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Fingal County
Council



Fingal County Council Annual Report 2023

Our Mission

To be a vibrant, outward looking, well run Council that shows leadership and embraces diversity and opportunity.

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Foreword

Adrian Henchy
Mayor of Fingal



The year has been one of great progress and I have been heartened by the wonderful community strength that I've been able to witness across the county.

It has been both a privilege and an honour to serve as Mayor during this period, and I am deeply thankful for the countless opportunities I've had to engage with the people of Fingal. Despite facing unprecedented challenges, our community has shown remarkable resilience, solidarity and a steadfast dedication to moving forward.

Since being elected as Mayor, I've been fortunate to attend hundreds of community events, initiative launches and openings that have focussed on issues including heritage, the environment, sports and housing. The achievements we've accomplished are a source of pride and there remains great expectation on what more we can achieve in the future.

Throughout the year, Fingal County Council remained steadfast in its dedication to serving the needs of our residents, businesses and communities. From the outset, our focus has been on fostering an environment where innovation thrives, where sustainability is championed and where inclusivity remains a core tenet of what we do. In every decision made and every initiative undertaken, our guiding principle has been to enhance the quality of life for all who call Fingal home.

In 2023, our collective efforts bore fruit in a myriad of ways. We celebrated the completion of numerous infrastructure projects, enhancing connectivity and accessibility across the county. From improved transport networks to the expansion of vital services, these initiatives underscore our commitment to laying the foundations for a prosperous future.

To help continue this positive progress, Councillors agreed to a €361.9 million budget for 2024 that will be invested in delivering over 900 different services in what is one of Ireland's fastest growing and youngest counties. We also unveiled a three-year Capital Programme worth €1.35 billion that will support new housing, new community facilities and new transport links, as well the preservation of our heritage.

We have also continued to prioritize sustainability and environmental stewardship. Initiatives aimed at reducing carbon emissions and safeguarding our natural habitats took centre stage. As part of that, a new Biodiversity Action Plan has been published for Fingal that aims to halt biodiversity loss and help ensure that future generations can enjoy the diverse range of habitats, plants and animals that we take for granted today.

Equally important was our unwavering dedication to fostering vibrant and inclusive communities. From supporting local businesses to investing in cultural events and recreational facilities, we worked tirelessly to create spaces where diversity is celebrated, and opportunity abounds.

And there were also some wonderful – and memorable - cultural and sporting activities in the Fingal region, including Balbriggan playing host to a series of matches as part of the Women's Softball World Cup and Blanchardstown hosting Ireland's biggest Women's Football World Cup Watch Party where we got to cheer on local heroes like Diane Caldwell and Izzy Atkinson. Here too, I would like to make a special mention to the welcome expansion of our greatly admired TY Football and Fitness course, which will see our first ever cohort of girls graduate next year.

In June 2024, we will see Local Elections taking place. These are an opportunity for the people of Fingal to vote for councillors to represent them across the seven Local Electoral Areas for the next five-year cycle. I want to extend my sincere gratitude to my fellow Council members for their unwavering dedication to serving the residents of Fingal and for steadfastly advocating for the causes close to their hearts. I also want to recognise and pay tribute to Deputy Mayor Cllr Gráinne Maguire for the wealth of experience and dedication she has brought to the role.

Furthermore, I express appreciation to Chief Executive AnnMarie Farrelly for her guidance, resolute leadership, and forward-thinking vision. I also want to commend all Council staff for their hard work and dedication in enhancing the well-being of our community.

Adrian Henchy
Mayor of Fingal





Introduction

AnnMarie Farrelly
Chief Executive



This is the 30th Annual Report published by Fingal County Council since our formation and our county is a very different place to the one that existed in 1994.

That brings its own challenges, particularly in housing where we are involved in the provision of private, affordable, cost rental and social homes and in the delivery of infrastructure to support the communities that are created or increased.

Last August saw a remarkable day where we cut the sod on a development of 1,200 mixed tenure homes on one side of the Donabate Distributor Road having earlier broken ground across the road for a new €10m recreational hub which is beside the site earmarked for a new school to meet the educational needs of the area. We also opened two recreational hubs in Ward River Valley Park in Swords and Porterstown Park in Castleknock in 2023 and our long-term plan is to create 14 across the county which will be managed, under licence, by local sports clubs working together.

We operate or support 36 community centres across the county and in March we turned the sod on a new €7.5m community centre for Meakstown where we will also deliver the largest playground in Fingal. The provision of a new community centre in Baldoyle moved closer as did the delivery of the €44m Swords Cultural Centre and the €15m redevelopment of the area around Quay Street and the harbour in Balbriggan.

In October, Councillors agreed a three-year Capital Programme worth €1.37 billion which contains 312 projects of which 67, representing a spend of €215m, were already on site. In addition to the projects already mentioned, the programme also includes the new €16m Ongar to Barnhill Road, the €116m mixed tenure development at Church Fields in Mulhuddart and €7.7m pedestrian and cycle route on the Harry Reynolds Road in Balbriggan.

The past year also saw us launch the new Fingal Biodiversity Plan while the innovative and hugely successful Transition Year Football & Fitness course, run in partnership with the Football Association of Ireland, welcomed its first class of girls. The annual Pride of Place Community Awards saw Mountview, one of the oldest urban areas in Blanchardstown, win the Urban Neighbourhood category while, after an absence of four years, Fingal returned to Bloom and won a gold medal for our show garden, "A Breathing Space for Fingal".

I would like to thank the Mayor, Cllr Adrian Henchy, and his predecessor, Cllr Howard Mahony, for the leadership they showed in the role during the year. Nothing that we do would be possible without the support of our 40 Councillors. I would especially like to thank them for their work on our new six-year Development Plan which sets out the spatial framework to guide future development within the County with a focus on the places we live, the places we work, the places we visit and the places we do business and how we interact and move between these places while protecting our environment.

The commitment of our 1,600 staff who do great work every day is frequently commented upon by people I meet across Fingal. A recent REDC survey commissioned by Fingal County Council found that 70% of residents trust the Council and 67% are satisfied with the work that we do. Those figures don't happen by accident, so I am extremely fortunate to have such a dedicated team working every day to deliver a quality service to the local community.

AnnMarie Farrelly
Chief Executive





Elected Members

2023



**Fingal
Councillors
2023**

Balbriggan



Brendan Ryan
Labour Party
Co-Opted 15 June 23



Gráinne Maguire
Independent



Karen Power
Green Party
Comhaontas Glas



Seána Ó Rodaigh
Labour Party
Resigned 8 May 23



Tom O'Leary
Fine Gael



Tony Murphy
Independent



**Blanchardstown
-Mulhuddart**



Breda Hanaphy
Sinn Féin



JK Onwumereh
Fianna Fáil



John Burtchaell
Solidarity



Mary McCamley
Labour Party



Punam Rane
Fine Gael



Castleknock



Howard Mahony
Fianna Fáil



John Walsh
Labour Party



Natalie Treacy
Sinn Féin



Pamela Conroy
Green Party
Comhaontas Glas



Siobhan Shovlin
Fine Gael



Ted Leddy
Fine Gael



**Howth
-Malahide**



Anthony Lavin
Fine Gael



Aoihinn Tormey
Fine Gael



Brian McDonagh
Labour Party





David Healy
Green Party
Comhaontas Glas



Eoghan O'Brien
Fianna Fáil



Jimmy Guerin
Independent



Joan Hopkins
Social Democrats



Ongar



Angela Donnelly
Sinn Féin



Daniel Whooley
Green Party
Resigned 18 Sep 23



Kieran Dennison
Fine Gael



Tania Doyle
Independent



Tom Kitt
Fianna Fáil



Rush-Lusk



Adrian Henchy
Fianna Fáil



Brian Dennehy
Fianna Fáil



Cathal Boland
Independent



Paul Mulville
Social Democrats



Robert O'Donoghue
Labour party



Swords



Ann Graves
Sinn Féin



Brigid Manton
Fianna Fáil



Darragh Butler
Fianna Fáil



Dean Mulligan
Independents 4
Change



Ian Carey
Green Party
Comhaontas Glas



James Humphreys
Labour Party



Joe Newman
Independent



Mayors of Fingal

2023





Mayor
Howard Mahony
January-June 2023



Mayor
Adrian Henchy
June-December 2023



Deputy Mayor
Cathal Boland
January-June 2023



Deputy Mayor
Gráinne Maguire
June-December 2023



Key Achievements

2023



Highlights:

- Fingal County Council unveils Capital Programme worth €1.35 billion
- Fingal County Council Announces Festival and Events Funding Scheme for 2024
- Council welcomes €1.7m allocation from Community Recognition Fund
- New €2m sports facility opens in Castleknock
- Community Monuments Fund 2024 is Launched
- Mayor of Fingal opens three public amenities worth €6m in Swords
- Work begins on construction of 62 new homes in Rush
- Enabling works commence for new Civic and Cultural Centre in Swords
- Fingal Beaches retain Blue and Green Flags for 2023
- Rathmore Park Lusk officially opened by Mayor of Fingal
- Construction begins at Balmoston, one of the largest residential housing developments in the Country
- 15 permanent noise measuring systems now in place around Dublin Airport
- First Bike Bunkers for Fingal Installed in Balbriggan
- Virtual Reality comes to Fingal Libraries
- Fingal Celebrates 25 Years of the Good Friday Agreement
- Irish Sign Language Service Launched for Visitors to Fingal County Council Offices
- Fingal's 3D modelling approach takes top prize at Excellence in Local Government Awards
- Fingal Innovative Projects will mark the Final Chapter of the Decade of Centenaries
- Success for Hartstown as Fingal Parks achieve seven Green Flag Awards
- Fingal County Council and Cricket Leinster Champion Inclusivity in Cricket with the launch of Cricket4All Guidelines
- Castleknock and Balbriggan Dublin Discovery Digital Trails Update Launched
- Balbriggan Beach Welcomes Installation of New Volleyball Nets
- Fingal Business Picks Up with Innovative eCargo Bike Trial Schemes
- Fingal County Council launch the Guidance Manual for Fingal Community

Facilities

- Fingal County Council Welcomes Tradfest 2023
- European Partners visit Balbriggan for transnational learning exchange
- Free School Resources Launched To Celebrate Clean Air Week in Fingal
- Swords Segregated Cycle Lanes Upgrade Safety for Local Community

Reports/Plans/Strategies:

- Fingal's latest report shows gender pay gap has narrowed
- Fingal Moves Forward on Climate Change Actions
- Skerries Report Published Following Active Travel Plan Consultation
- Fingal Moves Forward On Skerries Active Travel Plan following Public Consultation
- Far reaching Biodiversity Plan looks to reverse decline by 2030
- Council receives Dublin Airport planning application
- Fingal Seeks Input as Climate Action Plan Enters Public Consultation Phase

Grants:

- Over €320,000 in funding awarded to community and voluntary groups under the Community Support Fund
- €57,720 in Funding to be given to Summer Projects by Fingal County Council
- NTA Award €17.11m Funding to Fingal Active Travel Projects
- 2024 Funding for conservation works and repairs in Fingal
- Launch of 'Community Climate Action Fingal' Grant
- Launch of the Community Recognition Fund Book Gifting Programme from Fingal Libraries
- Fingal receives funding to look at sea swimming project in Skerries
- New Funding for Streetscape Enhancement Projects in Donabate
- Fingal Secure Bike Week 2023 Funding
- Fingal County Council Announce Artists' Support Scheme, 2023



Corporate Plan 2019-2024 Review





Theme 1:
Quality of Life



Theme 2:
**Quality of
Climate
Resilient
Environment**



Theme 3:
**Quality
Business
Environment**



Theme 4:
**Quality in our
Work**



Support the Diverse Needs of the People of Fingal

Provide for the sustainable development of the County through the review of the County Development Plan - and the preparation of a new plan.

The Fingal Development Plan 2023 – 2029 was adopted in February 2023 and came into effect on 5th April 2023. A Ministerial Direction in relation to the Plan was issued in July 2023. Following adoption of the Development Plan, a priority list of LAPs, Masterplans and Framework Plans to be prepared over the lifetime of the Development Plan was agreed by the Members and work is ongoing on the first tranche of plans.

Facilitate the supply of housing, both public and private, in the County to provide sustainable, quality, affordable, mixed tenure housing options through land use activation and development management.

Fingal County Council continue to meet and exceed the targets of Housing for All and of the Housing Delivery Action Plan. In addition, there has been a significant increase in the delivery of Affordable Housing for private sale throughout the County. The Croí Cónaithe Refurbishment Vacant Property Grant Scheme eligibility criteria was expanded in May 2023 with increased promotion of the scheme by the Vacant Homes Team in order to bring private owned vacant dwellings back into occupancy. During 2023, a further 78 applications were received of which 49 applications were approved.

Facilitate good quality private rented accommodation standards to enhance the quality of life for individuals and families living in the private rented accommodation sector.

The Private Rented Inspection Section continues to carry out inspections on private rented properties to ensure that the properties meet the Housing (Standards for Rented Houses) Regulations 2019. In 2023 over 6,796 inspections were carried out with 5,475 dwellings inspected. In line with Housing for All strategy for the Rental Sector, Fingal County Council is dedicated to improving the living standards of tenants in private rented housing in the Fingal area.

Strive to ensure that all communities in Fingal irrespective of age, nationality, ethnicity, religious or cultural background are encouraged to participate in and avail of the services delivered by the Council.

Community inclusion, empowerment and participation are fundamental to the work of the Community Development Office as it delivers, supports initiatives which support the development of sustainable inclusive communities across Fingal.

Under the Migrant Integration and Social Cohesion Strategy the Community Development Integration Team provided coordinating oversight and guidance in the delivery of 25 actions under the five strategy pillars across the Council;

1. Public Sector Duty
2. Enterprise
3. Communication and Information.
4. Integration, Cultural Difference & Racism
5. Housing

These 25 actions support integration and interculturalism across all Council services. In 2023 Fingal's Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT) was established to provide integration supports to Applicants for International Protection (IP Applicants), Programme Refugees, those with Refugee, Subsidiary Protection, or Permission to Remain status and Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection (BOTP) to enable them to live independently in the community.

Provide a safe and sustainable public realm to meet the needs of all the citizens of the County.

The public realm, namely the road network, footpaths and paved areas are required to be secure, accessible, connected and well maintained. High quality upkeep of the public realm contributes to a positive image and foster a sense of community. Meeting the requirements in relation to accessibility/mobility/age friendly commitments is important in the retro-fitting of infrastructure within the public realm e.g. tactile paving, noise aids at crossings, mobility hubs placement of street furniture. Delivery of the Programme of Works, preventative and response maintenance programmes ensures the provision of a high quality public realm for citizens and visitors to the County. In terms of sustainability the Council is committed to encompassing the principles of green infrastructure and whole life cost in terms of reinstatement and upgrading of existing infrastructure. Redesign and retrofitting, in order to ensure that the public realm better serves the needs of the citizen will also take place.

Develop and enhance the arts and cultural identity of Fingal, make space for the Arts connecting people and ideas and encouraging participation in all art forms.

The implementation of the Fingal Arts Development Plan 2019-2025 continued in 2023 with the Public Arts Programme 'Infrastructure' and the awarding of grants, commissions and bursaries schemes.

The actions resulting from the eight-year framework agreement with the Arts Council of Ireland continued in 2023 on the two areas of agreement:

- a) Research & Development
- b) Building capacity

in respect of the Swords Cultural Quarter, Our Balbriggan and the development of Artist studios at 2-4 Dublin Street, Balbriggan.



Provide dynamic and inclusive library spaces and services for the Community.

The objectives of Fingal Libraries Development Plan 2018-2023 continued to be implemented in 2023. Work progressed on the refurbishment of and extension to Skerries Library. The tender to select the building contractor for the new County Library in the Swords Cultural Quarter was issued in November 2023. Ballisk House, the former Credit Union building in Donabate was purchased by the Council. Work began on developing plans to relocate the Library from the Community Centre to this site.

Support culture and recreation and enable literacy, education and economic development through innovative programmes

The Libraries Department through the Creative Ireland programme and through programmes such as Healthy Ireland at Your Library, Right to Read and Europe Direct, engaged and informed citizens throughout 2022. Highlights included Cruinniú na nÓg, the Writers' Festival, the Festival of History and the Children's Literature Festival.

Create effective pathways for citizens of Fingal to develop and participate in lifelong patterns of involvement in sport, recreation and leisure creating healthy lifestyles and building a sustainable approach to sport development

The Community Development Office works in partnership with voluntary community groups, agencies and service providers to provide support to communities through the delivery of community, recreation, educational programmes, grant funding schemes, support and advice services to develop strong, self-reliant, and sustainable vibrant communities. Examples include: 20 Fingal Positive Ageing Week initiatives, 70 initiatives for Fingal Inclusion Week, over 6,000 young people attended Summer Camps, 30 events during the week of International Women's Day, 41 Acorn Tablets repurposed to support older Ukrainian people accessing English language classes, craft classes and general contacts.



Ensure our Existing & New Communities are Safe, Inclusive & Sustainable

Develop plans to facilitate the increase of supply of housing in the County.

Ongoing residential development. At December 2023 as per the Housing Task Force Return: The number of sites with planning permission in Tier 1 is 126. The number of units with planning permission is 21,845. There are 69 active sites. There are 3,016 units under construction. There are currently thirty SHD Sites in Tier 1, with ten of these sites active and five other SHD sites are currently under Judicial Review. There are five LRDs in Tier 1, four are inactive, one of which is currently under a Judicial Review.

Build a strong sense of place, identity and wellbeing through the development of equal, inclusive and connected Communities.

Empowering community groups and supporting Community leadership is critical in supporting residents to actively develop their Communities. The work of the Community Development Office continued in this area under the five pillars below, with €309K invested in Community initiatives which promoted equality and inclusion and fostered participation.

1. Inter-Agency Support
2. Community Development Support
3. Strategic Support
4. Facilities Support
5. Funding Support

The Community Development Office actively supported local groups in undertaking climate change initiatives including, the Mulhuddart Green Festival attended by 350 people; Swords Circular Economy Project attended by 210 people, the holding of 40 Keen to be Green in the Community Workshops, supporting 21 Fingal Climate Action Hero Community Groups, three Fingal groups achieved National Awards and supporting several Community Gardens and clean up groups across the county.

Support the growth of strong and resilient neighbourhoods.

Strong and resilient neighbourhoods are founded on strong community engagement and volunteerism. In recognition of this, the 2023 Fingal Mayor's Awards honoured 24 community volunteers for their outstanding work within their communities.

In light of the rapid growth, diversity and changing nature of our communities, 38 Awareness Raising Training Events took place focused on Cultural Diversity and Inclusion in support of community integration.

The Community Development Office worked with 367 active Community Groups throughout the year with over 3000 significant engagements recorded between voluntary groups and staff.



Financial support of €350K in direct grant funding was awarded to 250 voluntary community groups in support of their work to strengthen and develop their local areas.

The Fingal Facilities Unit ensured the provision of safe secure facilities for local groups to meet in the 37 Community Facilities which had 2.2 million visitors in 2023 and 475 community groups regularly using these facilities across the County.

345 people attended training with the Fingal Community Facilities Network coupled with ongoing support provided to 120 Volunteer Board Directors. These initiatives support high standards of governance across all Fingal Community Facilities. The innovative Fingal She Leads project provides support and encourages women to become involved as community leaders. It grew from strength to strength as shown by the attendance of 170 people at the launch of Through our Eyes, the Power of Women's Leadership in Community Action, Photography Exhibition, one of a series of initiatives supported in this area.

Provide high quality parks and open spaces to meet the needs of all users and create a healthy environment.

The Council continues to invest in the regional parks and open spaces through the Capital Works Programme and the Programme of Works. Parks and open spaces provide opportunities for passive and active recreation. Parks and open spaces help build and strengthen ties within communities by bringing people together for community events, including those who may be separated by ethnic or social background. A network of high-quality certified playgrounds demonstrates our commitment to the importance of play and child development. As part of Our Play Strategy an audit was carried out of play facilities across the County and this will guide future development of play facilities with a number of priority locations identified for future facilities. Accessible equipment is being rolled out as part of an inclusive approach to play. Continued investment in sports pitches, recreational hubs and installation of outdoor exercise equipment meets the needs of a broad cross section of the community of all ability levels and age groups with additional facilities opening across the County year on year and others at planning and procurement stage. A significant emphasis has been placed on providing age friendly facilities across the county in the last number of years.

Foster collaborative leadership among stakeholders in local community and economic development.

"The Fingal SICAP Programme" supported physical and mental well-being through the LCDC Healthy Ireland Programme community safety and integration. Procurement on the delivery of the SICAP Programme 2024 – 2028 completed in 2023.

The Fingal LCDC is responsible for the delivery of the Dublin Rural LEADER Programme, and the Dublin Rural LAG was successful in the development of a new LEADER Development Strategy for the Dublin Rural Area and approved to run the LEADER Programme 2023 - 2027.



Additional funding under the Community Enhancement Programme, the Town and Villages Renewal Scheme, Community Facilities, Community Grants and Sports Grant Schemes supported local community and economic development with funds supporting online events, measures to repurpose open space, supports for social distancing in community centres and providing equipment to community groups and sports clubs.

The Our Balbriggan Programme Leadership Group, comprising senior public, private and Community stakeholders, with an independent Chair, leads on local community and economic development in Balbriggan.

The Town Regeneration Office established a new Town Team in Lusk, the first of a number of Town Teams that will be set up in Fingal's Towns in the years ahead.

Support the development of strong, safe and engaged communities to actively participate in civic life celebrating our identity through arts, culture, heritage and sport.

Fingal County Council (FCC) Sports Office is part of Sport Ireland's network of Local Sports Partnerships (LSPs). The aim of the LSP (Local Sports Partnerships) Network is to help people get active and remove barriers to sport and physical activity that may exist.

The Sports Office undertakes a wide range of actions with the aim of increasing sport and physical activity participation levels in their local communities. 2023's Actions included:

- The Sports Office supports and delivers programmes aimed at increasing participation in sport, targeting specific groups such as children, youth at risk, disadvantaged groups, teenage girls, women in sport, older adults and people with disabilities.
- Working to develop clubs, coaches, volunteers and supporting partnerships between local sports clubs, community-based organisations and sector agencies.
- Creating greater opportunities for access to training and education in relation to sports and physical activity provision.
- Provision of targeted programmes, events and initiatives to increase physical activity and sport participation.
- Providing information about sport and physical activity to create awareness and access.
- The Sports Office – via FCC's Sports Development Officers and its nine Co-Funded NGB (National Governing Bodies of Sport) Officers, delivered 855 programmes, attracting 56,735 participants.
- Some 'targeted' highlights included:
 - In October, Chloe Farrell became Senior Sports Officer
 - In early May 2023, FCC deployed our new 'Active Cities' Co-ordinator, Ian Farrell
- The key focus for Active Cities is getting cross-sector buy-in to the need for an Active City.
- Making sure the voice of those most inactive is heard.
- Ensuring strategic input from all relevant stakeholders in the development of local physical activity strategies and plans.
- 'Active Cities' introduced the 'Box-Up' concept to the County. Each unit has 6 lockers containing a variety of equipment to suit various needs and abilities, such as Boules, Spikeball, exercise equipment and more. To get started the user can download the free BoxUP app and set up an account using photo ID. They can then select their location and BoxUp station and choose which locker they want to open and take out the equipment.



