



Chief Executive's Management Report

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Chief Executive's Foreword

Last month, the Safer Halloween programme was rolled out in towns and villages across Fingal with the highlight being the Festival of Fire events. Each year Fingal County Council produce a highly engaging, jam packed programme offering events from spooky discos and magic shows to interactive story telling and pumpkin parades all designed to offer alternative and safer ways for communities to celebrate the Halloween season. Festival of Fire events were held at Bremore Castle, Balbriggan, Swords Town Park, Malahide Castle and Millennium Park, Blanchardstown. Commencing with a scary disco at 7pm in all locations, the mood was certainly set with spooky tunes and mind-boggling costumes on display. The highlight of the evening was the spectacular firework displays which were truly impressive and enjoyed by many thousands of spectators across all 4 locations. Each year the displays seem to grow bigger and better and we have received many messages of thanks from members of the public conveying their enjoyment of the Halloween festivities. I wish to reiterate the messages already received and thank the Events Unit, the Community Development Department, Fingal Libraries and the Operations Department for working tirelessly to ensure safer and enjoyable experiences for the people of Fingal each year.

I was pleased to have joined Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Brian McDonagh, and the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Darragh O'Brien at an event to mark the laying of the foundation stone of the Swords Cultural Centre on October 22nd. Designed by award-winning architects O'Donnell and Tuomey, a new County Library and a 165 seat theatre along with an art gallery, arts spaces, a maker space and a café will attract visitors from all areas and will play a huge role in enhancing the cultural, educational and artistic scene in Fingal. Significant upgrade works will be carried out on North Street to create an enhanced public realm creating a link between the Cultural Centre and Swords Castle. This ambitious project represents a major investment for the people of Fingal and further afield and I wish to acknowledge the support of the Elected Members and the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage and the Department of Rural and Community Affairs in assisting with the realisation of the vision. I am pleased that our contractor, Duggan Brothers (Contractors) Ltd have already made significant progress onsite and I look forward to bringing you further updates on the progress as we look towards the opening date in 2027.

A three-year Capital Programme worth €1.57 billion was presented at the October monthly meeting of the Council. The 2025 – 2027 programme, which represents a 16% increase on the 2024 Capital programme, covers 331 projects of which 111, representing a spend of €574m, are already on site.

Provision has been made in the plan for major projects such as the €114m mixed tenure development at Ballymastone and the €156m mixed tenure development at Church Fields in Mulhuddart. Other key projects including the €43m Broadmeadow Greenway and works to Ward River Park, Baldoyle Racecourse Park, the Royal Canal Greenway and Brackenstown Bridge are included as are allocations for investment in Electric Vehicle Charging infrastructure, the reinstatement and enhancement of regional roads across the county and tourism and industrial development. This is Fingal's largest and most ambitious Capital Programme to date and demonstrates our commitment to building homes, supporting communities and providing world class infrastructure for the people of Fingal into the future.

Fingal Tidy Towns groups continually show their dedication and commitment to their local areas through the work they carry out on behalf of their communities. Fingal has achieved excellent results in the 2024 National Tidy Towns Awards - Skerries picked up a County Second and a Gold Medal, while Malahide was awarded County Third and a Gold Medal. Swords was awarded a Gold Medal, while Balbriggan achieved a Bronze. There was also success for Clonsilla, the group receiving an Endeavour Award for the biggest improvement by an entrant in the county from the previous year. It is encouraging to see such emphasis placed on the environment and sustainability and this was reflected in the special award categories. Rush won the National award in the EPA Circular Economy category, with Swords being highly commended. Balbriggan were regional award winners in the Young Persons in Tidy Towns and were highly commended in the Pollinator Award. Alongside this, it was a welcome return to the competition this year for Balcaddan and Oldtown. I wish to extend my heartfelt congratulations to all the volunteers and hope the success achieved will encourage others to take up the mantle and get involved with their local communities.

Finally, as the end of 2024 looms large on the horizon, New Year's Festival Dublin in partnership with Fingal County Council recently announced that the festival programme this year will feature the NYF Dublin Fireworks Spectacular in Howth Harbour (subject to licence). This free inaugural New Year's Eve fireworks display promises to be the perfect way to bid farewell to 2024 and get ready to welcome 2025! The display can be viewed from Howth Pier Park and along Harbour Road from 8pm. The full New Year's Festival programme can be viewed here: <https://nyfdublin.com/>

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	95
Interviews Held to date	878
New Starters	195
Promotions	129
Number of Current Job Offers	50

Learning & Development Update

Learning and Development Programme 2024 – [January -YTD]	
No of Courses Provided	344
Number of Attendees	2937
Number of Training days	3243.5

Throughout November, courses will be delivered in the areas of Personal Effectiveness, A-Z Local Government, Business Skills, Climate Action for Outdoor Staff, Health & Safety, and more.

Wellbeing Update

The Wellbeing team have procured art classes for staff to increase wellbeing. Art has been shown to enhance mental health, reduce stress, foster resilience and fuel joy. These sessions were brought back due to their popularity with staff last year.

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 will look to procure a choir master as a result.

The Elephant in the Room naming plaques have arrived and will be placed on the Elephants in Swords, Grove Road, Coolmine Depot and Watery Lane Depot. Information on the EAS and what each name means will be present on the plaques.

The VR for Wellbeing space in Swords should be launched in the coming weeks, with the space in Blanchardstown to follow.

Health & Safety Unit - HSU

Finalisation and publication of Operations and Water Services ancillary safety statements took place during the month. Fingal County Council achieved a Higher Distinction Award along with an Exceptional High Achiever Award at the recent National Irish Safety Organisation & Northern Ireland Safety Group awards ceremony. The award was on foot of the HSU's submission to NISO on the behalf of Fingal County Council earlier in the year.

In addition the HSU ran a programme of work for European health and safety week 2023 [theme: safe & healthy work in the digital age] which included a H&S conference for safety reps and fire wardens, a staff quiz draw and a safety campaign ran through Staff Messages.

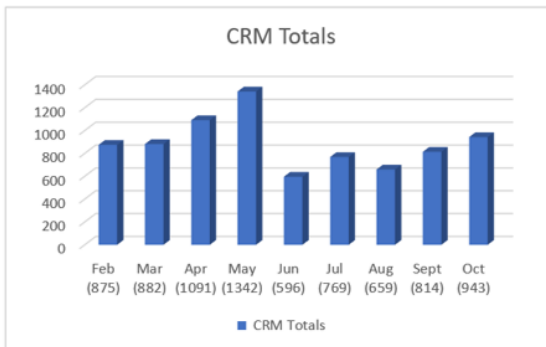
Customer Services

Customer Care Unit Statistics – October 2024

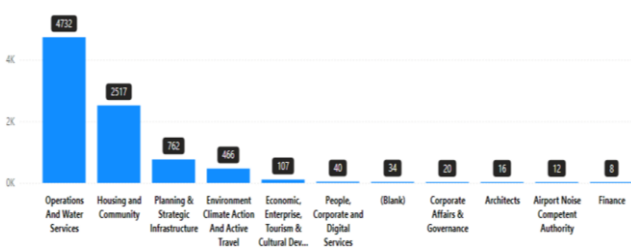
Month	Total No. of Calls	Total No. of Emails	Presenting in Person
October	10,811	1,398	2,765

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 October were 943.



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

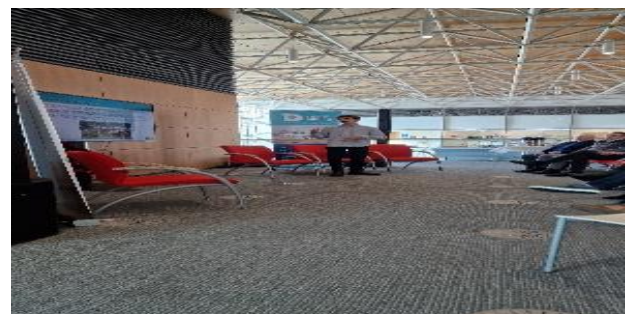


Digital Services

- **Public Service Transformation Week 2024**
- **CE Innovation Fund Launch**

Public Service Transformation Week 2024

Digital Services with the support of Smart Dublin held two staff lunch & learn events to celebrate Public Service Transformation week. The events took place on the 22nd and 24th October and showcased a variety of smart city innovations taking place across the Dublin region. From the development of the Smart Dublin Districts to use cases of Open Data to improve data driven decision making.



As part of Public Services Transformation Week Digital Services working with the Communications Department created a series of videos to showcase innovation in Fingal. This year we focused on the 2024 recipients of the CE innovation fund

- Fingal Libraries book bike
- VR for wellbeing
- HAP Amendments portal
- Donabate Community Crafters

All videos are available of FCC YouTube channel.

CE Innovation Fund Launch

The CE Office and Digital Services are delighted to announce the launch of the CE Innovation Fund 2025. Now in its fourth year, the CE Innovation Fund was created to drive and support a culture of collaboration and innovation in the workplace. Staff can apply for funding to support and trial their innovative project or idea.

Communications

The Communications Unit was involved in setting up the Foundation Ceremony for the new Cultural Centre in Swords, the opening of Bowden Court, Swords and the breaking of ground on 36 new homes on Seatown Road, Swords.



Website

The number of visitors to fingal.ie for 2024 has already surpassed last years record figure of 1.44 million. By the end of October the site had attracted 1,465,856 which is 23,753 more than the figure for the 12 months of 2023. October saw 128,037 visitors to the site which was a rise of 8,612 on September. The number of page views also rose to 273,080.

The most popular pages were Planning Applications, Fingal Festival of Fire, Recycling Centres and Affordable Housing.

The average time spent on the site was two minutes and two seconds.

Social Media

The five corporate social media channels now have an accumulated following of 83,963 which is a rise of 1,093 since September.

Facebook has 37,149 followers, X has 23,838, Instagram has 11,326, LinkedIn has 10,1209 and You Tube has 1,530 subscribers.

Videos

The Unit produced 13 videos during October. These includes videos marking the foundation stone ceremony for the new Cultural Centre in Swords; the provision of housing in Swords and Mulhuddart; Fingal Inclusion Week, the HAP Amendments Portal; Harry Reynolds Road and the rollout of EV Charging infrastructure.

There are now 736 videos on the Fingal County Council You Tube channel and all the videos can be accessed at :

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

Media Queries

The Communications Unit responded to 27 media queries in October on topics such as councillor gratuities, Dublin Airport, EV Chargers, XL Bully dogs and St Ita's Portrane.



Press Releases

The Communications Unit issued 23 press releases in October. Among the press releases issued were ones on the the Xplore Your Future TY Expo, the Capital Programme, Halloween Safety, Open House, Tradfest and the Increased Cost of Business (ICOB) scheme.

Building Facilities / Energy Performance Contract

Reconciliation Period 2 (March – August 2024) has shown significant energy improvements for the Energy Performance Contract across both County Hall, Swords and Civic Offices, Grove Road.

The total electrical cost reduction achieved through this period is 32% based on the agreed contract rates. This reduction can be further split into daytime electrical reductions of 33% and nighttime electrical reductions of 28%. The main electrical daytime and nighttime savings have been achieved in County Hall with a reduction of 41% and 40% respectively. This is mainly due to the lighting upgrade (LED light fittings) and sensors. The total day and night consumption reduced from 893,332 kWh to 610,905 kWh which represents a 32% reduction.

Thermal energy supply for this period is a decrease of 30% in gas usage across the two office facilities. This is an 18% increase when compared to the reconciliation period 1.

The combined total energy savings achieved amounted to 31%, which represents a reduction of 172 tonnes of carbon emissions. Cost savings are 21%.

The heating season is now active across both offices. The heating and temperatures are monitored closely by the Energy Supply Company and optimizing where achievable.

LAW DEPARTMENT

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Current Judicial reviews

Judgement 1:

Friends of the Irish Environment CLG v Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage [\[2024\] IEHC 588](#) – delivered on the 17th October 2024 (“the Judgment”).

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Notice Party (“the Council”)

Subject:

The case comprised a judicial review challenging the Ministerial Direction, dated 28th July 2023 – issued pursuant to s.31 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and cited as the “Planning and Development (Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029) Direction 2023” (“the Ministerial Direction”).

The proceedings sought to challenge Part 2(b) of the Ministerial Direction which deleted the text inserted by MA PA CH 8.1 from the Development Plan.

Outcome:

The Court upheld the Ministerial Direction and rejected the grounds of challenge advanced by the Applicant (“Friends”) – the effect of which is that the Ministerial Direction remains valid, with the text of MA PA CH 8.1 not forming part of the Development Plan.

On the 4th November 2024 Counsel for Friends of the Irish Environment CLG indicated to the court that they intend to appeal the Judgment.

Further details of this case have been provided in the Case Note circulated previously to the elected members.

Judgement 2:

DAA PLC v Fingal County Council [\[2024\] IEHC 589](#) – delivered on the 17th October 2024 (“the Judgment”).

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Respondent, (“the Council”).

Subject:

The case comprised a judicial review of the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 and in particular Material Alterations PA CH 8.1 and PA SH 11.7

The grounds relating to the DAA’s challenge to the making Material Alteration PA CH 8.1 were in effect rendered moot by the decision of Mr Justice Humphreys in Friends of the Irish Environment v Minister for Housing [\[2024\] IEHC 588](#) and the two judgments need to be considered together.

The Court confined consideration to the decision by the elected members to zone a sports complex operated by ALSAA as Community Infrastructure in circumstances where the landowners, the DAA, wished to retain it zoned Dublin Airport (DA).

Outcome:

The Court rejected the grounds of challenge relating to reasons, failure to consider submissions, inconsistent with national policy and SEA but made an Order quashing the change of zoning on the basis that a consideration of the transcript of the elected members discussion on the matter indicated that irrelevant, non-planning considerations had been taken into account in the making of the decision.

The matter was listed for mention before the Court on the 4th November 2024, to enable consideration of matters arising from the judgment, which would include consideration of seeking leave to appeal. It has been adjourned to 11th November 2024 to allow Fingal County Council further time to consider whether it wishes to seek leave to appeal.

Further details of this case have been provided in the Case Note circulated previously to the elected members.

Current Judicial Review Cases – October 2024

Mayeston Hall Management Company Limited by Guarantee -v- Fingal County Council, Ireland and the Attorney General 2024/505JR
Kimpton Vale Limited -v- an Bord Pleanala and Fingal County Council High Court Record No. 2022/390 JR
Joan Reynolds and Edel McDonough -v- Fingal County Council High Court Record No 2023/372 JR
MKN Properties Limited and another -v- Fingal County Council High Court Record No. 2023/373 JR
daa plc -v- Fingal County Council High Court Record No 2023/383 JR
daa plc -v- Fingal County Council and the Irish Aviation Authority High Court Record No. 2023/916 JR
Friends of the Irish Environment CLG and SMTW Environmental DAC-v- the Minister for Housing Local Government and Heritage, Ireland and the Attorney General and the Office of Planning Regulator and Fingal County Council High Court Record No 2023/1047 JR
Niall O'Connor and Geraldine Kiernan -v- An Bord Pleanala and Fingal County Council High Court Record No 2023/1122JR
Erigo Limited and Joseph Flood -v- Fingal County Council and others High Court Record No 2023/1233 JR
Timothy Fitzgerald and James Fitzgerald -v- Fingal County Council Record No 2023/1236 JR
Ailsa Sexton -v- An Bord Pleanala and Fingal County Council High Court Record Number 2024/690JR
Noel Murphy v An Board Pleanala, Fingal County Council and Kilshane Energy Limited. High court Record No. H;JR;2024/883
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Nicola Byrne v Fingal County Council, An Bord Pleanála, the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government, Ireland, and the Attorney General, High Court Record Number 2024/342 JR

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TOURISM DEVELOPMENT

Tourism Results for Q3 2024

National data from the CSO combined with Hotel occupancy data confirms the earlier industry sentiment surveys released by Failte Ireland in relation to limited growth in some sectors of the overseas visitor numbers.

Compared to Q3 last year July-September this year saw a decline in bed nights by 7%. Revenue was up by 10%, but this needs to be read with some caution as base prices in the sector have risen – the CPI for Hotels, Restaurants and Recreation shows a year-on-year increase of costs in the order of 4.5%.

TOTAL Q3 2024		
	Q3 '24	vs Q3 '23
Nights	16,462,000	-7%
Revenue	€2,147m	+10%
Visitors	1,997,100	+1%

The above data relates mainly to overseas visitors and does not reflect a fall-off in domestic demand which would have been experienced by the tourism industry in the state, which was reported in the October CE report.

Fingal Food Network



On Tuesday the 8th of October members from a range of Fingal food businesses visited several Boyne Valley food and drink businesses including a goats cheese producer, a flour mill, a whiskey distillery and a farm offering glamping and outdoor pursuits in the grounds of Slane Castle. Members heard first-hand about the success of the Boyne Valley Flavours network and the importance of diversifying to attract more visitors and the benefits of working together under a common brand.

The Fingal Food Network AGM took place on Friday 25th October in Skerries Mills where members appointed a new chair and committee members and agreed to explore the options for a more formal structure to work on behalf of the Food & Drink sector in Fingal.

EVENTS

Shackleton Illuminations

The illuminations at Shackleton Garden, Clonsilla will take place from Monday 25th November until Sunday 1st of December from 5-9pm daily. Entrance is free and a local provider will be offering tea, coffee and snacks for sale.



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.

Swords Castle Christmas Markets 2024



The market will take place on Friday 29th & Saturday 30th November and Sunday 1st, Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th December. All traders have been selected and the market is fully booked. Santa will be onsite on all days, and a visit including small selection box and emailed photograph will cost 6 Euro. Additionally, the Christmas Tree illumination will take place at Swords Castle on 29th November, in Blanchardstown on Thursday 28th November and in Balbriggan on Thursday 5th December.

HERITAGE PROPERTIES

Boiler upgrade and Rainwater Harvesting works completed at Malahide Castle

A programme of works lasting several months has been completed to upgrade the boiler plant room and rainwater harvesting system at Malahide Castle Visitor Centre. The upgrades are delivering a consistent hot water supply throughout the visitor centre and Avoca operation. Approximately 30 cubic meters of rainwater from the Avoca roof, equivalent to three tank loads from the underground rainwater harvesting capture, are passing through the bathroom cisterns every two weeks. The upgrades are delivering on our climate action commitments at Malahide Castle.

New Operator for Swords Castle



EETCD has appointed Invictus Event Management and Consultancy Ltd using the Multi Party Events Management Framework Agreement to provide an event focused operator for Swords Castle and Carnegie Library, to assess the numerous events and event requests, promote the sites, facilitate filming requests, advise on the repairs and maintenance requirements and improve the experience for visitors. The initial contract will run for a period of 16 weeks from 28th October.

Christmas Events at Heritage Properties



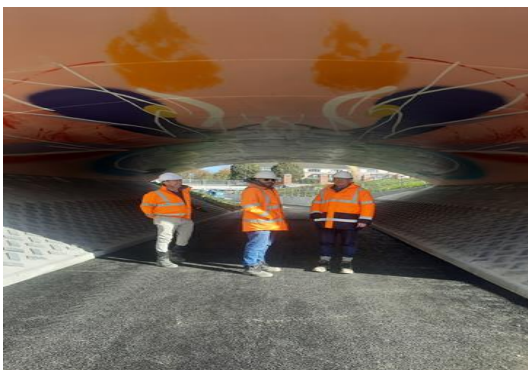
Newbridge House will play host to two ticketed Christmas experiences in 2024. Santa Paws will run throughout December and is fully booked. A Christmas to Remember brings an immersive experience for all the family with opportunities to meet the animals on Newbridge farm, feed reindeer and warm up with hot chocolate and a visit to Santa. Very limited slots are still available. Sensory Santa Experience tickets for neurodivergent children and their families are sold out having proven very popular. Wonderlights and the Christmas Experience are also returning to Malahide Castle and Gardens and you can join Mrs Claus and Friends at the Casino Model Railway Museum this year.

CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Arts

Public Art

Works are near completion at the Snugborough Road Interchange where a new mural work will be revealed to the public by artist James Earley. The work was delivered in collaboration with BAM and the Strategic Infrastructure and Planning Division Department.



Artist Vivienne Roche provided a tour of her artwork *Flow*, (2002) in the Council Chamber, County Hall. The tour was programmed by the Royal Hibernian Academy (RHA) to coincide with a major exhibition by Vivienne, *Abridged*, at the RHA until 17th November. Fingal staff and tour attendees were given a fascinating insight into the making of *Flow*, from concept to completion.



A full-scale drawing of the artwork and a video showing the process of its fabrication in the Council Chamber are currently on show as part of her solo exhibition at the RHA.

Decade of Centenaries Legacy Programme, Artist in Residence Amanda Dunsmore



Amanda Dunsmore has been invited to be Fingal County Council's Decade of Centenaries Artist in Residence and her introduction to Fingal included an exhibition of her work *Agreement – Memento* which features reflections on her 20-year project where she documented the signatories of the Good Friday Agreement. Amanda will explore the history of local government and democracy with Fingal's councillors.

