



Chief Executive's Management Report

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Chief Executive's Foreword

Following the local elections last month, Fingal County Council has 12 new councillors beginning their terms of office and representing their communities. I wish to offer my sincere thanks to the outgoing councillors for their work over the last 5 years and for their support to myself and the Executive Management Team in that period. I hope that you will reflect with pride on the time you spent representing your constituents and the work you undertook on their behalf. To the new members, I extend a warm welcome to you all and I look forward to working with you on behalf of the people of Fingal. At the first meeting of the new council on Friday, June 21st Cllr Brian McDonagh was elected Mayor and Cllr JK Onwumereh was elected Deputy Mayor. I congratulate you, Mayor and Deputy Mayor, on your elections and wish you every success in your endeavours over the next year. Overseeing the democratic process is an important function of the local authority and extensive preparations for the counting of the votes at the National Show Centre in Cloghran began several months ago. The manner in which the count was organised and executed was very impressive and I thank everyone who engaged in the process as well as the external agencies who supported Fingal County Council in this undertaking.

Each year the prestigious Bord Bia Bloom gardening festival attracts many thousands of visitors to the Phoenix Park to view the most spectacular gardens on display. Over the years, Fingal County Council is proud to have forged very successful collaborations with talented garden architects and horticultural teams to further underpin and emphasise our commitment to sustainability, biodiversity and creativity. The theme of Fingal's display this year centred around incorporating biodiversity into urban landscapes and private gardens. With global and national biodiversity in decline, and a high demand for housing, the show garden demonstrates how new developments can not only coexist with nature but also enhance it. This year the 'Coming Home to Nature' garden, which was designed by Nicola Haines from Tierney Haines Architects, was not only awarded a gold medal but was also named as 'Best in Show Large Garden.' It also picked up an award for Best Construction Team and was hailed the Most Sustainable Garden. Following on from last year's gold medal winning garden, 'A Breathing Space for Fingal,' I am delighted that once again we have been recognised for the calibre of the design and workmanship employed in creating stunning spaces. I wish to pay tribute to the Biodiversity, Parks and Landscape teams and all who assisted in the process from design to build and who continue to put Fingal firmly on the horticultural map each year.

There have certainly been many opportunities to enjoy the finest events recently in Fingal. In May we welcomed cycling enthusiasts to the beautiful Millennium Park for a family fun day to mark the beginning of a jam-packed Bike Week which saw participants enjoy a range of activities such as an

inclusive cycling event, a small bike parade and a sunset cycle. On Saturday, June 15th Cruinniú na nÓg was celebrated with over 30 events specifically designed to explore and harness the creativity of our young people. Last month the Malahide Castle Concert series was a tremendous success with thousands of fans seeing Take That, LCD Soundsystem, Shania Twain, SZA, Nicki Minaj and Arcade Fire. The always anticipated Flavours of Fingal returned to Newbridge House and Farm for a fantastic weekend of live music performances, cooking demonstrations, agricultural displays, equestrian trials, dog agility and over 150 craft and food stalls. Later on this month, we have more stellar performances lined up as we welcome the ever popular Nathan Carter and iconic 80's superstars Sister Sledge to Swords Castle. It is a source of pride that the best of Fingal is showcased at all the events we stage. We are fortunate to have some of the most picturesque heritage properties and parks in the country right here on our doorstep and to facilitate large scale events, concerts and festivals at these locations offers locals and visitors alike a unique and enjoyable experience. Preparing for and staging these events is a task requiring meticulous planning and internal and multi-agency collaboration and I acknowledge with thanks the huge efforts of all those who undertake this work in order to provide safe and enjoyable experiences for all.

Many of you who live or work in Swords or indeed spend time in the town and its environs will be aware of the work ongoing in preparation for the construction of the Swords Cultural Quarter (SCQ). The SCQ will encompass a 3.89 acre area around the junction of North Street, Seatown Road, Bridge Street and Main Street. This will include Swords Castle, County Hall, Swords Courthouse and the recently refurbished Carnegie Library. 36 homes will also be built on Seatown Road with a further 13 homes to be constructed on North Street. Once fully constructed, the new Civic and Cultural Centre in Swords will include a new 3,000m² County Library, an art gallery and exhibition space, a café, a civic area, studios and rehearsal rooms, and a Black Box theatre which can cater for audiences of between 165 and 360. This project represents years of intricate planning and a multi-million euro investment in the town - It will marry the historic with the modern and will ensure the vibrancy and character of Swords is maintained as well as enhancing the public realm and offering an exciting and attractive area for recreation, learning and leisure. I look forward to bringing you updates on the works as they progress in due course.

Best wishes,

AnnMarie Farrelly CE

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Recruitment

People Services Recruitment Programme continues through 2024.

Recruitment Programme 2024	
Total Recruitment Campaigns	57
Campaigns Completed	31
Current Campaigns	26
Interviews Held to date	567
New Starters	104
Number of Current Job Offers	90

Learning & Development Update

The Learning and Development team continue to deliver high quality training opportunities for staff.

Learning and Development Programme 2024 – [January -YTD]	
No of Courses Provided	189
Number of Attendees	1724
Number of Training days	1918.5

Throughout July courses will be delivered in the areas of Health & Safety, Specialised Departmental Training & Mandatory Training.

Wellbeing Update

The distribution of the Fingal County Council 2024 Staff Wellbeing Pack took place in June, containing a double walled insulated travel mug and insulated lunch bag. The 'Elephant in the Room' logo was included on the packs to again highlight our participation in this mental health initiative. The packs support Fingal County Council's sustainability efforts by reducing the use of single use cups and encourage the adoption of reusable, durable materials.

HSU – Health & Safety Unit

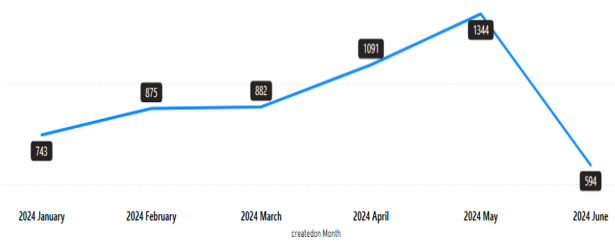
The HSU conducted proactive safety measures during the month of June with the completion of 29 site safety inspections and audits. From January 2024 to date the HSU has completed 22 safety audits and 159 site safety inspections. During the month the Unit assisted the Training Section with manual handling training and protection & safeguarding of young persons training for on-boarding lifeguards. Risk assessments and standard operational procedures continue to be reviewed / created during the month. The HSU continued with its role of VDU assessments and answering staff queries on health and safety issues.

Customer Services

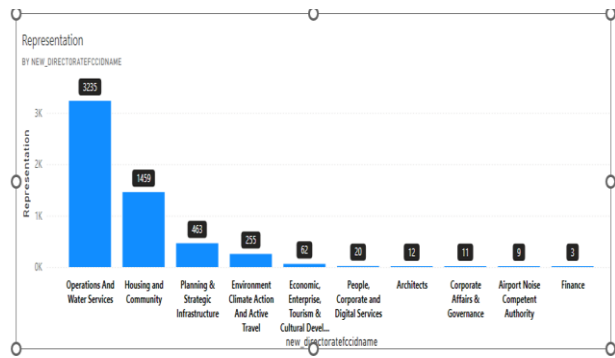
Month	Total No. of Calls	Total No. of Emails	Presenting in Person
June	7,463	1,605	1,262

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 June – 594.



The table below shows the total number of Elected Members' representations assigned to each Department to date in 2024.



Communications

The Communications Unit provided support to several departments during May and June. It worked with the Economic Enterprise Tourism and Cultural Development Department on several projects including the sod-turning for the Quay Street development in Balbriggan and the signing of the contracts for the Swords Cultural Centre.

The Unit also assisted the Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department on sod-turning for the Broadmeadow Greenway and National Biodiversity week.

Another project was the sod-turning for the Baldoyle Community Centre with the Housing and Community Development Department.



Local Elections

The Communications Unit was tasked by Corporate Services with providing a results service for the Local Election as well as managing media attending the count in the National Show Centre. Media attending the count included RTE, Irish Times, Irish Independent, Dublin Live and Phoenix FM. Election results were carried across our social media channels and on our website.

For the first time ever, the Council streamed the Count with 29 hours of live coverage that was watched by 9,893 viewers.

The dedicated results page on the website, www.fingal.ie/count, attracted 23,322 visitors and 52,350 views.

On X our local election coverage generated 595,058 impressions over the three days of the count with 447,396 being recorded on Sunday, June 9.

On Facebook our count coverage had a reach of 315,900 while on Instagram there was a reach of 122,425.

The Communications Unit was also responsible for the content on the big screen which ensured that those in the National Show Centre could follow the different counts.

In the run-up to the election there was a specific campaign encouraging citizens to vote in addition to the ongoing register to vote campaign.



Website

The first six months of 2024 have seen a record number of visitors to the fingal.ie website. Between January 1 and June 30 there were 978,517 visitors and 2,260,034 page views. The average time spend on the site was two minutes and one second. That's an average of 37,635 visitors per week and leaves us on track to improve on last year's record figure of 1.4m visitors.

After the home page, the most frequented pages in the opening six months of 2024 were Planning Applications, Affordable Housing, Jobs, Contact Us and Recycling Centre.

Social Media

The Local Election coverage helped drive traffic on our social media channels during May and June with X recording 1.2m impressions and an engagement rate of 4.8% while Facebook had a reach of 1.2m and an engagement rate of 2%.

Overall, the five corporate social media channels now have an accumulated following of 80,309 which is a rise of 5.8% since April 30.

Facebook has 35, 544 followers, X has 23,784, LinkedIn has 9,381 and You Tube has 1,430 subscribers. Instagram broke through the 10,000 followers barrier during the period and now has 10,170 followers.

Press Releases

The Communications Unit issued 19 press releases in May and 23 in June. Among the press releases issued were ones on Africa Day, Biodiversity Week, Blue Flags, the Bloom Garde, Baldoyle Community Centre, Flavours of Fingal and the appointment of the contractor to build the Swords Cultural Centre.

Media Queries

The Communications Unit responded to 34 media queries in the month of May and 23 in June. Some of the topics involved included the local elections, housing, Dublin Airport, drone deliveries and Skerries GAA pitch.

Videos

The Communications Unit were involved in the production of 14 videos during May and June. One of the videos was prepared especially for Dublin Climate Week and detailed the Climate Action work being done internally and externally by Fingal County Council. There was also a video to mark the completion of the LED public lighting scheme and another to mark the recent election of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

There was also video about the multi-award-winning Bloom garden which documented the journey from conception to construction in the Phoenix Park.

All the videos can be accessed at

<https://www.youtube.com/@FingalCountyCouncilVideo/videos>

Current Judicial Review Cases – June 2024

Kimpton Vale Limited -v- an Bord Pleanála and Fingal County Council High Court Record No. 2022/390 JR
Christian Morris v. An Bord Pleanála, Fingal County Council and Trafalgar Capital Limited High Court Record No. 2022 1074 JR
Graymount House Action Group, Darragh Richardson, and Aoife Grimes v An Bord Pleanála, Fingal County Council, the Minister for Housing, Ireland, and the AG High Court Record Number 2022/1107 JR
Joan Reynolds and Edel McDonough -v- Fingal County Council High Court Record No 2023/372 JR
MKN Properties Limited and another -v- Fingal County Council High Court Record No. 2023/373 JR
daa plc -v- Fingal County Council High Court Record No 2023/383 JR
Fiacre Ó Cairbre -v- An Bord Pleanála, Garlandbrook Limited, Alcove Ireland Four Limited, and Uisce Éireann High Court No 2023/570 JR
daa plc -v- Fingal County Council and the Irish Aviation Authority High Court Record No. 2023/916 JR
Friends of the Irish Environment CLG and SMTW Environmental DAC-v- the Minister for Housing Local Government and Heritage, Ireland and the Attorney General and the Office of Planning Regulator and Fingal County Council High Court Record No 2023/1047 JR
Niall O'Connor and Geraldine Kiernan -v- An Bord Pleanála and Fingal County Council High Court Record No 2023/1122 JR
Erigo Limited and Joseph Flood -v- Fingal County Council and others High Court Record No 2023/1233 JR
Timothy Fitzgerald and James Fitzgerald -v- Fingal County Council Record No 2023/1236 JR
Kinwest Limited -v- An Bord Pleanála, Minister for Housing Local Government and Heritage, Ireland and the Attorney General and Fingal County Council High Court Record No. 2023/1206 JR
Kinwest Limited -v- An Bord Pleanála, Minister for Housing Local Government and Heritage, Ireland and the Attorney General and Fingal County Council High Court Record No 2023/1207 JR
Kinwest Limited -v- an Bord Pleanála, Minister for Housing Local Government and Heritage, Ireland and the Attorney General and Fingal County Council High Court Record No. 2023.1208 JR
Nicola Byrne v Fingal County Council, An Bord Pleanála, the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government, Ireland, and the Attorney General, High Court Record Number 2024/342 JR
Mayeston Hall Management Company Limited by Guarantee -v- Fingal County Council, Ireland and the Attorney General 2024/505JR
Ailsa Sexton -v- An Bord Pleanála and Fingal County Council High Court Record No. 2024/690 JR

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TOURISM DEVELOPMENT

Tourism

Launch of Food & Drink Policy 2024-2029



The Fingal Food & Drink Policy was launched on Friday, 28 June at an invite-only event for industry professionals hosted at Newbridge House. Fingal food producers, growers and Councillors were joined by TV host and food writer, Donal Skehan and Minister for Housing Local Government and Heritage, Darragh O'Brien TD to officially launch the policy, which celebrates local food provenance and positions Fingal as a premier culinary tourism destination.

Attendees networked and discussed the future of food in Fingal while enjoying culinary delights from Sabongi who catered the launch. Recognising the ongoing importance of fostering a long term, sustainable and thriving food sector, the policy was developed, with the Local Enterprise Office Fingal, following an extensive process of consultation and research. The new policy supports businesses and economic growth, aims to develop greater food tourism experiences, engages the community on the benefits of their local food provenance, celebrates Fingal's horticultural history and celebrates culinary excellence across the county.



Fingal Food & Drink Network



The Fingal Food & Drink Network will be well represented at Flavours of Fingal on Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th June at Newbridge House and will be involved in cooking demonstrations as well as showcasing the wide variety of produce from across Fingal in the 'Coast and Fields' tent. This is a great opportunity to raise the profile of the Network, recruit new members and meet the public.

Launch of St. Patrick's Trail and Art Trail

The St. Patrick's Trail and Art Trail was officially launched on Saturday 22nd June in Skerries Sailing Club by Cllr Robert O'Donoghue deputising for the Mayor. Among those present for the launch were representatives from Failte Ireland, Skerries tourism group, Skerries autism group and the local community.



Those present were brought on a guided tour of the trail highlighting the new signage and information boards as well as the art sculptures along the route. The new trails were part funded by Failte Ireland's Destination Towns programme and are seen as another tourism asset for Skerries that will attract greater numbers to the town and stimulate further economic activity.

EVENTS

Flavours of Fingal





Flavours of Fingal 2024 was a resounding success, marked by a series of remarkable events and record-breaking attendance on Sunday. The festival kicked off with the highly anticipated launch of the Fingal Food Network and the innovative Additional Needs night on Friday, which catered to all members of the community. Saturday despite rain continued the momentum with a vibrant showcase of farmers, foodies, and family fun, including lively farm competitions, impressive equestrian displays, and engaging cookery demonstrations that captivated the crowds.



Sunday saw unprecedented attendance, with record numbers using public transport to join the festivities, filling the venue with an enthusiastic and diverse audience. The success of the event was made possible by the unwavering support of numerous Fingal County Council departments, emergency services, local residents, Fingal Scouts, and dedicated volunteers, all availing of a free family fun event which contributed to a memorable and well-coordinated celebration that highlighted the best of what Fingal has to offer.



HERITAGE PROPERTIES

American Connections in an Irish Country House

Newbridge House will celebrate July 4th this year with a tour led by Newbridge’s own American, curator Mary Cate Babcock, exploring the surprising connections between the Cobbe family and American history. With links to the American War of Independence, the founding fathers, southern plantations and pioneer life on the prairie to be discovered, this very special tour will reveal a new side of Newbridge House.



In the agreed programme of marketing events with Malahide Castle and Newbridge House Ltd (the Council’s holding company for the site) this event represents the use of the historical narrative of the house and its former occupants and connections to drive visits North American visitors. This is an important aspect of the ongoing tourism market recovery, as this segment is yet to be restored to pre-pandemic levels of demand.

Skerries Mills Celebrates 25 Years

This June the staff of Skerries Mills celebrated 25 years of serving the public with a very special gathering. Skerries Mills first opened to the public in June 1999 as a community heritage centre and has developed into a vibrant commercial and community-focused amenity with guided tours of the iconic windmills, a thriving café, shop, artist’s studios and a busy event schedule to match.



Staff came together to commemorate the anniversary and congratulate two ever-present employees on their 25 years of service.

Malahide Castle Boiler Upgrade

Work began last month on the Malahide Castle and Visitor Centre Energy Centre & Rainwater Harvesting Systems upgrades. These upgrades are part of the reduction of costs on energy spending, and water re-use on-site and form a large part of the commitment of Fingal County Council to deliver on sustainability in its main heritage properties.

While there were measures in place on-site these were designed two decades ago and raising them to a more contemporary specification will help reduce carbon emissions and reduce operating costs.

Guinness Bridge Conservation Works

Works by Jons Civil Engineering Ltd, working on behalf of Fingal County Council, to secure the Guinness Bridge at Farmleigh through restoration and conservation are now substantially complete, with the bridge now re-instated.

The aesthetic appearance and structural integrity of the bridge have been significantly improved and the bridge will now safely remain a part of the Liffey Valley's visually accessible built heritage for decades to come. Land ownership on the northern approach to the site and consideration of options for the future of the bridge are ongoing, given its structural capacity. Fingal County Council is liaising with South Dublin County Council, who have public lands near the southern landfall.

CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Arts

Youth & Education

Orchestral Odyssey



Fingal Arts Office proudly presented Orchestral Odyssey on the occasion of Cruinniu na nOg 2024. This ambitious arts education project brought the magic of a full orchestra directly to children in schools and to families in the newly refurbished Carnegie Library Swords. Scoil Chrónáin Senior National School, Swords Educate Together National School and Gaelscoil Bhrian Bóroimhe responded to the unique invitation to host musicians Niall O'Sullivan, Shóna Henneberry and Denice Doyle over the course of three weeks to mentor children in carefully selected songs about inclusivity, diversity, and resilience.

Children were encouraged to explore the intricate art of ensemble performance in preparation for performing in front of their peers accompanied by the 35-piece orchestra. This project connected over 1400 children in Swords with some of the finest musicians in Ireland. In addition to the schools' programme, a series of interactive music workshops for families and the wider community was presented at Carnegie Library – a new focal point for arts development in Swords, on Cruinniu na nOg Saturday 15th of June.



<https://vimeo.com/user2162614/orchestralodyssey>

Dance in Schools



Fingal Arts Office is conducting research into contemporary dance to better understand the needs and ambition of children and young people when it comes to this underserved artform. Dance artist Alessandra Azevedo facilitated a dynamic consultation workshop exploring movement and rhythm at St. Luke's NS, Tyrrelstown. This is one of a series of dance workshops facilitated across schools. The aim of this action research is to collaborate and communicate with young people through dance.

Space Crafts

Fingal Arts Office is working in collaboration with Dunsink Observatory to offer an exciting new arts and science initiative to local primary school children. Artists Aileen Murphy, Mary Jo Galligan and Julia McConville have completed a residency phase at DIAS where they worked closely with DIAS education officer Sadhbh Leahy. A workshop series exploring planetary compositions, celestial movement, light and optics was developed to stimulate interest in the innovative space research taking place at Dunsink and the exciting contemporary art practice of these three artists. This first phase engaged children from Castaheany Educate Together NS and St. Philip's NS Mountview.



Students of Malahide Portmarnock Educate Together Secondary School create beautiful print work in response to local biodiversity

Professional Printmaker Clare Henderson worked with 1st year students on a creative response to the Sustainable Development Goal - 11 (sustainable cities and communities) and 15 (life on land).

Using knowledge that emerged from the study of flora and fauna native to Fingal and site visits to a nature reserve, students captured what they saw using drypoint intaglio printmaking. Students discussed the idea of biodiversity and how art plays a huge role in raising awareness on the importance of preserving the wild beauty of our planet.



Public Art

St Patrick's Way & Art Trail

Successfully launched the St.Patrick's Way & Art Trail, at the Skerries Sailing Club, the project included dedicated collaboration between EETCD, Heritage, Operations and Arts. The trail includes 5 new artworks and associated signage which will add to the visitor and local experience in Skerries. We will continue to engage with the local community in the communication of the trail including listing it on Failte Ireland's Visitor Portal.



Artist Funding & Support

2003 Arts Act Grants Scheme

Applications were received for the '**2003 Arts Act Grants Scheme**' to assist the development of the 'arts' in Fingal.

The 'arts' means any creative or interpretative expression (traditional or contemporary) in whatever form, and includes visual arts, theatre, literature, music, dance, opera, film, circus, and architecture, and any medium when used for those purposes.

The Arts Act grant scheme is intended to assist **groups, organisations, and individuals** in the following:

- stimulating public interest in the arts
- promoting the knowledge, appreciation and encourage practice of the arts
- improving standards and development in the arts in the county

Events supported under this scheme aim to deliver quality arts experiences to participants and audiences, to increase opportunities for participation and engagement in the arts and to contribute to the development of the arts in the county.

A total of 26 eligible applications were received and assessed by the Arts Office and an external advisor. The panel has recommended 26 awards amounting to a total sum of **€160,823**.

Fingal County Council and Draíocht Artist Studio Residency Award 2024



Fingal County Council and Draíocht, Blanchardstown are seeking applications from Visual Artists, from or based in Dublin 15/Fingal, for a 4-month paid Studio Residency in Draíocht's Artist Studio, for the period September to December 2024. The purpose of the residency is primarily to provide time and space for an artist to develop their practice in a comfortable, practical and supportive environment.

This Residency consists of the use of Draíocht's Visual Artist's Studio for the period above rent free. A fee of €4,000 for the 4-month period together with €1,000 material costs are in addition.

Applications from artists who are from under-represented communities are particularly welcome.

The closing date for applications is Friday 28th June 2024 at 5.00pm.

RHA School and Fingal Arts Studio Award 2024



Fingal County Council Arts Office, in partnership with the Royal Hibernian Academy (RHA) School, is pleased to announce the 2024 RHA Studio Award. This prestigious award offers a professional artist a funded studio space for one year, beginning October 2024.

Open to practicing artists at all stages in their professional careers working in visual art, applicants must have been born, have studied, or currently reside in the Fingal administrative area to be eligible to apply.

The closing date for applications is Friday 19th July 2024 at 4.00pm.

Fingal County Council and Graphic Studio Dublin Fine Art Print Residency Award 2024

Fingal County Council Arts Office in partnership with Graphic Studio Dublin is offering two fine art print residencies to professional artists at any stage of their careers, working in any discipline, who are interested in exploring print processes.

The two-week long residencies, in Autumn 2024, will provide artists with an opportunity to develop creative printmaking projects. Selected artists will each work with a Master Printmaker to produce a limited-edition series and artists proofs will enter the Fingal County Council Art Collection.

To be eligible to apply, applicants must have been born, have studied, or currently reside in the Fingal administrative area.

The closing date for applications is Thursday 25th July 2024 at 4.00pm.

Loughshinny Boathouse Studio Award



Fingal Arts Office is pleased to invite applications for the Loughshinny Boathouse Studio Award, a new studio residency award open to professional visual artists working in any medium. This opportunity offers a 9-month paid residency in Loughshinny Boathouse from September 2024 – May 2025. The aim of the award is to enable artist(s) to research and develop new work in response to Fingal's coastal environment, focusing on biodiversity and climate change.

The residency consists of a fully funded studio, including utilities and administration. The award is valued at €20,000 which is inclusive of artist fee at €15,000 and €5,000 for materials, production, outcomes, documentation costs and engagement with environmental experts if part of the applicant's proposal.

The closing date for applications is Tuesday, 30th July 2024 at 4.00pm.

Draíocht



Draíocht is preparing the final report (including the commissioned Evaluation of our hugely successful NEST project. NEST shows played 68 times to an audience of 2,417 in Dublin 15 homes, schools and community organisations on 1st March 2024. 1,140 people attend the Spréacha Soar Festival from the 11th to 16th March 2024 and an additional 1,690 visited the two Exhibitions: NEST: The Portrait Project and Me, You, Us. 900 children and young people participated in NEST workshops with a further 193 children and young people participating in the Me, You, us photographic element of the NEST project. The total reach was 6,400. Draíocht commissioned Dublin 15 artist, Eleanor McCaughey, opened her show to an appreciative gathering on June 12th. Entitled 'Whispers of Rhythm balance on my hands', this will run until September 12th. The joint Fingal Arts Office and Draíocht Studio Artist Award will take place from September to December 2024. Closing date for applications is 28th June. A programme of workshops for children and young people will take place over June/July in Draíocht's spaces.

Seamus Ennis Arts Centre

Music



Fingal Proms was a fantastic event, with Paul Byrom and Leah Barnivalle – excellent feedback from the attendees, even though the weather was a challenge. Paddy Keenan, Tim Edey, Dermot Byrne played in our indoor theatre marking Séamus Ennis's birthday. American musician Kimmie Rhodes played a sell-out show on 11th May.

Other music performances ahead of the Garden Party starting in June included Niall McCabe, Ahmed Dickenson, Muireann Ni Amhlaobh, Donal O Connor & Gerry O'Beirne.

Little Seedlings @ The Garden Party

The Garden Party kicked off on June 7th with our Fingal County Council funded festival Little Seedlings. The weekend included a dance performance for schools and families by Roisin Whelan Dance entitled Galaxy of Occupations, a Baby Rave, Bubble Show, a Brazilian dance workshop and family friendly comedy improv show. Throughout the weekend we also turned the theatre space into a sensory room for anyone neurodivergent who may have needed some time away from the louder events.

Garden Party

After a successful weekend of children's events, our first music gig of the summer took place on June 15th with Paddy Casey. The following evening, a comedy trio was hosted by Sharon Mannion, with comedians Gearoid Farrelly, Julie Jay and Ian Coppinger. On June 21st, we held a Midsummer Night's Dream Shakespeare experience, with a pig on a spit to top off the medieval vibes. And then the following night, bluegrass musician Mike Mitchell and band took to the stage.

Art Exhibition

Margo Banks' exhibition opened in June and has already been a fantastic success, with the majority of paintings sold.

Classes

Music classes ended for the year, which was marked with a concert for the adult and child students.

Cinema

The Eternal Daughter and Typist, Artist, Pirate, King rounded off our cinema nights until September.

Workshops and Other Events

The Food Fair on May 19th had 18 food stalls including a couple of newcomers such as a Nepalese dumpling van. We had steady footfall throughout the day.

A Drawing Workshop with Dave West was held to mark International Drawing Day on May 19th also, and a Clay Figurative Sculpture Workshop the following Sunday.

Bealtaine events

We linked in with the Naul Senior Citizens for events throughout May for Bealtaine, with almost 400 attendees across the concerts that were held in the theatre. In addition, the play Vixen by Helen Casey and featuring Rose Henderson was performed as part of the Bealtaine programme.

Libraries

Creative Ireland

Cruinniú na nÓG



Cruinniú na nÓG took place on Saturday 15th June. To celebrate Ireland's day of free creativity for young people, creative events took place in library branches, arts spaces and parks across Fingal. 22 events took place in libraries for children and young people of all ages, including author and illustrator workshops, a role-play village, graffiti workshop, coding, creative writing, orchestra performances, music recitations, crochet workshops, moviemaking, and comic book creation.

Fingal Arts Office also delivered a beautiful Orchestral Odyssey project featuring 35 of Ireland's most talented musicians and over 1400 children across three schools in Swords. This culminated in three interactive musical workshops held in the Carnegie Library, Swords for Cruinniú na nÓg. Balbriggan Youth Theatre created a promotional video to raise awareness of their group. The video premiered across Fingal County Council and Fingal Libraries YouTube channels and social media on the 15th of June and was subsequently selected to feature in the RTE highlights video of the day.



In Blanchardstown Library, Author/Illustrators Niamh Sharkey and Mary Murphy responded to our Voice of The Child survey with their Cruinniú Creation Station, a big space for children to get creative and messy and try lots of different art forms. The Fingal Makerspace held workshops to print and sew your own bag, and library staff ran a Dungeons and Dragons-themed Fantasy Mapmaking Workshop. All library events were fully booked and well-attended on the day.



Our flagship event, as part of the new Cruinniú Late initiative funded by the Night Time Economy unit, was the Garageland Galaxyz Live Youth Music Festival in Millennium Park. This event was aimed at a target audience of 14 to 18-year-olds, to take place on the day of Cruinniú after 4 pm to a minimum of 8 pm. There was a fantastic turnout and over 50 young musicians got to perform live on stage to an engaged young audience. A video showing the highlights of Cruinniú na nÓg in Dublin 15 can be found here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PdOrczxXQbg>



Creative Fingal Creative Communities Open Call 2024

Regarding the Creative Communities Open Call, seven successful projects have been chosen by the evaluation team. The selected projects will go before the Council on July 8th.

Bloomsday Garden Party for Library staff at Áras an Uachtaráin

Fingal Library staff were delighted to be invited to Aras an Uachtaráin for the first of President Higgins' Garden parties of the summer. Staff were treated to bagpipers on the lawn of the Aras and a greeting from the President's wife Sabina as we arrived. Over afternoon tea in the marquee library staff and literary personalities from around the country listened to speeches and musical guests honouring James Joyce and Blooms Day. President Higgins spoke, acknowledging the tireless work of library staff.

Pictured below: Ray Gainford, Conor Hennessy, Ciara Farrell, Susan Lovatt, Anitha Somasundharam, Brian Mulcahy and Bahel Kaddar



One Book, One Community: David O'Doherty at Blanchardstown Library

On 16th May, students from Blakestown Community School, Scoil Mhuire Senior School, and St Philip's Mountview met author and comedian, David O'Doherty in Blanchardstown Library. This event celebrated One Book, One Community - a community reading project where children and their families are encouraged to read and discuss a particular book, along with supporting activities held in schools, libraries, and the community. The students chose David's novel 'The Summer I Robbed a Bank'.

Summer Programme

Libraries has launched its programme of events for the summer months. The programme includes free events for children such as author visits, creative writing, illustration and painting classes, arts and crafts, tie-dye T-Shirt printing, drama, Lego STEM workshops, board games, and sensory-friendly workshops. The summer programme will also feature events for all the family including a percussion workshop, coding workshops and talks on dyslexia. Events for adults include a summer plant care demonstration, painting on silk workshops, creative writing, sustainable vintage fashion demonstrations, chair yoga, Tai Chi, and a talk for parents on supporting children starting school.



Heritage Week

Heritage Week takes place between 17th – 25th August this year. Libraries will celebrate with events for people of all ages, including a pollinator workshop teaching children about the importance of the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan for bees. There will be talks for adults on local history including a talk on the history of Balbriggan Library. Fingal Local Studies and Archives have organised open days where the public can view interesting items from the collection and find out what resources are available for local and family history. Local Studies and Archives will also host a Heritage Week talk on genealogy and a talk by Dr. Bernard Kelly on the war of independence in Fingal.

Summer Stars

Libraries are taking part in Summer Stars, the national reading programme that runs annually throughout the school summer holidays. Every child who takes a book out from the library will get a reading card which they can get stamped for each book they read. Children will be issued with certificates at the end of the programme. Summer stars story time sessions will take place in all Fingal libraries.

Little Library Book Bag

Libraries are taking part in the 'My Little Library Book Bag' initiative, a collaborative project between libraries, the Department of Rural and Community Development, and the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth as part of the First 5 strategy.

Every child starting school this September will be able to pick up a bag with a free book telling a story about making friends from their local library.

Flavours of Fingal

Libraries will again be taking part in the Flavours of Fingal Festival on Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th June this year. Libraries will have a stand at the Fingal Village where the public can talk to staff and find information on library services. People who are not already library members will be able to join up on the spot by scanning a QR code. The mobile library van will also be at the Festival along with entertainment for children including facepainting, a magician and an author visit from Alan Nolan.

Donabate Portrane Community Crafters Project

The Donabate Portrane Community Crafters project grew out of the craft group that meets weekly in Donabate Library. Following a successful application for funding from the C.E. Innovation Fund, a programme of workshops was drawn up featuring crafts such as macramé, jewellery making, felting, soapmaking, cyanotype and block printing. These workshops are facilitated by local craft specialists. New equipment including a Singer sewing machine and Cricut cutting machine were purchased. Participants in the project will take part in August Craft Month this year. The group have also been invited to run craft sessions with residents in the newly reopened art therapy room in the Knockamann Resource Centre in Portrane.