- Active Cities Dublin and Fingal County Council launched a pilot project with two BoxUP units, at Skerries Community Centre and Rush South Beach. With the success of these two units Fingal County Council will be introducing more BoxUp units into local parks in 2024.
- Active Cities hosted a 'Women's World Cup Watch Party,' at the National Sports Campus for the Australia v Ireland match. The aim of the initiative was to familiarise local Communities with the free facilities now available at the Sports Campus.
- Fingal Parks and Trails Challenge - Active Cities Dublin and Fingal County Council partnered with 'Leave No Trace' Ireland to bring Fingal routes, directions to locations, car parking timetables and safety information for Fingal Parks and Trails locations. Additionally, 'Active Cities' provided information on wheelchair accessibility, playgrounds, picnic tables, off-leash dog areas and much more. Our Motto is 'Get Up, Get Outdoors, Get Active.' We had over 1,000 people registered for the Parks and Trails challenge during the Month of August.
- Active Cities Dublin provided the opportunity for people to take part in Athletics Ireland Race Series 5km, 5m and 10m events. 93 runners completed their first 5km.
- A Moment for Me – Active Cities collaborated with Swords Celtic FC to provide rest bite for parents whose kids are participation in the Football for All-inclusive programme. Surveys were conducted with the parents and Yoga was the selected as an activity parents took part in while their children participated in the Football for All programme.
- Delivery of Safeguarding courses.
- Delivery of 'Her Outdoors Week' in August – a Sport Ireland Initiative, where females were offered the chance to partake in a 'new' activity, including Snorkelling /Yoga & Dip/ Paddleboarding/Orienteering/Cycling/'Intro to Triathlon'/Rowing
- 'Exercise Energise' – in 17 schools, 680 teenage girls introduced to 'new' activities to promote continued positive lifestyle choices.
- Continued growth of Flemington 'Friday Night Basketball,' which has attracted excellent numbers and facilitated soft communication channels for Community Garda and a 'difficult to reach' target group.
- Creation of a new programme, 'Children Sports Hubs' in Flemington, Balbriggan, Corduff and Holywell. Aiming to attract children who do not play traditional team sports, into an activity concept ensuring they still develop their fundamental movement skills. Ages 9 – 12, catering for approximately 110 kids.
- 'Try Track & Field' & 'SportsCon' - further primary school interventions to encourage trying athletics and aiming to sustain concept with teachers, ergo schools.
- Continuous Consultancy work on the FCC 'Sports Strategy' 2023-2027.
- The Sports Office worked with consultant for 'Sports and Recreational Facilities Audit' for Fingal County Council and 10km beyond its boundaries.
- In August, the Sports Office again facilitated the third Balbriggan Outdoor Beach and Water Sports Activity Day, with an increased attendance of 3,000 people participating on the day.
- 3,635 primary school kids took part in the 2023 'MarathonKids' programme, promoting sustained exercise in primary schools.
- Additionally, 48 primary schools enjoyed FCC's 'Athletics League' running events, culminating in 2,400 kids participating in Finals Day at ALSAA.



- 2023 saw the continued expansion of the Fingal East Meath Pitch & Putt Competition with an increase in competing teams. This summer-based tournament is a welcome fixture with the club competing for a perpetual trophy and for their local club.
- During the winter months, we hosted 3 online 'HomeFit' exercise programmes that included Yoga, Pilates, and Chair Exercise. All classes were recording so participants could rewatch the classes in their own time.
- Hosted 20 Training and Education Workshops including Accredited First Aid, Nutrition, Sports Ireland and Active Disability Ireland Accredited Courses with over 50 clubs in Fingal.
- Sports Equipment Grants, to the value of €104,275, was provided to over 55 groups to assist with purchasing equipment to upgrade and increase membership as well as enabling clubs to work with young people.

Support local Communities and residents to meet the needs of the most vulnerable in our society working with other agencies in Fingal.

The Community Development Office continued to work closely with many targeted groups focusing on meeting the needs of some of the most vulnerable in society. Key partners included: Fingal Older Peoples Council, Fingal Age Friendly Alliance, Fingal Community Response Forum, Fingal Children and Young Peoples Services Committee, Traveller representative groups, HSE Connected for Life, various representative migrant groups, disability interest groups, the Fingal Ukrainian Network and Foroige.

Direct and indirect support of Ukrainians, fleeing from war, continued in 2023. Key areas included the identification of support needs, signposting, linking and assisting Ukrainians with appropriate partner agencies for key services and the provision of social and integration supports.

Twelve Fingal Ukrainian Information Network meetings were held providing a valuable space for Ukrainians to meet together and support empowerment to be proactively engaged during their time in Fingal. Five information sessions were hosted by the Community Development Office in temporary accommodation centres. The mapping of 47 English Language Classes with some 2,250 Ukrainians across Fingal availing of classes, provision of 25 varied social and integration targeted initiatives in support of the needs of Ukrainians across Fingal.

The continued implementation of the Fingal Age Friendly Strategy saw continued support being provided to Fingal Older Peoples Council and the Fingal Age Friendly Alliance as we work to make Fingal a great place to grow old and to encourage participation of older people in various initiatives.

Key deliverables included the provision of two cross-agency information sessions by Fingal service providers attended by over 200 people. The roll out of several very successful intergenerational projects including the Removing Barriers of Geography and Age - intergenerational, cross-border project in partnership with Linking Generations Northern Ireland. The inaugural Vintage Picnic Festival for over 55's was attended by over 500 people. 1,000 older people received the weekly Age Friendly Newsletter while 127 people attended the annual Fingal Older Persons Conference.

Other collaborative projects were also supported with key stakeholders including Foroige, Comhairle na nÓg and Fingal Children and Young Peoples Services Committee. Over 6,000 young people and families participated in Council supported summer and safer Halloween projects.



Develop Engagement with Our Stakeholders

Ensure that our citizens, businesses and organisations can easily communicate with the Council.

Continuing to ensure that our information is in plain English, end-user friendly and translated to different languages.

Engage and consult with citizens and stakeholders in a way that allows their views to be taken on board, through the use of both statutory and non-statutory processes.

Continued engagement and consultation with organisations throughout the County such as Fingal PPN, Comhairle na n-Óg, the Age Friendly Alliance and use of the Council's consultation portal for both statutory and non-statutory purposes.

Strengthen and support stakeholders and statutory providers by collaborating in the economic and social development of the county.

The Council supported economic and social development through collaboration with Dublin Fingal Chamber of Commerce on a variety of initiatives in 2023 including wider collaboration with industry and education stakeholders on the implementation of the Fingal Skills Strategy. The Property Section progressed a number of key acquisitions and disposals to support the economic development of the County.

The Council's three Enterprise Centres continued to support start-up enterprises through the provision of remote working hubs through the ConnectedHubs programme in 2023 and Drinan Enterprise Centre launched The Studio Drinan, a state-of-the-art digital media studio in 2023.

The Our Balbriggan Programme Office supported five work stream pillars in 2023, collaborating across economic and social development: Local Economy, Education, Skills & Employment, Community Safety, Public Realm and Community Affairs."

Strengthen, support and expand the work of the Fingal Public Participation Network (PPN).

During 2023, 54 new members groups registered with the PPN network bringing the total membership to 751.

Throughout the year, the Community Development Office provided administrative support to the PPN and worked with the Secretariat to host an EGM in May and a Plenary in November.

Action on Climate Change

Deliver on the specific actions in the Climate Action Plan to improve climate resilience.

Implementation of climate resilience actions is well underway and good progress is being made. The Fingal County Council Climate Action Plan 2024-2029 has been developed throughout 2023 and includes climate resilience actions in each of the six thematic areas.

Play a leadership role in transitioning to a decarbonised society.

“The Council has demonstrated a leadership role in transitioning to a decarbonised society through the implementation of its Climate Change Action Plan 2019-2024 and by building on this to develop its Climate Action Plan 2024-2029. This Plan 2024-2029 has four key targets, to:

- Improve the Council’s energy efficiency by 50% by 2030
- Reduce the Council’s greenhouse gas emissions by 51% by 2030
- Make Dublin a climate resilient region by reducing the impacts of future climate change related events.
- Actively engage and inform our citizens on climate change.

The Council intends to meet these targets by implementing a series of climate mitigation and adaptation actions across six thematic areas including Energy & Buildings, Transport, Flood Resilience, Nature Based Solutions, Circular Economy & Resource Management and Community Engagement.

Fingal County Council has led the way nationally on the conversion of the County’s streetlights to LED with 98% converted so far and also on the transition to an electric vehicle fleet with 30% of the Council’s fleet now electric. The Council’s Active Travel section is working to increase the uptake of Active Travel within the County and a significant programme of work is underway.

Promote and protect the biodiversity of the County and work to restore ecosystems and ecosystem services.

The Fingal Biodiversity Action Plan was published and 14 priority actions were implemented or are in progress such as the wetland restoration at St Ita’s in Portrane, new wetland development in Turvey, a Woodland Management Plan for the Ward and St. Catherine’s Woodlands, Little tern conservation project on the beach in Portrane, the control of invasive species such as Giant Hogweed, Japanese knotweed, Himalayan Balsam, Rhododendron and Mink, the development of a Masterplan for the Ward River Valley Park, the ongoing implementation of 22 Tidy Towns Biodiversity Plans and the preparation of a Biodiversity Plan for the Beaverstown Golf Club.



Promote and enforce a culture of compliance within the County to advance Climate Action commitments.

The Climate Action Awareness Officer along with the Environmental Awareness Officer promote climate action awareness within the County.

Foster a strong local economy through environmentally sustainable businesses.

The Council became a signatory to the Circular Cities Declaration in 2023. The Council conducted consultations on the preparation of an Economic Development Strategy for the County.

In 2023 the Council continued work with DCU and DAA on collaborative sustainable projects, lodging two applications for funding which were unsuccessful.

The Council successfully applied to lead an Urbact Network to consider sustainable economic development along strategic transport corridors which focuses on the industrial landbank at Stephenstown, Balbriggan and completed the activation phase of the project.



Protect Our Environment & Heritage

Promote and protect the built and cultural heritage of the County.

The Conservation Office is based in the Architects Department and delivers a work programme related to the built heritage of Fingal. This comprises of administering 3 grant schemes – The Built Heritage Investment Scheme, the Historic Structures fund and the Stitch in Time grant. It also prepares planning reports as an internal consultee for the Planning Department, participates in preplanning meetings, advises the Planning Department in relation to the architectural heritage of the County for the Development Plan review, inputs to the FCC Monuments/Structures at Risk Programme, inputs into Climate Change Initiatives as related to the historic built environment, responds to Elected Members queries and questions, responds to correspondence/emails from the public and others related to the built environment. It also reviews and updates the Record of Protected Structures for the County. The County Architect is a Grade 1 RIAI registered Architect and several members of the Department also have individual accreditation. The Department advises client departments in regard to the Council's property portfolio of historic and protected structure and provides architectural services for projects involving historic structures.

Promote the unique urban, rural and coastal landscape character of Fingal.

- Broadmeadow Way: Bridge construction over Malahide Estuary and Weir to commence Summer 2024.
- Fingal Coastal Way: emerging preferred route consultation completed.
- Sutton-Malahide: preferred option consultation completed, planning documentation being prepared for submission to An Bord Pleanála in 2024.
- Royal Canal greenway land acquisition and planning application due for submission in 2024.
- Ongar-Barnhill: Works Contract has commenced, bridge over Railway currently under construction.
- Harry Reynolds Road: Due for completion Q4 2024. Consultancy frameworks for Swords, Kinsealy and Donabate commenced for a range of projects across these areas.
- Sustainable Swords strategy published which proposes a range of transportation infrastructure for Swords. Swords Main Street will be first project, consultants to be appointed Q2, 2024.

Support the unique cultural heritage of Fingal and the Irish language.

In 2023, there were 49 different creative projects/initiatives across the 3 separate funding streams of Creative Communities, Cruinniú na nÓg and the Decade of Centenaries Commemoration programme.



Promote the sustainable management of waste and the circular economy.

Promoted through the waste enforcement and environmental awareness work programme (including through Green Schools programme) and also through the Sustainable Fingal initiative. The Council adopted the Circular Cities declaration in January 2023. Fingal County Council's Climate Action Plan 2024-2029 includes a set of actions under Circular Economy and Resource Management and an accompanying Community Engagement action list. There was continued expansion of the bottle bank network in 2023.

Reduce the environmental impact of Council activities.

The Council has improved its energy efficiency by 47.6% to December 2022 (as per SEAI Annual Report 2023 on Public Sector Energy Performance). MS Teams has been provided to all staff to reduce the need to travel to meetings. The Council is transitioning to an EV fleet with 30% now electric. EV charge points have been provided in staff and operational carparks. The Council has Environmental Management Systems in place aimed at reducing waste and increasing recycling in offices and depots.

Ensure our coast, beaches and waterways are managed in a sustainable manner.

In total 88kms of Fingal's coastline is managed and maintained by the Council. This includes the 3 large protected estuaries and 10 designated beaches. Designated bathing waters during the bathing water season (June 1st-Sept 15th) are sampled approximately every 2 weeks in order to keep check on bathing water quality and to manage the information and reporting of bathing water quality to bathers and the EPA. Harbours and piers at Balbriggan, Skerries, Loughshinny and Rush are undergoing significant capital investment in order to enhance facilities for fishing and pleasure craft and provide an improved visitor experience. Local Authorities await the finalisation of the 2022-2027 River Basin Management Plans on a national basis, which will provide a framework for the sustainable management and protection of waterways. The Council continues to progress the Fingal Pilot Projects for Coastal Monitoring in collaboration with the OPW as part of a national project on coastal monitoring. Plans for Coastal Protection Works in the Rogerstown Outer Estuary were submitted to the Maritime Area Regulatory Authority (MARA).



Promote & Enable Sustainable Economic Growth

Foster collaborative leadership in the development of future skills in the County.

The Fingal Skills Strategy Group agreed Terms of Reference in 2023. Sectoral Sub-Groups in Transport & Logistics, Construction, Green Skills and Services continued work in skills provision in these sectors. The Council held the successful Xplore Your Future Expo in The Helix in October 2023 with collaboration from key stakeholders. The Council commenced work on the Interreg Project SKYLA with partners across Europe considering education/training provision for the twin transition. Fingal hosted partners in November 2023 with policy workshops and exchange of good practices.

The Council continued to liaise with the Dublin Regional Skills Forum on emerging challenges for businesses and training to meet employers requirements.

Empower continued to provide training to disadvantaged groups and individuals under SICAP.

Support and promote the sustainable economic development of Fingal.

The Council supported businesses through collaborations with Fingal Chamber, the Fingal Skills Strategy Group and the DBEC partnership.

In 2023 the Council became a signatory to the Circular Cities Declaration to promote circular economy principles and practices in Fingal.

Sustainable economic development was a key theme arising in consultations with economic and community stakeholders on both the Local Economic and Community Plan and the Economic Development Strategy both of which went through public consultation in 2023.

The Council successfully applied to lead an Urbact Network 'EcoCore' to explore sustainable economic development along strategic transport corridors. The Council is the first Irish Local Authority to lead an Urbact Network. EcoCore consists of 9 partner cities across Europe with similar challenges. The Council's project focuses on the sustainable development of the industrial landbank in Stephenstown, Balbriggan. In 2023 the Council completed the activation phase of the project.

Support the performance, innovation, competitiveness, productivity and success of business in Fingal.

The Council commenced work on the Interreg Project SKYLA with partners across Europe considering education/training provision for the twin transition. Fingal hosted partners in November 2023 with policy workshops and exchange of good practices.



Support local economic development by promoting Fingal as a location in which to invest and by developing and implementing sectoral policy initiatives.

The Council continued to liaise with the Dublin Regional Skills Forum on emerging challenges for businesses and training to meet employers requirements.



Grow & Enable Sustainable Tourism

Strengthen the proposition and marketing of tourism in the County.

“Collaboration with Fáilte Ireland continued in 2023 to promote Fingal as a tourist destination to both the domestic and international visitor. Fingal participated in Fáilte Ireland’s promotional campaigns including the Keep Discovering and Winter in Dublin campaigns. The majority of the Destination Town Skerries project was completed in 2023 with the establishment of the St. Patrick’s Trail and Art Trail and new digital heritage trails for Castleknock and Balbriggan were launched in Summer 2023.

Support to local tourism development groups continued throughout 2023 with various initiatives around sustainable tourism, social media campaigns, events and collaboration on clustering of products and experiences. Fingal also hosted the Food on the Edge symposium and the Ireland’s Association of Adventure Tourism annual conference took place in the Castleknock Hotel in November. The Council also ran and facilitated a number of digital, social media and print campaigns.

The new Fingal Tourism Strategy 2024 - 2029 was substantially completed and signed off in 2023 for launch in early 2024.

Facilitate the creation of a Fingal Food & Drink Tourism Destination.

The Council continued to work closely with food network consultant Marie Brouder and with Fáilte Ireland in the further development of the Fingal Food and Drink Network. A significant number of Fingal food businesses joined the network throughout 2023 and the Committee engaged in the further promotion of food through the digital, social media and print campaigns of the Dublin Coast and Fields brand, a series of networking events, familiarisation visits and workshop including a Fingal food event under the ‘Coast and Fields’ brand at Flavours of Fingal County Show in early July.

The development of a new Fingal Food Policy was completed in 2023 for launch in 2024. The aim of this policy is to support the food industry by building a Food & Drink Tourism Strategy aligned to the broader Fingal Tourism Strategy, including, the ongoing leverage of the ‘Dublin’s Coast & Fields’ brand. This involved:

- Promotion and advertising of the food producing reputation of Fingal and making Fingal food more visible at events.
- Creating and maintaining world class, sustainable, saleable food and drink experiences;
- Continued investment in food and drink festivals and events.
- Facilitating more meaningful networking and collaboration activity for the sector.



Promote heritage led tourism initiatives at Fingal Heritage properties.

In June 2023 Fingal County Council and its Operator at Newbridge House formally applied to the Heritage Council for entry into the Museum Standards Programme for Ireland (MSPI). The MSPI process - when completed - will allow accreditation and stronger branding for the standards and rigour with which the collections are conserved, how the items are displayed and the effectiveness of interpretation. It is considered that this will improve the authenticity and increase the heritage led visitors and experiences. The application was formally accepted in the Autumn and work got underway at Newbridge initially at the end of 2023.

Optimise and expand visitor experiences at all Fingal visitor attractions and events.

The main driver of improvements to the visitor experiences in 2023 was the Capital Programme, of which the highlights were:

- Completion of major roof and windows projects in Ardgillan and Newbridge
- Completion of Phase 3(a) of the Conservation works at Swords Castle – mainly involving stabilising the existing structure
- Commencement of the enabling works for the red barn project at Skerries Mills
- Completion of the refurbishment of Howth Courthouse

In 2023, several improvements to the existing offerings at each visitor attraction took place. Among these the Lady Betty Cobbe porcelain collection was added to the Newbridge House experience in the spring, Malahide Castle basement (Nugent's Hall) was re-opened as a conferencing and banqueting space in September.

In October Fingal County Council worked with Failte Ireland, Argillan Castle LTD and Tandem Consultants to re-think and re-configure the tour at Ardgillan. Swords Castle had a busy summer and autumn programme of events, musical performances, exhibitions and artistic displays as well as weddings and civil ceremonies each week.

Provide & Maintain Strategic Infrastructure

Activate lands by delivering infrastructure to facilitate the delivery of housing, economic development and sustainable communities.

Work on Residential Zoned Land Tax (RZLT) and Vacant Site Levy ongoing.

Deliver a sustainable transport system for all citizens.

- Church Fields Link Road and Snugborough Interchange: Due for Completion Summer 2024.
- Turvey Avenue Scheme: Currently on site under construction.
- Harry Reynolds Road: Due for Completion Q4 2024.
- Ongar-Barnhill Scheme: Commenced on site, bridge over railway currently under Construction.

Deliver work programmes that develop and maintain strategic, physical and green infrastructure of the county.

- Works contracts have been awarded for the Construction of the bridge across Malahide Estuary to commence this summer, a critical piece of infrastructure forming part of the Broadmeadow Way Greenway.
- A Mini consultation is currently underway on the Fingal Coastal Way through Hoars Rock, Skerries. An Agronomist has been appointed and is currently liaising with farmers along the route of the Fingal Coastal Way.
- The Sutton-Malahide scheme is currently undergoing review to ensure it is in compliance with the New Cycle Design Manual issued by the NTA, with planning documentation being prepared for submission to An Bord Pleanala towards Q4, 2024.
- Similarly the Royal Canal Greenway is currently undergoing review, to ensure it is in compliance with the New Cycle Design Manual issued by the NTA.
- A Planning application shall be submitted in 2024. Works will begin on project 1 of Sustainable Swords - Transformation of Main Street.
- Works completed on River Valley All Weather Pitch facility in Swords and work on the development of Porterstown Recreational Hub (including the floodlit 6 lane running track) and the first phase of Bremore Regional Park Recreational Hub in Balbriggan were also completed.
- The first phase of the Swords Regional Park at Miller's Glen Oldtown Swords (including new sports, play and recreational facilities) was opened to the public. The Rathbeale Archaeological Park was also opened to the public.
- Works were progressed on the upgrade of Lanesborough Park with the development of the destination playground.



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- Work progressed on the preparation of the Ward River Regional Park Development Project and works commenced on priority conservation and woodland management in the park.
- Works progressed on the feature entrance gatehouse and related landscape works at Bremore Castle.



Improve Democracy, Governance, Openness & Transparency

Provide the highest quality of service to our Councillors and all Elected Representatives.

The meetings of the Council (County Council, Area Committee, Strategic Policy Committees, etc.) are serviced to a high standard allowing the Elected Members carry out their democratic and statutory functions. The Council and Area Committee meetings are webcast ensuring that members of the public can view the meetings in real-time and agendas and minutes of meetings available on the Council's website. Additionally, Councillors, TDs and Senators can make representations on behalf of their constituents through the Council's CRM system.

Ensure good governance, openness and transparency within the Council.

The Chief Executive and her Management Team and staff engage in a positive and open manner with the Local Government Audit Service and the Audit Committee to ensure that best practice in Corporate Governance is adhered to throughout the year.

The Council is committed to complying with all legislative requirements with regard to FOI, GDPR, Protected Disclosures and public procurement, as well as providing information to the public on our website in a transparent and open manner.

Ensure that the democratic functions of the Council are performed in an open, informed and effective way.

The Chief Executive and the Management Team continue to work closely with the Elected Members as well as County stakeholders e.g. businesses, community groups, etc. Through the Strategic Policy Committees, the Elected Members continued to fulfil their policy making role with the Corporate Policy Group advising and assisting the Elected Council in the formulation, development, monitoring and review of policy.

Meetings continued to be serviced and webcast to ensure the transparency of the democratic function.

Inform citizens through effective communications programmes.

The Council's Communications Strategy provides for an extensive programme of external communications in order to promote the Council's activities and increase awareness of the work that we do for our citizens.

The Council is also committed to ensuring that our information is in plain English, is end-user friendly and translated to different languages.



Deliver Quality Services

Deliver services in the most efficient and effective manner.

The Council continues to deliver a broad range of services to the public in an open and transparent manner. There is a continuous focus on improving service delivery across the organisation.

Foster a culture of continuous improvement in all our activities.

By implementing a culture of continuous improvement, the Council regularly looks at processes to see where and how improvements can be made and by measuring performance against metrics established at operational and strategic levels.

Use digital technologies to enable and transform our workplace and the delivery of services.

