage.
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 2 of the tendering process complete and tender assessment has taken place. Contract documents to be signed in coming weeks.
FCC/22/0030	Station Road Portmarnock Footpaths and Cycleway €150,000	Works have reached substantial completion.

FCC/ 23/XXX	Scoil an Duinnigh to Waterside footpath and cycleway €220,000	Planning permission has been granted for the school and Department of Education is to engage with Fingal County Council on planning conditions related to pedestrian access. However, a footpath, dropped kerbs with tactile paving have been provided on the route to/from the school and the Feltrim Road.
FCC/ 23/XXX	Feltrim Road cycle infrastructure €120,000	Design brief is complete, and the remaining tender documents are being finalised. It is expected that the works will go to tender for a design consultant in Q4 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	Works are now completed at the school site. The contractor has carried out minor snagging and maintenance on rain gardens. The Stage 3 Road Safety Audit has been completed by an independent auditor.
FCC/23/XXX	SRTS (R1) – Scoil Ghrainne CNS €200,000	Detailed design nearing completion to enable procurement of works contractor. Contract documents are being finalised to engage a contractor for the works.
FCC/23/XXX	SRTS (R1) – Bayside Junior School €200,000	Works are now completed at the school site. The contractor has carried out minor snagging and maintenance on rain gardens. The Stage 3 Road Safety Audit has been completed by an independent auditor.
FCC/23/XXX	SRTS (R1) – Scoil Choilm CNS €200,000	Installation of flexible bollards on Porterstown Rd. outside the school entrance is complete. Detailed design nearing completion to enable procurement of works contractor. Contract documents are being finalised to engage a contractor for the works.
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	Detailed Design is nearing completion for the Tranche 2 schools (4 no.), including Pope John Paul II NS. It is envisaged that this work package will go to construction in Q1 2024, and Pope John Paul II NS is currently scheduled to be the final Safe Routes to School scheme implemented in this package. Contract documents are being finalised to engage a contractor for the works.
FCC/23/XXX	SRTS (R1) – Castaheany ETNS €200,000	Works have been substantially completed by contractor. Minor snag works ongoing.
FCC/23/XXX	SRTS (R1) – St. Benedict's NS €200,000	Works have been substantially completed by contractor. Minor snag works ongoing.
FCC/23/XXX	SRTS (R1) – Ladyswell National School €200,000	Detailed design nearing completion to enable procurement of works contractor. Contract documents are being finalised to engage a contractor for the works.

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 4 x 1 Bed 4 x 2 Bed 3 x 3 Bed	On-Site	Q4 2022	Q3 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 1 x 2 Bed 1 x 3 Bed	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 13 x 1 Bed 18 x 2 Bed	On-Site	Q1 2023	Q1 2024
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Ballough Place (Former Leonards Garage), Lusk https://goo.gl/maps/8u6BiRWzuLSTmjK8	10 9 x 2 Bed 1 x 1 Bed	On-Site	Q1 2023	Q3 2024
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Monastery Court (Katie's Hunts), Church Road, Lusk https://goo.gl/maps/vqRAVUw8ZqhM75w66	5 5 x 2 Bed	On-Site	Q1 2023	Q1 2024
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Hayestown, Rush 53°31'24.1"N 6°06'42.1"W - Google Maps	62 17 x 2 Bed 45 x 3 Bed	On-Site	Q2 2023	Q3 2024
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	St. Ita's, Portrane Portrane Ave - Google Maps	11 Restoration of existing cottages.	On-Site	Q4 2022	Q3 2024
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	Glenveagh Living Ltd	Mixed Tenure	Balmoston Ph1., Donabate 53°29'21.2"N 6°07'58.1"W	172 432 units, of which 20% are social and 20% affordable	On-Site	Q3 2023	Q2 2025

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Schemes with Planning Approval and at Tender stage