Festival in a van



Sounds Like Summer: Fingal Festival in a Van kicks off on the summer solstice, bringing music, spoken word, and dance to every corner of Fingal. Taking place over six days the last two weekends of June, this tour is a free, open air, open-to-all celebration of Fingal's community spirit and creativity.

With the festival atmosphere landing like a celestial ship at their door, Fingal audiences are invited to bring their own picnic blanket, slap on the sunscreen, and enjoy some of Ireland's best talent who were born or are based in Fingal, including Jyellowl, Niamh Bury, Paula Meehan, and Asha Ari. From housing estates to public parks to community gardens to refugee accommodation, all are welcome to participate in the festivities. Let's get the summer going with Fingal Festival in a Van! Taking place **Fri 21 June – Sun 23 June**, and **Fri 28 June – Sun 30 June**. For full locations and details, visit www.festivalinavan.com

Funded by **Fingal County Council** and **Creative Ireland** and presented by **Festival in a Van** in partnership with **Creative Fingal** and **Fingal County Council Community Office**.

Since 2020 **Festival in a Van** has democratised access to the arts by delivering high-quality inclusive performances around Ireland. A trad session in the town square, a classical concert on the green, Shakespeare at schools, craic at care homes, and poets proclaiming in parks... Festival in a Van tours nationwide, bringing the magic of live performance to the parts and places other venues cannot reach.

Economic Development

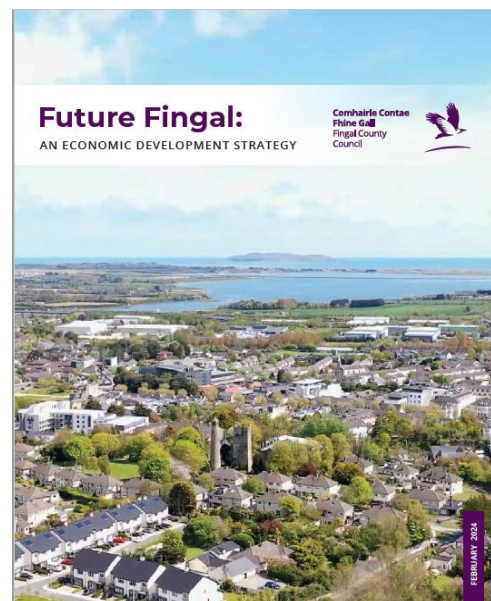


Fingal SKYLA Project Team previously shared two Good Practices from Fingal with our project partners which were identified in collaboration with key Fingal County Council stakeholders DRSF and Baldoyle Training Centre.

The Fingal SKYLA Project team intend to further examine the shared Good Practices and are in the process of identifying the Gap Analysis between our chosen Good Practice and the outcome we aspire to achieve.

The Good Practice we have identified is by our partner Skane Industrial Development Centre in Sweeden who shared their “Mind the Gap” tool which assists in identifying specific needs in the business region and in doing so offers collective results that could be made available to the education system and VET providers. Mind the Gap assists in matching between supply and demand when it comes to skills development and VET in the region.

Economic Development Strategy



The Future Fingal Economic Development Strategy builds on the socio-economic profile prepared as part of the Fingal LECP process and sets out a vision, key opportunities and actions to support the local economy to 2040.

An official launch of the Economic Development Strategy is intended for Q.3, 2024.

To align with the Economic Development Strategy work is also ongoing on the development of a Marketing Plan for the County in consultation with key stakeholders.

URBACT - EcoCore



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; Parnu, Estonia; Kekava, Latvia; Villena, Spain; Ormoz, Slovenia; Santo Tirso, Portugal; Tuusula, Finland.



The EcoCore Project Team accompanied by members of the Project ULG travelled to Parnu, Estonia for our third transnational city visit as part of the EcoCore Project.



Parnu is primarily a summer tourist destination with its own cruise and industrial port.

It is strategically positioned, connected to Tallinn, Riga and Helsinki Vantaa via the Via Baltica highway and a local airport. The city is well-suited for manufacturing industries due to its transport connectivity with successful wood processing and textile manufacturing industries.

There were many good practice examples demonstrated during the visit to Parnu and invaluable learnings for the Balbriggan delegation.



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



Work is continuing on the objectives of 'Green IT Your Work' project 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

A meeting took place in Kocevje, Slovenia in May 2024 with a focus on Green Portals for Youth.



The delegation convened at the Kočevsko Institute, the public institute for Tourism and Culture, where they were welcomed by Vice Mayor Andrej Mladenovič. The meeting focused on discussing regional tourism and cultural initiatives.

This was followed by a visit to a local Gymnasium, (a secondary school dedicated to preparing students for higher education). During this visit, students presented their project, 'ITS-GRETA' showcasing their innovative ideas and hard work.

The delegation visited the Organic Farm Kocjančič in Gotenica to explore the opportunities for growth and the challenges impeding the farm's progress. The visit included a detailed tour of the farm, discussions with the owners about their sustainable practices, and the potential obstacles faced by the farm in expanding its operations and enhancing its productivity.



On day 2 the delegation visited local company, Intersocks, a leading developer and supplier of high-quality technical socks to the clothing and sportswear industry for a tour of the facility and attended a presentation on the sustainable measures implemented by the company. The focus was on their commitment to environmental responsibility and sustainable practices in their operations.



The visit concluded with a tour of Podjetniški Inkubator in Kočevje which included a tour of the Podjetniški Inkubator where the group explored the facilities. Following the tour, presentations were given on the "Green Portals for You(th)" initiative and the Career Centre for Youth, highlighting efforts to support young people's professional development and environmental awareness.

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. Representatives from Fingal's Sports Office and Foroige attended Viana do Castelo, Portugal, in April and representatives from Fingal's Sports Office and Empower attended a city visit in Italy in June.



Sustainable Fingal



The EETCD Department are liaising with representatives from DCU and DAA to explore a work programme for 2024/25 to progress collaborative sustainable projects. Work is ongoing to explore opportunities between both organisations for synergies in the area of biodiversity and circular economy projects and to identify potential funding streams.

Smart Balbriggan

Smart Balbriggan were recently successful in an application under the SFI Discover Programme 2024 - Science Week call and has been approved for funding by SFI at a value of €10,000 direct costs.

An introductory partner meeting will take place on 4th July 2024 to discuss the guidelines of the Programme.



Staff from EECTD attended a webinar on Public procurement which stands out as a decisive, high-impact lever that cities can use to lead by example by purchasing goods and services that support the transition to a circular economy.

While a growing number of Circular Cities Declaration signatories are reporting using more circular practices in their procurement processes, there are still challenges with mainstreaming the approach across product categories and departments. This CCD webinar examined best practice examples and tools that cities across Europe have used to implement a more circular approach to public procurement to support the use of circular procurement.

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

Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor



Fingal County Council's Feasibility Study for the development of regional innovation/enterprise hubs along the Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor has been completed. The Council continue to liaise with DBEC to consider potential funding streams to progress the implementation of the Study's recommendations and has submitted a concept proposal to the Enterprise Ireland Smart Regions Fund for a priming grant for a pilot implementation of the recommendations.

Fingal County Council continues to liaise with DBEC on a series of potential projects for DBEC.

Enterprise Ireland – Smart Regions Funding

The Council has submitted 5 no. concept proposals to the Enterprise Ireland Smart Regions Fund. The concept proposals include applications under Stream 1 for Capital Infrastructure Investments in the Council's Enterprise Centres and Under Stream 4 for Feasibility Studies/Priming Grants for consideration. Following consultation with Enterprise Ireland in relation to the funding applications, EETCD will pursue potential applications.

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 will meet on 10th July 2024 to review progress on various programmes under its remit including the SICAP Mid-Year Review.



Minister Joe O'Brien TD announced the successful projects which provides vital support to community groups to help them improve their facilities.

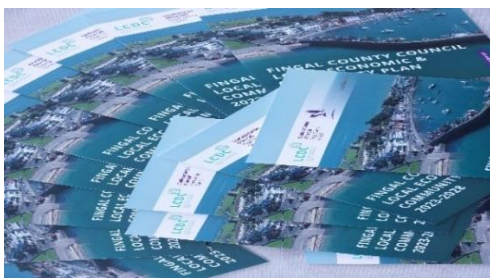


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Fingal Local Economic Community Plan 2023 – 2028

The LECP was adopted by the Council in January 2024 which includes a two-year LECP Implementation Plan with actions to implement the Goals and Objectives set out in the LECP.



Local Enhancement Programme 2024

The Local Enhancement Programme 2024 which is funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development allocated a total of €220,842.98 in funding to community groups/ organisations within the Fingal administrative area.

We Can Quit

Healthy Fingal have teamed up with Empower to deliver two pilot We Can Quit programmes with the Blanchardstown Training Centre and the Tolka River Project, Mulhuddart. The We Can Quit programme, was developed by the HSE and is aimed at encouraging people to quit tobacco/vaping. The programme with the Tolka River project started in January 2024 for a period of 10 weeks with participants enrolled to take part in both quit smoking sessions and weekly yoga sessions to encourage a healthier lifestyle.

Woodlands for Health

Healthy Fingal have partnered with Mental Health Ireland, HSE, Empower and the Sports Office to organise the Woodlands for Health walk. The programme brings service users from the HSE mental health services and other key target groups in Swords & Balbriggan to Newbridge Demesne to interact with other service users and avail of health expertise in the calming and quiet atmosphere of the walking paths around the park. Two programmes are scheduled for 2024.

Community Recognition Fund 2023/2024

The Community Recognition Fund (CRF) 2023, funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development, approved the Council's project proposals in March 2023. Fingal County Council has received an allocation of €1,748,912 for 26 projects across Fingal.

All projects are required to be complete by 18th October 2024 and work is progressing on the implementation of the projects with the Council submitting an initial drawdown in 2023 of €243,000 with a further drawdown of €176,000 submitted in respect of works completed to date in 2024.

In March the Council received an allocation of €1,538,573 in respect of the **Community Recognition Fund (CRF) 2024**. The funding will support capital projects which will be delivered over the time period 2025/2026. The fund is targeted to invest in those communities, villages and towns where the highest level of new arrivals are located and where a clear need for investment is identified.

The funding is allocated across 3 application windows as outlined below:

Application Window 1: FCC Public Call Closed
Successful applications pending announced by the DRCD

Application Window 2: FCC Public Call Now Open: (25th June to 13th August)
Approval Timeline for DRCD:
(1st August to 30th September 2024)

Application Window 3: FCC Public Call:
(November/December 2024)
Approval Timeline for DRCD:
(1st January 2025 to 31st January 2025)

FCC Public Call 2 is now open and applicants are eligible to apply for capital projects with a minimum level of funding for an individual project of €50,000 and a maximum of €500,000.

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It should be noted that applicants who previously applied under Call 1 are eligible to apply for projects under Call 2 irrespective of the status of their Call 1 application.

<https://submit.link/2Hq>

The allocation of funding will be a competitive process and project proposals will be evaluated by the Council for further engagement with the applicants to agree the project requirements which will then be submitted to the DRCD for approval to proceed.

SICAP



The annual SICAP budget for 2024 is €1,520,811 with a separate funding provision for new arrivals of €375,372.

The SICAP Mid-Year Review meeting is scheduled for the 10th July 2024 by the LCDC with formal approval by the LCDC to be agreed by Friday 26th July 2024.

LCDCs to provide feedback to POBAL by Tuesday 2nd July. POBAL will complete the Mid-Year review by 16th July 2024.



Leader Programme

Following the outcome of the Local Development Strategy (LDS) selection process Fingal LCDC and Fingal LEADER Partnership were selected to run the LEADER Programme 2023 – 2027 in the Dublin rural area. The Dublin Rural LEADER (LAG) includes rural areas in the administrative areas of Fingal, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown and South Dublin.

The new LEADER programme launched at the end of February, following the signing of the LEADER Funding Agreement by the Minister for Rural & Community Development, Heather Humphreys, TD.

The new Dublin Rural LAG met for the first time on the 27th February 2024 and were briefed on the new LEADER Programme by Fingal LEADER Partnership.

The Dublin Rural Leader team held an online information session on the LEADER application process and an overview of the procurement process.

Applications are sought from Individuals, Farm Families, Rural Businesses, Community & Voluntary Groups and Social Enterprises. Help is available to guide you through the process More details: www.dublinruralleader.ie



Enterprise Centres

A convention of the Boards of Directors of BASE, BEAT and Drinan Enterprise Centres was recently held in the Carlton Hotel to examine and review the future direction of the Enterprise Centres to align with the Strategic Vision of "Future Fingal" An Economic Development Strategy.

The respective Boards agreed that in order for the three Enterprise Centres collectively to become a beacon of innovation and change leadership for employers, entrepreneurs, employees, social enterprises and creative communities within Fingal that they should merge with a united strategic vision to transcend the current understanding of a Community Enterprise Centre and create a Network of Centres of Enterprise Excellence and Innovation "without walls".

It was agreed by the three Boards of Directors that in the coming months the legal company entities of the respective Centres will dissolve with the formation of a new legal entity "Innovative Fingal" The Council has engaged Legal Expertise to facilitate the formation of "Innovation Fingal" and has consulted extensively with the existing boards of directors with a view to the formation of an interim board of directors to oversee the formation and implementation of "Innovation Fingal".

Fingal's Enterprise Centres continue to participate in ConnectedHubs.ie a one-stop-shop for remote working hubs throughout Ireland and to inform the Council's future policies on such facilities, the Council has concluded a public survey of residents and organisations in the County with regard to the demand of co-working hubs.



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.

Town Regeneration Office
Our Balbriggan 2019 – 2025 Rejuvenation Plan –
A Socio-Economic Strategy



Dr. David Begg was appointed Chair of the Balbriggan Leadership Group following the departure of Brian MacCraith earlier this year. The Balbriggan Leadership Group provides oversight and stewardship for the town plan's implementation. A 'Review and Renew' process, conducted by the Leadership Group, of the town plan, its governance and delivery structures is due to be completed shortly.

The review process confirmed the extension of the Rejuvenation programme until 2030, bringing it in line with its main funder the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, URDF unit. Further, the review process has confirmed new governance arrangements for existing, merged and new Pillar Groups.

The Our Balbriggan Programme Office will support the Leadership Group and its five new pillars - Economic Development, Public Realm & Placemaking, Education, Skills & Employment, Community and Sustainability, Climate Change & Biodiversity, as part of the 'Renew' process to develop high level objectives and actions to be adopted in Q4 and implemented 2024 - 2030.

Contracts were signed between Fingal County Council and John Craddock Ltd in April 2024 for the €15 Million transformation of Quay Street, Harbour & Environs.

The contractor is on site and the project is due to be substantially completed by December 2025. A Communications plan including an update to every Balbriggan household and business has commenced and includes detailed information on alternative car parking and frequently asked questions. All materials are available on Balbriggan.ie



A call for tenderers for 2 – 4 Dublin Street is expected during the Summer month. 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. Planning permission was granted at council in October 2023.



Demolition works on 14 Bridge Street (house known locally as Keelings) have been completed and a temporary Pocket Park has been installed.



Demolition contractors continue excavation works to the rear of 6a - 14 Bridge Street. An Integrated Design Team has been appointed and a project initiation meeting took place in May 2024. The IDT will look at preparing a design based on best possible uses and options in line with site constraints. Early and on-going stakeholder engagement has commenced to inform options and will continue throughout the design process.



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 ESB have been on site since early May.

The programme office is progressing the phase 2 element of the Balbriggan Tidal Pool and Swimming Platform Feasibility Study. Phase 2 will include an economic demand analysis which will inform further possible options for this project.

An Internal Project Team has been established from the Town Regeneration Office, Our Balbriggan and FCC Architects to progress the Boathouse and Bathhouse project. FCC has met with local stakeholders and potential end users for the Bathhouse and Boathouse at the Martello Tower. Enabling works commenced in February. Works include full surveys and assessment of the site, which will inform the full works design and planning proposal.



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 Centre First – Lusk

The Lusk Town Centre First Plan, “Lusk for Life”, was launched by the Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Adrian Henchy and the Minister of State at the Department of Rural and Community Development, Joe O’Brien, on 24th May 2024.

This followed months of consultation and engagement by the Town Team and the three Pillar Groups representing the Community, Business and Economy and Public Realm / Climate Action & Sustainability,



Two applications for Project Development Measure funding have been submitted to the Department of Rural and Community Development for their consideration. These projects have been taken from the Lusk Town Centre First Plan and, if approved, will support the development of projects listed within the Plan.

In May 2024, under Measure 1: Town Centre First Suite of Supports 2024, three applications for funding of €10,000 per village were approved in respect of establishing and supporting town teams in Ballyboughal, Balrothery, and Donabate.

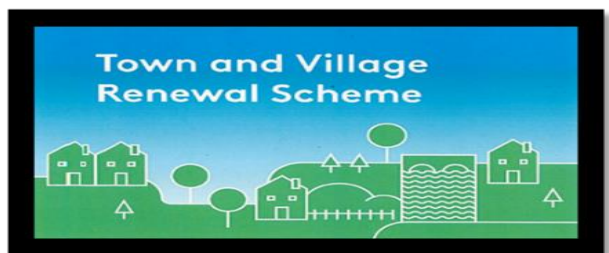
Town Centre First – Rush

At the National Town Centre First Day held 28th February in Limerick, the Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphries T.D. announced that Rush had been selected as Fingal’s second Town Centre First Town. The Town Regeneration Office welcomes the selection of Rush as a Town Centre First Town and engagement with the Local Elected Members, the Community and the Business Sector in Rush will be invited shortly to establishing a new Rush Town Team. This new Town Team will prepare a new Town Centre First Plan for Rush.



Town & Village Renewal Schemes

The Town Regeneration Office was notified in April that two applications under this scheme from 2023 have been successful. A Phase 4 development of Floraville Park in Skerries (€55,800) and upgrades to the Rush Community Centre (€64,350) have been approved by the Department of Rural and Community Development.



In 2023, the Town Regeneration Office completed the implementation of projects in Rush, Donabate, Oldtown, Naul, St. Margaret’s and Balrothery. With respect to these 6 schemes, the local authority has invested €282,276.00 in total funding drawn down from the Department of Rural and Community Development to support the revitalisation of our Rural towns.

Streetscape Enhancement Scheme 2024

Streetscape Enhancement Scheme 2024 was launched on the 15th March, 2024 and expressions of interest were sought from qualifying commercial and community premises located within areas designated as “Major Town Centre”, “Town and District Centre”, “Local Centre” or “Rural Village” within the Fingal County Development Plan 2023-2029. Under the scheme, up to 50% of the cost of improvements, up to a maximum grant amount of €1,500 per eligible property, is available, subject to terms and conditions. A total of 41 applications were received by the closing date, 32 of which have now received offers of funding subject to project completion by 31st August 2024.

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme

One project was approved under the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme for 2024, “Sea Swimming at Skerries Springers”. The Town Regeneration Office has commenced the study process by engaging with local stakeholders, gathering, and collating feedback to inform future options and study scope. A request for tender document has been prepared and the formal procurement process is now underway.

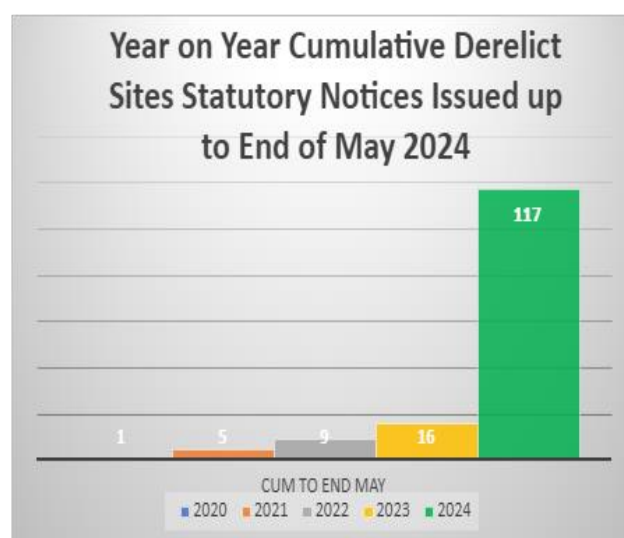
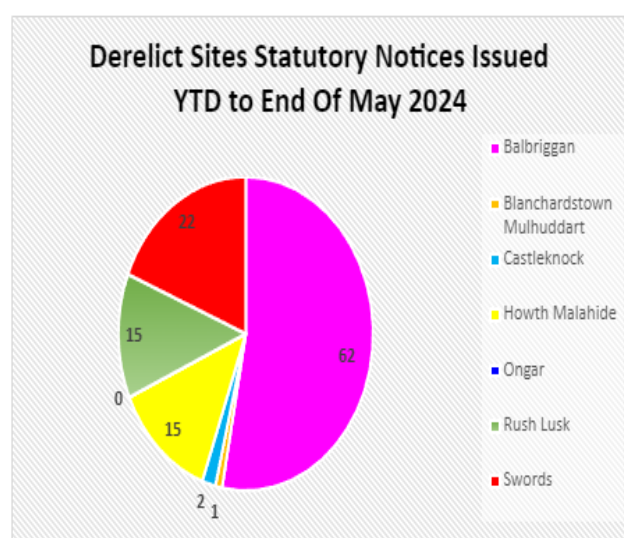
Urban Regeneration Development Fund Call 3

In 2023, 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. 24 properties have been approved for inclusion by the URDF Call 3 under this fund which is administered by the Department of Housing Heritage and Local Government. These properties are being assessed and progressed where appropriate. A further 20 properties are under consideration to be added to the list of properties going forward. In April 2024 the Council was notified that an additional €3 Million had been allocated to fund this Call.

Derelict Sites

117 statutory notices have issued to owners of Derelict properties to the end of May 2024. This shows a significant increase in notices issued by the Council compared to a total of 16 at this point in time in 2023.

The Derelict Sites team continue to focus on engagement with the owners of these existing derelict sites and identifying further derelict sites across the county.



The Derelict Sites Section actively encourage the reporting of potential derelict sites. Referrals can be made by accessing the Report Form on Fingal County Council's public website and emailing the completed form to derelictsites@fingal.ie

Local Enterprise Offices - summary changes and general update:

- LEOs celebrated their 10 year anniversary on 14th April 2024.
- DETE/EI policy and Streamlining paper launched at NEA on 23rd May.
- Current Local Enterprise Development Plan (2021-2024) to be updated for the period 2025-2028.

Changes and initiatives:

- Increasing the maximum amount available under the Energy Efficiency Grant Scheme to €10,000 and reducing the business contribution rate from 50% to 25%
- Widening the eligibility for the Trading Online Voucher, extending it to all sectors up to 50 employees, modernise eligible expenditure and doubling the grant to €5,000
- Increasing the lending limit for Microfinance Ireland loans to €50,000 from €25,000
- Widening the eligibility for the Digital for Business Consultancy Scheme and extending it to all sectors with up to 50 employees
- Launching a new 'Ireland's Best Entrepreneur Programme' to encourage entrepreneurship and startups in under-represented groups
- Launching the new online National Enterprise Hub for SMEs to access information on the wide range of Government business supports

Fingal Business Network



Established by LEO Fingal in Summer 2022, Fingal Business Network meets quarterly. Over 100 business owner/managers attended the latest Fingal Business Network event on Friday 10th May in the Carlton Hotel, Dublin Airport. The theme of the meeting was "Using AI for Business" and provided participants with the information they need to use the available AI tools to help them in their business. Attendees were given a live demo of Chat GPT, Gemini by Google & other tools. The response to the event has been astounding and more events of this nature are in the pipeline. The afternoon concluded with a lively networking lunch where many new connections and business opportunities were made and discussed. Next Fingal Business Network event is in planning for the 25th September 2024.

National Enterprise Awards 2024



The National Enterprise Awards took place in the Mansion House, Dublin City Centre on Thursday 23rd May 2024. PRM Assist represented LEO Fingal as the winner of the Fingal Enterprise Awards, and went on to scoop the Dublin Regional Award at the National final. PRM Assist based in Dublin Airport is a global leader in innovative Passenger with Reduced Mobility (PRM) services within airport environments.

The overall winner at the National Enterprise Awards was Dreamdev Technologies who are supported by Local Enterprise Office Kildare. This year's winners share a €50,000 investment fund.

Student Enterprise Programme



Loreto Secondary School, Balbriggan and Mount Sackville represented Fingal at this year's Student Enterprise Programme National Final which took place in Mullingar on May 9th. 81 businesses from across the country participated in the National Final with close to 28,000 students taking part nationally.

Registrations are now open for participation in the 2024/2025 Fingal Student Enterprise Programme.

Fingal Enterprising Women Network

Over 140 female entrepreneurs attended the quarterly Fingal Enterprising Women Network event themed "Mind, Body and Business", on June 20th at the Portmarnock Resort Hotel. Dr. Sarah Murphy, a distinguished clinical doctor and GP, led an engaging discussion offering valuable insights for personal and professional well-being. This summer event was a great opportunity for Fingal's businesswomen to connect and gain valuable insights from shared experiences.

Meanwhile, LEO Fingal is making preparations to host the 2024 National Women's Enterprise Day which is scheduled to take place in the Crowne Plaza, Blanchardstown, on October 17th, to be hosted by Gráinne Seoige and featuring a stellar line-up of inspirational speakers.

Fingal Business Supports Briefings



The monthly Fingal Business Supports Briefing series continued on May 7th & June 5th in the Riasc Centre Kinsealy. With over 50 small business owners & entrepreneurs in attendance at each session to hear about the supports available to them from the Local Enterprise Office and other state agencies. Presented by the LEO Fingal team, the next business supports briefing is scheduled for Wednesday, September 4th at the Riasc Centre, Kinsealy.

Food Supports



LEO Fingal partnered with Champion Green, Maxol Ireland on Thursday 16th May to introduce Fingal businesses to the opportunity to have their products distributed through Maxol stores. The Homegrown Maxol programme accepts entries from various categories including ambient, confectionery, deli, hot foods, fresh produce, soft drinks, juices, smoothies, teas, health and fitness products, dairy, and alcohol. The initiative is aimed at Dublin-based food and drink producers. Some 70 food producers from the Dublin Region participated in the opportunity.

Meanwhile, LEO Fingal is continuing to work through the Dublin Food Chain & South Dublin LEO to promote specialised training modules for Food and Drinks companies over the Summer months.

Evaluations and Approvals Committee

The Evaluation and Approvals Committee (EVAC) has approved €485,503 across 20 Business Feasibility, Priming and Expansion Grants to date in 2024. Nine Technical Assistance for Micro Exporters grants to the value of €22,500 and three Digital for Business grants amounting to €13,500 have been approved year to date. The next EVAC meeting will be held on 3rd July 2024.

Management Development



LEO Fingal established the Leadership for Business Acceleration Programme in 2023, to provide an opportunity for SME owner/managers to build on the necessary leadership skills and knowledge needed to successfully compete in existing, new and international markets. The latest “International Best Practice” training programme commenced on March 26th, concluding on May 21st and was delivered to small groups by way of onsite skills development workshops and online workshops. As part of the programme, the owner/manager participants each produce Work Based Assessments which document their strategic plan and acts as a living document as well as a point in time reference for where their business is now and the actions they need to take to grow. Applications for the Autumn Leadership for Business Acceleration Programme are now open.

Energy Efficiency Grant Scheme



Applications are open for the Energy Efficiency Grant Scheme, which enables 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. 2 applications totalling €10,000 have been approved year to date.

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. A total of 55 applications have been approved in the amount of €122,379 to date in 2024. The next Trading Online Voucher webinar will be held online on Friday 5th July. New measures will be implemented soon to the TOV Scheme, bringing the scheme in line with updated LEO Digitalisation offerings.

Business Advice Clinics and Mentoring



LEO Fingal provides one to one business support services through Business Advice Clinics and a Mentoring programme, both online and in person. These services are provided free of charge to small businesses. The Fingal mentor panel consists of a variety of skilled and experienced mentors from a range of business backgrounds. So far this year, 380 clients have availed of one-to-one advice in our Business Advice Clinics. The Mentoring Programme has already seen 198 clients receiving expert mentoring so far this year.

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 15 MFI loan applications to date in 2024. A government decision in May 2024 will see a doubling of the maximum loan available from MFI funding, rising to €50,000.

Training and Events

LEO Fingal continues to provide needs-based management development training to Fingal owner/managers, with over 1,877 participants in training so far in 2024. A seventh SYOB started on 27th June 2024 with a total of 80 participants availing of this programme year to date.

Additionally, there have been three Social Media and Digital Marketing QQI courses with 34 participants year to date.

Internationalisation and Export Development



Five Fingal businesses are currently participating in the 2024 Export Development Programme. The purpose of this programme is to provide clients with the skills and the confidence to identify, target and exploit new business opportunities in the Benelux Region. The trade mission took place from 18th to 20th June with all clients travelling to Brussels. In addition, the TAME (Exporter) grant enables small businesses to explore and develop new market opportunities by providing up to €2,500 to businesses investigating and researching export markets. Eleven Fingal businesses have been approved for Export Grants (TAME) to date in the amount of €27,500. An online First Time Exporter workshop took place on 27 May 2024 with the aim of guiding clients through the essential steps of venturing into the world of exporting.

A new Export Development programme will commence in H2 2024 and will be rolled out throughout all 31 LEOs, targeting first-time exporters with national and local targets attaching.

Fingal Grow Your Business (Fingal Business Expo)

A new Fingal Grow Your Business expo is planned as a collaborative initiative with Fingal Chamber on September 20th. LEO Fingal will organise a Business Supports Expo, one to one mentoring and a series of seminars, with the Chamber focusing on providing a Meet the Buyer segment. The event will be widely marketed to appeal to SMEs.

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Balbriggan Area Parks



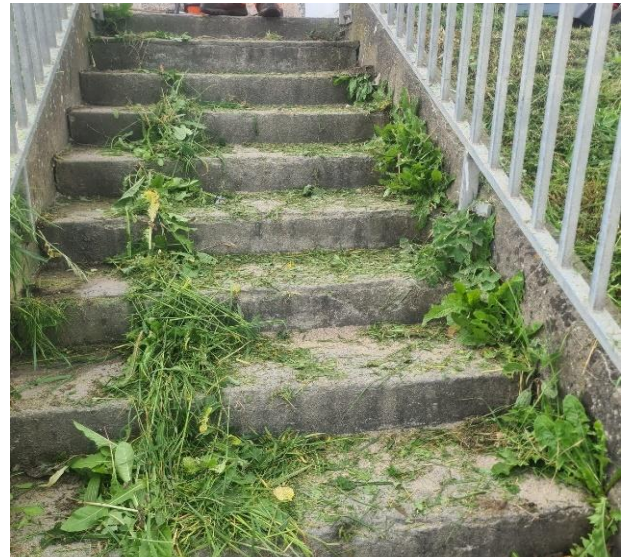
Craoibhin Park, Balbriggan

As part of ongoing collaboration with 'Our Balbriggan' a series of Teen Spaces are being planned throughout Balbriggan. Some of these spaces are just simple seating that encourages teenagers to sit and chat socially.



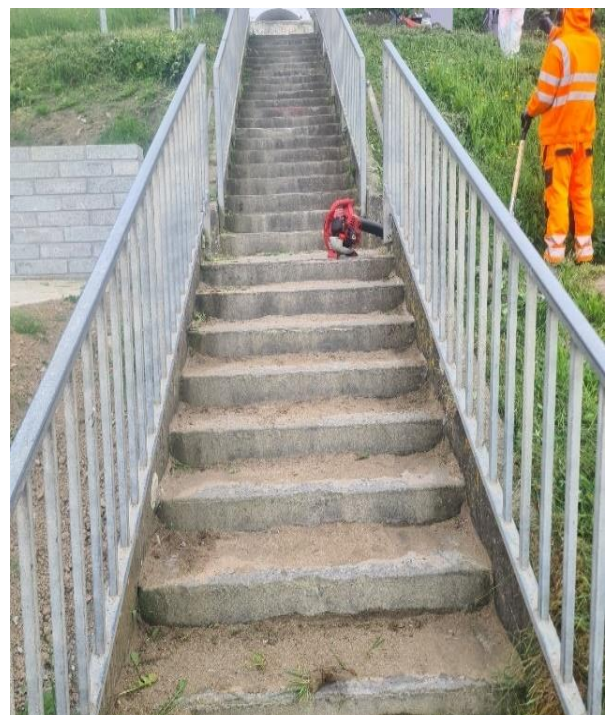
Skerries Town Park

Ongoing car park layout improvement works to improve accessibility to Skerries Mills. This is a collaborative project between Operations, Architects, Public Lighting and Active Travel Departments



Beach Steps Balbriggan

Weed control has been made more challenging with the prohibition on the use of pesticides. Weeding of the steps is now undertaken using manual labour.



Before and After

Swords Area Parks



Rose Garden, Ardgillan

As part of the ongoing capital improvement works in Ardgillan Demesne, the Rose Arbour is undergoing a refurbishment plan.