Youth & Education

Exploring & Thinking Artist Mentorship 2024



Artists and local authority officers working with children across a range of health, community and education settings participated in this unique residential mentorship opportunity with developmental psychologist Dr. Suzanne Zeedyk.

Hosted by Fingal Arts Office at the IIMS Balbriggan, the programme explored scientific insights into how children develop and how this applies to our work as artists, funders, and service providers. Zeedyk's academic research states that human beings are born communicative and are active agents within relationships from birth. The formal term for this capacity is primary intersubjectivity, and it is fundamental for human biological and neurological functioning.

Zeedyk and participants explored how humans relate to the external world and how these sensory experiences relate to brain development. They unpacked the necessary vulnerability required to make such profound work, and the importance of diversity in arts practice to ensure new ways of thinking and making. Following a period of reflection, participants will now be invited to complete a carefully devised evaluation of the programme to inform next steps.

Arts Act Funding

The Arts Office launched the new Arts Act Grant Scheme Guidelines and Online application form on Monday 14th October and the deadline to apply is Friday 25th November.

This Scheme will support a range of artistic Project, Events and Festivals in Fingal under the 2003 Arts Act. Funding clinics and one-to-one application support is available for past and new applicants to the Scheme.

Swords Cultural Quarter



Fingal County Council Arts Office and Fingal Libraries invited amateur/professional artists and arts community groups to participate in 2 workshops that included an update on the development of the landmark building within the Swords Culture Quarter and also allowed participants to have their say about this transformative development. A total of 90 registered for these events.



Carnegie Library Festival of History

The Carnegie hosted the sold out 'History at the Library', a day of talks on Oct 5th as part of Fingal's Festival of History.

This also coincided with the commencement of the first Artist in Residence at Carnegie. Visual artist Amanda Dunsmore has been invited to research the history and legacy of local government in Fingal through a series of conversations with local archivists, councillors and historians with a view to developing an art project.

Draíocht

Draíocht's Children/Youth Arts programme caters for children from the age of 0 to 18 through the provision of high-quality arts workshops, projects and events. The programme takes place within the building as well as in D15 schools, creches and community centres. Most recently, Matt Szczerek, Draíocht's Dance Artist in Residence, brought a work in progress of his show 'Monsters' into 3 schools (7 showings) for feedback from children. We also worked with dance artist, Selma Daniel to bring her two dance/storytelling pieces for the very young into local creches for 33 performances as part of Draíocht's Creative Creche initiative.

Primary School tours of the Draíocht building including backstage areas, take place over November/December.

Hartstown Community School and Rath Dara Community College are participating in our TY 'Exploring Theatre Craft' 5-week project.

Weekly workshops for our D15 Youth theatre and Create Dance programme (latter for children with a range of additional needs) continue.

Joanne Reid, Studio Artist in Residence, continues the development of work for her 2025 Exhibition. Draíocht is proactive in encouraging and growing access to and participation in our programmes. This Season, we will continue the promotion of our Euro Club, working specifically with Huntstown Community Centre in October during Active Ageing Week, to recruit new members. The Euro Club facilitates audiences access to free/greatly reduced tickets to targeted events.

Targeting younger audiences aged 14-25 years, Draíocht worked together with both Rough Magic and Dublin Theatre Festival this Season, on 40-for-40, and the Catapult programmes. We have now launched our 'Culture Pass' initiative for young people aged 14 to 25 years, especially for those who live in the Dublin 15 area.

Originally established for the members of Draíocht's D15 Youth Theatre, who regularly attend events here throughout their membership years, Draíocht is delighted to expand the access to non-youth theatre members, as part of our 2024 to 2029 Strategy to provide a 'Space for Everyone'. Culture Pass offers discounted tickets and post-show events.

Draíocht's full Autumn performance programme has a wide variety of theatre, dance, music, film, comedy and work from our local groups for our audiences to enjoy in their local arts centre. November highlights include Coolmine Musical Society's production of 'Sister Act.' Our extensive programme of education workshops and family days, and our gallery programme in addition. Full details: www.draiocht.ie



Seamus Ennis Arts Centre

Music

- Evelyn Kalansee and Declan Sinnott, Sat 12th Oct - 54 booked in
- Rebecca Hill and Charlie Stewart, Friday 18th Oct - Piping/fiddle duo travelled from Glasgow.
- John Paul White, Sat, 26th Oct - 83 booked in
- Traditional Slow Session of the new season took place on 20th October with 13 participants in person and 35 joining on zoom from across the globe!
- Singing Sessions with guest singer Zoe Basha had 27 booked in person and 15 on zoom.



Art Exhibition

New exhibition by Aidan Butler, winter Hush launched on 20th October. The exhibition is a celebration of the natural environment and has resonated with visitors to the gallery, with many paintings already sold.

Classes

Our second Céilí Beag parent and toddler sensory music class was fully booked on October 13th

Cinema

Film Thursdays continue to see growing success with the introduction of National Theatre Live as an addition to the programme. Vanya, starring Andrew Scott sold out at 92 on October 10th, as did Irish Language film Kneecap on October 24th.

Theatre

I Can't Believe it's not Ireland, a political drama by Paddy Cullivan hit the stage on 25th October, with 50 booked in.

Little Red Riding Hood, a family puppet show, will be staged on October 30th, and is fully booked with 82 booked in.

Workshops and Other Events

The Pop-Up Gaeltacht continues to grow with 14 attending the event on October 17th.

We have a series of Halloween Workshops for adults and children from the 27th to the 29th October, including Monster T-shirt making, Wreath Making and Cup Cake Decorating. All workshops are sold out.

Tradfest Launch

We helped launch Tradfest with our Ceilí Beag attendees Alisdair and Finlay Lynam, 2 years old from Naul.



Libraries

Fingal Festival of History 2024

Fingal Libraries' eighth annual Festival of History took place from Monday 1st to Sunday 13th October throughout library branches. The programme included 10 talks, a pop-up museum, and a heritage trail. Topics covered ranged from the history of Balbriggan Street Names to Assassination and execution during the War of Independence, as well as Fingal deaths during WW1. All drew sizeable and appreciative audiences. History at the Library Day took place on Saturday 5th October in the Carnegie Free Library, Swords. Four speakers informed audiences about life and times in Fingal during the 17th to 20th centuries. As part of the Festival, Clonsilla and Porterstown Heritage Society organised a 90-minute guided walk of the natural and built heritage of Clonsilla and the Royal Canal. Balbriggan and District Historical Society opened a pop-up museum on Bridge Street, Balbriggan and welcomed over 400 visitors on Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th October. Fingal Studies, the local history journal of Fingal County Libraries, was relaunched during the festival. Fingal Studies 5 is available free of charge from all branch libraries.

Launch of Japanese exhibition

The Japanese embassy in Ireland and the office of Senator Emer Currie selected Blanchardstown Library as the venue to host the launch of a travelling exhibition entitled 'Hiroshima-Nagasaki

Atomic Bomb' and 'Sadako and the Paper Cranes'. Cllr John Walsh, representing the Mayor of Fingal, welcomed Mr. Kazumi Matsui, Mayor of Hiroshima, Mr. Takehiro Kagawa, Chairperson of the Hiroshima Peace Culture Foundation, Ambassador Norio Maruyama from the embassy of Japan in Ireland and Senator Emer Currie to the Library to launch the exhibition on 23rd October.

The 'Hiroshima-Nagasaki Atomic Bomb' poster exhibition comprises 30 posters highlighting the devastation caused by the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in August 1945, and documents the two cities before and after the bombings, concluding with a message from Hiroshima and Nagasaki to the future.

The 'Sadako and the Paper Cranes' poster exhibition comprises 26 posters that present the atomic bombing and the importance of peace in a way that is accessible to younger viewers. The posters feature child victims of the atomic bombing, including Sadako Sasaki, who died of atomic bomb-induced leukaemia at the age of 12.

Sadako is known around the world for the paper cranes she folded in hospital with her desire to get well, and she is commemorated by the Children's Peace Monument in Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park. Students from Edmond Rice and Coolmine Secondary Schools attended the launch.



Autumn/ Winter events

The Autumn/ Winter programme of events is taking place in all libraries in Fingal. Recent events for children included 'Design a Miniature Home' workshops in Balbriggan and Rush Libraries as part of the Open House Dublin Festival of Architecture (12th - 20th October). The Big Bear Planetarium visited Blanchardstown Library to celebrate Space Week. Children in Swords and Donabate Libraries got an opportunity to practice their Irish in fun bilingual workshops with Áine Gallagher. Upcoming events for children include Halloween storytelling and sensory friendly sessions.

Events for adults took place to celebrate Positive Ageing Week (30th September - 6th October) including chair yoga, Tai Chi and art classes. Career advice sessions sponsored by Europe Direct are taking place in Malahide, Swords and Blanchardstown libraries. Blanchardstown Library hosted a talk on ethical fashion and a clothes swap event on 12th October. Also, on the theme of sustainable living, a workshop on energy efficient homes will take place on 26th November. Skerries Library hosted a talk from Bat Conservation Ireland and Birdwatch Fingal will give a talk in Blanchardstown Library on 29th October. Events to mark Bioeconomy Week Ireland (October 14th - 20th) included a talk in Swords Library on community gardens by Ciarán Conneely of Dublin Community Growers. Dr. Shane O'Reilly, Technological University Dublin, gave a talk in Blanchardstown Library on Ireland's coastal marine environment.



STEM workshops for Schools

Libraries invited classes from local primary schools to participate in workshops to celebrate Space Week (4th – 10th October) and Maths Week (12th – 20th October). These included 'Cypher Wheel' code-cracking workshops and 'Astronauts' Dinner' workshops where children learned about life on the international space station. Upcoming STEM workshops for Science Week (10th – 17th November) include 'Bright Sparks' where children learn about electric circuits and build a model lighthouse to take home. 'CSI' workshops will introduce students to the methods of forensic scientists.

Xplore Your Future TY Skills Expo

Fingal Libraries attended the Xplore Your Future TY Skills Expo in The Helix at DCU on 15th October. Libraries had a stand with a section for Virtual Reality, while the Mobile Library was parked on the concourse. The VR sets were hugely popular with three different headsets in rotation for the students to try. Staff had excellent engagement with students throughout the day and discussed library amenities, resources and supports available to them, as well as libraries from a career perspective. The Mobile Library was a popular attraction for visitors, onlookers and photographers, and staff signed up many DCU students to the library service.



Fingal Inclusion Week

Families who use Corduff Sports Centre are invited to an African percussion workshop with John Nutekpor from the Irish Institute of Music & Song to celebrate Fingal Inclusion Week (11th – 17th November). Also beginning during Fingal Inclusion Week is 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, runs from 1st to 16th November across Fingal Libraries. Now in its ninth year, the festival will feature events for writers on how to get a book published as well as workshops on screenwriting, poetry, writing Young Adult fiction, and how to get creative ideas down on paper. This year's festival introduces a new two-day showcase of author talks in the Carnegie Free Library, Swords, on Friday 15th and Saturday 16th November. The Write Time in the Carnegie features stellar authors, such as Sinéad Gleeson, Claire Kilroy, Christine-Dwyer Hickey and many more 'In Conversation', sharing their creative writing process, their journey to publication and what inspires them.

Story Streets at Blanchardstown library

Blanchardstown Library is taking part in a pilot programme called "Story Streets", in partnership with the local Family Resource Centre (FRC). Library staff will pair up with FRC Development Workers to create a programme which will engage FRC users with the library and its resources.

The programme will run for 6-8 weeks. Activities in week 1 will take place in the FRC and in the following weeks at the Library. Junior and Young Adult fiction books will be identified and purchased and specific activity packs will be created to help the staff in the FRC and the Library to engage families with literacy.

Throughout the 6-week programme, families will take part in creative events such as map making, arts and crafts, and making personally decorated cloth bags working with the maker in residence.

At the end of the 6-week programme families will have greater knowledge of what the library has to offer. Key to this programme will be the development of a closer relationship between the FRC and the Library.

As part of the programme, staff are being trained in story telling by Liz Loughnan and adult literacy awareness through DDLETB. Certificates will be awarded to children of the families and a celebration will be held to mark the completion of the programme.

Economic Development

Fingal Skills Strategy



The new version of Fingal Skills Strategy, have completed consultations with Skills Strategy Implementation Group (SSIG), key stakeholders and the public, was presented at a briefing session to Councillors on the 17th of October and to the LCDC on the 23rd October with a request for comments/observations by close of business on the 31st of October. It is anticipated that the final Strategy will be presented to the full Council at the November Council meeting.

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 took place in the Helix on the 15th of October.

Building on last year's 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 and future potential careers.



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 travelled to Malmo, Sweden in September to attend the transnational project meeting 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 contributed to the update of the Fingal Skills Strategy. Fingal shared a new Good Practice of one of the Fingal Skills Strategy partners (DCU) called STInt which relates to primary school teachers participating in STEM Internships. 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/>

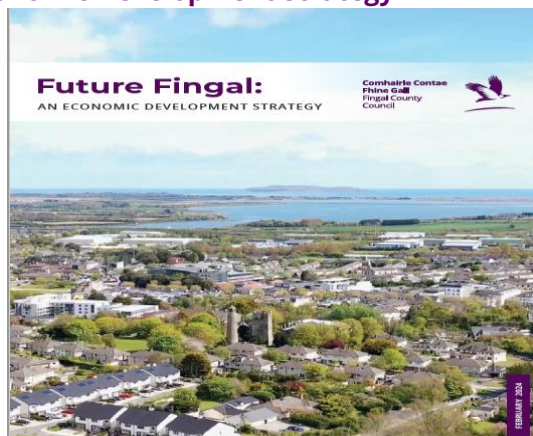
The visit was hosted by SKYLA partners from the Skåne, Sweden Team and featured a study visit to Genarps Lådfabrik [Pallet factory] Manufacturer of load carriers and pallets on a twin transition journey as they identify skills gaps and upskill their workforce in the areas of leadership, management and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

The EcoCore Project

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 Fingal EcoCore Project Team held its 5th ULG (URBACT Local Group) Meeting with local stakeholders in the Bracken Court Hotel, Balbriggan on the 24th of October. The ULG Co-Ordinator presented and shared best practices and learnings from the last transnational city visits to Tuusula, Finland and Kekava, Latvia.

The ULG members were updated on the upcoming “Balbriggan Innovation Challenge” (Hackathon), which will take place in The Lark, Balbriggan on the 8th of November. The Hackathon, a deliverable of the EcoCore Project is being organised in collaboration with Smart Balbriggan and will be an all-day event where teams will work together with mentors to present their solutions to challenges relating to the circular economy.



A presentation was delivered to the ULG on the Draft Balbriggan Economic Zone Investment Guide, which is a test action included in the EcoCore Project Plan. The Investment Guide will be a key marketing tool to attract high value employment opportunities to Balbriggan and a development guide for potential investors in the Balbriggan Economic Zone.

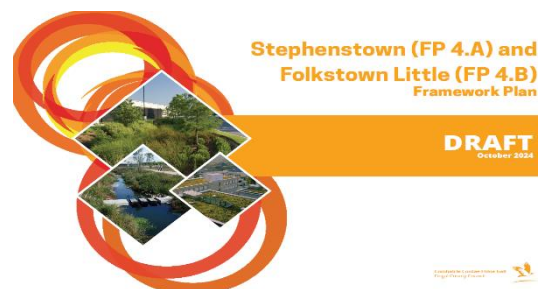
Balbriggan Economic Zone



Investment Guide

For developments on Council owned lands
Within the Balbriggan Economic Zone (BEZ)

The next EcoCore transnational city visit will take place in Villena, Spain in November where Fingal County Council as lead partner will work with the URBACT Secretariate and the Project Lead Expert to deliver the project’s mid-term review, analysing the progress made by all partners to-date and to agree on any adjustments required to the project in the final year.



A presentation on the Draft Stephenstown (FP 4.A) & Folkstown Little (FP 4.B) Framework Plan was shared with the EcoCore ULG members along with members of the Our Balbriggan Leadership Group and local businesses from the Stephenstown area.

The Draft Stephenstown (FP 4.A) and Folkstown Little (FP 4.B) Framework is currently open for submission and observations on the Fingal Consult Portal no later than midnight on the 15th November 2024

[Draft Stephenstown and Folkstown Little Framework Plan | Fingal County Council Online Consultation Portal](#)

Citizen, Equality, Rights and Values Programme (Cerv)

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



Green It Your Work



The Fingal Project Team participated in the Network meeting from September 24th to 27th 2024, focusing on Work Package 7: Green Transition Needs Synergy, hosted by the Municipality of Pregrada, Croatia.

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.



At a local kindergarten, Dječji vrtić "Naša radost," children and educators showcased their ecological initiatives to the partners. Participants also explored cultural and community projects at the Muzej grada Pregrade, where they learned about the city's rich history.



The Savjet mladih Grada Pregrade shared insights into its youth program, including the initiative "Take Money and Make Something for Young People." This was followed by presentations on the recycling yard project and the ecological pool construction project.



At the Regional Centre of Competence in Tourism and Hospitality CUT Zabok, attendees gained practical knowledge through work-based learning opportunities. The meeting concluded with a visit to the family farm TRAGEC, where participants learned about sustainable agriculture and local production practices.



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 exchanges are planned for November and December 2024.



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 is also co-ordinating the EcoCore Hackathon 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://circularcitiesdeclaration.eu)

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 Social Enterprise Grants Scheme.

The LCDC met on the 23rd of October, welcoming new PPN members to the LCDC. The LCDC received a briefing on the new Fingal Skills Strategy and reviewed progress on the implementation of the Local Economic & Community Plan (LECP) 2023 - 2028 and various programmes under its remit including SICAP, LEADER, the Community Recognition Fund and Healthy Ireland.



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.



Smoke Free Homes

Healthy Fingal, the HSE and Empower have teamed up to deliver the Smoke Free Homes Challenge in Dublin 15 to encourage people to make their home or car smoke free. The programme is linked with the local primary school (Mulhuddart NS) to educate children on the harmful effects of smoking/vaping and through a colouring competition to encourage them to speak about the topic at home with their families. The presentation event took place in the school last week with students from the school and participants in attendance and included a display of some of the artwork by the children.



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 will issue in November with a deadline in December 2024.

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 SICAP Oversight Committee meeting took place on 10th July 2024. Empower presented an overview of the Mid-year report. The SICAP Oversight committee recommended the Mid-year Report be brought to the LCDC for approval. The mid-year report was approved by the LCDC.



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 no. Projects for funding and is due to meet again in December 2024.

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



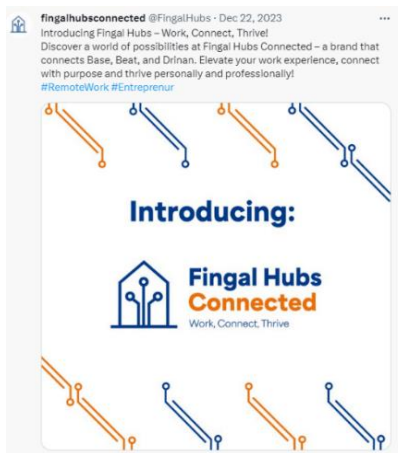
ENTERPRISE CENTRES

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.

The Managers of BASE, Beat and Drinan Enterprise Centres are participating in the Dublin Food Centre Manager’s Network which was established in conjunction with Enterprise Ireland earlier this year. The aim of this initiative is to strengthen the food sector in Dublin with 11 Enterprise Centre’s participating. The Manager’s meet quarterly to share knowledge, learnings and best practise and discuss the challenges and opportunities in the sector to support start up entrepreneurs in the food sector.



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 Economic Development, Education, Skills & Employment, Community Development Pillar Groups are progressing the review of their respective Pillar Workplan objectives and actions. The review is due for completion by year's end. A number of on-line engagement sessions have been scheduled to begin the process of formulating a new Workplan setting out objectives and actions for the newly formulated Sustainability, Climate Action and Biodiversity Pillar. The first meeting of this new pillar took place during October.

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.



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.

The Town Car Park is due to re-open by the end of October and will see the return of 67 car spaces. Work has also commenced on the construction of kiosks at the Harbour. The refurbishment of the RNLI Boathouse has also commenced and is due for completion in July 2025. The Our Balbriggan Programme Office continues to provide regular updates on the project through Social Media Channels and includes detailed information on alternative car parking and 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 shortly. 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 with stakeholders in examining options for sea swimming facilities 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. FCC has met with local stakeholders and potential end users for the Bathhouse and Boathouse at the Martello Tower. Enabling works have now been completed. Full surveys and assessment of the site is being completed, which will inform the full works design and planning proposal. Engineers have been appointed to the project.



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.

The Town Regeneration Office hosted 60 architectural students from UCD earlier this month. The students visited Balbriggan to learn about the town's rejuvenation plans. The students were provided with a visual learning experience and a presentation on how the socio-economic and architectural rejuvenation of Balbriggan was shaped. The students visited a number of key project sites around the town.



