



# **Chief Executive's Management Report**

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## **Chief Executive's Foreword**

I hope you and your families enjoyed the Christmas period and all the festive season had to offer. As 2024 drew to a close, a spectacular New Year's Eve celebration took place at Howth Harbour where the most vibrant fireworks illuminated the skies for miles. Back in October, New Year's Festival Dublin in partnership with Fingal County Council announced that the festival programme this year would feature the NYF Dublin Fireworks Spectacular in Howth Harbour and Dún Laoghaire Harbour in partnership with Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council. We were very proud to collaborate with stakeholders including Fáilte Ireland, MCD Productions and the Office of Public Works to deliver this highly anticipated, free and wonderfully enjoyable event for the people of Fingal. As we all know, weather conditions play a part when planning every event and thankfully, the inclement day cleared sufficiently to ensure the visually stunning event could be enjoyed by the thousands of enthralled spectators on the night. My thanks to all involved with the event and to our valued stakeholders - This was our first organised New Year's Eve fireworks celebration and the meticulous planning and preparation was instrumental in ensuring such a successful evening.

The renowned theoretical physicist Albert Einstein once said, "The only thing that you absolutely have to know, is the location of the library." Words that are as true today as when he first uttered them. Of course, over many years libraries have changed and evolved from being places to merely read and borrow books to spaces which encourage creativity, utilise the latest technologies and offer educational and recreational opportunities for people of all ages. Fingal Libraries operates 10 library branches, a mobile library and housebound service, as well as a Local Studies and Archives service. We have a proud tradition of providing our visitors with excellent customer service and the benefit of our libraries teams' experience and expertise. Last month Balbriggan Library was awarded a Library of Sanctuary by Places of Sanctuary Ireland, making Fingal the first local authority in Dublin to receive this award. This is indeed a well-deserved accolade as Balbriggan Library champions a welcoming, inclusive and dynamic space for all to enjoy. Each day our highly trained library staff across the network work to ensure a fulfilling experience for visitors whether they wish to engage in language classes, attend creative events or simply flick through the latest literary offerings. I am so pleased that Balbriggan Library has been recognised for the huge contribution it makes to the local community and congratulate all the dedicated staff who work at the branch.

Two new councillors were officially co-opted onto Fingal County Council at a special meeting on December 18th following the election of sitting councillors to Dáil Éireann in the General Election. Cllr John Smyth was nominated by Sinn Féin to fill vacancy caused by the election of Deputy Ann Graves in the Fingal East constituency. Cllr Kevin Humphreys was nominated by Labour to fill the vacancy caused by the election of Deputy Robert O'Donoghue in the Fingal West constituency. I would like to welcome Cllr Smyth and Cllr Humphreys to Fingal County Council as they begin their terms and wish them well as they represent their constituents in the council chamber.

Communication with our colleagues, stakeholders and the people of Fingal is an important role we undertake each day. How we communicate has been refined over the years through the use of our website and social media channels complimenting the distribution of information leaflets to homes and businesses and the holding of in-person consultation meetings. All these means are invaluable in conveying news and garnering opinions on our work and now we have another way for you to stay connected. You can now follow Fingal County Council on WhatsApp to receive the latest news and updates from your council. Many of us use WhatsApp on a daily basis and now this one-way broadcast platform allows you to privately follow Fingal County Council to receive updates. We hope that our newly launched WhatsApp channel will enhance our communication channels making it easier for residents to receive messages directly from us and provide another convenient and accessible way to stay informed.

Thanks to the agreement of the councillors of a budget of €389m for 2025, we have key infrastructural projects to deliver, countywide works to fund, community events to assist and our housing pipeline to support. This robust and ambitious budget represents a spend of €1,181 for each of our 330,506 residents and ensures service delivery throughout the year. This budget follows the adoption of the €1.57 billion Capital Programme which was approved by Councillors in October and consists of 331 projects.

Finally, we have much to look forward to in the New Year and I would like to take the opportunity to wish you and your families health and happiness in 2025.

Best wishes,

**AnnMarie Farrelly**  
**Chief Executive**

## PEOPLE, CORPORATE AND DIGITAL SERVICES

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### People Services

#### Recruitment

People Services Recruitment Programme

Recruitment Programme 2024	
Total Recruitment Campaigns	105
Interviews Held to date	1137
New Starters	216
Promotions	144
Number of Current Job Offers	41

#### Learning & Development Update

Learning & Development	Year to date
Number of courses	411
Number of Attendees	3567
Number of Training Days	3791

Throughout January, courses will be delivered in the areas of A-Z Local Government, Electrical Vehicle Training, Ignite Staff Development and many more.

#### Wellbeing Update

The launch of the VR for Wellbeing space took place at the staff library, County Hall Swords. This space features a comfortable chair pod and a virtual reality headset for staff. The Wellbeing team is currently working on securing an

additional location within the Blanchardstown office, with plans to expand the offering in the new year.

As part of the Fingal Induction and Wellbeing Programme, People Services held two Time to Talk Events in both the Swords and Blanchardstown offices. These events offer a valuable opportunity for People Services to engage with new starters, while also allowing new staff members to connect with colleagues across various departments.

#### HSU - Health & Safety Unit

The HSU carried out 340 site safety inspections and audits for the year 2024, in addition to 369 VDU assessments for office and remote based staff along with investigations into workplace incidents and accidents that occurred during 2024. At the end of the year the global ancillary safety statements' risk register totaled 207 risk assessments with the standard operating procedure register coming to 164 SOPs. December saw a number of risk assessments and standard operating procedures pertaining to inspections of buildings, construction works, farms and farmland being drafted and submitted to staff for consultation. Staff queries to the HSU continued through the month of December with the majority of queries pertaining to VDU assessments.

#### Customer Services

Customer Care Unit Statistics – December 2024

	CCU Main Line	Housing Calls	Callback Requests	Total Calls CCU	Emails dealt with by CCU	In Person Transactions
December 2024	5,419	749	299	6,467	410	1,937

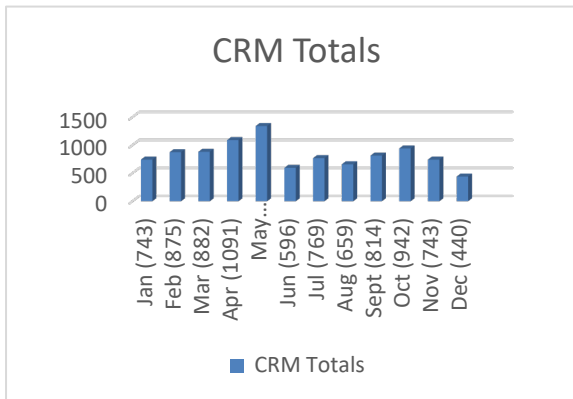
Total Transactions carried out by Customer Care Agents in November: 13,972

Total Transactions carried out by Customer Care Agents in December: 8,814

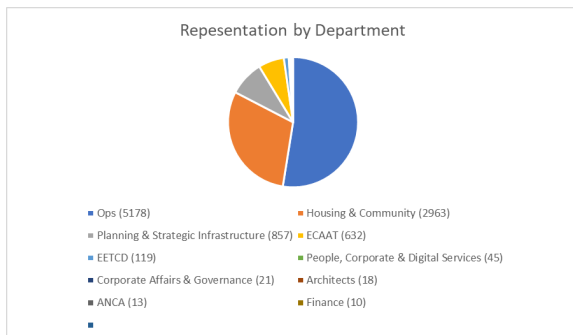


## CRM

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 December were 440.



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



## Communications

### Website

#### 2024 Digital Statistics

The Council's digital media channels continued to be popular sources of information about the Council's activities during 2024. The website, [fingal.ie](http://fingal.ie), had a record 1,713,755 visitors during the year which was a 19% increase on 2023. The number of page views rose by 11% to 3,812,440

while the amount of time spent on the site increased by 8% to 2 minutes and 2 seconds. The most popular pages after the home page were Planning Applications, Affordable Housing, Recycling Centres, Jobs, Contact Us and Malahide Concerts.

The majority of visitors, 1.1m, access the website through Google Chrome while 396,994 came in directly. Phones were the preferred means of access at 1.2m while 460,000 entered using a desktop and the rest used tablets.

Facebook remains the Council's most popular channel with 37,647 followers, a 16% increase on 2023. The channel had a reach of 5.8m in 2024 and 4.2m views while one of the most popular posts with 54,740 views was a photo of Balbriggan Harbour. 83% of views for this post were from non-followers.

Instagram continued its strong growth with follower numbers growing by 41% from 8,500 to 11,993 during the year. A reach of 106,400 produced 1.6m views.

LinkedIn also saw strong growth with the channel growing its followers by 29% from 8,196 in 2023 to 10,548. The 697,732 impressions generated 9,698 reactions, 269 comments and 168 reposts.

X continues to stagnate with the number of followers only rising by 471 from 23,117 to 23,588. That's a rise of 2% and by far the lowest year on year increase since the channel was established. Nonetheless the channel does see audience spikes around specific events such as Local Election Count in June. That weekend delivered 595,058 impressions which was 15% of the annual total of 3.9m.

The Council You Tube Channel now hosts 753 videos and saw the number of subscribers grow by 31% from 1,210 to 1,590.

The Communications Units continues to look at adding other channels in order to maximise reach and is now on WhatsApp (1,288 followers), Threads (1,179), TikTok (700) and Bluesky (255).

The total number of followers across the nine social media channels is 88,998 which is a rise of 21% from the 73,536 at the end of 2023.



### Videos

The Mayor's annual Christmas Message and the Chief Executive's New Year Message were published in December. Other videos published during the month included the Community Development Department's End of Year Review while there was also an information webinar about the 2025 Local Enhancement Programme.

All Videos can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/@FingalCountyCouncilVideo/videos>

### Press Releases

Fourteen press releases were issued during December including one acknowledging the receipt of a planning application from the daa for an increased in passenger capacity at Dublin Airport to 36 million. Other press releases included the issuing of the Council's Gender Pay Gap Report, the publishing of the Dublin Airport Noise Action Plan and the passing of the 2025 Budget.

### Media Queries

The Communications Unit received 17 media queries during December. Among the topics were the leatherback turtle washed up on Portmarnock Beach, housing, Dublin Airport and public lighting.

### Irish Language

We continue to comply with the requirements of the Irish Language Legislation and provide Irish language services.

Training courses for staff will again be provided and the very successful Gaeltacht Scholarship Scheme for Second Level students will be provided again in 2025.

On January 28 an Irish Language Networking Event will take place in County Hall, Swords, to provide a showcase and networking opportunity for those who are promoting the Irish Language in the county. It will also kickstart our plans for Seachtain na Gaeilge in March.

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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
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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
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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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### TOURISM DEVELOPMENT

#### Dublin Local Authorities Tourism Network



A meeting of representatives from the four Local Authority tourism teams in the Dublin region took place in Dun Laoghaire on 11<sup>th</sup> December to discuss issues of common concern across Dublin. Discussions centred on engagement with the main stakeholders such as Failte Ireland and Tourism Ireland, branding for Dublin and the collection of reliable and usable data.

#### Howth SEAL Awards

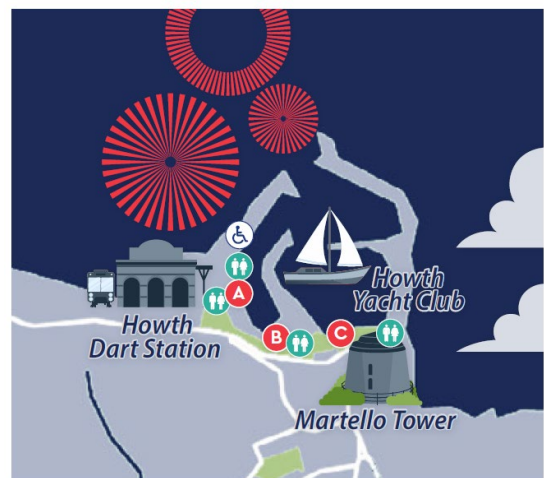


The inaugural Sustainable Environmental Legacy Awards (SEAL) took place in Howth Yacht Club on Wed 20<sup>th</sup> November celebrating businesses in Howth who are making a concerted effort to be as sustainable as possible and to minimise their environmental footprint. The Awards are a collaboration between Howth Tidy Towns and the Howth tourism group 'Explore Howth', and it is hoped this event will continue to grow, year on year.

#### New Years Eve Fireworks

As part of the #WinterInDublin campaign by Failte Ireland Howth harbour hosted one of two large fireworks displays on New Years Eve.

The event was livestreamed across the globe, and the videography and other generated content is part of the ongoing international campaign to draw visitors to Dublin in the low season.



#### Howth Harbour

- A** Viewing Zone – Harbour Rd
- B** Viewing Zone – West
- C** Viewing Zone – East

#### East Pier Closure: 6:00am

- Accessible Area
- Toilets

A letter to householders issued and a Public Information notice was printed and placed on websites. Howth traders reported an upturn in bookings for the evening.

### Tradfest 2025

For the second year in a row the Tradfest Fingal festival has expanded to take in a larger number of venues (10) and headline act performances (41). This does not include an ever-growing list of fringe events which will happen in smaller venues.

The main festival will take place between the 21<sup>st</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> January, and can be viewed and booked at <https://tradfest.com/fingal-events/>



### EVENTS

#### Festival & Event Funding Scheme 2025



The scheme was due to close on the 21<sup>st</sup> of December. As of the 18<sup>th</sup> of December, 50 applications were received and 54 were in Draft.

### St Brigid's Day



Our St Brigid's Day Concert is planned for Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> of February in St. Brigid's Church Blanchardstown. This years artists include Leah Barniville and The Blue Belles, tickets will be on sale in the New Year.

### HERITAGE PROPERTIES

#### Malahide Castle wins another award

Malahide Castle and Gardens has kicked off the new year by scooping the *Destination of the Year* award for 2025 by the Public Sector Magazine Excellence in Business Awards. This esteemed publication recognises outstanding achievements among key service providers to the Irish public sector under various categories, highlighting the professionalism and excellence of companies and venues that excel in their respective fields.





A sincere congratulations to the entire operator team, the coffee and retail concessionaires and the district parks staff at Malahide Castle & Gardens for their hard work and dedication, which make the venue a success and have contributed to this remarkable achievement.

### Ardgillan Castle Refurbishments



Painting of the cafe entrance and servery have been completed to give this area a makeover in keeping with the heritage surroundings and has created a warmer and more welcoming ambience. An upgrade of the larger tearoom will take place early in 2025. The outdoor coffee kiosk is undergoing work to freshen it up.

### As-I-am at Swords Castle



Swords Castle was host to The As-I-Am Autism Charity Christmas fayre that took place in the castle grounds on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December. Participants enjoyed festive themed food, crafts and activities in an autism friendly environment.

### Newbridge House



From 1<sup>st</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> December, visitors to Newbridge House were able to experience the enchantment of historic holiday traditions with special Christmas tours of the house. These festive tours delved into the customs of Georgian and Edwardian Christmases, offering a fascinating glimpse into how the holiday season was celebrated in centuries past.

### Skerries Mills

Skerries Winter Wonderland ran from 1<sup>st</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> December where children were able to see the wonderful Christmas displays throughout the mill before meeting Santa.

## CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

### Arts

#### Public Art

The Public Art Co-ordinator delivered a presentation to the Community, Culture and Sports SPC on the proposed new Public Art Policy for Fingal. The policy which is currently in review will be presented to full council for approval in the new year. The main of the new policy is to streamline and strengthen procedures and processes for commissioning public art across Fingal and ensure that it is co-ordinated and resourced strategically in collaboration with all council departments.

#### Youth & Education



Blakestown Microforest students worked with creative entomologist Nessa Darcy to create drawings of insects found in the forest using

humane insect gathering equipment. Artist Thomas Duffy taught the students how to create cordage from the bindweed which was growing abundantly. From this they made ropes which are now used to support the trees growing against stakes. Artist Gareth Kennedy led sessions on carving implements and using the carving horse each young person created their own wooden spoon. Artist James Grace collaborated with the team to make and install a beautiful bespoke chestnut portal, marking the end of another successful season at the microforest art and ecology project.

### **Fingal Artists' Support Scheme**

The 2025 edition of the Fingal Artists' Support Scheme is now open for applications. This funding stream offers professional artists the opportunity to apply for up to €5,000 to support travel and professional development opportunities, a residency, or towards the development of work.

The scheme is designed to nurture and advance the practice of individual professional artists in Fingal and is open to practitioners at all career stages working in the disciplines of music, visual art, drama, literature, film and dance.

The closing date for applications is Friday, 21st February 2025, at 4PM and all applications must be made online through the Submit platform.

### **Carnegie Library**

#### **TU Recent Graduate Award**

Recent graduate Chris Forrester has received the inaugural TU Recent Graduate Award and is now starting the professional development phase of his residency at the Carnegie. This stage includes mentorship-driven activities such as studio visits and meetings with artists, curators, and professionals relevant to his field. Over the next few weeks, Forrester will meet with curator Mark O'Gorman, as well as artists Lyónn Wolf and Sybil Montague.

### **Swords Youth Choir**

Swords Youth Choir present their Christmas Recital at the Carnegie Library. Membership to the choir has doubled since they began rehearsals at the Carnegie in August 2024 and they look forward to continued growth in 2025.

### **Draíocht**

2024 was another busy year for Draíocht. Over the last 12 months, we delivered NEST, our ambitious project which saw us engage with 6,400 children/young people and adults. 48 children and young people from the Dublin 15, 'our hosts' inspired 2 exhibitions, 23 new performance works, one day where 69 performances took place as well as the Spreacha Festival. Other programme highlights include 5 exhibitions platforming the work of 14 artists, allocating 2,597 hours of space and support to 31 artists to create work that will have resonance for our audiences, a yearlong dance Residency programme in D15 primary schools which continues into 2025, our children/youth arts programme working with over 50 artists engaging with over 6,500 local children and young people. As well as 35,300 + people attending 285 + performances. We also installed a new Flying System, published our 2024 to 2029 Strategy, produced 5 season brochures, and sent 185,000 e-zines.

Below are links to the Review of 2024 available on our website and on YouTube.

Webpage:

<https://www.draiocht.ie/discover/2024-a-year-in-review>

Video:

<https://youtube.com/shorts/c0wABWLw6Hs>

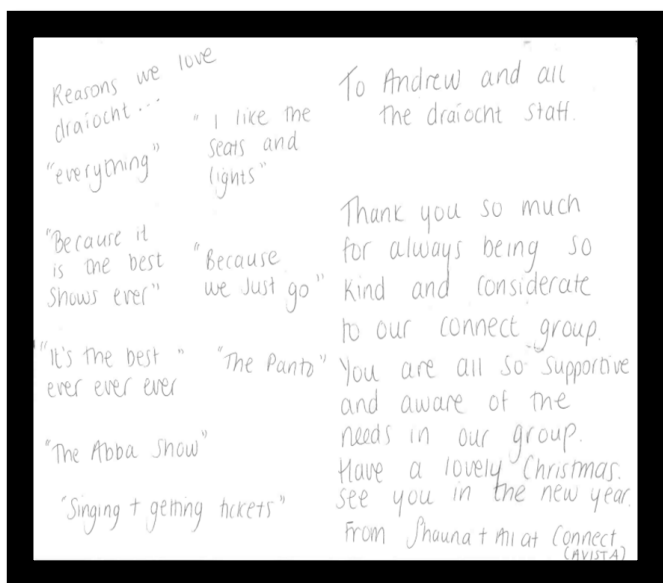
Draíocht December 2024 programme catered for and was very well received by local audiences. From music to ballet to film, theatre, and local community events, Draíocht experienced full houses and exceptional audience feedback.

Plans for 2025 are well underway with Jan/Feb events (including 2 performances as part of TradFest) all available and a March/April brochure deadline of January 10<sup>th</sup>.



With thanks to Fingal County Council's Councillors and Executive.

And the last word of 2024 goes to Avista's Connect Service users, regular visitors to Draíocht Connect's clients who attended the 'Abba Forever' performance as their 2024 Christmas night out.



## **Seamus Ennis Arts Centre**

### **Music**

The last Traditional Slow Session of 2024 welcomed 32 online and 17 in person, finishing off a very fruitful year for traditional arts at TSEAC.

### **Classes**

Our last Céilí Beag of 2024 was on December 13<sup>th</sup> with 26 parents and toddlers booked in. The musician played the fiddle, while Discovery Playtime set up festive themed sensory play.

### **Theatre**

We had two sold out performances of Michael James Ford's adaptation of Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol. The Cottage Café supplied hot chocolate and mulled wine, along with mince pies and cookies and it was a lovely festive night out for all!

## **Workshops and Other Events**

The Christmas Craft and Food Fair on December 1<sup>st</sup> with approximately 2000 visitors. We had 70 stalls with the majority local craftspeople and all handmade in Ireland. The feedback was excellent, with everyone commenting on how well run it was. On the day we had entertainment from Blanchardstown Brass Band, The Skerries Ukelele Choir and Naul Choir.



Christmas Wreath Workshop with Mulled Wine – this workshop sold out in record time, thus we added on a second. Overall we had 32 attendees.

## **Libraries**

### **Festive Events**

The Fingal Libraries programme of events for 2024 came to a close in December with festive-themed events. Custard Pie Puppets brought their Christmas Crackers puppet show to Balbriggan Library and Blanchardstown Library to the delight of children of all ages. The annual Europe Direct Annual Christmas Concert featuring the Dublin Gospel Choir took place in Blanchardstown Library on 11th December to a packed and appreciative audience.



### **Spring Programme**

The brochure outlining the Spring 2025 programme of events in libraries is currently being produced. It will run from January to April and feature a wide range of events, workshops, and courses for people of all ages supporting literacy, health, culture and creativity, the Irish language, heritage, STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Maths), skills for life, and environmental awareness. The diverse needs of the people of Fingal will be reflected in the programme, including age-friendly and sensory-friendly events.

### **Creative Fingal**

In 2024, the Creative Fingal team delivered an impactful Creative Ireland Programme, featuring 84 initiatives across the County and engaging nearly 75,000 participants in creative and cultural events. The projects spanned various art forms, embraced all demographics, and included marginalised communities. Planning for the 2025 programme is underway, with a creative consultation project involving young people in Blakestown and Corduff, guided by children's author Alan Nolan. The Brigid in Balbriggan event will once again take place on the bank holiday Monday, 3rd February. The broader 2025 plan focuses on developing larger collaborative projects with Council departments to increase access to culture and creativity for everyone in Fingal.

### **St. Brigid's Festival**

Fingal Libraries will celebrate the St. Brigid's Festival with a special event in Blanchardstown

Library on 28th January featuring Katie Charlwood, host of the 'Who Did What Now' history podcast. Katie will explore the world of patron saints and the history behind these iconic figures. Children in Malahide Library will get an opportunity to make their own Brídeog doll, while the legend of St. Brigid's magical cloak is the inspiration of a craft workshop in Rush Library.

### **Healthy Ireland at Your Library**

Healthy Ireland at Your Library is a national programme promoting the health, wellbeing, and quality of life of communities and individuals at all life stages. Fingal Libraries is running age-friendly, gentle exercise courses, including chair yoga, Tai Chi, and mindful movement, in Malahide, Donabate, Rush, Blanchardstown, and Balbriggan Libraries between February and April. There will also be a health information event in Balbriggan Library with menopause specialist Dr. Caoimhe Hartley. Yuki Fragariani will facilitate a workshop in Malahide Library to give people practical tips on how to sustain their new year's resolutions for healthier lifestyles. Beginning in January, Europe Direct is sponsoring a ten-week course aimed at parents and carers who support family members with autism. This will be followed by another ten-week course offering participants techniques and skills to look after their mental health.