Broadmeadow Community Garden

Two raised planters recently installed at the front of the Broadmeadow Linear Park Community Garden. The planters were planted up by volunteers with 135 pollinator friendly plants supplied by Operations Department



A new raised natural stone planter installed at the Swords Town entrance at Pinnock Hill. Topsoil added and plants provided by the Operations crew with planting completed by the willing volunteers of Swords Tidy Towns with a pollinator friendly scheme. Two additional planters due to be installed at other entrances to the town over the coming weeks.



Swords Main Street

The Swords Area Operations team recently installed 10 new recycled plastic planters to replace the mostly damaged planters along Swords Main Street. Older suitable planters were kept by Tidy Towns to be relocated elsewhere in the town. Operations provided 180 Pollinator friendly plants which were all planted by the volunteers of Swords Tidy Towns volunteers.

Area Roads Programme

Swords LEA



Resurfacing and re-lining Works on North Street, Swords as part of the Capital Works programme 2024



Capital funded road resurfacing works took place on the R125 from Swords Fire Station to the Estuary Roundabout. Below are photos of quality checks being carried out during works.



Capital funded resurfacing works on Bridge Street, Swords.



Drainage Rehabilitation works carried out on the R132 between Pinnock Hill and Cloghran Roundabout.



Mooretown and Castlegrange; Road resurfacing works carried out as part of Revenue funded Programme of Works.



Seatown Lane; resurfacing works as part of the Revenue funded Programme of Works.

Depot Maintenance Works



Hilltown Grove, Rivervalley, footpath works carried out by direct labour crew.



Murrough Road footpath works being carried out by Operations crew.



Swords Castle weeding works being carried out by manual labour



Footpath works carried out by Direct Labour crew on Drogheda Street, Balbriggan as part of Revenue Programme of Works.



Grass Cutting Millers Glen



Roads Programme Balbriggan LEA



80 metres of footpaths replaced in New Market Green, Balbriggan by the Direct Labour Crew and Fancourt Construction Crew as part of Balbriggan's Footpath General Maintenance renewal programme.



Rush / Lusk LEA



Further footpath works carried out at Lambacher Estate by the Fancourt Construction Crew as part of general maintenance programme.

Drainage works at Brooke Lane carried out as part of 2024 Programme of Works. Direct Labour Crews removed all service pipes from the ditch to facilitate dredging works.



Alterations made to entrance on R127 Skerries Road to address a drainage issue. Works carried out by the Roads Crew.



Public Conveniences – South Beach Rush

Replacement of the public toilets at South Beach, Rush is nearing completion. The unit is currently undergoing the certification process, following which they will be available for use by the public during the Summer.



Balbriggan Swords Area Beaches



Balcarrick Beach in Donabate, with its 3.4km stretch of sand, vibrant rockpools, and healthy sand dunes, has received in 2024 both a Blue Flag and a Green Coast Award for the third consecutive year, making it one of the few locations in Ireland to achieve this distinction.

Howth Malahide Area Programme of Works

The defective footpaths in Woodcliffe in Howth were replaced by contractors as part of the 2024 POW.



Footpath works in Woodcliffe, Howth

Depot Works

Fingal County Council Operations Crews have been replacing defective footpaths on Carrickhill Rd in Portmarnock.





Carrickhill Road, Portmarnock Footpath Works



Upgrade works and footpath replacement works, Baldoyle Industrial Estate on behalf of Property Section.

Capital Works

New footpaths have been installed on Kinsealy Lane between Sleepy Hollow and Bright Sparks Montessori by contractor working on behalf of Operations. Operations and the property section purchased the required land to carry out this work.



Footpath Works at Kinsealy Lane

The footpath on the R106 at the Malahide Allotments has been widened out to 2.1m from 0.7m wide with agreement from Epilepsy Ireland. In addition, the ESB removed the overhead cables and existing poles from what would be the centre of the new path after Operations laid new ducting and the public lighting section erected new street lighting.



Footpath Works at Malahide Road adjacent to allotments

Malahide Demesne

Preparations underway for the 2024 Concert Series in Malahide Demesne, including top-dressing of the concert site. There will be 6 concerts in total held over a two-week period in June and July with attendances of up to 27,500 on each date.



27,500 Take That fans attended the first concert on 21st June.



Newly completed works at the Stags Head sculpture in Malahide Demesne.

Talbot Botanical Gardens

Construction of stream in Asiatic Garden



Before works commence



Construction of stream



Completed stream in Asiatic Garden



Drilling of new well to supply Talbot Botanic Gardens and Golf Course Malahide Demesne



Planting at Howth Library as part of the 2024 Programme of Works

Alden Park



Two new boules pistes have been constructed in Alden Park, Bayside, as part of the 2024 Programme of Works

Public Conveniences Howth Pier & Malahide Beach Toilets

Following approval by the Council of the Chief Executive Reports Part VIII Planning Reports for both Malahide Beach and Howth East Pier Toilets, preparation works for both projects have been ongoing.

Work on the Malahide beach toilet block commenced in June as shown below. Work is scheduled to commence in Howth in July.



Demolition works on Malahide Beach toilets have commenced.

Burial Ground Works Howth Malahide Area



Works in Balgriffin cemetery prior to Blessing of the Graves

Ongoing Works at Fingal and Balgriffin Cemetery





Howth Malahide Area Beaches

Blue Flag Awarded to Velvet Strand Beach, Portmarnock for 2024.

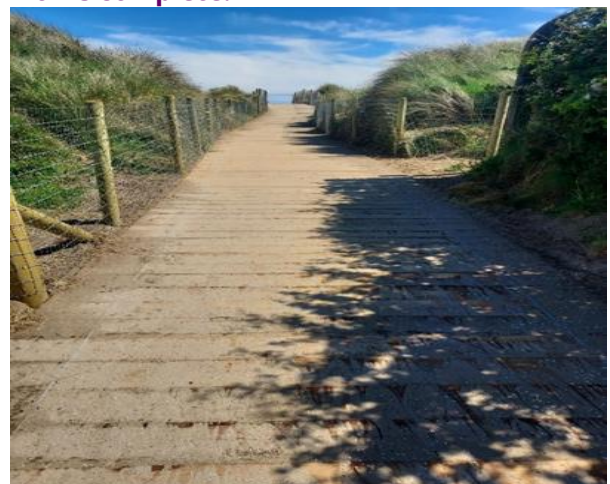


Blue Flag Awarded to Velvet Strand Beach, Portmarnock



Deployment of lifeguard huts in Howth-Malahide completed.

Portmarnock Beach - Boardwalk Upgrade works complete.





Castleknock Mulhuddart Area

Programme of Works



Footpath construction in conjunction with road resurfacing, Roselawn Road



Oakview, Hartstown Programme of Works



New water font installed in Beechpark completed May 2024.



New Footpath Installation at Delwood, text works were done in conjunction with Active Travel



New story trail (Operations + Libraries) installed in St Catherine's Park along the woodland trail. Works completed 7th June 2024 as part of Community recognition fund.





CONNECT 2024, a two day multi-cultural festival took place on May 4th and 5th in Millennium Park. Over the two days, more than 350 participants from Ukrainian, Eason African, Turkish, Irish, Igbo African, Indian, and Polish communities performed on stage.

The festival's aim was to foster community integration, and we are delighted to say this objective was achieved, as evident from the diverse community participation.

There were 10 food stalls representing global cuisine, including Indian, Brazilian, Filipino, Italian, and Irish options. CONNECT 2024 was organised by Greater Cochin Club, a local community group based in D15.



Spring Colour in Shackleton Gardens



New perennial borders planted in Millennium Park at entrance to Arboretum Area.



New flowers at the entrance to Lanesborough



Relocation of bins and new signage in Lanesborough Park



Heathers being planted in New Bed in Coolmine Operations Dept



Grasscutting being carried on the N3

**Car Parking Services
May 2024**

There was a total of 1387 parking tickets issued during May 2024.
Breakdown of Parking Offences

Top 10 Offences

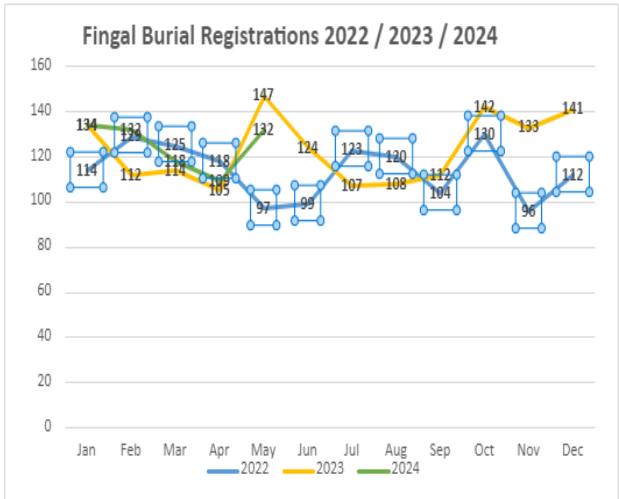
Offence	Main Ticketing Offences - May 2024
9A - A VEHICLE COMMITTING AN OFFENCE CONTRARY TO PAY AND DISPLY/PERMIT PARKING	700
9A - A VEHICLE OUT OF TIME TICKET	163
08A - PARKING A VEHICLE ON A FOOTPATH	159
04G - PARKING A PRIVATE VEHICLE IN A LOADING BAY	131
9D - PARKING A VEHICLE ON A DOUBLE YELLOW LINE	91
9F - PARKING/STOPPING A VEHICLE IN A DISABLED PERSONS PARKING BAY	33
04C - PARKING A VEHICLE IN A TAXI BAY	22
04F - EXCEEDING THE TIME LIMIT IN A LOADING BAY (GOODS VEHICLE)	19
9C - VEHICLE OUTSIDE BAY	13
04A - PARKING ON A CORNER	9

Top 10 Locations

Location	Main Ticket Locations May 2024
North Street - Swords	113
Bridgefield Car Park - Malahide	106
Main Street - Swords	83
South Strand Skerries	80
Harbour Road - Skerries	58
Church Road - Malahide	57
Dublin Street - Balbriggan	55
The Green - Malahide	48
Strand Street - Skerries	46
Drogheda Street - Balbriggan	42

Burial Ground Services

The Operations Department are continuing to administer and monitor delivery to ensure business continuity for Fingal's Burial Ground Service. There were 132 Interments in May 2024.



Kelystown Burial Ground

Fingal County Council is proceeding with tender assessment process and works are expected to commence in the coming months with an approximate 15 month programme in 2 phases.

- Phase 1 with access shared with Castlethorn from Luttrellstown Road- Works behind new hoarding
- Phase 2 Carpark completion and reinstatement of hedge boundary
- Expected completion of cemetery late 2025

Traffic Operations County-Wide

Castleknock/Mulhuddart Area

➤ **Traffic Signals**



New Zebra crossings at Coolmine Roundabout



New Zebra crossings at Coolmine Roundabout



As part of the Coolmine Roundabout upgrade, the existing signalised pedestrian crossing was removed.

Balbriggan/Swords Area

➤ **Road Markings**



Rathbeale Road – The installation of a yellow box at the junction with Abbeylea



Rathbeale Road – The installation of a yellow box at the junction with Moortown



Rathbeale Road – The installation of a yellow box at the junction with Daleview



Rathbeale Road – The installation of a yellow box at the junction with Glasmore Park



Watery Lane – Introduction of parking restrictions - Double Yellow Lines outside SK Biotek



R132 Balbriggan- New Warning Signs on both approaches to Balbriggan Retail Park



Baltrasna- New Warning Signs on both approaches of Ardgillan Castle and Margaretstown Road.

Howth/Malahide Traffic POW 2024



Completion of Kerb Build out and tactile installation in Grange Park Baldoyle



Bath Avenue/Grove Road Malahide: Installation of uncontrolled pedestrian crossing at junction (before, during and after)



Completion of a pedestrian mobility improvement project around Bayside Square at 14 different locations (Two locations shown in photos)



New School Markings for St Andrews School, Church Road Malahide



New Yellow Box for junction of Posie Row and Malahide Road



Anti parking measures in Healy's Lane -Malahide



Kinsealy Shopping Centre: New red epoxy resin finish across entrance to highlight pedestrian crossing point.



Howth/Malahide section facilitated the full Road closure of Station Road – Sutton for essential maintenance works at DART controlled barrier crossing beginning 22nd June Saturday Midnight to Monday 24th June 6AM). Traffic Management issues which occurred during the closure have been brought to the attention of Iarnrod Eireann.

Fleet Management & Plant Hire Unit

91 vehicles and Plant Hires were put in place from 01/06/2024 to 24/06/2024, engaging 21 suppliers.

Fleet Management

The purchase of:

2 Fully Electric 3.5T Tipper Lorries



1. Road Sign Washing Machine Vehicle with Directional signs with Cycle Lane Cleaning facilities and graffiti removal (7.5T)



Public Lighting Section

The Public Lighting Programme of Works 2024 is ongoing, with 45% of POW jobs currently on site and at various stages of completion:

POW works in Huntstown Green in Mulhuddart, Clonard Street in Balbriggan, and Park Road Rush, are almost complete.

POW works in Castlelands in Balbriggan, Ridgewood Park and Forest Road in Swords, and Balrothery Village, are ongoing.

POW works in Porterstown Road Phase 3 in Castleknock, and in Hartstown Park have commenced.

Beaches and Lifeguard Service
Lifeguard Service 2024

Fingal County Council sought to employ 45 beach lifeguards for the 2024 Bathing Season. However, following a rigorous recruitment process, for which we initially received 45 applications, the Council secured just 23 beach lifeguards for the bathing season.

We are currently seeking additional beach lifeguards and recently completed additional interviews on 19th June 2024.

The Water Safety Development Officer (WSDO) was in contact with water safety trainers, who have advised that the two-year closure of pools had a significant adverse impact on the training of potential candidates. It is noted that this is a national issue affecting numerous local authorities.

In the run –up to the recruitment campaign which commenced in February this year, the WSDO sent flyers to secondary schools and universities, and carried out recruitment talks at some of the schools in Fingal.



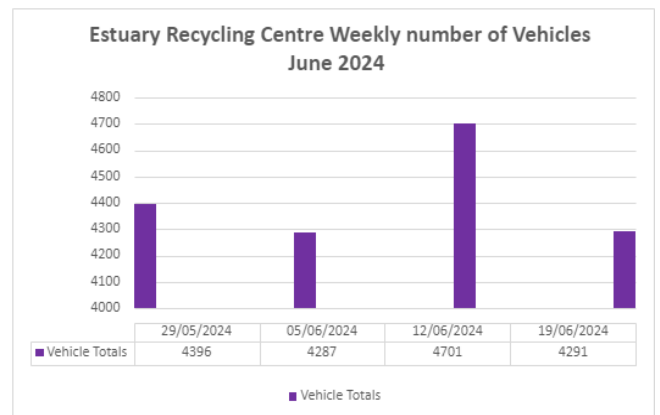
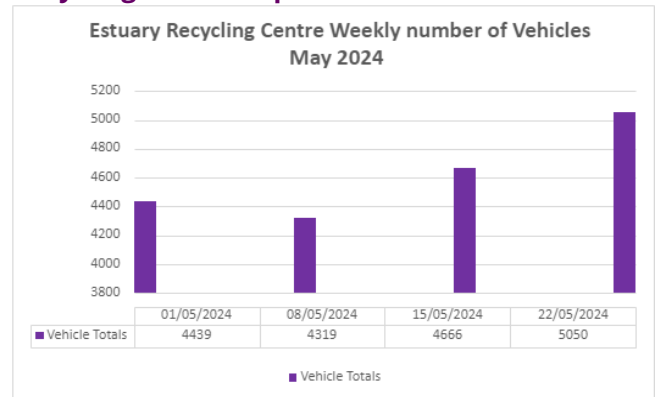
This year will see us having to close some lifeguard stations at some of the designated bathing areas in order to provide a full service at the busier and more challenging locations, including our Blue Flag Beaches at Portmarnock and Donabate.

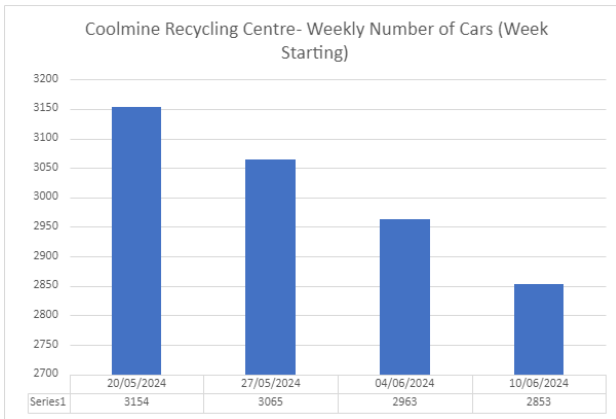
The Council will publish the weekly notice of manned lifeguard stations on its website www.Fingal.ie and through its social media platforms. Any changes will be flagged on social media.

Training exercises with the emergency services are being arranged during the bathing season. A training exercise with the Irish Coast Guard was carried out on Sat 8th June 2024



Recycling Centres Update



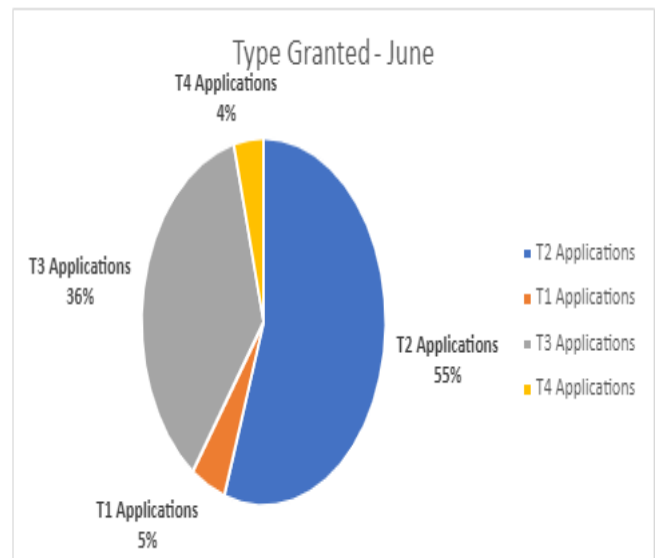
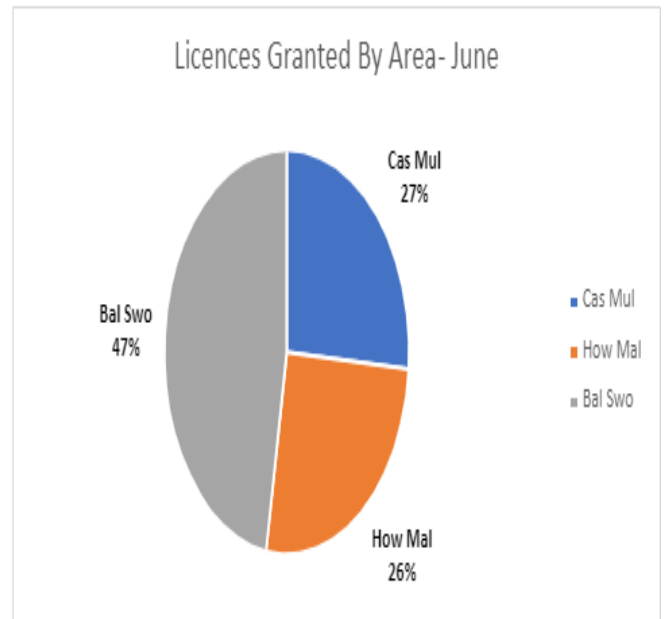
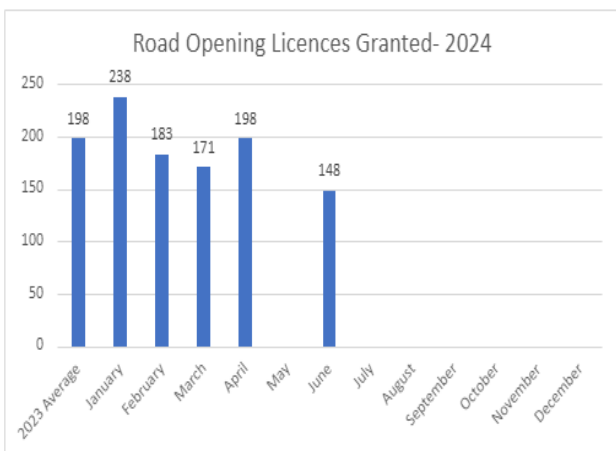


Licences

- Road Opening Licences

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

148 Licences were granted in the month of **June**, **40%** 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. Figures are accurate as of 19/06/2024.



- Casual Trading License

Fingal County Council have a total of 32 valid Casual Trading Applications for 2024/2025 trading year throughout Fingal administrative area covering the trading of Hot Food Tea & Coffee/Ice Cream and Flowers.

4 more additional applications are currently being processed.

Any remaining applications will be taken on an Ad Hoc basis.

The 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



A total of 33 Street Furniture Licences have been issued in 2024 with a further three currently been processed.

To date in 2024 a total of 13 Street Furniture Inspections have been carried out so far with further planned over the summer months.

Any new street furniture applications will be dealt with on an ad hoc basis.

The Operations department continue to engage with businesses to ensure compliance from Street Furniture Licence holders.

Surface Water

Stormwater Capital Programme 2023-2025

Fingal County Council are continuing to progress projects recently adopted in the 2024-2026 Stormwater Capital Programme. The 3-year programme includes 17 projects estimated at €2.5 million with this figure under review as the projects are developed. 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

This project consists of the design and construction of a Stormwater culvert replacement on Howth main street (Work Package A) and the separation of a combined sewer on Tuckett's Lane, Howth (Work Package B). Optioneering and Investigation phases are complete for both Work packages and Preliminary design is completed for WPB. An updated programme is due from the Design Consultants.

➤ Burrow Beach

The proposed remediation of the surface water outfall pipe has gone through all stages of design and various consents. A contract for the manufacture and delivery of precast concrete anchor blocks was awarded to Shay Murtagh. Placement of the anchor block units is scheduled for Spring 2025. Works will be executed by FCC Direct Labour with technical assistance to be provided by design consultants, Malachy Walsh and Partners.



- Lusk Network Remedial Works

The above project consists of Stormwater infrastructure provision and improvement in the Lusk urban area. It includes second level/follow up investigation, surveys, non-invasive interventions, jetting, root removal, pipe lining, replacement and new lay – using conventional cut and cover plus reinstatement of surface.



➤ Clonsilla/Mulhuddart Network Improvements

Following historical reports of flooding CCTV surveys were carried out to determine the condition of the Stormwater infrastructure in the **Rusheeny and Manorfield estates in D15**. Several large restrictions were found and a manhole was completely blocked with household waste. Robotic cutting equipment was used to clear the blockage and the network is now flowing freely. This also allowed facilitated a network survey to determine the route and discharge point. Additional repairs including part liner installation were carried out on collapsed sections along the same network. All works in this area are now complete.



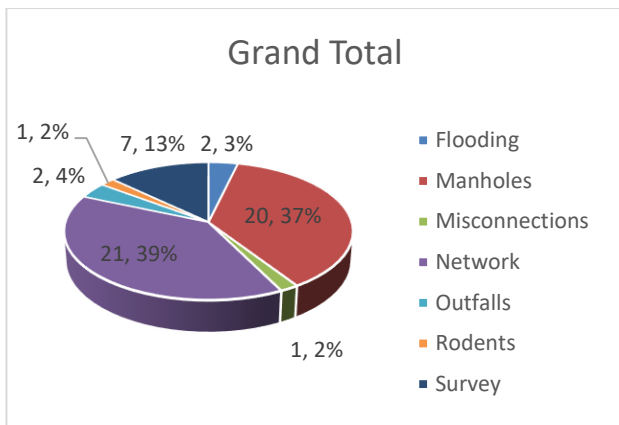
Carpenterstown Road SW Pipe Refurbishment

Following survey work and analysis in 2023, various remedial works were identified for sections of network along Carpenterstown Road. A Contractor was appointed in May to carry various remedial works including part liner repairs on damaged sections of the network along Carpenterstown Road. Works, predominantly overnight, to avoid disruption to pedestrians and road users, started in early June and are now complete. 36 m of roots were removed and 20 m of UV CIPP liners were installed along a section of 450mm concrete pipe.



- **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.



- **Storm Water Connections:**

13 new connection applications including one diversion application have been processed to date in 2024.

➤ **Networks**

Swords

CCTV Surveys were carried out on a section of network in the Balheary area close to Swords Business Park following historical reports of flooding. These showed that the line was heavily restricted with large volumes of aggregate and silt removed. Displaced joints and root ingress were identified which will require additional investment through root cutting and liner installations.

Lusk

Following reports of road flooding CCTV surveys were completed on a section of pipe along Old Schoolhouse Lane. It has been determined that this section of pipe must be replaced with a larger diameter pipe. The works will also require the installation of a new Headwall. Works are planned to commence in early July

Malahide/Portmarnock

Chalfont – CCTV surveys were carried out in May in the Chalfont area of Malahide to ascertain the condition of the network within the estate and the cause of localised road flooding during periods of intense rainfall. These surveys are now complete, and the findings are being analyzed to determine the most appropriate type of repair required. It is envisaged that there will be a number of invasive and non-invasive repairs required.



Coill Dubh - Following reports of footpath flooding along the R124 surveys were taken of the local network. Following analysis of these surveys a number of areas were jetted to remove silt deposits and a CIPP Liner was installed to remove an area where there was a high level of groundwater infiltration.

➤ **Assets**

Ironworks

The Stormwater manhole cover and frame replacement programme for replacing assets at the end of life is ongoing. A Contractor has been procured for on road manhole covers with works commencing in March. Off-road replacements were carried out by maintenance crews in the Balheary /Swords Business Campus area of Swords.

- **Underground Stormwater storage Assets**

In recent years there has been a proliferation of underground storm water assets installed in developments to reduce the risk of future flooding. These will inevitably be taken in charge by the Council. Many require to be properly registered and a **process of identification and recording has begun county wide**. With new best practice guidelines in place these assets are expected to be phased out in future planning applications and should be replaced with above ground natural features. Below is an example of system employed to manage storm water on new developments



- **Water Quality/Environment Enforcement**

Seagrange Park

Assistance and engagement are being given by the Storm Water Unit to *Baldoyle Tidy Towns* who had secured funding for a Biodiversity project on the Seagrange Park stream, Baldoyle.

Samples were received in April indicating ongoing contamination of the storm network (High Ammonia etc)

Flow loggers will be installed on the waste water network to determine whether the "storm overflow" at Seagrange park is the main source of this contamination. These will be monitored for follow up action.



Clonsilla - Lambourne Road

Following multiple reports of Malodours emanating from the local road gully network a series of surveys and die testing was conducted. It has been determined that several properties are incorrectly connected to the network. FCC Environment are now engaging with the properties to attempt to resolve the connection issues internally.

Balbriggan - Clonard Court

An underground survey was carried out in Clonard Court to identify the location of two buried manholes to assist FCC Environment with misconnection surveys being carried out in and around the Bracken River.

Bridge Street

Misconnection surveys are ongoing in the Bridge Street area to assist FCC environment with identifying the source of poor water quality samples in the Harbour area.

Meetings/Briefings

Briefing will be given to Howth/Malahide Councillors on the new public conveniences in Howth and Malahide Muldowney.

PLANNING AND STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE (PSI)

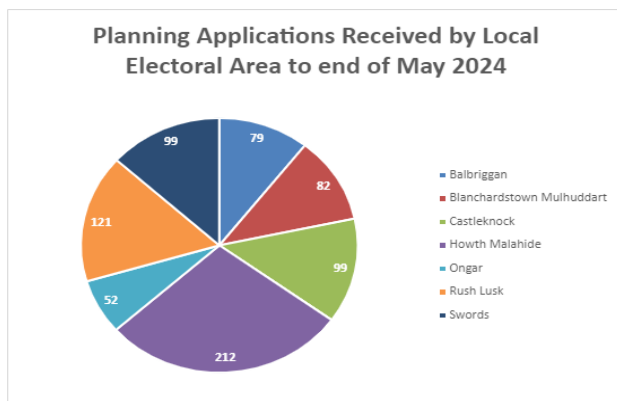
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Planning Applications

There have been 744 planning applications received from 1st January 2024 to 31st May 2024. This is including 158 E applications via the LGMA portal. 186 applications were invalid leaving a total of 558 valid applications. The volume of applications received by Local Electoral Area (LEA) is detailed in the table below.

From 1st January 2024 to 31st May 2024 there have been four Large-scale Residential Development (LRD) applications made to the Local Authority. From 1st January 2024 to 31st May 2024, 6 decisions have been made on Large Scale Residential Developments. Of these 6 decisions made, 4 have been to grant Permission (1,212 Units). 2 decisions have been made to refuse permission.

An Bord Pleanála have issued one decision on SHD applications in the period from 1st January 2024 to 31st May 2024, this decision was to refuse permission. There are now four SHD's (3,932 units) remaining with An Bord Pleanála for decision.



Planning Decisions

A total of 557 planning decisions have been issued from 1st January 2024 to 31st May 2024. There have been 458 decisions to grant permission (82%) and 99 refusals of permission (18%). Included in the 458 grants there have been 38 grants of permissions in respect of single house construction, 266 grants of permission for domestic extensions/works, 47 commercial grants of permission, 9 retail grants of permission and 13 grants of permission in respect of housing developments. The breakdown of which is outlined in the table below.

Year	Housing 2-20 Units	Housing 20-50 Units	Housing 50-100 Units	Housing 100+ Units
2024	9	1	2	1

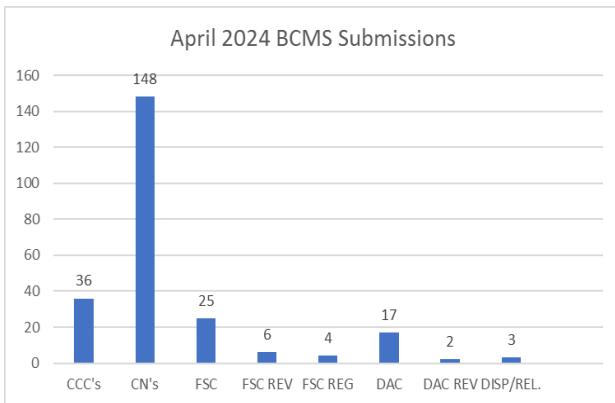
Building Control Admin

In April 2024, there were 241 building control submission's made via BCMS.

This was made up of 148 Commencement notices, 36 Compliance of Completion Certificates, 35 Fire Safety related Certificates and 22 Disability Access related Certificates.

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

The Building Control Admin team processed 204 decisions in April 2024 relating to Fire Safety and Disability Access Certificates. This was made up of 60 decisions to grant and 143 extensions of time and 1 refusal (DAC).

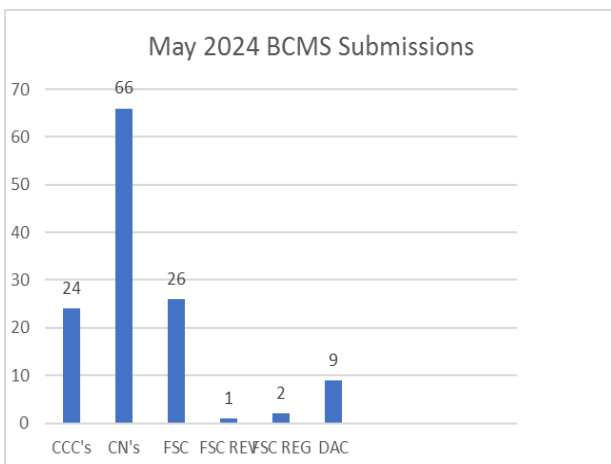


In May 2024, there were 128 building control submission's made via BCMS.

This was made up of 66 Commencement notices, 24 Compliance of Completion Certificates, 29 Fire Safety related Certificates and 9 Disability Access related Certificates.

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The Building Control Admin team processed 219 decisions in May 2024 relating to Fire Safety and Disability Access Certificates. This was made up of 33 decisions to grant, 1 refusal (Dispensation) and 185 extensions of time.



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, the Clonsilla Framework Plan and the Old School House Masterplan.

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.

On 1st February 2024, Fingal County Council published the annual draft maps for 2025 identifying land currently in scope for the tax, land proposed to be removed from the current scope and land proposed to be added for the first time. 37 submissions were received by the closing date for submissions (1st April 2024). All submissions received in relation to the annual draft map have been published on the Fingal Consultation Portal. Where a landowner requests the exclusion of their site from the annual draft map on the basis that it does not meet the criteria for being in scope or challenges the date from which land on the map met this criteria, the Local Authority must notify the owner of its decision not later than 1st July 2024.

An appeal of the Local Authority decision on a landowner's submission on the annual draft map, must be lodged by the landowner with An Bord Pleanála by 1st August 2024.

The second phase of the Residential Zoned Land Tax (RZLT) Annual Draft Map 2024 consultation remained open for landowners only seeking a land use zoning change. Submissions until 31st May 2024 (inclusive).

