



Chief Executive's Management Report

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Chief Executive's Foreword

At this time of year it is customary for us to reflect on what has been achieved over the last 12 months. We have had another very busy year in Fingal, one in which included the holding of the local election, progression of key infrastructure and housing projects across the county and staging of large scale events such as the Malahide Concert series and Flavours of Fingal. We have unveiled new accessible playgrounds in communities, promoted biodiversity and the circular economy through local engagement and education, celebrated awards at Bord Bia Bloom and retained Blue Flags for excellent beaches.

We have supported initiatives in local communities and clubs by providing funding, welcomed students to our arts spaces to collaborate with professional musicians, celebrated our heritage, music and culture through programmes of events, facilitated entrepreneurship through our Local Enterprise Office and fostered links with regions abroad through forging economic and cultural ties. We have captured imaginations and brought literacy to life, held a Vintage Picnic, opened the doors to Meakstown Community Centre, hosted the National Age Friendly Awards and prepared an ambitious budget and 3 year Capital Plan. We commenced and completed hundreds of new social and affordable homes. We have been recognised for our work through awards we have received, laid the foundation stone for the Swords Cultural Quarter, supported communities at Pride of Place, held Safer Halloween events and, in recent weeks, spread Christmas cheer by lighting up communities.

The work the council carries out on behalf of the people of Fingal each year is due to the commitment and focus of the staff and the Elected Members.

Myself and the Executive Management Team are greatly appreciative of the co-operation that exists between the councillors and the departments in progressing business through the chamber. The key priorities of Fingal County Council include the delivery of housing and strategic infrastructure, growing our economy, creating safe and inclusive communities, protection of our cultural heritage, embracing digital technology and adhering to our environmental responsibilities. We all have a role to play in delivering the best possible service to the people we serve - this year we have achieved so much across all areas and we look forward to delivering our programmes in 2025.

I am pleased to offer my congratulations to the Fingal councillors who have just been elected to Dáil Éireann in the 2024 General Election. Deputies Robert O'Donoghue, Ann Graves, and Ruth Coppinger will represent Fingal West, Fingal East and Dublin West constituencies respectively. I know you will join with me in thanking the Deputies for their public service during their time with Fingal County Council and in wishing them every success as they assume their new roles in the Dáil.

Finally, as we prepare to welcome the festive season, I would like to take the opportunity to wish councillors and staff a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Best wishes,

AnnMarie Farrelly CE

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People Services

Recruitment

People Services Recruitment Programme continues through 2024.

Recruitment Programme 2024	
Total Recruitment Campaigns	101
Interviews Held to date	1096
New Starters	216
Promotions	142
Number of Current Job Offers	43

Learning & Development Update

Learning and Development Programme 2024 – [January -YTD]	
No of Courses Provided	395
Number of Attendees	3408
Number of Training days	3652

Throughout December, courses will be delivered in the areas of A-Z Local Government, Playground Inspection Training, Basic Road Opening and Reinstatement and more.

Wellbeing Update

The Wellbeing team have had a great response to the expressions of interest email for a staff choir. Over 60 people have said that they are interested in becoming a choir member. Wellbeing have identified a preferred choir master to lead the choir in the New Year.

The Elephant in the Room naming plaques have arrived and will have been placed on the Elephants in Swords and Grove Road. Work is being done to secure the plaques to the Coolmine Depot and Watery Lane Depot, which are both outside. Information on the EAS and what each name means is present on the plaques.

The VR for Wellbeing space in Swords should be launched during the week of 9th of December, with the space in Blanchardstown to follow.

Health & Safety Unit - HSU

The HSU completed 4 site safety audits and 25 site safety inspections, both on employees and on contracted services during the month of November. A total of 63 VDU assessments were completed for office and remote working staff during November to assist staff in their blended work applications. To date 337 VDU assessments have been completed for the year 2024 exceeding the annual KPI by 97 assessments. Incident investigations continued during the month. This month saw ancillary safety statements being published for Operations, Water Services, Law and ECAAT departments. The staff health and safety quiz draw [as part of health and safety week initiative] took place mid-November with a total of six winners drawn.

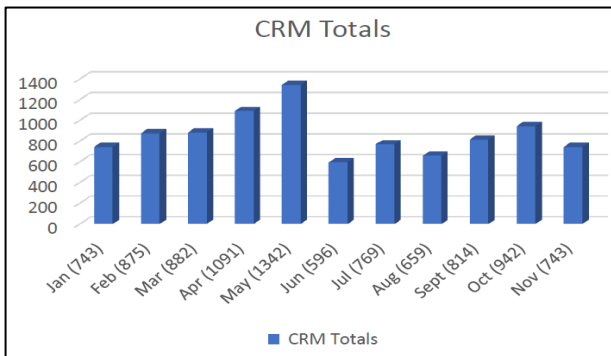
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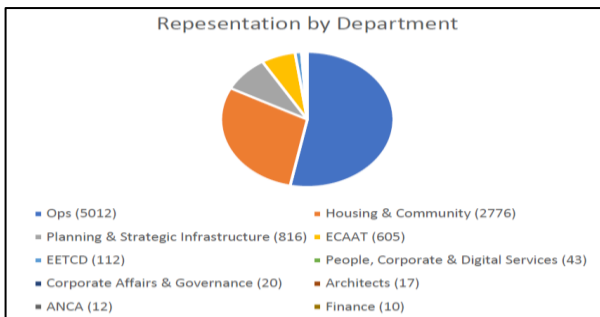
Month	Total No. of Calls	Total No. of Emails	Presenting in Person
November	9,261	1,547	3,164

CRM

Staff continue to work on the Customer Relationship Management System (CRM) and issue responses to representations from Elected Members (Councillors, TDs and Senators) and complaints submitted by the public. The total number of Elected Members’ representations for November were 743.



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



Digital Services

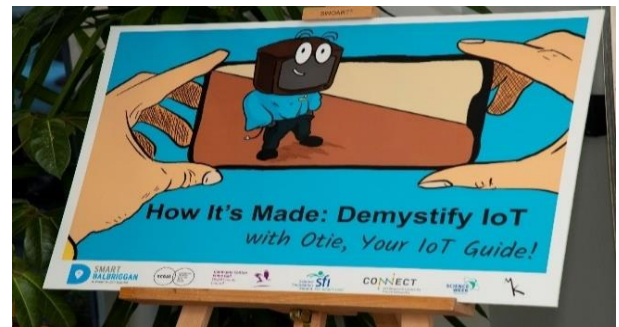
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How It Works: Demystified event

Digital Services and Smart Balbriggan were award a €9k Science Foundation Ireland (SFI) funding grant to host a “How It Works: Demystifying IOTs” event for Science Week.



Digital Services in partnership with Smart Balbriggan, the CONNECT Centre, the SCÉAL Arts Collective and Balbriggan library hosted a three-day art and technology event (14th - 16th of November 2024).



How It's Made launched in the Our Balbriggan hub on 14th November, with an introduction to 'IOT with Otie' a comic strip showcasing the evolution and future of the Internet of things and an art exhibition spanning from the Warehouse venue to the Our Balbriggan office and up to the Lark theatre.



The second day of the event, 15th November, focused on walking tours of the art exhibition and music from local artists in the Warehouse venue.



16th November was the third day of the event. This kicked off with "Experience IOTs" in Balbriggan library. The Digital Services team was joined by researchers from UCD (Bathing Water Quality VR project) and DCU (Water institute), Balbriggan Sustainable Energy Community & Balbriggan Libraries VR champion, to give the community a greater understanding of IOTs & sensors, how we use them and how we can make our world better.



People of all ages enjoyed the TOG Makerspace class, where they got to make their own air quality sensor.

The three-day event ended in the Warehouse venue with a special talk and musical performance.

For more information on the art exhibition go to <https://scealcollective.com/how-its-made/>

FinDocs News

The Corporate Document Management System (FinDocs) has been successfully deployed across all Departments in the organisation, and is now the primary means to store, retrieve and collaborate on documents related to the functions of Fingal. A newly integrated **Redaction Tool** has just been deployed to facilitate redaction of documents within FinDocs. The addition of this tool introduces efficiencies in terms of reduced costs, increased accessibility (available to all users) and streamlining of the redaction process overall.

Scanning of Paper Files

The next phase of the Document Management project is progressing. This involves the scanning of paper files in Departments across the organisation and subsequent migration of those files into relevant areas in FinDocs. The scanning / migration functionality integrates with the digital processes in each business areas. Following a successful proof of concept in Rents Section of the Housing Department, the project is now moving on to the Housing Loans and Housing Allocations sections.

Dynamics 365 and Councillors' Portal

The preparatory phase of the project to migrate the Council's CRM system to Dynamics 365 has been completed. The next phase is the implementation of the newly redesigned Councillors' Portal, and Dynamics 365 CRM Case Management for Fingal staff. The planned date for the implementation is week commencing **9th December, 2024.**

Communications

The Communications Unit continued to provide a service to all departments within the Council during November. It assisted the Community Development Office in the staging of the official opening of Meakstown Community Centre and the hosting of the National Age Friendly Awards



Website

By the end of November, the fingal.ie site had attracted 1,611,862 visitors so far this year and 3,598,685 page views. The 124,200 visitors in November was 3,837 less than that recorded for October while the 269,528 page views was 3,552 lower than the previous month.

The most popular pages were Planning Applications, the List of Candidates in the 2024 Local Elections, Contact Us and Affordable Housing

Social Media

The five corporate social media channels now have an accumulated following of 84,628 which is a rise of 665 since October.

Facebook has 37,366 followers, X has 23,617, Instagram has 11,668, LinkedIn has 10,407 and YouTube has 1,570 subscribers.

We have also introduced a Bluesky channel and a WhatsApp channel and will be looking to grow the number of followers on both over the next few months.

Videos

The Communications Unit produced 17 videos during October. These include a series of seven videos on the skills being taught at the Baldoyle Training Centre. Other videos were about the opening of the Snugborough Road Interchange, the redevelopment of the Ward River Regional Park and the history of the Balbriggan Bath and Boathouse.

All the videos are available from Fingal County Council YouTube channel which can be accessed at <https://www.youtube.com/@FingalCountyCouncil/Video/videos>.

Media Queries

The Communications Unit responded to 31 media queries in October on topics such as Residential Land Tax, Register of Electors, Dublin Airport and Drones.

Press Releases

The Communications Unit issued 22 press releases in November. Among the press releases issued were ones on the opening of Meakstown Community Centre, the Tidy Twins results, Pride of Place, Dublin Airport, the Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Awards and Christmas Festivities.



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TOURISM DEVELOPMENT

Leisure & Tourism Award for Newbridge

Newbridge House and Farm has won the Best Leisure/Tourism Service award at the #FingalBusinessAwards 2024! With the core offering already very popular with locals and domestic tourists the conservation and improvements of the structure and the addition of new offerings were rightly recognised by this award.



Further Award Shortlistings



Newbridge House and Malahide Castle were entered into the Event Impact Awards, which are an industry judged award. Newbridge House was shortlisted for the category of Best Events Team and Malahide Castle and Gardens was shortlisted for Best Events Venue.

These awards are transparently judged and sponsored and will recognise recent improvements, universal design, innovation, excellence in marketing and inclusion of people with disabilities. The event ceremony is at the end of January.

Fingal Food Network



**Dublin's
Coast &
Fields**

The first meeting of the newly appointed committee of the Fingal Food Network took place on 13th November; discussions centred around attracting new members, sector specific training and undertaking a survey of existing members to gauge priorities for the network. It was agreed that the structural changes to make the network a more formal entity would commence in January to align with the Collaboration Framework in development under the Fingal Tourism Strategy. Members of the Network were asked for expressions of interest in participating in the street food market that is taking place in Howth to coincide with the New Year fireworks display in the town organised by Failte Ireland. We are delighted that Niall Sabongi and Man Street Kitchen will be participating in the market, offering visitors an eclectic mix of delicious street food alongside restaurants and cafes from Howth.

EVENTS

EETCD Triumphs at the Fingal Chamber Awards

EETCD had a very rewarding evening at the recent Fingal Chamber Awards, celebrating excellence and innovation across the county. We are proud to announce the following achievements:

- **Public Service of the Year:** Awarded to the Events Office, recognising their outstanding dedication to delivering exceptional events that enhance community life in Fingal.
- **Best Leisure/Tourism Service:** Newbridge House, a shining example of Fingal's commitment to providing world-class leisure and tourism experiences.
- **Not-For-Profit Organisation of the Year:** Draíocht, acknowledged for its invaluable contributions to the arts and the local community.

These accolades highlight the hard work and dedication of our teams and their commitment to excellence in public service, Events, Tourism, and the Arts. Congratulations to all the winners and nominees for their continued efforts in making Fingal a vibrant and thriving community.



Festival & Event Funding Scheme 2025



The Festival and Events Funding Scheme 2025 is now open with a closing date of 21st December. Successful applicants will be informed in January, allowing time to plan their festival and events in 2025. Additional criteria this year have been added regarding the sustainability of events to encourage organisers to ensure their events are accessible to all.

New Years Eve

Ring in the New Year with Fireworks Over Howth

Get ready for a dazzling start to the New Year! The sky over Howth will light up with a spectacular fireworks display on New Year's Eve, offering a night of free family fun that promises to create unforgettable memories.

This year's New Year's Festival Dublin, in partnership with Failte Ireland, features the NYF Dublin Fireworks Spectacular at Howth Harbour.



Time: 8:00pm

(pre-entertainment from 7.00pm)



Viewing Locations: Howth Promenade and along Harbour Road, Baldoye and Portmarnock.

Join us for this incredible celebration as we say farewell to 2024 and welcome 2025 with joy, excitement and a breathtaking display of lights!

HERITAGE PROPERTIES

Ardgillan Castle & Newbridge House Cafes



In conjunction with Brambles Cafe, work has started on upgrade works to the kiosk beside the playground to make this a more usable facility. Work is due to commence shortly on redecoration of the entrance hall and servery areas in Ardgillan Castle café area.

In Newbridge House, improvements to the terrace seating area have been agreed with the cafe operator that will see the installation of pergolas and bespoke boundary terrace screens that will provide a more clean, comfortable and weather protected environment to customers.

Events at Heritage Properties

Wonderlights Returns

Malahide Demesne saw the return of Wonderlights from the first week of November and will remain open until the 4th of January.



The layout this year features two new spectacular tunnels of light. The Cathedral Tunnel, standing 5 metres tall and stretching 30 metres long, will immerse visitors in a dazzling passageway, while the Portal of Light Tunnel, 5 metres high and 10 metres wide, will extend 20 metres in length.



Ardgillan Castle



Ardgillan Castle will be hosting a Christmas Craft Fair on Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th of December. Visitors will be able to pick up some unique gifts from local craftspeople, visit the Artist Studios and the Winter Exhibition in Ardgillan Gallery. In addition, festive treats and mulled wine will be available from Brambles Cafe.

Newbridge House



The new Courtyard Kitchen at Newbridge House hosted Man Street Kitchen for an exciting demo class on November 26th. This Christmas cooking demonstration showcased an exciting twist on the traditional Christmas dinner.

Using the incredible Big Egg Smoker, participants learnt how to infuse rich, smoky flavours into festive favourites, from perfectly smoked turkey to creative side dishes.



Music lovers are being given a special opportunity to see local pianist, Sean Collins perform in the beautiful festive setting of Newbridge House. Playing in the Red Room with its opulence, grandeur and dramatic backdrop, Sean will be playing a selection of festive and classical favourites on the recently restored Erard piano on Thursday 12th December.

CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Arts **Public Art**

John Kindness Returns to Balbriggan



Artist John Kindness is currently developing ideas for new artwork that will be featured as part of The Harry Reynolds Road & Quay Street Developments. John presented ideas to local community and representatives, and we are excited about the next steps.

Youth & Education



Fingal Arts Office's Music Generation Fingal is working with Fingal's Environment and Climate Action Department to share resources and promote 'Replay' - a unique initiative that combines music, sustainability, and the circular economy. This project is designed to give children the opportunity to explore their musical potential while learning about the importance of reusing and repurposing resources.

Young musicians have received refurbished guitars and are now ready to participate in lessons with Music Generation Fingal tutors. The launch of Replay Instruments Project took place on Friday 15th Nov at Donabate Parish Hall with participants, musicians, community and council representatives present.

Arts Act Funding

The Arts Office received 31 applications for the 2025 Arts Act Grant Scheme. The deadline to apply was Monday, 25th November and applications will be assessed between December - January. The recommendations by the assessment panel will be submitted to the Council for approval at the February 2025 meeting.

Carnegie Library
Irish Theatre Institute Partnership



Carnegie Library in partnership with Irish Theatre Institute (ITI) have selected Fingal based Tishé Fatunbi to participate on the ITI Six in The Attic programme. Tishé is an actor, writer, and theatre maker as well as a co-founder of a newly launched black-run theatre company named Arinola Theatre.

Six in the Attic is ITI's key artist development programme offering artists with the resources and support to create and develop work and Tishé will be provided space at the Carnegie while participating on the programme.

TU Recent Graduate Award



Recent graduate Chris Forrester has been awarded the inaugural TU recent graduate award.

Chris will receive critical, production, and administrative support, with a focus on transitioning to professional practice through mentorship-driven activities, including visits from artists, curators, and practitioners relevant to the recipient's discipline.

In recognition of his artistic accomplishment and promise, Chris will be provided with desk space, access to rehearsal/exhibition space at the Carnegie, a stipend and professional development support customised to his needs. His residency commenced with a public reading group hosted at the Carnegie library.

Draíocht



At the Fingal Chamber Awards held on the 15th November, Draíocht won the award for Best Not-For-Profit Organisation. We were one of 7 organisations shortlisted and so one of the more competitive awards on the night. Nominees included Daughters of Charity Child and Family Service / DCU Educational Trust / Fingal Volunteer Centre / Irish Institute of Music & Song. The Not-For-Profit Organisations award is for organisations dedicated to addressing social challenges and making a positive impact. We were very pleased to accept this award recognising the work we do in Dublin 15.



Feedback from Draíocht's recent Children's and performance programme

Sample responses from early learning settings that participated in our Creative Creche project this autumn.

"Thank you very much for creating a show to come to our service. The children REALLY enjoyed the show as well as the adults and thanks again to Mia and Nora for their brilliant performance. It was great to be able to have a show right here in our own service and not have to travel anywhere!"

Aideen, Barnardo's Early Years Service, Mullhuddart, Dublin 15, Nov 2024

"The children were very excited from the moment they found out that Selma and Mirella would be coming to our creche. It was a Thursday we had all been looking forward to. All the children were delighted and responded with a lot of enthusiasm. It was a wonderful initiative."

Beata, Luttrell House creche and Montessori, Luttrellstown, Dublin 15, Oct 2024

Feedback from audiences re the 'A Christmas Carol' performance on 25th November

"Myself and 3 friends attended the Dyad Production of A Christmas Carol last night. We all found it be one of the very best adaptations we've seen. The one-man show was nothing short of superb. Well done to all at Draíocht for giving us the opportunity to see it."

"I saw your production of A Christmas Carol in the Draíocht theatre in Blanchardstown, Dublin 15 this evening. I just want to say how absolutely amazing it was. Andrew Margerison was superb, amazing, wonderful. Thank you for bringing this absolute joy to us."

January/February 2025 programme

The January/February 2025 programme is online and selling. The brochure for that period is being distributed this week.

As always, we will start the New Year with Coolmine Panto. Many of the matinee shows are sold out and the evening shows will follow suit.

A sensory performance will take place on January 9th. Draíocht supports this by not charging a hire fee for this performance and by providing a sensory pack and breakout space. A reduced audience capacity, lowered volume/ lighting as well as the ability to move and make noise in the space, opens this audience favourite to those who are on the neuro divergent spectrum. Going to the Panto can often be someone's first (and only) theatre experience so it is important to make it as accessible as possible.

Comedy, music, theatre, film screenings as well as a full children/youth arts and exhibition programme are all included.

Tobi Bello, a Dublin 15 artist will take up Residency for the month of January. Tobi is a photographer and painter who aims to inspire greater diversity within the Irish creative sectors.

The next Exhibition is 'The First Draft' by Rich Gilligan. Running from February to May 2025, this is the 13th Edition of the Amharc Fhine Gall series which supports and celebrates a Fingal artist. Alongside his Exhibition, Rich will work with Sarah Beirne on a project with a group of skateboarders from Millenium Park.

2025 is proving to be another busy year in Draíocht in terms of demand for dates. Bookings are coming in earlier and earlier with every month in 2025 already heavily booked.

www.draiocht.ie

Seamus Ennis Arts Centre

Music

Bob Dylan's Greatest Rejected Tracks – Bob Dylan academic Michael Gray held a talk on Dylan's lesser known music. We had 57 booked on this event, with great feedback. "Wonderful evening in a convivial setting.

Perfectly pitched presentation of Dylan's discarded tracks which are now well known as "outtakes" on bootleg record issues. Well paced in depth analysis of those tracks in a humourous way. Thank you so much Michael Gray and SEAC. "Wonderful evening in a convivial setting.

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Nomadic Piano Project performed a hybrid of classical, jazz and traditional music on 8th November.

Welsh musician Catrin Finch and Aoife Ni Bhriain teamed up for a striking combination of classical and trad music on 23rd November, to an audience of 40.

Traditional musician Ryan Young will perform at TSEAC on 29th November.

Our Traditional Slow Session on the 17th of November saw 41 people attend online from global locations, joining 21 in the room.

The Singing Session on November 21st featured Róisín Chambers as the guest singer and had 22 people in person, with 16 online.

Classes

Art Classes with Noel Manning returned for another term with 16 students across two classes.

Céilí Beag's November session had 11 parents and babies in attendance.

Cinema

German film The Teacher's Lounge had two screenings, one for a general audience on the 14th of November and the second for schools as part of the IFI's schools programme on 22nd November. We welcomed 5th year from Gormanston College for this screening.

Danish film Rose is to be screened on 28th November.



Comedy

Bernard O'Shea's gig on November 1st was fully booked at 92 with a waitlist – his combination of music and comedy was very well received.

Des Bishop performed to a full house on November 15th – a very popular event with a waitlist of 129!

Workshops and Other Events

Crafternoon Tea, Candle Making – offered in conjunction with the café, this workshop gives attendees the chance to make a beautiful craft followed by delicious afternoon tea in our parlour. We held three of these sessions, with all selling out.

Pottery Workshops – we held two separate sessions, one for adults and one for children, with both sold out and with waiting lists.



Libraries

Kanopy

Kanopy is Fingal Libraries new free video streaming service which gives access to tv series, documentaries and films. It also offers Kanopy Kids, which is a collection full of great age-appropriate children's content. As Kanopy accounts can only be created by adults, parents/guardians can control access to content by setting parental controls to ensure children cannot view content outside of Kanopy Kids. To create an account go to <https://bit.ly/KanopyFingal>

Library of Sanctuary

Balbriggan Library has been designated a Library of Sanctuary, in recognition of the consistent and innovative work that goes into making this Library and the staff who work there, champions for inclusion and welcome. Dr. Veronica Crosbie, Chair of Places of Sanctuary Ireland, awarded the Library of Sanctuary certificate at an event in Balbriggan Library on 14th November, which was also attended by the Deputy Mayor of Fingal, Cllr. JK Onwumereh. Balbriggan Library is the first Library of Sanctuary in the Dublin region.



Autumn/ Winter events

The Autumn Winter program of events in libraries continues up to the end of the year. Children enjoyed Halloween story-time sessions in all libraries. Balbriggan Library hosted The Happy Prince, a musical recitation for speaker and piano based on the short story by Oscar Wilde on 2nd November. Sensory friendly workshops took place in all libraries over the month of November.

Fingal Libraries celebrated Science Week (10th – 17th November) with STEM workshops for primary schools. Workshops for adults included a Tai Chi course in Malahide Library, age-friendly chair yoga in Balbriggan Library, and art courses in Donabate and Rush Libraries.



Fingal Inclusion Week

Fingal Libraries celebrated Fingal Inclusion Week (11th – 17th November) by inviting families who use Corduff Sports Centre to explore the world of African rhythm and song in a fun, interactive African percussion workshop with John Nutekpor from The Irish Institute of Music & Song. Also taking place during Fingal Inclusion Week was the start of a 4-week family literacy project with parents and children selected by St. Luke's National School, Tyrrelstown. Literacy specialist Stephen Brett and his colleague Colm O'Donovan will encourage children and parents to read together for fun. The mobile library service will be present so families can join the library and choose books. In the last week of the project, children's author and illustrator Alan Nolan will facilitate a fun story session with the children.

The Write-Time

The Write-Time, Fingal Libraries annual celebration of creative writing and literature has taken place in libraries across Fingal. Now in its ninth year, the festival features events for writers on how to get a book published as well as workshops on screenwriting, poetry, writing YA fiction, and getting creative ideas down on paper. This year's festival introduced a new two-day showcase of author talks in the Carnegie Free Library, Swords, on 15th and 16th November.

The Write -Time in the Carnegie featured stellar authors, such as Sinéad Gleeson, Claire Kilroy, Christine-Dwyer Hickey, Katriona O'Sullivan, David Gilna, Kevin Curran, Olivia Fitzsimons, Paula Gildea and Patrick Bentley 'In Conversation', sharing their creative writing process, their journey to publication and what inspires them. This two-day event was a huge success with a large audience and lots of participation.



Creative Ireland

The Creative Fingal Programme 2024 is drawing to a close with the final projects to be delivered over the next few weeks. As part of our Shared Island Initiative, 'Unforgettable Voices - Sharing Songs' in collaboration with Community Arts Partnership, Belfast, the Forget-Me-Nots choir is continuing to develop the connection with the 'This Is Me' choir based in Larne. Creative Fingal has secured funding to continue the weekly Silver Lining Virtual Music Appreciation Sessions enabling the groups in both locations to stay connected and build friendships.

The hugely successful Sustainable Creative Workshops with The Wizard of Creation are continuing in community settings and libraries across the County. In December, Aga Hutcheson will be delivering workshops to a COPD Support Group in Balbriggan, Swords Women's Shed, nursing homes in Malahide and Oldtown, St. Michael's House Special School and The Forget Me Not Café in Skerries. There will also be Christmas-themed fashion workshops taking place in Balbriggan and Malahide Libraries.

On 2nd December, the launch of the 'LifeBio in Words and Pictures Exhibition' will take place in Malahide Library. This project, funded by Creative Fingal, was designed to enrich the lives of older adults by sharing their life stories and encouraging participants to express their personal stories through written narratives and photographs. The exhibition will be launched by Mr. Senan Turnbull, Chairperson of the Age-Friendly Fingal Alliance.

Update on Mobile Libraries

The mobile library service was approached by a senior Occupational Therapist from Connolly Hospital's Department of Psychiatry to provide a monthly stop at the hospital to cater for the 40 bed unit. The recently held first stop received great feedback from staff and patients alike.

While organising the mobile library visit for the Meakstown Community Centre launch, it was agreed with management at the Centre to relocate the regular mobile library stop to that location. This has the joint benefit of promoting the Centre and use of the mobile library service.

The mobile libraries have also started working with Luttrellstown Community College post primary ASD hub. The first stop to the hub which caters for 20 students has already taken place, with a second visit planned for December. The feedback from mobile staff, school staff and students was overwhelmingly positive.

A new monthly stop has been added to Mount Sackville primary school with a second visit to take place in December.

Festive Events

Fingal Libraries looks forward to hosting events for the festive season over the month of December. Children can enjoy Christmas musical tots sessions, clay hanging decorations workshops and festive story-sessions. Custard Pie Puppets will bring their Christmas Crackers puppet show to Balbriggan and Blanchardstown Libraries. The Europe Direct Annual Christmas Concert takes place in Blanchardstown library on 11th December and features the wonderful Dublin Gospel Choir.

For adults, there will be a sustainable Christmas outfit demonstration, a foliage greeting cards workshop and a Scandinavian wreath making workshop.

2024 Programming

Throughout 2024 Fingal Libraries delivered an extensive and diverse programme of events catering for all ages, abilities, and interests. Acclaimed children's authors visited libraries and schools to celebrate World Book Day Ireland in March, as part of the Fingal Libraries World Book Tour. Libraries hosted age-friendly workshops during the month of May to celebrate the Bealtaine Festival. Events took place in libraries for children and young people on 15th June for Cruinniú na nÓg, Ireland's day of free creativity for young people. The Magic of Stories – Fingal Festival of Children's Literature attracted over 2,100 people to Swords Castle on 28th September. This was the third year of the festival and its popularity and reputation have grown each year. The eighth annual Festival of History took place in October throughout library branches and in the Carnegie Free Library. Planning for the Spring 2025 programme of events is currently underway.

Economic Development

Fingal Skills Strategy



The Council has completed work updating the Fingal Skills Strategy and the Future Fingal: Fingal Skills Strategy 2024 - 2029 was adopted by the Council on 11th November 2024 and it is intended that an official launch of Future Fingal: Fingal Skills Strategy will be scheduled in the new year.



Xplore Your Future Fingal TY Skills Expo 2024

The 2024 Xplore Your Future Expo has been developed as an action from the Fingal Skills Strategy and is aimed at TY students in Fingal secondary schools and took place in the Helix, DCU on the 15th of October 2024.



Building on the success of last year's inaugural event, the 2024 Expo was a huge success with over 80 exhibitors from institutes of further and higher education, vocational schools and industry. Exhibitors included, among others, DDLETB (Dublin and Dún Laoghaire Education and Training Board), CDVEC (City of Dublin Education and Training Board), the National Apprenticeships Office, TUDublin (Technological University Dublin), Dundalk Institute of Technology (DKIT), Irish Rail, the Irish Institute of Music & Song, An Garda Síochána, Dublin Fire Brigade, Air Corps, Dublin Airport Authority (DAA), Aramex and Wylde International eSports Club.

A diverse range of sectors were represented, from Creative Arts & Media, Technology and Gaming, Transport & Logistics, Engineering, Food, Farming & Hospitality, Construction, Local Government, Public Services and Sports.



2200 students from 22 Fingal Schools attended this hands-on, interactive event where students experienced a wide range of further education and training options with information on future potential careers paths.



The event has received very positive feedback from exhibitors, students, teachers and guests who attended on the day who found the Expo very engaging.



Skyla Project



The Fingal SKYLA Project Team attended the 4th transnational project meeting in Malmo, Sweden in September which focused on sharing further Good Practices in the area of skills development. The SKYLA Project focuses on the development and improvement of skills policy for “Smart Specialisation Skills Ecosystems for the Twin Transition”, which has been incorporated into Future Fingal: Fingal Skills Strategy. Fingal shared a new Good Practice from one of the Fingal Skills Strategy partners (DCU) called STInt – a STEM Teacher Internship Programme. The STEM Teacher Internship (STInt) Programme is an iconic partnership between Irish education and industry – a globally unique programme – and addresses Ireland’s vision for global leadership in STEM education, citizenship and enterprise. Further information can be found here: <https://stemteacherinternships.ie/>

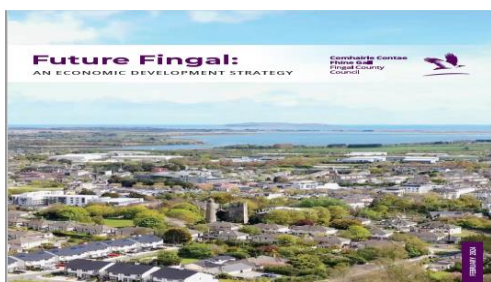
The visit was hosted by SKYLA partners from the Skåne, Sweden Team and featured a study visit to Genarps Lådfabrik [Pallet factory] Manufacturer of load carriers and pallets on a twin transition journey as they identify skills gaps and upskill their workforce in the areas of leadership, management and sustainability.

Another study visit was to the Faculty of Engineering, University of Lund where STEM students presented the programme 'Lund Formula Student' where students design and develop racing cars for an international student racing competition with the objective of: 'Every year we start a new project with the goal to design, develop and manufacture a top-class racing car during the school year, and compete against other universities from all over the world.'



<https://lundformulastudent.se/>

Economic Development Strategy



Following the launch of the Future Fingal Economic Development Strategy in September the Economic Development team is progressing the implementation of actions, including the development of a Marketing Plan.

Work has commenced on developing a Sustainable Fingal Strategy to promote sustainability measures for business.

URBACT - EcoCore



Fingal County Council, as Lead Partner of the URBACT Eco Core Project ran an Innovation Challenge/Hackathon in collaboration with Smart Balbriggan. The Hackathon allowed like-minded individuals passionate about sustainability, the green economy with a passion for the Circular Economy to make a contribution to the EcoCore Project and developing a greener future for the citizens of Balbriggan.



The Balbriggan Innovation Challenge (Hackathon) took place in The Lark, Balbriggan on the 8th of November and was a fantastic success. Six teams participated in The Hackathon, a deliverable of the EcoCore Project. This was a full day in-person event where teams brainstormed, supported by mentors culminating in presenting their solutions to the Sustainability and Circular Economy Challenge to a panel of judges.





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

The Project held its mid-term review and 6th transnational city visit in Villena, Spain on the 20th – 21st November 2024. Fingal County Council as lead partner working with the URBACT Secretariate and the Project Lead Expert delivered the project’s mid-term review, analysing the progress made by all partners to-date and agreed any adjustments required to the project and budget in the final year.

The partners were welcomed to Villena by the Mayor, Fulgencio José Cerdán Barceló.



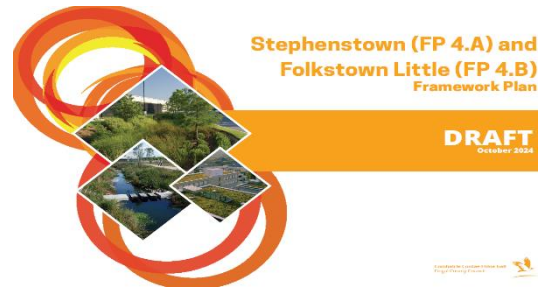
A masterclass on Smart and Green Industrial Zones was delivered by Jose Costero, an expert in sustainable urban development.



The city visit was further enriched by presentations from local industry and the municipality, including site visits, and project workshops.



Stephenstown and Folkstown Little Framework Plans



A presentation on the Draft Stephenstown (FP 4.A) & Folkstown Little (FP 4.B) Framework Plan was given to the EcoCore ULG members along with members of the Our Balbriggan Leadership Group and local businesses from the Stephenstown area. A public information evening was also held on the 31st October 2024 in the Our Balbriggan Hub.

The Draft Stephenstown and Folkstown Little Framework Plan was on public display from 17th October to 15th November 2024. The Chief Executive’s report is being prepared for the consideration of the Elected Members.

Citizen, Equality, Rights and Values Programme (Cerv)

CERV is an EU Funding Programme for citizens’ engagement and the implementation of EU rights and values. Fingal County Council had been awarded CERV funding to participate in 2 separate projects which commenced in January 2023, one project has been completed and the second project concluded in November 2024.

Green It Your Work



The Fingal Project Team participated in the Network meeting from 19th to 21st November 2024, focusing on Work Package 8: “Be Decent Green” hosted by Ubik Art in Pordenone, Italy.

Participants from Cyprus, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Romania, Spain, Croatia and Slovenia engaged in a series of activities centred on the green transition and sustainable development.



Day 1 explored green hospitality and social sustainability through initiatives like gluo.org. This was followed by a visit to City Hall which involved discussions with the local authority.



Day 2 included a visit to the Museum of Natural History, emphasising new accessibility measures taken by the museum.

The participants then visited the Noncello Cooperative, which was established in 1981 by Pordenone’s Mental Health Centre. It became “plurima 1” to enhance social impact on members, workers and communities. It promotes integration through innovative approaches, offering services and projects that create high social value and relational opportunities.