### **Children's Literacy**

Ireland Reads Day, which celebrates reading for pleasure, takes place on Saturday, 22nd February this year. Author and illustrator Tarsila Krüse will be visiting Skerries Library to read from her new picture book, 'A Little Birdie Told Me'. Author, illustrator, and comic creator Alan Nolan will visit Donabate Library to talk about his favourite comic books and show children how to design their own superhero. Author Margaret Anne Suggs will be visiting libraries for workshops based on her book 'The Dandelion's Tale'. Also taking place in February is a Role-Play Village Day in Blanchardstown Library, where young children immerse themselves in a world of imagination using miniature tools and utensils. Older children will have the opportunity of programming a microbit computer to control LED light strips, in a Coding Ireland workshop in Malahide Library.

### Family Literacy Project

Fingal Libraries is delighted to continue its family literacy project. This Spring, parents and children selected by Scoil Mhuire in Blakestown will take part in a project with literacy experts Stephen Brett and Colm O'Donovan, who 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 story session with the children.



### Spring Events for Teens

Leaving Certificate students in Balbriggan, Blanchardstown and Swords are invited to a workshop with Comedian Áine Gallagher to help them practice conversational Irish in preparation for their oral Irish examinations. Balbriggan Library is hosting drop-in homework support sessions aimed at assisting students to study independently and use library resources.

CyberSafeKids will facilitate interactive workshops on how to stay safe online for first year students.

### Sustainable Living

A range of events for adults on the theme of sustainable living and environmental awareness will take place in library branches from February to April, including gardening for biodiversity, and sustainable clothing. Bat Conservation Ireland will give a talk in Howth Library on the vital role our native bats play in our environment.

### Economic Development

#### Fingal Skills Strategy



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





## Xplore Your Future Fingal TY Skills Expo 2024

The 2024 Xplore Your Future Expo is aimed at TY students in Fingal secondary schools and took place in the Helix, DCU on the 15<sup>th</sup> of October 2024.



Building on the success of last year's inaugural event, the 2024 Expo was a huge success with over 80 exhibitors from institutes of further and higher education, vocational schools and industry. Exhibitors included, among others, DDLETB (Dublin and Dún Laoghaire Education and Training Board), CDVEC (City of Dublin Education and Training Board), the National Apprenticeships Office, TUDublin (Technological University Dublin), Dundalk Institute of Technology (DKIT), Irish Rail, the Irish Institute of Music & Song, An Garda Síochána, Dublin Fire Brigade, Air Corps, Dublin Airport Authority (DAA), Aramex and Wylde International eSports Club. A diverse range of sectors were represented, from Creative Arts & Media, Technology and Gaming, Transport & Logistics, Engineering, Food, Farming & Hospitality, Construction, Local Government, Public Services and Sports.



2,200 students from 22 Fingal Schools attended this hands-on, interactive event where students experienced a wide range of further education and training options with information on future potential careers paths.



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



## Skyla Project



The Fingal SKYLA Project Team attended a virtual bilateral meeting with partners in Malmo Sweden regarding their good practice - the AMK Franchise system, located in 10 regions and encompassing 90 municipalities which engages with students at

secondary level on labour market intelligence to inform career choices.

The team had a bilateral meeting with partners in Sofia, Bulgaria regarding their good practice - TUES – Technological School of Electronic Systems <https://elsys-bg.org/> which involves engagement with students at secondary level on STEM.

A further meeting was held with partners in Italy, Lithuania and Poland on dual apprenticeship models for the twin transition which was also attended by a representative of DDLETB from Baldoyle Training Centre.



Project meetings continued in relation to the SKYLA Project on requirements for 2025 and further planned exchanges between partners in 2025.

### Economic Development Strategy



Following the launch of the Future Fingal Economic Development Strategy in September 2024, the Economic Development team is progressing the implementation of actions, including the development of a Marketing Plan. Work has commenced on developing a Sustainable Fingal Strategy to promote sustainability measures for business.

### URBACT – EcoCore



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

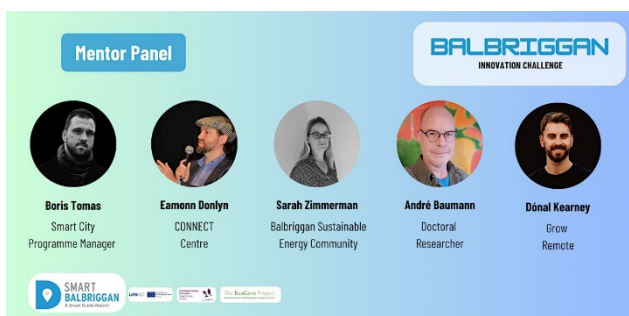
The Balbriggan EcoCore URBACT Local Group meeting was held in the Bracken Court Hotel on 9<sup>th</sup> December where the group were presented with a report on the key highlights from the recent transnational city visit to Villena. The success of the Balbriggan Innovation Challenge (Hackathon) was discussed along with the winning teams pitch "Circ\_IT! Being outlined to the group.

A workshop hosted by Wessel Badenhorst was well received where the local representatives and ULG members brainstormed how best to progress and share the outcomes from the agreed EcoCore Integrated Action Plan into 2025.





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



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

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

required to the project and budget in the final year. The partners were welcomed to Villena by the Mayor, Fulgencio José Cerdán Barceló.



### Stephenstown and Folkstown Little Framework Plans



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

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

### European Urban Initiative - City to City Exchanges

Fingal hosted representatives of the city of Nokia in Finland as part of its 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. Presentations were given to the Nokia delegation on the town of Balbriggan, the Our Balbriggan Rejuvenation Programme, Smart Balbriggan, EcoCore, plans for the future development of the Stephenstown Industrial Area, the policy and planning context in Ireland and the Council's work on Climate Action and the circular economy. The delegation also visited the Rediscovery Centre and DCU for exchanges on circular economy and innovation. Fingal is preparing to visit Nokia in January 2025 and learn about the ECO-3 park and the work of the city of Nokia in respect of innovation and the circular economy.



### 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. for all 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 has delivered its SFI Discover Programme 2024 - Science Week having secured funding of €10,000. Smart Balbriggan also organised the EcoCore Hackathon in partnership with the EcoCore Project Team on the 8<sup>th</sup> 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



Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor Summit 2025 is being held on 27th February 2025, this event will highlight the DBEC ambition to shape and influence policy to enable a higher performing cross border economy. Attendees will hear from the policy makers, leaders and key private sector partners from along the corridor. A panel of business leaders will focus on cross border trade and the importance of DBEC in bolstering the island economy. The event will bring DBEC to the market, creating a greater understanding of the



importance of the corridor in respect of cross border trade, connectivity, net zero ambitions and leveraging the corridor to maximise its global reach

### Enterprise Ireland – Smart Regions Funding



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

### LOCAL AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT



### Fingal Local Community Development Committee

The Fingal LCDC continues to oversee and administer the key areas of LEADER and SICAP and the various Local Development and Community Development funding programmes under its remit. The LCDC also manages the Healthy Ireland Initiative and the implementation of the community element and review of economic elements of the Fingal Local Economic & Community Plan.

The LCDC Meeting took place on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2024 with the LCDC reviewing progress on the implementation of the LECP and the various programmes for which it is responsible as listed below.

### SICAP

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



The DRCD has advised of the budget allocations outlined below in respect of the delivery of the Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme (SICAP) for 2025.

- **SICAP Budget 2025 - €1,568,717.00**
- **New Arrivals Budget 2025 - €375,372.00**

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

Empower, as the SICAP Programme Implementer, has submitted the 2025 SICAP Annual Plan which is now under review.



### 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 12<sup>th</sup> December 2024 and approved 3 Projects for funding. The next Dublin Rural LAG meeting is scheduled for the 25<sup>th</sup> February 2025.



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

More details: [www.dublinruralleader.ie](http://www.dublinruralleader.ie)

### Local Enhancement Programme 2024

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

### Local Enhancement Programme 2025

The Local Enhancement Programme 2025 launched on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2024.

Community and Voluntary Groups in Fingal may apply for funding under the Local Enhancement Programme (LEP) 2025. The Programme is designed to provide both capital and current funding support to a wide and diverse range of local groups. Funding is available to support small

capital works/improvements, the purchase of equipment for community use; tables and chairs, tools and signage, laptops and printers, lawnmowers, canopies and training equipment etc., as well as capital costs; electricity costs, refuse charges, heating charges, rental/lease costs, insurance bills.

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

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

EETCD held an Information Session Webinar on the 10<sup>th</sup> of December 2024 for Community & Voluntary groups to learn more about LEP 2025 and what projects are eligible for funding. Applications can be made to Fingal LCDC by 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 5pm.

### Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS)

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

The 2024/2025 Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) funded by the Department of Rural & Community Development launched for Expressions of Interest on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2024.

The focus of ORIS is to support outdoor recreational infrastructure in countryside areas across Ireland that not only provides an outlet for the communities in which they are situated but also delivers added value from a tourism perspective.

Projects typically funded by ORIS include walkways, cycleways, blueways, water and cycle trails, bridleways and open water amenities at rivers and beaches, including tidal pools.



The 2024/25 Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) includes the following measures, each offering funding at a 90% rate of aid:

**Measure 1:**

Purpose: Small-scale repair, development, promotion, and marketing. Funding: Up to €40,000.

**Measure 2:**

Purpose: Medium-scale repair, upgrades, and new trail/amenity development. Funding: Up to €200,000.

**Measure 3:**

Purpose: Large-scale repair, upgrades, and strategic trail/amenity development. Funding: Up to €500,000.

**Project Development Measure:**

Purpose: Prepare projects to a standard suitable for application under Measure 2 or Measure 3. Funding: Up to €50,000.

Completed Expression of Interest forms must be sent via email to LCDC@Fingal.ie.

Closing dates for Expression of Interest forms:

**Measure 1 and Project Development Measure:** 5pm Thursday 9th January 2025.

**Measure 2 and 3:** 5pm Thursday 20th February 2025.

**Healthy Fingal Projects 2025**

Healthy Fingal will be working with a number of agencies in January including The Drugs Task Force, HSE, Mental Health Ireland and Empower to deliver a number of projects including Balance in Motion (Alcohol Education for Sports Teams) and Smoke Free Homes, which we want to expand around the schools in Dublin 15. Healthy Fingal, a supporting member of Thrive Balbriggan, will be hosting a Mental Health Awareness Event in the Lark Theatre in Balbriggan in early February, so planning is well underway. After the success of the Mindful Walking Project in Dublin 15 to support people's mental health and to sign-post people towards supports around alcohol and smoking/vaping we'll be looking to continue this project in Hartstown Park in January in association with Empower's Social Prescribers.



**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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup>, 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 was announced in November. The application window for Call 3 closed on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December.

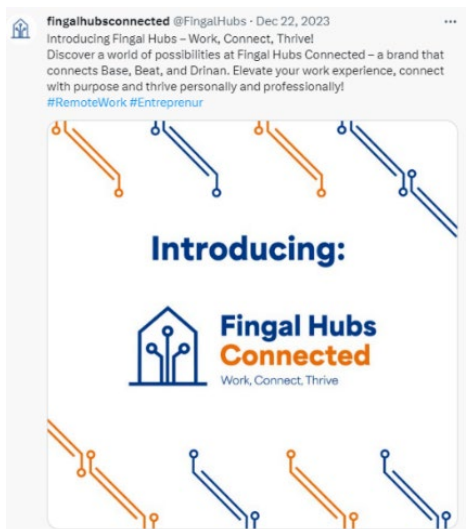
Project proposals were evaluated in December 2024 and following the evaluation the Council engaged further with applicants to finalise project proposals for submission to the Department of Rural and Community Development (DRCD) for approval.

### ENTERPRISE CENTRES

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



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



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

## TOWN REGENERATION OFFICE

### Our Balbriggan 2019 – 2030 Rejuvenation Plan – A Socio-Economic Strategy



The Our Balbriggan Programme Office continues to support the local Leadership Group, in the stewardship and oversight of the implementation of the Balbriggan Socio-Economic plan 2024 – 2030. A review completed earlier in the year resulted four newly constituted multistakeholder Pillar structures focusing on progressing opportunities around Economic Development, Education, Skills & Employment, Community Development and Sustainability, Climate Action and Bio-diversity Pillar.

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.

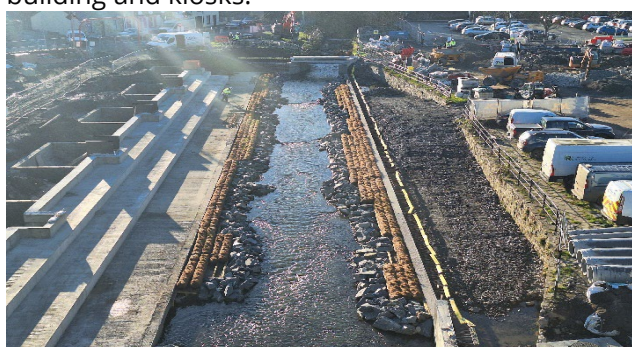
The Balbriggan Leadership Group, independently chaired by Dr. David Begg, met last on December 11<sup>th</sup> and received updates from Pillar Chairs/Nominees on progress made in drafting new workplans for the period 2024 – 2030, and a detailed update on the URDF funded public Infrastructure programme. The meeting received a report from FCC Head of Communications and adopted a new Communications Strategy for 2025 – 2029. Pillar groups will continue to refine workplans in Q1 2025 before presenting them for

adoption at the scheduled March 2025 Our Balbriggan Leadership group meeting.

The Council have appointed contractor John Craddock Ltd and work is progressing on schedule, on the redevelopment of the Quay Street, Harbour & Environs area which is due to be substantially completed by December 2025. Work continues to progress well across key elements of the Quay Street & Harbour site.



Phase 1 Works have been completed to include the completion of improvements at the Town Car Park and works to the River Walls and River Bed. The Town Car Park re-opened on the 4<sup>th</sup> November returning 67 car spaces. Phase 2 has commenced with the heritage restoration of the RNL Boathouse building for commercial use, foundations for new public toilets, new harbour building and kiosks.



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

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



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



An Integrated Design Team has been appointed and are progressing work on a design based on best possible uses and options in line with site constraints. Stakeholder engagement sessions with local community and business groups, and neighbouring properties have been completed. Insights gained will be incorporated in the pre-design report which is due to be submitted shortly for review.





The Programme Office is currently engaging in a feasibility study to examine options for a sea swim platform in Balbriggan. An Internal Project Team has been established from the Town Regeneration Office, Our Balbriggan and FCC Architects to progress the Boathouse and Bathhouse project. Enabling works to have now been completed. Engineers have been appointed to the project, which is set to be substantially completed by end Q1 2026.



### Town Centre First - Lusk

Following the completion of the Lusk for Life Plan, two applications for Project Development Measure funding were submitted to the Department of Rural and Community Development for their consideration and both projects have now been approved for funding. Both projects were identified in the Lusk Town Centre First Plan and include the development of appropriate facilities in Lusk's parklands and the feasibility of the development of a farmers' market. Preparatory work is on-going, and tenders will be sought in the near future to assess the feasibility of a farmers' market in the town.

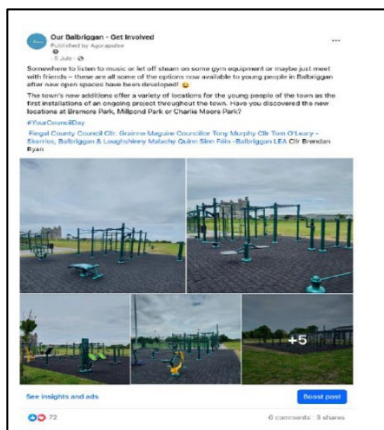


The Our Balbriggan Office continues to generate regular and unique content across all social media channels, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn with over 12,800 followers across all 4 social channels.



### Town Centre First - Balrothery

The latest Town Centre First capacity building meeting took place at the Heritage Centre, Balrothery on 11<sup>th</sup> December where methods to achieve defined objectives were discussed. These objectives will be finalised at the next meeting in January, and the process to create a town team will also be commenced.





### Town Centre First - Ballyboughal

The most recent capacity building meeting took place at the Community Centre in Ballyboughal on 16th December where methods to achieve key improvement objectives were identified and discussed. A final meeting is expected to take place in January with a view to finalising these objectives and discussing the formation of a town team.



### Town Centre First - Donabate

Following November's capacity building meeting, further online engagement is now taking place, whereby attendees have been asked to provide feedback via email on their perception of the town centre first process to-date. This feedback will be assessed and evaluated at the next capacity building meeting in January.



### Town Centre First - Rush

A Consultant has been appointed by the Town Regeneration Office to assist with the process of creating a Town Centre First Plan in Rush. The process has commenced by assessing the needs of town and liaising with members of the community. A commencement meeting between the Consultant and the Town Regeneration office took place on 25 November.

In addition to the above, an online public survey is currently being conducted by Healthy Ireland and is due to run until 03 January 2025.



The feedback from this survey will also assist with building the teams understanding of the Place by enabling a broader understanding of the key perceptions of the town by members of the local community. The survey can be completed at the following [LINK](https://arcg.is/0nPuva0)



### Town Centre First - Wicklow Town Team Visits Fingal

On 4<sup>th</sup> December the Fingal Town Regeneration Office welcomed the Wicklow Town Regeneration team to Balbriggan to showcase the best practice regeneration programme currently being undertaken in the town under the 'Our Balbriggan' project. The visit was beneficial to both teams.



### **Town & Village Renewal Schemes**

The Town Regeneration Office is currently facilitating two recently approved projects under this scheme from 2023. A Phase 4 development of Floraville Park in Skerries (€55,800) and upgrades to the Rush Community Centre (€64,350) have been approved by the Department of Rural and Community Development. Progress continues to be made on both projects, which are scheduled to be completed by October 2025.



### **Streetscape Enhancement Scheme 2024**

A second Streetscape Enhancement Scheme for 2024 was launched in November and a number of expressions of interest were received by the closing date for applications of 29 November. Applications are currently being reviewed. 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.



### **Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme Project**

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

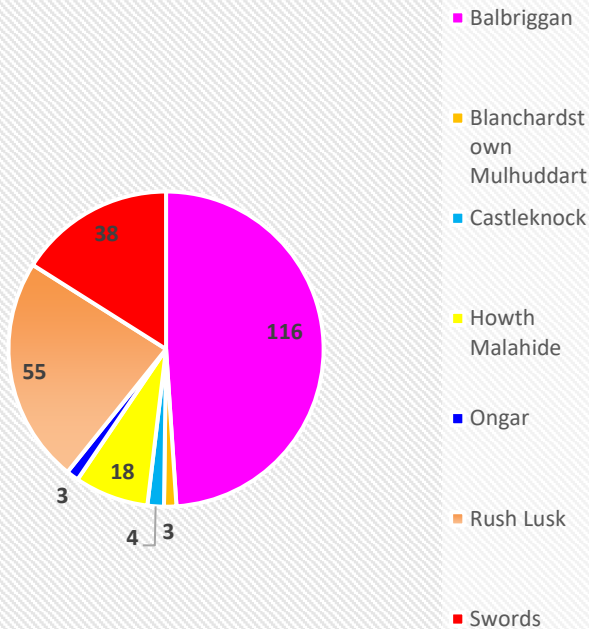
Progress continues to be made by the appointed consultant on a feasibility study currently being undertaken.

### **Derelict Sites**

237 statutory notices have issued to owners of Derelict properties to the end of November 2024. This compares to a total of 41 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.

## Derelict Sites Statutory Notices Issued YTD to End Of November 2024



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](mailto:derelictsites@fingal.ie)



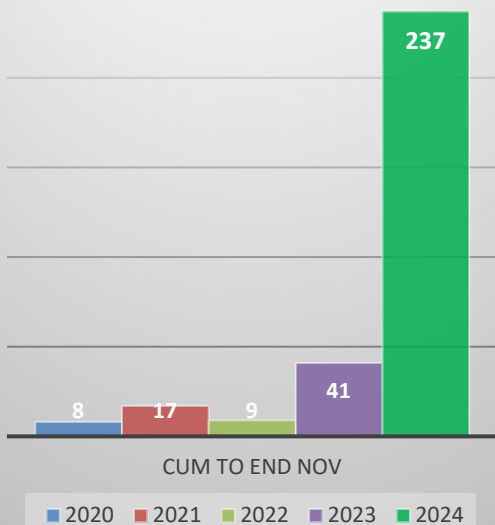
LEO Fingal provides a broad suite of support services to stimulate enterprise and enable small businesses to succeed. Some of the LEO highlights for December 2024 are as follows:

### Fingal Business Network



The final Fingal Business Network event of 2024 took place in the Grand Hotel, Malahide on Friday 6th December. 140 people attended the event and listened to an engaging panel discussion with business owners Adam Thorn of Thorn Environmental, Carol & Sean Kinsella of Carol Kinsella Chocolates, Ben Colwell of Rubberduck, Donna Reilly of Donna Reilly Wellness and Conor Halpin of PRM Assist. The event was presented by Noel Davidson of Entrepreneurs Academy who facilitated an excellent network and idea sharing segment, allowing business owners and entrepreneurs in attendance to share their experiences in 2024 and celebrate success. There was plenty of networking afterwards over lunch and great interest in our craft exhibitor stands – Wineracks.ie, Nicola Weldon Art & Design, Clemence Prosen Art & Design, Siobhan McKenna Studio and Maura O'Rourke Artist.

## Year on Year Cumulative Derelict Sites Statutory Notices Issued up to End of November 2024





The event was opened by Mayor, Cllr. Brian McDonagh who said “by supporting and encouraging entrepreneurship here in Fingal, we create an environment where ideas flourish, businesses thrive and our community becomes a hub of opportunity”.

### Student Enterprise Programme



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

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

### Fingal Business Supports Briefings



Fifty business owners, managers and aspiring entrepreneurs attended the December Fingal Business Supports Briefing on December 4<sup>th</sup> in the Riasc Centre, Kinsealy. There was great audience engagement on the day with lots of questions for staff and mentors and many people stayed around afterwards to take advantage of the networking opportunity over refreshments. This session is run monthly and allows entrepreneurs to hear about the supports available to them from the Local Enterprise Office and other state agencies. So far this year 729 people have attended these information sessions. The next Fingal Business Briefing will take place on January 15<sup>th</sup> in the Riasc Centre, Kinsealy.

### Food Sectoral Supports



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

### Evaluations and Approvals Committee

The Evaluation and Approvals Committee (EVAC) has approved €961,649 across 43 Business Feasibility, Priming and Expansion Grants in the year. 19 Technical Assistance for Micro Exporters grants to the value of €44,430 and nine Digital for Business grants amounting to €29,700 have been approved year to date. The final EVAC meeting of the year was held on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2024. The Evaluation and Approvals committee will reconvene in 2025.

### Management Development

# LEADERSHIP FOR ACCELERATED GROWTH



Plans are underway for the launch of the Leadership for Accelerated Growth 2025 programme which will kick off in March 2025. The programme facilitates established businesses within the Dublin area to grow their businesses and expand. The programme allows owners time to plan and build a strategy which will carry them through the next 3 years while building their network and learning new skills in the areas of business management, finance and marketing.

## Energy Efficiency Grant Scheme



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

## Trading Online Voucher Scheme



An initiative under the Government's National Digital Strategy, the Trading Online Voucher (TOV) scheme supported small businesses by allowing them to enhance their online offering by providing a grant of up to €2,500 for ecommerce and digital marketing activities, as well as giving businesses a better understanding of how they can exploit E-Commerce opportunities for their business.

The last TOV webinar took place on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2024. A total of 127 applications have been approved in the amount of €218,806 to date in 2024. The Trading Online Voucher scheme has now closed and only applications received before 13<sup>th</sup> December 2024 will be considered for approval in 2025.

An enhanced "Grow Digital" initiative will take its place (featuring grant value €5k plus digital consultancy assignments).

## Business Advice Clinics and Mentoring



LEO Fingal provides one to one business support services through Business Advice Clinics and a Mentoring programme, both online and in person. These services are provided free of charge to small businesses. The Fingal mentor panel consists of a variety of skilled and experienced mentors from a range of business backgrounds. In November, sixty five people availed of a one-to-one Business Advice Clinic, bringing the total number of users of the service this year to 677. Twenty-five clients received mentoring in November, with 382 clients approved for expert mentoring so far this year.