Lár Bailte ar dTús
Town Centre First

Town Centre First – Lusk

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

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. A Request for Tender is currently being prepared for both of these projects, and meetings with local pillar groups will be taking place shortly in order to agree a strategy.

In October Fingal County Council's Town Regeneration Team welcomed the Town Regeneration Officer and her team from Roscommon County Council at the Community Cultural Centre in Lusk. The meeting focused on learnings from the building of the Lusk Community Cultural Centre and sharing knowledge on tried and tested practices and strategies to rejuvenating our town centres.



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

The Town Centre First Suite of Supports 2024 included three applications for funding of €10,000 for establishing and supporting town teams in Ballyboughal, Balrothery, and Donabate. A consultant was appointed to assist the Town Regeneration Office Team in establishing the new Town Teams, building their capacity and identifying projects for funding opportunities.

A Town Team capacity building meeting for Balrothery took place on the 14th of October 2024, where the Town Team accompanied representatives of the Town Regeneration Office on a walkabout of the area to provide further clarity on aspects of the village that they would like to see improved. A discussion was also held on the options of placemaking for Balrothery, and progress continues to be made regarding identifying and quantifying key objectives of the Team.



Town Centre First – Rush

Rush has been selected as Fingal’s second Town Centre First Town.

A contract between the Town Regeneration Office and the Consultant selected to work with the new town team is currently being finalised, and capacity building meetings are expected to commence shortly.



Town Centre First – Ballyboughal

Following on from the successful meetings on 9th and 25th September, a third meeting took place on 23rd October where feedback provided by the group in the previous meeting was discussed, and progress continues to be made in identifying placemaking actions that will benefit the village.



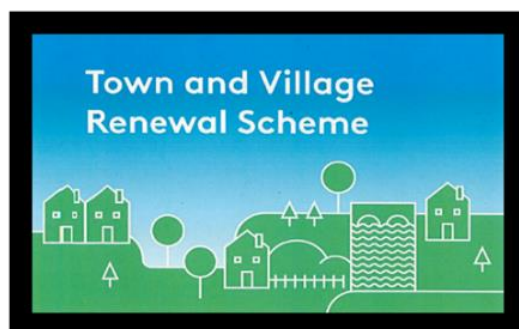
Town & Village Renewal Schemes

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.

Both of these projects are currently progressing, and further updates will be provided in due course.

Town Centre First – Donabate

The second Donabate capacity building workshop took place on 15th October where new participants were welcomed and an analysis of results of a group exercise from the previous meeting was carried out. A presentation was given by guest speaker Laurence Lord of design and research firm AP+E. regarding ways in which lessons learned from previous projects undertaken by AP+E might benefit the town of Donabate.



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

The Streetscape Enhancement Scheme which was launched in April of 2024 has now concluded. A total of €18,504 was paid out to eligible businesses of approved locations within Fingal, greatly enhancing the image of the area.

A new scheme is scheduled to commence shortly, and expressions of interest will be sought from qualifying commercial and community premises located within areas designated as "Major Town Centre", "Town and District Centre", "Local Centre" or "Rural Village" within the Fingal County Development Plan 2023-2029. Under the 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.

Further information regarding the new scheme will be advertised via social media and the Fingal County Council website.

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme

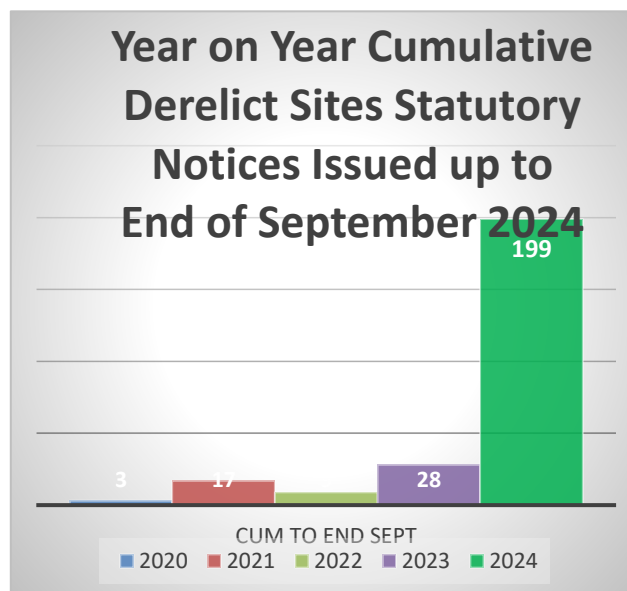
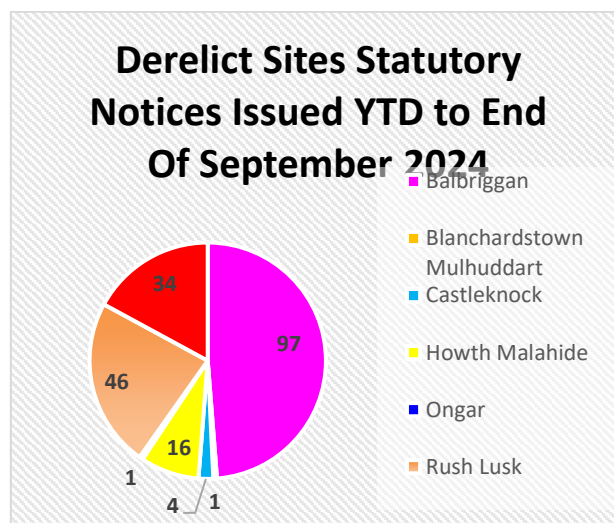
One project was approved under the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme for 2024, "Sea Swimming at Skerries Springers". The Town Regeneration Office has commenced the study process by engaging with local stakeholders, gathering, and collating feedback to inform future options and study scope. Consultant engineers have been appointed to assist with the study and have met with the local swimmers during August.

A report is currently being compiled by the appointed consultant Langan Consulting Engineers to analyse the ecological environment of the area and propose actions.

Derelict Sites

199 statutory notices have issued to owners of Derelict properties to the end of September 2024. This shows a significant increase in notices issued by the Council compared to a total of 28 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

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

Fingal Enterprising Women Network



Over 300 inspiring female entrepreneurs gathered on October 17th at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Blanchardstown to celebrate National Women's Enterprise Day (NWED). Hosted by Local Enterprise Office Fingal on behalf of the four Local Enterprise Offices (LEOs) in Dublin, the regional event showcased the vibrant and growing community of women-led businesses in Dublin.

The Chief Executive, Mayor of Fingal, Senator Emer Currie and Minister of State for Business, Employment and Retail Emer Higgins attended the event. Minister Higgins' keynote address highlighted the significant contributions of female entrepreneurs to the Irish economy and emphasised the government's commitment to supporting their growth and success.

The theme of this year's National Women's Enterprise Day was 'Making It Happen' and the programme included a variety of guest speakers, female entrepreneurs, lively panel discussion, small-business case studies, an exhibition of enterprise support agencies as well as plenty of opportunities to network with other female entrepreneurs and business owners.

Celebrated TV broadcaster Mary Kennedy was Master of Ceremonies and the featured inspiring speakers from several business sectors including Lorraine Heskin (CEO of Gourmet Food Parlour), Oonagh O'Hagan (MD of Meaghers Pharmacy), Fiona Buckley (CEO of She Speaks Agency), and Breda McCague (CEO of Aiming4Awesome).

Fingal Business Network

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Student Enterprise Programme



Second level schools across Fingal are participating in this year's Student Enterprise Programme (SEP) which involves the setting-up and running of a mini 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



Thirty four business owners, managers and aspiring entrepreneurs attended the October Fingal Business Supports Briefing on October 9th in the Riasc Centre, Kinsealy. There was good 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 614 people have attended these information sessions. The next Fingal Business Briefing will take place on November 6th in the Riasc Centre, Kinsealy.

Food Sectoral Supports



Fingal LEO hosts the Q4 Food Starter programme for the 4 Dublin Local Enterprise Offices. The Food Starter Programme is a vital education and networking event for early-stage food businesses. The programme consists of one full day in person training and 2 half days. The food businesses then remain in contact and become part of the Dublin Food Chain Network with access to Food businesses throughout the Dublin Region.

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 next EVAC meeting 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 has just been 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. Five companies in Fingal have so far qualified for this grant. Interest in the scheme is very strong, so that figure is expected to rise significantly over the coming months.

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.

TOV webinar which took place on 22nd October had 122 registered businesses and feedback from the attendees was excellent.

A total of 95 applications have been approved in the amount of €209,570 to date in 2024. The next Trading Online Voucher webinar will be held online on 5th December, clients must attend the webinar to apply for the Scheme. Trading Online Voucher scheme is currently being wound down, last date for applications is 13th December 2024. An enhanced "Grow Digital" initiative to take its place before year end (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 October, eighty people availed of one-to-one advice in our Business Advice Clinics, bringing the total number of users of the service this year to 691. Twenty three clients received mentoring in September, which means that 344 clients have been 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 33 MFI loan applications to date in 2024.

Training and Events

October continues to show strong attendance at the Training and Events organised by Fingal LEO. All training is aimed at business owner/managers, with over 3,153 participants in LEO Fingal Training & Events so far in 2024. The twelfth Start Your Own Business course of 2024 has been scheduled to commence on 5th November and the SYOB programme has had a total of 149 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 year to date.

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 €43,100.



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.

An initial recommendation on whether participating companies should progress to the next stage of the programme based on their export readiness assessment, has identified **11 Fingal businesses**.

Grow Digital Voucher

Grow Digital

A Digital Tool for every Business

The Grow Digital Voucher starting on 1st November 2024 will offer small and medium businesses 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 a grant. The grant aid will be 50% of eligible costs with minimum grant aid of €500 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.

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.

Fingal Business Network



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Works Programme

Balbriggan / Rush-Lusk / Swords Area

Balbriggan Area Parks



➤ Skerries

A newly implemented landscaped area at the entrance to Mourne View Estate, Skerries. The landscaping scheme was planned following consultation with Mourne View Residents Association and included within the 2024 Programme of Works



➤ Balrothery - Glebe Park

New Steps under construction within the Glebe Park Balrothery. This set of steps are replacing a muddy steep slope used as a short cut to access football pitches in the upper section of the park. A longer route sloped path also accompanies this new set of steps.



➤ Balrothery - Glebe Park

Works have commenced to refurbish existing perimeter path network within the Glebe Park Balrothery. The paths will be widened and finished with a tar surface.

Swords Area Parks



➤ Portrane



➤ **Portrane**

Landscape Improvement Works completed in Portrane as part of the 2024 Programme of Works in collaboration with PVRG. Two new raised planters & seating installed to match the existing plus re-installation of original plaques at the Anchor landscaped area.



➤ **Swords**

As part of the 2024 Programme of Works new stone planters were constructed beneath existing welcome signs.



➤ **Holywell Park Swords**

As part of the Community Recognition Funding scheme, two new Boules Courts have been installed within Holywell Park.



➤ **Holywell Park Swords**

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 will accompany these installations.



➤ **Holywell Park Swords**

As part of the Community Recognition Funding scheme, a new MUGGA is under construction adjacent to the existing tennis courts in Holywell Park.





➤ **Santry Demesne**

As part of a recent grant funding scheme a designated dog off leash area has been installed in Santry Demesne. It consists of two segregated areas for large and small dogs, seating, and a staggered entrance design.

Halloween Stockpiling

The crews across the Balbriggan / Rush- Lusk / Swords area have been attending reports of stockpiling for bonfires and clearing.

So far there have been 29 reports of stockpiling in the area from members of the public.

Area Events

Even with the cold weather kicking in the Operations team are still processing event applications in the public realm, with seven outdoor community organised events taking place in the area in October, with four of these being orienteering.

Area Roads and General Maintenance Programme

North County (Balbriggan / Rush – Lusk LEAs)
Stone works carried out in Balbriggan.

Before:



After:



Repairs to knee rail at Tayleurs Point, Rush being carried out by FCC crew.



Piping works being carried out in Ballyboughal.



Ditch being cleared on the R122 Naul Road.



Level survey being carried out on the R127 Blakescross as part of resurfacing works.



Scanning for Eirgrid interconnector 220 kilowatt volt service on R127 as part of resurfacing works.



Swords LEA

Sandbags being prepared to help with severe weather events, such as Storm Ashley.



Tree down along the R132 Northbound in Swords, taken care of by emergency crew.



Tree down in St. Cronans, Swords, attended by emergency crew.



Tree down in Balheary Park from Storm Ashley.



Crews in the area have been busy clearing the leaf fall.



Resurfacing works are ongoing on the Brackenstown Road as part of the Programme of Works and are expected to be finished on the 2nd of November 2024. A temporary road closure to facilitate works is currently in place.

Howth Malahide Area Programme of Works



Footpath works at St. Fintan's Road Sutton



Footpath resurfacing at Sutton Park, as part of the 2024 Programme of Works.

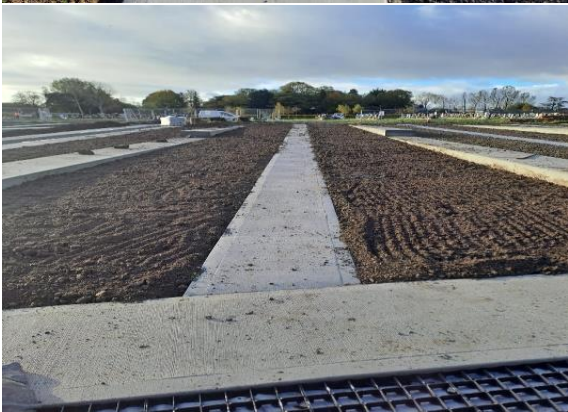


Resurfacing works at Low Rock, Malahide.

Capital Works

➤ **Extension of Balgriffin Cemetery**

Clarcon Construction Ltd are currently constructing phase 3 of Balgriffin Cemetery. The bin bay and boundary wall are complete. Concrete works are 95% complete, and landscaping is 90% complete. Work is ongoing.



Howth Malahide Depot Works

FCC roads crew carrying out footpath works at Balkill Park Howth



Malahide Demesne

Decompaction works around the root zone of trees.



➤ Malahide Green Landscaping Works

Landscaping two beds down at Malahide Green as part of the Programme of Works.



Public Conveniences Howth Pier & Malahide Beach Toilets

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- **Malahide Beach Toilets**

The Toilets at Malahide Beach were opened to use by members of the public on 16th October 2024.

- **Howth East Pier Toilets**

The toilets at Howth East Pier will be opened for use by members of the public on 4th November 2024.

Storm Ashley



Fallen tree at St. Margaret's Road Malahide cleared by Howth Malahide Operations Crew



Storm Ashley effects on coastal area, Howth-Malahide installed the flood defences prior to the storm.



Tree fallen during storm in Millview Lawns and disposal.



Burial ground tree removal after Storm Ashley in St. Fintan's cemetery

Castleknock Mulhuddart Area Programme of Works





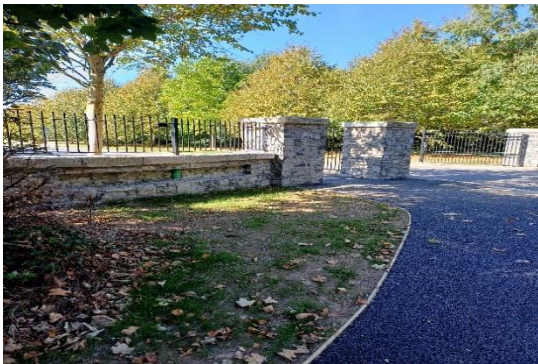
Concrete Works carried out at Inglewood



Concrete Works carries out at Littlepace



Concrete works carried out at Castleknock Grove



Work to the entrance of Beechpark nearing completion.

The project along the Tolka Valley River from Mill Road in Blanchardstown to Dunsink lane involved the installation of a no-dig dust path and a cantilever walkway, aimed at enhancing accessibility while minimizing environmental impact. This was carried out with a focus on preserving the natural environment and maintaining the integrity of the riverbank ecosystem, ensuring that the new infrastructure harmonized with the surrounding landscape.



New cricket training facility installed in Porterstown Park



In addition to the dust path, a cantilever walkway was designed and installed in an area where the riverbank's narrow section made it difficult to construct a standard path. The cantilever walkway was designed to extend outward from the riverbank, avoiding the need for support pillars directly on the sensitive river edge.



Before and after photos of New Metal Containers planted in Tyrellstown opposite roundabout on the Boulevard. Works consisted of planting 300 Perennials and placing of 4 ton of Bark Mulch to fill beds to bring a touch of colour as you enter Tyrellstown.



Pyracantha Orange Glow Planted along wall by the operations team at Roselawn Walk



Before and after photos of path widening works carried out by the operations team recently in Waterville Park.

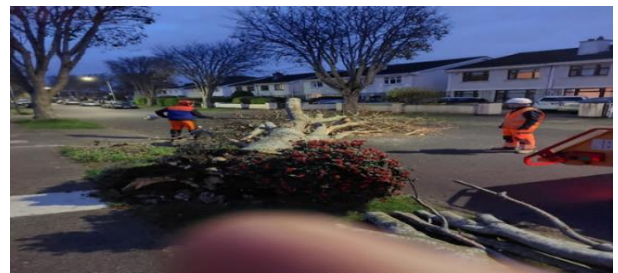


Before and after works of crown lifting and clearing of undergrowth in Broadway estate open space on health and safety grounds.

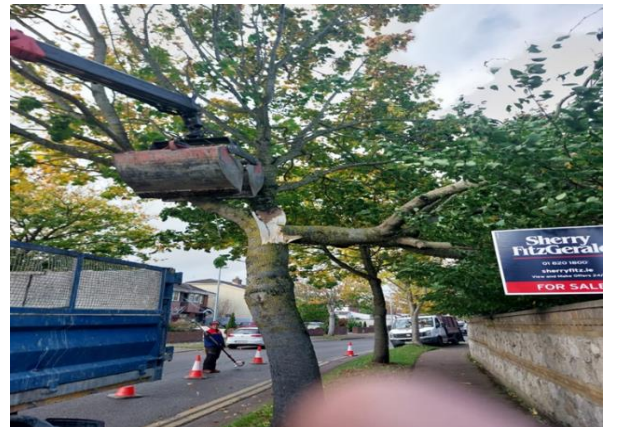
Storm Ashley



Tree removed Sunday 20th October, Delwood close



Summerfield Estate, Maple Leap tree split in half



Pace Road Littlepace, tree fell & was removed



Oak Tree Millennium Park



St Mochta's Open Space, Maple Tree Fell & Removed



Leaf collection on Hartstown Road

Car Parking Services

September 2024

There was a total of 1274 parking tickets issued during September 2024. Breakdown of Parking Offences

Top 10 Offences

Offence	Main Ticketing Offences - September 2024
9A - A VEHICLE COMMITTING AN OFFENCE CONTRARY TO PAY AND DISPLY/PERMIT PARKING	659
08A - PARKING A VEHICLE ON A FOOTPATH	137
04G - PARKING A PRIVATE VEHICLE IN A LOADING BAY	124
9D - PARKING A VEHICLE ON A DOUBLE YELLOW LINE	110
9A - A VEHICLE OUT OF TIME TICKET	95
04C - PARKING A VEHICLE IN A TAXI BAY	24
9C - VEHICLE OUTSIDE BAY	21
07A - OBSTRUCTION TO OTHER ROAD USERS/PEDESTRIANS	21
9F - PARKING/STOPPING A VEHICLE IN A DISABLED PERSONS PARKING BAY	19
17A - PARKING/STOPPING A VEHICLE AT A SCHOOL ENTRANCE	9

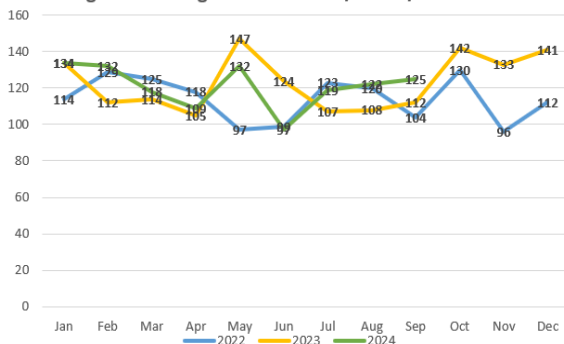
Main Ticketing Locations:

Location	Main Ticket Locations September 2024
North Street - Swords	130
Bridgefield Car Park - Malahide	104
Main Street - Swords	79
South Strand Skerries	61
Strand Street - Skerries	50
Coast Road - Malahide	48
Drogheda Street - Balbriggan	48
Church Road - Malahide	47
The Green - Malahide	42
Harbour Road - Skerries	40

Burial Ground Services

There were 125 Interments in Fingal Cemeteries during September 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 unforeseen delay, the contractor is due to commence work on site at the end of November.