European Urban Initiative - City to City Exchanges

Fingal has been successful in its application to participate in a European Urban Initiative City to City Exchange to support the work of its Urbact EcoCore Project. The exchange brings together an urban authority facing a specific implementation challenge (Fingal) and another urban authority that has expertise which could help tackle the challenge. Fingal have entered in an exchange agreement with the city of Nokia in Finland to exchange knowledge and best practice on the challenge of developing a strategic eco-industrial zone to drive sustainable economic development in Balbriggan. The city of Nokia has practical experience and proven results in this challenge through the development and management of the ECO3 industrial zone in Nokia, a bio and circular economy pioneer. The Council is preparing to welcome the Nokia Delegation to Fingal in December.



Sustainable Fingal



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

The Council continues to share the videos developed with Techrete and A.forall in Balbriggan on their sustainability journeys to inspire other companies to start their journeys. Work is ongoing on the procurement of consultants to prepare the Sustainable Fingal Strategy which aims to encourage sustainability measures in business.

Smart Balbriggan

Smart Balbriggan is progressing work under the SFI Discover Programme 2024 - Science Week having secured funding of €10,000. Smart Balbriggan also organised the EcoCore Hackathon in partnership with the EcoCore Project Team on the 8th November in The Lark, Balbriggan.



The Economic Development team co-ordinates reporting for the Council as a signatory to the Circular Cities Declaration and is advancing circular economy principles into the Council's work through the Climate Action Plan, the Urbact EcoCore Project, the Fingal Skills Strategy and the Sustainable Fingal Initiative.

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

Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor



Fingal County Council has been working with DBEC partners to update the DBEC website which is now live and continues to work in collaboration with representatives from DBEC partners to develop potential projects for collaboration.

Enterprise Ireland - Smart Regions Funding



The Council continues to develop 2 no. project concepts for feasibility studies in consultation with the Enterprise Ireland Smart Regions Fund, including applications Under Stream 4 for Feasibility Studies/Priming Grants for consideration.

LOCAL AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT



Fingal Local Community Development Committee

The Fingal LCDC continues to oversee and administer the key areas of LEADER and SICAP and the various Local Development and Community Development funding programmes under its remit. The LCDC also manages the Healthy Ireland Initiative and the implementation of the community element and review of economic elements of the Fingal Local Economic & Community Plan. The LCDC members met on the 12th November 2024 for a briefing on SICAP and to discuss targets for 2025.

The next LCDC Meeting will take place on 11th December 2024.

Local Enhancement Programme 2024

The Local Enhancement Programme 2024, funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development, has allocated €220,842.98 to support community groups and organisations within the Fingal administrative area. All recipients have received their allocated funds via Electronic Fund Transfer and are now required to submit receipts and photographs as proof of expenditure.

Local Enhancement Programme 2025

The Local Enhancement Programme 2025 launched on 3rd December 2024.

Community and Voluntary Groups in Fingal are now invited to apply for funding under the Local Enhancement Programme (LEP) 2025. The Programme is designed to provide both capital and current funding support to a wide and diverse range of local groups, including Men's Sheds and Women's Sheds. Funding is available to support small capital works/improvements, the purchase of equipment for community use; tables and chairs, tools and signage, laptops and printers, lawnmowers, canopies and training equipment etc., as well as capital costs; electricity costs, refuse charges, heating charges, rental/lease costs, insurance bills.

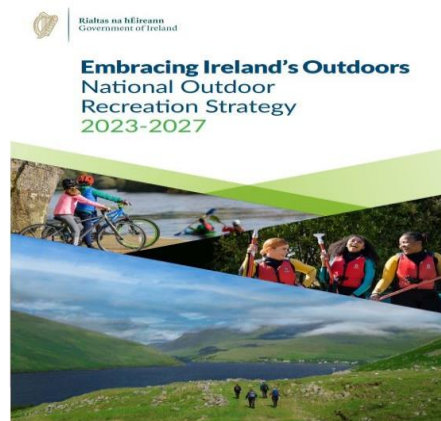
Fingal County Council has been allocated a total of €268,827 in funding for Groups across the county (€230,423 in Capital Funding, €38,404 in Current Funding).

Projects up to a maximum of €10,000 can be funded under the Capital Scheme and day-to-day costs of up to €3,500 can be funded under the Current Scheme.

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS)

The Council has procured a consultant to assist in preparing the County Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP) under the guidance of the County Outdoor Recreation Committee and consultation with stakeholders and the public is commencing.

The 2024/2025 Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) funded by the Department of Rural & Community Development is launching. The focus of ORIS is to support outdoor recreational infrastructure in countryside areas across Ireland that not only provides an outlet for the communities in which they are situated but also delivers added value from a tourism perspective.



Projects typically funded by ORIS include walkways, cycleways, blueways, water and cycle trails, bridleways, and open water amenities at rivers and beaches, including tidal pools. The Council will open for Expressions of Interest from the 9th December 2024.



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Mindful Walking

Healthy Fingal and Empower have teamed up to deliver a Mindful Walking Project in Dublin 15 to support people's mental health and to sign-post people towards supports around alcohol and smoking/vaping. The project will take place in Hartstown Park over 4 weeks and will be led by a walking/mindfulness tutor with support on the day from Empower's Social Prescribers.

We hope to use this project as a pilot to set up specific programmes for social prescribers in 2025.



Community Recognition Fund 2023

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

Projects were required to be completed by 18th October 2024; however, a number of projects have been granted extensions by the DRCD. Several projects have been completed with some in the process of closing and the Council continues to submit drawdown claims as the projects reach completion.

Community Recognition Fund (CRF) 2024

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

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

Application Window 1: 8 community projects in Fingal received investment of over €630,000 in funding in August.

The successful projects to be funded are:

- Castleknock Community Centre Association CLG for demolition and rebuilding of the old credit union building (€100,000)
- Accessible Transport Project CLG- Locallink Louth Meath Fingal for the purchase of a community bus (€100,000)
- O'Dwyers GAA Club for the provision of wheelchair access and development of facilities (€100,000)
- Hartstown Community Centre for the installation of new windows (€102,010)
- Foroige - Coastal North Dublin for purchase of a mini-bus (€80,000)
- Trinity Gaels GAA Club for pitch enhancement including drainage and surfacing (€50,007)
- Phoenix Football Club for development of equipment storage facilities (€50,000)
- Skerries Harps GAA and Camogie Club for LED floodlighting installation (€50,001)

Application Window 2: The public call closed on August 13th, 2024 and following evaluation a number of applications were submitted to the Department of Rural and Community Development (DRCD) for approval. Applicants shall be notified of the status of their application once approval has been received from DRCD.



Application Window 3: The third and final Public Call for applications under this funding stream issued in November. The closing date for Call 3 applications is 5pm on Friday 13th December.

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

SICAP

The annual SICAP budget for 2024 is €2,036,355.06 which includes a separate funding provision for new arrivals.



The LCDC received a briefing on the SICAP Programme on the 12th November 2024 and agreed targets for the 2025 SICAP Annual Plan.



Leader Programme

Fingal LCDC and Fingal LEADER Partnership are responsible for the LEADER Programme 2023 – 2027 in the Dublin rural area. The Dublin Rural LEADER (LAG) includes rural areas in the administrative areas of Fingal, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown and South Dublin.



The Dublin Rural LAG met on 17th October 2024 and approved 2 Projects for funding and is due to meet again on 12th December 2024 to approve a further 3 projects.



LEADER continues to seek applications from Individuals, Farm Families, Rural Businesses, Community & Voluntary Groups and Social Enterprises. Help is available to guide applicants through the process.

More details: www.dublinruralleader.ie

ENTERPRISE CENTRES

Following an agreement by the Boards of Directors of BASE, Beat and Drinan Enterprise Centres to consolidate the management of all three centres, the Council has formed a new legal entity “Innovate Fingal” to drive innovation and the strategic development of the 3 Enterprise Centres.

Fingal’s Enterprise Centres continue to participate in ConnectedHubs.ie a one-stop-shop for remote working hubs throughout Ireland.





All three Enterprise Centres have space available to start-up businesses and businesses/individuals who wish to avail of remote working options and facilities. Bespoke options or generic office fitouts can be considered. Occupancy rates at the Council's three enterprise centres are all over 90%. The three Enterprise Centres currently support 65 businesses and over 320 direct jobs.

TOWN REGENERATION OFFICE
Our Balbriggan 2019 - 2030 Rejuvenation Plan – A Socio-Economic Strategy



The Our Balbriggan Programme Office continues to support the Leadership Group in providing oversight and stewardship for the plan's implementation and is chaired by Dr. David Begg. Following the completion of the 'Review and Renew' process in June by the Leadership Group, the Economic Development, Public Realm & Placemaking, Education, Skills & Employment, and Community Development Pillar Groups have been restructured to reflect the implementation progress in the programme. A new Pillar Group for Sustainability, Climate Action and Bio-diversity Pillar has been established also.

The review process confirmed the extension of the Rejuvenation programme until 2030, bringing it in line with the funding horizon for the Urban Regeneration Development Fund supported by the Department of Housing, Heritage and Local Government.

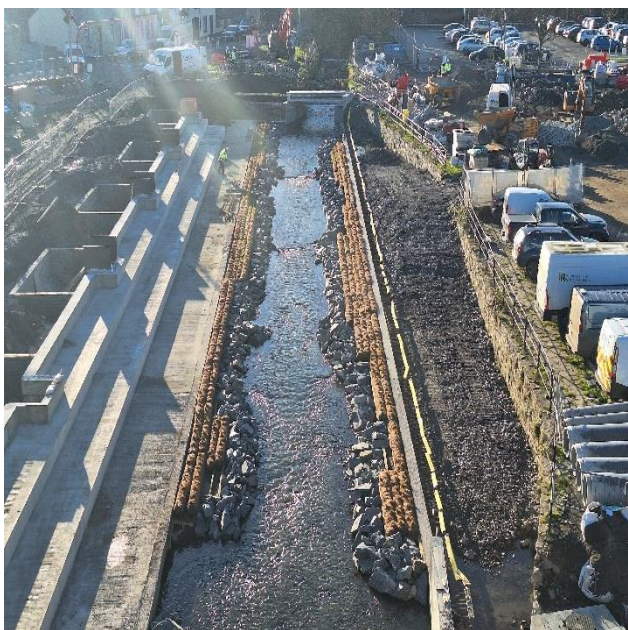
A study, 'Social Spaces and Youth Services for Young People in Balbriggan', was launched by Cllr Rob O'Donoghue, who deputised for Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Brian McDonagh, alongside Minister of State with responsibility for Youth Justice, James Browne TD to identify social and recreational needs of teenagers. The project was led by a steering group comprising members of An Garda Síochána, Fingal County Council, Foróige and Dublin and Dún Laoghaire Education and Training Board. The report was authored by Dr Carol Barron, Associate Professor at Dublin City University, and independent researcher Dr Harry Shier.



The Council have appointed contractor John Craddock Ltd and work has commenced on the redevelopment of the Quay Street, Harbour & Environs Project to be completed on a phased basis and will take approximately 19 months. Work continues to progress well across key elements of the Quay Street & Harbour site.



Current works include widening the channel of the River Bracken with new step down features on the North and South Banks, including extensive planting and biodiversity features, heritage restoration of the RNLI Boathouse building for commercial use, foundations for new public toilets, tree planting at the Town Centre Car Park, Mill Street, new widened footpaths on Mill Street and the foundations for new Harbour Buildings on the foot of the East Pier. The Town Car Park re-opened on the 4th November returning 67 car spaces.



The Our Balbriggan Programme Office continues to provide regular updates on the project through Social Media Channels and includes detailed information on frequently asked questions. Up to date information on the project is available on Balbriggan.ie

Tender pack documents for 2 – 4 Dublin Street are currently under review and are expected to be issued in early 2025. 2-4 Dublin Street is to be transformed into a new Creative Hub with 8 workspaces at 2 Dublin Street and an ancillary connected space at 4 Dublin Street which will support STEAM education, training and enterprise activities supported by Fingal Arts Office & SMART Balbriggan. Planning permission was granted at council in October 2023.



Demolition works on 6a to 14 Bridge Street have been completed. A temporary Pocket Park has been installed at site of the former house at 14 Bridge Street and has been welcomed locally.



An Integrated Design Team has been appointed and are progressing work on a design based on best possible uses and options in line with site constraints. A number of stakeholder engagement sessions occurred over the last few months which are nearing completion. The stakeholder engagement will inform design options and have provided a valuable resource in gaining a wide opinion and input from local stakeholders.



The Programme Office is currently engaging in a feasibility study to examine options for a sea swim platform in Balbriggan.

An Internal Project Team has been established from the Town Regeneration Office, Our Balbriggan and FCC Architects to progress the Boathouse and Bathhouse project. Enabling works have now been completed. Engineers have been appointed to the project, which is set to be substantially completed by end 2025.



The Our Balbriggan Office continues to generate regular and unique content across all social media channels, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn with over 12,500 followers across all 4 social channels.



Lár Bailte ar dTús
Town Centre First

Town Centre First - Lusk

Following the completion of the Lusk for Life Plan, two applications for Project Development Measure funding were submitted to the Department of Rural and Community Development for their consideration and both projects have now been approved for funding.

Both projects were identified in the Lusk Town Centre First Plan and include the development of appropriate facilities in Lusk's parklands and the feasibility of the development of a Farmers Market in Lusk. €75,000 in total has been approved.

Request for Tender documents for both of these projects prepared, and meetings with local pillar groups are expected to take place in the coming weeks.



Local Government Management Agency (LGMA) Visit

In October Fingal County Council's Town Regeneration Team also welcomed the LGMA Project Lead from the National Town Centre First Office, to visit Lusk & Rush. The visit focused on the teams work around The Town Centre First Plan for Rush, progress on Dereliction in Rush, the Streetscape Enhancement Scheme, a presentation of the Lusk for Life Plans and projects and a visit to the Lusk Community Cultural Centre.

Town Centre First - Balrothery

On 20 November Representatives from the Town Regeneration Office attended a presentation hosted by the Active Travel team in the Heritage Centre, Balrothery to learn more about the Active Travel team's engagement with locals, and what their development plan entails. This will assist the Town Regeneration team in shaping workshop outcomes to deliver the best possible results for Balrothery whilst complimenting the initiatives being introduced by Active Travel.



Town Centre First - Ballyboughal

The most recent capacity building meeting took place at the Community Centre in Ballyboughal on 11th November. Further progress was made towards delivering a workshop outcomes report with key placemaking objectives being identified and methods of achieving these being explored. The next meeting is expected to take place in mid-December.



Town Centre First - Donabate

A capacity building session took place in the Community Centre in Donabate on 12th November. Key statistics were discussed and attendees were asked to participate in group exercise to identify positive and negative aspects of the town. Feedback from this exercise will be used to identify potential actions at the next meeting which is scheduled to take place in December.



Town Centre First - Rush

A contract between the Town Regeneration Office and the Consultant selected to work with the new town team has been agreed, and a commencement meeting between the Consultant and the Town Regeneration office took place on 25 November.

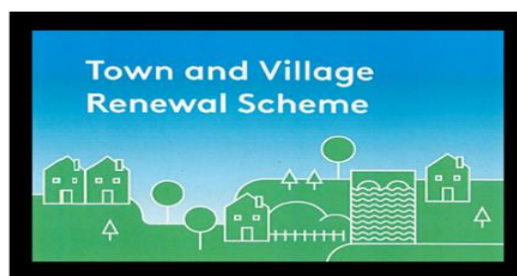
The Town Regeneration Office participated in a public consultation event lead by Healthy Ireland and FCC Community Department at the new Multi-Purpose community Facility in Rush on November 20th. The event included a workshop and a presentation by Healthy Ireland regarding the 'Place Standard' method and how this might be applied to the town of Rush. A community Survey is now live online to gather feedback on the thoughts of local residents and businesses. These results will then be assessed by Healthy Ireland and Fingal County Council to help determine a base line level of information for Rush as we move forward to create the Rush Town Centre Plan.



Town & Village Renewal Schemes

The Town Regeneration Office is currently facilitating two recently approved projects under this scheme from 2023. A Phase 4 development of Floraville Park in Skerries (€55,800) and upgrades to the Rush Community Centre (€64,350) have been approved by the Department of Rural and Community Development.

Progress reports have been received on both of these projects, work is underway, and they are both on course to be completed on schedule by October 2025.



The Town Regeneration Office has completed the implementation of projects in Rush, Donabate, Oldtown, Naul, St. Margaret's and Balrothery.

With respect to these 6 schemes, the local authority has invested €282,276.00 in total funding drawn down from the Department of Rural and Community Development to support the revitalisation of our Rural towns.

Streetscape Enhancement Scheme 2024

A second Streetscape Enhancement Scheme for 2024 was launched this month and expressions of interest are being sought from qualifying commercial and community premises located within areas designated as “Major Town Centre”, “Town and District Centre”, “Local Centre” or “Rural Village” within the Fingal County Development Plan 2023-2029. Application closing date is November 29th 2024. Under the new scheme, up to 75% of the cost of improvements, up to a maximum grant amount of €1,500 per eligible property, is available, subject to terms and conditions.

The new scheme is being advertised via social media and the Fingal County Council website.



Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme

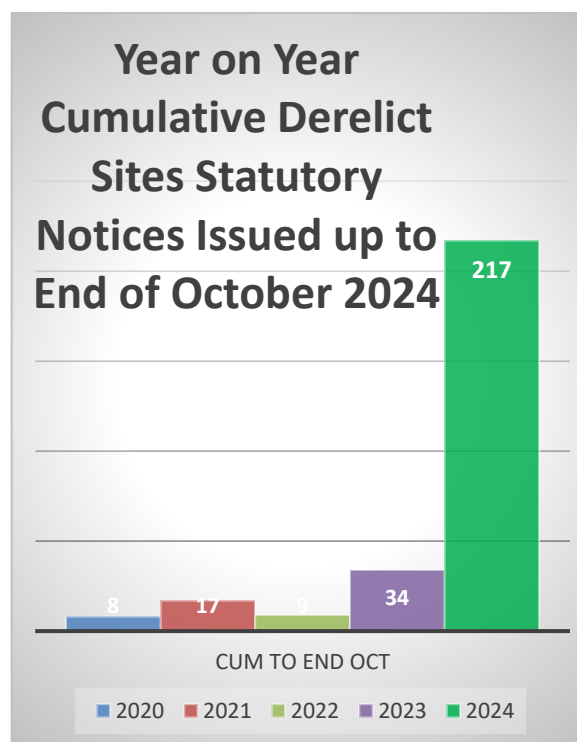
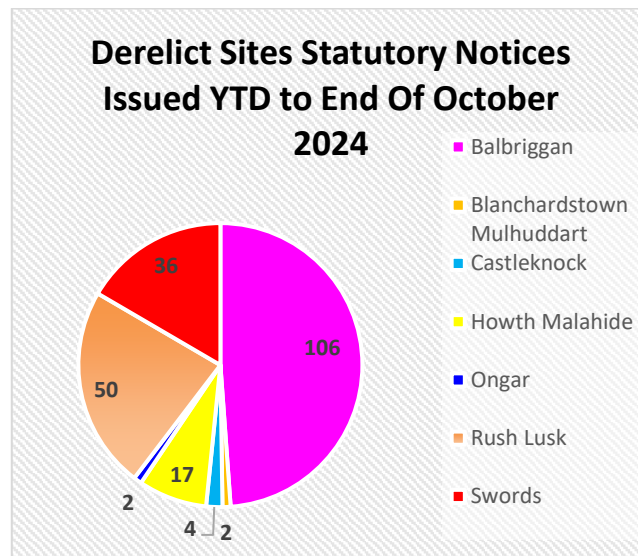
One project has been approved under the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme for 2024, "Sea Swimming at Skerries Springers".

A follow-up meeting was held with the appointed consultant this month and the feasibility study being complied by them is in progress.

Derelict Sites

217 statutory notices have issued to owners of Derelict properties to the end of October 2024. This compares to a total of 34 at this point in time in 2023.

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



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



Oifig Fiontair Áitiúil Local Enterprise Office

LEO Fingal provides a broad suite of support services to stimulate enterprise and enable small businesses to succeed. Some of the LEO highlights for November 2024 are as follows:

Fingal Business Network



The final Fingal Business Network event of 2024 will take place in the Grand Hotel, Malahide on Friday 6th December. The event will have a panel discussion with business owners Adam Thorn of Thorn Environmental, Carol Kinsella of Carol Kinsella Chocolates, Ben Colwell of Rubberduck, Donna Reilly of Donna Reilly Wellness and Conor Halpin of PRM Assist.

The event will also provide ample opportunity for business owners and entrepreneurs to network with other businesses over lunch. There will also be an opportunity for some of our Showcase exhibitors to showcase their wares in advance of heading to the Showcase event in the RDS in January.

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Student Enterprise Programme



21 second level schools across Fingal have signed up for this year's Student Enterprise Programme (SEP) which involves setting-up and running a real-life enterprise over the course of the academic year.

Fingal schools and students have a strong track record in the competition, encouraged and incentivised by a significant prize fund that includes an international educational trip to Barcelona for the students and teachers of "Senior category" winners. Most importantly, the programme offers an exciting opportunity for students to learn the ropes of creating a successful business, whilst competing at local and national level. Each year the Fingal winning projects go on to the National Final, where they battle it out with other entrepreneurial students from throughout Ireland.

Fingal Business Supports Briefings



Sixty-five business owners, managers and aspiring entrepreneurs attended the October Fingal Business Supports Briefing on November 6th in the Riasc Centre, Kinsealy.

There was great audience engagement on the day with lots of questions for staff and mentors and many people stayed around afterwards to take advantage of the networking opportunity over refreshments. This session is run monthly and allows entrepreneurs to hear about the supports available to them from the Local Enterprise Office and other state agencies. So far this year 679 people have attended these information sessions. The next Fingal Business Briefing will take place on December 4th in the Riasc Centre, Kinsealy.

Food Sectoral Supports



The next Food Starter event is being held on two Saturdays, 11th & 25th January for all of our new food businesses. The Food Starter is an important support to set the food business on the right track for growth from the very outset. Meanwhile, Fingal LEO will host the next Dublin Food Chain networking event with our partners in Teagasc, Ashtown, in January 2025.

Evaluations and Approvals Committee

The Evaluation and Approvals Committee (EVAC) has approved €824,778 across 39 Business Feasibility, Priming and Expansion Grants to date in 2024. 18 Technical Assistance for Micro Exporters grants to the value of €43,100 and five Digital for Business grants amounting to €18,900 have been approved year to date. The final EVAC meeting of the year will be held on 11th December 2024.

Management Development

LEADERSHIP FOR ACCELERATED GROWTH



Eight Fingal SME owner/managers are participating in the Autumn “International Best Practice” Leadership for Accelerated Growth programme. The programme provides an opportunity for SME owner/managers to build on the necessary leadership skills and knowledge needed to successfully compete in existing, new and international markets. The programme is delivered to small groups by way of onsite skills development workshops and online workshops. As part of the programme, participating owner/managers each produce Work Based Assessments which document their strategic plan and acts as a living document as well as a point in time reference for where their business is now and the actions they need to take to grow.

Energy Efficiency Grant Scheme



The Local Enterprise Office (LEO) Energy Efficiency Grant was recently revamped and relaunched with several significant changes, the main one being its increase from €5,000 to €10,000 and a change from match funding to now covering up to 75% of eligible costs. The Energy Efficiency Grant is an excellent opportunity for small businesses to continue their business more sustainably and efficiently, which will benefit them in the long run. To apply, businesses need to be solvent and operating within Fingal for at least six months. Six companies in Fingal have so far qualified for this grant.

Trading Online Voucher Scheme



An initiative under the Government's National Digital Strategy, the Trading Online Voucher (TOV) scheme supports small businesses by allowing them to enhance their online offering by providing a grant of up to €2,500 for ecommerce and digital marketing activities, as well as giving businesses a better understanding of how they can exploit E-Commerce opportunities for their business. The latest TOV webinar took place on 22nd October with 122 registered businesses and feedback from the attendees was excellent. A total of 95 applications have been approved in the amount of €218,806 to date in 2024. The next and final Trading Online Voucher webinar will be held online on 5th December. The Trading Online Voucher scheme is currently being wound down, last date for applications is 13th December 2024. An enhanced "Grow Digital" initiative will take its place (featuring grant value €5k plus digital consultancy assignments).

Business Advice Clinics and Mentoring



LEO Fingal provides one to one business support services through Business Advice Clinics and a Mentoring programme, both online and in person. These services are provided free of charge to small businesses.

The Fingal mentor panel consists of a variety of skilled and experienced mentors from a range of business backgrounds. In November, eighty-three people availed of a one-to-one Business Advice Clinic, bringing the total number of users of the service this year to 656. Thirty-five clients received mentoring in October, with 379 clients approved for expert mentoring so far this year.

Microfinance Ireland Loans

LEO Fingal provides a loan scheme through its partnership with Microfinance Ireland, with loans from €5,000 up to €50,000 per approved applicant. LEO Fingal is actively promoting the availability of loans from businesses that have difficulty raising finance from their bank. Applications are processed and assessed by LEO Fingal and submitted to MFI (Microfinance Ireland). Applications submitted through LEO Fingal are eligible for a 1% reduced interest rate of 5.5% APR if submitted through the Local Enterprise Office. LEO Fingal has processed and submitted 34 MFI loan applications to date in 2024, the most ever in a single year, and the highest number in the country.

Training and Events

November saw the usual strong demand for business training and events organised by Fingal LEO. All training is aimed at business owner/managers, with over 3,400 participants in LEO Fingal Training & Events so far in 2024. The fourteenth and final Start Your Own Business (SYOB) course of 2024 commences on 3rd December. The SYOB programme has had a total of 169 participants trained year to date with an additional 41 attendees at the Start-up Bootcamp during Local Enterprise Week. Additionally, there have been four Social Media and Digital Marketing QQI courses with 64 participants in 2024.

Internationalisation and Export Development



The TAME (Exporter) grant enables small businesses to explore and develop new market opportunities by providing up to €2,500 to businesses investigating and researching export markets. Eighteen Fingal businesses have been approved for Export Grants (TAME) to date in the amount of €44,400.

The TAME grant will be changing in Q1 2025 to the “New Market Explorer Grant”. The Market Explorer Grant will be available to eligible small enterprises in the Manufacturing and international trading sectors (with up to 50 employees). The amount of the grant will be a maximum of €10,000 or 50% of eligible costs.

Support for the grant applies when eligible companies seek to explore either a new geographic market for an existing product/service or an existing geographic market for a new product/service.



A new Export Development programme “Get Exporting” is currently being rolled out throughout all 31 LEOs, Get Exporting is designed to support companies at every stage of their journey to achieve new export sales. Through the Export Development Pathway, the aim is to simplify the export journey for businesses and help build the knowledge, confidence and strategies needed to succeed in global markets. Get Exporting is a collaborative effort between the Local Enterprise Offices, Enterprise Ireland, and delivery partner OCO Global.

Following recommendation based on an export readiness assessment 11 Fingal businesses are among the 120 nationally, currently progressing through the workshop stage of the programme.

Grow Digital Voucher

The logo for 'Grow Digital' with 'Grow' in blue and 'Digital' in a lighter blue, with a stylized 'D'.

A Digital Tool for every Business

The Grow Digital Voucher, starting on 1st November 2024, will offer SMEs with up to 50 employees financial support to embrace digital technology. A digital for business project report must be completed within the previous two years.

Funding will be in the form of grant aid of up to 50% of eligible costs up to a maximum grant of €5,000 per application. Enterprises can be approved a maximum of two Grow Digital Voucher projects up to a maximum cumulative grant value of €5,000 as identified in their Digital for Business project to support their Digitalisation journey.

Craft & Design Sectoral Supports



Showcase Ireland 2025 will take place from 19th – 21st January 2025 at the RDS, Dublin. Showcase is presented by Design & Crafts Council Ireland, Enterprise Ireland and Local Enterprise Offices and supported by the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment. This four-day trade show is recognised as one Ireland’s largest international trade shows and offers manufacturers, designers and craft makers the opportunity to exhibit their new collections. LEO Fingal have been allocated stands for this event. Following a selection process, the successful applicants have been chosen to represent LEO Fingal: Wonderfully Weathery Books, Run Baby Run Pottery, Túath Glass, Wineracks.ie and O’Rourke Art & Design.

These craft & design businesses are also provided with training by LEO Fingal specifically on sales techniques for craft products who are displaying & selling their work at exhibitions.

The showcase clients from Fingal took part in an online workshop on “How to Sell at Markets & Pop Ups” which took place 9th October 2024. The workshop covered everything needed to know about successfully selling at markets and was an excellent opportunity to get prepared and set up for success at the Showcase 2025 event. Two of the clients Wineracks.ie and Maura O’Rourke are also exhibiting at the Fingal Business Network Christmas Lunch event on 6th December.

In addition, LEO Fingal is examining the possible establishment of a Network of Craft and Design businesses with a view to developing further growth opportunities for this sector.

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Works Programme

Balbriggan / Rush-Lusk / Swords Area

Balbriggan Area Parks

Clearing of hedging/vegetation being carried out as part of the Winter Works Programme in Balbriggan.



New knee rail installed at Pinewood, Balbriggan.



Balrothery Area Parks

New paths installed in Glebe Park, Balrothery.



Rush Area Parks

New coastal signage installed in Rush Harbour Park.



Skerries Area Parks

New perennial planting scheme within Skerries Town Park.



Swords Area Parks

➤ Holywell Park



As part of the Community Recognition Funding scheme, two x Teq Ball 2 x Outdoor Table Tennis tables have been installed within Holywell Park. Additional areas of Calisthenics outdoor fitness equipment also accompany these installations.



➤ Holywell Park

As part of the Community Recognition Funding scheme, 2 x Boules Courts completed with seating and signage.

➤ Swords

As part of the 2024 Programme of Works new stone planters were constructed beneath existing welcome signs. Plants were supplied by the Operations Department and planted by Swords Tidy Towns. All plants used are part of the pollinator friendly schemes within the Biodiversity Town Plan.



Area Roads and General Maintenance Programme

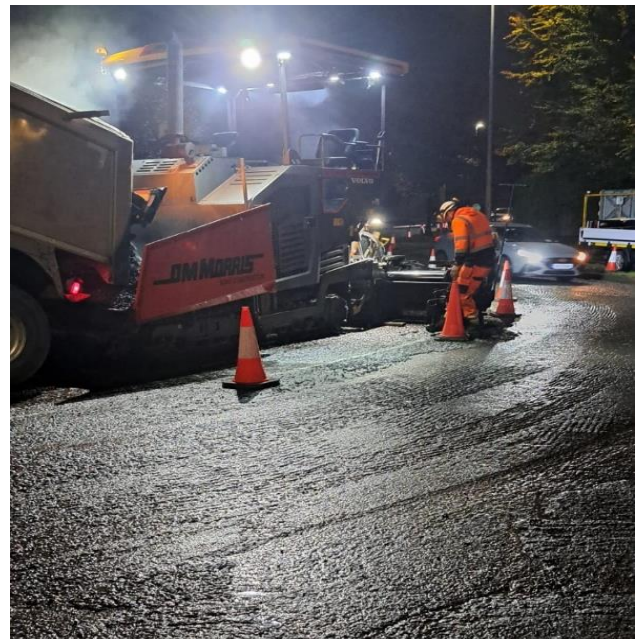
Inlay works were carried out on the Brackenstown Road as part of the 2024 revenue funded Programme of Works.





Inlay works were carried out on the Glen Ellan Road as part of the 2024 revenue funded Programme of Works.

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Harbours

The lighthouse lantern at Balbriggan Harbour has been replaced with a modern LED lantern. The light sectors red-white-green are precise with accurate sector borders. The range is 13 nautical miles with a photometric certificate.



At Skerries harbour a Lighting Protection System has been installed and the lighthouse lantern has been replaced with a modern LED lantern. The red sector is precise, with accurate sector borders. The range is 7 nautical miles with a photometric certificate.



Both Balbriggan and Skerries lights are now visible from a further distance than previously, and the sectors are more accurate - this is improving the Safety of Navigation.

The new LED lanterns will use less energy thus reducing Fingal County Council's carbon footprint.

Storm Bert

The on-call team dealt with call outs over the weekend of the 23rd/24th of November in relation to damage caused by Storm Bert across the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords areas.





Howth Malahide Area
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Road Inlay at St. Fintan's Road Sutton as part of the 2024 POW.



Replacement of defective footpaths Sutton Park part of the 2024 POW



Replacement of Defective footpaths on Inbhir Ide Drive part of the 2024 POW.

Capital Works

➤ **Extension of Balgriffin Cemetery**



Clarcon Construction Ltd have completed constructing phase 3 of Balgriffin Cemetery. The fencing of the boundary has been tendered and shall be completed by year end.

➤ **Kinsealy Lane**

Works are continuing to install new footpaths on Kinsealy Lane as the land is purchased and the works are then tendered.



New footpath works along Kinsealy Lane

Depot Works



The Roads crew replaced defective footpaths at St Annes Square Portmarnock.

Howth/Malahide Beaches and Cleansing



Portmarnock Beach Dune Protection fence work vandalised.



Vandalised bins at Portmarnock Beach front

➤ Malahide Muldowney Beach New Toilets



New toilet unit vandalised at Malahide Muldowney beach. Internal bin set on fire within unit which caused smoke damage. Work ongoing to repair and refresh unit.



Salting preparation for Howth/Malahide Depot

Malahide Demesne

➤ Bridgefield Car Park, Malahide



New overhead barriers installed at Bridgefield Car Park, Malahide.

Winter Works Programme 2024/2025



Galaxy A15 5G



Galaxy A15 5G

Fingal crew conducting pruning works.



Galaxy A15 5G



Free parking signs to support local bussiness over the Christmas season



Howth tramway resurfacing works.



Path improvement works at Samuels reservoir.

➤ **Dangerous Wall - Kelly's Car Park**

Wall being repaired after large crack discovered



➤ **Vegetation removed on ruins in Paddys Hill**



➤ **Landscaping works on Malahide Green**



➤ **New picnic benches installed into Malahide Demesne playground.**



Castleknock Mulhuddart Operations



Opening Of New Fingal County Council Public Tennis Courts In St. Catherines Park, Lucan On 6th November 2024.





See above photos of successful Community Event that took place in Lanesborough Park on Halloween Night



Teenage Activity space been developed Mick Walsh Park



New Benches recently installed in Mulhuddart Cemetery



Before and after photos of Pillar Re-Construction at St Catherines Park at Old Church, Stone fixed in pillars and repointed.



New bench area, small half Moon & Stone wall with 6M re-tarred footpath on the College Road



Tree pit construction at Beech Park Orchard in Castleknock



New Stone Wall Built in Blanchardstown Village, Works consisted of 22m Long and 1m High stone wall, 100 shrub and perennials + 50 alpines planted in the new flower border and 2 Ton of Bark Mulch was also laid.



Hedge Trimming been carried at Littlepace Road



Before and after pictures of the entrance into St Catherines Park. The entrance pillars were covered with vegetation. The area was cleared of vegetation and the pillars were repaired and repointed.

Car Parking Services

October 2024

There was a total of 1475 parking tickets issued during October 2024.