39 submissions were received in total and determinations issued by 1st July 2024

Built Environment Division



- There were 19 no. Building Control Inspections in May 2024 with 44 no. buildings inspected and 11 no. inspections and 19 no. buildings inspected in June 2024 (so far).
- There were 4 no. section 11 requests for further information following building control inspections, issued in June and there have been no enforcement notices issued.
- There were 6 developments Taken in Charge in May 2024 namely, The Park in Skerries, Hyde Court in Rush, Lusk Village in Lusk, Thornleigh in Swords, Blackwood Estate in Ongar and Fairhaven in Castleknock.
- There are 3 developments (River Mall Laneway, The Elms Ridgewood and Ashfield Ridgewood) up for taking in charge in September/October meetings depending on the dates of the Area committee meetings.

Dangerous Structures

- There were no dangerous structures notified in May 2023 and 1 dangerous structure notified in June 2024 (so far). There are a total of 99 dangerous structures active in our database.

Pictures



Checking rising walls in a housing development in Balbriggan



Checking fire stopping in a building in Donabate.

Transportation Planning

PSI 001 Snugborough Interchange upgrade

Some elements of the Snugborough Interchange upgrade have been completed and were opened to the public during May and June. This includes new signalised junctions at Waterville and at the onramp for the N3, new traffic lanes, footpaths, and cycle tracks. The last element at road level to be completed will be the 5-arm junction and main street which will be completed in mid-July 2024 when the footpath and cycle track on the eastern bridge will open.

Due to the complexity of the underground services and the requirement for the watermain diversion works to be completed, the completion of the active travel corridors through the underpasses will form the last element of the works scheduled to be completed in September 2024. FCC have been working closely with Uisce Eireann to reach a solution to provide for the upgrade of a Watermain to ensure continued high quality and reliable supply to Blanchardstown and surrounding areas.

www.snugboroughinterchange.ie



PSI 002 Ongar Barnhill Road

The beams for the new bridge over the railway line were placed during the June Bank Holiday weekend which marks a major milestone for the project. Embankment construction has continued to advance across the site with the section North of the rail line largely completed. Construction of the new layout north to the tie into Barnwell Roundabout is scheduled to be carried out during the summer months. During Q2/Q3 construction of the bridge deck will be completed with continuation of embankment construction across the site and associated drainage works. The latest 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. Detailed design stage is underway and progressing as programmed. Meetings continue to be held with the various department of Fingal County Council to gather information for detailed design.

The tender assessment for CCTV drainage contractor has taken place and the appointment of the CCTV contractor is currently underway. Outcome letters is currently being drafted for issue with appointment of the GI/GPR contractor expected to take place in July.

These survey Investigations will inform the below ground detailed design process and de-risk the project. The documentation (Suitability Assessment Questionnaire) for the stage 1 of the procurement process for the construction phase is currently being complied with a view to issue stage 1 in July.



PSI-005 Harry Reynolds Road Pedestrian and Cyclist Route

Construction works are progressing on the Harry Reynolds Road Pedestrian and Cyclist Route for this key infrastructure project for Balbriggan. The Project is now approx. 70% completed. 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. Works on the Dublin Roundabout are progressing with works to the third quadrant due to start before the end of June.



Another update project briefing will be arranged during the summer with the local Councillors for the Balbriggan Electoral Area, members of the Residents Associations and tidy town committee on the progress and remaining programme of works for the Harry Reynolds Road Pedestrian and Cyclist Route. A site visit has been organised for the 9th of July as a CPD event.

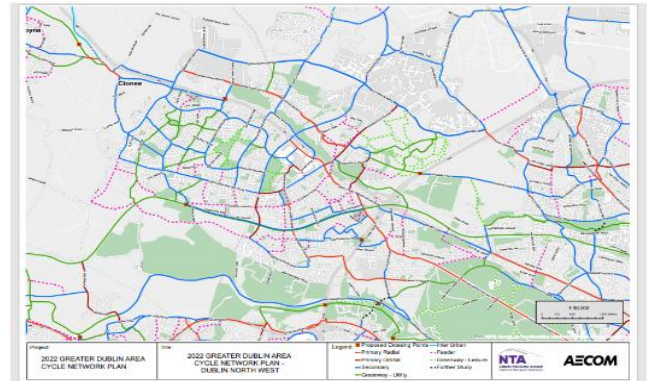
To assist with communication to the community a dedicated project website is setup which is updated throughout the project, highlighting the projects progression and key milestone stages; [Harry Reynolds Road Pedestrian & Cycle Route | Fingal County Council](#)



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 procurement process has now moved to Stage 2 with the tender assessment of the tender submissions taken place in May.

The outcome letters were issued in June and appointment of the consultant will take place in July. The 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 N8

PSI 063 Pedestrian and Cycling Bridge at Granard Bridge Castleknock

A tender was published recently for Engineering Consultancy Services 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 tender forms part of the initial project for the Engineering Consultancy Services Framework for Dublin 15 Pedestrian and Cycling Route Projects which is currently at stage 2 of the procurement process. Following assessment of tender submissions outcome letters were issued in June with appointment of the consultant expected in July.



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 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.

The project is currently at preliminary design stage and requires the need to hold additional meetings with all the relevant key stakeholders to agree a revised design in lined with the new National Cycling Manual. These meetings will continue over the coming month to ensure a coordinated, high quality final design which compiles with the new cycling manual is achieved at interfaces between existing facilities and the proposed scheme. Landowner searches and land referencing are ongoing also.

Following completion of the preliminary design, all the required documents including the Environmental Impact Assessment Report will be prepared for a planning application to An Bord Pleanála.

Sutton to Malahide 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 including revised layouts for crossings and bus stops to comply with the new standards. A surveyor has recently completed topographical surveys of public and private lands within the proposed scheme. Ground Investigation Works are progressing along the route at all locations where new structures are being proposed. A tree surveyor has been procured and a survey of all trees along the proposed route will be carried out in the coming months. 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. Draft documents are being prepared for the submission to An Bord Pleanála.

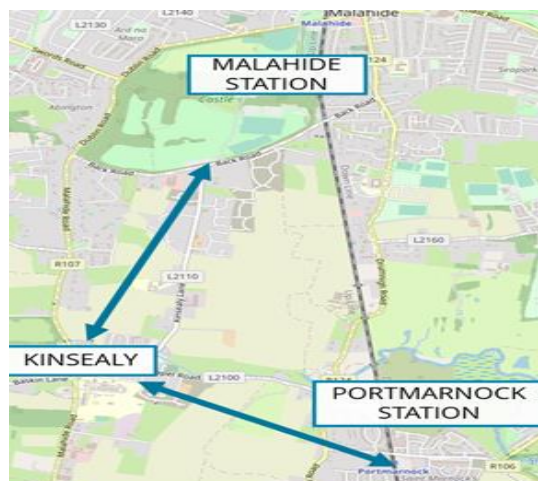


Ongoing Ground Investigations to inform the design of the structures along the route

Kinsealy Walking and Cycling Routes

The Kinsealy Walking and Cycling scheme aims to provide a high-quality walking and cycling route between Kinsealy and Portmarnock train station, and between Kinsealy and Malahide Castle and Gardens. The two walking and cycling routes will form a link from Kinsealy to sustainable transport at Portmarnock and Malahide Train Stations. The Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department awarded a consultancy framework contract to Barry Transportation for this project.

The Options Selection phase is progressing on both routes from Kinsealy (north towards Malahide and east towards Portmarnock) and is due in August 2024. Traffic and topographical surveys on public lands have concluded and the various constraints along all route options are now being analyzed, this will lead to the Emerging Preferred Route (EPR). A public consultation strategy is being planned to progress from the EPR stage to the Preferred Route stage and the ensuing statutory process required to deliver this project.



Fingal Coastal Way

Meetings between the Independent Agronomist and affected landowners with farming, equestrian and horticultural businesses are now complete and the last few reports are being agreed with landowners. Site-specific issues and opportunities identified in the reports will be used to move towards agreement on the final position of the route during further consultation with the landowners.

Preliminary design work is progressing along urban roads. Updated traffic counts in Skerries and Rush took place in May.

Liaison with Irish Rail, Gas Networks Ireland and Eirgrid continues to ensure coordination of the proposed scheme with existing infrastructure and utilities.

Broadmeadow Way Greenway

Progress on the detailed design phases of the various elements that form the Broadmeadow Way project continue. Works contracts for Donabate landward, Malahide landward and the northern and southern causeways will take place in 2024, 2025 and 2026 respectively. It is expected that the greenway will be completed in 2026.

Design options for the northern causeway have been developed using ground investigation data from the ground investigation (GI) contract. A Design Workshop, hosted by Fingal County Council, took place with representatives from Irish Rail and the NTA. A decision was reached on how the estuary crossing should be designed to allow for the maintenance of the rock armour on the causeway.

The Foreshore unit in the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications, has published the Notice of Determination that advises that the Minister has approved the granting of the Foreshore Lease, Licence and Consent.

On Friday, 31st May, representatives from Fingal County Council, the NTA and Irish Rail joined the Fingal Lord Mayor, Adrian Henchy and the Minister of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Darragh O'Brien, in unveiling the foundation stone for the Broadmeadow Way at Bissett's Strand.



Laying of the Foundation Stone – Bissett's Strand – Broadmeadow Way

The OHLE mast strengthening works are substantially complete. The contractor, Global Rail, has demobilised but will be carrying out some additional work over the next 6-8 weeks. Jons, the Irish Rail Contractor for the main estuary bridge have mobilised and works on site are progressing. Preliminary works to prepare the weir for the arrival of the bridge spans and the Self-Propelled Multi-axle Transporter (SPMT) are currently underway. The contract for the manufacture and supply of precast concrete units for the 12-span 180m long precast bridge deck units was awarded to Shay Murtagh Precast Ltd. A trial assembly of four of the spans was undertaken Thursday, 13th June, at the Shay Murtagh premises in Limerick. Also on display were some of the precast units that will make up the southern ramp of the bridge.



Precast units for the southern ramp – Shay Murtagh Premises



Trial Assembly of spans 7-10 of the bridge - Shay Murtagh Premises

Church Fields Link Road

Works at the Church Fields Link Road and Cycle Network project, which includes the upgrade and reconfiguration of the existing Wellview Avenue, Damastown roundabout 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, are progressing and nearing completion. Based on the Contractor's programme, the contract completion date is estimated as 30th July 2024.

Recent works completed to date include the following:



HRA Works - Damastown Roundabout



Roadmarking - Ladyswell Roundabout

Turvey Avenue & Portrane Road, Donabate

Fingal County Council has lodged an application to An Bord Pleanála (ABP) for a Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) for the Portrane Road Enhancement Project. Two landowner objections have been lodged with ABP in this regard. Further consultation regarding landowner concerns has resulted in one of the landowners withdrawing his objection. Consultation continues with the other landowner to try to reach an agreement. 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. Fingal County Council awaits the decision of An Bord Pleanála in this regard.

Separately, Priority Construction Ltd, working on behalf of Fingal County Council, has substantially completed work on the Turvey Avenue Footpath Enhancement project. A new footpath has been built on the northern side of the road where no footpath previously existed. The new footpath provides a continuous and safe walking route along Turvey Avenue for pedestrians travelling to and from Donabate Village and train station. The project also delivered drainage improvements, footpath improvements on an existing path nearby, road resurfacing, additional kerbing, line markings, speed ramps and signage, resulting in a significantly safer environment for all road users. The contractor working on behalf of Fingal County Council, Priority Construction Limited, is currently finishing off the remaining elements of the project, which include hedge planting, tree planting, installation of driveway gates at affected properties, etc. These elements of work are due to be completed this month.



Photographs of Turvey Avenue, pre and post works



Photographs of Turvey Avenue, pre and post works



Photographs of Turvey Avenue, pre and post works

Donabate Pedestrian Bridge

Fingal County Council has appointed Jons Civil Engineering Limited, a highly experienced bridge construction company, to build the Donabate Pedestrian and Cycle Bridge over the Dublin to Belfast railway line, in Donabate. The new pedestrian and cycle bridge will facilitate greater connectivity between Newbridge Demesne, Donabate Village and Train Station and new residential developments on either side of the railway. The NTA has allocated funding for delivery of the project in 2024. Construction is expected to commence next month.



Photograph of contract signing between Fingal County Council and Jons Civil Engineering Limited

Donabate Transport Projects

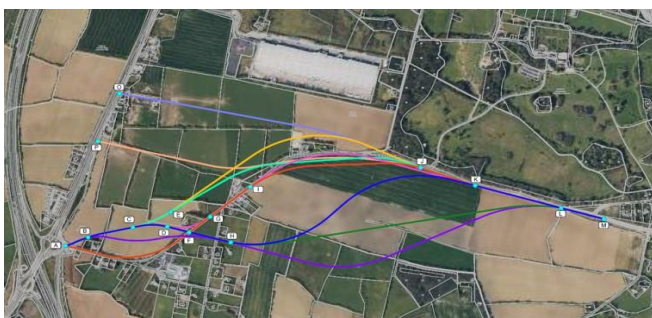
Fingal County Council has appointed Roughan and O'Donovan, a leading multi-disciplinary consultancy firm, to provide engineering, planning and environmental services for the Donabate Transport Projects, which comprise a number of major projects with the objective of improving transport and active travel 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;
- 7no. 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 including topographical surveys of relevant areas of Donabate.

Fingal County Council and Roughan and O'Donovan are liaising with Transport Infrastructure Ireland to complete the study of the M1-Lissenhall Interchange. Separately, a number of potential route options have been identified for Phase 2 of the Donabate Distributor Road. These options are shown below and are currently being assessed to determine the preferred route. Once the preferred route is established, a non-statutory public consultation will be held, most likely in Q4 2024.



Further stages of work, relating to environmental assessment, planning consent, etc. will follow on in subsequent years as appropriate.

Parks & Green Infrastructure Division

Bloom

This year the Fingal Bloom Garden “Coming Home to Nature” won 5 Awards -

- Best Large Garden
- Gold Medal
- Constructors Award
- Most Sustainable Garden
- Designers Choice Award



Opening of Woodland Themed Playground at Garristown Library

The new woodland themed playground at Garristown Library, officially opened by the Mayor, Cllr Adrian Henchy, along with Minister Joe O'Brien TD, and the vibrant and active community, stands as a testament to the Parks and Green Infrastructure Division's commitment to creating engaging and inclusive recreational spaces. The playground, emphasises the use of natural materials such as timber, ensuring it harmonises beautifully with its surroundings.

A key highlight for the playground is a raised tree house unit, built around existing pine trees. This feature incorporates platforms, ropes, slides, and climbing structures, all aimed at promoting balance and coordination among young users. To ensure inclusivity, the playground includes accessible swings and a roundabout, allowing children of all abilities to enjoy the space together. A sculpture of Oscar Mac Cumhaill, commemorating local legend, overlooks the space. Despite its compact size, the playground offers a rich variety of equipment designed to maximise play value. Children can explore a lawn maze, communicate through sensory play talking tubes, and enjoy various other features such as a roundabout, swings, animal themed springers, log pyramid, and an adventure trail. This thoughtfully designed space enriches the local environment and provides a valuable recreational resource for the community.



Construction of Howth Harbour Playground

The specialist construction of the much anticipated and significant upgrade of Howth Harbour Playground is nearing completion.

A recent milestone has been the installation of the wide range of equipment. In the coming weeks, work will focus on safety surfacing and boundary treatments.

The design of the playground is guided by the promotion and encouragement of imaginative play. This has been achieved by combining traditional play pieces, predominantly made of timber, with natural elements such as mounds, boulders, logs and water features. The goal is to provide inclusive, imaginative, adventurous, social, natural, sensory, and educational play opportunities for children of all ages. The diverse range of materials and equipment is arranged to compliment the character of Howth Harbour.

It is anticipated that this exciting new play space will be ready for opening in August, providing a valuable amenity for the community of Howth and beyond.



Heritage Officer

Fingal Gravestone Recording

The first two-day training in gravestone recording took place in Mulhuddart graveyard on 17 and 18 May 2024. John Tierney from Irish Historic Graves <https://historicgraves.com/> demonstrated the systematic approach and non-impactful techniques that communities will use to record the history of the people buried in their local graveyard. The online record of the historic graves in each area then forms part of a national resource. A second training session will take place later in the summer at St Margarets' graveyard.



Fingal Heritage X Climate

The Heritage Officer was invited to give a presentation on the Fingal Heritage X Climate project to the CCSAP working group on Community Engagement & Training on 24 June. Learnings from this project <https://www.fingal.ie/heritage-and-climate-change> will feed into the recommendations of the group.



Blas-Fingal's Food Heritage Phase 2

A number of events to celebrate Fingal's food heritage are being organised for Heritage Week in August. Opportunities for recipe and food sharing are ongoing see <https://www.fingal.ie/blas-fingals-food-heritage> Blas will also be at the heritage tent in the Traditional skills Courtyard at Flavours of Fingal.



Fingal Traditional Skills

Supported by the Heritage Council there will be a Traditional Skills of Ireland courtyard at this years' Flavours of Fingal. Demonstrations of traditional building skills such as stone carving, stained glass making and mud walling can be viewed alongside exhibits of craft skills, from tapestry weaving to lacemaking and patchwork. Both the Architectural Conservation Officer and Heritage Officer will be available throughout to answer the public's conservation and heritage questions.



Fingal Audit of Oral Heritage Recordings

Dr Tomás Mac Conmara is working with community groups, historians, and collectors to create, for the first time, a comprehensive list of oral heritage recordings made to preserve the stories and memories of Fingal's past. Information on the location and condition of the memories, folklore, oral tradition and recorded stories of Fingal, recorded on tape cassettes, reel-to-reels or in digital form is sought. For more information see <https://www.fingal.ie/.../fingal-audit-oral-heritage...>



Heritage Council Visit

The Chair of the Board of the Heritage Council Dr Martina Moloney, along with Virginia Teehan CE of the Heritage Council will lead a visit of the board and staff to Fingal on the 27 and 28 June. The itinerary includes a tour and reception at Malahide Castle, meetings with community groups on Howth head to discuss their ongoing projects and a boat trip around the Howth coast, all designed to showcase the rich archaeological, built and natural heritage of Fingal



HOUSING

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Affordable Home Purchase Scheme

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

There is a strong pipeline for affordable housing over 2024. The figures below are for the total that applied for the scheme prior to being assessed for eligibility.

Scheme	Partner	No. of Homes	Applications submitted to date
Balleally Rise, Lusk	Lagan Homes	21	274
Kilmartin Grove, Dublin 15	Glenveagh	36	436
Church Fields, Dublin 15	GEM	180	461
Balmoston, Donabate	Glenveagh	86	624
North County Homes – Various locations	FCC	16	353
Aster Park, Rush	Ballymore	96	208
Wilkinsons Brook, Dublin 15	LDA	57	369



Balleally Rise, Lusk



On February 27th, Fingal County Council announced a new affordable home purchase scheme in Balleally Rise, Lusk. Fingal County Council has agreed with Lagan Homes to deliver 21 affordable homes in Balleally Rise, Hands Lane, Lusk, Co Dublin. The scheme will comprise of the following:

- 15 - 2 bed properties
- 6 - 3 bed properties

To date, 10 of the 21 Properties are sale agreed, with assessments continuing for the remaining 11 homes.

The application portal for this development opened on March 12th, 2024. The portal will remain open.

Kilmartin Grove, Dublin 15



On March 3rd, Fingal County Council announced an affordable home purchase scheme in Kilmartin Grove, Dublin 15. Fingal County Council has partnered with Glenveagh Homes to deliver 36 affordable homes at Kilmartin Grove, Dublin 15. The scheme will comprise of the following:

- 22 - 2 bed properties
- 14 - 3 bed properties

The application portal for this development opened on March 19th, 2024, and is now closed since Friday 26th April 2024.

Church Fields, Dublin 15



Fingal County Council has agreed with GEM Construction to deliver 180 affordable properties at Church Fields, Dublin 15. The scheme will comprise of the following:

- 59 – 2 bed properties
- 121 – 3 bed properties

The scheme was advertised on the Fingal website and on social media on March 26th 2024. The application portal opened on April 9th 2024. The portal will remain open.

Balmoston, Ballymastone, Donabate

Fingal County Council has agreed with Glenveagh to deliver 86 affordable homes in Balmoston, Ballymastone, Donabate, Co. Dublin. The scheme will comprise of the following:

- 34 no. 2-bed units
- 52 no. 3-bed units

The scheme was advertised on April 2nd, 2024, and the application portal opened on April 16th, 2024. The portal will remain open.

North County Homes

Fingal County Council have made 16 homes available around North County Dublin under the Affordable Housing scheme.

This scheme was advertised on Social Media on April 12th, 2024. The application portal opened on April 26th, 2024. The portal will remain open.





Affordable Housing Sale Agreed/In conveyancing - Hayestown, Rush

Hayestown: 51 homes are now sale agreed in Hayestown, Rush with Phase 1 due for handover in the coming weeks.



Wilkinsons Brook, Dublin 15



Fingal County Council in partnership with the LDA have made 57 homes available in Dublin 15 under the Affordable Housing scheme.

The scheme will comprise of the following:

- 13 – 2 Bed Properties
- 39 – 3 Bed Properties
- 5 – 4 Bed Properties

This scheme was advertised on May 14th, 2024. The application portal opened on May 28th, 2024. The portal will remain open.

The Wilkinsons Brook Development was officially launched by Housing minister - Darragh O'Brien on May 10th. It was attended by the Fingal County Council Chief Executive and Director of Housing, as well as celebrity architect, Dermot Bannon, who was involved in the design of this project.



Aster Park, Rush

Fingal County Council has agreed with Ballymore to deliver 96 affordable homes in Aster Park, Rush, Co. Dublin. The scheme will comprise of the following:

- 15 no. 2-bed units
- 63 no. 3-bed units
- 18 no. 4-Bed units

The scheme was advertised on May 21st, 2024, and the application portal opened on June 4th, 2024. The portal will remain open.

Turnkey Acquisitions

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

Construction Programme

Summary of unit numbers in the pipeline	Units
Under Construction	416
Schemes with Planning Approval and Tender Stage	518
Planning and Design	750
Part V	548
TOTAL	2232

Progress of Projects on Site

3 houses delivered in Fosterstown Place, Swords under Part V



4 houses delivered in Beresford, Oakestown, Donabate in partnership with Tuath Housing Association



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 - Restoration of St Ita's Portrane - 14 units

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



Housing Asset Management Report Energy Efficiency/Retrofitting Programme

Fingal County Council's Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme is progressing well. The 2024 Programme is well underway, with works having reached completion at Strandmill, Portmarnock. Contractors are on site at Regles Court, Lusk, and Whitestown Park, Dublin 15.

Contractors are being appointed for Energy Efficiency Retrofit works at Remount and Rivermeade presently with feasibility/tender preparation works underway in several other housing estates throughout the county for inclusion in our ongoing programme.



Fingal County Council - construction scheme at Seatown Road, Swords – 36 dwellings

Works for the delivery of 36 homes at Seatown Road, Swords have begun. This work is being delivered in tandem with the delivery of the civic and cultural building for Swords Cultural Quarter. The contract with Duggan Contractors was signed on 27th June.



Pre & Post-works – Strandmill Estate, Portmarnock (external wall insulation, new windows and doors, Heat pumps, Attic Insulation and heating controls).

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	27 th June 2024
In the letting process	51
Undergoing re-let repairs	30
With County Architect for procurement of pre-let repairs	14
TOTAL	95

Planned Maintenance Programmes

Cyclical Maintenance - Scheme Painting

The Scheme Painting Programme provides for external painting and joinery repairs to Council housing stock and currently operates on a 6/7-year cycle. Works are currently reaching completion in Pinewood Heath, works are ongoing in Pinewood Green, and Brega in Balbriggan. Works will commence next week in Curran Park, Clonard Court and Rise and Grace O'Malley Drive and Road.



Before (L) & after (R) Pinewood Green Road

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 160 new tenancies in 2024 to date with approximately 4087 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 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 4 other Tenancies continuing through the court process in November 2024. We have recently resolved two cases 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 arrears.

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.

Housing Loans

The Local Authority Home Loan (LAHL) is a government-backed mortgage for first-time buyers and certain other applicants who are unable to obtain home loan financing from a commercial lender. Interest rates are fixed for the term of the loan and loan terms are available for up to 30 years. The LAHL can be used to purchase new-build homes (including affordable homes); second-hand homes & self-build.

Eligibility Criteria:

- **Income Limit** – Single Applicant = 70,000 / Joint Applicants = 85,000
- **Employment** – 2 years continuous employment / if joint application with a second earner, second earner to be 1-year continuous employment
- **Residency** - legal right to live & work in Ireland & be habitually resident in Ireland
- Insufficient Offers of finance from 2 commercial lenders
- 10% Deposit – 3% to come from own resource savings
- Satisfactory savings record
- Fresh Start Principle

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



Housing Loan Arrears

Borrowers who are struggling to repay their housing loan are encouraged to contact the Mortgage Support Team at the earliest opportunity to examine & agree the best solution for them. Various options are available to borrowers in mortgage arrears under the Mortgage Arrears Resolution Process (MARP). Failure to contact the Team will leave the Council with no option but to progress the matter further.

Private Rented Inspections

The Department of Housing Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) have released 2024 targets for inspection of private rented dwellings. The most recent RTB data available to the DHLGH, which includes private rental, AHB and, where appropriate, student-specific accommodation, indicates that the number of tenancies to be inspected by Fingal County Council in 2024 is 4,711. Currently, 2,670 inspections have been conducted in 2024, with 450 inspections carried out in June. Of the 2,670 inspections, 2,334 dwellings were inspected. The team continue to work on this target and improving compliance.

Housing Tenancy Services Report

Housing Support and Housing Position

Housing List positions for 2024 were issued on 17th April for all social housing applicants with an active Social Housing Application. The list positions were issued through the CBL portal. Applicants who do not have access to this portal should contact Choicebasedlettings@fingal.ie to request their unique username and password.

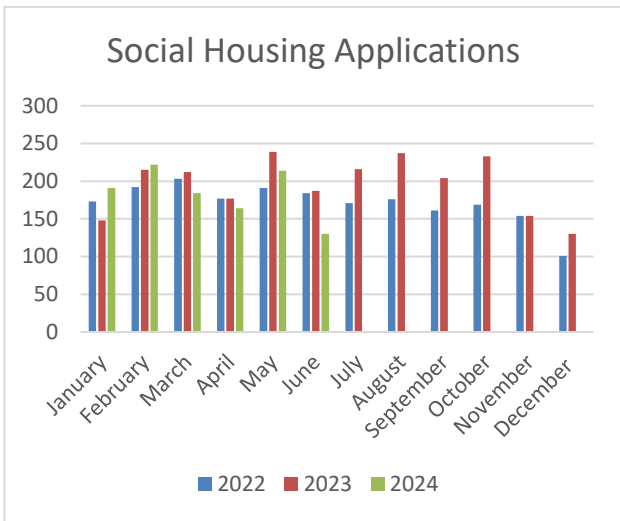
These list positions are static and will be updated again in 2025.

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.

January – June 2024 (SHA's received 1 st – 25 th June)	1,105
January- December 2023	2,354
January - December 2022	2,051

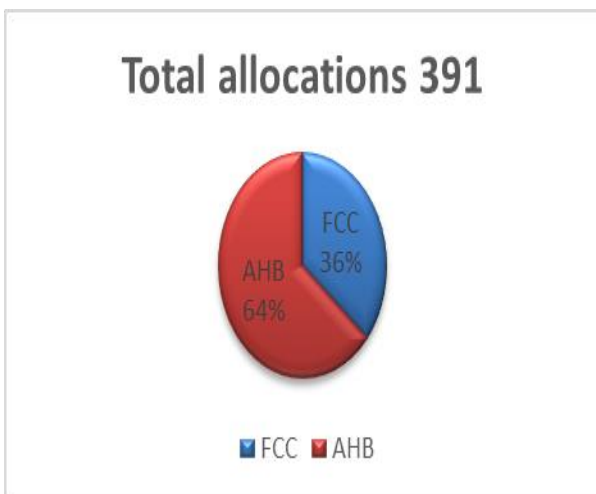


Housing Support Appeals

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

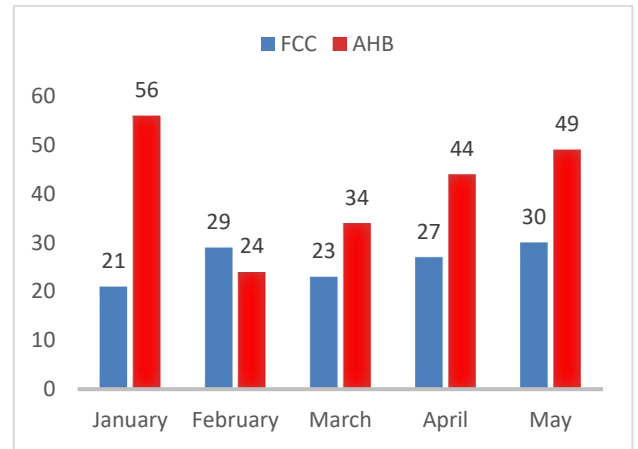
An email address has been established to facilitate the submission of appeals about housing support applications by applicants e.g., closure of social housing applications, transfer of tenancy, income limit queries, medical priority, and transfer applications. Applicants can email – Housing.Appeals@fingal.ie.

Lettings

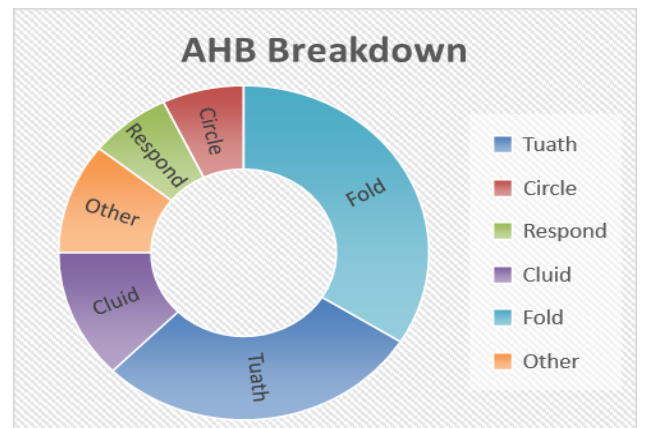
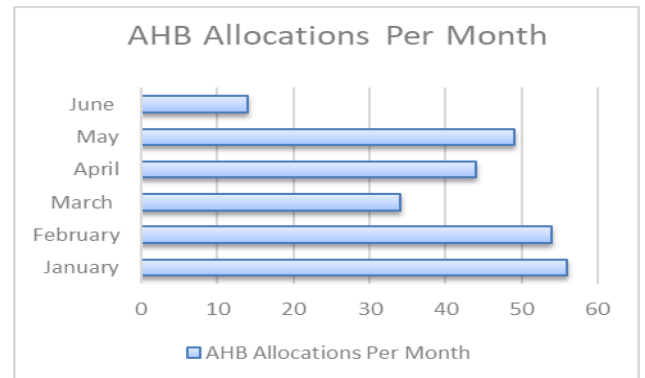


The above chart depicts the total number of properties allocated since the beginning of 2024.

The chart below shows the breakdown of allocations per month.



251 of the **391** allocations have been in collaboration with several Approved Housing bodies. The other **140** properties were allocated using Fingal County Councils own stock.



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

The Approved Housing Bodies inform Fingal County Council when an applicant has accepted and signed a tenancy following a nomination from Housing Lettings.

Choice Based Lettings Advertised Properties in June.



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 2024

During May and June 2024, 47 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	9	6	15
Homeless Prevention	20	3	23
Other	1	8	9
Total	30	17	47

There was a total of 23 homeless prevention cases and 15 who exited emergency accommodation comprising:

3 allocations of social housing support to homeless prevention cases, 6 who exited emergency accommodation and 8 from Homeless HAP Tenancies.

30 Homeless HAP tenancies, comprising 20 homeless preventions and 9 who exited emergency accommodation and one from Direct Provision.

Homeless Assessments

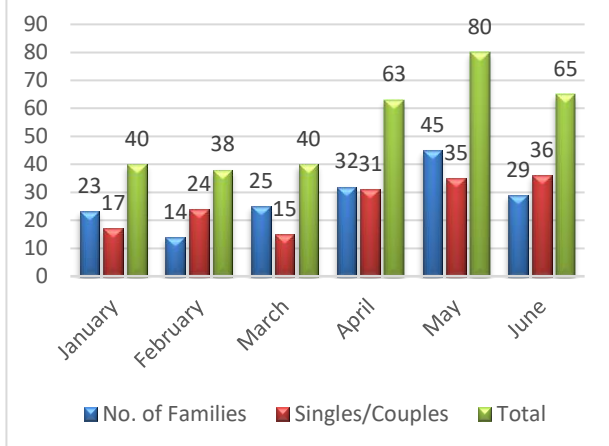
Fingal's Homeless Team continues to engage with those experiencing homelessness to offer advice and support. Homeless Assessments continued to be carried out.