Traffic Operations County-Wide

Balbriggan/Swords Area

➤ New Traffic Signals & Pedestrian Crossings



Swords – New Signalised Junction with three pedestrian crossings - Rathbeale Road at JC/Dunnes Shopping Centre



Swords – Bus Stop Relocation – Glasmore-Rathbeale Road (Abbeylea Lane)

➤ **Balbriggan/Swords North**



R122, Newtown- Vehicle Activated Signage

➤ **Signage & Lining**



Donabate Area, Ballymadrough Road – New Stop Sign



Balcadden- Road Markings and Traffic Calming Ramps Works

Howth/Malahide Traffic POW 2024



Donabate Area, Ballymadrough Road – New Warning Sign





Ongoing works with new lighthouse type metal bollards near Highrock on the Coast Road (R106) installed.



Speed reader for Carrickhill Road Northbound and Longfield Road.

Fleet Management & Plant Hire Unit

86 Plant Hires were put in place from 01/10/2024 to 29/10/2024, engaging 23 suppliers.

Public Lighting

POW Works Completed: Clonard St, Balrothery Village, Huntstown Green, St Patricks Park, Laurel Lodge Green, Downside Park,

➤ **Clonard Street, Balbriggan.**

Two (2) no. additional lighting columns installed.



➤ **Balrothery Village**

To facilitate the relocation of an ESB Network pole from the junction and future junction redevelopment, one public lighting column with new supply section pillar and associated ducting was installed.



➤ **Huntstown Green, Mulhuddart**

One (1) no. additional column installed at end of the cul-de-sac.



➤ **Barnageeragh, Skerries**

One New lighting column installed on pedway which links Fulmar, to the Barnageeragh Road.



➤ **St Patricks Park Blanchardstown**

3 new lighting columns installed and a new micro pillar.



➤ **Downside, Skerries**

New ESB service pillar installed. Four new Raise and Lower lighting columns installed on pedway linking Downside Park with the Shenick Road. See two following photos.



➤ **Laurel Lodge Green, Castleknock**

11 new lighting columns installed in green linking Castleknock train station with Laurel Lodge Road.



POW Works in Progress/Ongoing: Forest Road, Swords; Hartstown Park; Castlelands, Balbriggan

➤ **Forest Road, Swords**

Replacement of eleven (11) no. poles and associated cabling. All columns are stood and civil works complete. Works remaining: Replacement of overhead supply cables, transfer of existing luminaires and removal of the old poles.



➤ **Hartstown Park**

To facilitate the installation of the new lighting scheme in Hartstown Park, preparatory works for supply points have been completed. Two new service pillars and two existing columns were also replaced.



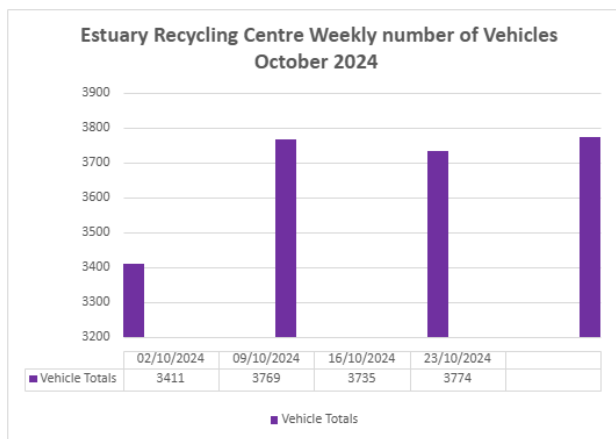
➤ **Baldoyle Greenway**

Upgrades to existing supplies on the Baldoyle greenway.



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.

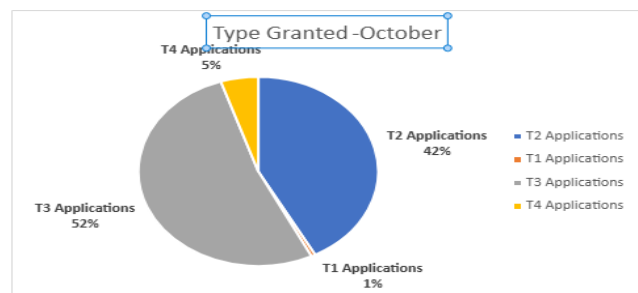
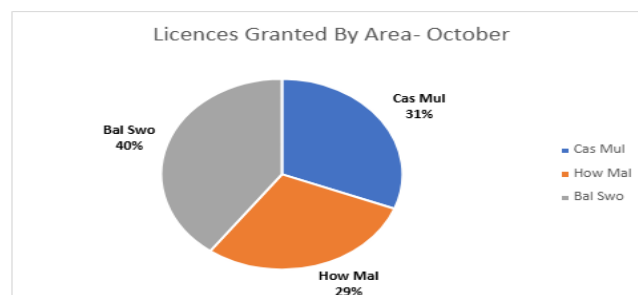
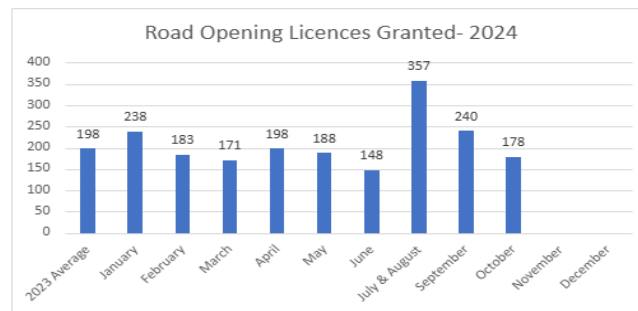


Licenses

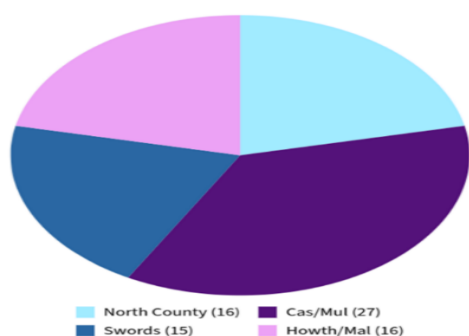
- **Road Opening Licenses**

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.

178 Licences were granted in the months of October, **57% 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 74 applications as outlined above including three from schools.

- Casual Trading License

Fingal County Council have a total of 36 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 while we are also in the processes of refunding 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 23 Street Furniture Inspections have been carried out.

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 can shortly be completed 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 for 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. This will inform a new design and drawings. Once this is completed procurement will commence on material with on-site works commencing late October.

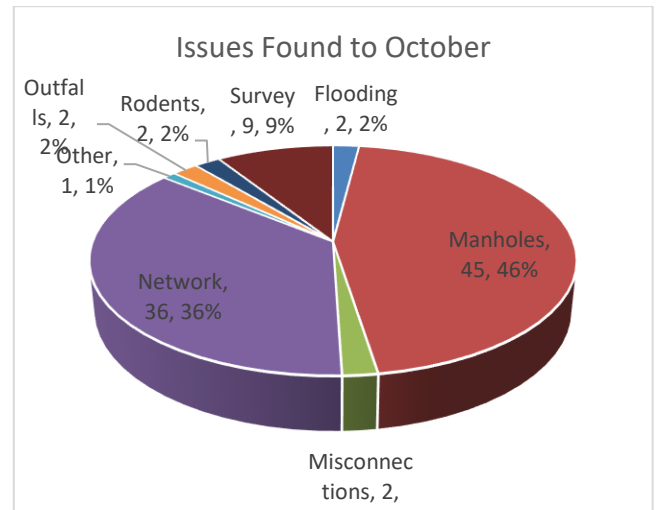
- **Lusk Network Remedial Works**

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. The work will be carried out under separate work packages with an overall duration of 24 months. Works to date completed are Barrack Lane SW pipe replacement, a short relay outside Top Shop and CCTV surveys. Sections of network along Station Rd & Dublin Rd have recently been surveyed and dye-tested and works have been identified for Direct labour intervention.



- **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
CCTV Surveys were carried out on a section of network in the **Balheary** area close to Swords Business Park following historical reports of flooding. These confirmed significant restrictions in the line requiring large volumes of aggregate and silt to be removed. Works on excavating and repairing a collapsed and root-affected section were completed in September.



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

Lusk

Works were carried out during October to raise up a number of buried manholes on **Barrack lane** to provide access for ongoing inspection and maintenance of the Lusk SW network.



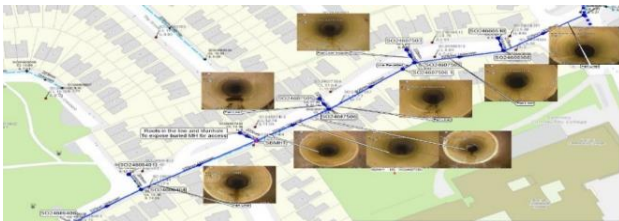
Malahide/Portmarnock

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.



Skerries

Following reports of a collapsed manhole additional surveys were carried out on a section of the network in the **Seacrest estate** in Skerries. Following these surveys a gas main has been identified as a culprit and Gas Networks Ireland (GNI) have been contacted to carry out repair works and remove their service from the line. Follow on remediations will be carried out by a mixture of in-house repairs and Contractor support. Repair works by GNI have taken place and 9.1m of UV CIPP part Liner repairs were completed in early October.



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 has been procured and these works are to be completed before the end of October.



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, Swords and Balbriggan areas.

Underground Stormwater storage Assets

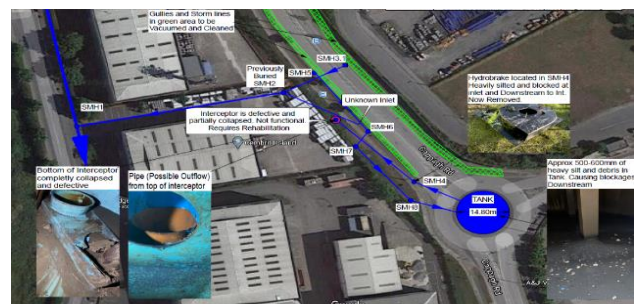
A process of identification and recording of underground storm water management assets has begun county wide. With new best practice guidelines in place these assets are expected to be phased out in future planning applications and should be replaced with above ground natural features. Below is an example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



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. 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.



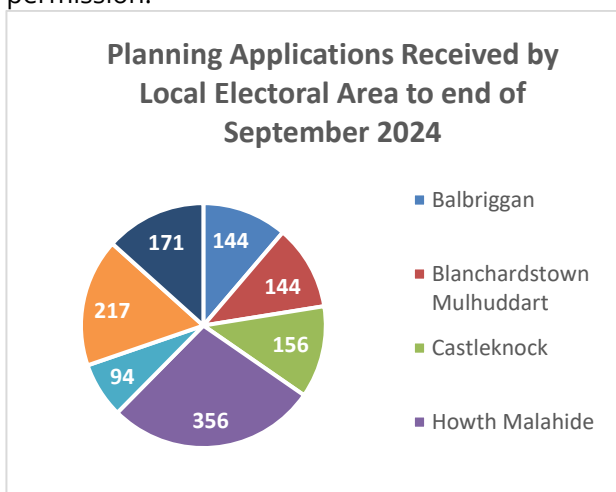
PLANNING AND STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE (PSI)

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There have been 1282 planning applications received from 1st January 2024 to 30th September 2024. This is including 547 E applications via the LGMA portal. 113 applications were invalid leaving a total of 1169 valid applications. The volume of applications received by Local Electoral Area (LEA) is detailed in the table below.

From 1st January 2024 to 31st August 2024 there have been 11 Large-scale Residential Development (LRD) applications made to the Local Authority. From 1st January 2024 to 30th September 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 two requests for Further Information have been made.

An Bord Pleanála have issued one decision on SHD applications in the period from 1st January 2024 to 30th September 2024, this decision was to refuse permission.



Planning Decisions

A total of 1018 planning decisions have been issued from 1st January 2024 to 30th September 2024. There have been 778 decisions to grant permission and 175 refusals of permission.

Building Control Admin

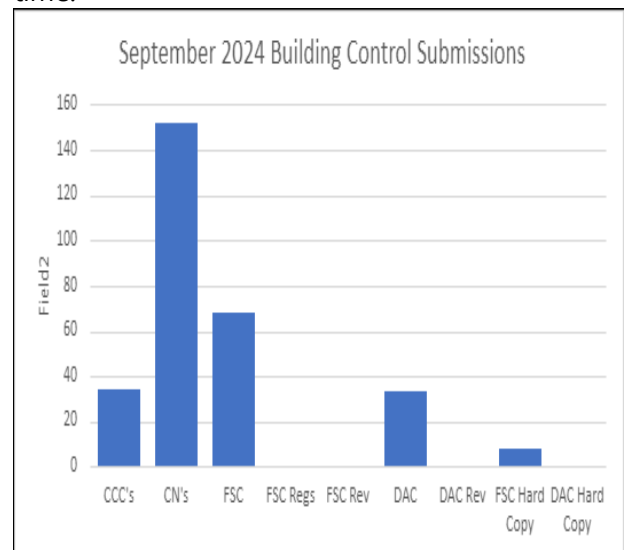
In September 2024, there were 295 building control submissions made via BCMS.

This was made up of 152 Commencement notices, 34 Compliance of Completion Certificates, 76 Fire Safety related Certificates and 33 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 31 decisions in September 2024 relating to Fire Safety and Disability Access Certificates. This was made up of 21 decisions to grant and 102 extensions of time.



Strategic Policy Unit

Local Area Plans, Masterplans and Framework Plans

The first round of Plans emanating from the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 have been agreed and comprise the Swords and Flemington LAP's; the Dunsink Statutory Plan; Kilbarrack and Old School House Masterplans and the Stephenstown, Folkstown 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 18th September. Public Consultation ended on the 22nd of October and the CE's report on submissions received is now being prepared.

Work is progressing in relation to the draft Clonsilla Framework Plan for publication and consultation, and in relation to the preparation of the Old School House Masterplan. Preparatory background analysis is also 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 lands subject to the tax. On 1st 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. The majority of appeals have now been determined by An Bord Pleanála.

The final RZLT map for 2025 will be published on the 31st of January 2025 with the Annual Draft map for 2026 will be published on the 1st of February 2025.

Built Environment Division

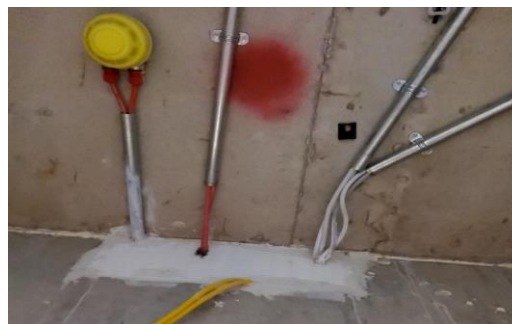
Building Control/Taking in Charge Section

- There are 6 developments (River Mall Laneway, The Elms Ridgewood, Ashfield Ridgewood, Footpath on Park Road Rush, Bracken Park Castleknock and Castlegrange Castaheaney) taken in charge in the October council meeting.
- There are 2 estates up for taking 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, Bellingsmore Estate.
 5. Tyrrelstown, Dublin 15.
 6. Heathfield Estate, The Ward, Dublin 15.

Pictures



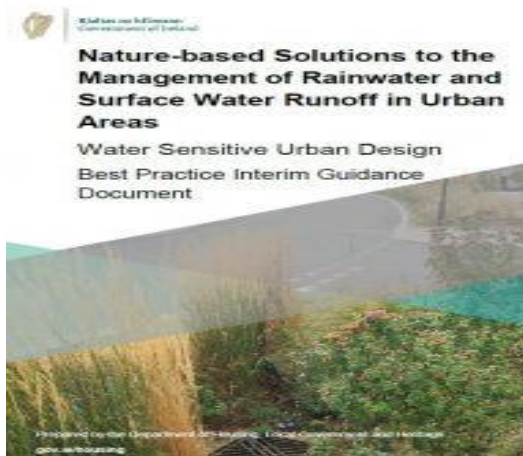
Checking out Insulation, Wall ties and Roofing details on a house on site in Dublin 15.



Checking fire stopping in an Apartment in Dublin 15.

Development Management/Forward Planning (Water Services) Section

- 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”.



Incorporating Sustainable Drainage Systems in Residential Developments



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

Domestic SuDS Guide

McCloys Consulting Engineers have been appointed to produce a Domestic SuDS Guide for FCC. This was completed in Q3 2024.

Transportation Planning

PSI 001 Snugborough Interchange upgrade

The Snugborough Interchange at road level was completed in July 2024. Public lighting and landscaping and boundary work for these areas are being completed currently. FCC have completed a new water main for Uisce Eireann which delayed the opening of the scheme at the lower level until November 2024. It is intended that the active travel element through the underpasses will open during November. Active travel routes between Main St, Tolka Valley, the Old Corduff Road and Waterville Park will open at this time.



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 department of Fingal County Council together information for detailed design.

PSI 002 Ongar Barnhill Road

Bam Civil Ltd. have constructed most of the new bridge over the railway line during the previous months. Road surfacing will commence in November at Barberstown Lane South and on the southern embankment. Installation of sub-base, kerbs and footpaths will continue during Q4. On the R149 traffic management will be in place at interval periods during Q4 to complete the culvert north of Barberstown Lane South. It is intended that traffic will be diverted onto some of the new Barberstown Lane South later this year 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



CCTV Drainage

The tender assessment for CCTV drainage has taken place and IGLS was appointed in August with works completed in the first week of October.

Below there is a summary of works progressed in September:

- Survey started at Pinnock Hill Roundabout towards north;
- Approx 2000m of main line survey complete;
- Approx 800m of main line unable to survey due to roots in the pipe;
- Completing approximately 260m per night;
- Silt levels slightly below assumed value (50%) - actual = 20-30% silted;
- 57 manholes completed.



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Images 1 to 6 - Some sections and manholes surveyed

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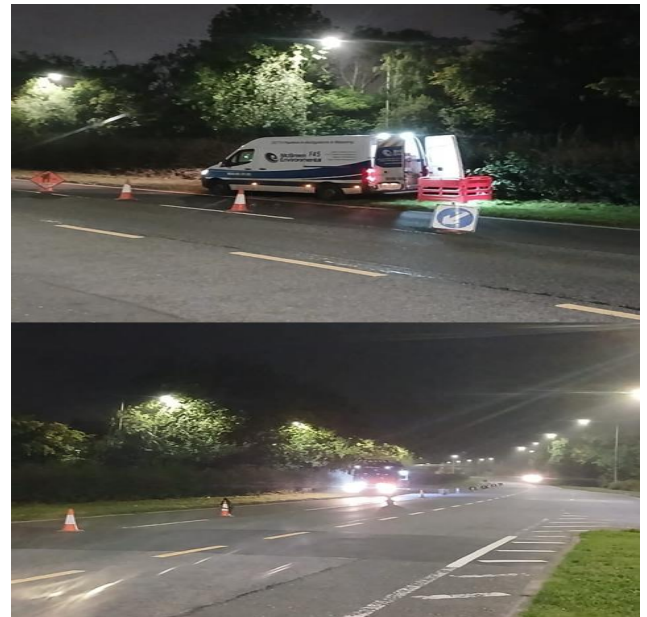


Figure 2 - Traffic Management during the night works

GI Works

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



Figure 1 - Slit Trench number 8 showing utilities underground.



Figure 2 – Traffic Management during the night works

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 now reviewing the survey results and a meeting will be scheduled with them in the coming week for further discussion.

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 was 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 will begin assessing these 8 tender responses in early November in order to progress the procurement process.

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. 90% completed which consists of 3km fully segregated Pedestrian and Cyclist Route connecting 6 schools in Balbriggan.

The sample panel for the stonework at the landscaped civic space adjoining the Dublin Road Roundabout has been approved and works are ongoing in this area. The rising walls have been constructed and stonework will now commence. Works for the upgrade of the footpaths in Millpond Park has commenced.



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 are ongoing.

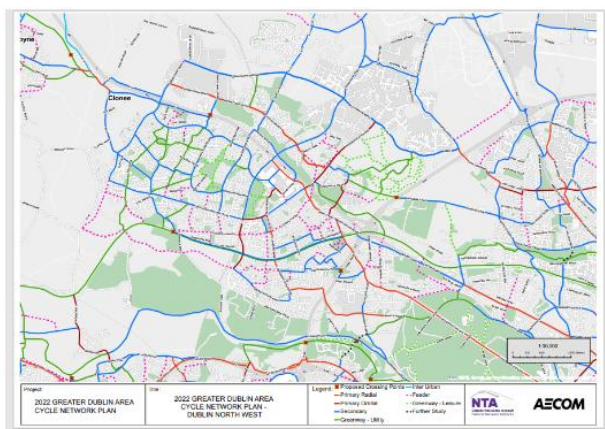


The resurfacing works for the section of the project between the Harry Reynolds Road roundabout and Drogheda Street (R132) are due to commence in mid-November.

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

The signing ceremony took place on the 3rd of October:

<https://www.fingal.ie/news/council-sign-contract-consultancy-framework-dublin-15-pedestrian-cycling-projects>



The signing ceremony - Consultancy Framework for Dublin 15 Walking and 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

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 is currently being finalised with a view to be issued for tender early next month under the Single Party Framework for Engineering Consultancy Services for Pedestrian and Cycling Route Projects in the Dublin 15 Area.