### Microfinance Ireland Loans

LEO Fingal provides a loan scheme through its partnership with Microfinance Ireland, with loans from €5,000 up to €50,000 per approved applicant. LEO Fingal is actively promoting the availability of loans from businesses that have difficulty raising finance from their bank. Applications are processed and assessed by LEO Fingal and submitted to MFI (Microfinance Ireland). Applications submitted through LEO Fingal are eligible for a 1% reduced interest rate of 5.5% APR if submitted through the Local Enterprise Office. LEO Fingal has processed and submitted 37 MFI loan applications to date in 2024, the most ever in a single year, and the highest number in the country.

## Training and Events

This year saw the usual strong demand for business training and events organised by Fingal LEO. All training is aimed at business owner/managers, with 3,900 participants in LEO Fingal Training & Events so far in 2024. The first Start Your Own Business (SYOB) course of 2025 commences on 21<sup>st</sup> January and is almost booked out. The SYOB programme has had a total of 169 participants trained in 2024 with an additional 41 attendees at the Start-up Bootcamp during Local Enterprise Week. Additionally, there have been four Social Media and Digital Marketing QQI courses with 64 participants in 2024.

## Internationalisation and Export Development



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

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

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





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

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

### **Grow Digital Voucher**



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

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

LEO Fingal have started to receive their first eligible applications and are working through the approval process with first approvals coming in January 2025.

### **Craft & Design Sectoral Supports**



Showcase Ireland 2025 will take place from 19th – 21st January 2025 at the RDS, Dublin. Showcase is presented by Design & Crafts Council Ireland, Enterprise Ireland and Local Enterprise Offices and supported by the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment. This four-day trade show is recognised as one Ireland’s largest international trade shows and offers manufacturers, designers and craft makers the opportunity to exhibit their new collections. LEO Fingal have been allocated stands for this event. Following a selection process, the successful applicants have been chosen to represent LEO Fingal: Wonderfully Weathery Books, Run Baby Run Pottery, Túath Glass, Wineracks.ie and O’Rourke Art & Design. These craft & design businesses are also provided with training by LEO Fingal specifically on sales techniques for craft products who are displaying & selling their work at exhibitions. The showcase clients from Fingal took part in an online workshop on “How to Sell at Markets & Pop Ups” which took place 9th October 2024. The workshop covered everything needed to know about successfully selling at markets and was an excellent opportunity to get prepared and set up for success at the Showcase 2025 event. Two of the clients Wineracks.ie and Maura O’Rourke are also exhibiting at the Fingal Business Network Christmas Lunch event on 6th December. In addition, LEO Fingal is examining the possible establishment of a Network of Craft and Design businesses with a view to developing further growth opportunities for this sector.



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### Rush Area Parks

New Natural Stone Entrance for Palmer Road

### Works Programme

#### Balbriggan / Rush-Lusk / Swords Area

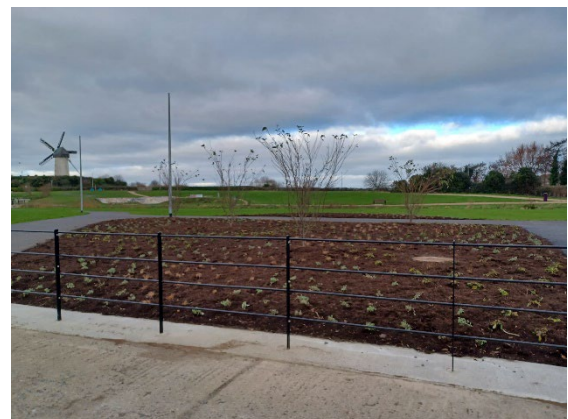
##### Balbriggan Area Parks

New Footpath at Ardgillan Road Estate to connect to Castlelands Estate. This new path will provide a safer route to school between Balrothery and Balbriggan and carried out as part of the 2024 Programme of Works.



### Skerries Area Parks

New perennial planting scheme within Skerries Town Park.



##### Ardgillan Demesne

As part of a collaborative project with the National Botanic Gardens, a group of horticultural students recently completed elements of practical assessment for tree planting at Ardgillan Demesne.



### Swords Area Parks

As part of the current contract for the installation of public water stations in 18 locations countywide, the image below shows the newest installation at Portrane Green. The other locations are as follows, Waterville Park, Ongar Park, Tyrellstown, Kettles Park, Racecourse Park Baldoyle, Mill Pond Park Balbriggan, Lusk Recreational Hub, Holywell Park, Velvet Strand, Paddys Hill Park Portmarnock, Skerries Skate Park, Skerries Community Centre, Kenure Woods Rush, Glebe Park Balrothery, Bremore Recreational Hub, Swords Manor Sports Pitches & Millers Glen Park Swords.



### Storm Darragh

The on-call team dealt with call outs over the weekend of the 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> of December in relation to damage caused by Storm Darragh across the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords areas.



### Area Roads and General Maintenance Programme

Road works were finished on Shenick Road as part of the 2024 revenue funded Programme of Works.







**Harbours**



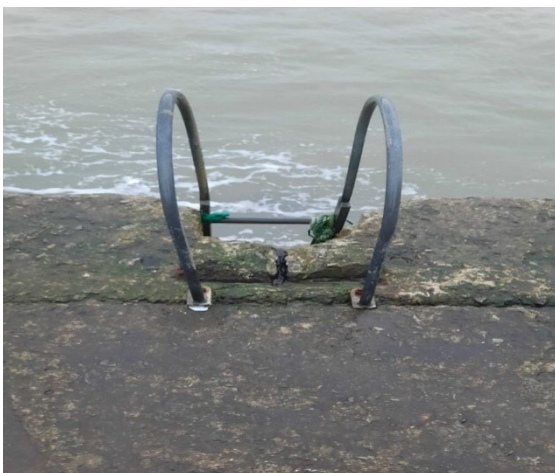
Installation of 5 new mooring bollards along the pier at Loughshinny Harbour.





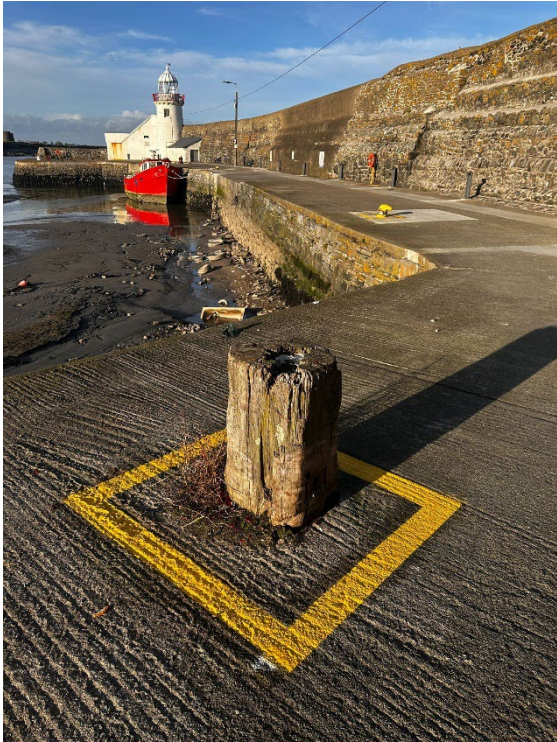
The embarkation ladder at Loughshinny Pier has been repaired and widened to allow safe access and regress.

New safety signage has been erected at all piers.

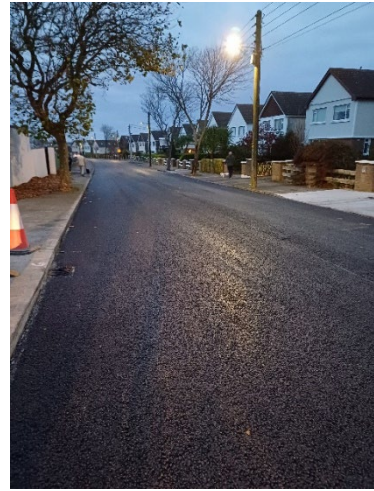


Trip hazards on Balbriggan east pier marked with yellow box around them to highlight their presence.





**Howth Malahide Area**  
**Programme of Works & Other works**



Road overlay - St Fintan's Rd Sutton



Road overlay - St Fintan's Rd Sutton





Installation of Kerbs and Replacement of Driveways after a new kerb was installed to alleviate the flooding of properties on St Fintan's Rd Sutton.



Road Inlay at St. Streamstown Lane as part of the 2024 POW.



Works underway at the Portmarnock Beach toilets.

**Depot Works**

**Portmarnock Beach Toilets**



Works underway at the Portmarnock Beach toilets.



Prior to replacement of kerbs & tarmac





Tarmac works complete

**Vandalism at Dunes**

Portmarnock Beach dune protection - several sections damaged by vandalism.



Portmarnock beach dune protection several 'keep off the dunes' signs uprooted by vandals.



**Leatherback Turtle - Portmarnock Beach**



A deceased large leatherback turtle was found washed up on Portmarnock Beach in December. Sightings of Leatherback turtles in Ireland in winter are rare and have mostly been recorded during the summer months from July to September.



Fingal contacted the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) after being notified about the turtle, which was found on the beach by a member of the public. The Irish Whale and Dolphin Group took stranding bio data from the turtle to learn more about the large animal. The shell and head were also preserved before the turtle was buried.



**Toilets**

Servicing and Jet vac tankering from Eco Toilets in Howth / Malahide /Sutton



**Storm Darragh**

Various locations dealt with by the Howth / Crews during Storm Darragh



Front Lawn Malahide Demesne







Blackwood Lane



Back Road, Malahide



Seamount, Malahide



Malahide Storm damage, Malahide Demesne

### Malahide Demesne Update

Dominic Rooney's Retirement



### Garda Community Policing Event in conjunction with Wonderlights



Howth Malahide staff at Event





**Fence repairs along railway line in Malahide Demesne**



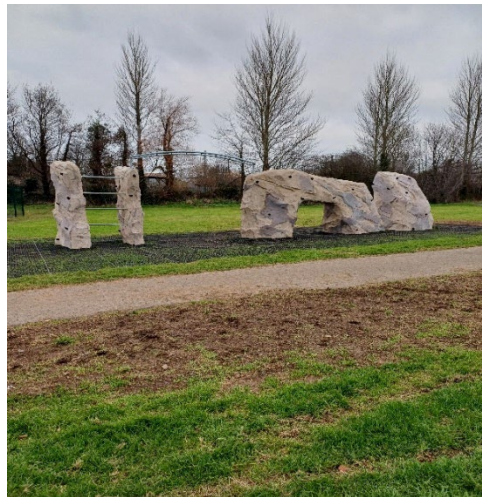
Repairs to fence alongside railway, Malahide Demesne



**Castleknock Mulhuddart Operations**



Water Font Installed at Waterville Park



Teen space/climbing rocks installed at Mick Walsh Park



Filling damaged areas with soil and re-seeding area in Lambourn Green





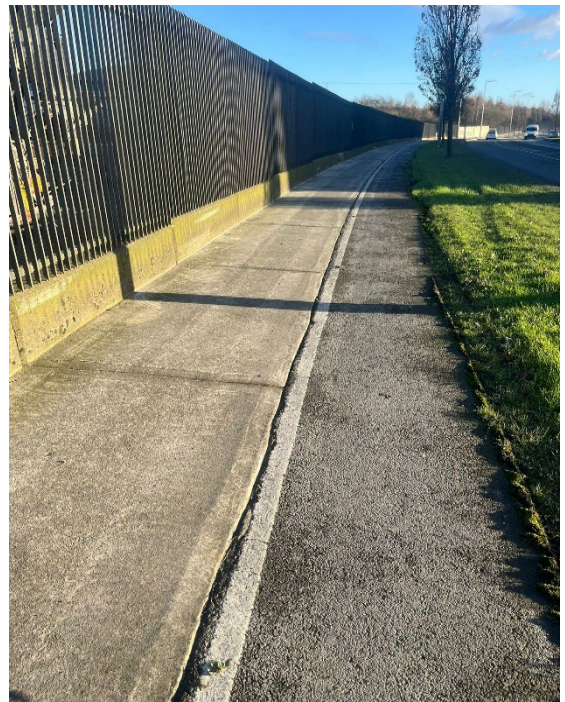
Tree stump removal been carried out in Delwood Lawn



Before



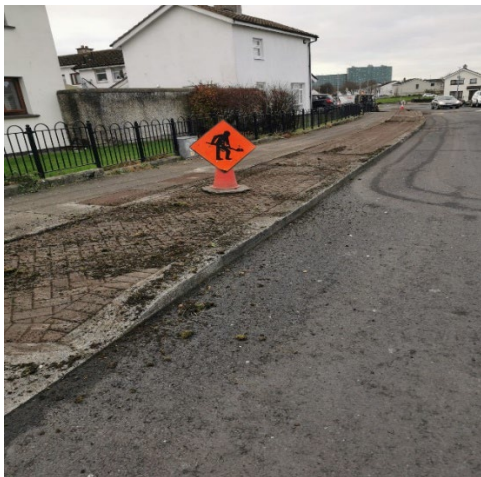
& after photos of hedge cutting works taken place in the Hollywoodwrath area







Before & after photos of weed control works being carried out in the Dublin Enterprise Zone



Cobble Lock cleaning at Corduff Park



Our Depot crews responding to trees down in the D15 area during Storm Darragh



Clonsilla Road, Trees removed





Sorbis tree fell at entrance to Oakview Drive which was removed



Tyrellstown Road/Open Space fallen tree



Sycamore Green, Porterstown



Hollystown Road, fallen Leulandii tree





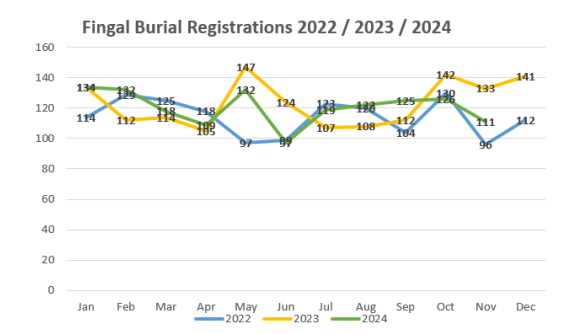
New water fountains installed at Hartsown Park  
Dog run recently

Main Ticketing Locations:

Location	Main Ticket Locations November 2024
Bridgefield Car Park - Malahide	116
North Street - Swords	107
Main Street - Swords	85
Drogheda Street - Balbriggan	63
Strand Street - Skerries	57
The Green - Malahide	52
Church Road - Malahide	51
South Strand Skerries	41
Old Street - Malahide	40
Dublin Street - Balbriggan	35

### Burial Ground Services

There were 111 Interments in Fingal Cemeteries during November 2024.



### Car Parking Services

#### November 2024

There was a total of 1149 parking tickets issued during November 2024.

#### Breakdown of Parking Offences

Top 10 Offences

Offence	Main Ticketing Offences - November 2024
9A - A VEHICLE COMMITTING AN OFFENCE CONTRARY TO PAY AND DISPLY/PERMIT PARKING	628
04G - PARKING A PRIVATE VEHICLE IN A LOADING BAY	129
08A - PARKING A VEHICLE ON A FOOTPATH	115
9A - A VEHICLE OUT OF TIME TICKET	105
9D - PARKING A VEHICLE ON A DOUBLE YELLOW LINE	67
9F - PARKING/STOPPING A VEHICLE IN A DISABLED PERSONS PARKING BAY	30
07A - OBSTRUCTION TO OTHER ROAD USERS/PEDESTRIANS	21
04C - PARKING A VEHICLE IN A TAXI BAY	10
04E - OBSTRUCTING AN ENTRANCE	8
9C - VEHICLE OUTSIDE BAY	7

### Kellystown Burial Ground

A Letter of Acceptance for the development of the Cemetery was issued in late October. The contractor is currently reviewing requirements for the development. FCC expect contractor to commence mobilisation to the site in new year and construction works on site are expected to take 12 months to complete before the operation of the cemetery can commence. This development will provide approx. 650 grave plots, structures for the storage of ashes including columbarium walls and memorial plots, a small services building, a carpark and extensive site infrastructure and landscaping.



**Traffic Operations County-Wide**

**Balbriggan/Swords Area**

➤ **New Road Markings**



Swords – R106 Malahide Road- Yellow Box markings to aid traffic flow at Mountgorry Wood

➤ **Traffic Calming**



Swords – R106 Malahide Road – Two New VAS Signs at Pavillions Shopping Centre reminding motorists to stay within the speed limit.

➤ **Balbriggan/Swords Area**



R122, Oldtown- Vehicle Activated Signage



Baltrasna, Skerries- Vehicle Activated Signage



Man O'War- Vehicle Activated Signage





Ballymadun - Vehicle Activated Signage

### Castleknock/Mulhuddart

#### ➤ Christmas Signs

The Traffic Section deployed numerous Variable Message Signs (VMS) on the outskirts of the Blanchardstown Centre to advise motorists of alternative exit routes away from the centre. The VMS should assist traffic congestion around the centre over the Christmas period.



#### ➤ Traffic Calming Castleknock/Mulhuddart



Newly installed modular island on Diswellstown Road

#### ➤ Road Markings Castleknock/Mulhuddart



Road Markings Carried out in Manorfield View and Westmanstown Road



### Howth Malahide Traffic Works

Recutting of Traffic signal sensor loops following road surfacing works at Chapel Road/Malahide Road junction.



### Fleet Management & Plant Hire Unit

93 Plant Hires were put in place from 25/11/2024 to 06/12/2024, engaging 21 suppliers.

4 Fully Electric 3.5 Tonne tipper trucks purchased for Operations Department



### Public Lighting

The Public Lighting Programme of Works 2024 is ongoing.

POW Works jobs Completed to date:

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

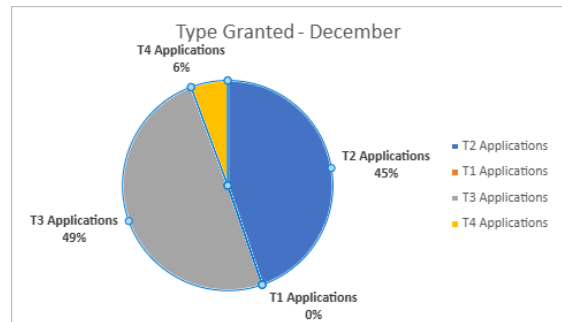
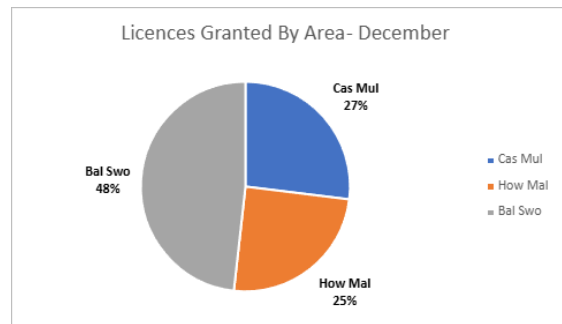
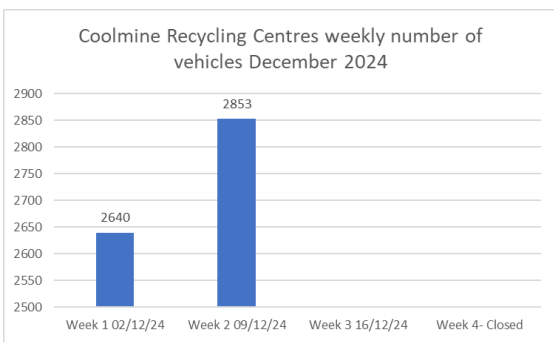
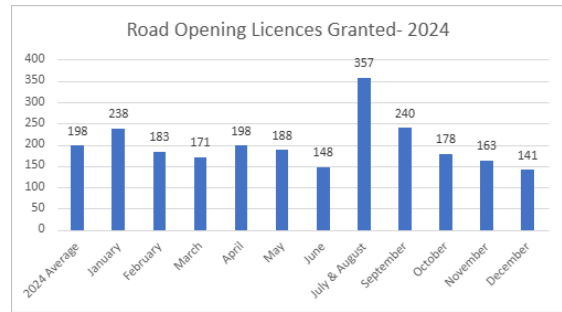
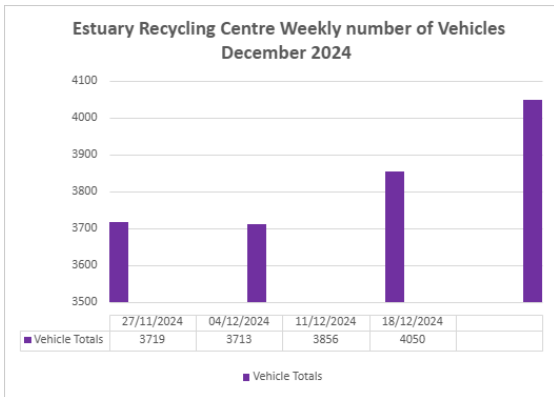
POW Works in Progress/Ongoing (works complete, awaiting ESB connections):

- Drumnigh Road Portmarnock;
- Red Square Portrane

### Recycling Centres Update

Provision was made in the 2025 Revenue Budget for Increases in charges which will be commence on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025.

Information on the increased charges was brought for to each Area Committee for their information. Additional income is required to meet the ongoing deficit and to cover staffing, minor contracts, security and extension of opening hours at Coolmine.



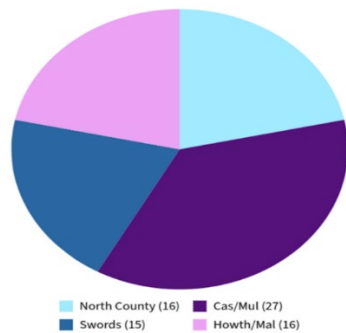
## Licenses

### - 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.

**141 Licences** were granted in the month of December, **55% of which were granted by way of automation.** Clerk of Works in each area continue to carry out regular inspections following road opening works by Utilities.

### Pitch Playability Applications 2024/25



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



We have received a total of €62,570 as of the 18<sup>th</sup> of December in Grass Pitch Allocation Fees for the 2024/2025 playing season.

### **Casual Trading License**

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

4 more additional applications are currently being processed. Refunds have been issued to three 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.

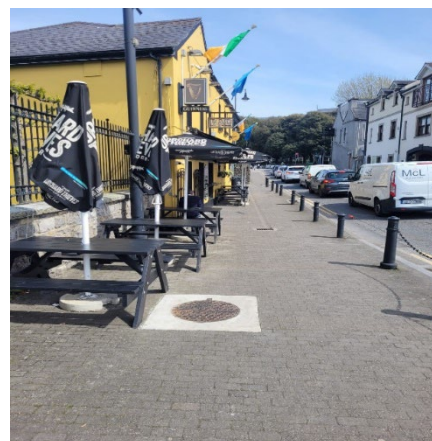
### **- Street Furniture Licences & remaining Parklets**

A total of 42 Street Furniture Licences have been issued in 2024.

The Operations Department continue to engage with businesses to ensure compliance from Street Furniture Licence holders. A total of 26 Street Furniture Inspections have been carried out to date in 2024.

All Businesses with Street Furniture Licences have been contacted and asked to apply for the licence for 2025, these applications are currently being processed.

There are several temporary parklets which facilitated outdoor dining during Covid. All businesses are being contacted and informed that all temporary parklets will be removed after 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024.



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.

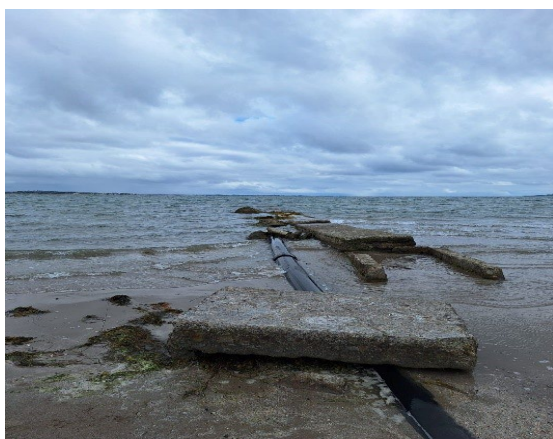
#### **➤ Howth Stormwater Culvert**

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 a draft detailed design has been issued for WPB.