Breakdown of Parking Offences

Top 10 Offences

Offence	Main Ticketing Offences - October 2024
9A - A VEHICLE COMMITTING AN OFFENCE CONTRARY TO PAY AND DISPLAY/PERMIT PARKING	744
08A - PARKING A VEHICLE ON A FOOTPATH	184
04G - PARKING A PRIVATE VEHICLE IN A LOADING BAY	168
9A - A VEHICLE OUT OF TIME TICKET	128
9D - PARKING A VEHICLE ON A DOUBLE YELLOW LINE	95
9F - PARKING/STOPPING A VEHICLE IN A DISABLED PERSONS PARKING BAY	28
9C - VEHICLE OUTSIDE BAY	26
07A - OBSTRUCTION TO OTHER ROAD USERS/PEDESTRIANS	15
04A - PARKING ON A CORNER	13
04C - PARKING A VEHICLE IN A TAXI BAY	12

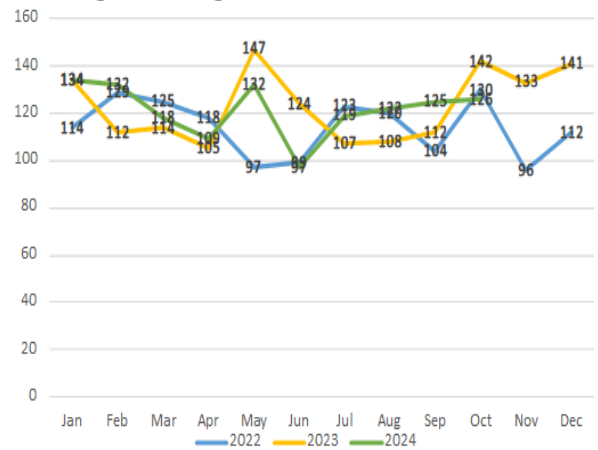
Main Ticketing Locations:

Location	Main Ticket Locations October 2024
North Street - Swords	120
Bridgefield Car Park - Malahide	108
Church Road - Malahide	73
Main Street - Swords	72
Strand Street - Skerries	61
Drogheda Street - Balbriggan	58
South Strand Skerries	55
Coast Road - Malahide	52
The Green - Malahide	49
Harbour Road - Skerries	46

Burial Ground Services

There were 126 Interments in Fingal Cemeteries during October 2024.

Fingal Burial Registrations 2022 / 2023 / 2024



Kelystown Burial Ground

The Architects Department appointed the contractor in August 2024 to carry out the works on Kellystown Graveyard capital project. Due to an unforeseen delay, the contractor is due to commence work on site at the end of November. Contracts are due to be signed week ending 6th December, with a view to commence works in due course.

Traffic Operations County-Wide

Balbriggan/Swords Area

➤ New Road Markings



Swords – Ashton Broc Estate – Double Yellow Lines installed at Castleview



Swords - Fingallians/Estuary Roundabout R132 Bypass - Yellow Box installed to aid traffic flow westbound.

➤ **Balbriggan/Swords North**

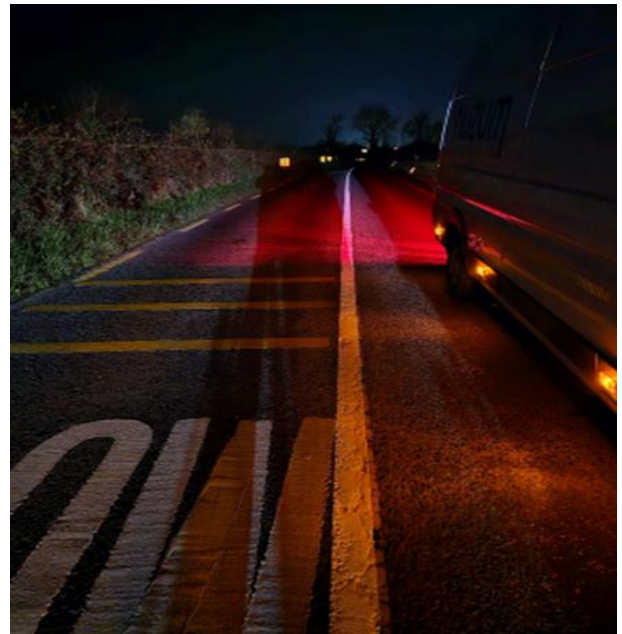
R122, Newtown- Vehicle Activated Signage



Balscadden- Road Markings and Traffic Calming Ramps Works

Castleknock/Mulhuddart

➤ **Signage & Lining**



Road markings installed on the R149

➤ **Traffic Calming - Flashing speed reader**



Newly installed driver feedback sign on the Ongar Distributor Road.

Fleet Management & Plant Hire Unit

88 Plant Hires were put in place from 01/11/2024 to 25/11/2024, engaging 20 suppliers.

Public Lighting

The Public Lighting Programme of Works 2024 is ongoing.

POW Works jobs Completed to date:

- Hartstown Park; Hartstown;
- Forest Road, Swords;
- Blackwood Lane to R124, Malahide;
- Meadowbrook Lawn Baldoyle;
- Rusheeney View, Mulhuddart;
- Barnageeragh Road Skerries;
- Castlelands, Balbriggan;
- Clonard Street, Balbriggan;
- Balrothery Village;
- Huntstown Green, Mulhuddart;
- Park Road; Rush;
- Ridgewood Park, Swords;
- Porterstown Road phase 3, Castleknock;
- St. Patricks Park, Blanchardstown;
- Laurel Lodge Green, Castleknock;
- Downside Park, Skerries

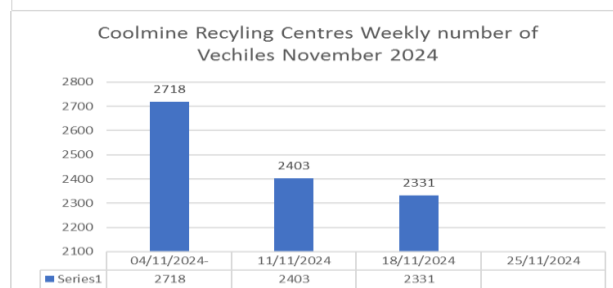
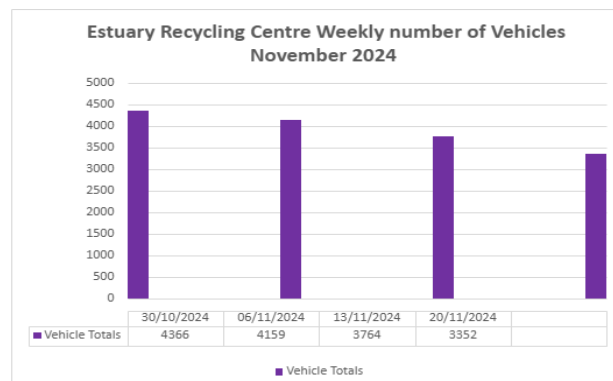
POW Works in Progress/Ongoing:

- Baldoyle Greenway Baldoyle (supply upgrade);
- Caves Strand Malahide;
- Drumnigh Road Portmarnock;
- Red Square Portrane

Recycling Centres Update

The current charges for use of the recycling centres were applied by the Council in 2012. Operations have carried out a review of the charges at Estuary and Coolmine Recycling Centres and the increasing deficit which now stands at €1.8m for 2024. This is a 54% increase in deficit since 2018. Increased charges will be applied for use of the facility in 2025.

Information on the increased charges will be brought to each Area Committee. Additional income is required to cover staffing, minor contracts, security and extension of opening hours.

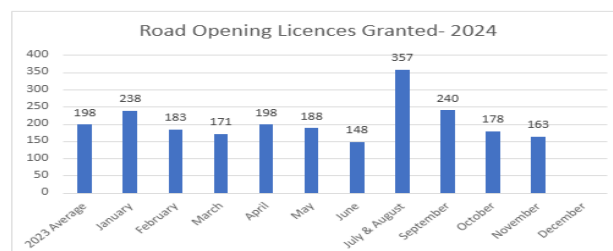


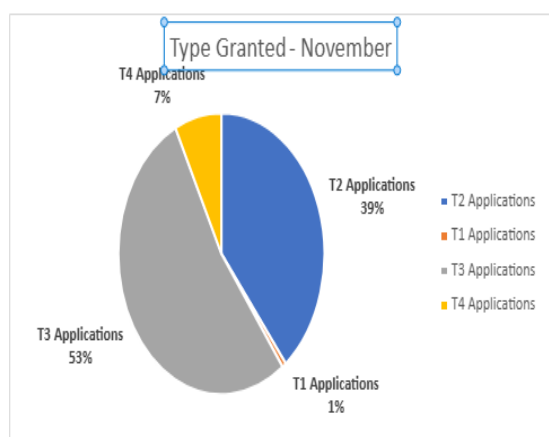
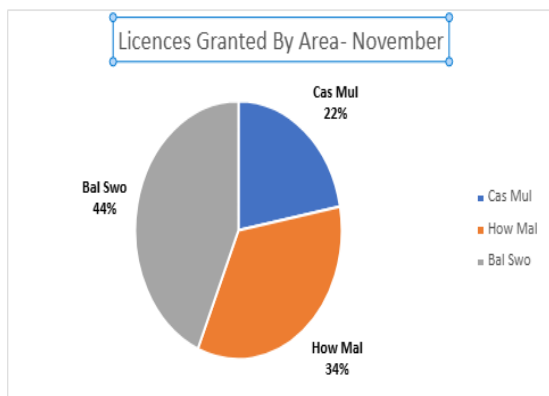
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Road Opening Licenses

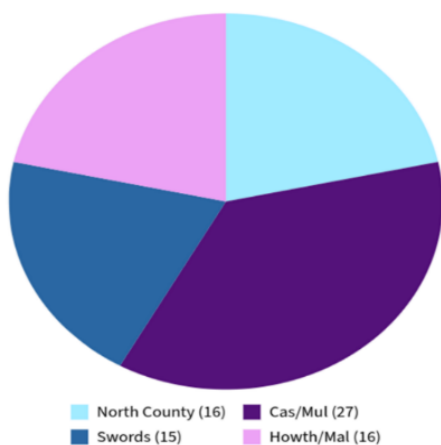
The Licensing unit continues to process and manage the licensing system for the County. Applications are allocated by area for examination and conditioning which includes reviews of the existing carriageway, footpaths, cycleways, and grass verges. Applicants submit temporary traffic management plans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

163 Licences were granted in the months of October, **60% of which were granted by way of automation.** Clerk of Works in each area continue to carry out regular inspections following road opening works by Utilities.





Pitch Playability Applications 2024/25



See above Pie Chart outlining the number of Pitch Playability Applications received for the 2024/25 playing season, in total we have received 77 applications as outlined above including three from schools.

- Casual Trading License

Fingal County Council have a total of 37 valid Casual Trading Applications for the 2024/2025 trading year throughout Fingal administrative area covering the trading of Hot Food, Tea & Coffee, Ice Cream and Flowers.

3 more additional applications are currently being processed. Refunds have been issued to two businesses who are no longer operating. Any remaining applications will be taken on an Ad Hoc basis.

The Operations Department is in regular communication with our traders and area inspectors continue to be carried out to assist in delivery of quality service and ensure compliance.

- Street Furniture Licences & remaining Parklets

A total of 42 Street Furniture Licences have been issued in 2024 with a further one currently been processed.

The Operations Department continue to engage with businesses to ensure compliance from Street Furniture Licence holders. To date in 2024 a total of 25 Street Furniture Inspections have been carried out to date in 2024.

There are several temporary parklets which facilitated outdoor dining during Covid. All businesses are being contacted and informed that all temporary parklets which were to be removed at the end of September 2024 will now be removed after 31st December 2024. Street Furniture Licences associated with the parklets will now be extended to this date.

The Operations Department will make provision in the 2025 draft revenue budget for footpath buildouts to commence in January 2025 to continue to facilitate outdoor dining where feasible. These will be considered where requested and deemed suitable in each area taking into consideration drainage, adjoining trees, public lighting etc.

Surface Water

Stormwater Capital Programme 2023-2025

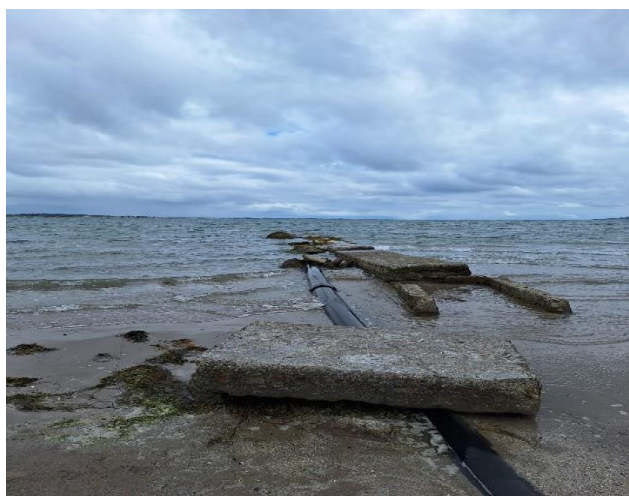
Fingal County Council are continuing to progress projects recently adopted in the 2024-2026 Stormwater Capital Programme. The 3-year programme includes 17 projects estimated at €2.5 million with this figure under review as the projects are developed. Below is a brief update in relation to the status of some of the projects that have commenced and planned upcoming projects.

➤ Howth Stormwater Culvert

This project consists of the design and construction of a Stormwater culvert replacement on Howth main street (Work Package A) and the separation of a combined sewer on Tuckett's Lane. Howth (Work Package B). Optioneering and Investigation phases are complete for both Work packages and Preliminary design is completed for WPB. A GPR survey has been undertaken and detailed design is due for completion for WPB.

➤ Burrow Beach

The proposed remediation of the surface water outfall pipe has gone through all stages of design and various consents. 30 Nr Precast concrete anchor blocks were delivered in October and procurement/delivery of other materials is ongoing. Placement of the anchor block units is scheduled for Spring 2025 by an FCC Minor works crew, with technical assistance to be provided by design consultants, Malachy Walsh and Partners.

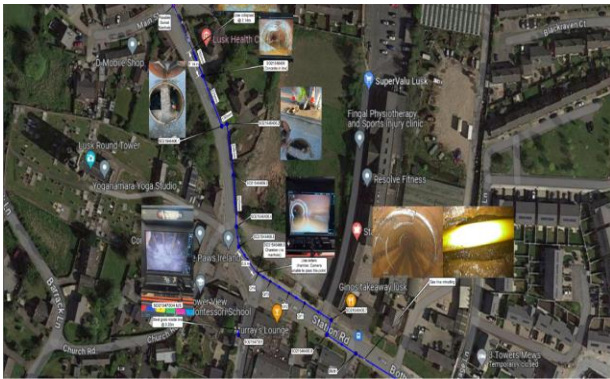


- Ballyboughal Main St Storm water Extension

Phase 1 of this project was completed in 2021. Discussions were ongoing with landowners to complete phase 2. Unfortunately, it was not possible to reach an agreement with all the impacted landowners and other options are now being pursued. GPR and utility surveys and Slit trenches were completed to prove a new route for the pipeline. Design is complete, materials have been procured and work scheduled to start in late November. Phase 2 will consist of 200m of pipework with associated manholes and road gullies.

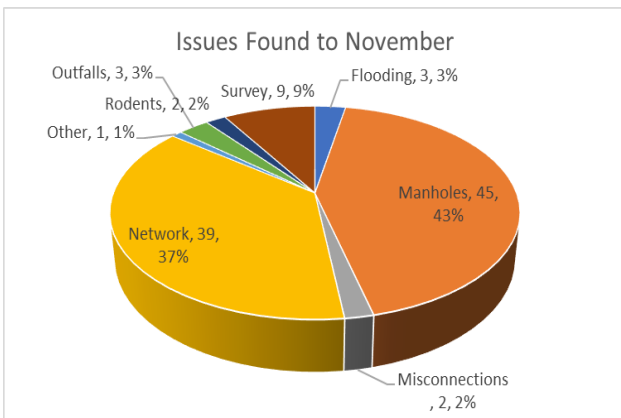
Lusk Network Remedial Works

The above project consists of Stormwater infrastructure provision and improvement in the Lusk urban area. It includes second level/follow up investigation, surveys, non-invasive interventions, jetting, root removal, pipe lining, replacement and new lay – using conventional cut and cover. Direct Labour crews have completed the first tranche of repairs on localised damaged pipelines. The next phase of these works is planned for January of 2025. Site investigation works will take place at the junction of Main Steet, Station Road and Dublin Road to identify the location of existing services. Once complete these surveys will inform a finalised design drawing for the area. The works will include alterations to the existing network to remove localised restrictions. The main phase works will start shortly. A road closure and traffic management designs have been submitted and are currently being reviewed.



- Storm Water Maintenance

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



- Storm Water Connections:

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

➤ Networks

Swords

Following historical reports of blockages and overground flooding in Rivervalley, Swords, a Contractor was engaged and has completed 75% of a programme of CCTV survey and mapping works in the Hilltown, Forrest Avenue, Rathingle Rd, Cherry Garth and Rivervalley Lawns estates. This will be complete in early December.



A contractor has been appointed to carry out a road reinstatement outside the **Forty-Four Hotel**, scheduled for December. Works will also include the raising and replacement of two ancillary manhole cover and frames.

Malahide/Portmarnock

Chalfont – CCTV surveys were carried out in May in the Chalfont area of Malahide to ascertain the condition of the network within the estate and the cause of localised road flooding during periods of intense rainfall. These surveys are now complete, and a number of distinct work packages have been developed for project costing and planning.



Ballyboughal

Following reports of road flooding, a section of stormwater network just off the R108 outside Ballyboughal village was surveyed. A large amount of silt and root build up was identified. A contractor was procured and these works were completed in November.



A sharefile location has been created and shared with some of the main suppliers and installers of attenuation systems. This should assist with the capture and recording of existing assets and inform a future maintenance schedule.

Cappagh/N2/N3 Link Road SUDS

An example of the above along the N2/N3 link road was visited and inspected. In order to ascertain the condition of these assets and the local catchment additional surveys are required. A contractor has been engaged to undertake surveys and cleaning of two tanks as a pilot exercise to help determine future maintenance costs and challenges for SUDS devices of this type.

Dublin 15

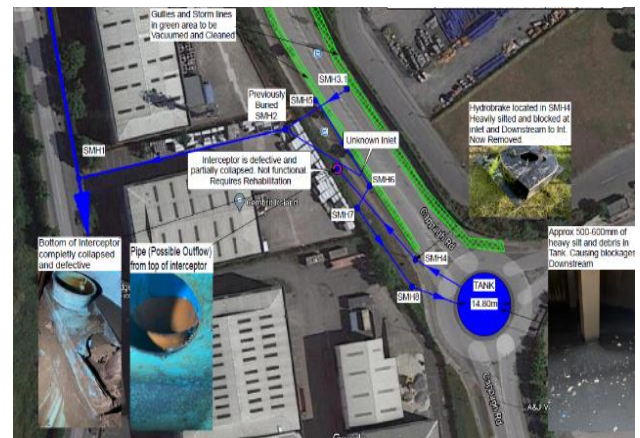
Surveys are being carried out in Edgewood Lawn, Grove Road, Mullhuddart and Damastown to determine the condition of the networks in these areas and determine the cause of blockages and overground road flooding.

➤ Assets Ironworks

The Stormwater manhole cover and frame replacement programme for replacing assets at the end of life is ongoing. A contractor has been engaged to replace covers along Howth main Street and Swords areas.

- Underground Stormwater storage Assets

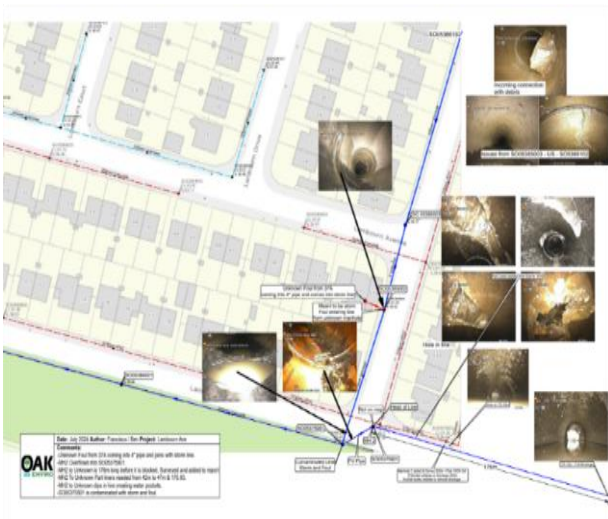
Identification and recording of underground storm water management assets has begun county wide. With new best practice guidelines in place these assets are expected to be phased out in future planning applications and should be replaced with above ground natural features. Below is an example of a system currently employed to manage storm water on new developments.



➤ Water Quality

Lambourne Road

While conducting surveys in this area during an operation to identify the source of malodours an unmapped Stormwater line was identified and the route of this needs to be confirmed by additional dye testing.

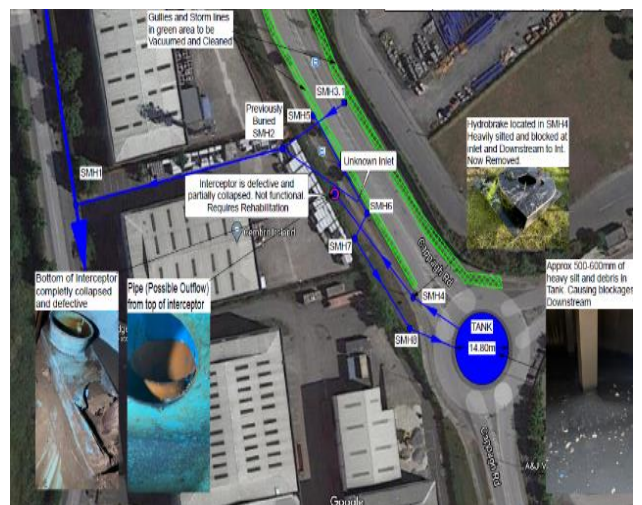


Cappagh/N2/N3 Link Road SUDS

An example of the above along the N2/N3 link road was visited and inspected. In order to ascertain the condition of these assets and the local catchment additional surveys are required. Quotations have been sought from specialised contractors to conduct cleaning, mapping and conditions surveys. It is hoped these surveys will inform any future maintenance programmes for SUDS devices of this type.

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There have been 1422 planning applications received from 1st January 2024 to 31st October 2024. This is including 547 E applications via the LGMA portal. 113 applications were invalid leaving a total of 1309 valid applications. The volume of applications received by Local Electoral Area (LEA) is detailed in the table below.

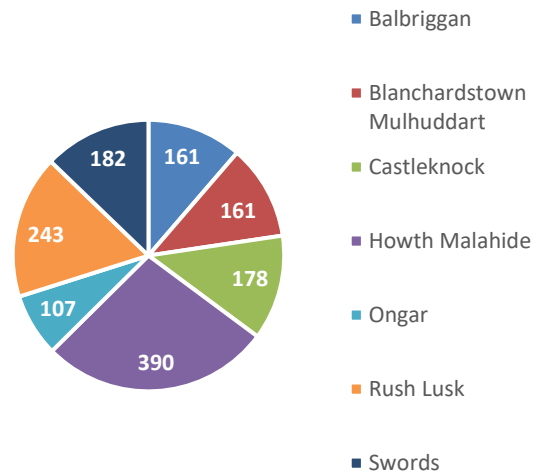
From 1st January 2024 to 31st October 2024 there have been 11 Large-scale Residential Development (LRD) applications made to the Local Authority. From 1st January 2024 to 31st October 2024, 15 decisions have been made on Large Scale Residential Developments. Of these 15 decisions made, 10 have been to grant Permission and/or to grant amendments to existing applications, 3 decisions have been made to refuse permission and three requests for Further Information has been made.

An Bord Pleanála have issued one decision on SHD applications in the period from 1st January 2024 to 31st October 2024, this decision was to refuse permission.

Planning Decisions

A total of 1179 planning decisions have been issued from 1st January 2024 to 31st October 2024. There have been 872 decisions to grant permission and 192 refusals of permission.

Planning Applications Received by Local Electoral Area to end of October 2024



Building Control Admin

In October 2024, there were 153 building control submissions made via BCMS.

This was made up of 56 Commencement notices, 30 Compliance of Completion Certificates, 25 Fire Safety related Certificates and 41 Disability Access related Certificates.

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

The Building Control Admin team processed 34 decisions in October 2024 relating to Fire Safety and Disability Access Certificates. This was made up of 10 decisions to grant and 201 extensions of time.



Strategic Policy Unit

Local Area Plans, Masterplans and Framework Plans. The first round of Plans emanating from the Fingal Development Plan comprises the Swords and Flemington LAP's; the Dunsink Statutory Plan; Kilbarrack Industrial Estate and the Old School House Clonsilla Masterplans and the Stephenstown, Folkstown Little and Clonsilla Framework Plans.

The Draft Flemington LAP was published on the 10th of September and a public consultation event was held in Flemington Community Centre on Wednesday the 18th September. Public consultation concluded on the 22nd of October and the Chief Executive's report on submissions received has been prepared. The Draft Flemington LAP will go before the meeting of Fingal County Council on the 9th of December for the consideration of the Elected Members.

The draft Clonsilla Framework Plan is being finalised ahead of public consultation and work continues in relation to the preparation of the Old School House Clonsilla Masterplan.

Preparatory background analysis is being undertaken in relation to a number of other plans/studies, including advancement through the procurement process.

Residential Zoned Land Tax

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

On the 1st of February 2024, Fingal County Council published the annual draft map for 2025 identifying land currently in scope for the tax, land proposed to be removed from the current scope and land proposed to be added for the first time. 37 no. submissions were received by the closing date (1st April 2024). All submissions received were published on the Fingal Consultation Portal. The local authority was notified of 25 no. appeals to An Bord Pleanála following determination of the submissions and all appeal decisions have now issued from the appeals board.

The annual final map of land in scope for RZLT will be published on the 31st of January 2025.

The annual draft map for 2026 will be published on the 1st of February 2025.

Built Environment Division



- There were 2 estates taken in charge in November council meeting (Willans Estate in Ongar and Lilys estate in Ongar).
 - There are 6 estates up for taking in charge in December 2024
1. Portmarnock South Phase 1A (Saint Marnocks Bay), Station Road, Portmarnock.
 2. Thormanby Hill, Thormanby Road, Howth.
 3. Oak Park, Kinsealy Lane, Kinsealy.
 4. Ongar Village, Dublin 15,
 5. Bellingsmore Estate, Tyrrelstown, Dublin 15.
 6. Heathfield Estate, The Ward, Dublin 15.

Dangerous Structures

- There was 1 dangerous structure notified in November 2024 (so far). There are a total of 104 dangerous structures active in our database.

Pictures



Measuring level landing for wheelchair access in front of doorways in Dublin 15.



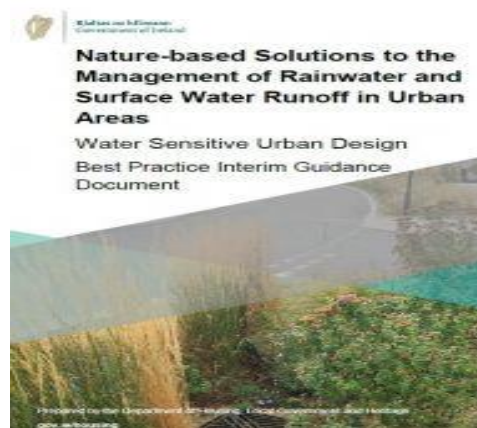
Checking insulation and Access walkway in a loft in Balbriggan

Flood Risk Assessments/ Drainage Strategies

- FCC staff are currently managing the preparation of tenders for Surface Water Management Plans to inform Northwood, Kilbarrack and Baldoyle.
- FCC WSFP staff completed liaising with the appointed consultants developing the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment for the County Development Plan. The SFRA flood mapping & report has been completed.
- The Water Services Planning Dept responded to motions received from the councillors under the motion headings of green infrastructure, flooding, Irish Water & re-zoning.



A new document “Nature-based Solutions to the Management of Rainwater and Surface Water Runoff in Urban Areas - Water Sensitive Urban Design - Best Practice Interim Guidance Document” has been issued by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. It is intended as a high-level best practice interim guidance document for all those whose work impacts on the urban environment, for urban planners and all built environment professionals involved in the planning process such as engineers, architects and landscape architects and shows how to move towards a more systematic and sustainable approach to urban planning and design that seeks to mimic the natural water balance of rural areas through “water sensitive urban design”.



Sustainable Drainage System (SuDS) – The Fingal SuDS guidance document (Green/Blue Infrastructure for Development) has been reviewed to include changes in technical standards. This document along with the SFRA documents have been incorporated into the new development plan.



Incorporating Sustainable Drainage Systems in Residential Developments



The GSDS has outlined SuDS as a sustainable way to manage surface water as we prepare to meet the challenges of climate change. This example of Millers Glen in Swords, shows an example of surface water being held onsite, providing treatment via appropriate planting, and then discharging at greenfield runoff rate. This is a move away from the traditional method of collecting all surface water via piped systems which can often no longer manage the intense rainfall`s being experienced.

Transportation Planning

PSI 001 Snugborough Interchange upgrade

Following installation of public lighting and landscaping the active travel route through the underpasses opened during November 2024. It is intended that the active travel route into Waterville Park will open during the latter part of Q4. The contractor has reached substantial completion on the project and is carrying out snagging.



PSI 002 Ongar Barnhill Road

Bam Civil Ltd. constructed most of the new bridge over the railway line during 2024. Road surfacing is continuing during Q4 along the length of the scheme. Installation of ducting, watermain, sub-base, kerbs and footpaths will continue during Q4. At Barnwell roundabout wearing course surfacing will be completed in December. It is intended that traffic will be diverted onto some of the new Barberstown Lane South early in 2025 following surfacing works. The overall scheme is expected to be completed in Q2 2025. Updates for the scheme will be posted on www.fingal.ie/ongar-barnhill



[PSI-039 - R132 Connectivity Project](#)

Project summary

Consultation with the National Transport Authority (NTA) and with Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII), regarding the connection with Metro Link is ongoing with Monthly meetings.

Detailed design stage is underway and progressing as programmed.

Meetings continue to be held with the various departments of Fingal County Council. A projects coordination workshop meeting is scheduled for early December with various departments of Fingal County Council and stakeholders for an overview of all projects which may be on site over the next 5 years in Swords, and to gather feedback in relation to them.

Planning & Strategic Infrastructure will be undertaking analysis on how these projects, and associated timelines may impact Swords, with a view to looking at what mitigation measures may be required.



[CCTV Drainage](#)

The CCTV drainage survey has been undertaken by IGSMcBreens and the works were completed in October. The CCTV videos and photos now can be shared with key departments and stakeholders, as needed. The survey includes a Map of the manholes in DWG format to facilitate the view.

GI Works

The GPR survey, FWD pavement survey and Geo Spatial survey have completed all paths and off-road survey work. GI's intrusive works have completed the works in October with 38 excavations carried out.

The lab results are in progress and are expected in early December.

These survey Investigations will inform underground utilities, making the detailed design process more accurate, as well as reducing risks at the construction stage.

The design team is actually reviewing the survey results and no substantial changes have been necessary so far.

SAQ Stage 1 for the construction stage.

The documentation (Suitability Assessment Questionnaire) for the stage 1 of the procurement process for the construction phase was published on eTenders and stayed in the market until 10/10/2024. All the clarifications received were all responded by the project team. The closing date for submissions has now passed and a total of 8 submission tender were received. The project team has been assessing these 8 tender responses in November and are holding a final meeting on 27/11 in order to select the tenders for the second stage of the procurement process. Following this meeting response letters will be drafted in December and issued once a CE Order is drafted and signed.

PSI-005 Harry Reynolds Road Pedestrian and Cyclist Route

Construction works are progressing on the Harry Reynolds Road Pedestrian and Cyclist Route for this key infrastructure project for Balbriggan. The Project is now approx. 95% completed which consists of 3km fully segregated Pedestrian and Cyclist Route connecting 6 schools in Balbriggan.



Works continue at the landscaped civic space adjoining the Dublin Road Roundabout with construction of the stone walls approximately 70% complete.

The trees have been installed in the tree pits provided throughout the scheme. Works for the upgrade of the footpaths in Millpond Park are progressing. The road resurfacing works have commenced on the Dublin Road Roundabout.



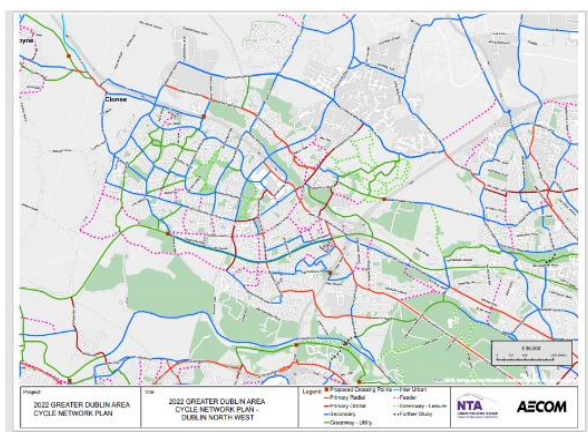
The works for the new cycle path and footpath on the approach to Drogheda Street are progressing and works on the junction of Harry Reynolds Road and Drogheda Street continue. The road resurfacing and the blacktop for the cycle path on the approach to the junction have been completed. Project works are scheduled to be substantially complete in December.



To assist with communication to the community a dedicated project website is setup which is updated throughout the project, highlighting the projects progression and key milestone stages; Harry Reynolds Road Pedestrian & Cycle Route | Fingal County Council. A video of the latest drone footage has been added to the website.

[Consultancy Framework for Dublin 15 Walking and Cycling Projects](#)

The Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department recently signed a Single Party Framework for Engineering Consultancy Services for Pedestrian and Cycling Route Projects in the Dublin 15 area.



Cycle Network Plan for The Greater Dublin Area - Proposed Cycle Network Dublin North West - Sheet N8

RPS Engineers Consulting Ltd was appointed Fingal County Council Consultants for the Framework for Dublin 15 Walking and Cycling Projects <https://www.fingal.ie/news/council-sign-contract-consultancy-framework-dublin-15-pedestrian-cycling-projects>

[PSI 063 - Pedestrian and Cycling Bridge at Granard Bridge Castleknock](#)

The first contract as part of this framework will be to undertake phases 2 to 4 for a new Pedestrian and Cycling Bridge at Granard Bridge Castleknock Road which will cross the Dublin Maynooth railway and Royal Canal, adjacent to the existing road bridges over the canal and railway, with access for pedestrians and cyclists only.

This will form an integral part of the walking and cycling route for Blanchardstown to Phoenix Park which is a proposed route in the NTA's Greater Dublin Area Cycle Network Plan. This will also improve pedestrian and cycle safety at Granard Bridge and further promote the use of more sustainable travel patterns, in line with Government Policy and the cycle network plan for the greater Dublin area.

On 24 October, a meeting with Fingal County Council and Consultants RPS took place on site to discuss some details of the project, such as route options and possible constraints. Below, some photos taken at the meeting:



View of the Granard Bridge towards Castleknock



View of the Granard Bridge and the existing underpass

The outline project programme for this project will be developed by the design team with the Concept Development and Options Selection phase 2 beginning first. Then moving onto phase 3 preliminary design before to phase 4 the statutory processes to obtain planning for the project.

Throughout these phases there will be the requirement for regular consultation with all stakeholders including public representatives.

This project design will allow for a much-needed Pedestrian and Cycling link from the new Bridge north to the Roselawn Road/Castleknock Road junction and south to the Laurel Lodge Road/Castleknock Road junction. No alternations are proposed to these existing junctions only to tie into the existing junction's infrastructure.

For more information and keep updated on the project, please see a recent set-up web page for the new Pedestrian and Cycling Bridge at Grange Bridge Castleknock Road.

Pedestrian & Cycling Bridge at Granard Bridge, Castleknock Road, Dublin 15 | Fingal County Council

[PSI -036 Clonsilla-Damastown Cycle Route](#)

Fingal County Council have been working on the Clonsilla-Damastown Cycle Route project brief and tender documentation for the Clonsilla-Damastown Cycle Route are currently being finalised for tender under the Single Party Framework for Engineering Consultancy Services for Pedestrian and Cycling Route Projects in the Dublin 15 Area.

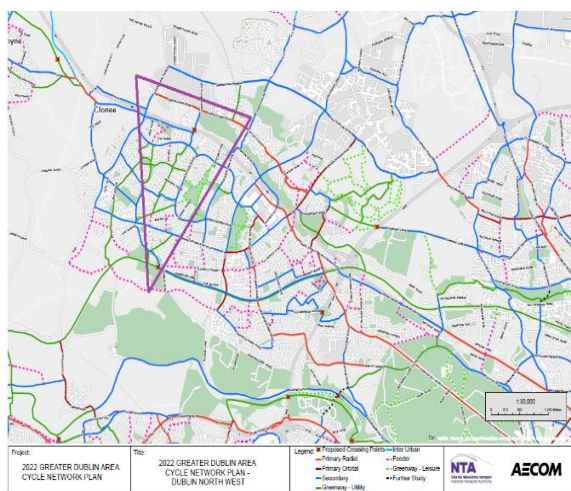


Figure 1 - Cycle Network Plan for The Greater Dublin Area - Clonsilla to Damastown area highlighted in purple

[PSI - 004 Royal Canal Urban Greenway](#)

Dialogue continues to be held with key stakeholders the National Transport Authority and Waterways Ireland along the route of the greenway to ensure a coordinated, high quality final design is achieved at interfaces between existing facilities and the proposed scheme.