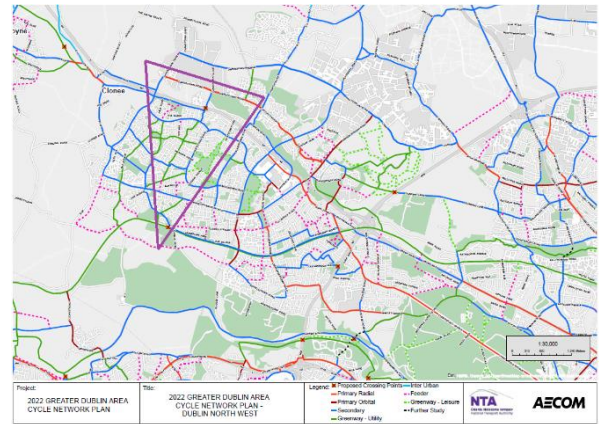


Figure 1 - Cycle Network Plan for The Greater Dublin Area - Clonsilla to Damastown area highlighted in purple

On 24 October, a site visit was made to assess possible cycle route options available, and some photos were taken of possible routes:



Clonsilla-Damastown Cycle Route - route option

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 prepared. An initial meeting has been held in relation to the landownership maps and are now being reviewed.

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. 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 commenced the procurement process for a Multi-Disciplinary Consultancy team for the detailed design and construction supervision of the public realm at Swords Cultural Quarter.

Tender documents have been received and are being evaluated. The Letter of Acceptance will be issued in the coming month following completion of the procurement 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 documents have been issued at the end of October. 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 route between Kinsealy and Portmarnock train station, and between Kinsealy and Malahide Castle and gardens. The two walking and cycling routes will form a link from Kinsealy to sustainable transport at Portmarnock and Malahide train stations.

Preparation for a non-statutory public consultation is currently underway 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.

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. All ramp precast units are in place and installation of masonry stonework is underway. Re-profiling of the weir to pre-construction levels is complete.

A site visit took place to the northern causeway and bridge by the NTA, IÉ, RPS and FCC to discuss design options for the northern causeway. Design options which meet the project objectives and ensures the safety and integrity of the railway causeway were discussed. These options are being brought through a multi criteria analysis by the project designers, RPS for further discussion by all parties. 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.



Northern causeway looking southwards towards Malahide



On the bridge looking northwards towards Donabate

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

Fingal County Council lodged an application to An Bord Pleanála (ABP) in July 2023 for a Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) for the Portrane Road Enhancement Project. Two landowner objections were lodged with ABP with one subsequently being withdrawn following consultation with the P*SI project team. Consultation continued with the other landowner to try to reach an agreement. Fingal County Council received a decision from An Bord Pleanála on 21st October confirming the CPO without modifications. Work can now progress on finalising the detailed design and procurement of a contractor to carry out the works.

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

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. Once two weeks of data has been collected, work can start on the abutment piling. Bridge beams will be installed under night-time railway possession after the Christmas break and Kalwall parapets installed thereafter. Following ancillary works such as drainage, lighting etc., it is expected that works on the bridge will be complete 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 TII, to assess all technical and operational traffic issues associated with this strategic motorway junction;
- 7no. Active Travel Routes which encompass a number of related local projects which aim to increase local connectivity for pedestrians and cyclists.

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 has completed a traffic study for the Transport Infrastructure Ireland 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 flows. 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 Q1/Q2 2025.

PSI-068 Portmarnock Pedestrian & Cycle Bridge

The Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department are progressing with the design proposals for the 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). The opening of the bridge 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, including the tie-in detail for both sides is nearing completion. This will be issued to Irish Rail in November which will feed into the Bridge Agreement. Discussions are ongoing with the developers on either side of the bridge to advance the required access agreements. Once the licences are finalised, construction will follow.



Parks and Green Infrastructure

The Parks and Strategic Infrastructure Division have completed the next critical milestone for the delivery of 2 new GAA pitches at Ballymastone in 2025.

The time critical timeline for the grass seeding of the new pitches prior to winter was achieved through close collaboration and cooperation between FCC and the appointed sports turf contractor Tony Patterson Sportsgrounds.'



HOUSING

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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 (Baile Na Mona), Swords, which is currently at tender stage.

Balleally Rise, Lusk – SALE AGREED



We are delighted to report that all of our Balleally Rise Affordable Homes have now gone Sale Agreed with first sales due to close in the coming weeks.

Kilmartin Grove, Dublin 15 - SALE AGREED/CLOSED



The sales of 15 no. of the Kilmartin Grove Properties are now closed with the remaining 21 no. properties currently sale agreed.

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 63 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 44 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

39 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. 21 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 unit numbers in the pipeline	Units
Under Construction	405
Schemes with Planning Approval and Tender Stage	931
Planning and Design	322
Part V	768
TOTAL	2436

Delivered units

3 Homes were delivered in Chapel Hill, Garristown, Co. Dublin through the Part V delivery.



Fingal County Council - Tuath Housing Association, Kilhedge Lane, Lusk - 5 dwellings

Mayor of Fingal, Cllr. Brian McDonagh welcomed Minister for Housing Darragh O'Brien TD to Lusk to officially open Kilhedge Gardens. Kilhedge Gardens is an age-friendly scheme providing 31 new single-story homes. The development – delivered through direct build by Tuath on land owned by Fingal County Council – consists of 18 two-bedroom and 13 one-bedroom homes, with an additional communal facility area for residents.



Fingal County Council - Construction Scheme at Monastery Court, Lusk - 5 dwellings

New social housing development Monastery Court, Lusk was officially opened. Monastery Court comprises of five high-quality apartments with a communal landscaped courtyard and is close to all local amenities. As part of its commitment to encourage sustainable construction and minimise environmental impact, this is Fingal's first Passive House development. Passive House standards ensure these homes are low-energy, leading to reduced energy bills for residents whilst providing significant environmental advantages.



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 Bowden Court, Swords – 11 dwellings

The 11 apartments, which are currently being allocated by the Council, were constructed by Broomfield Construction. They contain a mix of 1, 2 & 3-bedrooms across the three levels of the development.

All units are A2 rated and are designed to be adaptable for medical needs, with two units currently being fitted out for disabled tenants in consultation with their respective Occupational Therapists.



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



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.



Housing Asset Management Report

Energy Efficiency/Retrofitting Programme

Fingal County Council's Energy Efficiency Retrofit programme is progressing well. Works have been completed at Strandmill, Portmarnock and Regles Court, Lusk. Contractors are currently on-site in Whitestown in D15, Remount in Lusk and Rivermeade in St. Margaret's.



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	25th October 2024
In the letting process	54
Undergoing re-let repairs	29
With County Architect for procurement of pre-let repairs	23
TOTAL	106

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 Grace O'Malley, Loughshinny Park and Longstone Park.

Works are ongoing in Seamount, Malahide, Boromihé, Swords and Dublin Street Flats, Baldoye and works will commence shortly in Glasmore Park and St. Nessans Estate.



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 247 new tenancies in 2024 to date with approximately 4174 tenancies set up since HAP began in 2017.

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

Rents

The Rent Arrears team is working methodically through accounts in substantial arrears to encourage tenants to engage with the Council in reducing their arrears. In cases where there is no engagement, despite repeated efforts, proceedings will progress through the legal arena, and to date, the Rents Section has secured two Possession Orders with 4 other Tenancies continuing through the court process in November 2024. We have recently resolved two cases to a satisfactory conclusion for both the tenant and the council.

Regarding the two possession orders secured, both tenants are engaging with the team to address their arrears.

The Rents team encourages any tenant who is having trouble paying their rent to engage with the Council to examine possible solutions. However, there are instances where tenants do not engage or make alternative payment arrangements, and, in those situations, the Council 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, 4,895 inspections have been conducted in 2024, with 571 inspections carried out in September. Of the 4,895 inspections, 4,387 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.

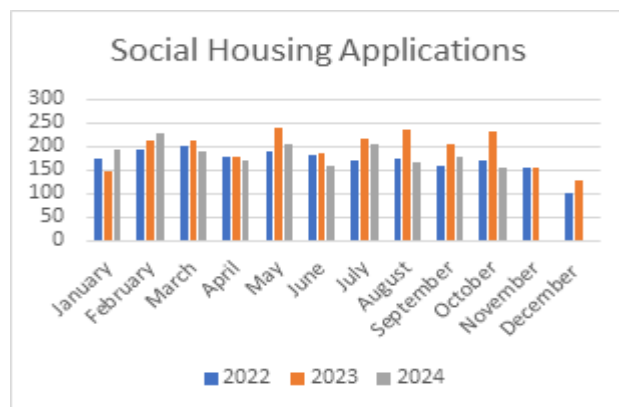
These list positions are static and will be updated again in 2025.

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 – 30 th October 2024)	1,877
January- December 2023	2,354
January - December 2022	2,051



Housing Support Appeals

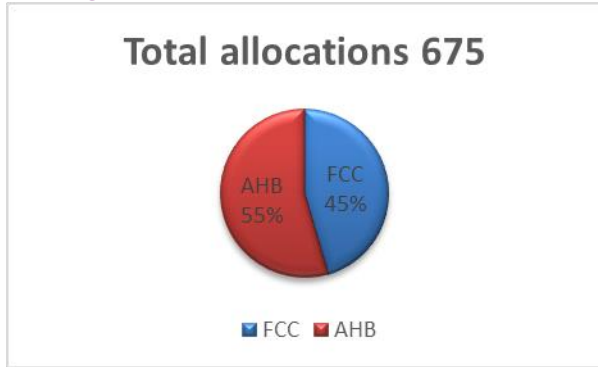
Applicants are reminded, that an appeal must be received within 28 days of a decision being communicated in writing to be eligible for review.

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.

Housing Needs Assessment

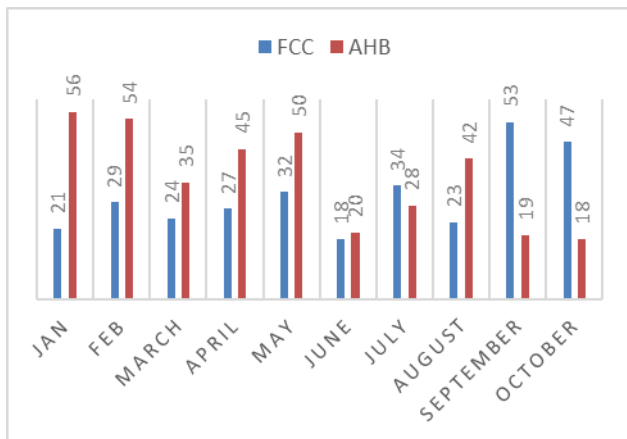
In accordance with Circular 22/2024 as released on 27th June 2024, the Summary of Social Housing Assessment (SSHA) is due for return to the Department of Housing Local Government and Heritage on 2nd December 2024. Letters have been issued to all applicants required to complete the SSHA. Following the successful launch of the online HNA System in 2022, applicants will be advised to complete the assessment where possible online. Reminder letters will issue to applicants who have yet to complete their assessment. The closing date for these assessments to be returned was 18th October 2024.

Lettings

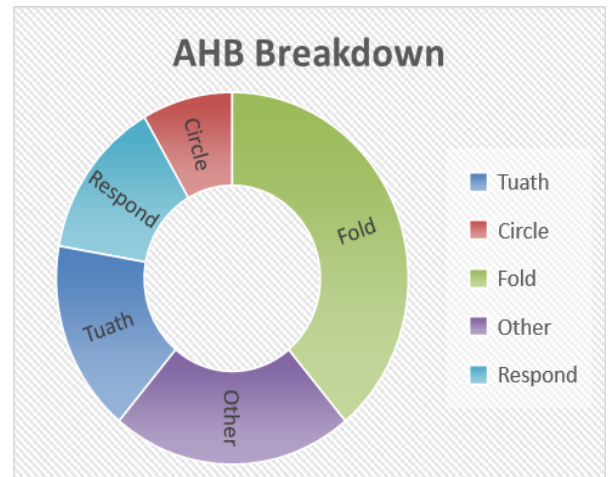
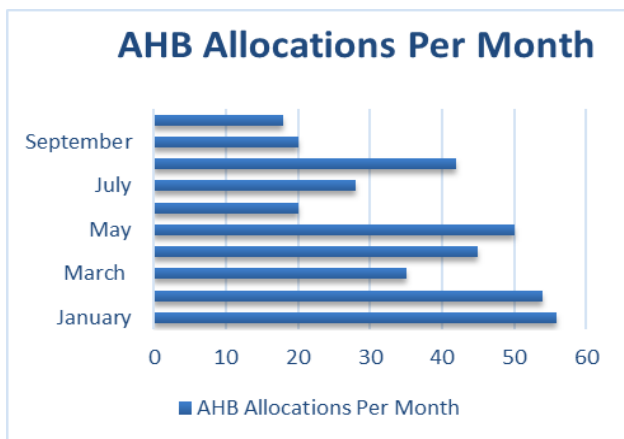


The above chart depicts the total number of properties allocated since the beginning of 2024.

The chart below shows the breakdown of allocations per month.



368 of the **675** allocations have been in collaboration with several Approved Housing bodies. The other **307** properties were allocated using Fingal County Councils own stock.



FOLD have received the most nominations from Fingal County Council during the month of October.

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 October 2024, 40 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	5	10	15
Homeless Prevention	8	17	25
Total	13	27	40

There was a total of 25 homeless prevention cases and 15 who exited emergency accommodation comprising:

15 allocations of social housing support to homeless prevention cases, 10 who exited emergency accommodation and 5 from Homeless HAP Tenancies.

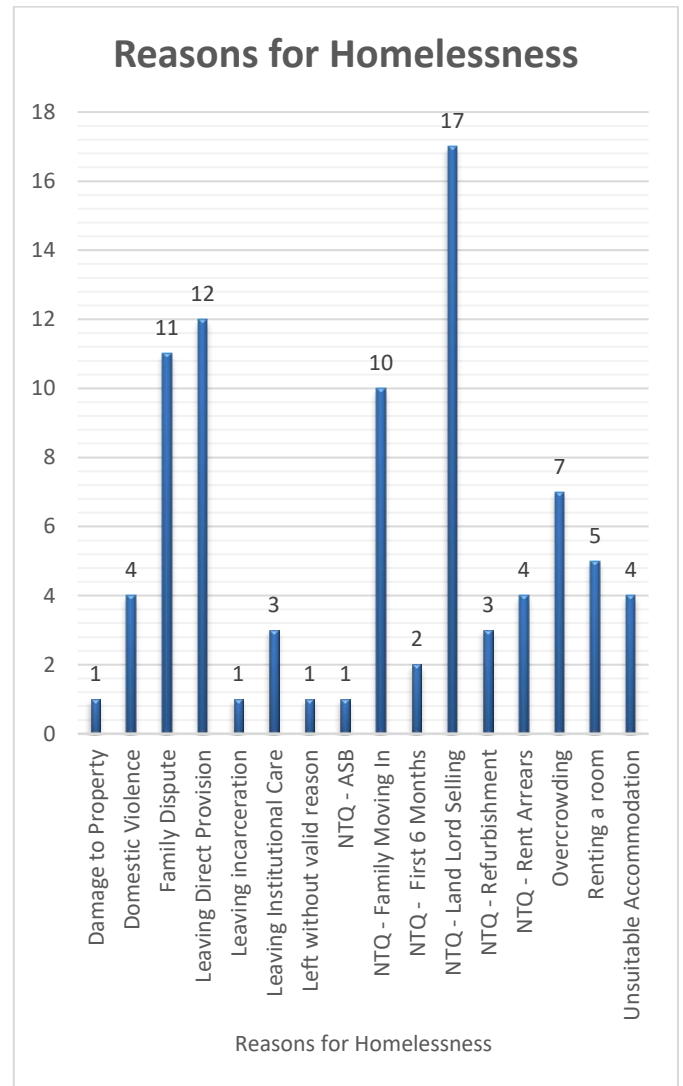
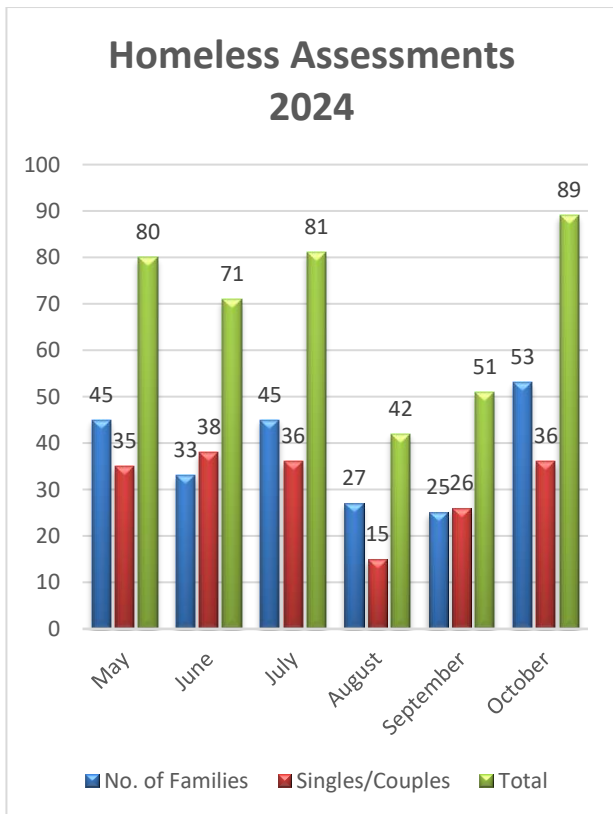
13 Homeless HAP tenancies, comprising 8 homeless preventions and 5 who exited emergency accommodation and 0 from Direct Provision.

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 October 2024, there were a total of 89 full homeless assessments completed - comprising 53 families and 36 singles/couples.

During October 2024, of the 89 Homeless Assessments carried out, 43% 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 (12%), renting a room (6%) and leaving Direct Provision (13%). The remaining 26% 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 86 reported rough sleeping cases in 2024.

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

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

The DRHE in partnership with Dublin Simon. Outreach and the PMVT Intake team are assertively working on the streets offering accommodation to all rough sleepers. The teams are very familiar with the locations of people sleeping rough across the Dublin Region and persistently work with individuals to support them into emergency accommodation.

This process can take time and multiple contacts, as some people do not want to engage but the teams persevere with every person working to achieve a successful outcome.

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

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

National Housing Strategy for Disabled People 2022-2027 Implementation Plan

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

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

Currently 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, 272 tenant in-situ properties are at the sale closed stage. A total of 79 properties are at the sale agreed stage with a further 37 cases in the negotiation process. In addition, the Council is assessing a further 280 queries concerning notices of termination and tenant-in-situ acquisition.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The key contact details are:

Fingal County Council Housing Department

Monday to Thursday, 9 am to 5.00 pm,

Friday 9 am to 4.30 pm:

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

Email: NTQEnquiries@fingal.ie

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

Traveller Accommodation Programme

The Draft Traveller Accommodation Programme Accommodation Programme 2025 – 2029 will be presented to the Elected Members for adoption at the November 2024 Council Meeting.

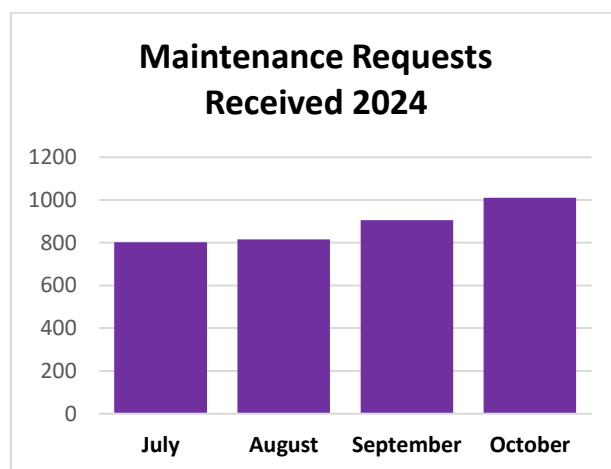
Through the implementation of the Traveller Accommodation Programme 2025 – 2029, the Council will endeavour to meet the accommodation needs of the Traveller Community of the County.

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.



New mobile home at Gardiners Hill, Balbriggan

Housing Maintenance





Clean Up works at Cedar Grove

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 September in relation to our developments at Balroy Hall and Kilmartin. It is proposed to hold further Tenant Induction Courses in the month of November.