#### **➤ Burrow Beach**

The proposed remediation of the surface water outfall pipe has gone through all stages of design

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



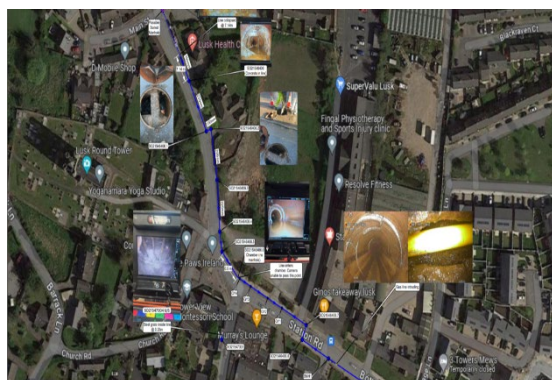
**- Ballyboughal Main St Storm water Extension**

Phase 1 of this project was completed in 2021. Discussions were ongoing with landowners to complete phase 2. Unfortunately, it was not possible to reach an agreement with all the impacted landowners and other options are now being pursued. GPR and utility surveys and Slit trenches were completed to prove a new route for the pipeline.

Design is complete, materials have been procured and work scheduled to start in late November. Phase 2 will consist of 200m of pipework with associated manholes and road gullies.

**- Lusk Network Remedial Works**

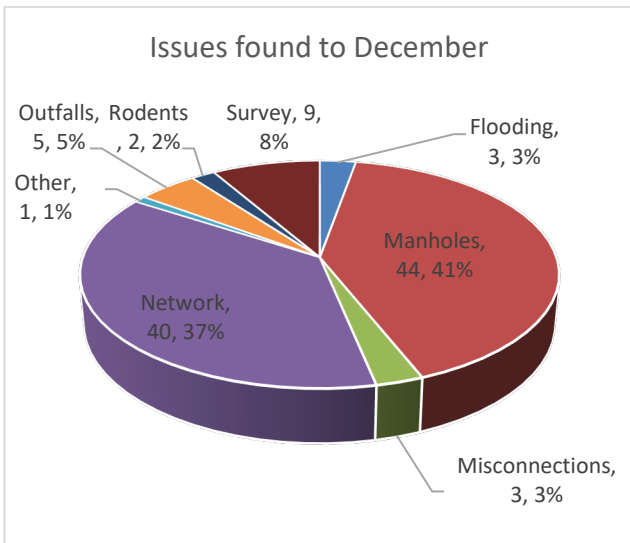
The above project consists of Stormwater infrastructure provision and improvement in the Lusk urban area. It includes second level/follow up investigation, surveys, non-invasive interventions, jetting, root removal, pipe lining, replacement and new lay – using conventional cut and cover. Direct Labour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



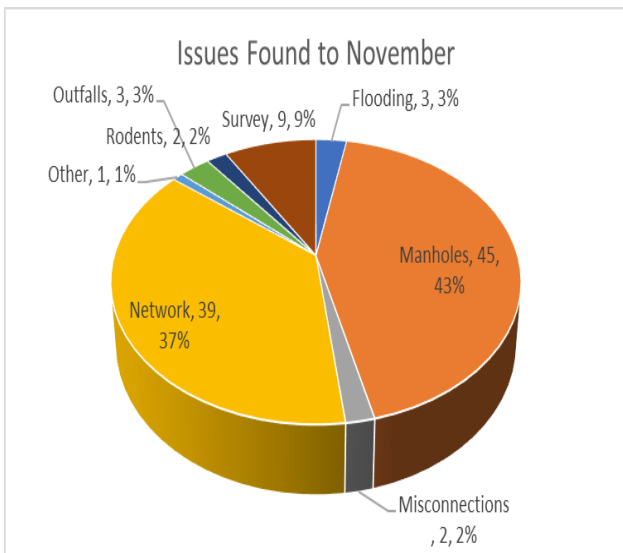
**- Storm Water Maintenance**

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





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



A Contractor has also been procured to assist our colleagues in the Operations Department with network surveys in **Brackenstown Park** for an upcoming project.

### 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.

### - Storm Water Connections:

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

### ➤ Networks

#### Swords

Following historical reports of blockages and overground flooding in Rivalley, Swords, a Contractor was engaged and has completed 85% of a programme of CCTV survey and mapping works in the Hilltown, Forrest Avenue, Rathingle Rd, Cherry Garth and Rivalley Lawns estates. This will be complete in early January.





### 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. These works were completed in December and the line is now free flowing.



### Sutton Creek

Following recent bad weather, the protection Armour around a number of outfalls at Sutton Creek was damaged. Remedial works were carried in December to replace the Armour and Silt that had been washed away.

A Contractor has been engaged to clean, and jet wash a swale at the rear of two of these out falls. Works are planned for late December.

### Dublin 15

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

### ➤ Assets

#### Ironworks

The Stormwater manhole cover and frame replacement programme for replacing assets at the end of life is ongoing. A contractor has been engaged to replace covers in Swords and Newhaven in Balbriggan.

#### Underground Stormwater storage Assets

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



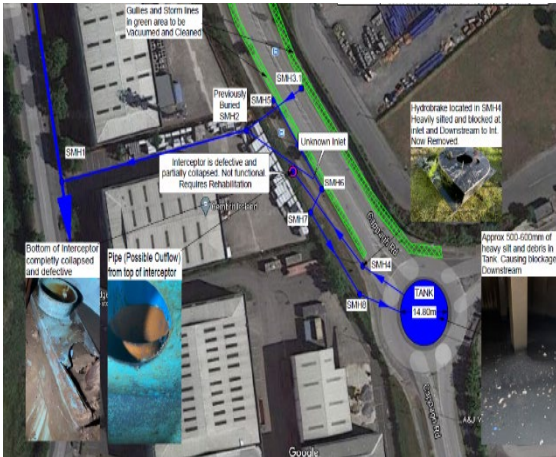
A sharefile location has been created and shared with some of the main suppliers and installers of attenuation systems. This should assist with the capture and recording of existing assets and inform a future maintenance schedule.

#### Cappagh/N2/N3 Link Road SUDS

An example of the above along the N2/N3 link road was visited and inspected. In order to ascertain the condition of these assets and the local catchment additional surveys are required. A contractor will



undertake surveys and cleaning of two tanks in early 2025 to help determine future maintenance costs and challenges for SUDs devices of this type.



➤ **Water Quality**

**Lambourne Road**

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



## PLANNING AND STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE (PSI)

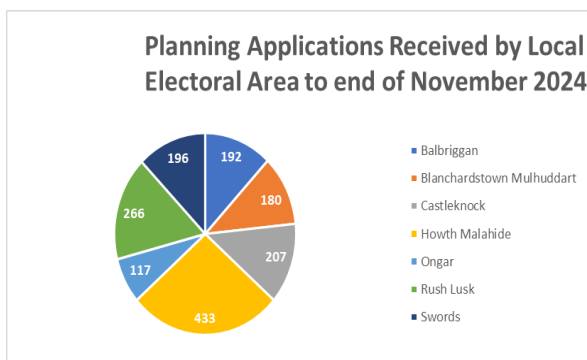
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### Planning Applications

There have been 1591 planning applications received from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024 to 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024. This is including 663 E applications via the LGMA portal. 140 applications were invalid leaving a total of 1451 valid applications. The volume of applications received by Local Electoral Area (LEA) are detailed in the table below.

From 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024 to 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024 there have been 12 Large-scale Residential Development (LRD) applications made to the Local Authority. From 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024 to 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024, 18 decisions have been made on Large Scale Residential Developments. Of these 18 decisions made, 10 have been to grant Permission and/or to grant amendments to existing applications, 4 decisions have been made to refuse permission and 4 requests for Further Information has been made.

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



### Planning Decisions

A total of 1298 planning decisions have been issued from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024 to 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024. There have been 952 decisions to grant permission and 203 refusals of permission.

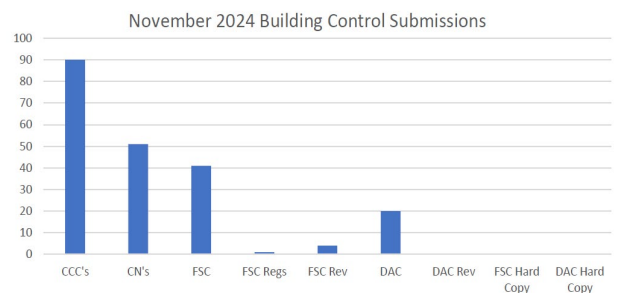
### Building Control Admin

In November 2024, there were 207 building control submissions made via BCMS.

This was made up of 51 Commencement notices, 90 Compliance of Completion Certificates, 46 Fire Safety related Certificates and 20 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 281 decisions in November 2024 relating to Fire Safety and Disability Access Certificates. This was made up of 68 decisions to grant and 213 extensions of time.



### Strategic Policy Unit

#### Local Area Plans, Masterplans and Framework Plans

The first round of Plans emanating from the Fingal Development Plan comprises the Swords and Flemington LAP's; the Dunsink Statutory Plan; Kilbarrack Industrial Estate and the Old School



House Clonsilla Masterplans and the Stephenstown, Folkstown Little and Clonsilla Framework Plans.

The Flemington LAP was adopted by the Elected Members of Fingal County Council on the 9<sup>th</sup> of December 2024.

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

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

#### Residential Zoned Land Tax

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

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

The annual final map of land in scope for RZLT will be published on the 31<sup>st</sup> of January 2025. The annual draft map for 2026 will be published on the 1<sup>st</sup> of February 2025.

#### **Built Environment Division**

There were 6 estates taken in charge in December 2024

1. Portmarnock South Phase 1A (Saint Marnocks Bay), Station Road, Portmarnock.
2. Thormanby Hill, Thormanby Road, Howth.
3. Oak Park, Kinsealy Lane, Kinsealy.
4. Ongar Village, Dublin 15,
5. Bellingsmore Estate, Tyrrelstown, Dublin 15.
6. Heathfield Estate, The Ward, Dublin 15.

There were also 8 estates/roads built by the Council taken in maintenance in December 2023.

1. Kilsough Gardens Balbriggan.
2. Pinewood Heath Balbriggan.
3. Racecourse common Lusk.
4. St. Cronans Green Swords.
5. Rolestown Estate Rolestown.
6. Ladyswell Road.
7. Cappaghfinn Phase 1.
8. Hole in the wall road.

This means that there was a total of 27 estates taken in charge and 8 estates taken in maintenance in 2024.

#### **Pictures**

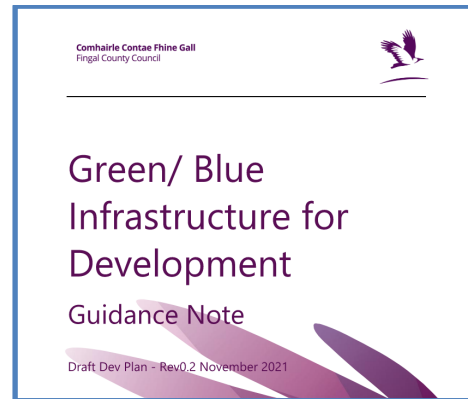


Checking external insulation on an apartment building in Finglas.



Checking window detail in a house in Rush.

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



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

#### Incorporating Sustainable Drainage Systems in Residential Developments



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



### **Domestic SuDS Guide**

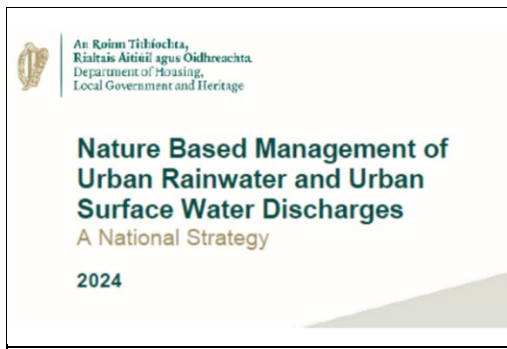
McCloys Consulting Engineers have been appointed to produce a Domestic SuDS Guide for FCC. This was completed in Q3 2024.

### **Green Blue Roofs Guidance Document**

McCloys Consulting Engineers have been appointed to produce a Green Blue Roofs Guidance Document for FCC. This was awarded in Q3 2024.

### **National Guidance**

The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage has issued "Nature Based Management of Urban Rainwater and Urban Surface Water Discharges a National Strategy" in May 2024.



### **Transportation Planning**

#### **PSI 001 Snugborough Interchange upgrade**

The contractor is continuing to carry out snagging at the interchange. It is expected that the active travel route into Waterville Park will open in Q1 2025.

#### **PSI 002 Ongar Barnhill Road**

Bam Civil Ltd. constructed most of the new bridge over the railway line during 2024. Road surfacing will continue during Q1 along the length of the scheme. Installation of ducting, watermains, sub-base, kerbs and footpaths will also continue during Q1. At Barnwell roundabout wearing course surfacing was completed in December. It is intended that traffic will be diverted onto some of the new Barberstown Lane South in Q1 2025 following surfacing works.

There will be temporary traffic management on the R149 in Q1 at the junction with Barberstown Lane South while the new junction is being formed. The overall scheme is expected to be completed in Q2 2025. Updates for the scheme will be posted on [www.fingal.ie/ongar-barnhill](http://www.fingal.ie/ongar-barnhill)



#### **PSI-039 – R132 Connectivity Project**

##### **Project summary**

Consultation with the National Transport Authority (NTA) and with Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII), regarding the connection with Metro Link is ongoing with monthly coordination/progress meetings. Detailed design stage is currently underway with information results received from all the surveys recently undertaken to make evidence based informed decisions on the design and this is progressing as programmed.

Meetings continue to be held with the various department of Fingal County Council together.



### **CCTV Drainage**

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

### **GI Works**

The GPR, FWD pavement survey and Geo Spatial survey have completed all paths and off-road survey work. GI's intrusive works have completed the works in October with 38 excavations carried out. The lab results are in progress and are expected in mid-December. These survey Investigations will inform underground utilities, making the detailed design process more accurate, as well as reducing risks at the construction stage. The design team is reviewing the survey results, and no substantial changes have been necessary so far.

### **SAQ Stage 1 for the construction stage**

The documentation (Suitability Assessment Questionnaire) for the stage 1 of the procurement process for the construction phase was published on eTenders and stayed in the market until 10/10/2024. All the clarifications received were all responded by the project team.

The closing date for submissions has now passed and a total of 8 submission tenders were received. The project team has been assessing these 8 tender responses in November and held a final meeting on 27/11 in order to select the tenders for the second stage of the procurement process. Following this meeting the tender assessment report was drafted and approved in December. The CE Order will be drafted in January 2025 and successful and unsuccessful letters will be issued.

### **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. 96% completed which consists of 3km fully segregated Pedestrian and Cyclist Route connecting 6 schools in Balbriggan.







Works continue at the landscaped civic space adjoining the Dublin Road Roundabout with construction of the stone walls approximately 90% complete.

The trees have been installed in the tree pits provided throughout the scheme. Works for the upgrade of the footpaths in Millpond Park are progressing and is 95% complete.

The road resurfacing works have been completed on the Dublin Road Roundabout.

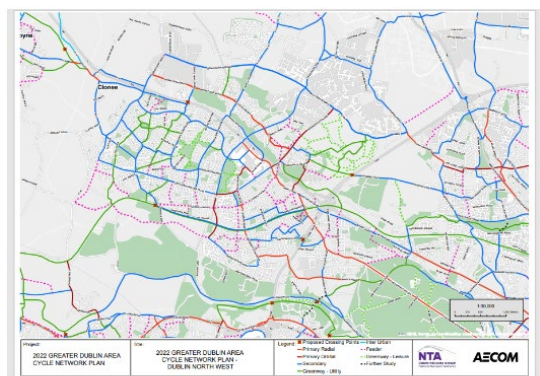


The works for the new cycle path and footpath on the approach to Drogheda Street are progressing and works on the junction of Harry Reynolds Road and Drogheda Street continue. The road resurfacing and the blacktop for the cycle path on the approach to the junction have been completed.

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

### Consultancy Framework for Dublin 15 Walking and Cycling Projects

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



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

RPS Engineers Consulting Ltd was appointed Fingal County Council Consultants for the Framework for Dublin 15 Walking and Cycling Projects.

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

### **PSI 063 – Pedestrian and Cycling Bridge at Granard Bridge Castleknock**

The first contract as part of this framework will be to undertake phases 2 to 4 for a new Pedestrian and Cycling Bridge at Granard Bridge Castleknock Road which will cross the Dublin Maynooth railway and Royal Canal, adjacent to the existing road bridges over the canal and railway, with access for pedestrians and cyclists only. This will form an integral part of the walking and cycling route for Blanchardstown to Phoenix Park which is a proposed route in the NTA's Greater Dublin Area Cycle Network Plan. This will also improve pedestrian and cycle safety at Granard Bridge and further promote the use of more sustainable travel patterns, in line with Government Policy and the cycle network plan for the greater Dublin area.

Monthly meetings with Fingal County Council and Consultants RPS are taking place to progress the project, such as route options and possible constraints as shown by some photos below



**View of the Granard Bridge towards Castleknock**



**View of the Granard Bridge and the existing underpass**

The outline project programme for this project will be developed by the design team with the Concept Development and Options Selection phase 2 beginning first. Then moving onto phase 3 preliminary design before to phase 4 the statutory processes to obtain planning for the project. Throughout these phases there will be the requirement for regular consultation with all stakeholders including public representatives.

For January a meeting with key stakeholders Irish Rail Dart+ West Team to discuss both projects and align both projects.

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

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

[Pedestrian & Cycling Bridge at Granard Bridge, Castleknock Road, Dublin 15 | Fingal County Council](#)



### PSI -036 Clonsilla-Damastown Cycle Route

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

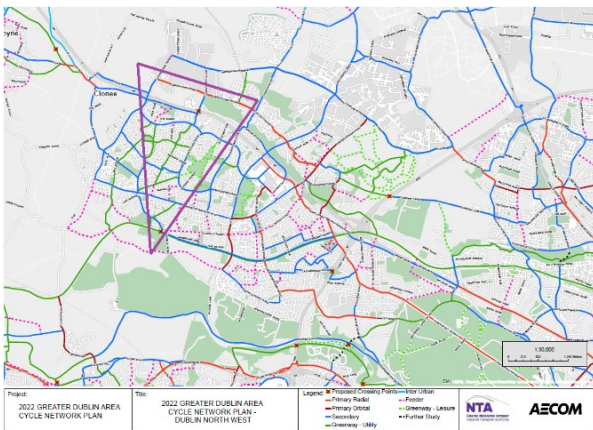


Figure 1 - Cycle Network Plan for The Greater Dublin Area - Clonsilla to Damastown area highlighted in purple

### PSI - 004 Royal Canal Urban Greenway

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

Following completion of the preliminary design, all the required documents including the Environmental Impact Assessment Report will be

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

### PSI - 065 Seamount Road Footpath Connectivity Project

Seamount Road Footpath Connectivity Project will provide for improved accessibility for all road users, in particular pedestrian users as there were no pedestrian footpaths along the eastern end of Seamount Road on the approach to the new development's entrance.

The route forms one of the local health walks (Sli Na Slainte) in the area tying into the coastal walk between Malahide and Portmarnock. The route also connects to the park lands at Robswall and Paddy's Hill. This public walk further increased the pedestrian movements along Seamount Road and through the development lands with direct link to and from the only local secondary school, Malahide Community School (MCS) - reducing a 4km route by bike or car to a c. 1.5km walk/cycle while simultaneously promoting active travel as a preferable way of getting to and from school and helping to reduce traffic volumes through the centre of the town.

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

The Tender for consultants' services to undertake phases 2 to 4 for this project was issued in Mid-December with closing date for submission for mid Jan 2025. Once the

submission has been received assessment will begin in late Jan/Early Feb 2025.



### 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. The general arrangements drawings will be sent into the NTA for discussion and the preliminary design will be frozen in Q1 2025.

Ground Investigation Works have been complete with final reinstatements to be scheduled early in 2025. Design for structures along the route is progressing using the findings from the Ground Investigations.

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

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

Draft documents are being prepared for the submission to An Bord Pleanála.



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

### Swords Cultural Quarter Public Realm

The new proposed Public Realm is a key feature of the overall Swords Cultural Project. The pedestrian priority public spaces framed between the Castle, the SCC Building and Fingal offices (County Hall) will serve as a civic amenity space providing a place for festivals, events, markets as well as an everyday meeting place for the local community.



Above- visualisation of the Part 8 proposals for the SCQ public realm layout at North Street

The Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department has procured a Multi-Disciplinary Consultancy team for the detailed design and construction supervision of the public realm at Swords Cultural Quarter. The commencement meeting was held on the 5<sup>th</sup> of December 2024 where the consultant presented the consultant project team was introduced and a risk register was established. The consultants are now progressing with the detailed design phase for the Swords Cultural Quarter Public Realm.



### **Swords Main Street Transformation**

Swords Main Street is a key recommendation from the Sustainable Swords Strategy. The project aims to enhance and transform Main Street, the heart of Swords into a destination, which encourages people to stay longer and enables a more attractive, people-friendly, diverse, and enjoyable town centre experience for local residents, businesses and visitors alike. At its core, this ambitious transformation seeks to reimagine Main Street as a hub of urban activity, with distinctive character and vitality while fostering a sense of community and connectivity through the provision of high-quality public realm to enhance the human experience of the place.

The Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department has commenced the procurement process for a Multi-Disciplinary Consultancy team for the Option Selection, Preliminary Design and preparation of the application for Planning Consent for Swords Main Street Transformation Project. Tender submissions have been received and following evaluation of the tender submission, the letter of acceptance will be issued.

### **Kinsealy Walking and Cycling Routes**

The Kinsealy Walking and Cycling scheme aims to provide a high-quality walking and cycling routes between Kinsealy and Portmarnock train station, and between Kinsealy and Malahide Castle and gardens. These two walking and cycling routes will form a link from Kinsealy to sustainable transport at Portmarnock and Malahide train stations.

A non-statutory public consultation is underway for the Kinsealy to Portmarnock route and closes on 10 January 2025. The aim is to progress from the Emerging Preferred Route stage to the Preferred Route stage and the ensuing statutory process required to deliver this part of the project. The Malahide to Kinsealy section of the project will be brought forward as phase 2 of the project at a later date.



Artist visual of the greenway from Kinsealy to Portmarnock



Artist visual of the proposed upgrades to Station Road

### **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, Eirgrid, TFI and Dublin Bus continues to ensure coordination of the proposed scheme with existing infrastructure and utilities.

### **Broadmeadow Way Greenway**

Construction of the main estuary bridge is complete. Security fencing has been installed along the Southern Causeway.

Various ecological surveys are ongoing. Progress on the detailed design phases of the other elements of this project continue. The tender period for the SAQ to establish a framework for works contractors for the various landward works contracts is complete and evaluation to take place in January 2025. Works contracts in Donabate,

Malahide and the northern and southern causeway will take place in 2025 and 2026. It is expected that the landward elements of the Broadmeadow Way in Donabate i.e. from Newbridge Demesne, through Kilcrea lands to the east side of Corballis railway underpass will be open for use once that works package is complete. It is expected that the full greenway will be complete in 2026.