Advertisement period	Property	Bed	Type	Number of Views	Expressions of interest
5 th – 11 th June	Balroy Hall, Carpenterstown Road, Dublin 15	2	Apt	1318	242
19 th – 25 th June	Balroy Hall, Carpenterstown Road, Dublin 15	1	Apt	1138	211
19 th – 25 th June	Balroy Hall, Carpenterstown Road, Dublin 15	3	Apt	1004	145
19 th – 25 th June	Hastings Lawn, Balbriggan, Co Dublin	2	House	1490	219
19 th – 25 th June	Bremore Pastures Green, Balbriggan, Co Dublin	3	Duplex	769	99
			Total	5719	916

In May 2024, there were a total of 80 full homeless assessments completed – comprising 45 families and 34 singles/couples.

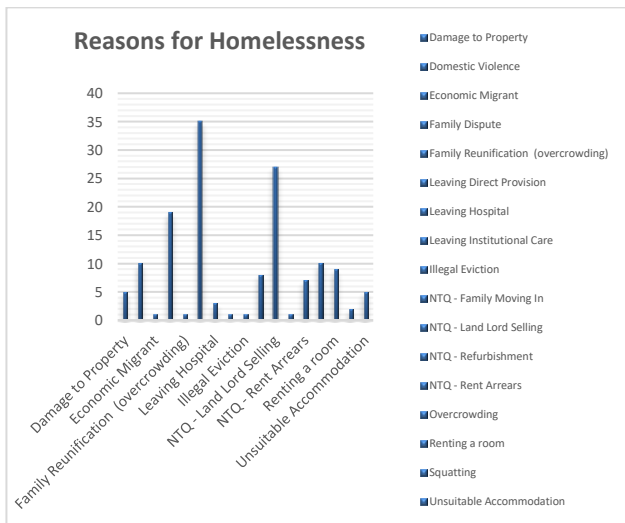
In June to date 2024, there were a total of 65 full homeless assessments completed – comprising 29 families and 36 singles/couples.

Homeless Assessments 2024



During May and June 2024, of the 145 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 Direct Provision (24%), family/relationship breakdown (13%), living in overcrowded conditions (7%) who state that they cannot/will not return to the property. The remaining 26% comprise various reasons outlined in the chart below;

Reasons for Homelessness



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.

There have been 31 reported rough sleeping cases in 2024.

6 of the clients have taken up Emergency Accommodation and we continue to work with 2 others in an effort to provide a suitable solution.

There are currently 4 registered long term entrenched rough sleepers (1 couple and 2 males). The couple and 1 male have been nominated to Housing First tenancies in March 2024. We continue to work with the last client in an effort to secure him long term accommodation.

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.

National Housing Strategy for Disabled People 2022-2027 Implementation Plan

Action 1.2.2 of the National Housing Strategy for Disabled People 2022-2027 Implementation Plan states that Local authorities and the HSE must work together to plan and deliver on housing targets for disabled people in the community (including de-congregation) in line with the forthcoming Disability Services Action Plan.

The HSE Mental Health Housing Coordinator from Parkgate Hall liaises with the Homeless Services Team on a monthly basis.

Currently 12 Fingal County Council clients have been identified, three have been housed and two more are going through the nomination process

Homeless Action Plan 2022- 2024

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

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

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

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, 272 tenant in-situ properties are at the sale closed stage. A total of 97 properties are at the sale agreed stage with a further 43 cases in the negotiation process. In addition, the Council is assessing a further 314 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 neighboring 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

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.

Refurbishment work to 3 houses at St Philomena's Court are also near completion. Works include provision of new heating systems, kitchens and bathrooms.

Work has begun preparing the Draft Traveller Accommodation Programme 2025 – 2029. Letters of intent have been issued to relevant stakeholders with further engagement anticipated to take place over the coming weeks, with public consultation anticipated to take place regarding the Draft Plan during Summer 2024.

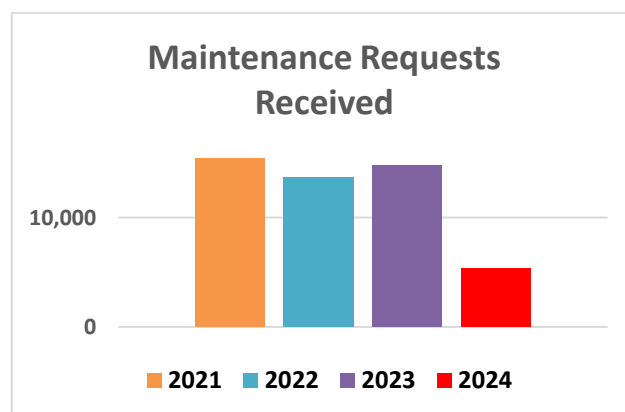
Regular site visits by Housing Inspectors continue all Fingal County Council Traveller specific sites while checking on vulnerable residents and advising on the continued support available.

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.



Before and after photos of recent site clean up works at a Halting Site

Housing Maintenance



Maintenance requests are up 3.2% on 2023



Before and after photos of recent Estate Enhancement Works at Dublin Street Flats

Boiler Servicing Programme

The 2024 Programme of work continues, with Contractors working across the County in areas such as Corduff, Dromheath, Whitestown, Wellview, Lusk, Garristown, Malahide and Donabate.

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.

Fingal County Council delivered 9 tenant Induction Courses throughout 2023. Further courses are expected during 2024 as new developments are completed and are ready for allocation.

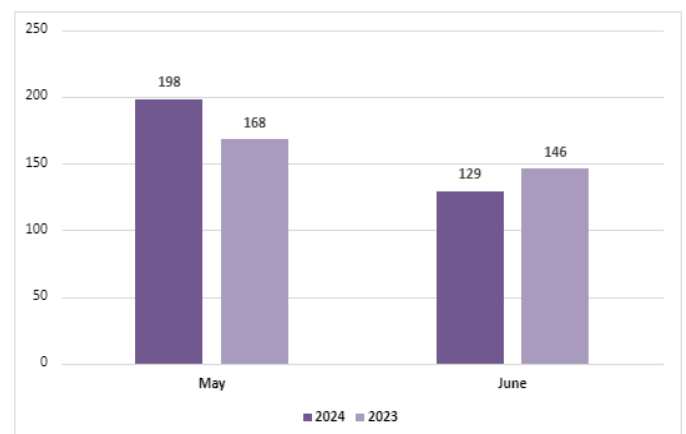
ASB Caseload Management

Complaints May/June2024	Total	Active	Monitoring	Closed
Balbriggan	33	28	1	4
Rush / Lusk	43	30	6	7
Swords	89	61	6	22
Howth / Malahide	37	24	9	4
Blanchardstown / Mulhuddart	88	36	21	31
Ongar	34	23	2	9
Castleknock	3	2	0	1
Total	327	204	45	78

Surrenders on Estate Management Grounds 2024

January (1), February (4), March (6), April (3) May (7), June (1)

Monthly Breakdown of ASB Complaints Received 2023-24



Anti-Social Behaviour Interventions

Interviews Held 2024	67
Interviews Held 2023	95
Tenancy Alerts 2024	18
Tenancy Alerts 2023	23
Tenancy Warnings 2024	5
Tenancy Warnings 2023	6

Inspectorate

Traveller Specific Site Inspections 2024	823
Traveller Specific Site Inspections 2023	1665
Estate Inspections 2024	589
Estate Inspections 2023	1305
Estate Management Inspections 2024	1009
Estate Management Inspections 2023	1666

Housing Ukraine Response and Vacant Homes

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 Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection and the wider Fingal community are shown below:

www.gov.ie/ukraine
[Ukraine українці Україна | Fingal County Council](#)

The Council's Community Integration Forum continues to meet regularly to co-ordinate the response of the various statutory agencies and voluntary groups in the county to assist the Ukraine community with the most recent meeting held on the 25th of June 2024.

The Forum was originally tasked with assisting the Ukrainian Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection. However, taking into account Departmental guidance and the work of Council's newly formed Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT) in assisting the target cohorts below the remit of the Forum has expanded to include

1. Applicants for International Protection (IP Applicants)
2. Those with Refugee, Subsidiary Protection, or Permission to Remain status
3. Programme Refugees
4. Beneficiaries of Temporary Accommodation (BOTPs).

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

The Vacant Homes Team continues to engage with owners of vacant properties to encourage owners to bring them back into use and advise of schemes that are available to assist this with on-going follow up of properties reported as vacant to the Council and those identified by way of survey.

Note the **Vacant Homes Team** have also recently taken possession of a vacant residential property by way of Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) with a further 3 vacant residential properties referred to the Property Department to initiate the statutory CPO process.

The Croí Cónaithe Refurbishment Grant Scheme is 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) with all areas of the County covered.

The expansion of scheme also allows for a grant for approved properties to be rented on the private market when refurbishment is complete. Before this change, the grant-approved property had to be the principal private residence of the applicant. 142 applications have been received under the scheme with an increasing flow of new applications. 79 applications have been approved with further 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 at Donabate Golf Club on the 7th March 2024 and a promotional stand was present at the Flavours of Fingal Show in the Fingal Tented Village on the 29\30th June.

For enquiries on the scheme and other schemes to bring properties back into use, please contact the Council's Vacant Homes Office via e-mail at vacant.homes@fingal.ie. Vacant properties can also be reported to this address for investigation

Croí Cónaithe Vacant Property Grant Photos:

Before



After



Before



After



Recent Vacant Property Grant Approval:



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Age Friendly Fingal
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Community Development Office

Community development is a process where community members come together to take collective action and generate solutions to common problems. Community wellbeing, economic, social, environmental and cultural challenges are often solved through collective action being taken at a grassroots level. Community development ranges from small initiatives within a local group to large initiatives that involve the broader community.

Building community capacity, strengthening community participation, and involving people in decisions that affect their lives is a complex process and can only be achieved by working with local communities and agencies who have responsibility to the people in those communities. In May/June the Community Development Office worked in partnership with a number of community groups and partners to support many projects/Initiatives including;

A Sip of Support – New Grief Support Group in Swords

Fingal Community Development Office is delighted to support “A Sip of Support”. This new support group came about because of the need bring together members of the community who have lost a loved one and are grieving. The group held their first meeting in the September 2023 and the committee recorded a podcast with the “Everywhere we go – Journey into Heartbreak” in November 2023.

Approximately 150 people have come to the group over this 8-month period and are benefiting from the peer-to-peer support this offered by the group.



Holywell Residents Association

On 15th June 2024, Holywell Residents Association in Swords undertook to create three fabulous planters which are situated at the entrance to Holywell Park. The group also planted flowers and shrubs on the four roundabouts in Holywell. They also carried up a clearing action to remove weeds from the carpark near the public park. A local fund-raiser was organised and publicised locally with support from businesses in the area who donated prizes. A Family Day also took place as part of the activities plan of the Holywell Development Group, supported by the FCC Community Development Office.



Disability Federation of Ireland and Prosper Fingal Hustings Event

The #EveryVoteCounts Project, by Disability Federation of Ireland, with partners Prosper Fingal in Swords and the Blanchardstown Centre for Independent Living, hosted hustings workshops for people with disabilities in Swords and Blanchardstown. The workshops were supported by the Community Development Office.

Nine local election candidates took part in a questions and answers hustings event at Prosper Fingal, Seatown Road to support voters with disabilities and allow them to raise their critical issues on topics such as jobs, transport public realm, living with dignity and appropriate community facilities.



Mega Mila Festival - Alsaa

On Saturday 1st June 2024 the cultural and colourful Mega Mela festival took place in Alsaa, Swords. This event was organised by the Malaysian Indians of Ireland. There was chess, carrom, art competitions, tasty food, dancing, a very competitive tug-of-war competition with 16 teams from all over Ireland from Enniscorthy to Drogheda. Fashion stalls, with colourful saris and beautifully ornate jewellery and delicious food, especially the mango lassi. The Mayor of Fingal Cllr. Adrian Henchy lit the inaugural lamp and welcomed everyone to the festival in the company of Jack Chambers TD, and Barry Andrews EP and Indian Actress Anu Sithara. There was something for everyone.

Prioritising Mulhuddart Meeting

The second meeting of the Prioritising Mulhuddart stakeholders took place on 13th of June 2024. The meeting was coordinated and supported by the Community Development Office. There was great turnout from varying service providers and agencies, who discussed potential collaboration opportunities, local issues, and practical solutions. The next meeting is set for 12th September 2024. Going forward, each meeting will feature a presentation from one service provider to highlight their work, followed by updates from all other stakeholders and discussing local issues.

Meakstown Community Centre Updates



On 14th June 2024, the new Board of Management of Meakstown Community Centre carried out a site visit to the new community centre. The purpose of the visit was to give the Board a clear understanding of the available space, aiding in the development of a plan for community use once the centre opens. Meanwhile, a subgroup of Meakstown residents has finalised a research brief for an updated Needs Analysis of the area. Together with the site visit, this analysis will equip the Board of Management with a solid foundation to allocate community space in line with local needs when the centre opens later this year.

Safer Together Festival Blanchardstown



The Community Development Office participated in the recent Safer Together Festival in Blanchardstown on 7th June 2024. The good weather provided an excellent opportunity to engage with community members and network with other local service providers, helping to identify potential projects for the coming months.

Mourne 50



The Mourne Estate Development Working group are continuing with the 'Mourne 50' project to celebrate the 50th year of Mourne Estate in Skerries. A Street Feast took place at Mourne Grove on 25th May 2024 with music, face-painting and an appearance of the Sam Maguire. The celebrations were greatly enhanced by a home win for Mourne Celtic FC which won them a League title.

Mourne Celtic FC, Mourne Estate Residents Association and Foróige are key stakeholders in the project and together with the Community Development office, Local Councillors and Scoil Realt Na Mara, are now planning the estate Family Fun Day on 20th July 2024 which will include children's activities, music, a memorial soccer tournament and an official launch of the new wall designed and built at the front of the estate, which was a collaboration between the residents and FCC Operations department.

The Bold Woman Conference 2024 – Progressive You



The annual Bold Woman Conference took place on 4th May 2024 in the Radisson Hotel at Dublin Airport. The theme this year was Progressive You, with guest speakers on the day including inspiring Dr. Ireti Oghuvbu, Seyi Agbede the first primary school teacher of colour in Ireland. A financial matters talk was given by Tolulope S. Olaniyan and a panel discussion on community engagement with Fingal Community Officer Jacinta Lowndes included on the panel. The Bold Woman group is a celebration of women in Ireland of African descent and continue to grow under the leadership of Nike Adesemowo.



Fingal Men's Sheds Walk and Talk



Fingal Men's Sheds Association acknowledged Men's Health Week in June by hosting a walk and talk Slí event at Newbridge House and Gardens, Donabate. The member groups embarked on a choice of a walking routes (1km, 2km or 3km) and had the opportunity to converse with fellow group members and those from other Sheds who participated. Members from over 12 Men's Shed groups from Fingal took part.

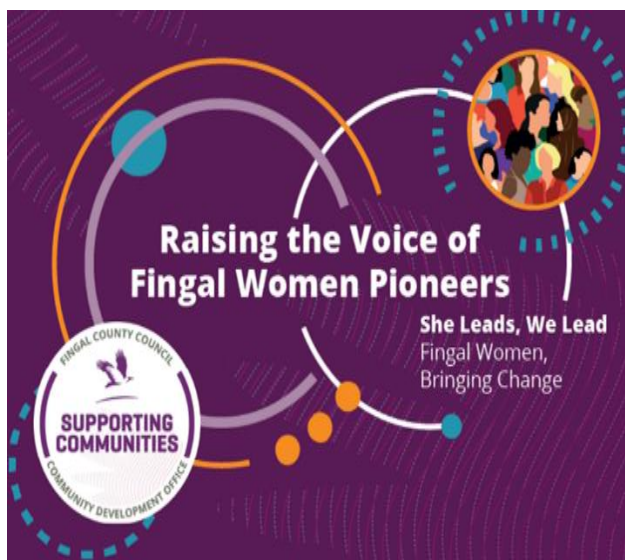
Refreshments and music were enjoyed in the Walled Garden afterwards. The Community Development Office, Sports Development Office and Healthy Fingal supported the event and plans for a similar event with support from Irish Men's Shed Association during Men's Health month next November.

Pride of Place 2024



Fingal County Council has nominated Lusk Community Association, Sustainable Skerries and Castleknock Community Centre Laurel Lodge, to represent Fingal in the annual IPB Pride of Place Competition, supported by the Community Development Office. Judging will take place in early September and the three groups will compete in the respective categories of Populations Over 5000, Climate Action and Biodiversity and Inclusive Communities. Pride of place is an all-island competition, organised by Co-operation Ireland and celebrates the best in Community Development on the island of Ireland. The winners will be revealed at an Awards event being held in Monaghan Town on 2nd November 2024.

Fingal She Leads: Raising the Voice of Fingal Women Pioneers



Fingal She Leads: Raising the voice of Fingal Women Pioneers are hosting Community conversations in Balbriggan, Blanchardstown, Skerries and Baldoyle on the 24th and 25th June, 2024 to gather stories and concerns of women in Fingal. Information gathered will be represented in unique visual boards and displayed in the final exhibition on the 11th July 2024 in Kettles County Hotel Swords.

This five-month women’s leadership programme involves 13 women from diverse backgrounds and nationalities.

The project aims to empower the women to enhance their self – awareness of their pioneering qualities and boost their confidence to bring positive change in their communities. During the programme and through creative engagement methodologies, the women develop an understanding of influencing through the local council.



Summer Projects



Over 30 summer projects will take place across Fingal over July and August. Community groups and service providers have been funded through the **Fingal Summer Projects programme** to provide supervised programmes of recreational and educational activities for young people during the summer. The focus is on encouraging community involvement and developing resources and groups within localities.

Summer programmes are also required to incorporate themed activities focusing on community safety, health & wellbeing, climate action, and integration.

The Summer Project Programme provides valuable opportunities to young people for personal growth, education, and recreation during the summer months. By funding these initiatives, the Community Development Office not only supports the development of important life skills but also promotes a sense of community and belonging for young people.

Fingal Safer Halloween Programme



The Community Development Office will support Community Safer Halloween activities in 2024. Activities will be led by local voluntary community groups and centres on the lead up to and including the eve of Halloween. Suggested activities will include discos, pumpkin carving, mask making, parades etc. and will include a 'Stay Safe and Awareness' element. The maximum funding available to groups is €750. From the 21st of June, community and voluntary groups are invited to register their interest to host an event. Only groups that have expressed an interest can progress to submitting an application for funding. Closing date for the expression of Interest is the 26th July 2023. Click below to register your interest

<https://consult.fingal.ie/en/content/2024-fingal-community-safer-halloween-programme-expression-interest-form>

[Online Information Evening](#) [Community Activities](#) [Funding](#)



The Community Development Office will host an online information evening on Wednesday 11th September, 2024 from 7.00pm to 8.30pm on the Community Activities Funding Scheme. This scheme is available to Community and Voluntary groups in Fingal to apply for up to €3000 towards the costs of enhancements activities, office equipment, publications, promotional material, community events, environmental/ climate action initiatives, tutors fees and course material etc.... Join this event to learn about the scheme, how to apply, talk through the criteria and to share ideas.

To book please click on the link below;

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

Facilities Management Rush Multipurpose & Youth Facility

Refurbishment works on the Rush Multipurpose Youth Facility is nearing completion. The Management Committee and Centre Management are busy working with local groups to support their activities once the centre reopens.



Baldoyle Community Centre



On Thursday, 30th May, the official sod turning event for the new Baldoyle Community Centre took place. With a similar design to the centre currently under construction in Meakstown, the state-of-the-art facility will provide high-quality community facilities for this area, new and old. The event was attended by the Mayor and Chief Executive of Fingal County Council, elected members from the Howth & Baldoyle areas, staff from the Community Development Office and representatives of the many vibrant sporting and community groups in the area who will make use of this fantastic facility which will be completed by 2025.

Interagency

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

Fingal Festival in a Van – Sounds Like Summer



Fingal festival in a Van is a co-production between the Community Office, Libraries/Creative Ireland and the Festival in a Van organisation.

Music and poetry were enjoyed by 12 communities across the county as the Van rocked up and locals from community groups, direct provision centres, Ukrainian rest Centres and users of Fingal's public park took part in the pop-up festival. Piloted last year in the North County, the project visited every corner of the county this summer, from Balbriggan to Baleskin and from Corduff to Howth.

Artists taking part included rapper Jyellowl, folk singer Niamh Bury, poet Paula Meehan and spoken word artist Trudy Gorman, to name a few. The tour started at Prosper Fingal, Swords and ended two weeks later in Baldoyle Community Garden.

Fingal Volunteer Week

Fingal Volunteer Week took place from 20th – 26th of May. There were three roadshow events in Fingal during the week in Baldoyle, Balbriggan Swords Castle Chapel. The Community Development Office works collaboratively with Fingal Volunteer Centre to promote opportunities to volunteer in the community, as well as being a platform for community groups and organisations to request and post for support and help through Ivool, the volunteer centre's database.

Africa Day 2024



Africa Day was celebrated across the county on Saturday 25th May 2024 with four events supported by the Community Department with funding from the Department of Foreign Affairs/Irish Aid.

African Advocacy Network Ireland celebrated Africa Day in Corduff Resource Centre with traditional dance performances from East Nigeria, music by Ghanaian artist Benjamin Dey and an award ceremony to acknowledge community members for their contribution to a positive image to Irish society.

Lusk Community Council and the Redeemed Christian Church of God held an exhibition linked to Africa, A Taste of African food, African music, and dance as well as a podcast on “Irish African Voices”. Balbriggan African Community celebrated with an event in Flemington Community Centre with traditional African poetry, music, food and costume with presentations by two Youth Motivational Speakers. Fingal Ethnic Network held an event in Blakestown Community Centre to showcase different cultures through music, food, and discussions.



Fingal Comhairle Na nÓg

Comhairle na nÓg are child and youth Councils in 31 local authorities, which give children and young people the opportunity to be involved in the development of local services and policy decisions.



The group are busy working on their project about Youth Spaces in Fingal. One member is part of the Road Safety Youth Forum.

7 members took part in a consultation with ‘A Lust for Life’, a new mental health charity which aims to change how we talk about and treat mental health in Ireland. The charity is developing a new Youth Summit, to create change in schools.

1 member has been nominated to be part of the National LGBTI+ Inclusion Strategy Youth Advisory Group. Some of the group took part in the Youth Vote 2024.

Several members took part in a Hustings event prior to the Local and European Elections in Foróige Balbriggan Youth Project alongside Foróige young people, where they had discussions with local councillors Cllr. Brendan Ryan, Cllr. Karen Power and Deputy Mayor Cllr. Gráinne Maguire.

Public Participation Network (PPN)

Fingal Public Participation Network (PPN) is a network of community, voluntary, social inclusion and environmental organisations, working to build a better county for the community of Fingal.

The PPN ran a summer school in DCU for four days from 27th to 30th May, with daytime sessions in-person and evening sessions online, it included all Dublin-based Public Participation Networks; Dublin City, Fingal, Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown and South Dublin.

The workshops covered a variety of topics and were chosen in collaboration with the PPN coordinators to strengthen PPN members to affect and advocate for positive change in their communities. This year’s Summer School also offered all Dublin-based PPNs and their members a chance to network and learn from each other.

Sessions covered were:

- ◇ What is the PPN?
- ◇ How to engage with the Council/funding
- ◇ Sustainable development goals training
- ◇ Media Training
- ◇ Grant Writing/Funding Workshop
- ◇ Public Policy & Advocacy
- ◇ Equality, Diversity & Inclusion



PPNs are 10 years old this year and each PPN is currently preparing a comms campaign to advertise this in their own county.

Hello, How Are You Day with Thrive Swords

A colourful stand in the Pavillions Shopping Centre, attracted many visitors to find out about the Thrive Swords Mental Health Project which follows in the footsteps of the Thrive Balbriggan project – aiming to make both towns Mentally Healthy Communities. The Community Development Office is continuing to engage with Mental Health Ireland, local stakeholders and community groups and residents to support Swords Thrive! Several meetings have taken place and potential initiatives and events are being planned as we speak – watch this space for more updates.

Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT)

The role of the Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT) is to provide ongoing integration supports to International Protection (IP) applicants, Programme Refugees and Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection (BOTP) to enable them to live independently in the community.

The LAIT Team is completing their current round of meetings with accommodation centre managers and stakeholders during June which will facilitate the prioritisation of centres by the team and allow clinics to commence.

Ukraine Supports

Ukraine Volunteers of Ireland Older and Wiser Showcase Event

Ukraine Volunteers of Ireland hosted an Older and Wiser Event on the 24th June to showcase the work of their group through music and craft Displays.



Ukrainian Network

The Ukrainian Network is facilitated and convened by the Integration Team. The Network met on Tuesday 25th June 2024, the meeting included presentations and updates from all the members on their work and any issues discussed.



Age Friendly Fingal

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.

OPC Annual Conference



130 representatives from 'senior' groups across Fingal attended the OPC's Annual Conference on 21st May 2024 in Kettles Country House Hotel. The Conference, which was opened by the Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Adrian Henchy covered two themes: Housing in Fingal and Decisions Supports within the HSE.

Housing presentations were provided by Fingal County Council's Aoife Lawler, Carmel Brennan and Danielle Monahan on Housing Options in Fingal, Age Friendly Design and Ageing in Place, respectively. The informative presentations were well received by delegates who were delighted to know that their needs were being considered in new housing developments in Fingal.

Presentations from the HSE's Ciara Palmer, Jacqueline Grogan and Geraldine Farren focused on the Assisted Decision Making (Capacity) Act 2015 and the move to a human right centered approach, supports available in acute settings and advance healthcare directive. The presentations highlighted the guiding principles underlying this legislation, with the presumption that everyone can make decisions about their own lives. Delegates were reminded that we all make unwise decisions throughout our life, but this does not affect our capacity to make decisions.

Following a thought-provoking morning, the afternoon provided mental relief as delegates danced to the music of Joe Mann. It was obvious from the dancing that some delegates acted upon the information provided by speakers and made their own decision to forgo the walking sticks and join in the dancing. For them it was a wise decision and for one delegate it felt like "a weight had been lifted" from his shoulders and it was best time he has had in years!

Fingal Age Friendly Strategy (2025)

Work is underway on developing the Fingal Age Friendly Strategy with consultations with older people and key stakeholders taking place throughout June and July. An online survey will be promoted alongside hard copies being made available to inform the strategy.

Consultants will also attend key Council Events such as Vintage Picnic and Flavours of Fingal to seek the views of older people on how to ensure Fingal remains a wonderful place to grow old. They will ascertain the challenges faced by older residents of Fingal and how these challenges can be addressed through policy and action plans. The completed Strategy is expected to be available for approval by year end.

Vintage Picnic: Thursday 25th July 2024



Vintage Picnic will take place on Thursday 25th July in Swords Castle with creative and physical activities for attendees to try out. Entertainment will be provided by local “older groups” followed by headline Acts “The Ronan Collins Showband” and “The Blue Belles”. This event is ticket only and is fully sold out.



EU KORALE PROJECT - Tackling Loneliness in the community

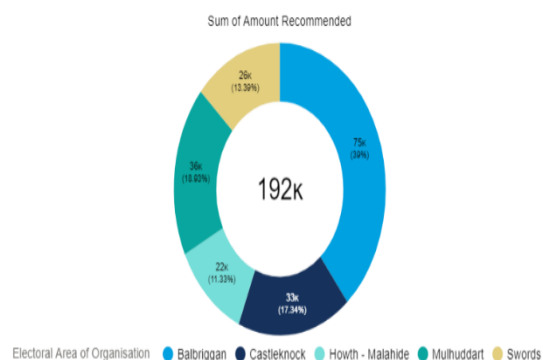
The Community Development Office has been selected to take part a four-year EU KORALE project involving a consortium of six European Countries who will focus on preventing and tackling loneliness in their communities through public policy.

This European funded Interreg project aims to improve public policies by exchanging good practices and integrating multifaceted approaches to address and prevent loneliness across Europe.

Following the online kickoff meeting in April, the inaugural meeting of the KORALE partner countries took place last week in Donostia/San Sebastian, with members of the Fingal team actively participating throughout the various meetings and events where concepts and workplans were progressed. KORALE will span four years and its outputs include the publication of **24 good practices** and a **KORALE Policy Guide**.

For further information see <https://www.interregeurope.eu/korale>

Funding Community Activities Funding (Up to 21st June 2024)



Communities Activities Funding has been awarded a total of **85 projects to the amount of €191,925.71**.

The purpose of the Community Activities funding is to support community and voluntary groups to develop initiatives that support: community group development, social inclusion initiatives, community events, climate action/environmental enhancement, integration or intercultural Initiatives.

The Communities Activities funding scheme is managed by the Community Development Office and often involves the Community Development Officer engaging with and supporting a local community groups to develop a local project that responds to a local need or issue. For more information [click here](https://www.fingal.ie/council/service/community-grants-and-funding)

Howth Malahide - €21,747 - across 13 projects

Swords - €25,708 - across 13 projects

Castleknock/ Mulhuddart- €69,620 - across 27 projects

North County Balbriggan - €74,851 - across 32 projects

Community Facilities (Non FCC Owner Remedial works Funding)



Community Facilities (non-FCC owned) Remedial Works funding has been awarded to a total of **6 projects to the amount of €112,224 in 2024.**

This scheme is available to existing (non- Fingal County Council owned) Community centres for emergency/essential remediation capital works. For more information visit <https://www.fingal.ie/sites/default/files/2023-04/CRWGS%20-%20Criteria.pdf>

Swords - €61,929 - across 2 projects

Balbriggan - €50,295 across 4 projects

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R132 Blakes Cross to Quickpenny Lane

Works on the R132 have progressed well over recent weeks with the final surfaces applied the Contractor has been carrying out some of the snagging items along the route. The final lining and road markings are currently being applied when weather conditions are suitable. The installation of the bollards and lane separator's is ongoing with the contractor working from the south of the project in a northerly direction. The area at Corduff School with the SRTS treatment has taken shape and really defines the area where the reduced periodic speed limit applies, and the traffic calming takes effect. Some remaining items in this area to be completed is additional signage and advanced warning of school zone.



Seatown Road Swords:

The Engineering Consultant and Project Team are currently working to finalise the tender documents and gateway reports that are required to be submitted to the NTA in advance of going to the tender and procurement process for the appointment of a contractor to carry out the works. The project team are working towards going to the market in the coming months for a Contractor to progress to the Construction stage in 2024, subject to NTA approvals.

Donabate Portrane R126 cycle paths:

The Project Team is currently working with our property section to progress the potential acquisition of lands along a section of the route to facilitate the progression of the proposed walking and cycling infrastructure from the end of the distributor road in Donabate along the R126 through to the coast at Portrane.

Full options report together with the preferred option is being drafted at present and this will be presented to the members and internal department later this year.

Coney Hill Balbriggan R132 cycle paths:

The Engineering Consultant is currently working with the Project Team to finalise concept designs and options report to assist with stakeholder engagement. Further Topographical Surveys are underway to assist with the decision-making process on the preferred option.

This is a complex section of road as the road widths are narrow and confined. All options are being considered at present so that the preferred option can be established. Further details will be presented to Cllr's later in the year.

St Cronan's Brackenstown Road Cycle lanes:

The contractor has been back on site to complete the outstanding works at the Murrough Road Rathbeale Road Junction. These works included tie in of the cycle lanes from the Murrough Road into the Rathbeale Road. New drop kerbs and road markings to provide safe transition for cyclists and vulnerable road users from the on-road cycle facilities onto the off-road cycle facilities on the Rathbeale Road. These works are close to completion together with other snag items on this project. This project is now in the close out phase.



Pathfinder Pinnock Hill to Airport cycle paths:

An updated options report has been provided by the Engineering Consultant following an initial review from the Project Team. The updated Options Report has been reviewed and submitted to the NTA for approval before moving to the next steps. Consultation is ongoing with the relevant stakeholders including the DAA, NTA and Bus Connects project team. Further updates will be provided over the coming months, through this report and at ACM level.



Paddy's Hill to Broomfield

Tender documents are being prepared for Consultant from the NTA Multiparty Framework for 'Concept Development and Options Selection'. Preparation of the brief and tender documents have begun. Brief for the appointment of consultant being drafted and currently being assessed and amended.

Howth-Malahide Area:

Baldoyle-Howth Protected Cycle Lane Scheme Phase 2

A review of the existing road network in Baldoyle is on the Active Travel Unit's programme for 2024-2025, which will include Willie Nolan Road, Brookstone Road and Main Street. The Phase 2 options report for the improvement of pedestrian and cycle facilities on the existing road network is being reviewed for Baldoyle Village and surrounding roads, connecting Grange Road cycle scheme to Warrenhouse Road Cycle Scheme and Baldoyle Greenway.

It is intended to progress to tender for consultants for the preliminary design of Phase 2 in Q3, 2024. Preparation of the brief has begun, in line with the Fingal County Development Plan, the Climate Action Plan and an Active Travel Strategy for Fingal.