Through the DWTP Team's innovation, the IO Team's infrastructure management, the Governance and Security Team's protection efforts, the Business Solutions and Applications Teams' tech enhancements and the PPM Team's strategic guidance, complemented by the externally focused Digital Strategy Team, the Digital Services Department effectively support the organization's objectives.

Apply the principles of good design, delivery, management and informed decision making to all projects, programmes and delivery of services.

The Council is committed to and is cognisant of the principles of good design, delivery, management and informed decision in order to provide an effective programme delivery of all projects, programmes and services.

Perform statutory obligations in a way that ensures fairness and efficiency for both the community being protected and those being regulated.

The Council is committed to complying with all statutory and legislative requirements in the delivery of its functions and carrying out these requirements in the most efficient and effective way.

Deliver on the Public Sector Duty under the Irish Human Rights and Equality Act 2014.

The Council is cognisant of its Public Sector Duty and training for staff is provided through our Diversity and Equality Programmes. Within the Migrant and Social Cohesion Strategy, the Council continues to embrace the cultural diversity within the County.



Strengthen Organisational & Staff Development

Build a workforce of the future by recruiting, retaining and developing high quality and motivated staff.

- Recruitment of qualified staff progressing and adapted to accommodate on-line processes.
- Competency based Performance and Development Framework in place for all staff.
- Extensive Training and Development Programmes continued. PMDS process informs succession plans.

Protect and promote Health, Safety and Wellbeing amongst our staff.

- Health Safety and Wellbeing Framework and Programmes in place.
- Safety Awareness Programmes, Inspections and Safety Audits continued at worksites.
- Pro-active attendance management process in place.
- In-house provision of Staff Welfare Services.

Develop capacity and capability of the organisation.

- PMDS process ongoing annually.
- Competency Framework an integral part of the recruitment procedures and Training and Development Programme.
- Extensive Training and Development Opportunities offered and completed.

Manage the organisation effectively.

The effective management of the Council is ensured through the Executive Management Team structure, led by the Chief Executive, supported by Departmental and team meetings and underpinned by the PMDS process.



Strategic Policy Committee

Programme Reports 2023





Climate Action, Biodiversity & Environment

Chairperson: Cllr David Healy

Council Members: Cllr Mary McCamley, Cllr Aoibhinn Tormey, Cllr Pamela Conroy, Cllr Joe Newman, Cllr Paul Mulville

External Members: Seamus McGrath, Edward Stevenson

Meeting Date	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update
28/03/2023	Setanta Wind Park Project	A presentation was given and noted
	RMCEI Plan 2023	A presentation was given and noted
	Implementation of Bye-Laws	The report was accepted
	Special Amenity Area Orders (SAAO) for Rogerstown, Malahide and Baldoyle Estuaries	The report was accepted
27/06/2023	District Heating	A presentation was given and noted
	Local Authority Climate Action Plan (LACAP) Update	A presentation was given and noted
	Biodiversity CRMs	The report was noted
19/09/2023	'Deposit and Return' scheme for plastic bottles and aluminium cans	Following discussion, the report was accepted
	Raise awareness towards circular consumption and production patterns	The report was accepted
	Community Climate Action Grant	A presentation was given and noted
	Deposit Return Scheme	A presentation was given and noted
	Funding Streams to tackle Climate Change	The report was noted
	Report of Fingal Biodiversity Action Plan 2022-2030	A presentation was given and the report was noted





Community Development, Heritage, Culture & Creativity

Chairperson: Cllr Joan Hopkins

Council Members: Cllr JK Onwumereh, Cllr John Walsh, Cllr Gráinne Maguire, Cllr Seána Ó'Rodaigh (until May 23), Cllr Brendan Ryan (from June 23), Cllr Cathal Boland

External Members: Abbi Wise

Meeting Date	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update
29/03/2023	Draft Workplan 2023	The report was agreed
	Public Art Policy on Private Developments	Presentation given
	Fingal Heritage Plan 2018 - 2023 – Implementation	Presentation given
	Creative Ireland Strategy and Funding	Presentation given
	Fingal's Play Street Pilot Project	Presentation given
	Free/Subsidised Swimming Classes	The report was noted
28/06/2023	Local Economic and Community Plan 2022 – 2027	A presentation was given and noted
	Pre-Draft Consultation of the Heritage Plan	A presentation was given and noted
	Draft Libraries Development Plan 2024 – 2029	A presentation was given and noted
	Eliminating Plastic Waste in our Libraries	Motion agreed
	Purpose-Built Community Centres	Motion agreed
27/09/2023	Local Sport and Physical Activity Plan 2023-2028	Presentation given
	Guidance Manual for Fingal Community Facilities	Presentation given
	Fingal Library Service Development Plan 2024 – 2029	Presentation given
	Literary Festival	Motion agreed



Meeting Date	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update
27/09/2023	€300 Sports & Cultural Vouchers	Motion agreed
	QR Codes Roll Out	Motion agreed
13/12/2023	Fingal Libraries Development Plan 2024 – 2029	Presentation given
	Update on the Review into the Council’s Youth and Education Policy	Presentation given
	Update on Fingal Countywide Sports Facilities Audit	The report was noted





Economic Enterprise & Tourism Development

Chairperson: Cllr Darragh Butler

Council Members: Cllr Ian Carey, Cllr Ted Leddy, Cllr Anthony Lavin, Cllr Siobhan Shovlin, Cllr Howard Mahony, Cllr Breda Hanaphy, Cllr Tony Murphy

External Members: Anthony Cooney, Eric Fleming, Yetunde Joyce, Helen Keng Mobit

Meeting Date	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update
21/03/2023	Local Enterprise Office Fingal – outputs 2022 and plan for 2023	A presentation was given and noted
	Tourism Strategy Update	A presentation was given and noted
	Food Policy Update	A presentation was given and noted
	Fingal Festival Feasibility & TASCQ CLG Partnership Funding Update	A presentation was given and noted
	Shackleton Mills Update	A presentation was given and noted
	Swords Castle Markets	The report was accepted
	Stall Concessions in Fingal	The report was accepted
21/06/2023	Work Programme Update	The report was noted
	Fingal Economic Strategy	A presentation was given and noted
	Local Economic & Community Plan	A presentation was given and noted
	Stephenstown Economic Zone	A presentation was given and noted
	Fingal Skills Strategy Review	A presentation was given and noted
	Sustainable Fingal Progress Monitoring	The report was noted
12/09/2023	Regeneration/Town Centre First	A presentation was given and noted
	Fingal Tourism Strategy	The report was noted



Meeting Date	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update
12/09/2023	Fingal Food Policy	The report was noted
	Local Economic & Community Plan / Economic Strategy Update	A presentation was given and noted
	Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor	A presentation was given and noted
	DBEC – SPC Nomination	Agreed
	Fingal Skills Strategy – SPC Nomination	Agreed
	Update on Expo (Oct) and Skyla Project Visit (Nov)	The report was noted
23/10/2023	Fingal Tourism Strategy	A presentation was given and noted
	Fingal Food & Drink Policy	A presentation was given and noted
	Local Economic & Community Plan (LECP)	A presentation was given and noted
30/11/2023	Local Economic & Community Plan (LECP)	A presentation was given and noted
	Economic Development Strategy	A presentation was given and noted
	Fingal Skills Strategy	A presentation was given and noted
	Policy Programme 2024	A presentation was given and noted





Planning, Strategic Transport & Infrastructure

Chairperson: Cllr Brian McDonagh

Council Members: Cllr Tania Doyle, Cllr Dean Mulligan, Cllr Punam Rane, Cllr Tom Kitt, Cllr Brian Dennehy

External Members: Paul Arnold, David Brangan

Meeting Date	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update
15/03/2023	SPC Work Programme 2023	The report was agreed
	Development Plan 2023 -2029	The report was noted
	Major Studies/LAP's	The report was noted
	NTA – Draft Transport Strategy for the Greater Dublin Area 2022 -2042	A presentation was given to the Members on Draft Transport Strategy for GDA 2022-2042. Following a discussion, the presentation was noted
	Major Capital Project Delivery	The presentation was given and noted
20/06/2023	Playground Audit	The presentation was given and noted
	Prioritising Plans and Projects arising out of the Development Plan 2023 -2029	The presentation was given and noted
	Residential Zoned Land Tax	The presentation was given and noted
	Biodiversity Implementation Plan 2023 -2026	The presentation was given and noted
	Update on the Draft Sustainable Swords Strategy	The report was noted
05/09/2023	Transportation Planning in the Development Management Process	The report was noted
	Major Studies/LAP's	The report was noted



Meeting Date	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update
05/09/2023	Green Roof Policy	The presentation was given and noted
	Fingal Greenway/Cycleways	The presentation was given and noted
	Flood Risk Assessment	The presentation was given and noted
	Presentation from Fran Whelan CEO – Action Ireland Trust – Update on the Legacy on Lesotho Planning Project	The presentation was given and noted
	Residential Zoned Land Tax (RZLT) – AI090490	The report was noted
05/12/2023	Major Studies/LAP's	The report was noted
	Fingal Greenways/ Cycleways	The report was noted
	Update on Taking in Charge	A presentation was given and noted
	Update on Biodiversity Action Plan	A presentation was given and noted
	Report on Residential Zoned Land Tax (RZLT)	The presentation was noted





Marine & Coastal Management Strategic Policy Committee

Chairperson: Cllr Eoghan O'Brien

Council Members: Cllr Adrian Henchy, Cllr Brian Dennehy, Cllr Robert O'Donoghue, Cllr Ann Graves, Cllr Paul Mulville, Cllr Tom O'Leary, Cllr Karen Power, Cllr Cathal Boland, Cllr David Healy

External Members: Máire O'Brien, James Magrane

Meeting Date	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update
22/03/2023	Preservation of the Dunes – Velvet Strand Portmarnock	A presentation was given and noted
	Setanta Windfarm Project	A presentation was given and noted
	Analysis of Coastal Erosion from Balbriggan to Howth	The report was accepted
	Policy for Management of Beaches and Dunes	The report was accepted
	Power generated by off-shore Turbine Farms	The report was accepted
	Special Amenity Area Orders for Rogerstown, Malahide & Baldoyle Estuaries	The report was accepted
29/06/2023	Climate Action plan update	A presentation was given and noted
	Harbour Byelaws	A presentation was given and noted
	Motion – Coastal Impact from the placement of Coastal Wind Turbines	The report was accepted
	Motion - Permanent Coastal Measures for Rogerstown (Rush and Portrane)	The report was accepted
	Update on Marine Legislation MAP – Marine Area Plan for Fingal Coast and clarity on Foreshore Licences	The report was accepted
21/09/2023	Draft Harbour Byelaws update	The report was noted
	Motion – Nature Based Solutions in the Protection of Dunes and Beaches	The report was accepted
29/11/2023	Draft Harbour Byelaws	The report was noted



Meeting Date	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update
29/11/2023	Dune and Beach Management for Coastal Protection	The report was noted
	Monitoring of Beach sand Level and Dune Erosion along the Coast of Fingal	The report was noted
	Concept Plan for the Renewable Energy Port – Gormanston Co Meath	The report was agreed
	Pedestrian Boardwalks by the Sea	The report was agreed





Transport & Infrastructure Management Strategic Policy Committee

Chairperson: Cllr Tom O'Leary

Council Members: Cllr Angela Donnelly, Cllr Ann Graves, Cllr Jimmy Guerin, Cllr Eoghan O'Brien, Cllr Karen Power

External Members: Michael Lenehan, Sinead Kavanagh

Meeting Date	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update
08/03/2023	Presentation of Active Travel Strategy for Fingal	The report was noted
	Presentation of DRAFT Fingal Burial Ground Byelaws 2023	Presentation given. The report was noted
	Safe & Appropriate Parking Practices	The report was noted
	Traffic Sensors to Pedestrian Crossings	The report was noted
	Electric Bikes & Scooters in Public Parks	The report was noted
06/06/2023	Presentation of DRAFT Fingal Harbour Byelaws 2023	Presentation given. The report was noted
	Review of Pricing at the Councils Recycling Centres and the Provision of a Free Bulky Waste Service	Presentation given
	Cycle Buses across the County	The report was noted
	Review of Traffic Management Process	The report was noted
	Update on EV charging implementation plan	The report was noted
04/09/2023	Presentation of amended DRAFT Burial Ground Byelaws 2023	Presentation given
	Presentation of an update on the Public Consultation Process for the DRAFT Harbour Byelaws	The report was noted
	Intoxicating Liquor Byelaws	The report was noted
	Update on the Introduction of E-Scooters to Fingal	The report was noted



Meeting Date	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update
04/09/2023	Discount for Registered Charities using Recycling Centres	The report was noted
27/11/2023	Presentation by Peadar Golden, Ireland County Manager, Tier; Fingal County Council's E-bike provider	Presentation given. The report was noted
	Draft Intoxicating Liquor Bye-Laws	The report was noted
	Draft Harbour Bye-Laws 2023 - Review	The report was agreed
	Transportation and Infrastructure Strategic Policy Committee Work Programme 2023 and 2024	Presentation given
	Council Traffic Surveys during Covid -19 Pandemic	The report was accepted
	Update on Park and Ride Facilities in the County	The report was accepted
	Report on Provision of Electric Vehicles Charging Points in Fingal	The report was accepted





Housing Strategic Policy Committee

Chairperson: Cllr Robert O'Donoghue

Council Members: Cllr Brigid Manton, Cllr James Humphreys, Cllr Natalie Treacy, Cllr Daniel Whooley (until Sept 23), Cllr John Burtchaell, Cllr Kieran Dennison, Cllr Adrian Henchy

External Members: Finbarr Geaney, Dayakar Reddy Komirelly, Oghenetano John Uwhumiakpor, Adeline O'Brien

Meeting Date	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update
27/03/2023	Update on Housing Delivery	A presentation was given and noted
	Update on Fingal's Strategy for Housing Disabled People 2021-2026	A presentation was given and noted
	Update on Local Authority Home Loans	A presentation was given and noted
	Notice to Quits and Preventing Homelessness including Tenant In Situ Acquisitions	The report was noted
	Response to Lifting of Eviction Ban	The motion was agreed
	Housing upgrades for RAS tenants	The report was noted
26/06/2023	Update on Housing Delivery	A presentation was given and noted
	Vacant Homes grants update	A presentation was given and noted
	Preventing homelessness, Notice of termination and Tenant-in-situ acquisitions update	A presentation was given and noted
	Fingal Cost Rental Housing	A presentation was given and noted
	Distribution of Housing	The report was noted
	Increased percentage of Part V social housing in large scale residential developments	The motion was agreed
	Explanation of, and reforms to, Fingal's housing and population projections	The report was noted
26/09/2023	First Homes	A presentation was given and noted
	Housing Delivery Update	A presentation was given and noted



Meeting Date	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update
26/09/2023	Strategy for Housing Disabled People 2021-2026 Update	A presentation was given and noted
	Housing Assessment 2023	A presentation was given and noted
28/11/2023	Housing Delivery Update	A presentation was given and noted
	Advance Purchase Turnkey Update	A presentation was given and noted
	Fingal Cost Rental Tenure	A presentation was given and noted
	Strategy for Housing Disabled People 2021-2026 Update	A presentation was given and noted



Joint Policing Committee

Membership & Activities



Membership:

15 Local Authority Members:

Cllr Ian Carey (Chair); Cllr Pamela Conroy; Cllr Tania Doyle; Cllr Ann Graves; Cllr Adrian Henchy; Cllr James Humphreys; Cllr Anthony Lavin; Cllr Ted Leddy; Cllr Grainne Maguire; Cllr Dean Mulligan; Cllr Tony Murphy; Cllr Robert O'Donoghue; Cllr J.K. Onwumereh; Cllr John Walsh; Cllr Daniel Whooley (Resigned Q4 2023).

Oireachtas Members:

Sen. Lorraine Clifford Lee; Sen. Emer Currie; Alan Farrell T.D.; Louise O'Reilly T.D.; Duncan Smith T.D.

Fingal County Council: AnnMarie Farrelly – Chief Executive, Liam Burke – SEO Housing & Community.

PPN Community & Voluntary Representatives:

Angela Rogers, John Fox, 5 x Vacancies for PPN Community & Voluntary Representatives in 2023 unfilled.

An Garda Síochána:

Ch. Supt Mark Curran DMR-N, replaced mid-year by Ch. Supt Peter Duff DMR-N, Ch. Supt Finbarr Murphy DMR-W, replaced mid-year by Ch. Supt Michael McNulty DMR-W.

Activities:

The Fingal Joint Policing Committee is established under the Garda Síochána Act 2005, and its function is to serve as a forum for consultations, discussions and recommendations on matters affecting the policing of the Local Authority's administrative area, and in particular to keep under review –

- The levels and patterns of crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour in that area (including the patterns and levels of misuse of alcohol and drugs).
- The factors underlying and contributing to the levels of crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour in the area.
- This is managed through the Annual Work Programme of the Joint Policing Committee which sets out four strategic areas for collaboration between Fingal County Council and An Garda Síochána.

In 2023, the Fingal Joint Policing Committee met on the following dates:

- 24th March 2023 via Microsoft Teams
- 2nd June 2023 via Microsoft Teams
- 1st September 2023 via Microsoft Teams
- 1st December 2023 via Microsoft Teams



Public Meetings took place as follows, and were well attended:

Date/Day	Time	Area	Meeting Location	Attendance
Wednesday 13 th September 2023	7pm-8.30pm	Dublin 15 Area Blanchardstown, Mulhuddart, Castleknock, Ongar, Tyrrelstown, Carpenterstown, Coolmine, Clonsilla, Meakstown and area	Crowne Plaza Hotel, Blanchardstown Town Centre	55
Wednesday 20 th September 2023	7pm-8.30pm	Swords/Malahide Area Malahide, Portmarnock, Swords, Santry, Portrane, Donabate and area	Carnegie Court Hotel, Swords	58
Wednesday 11 th October 2023	7pm-8.30pm	Howth/Sutton area	Marine Hotel, Sutton	31
Wednesday 18 th October 2023	7pm-8.30pm	North County Balbriggan, Balbriggan Rural, Garristown, Naul, Balrothery, Skerries, Lusk, Rush and area	Bracken Court Hotel, Balbriggan	47



Financial Position



Statement Of Internal Financial Control (SIFC)

Introduction

I, AnnMarie Farrelly, Chief Executive (CE) of Fingal County Council am responsible for the annual financial statement (AFS), prepared by the Head of Finance, in accordance with the accounting code of practice issued by the Minister under section 107 of the Local Government Act, 2001.

I certify that the financial statements of Fingal County Council for the year ended 31 December 2023, are in agreement with the books of account and have been prepared in accordance with the accounting requirements of the Minister of Housing Local Government and Heritage.

The AFS is subject to external audit, by an auditor of the Local Government Audit Service, whose purpose is to form an independent opinion of the accounts and state whether the annual financial statement presents fairly the financial position of the Local Authority and of its income and expenditure for the period in question, and whether the transactions of the audited body conform with the statutory or other authorisation under which they purport to have been carried out.

The AFS reports on the day-to-day activity of Fingal County Council in the form of the Statement of Comprehensive Income & Expenditure, summarised by Division. The Statement of Financial Position outlines the Fingal County Council overall financial position as of the 31st of December 2023.

The Statement of Comprehensive Income represents expenditure and income on the day-to-day running of the Fingal County Council.

The key sources of income for Fingal County Council are as follows:

	Current Year €	Previous Year €
Goods & Services	71,461,092	65,838,724
Grants & Subsidies	92,776,770	88,902,594
Other Contributions (as appropriate)	6,919,393	4,493,314
Rates	154,729,089	151,293,793
Local Property Tax	9,779,302	8,698,895



The key sources of income for Fingal County Council are as follows:

	Current Year €	Previous Year €
Income	335,665,646	319,227,320
Expenditure	(290,938,651)	(276,037,820)
Transfers to Capital	(44,726,742)	(43,189,108)
Exceptional Item	0	0
Surplus/(Deficit) for	252	393
Prior Year Adjustment	0	0
Opening Revenue Reserve	15,980,204	15,979,812
Closing Revenue Reserve	15,980,456	15,980,204

The principal sources of Income for Fingal Country Council are Commercial Rates and Government Grants. The increased expenditure and capital allocation in 2023 reflects the continued investment by Fingal County Council in services and infrastructure development across the County.

The Statement of Financial Position (Balance Sheet) represents the total financial activity of the council for the year together with comparative year figures as appropriate.

The statement includes assets and liabilities as follows:

- Assets both recently constructed/purchased and historical assets
- Work in progress and preliminary schemes- mainly roads and housing
- Long Term Debtors – housing loans
- Current Assets- including Stock, Debtors, Cash at bank
- Current and long term liabilities- mortgage and non-mortgage loan borrowings
- Various Reserves/Balances

The Net Assets of Fingal County Council at the end of 2023 total € 3.454 billion and are as follows:



	Current Year €	Previous Year €
Fixed Assets	3,162,400,573	3,032,103,185
Works in Progress	134,172,736	113,260,149
Long Term debtors	307,245,595	300,403,084
Current Assets	473,982,431	484,515,197
Current Liabilities	(164,992,722)	(158,519,951)
Net Current Assets/ (Liabilities)	3,912,808,613	3,771,761,664
Creditors (Amounts greater than 1 year)	(458,409,879)	(426,181,440)
Net Assets/(Liabilities)	3,454,398,734	3,345,580,224

A Statement of Funds Flow was introduced as part of AFS 2011. While the guidance of International Accounting Standard 7 Statement of Cash Flows has been followed, the business of Local Authorities is substantially different to most private sector organisations and therefore some minor changes to the format have been agreed to ensure the data displayed is meaningful and useful within the Local Government sector.

System of Internal Financial Controls

As Chief Executive of Fingal County Council, I acknowledge my responsibility for ensuring that an effective system of internal financial control is maintained and operated by Fingal County Council. This responsibility is exercised in the context of the resources available to Fingal County Council. Also, any system of internal financial control can provide only reasonable and not absolute assurance that assets are safeguarded, transactions authorised and properly recorded and that material errors or irregularities are either prevented or would be detected in a timely manner. Maintaining the system of internal financial controls is a continuous process and the system and its effectiveness are kept under ongoing review.

Financial Control Environment

As Chief Executive of Fingal County Council, I confirm that a financial control environment containing the following elements is in place:

- Financial responsibilities have been assigned at management level with corresponding accountability.
- Reporting arrangements have been established at all levels where responsibility for financial management has been assigned.
- Formal procedures have been established for reporting significant control failures and ensuring appropriate corrective action.

- There is an Audit Committee which as part of its work programme regularly review the internal financial control system.
- Procedures for all key business processes have been documented.
- There are systems in place to safeguard the assets.

Administrative Controls and Management Reporting

As Chief Executive of Fingal County Council, I confirm that a framework of administrative procedures and regular management reporting is in place including segregation of duties and a system of delegation and accountability and, in particular, that:

- procedures for key business processes have been documented
- there are systems aimed at ensuring the security of the ICT systems
- there are systems in place to safeguard the assets of the Local Authority and
- there are appropriate capital investment control guidelines and formal project management disciplines in operation.

Procurement Compliance

Fingal County Council ensures that there is an appropriate and ongoing focus on good practice in tendering and purchasing and that procedures are in place to ensure compliance with all relevant procurement guidelines.

Internal Audit and Audit Committee

As Chief Executive, I can confirm that Fingal County Council has an internal audit function with appropriately trained personnel, which operates in accordance with a written charter. Its work is informed by analysis of the financial risks to which Fingal County Council is exposed and its annual internal audit plans are based on this analysis. I am satisfied that there are procedures in place to ensure that the reports of the internal audit function are followed up.