The project is currently at preliminary design stage and requires the need to hold additional meetings with all the relevant key stakeholders to agree a revised design in lined with the new National Cycling Manual.

These meetings will continue over the coming month to ensure a coordinated, high quality final design which compiles with the new cycling manual is achieved at interfaces between existing facilities and the proposed scheme. Landowner searches and land referencing are ongoing also.

Following completion of the preliminary design, all the required documents including the Environmental Impact Assessment Report will be prepared for a planning application to An Bord Pleanála. Irish Rail have been contacted and the changes to the bridge crossings that form part of the permitted DART+ West project are being assessed with additional discussions to be held with Irish Rail consultants soon to determine their impact on the greenway and the design drawings which are being updated as required.

[PSI - 065 Seamount Road Footpath Connectivity Project](#)

Consultants from a newly formed framework will undertake this project. As part of the procurement process a project Brief and contract documentation are now being reviewed for issue. An initial meeting has been held in relation to the landownership maps.

The maps are now being reviewed, and the landowners have been identified.



S2M Pedestrian and Cycle Scheme

The preliminary design drawings have been received and are under review. The recently published Cycle Design Manual has led to some improvements being incorporated into the overall scheme design including revised layouts for crossings and bus stops to comply with the new standards. Ground Investigation Works have been complete along the route at all locations where new structures are being proposed and the design for these structures is progressing. A tree survey has been completed and we are awaiting the final report.

Following this process, the preliminary design can be finalised, and documents will be prepared for a planning application to An Bord Pleanála. This includes preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement, Natura Impact Statement and Compulsory Purchase Order documentation.

Engagement with potentially impacted property owners, businesses and stakeholders is ongoing. Meetings have been held with Irish Water to ensure coordination of the scheme with planned and existing assets. A search of unregistered lands is ongoing for production of the deposit maps for the land acquisition. Draft documents are being prepared for the submission to An Bord Pleanála.



Artist visual of the Sutton to Malahide Pedestrian and Cycle Route at Portmarnock

Swords Cultural Quarter Public Realm

The new proposed Public Realm is a key feature of the overall Swords Cultural Project. The pedestrian priority public spaces framed between the Castle, the SCC Building and Fingal offices (County Hall) will serve as a civic amenity space providing a place for festivals, events, markets as well as an everyday meeting place for the local community. The Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department has procured a Multi-Disciplinary Consultancy team for the detailed design and construction supervision of the public realm at Swords Cultural Quarter. The letter of acceptance has been issued and the consultant has begun conducting the information gathering process required to complete the detailed design process.

Swords Main Street Transformation

Swords Main Street is a key recommendation from the Sustainable Swords Strategy. The project aims to enhance and transform Main Street, the heart of Swords into a destination, which encourages people to stay longer and enables a more attractive, people-friendly, diverse, and enjoyable town centre experience for local residents, businesses and visitors alike. At its core, this ambitious transformation seeks to reimagine Main Street as a hub of urban activity, with distinctive character and vitality while fostering a sense of community and connectivity through the provision of high-quality public realm to enhance the human experience of the place. The Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department has commenced the procurement process for a Multi-Disciplinary Consultancy team for the Option Selection, Preliminary Design and preparation of the application for Planning Consent for Swords Main Street Transformation Project. Tender submissions have been received and following evaluation of the tender submission, the letter of acceptance will be issued.

Kinsealy Walking and Cycling Routes

The Kinsealy Walking and Cycling scheme aims to provide a high-quality walking and cycling routes between Kinsealy and Portmarnock train station, and between Kinsealy and Malahide Castle and gardens.

These two walking and cycling routes will form a link from Kinsealy to sustainable transport at Portmarnock and Malahide train stations.

A non-statutory public consultation is imminent for the Kinsealy to Portmarnock route. The aim is to progress swiftly from the Emerging Preferred Route stage to the Preferred Route stage and the ensuing statutory process required to deliver this part of the project. The Malahide to Kinsealy section of the project will be brought forward as phase 2 of the project at a later date.

Fingal Coastal Way

Preliminary design work is progressing along urban roads. Coordination continues with affected landowners to work towards finalising the position of the route in rural areas.

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

Broadmeadow Way Greenway

Construction of the main estuary bridge is complete. Security fencing is being installed along the Southern Causeway. A design workshop was held on the 20th of November and attended by the NTA, IÉ, RPS and FCC. Design options for the Northern Causeway, which meet the project objectives and ensures the safety and integrity of the railway causeway were discussed. A further workshop is scheduled for 17th December. Various ecological surveys are ongoing. Progress on the detailed design phases of the other elements of this project continue. The SAQ to establish a framework for works contractors for the various landward works contracts was published on 22nd October. Works contracts in Donabate, Malahide and the northern and southern causeway will take place in 2025 and 2026. It is expected that the landward elements of the Broadmeadow Way in Donabate i.e. from Newbridge Demesne, through Kilcrea lands to the east side of Corballis railway underpass will be open for use once that works package is complete. It is expected that the full greenway will be complete in 2026.



New estuary bridge and ramps looking northwards towards Donabate



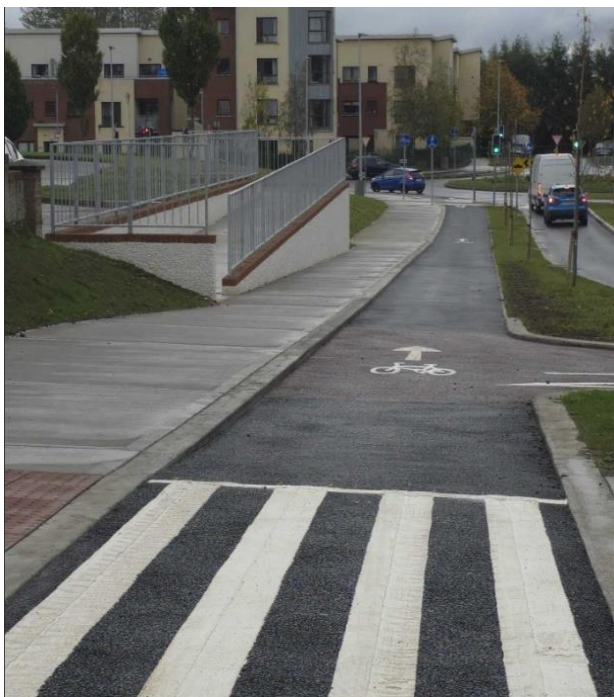
New estuary bridge and ramps looking southwards towards Malahide.

Church Fields Link Road

Works at the Church Fields Link Road and Cycle Network project, which includes the upgrade and reconfiguration of the existing Wellview Avenue, Damastown roundabout and the installation of 670m of high-quality pedestrian and cycling facilities through the eastern parklands linking up with existing networks and future proposed facilities in the vicinity, are substantially complete as of 11th October.

There are snags to be addressed with is a normal part of any construction contract. A one-year defects period has commenced as of 11th October. A daytime and night-time Stage 3 Road Safety Audit was carried out on 17th October.

All material has now been removed from the site and the area within the redline boundary and adjacent lands has been returned to the original ground level. Surveys were carried out to verify completion of this task. FBEL, the contractor for the works, is demobilising from the site compound in advance of GEM, the contractor for the housing, moving in on 4th November.



Southbound segregated cycle track and new ramp on Wellview Road

[Turvey Avenue & Portrane Road, Donabate](#)

The Portrane Road Enhancement Project involves works to widen the existing narrow footpath on the northern side of the road in order to provide a suitably wide and safe footpath for pedestrians to use in the vicinity of two national schools (St. Patrick's Boys National School and Scoil Phádraic Cailíni). The project also involves works to provide safe pedestrian crossings and appropriate traffic calming facilities.

An Bord Pleanála recently approved the Council's application for a Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) for the project so that the Council can acquire third party lands necessary to widen the path and deliver this much needed road enhancement project.

The project team is engaging with affected landowners and working to finalise the detailed design so that a contractor can be procured to carry out the project works next year while the local schools are on their summer holidays.

Separately, Priority Construction Ltd, working on behalf of Fingal County Council, has completed work on the Turvey Avenue Footpath Enhancement project. A new footpath has been built on the northern side of the road where no footpath previously existed. The new footpath provides a continuous and safe walking route along Turvey Avenue for pedestrians travelling to and from Donabate Village and train station. The project also delivered drainage improvements, footpath improvements on an existing path nearby, road resurfacing, additional kerbing, line markings, speed ramps, signage, new stone walls and hedges for residents, and several new trees planted in nearby green areas, resulting in a more pleasant public space and a safer environment for all road users. Feedback from local residents has been very positive.

[Donabate Pedestrian and Cycle Bridge](#)

Fingal County Council has appointed Jons Civil Engineering Limited, a highly experienced bridge construction company, to build the Donabate Pedestrian and Cycle Bridge over the Dublin to Belfast railway line, in Donabate. The new pedestrian and cycle bridge will facilitate greater connectivity between Newbridge Demesne, Donabate Village and new residential developments on either side of the railway. The NTA has allocated funding for delivery of the project in 2024. A haul road for construction vehicles to access the site from the eastern side of the railway has been installed and a site compound has been set up to facilitate the main construction works which are currently getting underway. Temporary fencing has been installed to define the works area. Railway track monitoring has been installed under night-time railway possession. Piling has been installed to allow for construction of abutments on either side of the railway. These abutments will take the weight of the bridge beams when they are installed under night-time railway possession after the Christmas break.

Kalwall parapets will be installed thereafter. Following ancillary works such drainage, public lighting etc., it is expected that works on the bridge will be completed in March 2025.



Image of the works site east and west of the railway from the camera installed to capture the works.

Donabate Transport Projects

Work is progressing on the early phase development of Donabate Transport Projects, which comprise a number of major projects with the objective of improving transport and active travel infrastructure and road safety on the Donabate-Portrane peninsula.

The projects include:

Phase 2 of the Donabate Distributor Road project, to improve access to Donabate and Portrane from the M1-Lissenhall Interchange for all road users, particularly vulnerable road users such as pedestrians and cyclists;

Blakes Cross Junction Upgrade, to provide a safer junction layout that caters for both motorised traffic and active travel modes of transport such as walking and cycling;

A study of the M1-Lissenhall Interchange, in collaboration with Transport Infrastructure Ireland, to assess all technical and operational traffic issues associated with this strategic motorway junction;

7no. Active Travel Routes which encompass a number of related local projects which aim to increase local connectivity for pedestrians and cyclists.

Data-gathering and concept development stages of the Donabate Transport Projects continue and include topographical and ecological surveys of relevant areas of Donabate. Fingal County Council, working in collaboration with Transport Infrastructure Ireland, has completed a traffic study of the M1-Lissenhall Interchange. Separately, a number of potential options have been identified for both Phase 2 of the Donabate Distributor Road and the Blakes Cross Junction

Upgrade. These options are currently being assessed using multi criteria analysis to determine the preferred route alignment and the preferred junction layout. Further stages of work, relating to environmental assessment, planning consent, etc. will follow on in 2025 and in subsequent years, as appropriate.

PSI-019 N3 M50 to Clonee

Aecom/ Roughan O'Donovan are appointed to assess bus priority measures on the N3 between the M50 and Clonee. This scheme is funded by Transport Infrastructure Ireland. They are also examining active travel links across the N3. The focus is between the Mulhuddard interchange and Clonee as the NTA bus connects project has already a scheme in development from Junction 3 into the city. A topographical survey was carried out during recent months to aid the design. Also, some traffic surveys are being carried out to allow for modeling of the traffic flow. Route options are being considered and when an emerging route option has been developed a public engagement will be carried out. This is likely to be in Q2 2025.

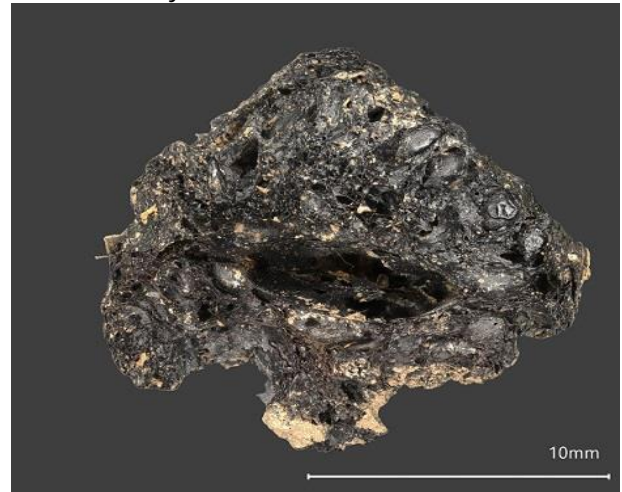
PSI-068 Portmarnock Pedestrian & Cycle Bridge

Improvement works to the existing Railway Bridge/Overpass which will ultimately connect Drumnigh Manor (to the west of the railway line) with Saint Marnocks Bay (to the east) will facilitate a safe and direct walking and cycling route from Drumnigh Manor to Portmarnock Train Station and beyond via Saint Marnocks Bay Development. The detailed design for the bridge has been issued to Irish Rail's Technical Approval team for their review. This will feed into the required Bridge Agreement. Discussions are ongoing with the developers on either side of the bridge to advance the required access agreements.

Once the agreements/licenses are finalised, construction will follow.



The story of the Roman fig at Drumanagh has caught people's imagination and has been featured in media around the world-Brazil, Argentina, Britain, Norway, India, Germany, France, Malaysia and across the USA.



Heritage Officer



DRUMANAGH DAY 2024

Stories from Post-Excavation
We all know that the excavation process doesn't end in the field. Join us to hear the fascinating results of the specialist analysis from Drumanagh Promontory Fort...thus far.

Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council



Saturday 16th
November 2024

Millbank Theatre,
Rush

9.45am-1pm

Light refreshments

Free but please register through
<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/drumanagh-day-2024-tickets-1046922251637>

DRUMANAGH SITE TOUR

1.30pm-2.30pm

Weather Dependent

The Drumanagh Fig

An important element of the Digging Drumanagh project is post-excavation. As part of this process, what was thought to be a gnarly apple was identified by our archaeobotanist Prof. Meriel McClatchie as a fig. Figs could easily be transported in a dried state, and they were symbolic because of their strong association with Roman culinary culture. Dating back 2000 years the fig is without parallel in Ireland and is by far the oldest example of an exotic fruit found here.

Drumanagh Day

Sharing the results of the post-excavation process is another important strand of the Digging Drumanagh project. The Millbank Theatre, Rush was packed for the Drumanagh Day 2024, where specialists shared the results of their work so far. Alex Croom from Arbeia Roman Fort discussed the five different types of Roman pottery recovered; Siobhan Duffy looked at diet and economy; Dr Conor Brady reviewed the flint finds; Christine Baker, site director gave an overview while Prof. Meriel McClatchie shared her fig discovery and Prof. Gabriel Cooney, UCD steered the lively end discussion.

Digging Drumanagh also features as the Archaeology Ireland Heritage Guide No. 107, copies of which are freely available from Rush Library, or directly from the Heritage Officer.



Lesson plans and food trees have been developed for primary schools and the second of our videos focusing on the walled gardens of Ardgillan Castle was filmed by FCC Digital Officer Mark Broderick. To see all and access links go to <https://www.fingal.ie/blas-fingals-food-heritage>



BLAS: Fingal's Food Heritage Project-Phase 2
Phase 2 of the project has been completed. The project explores, records the traditions, attitudes, beliefs, and practices that surround how we produce and consume food. Food memories, photos, and recipes from the community are shared on our digital map and a framework document for further phases of the project has been formulated.



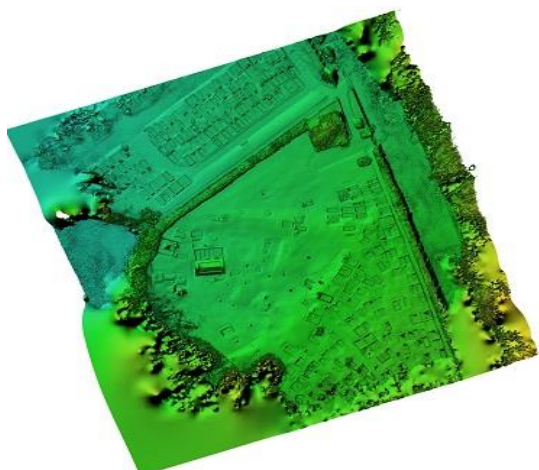
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Fingal Oral Heritage Audit

Fingal's first audit of oral heritage recordings has been completed. A total of 676 recording items were identified, consisting of both long and short form interviews and recordings, with an estimated 750 interviewees from the Fingal area. The latter relates to thirty-five collections, with thirty-two holding institutions or collection holders.

Fieldwork research at the National Museum of Northern Ireland, led to the discovery of a significant and little-known collection of seven sound recordings made in Fingal, as part of the Tape-Recorded Survey of Hiberno-English Speech (TRSHES) between 1972 and 1981. Outreach included an interview with TG4. The report can be downloaded from <https://www.fingal.ie/HeritageandConservation/fingal-audit-oral-heritage-recordings>



Community Monuments Fund 2025

The Community Monuments Fund 2025 is currently open. Funding which is 100% is prioritised for owners, custodians, communities and local authorities for the care, conservation, maintenance, protection and promotion of archaeological monuments. The impact of climate change is increasingly evident and maintenance and repair is the key to building resilience in our monuments to enable them to withstand the effects of a changing environment. Details and applications forms are available at <https://www.fingal.ie/community-monuments-fund-0>

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

Grants:

Recoupment of the County Heritage Plan grant totalling €37,500 received by the Heritage Office from the Heritage Council has been made. The grant was to support the implementation of the Fingal Heritage Plan 2024-2030 and included the following projects;

- Blas: Fingal's Food Heritage, Phase 2
- Fingal Traditional Skills 2024
- Fingal Oral Heritage Audit
- Fingal Gravestone Recording-Mulhuddart and St Margarets Graveyards



Recoupment has been made of the grants made by the Community Monuments Fund 2024 for Fingal, totalling €405,639.75.

Stream 1 (Works)

- €120,000 St Columba's Towers, Swords Phase 3
- €120,000 Lanistown Castle
- €110,904.75 Balrothery Tower House

Stream 2 (Surveys, Plans)

- €24,785 St Fintan's Church and Graveyard Conservation Management Plan.
- €29,950 St Doulagh's Church and Graveyard Conservation Management Plan.

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Housing Ukraine Response
Vacant Homes

Fingal County Council continues to roll out a number of affordable housing schemes across the county. Following on from recent information evenings, a further information session will be held by the Affordable Housing Team in Q1 2025 in the North County area. Further information will follow.

Affordable Home Purchase Scheme



Fingal County Council is making homes available for sale under affordable dwelling purchase arrangements across the County. We have a strong pipeline for affordable housing over 2024. We continue to work through the application and assessment process with applicants across all available schemes.

Link to Affordable Housing landing page can be found [here](#).

Scheme	Partner	No. of Homes
Balleally Rise, Lusk	Lagan Homes	20
Kilmartin Grove, Dublin 15	Glenveagh	36
Church Fields, Dublin 15	GEM	180
Balmoston, Donabate	Glenveagh	86
North County Homes – Various locations	FCC	16
Aster Park, Rush	Ballymore	96
Wilkinsons Brook, Dublin 15	LDA	57

Upcoming Schemes:

Fingal County Council in partnership with Glenveagh Homes Ltd will be delivering 112 two and three bed affordable homes in Ballisk Park, New Road, Donabate following the granting of planning permission earlier this year.

Fingal County Council will also be delivering 151 units in Mooretown (Báile Na Mona), Swords. The tender stage has recently concluded.

Balleally Rise, Lusk – SALE AGREED



We are delighted to report that all of our Balleally Rise Affordable Homes have now Sale Agreed.

Kilmartin Grove, Dublin 15 - SALE AGREED/CLOSED



The sales of 33 no. of the Kilmartin Grove Properties are now closed with the remaining 3 no. properties due to close in the coming weeks.

Church Fields, Dublin 15 - ON SALE

GEM Construction is progressing the 180 affordable properties at Church Fields, Dublin 15. The Show Village recently opened and potential purchasers have been invited to visit. Some 90 of these homes are now sale agreed. Assessments are still ongoing. **The portal remains open for new applications.**

The next phase of 110 affordable homes will start on site this year.



Balmoston, Ballymastone, Donabate - PORTAL CLOSED

Fingal County Council has agreed with Glenveagh to deliver 86 affordable homes in Balmoston, Ballymastone, Donabate, Co. Dublin. Glenveagh are progressing well on site, with the first 45 properties now sale agreed. Due to the scheme being heavily oversubscribed, it is now closed for new applications.



North County Homes – SALE AGREED

All 16 North County Homes have all gone Sale Agreed with first sales due to close in the coming weeks.



Hayestown, Rush – SALE AGREED

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



Wilkinsons Brook, Dublin 15 – PORTAL CLOSED

44 of the 57 homes in Wilkinsons Brook, Dublin 15 are now sale agreed, with assessments for the remainder still ongoing. **The application portal has now closed.**



Aster Park, Rush – ON SALE

The application portal opened on June 4th, 2024 and is still open for new applications. 35 of 96 homes are now sale agreed with assessments continuing for the remaining properties.



Turnkey Acquisitions

Fingal County Council is actively engaging with various homebuilders for opportunities to collaborate on turnkey developments suitable for sale under Affordable Purchase arrangements.

Construction Programme

Summary of delivery of social unit numbers in the pipeline	Units
Under Construction	371
Schemes with Planning Approval and Tender Stage	256
Planning and Design	376
Part V	866
TOTAL	1,869

Delivered units

6 Homes delivered in Kilmartin Grove, Dublin 15 through Part V.



9 Social Turnkey homes delivered in Balleally Rise, Lusk, Co. Dublin.



Schemes on Site

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

Nine units have been completed, and restoration works have commenced on the final five units.



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

Works are progressing on site for the delivery of 10 social homes and artist studio.



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

Works for the delivery of 36 homes at Seatown Road, Swords have begun. This work is being delivered in tandem with the delivery of the civic and cultural building for Swords Cultural Quarter.



Ballisk Park, Donabate

On behalf of Fingal County Council, Glenveagh have commenced the construction of 175 new homes on a site at “Ballisk Park”, New Road, Donabate following the granting of planning permission earlier this year. These will be a mixed tenure scheme of social and affordable homes.



Church Fields, Dublin 15

On behalf of Fingal County Council, GEM Construction have commenced the construction of 40 social housing units at Church Fields, Dublin 15. These 40 units are being developed as part of a mixed tenure scheme of 300 social, affordable and cost rental homes.



Fingal County Council recently signed contracts for the delivery of a further 217 homes as part of Phase 3B, comprising of 121 houses and 96 apartments. As a mixed tenure arrangement, it will include 107 social and 110 affordable units.



Balmoston, Ballymastone, Donabate

On behalf of Fingal County Council, Glenveagh are constructing 87 social housing units as part of this mixed tenure development. Social homes will be delivered on phased basis with the first homes expected before the year end.



Housing Asset Management Report

Energy Efficiency/Retrofitting Programme

Fingal County Council's Energy Efficiency Retrofit programme is progressing well. Works are reaching completion across the county, and recoupment claims will be submitted to DHLGH in the coming weeks.



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

Returning Dwellings to Productive Use

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

Voids for Re-letting	26 th November 2024
In the letting process	54
Undergoing re-let repairs	43
With County Architect for procurement of pre-let repairs	11
TOTAL	108

Planned Maintenance Programmes

Cyclical Maintenance - Scheme Painting

The Scheme Painting Programme provides for external painting and joinery repairs to Council housing stock and currently operates on a 6/7-year cycle. Works are currently reaching completion in Seamount, Malahide, Boromhe, Swords and Dublin Street Flats, Baldoyle. Works are ongoing in Glasmore Park and St. Nessans estate and works will commence shortly in Rivermeade.



Before (L) & after (R) Grace O'Malley Estate

Housing Assistance Payment (HAP)

HAP continues to be the primary source of rent support for those in private rented accommodation. Fingal County Council has set up over 270 new tenancies in 2024 to date with approximately 4197 tenancies set up since HAP began in 2017.

The HAP team is on hand to deal with any queries from applicants and landlords in person at the Housing Department in the Fingal County Council Blanchardstown Office, by phone at 01 8905000 via the CCU or through email at hap@fingal.ie.

Rents

The Rent Arrears team is working methodically through accounts in substantial arrears to encourage tenants to engage with the Council in reducing their arrears. In cases where there is no engagement, despite repeated efforts, proceedings will progress through the legal arena, and to date, the Rents Section has secured two Possession Orders with a further 12 Tenancies continuing through the court process in 2025. We have recently resolved two cases to a satisfactory conclusion for both the tenant and the council. Regarding the two possession orders secured, both tenants are engaging with the team to address their arrears.

The Rents team encourages any tenant who is having trouble paying their rent to engage with the Council to examine possible solutions. However, there are instances where tenants do not engage or make alternative payment arrangements, and, in those situations, the Council will take further action.

Housing Loans

• Local Authority Home Loan (LAHL)

The Local Authority Home Loan (LAHL) is a government-backed mortgage for first-time buyers and certain other applicants who are unable to obtain home loan financing from a commercial lender.

Interest rates are fixed for the term of the loan and loan terms are available for up to 30 years. The LAHL can be used to purchase new-build homes (including affordable homes); second-hand homes, self-build and for Council tenants wishing to purchase their home under the Tenant Purchase Scheme.

Eligibility Criteria:

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

Further information on the Local Authority Home Loan and the eligibility criteria can be found at www.fingal.ie/localauthorityhomeloan & www.localauthorityhomeloan.ie or by contacting the team by email at loans@fingal.ie

• Local Authority Purchase & Renovation Loan (LAPRL)

The Local Authority Purchase and Renovation Loan is a government-backed mortgage for the purchase and renovation of derelict and non-habitable homes. The property must be eligible for the Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant, whether derelict, non-habitable or simply vacant.

Anyone wishing to purchase and/or renovate a Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant eligible home but cannot get sufficient funding from commercial lenders, can apply to Fingal County Council for a Local Authority Purchase and Renovation Loan.

Further information on the LAPRL & the eligibility criteria can be found at www.purchaseandrenovationloan.ie

- **Housing Loan Arrears**

Borrowers who are struggling to repay their housing loan are encouraged to contact the Mortgage Support Team at the earliest opportunity to examine & agree the best solution for them.

Various options are available to borrowers in mortgage arrears under the Mortgage Arrears Resolution Process (MARP). Failure to contact the Team will leave the Council with no option but to progress the matter further. The Mortgage Support team can be contacted by email loans@fingal.ie

- **Tenant Purchase**

The Tenant Purchase Scheme is available for eligible Tenants who wish to purchase their Council home under the Tenant Purchase Scheme. Some restrictions with regard the Council property type that can be sold apply. Tenants looking for further information on the scheme and the eligibility criteria should contact the Tenant Purchase Section. For information, the Tenant Purchase team can be contacted by email at tenantpurchase@fingal.ie

Private Rented Inspections

The Department of Housing Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) have released 2024 targets for inspection of private rented dwellings. The most recent RTB data available to the DHLGH, which includes private rental, AHB and, where appropriate, student-specific accommodation, indicates that the number of tenancies to be inspected by Fingal County Council in 2024 is 4,711. Currently, 5,213 inspections have been conducted in 2024, with 556 inspections carried out in October. Of the 5,213 inspections, 4,700 dwellings were inspected. The team continue to work on this target and improving compliance.

Housing Tenancy Services Report

Housing Support

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

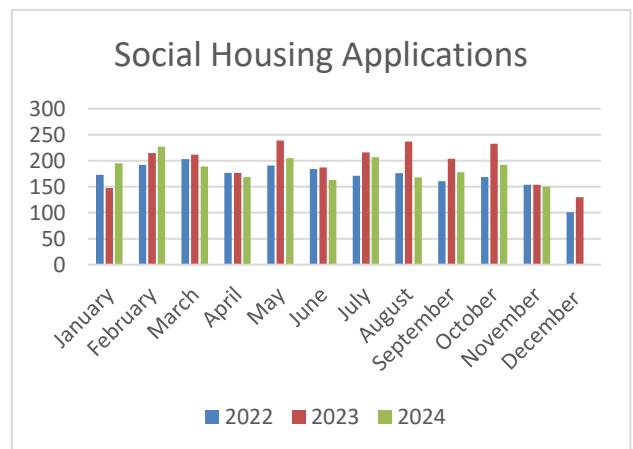
These list positions are static and will be updated again in 2025.

Changes to Income Eligibility Thresholds

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

Housing applications received year to date.

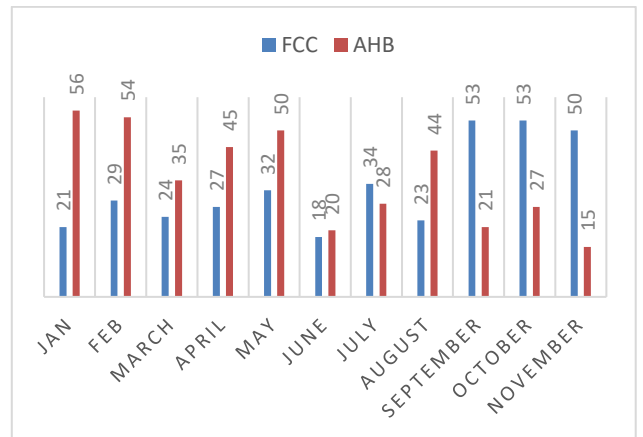
January – 27 th November 2024)	2,043
January- December 2023	2,354
January - December 2022	2,051



Housing Support Appeals

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

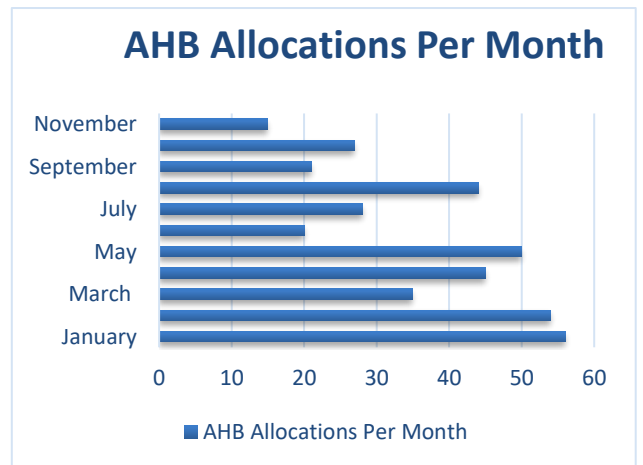
An email address has been established to facilitate the submission of appeals about housing support applications by applicants e.g., closure of social housing applications, transfer of tenancy, income limit queries, medical priority, and transfer applications. Applicants can email - Housing.Appeals@fingal.ie.



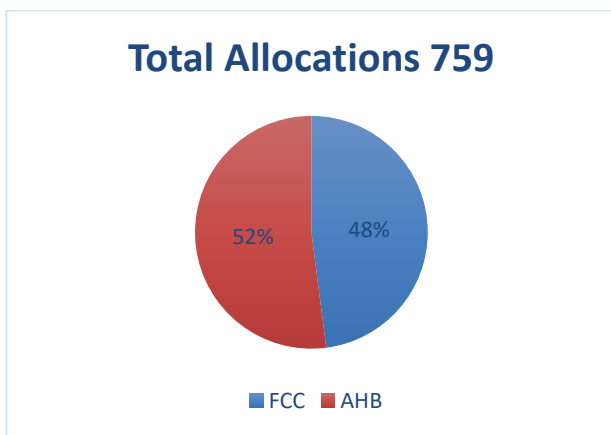
395 of the **759** allocations have been in collaboration with several **Approved Housing bodies**. The other **364** properties were allocated using Fingal County Councils own stock.

Housing Needs Assessment

In accordance with Circular 22/2024 as released on 27th June 2024, the Summary of Social Housing Assessment (SSHA) is due for return to the Department of Housing Local Government and Heritage on 2nd December 2024. Letters were issued to all applicants required to complete the SSHA. The closing date for assessments to be returned was 18th October 2024.

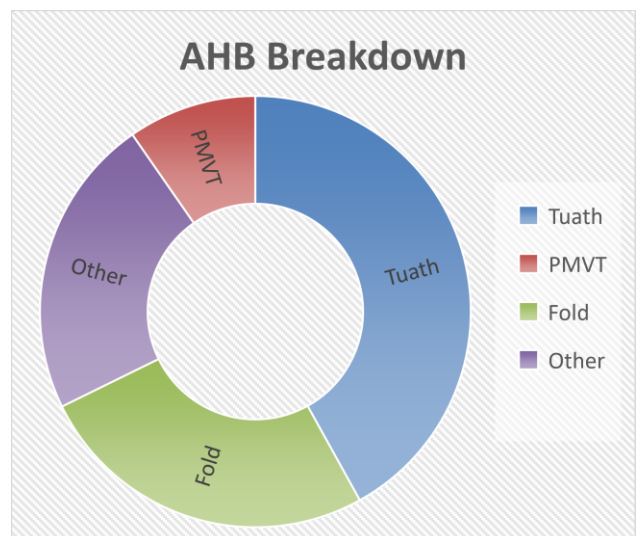


Lettings



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

The chart below shows the breakdown of allocations per month.



Tuath have received the most nominations from Fingal County Council during the month of November.

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

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

Homeless Services.

Homeless Exits 2024

During November 2024, 31 households exited homeless circumstances into various forms of social housing support - including privately rented tenancies under the Homeless HAP Scheme.

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

Type of Exit	HHAP Tenancy	Allocation of Tenancy	Total
EA	6	7	13
Homeless Prevention	11	7	18
Total	17	14	31

There was a total of 18 homeless prevention cases and 13 who exited emergency accommodation comprising:

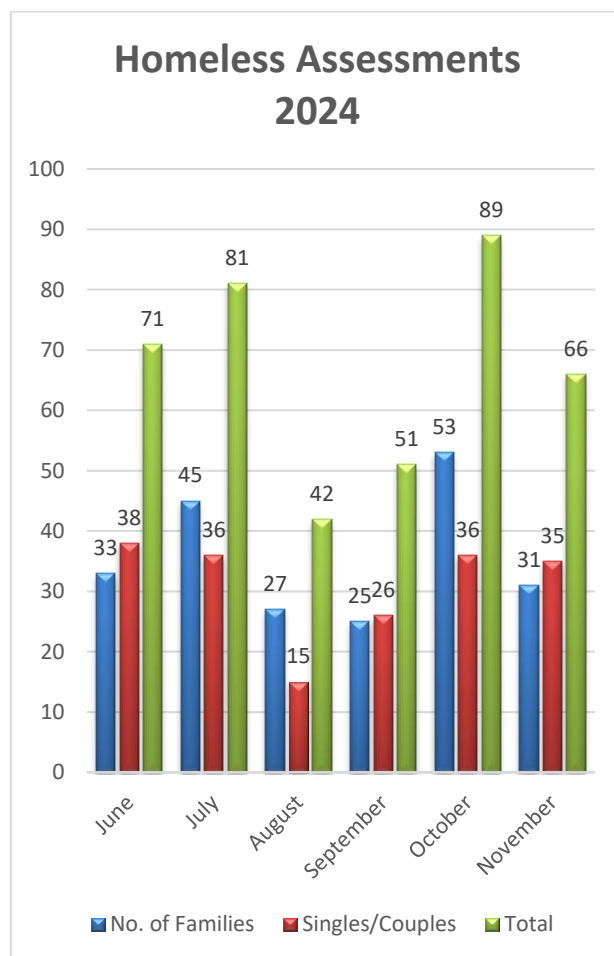
7 allocations of social housing support to homeless prevention cases, 7 exited emergency accommodation and 6 from Homeless HAP Tenancies.