Enabling works have been substantially completed to provide connectivity from Paddy's Hill Car Park to St. Helen's Junior School and Limetree Avenue. This included tree surgeon works, footpath works, new access points to the school, ramps, table-top crossings, dropped kerbs and ramps on the carriageway on Paddy's Hill.





Feltrim Road Cycle Infrastructure

The brief and tender documents have been returned from the Single Party Framework Operator. The tender return will now be assessed and, pending the outcome of the tender assessment, the consultant will be appointed for multi-disciplinary consultancy services for the provision and improvement of infrastructure for pedestrians, people on cycles and other vulnerable road users.

The route of the Feltrim cycle scheme is shown on the map below, commencing at Kettles Lane, along the Feltrim Road to Mountgorry Way and on up to the Swords Road Roundabout. The study area is from the Mountgorry Way/Swords Road roundabout via Mountgorry Way and Feltrim Road, tying into the Feltrim Road/Kettle's Lane junction. An indicative route for illustrative purposes is provided below.

This map outlines the route of the proposed improved active travel infrastructure with the addition of a pedestrian crossing facility to be provided at/near the entrance to Kettles Park on Kettles Lane, and treatment of the three roundabouts at Swords Road/Mountgorry Way, Mountgorry Way/Feltrim Road, and Drinan Enterprise Centre/Liam Rogers Centre/MPETSS.

It is anticipated that a concept design will be completed by Q4 2024, with Preliminary Design commencing in Q1, 2025.

Seapark Hill to Old Golf Course Link Park

A temporary footpath was constructed in December 2023, to provide safe access from Seapark Hill to the Old Golf Links site and paths through the park, providing safe connectivity to Seamount Heights. The Developer on the Seamount Road side has recently reopened the access, which is now through the new development, linking Seamount Road to the temporary footpath in Seapark Hill.

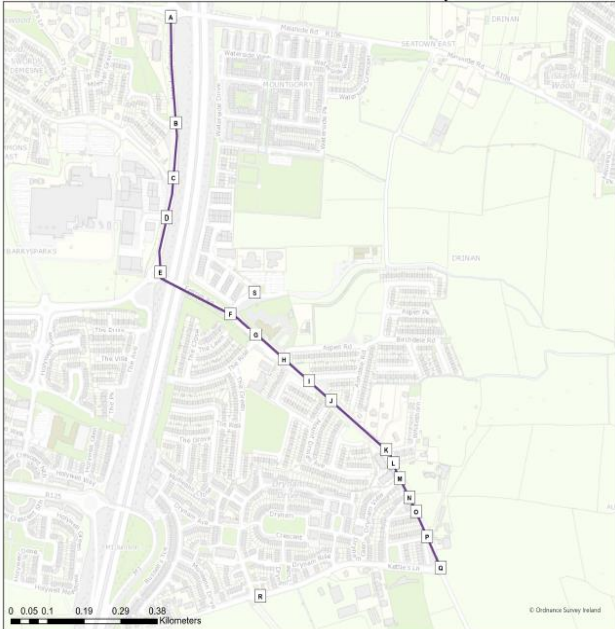
The design brief and tender documents have been prepared for the permanent link, and negotiations are ongoing at present with the Single Party Framework operator. Once negotiations are complete, it is intended to publish this tender as soon as possible to progress this project from the design phases through to completion.

National Cycling Programme Proposals



Legend

FELTRIM_ROUTE_MAP



Proposed Feltrim Route

JUNCTION LABEL	DESCRIPTION	JUNCTION LABEL	DESCRIPTION
A	R104 Waterford Road/Blanchardstown Junction	X	Feltrim Road/Chapelton Junction
B	Moongerry Way/Waterford Avenue Junction	Y	Feltrim Road/Spencer Road/Spencer Junction
C	Moongerry Way/Dunne Road	N	Feltrim Road/Dunne Lane (Pedestrian access only)
D	Moongerry Way/Feltrim Road Business Park Junction	N	Feltrim Road/Dunne Lane (Pedestrian access only)
E	Moongerry Way/Feltrim Road Blanchardstown Junction	O	Feltrim Road/Water Lane Junction
F	Feltrim Road/Waterford Park/Peartree Road/Trinity Junction	P	Feltrim Road/Local Development Centre
G	Feltrim Road/The Rise Junction	Q	Feltrim Road/Coffey Lane
H	Feltrim Road/Upper Junction	R	Balfin Park/Clonak Housing Estate - New Pedestrian Crossing
I	Feltrim Road/Clonak Close (Pedestrian access only)	S	Blanchardstown Upgrade of Clonak Enterprise Centre
J	Feltrim Road/Walsh Street Junction		

Scoil an Duinninigh to Waterside Footpath and Cycleway

Planning permission has been granted for the school and the Department of Education is to engage with Fingal County Council in relation to pedestrian access as a condition of the granted Planning Permission. In the interim, a footpath, dropped kerbs with tactile paving have been provided on the route to/from the school and the Feltrim Road.



BMCO Area: Snugborough Road - NAC to Ongar

The options report for the project has been completed after internal reviews by the Project Team and a workshop with the NTA. A Gateway 2 Report has been issued to the NTA and approval to proceed to the preliminary design phase of the project has been received.

The consultant has received the stage 1 road safety audit on the emerging preferred option. The drawings are now being updated taking this audit into account. Stakeholder engagement continues with the Bus Connects project team for a proposed new signalised junction at Waterville. The latest drawings are being updated to reflect this design. A draft preliminary design report has been issued to the Active Travel Unit with comments sent back. Further updates will be provided over the coming months, through this report and at ACM level.

Clonee to Blanchardstown Shopping Centre

All data collection has been collated and has informed the initial development of the options report. Initial discussions have taken place with local landowners and site meetings have taken place. The design consultant has been issued with an updated review of the draft Options report and drawings following input from the Active Travel team. Once reviewed a workshop will be held with the NTA.

Castleknock to Dunsink Lane

This project is now focusing on Auburn Avenue linking into the Royal Canal at the 12th Lock along the Old Navan Road. 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.

A stage 1 road safety audit has been carried out and comments taken into consideration with drawings updated accordingly. Photomontages of the emerging preferred option have been prepared in advance of a public consultation with information leaflets being drafted for a letter drop to the wider area. Draft EIA and AA screening reports have also been submitted for review.

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. A tender competition has been published to engage the design consultant for phase 2b in this regard. The tender competition is now closed and is under assessment. 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 has taken place. The feasibility study has started, and traffic and drone surveys have taken place. A topographical survey has been completed and has been issued to the designers to inform the study.

Towns & Villages

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

New Street

Fingal County Council has received notification of Judicial Review proceedings challenging the Part 8 approval for the Public Realm Improvements. Fingal County Council's legal team are currently taking instructions in relation to this.

Tender documents have been developed for Stage 2b (detailed design) and negotiations are ongoing with the Single Party Framework Operator.

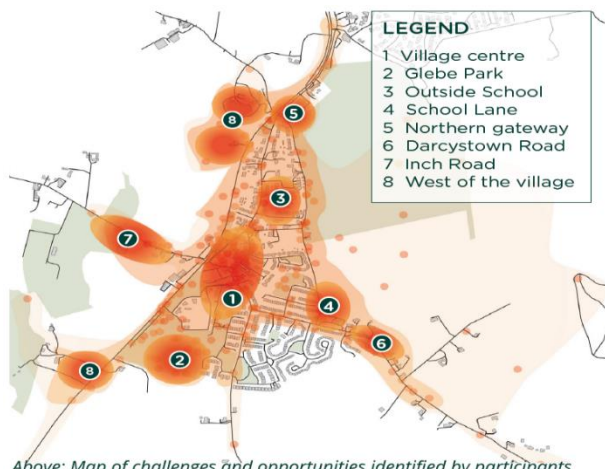
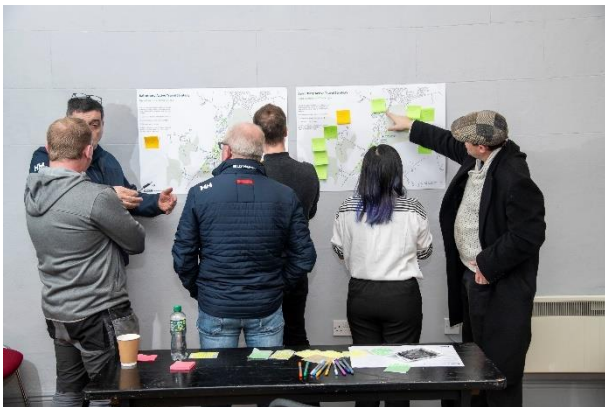


Balrothery Active Travel Plan

Documentation in relation to a 2nd non-statutory consultation is being prepared for online public consultation, to share conclusions from the event, emerging vision and the key principles informing this vision.

Baseline traffic surveys have been carried out in the village and the design team are awaiting a report of same.

The Consultant is also in the process of identifying Key Performance Indicators for Active Travel in Balrothery, for agreement with the Active Travel Unit. Different approaches to a solution are being developed to deliver Active Travel in Balrothery. Each of these approaches will be examined against the Key Performance Indicators for various locations across Balrothery to determine a best-fit approach. The approaches will then be put through a feasibility assessment to determine their appropriateness at varying locations across the village, which will inform the emerging plan for Active Travel facilities in Balrothery.



Above: Map of challenges and opportunities identified by participants

Skerries Active Travel Plan

Stage 2 Tender for the appointment of an Integrated Design Team are now currently out to the market with tender's due back by early July. Once the tenders are returned and assessed we anticipate being able to appoint a consultant by mid-August. This will be an important milestone for Skerries and allow us to move forward with an overall plan for the area.

Skerries Harbour Road:

The project team and consultants are reviewing and replying to the issues in the Pre-Planning Report received from the Planning Department. The Project Team has recently met with the local Councillors for the area and provided a brief and update on the status of the project and the next steps. Once documents and drawings are revised by the consultants, the project team will be bringing this project forward to non-statutory consultation with the stakeholder in the area over the coming months during the summer.

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 areas 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 Engineering Consultant and Project Team are currently working to finalise the Non-Statutory Public Consultation Report, Options Report, Detailed Drawings and Screenings on the final option. Once the documents have been finalised, it will be published on the Consultation Portal in the coming weeks. The project team are working towards going to the market in the coming months for a Contractor to progress to the Construction stage in 2024, subject to approvals.

Rush South Beach:

The project team and the Engineering consultant have prepared concept design and options report for new universal access path. Discussions with landowners are ongoing, with meetings held recently and further meetings with the landowners over the coming weeks.

We are working collaboratively with the property owners to find an optimal solution that caters for everyone's needs.

Beaverstown Road, Donabate:

Active Travel has completed the Construction stage for the provision of footpath to link up to existing footpath along Beaverstown Road in Donabate.

Landscaping and planting have been completed and the new fence has been erected.



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 provides 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 complete.

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 complete at three junctions in Offington, Howth:

The two junctions of Offington Drive with Offington Avenue and the junction of Offington Lawn with Offington Avenue are complete. This will slow turning movements by motorised vehicles while providing a shorter crossing distance for pedestrians and other vulnerable road users. Newly landscaped areas have also been provided which will provide additional greenage and sustainable urban drainage. Some minor snagging relating to the newly landscaped areas remain and will be completed as soon as possible.





Secure Bicycle Parking Infrastructure

The contractor is progressing works associated with the provision of Secure Bicycle Parking Infrastructure throughout the county.

The Contractor is also currently progressing works to install a number of bicycle parking facilities across the Dublin 15 and Swords Areas. Works has recently been completed in Skerries, Rush and Balbriggan areas.

Expressions of interest was sent to schools, sports club and community centres in relation to the supply of bike parking facilities earlier this year. These expressions of interest have been assessed and orders are being placed for delivery to these facilities in the coming months.

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

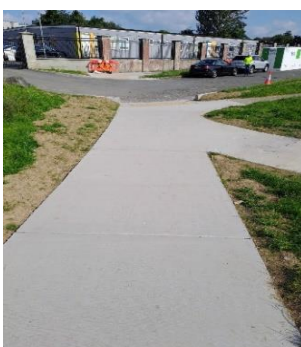
Installation of further flexible bollards on Porterstown Rd outside the school entrance was completed in June. These works took place to further alleviate poor parking near the school gates. The main works are due to start in Q3 2024.



Round 1 - Tranche 2

Detailed Design is complete for the Tranche 2 schools and a tender competition for the construction works has closed. The contractor has commenced work on site at the following school:

Ladyswell National School, Mulhuddart



Works will start on site at the start of Q3 2024 at the following schools:

Scoil Choilm Community NS, Porterstown
Scoil Ghráinne Community NS, Hansfield

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 delivery plans to enable the designers and contractors to carry out the works.

An Taisce are due to provide the delivery plans for each of the schools in the coming weeks that will inform the design process. Some meetings and brainstorming sessions have taken place with the schools in advance of their summer break to allow the Project Team to continue with their works over the summer break. Fingal County Council has procured the services of a consultants' team that will be working on the designs for these schools.

Rush National School:

Active Travel together with Operations have completed the public consultations connected to road safety measures in Rush. A School Street initiative for Rush National School and a junction upgrade adjacent to the school are now being developed with detailed design and tender documents for the appointment of a contractor to complete the works on the ground over the coming months.

The upgrade to the nearby 5-arm junction at Millbank Road, Chapel Road and Whitestown Road which forms part of the 2024 Programme of Works will improve the safety measures for vulnerable road users in the area. Together these upgrades will reduce traffic speeds in the area and provide children walking or wheeling to school with a much safer environment, at and on the approach to the school gate.

Mobility & Behaviour Change

Learn 2 Cycle Tracks.

The new Learn 2 Cycle Track at Millennium Park in Dublin 15 has now been completed. This has proved very popular during recent Bike Week, and we will be continuing to roll out further training programmes aimed at providing skills and confidence to new and old bicycle users to use the new infrastructure throughout the county.



The success of this track is encouraging, and the Team are in the process of building two more tracks, one in Brackenstown Swords and are working on plans for one in Holywell Park in Swords.

Flavours of Fingal 2024

The Active Travel team will be at Flavours of Fingal to talk with the community about active travel, and the various projects and programmes happening in Fingal to support active travel.

Bike Week 2024

Bike Week took place in Fingal from the 11 to 19 May 2024. The week was a massive success with large crowds attending all the events across the county.

The week began in Millennium Park with a Family Fun Day that included a small bike decorating session and parade, the street velodrome and lots more. The week was all about collaboration, we were in The Phoenix Park with Dublin City Council and The OPW for the inclusive cycling session on Sunday 11 and again for the Sunset Cyle on Wednesday 15, where over 100 cyclists joined us for an 8km spin around the park on a beautiful summers evening.



The next weekend started with our first Balance Bike Buddies Session on the new Learn 2 Cycle Track in Millennium Park, 20 children aged 2 to 4 joined us to start their 6 week course and kickstart their cycling journeys.



Throughout the week we worked in partnership with The Scéal Arts Collective in Balbriggan to host a full schedule of events across the town with everything from a bike themed art exhibition to bike safety checks in the pocket park.



The highlight of the week took place in Malahide on Sunday 19 May, where we kicked things off with a bike parade from New Street to the family fun day in Malahide Castle where over 1,600 people joined us to watch family films, *The Secret Life of Pets* and *Sing 2*.

Overall, the week was a huge success and the biggest Bike Week that Fingal has seen. We are already planning and looking forward to Bike Week 2025.



Lease Bike by Bleeper for Staff

The e-bike lease trial is continuing for staff, and feedback has been very positive. As part of our staff behavioural change programme, up to 10 staff per month from County Hall can sign up to receive a Bleeper e-bike, for a one-month trial. 3 different types of e-bikes are available: folding e-bike, trekking or long-tailed cargo bike.



Men's Health Week

This year as part of Men's Health Week we teamed up with the Sports Office, The Irish Men's Shed Association and our Men's Walk & Talk Groups to host the first ever joint Fingal Sheds Slí event. On Wednesday 12th June, approximately 100 members of 9 Fingal Men's Sheds came to Newbridge House and Farm to enjoy a walk around the grounds, followed by an exhibition of the various activities that each shed takes part in. The event was a very enjoyable day and one that will hopefully become an annual event and grow from here.



Walking & Cycling Buses

As the school year comes to a close, the Active Travel Team would like to thank all the parents and guardians who volunteer to lead the various walking and cycling buses that operate week in week out across the County.

If you are interested in starting your own Walking or Cycling bus in September, email active.travel@fingal.ie and we'll do what we can to help get you started.



Mulhuddart Walk & Talk Group

The new Mulhuddart Walk & Talk Group meets every Wednesday at 7pm in Mulhuddart Community Centre. The group is open to people of all ages and abilities and covers around 3km each night. The group is free to join and each night we have a cup of tea/coffee in the Community Centre afterwards. So come along and get walking.



Cycling Without Age

Our Cycling Without Age Trishaws continue to increase in popularity with 26 trips across May and June to date.



Trishaws are piloted by teams of dedicated volunteers in each area and are available to book free of charge in Skerries, Santry, Baldoyle and St Catherine's Park. Simply email cyclingwithoutage@fingal.ie with your name, preferred location, date and time and we'll go from there.



eCargo for Business/Community Group Trials

Five community groups doing valuable work in Fingal have now received their community eCargo bikes. In June, Balbriggan Tidy Towns, and Picker Pals environmental group both received eCargo bikes, which will enable them to carry out their work using an environmentally friendly form of transport. In May Castleknock Tidy Towns, Clonsilla Tidy Towns received their community eCargo Bike. We are still accepting expressions of interest from Community Groups. If you would like more information, please email active.travel@fingal.ie. The Scheme was launched in December with Baldoyle Wildtown. The cargo bikes have been given to the groups for a 12-month period.



Bike Repair Stations

Tendering has been complete for the next tranche of Bike Repair Stations and it is hoped that we will be in a position to install them across the county in the very near future.



Men's Walk & Talk Groups

In June, As part of Men's Health Week the Fingal Men's Sheds teamed up with our Men's Walk & Talk Groups in Newbridge House & Farm for a group walk and showcase of the activities each shed takes part in. We held 1km, 2km and a 3.5km walks to choose from. The event was a huge success with great attendance.



Our Men's Walk & Talk Groups continue to meet each week in various locations across the County. There is no need to register, just find your group and turn up at the meeting point and time.

We are always looking for volunteers who would like to start their own group. Just email active.travel@fingal.ie and we will help you to get started.

All details of our Men's Walk & Talk groups can be found on our website <https://www.fingal.ie/activetravel/menswalk>



#ActiveTravel



Fingal Quiet Streets Community Nomination

The Active Travel unit received a fantastic response to their Quiet Streets nomination process, receiving 150 nominations from the community. The active travel team are now reviewing the nominations. The Quiet Streets initiative allows residents of streets affected by excessive traffic and other road safety issues to nominate their residential street for participation in a 6-month trial of road safety measures which include modal filtering, a longstanding traffic measure in which some streets are kept as through routes for pedestrians and cyclists, but motor vehicles can only access them from one direction using planters and bollards.

Communities can nominate their residential street for consideration via an [online form](#); to be eligible for the scheme, streets must meet the criteria set out on our webpage, where communities can learn more about this programme

<https://consult.fingal.ie/en/content/quiet-streets-fingal-nominate-my-street>



Fresh Air Friday

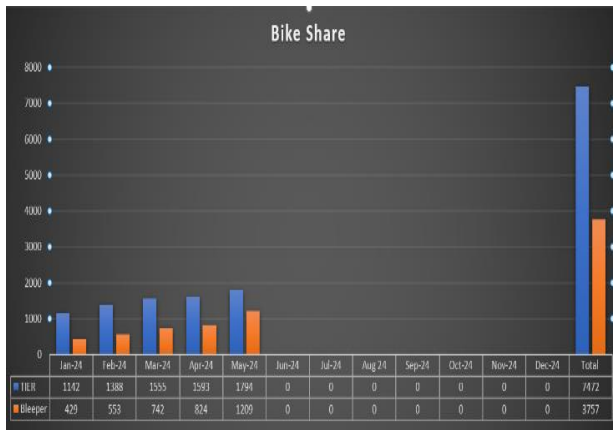
We have launched our Fresh Air Friday Challenge, with several new Fingal schools joining the initiative. Participating schools will be entered into a fun prize draw for a trip to Flynn Park / PE Supply Pack, and some active travel goodies. Participating schools just need to register online and then walk, cycle or scoot to school each Friday! Fresh Air Fridays can help to encourage a long-term behaviour change, improve the air quality around our towns and villages while also promoting a healthy start to the day. If your school or business are interested in signing up to Fresh Air Friday, simply contact active.travel@fingal.ie and we will help you get going.

Skerries Community Car

The Skerries Community Car is available to book for local trips to the doctors, pharmacist, shops and for social occasions. This volunteer led scheme is vital for fighting social isolation and a valuable service to the people of the Skerries and the surrounding areas.



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 are on your way!
Bleeper Bike Update May 2024; key statistics

1209 Bleeper bike journeys started within Fingal operating zone in May
1,227 bike journeys ended within existing Fingal operating zone
Highest usage recorded on Saturdays (18%) and Sundays (17%).
Howth, Donabate & Hartstown were the most popular starting points.
Estimated emissions avoided: 520kg 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 are on your way! The e-bikes are suitable for anyone over the age of 16 and note that a credit or debit card is required to sign up for the service.

TIER Mobility May 2024; Key Statistics

Metric	Details
Trips	1,794
No of Customers	779
Trips / Customer	2.3
Distance Covered (KM)	6,171
Average Trip Duration	15.88mins
Average Trip length (KM)	3.4km

ENVIRONMENT

Climate Action

Dublin Climate Action Week 2024

Dublin Climate Action Week (DCAW) will take place from Monday the 9th to Sunday, 15th September 2024.

The week, which is being organised and delivered in partnership with Dublin City Council, South Dublin County Council, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, Codema – Dublin’s Energy Agency and the Dublin Climate Action Regional Office (CARO), will showcase the ongoing efforts, ambitions and the collaborative approach of the four Dublin local authorities, in addressing climate action.

A number of regional and local events covering a range of climate topics will be delivered as part of Dublin Climate Action Week 2024 and the full programme of events will be available in August on the DCAW website, at www.dublinclimateactionweek.ie



New Climate Action Page on Fingal.ie

The Fingal Climate Action Team have begun works to update the Fingal County Council website with information about the Climate Action Plan and Climate Action works across the County. It is intended when complete that the updated webpage will provide information regarding the Climate Action Plan, its progress and advice on what the public can do for climate action as well as climate education resources and events. The new home page can be found here: <https://www.fingal.ie/ClimateAction>

Mary Robinson Climate Change Conference 2024

The Fingal Climate Action Team attended the Mary Robinson Climate Change Conference 2024 'A Shared Response to a Shared Responsibility' on June 5th-7th in Ballina Co Mayo. The Mary Robinson Climate Change Conference draws voices from all sectors, including experts, policymakers, activists, communities and innovators to share climate experiences and discuss pathways for a sustainable future. The diversity of speakers at this conference echoed the need for effective community engagement in climate action which requires transparent communication, inclusive participation, and sustained collaboration with a diverse range of stakeholders. The Climate Action Team will continue to apply these learnings when planning events, creating resources and engaging with different members of the community in relation to climate action.



Climate Action Awareness

Community Climate Action Fingal

All 25 Community Applications for funding have been submitted to the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications for final approval. The value of the portfolio is the full Fingal County Council allocation of 1.127m Euro. We expect to hear back from the Department in the coming weeks. Legal agreement documents are currently being prepared for the implementation phase.

Dublin Agglomeration Noise Action Plan 2024-2028

The Chief Executive is making a Noise Action Plan (NAP) along with Dublin City Council, Dun-Laoghaire Rathdown County Council, South Dublin County Council, Kildare County Council and Wicklow County Council in accordance with the European Communities (Environmental Noise) Regulations 2018 (S.I. No. 549 of 2018). The making of a Noise Action Plan is not a reserved function.

This Noise Action Plan is aimed at strategic long-term management of environmental noise from transport systems (other than aircraft) and is based on the findings from strategic noise maps and noise exposure statistics which informed assessments of population exposure and harmful effect of noise.

Areas (PIA priority important areas) have been identified with high concentrations of dwellings exposed to elevated noise levels (53dB L_{den} & 45dB L_{night} for roads) in the NAP. These priority areas will be further studied (e.g. further modelling, investigation, noise monitoring & identification and assessment of mitigation measures). One of the actions for Fingal is to prioritise the use of lower road noise surfaces (stone mastic asphalt) over hot rolled asphalt in urban road surfaces. Stone mastic asphalt has the potential to reduce noise impacts bet 3 -5 decibels (dB) over hot rolled asphalt.

In addition, there is a commitment to assess traffic calming schemes for noise in accordance with the traffic management guidelines and manual for streets to maximise noise reduction (some traffic calming measures can worsen noise if they encourage acceleration/ deceleration).

The results of the strategic noise maps have also been used to identify Candidate Quiet Areas (CQAs) areas within the Agglomeration to be considered for the preservation of areas where environmental noise levels are deemed to be good.

A draft Plan was put on display for Public Consultation for a 6-week period from 12th April to 24th May 2024. A total of 11 submissions from members of the public were received for the Fingal area.

Five submissions were made with regard to road noise. These cover traffic volumes, lack of noise barriers along M50, HGV traffic, and road surfaces.

The M50 will be the subject of further evaluation, there is not proposal in the plan to address HGV traffic which if it is to be addressed would have to be done through a national policy and legislation. There is a commitment in the plan to use lower road noise surfaces in urban areas for resurfacing projects.

One submission related to policy and Planning guidance

This submission is from the Acoustic Association of Ireland and call for noise planning policy. The National Planning Framework has an action prepare national noise planning guidance.

Two submissions commented on the quality of the maps and figures within the plan.

In this regard the noise maps for Fingal have been published on the Fingal Website on a gis viewer in the manner of the county development plan and is a superior way to view the maps

One submission related to the selection of PIAs along the M50 in Dublin 15

There are a number of isolated priority important areas in the near the M50 and N3 these will not be assessed in isolation and most likely the whole length of the N3 and M50 in Dublin 15 for 300 m on both sides where there are residential areas will be assessed

One submission related to industrial noise and sites omitted from the noise mapping and exposure assessment.

Two of the sites raised were in Meath and omitted from the noise mapping. One quarry now being used for the disposal of soil was omitted. The omission of these two sites from the noise assessment is minor and will not impact the outcome of the plan, if there a local issue with noise from these sites the problems can be addressed through existing licences

Another submission requested that Garristown Bog and Bog of the Ring be included as Candidate Quiet Areas.

It is not proposed to amend the plan to include these sites, The eastern end of the Bog of the Ring is not quiet and neither of the sites have public access. It this changes during the life of the plan they can be considered for designation as quiet areas

Fingal County Council will undertake an assessment of the noise mitigation measure options relating to PIAs (areas with high concentration of dwellings with elevated noise exposure) within the life cycle of the NAP. This will include discussions across relevant sections within Fingal County Council and the Transport Infrastructure Ireland. The role and responsibility for the assessment and mitigation of noise from the Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) managed road network (M50, N3, N2 & M1) is the subject of difference between the local authorities and TII and has not been resolved. This is a significant issue for the mitigation of noise from these roads as Fingal are not in a position to mitigate the noise measures for these roads.

Environmental Awareness

Community Clean Ups

Supporting A.Forall Stephenstown Clean Up



The Environmental Awareness Officer supported Balbriggan Chamber of Commerce and A.Forall to host a community clean up in Stephenstown Industrial Estate and an Electrical Recycling drop off. A.Forall lead on the litter pick and also removed weeds and swept kerb areas.

St Catherine's Residents Association Rush Clean Up



St Catherine's Resident association in conjunction with Lawpro, Rush Tidy Towns and Cub Scouts.

Launch of Anti-Litter Anti-Graffiti Grant



The Anti-Litter Anti-Graffiti grant was launched on the 13th May and a brand new webpage was created here to provide information and ideas for grants <https://www.fingal.ie/anti-litter-anti-graffiti-grant-2024>

The Anti-Litter Anti-Graffiti Competition is run every year by Fingal County Council. Lots of different projects are initiated by members of Community Groups all over Fingal.

Activities can include litter clean ups, painting of estate walls, painting murals, introducing areas for biodiversity in places prone to litter and dumping and awareness campaigns for litter and cigarette butt disposal. The fund is part-sponsored by the Department of Environment, Climate Action and Communications.

Who Can Apply?

Community groups, schools, sports clubs, Men's/Women's Sheds- we want to hear from you! If you have an idea that will help your community tackle litter or inspire less graffiti in your area, let us know!

National Food Waste Recycling Week

Now in its third year, the National Food Waste Recycling Week ran from the 2nd until the 9th June 2024. This campaign provided advice and easy to follow hints and tips to encourage everyone to recycle more of their food waste.

In Ireland, we waste about 800,000 tonnes of food each year, according to current best estimates. Growing, processing and transporting food uses a huge amount of resources, such as land, water, energy and fertiliser. If food is wasted, these resources are wasted too. The EPA estimates that food waste costs the average Irish household about €60 per month or €700 per year. That's an annual national cost of €1.29 billion.

This year's campaign aims to ensure that people understand that food waste needs to be fully separated from all packaging such as plastic or other containers to prevent contamination at the compost and anaerobic digestion facilities leading to higher quality recycling.

School Food Waste Workshops



FREE FOOD WASTE SCHOOL WORKSHOPS

IN THE SPIRIT OF NATIONAL FOOD WASTE RECYCLING WEEK, FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL ARE OFFERING PRIMARY SCHOOLS A TREAT WITH FREE FOOD WASTE WORKSHOPS AT THE END OF MAY AND JUNE!

STUDENTS WILL LEARN ABOUT:

- TIPS TO SLASH FOOD WASTE
- THE LINKS BETWEEN CLIMATE CHANGE AND FOOD WASTE
- FUN WAYS TO TAKE ACTION ON WASTE!

LIMITED SPACES ARE AVAILABLE FOR IN MAY AND JUNE.

Contact environment.education@fingal.ie to book today!

Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall Fingal County Council

Thornleigh ETNS Swords, St Francis Xavier SNS and Scoil Phadraig Calíni received interactive food waste workshops from the Environmental Awareness Officer. Students explored the impacts of food waste, examined the links between climate action and food waste and created practical solutions to manage waste. 150 students were reached through these workshops.

Composting Workshop GLAS Garden TU Blanchardstown



COMPOST WORKSHOP WITH GLOBAL ACTION PLAN

DATE: 6TH JUNE 2024
TIME 14:00-16:00
LOCATION: GLAS COMMUNITY GARDEN TU DUBLIN BLANCHARDSTOWN
COST: FREE

Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall Fingal County Council

A composting workshop was held in conjunction with Global Action Plan for National Food Waste Recycling Week. Participants experienced a hands-on workshop in which they learned about composting techniques and the links between food waste and climate change. All participants received a brown food waste caddy.

Brown Caddy Giveaway: Estuary Recycling Centre



COLLECT YOUR FREE BROWN CADDY AT THE ESTUARY RECYCLING CENTRE!

DATE: 5TH JUNE 2024
TIME 13:00-15:00
LOCATION: ESTUARY RECYCLING CENTRE SWORDS
COST: FREE

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Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall Fingal County Council

To promote National Food Waste Recycling Week, brown food waste caddies were offered to members of the public in the Estuary Centre. Information was disseminated also regarding food waste, best practice with caddies and promotion of the Estuary Recycling Centre. 130 caddies were given away.

Website Update

The Food Waste section of Fingal.ie has been updated with infographics and up to date information of upcoming events and statistics <https://www.fingal.ie/food-waste-prevention-management-and-upcoming-events>



Gum and Litter Taskforce Launch

The Gum Litter Taskforce (GLT) took to Blanchardstown Shopping Centre on June 20, 2024 as a part of its Summer Roadshow. They were joined by the Fingal County Council Environment team, children from St Francis Xavier Senior National School and Blanchardstown, Castleknock and Clonsilla Tidy Towns groups.

The interactive Roadshow works with local authorities and communities across the country to carry out fun and engaging education and awareness initiatives that demonstrate the proper means of gum disposal and raise awareness of the environmental and fiscal impacts of gum litter. Now in its seventeenth year, the campaign is a collaboration between Food Drink Ireland, the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications, the chewing gum industry, and local authorities.

Circular Economy Talks: Estuary Recycling Centre

Two groups from Prosper Fingal and a TY student group were welcomed to the Estuary Centre for a tour and circular economy talk. Participants learned about the functions of the Estuary Recycling Centre and best practice regarding the three R's – Reduce Reuse and Recycle





Castleknock Educate Together

Castleknock Educate Together NS Green School Committee hosted a tour of their sustainable initiatives concluding in a tree planting ceremony.

The Green School committee have a dedicated waste team that ensures students and staff are adhering to correct waste management techniques and composting correctly.