I can confirm that Fingal County Council has an effective Audit Committee which carries out an annual effectiveness review of their activities. I can also confirm that an Audit Committee is in place in accordance with the requirements of Section 122 of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended).

The statutory functions of Audit Committees as set out in section 59 and 60 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014 are as follows:

1. to review financial and budgetary reporting practices and procedures within the Local Authority that has established it;
2. to foster the development of best practice in the performance by the Local Authority of its internal audit function;
3. to review any audited financial statement, auditor's report or auditor's special report in relation to the Local Authority and assess any actions taken within that Authority by its Chief Executive in response to such a statement or report and to report to that authority on its findings;
4. to assess and promote efficiency and value for money with respect to the Local Authority's performance of its functions; and
5. to review systems that are operated by the Local Authority for the management of risks.

I recognise that the audit committee plays a crucial role in the governance framework of Local Authorities, particularly in the context of increased public sector accountability. They have an independent role in advising the Council on financial reporting processes, internal control, risk management and audit matters as part of the systematic review of the control environment and governance procedures of the local authority.



I acknowledge the Audit Committee's role in the risk management process and in the continuing review of the control environment and governance procedures in Fingal County Council.

Risk and Control Framework

Fingal County Council has implemented a risk management system which identifies and reports key risks and the management actions being taken to address and, to the extent possible, mitigate those risks.

A Corporate Risk Register is in place which identifies the key risks and evaluates and grades them according to their significance. The register is reviewed and updated by the Management Team on a regular basis. There is also a risk register in place for each service division and these are also reviewed and updated on a regular basis.

The outcome of these assessments is used to plan and allocate resources to ensure risks are managed to an acceptable level. The risk register details the controls and actions needed to mitigate risks and responsibilities for the operation of controls are assigned to specific staff.

As Chief Executive, I confirm that key risks and related controls have been identified and processes have been put in place to monitor the operation of those key controls and report any identified deficiencies.

The Statement of Internal Financial Control will be included in the Draft Annual Report submitted to Council members by 30 April 2023 and thereafter included in the published Annual Report prepared and adopted by the Council by 30 June 2023.

Signed by:



Chief Executive

Dated:

11/04/2024



Revenue Account Statement

For the year ended 31st December 2023

Expenditure	Draft 2023 €	2022 Audited €
Housing & Building	94,865,186	79,934,862
Roads Transportation & Safety	36,224,984	34,235,143
Water & Sewerage	17,092,162	17,261,184
Development Incentives & Controls	27,874,193	24,259,274
Environmental Protection	47,991,895	45,289,429
Recreation & Amenity	55,696,686	49,984,433
Agriculture, Education, Health & Safety	1,555,916	1,245,320
Miscellaneous	9,637,628	23,828,175
Total Gross Expenditure	290,938,651	276,037,820

Income	Draft 2023 €	2022 Audited €
Housing & Building	97,154,193	84,028,141
Roads Transportation & Safety	10,436,385	9,684,149
Water & Sewerage	17,117,958	19,353,548
Development Incentives & Controls	8,101,584	7,495,298
Environmental Protection	11,698,921	10,187,381



Revenue Account Statement

For the year ended 31st December 2023

Income	Draft 2023 €	2022 Audited €
Recreation & Amenity	4,155,812	4,191,423
Agriculture, Education, Health & Safety	485,603	478,311
Miscellaneous	22,006,799	23,816,379
Total Income	171,157,255	159,234,632
Net Expenditure	119,781,396	116,803,188
<i>which is funded by:</i>		
County Rates	154,729,089	151,293,793
Local Property Tax	9,779,302	8,698,895
Pension Related Deduction	0	0
Total	164,508,391	159,992,688
Surplus/(Deficit) for Year before Transfers	44,726,995	43,189,500
Transfers from/(to) Reserves	(44,726,742)	(43,189,108)
Overall surplus/(Deficit) for the year.	253	392
Incoming Balance @ 1st January 2023	15,980,204	15,979,812
Closing Balance @ 31st December 2023	15,980,457	15,980,204



Capital Account Statement

For the year ended 31st December 2023

Expenditure (Net of Internal Transfers)*	Draft 2023 €	2022 Audited €
Housing & Building	199,606,651	77,247,464
Roads Transportation & Safety	36,138,966	30,018,389
Water & Sewerage	1,031,830	1,784,980
Development Incentives & Controls	57,988,676	35,200,627
Environmental Protection	3,128,467	1,896,080
Recreation & Amenity	32,402,705	17,769,284
Miscellaneous Services	17,363,220	15,317,188
	347,660,515	179,234,012



Capital Account Statement

For the year ended 31st December 2023

Income (Net of Internal Transfers)*	Draft 2023 €	2022 Audited €
Housing & Building	180,311,148	78,653,366
Roads Transportation & Safety	16,089,746	15,472,319
Water & Sewerage	1,089,351	1,236,787
Development Incentives & Controls	108,893,175	68,907,915
Environmental Protection	- 3,536,088	1,950,000
Recreation & Amenity	15,351,630	5,042,484
Miscellaneous Services	14,018,532	11,576,302
	332,217,494	182,839,173
Surplus/(Deficit) for year	(15,443,021)	3,605,161
Balance (Debit)/Credit @ 1st January 2023	265,757,765	262,152,604
Balance (Debit)/Credit @ 31 December 2023	250,314,744	265,757,765

**Excludes internal transfers, includes transfers to and from Revenue account*



Service Delivery Reports



Airport Noise Competent Authority

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2023
Ensure the noise generated by aircraft activity at Dublin Airport is assessed and provide for the application of the ICAO balanced approach where a noise problem is identified.	An aircraft noise assessment commenced in December 2022 and continued during 2023 to assess the impact of the airport operating in three-runway format. The noise climate continued to change during the year and the airport authority was directed to provide updated data to ANCA.
Ensure that the aircraft noise implications of planning applications at Dublin Airport are assessed.	<p>ANCA commenced an assessment of a planning application at Dublin Airport for infrastructure and an increase to the permitted passenger capacity.</p> <p>Fifteen planning applications were referred to ANCA during 2023 and a statutory report was issued to the planning authority on all applications within the four-week period prescribed by Section 34B(1)(a)(ii) of the Planning and Development Act 2000.</p>
Monitor compliance and effectiveness of noise mitigation measures and operating restrictions in place at Dublin Airport.	<p>The Airport Authority has a statutory obligation to prepare a report on compliance with noise mitigation measures and operating restrictions by airport users. The compliance report for the preceding year was audited by ANCA during 2023 and both the initial report and the additional information requested by was published on the ANCA website for public inspection.</p> <p>During 2023, ANCA carried out an effectiveness assessment of noise mitigation measures in place at Dublin Airport for the preceding year against the outcomes established by the noise abatement objective. The report is available to view and download from the ANCA website.</p>
Informing communities.	<p>ANCA continued to work with the Airport Authority during 2023 on the delivery of an expanded network of community aircraft noise monitors. Nine additional monitors were commissioned by the Airport Authority during 2023. The data from the monitors is available on a public web portal.</p> <p>Annual aircraft noise exposure contours for the full preceding year were added to the ANCA website to facilitate an examination of aircraft noise exposure or eligibility for home insulation grants down to the level of individual properties.</p>

Architects

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2023
<p>To provide a quality professional Architectural Service to meet the requirements of the client departments and Council Initiatives.</p>	<p>Architectural services and advice have been delivered to various Council Departments throughout 2023 across a range of project types.</p> <p>The diverse services offered ranged from feasibility studies, site assessment, statutory consent processes, tender and contract administration, procurement, cost planning and control, urban and interior design and administration of conservation grants to protect the built heritage.</p> <p>The services were provided in relation to various project types including newbuild, extensions, refurbishment, conservation and maintenance services. The services covered many building types- housing, public buildings, offices, historic buildings and design of the public realm. Services also provided to assist with development and monitoring of the Council's Climate Action Plan 2024-2029.</p>
<p>Assist with built heritage protection issues including managing the Architectural Conservation Office and the assessment and administration of grant supports and Council Initiatives.</p>	<p>The Conservation Office has delivered a work programme comprising Grants – administration of the Built Heritage investment scheme, the Historic Structures Fund and the Stitch in time grant, Planning reports as an internal consultee for the Planning Department, participation in preplanning meetings, work related to the architectural heritage of the county, input to the FCC Monuments/ Structures at Risk programme, input into Climate Change initiatives as related to the historic built environment, responses to Elected member queries and questions, responding to correspondence/emails from the public and others.</p>
<p>To engage with relevant Government departments in relation to budget approvals, administration of grant schemes and policy on the built environment as it relates to the Council.</p>	<p>The Architects Department have engaged with relevant Government Departments via our Client council departments for all funded capital projects and grant schemes.</p>
<p>To ensure that building projects commissioned by the Council meet statutory requirements in relation to Planning, Health and Safety, Building Control and Environmental and Heritage protection.</p>	<p>All statutory requirements have been met regarding Planning, Health and Safety, Building Control and Environmental and Heritage protection. In addition, an effective suite of controls is in place to ensure ongoing compliance.</p>

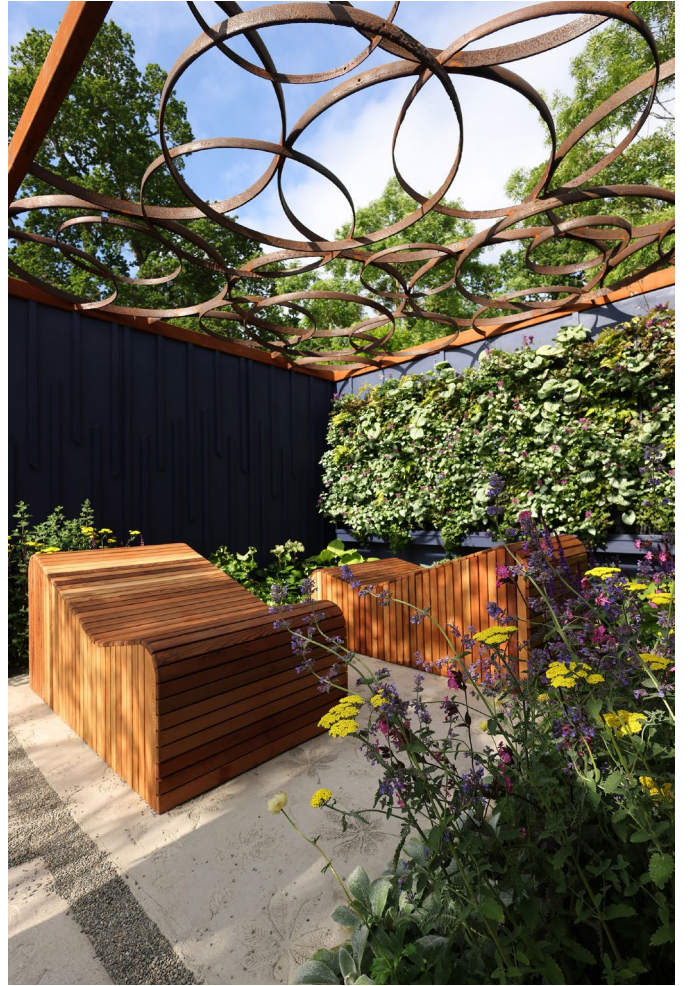
Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2023
To manage and implement efficient cyclical and planned maintenance services for existing Fingal housing stock and to efficiently manage re-let repairs of existing and newly acquired stock including implementation of Council climate change action plan.	Cyclical planned and response maintenance programmes were carried out in council housing stock throughout the year including boiler and window and door replacement and retrofit programmes. Relet repairs were carried out on properties throughout the County. Process improvements were applied to all programmes.
To manage construction budgets and process contractor claims for payment efficiently and fairly.	Budgets were managed for capital and maintenance projects for client department. Requirements of the CWMF and the OGP were applied to cost control activities. There was close engagement with the Central Procurement Unit.



Opening of Rathbeale Archaeological Park



Opening of Ward River Regional Park Recreational Hub



A Breathing Space for Fingal - Gold Medal winner at Bord Bia Bloom festival





A Breathing Space for Fingal - Gold Medal winner at Bord Bia Bloom festival

Community & Sports Development

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2023
<p>To provide developmental and management support to voluntary Fingal County Council facility Committees.</p>	<p>The Community Development Office provides a range of supports at varying levels to 37 Fingal owned, leased and community owned facilities across the County.</p> <p>Supports include Board of Management mentoring in areas such as good governance, business and financial planning, project development, environmental awareness projects, funding applications, convening the Fingal Community Facilities Network through the provision of a range of master classes, training and collaborative supports.</p> <p>In 2023 the Community Development Office provided €1.7m in financial support to Council owned and supported community facilities across the County.</p>
<p>Continue to manage the upkeep and renovation of old facilities.</p>	<p>The Community Development Office continued to develop and implement a Community Centre improvement works programme to ensure that Fingal's older community facilities are maintained to an appropriate standard. In 2023 the Council spent €662,000 on upgrading these facilities.</p> <p>Throughout 2023, grant funding to the value of €24,000 was awarded to non-council owned facilities under the remedial works grant scheme.</p>
<p>Supports to Community & Voluntary programmes of activities.</p>	<p>Throughout 2023, grant funding to the value of €309,000 was provided by the Community Development Office to support Summer & Halloween Projects, activity funding and special projects such as Welcome Rooms, Street Feasts, Disability Grant Funding and Intergenerational projects.</p> <p>Funding of €13,000 was provided to Volunteers Ireland in support of the Community Volunteers programme and the ongoing work of connecting communities through volunteering.</p>
<p>Fingal Public Participation Network.</p>	<p>During 2023, 54 new members groups registered on the PPN network bringing the total membership to 751.</p> <p>Throughout the year, the Community Development Office provided administrative support to the PPN and worked with the Secretariat to host an EGM in May and a Plenary in November.</p>





Playful Street Scheme



Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2023
Fingal Migrant Integration and Social Cohesion Policy.	<p>The CDO provided oversight and guidance to ensure the delivery of the 25 actions identified under the five strategic pillars set out in the Migrant Integration and Social Cohesion Strategy 2019 – 2024.</p> <p>During Fingal Inclusion Week 2023, 70 events across Fingal were supported.</p>
Fingal Comhairle na nÓg.	<p>Ongoing support was provided to Fingal Comhairle na n-Óg throughout 2023 to assist with the development of research on the chosen subject topic for 2023 'Education'</p> <p>A Funding Provision of €35,000 was made to enhance the support provided and increase stakeholder engagement.</p> <p>Fingal Comhairle na nÓg held their Annual Youth Conference in October with over 100 young people in attendance.</p>
Continue to support the work of Age Friendly Fingal Alliance, continue to support the work of Age Friendly Ireland.	<p>Ten in-person meetings were facilitated to support the work of the Older Persons Council, four in-person meetings were facilitated to support the work of the Age Friendly Alliance.</p> <p>In May, the Age Friendly team supported the hosting of the Fingal's Older People's Council (OPC), Annual Conference, 130 Fingal older adults attended the conference.</p> <p>In July, the Fingal Age Friendly team hosted the Vintage Picnic, Arts Creativity and Music Festival in Swords Castle. Over 500 Older adults attended the event. Two Information Events for Older People were held in the Swords and Sutton.</p> <p>During Positive Aging week the Fingal Age Friendly team provided financial support to 18 older adult group activities and events.</p>





Dungeons & Dragons (DnD) players from all corners of Fingal assembled to launch Fingal County Council's Community Gaming programme



Fingal Inclusion Week Launch



Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2023
<p>Continued Implementation the aims of Fingal Sport Vision Statement 2019-2021, Fingal Active, Together Local Sport and Physical Activity Plan 2024 – 2029 launched January 2024.</p>	<p>Fingal Sports Office ran 111 programmes and events attracting 56,735 participants in 2023.</p> <p>Women in Sport Sport Ireland’s Women in Sport initiative HER Outdoors Week saw 4,787 participants take part in over 20 events ran by Fingal Sports Office. 23 clubs supported this initiative with the local clubs gaining membership through this opportunity. Fingal’s Exercise Energise programme had 13 schools – 520 1st and 2nd year students take part in several different sports in their school and came together at the final week to trial new sports and celebrate their completion.</p> <p>Minority Sports Fingal Sports Office put an emphasis for 2023 to support minority and upcoming sports throughout the year. These sports included softball come and try, late night league basketball sessions, setting up a junior Olympic handball academy and the introduction of pickleball to Fingal’s Community Centres.</p> <p>School Programmes Programmes targeting school age children included primary after school cricket, children’s sports hub where children trialed sports throughout a 12-week block with the intention of introducing them to local sports clubs in their area. Tennis programmes have been extremely popular across the County along with futsal in the yard ran by FAI and Sports Conditioning, introducing and developing fundamental movements in primary school aged children.</p> <p>Older Adult Programmes Fingal Sports Office supports everyone in the Community, some of our most popular programmes are targeting older adults, such as pitch and putt, swim, and gym vouchers, walking football, table cricket, movement for life classes and men on the move programmes.</p> <p>Education Club development and coaching education is a key pillar for Fingal to deliver on, safeguarding, sports con teacher training, nutrition, summer projects, sport first aid, TY leadership and specific coach education programmes were all delivered across the County.</p>





Ukraine Family Sports Day held by Fingal County Council at the ALSAA Sports complex



Launch of Fingal Transition Year Football and Fitness course for girls



Sports Performance Nutrition workshop at Lusk United FC



Corporate Services

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2023
To ensure the effective delivery and transparency of democratic processes within the Council.	<p>The Chief Executive and her team continued to work closely with the Elected Members as well as County Stakeholders e.g. businesses, community groups, etc.</p> <p>Through the Strategic Policy Committees, the Elected Members continued to fulfill their governance and oversight role.</p> <p>Meetings continued to be serviced and webcast to ensure the transparency of the democratic function.</p>
To ensure the provision of good customer service across the organisation.	<p>The Customer Care Unit consists of trained agents who aim to resolve queries at the first point of contact for the customer. In 2023 our Agents dealt with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 140,582 phone calls • 6,337 emails • 27,739 in-person queries
To uphold the Citizen Charter and good customer service.	<p>In accordance with the Council's Citizen's Charter, all complaints received were processed and responded to in a timely manner during 2023.</p>
To ensure effective internal and external communications and the promotion of Council activities.	<p>In accordance with the Council's Communications Strategy, an extensive programme of internal and external communications was implemented to promote the Council's activities and increase awareness of the work that we do for our citizens.</p>
To promote the use of the Irish language through the implementation of the Irish Language Scheme.	<p>The Fourth Irish Language Scheme 2021 - 2024 was adopted by the Members for implementation across the Council.</p>
To ensure all Corporate buildings are improved, maintained and protected to the highest possible standard.	<p>The Buildings Facilities Team during 2023 ensured that all Corporate Buildings were maintained and protected to the highest standard.</p> <p>The staff play a key role in maintaining the Council's commitment to Energy Efficiency and continual improvement through the management of the Council's Energy Management System ISO 50001:2018.</p>

Digital Services

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2023
<p>Promote innovative solutions through the mediums of Web, GIS, CRM, Data Analytics, BPI, Open Data and Knowledge Management.</p>	<p>The initiative to transition the Council's Customer Relationship Management (CRM) system to Dynamics 365 has reached full development and is currently undergoing testing in various Departments. The launch is planned for later this year, and it aims to introduce an enhanced Councillors' Portal along with a uniform process framework for all inquiries recorded via Dynamics 365 across all Fingal County Council services.</p> <p>Provision and maintenance of Power BI Dashboards, Power Apps, and Dataverse solutions throughout the organization, alongside other initiatives like a Capital Projects Register and shorter working year and work sharing solutions. Additionally, ongoing support was extended to previously delivered solutions.</p>
<p>To implement best practice in IT governance.</p>	<p>Meetings were held between Digital Services and each Council Department during the year to review systems, project requirements and quality of service.</p>
<p>Implementation and management of required infrastructure for IT systems and services.</p>	<p>The Council's server and network infrastructure was managed (and upgraded where required) to ensure that it performed reliably in 2023. Server availability for the year was 99.97% and network availability was 99.98%.</p> <p>Infrastructure upgrades included Network Edge Switch Upgrades in Blanchardstown Civic Offices. Switch upgrades in Depots and Library Branches, VSAN upgrade and Teams Telephony Upgrades. Digital Services continued the Roll Out of Teams Meeting Rooms in County Hall Swords, Civic Offices Blanchardstown and a Training Room in Coolmine Depot; Roll Out of WiFi in Council offices and depots is progressing. Tender for the AV Upgrade of the Council Chamber in County Hall was awarded.</p>
<p>Deliver an efficient support service for our Staff and Councillors and members of the public.</p>	<p>The service desk dealt with 11,687 tickets from staff in 2023 and new processes were implemented in the ATS ticketing system. 186 calls were logged by Councillors. IT Support was provided for all Council Meetings. Digital Services are continued to support Corporate Services and the Customer Care Unit in providing and improving the Telephony solution for customers.</p>



Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2023
<p>Encourage and support communities and businesses to reap the full rewards of a digitally enabled society.</p>	<p>Wifi4eu scheme was extended to one additional location. There were 31,812 public wifi (WIFI4EU) visitors in Fingal during the year. Twelve Community Centres received public WiFi upgrades. In April 2023, Fingal County Council Launched the Smart Balbriggan Partnership with Connect Centre. Under the Community Recognition Fund, we secured €336,000 to support digital projects in the community over 2023 and 2024. Under EUCF, Smart Balbriggan secured €60,000 to develop an investment concept to support decarbonization projects.</p> <p>Four projects were piloted under the CE Innovation Fund. The CE Innovation Fund was successful at the LAMA Awards 2023, winning the Best Communications Initiative/Innovation award.</p> <p>The Council's use of 3D models and VR headsets for planning consultation won the Communications award at the Chambers Ireland 2023 Excellence in Local Government Awards. VR for Libraries was launched in December 2023, with five Fingal Libraries receiving twelve VR devices, the public can speak to their local Library VR Champion and immerse themselves in a virtual world with a suite of educational apps.</p> <p>Smart Dublin, representing the four Dublin Local Authorities, had a stand and presented at the 2023 Smart City Expo World Congress in Barcelona, the stand showcased innovative digital projects happening across Fingal.</p>
<p>Analysis, design and deployment of secure IT systems to support business processes.</p>	<p>Continued maintenance and support for approximately 65 applications, that facilitate business processes. A new Property Interest Register application was implemented, replacing one of the highest applications on the DS risk register. The APAS planning system was upgraded to SR8. Planning documents were migrated to Sharepoint, as part of the continuation of the ePlanning programme of works. The Citrix remote access solution was upgraded to the latest long term service release.</p>
<p>Deploy Enterprise Architecture to ensure that the Councils Corporate Strategy utilises proper technology systems architecture to achieve its goals.</p>	<p>Data Protection Impact Assessments were carried out on new and updated systems.</p>