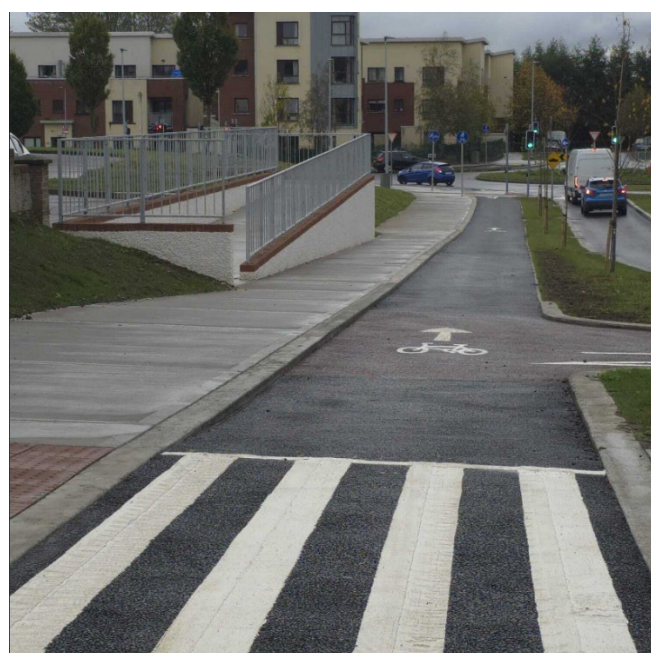
*New estuary bridge and ramps looking northwards towards Donabate*



*New estuary bridge and ramps looking southwards towards Malahide.*

### **Church Fields Link Road**

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



*Southbound segregated cycle track and new ramp on Wellview Road*

### **Portrane Road, Donabate**

The Portrane Road Enhancement Project involves works to widen the existing narrow footpath on the northern side of the road in order to provide a suitably wide and safe footpath for pedestrians to use in the vicinity of two national schools (St. Patrick's Boys National School and Scoil Phádraic Cailíni). The project also involves works to provide safe pedestrian crossings and appropriate traffic calming facilities. An Bord Pleanála recently approved the Council's application for a Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) for the project so that the Council can acquire third party lands necessary to widen the path and deliver this much



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

### Donabate Pedestrian and Cycle Bridge

Work is progressing well on site. Piling has been installed to allow for construction of abutments on either side of the railway. These abutments will take the weight of the bridge beams when they are installed under night-time railway possession after the Christmas break. Kalwall parapets will be installed thereafter. Following ancillary works such as drainage, public lighting etc., it is expected that works on the bridge will be completed in March 2025.



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

### Donabate Transport Projects

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

The projects include:

- Phase 2 of the Donabate Distributor Road project, to improve access to Donabate and Portrane from the M1-Lissenhall Interchange for all road users,

particularly vulnerable road users such as pedestrians and cyclists;

- Blakes Cross Junction Upgrade, to provide a safer junction layout that caters for both motorised traffic and active travel modes of transport such as walking and cycling;
- A study of the M1-Lissenhall Interchange, in collaboration with Transport Infrastructure Ireland, to assess all technical and operational traffic issues associated with this strategic motorway junction;
- 7no. Active Travel Routes which encompass a number of related local projects which aim to increase local connectivity for pedestrians and cyclists.

Data-gathering and concept development stages of the Donabate Transport Projects continue and include topographical and ecological surveys of relevant areas of Donabate. Fingal County Council, working in collaboration with Transport Infrastructure Ireland, has completed a traffic study of the M1-Lissenhall Interchange. Separately, a number of potential options have been identified for both Phase 2 of the Donabate Distributor Road and the Blakes Cross Junction Upgrade. These options are currently being assessed using multi criteria analysis to determine the preferred route alignment and the preferred junction layout. Further stages of work, relating to environmental assessment, planning consent, etc. will follow on in 2025 and in subsequent years, as appropriate.

### PSI-019 N3 M50 to Clonee

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

being considered and when an emerging route option has been developed a public engagement will be carried out. This is likely to be in Q2 2025.

### **PSI-068 Portmarnock Pedestrian & Cycle Bridge**

Improvement works to existing overpass railway bridge OBB21 will facilitate a safe and direct active travel route from Drumnigh Manor to Portmarnock Train Station and beyond via a new linear park which runs north-south, parallel to the railway track within the Saint Marnock's Bay Development.

The detailed design for the bridge has been issued to Irish Rail's Technical Approval team for their review. This will feed into the required Bridge Agreement. Discussions are ongoing with the developers on either side of the bridge to advance the required access agreements. Once the agreements/licenses are finalised, construction will follow.





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### Affordable Home Purchase Scheme & Cost Rental



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

#### Units Delivered

Scheme Type	2022	2023	2024	Total
⊕ Affordable Purchase	23	111	52	<b>186</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>186</b>

#### Units Projected Delivery

Scheme Type	2024	2025	2026	Total
⊕ Affordable Purchase	<b>143</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>631</b>
⊕ Cost Rental		<b>80</b>		<b>80</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>711</b>

**Please note the end of year figures for 2024 are still to be verified.**

### Information Events to support purchasers

Following on from recent information evenings, a further information session will be held by the Affordable Housing Team on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2025. Further information will follow.

### Scheme Updates since last month:

#### Church Fields, Dublin 15 – ON SALE

GEM Construction is progressing the **290** affordable properties at Church Fields, Dublin 15. The Show Village recently opened and potential purchasers have been invited to visit. Some 90 of these homes are now sale agreed. Assessments are still ongoing. **The portal remains open for new applications.**

#### Aster Park, Rush – ON SALE

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

#### Balmoston, Ballymastone, Donabate - PORTAL CLOSED

Glenveagh are progressing well on site, with the first 45 properties now sale agreed. Due to the scheme being heavily oversubscribed, it is now closed to new applications. **The next phase will be advertised in Q1 2025**

#### North County Homes – CLOSED

All 16 North County Homes have all Closed

## Social Housing Delivery

### Acquisition Programme 2022 - 2026

#### LA Units Delivered

Units Delivered	2022	2023	2024	Total
AHB CALF Acquisition		6	2	<b>8</b>
CAS Acquisitions	7	169	15	<b>191</b>
LA Acquisitions	74	58	125	<b>257</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>456</b>

#### LA Units Projected For Delivery

Units Projected	2024	2025	Total
AHB CALF Acquisition	1		<b>1</b>
CAS Acquisitions	3		<b>3</b>
LA Acquisitions	4	23	<b>27</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>31</b>

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### Construction Programme

Summary of delivery of social unit numbers in the pipeline	Units
Under Construction	583
Schemes with Planning Approval and Tender Stage	44
Planning and Design	376
Part V	776
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,779</b>

#### Units Delivered

Units Delivered	2022	2023	2024	Total
Build	361	386	360	<b>1,107</b>
Leasing	140	74	63	<b>277</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>501</b>	<b>460</b>	<b>423</b>	<b>1,384</b>

#### Units Projected For Delivery

Units Projected	2024	2025	2026	Total
Build	30	803	1,201	<b>2,034</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>803</b>	<b>1,201</b>	<b>2,034</b>

**Please note the end of year figures for 2024 are still to be verified.**

**Scheme Update since last month** (Further detailed information available in Appendix 4)

### Recently Completed

**4 Social Turnkey & 9 Part V homes delivered in Balleally Rise, Lusk, Co. Dublin.**



**9 Homes delivered by Respond in collaboration with Fingal in Mariners Way, Rush, Co. Dublin.**



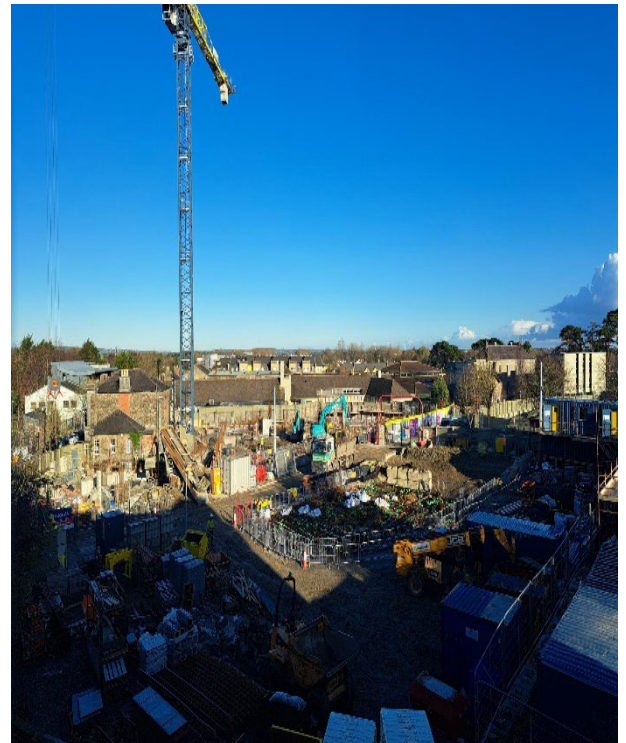




### **Schemes on Site**

#### **Ballough Place, Lusk - 10 dwellings**

Works are progressing on site for the delivery of 10 social homes and artist studio. This will soon be delivered.



#### **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.



#### **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.

**Church Fields 3A, Dublin 15**

These 40 units are being developed as part of a mixed tenure scheme of 300 social, affordable and cost rental homes.



**Church Fields 3B, Dublin 15**

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



**Balmoston, Ballymastone, Donabate**

The first homes on this scheme were delivered in Q4 2024.



**Housing Asset Management Report**

**Energy Efficiency/Retrofitting Programme**

Fingal County Council carried out energy efficiency upgrade works on **127** properties in 2024, exceeding our allocation by **29** units. Planning is underway for the 2025 programme, with the list of potential properties to be confirmed.



*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	23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec 2024
In the letting process	51
Undergoing re-let repairs / in tender process	62
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>110</b>

**Planned Maintenance Programmes**

The planned maintenance programme provides for external painting and joinery repairs to Council housing stock, Boiler Replacements and Smoke and heat detector replacements.



Programme	Completed 2024
Scheme Painting	1022 homes
Boiler Replacements	87
Smoke & Heat Detectors	150



*Scheme Painting 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 286 new tenancies in 2024 to date with approximately 4213 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](mailto:hap@fingal.ie).

### Rents

Fingal County Council are in the process of implementing an improvement plan for rent collection and arrears management. All Rent Arrears Accounts will receive a communication letter and arrears statement by the end of January 2025.

The Rents team will continue to encourage any tenant who is having trouble paying their rent to

engage with the Council to examine possible solutions and offer support to ensure that arrears do not continue to escalate.

However, there are instances where tenants do not engage or make alternative payment arrangements, and, in those situations, the Council will take further action.

The Rent Arrears Team issued 182 Tenancy Warning Letters in 2024. 114 Solicitor Demand Letters issued also. 12 possession order cases are listed for court hearing in Q1 2025 and a further 16 to be lodged with Courts for hearing date in 2025.

2431 household rent assessments were carried out in 2024.

### Housing Loans

- Local Authority Home Loan (LAHL)

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

#### **2024 Home Loans Activity**

<b>LAHL Applications received:</b>	<b>224</b>
<b>Approval in Principal issued:</b>	<b>76</b>
<b>Value of AIP:</b>	<b>15.4m</b>
<b>Number of Loan Drawdowns:</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>Value of Loan Drawdowns:</b>	<b>8.1m</b>
<b>Cumulative Loan Book Value (LBV):</b>	<b>136.6m</b>

The Home Loans Team will continue to promote the LAHL Scheme with attendance at future Housing Events.

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

Further information on the LAPRL & the eligibility criteria can be found at [www.purchaseandrenovationloan.ie](http://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. The Mortgage Support team continued to engage with borrowers in arrears on a regular basis this year. This engagement has resulted in the cumulative Loan Arrears figure decreasing from 2.13m at the start of 2024 to 1.95m as at 20/12/2024. 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](mailto: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](mailto:tenantpurchase@fingal.ie)

## **Private Rented Inspections**

For 2024, following the rollout of annual registration by the RTB and a project to streamline registrations, the target for 2024 was set at 4711 equating to a quarter of the 18,800 registered tenancies within Fingal. The team successfully reached the target on the 1st of December 2024.

5734 First and Follow up Inspections took place across the year with 4983 Dwellings included. 22% of properties were brought into compliance in 2024.

The first batch of letters were sent in December in preparation for the January 2025 inspections. The 2025 target will be sent by the DHLGH in the first quarter of 2024 and will inform the Inspections program for the year.

## **Housing Tenancy Services Report**

### **Housing Support**

Housing List positions for 2024 were issued on 17<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:Choicebasedlettings@fingal.ie) to request their unique username and password.

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

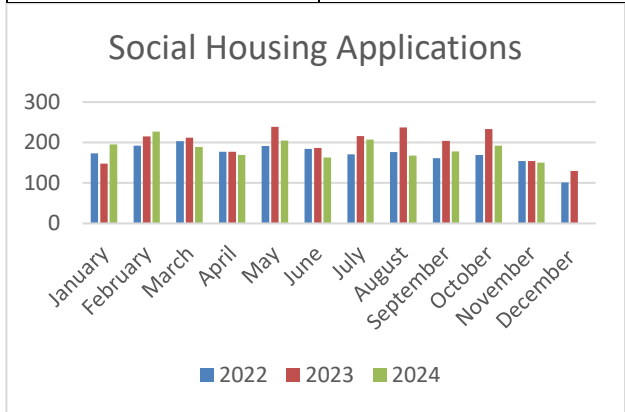
### **Changes to Income Eligibility Thresholds**

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 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023.



**Housing applications received year to date.**

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



**Housing Support Appeals**

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

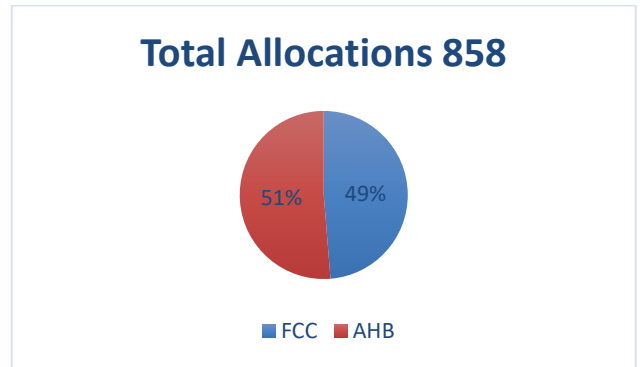
An email address has been established to facilitate the submission of appeals about housing support applications by applicants e.g., closure of social housing applications, transfer of tenancy, income limit queries, medical priority, and transfer applications. Applicants can email – [Housing.Appeals@fingal.ie](mailto:Housing.Appeals@fingal.ie).

**Housing Needs Assessment**

In accordance with Circular 22/2024 as released on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2024, the Summary of Social Housing Assessment (SSHA) was returned to the Department of Housing Local Government and Heritage on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2024.

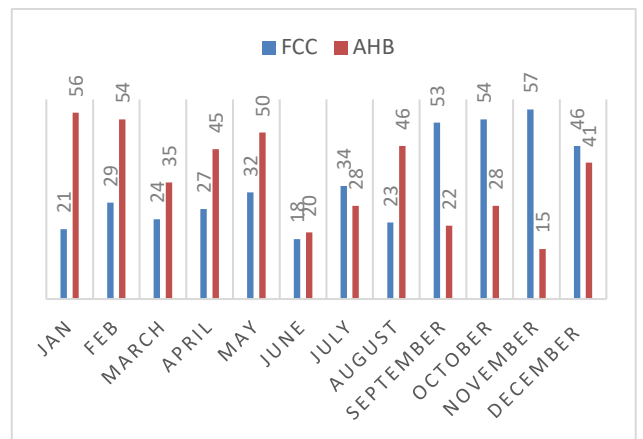
Letters were issued to all applicants required to complete the SSHA. The closing date for assessments to be returned was 18<sup>th</sup> October 2024.

**Lettings**



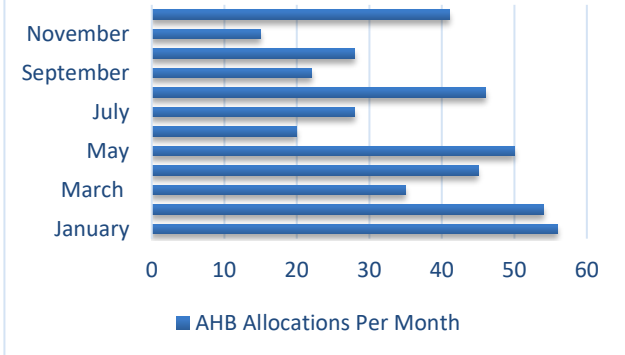
The above chart depicts the total number of properties allocated since the beginning of 2024.

The chart below shows the breakdown of allocations per month.



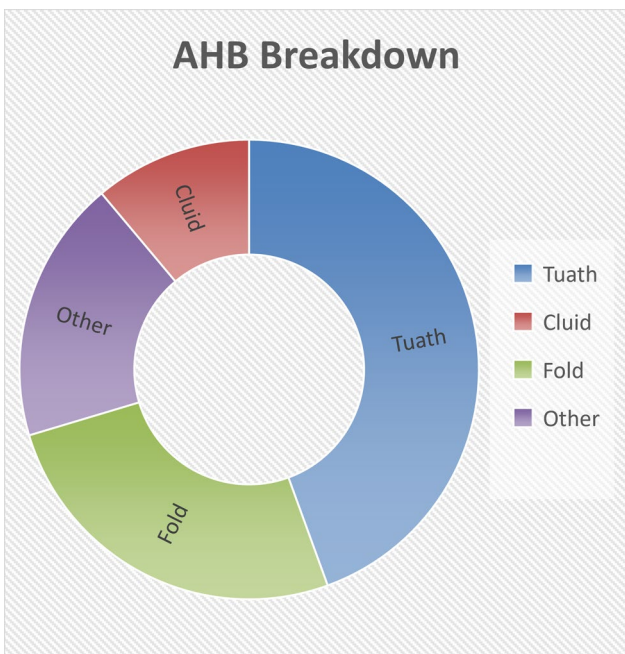
**440** of the **858** allocations have been in collaboration with several Approved Housing bodies. The other **418** properties were allocated using Fingal County Councils own stock.

## AHB Allocations Per Month



■ AHB Allocations Per Month

## AHB Breakdown



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

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

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

## Choice Based Letting's Advertised Properties in December



Internal image of advertised property at Red Arches, Baldoyle, Dublin 13

Advertisement Period	Property	Bed	Type	Number of Views	Expressions of interest
4 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Wellview Green, Mulhuddart, Dublin 15	3	House	769	83
4 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Sheephill Avenue, Blanchardstown Dublin 15	3	House	757	74
11 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Red Arches, Baldoyle, Dublin 13	2	Apt	1129	184
			<b>Total</b>	2655	341

Applicants who do not have access to this portal should contact [Choicebasedlettings@fingal.ie](mailto:Choicebasedlettings@fingal.ie) to request their unique username and password.

## Homeless Services.

### Homeless Exits 2024

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

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



Type of Exit	HHAP Tenancy	Allocation of Tenancy	Total
EA	5	6	11
Homeless Prevention	11	9	20
Total	16	15	31

There was a total of 20 homeless prevention cases and 11 who exited emergency accommodation comprising:

9 allocations of social housing support to homeless prevention cases, 6 exited emergency accommodation and 5 from Homeless HAP Tenancies.

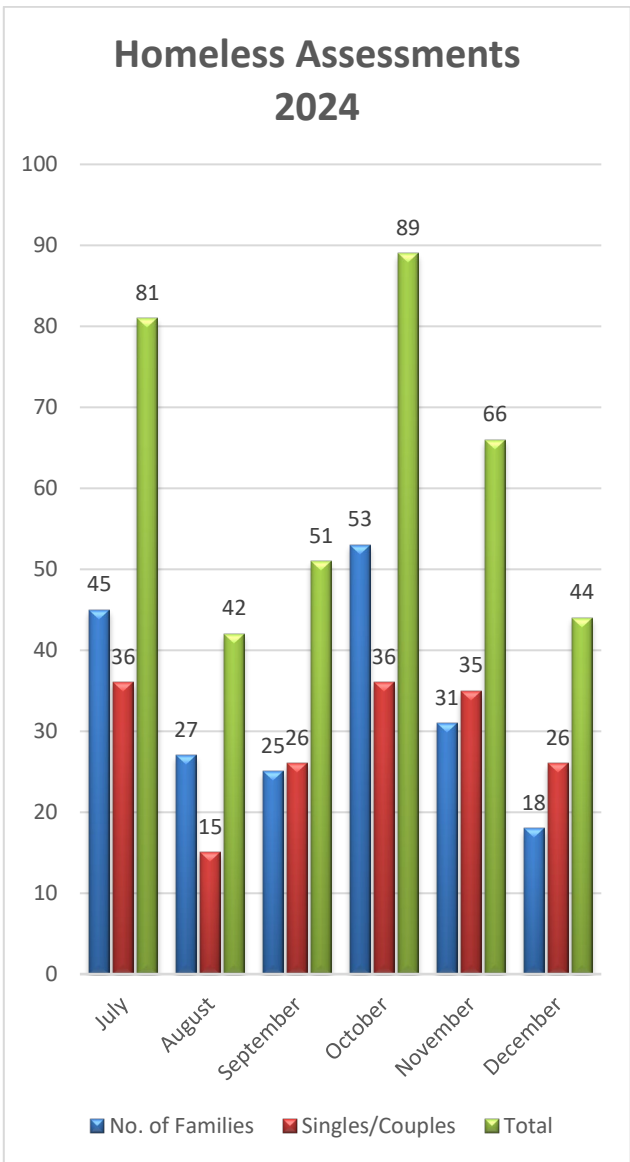
15 Homeless HAP tenancies, comprising 11 homeless preventions and 5 who exited emergency accommodation and 0 from Direct Provision.

**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.

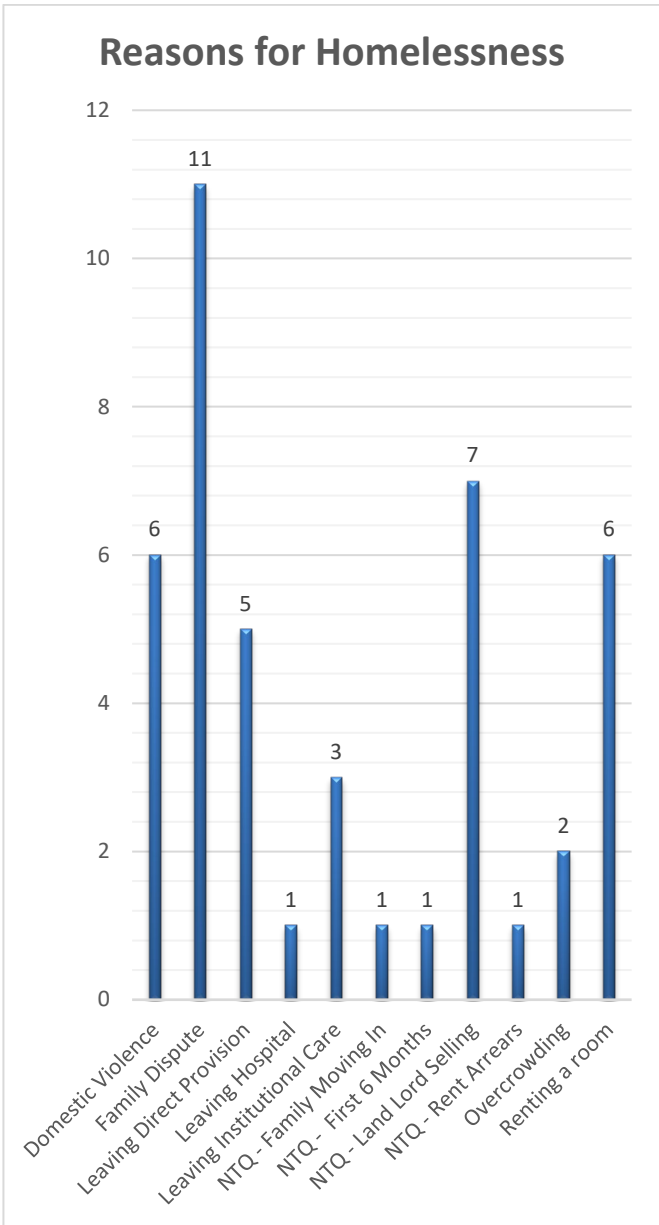
In December 2024, there were a total of 44 full homeless assessments completed – comprising 18 families and 26 singles/couples.

To date in 2024 there have been a total of 627 full homeless assessments completed.