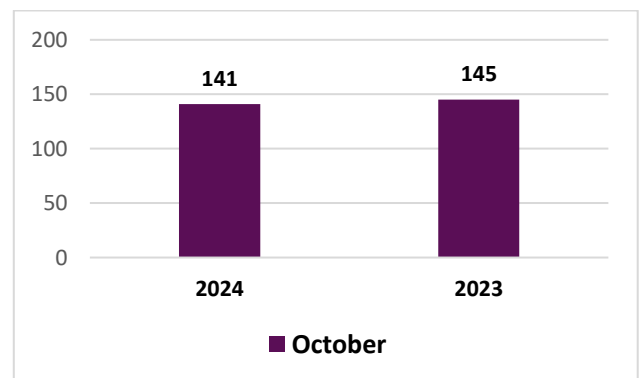
ASB Caseload Management

Complaints October 2024	Total	Active	Monitoring	Closed
Balbriggan	28	8	16	4
Rush / Lusk	5	3	0	2
Swords	28	11	10	7
Howth / Malahide	19	5	7	7
Blanchardstown / Mulhuddart	46	23	17	6
Ongar	9	1	1	7
Castleknock	6	0	1	5
Total	141	51	52	38

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),

Monthly Breakdown of ASB Complaints Received 2023-24



Anti-Social Behaviour Interventions

Interviews Held 2024	91
Interviews Held 2023	95
Tenancy Alerts 2024	32
Tenancy Alerts 2023	23
Tenancy Warnings 2024	6
Tenancy Warnings 2023	6

Inspectorate

Traveller Specific Site Inspections 2024	1818
Traveller Specific Site Inspections 2023	1665
Housing Inspectors Report October 2024	853

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

[gov - Designated Accommodation Centres](http://gov-DesignatedAccommodationCentres)
(www.gov.ie)

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 meeting held on the 18th October 2024 with the forum due to meet again on the 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).

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 recently taken possession of a vacant residential property by way of Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) with the statutory CPO process recently commencing with 3 other vacant residential properties. 30 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, Repair and Lease 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. **166** applications have been received under the scheme since launch with a continued increasing flow of new applications. In the last month a further **6** applications have been approved with further applications moving to approval stage. In all **108** applications have been approved which equates to **€5.4m in funding**. In addition, staff are engaging with numerous other expressions of interest which have the potential to lead to further applications.

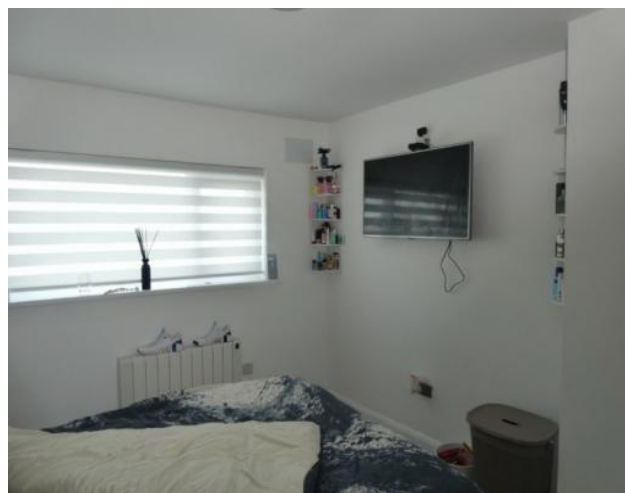
Promotion of the scheme is ongoing by the Vacant Homes Team who have been present at various Housing Information Events most recently at the Carlton Hotel in Tyrellstown on the 12th September 2024.

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

Fingal Rural Community Forum



The Quarter 4 meeting of the Fingal Rural Community Forum took place in Balrothery Heritage Centre.

Member communities updated each other on community activities and received informative presentation talks from Fingal County Council Town Regeneration Office and Fingal Community Development's Age Friendly Officers. There was also an information session with Cillian Purser from Foróige about developing volunteer Youth Cafés in rural villages. The group also ratified and welcomed Loughshinny as a ninth member of the forum.

New Active Retirement Group in Swords

A new Active Retirement Group (SWARA – Swords Active Retirement Association) has been established in Swords. The first meeting of the group was held in September. The next meeting will be an information budget special meeting in early November. The group will meet on the last Friday of every month from January, at 2pm in Rivervalley Community Centre.



Thrive Swords - 5 Ways to Wellbeing Community Workshop

A workshop focusing on *Five Ways to Wellbeing in the Community* took place in October, as part of the Thrive Swords Project. This community led initiative is a collaboration between Mental Health Ireland (MHI) and the Community Development Office. Swords was selected as the next town to build on the successful development of Thrive Balbriggan which was established in 2021.



New Local Development Groups - Swords

Local Development groups are an opportunity for the local community to identify gaps in services, local needs.

The first meetings of two new Swords local development groups took place in September bringing the number to three local development groups for the town. The groups are currently located in Holywell, Rivervalley and Applewood are working on developing strategic plans for their areas, in partnership with agencies and service providers to prioritise bridging the gaps identified. The groups provide a forum for information sharing, undertake needs research for the area and promote community participation within the local Community, with a focus on service delivery from the local community Centre.

The Groups will continue to provide strong networks to support, engage and, raise awareness around the need to keep develop connectivity and bring exciting progression, change and development to the vibrant expanding town of Swords.



Meakstown Safer Halloween



On Halloween night, the highly anticipated Meakstown Community Centre will open its doors for its first public event. The Community Centre will host a Halloween Party. This event is a collaboration between the Community Development Office and local youth group, Sunshiny Days. Residents have expressed excitement about the event as well as the opening of the community centre and the potential it has to become a key hub for local people for many events and activities in the future.

The Community Office has also collaborated with the Operations Department in the organisation of a Halloween disco party in the Lanesborough Park Playground. This collaboration is aimed at increasing park footfall and activity to deter the building of Bonfires on the night which is an objective of our Safer Halloween programme.

Failte Isteach Tutor Training Donabate

In October, Failte Isteach Donabate hosted a training session for new and returning voluntary tutors for the North Fingal Failte Isteach projects in Donabate Portrane Community Centre. The session was attended by volunteers from Donabate, Lusk, Skerries and Applewood Failte Isteach groups. Failte Isteach is a conversational English project which is aimed at newcomers to the community who need support with spoken English and it provides a place for community connections to be made, promotes integration and helps people with their day-to-day English. The sessions are free of charge and are supported by the FCC Community Development Office.



Fingal Inclusion Week



The Community Development Office is supporting 72 initiatives during Fingal Inclusion Week 2024. This week offers a fantastic opportunity to highlight the positive work done by community groups and agencies to combat social exclusion and poverty in their areas.

The wide range of events includes community bulb and tree planting, informative talks, panel discussions, "come and try" activities, music taster sessions, film screenings, and arts and crafts workshops.

A small contribution scheme has also been provided to help community groups host over 50 events. All events will run from Monday, 11th November to Sunday, 17th November, and are free and open to everyone. For more details, visit <https://www.fingal.ie/InclusionWeek>.

Fingal Safer Halloween – Scarecrow Competition & Bulb Planting



Halloween fever is sweeping through the county this October, with over 44 community groups and centres hosting fun, safe, and recreational activities for all ages.

The Fingal Safer Halloween programme not only promotes awareness of Fingal County Council initiatives, such as the the Festival of Fire, recycling amnesty, bonfire material removal, but also encourages community groups to create and display scarecrows and plant bulbs. More than 3,000 people are expected to benefit from the Fingal Safer Halloween Programme this year.

Facilities Management

The Community Development Office facilities unit provides financial and management support in the management and operation of 35 Council supported community facilities across the county.

Community Facilities Management Support



Digital Screens

Work is completed on the installation of 15 new Digital Information Screens in community centres across the county. This initiative is a collaboration between the Community Development Office and Digital Services. The screens are funded following a successful application under the Community Recognition Fund.

The digital screens, similar to those seen in Fingal Libraries, will give Fingal County Council a platform within the centres to display global information such as core Fingal County Council information on events, consultations, and a multitude of other initiatives.

Managed by Community Facilities Management Support Unit the centres will also have scope to enter local content such as timetables, events, and classes. The installation of the screens will be a valuable communications tool for promoting both Fingal County Council and the local centre led activities to the community who visit the centre.

Fingal Community Facilities Network Event



The Fingal Community Facilities Network Event (FCFN) held a Networking event on 24th October in Lusk Community Cultural Centre. Liam Scollon, Carmichael Ireland, provided a masterclass on sources of funding, giving participants an informative overview of alternate and accessible funding available to Community Centres.

Cormac McDonagh, Community Development Officer also presented findings and recommendations from a survey on community spaces by Comhairle na nÓg.

Adrian O'Reilly and Maeve Harkin, Fingal Local Authority Integration Team presented an overview of their work, which was followed by a discussion around future collaboration between the Local Authority Integretion team (LAIT) and the community centre network.

The Community Development Officer provide funding to the Facilities Network and also provide strategic direction and administrative support to the work of the group

Interagency

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

The Community Development Office was delighted to support Thrive Balbriggan on 10th of October at the Bracken Court Hotel to celebrate World Mental Health Day. Thrive Balbriggan delivered a jam-packed schedule of activities that support positive mental health. Some of these activities included a Local Services Expo, Connect Cafe, Sea swim, Chair Yoga and a talk from Author and child and adolescent psychotherapist Colman Noctar.



Fingal Comhairle Na nÓg



In October Fingal Comhairle Na nÓg (FCNN) organised and facilitated the 2024 Youth Conference at the Crowne Plaza in Blanchardstown. 89 young people attended the event. Deputy Mayor of Fingal Cllr. Onwumereh opened the Youth Conference.

All participants had their say about what they feel are the issues for young people in Fingal with the top 3 issues listed as school stress & education, drugs & vaping and Mental health & discrimination.

After discussing all three topics the participants voted on what they felt was the top issue. School Stress & Education had the highest votes will form the basis of Fingal Comhairle Na nÓg's focus for 2025.

The Chairperson and Vice Chairperson also presented their current research findings on Youth Spaces and Facilities to the members of Fingal Community Facilities Network at a meeting in Lusk Community Cultural Centre.

A follow-up information meeting will be held to give more information to young people that might like to join FCNN.

Fingal Public Participation Network

Fingal PPN's Resource and Support officers recently attended the national PPN conference in Limerick which marked the 10th Anniversary of the PPN. The theme was ' *Collaboration for Resilient Communities* '.

Opening speakers included The Mayor of Limerick, Department of Rural & Community Development (DRCD), and the PPN Limerick Secretariat. The DRCD presented the PPN Implementation Roadmap Workshop.

Addressing the delegates via a pre-recorded video message, Minister Joe O'Brien spoke about increased funding for PPN's secured in Budget 2025, and concluded by saying "I want to commend and congratulate everyone involved in the network of 31 PPNs across the country - the member groups, the volunteers, the Secretariats and the staff. Your dedication and hard work is truly admirable."

Day two opened with a presentation 'Limerick City and County Council PPNs and the Local Authority: Collaboration and Understanding', and was followed by a series of Workshops presented by a variety of PPNs. The conference concluded with feedback and discussions on the Workshops.



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.

Positive Ageing Week 2024

The theme for Positive Ageing Week 2024 was "Challenging Ageism – Reframing How We Think, Feel and Act towards ageing and older persons". To celebrate Positive Ageing Week, a series of events took place throughout Fingal with the support of Age Friendly Fingal. Nearly 500 older people attended activities and events, which challenged ageism while promoting physical and mental wellness and fostering creativity and social interaction.

Challenging Ageism Information Session & Afternoon Tea Dance: Huntstown Community Centre



Huntstown Community Centre hosted 80 older residents of the local community at an "Afternoon Tea Dance". The event also provided an opportunity for local service providers to provide information on available services for older people in the area.

Active Ageing, Having Fun and Keeping Well: Blakestown Community Centre



Over two days Blakestown Community Centre opened its doors to older residents to try new activities such as Chair Yoga, Pilates and Flower Arrangement. While this provided an opportunity for local residents to try new activities, it also provided the centre with an insight into possible new activities for older people.

Drop-in for Tea and Chair Yoga: Liam Rogers Community Centre:



Liam Rogers Community Centre hosted a morning of activities, with over 50 older people attending including clients from the nearby St. Michael's House. The event also provided an opportunity for older residents to re-engage with the centre with the aim of providing similar activities on an ongoing basis.

Fingal OPC: Harvest Social



Fingal OPC hosted its annual Harvest Social on Thursday 3rd October in the Links Hotel Portmarnock. 130 older adults were in attendance, representing groups from across the county. Transport was provided from Blanchardstown/Castleknock, Swords/Donabate, Rush/Skerries and Balbriggan.

Afternoon tea was followed by music from the 60s, 70s, 80s and 90s with many dancing for the first time in years while reminiscing about the dance halls across the county.

Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT)

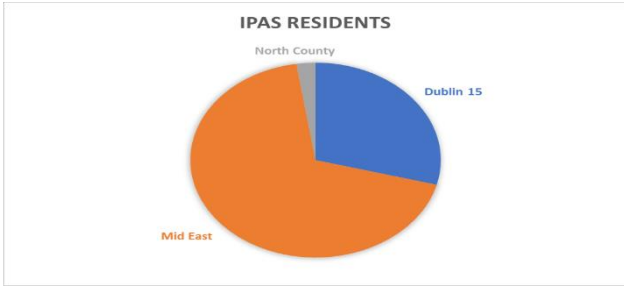
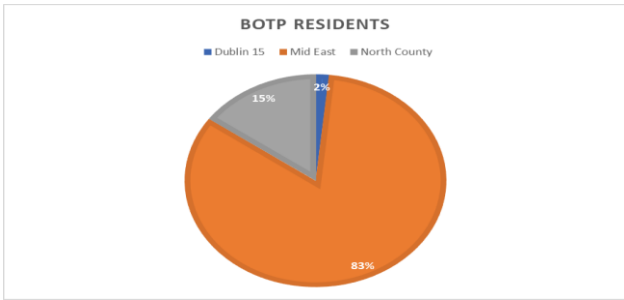
The role of the Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT) is to provide ongoing integration supports to International Protection (IP) applicants, Programme Refugees and Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection (BOTP) to enable them to live independently in the community.

In October and November, the LAIT has 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 in the clinic have been raised with relevant stakeholders and at group meetings where relevant, to effect improvements in service provision.

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

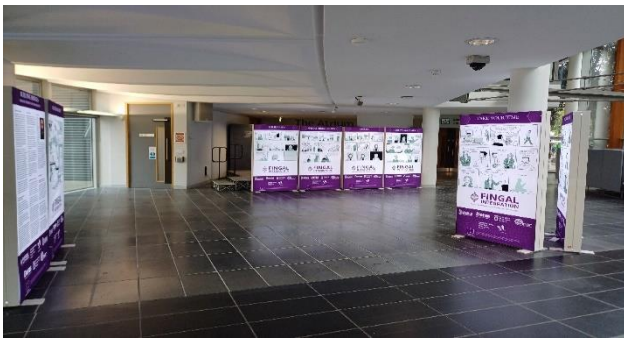
Geographical Area	BOTP Residents	IPAS Residents
North County	9	714
Mid-East	457	1681
Dublin 15	83	60
Total	549	2455

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



Building Bridges: Forging Pathways Beyond Prejudice

Following last month’s successful launch event, the Fingal County Council and SALAAM project exhibition was installed in the Atrium at County Hall, Swords for the month of October. This display will begin the first leg of its Fingal roadshow in Blanchardstown Library to coincide with Fingal Inclusion Week 11th -17th November.



Connections Expo

The LAIT team were engaged in preparations for an initiative in partnership with an accommodation centre in the County. This initiative is in response to an identified need for a range of supports for beneficiaries of Temporary Protection (BOTP) formerly unaccompanied minors who have “aged out” of the care system.

Funding

Community Activities Funding

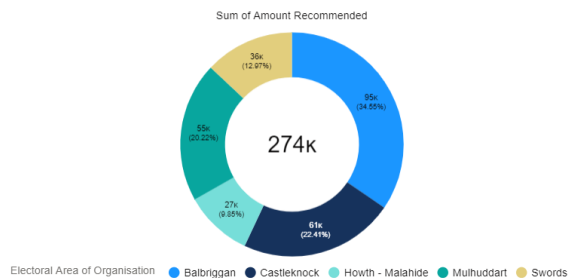


Over 120 events and activities supported by the Community Development Office through Safer Halloween, Fingal Inclusion and the Community Activities funding scheme are taking place in the county over the coming weeks.

Community Activities Funding (to 24th October 2024)

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

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



Communities Activities Funding has been awarded a total of **121 projects to the amount of €273,904** in 2024

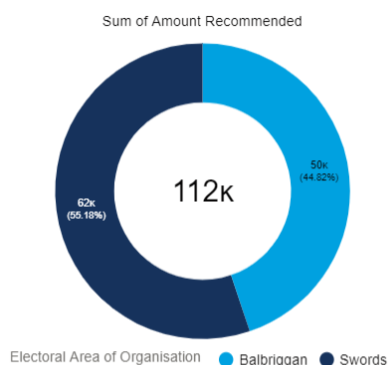
Howth Malahide - €26,981 (10%) - across 16 projects

Swords - €35,523 (13%) - across 18 projects

Castleknock/ Mulhuddart- €116,765 (42%) - across 45 projects

North County Balbriggan - €94,635 (35%) - across 42 projects

Community Facilities (Non-FCC Owned Remedial works Funding)



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

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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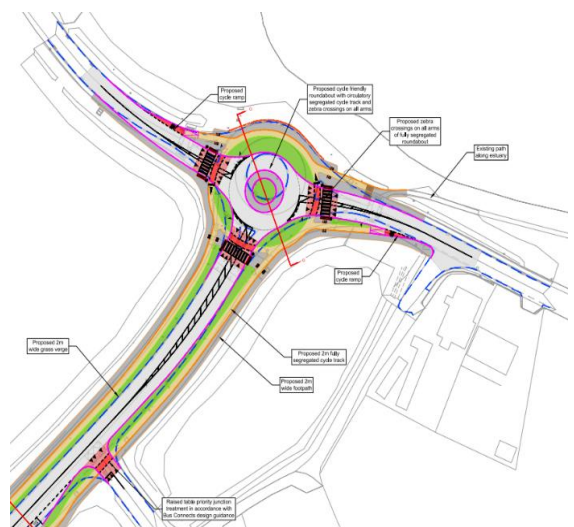
Works on the R132 are substantially complete with the Contractor carrying out some of the snagging items along the route. The final lining and road markings have been applied. The installation of the bollards and lane separator's is close to completion with some outstanding lane separators to be installed 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.



Seatown Road Swords:

The Project Team is liaising with the Design Team and the NTA to finalise the gateway report 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 currently working 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 is 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.

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

A review of the existing road network in Baldoyle is on the Active Travel Unit's programme for 2024-2026, 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.

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.

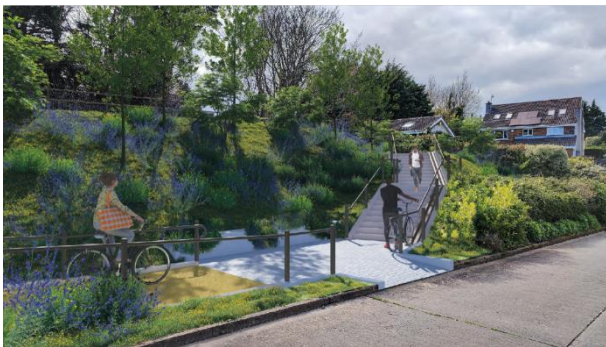
The indicative study area for the Paddy's Hill to Broomfield scheme is outlined below.



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.

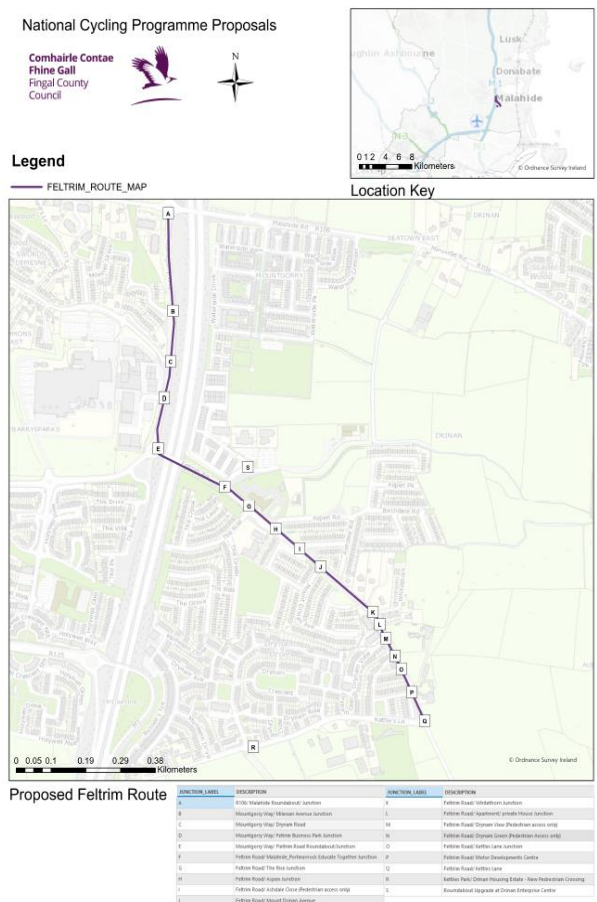


Feltrim Road Cycle Infrastructure

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 proposed new signalised junction at Waterville. 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 is to take place 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.