Green Schools

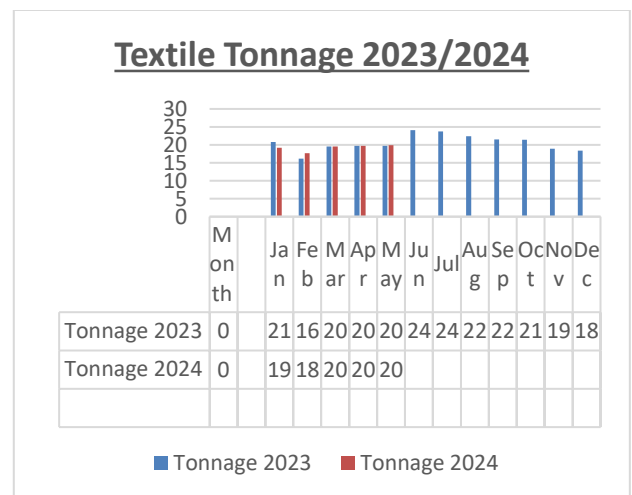
29 Fingal Schools were awarded a Green Flag this year in themes ranging from Litter and Waste to Global Citizenship. This is a testament to the hard work and commitment of their Green School Committees and Coordinators.

To support the sustainability journey of Fingal's Green Schools, €250 is being awarded to the 29 successful schools this year. Well done to all schools!

School Name	School Address	Theme
Belmayne ETSS	Belmayne Ave	Litter and Waste
Bracken Educate Together	Castlelands	Biodiversity
Burrow National School	Howth Road	GC Marine
Castleknock N.S	Main Street	GC Litter and Waste
Colaiste Pobail Setanta	Phibblestown	GC Litter and Waste
Dominican College Santa Sabina	Greenfield	Litter and Waste
Gaelscoil Bhrian Bóroimhe	Coill na nUll	GC Travel
Hansfield Educate Together Secondary School	Barnwell Road	Water
Hartstown Community School	Hartstown	Litter and Waste
Holy Family Junior National School	Forest Fields	Biodiversity
Loreto Secondary School	Brick Lane	Water
Malahide Portmarnock Educate Together Secondary School	Swords Enterprise Park	Litter and Waste
Mary Queen of Ireland N.S	Toberburr	GC Marine
Rush and Lusk Educate Together N.S	Raheny Lane	GC Marine
Scoil Mhuire Mount Sackville	Tower road	GC Energy
St Laurence's N.S	Grange Road Brookstone rd	GC Marine
St. Francis Xavier Senior N.S	Roselawn Glade	Litter and Waste
St. George's N.S	Naul Road	GC Litter and Waste
St. Helen's S.N.S	Limetree Avenue	GC Litter and Waste
St. Joseph's Secondary School	Convent Lane	Travel
St. Mary's N.S	The Green	Water
St. Michael's Holy Angels	Glenmaroon	Biodiversity
St. Mológa's N.S	Bremore	GC Travel
St. Patricks J.N.S	Corduff	GC Energy
St. Patrick's Junior School	Tennis Court Lane	GC Food & Bio
St. Brigid's N.S	Rolestown drive	Water
Swords Community College	Broadmeadow	water
Thornleigh E.T.N.S	Applewood	Biodiversity

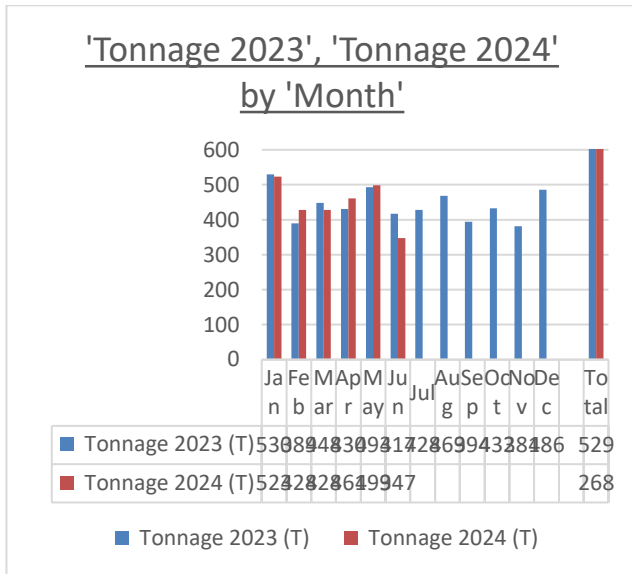
Bring Centres

Textiles Banks



Textiles volumes recorded in May 2024 were 19.93 (T). This compares with May 2023 volumes collected in the sum of 19.68 (T).

Bottle Banks



Bottle bank tonnages recorded in June 2024 were 347 (T). This compares with tonnage figures for June 2023 of 417 (T).`

Litter Management

To tackle littering and dumping more effectively, the Litter Wardens were assigned more targeted CRMs each day. They reported any dumping and littering to Operations division for removal and took enforcement action as required when evidence was found. They also followed up on witness statements submitted by Fingal citizens.



The Litter warden continued to carry out inspections and ensured that the roads were being kept clean of muck and that the building sites had a road sweeper in operation.

They also followed up on reports to ensure farmers were ensuring the roads were kept clean of muck.

The Litter warden continued to raise awareness of the issue of dog fouling on beaches targeting hot spots for dog fouling. They attended a beach awareness event on Balbriggan Beach on 4th June and met with local Tidy Towns, Local Schools and Community Groups to highlight the impact dog fouling has on bathing waters and the responsibilities of dog ownership.



The Litter warden continued to raise awareness of the issue of dog fouling on beaches, they carried out extra inspections daily and on the Sundays prior to the water sampling taking place, which take place from May to September this year. They carried out an awareness campaign in June on the following beaches engaging with dog owners and dispensing dog poo bags, to make people aware of their responsibilities to clean up after their dogs.

1. Balbriggan
2. Skerries
3. Loughshinny
4. Portmarnock
5. Rush South
6. Rush North
7. Donabate
8. Portrane
9. Burrow beach, Sutton

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

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.

The Litter Wardens also attended the Gum Litter Taskforce roadshow which took place in Blanchardstown Shopping Centre.

The wardens started the annual litter quantification surveys in May to quantify the litter present, inspecting and counting litter present, thus identifying black spots, to enable Fingal County Council tackle litter more effectively.

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.

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

Month	Fines	Warning Notices
January	29	4
February	56	2
March	18	3
April	15	0
May	19	6
June	12	4

The Litter Management section receive numerous complaints regarding litter enforcement and **the following cases were assigned to the Litter Warden under the CRM system.**

CRMs May 2024	Amount
Fly tipping 1-20 bags equivalent	27
General Litter Issue	100
Muck on road	4
Litter incident with witness	5
Pollution - Dog Fouling Signage	6
Abandoned cars	35
Annual surveys	86
Inspection of bottle banks	248
Inspection of dumping black spots	218
Litter at Bottle banks	114
Unauthorised signage	7
Walking patrols	2
Env - Miscellaneous	7
CRMs June 2024	Amount
Fly tipping 1-20 bags equivalent	19
General Litter Issue	16
Muck on road	1
Pollution - Dog Fouling Signage -	3
Abandoned cars	31
Annual surveys	8
Inspection of bottle banks	205
Inspection of dumping black spots	262
Litter at Bottle banks	114
Unauthorised signage	9
Env - Miscellaneous	10

Abandoned Vehicles

There have been 227 reports of alleged Abandoned Vehicles received between 1st January 2024 – 24th June 2024. 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.

Please email environment@fingal.ie to report a suspected abandoned vehicle.

The following information is required when reporting a suspected abandoned vehicle:

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

Information on Abandoned Vehicles can be found on the Fingal County Council website:

<https://www.fingal.ie/council/service/abandoned-vehicles>



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 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.

There were 408 x 10 Day Notices and 38 Fines issued by the dog wardens during May 24. There were 247 10-day notices and 58 fines issued to the 21st of June 24.

Month	10 Day Notices		Fines Issued		Fines Paid	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
January	217	40	20	68	€1497	€7,800
February	297	13	38	32	€1735	€2,600
March	234	97	40	29	€2425	€2,100
April	277	152	35	42	€1973	€1,500
May	408	232	38	98	€2420	€2,956
June	247	135	58	53	€1180	€2,700
July	0	109		35	€0	€2,644.20
August	0	140		21	€0	€1,500
September	0	125		40	€0	€3,549
October	0	241		40	€0	€1,500
November	0	91		7	€0	€1,100
December	0	222		12	€0	€1,422.50
TOTAL	1680	1597	229	477	€11,230	€31,372

The Animal Welfare Section received 59 complaints in relation to dogs up in May 2024 and 51 complaints from 1st to 24th June, 2024. In 2023 there were a total of 572 complaints received for the full year

Service	No of complaints per service from 1 May 2024 to 21 st June 2024
Env - Dog Fine Appeal	12
Env - Dog on Dog Attack	10
Env - Dog on Person Attack	10
Env - Pollution - Issue with Dog	22
Env - Restricted Breed Dog	32
Env - Surrendered Dog	1
Env - Stray Dog	23
Grand Total	110

Dog Licences and Fines

The below table shows the number of annual and lifetime licences purchased during May and up to the 21st of June 2024 in comparison with the same months in 2023. 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 fine.

Month	Annual Licences Purchased		Lifetime Licences Purchased		Income from Licences	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
January	945	635	80	65	€30,200	€21,800
February	915	562	54	58	€25,860	€19,360
March	662	561	48	55	€19,960	€18,900
April	631	451	44	41	€18,780	€14,760
May	1193	918	90	64	€36,460	€27,320
June	738	516	69	41	€24,420	€16,060
July		766		47	€	€21,900
August		838		51	€	€23,900
September		759		48	€	€21,900
October		670		30	€	€17,600
November		662		41	€	€18,980

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 May there were 26 dogs in the shelter.

During May 2024, 14 dogs were brought to the shelter by the dog wardens as stray or surrenders and 3 dogs was surrendered by a member of the public. Of these 26 dogs, 2 were reclaimed by members of the public and 1 were PTS. At the end of May there are 23 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 rehome.

Dogs in Shelter at the start of May 2023	9	Dogs in Shelter at start of May 2024	26
Stray/Seized dogs brought to Shelter	20	Stray/Seized dogs brought to Shelter	14
Surrendered by owners	4	Surrendered by owners	3
Reclaimed	3	Reclaimed	2
Rehomed to Rescue	5	Rehomed to Rescue	11
Rehomed to Public	8	Rehomed to Public	6
PTS	2	PTS	1
Dogs in Shelter at the end of May 2023	33	Dogs in shelter at the end of April 2024	23

Contact the shelter on **087 3914008**, WhatsApp or Facebook to make an appointment to see the dogs available for rehoming



Max and Bear in their new home down in Cork, living their best lives after being rehomed from the shelter.



Benny in his new home following a successful adoption from the Shelter.



Our Dog Wardens and Environment team were on Front Strand Balbriggan for a Dog Fouling Awareness event on the 4th of June. Free poo bags were issued on the day to encourage the public to pick up after their dogs.

We are asking pet owners to leave only paw prints in the sand and pick up after their pets when using beaches.

On 22nd April 2024, Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys TD, launched a major national awareness campaign to remind dog owners of their responsibilities. The campaign, entitled **'It's not your dog's fault, it's yours'** is aimed at increasing awareness of the harm that out-of-control dogs can do to people and to livestock. The goal is to change behaviour and to remind owners that they must always have their dog under control. This message will be communicated via our social media platforms and links will be available from our website.

https://www.gov.ie/en/campaigns/1a517-responsible-dog-ownership/?referrer=https://www.gov.ie/dogs/&gad_source=1&gclid=EAIaIQobChMIoLupuNTdhQMVTZNQBh0d_gZnEAAAYASAAEgLfAPD_BwE

Horses

Weekly welfare inspections continue on Dunsink landfill to monitor the numbers and welfare of the horses onsite. Hay feeders continue to be filled by the Operations Department on a weekly basis. Over May & June there were 3 horses seized from the public realm.

Environmental Inspections (RMCEI)


Water Quality

Bathing Water:

The 2024 bathing water season commenced on the 1st of June 2024 and already to date Fingal County Council has completed 3 bathing water sampling rounds. Bathing water samples collected from the designated bathing waters are analysed for two types of bacteria namely E. coli and Intestinal Enterococci.

To date all bathing water samples collected during the bathing water season have been determined to be of excellent water quality.

Bathing water sampling results recorded for the season will at the end of the year be added to a four-year sampling period which is then used to classify the beaches according to the levels of bacteria detected.

NAME OF BEACH	Pre-season 22nd and 28th* May	4th June	10th June	17th June
Balbriggan, Front Strand <i>All Season Advisory 2024</i>	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
Skerries, South Beach	Excellent	Excellent		Excellent
Loughshinny Beach <i>All Season Advisory 2024</i>	Excellent	Excellent		Excellent
Rush, North Beach	Excellent*	Excellent		Excellent
Rush, South Beach	Excellent	Excellent		Excellent
Donabate, Balcarrick Beach 	Excellent	Excellent		Excellent
Portrane, The Brook Beach 	Excellent	Excellent		Excellent
Portmarnock, Velvet Strand	Excellent	Excellent		Excellent
Sutton, Burrow Beach	Excellent	Excellent		Excellent
Howth, Claremont Beach	Excellent*	Excellent		Excellent
Malahide Beach	Excellent	Excellent		Excellent

SPORTS OFFICE

Fingal at the 2024 Go for Life National Games

A team representing Fingal took part in the 2024 Active Age & Opportunity's National Go for Life Games event held in DCU on Saturday, June 8.

Over 250 older adults took part in the event with Fingal represented by players from Baldoyle's Men Shed, Swords ICA, Active Retired members from Skerries, Castleknock and Blanchardstown. The Fingal Team were selected following a series of Games Practice Workshops held in the ALSAA Sports Complex in May. It was first time that the National Games was held since 2019 as the annual event had been interrupted by the pandemic. The Sports Office supports and encourages such initiatives and programmes that promote the continued participation in physical activity and the Go for Life Games demonstrate that sport is for everyone no matter what age or ability. The Go for Life Games are three target games. Málaí, an adaption of Cornhole, Flisk, an adaption of frisbee and horseshoe toss and Scidil, an adaption of ten-pin bowling. Teams from Cavan, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown, Laois, Meath, Dublin City South and Westmeath were in Fingal's side of the draw and following a series of close competitive matches the Midlanders went home with the best County title.



Movement & Mindfulness Workshops

Following the success of Fingal Sports Office's Movement & Mindfulness Workshops held in April & May at St. Colmcille's GAA, Swords. A new summer six-week programme was arranged for of June and July. Due to the high demand for places two sessions have been provided on the same day. Fifty-two participants were successful in obtaining a place in the classes. The workshops are a combination of chair yoga, breathing and mindfulness techniques and previous participants have praised the tutor for her teaching methods.



Defibrillator Training

Fingal Sports Office delivered 2 Defibrillator Training Workshops following up from last month's Sports First Aid Series. These workshops were an accredited qualification from the Pre-Hospital Emergency Care Council focusing on cardiac arrest, heart attacks and strokes. This accreditation will give local club coaches key life skills in and outside the sports arena.



Men's Shed Physical Activity Day

Fingal Sports Office and Active Travel collaborated on a Men's Shed Physical Activity Day during Men's Health Week. The event brought together upwards on 80 participants from 9 different Sheds in the Fingal area. The event started with a warm-up session followed by a 1k, 2k and 3k walk around Newbridge House. The Shed then returned to the walled gardens for displays on each shed, music, refreshments and garden games. This initiative allowed different Sheds and other stakeholders such as Age and Opportunity and Walk and Talk Groups to collaborate on various projects. It also recognized the need to focus on health-related activities that can improve men's well-being with a move towards the formation of a sustainable walking and exercise group.



Safer Together Summer Festival

As part of the Safer Together Summer Festival in Millennium Park on 8th June, the Sports Office facilitated a mini-football blitz for local clubs, a 3x3 basketball competition, and parkour demonstrations. Five local football clubs participated in the under-7 mini-football blitz, and for some of the teams, it was their first time playing organised matches. The 3x3 Basketball Ireland competition brought teams from all over Fingal to compete in the U14 boys', U14 girls', and senior men's categories. Dublin has an active parkour community with several spots, including Millennium Park, and groups dedicated to the discipline. Dublin Parkour came along for the day to demonstrate their acrobatic skills. They amazed festivalgoers with jumps, flips and tricks.



Men's Health Week

International Men's Health Week (MHW) always begins on the Monday before Father's Day and ends on Father's Day itself. During 2024, it ran from Monday 10th until Sunday 16th June.

The overall aims of MHW are to:

- Heighten awareness of preventable health problems for males of all ages.
- Support men and boys to engage in healthier lifestyle choices / activities.
- Encourage the early detection and treatment of health difficulties in males.

As part of this year's Men's Health Week, the Sports Office supported clubs in delivering come-and-try sessions for men, with the intention that there would be follow-up sessions to introduce new male members to the club. There were 16 clubs across Fingal that signed up to deliver come and try sessions ranging from martial arts to fishing.

Active Cities Dublin also provided a Men's Health Walk on Saturday 15th June. Over 40 men took part in a walk on the Bog of Frogs Trail in Howth, with Beann Eadair GAA club providing refreshments along the route.



Come and Try Netball

Fingal Sport Office in partnership with Netball Ireland have started a come try netball programme in the Liam Rodgers centre in Swords. The aim is to see if there is the interest in the Swords area to start a new netball club to cater for North Fingal Area. The project is set to run for 16 weeks from June 17th and will see females from the Swords and surrounding areas train in the skills of netball on Monday nights 7pm - 8pm. We have 10 participants turn up for the first's session and they were joined by the ladies from Boyne Netball who provided the coaching support.



Fingal Active Cities Dublin Race Series 5km

The four Dublin Local Authorities collaborated through Active Cities Dublin to sponsor the Athletics Ireland Race Series 5km events that take place in the Phoenix Park over three months. These events have over 10,000 people participate in the three events. The Active Cities Dublin Coordinators in each Local Authority linked in with local areas in areas of deprivation and running clubs with the aim to get people more active through running. We have linked in with clubs to set up beginner's couch to 5km programmes and for the participants to take part in the race series.



Autism in Sport Course

Fingal Sport Office hosted an autism in sport course online via zoom with Active Disability Ireland. We had 20 participants from clubs across the Fingal area. Most participants are volunteers with these local clubs who are upskilling their volunteers to help them be more inclusive. Staff also presented to the local Children's disability network groups to create a link with sports office and its offerings to help support children with additional needs join local clubs.

ARCHITECTS

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Energy Efficiency Retrofit Project

Energy Efficiency Retrofit Project – Strandmill Estate, Portmarnock

The Council continues to improve the energy performance of its social housing stock under the Government's ten-year Energy Efficiency Retrofitting Programme for social housing upgrades.

Strandmill Estate, Portmarnock Retrofit Works

Phase 3 of Strandmill Estate has just reached completion.

The works included the installation of:

- attic insulation,
- external wall insulation,
- new windows & doors,
- heat pumps, & heating controls.

The retrofit works result in improved BER ratings, significant energy cost savings and an overall more comfortable home for Council tenants.



Strandmill - Before Retrofit



Strandmill - After Retrofit

Public and Private Home Retrofit Initiative

The Council's Housing & Architects Departments explored options to help drive the uptake and delivery of private residential energy efficiency upgrades by coupling certain activities with the delivery of public housing upgrades in mixed estates. Strandmill in Portmarnock was one such estate.



Strandmill - Council and Private Owned Houses - Before



Strandmill - Council and Private Owned Houses - After

Fingal County Council partnered with SEAI and Retrofit Energy Ireland and provided private homeowners in mixed estates with the opportunity to be included in the Retrofit programme in a streamlined process for upgrading their homes. Some private owners have availed of the opportunity to upgrade their homes along with their neighbours.



Strandmill Bungalow - Before Retrofit



Strandmill Bungalow - After Retrofit

Helsinki City Council Delegation Visit

The Strandmill Retrofit project was the subject of a visit by a delegation from Helsinki City Council as part of the 'City to City Exchange Programme'. This EU programme facilitates the exchange of ideas between public bodies. Helsinki City Council and Fingal County Council had site visits and discussions related to Social, Affordable and Cost Rental methods of delivery and maintenance of Publicly owned housing stock.

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The tables below outlines key financial statics at the end.

Rates

Overall Commercial Rates collection to the end of June 2024 is running at 69%.

Rates Collection	
Rates collected €m	€112.3m
Rates collected %	69%

Development Levy Income

Development levy income collected to the end of May is €5.7m this is c.105% of the overall collection for same period in 2023.

Development Levy Income	
Levies Receipted	€9.5m
Levies Collected as a % of 2023	105%

Payroll

Overall payroll spend to the end of May is €36.6m which is c. 101% of the budget year to date.

Payroll	
Salaries & Wages €m	36.6
Percentage of Budget YTD.	101%

Procurement

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

No. of contracts awarded (details below) for year to date	146	
Value €m	53.86m	
Procurements ongoing at end of June		
No. of procurements awaiting tender responses	10	(i)
Value €m	31.86m	
No. of procurements under evaluation	59	(ii)
Value €m	469.0m	
No. of procurements at approved	4	(iii)
Value €m	0.86m	

Notes:

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

Appendix 1 (a)

REVENUE ACCOUNT INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION AT 30 JUNE 2024

	EXPENDITURE			INCOME			NET
	Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent to date	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised	€
Housing & Building	48,075,727	105,932,600	45%	52,354,479	108,268,800	48%	-4,278,753
Road Transport & Safety	17,942,736	36,130,600	50%	4,630,536	9,056,100	51%	13,312,200
Water Services	8,621,440	14,369,700	60%	8,493,122	17,039,600	50%	128,318
Development Management	13,914,377	20,845,600	67%	6,844,160	6,574,000	104%	7,070,216
Environmental Services	24,323,059	48,453,500	50%	5,525,296	10,947,500	50%	18,797,764
Recreation & Amenity	26,921,109	56,603,300	48%	2,297,722	4,841,800	47%	24,623,387
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	1,131,964	1,513,800	75%	204,998	409,700	50%	926,966
Miscellaneous Services	11,516,432	21,972,500	52%	14,373,577	29,279,600	49%	-2,857,144
Central Management Charge	26,347,552	56,075,600	47%	2,132,046	3,969,700	54%	24,215,506
Local Property Tax / GPG				6,183,150	12,366,300	50%	-6,183,150
Rates				79,572,050	159,144,100	50%	-79,572,050
	178,794,397	361,897,200	49%	182,611,136	361,897,200	50%	-3,816,740

Appendix 1 (b)

CAPITAL ACCOUNT						
INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 30/06/2024						
		Balance at 0/01/2024 €	Expenditure YTD €	Income YTD €		Balance at 30/06/2024 €
A	Housing & Building	-25,708,012	87,529,899	-58,564,799		3,257,088
B	Road Transport & Safety	11,742,410	26,577,382	-2,379,197		35,940,595
C	Water Services	-11,305,335	1,031,004	-551,832		-10,826,163
D	Development Management	-142,996,695	18,929,413	-19,715,431		-143,782,713
E	Environmental Services	-14,590,477	1,662,078	-1,264,689		-14,193,088
F	Recreation & Amenity	-18,558,433	16,386,646	-1,876,813		-4,048,600
H	Miscellaneous Services	-48,898,202	6,477,585	-7,665,861		-50,086,478
	Total	-250,314,744	158,594,008	-92,018,622		-183,739,358

Appendix 1 (c)

SUMMARY OF CORPORATE DEBTORS TO 30/06/2024				
	Balance at 01/01/2024*	Balance at 30/06/2024	Current debt	> 1 Year
	€	€	€	€
RATES*	€2,579,534	€50,356,080	€48,692,587	€1,663,492
LOANS	€2,130,037	€2,134,513	€236,701	€1,897,812
RENTS	€10,216,580	€10,267,679	€4,734,241	€5,533,438

Figures for rents and loans are unadjusted by credits/prepayments

* value of debit at 31/12/2023 was €3.2m with a credit of €653,644.

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)	Contract Award Date	Actual Duration (months)
Corporate Affairs	3 Staff Safety Liasion Officers for 3 months for CCU Desk/Atrium Civic Offices Grove Road	NOC Consultancy	€52,000.00	01/07/2024	30/09/2024	27/06/2024	3
Operations	Concrete Footpath Construction in a series of batches from 3-7 m at Binn Eadair, Sutton, Co Dublin	Citius Ltd	€53,150.00	25/06/2024	12/07/2024	25/06/2024	1
Operations	Purchase of 1 Electric and 1 Diesel Van	Gowan Motors	€39,133.00	24/06/2024	23/06/2025	24/06/2024	12
Community	Community Centre Upgrade Works at Hartstown Community Centre, Hartstown Road, Dublin 15	Vision Contracting Ltd	€1,899,235.04	17/06/2024	17/03/2026	17/06/2024	21
Corporate Affairs	Provision of Security Services	Manguard Plus Ltd	€200,000.00	18/05/2024	18/11/2024	12/06/2024	6
Operations	Road inlay and ancillary works, Glen Ellen Road, Swords	DM Morris Ltd	€62,127.80	17/06/2024	17/10/2024	11/06/2024	4
Operations	Special works, Slip Form Kerbing and Ancillaries, Balheary Road, Swords	KT Civil Ltd	€44,819.00	01/07/2024	01/11/2024	10/06/2024	6
EETCD	Project Management Services related to design and planning of Balbriggan Harbour & Coastal Amenity Area Feasibility Study & Tidal Pool	Turner & Townsend	€43,742.00	20/05/2024	20/11/2024	01/06/2024	6
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Consturction of the Donabate Pedestrian/Cycle Bridge	Jons Civil Engineering Company Ltd	€1,495,685.00	31/05/2024	31/03/2025	31/05/2024	9
Housing	Refurbishment of Dwellings on Parochial Avenue, Baldoyle , Dublin 13	CTS Projects Ltd	€586,550.00	01/07/2024	20/12/2024	31/05/2024	6
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	SCFT Prep of Old School House Clonsilla Masterplan	RMLA Ltd	€185,965.00	31/05/2024	31/05/2025	31/05/2024	12
Operations	Road resurfacing and reconstruction Bremore Estate, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin	Lagan Asphalt Ltd	€74,945.00	04/06/2024	14/06/2024	30/05/2024	1

Operations	Phase 3, Extension of Balgriffin Cemetry	Clar-Con Construction Limited	€236,152.50	07/06/2024	19/07/2024	29/05/2024	2
Operations	Footpath construction in a series of batches from 3 - 8 square meters at Seagrang Rd, R809, Strand Rd Baldoyle Co Dublin	John Browne Construction Ltd	€26,622.50	29/04/2024	17/05/2024	29/05/2024	0
EETCD	Consultancy Services for Fingal Skills Strategy	Grant Thornton Corporate Finance Ltd	€111,750.00	28/05/2024	27/11/2024	28/05/2024	6
Community	Construction of new lifts shaft, installation of new lift and renovation of existing toilets in Rivervalley Rathingle Community Centre, Swords	Vision Contracting Ltd	€159,048.85	04/06/2024	16/09/2026	24/05/2024	16
Operations	Road inlay and ancillary works Bridge Street, Swords (Swords Castle to Watery Lane).	DM Morris Ltd	€84,800.50	06/05/2024	06/08/2024	24/05/2024	3
Operations	Concrete footpath improvement Works at Pinebrook Co Dublin	John Browne Construction Ltd	€49,500.00	30/05/2024	30/08/2024	23/05/2024	3
Operations	Footpath Improvement works Deerpark Road, Drive & Ave Castleknock	Citius Ltd	€54,800.00	27/03/2024	27/09/2024	23/05/2024	6
Operations	Resurfacing of Roselawn Road Junction Clonsilla Road	Roadstone Ltd	€84,738.98	30/05/2024	30/09/2024	23/05/2024	4
Digital Services	Renewal of Microsoft 365 Licences (non-profit classification) for Libraries & Draíocht	MicroMail Ltd	€30,107.12	26/05/2024	25/05/2025	21/05/2024	12
Operations	Plant hire with driver/operative for Beach and Burial Ground Works	Larry Kiernan Plant Hire Ltd	€64,483.00	07/05/2024	30/09/2024	21/05/2024	5
ANCA	Aviation Noise Expert Consultancy Services	Noise Consultants Ltd	€800,000.00	20/05/2024	19/05/2026	20/05/2024	24
Digital Services	Nathean Additional Logix Bi & Housing Support Days 2024	Nathean Technologies Ltd.	€42,500.00	15/05/2024	15/05/2025	15/05/2024	12
Digital Services	Civica ModernGov Hosted Application 2024 - 2026	Civica UK Ltd	€79,729.49	15/05/2024	15/04/2027	15/05/2024	36
Housing	Provision of legal advice and services relating to the delivery of an affordable housing scheme at Ballealley Rise, Lusk, Co. Dublin	Mason Hayes & Curran LLP	€26,000.00	01/04/2024	31/12/2024	14/05/2024	8
Operations	Road Markings at various locations within the Fingal Area	Nuzum Road Services Ltd	€41,234.55	17/06/2024	17/06/2025	14/05/2024	12

Operations	Concrete Footpath Construction Baldoyle Industrial Estate	Joe Duke & Co Ltd	€100,750.00	04/06/2024	21/06/2024	13/05/2024	1
Housing	FM Strategy Development Support (Phase 1 - Strategy Development Support And Phase 2 – Document Review & Finalisation)	KSN Project Management	€29,250.00	23/05/2024	23/11/2025	10/05/2024	18
Libraries	Supplementary Call for Tender (SCFT) for the Design, supply, installation, commissioning and maintenance of library building automation solution (My Open Library) at Blanchardstown Library	Spectrum Communications Ltd	€29,200.00	10/05/2024	09/05/2026	10/05/2024	24
Libraries	Supplementary Call for Tender (SCFT) for the Design, supply, installation, commissioning and maintenance of library building automation solution (My Open Library) at Malahide Library	Spectrum Communications Ltd	€30,760.00	10/05/2024	09/05/2026	10/05/2024	24
Libraries	Supplementary Call for Tender (SCFT) for the Design, supply, installation, commissioning and maintenance of library building automation solution (My Open Library) at Skerries Library	Spectrum Communications Ltd	€37,060.00	10/05/2024	09/05/2026	10/05/2024	24
Operations	Supply and delivery to site of 29 Nr Precast Concrete Anchor Blocks with marine grade stainless steel lifting eyes	Shay Murtagh Precast Ltd	€79,357.68	04/06/2024	30/05/2024	10/05/2024	3
Operations	Flavours of Fingal County Show 2024 Hire of Generators, Portaloo, Cabin Electricians And Teleporter	GH Energy Rentals Limited	€90,000.00	26/06/2024	03/07/2024	09/05/2024	1
Finance	Collection and Delivery to the bank of cash from the Cash Offices of Fingal County Council	Sonoma Valley Ltd (T/A GSLS)	€40,000.00	01/05/2024	30/04/2026	01/05/2024	24
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Provision of Landscape Architect-led Integrated Design Team Consultancy Services for the Park Development Project for Ward River Regional Park, Swords	Dermot Foley Landscape Architects	€1,878,533.90	13/05/2024	02/02/2026	01/05/2024	9
Operations	Path refurbishment works Tir Na nOg park	KT CIVIL LTD	€69,650.00	01/05/2024	30/07/2024	01/05/2024	1
Libraries	Provision of legal advice and services relating to Contractual Matters	Mason Hayes & Curran LLP	€50,000.00	29/04/2024	28/04/2025	01/05/2024	12

Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Provision of Coastal Path Relocation, Howth, Co. Dublin	James Oliver Hearty & Sons	€86,942.20	30/04/2024	19/07/2024	30/04/2024	1.5
Operations	Road Inlay and Ancillary Works Swords Fire Station to Estuary Roundabout and North Street, Swords	DM Morris Ltd	€135,864.80	13/05/2024	13/08/2024	30/04/2024	3
Operations	Road surfacing Eight (8) local roads, North County Fingal	DM Morris Ltd	€586,205.50	03/06/2024	03/10/2024	30/04/2024	4
People Services	Provision of Driver Training Programme to include Driver Licence Upskilling Training Lessons, ECO Drive Training & Vehicle Safety Check Training for Fingal County Council Staff (Single Supplier Framework with Initial contract)	Alexandra School of Motoring	€500,000.00	29/04/2024	28/04/2027	29/04/2024	36
Operations	Purchase of Wide Area Trailed Wing Roller Mowers - Lot 2 Purchase of three 5m Wide Trailed Wing Roller Mowers	Baytown Machinery Ltd	€103,500.00	29/04/2024	28/04/2025	29/04/2024	12
Operations	Purchase of Wide Area Trailed Wing Roller Mowers - Lot 1 Purchase of two 4m Wide Trailed Wing Roller Mowers	Maher Tractor Sales Ltd	€51,000.00	29/04/2024	28/04/2025	29/04/2024	12
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Works at Bath Road Car Park, Balbriggan	Postmount T/A Jim Hayes Civil Engineering	€28,000.00	26/04/2024	25/07/2024	26/04/2024	4
Corporate Affairs	Provision of Catering Services for Ballycoolin Regional Training Centre, Ballycoolin, Dublin 15	Fitzpatrick Catering Ltd	€80,000.00	25/04/2024	24/04/2026	25/04/2024	24
EETCD	Appointment of a Resident Engineer for Quay Street Environs Public Realm Project, Balbriggan, Co Dublin	Waterman Moylan	€170,000.00	07/05/2024	07/05/2026	24/04/2024	24
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Supply & Install of 5no. synthetic tennis court surfaces, removal & disposal of existing carpet & arisings, LED flood lighting upgrade and associated works	Sole Sports & Leisure Ltd	€124,807.75	20/04/2024	20/04/2026	24/04/2024	24
Community	Community Centre Construction Work at Baldoyle Community Facility	Vision Contracting Ltd	€7,486,275.25	01/05/2024	31/10/2026	24/04/2024	18