Area Committee	Provider	Funding Stream	Site Name	No. Units	Status Detail	On-Site Date	Handover (estimated)
Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Church Fields 3A 53°24'44.7"N 6°23'39.0"W - Google	300 27 x 1 Bed 118 x 2 Bed 136 x 3 Bed 19 x 4 Bed	Sod-turning ceremony expected in Q4 2023.	Q4 2023	Q3 2025
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social - Elderly	North Street, Swords 53°27'38.6"N 6°13'06.7"W - Google Maps	13 6 x 1 Bed 7 x 2 Bed	Enabling works package ready. Design team tender to be evaluated in Q4 2023.	Q4 2023	Q3 2025
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social -	Seatown Swords 53°27'35.4"N 6°13'04.7"W Google Maps	36 36 x 2 Bed	Design ongoing, Tender package to be completed in Q4 2023.	Q1 2024	Q3 2025
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	North and East Housing Association	Social – Elderly	Garristown 53°34'03.7"N 6°22'42.1"W - Google Maps	6 3 x 2-bed house 3 x 1-bed house	Planning granted.	Q4 2023	Q4 2024
Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar	FCC	Social – Elderly TBC	Junction of Blakestown Road and Huntstown Way, Dublin 15 53.399869, -6.401776 Google Maps	30 16 x 1 Bed 14 x 2 Bed	Conveyancing completed with planning permission.	TBC	TBC
Howth/Malahide	FCC	TBC	Tuckets Lane 53.385248, -6.066128 Google Maps	8 4x 1 Bed 4x 2 Bed	Boundary issues being resolved	TBC	TBC
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Miller Glen, Swords	20		TBC	TBC

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Schemes at the Pre-Planning Stage

Area Committee	Provider	Funding Stream	Site Name	No. Units	Status Detail	On-Site Date	Handover (estimated)
Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/ Castleknock/ Ongar	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Church Fields 3B 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 in June. Awaiting a decision from ABP.	Q1 2025	Q2 2026
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Holywell, Swords 53°26'48.1"N 6°12'42.8"W	57 20 x 1- bed 29 x 2-bed 8 x 3-bed	S179a Planning Process underway.	Q2 2024	Q4 2025
Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/ Castleknock/ Ongar	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Mayeston, Dublin 11 53°24'28.4"N 6°17'02.1"W - Google Maps	121 37 x 1 Bed 72 x 2 Bed 12 x 3 Bed	S179A Planning process about to commence.	Q2 2024	Q4 2025
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Remount, Lusk 53.521033026946974, -6.161600488074793	18 2 x 1 Bed 11 x 2 Bed 5 x 3 Bed	S179A Planning process.	TBC	Q3 2025

Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Mixed Tenure	New Road, Donabate 53°29'02.6"N 6°08'27.5"W	160 All Houses	S179A Planning process.	TBC	TBC
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Mourne View, Skerries. 53.580404, -6.122225	14 11x2Bed 3x3Bed 1x4Bed	Surveys progressing.	TBC	Q4 2025
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	TBC	O'Dwyers, Balbriggan. https://maps.app.goo.gl/inSEC4Qq3QSBHQHp8	80-120	Surveys progressing.	TBC	TBC
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Woodside, Swords. 53.453901, -6.210574 Google Maps	34	Design team have been appointed.	TBC	TBC
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	TBC	Mooretown Phase 1, Swords. https://maps.app.goo.gl/R8eAG1aoLXh1nL2j9	200	Design Masterplan to be completed Q3 2023.	Q1 2025	Q1 2026
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Kenure, Rush. 53.532278, -6.102176 Google Maps	32 10x1Bed 10x2Bed 12x3Bed	Surveys progressing.	TBC	TBC

Blanchardstown- Mulhuddart/ Castleknock/ Ongar	FCC	Social	Fortlawn, Dublin 15	3		TBC	TBC
Howth/Malahide	FCC	Social	Fingerpost, Malahide	4	Design stage Q4 2023.	TBC	Q4 2026
Balbriggan/Rush- Lusk/Swords	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Balmoston Ph2, Donabate 53°29'21.2"N 6°07'58.1"W	172		TBC	TBC

*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	Delivered	Q4 2023

Appendix 5

External Funding – Community and Sports Development

Funding Source	Grant Scheme	Name of Group	Stats	Amount Awarded	Date of Award
Pobal	Community Services Program	Parslickstown House	Concept documents approved gone to application stage		
Pobal	Community Services Program	Blakestown Community Resource Centre	Concept documents approved gone to application stage		
DDTAS	Sports Capital 2023	Mountview Youth and Community Centre – All weather pitch upgrade & LED lighting	Application submitted		
DDTAS	Sports Capital 2023	Hartstown Community Centre All weather pitch upgrade	Application submitted		
DDTAS	Sports Capital 2023	Flemington Community Centre – Accessible Gym	Application submitted		