17 Homeless HAP tenancies, comprising 11 homeless preventions and 6 who exited emergency accommodation and 0 from Direct Provision.

Homeless Assessments

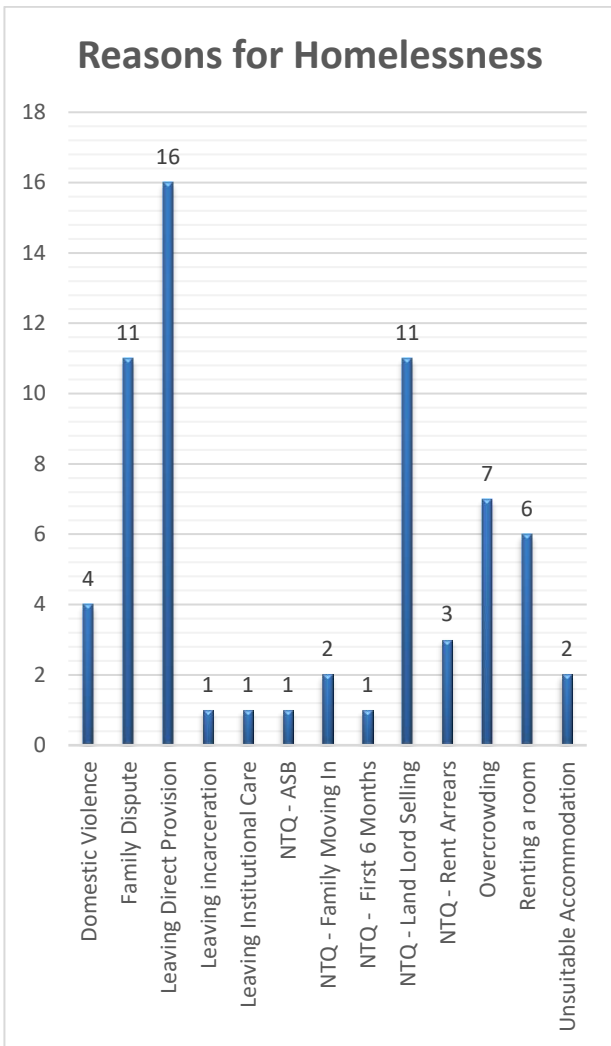
Fingal’s Homeless Team continues to engage with those experiencing homelessness to offer advice and support. Homeless Assessments continued to be carried out.

In November 2024, there were a total of 66 full homeless assessments completed – comprising 31 families and 35 singles/couples.



During November 2024, of the 66 Homeless Assessments carried out, 27% cases resulted from a Notice to Quit (NTQ) having been served.

Most of the other presentations to the Homeless Section are from family/relationship breakdown (17%), renting a room (9%) and leaving Direct Provision (24%). The remaining 12% comprise various reasons outlined in the chart below;



Emergency Accommodation (including Fingal County Council Family Hubs)

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

Rough Sleepers

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

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

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

There have been 97 reported rough sleeping cases in 2024. 26 of the clients have taken up Emergency Accommodation and we continue to work with 1 other in an effort to provide a suitable solution.

There is only 1 registered long term entrenched rough sleepers (males) from the Fingal Area. We will continue to work with him to provide him with suitable supports.

Cold Weather Strategy 2024/2025

As part of the Cold Weather Strategy for 2024/2025 the DRHE has provided for a total new capacity of 192 permanent beds. There are an additional 104 beds that can be activated as part of the Extreme Weather Emergency Protocol for 2024/25 when a weather warning is triggered.

There is emergency accommodation available through the 4 Dublin Local Authorities and the DRHE along with our outreach providers will monitor the weather and likely changes to weather warnings over the coming days and activate extreme weather emergency accommodation as required.

The Dublin Region Outreach Service is working directly with rough sleepers from 7am to 1am daily and assists any individuals they meet to take up emergency accommodation.

We would also continue to ask the public for their assistance during this time to let us know if they come across someone sleeping rough on our website [here](#) or call 01 872 0185 or via our free app Dublin City Rough Sleeper Alerts available on both Apple & Android Platforms.

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

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

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

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

National Housing Strategy for Disabled People 2022-2027 Implementation Plan

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

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

Currently 16 Fingal County Council clients have been identified, five have been housed and three more are going through the nomination process.

Homeless Action Plan 2022- 2024

The DRHE, with the approval of all 4 local authorities in the Dublin region, has finalised the Homeless Action Plan Framework for Dublin 2022-2024.

This Plan is the first plan to be put into operation since Ireland signed the Lisbon Declaration on combatting homelessness in June 2021, which aims to end homelessness by 2030.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Council has been engaging with tenants who have been issued with a notice of termination, as well as their landlords, and following assessment, 335 tenant in-situ properties are at the sale closed stage. A total of 54 properties are at the sale agreed stage with a further 29 cases in the negotiation process. In addition, the Council is assessing a further 263 queries concerning notices of termination and tenant-in-situ acquisition.

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

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

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

The Government has put forward options to allow tenants who are not eligible for social housing to remain in their homes, including schemes to support the purchase of homes and a Cost Rental in-situ Scheme. The Cost Rental Tenant-in-Situ Scheme is available for tenants who are not eligible for social housing and are at risk of homelessness. The DHLGH has advised that local authorities are to be the first point of contact for this scheme, but it is managed by the Housing Agency.

Under the scheme, the Housing Agency can purchase a property and rent it to the tenant. Fingal County Council will undertake an initial assessment of the tenant's circumstances and refer details to the Housing Agency for consideration, where the tenant is at risk of homelessness and the Cost Rental Tenant-in-Situ scheme applies. The Housing Agency will then contact the landlord about the purchase of the property.

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

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

The contact details below, including a dedicated email address NTQEnquiries@fingal.ie, should be used by tenants who may have received a notice of termination or a landlord who has issued a notice of termination to their tenants and who may wish to sell their property to the Council.

The key contact details are:

Fingal County Council Housing Department

Monday to Thursday - 9am to 5.00pm

Friday - 9am to 4.30pm

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

Email: NTQEnquiries@fingal.ie

Dublin Region Homeless Executive, Central Placement Services:

Freephone : 1800 707 707

Traveller Accommodation Programme

The Traveller Accommodation Programme Accommodation Programme 2025 – 2029 was adopted by the Elected Members at the Council Meeting on 11th November 2024.

A copy of the programme is available at:

- The offices of Fingal County Council, Grove Road, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15
- The offices of Fingal County Council, County Hall, Main Street, Swords, Co. Dublin
- At all public libraries during normal opening hours

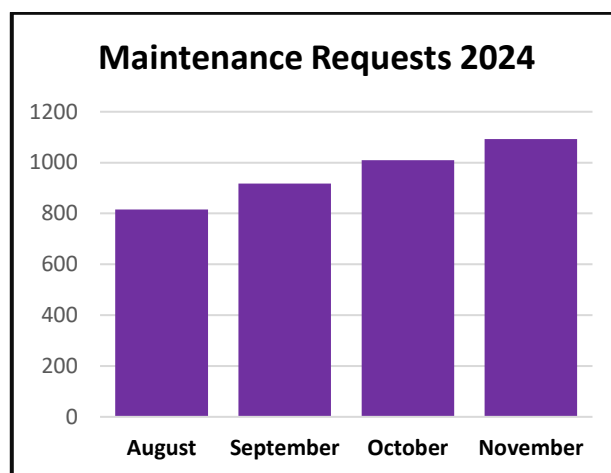
A copy of the programme is also available on the Council's website: -

<https://www.fingal.ie/council/service/traveller-accommodation-programme-consultation>

Through the implementation of the Traveller Accommodation Programme 2025 – 2029, the Council will endeavour to meet the accommodation needs of the Traveller Community of the County.

Council officials continue to liaise and engage with the Traveller Community, Traveller Advocacy Groups, Welfare Services, Child Services, Mental Health Services and other services and agencies to resolve issues when and where possible.

Housing Maintenance



Completed bathroom extension works under the DPG Scheme



New posts boxes recently installed at St. Mary's halting site have been vandalised.

Boiler Servicing Programme

The 2024 Programme of work continues, with Contractors working across the County in areas such as Mulhuddart, Hollystown, Hollywoodrath, Cappagh, Santry, Rivervalley, Ballyboughal, Swords, Rush, Lusk, Balbriggan and Malahide.

Anti-Social Behaviour/Inspectorate Unit

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

Two Tenant Induction Courses were held in October in relation to our developments at Balroy Hall. It is proposed to hold a further 3 Tenant Induction Courses in the month of November.

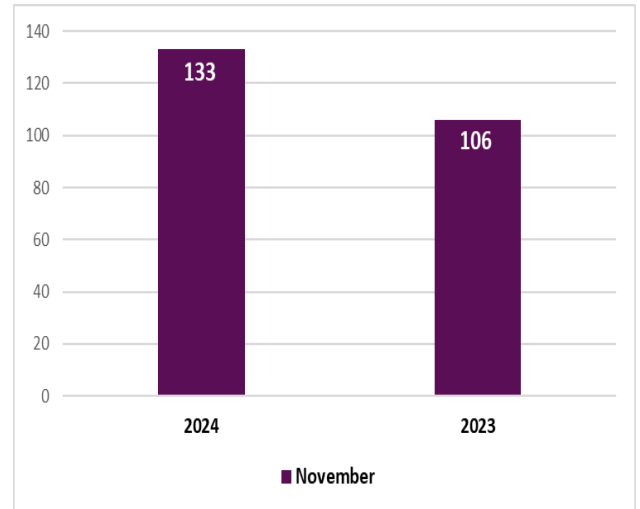
ASB Caseload Management

Complaints October 2024	Total	Active	Monitoring	Closed
Balbriggan	29	19	8	2
Rush / Lusk	15	11	3	1
Swords	8	3	2	3
Howth / Malahide	24	15	3	6
Blanchardstown / Mulhuddart	39	13	8	18
Ongar	7	2	0	5
Castleknock	11	0	4	7
Total	133	63	28	42

Surrenders on Estate Management Grounds 2024

January (1), February (4), March (6), April (3) May (7), June (1), July (4), August (2), September (3), October (3), November (7),

Monthly Breakdown of ASB Complaints Received 2023-24



Anti-Social Behaviour Interventions

Interviews Held 2024	97
Interviews Held 2023	95
Tenancy Alerts 2024	33
Tenancy Alerts 2023	23
Tenancy Warnings 2024	8
Tenancy Warnings 2023	6

Inspectorate August 2024

Traveller Specific Site Inspections 2024	1971
Traveller Specific Site Inspections 2023	1665
Housing Inspectors Report November 2024	971

Housing Ukraine Response and Vacant Homes

Those Fleeing the Conflict in Ukraine

The Government is committed to delivering a humanitarian response to welcome people fleeing the conflict in Ukraine and seeking protection in Ireland. Web resources with useful information on support, accommodation and policy changes for Ukrainian Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection are available on the following links:

www.gov.ie/ukraine

<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/9957c-designated-accommodation-centres-current-availability/>

The Council's Community Integration Forum continues to meet regularly to co-ordinate the response of the various statutory agencies and voluntary groups in the county to assist the Ukraine community and other new arrivals with the most recent meetings held on the 18th October 2024 and 2nd December 2024.

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

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

The support provided by the Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT) is set out in this link:
<https://www.fingal.ie/LocalAuthorityIntegrationTeam>

OfferAhome\ Pledge Accommodation

The monthly recognition payment is **€800** per month for vacant properties and **€800** to host a Ukraine person in your home. To pledge fully Vacant accommodation, please visit the national portal at <https://offerahome.ie> or for enquiries, e-mail offerahome@fingal.ie.

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

Note **Helping Irish Hosts** can offer support and advice to both hosts and guests in pledge accommodation.

See website <https://www.helpingirishhosts.com> for further information.

Vacant Homes

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

Note the **Vacant Homes Team** has commenced the statutory CPO process with respect to 3 vacant dwellings in 2024, one of which came back into occupation in recent weeks. 31 vacant residential units in varying standard of condition identified in 2023 are either back in occupancy or advancing to occupancy through initiatives such as Compulsory Purchase Order, Buy and Renew scheme, SHIP or arising from general engagement with owners of vacant properties. This work is on-going and will lead to the further properties coming into occupancy.

In addition to the above, the Croí Cónaithe Vacant Homes Refurbishment Grant Scheme is in utilisation to address vacancy and assist citizens in getting a home with increasing enquiries, applications, and grant approvals.

Croí Cónaithe Vacant Homes Refurbishment Grant

This scheme was launched in July 2022. On the 1st May 2023, the scheme was further extended with the eligibility criteria allowing for properties built pre-2008 to qualify and grants increasing to €50k (vacant) and €70k (vacant and derelict) with all areas of the County covered arising from the expansion of the scheme. The expansion of scheme also allows for a grant approved properties to be rented on the private market when refurbishment is complete. Before this change, the grant-approved property had to be the principal private residence of the applicant. 176 applications have been received under the scheme since launch with a continued increasing flow of new applications. In all 111 applications have been approved which equates to over €5.5m in funding. In addition, staff are engaging with numerous other expressions of interest which have the potential to lead to further applications.

Promotion of the scheme is ongoing by the Vacant Homes Team who have been present at various Housing Information Events most recently at the Carlton Hotel in Tyrellstown on the 12th September 2024 and other Local Authority Information stands such as at the opening of Meakstown Community Centre on the 16th November 2024.

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

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Community Development Office

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

Building community capacity, strengthening community participation, and involving people in decisions that affect their lives is a complex process and can only be achieved by working with local communities and agencies who have responsibility to the people in those communities.

In November/December the Community Development Office worked in partnership with a number of community groups and partners to support many projects/Initiatives including;

IPB Pride of Place Competition Awards 2024



The IPB Pride of Place is an all-Ireland competition that rewards the best in community development across the island of Ireland. Fingal County Council's dedication to community engagement was recognised, along with representatives from the Fingal community, when they won three awards at the 2024 IPB Pride of Place Awards held in Monaghan last month. The Council's award reflects Fingal County Council's ongoing commitment to fostering and supporting community development in the county.

The other big winners on the night were the Community of Lusk, who won the overall award for best town with a population of over 5000, and Castleknock Community Centre, which was the runner-up in the category recognising inclusive communities. Fingal was also represented this year by the Sustainable Skerries group, which competed in the Climate Action and Biodiversity category.

Speaking after the awards, the Mayor of Fingal, Cllr. Brian McDonagh, commended Fingal's Community Development Office for the ongoing commitment to supporting many groups over the years in preparing to represent Fingal in The Pride of Place awards, aptly summing up the experience and indeed the wider community development context in Fingal with the words "ní neart go cur le chéile" (there is no strength without unity).

Community Consultation Rush Town Centre First Plan

RUSH
Your Town, Your Future

We would like to hear what you have to say about RUSH and what is important to you.

We need your help to understand Rush better – the benefits of living in Rush and what could be improved.

Rush feels different for everyone – we want to hear about how it feels for you. What makes you proud and what you might change if you could?

Online survey is open from Wednesday November 20th 2024 to Friday January 3rd 2025.

Scan the QR Code and have your voice heard. The survey should take less than 15 minutes. <https://arcg.is/0nPuva0>

Lár Bailte ar dTús
Town Centre First

Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

On Wednesday 20th November the Community Development Office engaged Rush residents and volunteers, in collaboration with the council's Town Centre Regeneration Office and Healthy Fingal, on a consultation using the Place Standards Tool. Place Standards is a simple framework to structure conversations about the place people live in. The consultation gave residents an opportunity to think about the physical elements and social aspects of Rush to provide feedback, comments, and observations into the Town Centre First Plan. The event included two walking tours through Rush, where participants could pinpoint assets in the area as well as areas for improvement. Post-workshop, questions from the Place Standard Tool have been distributed to members of the Rush community in the form of a survey which will help with research and data for the upcoming Rush Town Centre First Plan.

Swords Photographic Group Exhibition Launch



"Fingal in Focus" is the theme of the first photo exhibition by Swords Photographic Group which was launched by the Mayor of Fingal, Cllr. Brian McDonagh. The exhibition was on display in the Atrium in County Hall, Swords throughout Fingal Inclusion week. A video display also exhibited the further photos. The group is growing and attracting new members since its move to a new location in the Peacocks Venue in Rivervalley. All that is needed is the camera on your phone to join in. This excellent exhibition, supported by the Community Development Office, displays many of the beautiful sites across Fingal.



Fingal Inclusion Week



The Community Development Office supported local groups in devising a fantastic programme of over 70 activities to celebrate the sixth annual Fingal Inclusion Week (11th to 17th November).

The week of events celebrated the extraordinary groups and services across Fingal working to address social inclusion and poverty.

Participating groups included the Dromheath Residents Association, Bleeding Pig Cultural Festival, Howth Sutton Autism Friendly Community, Balbriggan & Skerries Fishing Club, Swords Tidy Towns, among others and also featured services such as Blanchardstown Centre of Independent Living, Balbriggan Integration Forum, and Fingal Libraries.

All events were free and provided a great an opportunity for local people to find out about local services , meet others and come try and join new activities in their communities.



Fingal Men’s Sheds Celebrate Men’s Health Month



As part of Fingal Inclusion Week 2024, Men’s Shed groups throughout Fingal held a special collaborative event to mark Men’s Health Month.

The event saw 50 invited Men’s Shed members partake in a chair exercise class and listen to the wise words of celebrated author and journalist Michael Harding, who spoke about resilience through ageing.

The guests were also treated to music from groups who were part of Donabate and Swords’ Men’s Sheds.

Other groups represented by members on the day included Rush, Lusk, Skerries, Garristown, Balbriggan and Portmarnock.

The event was supported by the Community Development Office and was so successful it is set to become an annual event on the Fingal Men’s Sheds calendar.

Lusk Community celebrate Pride of Place victory



The Community of Lusk joined together in celebration of their triumphant result at the IPB Pride of Place Competition at a community event in the Community Centre at St. Macullin’s Primary School on Sunday 17th November.

The event began with opening speeches from Deputy Mayor Cllr J.K. Onwumerah, Minister of State Joe O’Brien and Fingal Pride of place liaison Officer Rafe Costigan who addressed the 120 Lusk community members and local representatives in attendance.

The event replicated the combined presentations given by Brian Arnold (Lusk Community Council), Lynne Barker (Lusk Action Group) and Mark Boland (Lusk Community Network made to the Pride of Place judges on the day. The event ended with refreshments and networking opportunities at the Lusk Cultural Centre in the town.

Facilities Management

Meakstown Community Centre Official Opening



On Saturday, November 16th, Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Brian McDonagh, officially opened Fingal newest Community Centre in Meakstown. This event marked a significant investment by Fingal County Council in the area, which also included a public park, playgrounds, and the Bloom community garden. The local community turned out in large numbers to celebrate the opening, and enjoyed displays from local groups and an informative Fingal Village information hub with representatives from various departments across the council.

Meakstown Community Centre - Logo Launch



At the opening of Meakstown Community Centre, Mayor Brian McDonagh revealed a new logo designed by the Sunshiny Days Youth Group. This local youth group worked with a local artist, exploring themes like inclusion, identity, civic engagement, and community. The logo includes elements of the centre's unique shape, the nearby park, and Fingal's award-winning Bloom garden.

The project was commissioned by the community centre's board, which includes local residents, service providers, and members of the Fingal County Council's Community Development Office. The Mayor congratulated the young people involved and presented them with €200 vouchers to support their youth group. The logo, representing the centre's identity, will be used in all communications, marketing materials, staff uniforms, and social media into the future.



Changing Places Facility at Meakstown Community Centre



A further milestone was reached at the opening of the Meakstown Community Centre with the opening of The Changing Places facility now available in Meakstown Community Centre. This innovative facility has been registered with Changing Places Ireland to ensure suitability and correct specification has been met and includes specialist equipment such as a full room coverage ceiling hoist system, a height-adjustable adult sized changing bench, centrally located toilet to allow for assistance or transfer on both sides and a privacy screen.

Changing Places facilities are life changing and designed to support people in the community and those who care for them to have access to public toilet facilities that meet the more complex needs. Without these types of facilities, carers are forced to changed loved ones on the floors of existing facilities or make the decision not venture to public places at all due to lack of adequate facilities. We welcome the opening of this appropriate facility and are pleased to be able to provide a solution which assists in the development of inclusive communities in this area.



Interagency

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

Fingal Comhairle Na nÓg

After the success of the 2024 Fingal Comhairle Na nÓg Youth Conference, a meeting was held to give more information to young people who might like to join Fingal Comhairle Na nÓg (FCNN, at which 20 young people attended. Once new members are established, the group will start to work on the newly chosen topic of School Stress & Education. Two young people from the group volunteered to take on the tasks associated with planning the Comhairle Na nÓg National showcase 2025.

Fingal Public Participation Network

Fingal PPN were delighted to have a stand at the official opening of Meakstown Community Centre on 16th November where we got to connect with some of our members and reps.

Linkage Meeting
28th November 2024
Radisson Blu Hotel, Dublin Airport
Refreshments at 6.30pm – meeting starts at 7pm

“How to bring a motion to the council”

- Ratification of SPC representatives
- Latest updates from PPN Secretariat

Lionra Rannpháirtíochta Phoiblí Fhine Gall
Public Participation Network Fingal

Fingal PPN will run its second Linkage Group meeting of the year on Thursday 27th November where the PPN reps will be ratified on the 7 new Fingal County Council Strategic Policy Committees. The newly ratified members are due to attend their first meetings over the next couple of weeks. The theme of the Linkage Group meeting will be “How to effectively bring a motion to the Council”.

Age Friendly Fingal

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

National Age Friendly Awards 2024



Fingal County Council's Age Friendly Office rose to the challenge of hosting over 300 guests at the 8th National Age Friendly Recognition and Achievement Awards on 7th November 2024 in the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Santry.

This is the first time that Fingal County Council has had the honor of arranging and hosting these awards which encompassed a multifaceted project led by the Fingal Age Friendly Programme Manager Cathrina Murphy and the National Age Friendly Shared Service Office.

The process commenced in Q2 2024 and following extensive shortlisting and site visits by the adjudicators, finally culminating on 7th November with a Fingal led gala event where category winners were announced.

These national awards are a recognition of the work of local authorities, service providers, businesses and community, services and voluntary groups in supporting older people in their community. From 176 submissions, Age Friendly Fingal were shortlisted for one of their initiatives ***"Promoting Intergenerational Practice as a Tool to Empower Older People: From Project to Practice"***.

This initiative marks a transition from merely implementing intergenerational projects to embedding intergenerational practices into our work and promoting collaboration between younger and older individuals in both the design and execution of projects. Thus, ensuring that mainstreaming the advantages of intergenerational practice.

Fingal County Council was the first Council to offer accredited training in intergenerational practice for its community staff and partner organisations. Since then, successful, and sustainable initiatives such as 'Cricket4All', 'Across Borders and Generations', and the 'Balbriggan Intergenerational Project (BIP)' have been launched.

Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT)

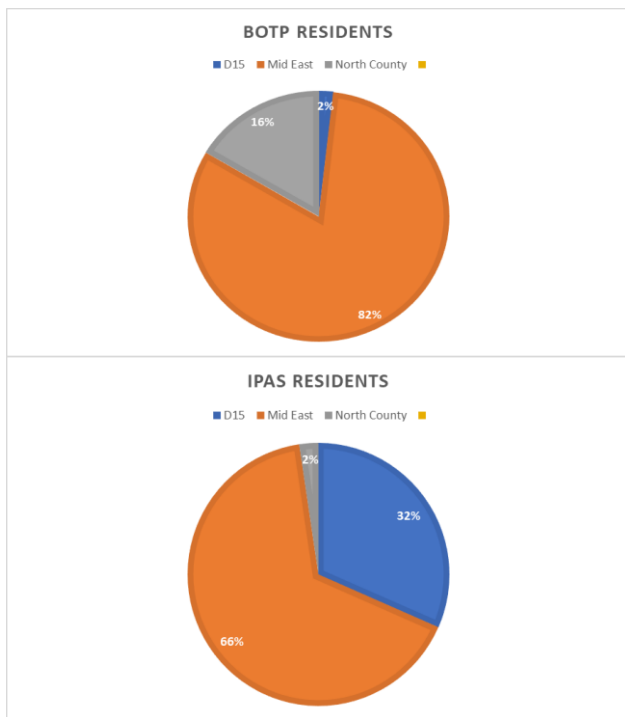
The role of the Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT) is to provide ongoing integration supports to International Protection (IP) applicants, Programme Refugees and Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection (BOTP) to enable them to live independently in the community.

In November and December, the LAIT hosted clinics across the three geographical areas of North County, Mid-East, Dublin 15 in IPAS Accommodation Centres and Designated Accommodation Centres (DAC). Issues arising from the clients presenting to the clinic have been raised with relevant stakeholders and at relevant group meetings, to effect improvements in service provision which is supported by the excellent working relationships staff have developed on the ground.

The following accommodation statistics have been provided by the LGMA (Local Government Management Agency) and UCTAT (Ukrainian Crisis Temporary Accommodation Team).

Geographical Area	BOTP Residents	IPAS Residents
North County	9	58
Mid-East	412	1637
Dublin 15	83	782
Total	504	2477

A further breakdown of total population percentages can be seen in the graphs below:



Connections Expo Event



On 23rd October, 26 agencies gathered to make “Connections” with the Ukraine (BOTP) residents of an accommodation centre, a significant cohort of whom are former unaccompanied minors who have “aged out” of the care system. The aim of the event was to showcase the diverse range of supports, services and activities available to them in the local area. 85 residents attended the bustling event and were joined by Mayor Cllr. Brian McDonagh and Deputy Chief Executive, Ethna Felten. This event was also a networking opportunity for statutory, community and voluntary staff working in the locality, these local connections form a cornerstone of interagency cooperation which is essential for a comprehensive approach in this area.

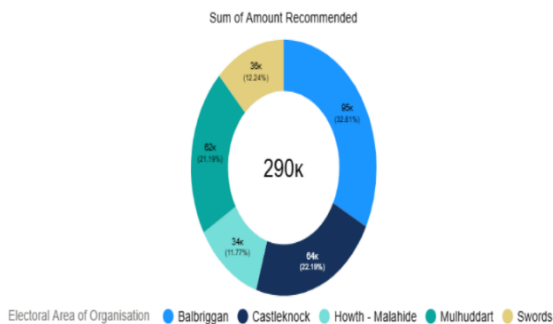
Inclusion Week - Building Bridges Exhibition

To commemorate Fingal Inclusion Week, the LAIT team were delighted to install the **Building Bridges: Forging Pathways Beyond Prejudice Exhibition** in Blanchardstown Library. This Exhibition launched the National Anti-Racism Campaign as part of the Salaam Project. The medium of visual art has a powerful impact in creating understanding and awareness. A number of community groups expressed an interest in a guided tour of the exhibition and were facilitated by the team.



Funding

Community Activities Funding to 21st November 2024



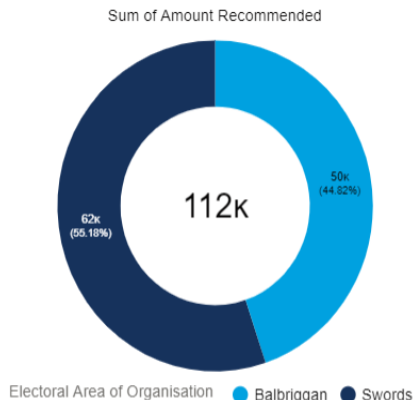
€290,199 so far in 2024 has been awarded in Communities Activities Funding to **126 projects across Fingal.**

Howth Malahide - €34,155 (12%) - across 19 projects
Swords - €35,523 (12%) - across 18 projects
Castleknock/ Mulhuddart- €125,886 (43%) - across 50 projects
North County Balbriggan - €94,635 (33%) - across 42 projects

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

The Communities Activities funding scheme is managed by the Community Development Office, involves the Community Development Officer engaging with and supporting a local community group to develop a local projects that respond to a local need or issues. For more information click here <https://www.fingal.ie/council/service/community-grants-and-funding>

Community Facilities (Non FCC Owner Remedial works Funding)



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

Swords - €61,929 - across 2 projects
Balbriggan - €50,295 across 4 projects

This scheme is available to existing (non- Fingal County Council owned) Community centres for emergency/essential remediation capital works.

For more information visit <https://www.fingal.ie/sites/default/files/2023-04/CRWGS%20-%20Criteria.pdf>

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Protected Cycle Lanes: BLRS Area:

R132 Blakes Cross to Quickpenny Lane

Works on the R132 are substantially complete with the Contractor carrying out some of the snagging items along the route. The final lining and road markings have been applied. The installation of the bollards and lane separator's is close to completion with some outstanding lane separators to be installed close to Ministers Road. The periodic speed limit signs have been installed and are operational during the set times. An Garda Siochána traffic division have been active along the route, and this has helped improve driver behaviour and speed control. Kilhedge Lane Quiet Zone is a welcome link back to Lusk and is a safer space for pedestrians and wheelers.

An independent Road Safety Audit will be completed once final bollards and road signs are complete. During this project consideration has been given to the views of the local farming community and hauliers which informed the final design. Driver behaviour has changed, and it is notable the speed has reduced along this regional road and at the school zone.

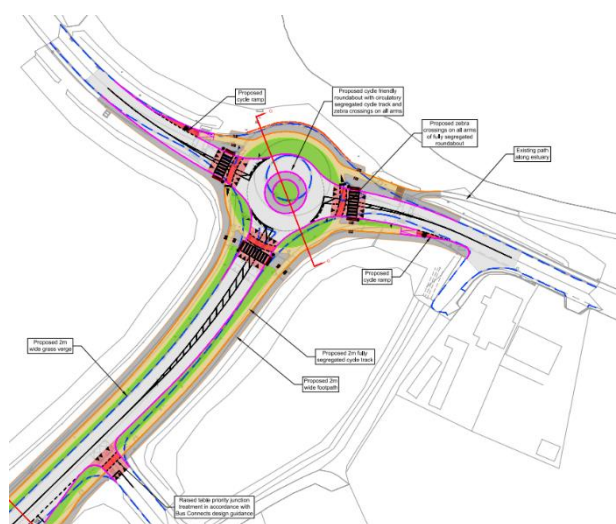
A final walk through of the project was conducted with the design consultant, main contractor, Active Travel project team and members of Fingal's Operation Department.

A final list of minor snags was generated which will be remediated in the coming days. On completion of these snagging works to FCC's satisfaction it is intended to hand over the completed project to Operations in the January.



Seatown Road Swords:

The Project Team is liaising with the Design Team to finalise the gateway report for submission to the NTA for approval to proceed to the next phase of the project. Following NTA approval, the Project Team will finalise the detailed design and tender documentation in advance of going to tender for the appointment of a contractor to carry out the works. The Project Team is working towards going to the market in the coming months for a Contractor to progress to the Construction Stage in 2025 subject to approvals and funding.



Donabate Portrane R126 cycle paths:

The Project Team is liaising with our property section to progress the potential acquisition of lands along a section of the route to facilitate the proposed walking and cycling infrastructure. The Design Team are currently preparing an options report with the preferred option identified in the report. Further details will be presented to Councillors at ACM.

Coney Hill Balbriggan R132 cycle paths:

The Design Team are currently working with the Project Team to finalise an options report to assist with stakeholder engagement. All options are being considered at present so that the preferred option can be established. Further details will be presented to Councillors at ACM.

St Cronan's Brackenstown Road Cycle lanes:

The project team is currently liaising with the contractor and design team to close out on snagging works for this project before handing over to Fingal's Operations Department. The contractor has been on site recently to address the snagging works and agree final account. The Road Safety Audit has been completed and the items identified within the audit process are currently being addressed by the Design Team and the Contractor.

It is intended to commence the handover procedure with FCC's Operations Department with a view to completing this in January.

Howth-Malahide Area: Baldoye-Howth Protected Cycle Lane Scheme Phase 2

A review of the existing road network in Baldoye is on the Active Travel Unit's programme for 2024-2026, which will include Willie Nolan Road, Brookstone Road and Main Street. The Phase 2 options report for the improvement of pedestrian and cycle facilities on the existing road network has been reviewed for Baldoye Village and surrounding roads, connecting Grange Road cycle scheme to Warrenhouse Road Cycle Scheme and Baldoye Greenway.

The brief and tender documents will now be prepared and finalised to appoint consultants to present these options to the public, select an option and for the preliminary design phase of the project.



Paddy's Hill to Broomfield

Brief and tender documents have been prepared for a consultant from the NTA Multiparty Framework to carry out the 'Concept Development and Options Selection' stage. These documents, as well as the timelines for publication of this tender, are currently being reviewed.

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

The indicative study area for the Paddy's Hill to Broomfield scheme is outlined below.



Seapark Hill to Old Golf Course Link Park

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

The design brief and tender documents have been prepared for the permanent link, and negotiations and have been sent to the relevant Single Party Framework operator.

Negotiation with this operator are ongoing and once negotiations are complete, it is intended to publish this tender to progress this project from the design phases through to completion.



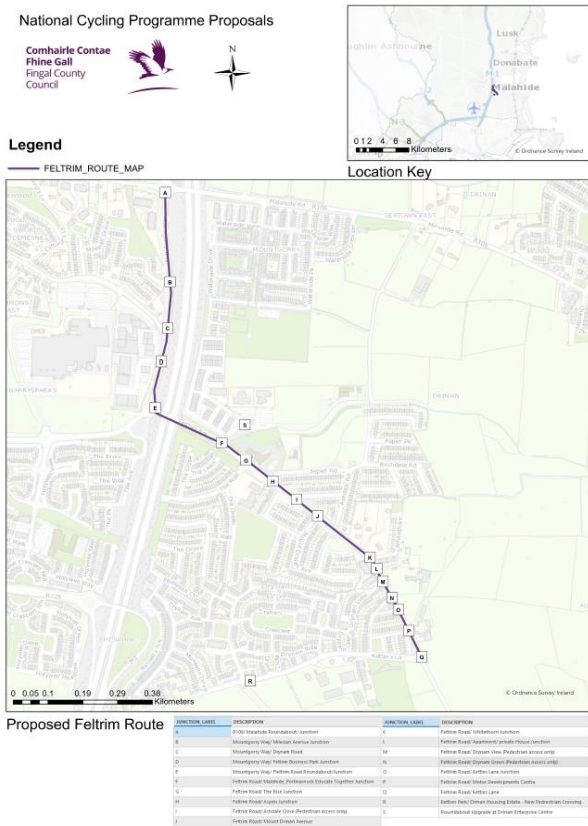
Feltrim Road Cycle Infrastructure

The Consultant has been appointed to lead an Integrated Design Team to deliver the project from concept development and options selection, through construction to project completion and handover.

Topographical surveys have now been procured and instructed. Traffic surveys are currently being procured. The consultant is in the process of information gathering, which will continue for Q4, 2024 and into Q1, 2025. Current projections indicate that preliminary design will commence in Q2, 2025.

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

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



BMCO Area:

Snugborough Road - NAC to Ongar

The preliminary design phase is ongoing. The consultant has received the stage 1 road safety audit on the emerging preferred option. The drawings are now being updated taking this audit into account. stakeholder engagement continues with the Bus Connects project team for a new signalised junction at Waterville which is now in construction. A draft preliminary design report has been issued to the Active Travel Unit with comments sent back.

Draft screening reports have been issued with feedback sent back to the ecologist. Further updates will be provided over the coming months, through this report and at ACM level.

Clonee to Blanchardstown Shopping Centre

All data collection has been collated and has informed the initial development of the options report. Initial discussions have taken place with local landowners and site meetings have taken place. A further site meeting was held with a representative from Meath County Council where this scheme will link with the Dunboyne to Clonee active travel scheme. A workshop was recently held with the NTA who provided feedback on the emerging preferred option. Gateway approval has now been granted to enable the project to proceed to preliminary design. A stage 1 road safety audit is about to commence and environmental screening is underway.