During December 2024, of the 66 Homeless Assessments carried out, 25% of cases result from family/relationship breakdown and 23% cases resulted from a Notice to Quit (NTQ) having been served.

Most of the other presentations to the Homeless Section are from renting a room (14%), leaving Direct Provision (11%) and overcrowding (5%). The remaining 22% 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 99 reported rough sleeping cases in 2024. 26 of the clients have taken up Emergency Accommodation and we continue to work with 1 other in an effort to provide a suitable solution.

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

**Cold Weather Strategy 2024/2025**

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

### **National Housing Strategy for Disabled People 2022-2027 Implementation Plan**

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

The HSE Mental Health Housing Coordinator from Parkgate Hall liaises with the Homeless Services

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

### **Homeless Action Plan 2022- 2024**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**County Council are provided at the bottom of this page.**

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

The Council advises the tenant to refer the notice to Threshold, a service funded by the DRHE to provide a Tenancy Protection Service for private renters in the Dublin Region, including Fingal. Threshold can also be contacted directly on Freephone 1800 454 454 or via their website [www.threshold.ie](http://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, 359 tenant in-situ properties are at the sale closed stage. A total of 29 properties are at the sale agreed stage with a further 23 cases in the negotiation process. In addition, the Council is assessing a further 241 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 funding limits, 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](mailto: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](mailto:homeless@fingal.ie)

Email: [NTQEnquiries@fingal.ie](mailto:NTQEnquiries@fingal.ie)

### **Dublin Region Homeless Executive, Central Placement Services:**

**Freephone:** 1800 707 707

### **Traveller Accommodation Programme**

The Traveller Accommodation Programme 2025 – 2029 was adopted by the Elected Members at the Council Meeting on 11th November 2024. A copy of the programme is available on the Council's website: - <https://www.fingal.ie/council/service/traveller-accommodation-programme-consultation>

Through the implementation of the Traveller Accommodation Programme 2025 – 2029, the Council will endeavour to meet the accommodation needs of the Traveller Community of the County. Council officials continue to liaise and engage with the Traveller Community,

Traveller Advocacy Groups, Welfare Services, Child Services, Mental Health Services and other services and agencies to resolve issues when and where possible.

### **Traveller Accommodation**

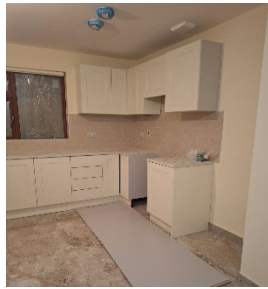




Some recently delivered caravans/ mobiles to FCC Halting Sites

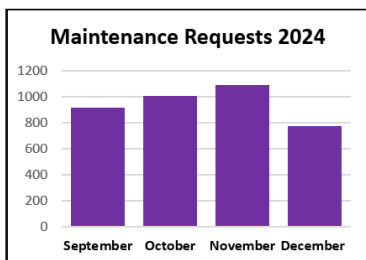
This year, 23 caravans/ mobiles have been delivered.

Refurbishment works have taken place at two of the Group Housing Schemes in Meakstown Close and St Philomena's Court.

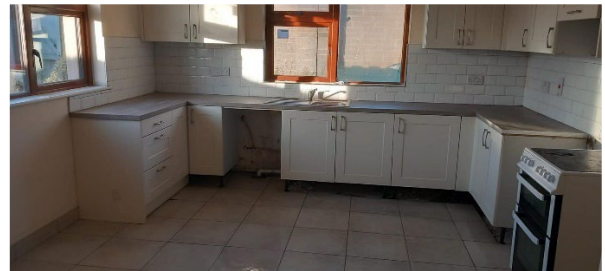


Recent refurbishment works completed in the Group Housing Scheme in Meakstown Close.

### Housing Maintenance



- Estate Management received 11,149 maintenance requests in 2024.
- 110 interviews were conducted with Fingal tenants.
- 39 Tenancy Alerts were issued for breaches of Tenancy Agreement.
- 72 minor works and one extension were carried out under the DPG scheme.



Before/after Images of deep clean at Council Dwelling

### 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.

A number of Tenant Induction Courses were held in relation to our developments at Balroy Hall, Monastery Road, Bowden Court and Station Road.

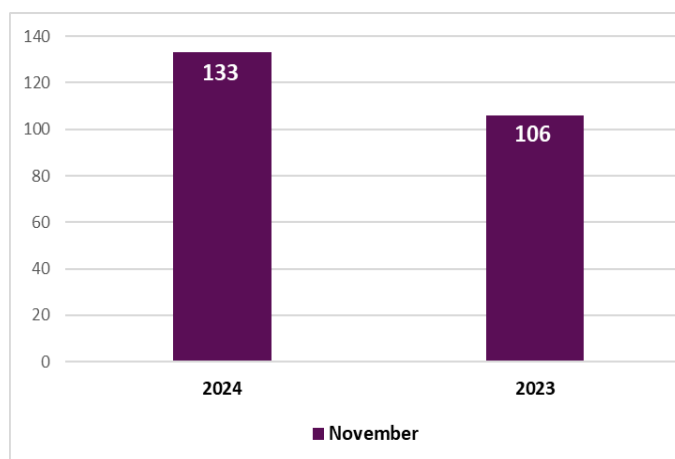
### ASB Caseload Management

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

### Surrenders on Estate Management Grounds 2024

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

### Monthly Breakdown of ASB Complaints Received 2023-24



### Anti-Social Behaviour Interventions

<b>Interviews Held 2024</b>	<b>97</b>
Interviews Held 2023	95
<b>Tenancy Alerts 2024</b>	<b>33</b>
Tenancy Alerts 2023	23
<b>Tenancy Warnings 2024</b>	<b>8</b>
Tenancy Warnings 2023	6

### Inspectorate August 2024

<b>Traveller Specific Site Inspections 2024</b>	<b>2072</b>
Traveller Specific Site Inspections 2023	1665
<b>Housing Inspectors Report November 2024</b>	<b>833</b>

### 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](http://www.gov.ie/ukraine)

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

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

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

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

The support provided by the Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT) is set out in this link

<https://www.fingal.ie/LocalAuthorityIntegrationTeam>

### OfferAHome\ Pledge Accommodation

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

To pledge a room in your home, this can be done through the Irish Red Cross via [www.redcross.ie](http://www.redcross.ie)

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

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

### Vacant Homes

The Vacant Homes Team continues to engage with owners of vacant properties to encourage owners to bring them back into use and advise of schemes that are available to assist this with on-going follow

up of properties reported as vacant to the Council and those identified by way of survey.

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

In addition to the above, the Croí Cónaithe Vacant Homes Refurbishment Grant Scheme is in utilisation to address vacancy and provide homes with increasing enquiries, applications, and grant approvals.

### Croí Cónaithe Vacant Homes Refurbishment Grant

This scheme was launched in July 2022. On the 1<sup>st</sup> 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). The expansion of the scheme now also allows for properties to be rented on the private rented market whereas previously the property had to be the applicant's principal private residence. **176** applications have been received under the scheme since launch with additional applications expected in **Q1 2025** based on engagement with potential applicants. A further **14** applications were approved in **December 2024** meaning **125** applications are approved at year end which equates to **€6.3m** in approved funding.

Promotion of the scheme is ongoing by the Vacant Homes Team.

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](mailto:vacant.homes@fingal.ie). Vacant properties can also be reported to this address for investigation.



**Recently Approved Grant Awards**



## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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### Community Development Office

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

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

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

### **Thrive Balbriggan end-of-Year Review**



Thrive Balbriggan is a cross-community project which promotes positive mental health in all walks of life in Balbriggan, bringing community groups and agencies together to explore common solutions and promote positive mental health for the community of Balbriggan as a whole.

The Thrive Balbriggan project had its end-of-year review and early planning for 2025 session at the Lark Cultural centre last month. Among projects planned for 2025 is an exciting link up with the Lark for a cultural event which will also promote positive mental health through music and song. This event is scheduled to take place as part of the La Feile Bhride celebrations in early February 2025.

### **Tenant Inductions in Lusk, Swords & Portmarnock and Dublin 15**

Tenant inductions give new residents an opportunity to meet the Community Development Office team and meet up as neighbours and learn information about all the events, clubs and opportunities for integrating into their new communities.

The Community Development Office delivered 3 tenant inductions on the work of our department for new residents of Fingal County Council estates in Lusk, Swords and Portmarnock last year. For Monastery Court in Lusk, the new residents will meet up in the Lusk Cultural Centre later this month for introductions to community representatives in the town.

The Community Development Office also delivered information to six tenant inductions across Dublin 15.

### **Community Facilities Management Support**

The Building Facilities Unit provides financial and management support to 35 community facilities across Fingal. The Unit also managed the Capital Works programme for the Community Development Office.

## Refurbishment of St Margaret's Community Centre



Phase 1 refurbishment of St Margaret's Community Centre has begun, focusing on essential works like installing a new fire alarm, emergency lighting, accessibility improvements, and fire extinguishers. These works, started in early December, are expected to be completed in Q1 2025, allowing the centre to reopen.

The centre will be managed by St Margaret's Amenities CLG, a company set up by the local community to oversee operations on behalf of Fingal County Council. The board is working with the Community Development Office to develop a strategic plan, aiming to make the centre a hub for community activities, including meetings, training, education, youth activities, dance, recreational events, social and cultural events, and public health initiatives. The board believes this facility will foster community engagement and provide a space for all.

## Fingal Community Facilities Christmas Network Meeting

The end-of-year Fingal Community Facility Network event welcomed representatives from thirty-three community centres in Fingal. In 2024, the Community Facilities Management Support Unit (CFMSU) provided 19 training sessions and funded 75 online sessions, aimed at staff and volunteer directors, on various topics pertaining to governance and management of Community Centres. A total of 205 people were trained in

courses and masterclasses, including health and safety, project management, and finance. Network events featured speakers like John Lonergan and Liam Lynch. To promote inclusivity, a flyer was launched with information on all the community centres and their services to be distributed.



## Mulhuddart Priority Task Force



The Mulhuddart Priority Task Force held its final 2024 meeting at Parslickstown House on 5<sup>th</sup> of December 2024, with strong attendance and positive discussions on 2025 priorities.

The Community Development Office gave an update on stages of the developments of Churchfields, Caroline Cowley, FCC Public Arts Coordinator, outlined funding allocated for a local art project, providing examples of the types of projects possible.

Aideen Darcy from Neighbourhood Networks also attended to connect with community representatives and explore ongoing activities. Neighbourhood Networks is in discussions with the Community Development Office about the possibility of a potential pilot to engage tenants in



new developments and encourage early-stage community participation.

### **Domestic Violence Safer Blanchardstown Huntstown - D15**



On the 4th of December 2024, the Dublin 15 Domestic Violence Working Group held a highly successful community conference at the Huntstown Community Centre. The conference brought together experts and organisations from various fields to raise awareness about domestic abuse and provide valuable insights into prevention, support, and healing.

The event commenced with an opening address from Safer Blanchardstown, who emphasized the importance of community involvement in addressing domestic violence. This was followed by a series of informative talks from a number of agencies. Including the HSE, SPARK, D15 Community Drugs Team. Sonas DVC 'Healing Hearts' explored the journey of healing and recovery for survivors of domestic violence.

The Dublin 15 Domestic Violence Working Group Community Conference served as a vital platform to raise awareness, share knowledge, and strengthen community-based efforts to combat domestic violence. The event emphasized the importance of collaboration and collective action in creating a safer and more supportive environment for all.

### **Fingal Managing Volunteer Awards**



In celebration of International Volunteer Day, Cllr Mayor Brian McDonagh joined the Community Development Office and Fingal Volunteer Centre in awarding local organisations with their Fingal Managing Volunteers Awards on the 7th December. The Award promotes organisations with good volunteer management practices that create a quality, safe and positive volunteering experience. The evening awarded two organisations including Malahide Park Run Level 2 and Avista Level 2. For more information on the awards scheme, please click here <https://volunteerfingal.ie/fingal-managing-volunteers-award/>

### **Residents Association Network**

The Community Development Office is excited to announce the establishment of the Ongar Residents Association Network. This network will support existing and newly formed Resident Associations in accessing valuable resources, information, and support from the Community Development Office providing opportunities for public consultation, feedback, and direct linkage to Fingal County Council.

Our goal is to create a collaborative platform for registered and emerging resident associations in the Ongar and surrounding areas, as well as invite other key stakeholders, such as An Garda Síochána, FCC Environment Department, FCC Active Travel, Empower, DDLETB, Local Councilors, and public representatives, to attend meetings and information sessions.

By fostering strong partnerships between Resident Associations, Fingal County Council, and other stakeholders, we aim to share information, knowledge, and resources that contribute to the betterment of our communities.

**Become a Part of The Ongar & Surrounding Areas Residents Association Network**

Join us in establishing the Ongar and Surrounding Areas Resident Association Network.

**Meeting Schedule**

- 15/1/25 6:30pm Online
- 19/2/25 10:30am Breakfast Meeting Ongar Community Centre.
- 19/03/25 7pm Evening Meeting Ongar Community Centre

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**Interagency**

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

**Fingal Comhairle Na nÓg**



Fingal Comhairle Na nÓg have welcomed 16 new members after the 2024 Youth Conference. The group have started work on their new working topic of **School Stress and Education**. An End of Year review has been carried out between FCC Community Development Office and Foróige, the

youth organisation, licenced to co-ordinate the young person’s council in 2025.

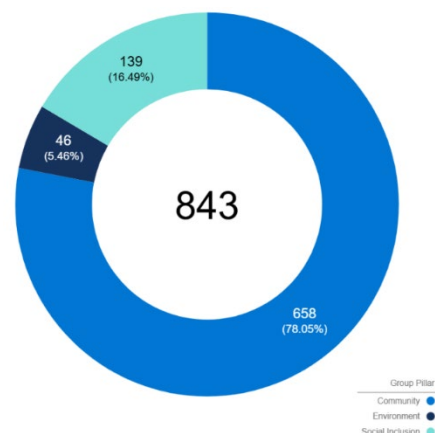
The group are planning to meet the Mayor of Fingal and CE of Fingal County Council in February in the Council Chambers.

**Fingal Public Participation Network**



A regional end of year meeting of Dublin PPN staff (Fingal, DLR and Dublin City) took place in Dun Laoghaire last week. This is a great platform to share ideas & resources, and we also collaborate to provide joint training to members and reps, to cut down on costs.

FPPN are closing out 2024 with 843 member groups, the majority of which are in the community and voluntary sector. We look forward to growing our membership in 2025 and supporting and training our Reps on various SPCs and the LCDC.



## 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.

### **KORALE community rail second stop: Vienna, Austria**



Representatives from the Age Friendly Team and Community Development Office attended the second exchange meeting of the KORALE project in Vienna in December 2024. KORALE, a European initiative under the Interreg Europe program, aims to promote social cohesion and reduce loneliness in Austria, Spain, Portugal, Ireland, Belgium, and Denmark by tackling loneliness through public policy.

At the “International Forum against Loneliness,” organized by Social City Vienna, participants focused on innovative strategies to tackle loneliness. The forum provided networking opportunities and promoted cross-sector collaboration to develop sustainable solutions.

KORALE representatives showcased successful initiatives from their countries and visited local projects in Austria, such as Hobby Lobby, which offers free spaces for community hobbies, and WienZimmer, a neighbourhood-based initiative.

## **Fingal Age Friendly Strategy**



The development of Fingal’s Age Friendly Strategy commenced in June 2024 with a survey, and public consultations. As part of the public consultations process, the consultants held public meetings throughout the county between July and October as well as attending Fingal events resulting in the views of 482 older people in Fingal being obtained. The online survey yielded 263 completed questionnaires. Key Stakeholders, including members of Fingal Age Friendly Alliance and Fingal Age Friendly Inter-departmental team were interviewed.

The findings have been presented to the Age Friendly Alliance who are working with the consultants in developing an action plan for the Strategy to deal with the issues raised. It is anticipated that the first draft of the strategy will be completed by late Q1.

### 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.**

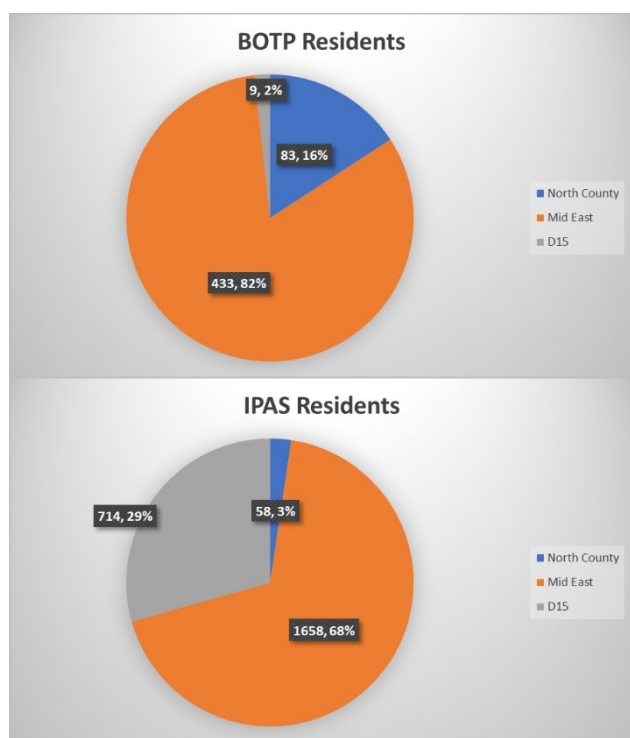
In December and into January, the LAIT continue to host clinics across the three geographical areas of North County, Mid-East, Dublin 15 in IPAS Accommodation Centres and Designated Accommodation Centres (DAC). Issues arising from the clients in our clinics have been raised locally with relevant stakeholders.



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

Geographical Area	BOTP Residents	IPAS Residents
North County	83	141
Mid-East	433	2091
Dublin 15	9	723
<b>Total</b>	<b>525</b>	<b>2955</b>

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



### Mediterranean Day



Staff were on hand to support Mediterranean Day

celebrations at Mulhuddart Community Centre with Children 4 World Children and Festival in a Van. This event was live-streamed across Europe with corresponding events in 23 countries.

### St. Nicholas Day Celebration



The Integration Office provided support to Fingal Ukrainian Support Group in hosting an event to celebrate St. Nicholas' Day, traditionally a feast of giving and receiving gifts in the Ukrainian calendar. The event was attended by 185 members of the Ukrainian Community in Fingal including 120 children.

### Funding

#### Community Activity Funding

Communities Activities Funding has been awarded a total of **152 projects to the amount of €338,638** in 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 Communities Activities funding scheme is managed by the Community Development Office and often involves the Community Development Officer engaging with and supporting a local community group to develop a local project that responds to a local need or issue.

For more information click here <https://www.fingal.ie/council/service/community-grants-and-funding>

**Howth Malahide** – €35,361 – across 20 projects

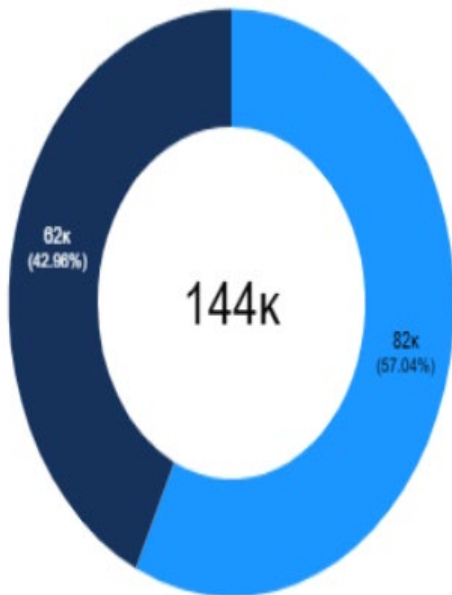
**Swords** - €51,211 - across 25 projects

**Castleknock/ Mulhuddart**- €141,088 – across 58 projects

**North County Balbriggan** - €110,978 - across 47 projects

**Community Facilities (non-FCC owned) Remedial Works funding**

Sum of Amount Recommended



Electoral Area of Organisation ● Balbriggan ● Swords

Community Facilities (non-FCC owned) Remedial Works funding has been awarded to a total of 7 projects to the amount of €144,163 in 2024.

This scheme is available to existing (non- Fingal County Council owned) Community centers for emergency/essential remediation capital works. For more information visit

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

**Swords** - €61,929 - across 2 projects

**Balbriggan** - €82,234 across 5 projects

**Other Community Development Funding Initiatives**

Other Funding Opportunities:

Through 2024, the Community Development Office supported community groups in Fingal to join with Fingal County Council in celebrating key mark events that spotlight and address a specific need or issue in the county. Participating groups received funding to host events and activities during Fingal Inclusion Week, Fingal Summer Projects, Fingal Safer Halloween, Fingal International Women's Day. A total of 136,378 was awarded to 187 projects across Fingal.

Community Activity Funding testimonial:



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### Active Travel

#### Protected Cycle Lanes:

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#### **R132 Blakes Cross to Quickpenny Lane**

Works on the R132 have been 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 separators provide protection to the vulnerable road users. The periodic speed limit signs that were installed and are operational during the set times are proving to have the desired effect in controlling traffic speeds. An Garda Síochána 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 early in the new year. During this project consideration has been given to the views of the local farming community and hauliers which informed the final design. Driver behaviour has changed, and it is notable the speed has reduced along this regional road and at the school zone.

A final walk through of the project was conducted with the design consultant, main contractor, Active Travel project team and members of Fingal's Operations Department which have been addressed. On completion of outstanding

snagging works to FCC's satisfaction it is intended to hand over the completed project to Operations early in 2025.

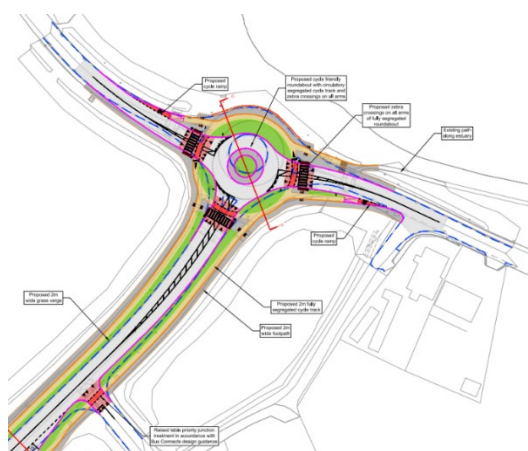


#### **Seatown Road Swords:**

The Project Team are finalising the gateway report for submission to the NTA for approval to proceed to the next phase of the project. Following NTA approval, the Project Team will finalise the detailed design and tender documentation in advance of going to tender for the appointment of a contractor to carry out the works. The Project Team is working towards going to the market in the coming months for a Contractor to progress to the



Construction Stage in 2025 subject to approvals and funding.



### **Donabate Portrane R126 cycle paths:**

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

### **Coney Hill Balbriggan R132 cycle paths:**

The Design Team are currently working with the Project Team to finalise an options report to assist with stakeholder engagement. A preferred option will be established in the options report. Further details will be presented to Councillors at ACM in the coming months.

### **St Cronan's Brackenstown Road Cycle lanes:**

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

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

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

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

The next step is to appoint multi-disciplinary consultants to present these options to the public, select an option, and proceed to the preliminary design phase of the project. The brief has been prepared, and once the tender documents have been finalised, it is intended to publish the tender as soon as possible.

### **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.



## Feltrim Road Cycle Infrastructure

The webpage for the Feltrim Road Active Travel Project is kept updated with latest developments and is located here:

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

The baseline topographical and traffic surveys have been completed, and reports are currently being prepared by the consultant. An initial non-statutory consultation took place in the Riasc Centre on Thursday 28 November. 319 survey results were obtained as part of this consultation, and these are currently being processed.

The consultant is in the process of information gathering, which will continue for Q4, 2024 and into Q1, 2025. Options development will commence in Q1, 2025 and 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.

## 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 with the single-party framework operator are ongoing. Once negotiations are complete, it is intended to publish this tender to progress this project from the design phases through to completion.