IT	Provision of VMware Licensing for the Fingal VSan	Triangle Computer Services	€305,283.00	22/04/2024	21/04/2027	22/04/2024	36
Operations	Installation of new drainage works to 2 soccer pitches in Tyrrelstown Park	Peter O'Brien & Sons	€111,771.20	22/04/2024	21/06/2024	22/04/2024	2
Community	Community Centre Upgrade Works at Mourne Estate Community Centre	Vision Contracting Ltd	€449,464.49	20/05/2024	14/08/2025	19/04/2024	17
Community	Community Centre Upgrade Works for Fingal County Council Mourne Estate Community Centre, Skerries, Co Dublin	Vision Contracting Ltd	€449,464.49	19/04/2024	18/09/2025	19/04/2024	17
Operations	Surface Restoration Glenville Road	John Browne Construction Ltd	€42,800.00	30/04/2024	31/12/2024	18/04/2024	8
Operations	Supply of Bitumen Emulsion, Fingal Area 2024 (80%)	Irish Tar and Bitumen Suppliers Limited	€124,800.00	01/05/2024	01/12/2024	16/04/2024	7
Operations	Greys Lane Rd Inlay (Howth)	DM Morris	€107,130.00	22/04/2024	08/05/2024	16/04/2024	1
Operations	Supply of Bitumen Emulsion, Fingal Area 2024 (20%)	Lagan Asphalt Ltd	€31,650.50	01/05/2024	01/12/2024	16/04/2024	7
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Supply & Install New Solid Bar Railings, Gate & Limestone Kerb at Bremore Castle, Balbriggan	McAvoy Contracts Ltd	€86,570.00	00/01/1900	00/01/1900	15/04/2024	0
Environment, Climate Action	Junction realignment works at Coach Road/School Lane junction in Balrothery on foot of completed enabling works by ESB Networks.	Integrated Utility Services Ireland	€49,641.11	01/05/2024	31/05/2024	10/04/2024	1
EETCD	Social Media Contract for Balbriggan Rejuvenation Plan 2019-2025	Often Partisan T/a Media Consult	€62,000.00	09/04/2024	08/04/2025	09/04/2024	1
Operations	Repair to the existing boardwalk through the dunes leading to Portmarnock Beach	Larry Kiernan Plant Hire Ltd	€78,995.00	23/04/2024	23/05/2024	08/04/2024	1
Operations	Purchase of up to 30 Fully Electric 3.5 Tonne - 4.25 Tonne Flatbed Tippers	Setanta Vehicle Sales North Ltd	€1,250,250.00	08/04/2024	07/04/2025	08/04/2024	12

Operations	Walkway Design and Installation in Tolka Valley	Knife Edge Fencing Ltd.	€84,500.00	17/04/2024	14/05/2024	08/04/2024	1
EETCD	Public realm redevelopment and associated works at Quay Street & Environs – Contract A, Balbriggan	John Craddock Ltd	€16,378,905.65	05/04/2024	05/09/2026	05/04/2024	19
EETCD	Public realm redevelopment and associated works at Quay Street & Environs – Repair & renewal works including re-roofing and provision of new services to existing RNLI Boathouse – Contract B, Balbriggan, Co Dublin	John Craddock Ltd	€575,535.18	05/04/2024	05/04/2026	05/04/2024	24
Housing	Extension works at house at Sheepmoor Crescent	Mullacurry Construction Ltd	€124,800.97	13/05/2024	31/10/2024	04/04/2024	6
Operations	Planting and 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	€204,673.08	01/04/2024	31/01/2025	01/04/2024	10
Corporate Affairs	Postal Collection Services for 2024 (interim)	Print Post Ltd	€36,250.00	01/04/2024	30/06/2024	01/04/2024	3
Operations	Road Inlay, Newcourt, Castlegrange & Moorestown, Swords, Co. Dublin	DM Morris	€194,026.80	18/03/2024	18/07/2024	26/03/2024	4
Operations	Installation security fencing, gates and Razorwire at Brackenstown Wallen Gardens, Knocksedan, Swords, Co.Dublin.	Citius Ltd	€39,850.00	27/03/2024	27/09/2024	21/03/2024	6
Operations	Road Inlay, 1 Kinsealy Lane	Lagan Asphalt Ltd	€93,047.50	26/03/2024	02/04/2024	20/03/2024	1
Active Travel	Footpath Installation and associated works at Beaverstown Road, Donabate	Integrated Utility Services Ireland	€44,994.41	12/02/2024	12/05/2024	20/03/2024	3
Operations	Resurfacing of sections of Castleknock Woods, Oaks and ancillary works.	Lagan Asphalt Ltd	€43,224.50	21/03/2024	31/12/2024	20/03/2024	9
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Installation security fencing, gates and Razorwire at Brackenstown Wallen Gardens, Knocksedan, Swords, Co.Dublin.	Stirue Fencing	€29,750.00	25/03/2024	25/04/2024	19/03/2024	1

Community	Provision of 24 hr Security at Liam Rodgers Community Centre	Apleona Ireland (Acacia Ltd)	€29,718.50	14/03/2024	14/05/2024	14/03/2024	2
Operations	Concession for Management, Operation and Maintenance of all Services at Corballis Golf Course and Elm Green Golf Centre	Euro Golf Services Ltd t/a Carr Golf	€23,589.00	01/10/2023	31/03/2024	14/03/2024	6
People Services	Provision of 2 Ignite Staff Development Courses	Mark Donovan & Associates Ltd	€0.00	13/03/2024	12/03/2025	13/03/2024	12
Housing	Provision of administrative support for the delivery of Affordable Housing Schemes	BCM Global	€525,000.00	12/03/2024	31/03/2025	12/03/2024	12
Operations	Restoration Improvement, Glasmore, Swords, geogrid Inlay	MCM Surfacing Ltd	€95,573.50	23/02/2024	23/06/2024	12/03/2024	4
Operations	Purchase 2 Diesel Vans	Henry Ford & Sons Ltd	€43,488.00	05/03/2024	04/03/2025	12/03/2024	12
Housing	Establishment of a Single Party Framework Agreement for the Provision of Services for Inspection of Private Rented Dwellings	Arthurstown Construction Limited	€530,000.00	01/04/2024	31/03/2026	08/03/2024	24
Corporate Affairs	Provision of Fire Alarm and Emergency Lighting Maintenance Services (Interim)	G4S- Secure Solutions	€50,000.00	08/03/2024	08/09/2024	08/03/2024	6
Operations	Purchase 3 Peugeot ePartner Active Plus Long Van	Gowan Auto	€90,045.00	07/03/2024	06/03/2025	07/03/2024	12
Operations	Supply of ready mix Concrete	Keegan Quarries Ltd	€55,800.00	04/03/2024	31/12/2024	04/03/2024	8
EETCD	Provision of Economic Consultancy Services for the preparation of Applications under the Enterprise Ireland Smart Regions Fund on behalf of Fingal County Council	Grant Thornton Finance Ltd	€124,400.00	01/03/2024	30/04/2024	01/03/2024	2
Corporate Affairs	3 Staff Safety Liaison Officers for 3 months for CCU Grove Road	NOC Consultancy	€60,000.00	01/03/2024	28/06/2024	01/03/2024	4
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Consultancy Services for the Ward River Ecological Enhancement Scheme	RIVUS Ecological Engineering Ltd	€39,975.00	01/03/2024	31/12/2024	01/03/2024	10
Operations	Road resurfacing and reconstruction Post Office Road, Lusk, Co. Dublin	DM Morris	€80,286.00	01/04/2024	15/04/2024	27/02/2024	1

Operations	Purchase of 1 to 4 Towed Woodchippers	Global Machinery Solutions Ltd	€71,926.00	26/02/2024	25/02/2025	26/02/2024	12
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Engineering Consultancy Services for the Bremore Recreational Hub Access Upgrade Works	Design ID Consulting Ltd	€56,334.00	26/02/2024	28/06/2024	26/02/2024	4
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Undertake a Strategic Environmental Assessment, Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening and Appropriate Assessment, if required for LAP at Flemington	Brady Shipman Martin	€28,120.00	17/11/2023	17/11/2024	26/02/2024	12
Housing	Civil & Structural Engineering Services for proposed housing developments at North Street, Swords and Rathmore Road, Lusk, Co. Dublin	Tobin Consulting Engineers	€110,000.00	01/12/2023	14/04/2027	23/02/2024	38
EETCD	Booking of Sledge Entertainment LLC f/s/o Sister Sledge	ICON Entertainments	€50,000.00	15/02/2024	28/07/2024	23/02/2024	5
Operations	Road resurfacing and reconstruction Channel Road, Rush, Co. Dublin	Lagan Asphalt Ltd	€126,606.00	21/02/2024	06/03/2024	22/02/2024	1
Corporate Affairs	Retro Fit and Upgrade of Lighting System - County Hall, Swords, Co. Dublin	Vincent Doherty Ltd	€55,183.00	15/07/2024	31/08/2024	20/02/2024	2
Digital Services	Provision of Web Based Applications for Housing Application	Interform Limited	€90,000.00	17/02/2024	31/12/2024	16/02/2024	11
Digital Services	Renewal of Licencing of AutoDESK Suites of Software	Diatec Group	€60,113.00	01/03/2024	28/02/2025	16/02/2024	12
Digital Services	Managed Print Services	Datapac Ireland	€70,000.00	27/08/2024	26/08/2025	15/02/2024	12
EETCD	Upgrade of fire alarm system at Ardgillen Castle	Securitas Technology	€30,830.00	01/03/2024	31/03/2024	12/02/2024	1
EETCD	Our Balbriggan - Bathhouse and Boathouse Enabling Works	Hegarty Demolition Ltd.	€92,433.00	26/03/2024	28/07/2025	09/02/2024	16
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Woodland Management Services	Redwood Tree Services Ltd	€45,500.00	10/02/2024	10/05/2024	09/02/2024	3

Housing	M&E Consulting Eng Services for 13 no. dwellings & associated site works at 30 & 32 North Street, Swords, Co. Dublin.	FLN Consulting Engineers	€32,070.00	01/02/2024	17/11/2027	09/02/2024	33
Operations	Installation of Traffic Signals 2024	Traffic Solutions Ltd	€731,606.00	12/02/2024	31/12/2024	08/02/2024	11
Operations	Fingal Bridge Repair and Rehabilitation	Triur Construction	€268,762.00	01/02/2024	01/05/2024	08/02/2024	3
Libraries	Demolition and Enabling Works at Former St. Michaels House Bungalow, Seatown Road	Hegarty Demolition Ltd.	€120,243.00	12/02/2024	29/03/2025	08/02/2024	14
Operations	Hire of Excavator & Operator at the Former Dunsink Landfill & Environs	Anthony Patton Plant Hire Ltd	€82,000.00	16/01/2024	15/01/2025	08/02/2024	12
Operations	Road Surfacing inlay, Lower Road, Garristown, Co. Dublin	Tarstone Road Maintenance Ltd	€41,284.50	05/02/2024	09/02/2024	08/02/2024	1
Corporate Affairs	Mobile Voice & Data Communications and Associated Products & Services	Vodafone	€1,008,052.00	01/11/2023	31/10/2027	07/02/2024	48 months
Operations	Tree Works in the Dublin 15 Area	Redwood Tree Services Ltd	€64,880.00	04/02/2024	29/02/2024	06/02/2024	1
Housing	Integrated Design Team Services to provide design, planning Consultancy Services to establish a design framework plan and achieve planning approval for c.300 Units at Mooretown, Swords, Co. Dublin	Brady, Shipman Martin	€510,963.00	01/11/2023	31/12/2024	01/02/2024	56
Operations	Requirement for Road Lining Contract for the Fingal Swords, Balbriggan Areas Including PSCS	MacLochlainn (Roadmarkings) Limited	€58,796.60	24/01/2024	31/12/2024	31/01/2024	12
Digital Services	Cygnus Support Gemini Consultancy	Gemini Consultants Ltd	£52,443.12 (Stg)	01/04/2024	31/03/2025	29/01/2024	12
Operations	Disposal of Marine Wrecks located in Balbriggan Harbour	Shanowen Plant Hire Ltd	€154,450.00	01/03/2024	30/04/2024	29/01/2024	2
Operations	Supply & Delivery of Macadam to various locations in Fingal	Roadstone Ltd	€97,630.00	01/01/2024	31/12/2024	29/01/2024	12
Digital Services	Supply of Broadband to Malahide 9Avoca), Ardgillan House & Ballycoolin Training Centre	Viatel Ireland Ltd	€26,160.00	01/03/2024	28/02/2026	26/01/2024	24

Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Landscape Architect Led Integrated Design Team Services Consultancy Services at Naul Village Park, the Naul	Dermot Foley Landscape Architects	€316,577.00	06/11/2023	05/09/2027	25/01/2024	46
EETCD	Tradfest	TASCQ CLG t/a The Temple Bar Company	€120,000.00	01/01/2024	31/12/2024	25/01/2024	12
EETCD	Public consultation communications design and related project management services	Media Social (RPS Group Ltd)	€33,280.00	01/01/2024	31/12/2024	25/01/2024	12
Housing	Provision of Selling Agent and associated services relating to the delivery of an affordable housing scheme around North County Dublin	Sherry Fitzgerald Cumisky Kelly	€87,700.00	25/04/2024	31/12/2024	24/01/2024	8
Housing	Quantity Surveyor Services for the residential portion of Church Fields Phase 3a (300 Units), Mulhuddart, Dublin 15	Austin Reddy & Co	€60,000.00	01/12/2023	30/12/2025	22/01/2024	25
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Supply of Pleached Lime Trees and Yew Hedging	Annaveigh Plants Ltd	€29,895.00	30/10/2023	29/10/2024	19/01/2024	12
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Topographical and Underwater Survey at Ward River Park, Swords	Murphy Geospatial Ltd	€25,980.00	30/01/2024	30/03/2024	18/01/2024	2
Digital Services	Supply an ICT Managed Service for Fingal County Council	ATOS IT Solutions & Services Ltd	€594,114.00	28/02/2024	27/08/2024	17/01/2024	6
Corporate Affairs	Integrated Design Team Services for Workplace Strategy Project	MCO Projects Limited	€372,648.80	14/12/2023	13/10/2025	15/01/2024	23
EETCD	Programme Development Manager for Carnegie Library Swords	Linda Shevlin	€56,000.00	15/01/2024	14/01/2025	15/01/2024	12
Digital Services	Departmental access to Lawlink	Dye & Durham Ltd	€43,944.00	16/01/2024	31/12/2024	15/01/2024	12
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Works for Naul Village Park Site Investigation	IGSL Ltd	€40,125.00	15/01/2024	20/02/2024	15/01/2024	1

Operations	Resurfacing of Section of Bath Avenue, Malahide	John McQuillan Contracts Ltd	€52,957.00	05/02/2024	01/03/2024	11/01/2024	3 weeks
Corporate Affairs	Post Collection Service	Print Post Ltd	€36,250.00	01/01/2024	31/03/2024	11/01/2024	3
Environment, Climate Action	Environmental Monitoring & Reporting Services at Dunsink & Balleally Landfill Sites	McQuillan Environmental (John McQuillan Contracts Ltd)	€188,495.00	09/01/2024	08/01/2025	09/01/2024	12
People Services	Occupational Health Services	Dr. Ted Murphy	€111,600.00	01/01/2024	31/12/2025	02/01/2024	24
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Provision of Services for Independent Agronomist for the Fingal Coastal Way	Hackett Agricultural Consultants	€39,700.00	02/01/2024	31/12/2024	02/01/2024	12
Operations	Provision of Maintenance of Earth Moving Equipment	Equipment Company of Ireland Ltd	€32,230.00	01/12/2023	30/11/2025	02/01/2024	24
Housing	Property Management Services for Council Owned Unsold Affordable Properties at Parnell Estate, Ladyswell	Paula Barrett Properties Ltd	€240,000.00	01/01/2024	31/12/2024	01/01/2024	12
Housing	Inspections on Private Rented Dwellings located in the Admin Area of Fingal County Council	Arthurstown Construction Limited	€165,000.00	01/01/2024	31/03/2024	01/01/2024	3
Operations	Provision of Vehicle and Plant Inspection Services	Truck & Trailer works Ireland	€79,600.00	01/01/2024	31/12/2025	01/01/2024	24
Digital Services	Requirement for Support in the Development of an Investment Concept for FC EUCEF Grant Funded Project	BABLE Smart Cities GmbH	€50,000.00	01/01/2024	31/12/2024	01/01/2024	12

Appendix 3 (a)

Summary of Environmental Complaints, Inspections and Enforcement Actions

		2023	Q1 2024
Complaints investigated	Litter	389	241
	Waste (non C&D)	638	171
	C&D Waste	9	0
	Water and Wastewater	101	19
	Air & Odour	37	17
	Noise	99	23
	TOTAL COMPLAINTS	1,273	471
Inspections	Routine Waste Inspections	1124	3015
	Non-Routine Waste Inspections	416	88
	Litter Patrols & investigations	3232	561
	Routine Water & Wastewater Inspections	720	188
	Non-Routine Water & Wastewater Inspections	133	36
	Routine Air & Noise Inspections	61	8
	Non-Routine Air & Noise Inspections	134	40
	Planning Inspections	416	79
	TOTAL INSPECTIONS	6,236	4,105
Enforcement Actions	Litter Fines	463	104
	Waste Warning Letters	96	5
	Directions under S14 of WMA	101	15
	Other waste enforcement	52	3
	Water & Wastewater	29	3
	Air Enforcement Action	0	0
	Noise Enforcement Action	10	6
	TOTAL ENFORCEMENT	751	136
Prosecutions initiated	Litter	62	12
	Waste	16	0
	TOTAL PROSECUTIONS	78	12

Appendix 3 (b)

Active Travel Investment Grants: Allocations		
Project Code:	Project Name & Funding Allocation 2024	Comments
FCC/20/0004	Bicycle Parking €100,000	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 €100,000	The consultant has received the stage 1 road safety audit on the emerging preferred option. The drawings are now being updated taking this audit into account. Stakeholder engagement continues with the Bus Connects project team for a proposed new signalised junction at Waterville. A draft preliminary design report has been issued to the Active Travel Unit with comments sent back. Further updates will be provided over the coming months, through this report and at ACM level.
FCC/21/0002	Baldoyle to Howth €100,000	<p>A review of the existing road network in Baldoyle is on the Active Travel Unit's programme for 2024-2025, which will include Willie Nolan Road, Brookstone Road and Main Street. The Phase 2 options report for the improvement of pedestrian and cycle facilities on the existing road network is being reviewed for Baldoyle Village and surrounding roads, connecting Grange Road cycle scheme to Warrenhouse Road Cycle Scheme and Baldoyle Greenway.</p> <p>It is intended to progress to tender for consultants for the preliminary design of Phase 2 in Q3, 2024. Preparation of the brief has begun, in line with the Fingal County Development Plan, the Climate Action Plan and an Active Travel Strategy for Fingal.</p>

FCC/21/0006	Clonee to Blanchardstown Shopping Centre €100,000	All data collection has been collated and has informed the initial development of the options report. Initial discussions have taken place with local landowners. The design consultant has been issued with an updated review of the draft Options report and drawings following input from the Active Travel team. Once reviewed a workshop will be held with the NTA.
FCC/22/0001	Castleknock to Dunsink Lane €150,000	<p>This project is now focusing on Auburn Avenue linking into the Royal Canal at the 12th Lock along the Old Navan Road. 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.</p> <p>A stage 1 road safety audit has been carried out and comments taken into consideration with drawings updated accordingly. Photomontages of the emerging preferred option have been prepared in advance of a public consultation with information leaflets being drafted for a letter drop to the wider area. Draft EIA and AA screening reports have also been submitted for review.</p>
FCC/22/0004	Hartstown/Huntstown/Mountview Rd D1 €100,000	It is proposed to use a newly formed Single Party Framework to progress design from earlier work carried out by the Cycle Design Office. A tender competition has been published to engage the design consultant for phase 2b in this regard. The tender competition is now closed and is under assessment. 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.
FCC/22/0005	St. Cronan's Ave & Brackenstown Rd €100,000	Contractor is commencing in May extending the cycle lanes through Murrough Road and Rathbeale Junction to tie-in with the existing cycle network in the area.
FCC/22/0006	Rathingle/Rivervalley Rd. Swords €500,000	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 €50,000	The project team are currently assessing a draft set of procurement documentation for the appointment of an Integrated Design Team. Stage 2 of the Tender Process will be [published on Etenders in May with the aim of appointing a design team in June of this year.

FCC/22/0009	Permeability Links North County €350,000	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 progressing with some of these projects and works on the ground.
FCC/22/0010	R132 Ministers Rd to Blakes Cross + Kilhedge Lane €625,000	The Contractor commenced on site during September 2023. The main civil works and junction upgrades are now complete including approximately 95% of the surfacing works. Kilhedge Lane was resurfaced and anti-skid surfacing was applied in front of Corduff National School in April.
FCC/22/0011	Skerries – Harbour Road €150,000	Project team are currently reviewing the Pre-Planning Report received in April from the Planning Department. All comments and feedback will be reviewed and addressed in the project documentation and drawings where necessary before proceeding to planning and stakeholder engagement.
FCC/22/0012	Seatown Roundabout to Estuary Rd (Swords to Malahide) €150,000	Engineering consulting are finalising the Non-Statutory Public Consultation Report is due to be released shortly. Works to complete the screening reports and detailed drawings are well underway and it is anticipated to go to the market for a works contractor later this year subject to funding and NTA approvals.
FCC/22/0014	Balbriggan – Coney Hill from Devlin Bridge to Bremore Cottages €50,000	Consultant is finalising concept drawings and options report which is expected to be submitted to the project team in the coming weeks.
FCC/22/0015	Rush South Beach (Bawn Rd across carpark and out to South Shore. €500,000	We are continuing engagement with Property Section about 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. further discussions with landowner are scheduled.
FCC/22/0016	New Street Public Realm Project €300,000	Fingal County Council has received notification of Judicial Review proceedings challenging the Part 8 approval for the Public Realm Improvements. Fingal County Council's legal team are currently taking instructions in relation to this. Tender documents have been developed for Stage 2b (detailed design) and negotiations are ongoing with the Single Party Framework Operator.
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FCC/22/0018	Data collection for Active Travel Projects €50,000	Traffic, air, noise etc
FCC/22/0019	Skerries Active Travel Plan €250,000	Tender competition is completed for Stage 1 of the process. Stage 2 documents are currently under review and will be released to the shortlisted consultants through Eenders in May.
FCC/22/0020	Balrothery Active Travel Review €50,000	<p>Documentation in relation to a 2nd non-statutory consultation is being prepared for online public consultation, to share conclusions from the event, emerging vision and the key principles informing this vision.</p> <p>Baseline traffic surveys have been carried out in the village and the design team are awaiting a report of same.</p> <p>The Consultant is also in the process of identifying Key Performance Indicators for Active Travel in Balrothery, for agreement with the Active Travel Unit. Different approaches to a solution are being developed to deliver Active Travel in Balrothery. Each of these approaches will be examined against the Key Performance Indicators for various locations across Balrothery to determine a best-fit approach. The approaches will then be put through a feasibility assessment to determine their appropriateness at varying locations across the village, which will inform the emerging plan for Active Travel facilities in Balrothery.</p>
FCC/22/0021	Seamount Heights to Old Golf Links Park Active Travel Route €100,000	<p>A temporary footpath was constructed in December 2023, to provide safe access from Seapark Hill to the Old Golf Links site and paths through the park, providing safe connectivity to Seamount Heights. The Developer on the Seamount Road side has recently reopened the access, which is now through the new development, linking Seamount Road to the temporary footpath in Seapark Hill.</p> <p>The design brief and tender documents have been prepared for the permanent link, and negotiations are ongoing at present with the Single Party Framework operator. Once negotiations are complete, it is intended to publish this tender as soon as possible to progress this project from the design phases through to completion.</p>
FCC/22/0022	Broomfield to Paddy's Hill via Naomh Mearnog GAA €100,000	Tender documents are being prepared for Consultant from the NTA Multiparty Framework for 'Concept Development and Options Selection'. Preparation of the brief and tender documents have begun. Brief for the appointment of consultant being drafted and currently being assessed and amended.
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		Enabling works have been substantially completed to provide connectivity from Paddy's Hill Car Park to St. Helen's Junior School and Limetree Avenue. This included tree surgeon works, footpath works, new access points to the school, ramps, table-top crossings, dropped kerbs and ramps on the carriageway on Paddy's Hill.
FCC/22/0026	Fingal County Council Active Travel Office – Staff Costs €1,100,000	
FCC/22/0028	FCC Castleknock to Blanchardstown via Farmleigh €50,000	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 has taken place. The feasibility study has started, and traffic and drone surveys have taken place which will help inform the study. A tender competition to carry out a topographical survey has been completed with survey works starting May 2024.
FCC/23/0003	SRTS (R1) – Ladyswell National School €300,000	Detailed Design is complete for the Tranche 2 schools and a tender competition for the construction works has closed. The winning contractor is due to start on site at the end of April 2024.
FCC/23/0004	SRTS (R1) – Scoil Ghrainne CNS €200,000	Detailed Design is complete for the Tranche 2 schools and a tender competition for the construction works has closed. The winning contractor is due to start on site at the end of Q2/ start of Q3 2024.
FCC/23/0005	SRTS (R1) – Scoil Choilm CNS €350,000	Installation of flexible bollards on Porterstown Rd. outside the school entrance is complete. Detailed Design is complete for the Tranche 2 schools and a tender competition for the construction works has closed. The winning contractor is due to start on site at the end of Q2/ start of Q3 2024.
FCC/23/0018	Active Travel Pathfinder – Swords to Airport Quick Build €500,000	Project team have engaged an Integrated Design Team to work on the project. Preferred Options report has been completed and is going through discussion and consultation with the Statutory stakeholder at present.
FCC/23/0019	SRTS (R1) – Pope John Paul II NS, Malahide	Contract with contractor signed and site queued for construction.
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FCC/23/0020	SRTS (R1) – Bayside Junior School (Scoil Náisiúnta Muire agus Iósef, Sóisear)	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/24/XXXX	SRTS (R2) Design	
FCC/24/XXXX	Feltrim Road Cycle Infrastructure €150,000	<p>The brief and tender documents have been returned from the Single Party Framework Operator. The tender return will now be assessed and, pending the outcome of the tender assessment, the consultant will be appointed for multi-disciplinary consultancy services for the provision and improvement of infrastructure for pedestrians, people on cycles and other vulnerable road users.</p> <p>The route of the Feltrim cycle scheme is shown on the map below, commencing at Kettles Lane, along the Feltrim Road to Mountgorry Way and on up to the Swords Road Roundabout. The study area is from the Mountgorry Way/Swords Road roundabout via Mountgorry Way and Feltrim Road, tying into the Feltrim Road/Kettle’s Lane junction, with the addition of a pedestrian crossing facility to be provided at/near the entrance to Kettles Park on Kettles Lane, and treatment of the three roundabouts at Swords Road/Mountgorry Way, Mountgorry Way/Feltrim Road, and Drinan Enterprise Centre/Liam Rogers Centre/MPETSS.</p> <p>It is anticipated that a concept design will be completed by Q4 2024, with Preliminary Design commencing in Q1, 2025.</p>
FCC/24/XXXX	Donabate to Portrane (R126) – Distributor Rd to Portrane Avenue Active Routes €100,000	Consultant is finalising concept drawings and options report. Discussion and negotiations ongoing with Property Section and landowners to acquire lands where required.

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, Swords <a @53.4646389,-8.2333333,15z"="" href="https://www.google.com/maps/place/53°27'52.7\" n+6°14'04.1\"w="">53°27'52.7"N 6°14'04.1"W - Google Maps	11 4 x 1 Bed 4 x 2 Bed 3 x 3 Bed	On-Site	Q4 2022	Q3 2024
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	Tuath Housing	Social - Elderly	Kilhedge Lane, Lusk <a @53.5234444,-8.1750833,15z"="" href="https://www.google.com/maps/place/53°31'24.4\" n+6°10'30.3\"w="">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	Q3 2024
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Ballough Place, Lusk <a @53.5234444,-8.1086389,15z"="" href="https://www.google.com/maps/place/53°31'24.1\" n+6°06'42.1\"w="">https://goo.gl/maps/8u6BiRWzuLSTmj8	10 9 x 2 Bed 1 x 1 Bed	On-Site	Q1 2023	Q3 2024
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Monastery Court, Church Road, Lusk <a @53.5234444,-8.1086389,15z"="" href="https://www.google.com/maps/place/53°31'24.1\" n+6°06'42.1\"w="">https://goo.gl/maps/vqRAVUw8ZqhM75w66	5 5 x 2 Bed	On-Site	Q1 2023	Q3 2024
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Hayestown, Rush <a @53.5234444,-8.1086389,15z"="" href="https://www.google.com/maps/place/53°31'24.1\" n+6°06'42.1\"w="">53°31'24.1"N 6°06'42.1"W - Google Maps	61 10 x Social 51 x Affordable	On-Site	Q2 2023	Q4 2024
Balbriggan/Rush - Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	St. Ita's, Portrane <a @53.4124167,-8.3941667,15z"="" href="https://www.google.com/maps/place/53°24'44.7\" n+6°23'39.0\"w="">Portrane Ave - Google Maps	5 Restoration of existing cottages.	On-Site	Q4 2022	Q4 2024
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	Glenveagh Living Ltd	Mixed Tenure	Balmoston Ph1., Donabate 53°29'21.2"N 6°07'58.1"W	173 87 social 86 cost rental	On-Site	Q3 2023	Phased delivery
Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock/ Ongar	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Church Fields 3A <a @53.4124167,-8.3941667,15z"="" href="https://www.google.com/maps/place/53°24'44.7\" n+6°23'39.0\"w="">53°24'44.7"N 6°23'39.0"W - Google	120 40 social 80 cost rental	On-Site	Q4 2023	Phased delivery

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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 (Est.)
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 complete.	Q4 2023	Q1 2026
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	Enabling works commenced.	Q1 2024	Q3 2026
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	North and East Housing Association	Social – Elderly	Garristown 53°34'03.7"N 6°22'42.1"W - Google Maps	6 3 x 2-bed 3 x 1-bed	Planning granted.	TBC	TBC
Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar	FCC	Social – Elderly TBC	Blakestown Cross, Mulhuddart 53.399869, -6.401776 Google Maps	30 16 x 1 Bed 14 x 2 Bed	Consultants to be appointed	Q1 2025	Q4 2026
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	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	Tender under evaluation.	Q3 2024	Q3 2026
Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Church Fields 3B 53°24'44.7"N 6°23'39.0"W - Google Maps	217	ABP approved planning Q4 2023.	Q1 2025	Q4 2026

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Schemes with Planning Approval and at Tender stage

Blanchardstown- Mulhuddart/Castleknock / Ongar	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Mayeston, Dublin 11 53°24'28.4"N 6°17'02.1"W - Google Maps	119 39 x 1 Bed 68 x 2 Bed 12 x 3 Bed	Enabling works to commence.	Q2 2024	Q4 2025
Balbriggan/Rush- Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Mourne View, Skerries. 53.580404, -6.122225	14 11x2Bed 3x3Bed 1x4Bed	S179a planning process complete.	Q4 2024	Q4 2025
Balbriggan/Rush- Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Rathmore, Remount, Lusk	18	S179a planning process complete.	TBC	Q4 2025

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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)
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Mixed Tenure	New Road, Donabate 53°29'02.6"N 6°08'27.5"W	175	TBC S179a Planning process to commence.	TBC	TBC
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 pack issued.	Q4 2025	Q1 2027
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	TBC	Mooretown Phase 1, Swords. https://maps.app.goo.gl/R8eAG1aoLXh1nL2J9	274	S179a planning process ongoing.	Q4 2024	Q4 2026
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Kenure, Rush. 53.532278, -6.102176 Google Maps	32	Design ongoing. Surveys to commence.	Q4 2025	Q1 2027

Howth/Malahide	FCC	Social	Fingerpost, Malahide	4	Design ongoing.	Q4 2025	Q1 2027
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Balmoston Ph2, Donabate 53°29'21.2"N 6°07'58.1"W	151 TBC	At pre-planning stage.	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	Q3 2024