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2023
<p>To meet the expectations of an increasingly digitised world and improve the experience of those interacting with the Council.</p>	<p>FinDocs (the corporate document management tool) has now been deployed to all Departments across the organization providing key benefits in terms of collaboration and secure ease of access at any time, any place and on any Fingal issued device. In November 2023, the system was upgraded to include new functionality.</p> <p>During 2023, a proof of concept (POC) project with Housing Directorate, focused in on the next stage of document management to include best practice file naming conventions, records management and retention, document scanning and migration. The intention is that the proposed solution will be scalable and a model to follow for the rest of the organization, where appropriate.</p> <p>The rollout of the new Chief Executive Orders System was successfully completed to all Departments in Qtr 1 2023. Dublin City Council also procured the CE Orders system through the 'Build To Share' mechanism, and deployed it to all Departments.</p> <p>The project to migrate the Council's CRM system to Dynamics 365 has been fully developed and is now in test mode across a number of Departments. It is scheduled to go live later on this year, and will deliver on an updated Councillors' Portal and standardised process framework across all Council services for all calls logged through Dynamics 365.</p>
<p>Successfully manage the Council's IT Programme and Project Lifecycle and related Resourcing.</p>	<p>Final phase of the Development Plan was delivered and adopted on time including web casting, meeting solutions, reporting (RMAS), GIS solutions, modification to Modern Gov and automated workflows.</p> <p>The ePlanning and eHousing programmes and other projects progressed as planned.</p>
<p>Establish and maintain enterprise vision, strategy, and program to ensure information assets and technologies are adequately protected.</p>	<p>IT security remains a priority due to the continuous threat from cybercriminals. Security measures are continuously under review and being improved.</p>





Fingal County Council Launches Smart Balbriggan Partnership



Economic, Enterprise, Tourism & Cultural Development

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2023
<p>Foster a strong local economy and promote environmentally sustainable business.</p>	<p>The Council became a signatory to the Circular Cities Declaration in 2023. The Council conducted consultations on the preparation of an Economic Development Strategy for the County.</p> <p>In 2023 the Council continued work with DCU and Dublin Airport Authority on collaborative sustainable projects, lodging two applications for funding which were unsuccessful.</p> <p>The Council successfully applied to lead an Urbact Network to consider sustainable economic development along strategic transport corridors which focuses on the industrial landbank at Stephenstown, Balbriggan and completed the activation phase of the project.</p>
<p>Channel a range of supports to local businesses in Fingal. To promote entrepreneurship, foster business start-ups and develop existing micro and small businesses.</p> <p>To drive job creation and to provide accessible high quality supports for new business ideas.</p>	<p>Small Business Assistance Scheme grants totaling €1.13m were paid to 214 businesses in the Fingal area. SBASC gave grants to businesses who were not eligible for the Government's COVID Restrictions Support Scheme (CRSS), the Fáilte Ireland Business Continuity grant or other direct sectoral grant schemes.</p> <p>The Council's three Enterprise Centres continued to participate in ConnectedHubs.ie in 2023 and to support start-up and growing businesses through the provision of enterprise space, remote working space and related supports. In 2023 Drinan Enterprise Centre launched The Studio Drinan, a state-of-the-art digital media studio. In 2023 LEO Fingal continued to implement the actions from the Local Enterprise Development plan. These actions provide businesses in Fingal with the support and skills to scale and increase employment throughout the County.</p> <p>Following the recovery period post-COVID, 2023 saw a further acceleration of economic activity among SMEs. LEO Fingal continued to focus on helping businesses explore and expand into export markets, increase collaboration and other supports including the provision of mentoring and networking events.</p>





Culture Night
Blanchardstown



Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2023
<p>Channel a range of supports to local businesses in Fingal. To promote entrepreneurship, foster business start-ups and develop existing micro and small businesses.</p> <p>To drive job creation and to provide accessible high quality supports for new business ideas.</p>	<p>A total of €1,238,800 in financial aid was approved to 151 Fingal businesses for various grant aid schemes and trading online vouchers. Core portfolio client businesses reported an increase of 178 jobs at the end of 2023. In total, 3,225 places were booked by clients for training/networking/events/webinars both online and in-person. Local Enterprise Week proved hugely successful with over 900 businesses participating. Business clinics and mentoring assignments were delivered to 1251 clients. 87 Trading Online Vouchers were approved. 13 Start Your Own Business courses were delivered to 238 aspiring entrepreneurs, including a group of EE Ukrainian refugees that were assisted by the LEO in their endeavours to create a new enterprise in Ireland.</p> <p>Other core popular business development initiatives continued including networking platforms run by LEO Fingal. Fingal Business Network hosted four business networking events with over 392 businesses participating. Fingal Enterprising Women Network also met quarterly with some 404 female-led entrepreneurs benefiting. The Fingal Exporter Programme continued to provide the necessary assistance to Fingal businesses seeking to grow internationally, with 14 businesses participating in the programme to expand their export presence. A further 14 businesses were approved for the “TAME” (Exporter’s) grant.</p> <p>Other new initiatives included the Green for Business programme aimed at enabling Fingal businesses to become more sustainable, and a new “Energy Efficiency Grant” was opened for applications during the year.</p>
<p>Implement and manage local community and economic development programmes including (SICAP) and LEADER.</p>	<p>The Fingal LCDC completed procurement for delivery of the SICAP Programme 2024 – 2028. The 2023 SICAP Programme was delivered with additional budget secured for provision of assistance to Ukrainian Refugees.</p>
<p>Foster collaborative leadership among stakeholders in local community and economic development.</p>	<p>In 2023 the Council conducted public consultations and prepared the new Local Economic & Community Plan (LECP) 2023 – 2028 and a 2-year Implementation Plan.</p> <p>The Healthy Ireland Co-ordinator delivered the programme aligned with the 2023 plan.</p> <p>The Council completed a Feasibility Study on Innovation/ Enterprise Hubs along the Dublin-Belfast Economic Corridor, funded by Shared Island.</p>



Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2023
<p>Foster collaborative leadership among stakeholders in local community and economic development.</p>	<p>The Fingal Skills Strategy Group continued work with 4 Sectoral Sub-Groups and commenced work on the Interreg Project SKYLA on skills provision for the twin transition. The Council successfully held the Xplore Your Future Expo in The Helix in October 2023.</p> <p>Rush continued its work opening the town to play which commenced as part of the URBACT Playful Towns Initiative, holding successful play events throughout the year.</p> <p>The Council commenced work on 2 EU CERV Projects, one on Green Skills and another on inclusion, hosting and attending a number of transnational meetings.</p>
<p>Implement Our Balbriggan 2019–2025 Rejuvenation Plan.</p>	<p>A new Town Regeneration Office has now been established in the Council with the integration of the Our Balbriggan Rejuvenation Project, Town Centre First Measures, Derelict Sites, Urban Regeneration Development Fund Programmes, Rural Regeneration Development Fund Proposals, Town and Village Renewal Schemes and Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Schemes.</p> <p>The Our Balbriggan Rejuvenation Plan continued to be delivered with the demolition of the rear of DeBruns buildings on Bridge Street and the opening of a new Pocket Park. The Quay Street, Harbour & Environs project went out to tender with a contractor to be on site in April 2024. This transformative and ambitious scheme, funded by the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund and Fingal County Council, will create a new family friendly civic space in a low traffic, pedestrianised environment.</p> <p>The Creative Hub at 2-4 Dublin Street received planning permission in October and moves to the detailed design phase. Stage two design work was completed for the Creative Hub which will have 8 flexible workspaces, a courtyard, gallery, STEAM, enterprise and multi-media spaces in line with the objectives for a SMART Balbriggan.</p> <p>Work also began at the Boathouse and Bathhouse beside the Martello Tower. Significant progress on all these projects will continue in 2024.</p> <p>Work programmes progressed across all work streams in the Our Balbriggan Rejuvenation including Local Economy, Education, Skills and Training, Community Safety, Community Integration and Well Being, Public Realm and Placemaking.</p>



Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2023
<p>Strengthen the proposition and marketing of tourism in the County.</p>	<p>Collaboration with Fáilte Ireland continued in 2023 to promote Fingal as a tourist destination to both the domestic and international visitor.</p> <p>Fingal participated in Fáilte Ireland’s promotional campaigns including the Keep Discovering and Winter in Dublin campaigns.</p> <p>Much of the Destination Town Skerries project was completed in 2023 with the establishment of the St Patrick’s Trail and Art Trail and new digital heritage trails for Castleknock and Balbriggan were launched in Summer 2023.</p> <p>Support to local tourism development groups continued throughout 2023 with various initiatives around sustainable tourism, social media campaigns, events and collaboration on clustering of products and experiences. Fingal also hosted the Food on the Edge symposium and the Ireland’s Association of Adventure Tourism annual conference took place in the Castleknock Hotel in November.</p> <p>The Council also ran and facilitated several digital, social media and print campaigns.</p> <p>The new Fingal Tourism Strategy 2024 - 2029 was substantially completed and signed off in 2023 for launch in early 2024.</p>



Fingal Festival of Children’s Literature



Fingal Festival of Children's Literature



Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2023
Facilitate the creation of a Fingal food and drink tourism destination.	<p>The Council continued to work closely with a food network consultant and with Fáilte Ireland in the further development of the Fingal Food and Drink Network.</p> <p>A significant number of Fingal food businesses joined the network throughout 2023 and the Committee engaged in the further promotion of food through the digital, social media and print campaigns of the Dublin Coast and Fields brand, a series of networking events, familiarisation visits and workshop including a Fingal food event under the 'Coast and Fields' brand at Flavours of Fingal County Show in early July.</p> <p>The development of a new Fingal Food Policy was completed in 2023 for launch in 2024. The aim of this policy is to support the food industry by building a Food & Drink Tourism Strategy aligned to the broader Fingal Tourism Strategy, including, the ongoing leverage of the 'Dublin's Coast & Fields' brand. This involved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promotion and advertising of the food producing reputation of Fingal and making Fingal food more visible at events. • Creating and maintaining world class, sustainable, saleable food and drink experiences. • Continued investment in food and drink festivals and events. • Facilitating more meaningful networking and collaboration activity for the sector.
Promote heritage led tourism initiatives at Fingal Heritage Properties.	<p>In June 2023 Fingal County Council and its Operator at Newbridge House formally applied to the Heritage Council for entry into the Museum Standards Programme for Ireland (MSPI). The MSPI process - when completed - will allow accreditation and stronger branding for the standards and rigour with which the collections are conserved, how the items are displayed and the effectiveness of interpretation. It is considered that this will improve the authenticity and increase the heritage led visitors and experiences. The application was formally accepted in the Autumn and work got underway at Newbridge initially at the end of 2023.</p>
Optimise and expand visitor experiences at all Fingal visitor attractions and events.	<p>The main driver of improvements to the visitor experiences in 2023 was the Capital Programme, of which the highlights were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completion of major roof and windows projects in Ardgillan and Newbridge • Completion of phase 3(a) of the Conservation works at Swords Castle – mainly involving stabilising the existing structure and resolving the walls and grounds





Cruinniú na nÓg 2023



Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2023
<p>Optimise and expand visitor experiences at all Fingal visitor attractions and events.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commencement of the enabling works for the red barn project at Skerries Mills • Completion of the refurbishment of Howth Courthouse <p>In 2023, several improvements to the existing offerings at each visitor attraction took place. Among these the Lady Betty Cobbe porcelain collection was added to the Newbridge House experience in the spring, Malahide Castle basement (Nugent’s Hall) was re-opened as a conferencing and banqueting space in September.</p> <p>In October Fingal County Council worked with Failte Ireland, Argillan Castle LTD and Tandem Consultants to re-think and re-configure the tour at Ardgillan. Swords Castle had a busy summer and autumn programme of events, musical performances, exhibitions and artistic displays as well as weddings and civil ceremonies each week.</p>
<p>Implement the Fingal Arts Development Plan 2019-2025.</p>	<p>The implementation of the Fingal Arts Development Plan 2019-2025 continued in 2023 with focus of the work supporting the Swords Cultural Quarter, the development of the Carnegie Library and the “Our Balbriggan” rejuvenation project.</p>
<p>Implement the Eight Year Framework Agreement with the Arts Council.</p>	<p>The actions of the eight-year framework agreement with the Arts Council continued in 2023. The two areas of agreement are:</p> <p>a) Research & Development – the Arts Office continues to engage with the SCQ development team on the new public cultural facility and theatre model.</p> <p>b) Building Capacity - The Arts staff have developed a suite of research on how the Council can best meet its public service ambitions in Arts and Culture, in the areas of public arts practice and youth and education.</p>
<p>To coordinate the implementation of the Creative Ireland Programme in Fingal.</p>	<p>A budget of €364,358 was allocated in 2023 to creative projects/initiatives across the 3 separate funding streams of Creative communities, Cruinniú na nÓg, and the Decade of Centenaries Commemoration programme.</p> <p>The Commemorations Programme focused on a publication and exhibition entitled ‘Politics, War and the Revolution: a timeline for Fingal’ and a specially commissioned film ‘The Turning of the Tithe’.</p>



Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2023
<p>To coordinate the implementation of the Creative Ireland Programme in Fingal.</p>	<p>Cruinniú Na nÓg, Ireland’s national day of free creative activities for children took place in June and included a creative village in Millennium Park, a touring children’s exhibition, a full library programme and events across the County including the Baby Bop orchestra and celestial mechanics. In total 51 separate workshops for children and young people took place in Fingal.</p> <p>The Creativity in older age funding supplied 50 concerts in care homes across Fingal throughout 2023. Vintage picnic, an outdoor festival for the over 55’s in Swords Castle was also partially funded through the Creativity in Older Age funding stream.</p> <p>In addition, €50,000 was granted to a cross border initiative between Alzheimer’s choirs in Belfast and Fingal for a project to begin in 2024.</p>
<p>Swords Civic & Cultural Centre.</p>	<p>During 2023 procurements and appointments for consultancies were completed to form the design team necessary to deliver the SCQ project.</p>



Environment, Climate Action & Active Travel

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2023
Implement the Eastern - Midlands Regional Waste Management Plan 2015-2021.	The making of a new national waste management plan was ongoing during 2023 however it was not completed by the end of the year. The new plan was adopted in February 2024 and is available on mywaste.ie. The plan contains data on the levels of waste generation, disposal, recovery and recycling.
Aftercare of historic and closed landfills.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Management of closed licensed landfills - Balleally, Dunsink, Nevitt, Barnageeragh- ongoing. • A new maintenance building and upgrade of the leachate pumping system was completed.
Monitor Air and Noise Pollution.	<p>Environmental Inspections and activities related to this activity are reported to the EPA in the National Enforcement Priorities Progress Report 2023 available here.</p> <p>The report enumerates a wide range of activities including complaints, planned inspections and permitting/licencing activities. This report together with the reports from other local authorities will be evaluated by the EPA later this year. The number of routine and non-routine air/noise related inspections undertaken in 2023 was 344.</p>
Enforce Waste Regulations.	<p>Environmental Inspections and activities related to this activity are reported to the EPA in the National Enforcement Priorities Progress Report 2023 available here.</p> <p>The report enumerates a wide range of activities including complaints, planned inspections and permitting/licencing activities. This report together with the reports from other local authorities will be evaluated by the EPA later this year. The number of routine and non-routine waste inspections undertaken in 2023 was 1,357.</p>
Operate dog and horse control service.	<p>The Dog Warden Service which has been in operation since September 2021, has been carrying out enforcement activities under the Control of Dogs Act 1986. In 2023, 477 fines were issued in relation to dog offences.</p> <p>Door to door dog licence checks continued in 2023 by the dog wardens. In 2023, 10,238 dog licences were purchased and revenue from licence sales totaled €289,980.</p>



Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2023
Operate dog and horse control service.	<p>The Dog Wardens patrol parks and beaches and have been working alongside EETCD at some of Fingal's outdoor events.</p> <p>In 2023, 229 stray dogs entered the shelter of which 48 were surrendered. 76 were reclaimed by their owners and 167 were rehomed either through rescue centers or to members of the public.</p> <p>The Animal Welfare project is continuing on Dunsink Landfill in conjunction with DAFM and the DSPCA whereby weekly welfare inspections are undertaken. . Hay and water is also provided on a weekly basis.</p> <p>In 2023, 18 horses were seized from the public realm. 4 of these were reclaimed and 14 were rehomed.</p>
Operate Litter Warden Service.	<p>This service is operated in line with the Litter Pollution Acts 1997 – 2009. In 2023 there was an increased focus on illegal dumping, and known blackspots were patrolled daily. The number of routine litter patrols/ investigations undertaken in 2023 was 3,232. The Litter Wardens continued their weekend patrols in 2023. They also carried out awareness campaigns on our coastal routes, to advise citizens of their responsibilities as dog owners to pick up after their dogs and their responsibility never to leave litter behind.</p> <p>In 2023, 380 abandoned vehicles reports were received of alleged abandoned vehicles. Following investigation, 10 were deemed abandoned and removed.</p>
Protect Surface, Ground and Coastal Waters.	<p>Environmental Inspections and activities related to this activity are reported to the EPA in the National Enforcement Priorities Progress Report 2022 available here.</p> <p>The report enumerates a wide range of activities including complaints, planned inspections and permitting/licencing activities. This report together with the reports from other local authorities will be evaluated by the EPA later this year. The number of routine and non-routine water/wastewater inspections undertaken in 2021 was 850.</p>
Provide an Environmental Awareness Programme.	<p>Supported the 145 schools in the Green Schools Program, with 23 New Green Flags awarded to Fingal Schools in 2023.</p> <p>Worked with the Dublin LA's, the Eastern Midlands Regional Waste Plan Office and Composting Ireland to roll out the Composting for Schools which introduces and subsidises composting and food waste in schools.</p>





New kid goats joins Howth Heads firefighting herd



Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2023
Provide an Environmental Awareness Programme.	<p>Rolled out litter programs such as the Picker Pals in national schools and provided litter pickers through the 10 hub Community Centers. Picker Pals Litter initiative now in 40 new classes in primary schools, this is in addition to the already active 80 Picker Pals classes.</p> <p>Worked with Dublin LAs, An Taisce and other groups to run the Dublin Community Clean up Week in April. The event mobilised several groups across Fingal to carry out clean-ups.</p> <p>Funded 15 Anti-Litter & Anti-Graffiti projects in communities county-wide to the value of €19,960.</p> <p>In partnership with six Community Centers litter kit was provided for Fingal individuals and communities. Litter kits and doggie dispensers were also provided directly to several Community Groups and schools.</p> <p>Funded 24 Environmental projects with schools and community groups to the value of €20,000</p> <p>Promoted and facilitated the Fingal Instruments Project whereby instruments are handed in at Recycling Centers, cleaned, repaired and redistributed back into communities.</p> <p>The 'Fingal Keen to be Green' Project awards were held, and all 32 Fingal Community Centers received their first star for the waste phase. This is a program designed to assist the center managers in becoming more sustainable in their delivery of services.</p> <p>Ongoing promotional campaigns in co-operation with Comms to address litter, beach and marine environments, food waste, biodiversity and general environmental awareness.</p> <p>Sustainable gardening workshops were delivered to the public.</p> <p>The community leaf mould composting initiative was extremely well received in communities all across Fingal. 39 communities participated in the programme. 160 leaf mould cages were set up in over 50 locations. 28 pitch forks and water cans distributed. Training was provided in 17 workshops.</p>



Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2023
Provide an Environmental Awareness Programme.	<p>As part of the ReUse initiatives with the Rediscovery Centre, a total 325 5L tins of paint were delivered to Fingal community groups in 2023 for use in public areas.</p> <p>Environmental Awareness Cinema Campaigns created and shown across five cinemas in Swords, Balbriggan, Blanchardstown, Charlestown and Santry. Number of guaranteed admissions was 1,395,625. Contract value of €60,000 covering the areas of biodiversity, circular economy, food waste and illegal dumping.</p>
Implement Flood Protection Schemes in co-operation with the OPW.	<p>There are three flood schemes (Malahide, Portmarnock and Skerries) with the OPW. In 2023 these schemes were in the process of a viability review.</p>
Co-ordination of Climate Change Action Plan 2019-2024 and Development of the Climate Action Plan 2024-2029.	<p>Governance and reporting structures are in place for delivery of actions in the Climate Change Action Plan 2019 –2024. The Climate Action Coordinator works with Implementation leads from across all internal Departments, and with colleagues from the Dublin Local Authorities, CARO, Codema, and other stakeholders, to coordinate delivery of the Climate Change Action Plan 2019-2024. The Plan was adopted by the Council in May 2019 and actions are ongoing. The Climate Action, Biodiversity and Environment SPC has been provided with regular updates. The Climate Change Action Plan Annual Progress Report 2023 was delivered.</p> <p>Throughout 2023, workshops to develop Fingal County Council’s Climate Action Plan 2024-2029 (CAP) took place with relevant stakeholders and the plan was drafted. The CAP includes climate resilience actions across six thematic areas. This Plan 2024-2029 has four key targets, to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve the council’s energy efficiency by 50% by 2030 • Reduce the council’s greenhouse gas emissions by 51% by 2030 • Make Dublin a climate resilient region by reducing the impacts of future climate change related events. • Actively engage and inform our citizens on climate change. <p>Public consultation took place between September and November 2023.</p>
Provide Bring Banks for glass bottles	<p>The Council operates two civic amenity sites (Estuary and Coolmine), and a network of 63 Bring Banks for glass and a total of 29 for textiles, throughout the County. Three new Bring Banks were added to the network this year. In 2023 a total of 5341.14 tonnes of glass was collected and recycled from Fingal Bring Banks. A total of 246 tonnes of textiles were collected from textile banks.</p>





Launch of the Fingal Biodiversity Action Plan 2023-2030



Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2023
<p>Protected Cycle Lanes – management of the design and construction of numerous protected cycle lane projects.</p>	<p>Approximately 30km of cycle facilities completed for the following schemes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hartstown/Huntstown • Rivervalley/Rathingle • Baldoyle/Howth • St. Cronans/Brackenstown Road <p>The following projects are in the design and planning stage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seatown Road Swords • Donabate Portrane R126 Cycle Paths • Coney Hill, Balbriggan R132 Cycle Paths • Pathfinder Pinnock Hill to Airport Cycle Paths • Paddys Hill to Broomfield via Naomh Mearnóg GAA • Clonee to Blanchardstown Shopping Centre • Castleknock to Dunsink Lane • Castleknock to Blanchardstown via Farmleigh • Snugborough Road – NAC to Ongar • Seapark Hill to Old Golf Course Link Park • Feltrim Road Cycle Infrastructure • Baldoyle-Howth Protected Cycle Lane Scheme Phase 2
<p>Towns and Villages enhancements – mobility reviews and public realm projects with an emphasis on Active Travel.</p>	<p>Works are continuing in the development of an Active Travel Plan for a number of our Towns and Villages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Balrothery • Skerries • Active Travel Infrastructure and Public Realm Works are being progressed in the following areas • New Street, Malahide, Public Realm Improvements – Part VIII Planning Permission has been granted • Skerries Harbour Road – Preparing for Part VIII Planning





Launch of 'Cycling Without Age' initiative

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2023
<p>Connectivity/Permeability – review and enhancement of existing infrastructure to promote overall connectivity for Active Travel users.</p>	<p>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. The following projects have been completed to date.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dished kerbing at various locations, Dublin 15 • Feltrim connectivity path (Melrose Park) for Portmarnock Educate Together • Balgriffin Park shared space cycle lane • Howth Summit paths to bus stop • Paddy’s Hill shared path • Widening of footpath Paddy’s Hill • Temporary footpath installed at Seapark Hill to connect to the Old Golf links and across to Seamount Road. • Drop Kerbs and Tactiles Portmarnock Malahide Schools Code • Grove Road Malahide uncontrolled crossing Schools Code
<p>Strategic Planning – preparation and implementation of an Active Travel Strategy.</p>	<p>The Active Travel Strategy was noted by the Council in June 2023.</p>
<p>Road Safety Office – implementation of the Safer Routes to School programme, encouraging a transport modal shift for school goers. Management of the School Wardens.</p>	<p>Round 1 – Tranche 1 – The Safe Routes to School Tranche 1 works are complete at 5 schools:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rush/Lusk Educate Together • Castaheany ETNS • St. Benedicts NS • Bayside Junior and • Bayside Senior Schools <p>Round 1 – Tranche 2 – Tranche 2 schools Detailed design complete, progressing to construction in Q1 2024.</p> <p>Round 2 In mid-December 2023 An Taisce announced Round 2 of the Safer Routes to School programme, with the following Fingal schools selected:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holy Family JNS, Forest Fields, Swords • Scoil Bhríde Buachaillí, Blanchardstown • Scoil Bhríde Cailíní, Blanchardstown • St Helen’s SNS, Portmarnock • St. Colmcille’s Girls’ NS, Swords