**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 have been updated taking this audit into account. Stakeholder engagement continues with the Bus Connects project team for a new signalised junction at Waterville which is well advanced on site. A draft preliminary design report has been issued to the Active Travel Unit with comments sent back. Draft screening reports have been issued with feedback sent back to the ecologist. Further updates will be provided over the coming months, through this report and at ACM level.

**Clonee to Blanchardstown Shopping Centre**

All data collection has been collated and has informed the initial development of the options report. Initial discussions have taken place with local landowners and site meetings have taken place. A further site meeting was held with a

representative from Meath County Council where this scheme will link with the Dunboyne to Clonsilla active travel scheme. A workshop was recently held with the NTA who provided feedback on the emerging preferred option. Gateway approval has now been granted to enable the project to proceed to preliminary design. A stage 1 road safety audit is about to commence, and environmental & appropriate screening is underway.

**Castleknock to Dunsink Lane**

Photomontages of the emerging preferred option have been published along with other materials on the Fingal consultation portal. A non-statutory public consultation on the scheme has closed and all submissions have been collated and reviewed. There have been a number of changes to the preliminary design due to the submissions received. These changes were presented to the BMCO area committee in December. The public consultation report has now been published online and is being communicated over social media. Gateway 4 approval has been received and detailed design has commenced.

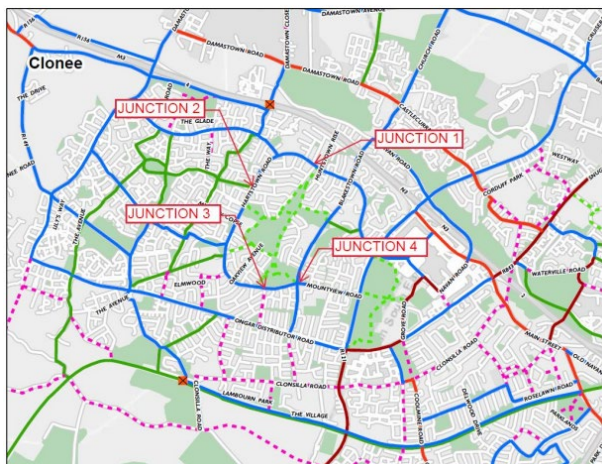


**Hartstown/Huntstown/Mountview Road**

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 were put through a multi-criteria analysis, tested against the vision and key principals of the plan. An internal stakeholder meeting was also held. The emerging draft plan (and component projects) was presented to the public during a non-statutory consultation event in the heritage centre on the 20 November.

This feedback collated from these events is informing the finalisation of the active travel plan, during Q4, 2024 and Q1, 2025, and the options

development phase, which is due to commence in Q1, 2025.



### 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 in Q1 2025 so that we can engage with the local representatives and present the concepts.

The initial baseline report has been completed. Traffic and Parking surveys have been conducted in Q4 2025. These will feed into the generation of the initial long list of projects.

### Skerries Harbour Road & Red Island Loop

This project has gone through full non-statutory consultation with the local stakeholders in advance of progressing Part 8 process. The project team had 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 2024.



Feedback received from the stakeholders has been reviewed and considered by the project team which has resulted in some changes and amendments in the overall design. The team are working to provide a full report on the non-statutory consultation. The Consultation process was well received and proved a very informative process for everyone involved including the wider community. The Project Team will be briefing the local Cllr's in advance of going to Part 8 in Q1 of 2025.







### **Connectivity/Permeability**

We are continuing to receive various requests for Permeability and Connectivity improvements from various stakeholders across the county. These requests are being recorded in detail for evaluation through a multi criteria analysis. The projects are then reviewed across the departments to identify if an appropriate means of delivery can be established on the ground. Several projects identified through this process are being developed through the design phases for execution on the ground.

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

Greenway connectivity support teams have been convened to review, design, and deliver active travel infrastructure that will enhance accessibility between the proposed strategic greenways and residential, educational, amenity and commercial zones. These support projects have been set up for Fingal Coastal Way, Broadmeadow Way/Sutton

to Malahide Greenway and Royal Canal Greenway. This will help to optimise the use of the proposed greenway by both leisure and commuter users.

### **Newtown Bridge, Balheary Road**

A tender assessment report has been finalised having received a number of tender submissions for the construction of the project. The tender assessment process is currently being finalised, and it is envisaged that a contractor will be appointed in January 2025. Works on the project will commence soon after subject to availability of the successful contractor.

### **Rush South Beach**

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

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

### **Balgriffin Park Shared Pedestrian and Cycle Path**

Works are complete at this connectivity piece which provides a shared pedestrian and cycle path from the county boundary with Dublin City on Balgriffin Park, to the junction with the R123. This provides a pedestrian and cycling connection for many dwellings on/near Balgriffin Park to the newly constructed pedestrian and cycling facilities on the R123.





### Howth Summit Inn to Bus Stop 567

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



### Offington, Howth

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

Newly landscaped areas have also been provided. The works and snagging are now complete.



### Secure Bicycle Parking Infrastructure

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 Q1 2025.

### 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 now 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 a new coloured surface has been laid to further highlight the school zone.



Ladyswell NS, Dromheath Gardens

### Scoil Ghráinne Community NS, Hansfield

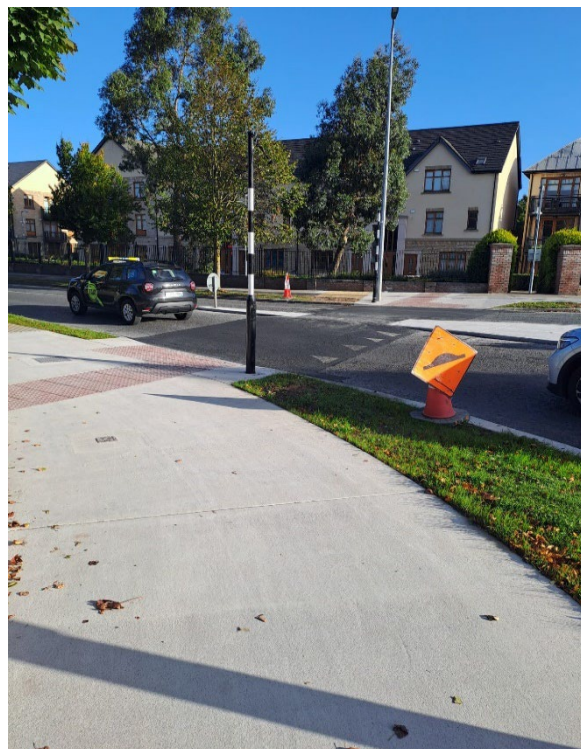
The Contractor is now in the final stages of delivery for this school's works. All footpath repairs, new bus parking area, bollard installation, new zebra crossing, road resurfacing works are now complete. The final outstanding works include the laying of coloured epoxy resin has now been completed.



Scoil Ghráinne CNS

### Scoil Choilm Community NS, Porterstown

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



Scoil Choilm CNS

### Pope John Paul II NS, Malahide

Works are almost complete at Pope John Paul NS with all new paths, build outs and ramps installed as well as the new pedestrian crossing point.

#### 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. Colmcille's Girls' National School, Chapel Lane, Swords

A design team has been appointed and data collection and topographical surveys are to be carried out in December and January.

### Rush National School

Active Travel together with Rush National School will be implementing a school street during January 2025. The contractor will be undertaking the bollard installation during January with a view to commencing the operation of the school street after Training and supports has been put in place.

### Mobility & Behaviour Change

#### Walking and Cycling Buses

With the end of the calendar year approaching, we would like to thank the countless volunteers who lead out on school walking and cycling buses each week. We are looking forward to working with more schools and parents in 2025 to increase the number of walking and cycling buses in Fingal.



### Learn 2 Cycle with a Disability

A full list of 2025 Courses will be available at the start of January, with over 40 courses planned for 2025, it promises to be a very busy year on the

Learn 2 Cycle front. The first courses will take place in January.

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> Jan – Fingal Liam Rodgers Centre from 4pm – 6pm

Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Jan – Flemington Community Centre from 4pm – 6pm

Sat 18<sup>th</sup> Jan – Corduff Sports Centre from 12pm – 1pm.

For more information on booking a course check out

<https://www.fingal.ie/activetravel/mobility/learn2cycle>



### Staff Pooled Bikes

The new staff pooled bike scheme was launched in Swords, County Hall in December with two eBikes available through the Bleeper Bike App. To sign up for shared eBikes

- Email Building Facilities for Bike Bunker access
- Download the Bleeper App
- Register with your FCC email
- Search 'My Private Scheme'
- Enter Scheme name: 'Fingal Staff Bikes'
- Await the confirmation from Bleeper

The bikes are available from the middle Bike Bunker in Swords, and we plan to have the two bikes available in the Civic Offices,



Blanchardstown in January 2025. For more information, please email [active.travel@fingal.ie](mailto:active.travel@fingal.ie)



### Cycling Courses 2025

In addition to the Learn 2 Cycle with a Disability Courses we have a full range of other courses planned for 2025. These range from Balance Bike Buddies for toddlers right up to our very successful Sofa to Saddle Course for older adults. The full list of dates and venues will be circulated to Councillors in January 2025.



### Dunsink Observatory eCargo Bike

Dunsink Observatory became the newest member of our eCargo Bike Trials, recently taking possession of a new Dolly eCargo front loader cargo bike for work around the campus as well as travelling to their other campuses around the city. If you have a community group or small business



who would be interested in taking part in the trials, please contact [active.travel@fingal.ie](mailto:active.travel@fingal.ie)



### Public Shared eCargo Bike

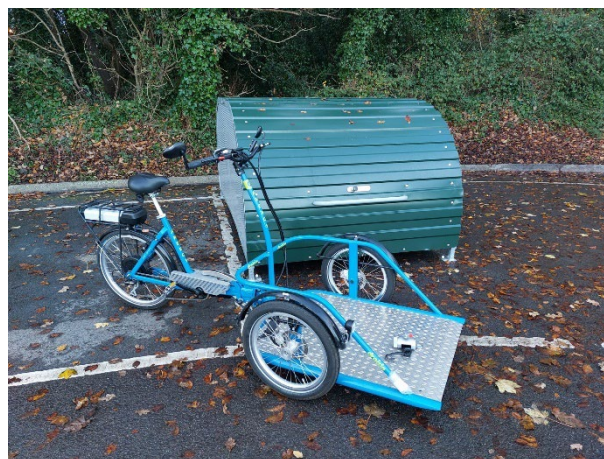
We have extended the Dublin 15 eCargo Bike Share scheme with Bleeper Bike for another 12 months. The bike has been relocated to Laurel Lodge where it is available to hire through Bleeper Bike.



### Wheelchair Tandem Bike Service

The Wheelchair Tandem Bike will be available free of charge to the public and training in how to use it and operate the Bike Bunker will be provided. The Bike is a unique and innovative bicycle designed to be a tandem vehicle for individuals with mobility impairments. It combines a

wheelchair with a tandem bike, allowing the person in the wheelchair to participate in cycling activities with another cyclist. This type of bicycle offers an opportunity for individuals with disabilities to experience the outdoors, get exercise, and engage in cycling activities in a way that wouldn't be possible on a traditional bike. If you'd like more information, email [cyclingwithoutage@fingal.ie](mailto:cyclingwithoutage@fingal.ie) and we'll get back to you.



### Cycling Without Age

The Cycling Without Age initiative will launch from Malahide Castle in January 2025. The Trishaw will be co-located with the Wheelchair Tandem Bike and be available to book by emailing [Cyclingwithoutage@fingal.ie](mailto:Cyclingwithoutage@fingal.ie) and requesting a trip.

We are on the lookout for new volunteers in the Malahide area. If you would be interested in signing up or getting more information, please email [stephen.mcginn@fingal.ie](mailto:stephen.mcginn@fingal.ie)



## Staff Lunch & Learn Sessions

As part of staff engagement work, we held a staff lunch and learn session in Swords with the Bike Hub on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 1pm in Blanchardstown. The session provided attendees with a great insight into cycling in the colder, darker winter months. We look forward to more sessions like this in 2025.

## Skerries Community Car

The Skerries Community Car is available to book for local trips to the doctors, pharmacist, shops and for social occasions. This volunteer led scheme is vital for fighting social isolation and a valuable service to the people of the Skerries and the surrounding areas. The car has completed over 30 trips in December, helping people get to everything from visits to the shops to trips to mass. To book the service or to sign up as a volunteer simply call Flexibus on 046 9074830 or email [flexibus@localinklmf.ie](mailto:flexibus@localinklmf.ie)



## Car Share Schemes

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

Month	Number of Trips	Number of Shared KMs
August	1802	166,577km
September	1713	142,466km
October	1724	145,767km
November	1479	105,383km

## Community eCargo Bikes

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



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## ECARGO BIKES FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS

- Who is eligible?**

All Community Groups and small businesses who rely on motor vehicles to undertake their daily tasks and deliveries are eligible to apply

**1**


- What is the Scheme?**

The Active Travel Section in Fingal will provide your group with an eCargo bike for a 12 month period.

**2**


- How to Apply?**

Simply email [active.travel@fingal.ie](mailto:active.travel@fingal.ie) with your group name and we will contact you with more details.

**3**


- What are you responsible for?**

Your group will be responsible for storing your bike in a secure, weather proof location and will be required to send in monthly usage reports.

**4**


- What type of bikes are available?**

We have a range of eCargo Bikes. They include; open box front loaders, three wheelers, closed box front loaders and longtail eCargo bikes.

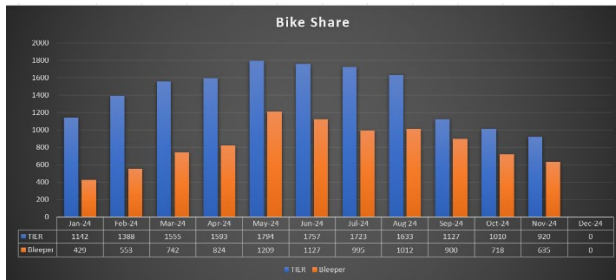
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## Bike Share Schemes



## Bleeper Bike

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



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

The new service saw the introduction of the Fingal Pass. This pass gives residents of Fingal their first 30 minutes of every Bleeper trip for free. There have been nearly 100 sign ups to the Fingal Pass to date. After 30 minutes users will be charged the standard rental fee of €0.04 per minute and €0.02 per minute while a trip is paused. The new service will also see the number of available Bleeper Bikes in Fingal rise from 125 to 150 vehicles.

## Bleeper Bike Monthly Report

635 Bleeper bike journeys started within Fingal operating zone in November

617 bike journeys ended within existing Fingal operating zone

Sundays (17%) and Saturdays (15.9%) recorded the highest usage

Howth, Sutton and Castleknock were the most popular starting points.

Estimated emissions avoided: 157kg of CO2

## TIER eBike Update

Tier are in the process of removing the last of their bikes from service in the Fingal area. They hope to have a full withdrawal by December 20. If you come across a Tier bike in your area after this time, please email [support@tier.app](mailto:support@tier.app) and report the location.

## Tier eBike Monthly Report

920 Tier eBike journeys started within Fingal operating zone in November

70 Active Vehicles were operational in Fingal in November.

421 customers used a Tier eBike in November

The average journey length was 3.6km for a total of 12.38mins

## ENVIRONMENT

### Climate Action

#### Community Climate Action Fingal

Grants continue to be disbursed to awarded applicants in Fingal for climate measures to reduce emissions. The first drawdown from the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications took place in December.

#### Climate Action and the Circular Economy

The Climate Action Department welcomed the Economic Development Department and delegates from Nokia, Finland to the Estuary Recycling Centre in December. The Climate Action Team spoke about the links between the circular economy and Fingal's Climate Action Plan. The delegates were given a tour of the centre, and a

presentation was given about circular economy initiatives ran in Fingal such as the recycled instruments project, recycled paint, the composting for school's programme and leaf mould cages.



### Climate Action Plan Implementation Team

Fingal County Council held its first Climate Action Plan Implementation Team meeting on December 10<sup>th</sup>. This team is responsible for the implementation of Fingal's Climate Action Plan 2024-2029. Staff that are part of this team vary and come from across multiple departments within Fingal County Council. During this meeting, presentations were held to discuss the reporting requirements of the Climate Action Plan, Active Travel in Fingal, the Community Climate Action Fund and Energy Use in Fingal's buildings.



### E2-CUTIES Interreg

Codema and FCC have been successful in securing funding for the E2-CUTIES Interreg NEW project. This project will commence in March 2025.

### Environmental Awareness

Christmas Decoration Workshops were held in seven schools.



Funding was made available to the Mountview Community Centre to replace a broken drinking water dispenser. The Rush YouthReach Group visited the Estuary Recycling Centre to learn about Circular Economy and have a presentation on Climate Change and Climate Action.

### Litter Management

The Litter Warden continued to tackle littering and dumping in December. 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.



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



They reported any dumping and littering to Operations division for removal and took enforcement action as required when evidence was found. They also followed up on witness statements submitted by Fingal citizens.

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



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

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

Month (2024)	Fines	Warning Notices
January	29	4
February	56	2
March	18	3
April	15	0
May	19	6
June	12	4
July	12	0
August	26	0
September	11	0
October	23	0
November	30	0
December	14	3

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

The Litter Management section receive numerous complaints regarding litter enforcement and the



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

CRMs December 2024	Amount
Fly tipping 1-20 bags Equivalent	6
General Litter Issue	8
Muck on road	2
Abandoned cars	19
Inspection of bottle banks	175
Inspection of dumping black spots	231
Unauthorised signage	4
Env - Miscellaneous	3
Dog fouling reports	3
Littering at bottle banks	3
Request for Dog fouling signs	3
Walking patrols	3

### Abandoned Cars

There have been 417 reports of alleged Abandoned Vehicles received between 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024 – 18<sup>th</sup> of December 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](mailto:environment@fingal.ie)

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

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

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

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

### 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 do not do door-to-door licence checks on the run up to Christmas but will recommence in mid January. 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](mailto: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 0 x 10 Day Notices, and 5 Fines issued by the dog wardens during December 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	104	91	19	7	€2185	€1,100
December	0	222	5	12	€1700	€1,422.50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1872</b>	<b>1597</b>	<b>429</b>	<b>477</b>	<b>€30,606.20</b>	<b>€31,372</b>

The Animal Welfare Section received 22 complaints in relation to dogs from 1<sup>st</sup> of November 2024 to 18<sup>th</sup> December 2024.

Service	No of complaints per service from 1 <sup>st</sup> of December 2024 to 18 <sup>th</sup> of December 2024
Env - Dog Fine Appeal	3
Env - Dog on Dog Attack	3
Env - Dog on Person Attack	0
Env - Dog warden assistance, garda request	0
Env - Pollution - Issue with Dog	8
Env - Restricted Breed Dog	2
Env - Surrendered Dog	0
Env- Stray Dog	6
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>22</b>

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

Month	Annual Licences Purchased		Lifetime Licences Purchased		Income from Licences	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
January	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	804	670	65	30	€25,180	€17,600
November	654	662	46	41	€19,520	€18,980
December	310	626	20	37	€9000	€17,700
Total for year	10,292	7964	742	578	€309,720	€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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, new regulations prohibit the importing, breeding, selling, and re-homing of XL Bully type dogs and from February 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 15 COE applications, of which 8 have been fully processed and certificates issued to the owner.

Reminders of this requirement will be posted on our Social Media Platforms and website in the lead up to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025.

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

## 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 December there were 24 dogs in the shelter. Up to 19<sup>th</sup> December 2024, 4 dogs were brought to the shelter by the dog wardens as stray or surrenders and 2 dogs were surrendered by members of the public. Of these 30 dogs, none were reclaimed by members of the public, 7 were rehomed to Rescue and 2 were PTS. At the 19<sup>th</sup> of December there were 21 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 December 2023	24	Dogs in Shelter at start of December 2024	24
Stray/Seized dogs brought to Shelter	13	Stray/Seized dogs brought to Shelter	4
Surrendered by owners	1	Surrendered by owners	2
Reclaimed	2	Reclaimed	0
Rehomed to Rescue	4	Rehomed to Rescue	7
Rehomed to Public	5	Rehomed to Public	0
PTS	0	PTS	2
<b>Dogs in Shelter at the end of December 2023</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>Dogs in shelter at 19.12.2024</b>	<b>21</b>



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 12 hay feeders being filled by the Operations Department on a weekly basis to ensure adequate forage for the horses on the landfill.

### Air & Noise

Investigations continue into Fingal's Priority Important Areas identified in the Dublin Agglomeration Noise Action Plan. This work involves assessing each site and identifying mitigation measures for reducing noise impacts on residents. This work will continue into 2025.

The Air & Noise Unit participated in a solid fuel sampling programme covering County Dublin in conjunction with the other 3 Dublin Local Authorities. Samples of coal were collected and

delivered to a laboratory for analysis. The results of the sampling programme will be made available in early 2025 and communicated to the producers and retailers in question.

### Bathing Water

In accordance with Article 11 (4) of 2008 Bathing Water Regulations, the EPA has recently approved Fingal County Council's application for a "change" in bathing water assessment for Front Beach Strand Balbriggan. The EPA accepted the application for bathing water reassessment based on the significant improvements in water quality since June 2023 following the finding and removal of a major point source pollutions in the surface water network at Mill Street and other locations in Balbriggan at that time. Balbriggan Bathing Water will receive its new bathing water quality assessment status in December 2025 and will be assessed based on bathing water samples collected at the beach in 2024 and 2025.

### SPORTS OFFICE

#### Fingal Sports Club Volunteer Awards 2025

The Fingal Sports Office is thrilled to announce the inaugural 'Sports Club' Volunteer of the Year Awards 2025 and Sports Club of the Year 2025 celebration dedicated to recognizing the incredible contributions of sports clubs and their volunteers across Fingal. These individuals selflessly give their time and energy to ensure communities thrive through sport and physical activity.

The Volunteer of the Year Awards will provide a platform to acknowledge these unsung heroes and celebrate their dedication.

The Sports Club of the year will aim to highlight three clubs that excel in Enviromental impact, Social Inclusion and good governance and community impact.

Event Details Date: Monday, 27th January 2025  
 Venue: Carlton Hotel, Tyrrelstown, Dublin 15  
 Nomination Process



Each sports club in Fingal is encouraged to nominate one volunteer who has gone above and beyond to enhance sporting opportunities within their local area. They can self-nominate for club of the year awards also.

After nominations close, an independent jury panel will carefully evaluate all entries to select the winners.

Nomination Deadline: Monday 6th January 2025 at 5:00 PM

### Inclusive Ice-Skating Day with Active Cities

A free ice-skating session was hosted in Millennium Park, Blanchardstown. We had 12 services take part and over 60 participants took to the ice with staff support.



### Boccia Blitz

Our final Boccia blitz of 2024 was held in ALSAA on November 26th from 11 am – 1pm. Fingal Sports office has hosted 10 blitzes this year and have seen nearly 80 regular participants from over 12 different disability day service providers avail themselves of the 10 sessions over the last 12 months.





### Football For All Blitz

Our last Football for all blitz was held in ALSAA on the 5<sup>th</sup> December indoors. Fingal Sports Office has run five blitzes this year with FAI co-funded officers and have seen over 100 players take part in the blitzes.



### Winter Special – Girl's soccer blitz

The recent collapse of the Metropolitan Girls League (MGL) in September saw 27 teams across eight different clubs in that league with no league to play in; efforts to get them to join the DDSL were unsuccessful. The Louth School Girls League offered to support clubs with some football, and as their summer league was ending, they encouraged their clubs to join a Winter Special competition in October.

There were several clubs based in Fingal that were affected by this situation – Rush Athletic had 3

teams, Tyrrelstown FC had 4 teams, Loughshinny Utd had 2 teams. The sports office also offered some support to those clubs with the project by providing funding for trophies and medals.

The Finals were held in MDL in Navan on Sunday the 15<sup>th</sup> of December with 10 Finals and 20 teams taking part. We had Fingal winners with Rush and Tyrrelstown both winning finals on the day.