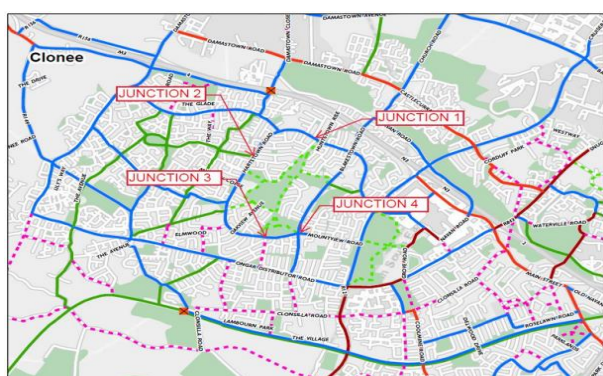
Castleknock to Dunsink Lane

Photomontages of the emerging preferred option have been published along with other materials on the Fingal consultation portal. A non-statutory public consultation on the scheme has closed and all submissions have been collated and reviewed. There have been a number of changes to the preliminary design due to the submissions received. A public consultation report will be published in the coming weeks with these changes and it is intended be brought to the BMCO area committee in December.



Hartstown/Huntstown/Mountview Road

Fingal County Council are progressing on finalising the design for roundabout and junction upgrades. Improvements to 2 signalised junctions at Hartstown Road/Hartstown Link Road and at Hartstown Road/Mountview Road with Blakestown Road/Shelerin Road are planned along with 2 roundabouts at the junction of Huntstown Way with Ashfield Way/Huntstown Park and at the junction of Huntstown Way with Castlewood.



Castleknock to Blanchardstown via Farmleigh

The feasibility study has started, and traffic and drone surveys have taken place. A topographical survey has been completed and has been issued to the designers to inform the study. Feasibility and route options are currently being discussed between the design team and Active Travel.

Towns & Villages

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

New Street

Judicial Review proceedings challenging the Part 8 approval for the Public Realm Improvements are ongoing.

Tender documents have been developed for Stage 2b (detailed design) and negotiations are ongoing with the Single Party Framework Operator, with a view to bringing these negotiations to a close as soon as possible.

Once negotiations are complete, it is envisaged that the tender will be published and work on the detailed design will commence immediately.



Balrothery Active Travel Plan

The webpage for the Active Travel Plan for Balrothery is kept updated with latest developments, and is located here:

<https://www.fingal.ie/activetravel/balrothery>

A newsletter, Engagement Summary Report and live survey are currently available on this webpage.

The Consultant has developed a draft plan consisting of various approaches to delivering improvements to active travel in the village. Various emerging projects are being identified under these approaches and are being put through a multi-criteria analysis, tested against the vision and key principals of the plan.

An internal stakeholder meeting was held, and the emerging draft plan (and component projects) will be presented to the public in Q4, 2024.

Skerries Active Travel Plan . The Project Team together with the Consultant are working through the process and data collection and surveys. The information collected and collated as part of the public consultation will guide the team with the initial concepts and ideas for Skerries Active Travel Plan. We are planning to have our initial concepts and ideas prepared before the Christmas break so that we can engage with the local representatives and present the concepts.

The initial baseline report has been completed. Traffic and Parking surveys will be conducted in the final week of November. These will feed into the generation of the initial long list of projects.

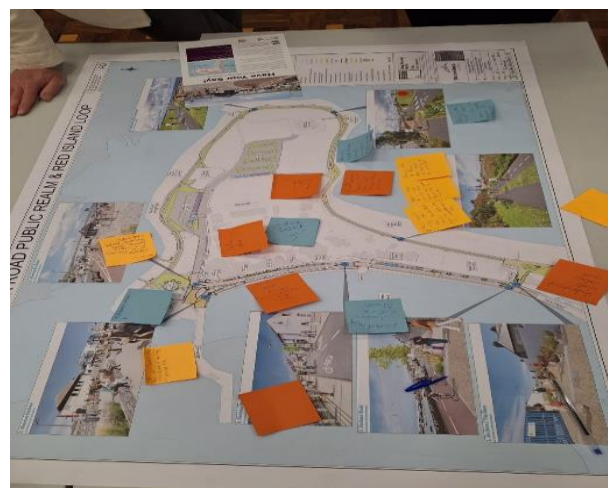
Skerries Harbour Road & Red Island Loop: This project has gone through full non-statutory consultation with the local stakeholders in advance of progressing Part 8 process. The project team has engaged M-CO Communication Consultants to assist with the non-statutory stakeholder engagement and help manage a number of local engagement events and workshops with residents, businesses and other local groups throughout September.



Feedback received from the stakeholders has been reviewed and considered by the project team which has resulted in some changes and amendments in the overall design.

The team are working to provide a full report on the non-statutory consultation.

The Consultation process was well received and proved a very informative process for everyone involved including the wider community.



Connectivity/Permeability

We are continuing to receive various requests for Permeability and Connectivity improvements from various stakeholders across the county. These requests are being recorded in detail for evaluation through a multi criteria analysis.

The projects are then reviewed across the departments to identify if an appropriate means of delivery can be established on the ground.

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

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

Greenway connectivity support teams have been convened to review, design, and deliver active travel infrastructure that will enhance accessibility between the proposed strategic greenways and residential, educational, amenity and commercial zones. These support projects have been set up for Fingal Coastal Way, Broadmeadow Way/Sutton to Malahide Greenway and Royal Canal Greenway. This will help to optimise the use of the proposed greenway by both leisure and commuter users.

Newtown Bridge, Balheary Road:

A tender assessment report is currently being finalised having received a number of tender submissions for the construction of the project. Following successful completion of the tender assessment process, it is envisaged that a contractor will be appointed by the end of Q4 2024. Works on the project will commence soon after subject to availability of the successful contractor.

Rush South Beach:

The project team and the Integrated Design Team have prepared concept design and options report for new universal access path. Discussions with landowners are ongoing, with meetings held recently and further meetings with the landowners over the coming weeks. We are working collaboratively with the property owners to find an optimal solution that caters for everyone's needs.

Balgriffin Park Shared Pedestrian and Cycle Path:

Works are complete at this connectivity piece which provides a shared pedestrian and cycle path from the county boundary with Dublin City on Balgriffin Park, to the junction with the R123.

This provides a pedestrian and cycling connection for many dwellings on/near Balgriffin Park to the newly constructed pedestrian and cycling facilities on the R123.



Howth Summit Inn to Bus Stop 567:

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



Offington, Howth:

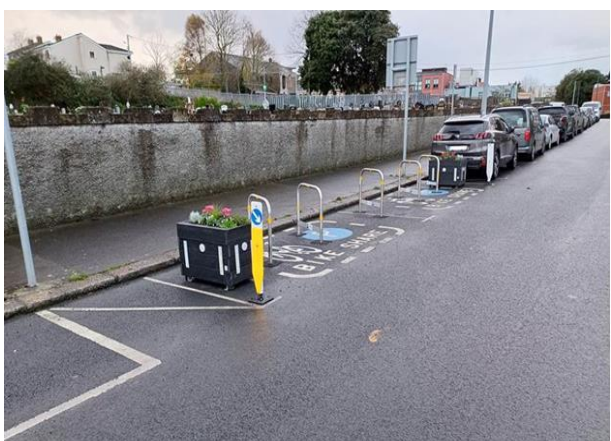
Junction tightening and provision of tactile paving is complete at three junctions in Offington, Howth:

The two junctions of Offington Drive with Offington Avenue and the junction of Offington Lawn with Offington Avenue are complete. This will slow turning movements by motorised vehicles while providing a shorter crossing distance for pedestrians and other vulnerable road users. Newly landscaped areas have also been provided. The works and snagging are now complete.



Secure Bicycle Parking Infrastructure

The contractor has completed works associated with the installation of five bicycle parking stands (providing 10 bicycle parking spaces) at Chapel Lane, Swords, Co. Dublin.



A number of locations across the county are being reviewed to increase the number of bicycle parking facilities across the county. Further works are planned in Swords in the coming weeks.

Safe Routes to School

Round 1 – Tranche 1

A brief update is provided below for each school site and associated construction works completed to date since the appointment of the works contractor.

Rush and Lusk Educate Together

All works are complete for this project.

Castaheany ETNS / St.Benedict's NS

All works are complete for this project.

Bayside Junior & Senior School

All works are complete for this project.

Round 1 – Tranche 2

The works contractor for the Safe Routes to School Tranche 2 contract is making great progress at each of the four school sites. Works to date have progressed well, with little or no disruption to the schools or traffic in each of the three areas. A brief update is provided below for each school site and associated construction works completed to date since the appointment of the works contractor.

Ladyswell National School, Mulhuddart

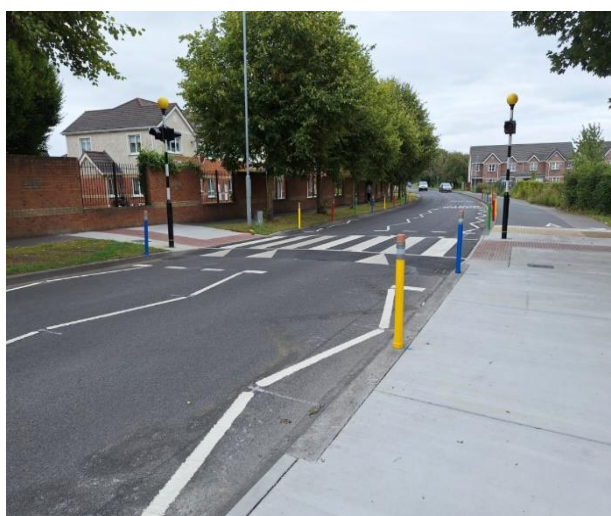
Works are substantially complete at Ladyswell NS. Junction tightening has taken place at a number of locations in Dromheath estate along with new tactile paving. Footpaths have been widened across green open space and ducting has been installed for new public lighting. The road surface outside the school has been upgraded and new pencil bollards are in place just in time for the school opening.



Ladyswell NS, Dromheath Gardens

Scoil Ghráinne Community NS, Hansfield

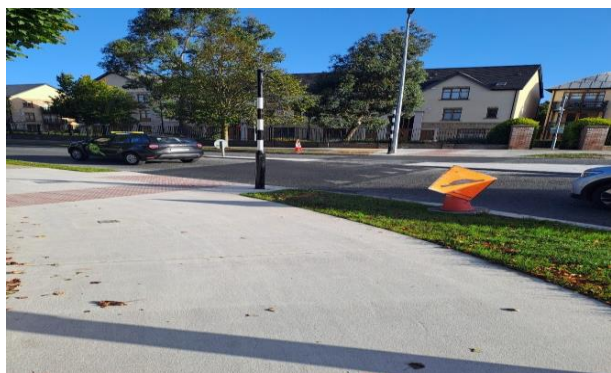
The Contractor is now in the final stages of delivery for this school's works. All footpath repairs, new bus parking area, bollard installation, new zebra crossing, road resurfacing works are now complete. The final outstanding works include the laying of coloured epoxy resin which the contractor expects to complete in the coming weeks, weather permitting.



Scoil Ghráinne CNS

Scoil Choilm Community NS, Porterstown

Works are complete at Scoil Choilm where 3 new zebra crossings have been installed at various locations to make it safer for both pedestrians and cyclists. All bollards are now installed with protected kerbs included at the busy 4 arm junction.



Scoil Choilm CNS

Pope John Paul II NS, Malahide

Round 2

An Taisce have announced Round 2 of the Safer Routes to School programme, with the following Fingal schools selected:

- Holy Family Junior National School, Forest Fields, Swords
- Scoil Bhríde Buachaillí, Church Avenue, Blanchardstown
- Scoil Bhríde Cailíní, Church Avenue, Blanchardstown
- St Helen's SNS, Limetree Avenue, Portmarnock
- St. Colmille's Girls' National School, Chapel Lane, Swords

The Active Travel team is working closely with An Taisce in relation to data collection and engagement with the schools to develop delivery plans to enable the designers and contractors to carry out the works.

Rush National School:

Active Travel together with Operations have completed the public consultations connected to road safety measures in Rush earlier this year. A School Street initiative for Rush National School and a junction upgrade adjacent to the school have now been constructed.

The upgrade to the nearby 5-arm junction at Millbank Road, Chapel Road and Whitestown Road which forms part of the 2024 Programme of Works will improve the safety measures for vulnerable road users in the area. Together these upgrades will reduce traffic speeds in the school area.

The contractor will be undertaking the bollard installation during December with a view to commencing the operation of the school street after Christmas.

Scoil Chormaic CNS Balbriggan:

Contractor has completing works on the installation of Type B Zebra crossing at the entrance road to Scoil Chormaic CNS to provide a safer crossing point for students travelling too and from the school. The works also included the installation of bollards to prevent parking in the vicinity of the crossing and to improve safety.



Balscadden National School:

Our Contractor has completed works on the installation of Type B Zebra crossing at the entrance road to Balscadden NS to provide a safer crossing point for students travelling too and from the school. The works also include the installation of bollards to prevent parking in the vicinity of the crossing and to improve safety.

In addition new public lighting has been provided to ensure adequate lighting of crossing location.

The approach road has been resurfaced with an increase in the size of the Set Down area to improve the efficiency of movement through the area in the mornings and afternoons.

This has been a welcome improvement for the school and local community.

Mobility & Behaviour Change

Staff Bike Maintenance Workshops

In November we held two bike maintenance classes for staff, 1 in the Civic Offices and 1 in Swords Castle. The sessions were well attended and gave the participants valuable skills for keeping their bikes on the road. Thanks to the Rediscovery Centre for facilitating the workshops.



Staff Lunch & Learn: Winter Ready Cycling

Two lunch and learn events were held for staff in Swords on 21 November and Blanchardstown on 4 December. These events were led by Steve from the Bike Hub for a 'Lunch and Learn' session about getting you and your bike ready for the winter. The event covered proper tire setup, lubrication & braking strategies, along with other safe cycling, lighting up, wet gear, and ebike battery tips & tricks. There was great staff interest with over 20 staff signed up for each event.



Learn 2 Cycle with a Disability

Our Learn 2 Cycle with a Disability courses continue to be hugely popular and well attended. The last courses of 2024 have commenced in Portmarnock, Applewood, Swords and Flemington, Balbriggan. More courses will be running throughout 2025, and these are currently being advertised. Courses for January 2025 will be running in Corduff Sports Centre, Liam Rodgers Centre Swords and Flemington Community Centre Balbriggan.

Staff Pooled Bikes

The new staff pooled bike scheme will launch in early December with two eBikes available through the Bleeper Bike App.

To sign up for shared eBikes

- Download the Bleeper App
- Register with your FCC email
- Search 'My Private Scheme'
- Enter Scheme name: 'Fingal Staff Bikes'
- Await the confirmation from Bleeper

The bikes will be available from Bike Bunker number 2 in Swords and The Underground Carpark in Blanchardstown. For more information, please email active.travel@fingal.ie



Kids Learn 2 Cycle Course Brackenstown

The children's Learn 2 Cycle Course had their final lesson on Saturday 9 November at the Brackenstown Learn 2 Cycle Track. The course teaches children aged 6 to 13 how to cycle for the first time. This course was highly successful, with positive feedback from parents and children. We are now looking at expanding this course out across Fingal in 2025.



Ongar Bike Library

The first bikes were given out as part of the Ongar Bike Library in November. Participants received their preferred style of eBike and will now have them for the next six months. We are looking forward to expanding the number of Community Bike Libraries in Fingal for next year.



Public Shared eCargo Bike

We have extended the Dublin 15 eCargo Bike Share scheme with Bleeper Bike for another 12 months. The bike has been relocated to Laurel Lodge where it is available to hire through Bleeper Bike.



Wheelchair Tandem Bike Service

The Wheelchair Tandem Bike will be available free of charge to the public and training in how to use it and operate the Bike Bunker will be provided.

The Bike is a unique and innovative bicycle designed to be a tandem vehicle for individuals with mobility impairments. It combines a wheelchair with a tandem bike, allowing the person in the wheelchair to participate in cycling activities with another cyclist.

This type of bicycle offers an opportunity for individuals with disabilities to experience the outdoors, get exercise, and engage in cycling activities in a way that wouldn't be possible on a traditional bike

If you'd like more information, email cyclingwithoutage@fingal.ie and we'll get back to you.



Fresh Air Friday

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

TY Girls Bike Mechanics & Bike Skills Course, Ardgillan Community College

The TY Girl Bike Mechanics course is being delivered in Ardgillan Community College from 26-29 October. Approximately 30 TY girls are taking the course, which is delivered by the Bike Hub cycling organisation. The course is designed to spark a greater interest in cycling among teenage girls, and to encourage an interest in mechanical skills. The course has been very positive, with the girls learning basics of bike maintenance skills, along with other fun activities such as making key ring holders from bike chains, and giving unicycling skills a try!



TY Bike Repair Classes

Throughout November we also ran TY Bike Repair Courses for girls and boys, in partnership with the Bike Hub. The 3-4-day sessions gave the students an insight into how to maintain and make minor repairs to their bikes. The Sessions took place in Portmarnock Community College and with Foroige in Skerries. Another course will begin in early December in Hartstown Community School.



Staff Lunch & Learn Sessions

As part of staff engagement work, we held a staff lunch and learn session in Swords with the Bike Hub on Thursday 21st November. The session was all about getting you and your bike ready for the winter. Steve from the Bike Hub went over proper tire setup, lubrication & braking strategies, along with other safe cycling, lighting up, wet gear, and eBike battery tips & tricks. The session in Swords was very well attended and we have another one planned for Blanchardstown on Wednesday 4th December at 1pm.

Skerries Community Car

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

The car has completed over 40 trips in November, helping people get to everything from the Shops to mass.

To book the service or to sign up as a volunteer simply call Flexibus on 046 9074830 or email flexibus@locallinklmf.ie



Car Share Schemes

There are three car share providers operating in Fingal. Go Car, Yuko and Drive You. Between them, they are helping to reduce the number of private vehicles on our roads and contributing to lower emissions.

Month	Number of Trips	Number of Shared KMs
August	1802	166,577km
September	1713	142,466km
October	1724	145,767km

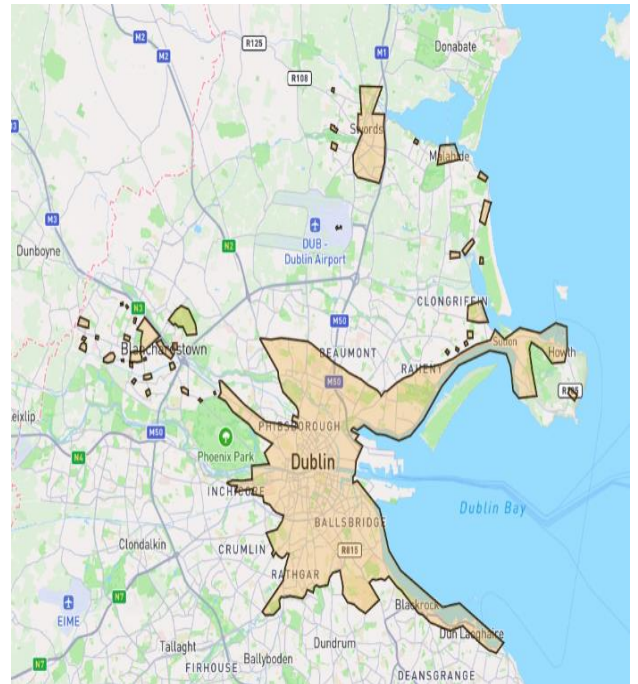
Community eCargo Bikes

Throughout 2024 we have been providing Community Groups with access to an eCargo bike for their Community work. We have partnered with various Tidy Towns Groups, Picker Pals, Dunsink Observatory, The Old Irish Goat Herders as well as our own Operations Team in Newbridge House and The Mayor of Fingal. The bikes have been a valuable asset for the groups and have replaced countless journeys by motor vehicle. We are keen to expand the programme in 2025 and are interested in hearing from Community Groups and Small businesses who wish to apply, interested groups can email active.travel@fingal.ie

ECARGO BIKES FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS

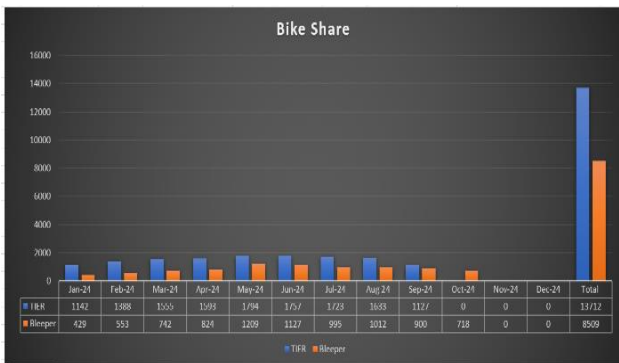
- 1 Who is eligible?**
 All Community Groups and small businesses who rely on motor vehicles to undertake their daily tasks and deliveries are eligible to apply
- 2 What is the Scheme?**
 The Active Travel Section in Fingal will provide your group with an eCargo bike for a 12 month period.
- 3 How to Apply?**
 Simply email active.travel@fingal.ie with your group name and we will contact you with more details.
- 4 What are you responsible for?**
 Your group will be responsible for storing your bike in a secure, weather proof location and will be required to send in monthly usage reports.
- 5 What type of bikes are available?**
 We have a range of eCargo Bikes. They include; open box front loaders, three wheelers, closed box front loaders and longtail eCargo bikes.

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The addition of these new zones will lead to more structured and better parking habits by users and will also increase rebalancing times by Bleeper.

Bike Share Schemes



Bleeper Bike

During the summer, Active Travel ran a tender for the provision of a pedal bike share scheme. Our current provider, Bleeper Bike emerged as the successful tenderer.

From 1 December a new operating zone will come into effect in Fingal. The model will focus on Community Hubs, placing bikes at key locations close to where people are starting their commutes.

The new service will also see the introduction of the Fingal Pass. This pass gives residents of Fingal their first 30 minutes of every Bleeper trip for free. After 30 minutes users will be charged the standard rental fee of €0.04 per minute and €0.02 per minute while a trip is paused. The new service will also see the number of available Bleeper Bikes in Fingal rise from 125 to 150 vehicles.

718 Bleeper bike journeys started within Fingal operating zone in October
727 bike journeys ended within existing Fingal operating zone
Wednesdays (16.6%) and Saturdays (15.9%) recorded the highest usage
Howth, Donabate and Castleknock were the most popular starting points.
Estimated emissions avoided: 156kg of CO2

TIER eBike Update

We have recently been informed by TIER that they are ceasing operations in the Irish market and will no longer be in a position to provide eBike services. We are currently in talks with other providers and hope to continue eBike services early in 2025.

ENVIRONMENT

Climate Action

Home Energy Advice Clinic

A home energy advice clinic took place in Blanchardstown Library on November 26th in collaboration with Codema Dublin's Energy Agency, the Climate Action Section and the Community Department. This clinic provided the public with practical, low-cost ways to tackle draughts and mould, reduce energy bills, and more.



Loughshinny Boathouse

The Climate Action Officer met with Louis Haugh and the Arts office to discuss the Fingal Climate Action plan and learn about Louis' work as part of the Loughshinny Boathouse residency.

This studio award provides a fully funded studio for a visual artist to research and develop new work in response to the coastal environment of Loughshinny and surrounding areas. Louis's work focuses on ecology, biodiversity, landscape and our collective response to climate change.



Balbriggan Innovation Challenge

The Climate Action Team took part in the Balbriggan Hackathon/Innovation Challenge on November 8th. Attendees were presented with a challenge that asked them to lay out a vision for sustainable and circular economy opportunities in Balbriggan.

The Balbriggan Innovation Challenge provided a unique opportunity for individuals/teams to innovate, co-create and network, using their skills to develop ideas around the green and circular economy. The Climate Action Team along with other members of their team on the day came in 1st place with their idea 'Circ_it!'



Department of Environment, Climate and Communications (DECC) Collaborating for Climate Action Event

The Climate Action team attended DECC’s event on Community Climate Action which sought to bring together directors of service, climate action coordinators, climate action officers and community climate action officers from across the Country to discuss how we embed climate action into local authorities and support communities to take climate action.



Our Balbriggan Sustainability Pillar

Fingal’s Climate Action Coordinator and Officer have joined the newly formed Our Balbriggan Sustainability, Climate Action and Biodiversity Pillar. The Climate Action Coordinator presented on Fingal’s Climate Action Plan (2024-2029) and the Decarbonizing Zone as part of the Pillars online learning sessions.



Decarbonizing Dublin Summit

The Climate Action Team attended Codema’s Decarbonizing Dublin Summit on November 14th. The summit explored the challenges and opportunities for Dublin to meet its climate and energy targets towards 2030 and 2050 while also highlighting best practices through case studies that were presented throughout the day.



Local Authority Climate Action Forum- Agents for Change

The Climate Action Team attended the Local Authority Climate Action Forum. This event is organised by IPB and the Local Authority Climate Action Forum which consists of local authority climate action staff from across the Country. This event provided an opportunity for climate action teams across the Country to network and share ideas.



Community Climate Action Fingal

The first claim for a drawdown of €350,000 has been submitted to the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications for the climate action grants for measures already in progress. Community groups around Fingal are installing Solar PV, new windows, doors and insulation into community buildings to lower emissions associated with community activities. The Community Climate Action Officer is actively engaging with groups all over Fingal to get them ready for the next round of grants. It is unknown at this stage when the next round will be announced by the Department, but groups can have everything ready in advance.



New external insulated roof on Sutton Dinghy Club

Environmental Awareness

Environmental Awareness Officer recently launched an Instruments Project in partnership with Crosscare Donabate and Music Generation. Guitar lessons to be provided to Crosscare participants using repaired instruments and teaching music whilst also educating on sustainability and circular economy.



Leaf mould cage initiative complete for 2024 and has been a huge success with 49 communities receiving the cages this year. There is a huge demand for this and will relaunch in Autumn 2025

Fingal Community Groups

Wondering what to do with all of those autumn leaves?

Do you want to make a lovely weed-free compost for use within your community?

Are you ready to turn a waste into a resource to combat climate change?



Christmas Upcycling Workshops will take place in the run up to Christmas with Senior Primary school students.

These workshops combine upcycling with the principles of circular economy by creating unique Xmas decorations from repurposed materials, reducing waste and promoting environmentally friendly practices amongst young children.

A number of **Christmas jumper swap shops** taking place in schools in December following the success of the Halloween Costume Swap shops

Fingal County Council's CinemaAdvert Campaign called 'Let Fingal Breathe' continues to run in cinemas up to January 2025. Call to action to the public to properly dispose of Cigarette Butts and disposable vapes and the harmful effects to the Environment of not doing so.



The Environmental Awareness Officer has prepared a Christmas Zero Waste Activity Booklet for young children to complete over the festive season with fun activities and educational messages. This will be sent to all Primary Schools and will be available on the Fingal website.



The upcycling fashion workshops with Carrie Ann Moran are continuing in Fingal schools in advance of the Relove Fashion Competition.

Relove Fashion is a sustainable fashion competition open to young people of secondary school age across Ireland.

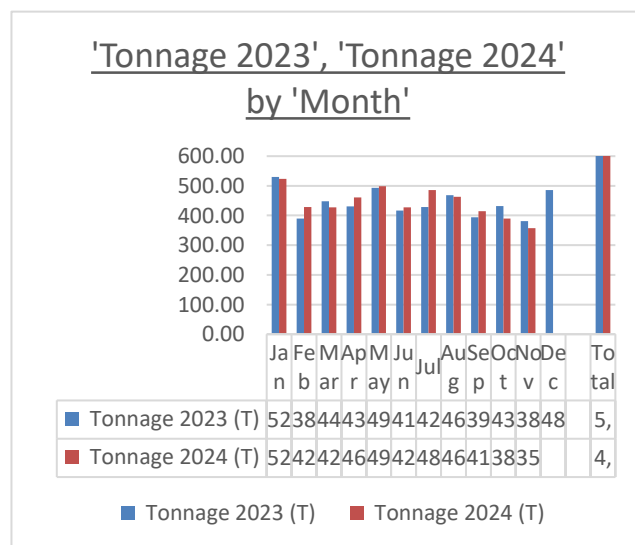
This trailblazing competition was developed in response to the devastating environmental and social impacts of the fashion industry, the need for change and the recognition of young people's pivotal role in shaping innovative solutions.



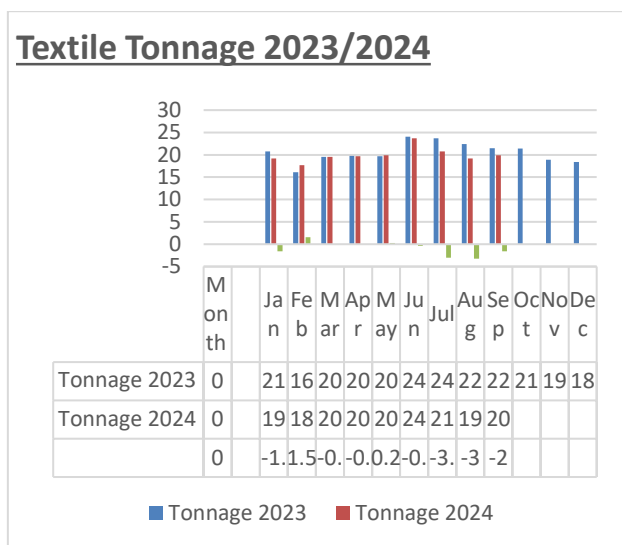
Bring Centres

Bottle Banks

Glass tonnages collected during **November 2024** were **357 (T)**. This compares with 381 (T) collected during November 2023.



Textile Banks



Litter Management

The Litter Wardens continued to tackle littering and dumping in November. All the bring banks in the Fingal area were inspected daily to ensure that there was no dumping. Any evidence found was dealt with under the Litter Pollution Acts. Reports of any dumping and littering are passed to the Operations division for removal and enforcement action is taken, as required when evidence was found. They also followed up on witness statements submitted by Fingal citizens.



The Litter Wardens continue to carry out inspections to ensure that the roads are being kept clean of muck and that the building sites have a road sweeper in operation.

They follow up on reports to ensure farmers are keeping the roads clean of muck.

The Litter Wardens continued to raise awareness of the issue of dog fouling on beaches targeting hot spots for dog fouling, to highlight the impact dog fouling has on bathing waters and the responsibilities of dog ownership.

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

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

The Litter Warden attended tenant induction courses to outline to new Council tenants their role in keeping their estates clean and free of litter.

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

Month	Fines	Warning Notices
January	29	4
February	56	2
March	18	3
April	15	0
May	19	6
June	12	4
July	12	0
August	26	0
September	11	0
October	23	0
November	30	0

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

CRMs November 2024	Amount
Fly tipping 1-20 bags Equivalent	8
General Litter Issue	14
Dumping 20 bags equivalent	3
Muck on road	3
Abandoned cars	4
Inspection of bottle banks	396
Inspection of dumping black spots	508
Unauthorised signage	7
Env - Miscellaneous	4
Dog fouling reports	3
Littering at bottle banks	4
Request for Dog fouling signs	3

Abandoned Cars

There have been 381 reports of alleged Abandoned Vehicles received between 1st January 2024 – 26th of November 2024. Burnt-out vehicles are also reported to the Environment Department.

The Litter Wardens carry out an initial inspection of all reported abandoned and burnt-out vehicles. To report a suspected abandoned vehicle the following information is required and should be emailed to environment@fingal.ie

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

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

Month	Abandoned Vehicles Removed			Burnt Out Vehicles Removed		
	2022	2023	2024	2022	2023	2024
January	0	0	0	0	1	6
February	0	1	2	1	0	0
March	3	1	2	0	1	3
April	2	0	2	0	0	0
May	1	0	0	0	0	0
June	0	0	1	0	5	0
July	0	1	0	0	0	0
August	2	0	0	0	3	0
September	0	3	0	0	0	0
October	2	0	0	0	0	0
November	2	4	0	1	0	0
December	1	0		1	0	
	13	10	7	3	10	9



Animal Welfare

The Animal Welfare Section received 26 complaints in relation to dogs from 1st of November 2024 to 25th November 2024.

Service	No of complaints per service from 1 st of November 2024 to 25 th of November 2024
Env - Dog Fine Appeal	1
Env - Dog on Dog Attack	3
Env - Dog on Person Attack	1
Env - Dog warden assistance, garda request	0
Env - Pollution - Issue with Dog	7
Env - Restricted Breed Dog	1
Env - Surrendered Dog	1
Env - Stray Dog	12
Grand Total	26

Dog Warden Service

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

Dog owners should ensure that they hold a valid licence for their dog and if issued with a 10-day notice by the dog wardens, should present their licence to controlofdogs@fingal.ie within the 10 days provided on the notice. Failure to do so may result in a fine being issued for failing to produce a dog licence when requested to do so by a dog warden and keeping a dog without a valid licence.

There were 104 x 10 Day Notices, and 19 Fines issued by the dog wardens during November 24.

Dog Licences and Fines

The below table shows the number of annual and lifetime licences purchased during November 2024 in comparison with the same months in 2023. An annual dog licence fee is €20, and a lifetime dog licence fee is €140. We will continue to promote the requirement for a dog licence on social media platforms. It is a legal requirement to hold a valid licence for any dog you own or are responsible for under the Control of Dogs Act 1986. Failing to hold a valid licence for a dog that you are own or are responsible for can incur a fine.

Month	10 Day Notices		Fines Issued		Fines Paid	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
January	217	40	20	68	€1997.50	€7,800
February	297	13	38	32	€2135	€2,600
March	234	97	40	29	€2525	€2,100
April	277	152	35	42	€2073	€1,500
May	408	232	38	98	€2420	€2,956
June	247	135	58	53	€2180	€2,700
July	29	109	88	35	€3550	€2,644.20
August	15	140	52	21	€4600	€1,500
September	29	125	23	40	€2919.70	€3,549
October	15	241	13	40	€2321	€1,500
November	104	91	19	7	€2185	€1,100
December	0	222		12	€0	€1,422.50
TOTAL	1872	1597	424	477	€28,906.20	€31,372

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



XL Bully Legislation

From October 1st, 2024, new regulations prohibit the importing, breeding, selling, and re-homing of XL Bully type dogs and from February 1st, 2025, it will be illegal to own an XL Bully type dog without a 'Certificate of Exemption' issued by the local authority in which the dog resides. This certificate of exemption will be unique to each XL Bully type dog and owner and will specify the dog's licence details, microchip details, neutering details, age and description. It will also specify the dog owner's name, address, date of birth and contact number. Owners may be required to present their Certificate of Exemption to a Dog Warden within 10 days of a request to do so. To date we have received 11 COE applications, of which 8 have been fully processed and certificates issued to the owner.

For further information, see <https://www.fingal.ie/dogs/xl-bully-regulations-and-certificates-exemption>

Dog Shelter Service

Dublin County Dog Shelter holds "Meet and Greet" visits for anyone looking to rehome a dog. Visits can be arranged by calling the shelter and arranging an appointment. These visits can be arranged from Monday – Friday from 11am to 1pm and from 2pm to 3.30pm. The shelter is also open on Saturday from 11am – 1pm. The shelter is closed to the public on Sundays. The dog shelter holds stray dogs picked up by the dog warden and dogs who have been surrendered by their owners either to the dog wardens or directly to the shelter. At the beginning of November there were 18 dogs in the shelter.

During November 2024, 14 dogs were brought to the shelter by the dog wardens as stray or surrenders and 4 dogs were surrendered by members of the public. Of these 36 dogs, one was reclaimed by a member of the public and 4 were PTS. At the end of November there are 23 dogs remaining in the shelter. The shelter has a **Facebook page Dublin County Dog Shelter** and **Instagram Account @dublincountydogshelter** which they actively update with strays and dogs wishing to be rehomed.