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Road Safety Office – implementation of the Safer Routes to School Programme, encouraging a transport modal shift for school goers. Management of the School Wardens.	<p>Leading Lights Award – Junior School Warden Programme, Rush National School.</p> <p>Rush NS was awarded a Leading Light Award in the Education Primary Category for its Junior School Warden Programme. The awards ceremony took place in the RDS Concert Hall on Thursday, 7th December.</p>
Preparation and publication of Fingal’s Road Safety Plan.	Fingal’s Road Safety Plan is currently under review following the release of the RSA Road Strategy 2021 –2030 Vision Zero.
Mobility and Behavioural Change – rolling out various Active Travel projects and event to raise awareness and promote a modal shift.	<p>Throughout 2023, the Active Travel Team held numerous initiatives and events internally and externally to raise awareness and promote a sustainable modal shift.</p> <p>Bike Week 2023 and European Mobility Week 2023 were two flagship awareness weeks, with the Active Travel unit holding events throughout the County to build awareness of the importance of active travel.</p> <p>Programmes and Initiatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn 2 Cycle with a Disability Courses • Mens Walk and Talk Groups • Adult Cycling Courses • Cycling Without Age • Bike Share Schemes operated by Tier and Bleeper • Skerries Community Car • Schools Active Travel Talks • Staff eBike Trials • Fresh Air Fridays <p>Cycle Friendly Employer Audit: Fingal undertook the Cycle Friendly Employer Audit as part of CFE Accreditation. The report scored Fingal County Council in the high silver category with a number of changes that we can make to move into the Gold Category.</p>





New segregated cycle lanes at St. Cronan's Avenue and Brackenstown Road, Swords



Launch of eCargo Bike scheme

Finance

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2023
Active Debt Management (Rates/PEL/NPPR).	In 2023, 99.1% of Commercial Rates were collected. The Property Entry Levy (PEL), which is a charge that applies to all newly erected or newly constructed properties pending the assessment of commercial rates, took in revenue of €1.7m Revenue from the Non-Principal Private Residence (NPPR) charge was €563k in 2023.
The Management of Accounts Payable and Treasury Management Cash Outflows.	Accounts Payable processed €554.2m of payments during 2023. The treasury management and cashflow was actively managed throughout the year.
Effective Management of Liability Claims and Insurance Policies.	All claims against the Council were pro-actively managed and investigated by the Council. We continued to engage with our insurers with regards to the insurance policies in place.
Ensure Budgets are reviewed and monitored.	Revenue account budgets and Capital Plan are reviewed regularly with each department.
Production of 3 Year Capital Programme.	The 2024 -2026 Capital Plan was presented to Councillors in October 2023.
Production of Annual Budget.	The 2024 Budget was presented to Council on 7th November 2023.
Production of Annual Financial Statement.	The 2022 Financial Statements were completed in March 2023 with the Auditor's Report signed in September 2023.
To achieve best practice and value for money in procurement.	<p>The Central Procurement Unit (CPU) conducted procurement processes identified in the Annual Procurement Plan during 2023. A total of 356 procurements with an estimated value of €508.4m commenced and 289 contracts with a value of €100.6m were awarded during the year.</p> <p>The CPU also carried out monitoring and reporting on procurement compliance and performance across the organisation to the Executive Management Team.</p>

Housing Services

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2023
<p>Delivery of housing in Fingal County Council in line with the Housing Strategy and Housing for All.</p>	<p>A total of 1,314 social housing units were delivered in 2023 via acquisitions, build, leasing and HAP streams.</p> <p>A target of delivering 850 under new build and leasing social housing units during 2023 was set for Fingal. At the end of the year, a total of 596 units were delivered under these streams with a significant number in the pipeline for short and medium term delivery.</p> <p>The Croí Cónaithe Refurbishment Vacant Property Grant Scheme eligibility criteria was expanded in May 2023 with increased promotion of the scheme by the Vacant Homes Team. During 2023, a further 78 applications were received of which 49 applications were approved.</p> <p>Work advanced on-site on Phase 1 of the restoration of 14 vacant cottages at St. Ita's Portrane with further phases due to be delivered in the coming years.</p>
<p>Delivery and Management of Homeless Services in accordance with the Homelessness Action Plan 2022 – 2024.</p>	<p>Continued progress has been made with the implementation of the objectives of the Homelessness Action Plan 2022-2024.</p> <p>During 2023, the Homeless Team completed 472 homeless assessments, comprising 248 families and 224 single or couple households.</p> <p>A total of 315 households were assisted to exit homelessness via the provision of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 169 social housing tenancies • 146 Homeless - HAP tenancies <p>There is ongoing engagement with and collaboration with various stakeholders regarding the provision and delivery of homeless services.</p>
<p>Administration of the Housing Assistance Payment Scheme.</p>	<p>HAP continued to be administered in 2023 through the Fingal County Council online application portal. 338 tenancies were set up by Fingal County Council in 2023 and over 3,900 tenancies have been set up since HAP was introduced in 2017.</p>
<p>Management and Maintenance of Housing Stock/Vacancies/Voids.</p>	<p>The Council continued to deliver estate management and housing maintenance service to over 6,600 tenancies, incorporating a wide range of housing stock.</p>



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<p>Management and Maintenance of Housing Stock/Vacancies/Voids.</p>	<p>There were 14,763 response maintenance requests received in 2023, an increase of 12.6% on the previous year. The Estate Management Section received 1,556 complaints pertaining to allegations of anti-social behaviour, representing an increase of 14.7% on the previous year.</p> <p>The vacancy rate on Council stock in 2023 was 1.99%. Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme works were carried out on 120 social housing units, bringing them to a BER of B2 or higher. The lessons learnt will inform an increase in this programme over coming years in line with Government targets.</p>
<p>Implementation of the Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019 - 2024.</p>	<p>The implementation of the objectives of the Traveller Accommodation Programme (2019 - 2024) has progressed, with ongoing refurbishment works and the provision of accommodation in line with the needs of the Traveller population in the Fingal Administrative Area.</p>
<p>Facilitate Access to Good Quality Private Rented Accommodation through an Annual Inspections Programme.</p>	<p>In line with the Strategy for the Private Rental Sector the DHLGH has set annual inspection targets for all Local Authorities. These targets are based on a percentage of properties registered with the RTB. In 2023 there were 18,304 tenancies registered with the RTB in the Fingal Administrative Area.</p> <p>An annual inspection target of 25% of these registered tenancies has been set by DHLGH.</p> <p>As part of the Council's Annual Inspection Programme, 6,796 inspections of private rented properties were carried out in 2023.</p>
<p>Deliver Sufficient and Appropriate Housing Solutions for Disabled Persons.</p>	<p>There were 603 applications received for the Housing Adaptation Scheme for Older People and People with a Disability in the private sector in 2023. 398 of these were approved and payments made to applicants with grants of over €3.1m paid out.</p> <p>Through the Disabled Persons Adaptation Grant Scheme, 63 new applications were received in 2023. Works concluded on 79 minor adaptations applications and two extensions were completed to Council owned dwellings.</p> <p>Minor adaptations included the provision of level access showers, ramps, stairlifts and grabrails.</p>

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2023
<p>Support the Provision of Mixed Tenure, Quality and Affordable Housing.</p>	<p>The Council continued to advance a number of mixed tenure schemes across the County in 2023.</p> <p>Works progressed in Dun Emer, Lusk where the Council is constructing 39 affordable and 12 social homes, which is one of the first Social and Affordable Housing Schemes developed under the Government's Housing for All policy. Works progressed on the mixed tenure scheme at Hayestown, Rush to build 51 affordable and 10 social homes.</p> <p>The mixed tenure development at Church Fields, Mulhuddart comprises some 1,000 social, cost rental and affordable housing units. The first phase of 300 homes and the Eastern Linear Park commenced on site with further phases imminent.</p> <p>The mixed tenure development at Balmoston, Donabate commenced in 2023, with the first phase of 432 homes commencing. The Housing Dept continues to engage with a variety of stakeholders to secure new housing provision in line with Government targets, including new build and turn-key arrangements.</p>



Launch of Housing Strategy for Disabled People



Liscappagh Housing Development



Law

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2023
To provide legal services to the Chief Executive and all Council Departments.	Legal services are provided to the Chief Executive and Council Departments as requested.



Libraries

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2023
Implement the Libraries Development Plan 2018-2023.	The objectives of Fingal Libraries Development Plan 2018-2023 continued to be implemented by way of 42 actions.
Provide high quality, welcoming, accessible spaces which meet the needs of library users.	<p>Work progressed on the refurbishment of and extension to Skerries Library. The temporary library on Church St. continued to attract existing and new borrowers.</p> <p>The tender to select the building contractor for the new County Library in the Swords Cultural Quarter was issued in November 2023.</p> <p>The 348 people registered to use 'My Open Library' made 3,121 visits to Baldoyle Library in 2023. 'My Open Library' offers extended opening hours, providing access to the library from 8:00am to 10:00pm, 365 days per year.</p> <p>Ballisk House, the former Credit Union building in Donabate was purchased by the Council. Work began on developing plans to relocate the Library from the Community Centre to this site.</p>
Ensure that libraries are staffed with well trained, informed and customer focused staff.	Throughout 2023 staff received appropriate training, engaged in continuing professional development and received support to avail of relevant third level educational opportunities.
Recognise and meet the changing needs of library users, in accordance with our Collection Development Policy.	<p>In January 2023, we introduced the Short Loan Collection into branch libraries. These are collections of very popular titles that are lent for 10 days and are non-reservable and non-renewable. This means that branches have a capsule collection of high-turnover and high-demand items on display that are readily available to borrowers.</p> <p>We increased our range of sensory and educational toys and resources to assist with cognitive development and life skills and to encourage creativity.</p>
Reinforce the position of libraries in the Community as key points of access to information technology and digital services.	<p>In November 2023, we introduced Virtual Reality headsets into our Libraries through VR for Libraries, a collaborative project between Fingal Libraries and Digital Services.</p> <p>We increased our supply of C Pen Readers to assist those with additional learning needs such as Dyslexia or visual impairments to read and learn independently. The C Pens can be loaned within the Community or used within branch.</p>

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Reinforce the position of libraries in the Community as key points of access to information technology and digital services.	The Makerspace at Blanchardstown Library offered a range of events including an introduction to 3D printing, electronic buggy building, music production workshops and repair cafés.
Encourage the Community to reach its full potential and engage all citizens through an innovative programme of events and activities in libraries.	In 2023, our Cultural and Educational Programming empowered communities and facilitated social capital, while providing a safe space for children and adults in which to learn and develop in a fun way. Highlights in our events calendar included the Writers' Festival, the Festival of History and the Children's Literature Festival. We also ran events under the Healthy Ireland, Right to Read, Ireland Reads, My Little Library, Bealtaine and Europe Direct programmes.
Market Libraries in Fingal as democratic, inclusive and dynamic spaces, open to all who live and work in the County.	Our marketing and promotional campaigns attracted 15,418 new borrowers in 2023. We communicated our messages daily across all communication channel, including print, broadcast, digital and social media.
Ensure that Fingal Libraries continue to remain visible and relevant in the Community through collaboration and partnerships.	In 2023, we began the consultation process for the Fingal Library Service Development Plan 2024 – 2029. Through online surveys and consultation meetings, we invited schools, Community groups and organisations to give their views on the future of the public library service in Fingal. Over 1,100 responses were received to inform the new Development Plan and to shape future collaboration and partnerships.



Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2023
<p>Ensure Creative Ireland program is delivered across Fingal.</p>	<p>A budget of €364,358 was allocated in 2023 to creative projects/initiatives across the 3 separate funding streams of Creative Communities, Cruinniú na nÓg and the Decade of Centenaries Commemoration Programme.</p> <p>The Commemorations Programme focused on a publication and exhibition entitled 'Politics, war and the Revolution: a timeline for Fingal' and a specially commissioned film 'The Turning of the Tithe'.</p> <p>Cruinniú Na nÓg, Ireland's national day of free creative activities for children took place in June and included a creative village in Millennium Park, a touring children's exhibition, a full library programme and events across the County including the Baby Bop orchestra and celestial mechanics. In total fifty-one separate workshops for children and young people took place in Fingal.</p> <p>The Creativity in older age funding supplied fifty concerts in care homes across Fingal throughout 2023. Vintage picnic, an outdoor festival for the over 55's in Swords Castle was also partially funded through the Creativity in Older Age funding stream.</p> <p>In addition, €50,000 was granted to a cross border initiative between Alzheimer's choirs in Belfast and Fingal for a project to begin in 2024.</p>
<p>Launch and implement the new Creative Fingal strategy 2023 -2027.</p>	<p>The Strategy was launched by Minister Catherine Martin T.D. in 2023 and work began on its implementation across the 5 key priorities identified through consultation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Making Cities/Counties great places to work, live and invest in • Digitalisation • Climate change • Changing demographics • Town centre first and the rural economy





Fingal Book Gifting Programme -
Community Recognition Fund





Rush Library



Donabate Library



Operations Department

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2023										
<p>Management and Maintenance of Regional and Local Roads, Traffic Management, Road Safety.</p>	<p>There are 65kms of National Roads including motorways in the County. The Council is responsible for managing 264Kms of regional and 1011kms of local roads in the County. Maintenance work including surface drainage, road and footpath repairs and replacement, traffic management and public lighting is delivered through the Programme of Works and the annual maintenance programmes delivered from the Depots in Coolmine, Fancourt and Swords. The Council continued to manage its stock 32,900 public lights with over 90% having been converted as part of the LED Energy Efficiency Programme.</p> <p>The following applications were processed during 2023:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="584 864 1471 1128"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="588 871 1313 909">Item</th> <th data-bbox="1318 871 1466 909">2023</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="588 916 1313 992">Wayleave/Communication/Road Opening Licence</td> <td data-bbox="1318 916 1466 992">2,400</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="588 999 1313 1037">Taking in Charge Certs</td> <td data-bbox="1318 999 1466 1037">2,057</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="588 1043 1313 1081">Abnormal Load Permits</td> <td data-bbox="1318 1043 1466 1081">490</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="588 1088 1313 1126">Temporary Road Closures</td> <td data-bbox="1318 1088 1466 1126">590</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Item	2023	Wayleave/Communication/Road Opening Licence	2,400	Taking in Charge Certs	2,057	Abnormal Load Permits	490	Temporary Road Closures	590
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<p>Management and Maintenance of Regional Parks, Open Spaces, Pitches and Recreational Facilities.</p>	<p>The Council continues to manage and maintain over 5000 acres (2000 Ha) of public open spaces at our regional, local and neighbourhood parks and 4 allotment sites with over 800 allotments. Within the parks and open spaces, we provide;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 54 playgrounds • 179 grass playing pitches • 8 all-weather playing facilities • 6 cricket pitches • 19 Multi Use Games Areas (MUGA's) • 4 skateparks • 1 BMX track • 8 public tennis courts • 10 boules courts • 33 separate locations for adult exercise equipment. 										



Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2023
<p>Management and Maintenance of Harbours, Litter Management, Provision of Burial Grounds, Public Conveniences.</p>	<p>In total 88kms of Fingal's coastline is maintained by the Operations Department which includes the 11 designated beaches at Balbriggan, Skerries South, Loughshinny, Rush South and North, Portrane, Donabate, Malahide, Portmarnock, Sutton Burrow Beach, Claremont and Howth. There were 35 lifeguards were employed from June to early September 2023. Continuous monitoring of seawater samples was carried out during the bathing season to ensure compliance with the Bathing Water Quality requirements.</p> <p>Harbours and piers at Balbriggan, Skerries, Loughshinny and Rush were managed and maintained during the year with works carried out on the marker buoys and navigational aids at Skerries Harbour. The Council also appointed a Harbour Master to ensure the 4 Harbours are managed to the highest standard.</p> <p>Litter and Cleansing crews continued with their cyclical and response programmes in the public realm across the County and supported the work of Tidy Towns Groups and other local volunteers.</p>
<p>To support the delivery of major Commercial and Community events as appropriate.</p>	<p>A significant number of events were held in in our regional parks and open spaces and in the public realm during 2022 following the restrictions as a result of Covid 19. While a huge number of events were supported by the Operations Department in 2023 the following list provides a flavour of the variety of larger scale events across the County:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rush Harbour Festival • Malahide Concerts • Skerries Regatta • Cool Running Ice Skating Rink Millennium Park • Castleknock Village Festival • Sunday Market at St. Catherine's Park • St. Patrick's Day Parades in towns across the County <p>Management of commercial and sporting events and event licence applications when permitted involve the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre and post event meetings • Document validation and issuing of event permits • Temporary road closure application • Litter Management • Professional advice on traffic management • Advice on crowd safety management





Rush National School awarded RSA Leading Lights Award for Junior School Warden programme



Shackleton Festive Lights at Shackleton Garden, Clonsilla

People Services

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2023
To foster and embed an effective performance management and development culture in the organization.	A Performance Management and Development System is being implemented supported by competency frameworks, an annual training plan and a financially assisted Further Education Programme are also implemented as normal business processes.
To implement a programme that promotes wellbeing, equality and diversity in the workplace.	Staff wellbeing activities are regularly promoted by the Council's Staff Wellbeing Officer and through the Wellbeing Strategy, and by the staff forum – Network Fingal and a network of informal social groups formed by staff members. Equality and Diversity is integrated in the business process of the organization.
To optimise the availability and skills of the Council's human resources.	Staff vacancies are being filled in a timely manner and there is a dynamic mobility programme in place allowing for the deployment of staff having regard to operational requirements and career development aspirations. An annual training programme was implemented on-line and in person. Proactive attendance management was also in place.
To promote a safe and healthy work environment.	There is a proactive and dynamic safety regime of safety inspections, safety auditing and accident investigation in place. In addition, staff are required to attend safety training courses on a structured and regular basis.



Planning & Strategic Infrastructure

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2023
<p>Deliver strategic infrastructure (physical & green) in the County.</p>	<p>Works contracts have been awarded for the Construction of the bridge across Malahide Estuary to commence this summer, a critical piece of infrastructure forming part of the Broadmeadow Way Greenway. A Mini consultation is currently underway on the Fingal Coastal Way through Hoars Rock, Skerries. An Agronomist has been appointed and is currently liaising with farmers along the route of the Fingal Coastal Way. The Sutton-Malahide Scheme is currently undergoing review, to ensure it is in compliance with the New Cycle Design Manual issued by the NTA, with planning documentation being prepared for submission to An Bord Pleanala towards Q4 2024. Similarly the Royal Canal Greenway is currently undergoing review, to ensure it is in compliance with the New Cycle Design Manual issued by the NTA. A Planning application shall be submitted in 2024.</p> <p>Bam Civil Ltd. have been appointed as the Main Contractor and have commenced work on the Ongar-Barnhill Road. Works have commenced on the proposed bridge over the railway and construction of the North abutment base is underway. The Harry Reynolds Road Scheme is currently under construction and scheduled to be completed by Q4 2024. Jons Civils Ltd. is the Main Contractor on the Harry Reynolds Road Scheme. Consultant Engineers are to be appointed Q2 2024 for the first project of Sustainable Swords Strategy, Swords Main Street. Consultancy frameworks for Swords, Kinsealy and Donabate have been put in place for a range of projects across these areas. A Consultancy Framework is currently in train for Dublin 15 Area range of Active Travel projects. Church Fields Link Road construction is ongoing and scheduled for completion Summer 2024. Snugborough Interchange construction ongoing and scheduled for completion Summer 2024. Turvey Avenue Footpath Upgrade Project is currently under construction, Portrane footpath upgrade is to follow subject to Approval from ABP regarding CPO.</p> <p>The consultancy framework for various Swords and Kinsealy projects with the initial project being the Kinsealy Walking and Cycling Routes was recently awarded to Barry Transportation. The appointed consultants are currently progressing the Kinsealy Walking and Cycling Routes Projects. Procurement for a main contractor for the delivery of the Donabate pedestrian bridge is nearing completion.</p>

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<p>Deliver strategic infrastructure (physical & green) in the County.</p>	<p>Works were completed on River Valley All Weather Pitch facility in Swords and work on the development of Porterstown Recreational Hub (including the floodlit 6 lane running track) and the first phase of Bremore Regional Park Recreational Hub in Balbriggan were also completed. The first phase of the Swords Regional Park at Miller’s Glen Oldtown Swords (including new sports, play and recreational facilities) was opened to the public. The Rathbeale Archaeological Park was also opened to the public. Works were progressed on the upgrade of Lanesborough Park with the development of the destination playground. Work on the audit of public play facilities in Fingal was completed in line with the adopted “Space for Play, A Play Policy for Fingal” and priority locations for additional public playgrounds were identified. Work progressed on the preparation of the Ward River Regional Park Development Project and works commenced on priority conservation and woodland management in the park. Works progressed on the feature entrance gatehouse and related landscape works at Bremore Castle. The Fingal Biodiversity Action Plan 2023-2030 was adopted and a new Biodiversity Forum was convened to progress the Action Plan. Works progressed on the procurement of the first phase of the Ballymastone Recreational Hub in Donabate and plans were prepared for the upgrade of Corduff Park in Dublin 15 and the development of a new playground at Laurel Lodge, Castleknock.</p>
<p>Promote and Enforce Building Regulations and Construction Product Regulations.</p>	<p>In 2023, a total of 2075 new buildings submitted commencement notices through the BCMS system with over 50% of them going through a desktop technical review at completion stage. Also, the Council dealt with 213 Fire Safety Certificates and 199 Disability Access Certificates. The Building Control Authority carried out over 700 on-site inspections.</p> <p>Building Control is the Market Surveillance Authority for Construction Products in the Fingal area. The Target product in 2023 was aggregates and Fingal staff assisted the National Building Control Authority with the inspection of aggregates in the Fingal area.</p>
<p>Ensure appropriate action is taken on unauthorised development.</p>	<p>On-going investigations and enforcement action. 308 warning letters and 79 enforcement notices were issued. 21 new cases were referred to the Law Department during 2023 bringing to 40 the number of enforcement cases with the Law Department or at varying stages in the legal system.</p>



Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2023
Ensure planning decisions are transparent and are decided in accordance with proper planning and sustainable development.	Planning decisions decided in accordance with statutory requirements. 1,390 planning applications received; 1,217 decisions made. 17 SHD decisions were made by An Bord Pleanála in 2023. 13 decisions to grant permission were issued and 4 decisions to refuse permission were issued. 13 full applications for Large Scale Residential Developments (LRD) were lodged to Fingal County Council in 2023. 15 decisions on LRD applications were made by Fingal County Council, 12 decisions to grant permission were issued, 2 requests for further information issued and one LRD application was invalidated.
Manage the Taking in Charge Statutory Process.	The Council was very busy with Taking in Charge in 2023 with a total of 14 estates Taken in Charge. We also had consultants and contractors managing works in Ongar and Mount Eustace and Cruise Park in Tyrellstown which will be up for Taking in Charge in 2024.
Preparation/review of County Development Plan - set out the strategy and objectives for the sustainable development of the County.	The Fingal Development Plan 2023 – 2029 was adopted in February 2023 and came into effect on 5th April 2023. A Ministerial Direction in relation to the Plan was issued in July 2023. Following adoption of the Development Plan, a priority list of LAPs, Masterplans and Framework Plans be prepared over the lifetime of the Development Plan was agreed by the Members and work is ongoing on the first tranche of plans.
Delivery of a sustainable transport system for all citizens.	Capital Plan 2023-2025 adopted which contains a range of schemes that are currently being advanced including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broadmeadow Way: advance works contracts underway; • Fingal Coastal Way: emerging preferred route consultation completed. • Sutton-Malahide: planning documentation being prepared for submission to An Bord Pleanála in 2024. • Royal Canal Greenway land acquisition and planning application due for submission in 2024. • Ongar-Barnhill: Contractor appointed, construction works underway. • Harry Reynolds Road: Contractor appointed, construction works underway. • Consultancy frameworks for Swords, Kinsealy and Donabate in place for a range of projects across these areas. • Sustainable Swords strategy, Main Street project consultants to be appointed Q2 2024. • Church Fields Link Road construction to be completed Summer 2024 • Snugborough Interchange construction to be completed Summer 2024





Safer Routes to School treatment for Gaelscoil an Chuilinn and Powerstown Educate Together National School



Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2023
Promote and Protect Biodiversity.	The Fingal Biodiversity Action Plan was published and 14 priority actions were implemented or are in progress such as the wetland restoration at St Ita's in Portrane, new wetland development in Turvey, a woodland management plan for the Ward and St Catherine's Woodlands, Little Tern Conservation Project on the beach in Portrane, the control of invasive species such as Giant Hogweed, Japanese knotweed, Himalayan Balsam, Rhododendron and Mink, the development of a masterplan for the Ward River Valley Park, the ongoing implementation of 22 Tidy Towns Biodiversity Plans and the preparation of a Biodiversity Plan for the Beaverstown Golf Club.
Supporting Housing for All – a New Housing Plan for Ireland.	Ongoing residential development. At December 2023 as per the Housing Task Force Return: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The number of sites with planning permission in Tier 1 is 126. • The number of units with planning permission is 21,845. • There are 69 active sites. • There are 3,016 units under construction. • There are currently thirty SHD Sites in Tier 1, with ten of these sites active and five other SHD • Sites are currently under Judicial Review. • There are five LRDs in Tier 1, four are inactive, one of which is currently under a Judicial Review.
Develop a Coastal Management Policy.	The Council continued to progress the Fingal Pilot Projects for Coastal Monitoring in collaboration with the OPW during 2023 as part of a national project due to conclude during 2024. The preparation of plans for Coastal Protection Works in the Rogerstown Outer Estuary were submitted for Maritime Area Consent (MAC) to the Maritime Area Regulatory Authority (MARA).



Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2023
<p>Promote and protect the built and cultural heritage of the County.</p>	<p>The new Fingal Heritage Plan 2024-2030 was prepared after a two stage consultation process and approved by Council in December 2023. A number of Community-based projects were progressed including the BLAS: Fingal's Food Heritage Project which produced a digital map celebrating food heritage as part of our social history and developed a pack for primary school teachers www.fingal.ie/blas-fingals-food-heritage. Fingal Legacies of Conflict Fingal 1914-1945 was launched during Fingal Innovation week 2023. The Memory Map, a digital map is available at legaciesofconflict.fingal.ie The implementation of the Drumanagh Management Plan 2019-2023 continued with Season 4 of the Community-based research excavation at Drumanagh Promontory Fort. Dissemination is an import element of the process and the Heritage Officer delivered talks to 29th EAA Annual Meeting, Belfast; Institute of Archaeologists of Ireland, Spring Conference; Roman Finds Group-New Research on Finds from the edges of Roman Britain and beyond; Trinity College Dublin Archaeology Society and Loughshinny and Rush Historical Society. www.fingal.ie/digging-drumanagh. A number of in-person events and online projects featured, including the Fingal Heritage Network's People & Place: Then and Now Photographic Exhibition, Heritage Night 2023 took place for National Heritage Week. Monthly meetings with the Heritage Network and meetings with Fingal Heritage Forum at strategic points in the Heritage Plan process.</p> <p>The Heritage Officer also administers the Community Monuments Fund 2023 in Fingal for the National Monuments Service, Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. Five projects received funding totalling €498,240 in 2023, for St. Columba's Tower Swords, Balrothery Tower House, Malahide Demesne Church and Graveyard, St Mary's Clonmethan, Oldtown and Mulhuddart Church & Graveyard. The Heritage Officer prepared consultee planning reports for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 105 Planning Permissions • 6 LRDs • 27 Compliances <p>Naming of Developments-A total of 31 reports for compliance with naming conditions were requested from the Heritage Officer in 2023 and advice notes on naming for developers was produced.</p> <p>Infrastructural Projects; review of documentation, input, and cross-departmental advice for Fingal's infrastructural projects including Canal Loop Greenway, Ward River Regional Park, Our Balbriggan and Fingal Coastal Way.</p>





Cycle-friendly roundabout on the Church Fields Link Road



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Council Membership of Standing Committees of the Council

AREA COMMITTEES

Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords

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Area Chairperson:

Councillor Gráinne Maguire was replaced by Councillor Ian Carey, July 2023

Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar

Members of Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart, Castleknock and Ongar Electoral Areas.

Area Chairperson:

Councillor Mary McCamley, was replaced by Councillor Tom Kitt, July 2023

Howth-Malahide

Members of Howth-Malahide Electoral Area

Area Chairperson:

Councillor David Healy, was replaced by Councillor Eoghan O'Brien, July 2023

ORGANISATION AND PROCEDURE COMMITTEE

All Elected Members are members of this Committee.

CORPORATE POLICY GROUP

Mayor: Councillor Howard

Mahony - June 2022 - June 2023

Mayor: Councillor Adrian Henchy - from June 2023

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, HERITAGE CULTURE & CREATIVITY SPC

Councillors Joan Hopkins (Chairperson), John Walsh, Gráinne Maguire, Seána Ó'Rodaigh (Until May 23), Brendan Ryan (From June 23), JK Onwumereh, Cathal Boland

Non-Elected Nominees:

Abbi Wise

TRANSPORT & INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGEMENT SPC

Councillors Tom O'Leary (Chairperson), Ann Graves, Karen Power, Jimmy Guerin, Eoghan O'Brien, Angela Donnelly

Non-Elected Nominees:

Sinead Kavanagh, Michael Lenehan

ECONOMIC ENTERPRISE AND TOURISM DEVELOPMENT SPC

Councillors Darragh Butler (Chairperson), Tony Murphy, Ian Carey, Ted Leddy, Breda

Hanaphy, Howard Mahony, Anthony Lavin, Siobhan Shovlin

Non-Elected Nominees:

Anthony Cooney, Eric Fleming, Yetunde Joyce, Helen Keng Mobit

HOUSING SPC

Councillors Robert O' Donoghue (Chairperson), Brigid Manton, Natalie Treacy, Daniel Whooley (Until Sept 23), John Burtchaell, Kieran Dennison, Adrian Henchy, James Humphreys

Non-Elected Nominees:

Anthony Cooney (From June 23), Finbarr Geaney, Dayakar Reddy Komirelly, John Uwhumiakpor

CLIMATE ACTION, BIODIVERSITY & ENVIRONMENT SPC

Councillors David Healy (Chairperson), Mary McCamley, Joe Newman, Paul Mulville, Aoibhinn Tormey, Pamela Conroy

Non-Elected Nominees:

Edward Stevenson, Seamus McGrath,



PLANNING STRATEGIC TRANSPORT & INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT SPC

Councillors Brian McDonagh (Chairperson), Tania Doyle, Dean Mulligan, Punam Rane, Tom Kitt

Non-Elected Nominees:
Paul Arnold, David Branagan (June 23)

MARINE & COASTAL MANAGEMENT SPC

Councillors Eoghan O'Brien (Chairperson), Adrian Henchy, Brian Dennehy, Robert O'Donoghue, Ann Graves, Paul Mulville, Tom O'Leary, Karen Power, Cathal Boland, David Healy

Non-Elected Nominees:
Maire O'Brien, James Magrane (From June 23), Stephen Kennedy (From June 23),

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Councillors Cathal Boland, Punam Rane, Brigid Manton (Until Oct 23), Cllr. Mary McCamley (From 23)

JOINT POLICING COMMITTEE

Councillors Ian Carey (Chair), Gráinne Maguire, John Walsh, Adrian Henchy, Daniel Whooley (Until Sept 23), Anthony Lavin, Tony Murphy, Robert O'Donoghue, Ian Carey, Ann Graves, Tania Doyle, Dean

Mulligan, James Humphreys, Pamela Conroy, Ted Leddy, JK Onwumereh

LOCAL TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Councillors Breda Hanaphy, Robert O'Donoghue, Siobhan Shovlin



Councillor Membership of Other Bodies

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Councillors Cathal Boland,
Punam Rane, Mary
McCamley (Until Oct 23)
Brigid Manton (from Oct 23)

AIRPORT REGIONS CONFERENCE (ARC)

Councillors Cathal Boland, JK
Onwumereh

ARDGILLAN CASTLE LTD

Councillor Gráinne Maguire

ASSOCIATION OF IRISH LOCAL GOVERNMENT (AILG)

Councillors Gráinne Maguire,
Kieran Dennison, Cathal
Boland

BALLEALLY LIAISON COMMITTEE

Councillors Brian Dennehy,
Robert O' Donoghue, Paul
Mulville, Cathal Boland,
Adrian Henchy

BASE ENTERPRISE CENTRE

Councillors Punam Rane, JK
Onwumereh

BEAUMONT HOSPITAL BOARD

Councillor Punam Rane

BLANCHARDSTOWN COMMUNITY POLICING FORUM

Councillors Ted Leddy, John
Walsh

BLANCHARDSTOWN LOCAL DRUG AND ALCOHOL TASK FORCE

Councillors Ted Leddy,
Natalie Treacy, Daniel
Whooley (Resigned Sept 23)

COUNTY HERITAGE FORUM

Councillors Cathal Boland,
Seána Ó'Rodaigh (Until
May 23), Howard Mahony,
Pamela Conroy, JK
Onwumereh, Brendan Ryan
(From June 23)

DRAÍOCHT

Councillors Mary McCamley,
Howard Mahony

DRINAN ENTERPRISE CENTRE

Councillors Eoghan O'Brien,
Anthony Lavin

DUBLIN & DÚN LAOGHAIRE EDUCATION & TRAINING BOARD

Councillors Cathal Boland,
Pamela Conroy, John Walsh,
Brigid Manton, Siobhan
Shovlin

DUBLIN NORTH EAST DRUG TASK FORCE

Councillor Brian McDonagh

EASTERN AND MIDLAND REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

Councillors Robert O'
Donoghue, David Healy,
Brigid Manton

FINGAL LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Councillors Mary McCamley,
Cathal Boland, Joan Hopkins

FINGAL SPORTS PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE

Councillors Punam Rane,
Adrian Henchy, Tom Kitt

FINGAL TOURISM LIMITED

Councillors Howard Mahony
(Mayor), Cathal Boland (Jan
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Gráinne Maguire (from July
2023)

GOVERNANCE & OVERSIGHT BOARD OF THE DUBLIN BELFAST ECONOMIC CORRIDOR

Councillors Tony Murphy
and Howard Mahony, Adrian
Henchy Mayor (Sept 23)

GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF DCU

Councillor Jimmy Guerin

HANSFIELD SDZ STEERING GROUP

Councillors from
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Mulhuddart/Castleknock/
Ongar Electoral Areas

HOWTH SAAO MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE



Councillors David Healy, Joan Hopkins, Brian McDonagh, Jimmy Guerin (July 23), Aoibhinn Tormey (Until July 23)

**IRISH PUBLIC BODIES
MUTUAL INSURANCES
LIMITED**

Councillor Cathal Boland

**JOINT FINGAL AND SOUTH
DUBLIN LIFFEY VALLEY
MANAGEMENT ADVISORY
COMMITTEE**

Mayor Howard Mahony (Jan - June 23), Mayor Adrian Henchy (From June 23), Councillors from Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Electoral Areas

Councillors Mary McCamley, Breda Hanaphy, John Burtchaell, Punam Rane, Ted Leddy, John Walsh, Howard Mahony, Natalie Treacy, Tania Doyle, Tom Kitt, Kieran Dennison, Pamela

**LIFFEY VALLEY SPECIAL
AMENITY AREA ORDER
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Councillor Cathal Boland

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NEWBRIDGE HOUSE LTD.**

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**NORTH FRINGE AREA
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**NORTH DUBLIN REGIONAL
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FORCE**

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DUBLIN AND NORTH EAST**

Councillor Adrian Henchy, Eoghan O'Brien, Mary McCamley, Aoibhinn Tormey, Kieran Dennison, Brigid Manton, Howard Mahony



Meetings Held in 2023

Meeting	Number of Meetings held
Annual Meeting	1
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords (Services A) Area Committee	10
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords (Services B) Area Committee	10
Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar (Services A) Area Committee	10
Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar (Services B) Area Committee	10
Budget Meeting	1
Climate Action, Biodiversity, Environment Strategic Policy Committee	4
Community Development, Heritage Culture & Creativity Strategic Policy Committee	4
Corporate Policy Group	10
Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Development Strategic Policy Committee	4
Fingal Development Plan 2023 - 2029	4
Full Council	11
Housing Strategic Policy Committee	4
Howth/Malahide (Services A) Area Committee	10
Howth/Malahide (Services B) Area Committee	10
Howth SAAO Management Committee	4
Marine & Coastal Management Strategic Policy Committee	4
Organisation, Procedures & Finance Committee	6
Planning Strategic Transport & Infrastructure Development Strategic Policy Committee	4
Special Meeting	2
Transport & Infrastructure Management Strategic Policy Committee	4



Attendance at Meetings 2023

Councillor	Number of meetings attended in 2023
Adrian Henchy	57
Angela Donnelly (from March 2022)	48
Ann Graves	51
Anthony Lavin	44
Aoibhinn Tormey	35
Breda Hanaphy	43
Brian Dennehy	50
Brian McDonagh	47
Brigid Manton	46
Cathal Boland	52
Daniel Whooley	28
Darragh Butler	58
David Healy	54
Dean Mulligan	45
Eoghan O'Brien	62
Grainne Maguire	49
Howard Mahony	55
Ian Carey	38
James Humphreys	41
Jimmy Guerin	45
JK Onwumereh	44



Councillor	Number of meetings attended in 2023
Joan Hopkins	53
Joe Newman	45
John Burtchaell	34
John Walsh	47
Karen Power	51
Kieran Dennison	46
Mary McCamley	45
Natalie Treacy	43
Pamela Conroy	38
Paul Mulville	53
Punam Rane	45
Robert O'Donoghue	63
Siobhan Shovlin	38
Séana Ó Rodaigh	17
Tania Doyle	45
Ted Leddy	38
Tom Kitt	49
Tom O'Leary	55
Tony Murphy	45



Local Elections (Disclosure of Donations and Expenditure) Act 1999

Councillor	Donations and Expenditure Disclosed (€)
Aaron O'Rourke	0
Adrian Henchy	0
Angela Donnelly	0
Ann Graves	0
Anthony Lavin	0
Aoibhinn Tormey	0
Breda Hanaphy	0
Brendan Ryan	0
Brian Dennehy	1,000
Brian McDonagh	1,000
Brigid Manton	0
Cathal Boland	0
Daniel Whooley	0
Darragh Butler	1,000
David Healy	0
Dean Mulligan	0
Eoghan O'Brien	1,000
Grainne Maguire	0
Howard Mahony	0
Ian Carey	1,000



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James Humphreys	0
Jimmy Guerin	0
JK Onwumereh	0
Joan Hopkins	0
Joe Newman	0
John Burtchaell	0
John Walsh	0
Karen Power	1,000
Kieran Dennison	0
Mary McCamley	0
Natalie Treacy	0
Pamela Conroy	0
Paul Mulville	0
Punam Rane	0
Robert O'Donoghue	0
Seána Ó'Rodaigh	0
Siobhan Shovlin	0
Tania Doyle	0
Ted Leddy	0
Tom Kitt	0
Tom O'Leary	0
Tony Murphy	0



Payments to Councillors in 2023

Councillor Payments made to Councillors under Section 142 of the Local Government Act 2001	Amount (€)
Deputy Mayors Allowance (January – June 2023)	2,874.74
Deputy Mayors Allowance (July – Dec 2023)	3,219.71
Mayors Allowance (January – June 2023)	14,373.75
Mayors Allowance (July – Dec 2023)	16,098.60
Representational Payments Total	1,198,910.20
Strategic Policy Committee Chairpersons Allowance Total	42,661.29
Total Expenses paid to members in respect of attendance at meetings of the County Council and its Committees	366,200.18

Councillors Expenses and Representation at Conferences in 2023

Expense Type	Home (€)	Abroad (€)	Total (€)
Fees	4,670.00	0	4,670.00
Travel & Subsistence	3,951.83	0	3,951.83

**For details of Conference Payments – see Appendix VIII*



Conferences/Seminars/Training attended by Councillors in 2023

Name of Conference	Venue	Date	Councillors in Attendance	Travel/ Sub/ Expenses (€)	Conference Fee (€)
AIRC Conference - Regional Development	Four Seasons Hotel, Monaghan	7 th - 9 th February 2023	Brigid Manton	342.79	160
			Kieran Dennison		160
			Tom O'Leary		160
AILG Conference Module 1 - Electoral Reform Act (Northern & Western & Midlands & Eastern Region)	Tullamore Court Hotel, Co. Offaly	23 rd February 2023	Cathal Boland	121.55	80
			Joe Newman		80
			Tom O'Leary		80
			Punam Rane		80
AILG Conference Module 1 - Electoral Reform Act (Southern Region)	Radisson Blu Hotel, Co. Limerick	25 th February 2023	Kieran Dennison		80
LAMA Spring Seminar	West Lodge Hotel, Bantry, Co. Cork	2 nd - 4 th March 2023	Tom O'Leary		160
			Kieran Dennison		160
			Cathal Boland	517.31	160
The Suck Valley Way Conference - Inspiring Rural Creativity - (with the support of AILG)	Abbey Hotel & Gleenson's Townhouse, Roscommon	5 th - 6 th April 2023	Tom O'Leary	319.98	140
			Cathal Boland		140



Name of Conference	Venue	Date	Councillors in Attendance	Travel/ Sub/ Expenses (€)	Conference Fee (€)
AILG Annual Training Conference 2023	Hotel Kilkenny, College Road, Sugarloafhill, Kilkenny	19 th - 20 th April 2023	Gráinne Maguire	445.49	165
			Mary McCamley	387.31	165
			Kieran Dennison		165
			Ted Leddy		165
			Tom O'Leary		165
			Cathal Boland	297.60	165
Kildare County Council - Climate Action Economic Opportunities	Tullamore Court Hotel, Co. Offaly	Wednesday 26 th April 2023	Tom O'Leary		150
AILG Training Module 3. OPR: Overview of Existing & Emerging Planning Legislation and Policy - (Eastern/ Midlands/ Northern/Western Region)	Mullingar Hotel, Westmeath	Thursday 15 th June 2023	Joe Newman	92.13	80
			Tom O'Leary		80
			Kieran Dennison		80
			Cathal Boland	96.70	80
AILG Training - "Irish Water" (Southern Region)	Radison Blu Hotel, Cork	Thursday 20 th July 2023	Kieran Dennison		80
AILG Training - "Irish Water" (Eastern/ Midlands/ Northern/Western Region)	Sligo Park Hotel, Sligo	Friday 22 nd July 2023	Cathal Boland	258.05	80
			Tom O'Leary		80



Name of Conference	Venue	Date	Councillors in Attendance	Travel/ Sub/ Expenses (€)	Conference Fee (€)
AILG Autumn Seminar 2023	Sligo Park Hotel	13th - 14th September 2023	Kieran Dennison		165
			Gráinne Maguire	482.43	165
			Brigid Manton	484.05	165
IPI Annual Planning Conference	Grand Hotel, Malahide, Co. Dublin	6th October 2023	Tom O'Leary		275
LAMA - Autumn Seminar	Ard Ri Hotel, Tuam, Co. Galway	25th & 26th October 2023	Tom O'Leary		160
			Kieran Dennison		160
			Brigid Manton		160
AILG Training - Government Legislation Policy Programme 2023 (Eastern/ Midlands/ Northern/Western Region) - "Road Safety: New Speed Limit Policy and Safeguarding Road Users"	The Tower Hotel, Waterford	Thursday 16th November 2023	Kieran Dennison		80



Name of Conference	Venue	Date	Councillors in Attendance	Travel/ Sub/ Expenses (€)	Conference Fee (€)
				Total	Total
				3,951.83	4,670.00



Part 15 Local Government Act 2001 - Contraventions

There were no contraventions to Part 15 of the Local Government Act 2001 in 2023.



Section 22 of the Protected Disclosures Act 2014

There were no Protected Disclosures in 2023.