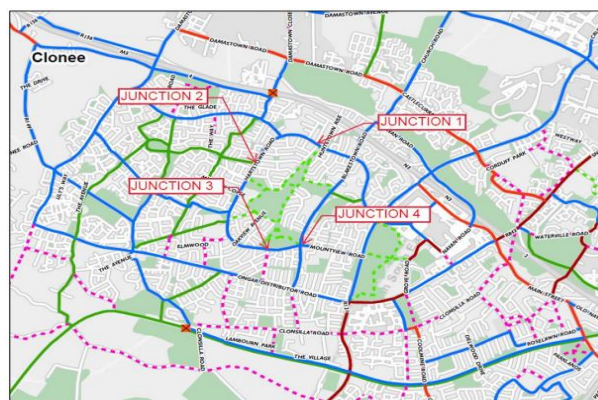
Castleknock to Dunsink Lane

Photomontages of the emerging preferred option have been published along with other materials on the Fingal consultation portal. A non-stat public consultation on the scheme has closed and all submissions have been forwarded to the designer for review. A public consultation report will be published in due course and be brought to the BMCO area committee.



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.

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 is being reviewed and considered by the project team to see if any changes and issues raised can be amended in the overall design. The team are working to provide a full report on the non-statutory consultation and make any amendments that can be accommodated in advance of bringing the project forward for Part 8 planning. The Consultation process was well received and proved a very informative process for everyone involved including the wider community.



A permeability and connectivity project summary table are presented in Appendix 5.

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

Newtown Bridge, Balheary Road:

The Project Team have received a number of tender submissions for the construction of the project. The tender submissions are currently being assessed. Following successful completion of the tender assessment process, it is envisaged that a contractor will be appointed by the middle of November 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.

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.



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.

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.



Secure Bicycle Parking Infrastructure

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

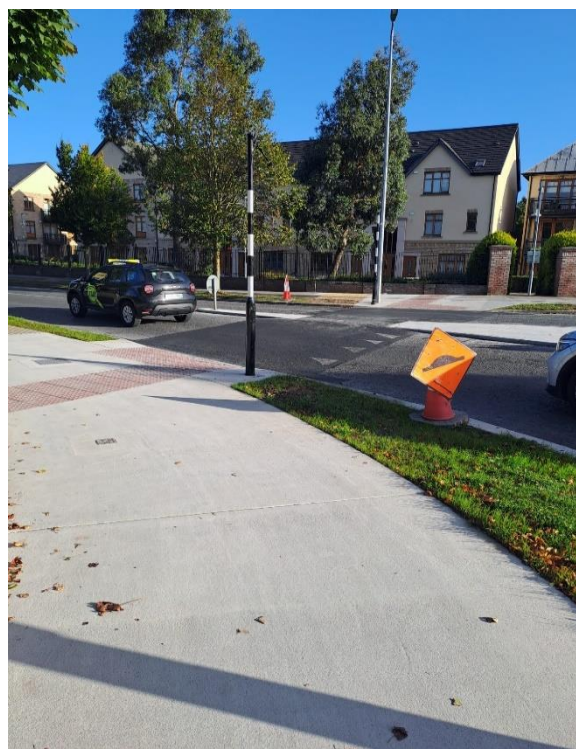
The Contractor is now in the final stages of delivery for this school's works. All footpath repairs, new bus parking area, bollard installation, new zebra crossing, road resurfacing works are now complete. The final outstanding works include the laying of coloured epoxy resin which the contractor expects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



Scoil Ghráinne CNS

Scoil Choilm Community NS, Porterstown

Works continue 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:

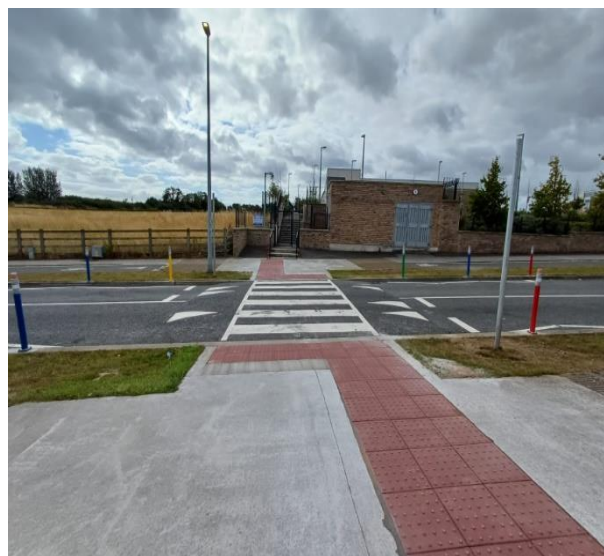
Active Travel together with Operations have completed the public consultations connected to road safety measures in Rush earlier this year. A School Street initiative for Rush National School and a junction upgrade adjacent to the school have now been constructed.

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 November with a view to commencing the operation of the school street during the term from Halloween to 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 to 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 to 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

ABC Bike Safety Checks

Over the course of October we held a series of basic bike health checks across the County. These safety checks, made sure that peoples tyres, brakes and chains were in good working order as we approach the darker, winter months. During October, we held safety days in Baldoye, Donabate, Mulhuddart, Castleknock and Swords and we have one more planned for Balbriggan on Saturday 2nd at Castleland Community Centre.



Learn 2 Cycle with a Disability

Our Learn 2 Cycle with a disability sessions are continuing each week in Applewood, Rivervalley and Flemington. The courses have proved to be a huge success again this year and we are working on ways to expand them for 2025.

Learn 2 Cycle Track

The Learn 2 Cycle Track in Brackenstown is complete and is now in regular use by schools in the community. An official launch will be arranged for later in the Month and it is hoped that schools projects will begin on it over the next quarter. To date we have had several events on the track and the feedback has been very positive from the local community.



We currently have a children's Learn 2 Cycle Course there for children aged 6 to 13 and it is proving to be a great success.



Sofa to Saddle

The Sofa to Saddle Course in St Catherine's Park finished up on Tuesday 22nd October with a final 10km cycle around the park, the group have gained a huge amount of confidence over the course and we will continue to engage with them on a regular basis to ensure they are putting their rediscovered skills to good use.



Our Donabate group continue to meet weekly and cycle from Newbridge around the surrounding area, a number have taken to the Greenways around the Country to challenge themselves. We are currently finalising a full schedule of courses for next year.



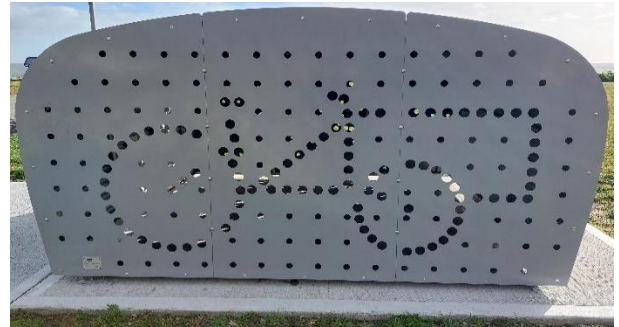
Balance Bike Buddies

Since May we have been running Balance Bike Lessons on the Learn 2 Cycle Track in Millennium Park on a Saturday morning between 10am – 11am. The lessons have been really well attended and the improvements in the children’s cycling skills has been wonderful to see. We finished our lessons for the year with a Halloween Party on Sat 26th Oct and are looking forward to our next term starting in Spring 2025.



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.



Quiet Streets: Drynam Heath

As part of the Quiet Streets Project we held a non-statutory community consultation meeting on Tuesday 29th October in Kinsealy. The meeting was well attended and gave all the residents a chance to discuss the potential scheme and give feedback on the proposals.



Community Ride Leader Course

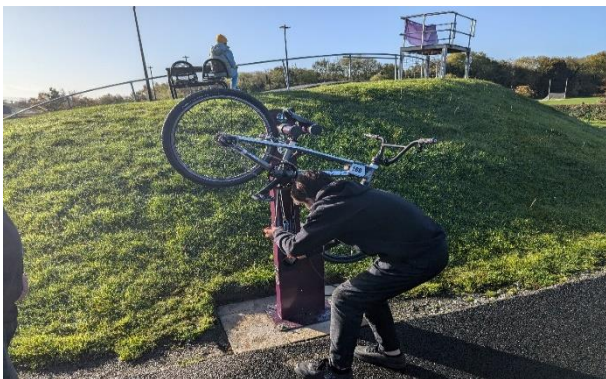
On Saturday 26th October we held a Fingal Community Bike Ride Leader training course in The Fingal Liam Rodgers Centre. The course was attended by volunteers who are looking to lead out monthly cycles around their local communities.

Community Bike Rides are a great way of getting people out cycling more for a casual spin and a chat and we are hoping to put a big emphasis on them in 2025



Bike Repair Stations

In 2022 we installed six public bike repair units across the County on a trial basis. The stations have proved extremely popular and as a result we recently purchased a further 10 repair stations. The first of this new batch was recently installed at Lucan BMX Club in St Catherine's Park. The bike repair station is accessible to the public whenever the club is open, and the club volunteers are always happy to show people how it works and assist if needed. The remaining units are earmarked for various locations around the County and will be installed over the next number of months.



Schools Active Travel Day

Thursday 26th September was Schools Active Travel Day and to help promote the day we held a competition where schools could enter to win one of three €250 vouchers.

We had a huge number of schools take part and despite the wet weather on the day, reports back were incredibly positive.

Fresh Air Friday

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



Skerries Community Car

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

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



Bike Share Schemes



Bleeper Bike

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

Bleeper Bike Update September 2024 key statistics

900 Bleeper bike journeys started within Fingal operating zone in September
899 bike journeys ended within existing Fingal operating zone
Highest usage recorded on Saturdays (21.2%) and Fridays (15.7%).
Howth, Hartstown & Castleknock were the most popular starting points.
Estimated emissions avoided: 198kg of CO2

TIER eBike Update

You can pick up a TIER e-bike easily. Just download the TIER app, scan the code on the e-bike to unlock it and you are on your way! The e-bikes are suitable for anyone over the age of 16 and note that a credit or debit card is required to sign up for the service. There were 75 active TIER ebikes across Fingal in August.

TIER Mobility August 2024; Key Statistics

Metric	Details
Trips	1,127
No of Customers	510
Trips / Customer	2.2
Distance Covered (KM)	3,535
Average Trip Duration	14.47mins
Average Trip length (KM)	4km

ENVIRONMENT

Climate Action

Decarbonizing Zone Training

The Climate Action Team attended a series of training on the Decarbonizing Zone in October. This training was organised by the Climate Action Regional Offices (CARO) and provided training under 4 pillars.

- The Built Environment
- Community Activation
- The Natural Environment
- The Bioeconomy

This training was organised for local authority staff responsible for the Decarbonising Zone and provided an opportunity to share, learn and further discuss opportunities for the Decarbonising Zone.



Malahide Chamber of Commerce Sustainability Event

The Climate Action Team attended the Malahide Chamber of Commerce Sustainability Event to provide a presentation on Fingal's Climate Action Plan 2024-2029.

Fingal Climate Action Webpage

The Fingal Climate Action Team are continuing works to update the Fingal County Council website with information about the Climate Action Plan and Climate Action works across the County (<https://www.fingal.ie/ClimateAction>)

Community Climate Action Fingal

During this phase successful applicants are introducing measures to reduce emissions produced in the community. Payments are now being made for finished works. Examples are solar PV panels on several community buildings such as St Finian's GAA Swords, Balbriggan SEC Meals-on-Wheels building, Castleknock GAA, Coolmine Lodge Rehabilitation Centre, Dogs Trust and Blakestown Mountview Youth Initiative (BMYI) in Dublin 15. Other projects already delivered include attic insulation for BMYI and an entire retrofit and new 'green roof' on a small building at Baldoyle Community Hall.



Environmental Awareness

Malahide Coffee Cup Project: First Workshop



The first phase of the Malahide Coffee Cup Project focuses on creating a sustainable, community-centered initiative to reduce the use of single-use cups. This phase includes raising awareness about the environmental impact of disposable coffee cups and introducing a system for reusable cup options at participating coffee shops around Malahide. By collaborating with local businesses, the project will make reusable cups available for a small deposit, which customers can return or swap after use.



Through informative campaigns and incentives for using reusable cups, this initial phase aims to engage the community and foster a culture of environmental responsibility, setting the groundwork for broader adoption in later phases. The first workshop took place with 48 people in attendance, representing Malahide Chamber, local businesses, schools, and community groups. VOICE Ireland facilitated the session to positive feedback and commitment from many businesses to participate in this initiative.



Sustainable Halloween: Workshops



Sustainable Zero Waste Halloween Workshops were delivered to three primary schools across Fingal county reaching 200 students. Through fun active learning methodologies themed around Halloween, students increased their knowledge and understanding about the circular economy vs linear economy, and how to enjoy a more sustainable Halloween.

- St Mochta's School Clonsilla
- St Francis Xavier SNS Blanchardstown
- Bayside National School Bayside

A senior primary zero waste worksheet was also developed here for download: <https://www.fingal.ie/sites/default/files/2024-10/zero-waste-halloween-worksheet.pdf>

Sustainable Halloween : Swap Shops

Fingal County Council's Halloween Swap Shops offer a creative, eco-friendly way for residents to celebrate sustainably. These events encourage community members to trade costumes, decorations, and other Halloween essentials, reducing the demand for new, single-use items that often end up in landfills. By promoting the reuse of costumes and decor, the swap shops help lower waste and carbon emissions associated with Halloween purchases.

This initiative supports a circular economy, lessening the environmental impact of the holiday while providing a fun, cost-effective option for families in Fingal County.

Halloween Swap Shops took place in:

- Hansfield NS
- River Valley Community Centre
- Fingal Liam Rodgers Community Centre



SEALS: Skerries Everyone Against Litter :Anti-Litter Anti- Graffiti Projects

Funded by the Anti-Litter- Anti Graffiti Grant, the SEALS project launched on October 11th in conjunction with Skerries Tidy Towns and Realt na Mara primary school. On launch day each child received a specially designed t-shirt, a litter picker and gloves. The students have agreed to take on an area of public land adjacent to their school to keep it litter free for the academic year. Their teacher supervises them and they go out a couple of times a month, weather permitting. Having the children involved in an anti-litter project instils in them the need to prevent litter in the first place and to realise that keeping the town free from litter is everyone's responsibility. They bring this message home to their family thus educating a group wider than the class.



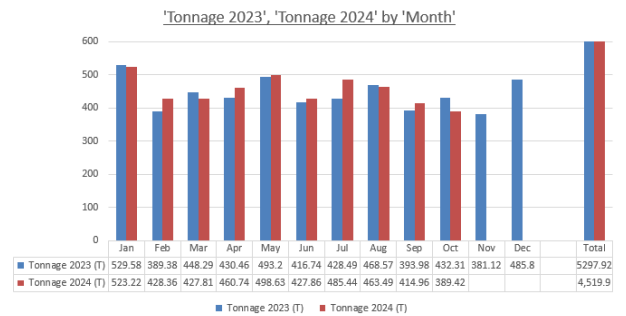
Green Schools: Litter and Waste

The Environmental Awareness Officer supported Mount Sackville School's Green Schools initiative by providing brown caddies and conducting a food waste workshop as part of the school's efforts to earn the Green Schools Litter and Waste Flag. The brown caddies encourage students and staff to separate food waste effectively, reducing the amount sent to landfill and promoting composting as a sustainable waste management practice. The food waste workshop educated students on the importance of minimizing food waste, offering practical tips on meal planning, portion control, and the environmental impacts of waste.



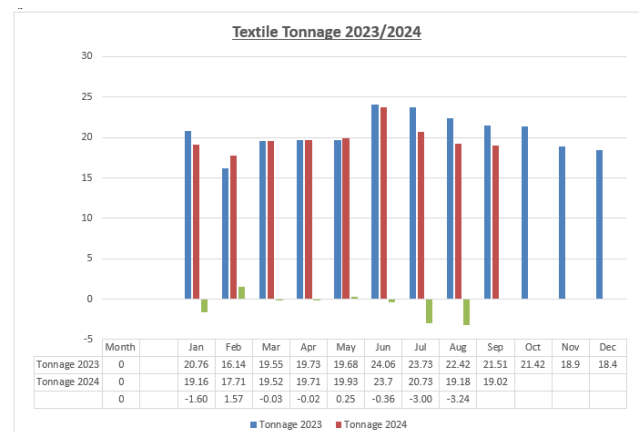
Bring Centres

Bottle Banks



Glass tonnages collected during October 2024 totalled 389 (T). This compares with 432 (T) of glass collected during October 2023.

Textiles Banks



Textiles tonnages collected during September 2024 were 19 (T). This compares with 22 (T) collected during September 2023.

Litter Management

The Litter Wardens continued to tackle littering and dumping in October with heightened emphasis being paid to calling to the businesses in Fingal to remind them of their responsibility to secure any pallets and materials ahead of the Halloween period. There were numerous complaints received regarding the removal of pallets and bonfire materials (pallets, sofas, mattresses, etc), all of which were checked for evidence and arrangements made to have it removed.

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 when evidence is found. The litter wardens followed up on any witness statements submitted by Fingal citizens.



The Litter wardens continued to carry out inspections and ensure that roads are being kept clean of muck and that the building sites have a road sweeper in operation. They also followed up on reports to ensure farmers were ensuring the roads were kept clean of muck.

Public awareness continues on the issue of dog fouling on beaches and in public places, targeting hot spots for dog fouling and highlighting the impact dog fouling has on bathing waters.

Anti dog fouling signage is erected at areas where complaints are received.



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

Tenant induction courses were attended by the litter wardens whereby they outlined to new Council tenants their role in keeping their estates clean and free of litter.

The wardens continued the annual litter quantification surveys in October. These surveys include inspecting and counting litter present, thus identifying black spots which will enable Fingal County Council tackle litter more effectively.

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

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

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

CRMs October 2024	Amount
Fly tipping 1-20 bags Equivalent	2
General Litter Issue	20
Dumping 20 bags equivalent	2
Muck on road	3
Abandoned cars	31
Annual surveys	42
Inspection of bring banks	293
Inspection of dumping black spots	679
Unauthorised signage	2
Env - Miscellaneous	4
Dog fouling reports	1
Littering at bottle banks	12
Bonfire Material inspections	23

Abandoned Cars

There have been **352** reports of alleged Abandoned Vehicles received between 1st January 2024 – 29th of October 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		1	0	
December	1	0		1	0	
	13	10	7	3	10	9



Animal Welfare

Dog Warden Service

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

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

The dog wardens concentrated on patrolling the parks and beaches during the summer months but have recommenced doing door to door licence checks in recent weeks. 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 15 x 10 Day Notices, and 13 Fines issued by the dog wardens during October 24.

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	0	91		7	€0	€1,100
December	0	222		12	€0	€1,422.50
TOTAL	1768	1597	405	477	€26,721.70	€31,372

Dog Licences and Fines

The below table shows the number of annual and lifetime licences purchased during October 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 own or are responsible for can incur a fine.

Month	Annual Licences Purchased		Lifetime Licences Purchased		Income from Licences	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
January	1078	635	87	65	€33,740	€21,800
February	1010	562	62	58	€28,880	€19,360
March	810	561	58	55	€24,320	€18,900
April	918	451	64	41	€27,320	€14,760
May	1193	918	90	64	€36,460	€27,320
June	1045	516	87	41	€33,080	€16,060
July	843	766	49	47	€23,720	€21,900
August	865	838	67	51	€26,680	€23,900
September	762	759	47	48	€21,820	€21,900
October	719	670	61	30	€22,920	€17,600
November		662		41	€	€18,980
December		626		37	€	€17,700
Total for year	9243	7964	672	578	€278,940	€240,180

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 a number of queries in relation to the CoE application process and have received one application so far. For further information, see

<https://www.fingal.ie/dogs/xl-bully-regulations-and-certificates-exemption>



A social media campaign was run in the lead up to Halloween giving practical advice to keep dogs safe during the fireworks. This was shared on all social media platforms and on Staff Messages.

<https://www.gov.ie/en/campaigns/1a517-responsible-dog-ownership/?referrer=https://www>

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 October there were 20 dogs in the shelter. During October 2024, 13 dogs were brought to the shelter by the dog wardens as stray or surrenders and no dogs were surrendered by a member of the public. Of these 20 dogs, 0 were reclaimed, 6 were rehomed by rescue and 6 rehomed by members of the public and 2 were PTS. At the 24th of October there are 19 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 October 2024	20
Stray/Seized dogs brought to Shelter	17	Stray/Seized dogs brought to Shelter	5
Surrendered by owners	8	Surrendered by owners	8
Reclaimed	8	Reclaimed	0
Rehomed to Rescue	16	Rehomed to Rescue	6
Rehomed to Public	4	Rehomed to Public	6
PTS	1	PTS	2
Dogs in Shelter at the end of October 2023	26	Dogs in shelter at 24.10.2024	



Kathleen above, was recently rehomed from the shelter and is enjoying her new home.



Puzzle and Maria are wondering if anyone is going to call to the shelter and adopt a dog!