Dogs in Shelter at the start of October 2023	30	Dogs in Shelter at start of November 2024	18
Stray/Seized dogs brought to Shelter	17	Stray/Seized dogs brought to Shelter	14
Surrendered by owners	8	Surrendered by owners	4
Reclaimed	8	Reclaimed	1
Rehomed to Rescue	16	Rehomed to Rescue	7
Rehomed to Public	4	Rehomed to Public	1
PTS	1	PTS	4
Dogs in Shelter at the end of October 2023	26	Dogs in shelter at 25.11.2024	23



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



Rasher above in his new blue jumper he is still waiting in the shelter for his forever home - he is good with people and other dogs. **Harvey above** is a 2-year-old beagle who would be suitable in a home with children over 12. He would be ideal for someone working from home.

If you are interested in adopting any of the above dogs and feel you have a suitable home contact the shelter on 0873914008, WhatsApp or Facebook

Horses

Weekly welfare inspections continue on Dunsink Landfill to monitor the numbers and welfare of the horses onsite. There are 12 hay feeders being filled by the Operations Department on a weekly basis to ensure adequate forage for the horses on the landfill.

In November there were 9 horses seized from public lands under the Control of Horses Act and are currently being held in the horse shelter.



EPA RMCEI Audit 2024

The EPA conducted in September 2024 an audit of Fingal County Council's performance of its statutory functions in relation to environmental protection. The audit report was received in October 2024 and highlighted 7 work areas requiring additional focus, based on the work carried out in 2023. A response to the audit report is being compiled, and work had already started in early 2024 to address these areas. The EPA audit report will be publicly available on the EPA website once Fingal County Council has sent its response.

The complaints received, inspections carried out and enforcement actions taken for the first 3 Quarterly periods of 2024 are presented in Appendix 4.

Air & Noise

A section of the N3 near Mulhuddart was identified in the recently published Dublin Agglomeration **Noise Action Plan 2024-2028** as being a 'Priority Important Area' (PIA) which requires further investigations. Within the plan Fingal County Council committed, subject to resources and funding, to undertake an assessment of the noise mitigation measure options relating to the PIAs within the life cycle of the Noise Action Plan.

In July 2024 DECC announced funding for Pilot Acoustic Design Studies in PIAs and Fingal nominated the N3 site for further assessment. Noise consultants were appointed who oversaw a noise monitoring programme at 3 sites within this area in October/November.

The results of this monitoring along with a site visit by the consultants will allow a review/validation of the model used to produce the noise maps. The consultants will then run the model using scenarios based on different potential mitigation measures (new barriers, new road surface and lower speed limits) and assess the outputs. Report is due early 2025



Water Quality

Following on from the EPA Audit in September 2024, the ECCATS has commenced carrying out audits of several Section 4 LG Water Pollution Act, licensed activities. The audits are to cross-check that the licensed activities are not causing/allowing pollution of surface waters.

Audits commenced in October 2024 and have so far identified non-complaint licence holders who have been made aware of the non-compliances and impact that the non-complaint discharge is having on the receiving waters.

Fingal County Council also advised each licensee about Fingal's statutory requirements to restore all water bodies to Good Status.

SPORTS OFFICE

Fingal on the Move

Fingal on the Move programmes have been ran in Balbriggan, Rush, Swords, Howth and Blanchardstown since September. These programmes will end start of December and will restart again in January and will run in an 8 week block 3 times in 2025.



Fingal's Toddler Programme

The toddler programme is now a programme ran across Fingal with classes starting back in October in Balbriggan, Lusk, Swords, Baldoyle and Blanchardstown. Fingal Sports Office completed research in 2022 in Tyrrelstown Community Centre in partnership with Technological University Dublin Blanchardstown to firstly provide an engaging experience to promote toddlers developmental milestones (18-36 months) while also building connections with the community through parents interacting. These programmes will end start of December and will restart again in January and will run in an 8 week block 3 times in 2025.



Fingal's Active for Life

Fingal Sports Office regularly run older adult programmes; they will now all go under the name Fingal Active for Life programme. These programmes involve light exercise to encourage movement, build muscle and support bones for over 55s. The programmes will be ran in Balbriggan, Lusk, Swords, Baldoyle and Blanchardstown.



Fingal Tennis - Sport for Life

Fingal's Tennis Development Officer is currently working within nursing homes in North County to provide some fun activities for the residents. The residents have limited mobility and began with some basic movements and have now progressed onto playing tennis with their group.



Fingal Rugby Officer – School Spotlight

Fingal's Rugby Development Officer in partnership with Leinster Rugby has a focus on schools this term to introduce or reengage schools who have fallen away from partaking in rugby within their school setting. Hartstown Community School have recently taken up the sport again and have recently taken part in a Div 4 school blitz and will continue the programme within the school to compete in Fingal's school competition.



Marathonkids Final Mile Event

The 2024 Marathonkids Dublin Final Mile event took place at Morton Stadium on Tuesday, November 12th, and Wednesday, November 13th. Over 4,000 students from more than 70 schools across Fingal and Dublin City gathered to mark the completion of their Marathonkids challenge.

33 schools and 3,500 students from across Fingal participated in this year's programme, with a majority coming to Santry to complete the final mile of the 26.2 miles. The event was a vibrant display of determination and enthusiasm as children from local schools participated in the final mile of their marathon journey, which they had worked towards over the past 8 weeks.

Rush Place Standard

The Sports Office engaged in a community consultation project in collaboration with the Operations, Community and the Economic Development Dept. The concept behind 'Place Standard' which is a Healthy Ireland initiative is to provide a simple framework to structure conversation about place.

This consultation for a Place Standard in Rush took place in Rush Multipurpose Youth Facility and was attended by clubs, schools and community groups in Rush as well as staff from the four council departments. It included a round table discussion as well as an onsite tour of Rush to pinpoint the assets of the town as well as areas where it can improve. The results from the workshop will be collated and analysed to provide recommendations and practical suggestions to improve the physical and social aspects of the area.



Exercise Energise & HER Moves campaign

Fourteen Fingal Secondary schools have enrolled to be part of Fingal Sports Office's Exercise: Energise programme for this school year. The programme aimed at inactive first- and second-year female students is now in its fifteenth year and continues to grow in popularity among schools and their students.

This year Fingal Sports Office is linking with Sport Ireland's Women in Sport Her Moves campaign to bring a fresh dynamic to the programme. The Exercise: Energise school co-ordinators when enrolling agreed to follow the eight guiding principles of success of the Her Moves campaign. These eight guiding principles are based on the principle of no judgement, taking the pressure off performance, invoking excitement and most importantly providing the girls with a voice and a choice in the activity they wish to do. Changing what sporty looks to them. The activities chosen by the students so far include Volleyball, Zumba, Dance, Table Tennis & Tennis and take place during their lunchtime or after school.

For a second year in a row participating schools have also been invited to enter a video competition to highlight the activities they are enjoying as part of the programme and why young girls drop away from sport and physical activity. The video competition provides the girls with an opportunity to show their creative side and gives them ownership of the programme.



School Spotlight | Fingal Sports Club and Volunteer Awards 2025

"Volunteers! Celebrating You: The Heart of the Game & heart of our sports" "Championing Clubs. Leading the Way."

The Fingal Sports Office is thrilled to announce the inaugural 'Sports Club' Volunteer of the Year Awards 2025 and Sports Club of the Year 2025 celebration dedicated to recognising the incredible contributions of sports clubs and their volunteers across Fingal. These individuals selflessly give their time and energy to ensure communities thrive through sport and physical activity.

The Volunteer of the Year Awards will provide a platform to acknowledge these unsung heroes and celebrate their dedication. The Sports Club of the year will aim to highlight three clubs that excel in Environmental impact, Social Inclusion and good governance and community impact.

Event Details Date: Monday, 27th January 2025
Venue: Carlton Hotel, Tyrrelstown, Dublin 15

Each sports club in Fingal is encouraged to nominate one volunteer who has gone above and beyond to enhance sporting opportunities within their local area. They can self-nominate for club of the year awards also. After nominations close, an independent jury panel will carefully evaluate all entries to select the winners.

Nomination Deadline: Tuesday & Wednesday, 17th & 18th Dec at 5:00 PM

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Sports Club of the Year Awards 2025

Win a €500 Equipment Voucher



Categories:
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Community Club of the Year
Sports for All Club of the Year

CARLTON HOTEL
BLANCHARDSTOWN
MONDAY 27th JANUARY

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Clubs must be on the Fingal Public Participation Network (PPN).





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Power Up Grant

93% of potentially eligible business made application for the €4,000 grant. The Council will process payments to 1,424 local businesses during December.

Rates

Overall Commercial Rates collection to the end of November 2024 is running at 96%.

Rates Collection	
Rates collected €m	€155.8
Rates collected %	96%

Development Levy Income

Development levy income collected to the end of October is €19.9m this is c.81% of the overall collection for same period in 2023.

Development Levy Income YTD Oct 2024	
Levies Received	€19.9 m
Levies Collected as a % of 2023	81%

Payroll

Overall payroll spend to the end of October is €74.3m which is c. **101.5%** of the budget year to date.

Payroll	
Salaries & Wages €m	€74.3m
Percentage of Budget YTD.	101.5%

Procurement

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

No. of contracts awarded (details below) for year to date	228	
Value €m	83.4m	
Procurements ongoing at end of October		
No. of procurements awaiting tender responses	9	(i)
Value €m	28.9m	
No. of procurements under evaluation	49	(ii)
Value €m	37.9m	
No. of procurements at approved	21	(iii)
Value €m	174.1m	

Notes:

(i) Procurements awaiting tender responses – tender responses awaited at end of October.

(ii) Procurements under evaluation – tender responses submitted and being evaluated at end of the October.

(iii) Procurements at approved – Tender responses have been evaluated and approved. Pre- contract award processes ongoing at end of October.

Appendix 1 (a)

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

	EXPENDITURE			INCOME			NET
	Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent to date	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised	€
Housing & Building	92,657,708	105,932,600	87%	97,616,189	108,268,800	90%	-4,958,481
Road Transport & Safety	32,301,661	36,130,600	89%	8,516,670	9,056,100	94%	23,784,991
Water Services	15,355,811	14,369,700	107%	15,567,516	17,039,600	91%	-211,705
Development Management	32,118,423	20,845,600	154%	18,101,237	6,574,000	275%	14,017,186
Environmental Services	45,400,282	48,453,500	94%	11,825,856	10,947,500	108%	33,574,426
Recreation & Amenity	51,480,662	56,603,300	91%	4,263,538	4,841,800	88%	47,217,124
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	1,606,412	1,513,800	106%	359,821	409,700	88%	1,246,591
Miscellaneous Services	22,529,998	21,972,500	103%	25,796,026	29,279,600	88%	-3,266,028
Central Management Charge	50,580,113	56,075,600	90%	3,669,329	3,969,700	92%	46,910,784
Local Property Tax / GPG				11,335,775	12,366,300	92%	-11,335,775
Rates				145,882,092	159,144,100	92%	-145,882,092
	344,031,071	361,897,200	95%	342,934,048	361,897,200	95%	1,097,023

Appendix 1 (b)

CAPITAL ACCOUNT						
INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 30/11/2024						
		Balance at 0/01/2024 €	Expenditure YTD €	Income YTD €		Balance at 30/11/2024 €
A	Housing & Building	-25,708,012	227,705,300	-160,291,510		41,705,778
B	Road Transport & Safety	11,742,410	52,851,403	-25,101,572		39,492,241
C	Water Services	-11,305,335	1,759,276	-1,623,362		-11,169,421
D	Development Management	-142,996,695	30,897,789	-25,957,264		-138,056,170
E	Environmental Services	-14,590,477	2,279,156	-2,022,719		-14,334,040
F	Recreation & Amenity	-18,558,433	31,957,830	-9,980,423		3,418,974
H	Miscellaneous Services	-48,898,202	12,212,841	-14,027,984		-50,713,345
	Total	-250,314,744	359,663,595	-239,004,834		-129,655,983

Appendix 1 (c)

SUMMARY OF CORPORATE DEBTORS TO 30/11/2024				
	Balance at 01/01/2024*	Balance at 30/11/2024	Current debt	> 1 Year
	€	€	€	€
RATES*	€2,579,534	€5,675,783	€4,742,683	€933,100
LOANS	€2,130,037	€2,032,949	€209,537	€1,823,412
RENTS	€10,216,580	€10,394,304	€4,152,504	€6,241,800

Figures for rents and loans are unadjusted by credits/prepayments

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

Number of Contracts Awarded for year to date

Dept	Description of Procurement	Supplier Name	Current Value of Contract (excl. VAT)	Contract Start Date (actual)	Contract End Date (actual)	Contract Award Date	Contract End Date per CE Order	Actual Duration (months)
Information Technology	ICT Managed Services	ATOS IT Solutions & Services Ltd	€ 3,500,000.00	30/09/2024	29/09/2027	30/09/2024	31/07/2027	36
Operations	Road Lining for the Castleknock, Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart Area including PSCS and Traffic Management	Nuzum Road Services Ltd	€ 51,447.00	01/10/2024	31/12/2025	01/10/2024	31/12/2025	16
Operations	Security Services for Coolmine Recycling Centre	Secure Management Solutions	€ 30,375.00	01/07/2024	31/12/2024	11/09/2024	31/12/2024	6
Operations	Road inlay/Overlay & ancillary works, Turvey Ave, Donabate overlay	Roadstone Ltd	€ 155,626.24	01/10/2024	01/12/2024	10/09/2024	16/11/2024	2
Corporate Affairs	Fire Alarm Maintenance Services	Masterfire Life Safety Systems Ltd	€ 95,930.00	08/10/2024	07/10/2026	08/10/2024	07/10/2026	24
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Engineering Consultancy Services for Corduff Park (Blanchardstown) Improvement Works	Donnachadh O'Brien & Associates Consulting	€ 47,250.00	09/09/2024	09/09/2026	06/09/2024	09/09/2026	24
Operations	Lay Tarmac finish on the footpaths on the open space at the Portmarnock Sports and Leisure Centre	McGinty Plant Hire	€ 49,445.00	16/09/2024	24/09/2024	05/09/2024	17/09/2024	1
Corporate Affairs	Fixed Voice services (Interim Contract)	Eir Ltd	€ 140,000.00	01/09/2024	31/08/2025	01/09/2024	31/08/2024	12
Operations	Resurfacing of Broomfield, Malahide and Ancillary Works	Pavement & Road Surfacing Ltd	€ 39,385.00	03/09/2024	10/09/2024	27/08/2024	20/09/2024	1

Operations	Footpath Improvement Works Parkview/Lodge Co Dublin	John Browne Construction Ltd	€ 29,997.00	26/08/2024	26/11/2024	26/08/2024	26/11/2024	3
Information Technology	Design, Maintain Digital Signage for FCC Community Centres	image Supply Systems AV Ltd	€ 97,491.00	28/08/2024	28/08/2027	23/08/2024	28/08/2027	36
Libraries	Appointment of Employer's Representative Services - Completion of Skerries Library Refurbishment and Extension Project	Nyland Consulting	€ 60,000.00	12/08/2024	31/05/2025	13/08/2024	31/05/2025	8
Corporate Affairs	Funding as part of Community Recognition Fund to install smart benches across Fingal	Civic Integrated Solutions Ltd	€ 50,666.24	15/08/2024	31/12/2024	12/08/2024	31/12/2024	4
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Design and project management of works related to the construction of a full-size all-weather soccer pitch at Corduff Park, D15	Alan Lewis Ltd	€ 28,031.00	06/09/2024	07/03/2026	11/08/2024	07/03/2026	19
Operations	1 Ford Ranger Double cab 4 x 4 jeep with automatic transmission and 1 Ford Ranger single cab 4 x 4 jeep	Henry Ford & Son	€ 66,370.45	09/08/2024	08/08/2025	09/08/2024	06/08/2025	12
Operations	Solar Power Signage Contract 2024	PWS Signs Ltd	€ 47,610	07/08/2024	07/01/2025	08/08/2024	30/11/2024	4
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Civil engineering works at Cloch Choirneal to bring the estate to a TIC standard	Larry Kiernan Plant Hire Ltd	€ 114,430.00	02/09/2024	18/10/2024	02/08/2024	31/10/2024	3.5
Operations	Preplacement of defective Concrete Footpaths at Ard na Mara, Chalfont and Texas Lane, Malahide	Citius Ltd	€ 51,745.00	19/08/2024	13/09/2024	01/08/2024	13/09/2024	1
Operations	Roadmarkings for the Howth/Malahide Area	Nazum Road Services Ltd	€ 59,096.00	26/08/2024	31/12/2024	01/08/2024	31/12/2024	5

Operations	MPFA for the Collection, Auditing and Banking of Monies from Pay and Display Parking Machines located in Fingal County Council Administrative Area with an Initial Two Year Contract for these Services	Sonoma Valley Ltd (T/A GSLS)	€ 136,500.00	01/08/2024	31/07/2026	01/08/2024	11/06/2024	24
Active Travel	Traffic Calming Works at Balscadden, Co. Dublin	KT Civil Ltd	€ 53,245.00	05/08/2024	05/09/2024	25/07/2024	30/11/2024	3
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	3 Year Goat Grazing at Howth	Old Irish Goat Society	€ 240,000.00	01/08/2024	01/08/2027	25/07/2024	01/08/2027	36
Information Technology	Additional development & support of Sharepoint online applications	Storm Technology	€ 350,000.00	14/08/2024	13/08/2025	24/07/2024	13/08/2025	12
Operations	Public Lighting Maintenance and new works services	Al Read Electrical Co Ltd	€ 1,758,345.00	24/07/2024	01/03/2026	24/07/2024	01/03/2026	20
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	R132 Connectivity Project (PSI-039) Ground Investigation	IGSL Ltd	€ 145,165.00	23/07/2024	23/10/2024	23/07/2024	15/10/2024	3
Operations	Footpath improvement works at Hunters Run, Co Dublin	D M MORRIS	€ 37,365.00	22/07/2024	22/09/2024	22/07/2024	22/09/2024	2
Operations	Footpath improvement Works Pheasants Run/Hunters Run	D.M. Morris	€ 37,365.00	22/07/2024	22/09/2024	22/07/2024	22/09/2024	2
Operations	Concrete footpath works as per Lanesborough, Finglas	John Browne Construction Ltd	€ 33,000.00	22/07/2024	22/10/2024	22/07/2024	22/10/2024	3
Operations	Footpath Improvement works at Willow Wood, Ashfield, Co Dublin	Joe Duke & Co Ltd	€ 31,700.00	22/07/2024	22/10/2024	22/07/2024	22/10/2024	3

Operations	Concrete footpath improvement works at Castleknock Grance	Joe Duke & Co Ltd	€ 32,600.00	22/07/2024	22/10/2024	22/07/2024	22/10/2024	3
Operations	Surface Restoration and ancillary works at Old Ballymun Road	Lagan Asphalt Ltd	€ 44,189.00	22/07/2024	22/12/2024	22/07/2024	22/09/2024	2
Corporate Affairs	Provision of Post Collection Services	Print Post Ltd	€ 45,000.00	01/07/2024	30/09/2024	19/07/2024	30/09/2024	3
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	2 no. car parks at Bath Road, Balbriggan	Dancor Civil Engineering Ltd	€ 1,758,381.25	19/07/2024	18/01/2026	19/07/2024	03/12/2026	18
Active Travel	Hartstown Huntstown protected cycle lanes phase 2b design	Clifton Scannell Emerson Associates Ltd	€ 276,920.00	19/07/2024	18/03/2026	19/07/2024	12/03/2026	20
EETCD	Requirement for services of Event Management Co to design, build & manage the Malahide Family Fun Day	Davis Events Agency	€ 54,439.00	03/07/2024	15/07/2024	12/07/2024	15/07/2024	1
Community	Event Management Services for Vintage Picnic 2024 in Swords Castle	Invictus Event Management Ltd	€ 60,000.00	09/07/2024	25/07/2024	11/07/2024	25/07/2024	1
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Construction of New Sports Facilities & refurb/upgrade & main. of existing facilities within FCC Admin Area. Initial contract to develop 2 GAA pitches & works at Balymastone Recreational Hub, Donabate	Tony Patterson Sportsgrounds Ltd	€ 1,147,868.85	29/07/2024	17/11/2025	11/07/2024	20/10/2025	16
Operations	Slip kerbing, footpath & ancillaries, Seatown Road East	Postmount Buildings Ltd., t/a/ Jim Hayes	€ 40,120.00	15/07/2024	15/10/2024	05/07/2024	15/10/2024	3
Operations	Supply and delivery of washed surface dressing chips - 6mm and 10mm	Tullyraine Quarries Ltd	€ 27,125.00	22/07/2024	22/11/2024	05/07/2024	22/11/2024	4

Operations	Resurfacing of sections of Broughan Lane, Newpark Road, St. Margarets (Amalgamated with FCC/131/24)	Roadstone Ltd	€ 176,347.50	05/07/2024	31/12/2024	05/07/2024	31/12/2024	6
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Repair Works to Cascades and Colocated Historic Structures Ward River Valley Park, Swords	Francis Haughey Building & Civil Engineering Contractors	€ 1,379,864.25	05/07/2024	03/01/2025	05/07/2024	26/12/2024	6
Operations	Installation of Posts at Portmarnock Beach	Larry Kiernan Plant Hire Ltd	€ 26,901.00	01/07/2024	12/07/2024	04/07/2024	12/07/2024	1
Active Travel	Feasibility Study and Business Case for a swimming pool at Castlelands, Balbriggan	ReCreation	€ 48,720.00	03/07/2024	15/07/2024	03/07/2024	01/09/2024	3
EETCD	Management & Maintenance Service for ducting network for FCC	Novegen Ltd	€ 373,200.00	01/07/2024	30/06/2025	01/07/2024	26/05/2025	12
Operations	Resurfacing of a section of Strand Road, Portmarnock, Co Dublin	DM Morris Ltd	€ 98,955.00	01/07/2024	19/07/2024	28/06/2024	19/07/2024	1
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Topographical Surveying Services for Donabate Transport Projects	Metroscan Utility Locating Ltd	€ 71,196.00	08/07/2024	20/12/2024	28/06/2024	25/11/2024	6
Corporate Affairs	3 Staff Safety Liasion Officers for 3 months for CCU Desk/Atrium Civic Offices Grove Road	NOC Consultancy	€ 52,000.00	01/07/2024	30/09/2024	27/06/2024	30/09/2024	3
Libraries	Baldoyle Improvement & Modification Works	Demac Construction Ltd	€ 856,619.98	06/08/2024	06/05/2026	27/06/2024	19/12/2024	9
Housing	Construction of Multi-Unit Residential Development at Seatown Road, Swords	Duggan Brothers (Contractors) Ltd	€ 17,724,000.00	27/06/2024	26/06/2027	27/06/2024	06/06/2027	36

Libraries	Construction of Swords Civic & Cultural Centre Building (a mixed use development consisting of a County Library & Arts Centre	Duggan Brothers (Contractors) Ltd	€ 45,688,305.00	27/06/2024	26/06/2027	27/06/2024	06/06/2027	36
Operations	Concrete Footpath Construction in a series of batches from 3-7 m at Binn Eadair, Sutton, Co Dublin	Citius Ltd	€ 53,150.00	25/06/2024	12/07/2024	25/06/2024	31/05/2024	1
Operations	Purchase of 1 Electric and 1 Diesel Van	Gowan Motors	€ 39,133.00	24/06/2024	23/06/2025	24/06/2024	23/06/2025	12
Operations	Concrete footpath in batches at Seapark, Malahide, Co Dublin	Joe Duke & Co Ltd	€ 28,250.00	01/07/2024	19/07/2024	21/06/2024	19/07/2024	1
Housing	Refurbishment Works at 37 Hazelbury Park, Clonee, Dublin 15	Arthurstown Construction Limited	€ 103,485.00	29/07/2024	05/12/2024	20/06/2024	20/12/2024	6
Community	Community Centre Upgrade Works at Hartstown Community Centre, Hartstown Road, Dublin 15	Vision Contracting Ltd	€ 1,899,235.04	17/06/2024	17/03/2026	17/06/2024	17/03/2026	21
EETCD	Provision of Traffic Management Svcs for Flavours of Fingal '24	Freeflow Traffic Management	€ 49,315.00	27/06/2024	01/07/2024	13/06/2024	01/07/2024	1
EETCD	Provision of vintage carnival stalls, games,sensory/additional needs for flavours of Fingal '24	Event Dimensions	€ 45,025.00	28/06/2024	07/07/2024	13/06/2024	01/07/2024	1
Corporate Affairs	Provision of Security Services	Manguard Plus Ltd	€ 200,000.00	18/05/2024	18/11/2024	12/06/2024	18/11/2024	6
Operations	Road inlay and ancillary works, Glen Ellen Road, Swords	DM Morris Ltd	€ 62,127.80	17/06/2024	17/10/2024	11/06/2024	17/10/2024	4
Operations	Special works, Slip Form Kerbing and Ancillaries, Balheary Road, Swords	KT Civil Ltd	€ 44,819.00	01/07/2024	01/11/2024	10/06/2024	01/11/2024	6

EETCD	Project Management Services related to design and planning of Balbriggan Harbour & Coastal Amenity Area Feasibility Study & Tidal Pool	Turner & Townsend	€ 43,742.00	20/05/2024	20/11/2024	01/06/2024	20/11/2024	6
Corporate Affairs	Consultancy Services for the preparation, creation & publication of the Corporate Plan 2024-2029	RPS	€ 51,045.00	01/06/2024	31/12/2024	01/06/2024	31/12/2024	7
EETCD	Coach Hire, Staff, Ticket and Website Management for Flavours of Fingal 2024	Marathon Training & Events	€ 126,230.00	30/05/2024	01/07/2024	31/05/2024	01/07/2024	1
Housing	Refurbishment of Dwellings on Parochial Avenue, Baldoyle , Dublin 13	CTS Projects Ltd	€ 586,550.00	01/07/2024	20/12/2024	31/05/2024	20/12/2024	6
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Construction of the Donabate Pedestrian/Cycle Bridge	Jons Civil Engineering Company Ltd	€ 1,495,685.00	31/05/2024	31/03/2025	31/05/2024	31/03/2025	9
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	SCFT Prep of Old School House Clonsilla Masterplan	RMLA Ltd	€ 185,965.00	31/05/2024	31/05/2025	31/05/2024	13/05/2025	12
Operations	Road resurfacing and reconstruction Bremore Estate, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin	Lagan Asphalt Ltd	€ 74,945.00	04/06/2024	14/06/2024	30/05/2024	14/06/2024	1.5 weeks
Operations	Phase 3, Extension of Balgriffin Cemetry	Clar-Con Construction Limited	€ 236,152.50	07/06/2024	19/07/2024	29/05/2024	19/07/2024	2
Operations	Footpath construction in a series of batches from 3 - 8 square meters at Seagrange Rd, R809, Strand Rd Baldoyle Co Dublin	John Browne Construction Ltd	€ 30,522.50	04/06/2024	14/09/2024	29/05/2024	14/09/2024	3

Corporate	Stewarding Services for Local Elections in National Show Centre	Invictus Event Management Ltd	€ 32,079.00	31/05/2024	10/06/2024	28/05/2024	10/06/2024	1
EETCD	Consultancy Services for Fingal Skills Strategy	Grant Thornton Corporate Finance Ltd	€111,750.00	28/05/2024	27/11/2024	28/05/2024	07/10/2024	6
EETCD	Engagement of consultancy services for the Fingal Skills Strategy.	Grant Thornton Finance Ltd	€ 111,750.00	28/05/2024	30/11/2024	28/05/2024	07/10/2024	6
EETCD	Malahide Castle & Visitor Centre Energy Centre & Rainwater Harvesting Systems Upgrades	Francis Haughey Building & Civil Engineering Contractors	€ 298,516.00	25/05/2024	24/08/2025	25/05/2024	07/06/2025	15
Operations	Road inlay and ancillary works Bridge Street, Swords (Swords Castle to Watery Lane).	DM Morris Ltd	€ 84,800.50	06/05/2024	06/08/2024	24/05/2024	06/08/2024	3
Operations	Construction of a Tarmacadam Path & Associated Works at Glebe Park, Balrothery	KT Civil Ltd	€ 63,000.00	26/08/2024	30/08/2024	24/05/2024	31/07/2024	1
Community	Construction of new lifts shaft, installation of new lift and renovation of existing toilets in Rivervalley Rathingle Community Centre, Swords	Vision Contracting Ltd	€ 159,048.85	04/06/2024	16/09/2026	24/05/2024	16/09/2024	16
Operations	Concrete footpath improvement Works at Pinebrook Co Dublin	John Browne Construction Ltd	€ 49,500.00	30/05/2024	30/08/2024	23/05/2024	30/08/2024	3
Operations	Footpath Improvement works Deerpark Road, Drive & Ave Castleknock	Citius Ltd	€ 54,800.00	27/03/2024	27/09/2024	23/05/2024	27/09/2024	6
Operations	Resurfacing of Roselawn Road Junction Clonsilla Road	Roadstone Ltd	€ 84,738.98	30/05/2024	30/09/2024	23/05/2024	30/09/2024	4

Operations	Plant hire with driver/operative for Beach and Burial Ground Works	Larry Kiernan Plant Hire Ltd	€ 64,483.00	07/05/2024	30/09/2024	21/05/2024	30/09/2024	5
Digital Services	Renewal of Microsoft 365 Licences (non-profit classification) for Libraries & Draíocht	MicroMail Ltd	€ 30,107.12	26/05/2024	25/05/2025	21/05/2024	25/05/2025	12
ANCA	Aviation Noise Expert Consultancy Services	Noise Consultants Ltd	€ 800,000.00	20/05/2024	19/05/2026	20/05/2024	31/05/2026	24
Digital Services	Nathean Additional Logix Bi & Housing Support Days 2024	Nathean Technologies Ltd.	€ 42,500.00	15/05/2024	15/05/2025	15/05/2024	15/05/2025	12
Housing	Proposed Works For Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme (EERP) to Whitestown - Phase 2	Arthurstown Construction Limited	€ 2,000,000.00	01/04/2024	01/04/2026	15/05/2024	01/04/2026	24
Digital Services	Civica ModernGov Hosted Application 2024 - 2026	Civica UK Ltd	€ 79,729	15/05/2024	15/04/2027	15/05/2024	15/04/2027	36
Housing	Provision of legal advice and services relating to the delivery of an affordable housing scheme at Ballealley Rise, Lusk, Co. Dublin	Mason Hayes & Curran LLP	€ 26,000.00	01/04/2024	31/12/2024	14/05/2024	31/12/2024	8
Operations	Road Markings at various locations within the Fingal Area	Nuzum Road Services Ltd	€ 41,234.55	17/06/2024	17/06/2025	14/05/2024	14/06/2025	12
Operations	Concrete Footpath Construction Baldoyle Industrial Estate	Joe Duke & Co Ltd	€ 100,750.00	04/06/2024	21/06/2024	13/05/2024	21/06/2024	1
Operations	Supply and delivery to site of 29 Nr Precast Concrete Anchor Blocks with marine grade stainless steel lifting eyes	Shay Murtagh Precast Ltd	€ 79,357.68	04/06/2024	30/05/2024	10/05/2024	30/05/2024	3

Housing	FM Strategy Development Support (Phase 1 - Strategy Development Support And Phase 2 – Document Review & Finalisation)	KSN Project Management	€ 29,250.00	23/05/2024	23/11/2025	10/05/2024	10/11/2025	18
Libraries	Supplementary Call for Tender (SCFT) for the Design, supply, installation, commissioning and maintenance of library building automation solution (My Open Library) at Malahide Library	Spectrum Communications Ltd	€ 30,760.00	10/05/2024	09/05/2026	10/05/2024	20/04/2026	24
Libraries	Supplementary Call for Tender (SCFT) for the Design, supply, installation, commissioning and maintenance of library building automation solution (My Open Library) at Blanchardstown Library	Spectrum Communications Ltd	€ 29,200.00	10/05/2024	09/05/2026	10/05/2024	20/04/2026	24
Libraries	Design, supply, installation, commissioning and maintenance of library building automation solution (My Open Library) at Skerries Library	Spectrum Communications Ltd	€ 37,060.00	10/05/2024	09/05/2026	10/05/2024	20/04/2026	24
Operations	Flavours of Fingal County Show 2024 Hire of Generators, Portalo, Cabin Electricians And Teleporter	GH Energy Rentals Limited	€ 90,000.00	26/06/2024	03/07/2024	09/05/2024	03/07/2024	1
Operations	Pipe Rehabilitation Works Carpenterstown Road, Castleknock, Dublin 15	Oak Underground Services T/A Oak Enviro	€ 48,950.00	07/05/2024	22/10/2024	07/05/2024	22/10/2024	6
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Provision of CCTV Drainage Survey, R132 Connectively Project Swords	McBrenn Environmental Drain Services Ltd	€ 162,280.00	10/06/2024	10/09/2024	03/05/2024	10/09/2024	3

Community	Consultancy Services to develop an Age Friendly Strategy 2024-2028	McAdam Consulting Services Ltd T/A MCA Consulting	€ 53,550.00	07/05/2024	31/01/2025	03/05/2024	31/01/2025	8
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Landscaping works and the supply & installation of the pleached tree Steel Support Frames	Martin King Landscaping Ltd	€ 73,334.00	02/05/2024	02/10/2025	02/05/2024	10/08/2025	18
Operations	Path refurbishment works Tir Na nOg park	KT CIVIL LTD	€ 69,650.00	01/05/2024	30/07/2024	01/05/2024	25/06/2024	1
Libraries	Provision of legal advice and services relating to Contractual Matters	Mason Hayes & Curran LLP	€ 50,000.00	29/04/2024	28/04/2025	01/05/2024	01/05/2025	12
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Provision of Landscape Architect-led Integrated Design Team Consultancy Services for the Park Development Project for Ward River Regional Park, Swords	Dermot Foley Landscape Architects	€ 1,878,533.90	13/05/2024	02/02/2026	01/05/2024	18/01/2026	20
Finance	Collection and Delivery to the bank of cash from the Cash Offices of Fingal County Council	Sonoma Valley Ltd (T/A GSLS)	€ 40,000.00	01/05/2024	30/04/2026	01/05/2024	30/04/2026	24
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Provision of Coastal Path Relocation, Howth, Co. Dublin	James Oliver Hearty & Sons	€ 86,942.20	30/04/2024	19/07/2024	30/04/2024	30/04/2024	1.5
Operations	Road Inlay and Ancillary Works Swords Fire Station to Estuary Roundabout and North Street, Swords	DM Morris Ltd	€ 135,864.80	13/05/2024	13/08/2024	30/04/2024	13/08/2024	3
Operations	Road surfacing Eight (8) local roads, North County Fingal	DM Morris Ltd	€ 586,205.50	03/06/2024	03/10/2024	30/04/2024	03/10/2024	4

Operations	Purchase of Wide Area Trailed Wing Roller Mowers - Lot 1 Purchase of two 4m Wide Trailed Wing Roller Mowers	Maher Tractor Sales Ltd	€ 51,000.00	29/04/2024	28/04/2025	29/04/2024	26/03/2025	12
Operations	Purchase of Wide Area Trailed Wing Roller Mowers - Lot 2 Purchase of three 5m Wide Trailed Wing Roller Mowers	Baytown Machinery Ltd	€ 103,500.00	29/04/2024	28/04/2025	29/04/2024	26/03/2025	12
People Services	Provision of Driver Training Programme to include Driver Licence Upskilling Training Lessons, ECO Drive Training & Vehicle Safety Check Training for Fingal County Council Staff (Single Supplier Framework with Initial contract)	Alexandra School of Motoring	€ 500,000.00	29/04/2024	28/04/2027	29/04/2024	07/04/2027	36
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Works at Bath Road Car Park, Balbriggan	Postmount T/A Jim Hayes Civil Engineering	€ 28,000.00	26/04/2024	25/07/2024	26/04/2024	25/07/2024	4
Corporate Affairs	Provision of Catering Services for Ballycoolin Regional Training Centre, Ballycoolin, Dublin 15	Fitzpatrick Catering Ltd	€ 80,000.00	25/04/2024	24/04/2026	25/04/2024	25/02/2026	24
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Supply & Install of 5no. synthetic tennis court surfaces, removal & disposal of existing carpet & arisings, LED flood lighting upgrade and associated works	Sole Sports & Leisure Ltd	€ 124,807.75	20/04/2024	20/04/2026	24/04/2024	20/04/2026	24
EETCD	Appointment of a Resident Engineer for Quay Street Environs Public Realm Project, Balbriggan, Co Dublin	Waterman Moylan	€ 170,000.00	07/05/2024	07/05/2026	24/04/2024	07/05/2026	24