Freedom of Information Requests / Customer Complaints / Ombudsman Queries

Applications Received/Processed	2023
Applications received	175
Decisions made	159
Applications on hand at 31 st December	16
Nature of Information Sought	2023
Personal (to applicant)	51
Non-Personal	124
Mixed	0
Granted	31
Part-Granted	56
Refused	43
Transferred	0
Withdrawn/Outside FOI	9
Appeals	2023
Appeals to Information Commissioner	8
Ombudsman Complaints	2023
Complaints received	36
Complaints responded to	36



Subject of Complaints	2023
Planning & Strategic Infrastructure	7
Operations	2
Housing	22
Finance	0
Environment & Water Services	5
Community	0
Economic, Enterprise, Tourism & Cultural Development	1
Corporate Affairs & Governance	2
Libraries	0
Citizen Charter Complaints	2023
Complaints received	85
Complaints responded	85
Subject of Complaints	2023
Planning & Strategic Infrastructure	6
Operations	8
Housing	39
Finance	0
Environment & Water Services	8
Community	0
Economic, Enterprise & Tourism	2
Corporate Affairs & Governance	19
Libraries	3



Performance Indicators

01/01/2023 - 31/12/2023

* All Figures in Appendix XII are correct at time of printing

Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
Housing: H1	A. No. of dwellings in the ownership of the Local Authority at 1/1/2023	5,682	
	B. No. of dwellings added to the Local Authority owned stock during 2023 (whether constructed or acquired)	161	
	C. No. of Local Authority owned dwellings sold in 2023	1	
	D. No. of Local Authority owned dwellings demolished in 2023	0	
	E. No. of dwellings in the ownership of the Local Authority at 31/12/2023	5,823	
	F. No. of Local Authority owned dwellings planned for demolition under a DHLGH approved scheme at 31/12/2023	0	
Housing: H2	A. The percentage of the total number of Local Authority owned dwellings that were vacant on 31/12/2023	1.99%	
	The number of dwellings within their overall stock that were not tenanted on 31/12/2023	116	



Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
Housing: H3	A. The time taken from the date of vacation of a dwelling to the date in 2023 when the dwelling is re-tenanted, averaged across all dwellings re-let during 2023	29.14 weeks	
	The number of dwellings that were re-tenanted on any date in 2023 (but excluding all those that had been vacant due to an estate-wide refurbishment scheme)	97	
	The number of weeks from the date of vacation to the date the dwelling is re-tenanted	2,827 weeks	
	B. The cost expended on getting the dwellings re-tenanted in 2023, averaged across all dwellings re-let in 2023	20,218.20	
	Total expenditure on works necessary to enable re-letting of the dwellings	1,961,165.54	
Housing: H4	A. Expenditure during 2023 on the maintenance of Local Authority housing compiled from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023, divided by the number of dwellings in the Local Authority stock at 31/12/2023, i.e. the H1E less H1F indicator figure	1,567.71	
	Expenditure on maintenance of Local Authority stock compiled from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023. Expenditure includes direct labour, contracted works, plant and machinery and material costs. Planned maintenance and expenditure that qualified for grants, ie; Sustainable Energy Authority Ireland (SEAI) grants for energy efficient retro-fitting works are included	9,128,781.82	
	Planned maintenance and expenditure that qualified for grants, ie; Sustainable Energy Authority Ireland (SEAI) grants for energy efficient retro-fitting works are included. <i>Please refer to Page 12 in the guidelines for costs to be excluded.</i>		



Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
Housing: H5	A. Total number of registered tenancies in the Local Authority area at end of June 2023		This figure will be supplied directly to the LGMA by the Rental Tenancies Board (RTB)
	B. Number of rented dwellings inspected in 2023		Figures will be provided by the DHLGH
	C. Percentage of inspected dwellings in 2023 which were found to be not compliant with Standards Regulations		Figures will be provided by the DHLGH
	D. Number of dwellings deemed compliant in 2023 (including those originally deemed non-compliant)		Figures will be provided by the DHLGH
	E. The number of inspections (including re-inspections) undertaken by local authorities in 2023		Figures will be provided by the DHLGH
Housing: H6	A. Number of adult individuals in emergency accommodation that are long-term (ie 6 months or more within the previous year) homeless as a % of the total number of homeless adult individuals in emergency accommodation at the end of 2023		Dublin Regional Homeless Executive to provide this data for the 4 Local Authorities
	The number of adult individuals classified as homeless and in emergency accommodation on the night of 31 December 2023 as recorded on the PASS system		Dublin Regional Homeless Executive to provide this data for the 4 Local Authorities
	The number out of those individuals who, on 31/12/2023, had been in emergency accommodation for 6 months continuously, or for 6 months cumulatively within the previous 12 months		Dublin Regional Homeless Executive to provide this data for the 4 Local Authorities



Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
Housing: H7	A. (1) Total number of houses retrofitted between 01/01/2023 and 31/12/2023 under the Social Housing Retrofit Programme: H7 is a NEW Indicator – Please refer to page 14 in the guidelines.	96	Data to be provided by the LGMA Housing Delivery Co-Ordination Office
	A. (2) Number of houses that achieved a BER rating of B2 or above between 01/01/2023 and 31/12/2023 under the Social Housing Retrofit Programme:	96	Data to be provided by the LGMA Housing Delivery Co-Ordination Office
	A. (3) Number of heat pumps installed in those houses between 01/01/2023 and 31/12/2023 under the Social Housing Retrofit Programme:	37	Data to be provided by the LGMA Housing Delivery Co-Ordination Office
	B. Total annual energy savings in MWh from houses retrofitted between 01/01/2023 and 31/12/2023 under the Social Housing Retrofit Programme:	779.7 MWh	Data to be provided by the LGMA Housing Delivery Co-Ordination Office
	C. Total carbon emission reduction tCo2 from houses retrofitted between 01/01/2023 and 31/12/2023 under the Social Housing Retrofit Programme:	176.6	Data to be provided by the LGMA Housing Delivery Co-Ordination Office
Roads: R1 Pavement Surface Condition Index (PSCI) Ratings	The percentage of total Regional road that received a PSCI condition rating in the 24 month period prior to 31/12/2023	7%	Data for all local authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO
	The percentage of total Local Primary road that received a PSCI condition rating in the 24 month period prior to 31/12/2023	5%	Data for all local authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO
	The percentage of total Local Secondary road that received a PSCI condition rating in the 24 month period prior to 31/12/2023	9%	Data for all local authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO
	The percentage of total Local Tertiary road that received a PSCI condition rating in the 60 month period prior to 31/12/2023	92%	Data for all local authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO



Topic	Indicator	Value		Comment	
Roads: R1	The percentage length of (a) Regional, (b) Local Primary and (c) Local Secondary roads that received a PSCI condition rating in the 24 month period prior to 31/12/2023 and the percentage length of (d) Local Tertiary roads that received a PSCI condition rating in the 60 month period prior to 31/12/2023, in each of the following PSCI rating categories: 1-4, 5-6, 7-8 and 9-10			Data for all local authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO	
Roads: R2 Road Works	Road type	1-4 Rating	5-6 Rating	7-8 Rating	9-10 Rating
	(a) Regional				7.1%
	(b) Local Primary	0.05%			5.28%
	(c) Local Secondary			0.07%	8.51%
	(d) Local Tertiary	4.52%	25.47%	50.26%	7.89%
	A1. Kilometres of regional road strengthened during 2022	15.92		Data for all local authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO	
	A2. The amount expended on regional roads strengthening work during 2023	€4,391,978		Data for all local authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO	
	A3. The average unit cost of regional road strengthening works per square metre (€/m ²)	€29.62		Data for all local authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO	
	B1. Kilometres of regional road resealed during 2023			Data for all local authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO	
	B2. The amount expended on regional road resealing work during 2023			Data for all local authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO	



Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
	B3. B3. The average unit cost of regional road resealing works per square metre (€/m ²)		Data for all local authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO
	C1. Kilometres of local road (ie total of primary, secondary and tertiary) strengthened during 2023	18.93	Data for all local authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO
	C2. The amount expended on local road strengthening work during 2023	€3,139,796	Data for all local authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO
	C3. The average unit cost of local road strengthening works per square metre (€/m ²)	€31.23	Data for all local authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO
	D1. Kilometres of local road resealed during 2023	18.93	Data for all local authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO
	D2. The amount expended on local road resealing work during 2023	€3,139,796	Data for all local authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO
	D3. The average unit cost of local road resealing works per square metre (€/m ²)	€31.23	Data for all local authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO
Motor Tax: R3	A. The percentage of motor tax transactions which were dealt with online (i.e. transaction is processed and the tax disc is issued) in 2023	N/A	



Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
Water: W1	Percentage of drinking water in private schemes in compliance with statutory requirements in respect of the monitoring of the quality of private drinking water supplies during 2023		Data for all local authorities will be obtained directly from the Environmental Protection Agency
Water: W2	Number of local authority registered schemes monitored in 2023		Data for all local authorities will be obtained directly from the Environmental Protection Agency
	Total number of registered schemes in 2023		Data for all local authorities will be obtained directly from the Environmental Protection Agency
Waste: E1	A. The number of households, which availed of a 3-bin service offered by a licensed operator at 31/12/2023	91,904	This data will be supplied by the National Waste Collection Permit Office
	B. The percentage of households within the Local Authority that the number at A represents	91.73%	This data will be supplied by the National Waste Collection Permit Office
Environmental Pollution: E2	A1. Total number of pollution cases in respect of which a complaint was made during 2023	1,574	
	A2. Number of pollution cases closed from 1/1/2023 to 31/12/2023	1,551	
	A3. Total number of cases on hands at 31/12/2023	73	
	The opening number of cases carried forward from the year end 2022	50	



Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
Litter Pollution: E3	A1. The percentage of the area within the Local Authority that when surveyed in 2023 was unpolluted or litter free		Data to be provided mid-year by Tobins
	A2. The percentage of the area within the Local Authority that when surveyed in 2023 was slightly polluted		Data to be provided mid-year by Tobins
	A3. The percentage of the area within the Local Authority that when surveyed in 2022 was moderately polluted		Data to be provided mid-year by Tobins
	A4. The percentage of the area within the Local Authority that when surveyed in 2023 was significantly polluted		Data to be provided mid-year by Tobins
	A5. The percentage of the area within the Local Authority that when surveyed in 2023 was grossly polluted		Data to be provided mid-year by Tobins
Green Flag Status: E4	A. The % of schools that have been awarded/renewed green flag status in the two years to 31 December 2023	38%	
	Schools which attained a Green Flag for the first time in 2023	1	
	Schools which renewed their Green Flag in 2023	52	
	Schools which held a Green Flag from 2022 and therefore do not require renewal until 2024	23	
Energy Efficiency Performance: E5	A. The cumulative percentage of energy savings achieved by 31/12/2023 relative to baseline year (2009)		Data for all Local Authorities will be obtained directly from the SEAI
Public Lighting: E6	A. Total annual consumption of the public lighting system		Data for all Local Authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO



Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
Public Lighting: E6	B. Average wattage of each public light		Data for all Local Authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO
	C. Percentage of the total system that LED lights represent		Data for all Local Authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO
	Number of LED lights in the public lighting system		Data for all Local Authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO
	Number of non-LED lights		Data for all Local Authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO
Climate Change: E7	Does the local authority have designated FTE climate action resources under the following headings?		This data will be collected directly from the LGMA
	Climate Action Coordinator (Yes/No/WIP)		This data will be collected directly from the LGMA
	Climate Action Officer (Yes/No/WIP)		This data will be collected directly from the LGMA
	Does the Local Authority have a Climate Action Team?		This data will be collected directly from the LGMA
Planning: P1	A. Buildings inspected as a percentage of new buildings notified to the Local Authority	34.65%	



Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
Planning: P1	Total number of new buildings notified to the Local Authority i.e. buildings where a valid Commencement Notice was served in the period 1/1/2023 to 31/12/2023 by a builder or developer on the Local Authority, in accordance with section 6(2) (k) of the Building Control Act 1990 and Part II of the Building Control Regulations 1997 (S.I. No. 496 of 1997) as amended by the Building Control (Amendment) Regulations 2004 (S.I. No. 85 of 2004) and the Building Control (Amendment) Regulations 2009 (S.I. No. 351 of 2009)	2,075	
	Number of new buildings notified to the Local Authority in 2023 that were the subject of at least one on-site inspection during 2023 undertaken by the local authority under section 11 of the Building Control Act 1990	719	
Planning: P2	A. Number of Local Authority planning decisions which were the subject of an appeal to An Bord Pleanála that were determined by the Board on any date in 2023	124	
	B. % of the determinations at A which confirmed (either with or without variation) the decision made by the Local Authority	63.71%	
	Number of An Bórd Pleanála determinations confirming the Local Authority's decision (either with or without variation)	79	
Planning: P3	A. Total number of planning cases referred to or initiated by the local authority in the period 1/1/2023 to 31/12/2023 that were investigated	292	
	B. Total number of investigated cases that were closed during 2023	352	
	C. Percentage of the cases at B that were dismissed as trivial, minor or without foundation or were closed because statute barred or an exempted development	57.95%	



Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
Planning: P3	D. Percentage of the cases at B that were resolved to the Local Authority's satisfaction through negotiations	8.52%	
	E. Percentage of the Cases at B that were closed due to enforcement proceedings (i.e. remedied in response to a warning letter issued under section 152 of the Act or to an enforcement notice issued under section 154 of the Act or where a prosecution was brought under section 157 or an injunction was sought under section 160 of the Act)	33.52%	
	F. Total number of planning cases being investigated as at 31/12/2023	1,194	
	<i>In order to compile B to E above, the following must be provided:</i>		
	Number of cases at 'B' above that were dismissed under section 152(2), Planning and Development Act 2000	204	
	Number of cases at 'B' above that were resolved to the Local Authority's satisfaction through negotiations	30	
	Number of cases at 'B' above that were closed due to enforcement proceedings (i.e. remedied in response to a warning letter issued under section 152 of the Act or to an enforcement notice issued under section 154 of the Act or where a prosecution was brought under section 157 or an injunction was sought under section 160 of the Act):	118	
	Planning: P4	A. The 2023 Annual Financial Statement (AFS) Programme D data divided by the population of the Local Authority area per the 2022 Census	€48.74
	AFS Programme D data consisting of D01 – Forward Planning, D02 – Development Management, D03 – Enforcement (inclusive of the relevant Programme D proportion of the central management charge) for 2023	€16,107,588	



Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
Planning: P5	A. The percentage of applications for fire safety certificates received in 2023 that were decided (granted or refused) within two months of their receipt	26.29%	
	B. The percentage of applications for fire safety certificates received in 2023 that were decided (granted or refused) within an extended period agreed with the applicant	48.83%	
	The total number of applications for fire safety certificates received in 2023 that were not withdrawn by the applicant	213	
	The number of applications for fire safety certificates received in 2023 that were decided (granted or refused) within two months of the date of receipt of the application	56	
	The number of applications for fire safety certificates received in 2023 that were decided (granted or refused) within an agreed extended time period	104	
Fire Service: F1 (Cost per Capita of the fire service)	<p>A. The Annual Financial Statement (AFS) Programme E expenditure data for 2023 divided by the population of the LA area per the 2022 Census figures for the population served by the fire authority as per the Risk Based Approach Phase One reports:</p> <p>AFS Programme E expenditure data consisting of E11 - Operation of Fire Service and E12 - Fire Prevention (inclusive of the relevant Programme E proportion of the central management charge) for 2023:</p>		Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
Fire Service: F2	A. Average time taken, in minutes, to mobilise fire brigades in Full-Time Stations in respect of fire		Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	B. Average time taken, in minutes, to mobilise fire brigades in Part-Time Stations (retained fire service) in respect of fire		Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	C. Average time taken, in minutes, to mobilise fire brigades in Full-Time Stations in respect of all other (non-fire) emergency incidents		Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade



Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
Fire Service: F2	D. Average time taken, in minutes, to mobilise fire brigades in Part-Time Stations (retained fire service) in respect of all other (non-fire) emergency incidents		Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
Fire Service: F3	A. Percentage of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance at scene is within 10 minutes		Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	B. Percentage of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance at the scene is after 10 minutes but within 20 minutes		Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	C. Percentage of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance at the scene is after 20 minutes		Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	D. Percentage of cases in respect of all other emergency incidents in which first attendance at the scene is within 10 minutes		Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	E. Percentage of cases in respect of all other emergency incidents in which first attendance at the scene is after 10 minutes but within 20 minutes		Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	F. Percentage of cases in respect of all other emergency incidents in which first attendance at the scene is after 20 minutes		Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	Total number of call-outs in respect of fires from 1/1/2023 to 31/12/2023		Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	Number of these fire cases where first fire tender attendance at the scene is within 10 minutes		Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	Number of these fire cases in which first fire tender attendance at the scene is after 10 minutes but within 20 minutes		Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	Number of these fire cases in which first fire tender attendance at the scene is after 20 minutes		Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade



Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
Fire Service: F3	Total number of callouts in respect of all other emergency incidents (i.e. not including fire) from 1/1/2023 to 31/12/2023		Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	Number of these non-fire cases in which first fire tender attendance at the scene is within 10 minutes		Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	Number of these non-fire cases in which first fire tender attendance at the scene is after 10 minutes but within 20 minutes		Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	Number of these non-fire cases in which first fire tender attendance at the scene is after 20 minutes		Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
Library Service: L1	A. Number of visits to libraries per head of population for the LA area per the 2022 Census	2.85	
	B. Number of items issued to library borrowers in the year	973,191	
	C. Library active members per head of population. <i>See notes in guidelines (page 26).</i>	0.16	
	D. Number of registered members of the library in the year	53,666	
	Number of visits to its libraries from 1/1/2023 to 31/12/2023	942,930	
Library Service: L2	A. The Annual Financial Statement (AFS) Programme F data for 2023 divided by the population of the LA area per the 2022 Census	€55.42	
	B. The annual per capita expenditure on collections over the period 01/01/2023 to 31/12/2023	€2.75	



Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
	AFS Programme F data consisting of F02 - Operation of Library and Archival Service (inclusive of the relevant proportion of the central management charge for Programme F) for 2023	€18,316,766	
	The annual expenditure on new stock acquired by the library in the year	€910,193	
Youth and Community: Y1	A. Percentage of local schools involved in the local Youth Council/Comhairle na nÓg scheme	66	
	Total number of second level schools in the Local Authority area at 31/12/2023	38	
	Number of second level schools in the Local Authority area from which representatives attended the local Comhairle na nÓg AGM held in 2023	20	
Youth and Community: Y2	A. Number of organisations included in the County Register at 31/12/2023 and the proportion of those organisations that opted to be part of the Social Inclusion College within the PPN	16.38	
	Total number of organisations included in the County Register for the Local Authority area as at 31/12/2023	745	
	Total number of those organisations that registered for the first time in 2023	57	
	Number of organisations that opted to join the Social Inclusion Electoral College on whatever date they registered for the PPN	122	
Corporate: C1	A. The wholetime equivalent staffing number as at 31 December 2023	1523.37	



Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
Corporate: C2	A. Percentage of paid working days lost to sickness absence through medically certified leave in 2023	2.98%	
	B. Percentage of paid working days lost to sickness absence through self-certified leave in 2023	0.36%	
	Total number of working days lost to sickness absence through medically certified leave in 2023	12,896	
	Total number of working days lost to sickness absence through self-certified leave in 2023	1301	
	Number of unpaid working days lost to sickness absence included within the total of medically certified sick leave days in 2023	2608	
	Number of unpaid working days lost to sickness absence included within the total of self-certified sick leave days in 2023	39	
	If any staff are on long-term sick leave (i.e. a continuous period of more than 4 weeks), include a text note of the number of staff on long-term sick leave	29	
	Corporate: C3	A. The per capita total page views of the Local Authority's websites in 2023	10.29
B. The per capita total number of followers at end 2023 of the Local Authority's social media accounts (if any)	1.26		
The cumulative total page views of all websites operated by the Local Authority for the period from 1/1/2023 to 31/12/2023 obtained from a page tagging on-site web analytics service or equivalent	3,400,000		



Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
Corporate: C3	The total number of social media users who, at 31/12/2023, were following the Local Authority on any social media sites	415,005	
	The number of social media accounts operated by the Local Authority	81	
	Indicate if there was a change to the cookie policies on the Local Authority sites and the date this came into effect	No	
	Indicate the number of twitter followers at 31/12/2023 before 31/03/2024	23,117	
	A. All ICT expenditure in the period from 1/1/2023 to 31/12/2023, divided by the WTE number supplied under the C1 indicator	5,382.09	
Corporate: C4	Total of ICT expenditure in 2023	8,198,917.54	
Corporate: C5	A. All ICT expenditure calculated in C4 as a proportion of Revenue expenditure	2.82	
	Total Revenue expenditure from 1/1/2023 to 31/12/2023 before transfers to or from reserves	290,938,651	
Finance: M1	A. Cumulative surplus/deficit balance at 31/12/2019 in the Revenue Account from the Income & Expenditure Account Statement of the AFS	€15,979,356	
	B. Cumulative surplus/deficit balance at 31/12/2020	€15,979,679	
	C. Cumulative surplus/deficit balance at 31/12/2021	€15,979,812	



Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment	
Finance: M1	D. Cumulative surplus/deficit balance at 31/12/2022	€15,980,204		
	E. Cumulative surplus/deficit balance at 31/12/2023*	€15,980,456	Unaudited AFS.	
	F. Cumulative surplus or deficit at 31/12/2023 as a percentage of Total Income in 2023 from the Income and Expenditure Account Statement of the AFS*	4.76%	Unaudited AFS.	
	G. Revenue expenditure per capita in 2023	€880.28		
	H. Revenue expenditure per capita in 2023 excluding significant out of county / shared service expenditure		Only Applicable to Dublin City, Laois and Limerick.	
	The 2023 Total Income figure from the Income and Expenditure Account Statement of the AFS from which the percentage will be derived	€335,665,646	Unaudited AFS.	
	The 2023 Total Expenditure figure on the Income and Expenditure Account Statement (ie excluding transfers) of the AFS from which the per capita expenditure will be derived	€290,938,651	Unaudited AFS.	
Finance: M2	Collection Levels by Year	(a) % Rates	(b) % Rent & Annuities	(c) % Housing Loans
	Individual percentage figures in the final column of Appendix 7 of the AFS for 2019	97.9%	86%	101.7%
	Individual percentage figures for 2020	93%	79.6%	96.5%



Finance: M2	Collection Levels by Year	(a) % Rates	(b) % Rent & Annuities	(c) % Housing Loans
	Individual percentage figures for 2021	93%	77.4%	100%
	Individual percentage figures for 2022	98.1%	76.1%	96.8%
	Individual percentage figures for 2023*(Unaudited AFS)	99.1%	75.3%	97%
Finance: M3	A.1 Per capita total cost of settled claims for 2023	€2.57		
	Number of notified claims for 2023	168		
	Number of settled claims for 2023	114		
	Total cost of settled claims for 2023	€848,538		
Finance: M4	A. Overall central management charge as a percentage (%) of total expenditure on revenue account	16.71%	Un-Audited AFS	
	B. Total payroll costs as a percentage (%) of revenue expenditure	35.53%		
	Overall central management charge from the Local Authority FMS and defined in the Annual Budget	€48,629,767	CMC (actual) expenditure €52,575,905 less CMC (actual) income €3,946,138 = CMC (NET) €48,629,767	



Finance: M4	Total payroll costs from Appendix 1 of the AFS for 2023 (including Salaries, Wages and Pensions)	€103,381,115	Unaudited AFS.
Economic Development: J1	A. The per capita number of jobs created with assistance from the Local Enterprise Office during the period 1/1/2023 to 31/12/2023 per 100,000 of population	23.9	
Economic Development: J2	A. The number of trading online voucher applications approved by the Local Enterprise Office in 2023 per 100,000 of population	26.32	
	B. The number of those trading online vouchers that were drawn down in 2023 per 100,000 of population	7.87	
Economic Development: J3	A. The per capita number of participants who received mentoring during the period 1/1/2023 to 31/12/2023 per 100,000 of population	378.51	
	The number of jobs created with assistance from the Local Enterprise Office during the period 1/1/2023 to 31/12/2022	79	
	The number of trading online voucher applications approved by the Local Enterprise Office in 2023	87	
	The number of those trading online vouchers that were drawn down in 2023	26	
	The number of participants who received mentoring during the period 1/1/2023 to 31/12/2023	1,251	
Economic Development: J4	A. Does the Local Authority have a current Tourism Strategy?	Yes	
	B. Does the Local Authority have a designated Tourism Officer?	Yes	



Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
<p>Economic Development: J5</p>	<p>The total spend on local economic development by the Local Authority in 2023 per head of population: <i>Please refer to the detailed list of inclusions and exclusions contained on page 36 to 42 of the NOAC Guidelines.</i> <i>The expenses to include and exclude are summarised below.</i></p> <p>The spend on local economic development by the local authority in 2022:</p> <p>Include the following expenses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • D0101 – D0199 Forward Planning • D0401 – D0499 Industrial and Commercial • D0501 – D0599 Tourism Development and Promotion • D0601 – D0699 Community and Enterprise *Excluded D0602 and D0603 • D0901 – D0999 Economic Development Promotion • E0501 – E0599 Litter Management • E0601 – E0699 Street Cleaning • F0301 – F0399 Outdoor Leisure • F0502 – F0599 Other Bodies and Museum • G0201 – G0299 Operation and Maintenance of Piers and Harbours • H0701 -H0799 Operation Markets and Casual Trading H07 • C0401 – C0499 Public Conveniences C04 <p>Exclude the following expenses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental Awareness • Car Parking • Leisure Facilities • Social Inclusion/RAPID 	€185.69	



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