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



Horses

Weekly welfare inspections continue on Dunsink Landfill to monitor the numbers and welfare of the horses onsite. There are 15 hay feeders being filled by the Operations Department on a weekly basis to ensure adequate forage for the horses on the landfill.



EPA RMCEI Audit 2024

The EPA carried out an audit of Fingal County Council on 26/09/24 to assess the performance of its statutory functions relating to environmental protection.

The audit examined the following:

Progress in relation to the National Enforcement Priorities (NEPs), specifically in the areas of waste, water, air and noise;

Environmental complaint management including a review of the complaints handling procedures and systems in place;

Implementation of the Environmental Inspection Plan (RMCEI) for 2024;

Resources available;

Registers required to be maintained by the local authority, including the Private Water Supplies Register and Extractive Industries Register, and

Areas of good practice and potential case studies for sharing with other local authorities.

Fingal County Council met with the requirement for a Strong or Excellent result with a 65% compliance return for the National Enforcement Priorities.

The EPA recommends that Fingal County Council continues to ensure that vital environmental requirements are prioritised to deliver on its statutory functions.

SPORTS OFFICE

Fingal on the Move

Following the success of the Fingal Summer Programme Parkfit, Fingal Sports Office are running a fitness programme 'Fingal on the Move' to engage, or re-engage, adults into exercise within the community. These programmes will run in Balbriggan, Rush, Swords, Howth and Blanchardstown.



Fingal's Toddler Programme

Fingal Sports Office completed research in 2022 in Tyrrelstown Community Centre, in partnership with Technological University Dublin Blanchardstown, to firstly provide an engaging experience in promoting toddlers' developmental milestones (18-36 months), while also building connections with the community through parents interacting.

The research found 76% of the parents who attended were isolated after covid with no outlets for their toddlers and they also were not aware of what programmes were ran in their community. The original project saw an increase in attendance at the Toddler Programme but additionally, also in programmes offered by the community centre. The Toddler Programme is now a programme ran across Fingal with classes starting back in October in Balbriggan, Lusk, Swords, Baldoyle and Blanchardstown.



Fingal's Active for Life

Fingal Sports Office has regularly run older adult programmes; these will now all go under the banner '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 run in Balbriggan, Lusk, Swords, Baldoyle and Blanchardstown.



Sport Ireland Evaluation Funding (Sports Con)

Fingal Sports Office has successfully secured Sport Ireland Evaluation Grant Funding. This funding will be used to evaluate the Sports Conditioning programme which has been delivered very successfully in 80 schools and clubs throughout Fingal for the last number of years

The objective of Sports Con is to improve children's fundamental movement skills which research suggests is a major indicator of long-term sport and physical activity participation. The funding will be used to collaborate with TUD to complete a Masters or Research Dissertation on the project.

Currently the programme has resulted in 15-20% improvements in fundamental movement skills conducted by internal assessment from the Sports Office over 5 years in 80 primary schools in Fingal. It is envisaged that academic research can both validate and enhance current practice to establish a bespoke Movement Skill Model that schools and especially clubs can use as best practice to improve long term physical activity youth development.

MarathonKids School Spotlights

The Marathonkids programme is over halfway through, and we have been visiting schools on a weekly basis to spotlight their journey. The schools have been enjoying the daily runs as well as learning about the benefits of physical activity. The new additions of weekly live calls with David Gillick and classroom progress charts have been a massive success in the schools.

Mr Lowrey, St Brigid's NS, Castleknock, said "We in Saint Brigid's have been taking part in Marathon kids since 2016. Over the years our school and pupils have seen so many benefits to doing the programme. The sense of achievement and community the children get from completing the marathon distance is so rewarding. Also evident are the clear benefits to health and well-being the programme brings. Over the 8 weeks, the children interact and learn about the benefits of making healthy choices and following a healthy lifestyle."

The finale will see the students running their last mile and completing the marathon at DCU Morton Stadium on November 12th and 13th.



Recovery Run RiverValley

The North Dublin Regional Drug and Alcohol Task Force, in collaboration with Healthy Ireland, hosted a fun run alongside Park Run volunteers in Rivervalley, Swords, on Saturday, 21st September. Over 350 participants signed up to either run or walk the 5km course. The Sports Office provided speakers and gazebos, contributing to what was a highly positive event. The day offered everyone involved the opportunity to connect with local services supporting individuals in their recovery from substance abuse. Cllr. Dean Mulligan, Cllrs. Darragh Butler and James Humphries were present to help distribute medals and T-shirts to the participants.



Westmanstown Wasps

Westmanstown Wasps hosted their annual "Rugby for All" blitz at their grounds in D15, welcoming over 200 players from clubs across Leinster. It was a fantastic day, filled with impressive displays of skill from the players. The fun continued after the matches with a karaoke session, adding to the lively atmosphere of the event.



European Week of Sport Inter Service Soccer and Boccia Blitz

As part of the European Week of Sport, we hosted two exciting events for adults with intellectual disabilities at ALSAA.

On Tuesday, 24th September, a Boccia Blitz welcomed seven services for a two-hour fun session. Participants also enjoyed some Cornhole games between their Boccia matches, wrapping up the day with tea and coffee.

On Thursday, 26th September, Fingal Sports, in partnership with Dublin City Council, hosted an indoor fun 5-a-side blitz for adult day services from across Fingal and Dublin City. The event, held at ALSAA, featured eight teams competing across three ability levels. Shelbourne FC won both the 1st and 3rd divisions, while Rush Athletic claimed victory in Division 2.

There were two more events in October – Soccer 24th and Boccia 28th hosted in ALSAA and supported by FAI and sports office team.



Disability Awareness course for TUD Students

Sports Staff delivered disability awareness course to 36 students in TU Dublin Blanchardstown on Thursday, September 19th September. This workshop is designed to build awareness around people with disabilities participating all attendees will receive an Active Disability Ireland Certificate of Participation endorsed by Sport Ireland. The students were starting a collaboration piece with Avista Day services in Ongar and needed some training to prepare them to work the service users in Avista.



ASF Cluster Day

Following the success of the Active Flag Primary Schools Programme there has been a more concerted effort by the Dept of Education to increase applications amongst secondary schools. Ardgillan CC Balbriggan hosted this years ASF Cluster workshop with schools from Fingal, Meath and Louth in attendance. The workshop comprised of presentations of best practice by local secondary schools on initiatives that improve sport and physical activity amongst teens and how to make 2nd level school more active. The workshop also included discussion on initiatives and opportunities that youths can avail of from Fingal Sports Office and other LSPs to kickstart a more active teen demographic.



Sport Ireland Regional Meeting

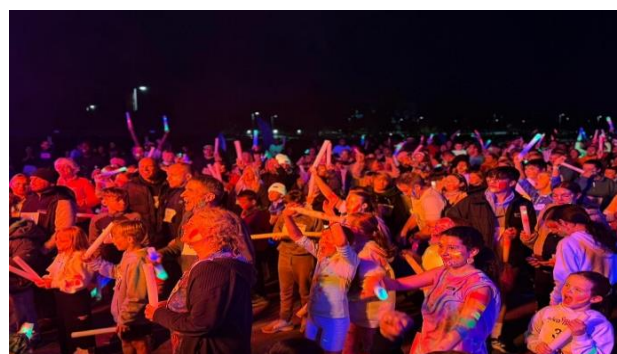
Fingal Sports Office hosted a Sport Ireland Regional Meeting on October 10th at ALSAA Sports Centre, with nearly 50 sports development officers attending. The focus of the day was collaboration among local sports partnerships. Fingal Sports Office organised the venue, agenda and activities.

Presenters covered topics like strategic commitments, area-based programmes, outdoor amenities, big events, branding, and sports facilities and iCoach Kids and stakeholder engagement.



Active Cities Dublin Glow Night Run for the European Week of Sport Be Active Night

Fingal County Council under our Active Cities Dublin banner in partnership with DCC, DLR and SDCC hosted a FREE glow in the dark run and party within the Sport Ireland Campus, Blanchardstown. Be Active Night is part of the European week of Sport and the 5 cities across Ireland hosted an event to get people active.



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Open House Dublin Festival

Open House is a free festival of Architecture promoted by the Irish Architecture Foundation that takes place each October with guided building tours and many other events. Once again Fingal County Council invited the public to the 'Open House 2024' taking place from October 12th-20th. The Fingal programme of tours on Saturday October 19th had a wide range of venues to visit, from modern newly completed Community Centres and Housing Developments to the restoration and conservation of historic buildings. The festival celebrates great architecture and urban design along with the people that created it. The public are invited into buildings to engage with their designers and people who work in them to gain a different perspective and understanding.

Open House - Guided Tours

Tours in Fingal included Malahide Castle, Newbridge House, Swords Castle, Carnegie Free Library, Ardgillan Castle and Glasshouses, Meakstown Community Centre, St.MacCullins Church along with Bowden Court and Monastery Court Housing Developments.

Fionnuala May, County Architect, Fingal County Council, said: "Fingal County Council is pleased to support the Open House Dublin programme again this year as we invite to public to tour the varied architecture of the County from Castles to Age Friendly Housing or the conservation and repurposing of historic buildings and the innovative and sensitive design of new public spaces such as Meakstown Community Centre."

Bowden Court, Swords

The recently completed social housing scheme of eleven units within 20 mins walking distance of Main Street, Swords.

Monastery Court, Lusk

All five dwellings incorporate age friendly design elements such as oversized doors, accessible showers and a spare bedroom suitable for a carer.

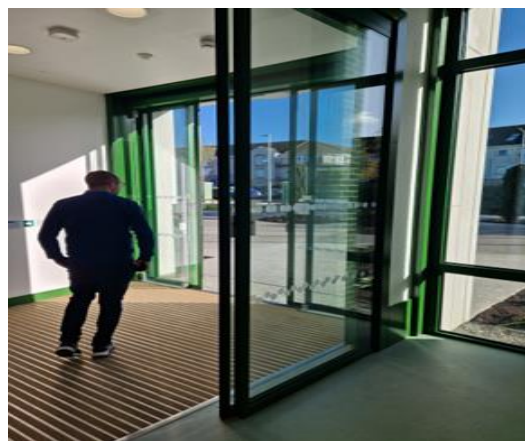


Figure 1 Meakstown C.C.

Meakstown Community Centre

The recently completed and sensitively designed public building developed by Fingal County Council in the southeastern corner of Lanesborough Park.



Figure 2 Meakstown C.C.

Swords Carnegie Free Library

The tour outlined the general history of the building and nature of the works completed, to provide a new arts space in Swords.

Malahide Castle

Tour allowed visitors a view of the 2022 conservation works to the Great Hall, the finest state room in the historic Castle building.

Ardgillan Castle

Visitors viewed recently restored areas featuring the ground floor rooms, kitchens and many spaces currently in use as studios for artists. It also took in the restoration works at the historic glasshouses.

Newbridge House

One of the best-preserved Georgian interiors in the country, providing a rare opportunity for the public to study an Irish collection in its historical context. A walking tour highlighted the external conservation works designed by Architects Department Fingal County Council, completed over the last 7 years.

Saint MacCullins Centre, Lusk

An 1847 former church in the heart of medieval Lusk which features beautiful stained-glass window.

Conservation Grants

The Conservation Office based in the Architects Department has been overseeing the completion of heritage works in connection with the various Grant schemes operated by Fingal namely:

- Built Heritage Investment Scheme
- Historic Structures Fund
- Architectural Heritage Fund, 'Stitch In Time' Grant scheme

On completion of all works and payment of the grants, a full report will be brought to Council in January 2025.

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Rates

Overall Commercial Rates collection to the end of October 2024 is running at 91%.

Rates Collection	
Rates collected €m	€147.5m
Rates collected %	91%

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 September is €66.7m which is c. **101%** of the budget year to date.

Payroll	
Salaries & Wages €m	€66.7m
Percentage of Budget YTD.	101%

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 31 October 2024

	EXPENDITURE			INCOME			NET
	Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent to date	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised	€
Housing & Building	83,408,393	105,932,600	79%	88,087,607	108,268,800	81%	-4,679,213
Road Transport & Safety	28,130,263	36,130,600	78%	7,542,141	9,056,100	83%	20,588,122
Water Services	13,996,585	14,369,700	97%	14,146,449	17,039,600	83%	-149,864
Development Management	28,976,353	20,845,600	139%	17,157,371	6,574,000	261%	11,818,982
Environmental Services	41,859,492	48,453,500	86%	10,452,356	10,947,500	95%	31,407,136
Recreation & Amenity	46,145,027	56,603,300	82%	3,737,249	4,841,800	77%	42,407,778
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	1,521,527	1,513,800	101%	313,793	409,700	77%	1,207,734
Miscellaneous Services	19,778,130	21,972,500	90%	23,742,514	29,279,600	81%	-3,964,383
Central Management Charge	46,506,985	56,075,600	83%	3,409,189	3,969,700	86%	43,097,797
Local Property Tax / GPG				10,305,250	12,366,300	83%	-10,305,250
Rates				132,620,083	159,144,100	83%	-132,620,083
	310,322,757	361,897,200	86%	311,514,002	361,897,200	86%	-1,191,245

Appendix 1 (b)

CAPITAL ACCOUNT						
INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 31/10/2024						
		Balance at 01/01/2024 €	Expenditure YTD €	Income YTD €		Balance at 31/10/2024 €
A	Housing & Building	-25,708,012	167,124,014	-123,338,703		18,077,299
B	Road Transport & Safety	11,742,410	45,442,149	-22,426,099		34,758,460
C	Water Services	-11,305,335	1,582,596	-1,359,222		-11,081,961
D	Development Management	-142,996,695	29,303,481	-24,913,897		-138,607,111
E	Environmental Services	-14,590,477	2,149,139	-1,871,113		-14,312,451
F	Recreation & Amenity	-18,558,433	28,538,089	-7,482,997		2,496,659
H	Miscellaneous Services	-48,898,202	10,778,950	-12,752,768		-50,872,020
	Total	-250,314,744	284,918,419	-194,144,799		-159,541,124

Appendix 1 (c)

SUMMARY OF CORPORATE DEBTORS TO 31/10/2024				
	Balance at 01/01/2024*	Balance at 31/10/2024	Current debt	> 1 Year
	€	€	€	€
RATES*	€2,579,534	€14,364,313	€13,276,343	€1,087,971
LOANS	€2,130,037	€2,024,562	€203,859	€1,820,703
RENTS	€10,216,580	€10,630,477	€4,369,876	€6,260,601

Figures for rents and loans are unadjusted by credits/prepayments

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

Appendix 2
Number of Contracts Awarded for year to date

Dept	Description of Procurement	Supplier Name	Current Value of Contract (excl. VAT)	Contract Start Date (actual)	Contract End Date (actual)	Contract Award Date	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 Servcies	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 Seagrang 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 Bremeore 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. 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 design consultant has been issued with an updated review of the draft Options report and drawings following input from the Active Travel team. Once reviewed a workshop will be held with the NTA.




FCC/22/0001	Castleknock to Dunsink Lane €150,000	<p>This project is now focusing on Auburn Avenue linking into the Royal Canal at the 12th Lock along the Old Navan Road. The Options Report and relevant drawings for Auburn Avenue have been reviewed and approved by the NTA in compliance with the Gateway 2 Hold Point requirements.</p> <p>A stage 1 road safety audit has been carried out and comments taken into consideration with drawings updated accordingly. Photomontages of the emerging preferred option have been prepared in advance of a public consultation with information leaflets being drafted for a letter drop to the wider area. Draft EIA and AA screening reports have also been submitted for review.</p>
FCC/22/0004	Hartstown/Huntstown/Mountview Rd D1 €100,000	<p>It is proposed to use a newly formed Single Party Framework to progress design from earlier work carried out by the Cycle Design Office. A tender competition has been published to engage the design consultant for phase 2b in this regard. The tender competition is now closed and is under assessment. Fingal County Council will progress on finalising the detailed design for roundabout and junction upgrades. This is subject to revision of design standards to ensure compliance with the new National Cycle Manual.</p>
FCC/22/0005	St. Cronan's Ave & Brackenstown Rd €100,000	<p>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.</p>
FCC/22/0006	Rathingle/Rivervalley Rd. Swords €500,000	<p>Design works for phase 2b the modification of the existing roundabout is currently being discussed with the NTA.</p>
FCC/22/0007	Balbriggan Road Mill Street and Drogheda Street €50,000	<p>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.</p>
FCC/22/0009	Permeability Links North County €350,000	<p>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.</p>
FCC/22/0010	R132 Ministers Rd to Blakes Cross + Kilhedge Lane €625,000	<p>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.</p>

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 Bremore 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

		<p>A newsletter, Engagement Summary Report and live survey are currently available on this webpage.</p> <p>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.</p>
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	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
FCC/22/0026	Fingal County Council Active Travel Office – Staff Costs €1,100,000	
FCC/22/0028	FCC Castleknock to Blanchardstown via Farmleigh €50,000	Stage 2 of the tender competition for a design consultant and assessment has been completed. Contract documents have been signed and sealed and a commencement meeting has taken place. The feasibility study has started, and traffic and drone surveys have taken place which will help inform the study. A tender competition to carry out a topographical survey has been completed with survey works starting May 2024.

FCC/23/0003	SRTS (R1) – Ladyswell National School €300,000	Detailed Design is complete for the Tranche 2 schools and a tender competition for the construction works has closed. The winning contractor is due to start on site at the end of April 2024.
FCC/23/0004	SRTS (R1) – Scoil Ghrainne CNS €200,000	Detailed Design is complete for the Tranche 2 schools and a tender competition for the construction works has closed. The winning contractor is due to start on site at the end of Q2/ start of Q3 2024.
FCC/23/0005	SRTS (R1) – Scoil Choilm CNS €350,000	Installation of flexible bollards on Porterstown Rd. outside the school entrance is complete. Detailed Design is complete for the Tranche 2 schools and a tender competition for the construction works has closed. The winning contractor is due to start on site at the end of Q2/ start of Q3 2024.
FCC/23/0019	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 Permeability & Connectivity Project Summary

Project	Location	Description	Status	Photographs
Beaverstown Road Works	Donabate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New section of footpath installed • New fencing • New planting 	Completed	
				
St Theresa's Work	Balbriggan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Installation of Pencil Bollards 	Completed	
Scoil Chormaic Works	Balbriggan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zebra crossing installed • Pencil Bollards installed 	Completed	

<p>Balscadden Works</p>	<p>Balscadden</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zebra crossing installed • New public lighting • Bollards installed • Road resurfacing • New line markings 	<p>Completed</p>	
<p>Wild Cat Lane Works</p>	<p>Skerries</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New surfacing • New footpath section • Resurfacing • Public Realm improvements 	<p>To Tender</p>	

Appendix 5 Classification Standards for 2024 Bathing Season

2024 Bathing Season											
Classification Standards for Bathing Waters (Single Sample Status Assessment)											
			Excellent	Good	Sufficient	Poor					
Date	Balbriggan	Skerries	Loughshinny	Rush North	Rush South	Portrane	Donabate	Malahide	Portmarnock	Sutton	Howth
22-May-24	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Sufficient	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	**Poor
^28/05/2024				Excellent^							Excellent^
04-Jun-24	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Good	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
10-Jun-24	Excellent										
17-Jun-24	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
24-Jun-24	Excellent										
01-Jul-24	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent					
08-Jul-24	Excellent										
15-Jul-24	Excellent						Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
16-Jul-24	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent					
22-Jul-24	Sufficient										
*30-Jul-24	Good *	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent					
31-Jul-24							Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
06-Aug-24	Excellent								8th - o/flow		
12-Aug-24	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
19-Aug-24	Excellent								17th blockage		
23-Aug-24									*** 2 o/flows		*** 1 o/flow
26-Aug-24	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Sufficient	Excellent	Good	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
28-Aug-24						Good			notice lifted		notice lifted
02-Sep-24	Good								5th - o/flow		
*09-Sep-24	Excellent										
11-Sep-24	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Good
15-Sep-24	End	of	Bathing	Season							
											no resample
* Indicates a re-sample was taken											
** Prohibition Notice issued at this beach following the "poor" result											
Advisory Notice issued at this beach following "sufficient" result											
*** Prohibition Notice issued at this beach due to a pump station overflow											

Appendix 6

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	Ballough Place, Lusk https://goo.gl/maps/8u6BiRWzuLSTtmjk8	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	61 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	173 87 social 86 cost rental	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	120 40 social 80 cost rental	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 social 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	217 107 Social 110 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	175 112 affordable 63 social	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 6 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 4x 1 Bed 4x 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	274 151 Affordable 123 Social	S179a planning process complete.	Q4 2024	Q4 2026

Appendix 6 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 -120	Pre-Planning.	TBC	TBC
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Woodside, Swords. 53.453901, -6.210574 Google Maps	34	Design pack issued.	Q4 2025	Q1 2027
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Park Road, Kenure, Rush. 53.532278, -6.102176 Google Maps	32	Design ongoing.	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	172 86 Social 86 Affordable	Planning granted (in appeal period)	TBC	TBC
Blanchardstown	FCC	Social	Fortlawn, Blanchardstown	21 Fully social	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 6 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