Community	Community Centre Construction Work at Baldoyle Community Facility	Vision Contracting Ltd	€ 7,486,275.25	01/05/2024	31/10/2026	24/04/2024	22/04/2026	28
Operations	Installation of new drainage works to 2 soccer pitches in Tyrrelstown Park	Peter O'Brien & Sons	€ 111,771.20	22/04/2024	21/06/2024	22/04/2024	28/06/2024	2
Information Technology	Provision of VMware Licensing for the Fingal VSan	Triangle Computer Services	€ 305,283.00	22/04/2024	21/04/2027	22/04/2024	19/04/2027	36
Community	Community Centre Upgrade Works at Mourne Estate Community Centre	Vision Contracting Ltd	€ 449,464.49	20/05/2024	14/08/2025	19/04/2024	14/08/2024	17
Community	Community Centre Upgrade Works for Fingal County Council Mourne Estate Community Centre, Skerries, Co Dublin	Vision Contracting Ltd	€ 449,464.49	19/04/2024	18/09/2025	19/04/2024	18/08/2025	17
Operations	Surface Restoration Glenville Road	John Browne Construction Ltd	€ 42,800.00	30/04/2024	31/12/2024	18/04/2024	31/12/2024	8
Operations	Greys Lane Rd Inlay (Howth)	DM Morris	€ 107,130.00	22/04/2024	08/05/2024	16/04/2024	08/05/2024	1
Operations	Supply of Bitumen Emulsion, Fingal Area 2024 (80%)	Irish Tar and Bitumen Suppliers Limited	€ 124,800.00	01/05/2024	01/12/2024	16/04/2024	01/12/2024	7
Operations	Supply of Bitumen Emulsion, Fingal Area 2024 (20%)	Lagan Asphalt Ltd	€ 31,650.50	01/05/2024	01/12/2024	16/04/2024	01/12/2024	7
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Supply & Install New Solid Bar Railings, Gate & Limestone Kerb at Bremore Castle, Balbriggan	McAvoy Contracts Ltd	€ 86,570.00	15/04/2024	30/04/2024	15/04/2024	30/04/2025	2 weeks
Environment, Climate Action	Junction realignment works at Coach Road/School Lane junction in Balrothery on foot of completed enabling works by ESB Networks.	Integrated Utility Services Ireland	€ 49,641.11	01/05/2024	31/05/2024	10/04/2024	31/05/2024	1

EETCD	Social Media Contract for Balbriggan Rejuvenation Plan 2019-2025	Often Partisan T/a Media Consult	€ 62,000.00	09/04/2024	08/04/2025	09/04/2024	08/04/2025	1
Operations	Walkway Design and Installation in Tolka Valley	Knife Edge Fencing Ltd.	€ 84,500.00	17/04/2024	14/05/2024	08/04/2024	30/09/2024	6
Operations	Repair to the existing boardwalk through the dunes leading to Portmarnock Beach	Larry Kiernan Plant Hire Ltd	€ 78,995.00	23/04/2024	23/05/2024	08/04/2024	30/04/2024	1
Operations	Purchase of up to 30 Fully Electric 3.5 Tonne - 4.25 Tonne Flatbed Tippers	Setanta Vehicle Sales North Ltd	€ 1,250,250.00	08/04/2024	07/04/2025	08/04/2024	20/03/2025	12
EETCD	Public realm redevelopment and associated works at Quay Street & Environs – Repair & renewal works including re-roofing and provision of new services to existing RNLI Boathouse – Contract B , Balbriggan, Co Dublin	John Craddock Ltd	€ 575,535.18	05/04/2024	05/04/2026	05/04/2024	05/04/2026	24
EETCD	Public realm redevelopment and associated works at Quay Street & Environs – Contract A , Balbriggan	John Craddock Ltd	€ 16,378,905.65	05/04/2024	05/09/2026	05/04/2024	05/11/2026	19
Housing	Extension works at house at Sheepmoor Crescent	Mullacurry Construction Ltd	€ 124,800.97	13/05/2024	31/10/2024	04/04/2024	18/11/2024	6
Corporate Affairs	Postal Collection Services for 2024 (interim)	Print Post Ltd	€ 36,250.00	01/04/2024	30/06/2024	01/04/2024	30/06/2024	3
Environment, Climate Action	Environmental Awareness cinema campaign 2023	Pearl & Dean Ireland Ltd	€ 26,100.00	14/08/2024	09/01/2025	01/04/2024	09/01/2025	6

Operations	Planting and Maintenance of Council-Owned Summer/Winter Floral Display Baskets/Planters for various locations within Fingal Administrative Area and the supply of a limited number of Units	Redlough Landscapes Ltd	€ 204,673.08	01/04/2024	31/01/2025	01/04/2024	31/01/2025	10
Housing	Demolition of the 6 houses on Seatown Road (phase 2)	Hegarty Demolition Ltd	€ 298,531	02/04/2024	08/06/2025	28/03/2024	08/06/2025	14
Operations	Road Inlay, Newcourt, Castlegrange & Mooretown, Swords, Co. Dublin	DM Morris	€ 194,026.80	18/03/2024	18/07/2024	26/03/2024	18/07/2024	4
Operations	Installation security fencing, gates and Razorwire at Brackenstown Wallen Gardens, Knocksedan, Swords, Co.Dublin.	Citius Ltd	€ 39,850.00	27/03/2024	27/09/2024	21/03/2024	27/09/2024	6
Operations	Road Inlay, 1 Kinsealy Lane	Lagan Asphalt Ltd	€ 93,047.50	26/03/2024	02/04/2024	20/03/2024	29/03/2024	1
Active Travel	Footpath Installation and associated works at Beaverstown Road, Donabate	Integrated Utility Services Ireland	€ 44,994.41	12/02/2024	12/05/2024	20/03/2024	12/05/2024	3
Operations	Resurfacing of sections of Castleknock Woods, Oaks and ancillary works.	Lagan Asphalt Ltd	€ 43,224.50	21/03/2024	31/12/2024	20/03/2024	31/12/2024	9
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Installation security fencing, gates and Razorwire at Brackenstown Wallen Gardens, Knocksedan, Swords, Co.Dublin.	Stirue Fencing	€ 29,750.00	25/03/2024	25/04/2024	19/03/2024	25/04/2024	1
Operations	Concession for Management, Operation and Maintenance of all Services at Corballis Golf Course and Elm Green Golf Centre	Euro Golf Services Ltd t/a Carr Golf	€ 23,589.00	01/10/2023	31/03/2024	14/03/2024	31/03/2024	6

Community	Provision of 24 hr Security at Liam Rodgers Community Centre	Apleona Ireland (Acacia Ltd)	€ 29,718.50	14/03/2024	14/05/2024	14/03/2024	14/05/2024	2
People Services	Provision of 2 Ignite Staff Development Courses	Mark Donovan & Associates Ltd	€ 33,500.00	13/03/2024	12/03/2025	13/03/2024	12/03/2025	12
Operations	Restoration Improvement, Glasmore, Swords, geogrid Inlay	MCM Surfacing Ltd	€ 95,573.50	23/02/2024	23/06/2024	12/03/2024	23/06/2024	4
Operations	Purchase 2 Diesel Vans	Henry Ford & Sons Ltd	€ 43,488.00	05/03/2024	04/03/2025	12/03/2024	04/03/2024	12
Housing	Provision of administrative support for the delivery of Affordable Housing Schemes	BCM Global	€ 525,000.00	12/03/2024	31/03/2025	12/03/2024	31/03/2025	12
Housing	Site Investigation Services at Mooretown	Site Investigations Ltd	€ 48,020	11/03/2024	11/07/2024	11/03/2024	12/06/2024	6
Corporate Affairs	Provision of Fire Alarm and Emergency Lighting Maintenance Services (Interim)	G4S- Secure Solutions	€ 50,000.00	08/03/2024	08/09/2024	08/03/2024	08/09/2024	6
Housing	Establishment of a Single Party Framework Agreement for the Provision of Services for Inspection of Private Rented Dwellings	Arthurstown Construction Limited	€ 530,000.00	01/04/2024	31/03/2026	08/03/2024	31/03/2026	24
Operations	Purchase 3 Peugeot ePartner Active Plus Long Van	Gowan Auto	€ 90,045.00	07/03/2024	06/03/2025	07/03/2024	06/03/2025	12
Operations	Supply of ready mix Concrete	Keegan Quarries Ltd	€ 55,800.00	04/03/2024	31/12/2024	04/03/2024	31/12/2024	8
EETCD	Provision of Economic Consultancy Services for the preparation of Applications under the Enterprise Ireland Smart Regions Fund on behalf of Fingal County Council	Grant Thornton Finance Ltd	€ 124,400.00	01/03/2024	30/04/2024	01/03/2024	30/04/2024	2

Corporate Affairs	3 Staff Safety Liason Officers for 3 months for CCU Grove Road	NOC Consultancy	€ 60,000.00	01/03/2024	28/06/2024	25/02/2024	28/06/2024	3
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Erection of a boundary bar railing at Seapart Hill, Malahide to ensure appropriate security inplace for opening of Park	Ballymore Group	€ 81,000.00	01/07/2024	31/08/2024	01/03/2024	01/08/2024	1
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Consultancy Services for the Ward River Ecological Enhancement Scheme	RIVUS Ecological Engineering Ltd	€ 39,975.00	01/03/2024	31/12/2024	01/03/2024	31/12/2024	10
Operations	Road resurfacing and reconstruction Post Office Road, Lusk, Co. Dublin	DM Morris	€ 80,286.00	01/04/2024	15/04/2024	27/02/2024	15/04/2024	1
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Engineering Consultancy Services for the Bremore Recreational Hub Access Upgrade Works	Design ID Consulting Ltd	€ 56,334.00	26/02/2024	28/06/2024	26/02/2024	28/06/2024	4
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Undertake a Strategic Environmental Assessment, Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening and Appropriate Assessment, if required for LAP at Flemington	Brady Shipman Martin	€ 28,120.00	17/11/2023	17/11/2024	26/02/2024	17/11/2024	12
Operations	Purchase of 1 to 4 Towed Woodchippers	Global Machinery Solutions Ltd	€ 71,926.00	26/02/2024	25/02/2025	26/02/2024	23/01/2025	12
EETCD	Booking of Sledge Entertainment LLC f/s/o Sister Sledge	ICON Entertainments	€ 50,000.00	15/02/2024	28/07/2024	23/02/2024	28/07/2024	5
Housing	Civil & Structural Engineering Services for proposed housing developments at North Street, Swords and Rathmore Road, Lusk, Co. Dublin	Tobin Consulting Engineers	€ 110,000.00	01/12/2023	14/04/2027	23/02/2024	31/12/2026	37
Operations	Road resurfacing and reconstruction Channel Road, Rush, Co. Dublin	Lagan Asphalt Ltd	€ 126,606.00	21/02/2024	06/03/2024	22/02/2024	06/03/2024	1

Corporate Affairs	Retro Fit and Upgrade of Lighting System - County Hall, Swords, Co. Dublin	Vincent Doherty Ltd	€ 55,183.00	15/07/2024	31/08/2024	20/02/2024	31/08/2024	2
Digital Services	Renewal of Licencing of AutoDESK Suites of Software	Diatec Group	€ 60,113.00	01/03/2024	28/02/2025	16/02/2024	28/02/2025	12
Digital Services	Provision of Web Based Applications for Housing Application	Interform Limited	€ 180,000.00	17/02/2024	31/12/2025	16/02/2024	31/12/2024	12
Digital Services	Managed Print Services	Datapac Ireland	€ 70,000.00	27/08/2024	26/08/2025	15/02/2024	26/08/2025	12
Corporate Affairs	Consultant Assigned Certifier Services for proposed housing developments at North Street, Swords and Rathmore Road, Lusk, Co. Dublin	Tobin Consulting Engineers	€ 29,000.00	14/02/2024	14/04/2027	14/02/2024	31/12/2026	37
EETCD	Upgrade of fire alarm system at Ardgillen Castle	Securitas Technology	€ 30,830.00	01/03/2024	31/03/2024	12/02/2024	31/03/2024	1
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Woodland Management Services	Redwood Tree Services Ltd	€ 45,500.00	10/02/2024	10/05/2024	09/02/2024	10/05/2024	3
EETCD	Our Balbriggan - Bathhouse and Boathouse Enabling Works	Hegarty Demolition Ltd.	€ 92,433.00	26/03/2024	28/07/2025	09/02/2024	11/03/2025	14
Housing	M&E Consulting Eng Services for 13 no. dwellings & associated site works at 30 & 32 North Street, Swords, Co. Dublin.	FLN Consulting Engineers	€ 32,070.00	01/02/2024	17/11/2027	09/02/2024	17/11/2027	33
Operations	Road Surfacing inlay, Lower Road, Garristown, Co. Dublin	Tarstone Road Maintenance Ltd	€ 41,284.50	05/02/2024	09/02/2024	08/02/2024	09/02/2024	1

Operations	Fingal Bridge Repair and Rehabilitation	Triur Construction	€ 268,762.00	01/02/2024	01/05/2024	08/02/2024	01/05/2024	3
Operations	Installation of Traffic Signals 2024	Traffic Solutions Ltd	€ 731,606.00	12/02/2024	31/12/2024	08/02/2024	31/12/2024	11
Operations	Hire of Excavator & Operator at the Former Dunsink Landfill & Environs	Anthony Patton Plant Hire Ltd	€ 82,000.00	16/01/2024	15/01/2025	08/02/2024	15/01/2025	12
Libraries	Demolition and Enabling Works at Former St. Michaels House Bungalow, Seatown Road	Hegarty Demolition Ltd.	€ 120,243.00	12/02/2024	29/03/2025	08/02/2024	29/03/2025	14
Corporate Affairs	Fixed Voice Services (interim contract)	Eir Ltd	€ 70,000.00	20/03/2024	31/08/2024	07/02/2024	31/08/2024	6
Corporate Affairs	Mobile Voice & Data Communications and Associated Products & Services	Vodafone	€ 1,008,052	01/11/2023	31/10/2027	07/02/2024	31/10/2027	48
Operations	Tree Works in the Dublin 15 Area	Redwood Tree Services Ltd	€ 64,880.00	04/02/2024	29/02/2024	06/02/2024	29/02/2024	1
Housing	Integrated Design Team Services to provide design, planning Consultancy Services to establish a design framework plan and achieve planning approval for c.300 Units at Mooretown, Swords, Co. Dublin	Brady, Shipman Martin	€ 510,963.00	01/11/2023	31/12/2024	01/02/2024	31/12/2024	56
Operations	Requirement for Road Lining Contract for the Fingal Swords, Balbriggan Areas Including PSCS	MacLochlainn (Roadmarkings) Limited	€ 58,796.60	24/01/2024	31/12/2024	31/01/2024	31/12/2024	12
Operations	Disposal of Marine Wrecks located in Balbriggan Harbour	Shanowen Plant Hire Ltd	€ 154,450.00	01/03/2024	30/04/2024	29/01/2024	30/04/2024	2
Operations	Supply & Delivery of Macadam to various locations in Fingal	Roadstone Ltd	€ 97,630.00	01/01/2024	31/12/2024	29/01/2024	31/12/2024	12

Digital Services	Cygnus Support Gemini Consultancy	Gemini Consultants Ltd	£52,443.12 (Stg)	01/04/2024	31/03/2025	29/01/2024	31/03/2025	12
Digital Services	Supply of Broadband to Malahide 9Avoca), Ardgillan House & Ballycoolin Training Centre	Viatel Ireland Ltd	€ 26,160.00	01/03/2024	28/02/2026	26/01/2024	28/02/2026	24
EETCD	Public consultation communications design and related project management services	Media Social (RPS Group Ltd)	€ 33,280.00	01/01/2024	31/12/2024	25/01/2024	31/12/2024	12
EETCD	Tradfest	TASCQ CLG t/a The Temple Bar Company	€ 120,000.00	01/01/2024	31/12/2024	25/01/2024	31/12/2024	12
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Landscape Architect Led Integrated Design Team Services Consultancy Services at Naul Village Park, the Naul	Dermot Foley Landscape Architects	€ 316,577.00	06/11/2023	05/09/2027	25/01/2024	05/09/2027	46
Housing	Provision of Selling Agent and associated services relating to the delivery of an affordable housing scheme around North County Dublin	Sherry Fitzgerald Cumisky Kelly	€ 87,700.00	25/04/2024	31/12/2024	24/01/2024	31/12/2024	8
Housing	Civil and Structural Consultancy Services (Pre-Planning and up to the grant of planning only) – Park Road, Kenure, Rush, Co. Dublin	Kavanagh Mansfield	€ 27,055.00	29/11/2023	30/09/2024	22/01/2024	30/09/2024	10
Housing	Quantity Surveyor Services for the residential portion of Church Fields Phase 3a (300 Units), Mulhuddart, Dublin 15	Austin Reddy & Co	€ 60,000.00	01/12/2023	30/12/2025	22/01/2024	30/12/2025	25
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Supply of Pleached Lime Trees and Yew Hedging	Annaveigh Plants Ltd	€ 29,895.00	30/10/2023	29/10/2024	19/01/2024	29/10/2024	12

Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Topographical and Underwater Survey at Ward River Park, Swords	Murphy Geospatial Ltd	€ 25,980.00	30/01/2024	30/03/2024	18/01/2024	30/03/2024	2
Digital Services	Supply an ICT Managed Service for Fingal County Council	ATOS IT Solutions & Services Ltd	€ 594,114.00	28/02/2024	27/09/2024	17/01/2024	27/08/2024	6
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Works for Naul Village Park Site Investigation	IGSL Ltd	€ 40,125.00	15/01/2024	20/02/2024	15/01/2024	09/02/2024	1
Digital Services	Departmental access to Lawlink	Dye & Durham Ltd	€ 43,944.00	16/01/2024	31/12/2024	15/01/2024	31/12/2024	12
EETCD	Programme Development Manager for Carnegie Library Swords	Linda Shevlin	€ 56,000.00	15/01/2024	14/01/2025	15/01/2024	31/12/2024	12
Corporate Affairs	Integrated Design Team Services for Workplace Strategy Project	MCO Projects Limited	€ 372,648.80	14/12/2023	13/10/2025	15/01/2024	13/11/2025	23
Operations	Resurfacing of Section of Bath Avenue, Malahide	John McQuillan Contracts Ltd	€ 52,957.00	05/02/2024	01/03/2024	11/01/2024	01/03/2024	3 weeks
Corporate Affairs	Post Collection Service	Print Post Ltd	€ 36,250.00	01/01/2024	31/03/2024	11/01/2024	31/03/2024	3
Environment, Climate Action	Environmental Monitoring & Reporting Services at Dunsink & Balleally Landfill Sites	McQuillan Environmental (John McQuillan Contracts Ltd)	€ 188,495.00	09/01/2024	08/01/2025	09/01/2024	08/01/2025	12
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Provision of Services for Independent Agronomist for the Fingal Coastal Way	Hackett Agricultural Consultants	€ 39,700.00	02/01/2024	31/12/2024	02/01/2024	31/12/2024	14

Operations	Provision of Maintenance of Earth Moving Equipment	Equipment Company of Ireland Ltd	€ 32,230.00	01/12/2023	30/11/2025	02/01/2024	30/11/2025	24
People Services	Occupational Health Services	Dr. Ted Murphy	€ 111,600.00	01/01/2024	31/12/2025	02/01/2024	31/12/2025	24
Housing	Inspections on Private Rented Dwellings located in the Admin Area of Fingal County Council	Arthurstown Construction Limited	€ 165,000.00	01/01/2024	31/03/2024	01/01/2024	31/03/2024	3
Housing	Property Management Services for Council Owned Unsold Affordable Properties at Parnell Estate, Ladyswell	Paula Barrett Properties Ltd	€ 240,000.00	01/01/2024	31/12/2024	01/01/2024	31/12/2024	12
Digital Services	Requirement for Support in the Development of an Investment Concept for FC EUCF Grant Funded Project	BABLE Smart Cities Gmbh	€ 50,000.00	01/01/2024	31/12/2024	01/01/2024	31/12/2024	12
Operations	Provision of Vehicle and Plant Inspection Services	Truck & Trailer works Ireland	€ 79,600.00	01/01/2024	31/12/2025	01/01/2024	31/12/2025	24

Appendix 3

Active Travel Investment Grants: Allocations		
Project Code:	Project Name & Funding Allocation 2024	Comments
FCC/20/0004	Bicycle Parking €100,000	Contractor is gearing up to complete bike parking stands in various locations across the county. Further work packages are being developed by the team for Swords and Dublin 15 areas. Ongoing liaison with Operations and Parks to agree suitable locations for bike parking.
FCC/21/0001	Snugborough Road – NAC to Ongar €100,000	The consultant has received the stage 1 road safety audit on the emerging preferred option. The drawings are now being updated taking this audit into account. Stakeholder engagement continues with the Bus Connects project team for a proposed new signalised junction at Waterville which is now in construction. A draft preliminary design report has been issued to the Active Travel Unit with comments sent back. Further updates will be provided over the coming months, through this report and at ACM level.
FCC/21/0002	Baldoyle to Howth €100,000	<p>A review of the existing road network in Baldoyle is on the Active Travel Unit's programme for 2024-2026, which will include Willie Nolan Road, Brookstone Road and Main Street. The Phase 2 options report for the improvement of pedestrian and cycle facilities on the existing road network has been reviewed for Baldoyle Village and surrounding roads, connecting Grange Road cycle scheme to Warrenhouse Road Cycle Scheme and Baldoyle Greenway.</p> <p>The brief and tender documents will now be prepared and finalised to appoint consultants to present these options to the public, select an option and for the preliminary design phase of the project.</p>
FCC/21/0006	Clonee to Blanchardstown Shopping Centre €100,000	All data collection has been collated and has informed the initial development of the options report. Initial discussions have taken place with local landowners. The scheme has now progressed to preliminary design.

FCC/22/0001	Castleknock to Dunsink Lane €150,000	This project is now focusing on Auburn Avenue linking into the Royal Canal at the 12th Lock along the Old Navan Road. The Options Report and relevant drawings for Auburn Avenue have been reviewed and approved by the NTA in compliance with the Gateway 2 Hold Point requirements. The public consultation has closed and a consultation report will issue.
FCC/22/0004	Hartstown/Huntstown/Mountview Rd D1 €100,000	A consultant has been engaged to carry out designs proposals for the project. Fingal County Council will progress on finalising the detailed design for roundabout and junction upgrades. This is subject to revision of design standards to ensure compliance with the new National Cycle Manual.
FCC/22/0005	St. Cronan's Ave & Brackenstown Rd €100,000	Contractor completing works to address feedback from the Stage 3 Road Safety Audit. Once work are complete the final account will be arranged and the project will be handed over to Fingal's Operations Department for maintenance.
FCC/22/0006	Rathingle/Rivervalley Rd. Swords €500,000	Design works for phase 2b the modification of the existing roundabout is currently being discussed with the NTA.
FCC/22/0007	Balbriggan Road Mill Street and Drogheda Street €50,000	Tender evaluation for design consultants complete and official appointment of consultant underway with expected start on design services for this project in late Q4 2024.
FCC/22/0009	Permeability Links North County €350,000	Several projects are still being identified and assessed via multi criteria analysis. We are also in ongoing discussions with Operations to incorporate other works in order to get best value for money when we go to delivery of these works. Active Travel are progressing with some of these projects and works on the ground.
FCC/22/0010	R132 Ministers Rd to Blakes Cross + Kilhedge Lane €625,000	Contractor completing final bollard and sign installation with expected completion date for construction works in November. Stage 3&4 Road Safety Audit to follow and final account.
FCC/22/0011	Skerries – Harbour Road €150,000	Project team has engaged M-CO Communication Consultant to assist with non-statutory stakeholder engagement with local businesses and residents at a number of events and workshops in September 2024. The report is being compiled and will be published in November.

FCC/22/0012	Seatown Roundabout to Estuary Rd (Swords to Malahide) €150,000	Engineering consulting are finalising the Gateway report for NTA approvals. Detailed design drawings are close to completion and it is planned to go to tender for construction in Q4 2024 subject to NTA funding and approvals.
FCC/22/0014	Balbriggan – Coney Hill from Devlin Bridge to Bremeore Cottages €50,000	Consultant is finalising concept drawings and options report which is expected to be submitted to the project team in late Q4 2024.
FCC/22/0015	Rush South Beach (Bawn Rd across carpark and out to South Shore. €500,000	We are continuing engagement with Property Section about acquisition of lands in this area. Works are also ongoing to look at options in this area that will serve not only this project but that will benefit the Fingal Coastal way route options. further discussions with landowner are scheduled.
FCC/22/0016	New Street Public Realm Project €300,000	Judicial Review proceedings challenging the Part 8 approval for the Public Realm Improvements are ongoing. Tender documents have been developed for Stage 2b (detailed design) and negotiations are ongoing with the Single Party Framework Operator, with a view to bringing these negotiations to a close as soon as possible. Once negotiations are complete, it is envisaged that the tender will be published and work on the detailed design will commence immediately.
FCC/22/0018	Data collection for Active Travel Projects €50,000	Traffic, air, noise etc
FCC/22/0019	Skerries Active Travel Plan €250,000	Appointment of integrated design team has been completed and DBFL are currently working on data collection to inform the concept design works for the Skerries Active Travel Plan
FCC/22/0020	Balrothery Active Travel Review €50,000	The webpage for the Active Travel Plan for Balrothery is kept updated with latest developments, and is located here: https://www.fingal.ie/activetravel/balrothery A newsletter, Engagement Summary Report and live survey are currently available on this webpage.

		The Consultant has developed a draft plan consisting of various approaches to delivering improvements to active travel in the village. Various emerging projects are being identified under these approaches and are being put through a multi-criteria analysis, tested against the vision and key principals of the plan. An internal stakeholder meeting was held, and the emerging draft plan (and component projects) will be presented to the public in Q4, 2024.
FCC/22/0021	Seamount Heights to Old Golf Links Park Active Travel Route €100,000	A temporary footpath was constructed in December 2023, to provide safe access from Seapark Hill to the Old Golf Links site and paths through the park, providing safe connectivity to Seamount Heights. The Developer on the Seamount Road side has recently reopened the access, which is now through the new development, linking Seamount Road to the temporary footpath in Seapark Hill. The design brief and tender documents have been prepared for the permanent link, and negotiations and have been sent to the relevant Single Party Framework operator. Negotiation with this operator are ongoing and once negotiations are complete, it is intended to publish this tender to progress this project from the design phases through to completion.
FCC/22/0022	Broomfield to Paddy's Hill via Naomh Mearnog GAA €100,000	Brief and tender documents have been prepared for a consultant from the NTA Multiparty Framework to carry out the 'Concept Development and Options Selection' stage. These documents, as well as the timelines for publication of this tender, are currently being reviewed. Enabling works have been completed to provide connectivity from Paddy's Hill Car Park to St. Helen's Junior School and Limetree Avenue. This included tree surgeon works, footpath works, new access points to the school, ramps, table-top crossings, dropped kerbs and ramps on the carriageway on Paddy's Hill.
FCC/22/0026	Fingal County Council Active Travel Office – Staff Costs €1,100,000	
FCC/22/0028	FCC Castleknock to Blanchardstown via Farmleigh €50,000	The feasibility study has started, and traffic and drone surveys have taken place. A topographical survey has been completed and has been issued to the designers to inform the study. Feasibility and route options are currently being discussed between the design team and Active Travel.
FCC/23/0003	SRTS (R1) – Ladyswell National School €300,000	Construction works are nearing completion with some snagging to be finalised.

FCC/23/0004	SRTS (R1) – Scoil Ghrainne CNS €200,000	Construction works are nearing completion with some snagging to be finalised.
FCC/23/0005	SRTS (R1) – Scoil Choilm CNS €350,000	Construction works are nearing completion with some snagging to be finalised.
FCC/23/0019	SRTS (R1) – Pope John Paul II NS, Malahide	Construction is underway at this site.
FCC/23/0020	SRTS (R1) – Bayside Junior School (Scoil Náisiúnta Muire agus Iósef, Sóisear)	All works are substantially complete for this project and the Employer’s representative is currently managing the final account with the contractor and release of retention monies.
FCC/24/XXXX	SRTS (R2) Design	
FCC/24/XXXX	Feltrim Road Cycle Infrastructure €150,000	<p>The Consultant has been appointed to lead an Integrated Design Team to deliver the project from concept development and options selection, through construction to project completion and handover.</p> <p>Topographical surveys have now been procured and instructed. Traffic surveys are currently being procured. The consultant is in the process of information gathering, which will continue for Q4, 2024 and into Q1, 2025. Current projections indicate that preliminary design will commence in Q2, 2025.</p>
FCC/24/XXXX	Donabate to Portrane (R126) – Distributor Rd to Portrane Avenue Active Routes €100,000	Consultant is finalising concept drawings and options report. Discussion and negotiations ongoing with Property Section and landowners to acquire lands where required.

Appendix 4

Summary of Environmental Complaints, Inspections and Enforcement Actions

		2023	Q1 2024	Q2 2024	Q3 2024
Complaints investigated	Litter	389	241	1059	146
	Waste (non C&D)	638	171	219	179
	C&D Waste	9	0	0	0
	Water and Wastewater	101	19	17	26
	Air & Odour	37	17	9	11
	Noise	99	23	38	38
	TOTAL COMPLAINTS	1,273	471	1,342	400
Inspections	Routine Waste Inspections	1124	92	291	219
	Non-Routine Waste Inspections	416	41	46	46
	Litter Patrols & investigations	3232	561	362	2394
	Routine Water & Wastewater Inspections	720	188	345	349
	Non-Routine Water & Wastewater Inspections	133	36	32	35
	Routine Air & Noise Inspections	61	8	6	26
	Non-Routine Air & Noise Inspections	134	40	42	49
	Planning Inspections	416	79	121	154
	TOTAL INSPECTIONS	6,236	1,045	1,245	3,272
Enforcement Actions	Litter Fines	463	104	57	55
	Waste Warning Letters	96	5	9	4
	Directions under S14 of WMA	101	15	24	13
	Other waste enforcement	52	3	24	26
	Water & Wastewater	29	3	6	0
	Air Enforcement Action	0	0	1	1
	Noise Enforcement Action	10	6	3	2
	TOTAL ENFORCEMENT	751	136	124	101
Prosecutions initiated	Litter	62	12	12	9
	Waste	16	1	2	0
	TOTAL PROSECUTIONS	78	13	14	9

Appendix 5

Housing Delivery Construction Programme - Schemes on Site

Area Committee	Provider	Funding Stream	Site Name	No. Units	Status Detail	On-Site Date	Handover (estimated)
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Balough Place, Lusk https://goo.gl/maps/8u6BiRWzuLSTmjK8	10 9 x 2 Bed 1 x 1 Bed	On-Site	Q1 2023	Q4 2024
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Hayestown, Rush 53°31'24.1"N 6°06'42.1"W - Google Maps	10 x Social 51 x Affordable	On-Site	Q2 2023	Q1 2025
Balbriggan/Rush -Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	St. Ita's, Portrane Portrane Ave - Google Maps	5 Restoration of existing cottages.	On-Site	Q4 2022	Q1 2025
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	Glenveagh Living Ltd	Mixed Tenure	Balmoston Ph1., Donabate 53°29'21.2"N 6°07'58.1"W	87 x Social 86 x Cost Rental 86 x Affordable	On-Site	Q3 2023	Phased delivery
Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock/ Ongar	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Church Fields 3A 53°24'44.7"N 6°23'39.0"W - Google	40 x Social 80 x Cost Rental 180 x Affordable	On-Site	Q4 2023	Phased delivery
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social -	Seatown Swords 53°27'35.4"N 6°13'04.7"W Google Maps	36 36 x 2 Bed	Enabling works commenced.	Q1 2024	Q4 2026
Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock/ Ongar	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Church Fields 3B 53°24'44.7"N 6°23'39.0"W - Google Maps	107 x Social 110 x Affordable	Enabling works commenced.	Q4 2024	Q4 2026
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Ballisk Park, New Road, Donabate 53°29'02.6"N 6°08'27.5"W	63 x Social 112 x Affordable	Enabling works commenced.	Q4 2024	Q4 2026
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social - Elderly	North Street, Swords 53°27'38.6"N 6°13'06.7"W - Google Maps	13 Social 6 x 1 Bed 7 x 2 Bed	Enabling works complete.	Q4 2024	Q1 2026

Appendix 5 - continued
Schemes with Planning Approval and at Tender stage

Area Committee	Provider	Funding Stream	Site Name	No. Units	Status Detail	On-Site Date	Handover (Est.)
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	North and East Housing Association	Social – Elderly	Garristown 53°34'03.7"N 6°22'42.1"W - Google Maps	6 Social 3 x 2-bed 3 x 1-bed	Planning granted.	TBC	TBC
Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar	FCC	Social – Elderly TBC	Blakestown Cross, Mulhuddart 53.399869,-6.401776 Google Maps	30 Social 16 x 1 Bed 14 x 2 Bed	Consultants to be appointed	Q1 2025	Q4 2026
Howth/Malahide	FCC	TBC	Tuckets Lane 53.385248,-6.066128 Google Maps	8 Social 4 x 1 Bed 4 x 2 Bed	On-hold	TBC	TBC
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Holywell, Swords 53°26'48.1"N 6°12'42.8"W	57 Social 20 x 1- bed 29 x 2-bed 8 x 3-bed	Tender under evaluation.	Q4 2024	Q4 2026
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Mourne View, Skerries. 53.580404,-6.122225	14 Social 11x2Bed 3x3Bed 1x4Bed	Tender package progressing well.	Q4 2024	Q4 2025
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Rathmore, Remount, Lusk 53.521142,-6.161451	18 Social 2 x 1 bed 12 x 2 bed 4 x 3 bed	Tender package being prepared.	Q4 2024	Q4 2025
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	TBC	Mooretown Phase 1, Swords. https://maps.app.goo.gl/R8eAG1aolXh1nL2J9	151 x Affordable 123 x Social	S179a planning process complete.	Q4 2024	Q4 2026

Appendix 5 continued Schemes at the Pre-Planning Stage

Area Committee	Provider	Funding Stream	Site Name	No. Units	Status Detail	On-Site Date	Handover (estimated date)
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	TBC	O' Dwyers, Balbriggan. https://maps.app.goo.gl/inSEC4Qq3QSBHQHp8	80	Pre-Planning.	TBC	TBC
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Woodside, Swords. 53.453901, -6.210574 Google Maps	34	Part 8 initiated.	Q4 2025	Q1 2027
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Park Road, Kenure, Rush. 53.532278, -6.102176 Google Maps	32	Part 8 initiated.	Q4 2025	Q1 2027
Howth/Malahide	FCC	Social	Fingerpost, Malahide	4	Design ongoing.	Q4 2025	Q1 2027
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Balmoston Ph2, Donabate 53°29'21.2"N 6°07'58.1"W	86 Social 86 Affordable	Planning granted (in appeal period)	TBC	TBC
Blanchardstown	FCC	Social	Fortlawn, Blanchardstown	21	Pre-Planning	TBC	TBC
Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/ Castleknock/ Ongar	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Mayeston, Dublin 11 53°24'28.4"N 6°17'02.1"W - Google Maps	119 39 x 1 Bed 68 x 2 Bed 12 x 3 Bed	Pre-Planning	TBC	TBC

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

Appendix 5 continued
Long Term Leasing

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