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### Architectural Conservation Funding 2024

The Conservation Office operated three schemes to assist owners with the cost of works to repair, stabilise, or restore the character of Protected Structures/buildings of merit within Architectural Conservation Areas in Fingal. A total of €240,563 was awarded for 40 projects.

The three schemes were:

- Stitch in Time Grant (Architectural Heritage Fund)
- Built Heritage Investment Scheme
- Historic Structures Fund

#### 'Stitch in Time' Grant

##### (Architectural Heritage Fund)

The council assisted 28 projects from its own funds to the tune of €39,563. Grants issued ranged from €300 to a maximum of €2,500. This scheme supports a 'Stitch in Time' ethos, where the early completion of minor repair/maintenance works may prevent more substantial works being required in the future. The scheme also allows for restoration of features if sufficient evidence exists of original detail and design. Applicants may also get funds to complete condition report/surveys by conservation professionals.



AHF Project - 'Bluestone' treatment to prevent rot and extend life of thatch - Balscadden, Balbriggan

### Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS)

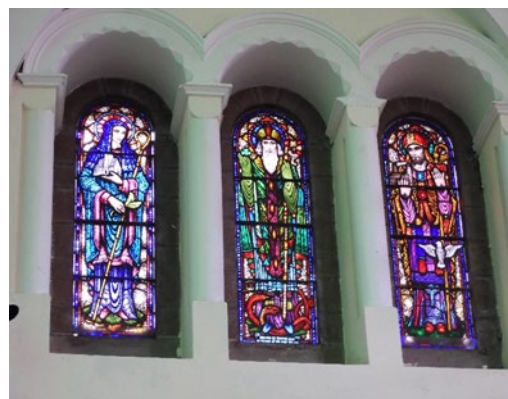
This scheme was funded by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage but operated by Fingal County Council.

The total 2024 fund was €111,560 and this included a ring-fenced allocation of €15,560 that had to be used for thatching projects only. In total, 9 projects were grant-aided to complete medium scale projects for the repair and conservation of Protected Structures and occasionally structures in Architectural Conservation Areas.

*Each grant had to range from a minimum of €2,500 to the maximum of €15,000 but couldn't exceed 50% of the total individual project cost. Some examples of projects are shown below.*



BHIS -Conservation of Harry Clarke Stained Glass - St McCullins Church



BHIS - Restored Stained Glass back in place - St McCullins Church, Lusk



The BHIS scheme was advertised on the Council's website and applications were prioritised based on the significance of the structure, effectiveness of works, and employment benefits presented by the projects.



**BHIS - Repaired Belltower and Roof - St Mochtas Church, Castleknock**

### Historic Structures Fund (HSF)

Like the BHIS, this scheme was funded by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage but operated by Fingal County Council. A total of €105,000 was granted to applicants in the Fingal area to assist in 3 projects. The HSF grant assistance was divided into two streams.

**-Stream 1** grants range from €15,000-€50,000

**-Stream 2** grants range from €50,000-€200,000.

The Department of Housing Local Government and Heritage made the final decision on projects to fund. An example of one of the funded projects was the conservation of the windows in St. Columba's Church in Swords.



HSF - Before Repairs to Window Timber Tracery



HSF - Repaired Window Tracery – St Columbas Church, Swords

### Architectural Conservation Funding 2025

The grant schemes are operating again for 2025. Information and application forms for each of the grant schemes are available to download from the Council's website as is the norm.

**BHIS Scheme** - The closing date for the BHIS grant scheme for 2025 was 27<sup>th</sup> September 2024. The applications have been assessed and sent to the *Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage* for approval. It is expected that official approval of the grant allocations will be received in late January 2025.

**HSF & AHF Schemes** - We are currently accepting applications for the HSF and the Historic Thatching Grant. The Closing date for applications to these schemes is 17<sup>th</sup> January 2025. We are also accepting applications to the Council's Stitch in Time grant scheme.

### Built Heritage Investment Scheme [BHIS] 2025

There are changes to the BHIS grant scheme for 2025. The grant ceiling has been raised from €15,000 to €50,000 and grant awards will be made 3 months earlier than previous years, to allow more time for works to be carried out. As a result, the closing date for applications to the scheme was brought forward by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage to the 27<sup>th</sup> of September 2024. Fingal has been allocated €142,069 plus a ring-fenced thatch funding of €11,217.48.

### **Historic Structures Fund [HSF] 2025**

There are also changes to the HSF grant scheme for 2025. There will be only one stream of grants in 2025 instead of the two streams featured in previous years. The HSF grant in 2025 will offer grants from €50,000 up to €200,000 and focus on larger enhancement, refurbishment or reuse projects. Fingal's Allocation is dependent on the successful applications decided upon by the Department. The deadline for applications is the 17<sup>th</sup> of January 2025. Fingal County Council will assess all applications and nominate 3 applications for buildings in private ownership and an additional 3 buildings in public ownership.

### **Stitch in Time Grant - Architectural Heritage Fund [AHF] 2025.**

This grant is funded from FCC's own budget and applications do not require the Department's approval. Fingal County Council has once more allocated a budget of €50,000 for this purpose in 2025.

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### Rates

Overall Commercial Rates collection to the end of December 2024 is 99.57%. The rates bills for 2025 will be issued in mid-January.

Rates Collection	
Rates collected €m	€160.5m
Rates collected %	99.57%

### Development Levy Income

Development levy income collected to the end of November is €60.4m.

Development Levy Income YTD Nov 2024	
Levies Received	€60.4m
Levies Collected as a % of 2023	183%

### Payroll

Overall payroll spend to the end of November is €82.7m which is c. **102.8%** of the budget year to date.

Payroll	
Salaries & Wages €m	€82.7m
Percentage of Budget YTD.	102.8%

### Financial reports

Monthly financial reporting of the Revenue/Capital accounts and on Debtors will commence, as normal, from the period ending February 28, 2025 for the March Council meeting.

### Procurement

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

No. of contracts awarded (details below) for year to date	280	
Value €m	118.36m	
<b>Procurements ongoing at end of December</b>		
No. of procurements awaiting tender responses	5	(i)
Value €m	5.1m	
No. of procurements under evaluation	38	(ii)
Value €m	44.34m	
No. of procurements at approved	24	(iii)
Value €m	99.1m	

#### Notes:

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



**Appendix 1**  
**Number of Contracts Awarded to the end of September**

Dept	Description of Procurement	Supplier Name	Current Value of Contract (excl. VAT)	Contract Start Date (actual)	Contract End Date (actual)	Contract Award Date	Contract End Date per CE Order	Actual Duration (months)
Information Technology	ICT Managed Services	ATOS IT Solutions & Services Ltd	€ 3,500,000.00	30/09/2024	29/09/2027	30/09/2024	31/07/2027	36
Operations	Road Lining for the Castleknock, Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart Area including PSCS and Traffic Management	Nuzum Road Services Ltd	€ 51,447.00	01/10/2024	31/12/2025	01/10/2024	31/12/2025	16
Operations	Security Services for Coolmine Recycling Centre	Secure Management Solutions	€ 30,375.00	01/07/2024	31/12/2024	11/09/2024	31/12/2024	6
Operations	Road inlay/Overlay & ancillary works, Turvey Ave, Donabate overlay	Roadstone Ltd	€ 155,626.24	01/10/2024	01/12/2024	10/09/2024	16/11/2024	2
Corporate Affairs	Fire Alarm Maintenance Services	Masterfire Life Safety Systems Ltd	€ 95,930.00	08/10/2024	07/10/2026	08/10/2024	07/10/2026	24
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Engineering Consultancy Services for Corduff Park (Blanchardstown) Improvement Works	Donnachadh O'Brien & Associates Consulting	€ 47,250.00	09/09/2024	09/09/2026	06/09/2024	09/09/2026	24
Operations	Lay Tarmac finish on the footpaths on the open space at the Portmarnock Sports and Leisure Centre	McGinty Plant Hire	€ 49,445.00	16/09/2024	24/09/2024	05/09/2024	17/09/2024	1
Corporate Affairs	Fixed Voice services (Interim Contract)	Eir Ltd	€ 140,000.00	01/09/2024	31/08/2025	01/09/2024	31/08/2024	12
Operations	Resurfacing of Broomfield, Malahide and Ancillary Works	Pavement & Road Surfacing Ltd	€ 39,385.00	03/09/2024	10/09/2024	27/08/2024	20/09/2024	1

Operations	Footpath Improvement Works Parkview/Lodge Co Dublin	John Browne Construction Ltd	€ 29,997.00	26/08/2024	26/11/2024	26/08/2024	26/11/2024	3
Information Technology	Design, Maintain Digital Signage for FCC Community Centres	image Supply Systems AV Ltd	€ 97,491.00	28/08/2024	28/08/2027	23/08/2024	28/08/2027	36
Libraries	Appointment of Employer's Representative Services - Completion of Skerries Library Refurbishment and Extension Project	Nyland Consulting	€ 60,000.00	12/08/2024	31/05/2025	13/08/2024	31/05/2025	8
Corporate Affairs	Funding as part of Community Recognition Fund to install smart benches across Fingal	Civic Integrated Solutions Ltd	€ 50,666.24	15/08/2024	31/12/2024	12/08/2024	31/12/2024	4
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Design and project management of works related to the construction of a full-size all-weather soccer pitch at Corduff Park, D15	Alan Lewis Ltd	€ 28,031.00	06/09/2024	07/03/2026	11/08/2024	07/03/2026	19
Operations	1 Ford Ranger Double cab 4 x 4 jeep with automatic transmission and 1 Ford Ranger single cab 4 x 4 jeep	Henry Ford & Son	€ 66,370.45	09/08/2024	08/08/2025	09/08/2024	06/08/2025	12
Operations	Solar Power Signage Contract 2024	PWS Signs Ltd	€ 47,610	07/08/2024	07/01/2025	08/08/2024	30/11/2024	4
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Civil engineering works at Cloch Choirneal to bring the estate to a TIC standard	Larry Kiernan Plant Hire Ltd	€ 114,430.00	02/09/2024	18/10/2024	02/08/2024	31/10/2024	3.5
Operations	Preplacement of defective Concrete Footpaths at Ard na Mara, Chalfont and Texas Lane, Malahide	Citius Ltd	€ 51,745.00	19/08/2024	13/09/2024	01/08/2024	13/09/2024	1
Operations	Roadmarkings for the Howth/Malahide Area	Nuzum 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 Grange	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 Ballymastone 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 Cemetery	Clar-Con Construction Limited	€ 236,152.50	07/06/2024	19/07/2024	29/05/2024	19/07/2024	2
Operations	Footpath construction in a series of batches from 3 - 8 square meters at Seagrange Rd, R809, Strand Rd Baldoyle Co Dublin	John Browne Construction Ltd	€ 30,522.50	04/06/2024	14/09/2024	29/05/2024	14/09/2024	3

Corporate	Stewarding Services for Local Elections in National Show Centre	Invictus Event Management Ltd	€ 32,079.00	31/05/2024	10/06/2024	28/05/2024	10/06/2024	1
EETCD	Consultancy Services for Fingal Skills Strategy	Grant Thornton Corporate Finance Ltd	€111,750.00	28/05/2024	27/11/2024	28/05/2024	07/10/2024	6
EETCD	Engagement of consultancy services for the Fingal Skills Strategy.	Grant Thornton Finance Ltd	€ 111,750.00	28/05/2024	30/11/2024	28/05/2024	07/10/2024	6
EETCD	Malahide Castle & Visitor Centre Energy Centre & Rainwater Harvesting Systems Upgrades	Francis Haughey Building & Civil Engineering Contractors	€ 298,516.00	25/05/2024	24/08/2025	25/05/2024	07/06/2025	15
Operations	Road inlay and ancillary works Bridge Street, Swords (Swords Castle to Watery Lane).	DM Morris Ltd	€ 84,800.50	06/05/2024	06/08/2024	24/05/2024	06/08/2024	3
Operations	Construction of a Tarmacadam Path & Associated Works at Glebe Park, Balrothery	KT Civil Ltd	€ 63,000.00	26/08/2024	30/08/2024	24/05/2024	31/07/2024	1
Community	Construction of new lifts shaft, installation of new lift and renovation of existing toilets in Rivervalley Rathingle Community Centre, Swords	Vision Contracting Ltd	€ 159,048.85	04/06/2024	16/09/2026	24/05/2024	16/09/2024	16
Operations	Concrete footpath improvement Works at Pinebrook Co Dublin	John Browne Construction Ltd	€ 49,500.00	30/05/2024	30/08/2024	23/05/2024	30/08/2024	3
Operations	Footpath Improvement works Deerpark Road, Drive & Ave Castleknock	Citius Ltd	€ 54,800.00	27/03/2024	27/09/2024	23/05/2024	27/09/2024	6
Operations	Resurfacing of Roselawn Road Junction Clonsilla Road	Roadstone Ltd	€ 84,738.98	30/05/2024	30/09/2024	23/05/2024	30/09/2024	4

Operations	Plant hire with driver/operative for Beach and Burial Ground Works	Larry Kiernan Plant Hire Ltd	€ 64,483.00	07/05/2024	30/09/2024	21/05/2024	30/09/2024	5
Digital Services	Renewal of Microsoft 365 Licences (non-profit classification) for Libraries & Draíocht	MicroMail Ltd	€ 30,107.12	26/05/2024	25/05/2025	21/05/2024	25/05/2025	12
ANCA	Aviation Noise Expert Consultancy Services	Noise Consultants Ltd	€ 800,000.00	20/05/2024	19/05/2026	20/05/2024	31/05/2026	24
Digital Services	Nathean Additional Logix Bi & Housing Support Days 2024	Nathean Technologies Ltd.	€ 42,500.00	15/05/2024	15/05/2025	15/05/2024	15/05/2025	12
Housing	Proposed Works For Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme (EERP) to Whitestown - Phase 2	Arthurstown Construction Limited	€ 2,000,000.00	01/04/2024	01/04/2026	15/05/2024	01/04/2026	24
Digital Services	Civica ModernGov Hosted Application 2024 - 2026	Civica UK Ltd	€ 79,729	15/05/2024	15/04/2027	15/05/2024	15/04/2027	36
Housing	Provision of legal advice and services relating to the delivery of an affordable housing scheme at Ballealley Rise, Lusk, Co. Dublin	Mason Hayes & Curran LLP	€ 26,000.00	01/04/2024	31/12/2024	14/05/2024	31/12/2024	8
Operations	Road Markings at various locations within the Fingal Area	Nuzum Road Services Ltd	€ 41,234.55	17/06/2024	17/06/2025	14/05/2024	14/06/2025	12
Operations	Concrete Footpath Construction Baldoyle Industrial Estate	Joe Duke & Co Ltd	€ 100,750.00	04/06/2024	21/06/2024	13/05/2024	21/06/2024	1
Operations	Supply and delivery to site of 29 Nr Precast Concrete Anchor Blocks with marine grade stainless steel lifting eyes	Shay Murtagh Precast Ltd	€ 79,357.68	04/06/2024	30/05/2024	10/05/2024	30/05/2024	3



Housing	FM Strategy Development Support (Phase 1 - Strategy Development Support And Phase 2 – Document Review & Finalisation)	KSN Project Management	€ 29,250.00	23/05/2024	23/11/2025	10/05/2024	10/11/2025	18
Libraries	Supplementary Call for Tender (SCFT) for the Design, supply, installation, commissioning and maintenance of library building automation solution (My Open Library) at Malahide Library	Spectrum Communications Ltd	€ 30,760.00	10/05/2024	09/05/2026	10/05/2024	20/04/2026	24
Libraries	Supplementary Call for Tender (SCFT) for the Design, supply, installation, commissioning and maintenance of library building automation solution (My Open Library) at Blanchardstown Library	Spectrum Communications Ltd	€ 29,200.00	10/05/2024	09/05/2026	10/05/2024	20/04/2026	24
Libraries	Design, supply, installation, commissioning and maintenance of library building automation solution (My Open Library) at Skerries Library	Spectrum Communications Ltd	€ 37,060.00	10/05/2024	09/05/2026	10/05/2024	20/04/2026	24
Operations	Flavours of Fingal County Show 2024 Hire of Generators, Portlao, Cabin Electricians And Teleporter	GH Energy Rentals Limited	€ 90,000.00	26/06/2024	03/07/2024	09/05/2024	03/07/2024	1
Operations	Pipe Rehabilitation Works Carpenterstown Road, Castleknock, Dublin 15	Oak Underground Services T/A Oak Enviro	€ 48,950.00	07/05/2024	22/10/2024	07/05/2024	22/10/2024	6
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Provision of CCTV Drainage Survey, R132 Connectively Project Swords	McBrenn Environmental Drain Services Ltd	€ 162,280.00	10/06/2024	10/09/2024	03/05/2024	10/09/2024	3

Community	Consultancy Services to develop an Age Friendly Strategy 2024-2028	McAdam Consulting Services Ltd T/A MCA Consulting	€ 53,550.00	07/05/2024	31/01/2025	03/05/2024	31/01/2025	8
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Landscaping works and the supply & installation of the pleached tree Steel Support Frames	Martin King Landscaping Ltd	€ 73,334.00	02/05/2024	02/10/2025	02/05/2024	10/08/2025	18
Operations	Path refurbishment works Tir Na nOg park	KT CIVIL LTD	€ 69,650.00	01/05/2024	30/07/2024	01/05/2024	25/06/2024	1
Libraries	Provision of legal advice and services relating to Contractual Matters	Mason Hayes & Curran LLP	€ 50,000.00	29/04/2024	28/04/2025	01/05/2024	01/05/2025	12
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Provision of Landscape Architect-led Integrated Design Team Consultancy Services for the Park Development Project for Ward River Regional Park, Swords	Dermot Foley Landscape Architects	€ 1,878,533.90	13/05/2024	02/02/2026	01/05/2024	18/01/2026	20
Finance	Collection and Delivery to the bank of cash from the Cash Offices of Fingal County Council	Sonoma Valley Ltd (T/A GSLS)	€ 40,000.00	01/05/2024	30/04/2026	01/05/2024	30/04/2026	24
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Provision of Coastal Path Relocation, Howth, Co. Dublin	James Oliver Hearty & Sons	€ 86,942.20	30/04/2024	19/07/2024	30/04/2024	30/04/2024	1.5
Operations	Road Inlay and Ancillary Works Swords Fire Station to Estuary Roundabout and North Street, Swords	DM Morris Ltd	€ 135,864.80	13/05/2024	13/08/2024	30/04/2024	13/08/2024	3
Operations	Road surfacing Eight (8) local roads, North County Fingal	DM Morris Ltd	€ 586,205.50	03/06/2024	03/10/2024	30/04/2024	03/10/2024	4

Operations	Purchase of Wide Area Trailed Wing Roller Mowers - Lot 1 Purchase of two 4m Wide Trailed Wing Roller Mowers	Maher Tractor Sales Ltd	€ 51,000.00	29/04/2024	28/04/2025	29/04/2024	26/03/2025	12
Operations	Purchase of Wide Area Trailed Wing Roller Mowers - Lot 2 Purchase of three 5m Wide Trailed Wing Roller Mowers	Baytown Machinery Ltd	€ 103,500.00	29/04/2024	28/04/2025	29/04/2024	26/03/2025	12
People Services	Provision of Driver Training Programme to include Driver Licence Upskilling Training Lessons, ECO Drive Training & Vehicle Safety Check Training for Fingal County Council Staff (Single Supplier Framework with Initial contract)	Alexandra School of Motoring	€ 500,000.00	29/04/2024	28/04/2027	29/04/2024	07/04/2027	36
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Works at Bath Road Car Park, Balbriggan	Postmount T/A Jim Hayes Civil Engineering	€ 28,000.00	26/04/2024	25/07/2024	26/04/2024	25/07/2024	4
Corporate Affairs	Provision of Catering Services for Ballycoolin Regional Training Centre, Ballycoolin, Dublin 15	Fitzpatrick Catering Ltd	€ 80,000.00	25/04/2024	24/04/2026	25/04/2024	25/02/2026	24
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Supply & Install of 5no. synthetic tennis court surfaces, removal & disposal of existing carpet & arisings, LED flood lighting upgrade and associated works	Sole Sports & Leisure Ltd	€ 124,807.75	20/04/2024	20/04/2026	24/04/2024	20/04/2026	24
EETCD	Appointment of a Resident Engineer for Quay Street Environs Public Realm Project, Balbriggan, Co Dublin	Waterman Moylan	€ 170,000.00	07/05/2024	07/05/2026	24/04/2024	07/05/2026	24



Community	Community Centre Construction Work at Baldoyle Community Facility	Vision Contracting Ltd	€ 7,486,275.25	01/05/2024	31/10/2026	24/04/2024	22/04/2026	28
Operations	Installation of new drainage works to 2 soccer pitches in Tyrrelstown Park	Peter O'Brien & Sons	€ 111,771.20	22/04/2024	21/06/2024	22/04/2024	28/06/2024	2
Information Technology	Provision of VMware Licensing for the Fingal VSan	Triangle Computer Services	€ 305,283.00	22/04/2024	21/04/2027	22/04/2024	19/04/2027	36
Community	Community Centre Upgrade Works at Mourne Estate Community Centre	Vision Contracting Ltd	€ 449,464.49	20/05/2024	14/08/2025	19/04/2024	14/08/2024	17
Community	Community Centre Upgrade Works for Fingal County Council Mourne Estate Community Centre, Skerries, Co Dublin	Vision Contracting Ltd	€ 449,464.49	19/04/2024	18/09/2025	19/04/2024	18/08/2025	17
Operations	Surface Restoration Glenville Road	John Browne Construction Ltd	€ 42,800.00	30/04/2024	31/12/2024	18/04/2024	31/12/2024	8
Operations	Greys Lane Rd Inlay (Howth)	DM Morris	€ 107,130.00	22/04/2024	08/05/2024	16/04/2024	08/05/2024	1
Operations	Supply of Bitumen Emulsion, Fingal Area 2024 (80%)	Irish Tar and Bitumen Suppliers Limited	€ 124,800.00	01/05/2024	01/12/2024	16/04/2024	01/12/2024	7
Operations	Supply of Bitumen Emulsion, Fingal Area 2024 (20%)	Lagan Asphalt Ltd	€ 31,650.50	01/05/2024	01/12/2024	16/04/2024	01/12/2024	7
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Supply & Install New Solid Bar Railings, Gate & Limestone Kerb at Bremore Castle, Balbriggan	McAvoy Contracts Ltd	€ 86,570.00	15/04/2024	30/04/2024	15/04/2024	30/04/2025	2 weeks
Environment, Climate Action	Junction realignment works at Coach Road/School Lane junction in Balrothery on foot of completed enabling works by ESB Networks.	Integrated Utility Services Ireland	€ 49,641.11	01/05/2024	31/05/2024	10/04/2024	31/05/2024	1

EETCD	Social Media Contract for Balbriggan Rejuvenation Plan 2019-2025	Often Partisan T/a Media Consult	€ 62,000.00	09/04/2024	08/04/2025	09/04/2024	08/04/2025	1
Operations	Walkway Design and Installation in Tolka Valley	Knife Edge Fencing Ltd.	€ 84,500.00	17/04/2024	14/05/2024	08/04/2024	30/09/2024	6
Operations	Repair to the existing boardwalk through the dunes leading to Portmarnock Beach	Larry Kiernan Plant Hire Ltd	€ 78,995.00	23/04/2024	23/05/2024	08/04/2024	30/04/2024	1
Operations	Purchase of up to 30 Fully Electric 3.5 Tonne - 4.25 Tonne Flatbed Tippers	Setanta Vehicle Sales North Ltd	€ 1,250,250.00	08/04/2024	07/04/2025	08/04/2024	20/03/2025	12
EETCD	Public realm redevelopment and associated works at Quay Street & Environs – Repair & renewal works including re-roofing and provision of new services to existing RNLi Boathouse – <b>Contract B</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 – <b>Contract A</b> , 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 Seapark Hill, Malahide to ensure appropriate security in place 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 2

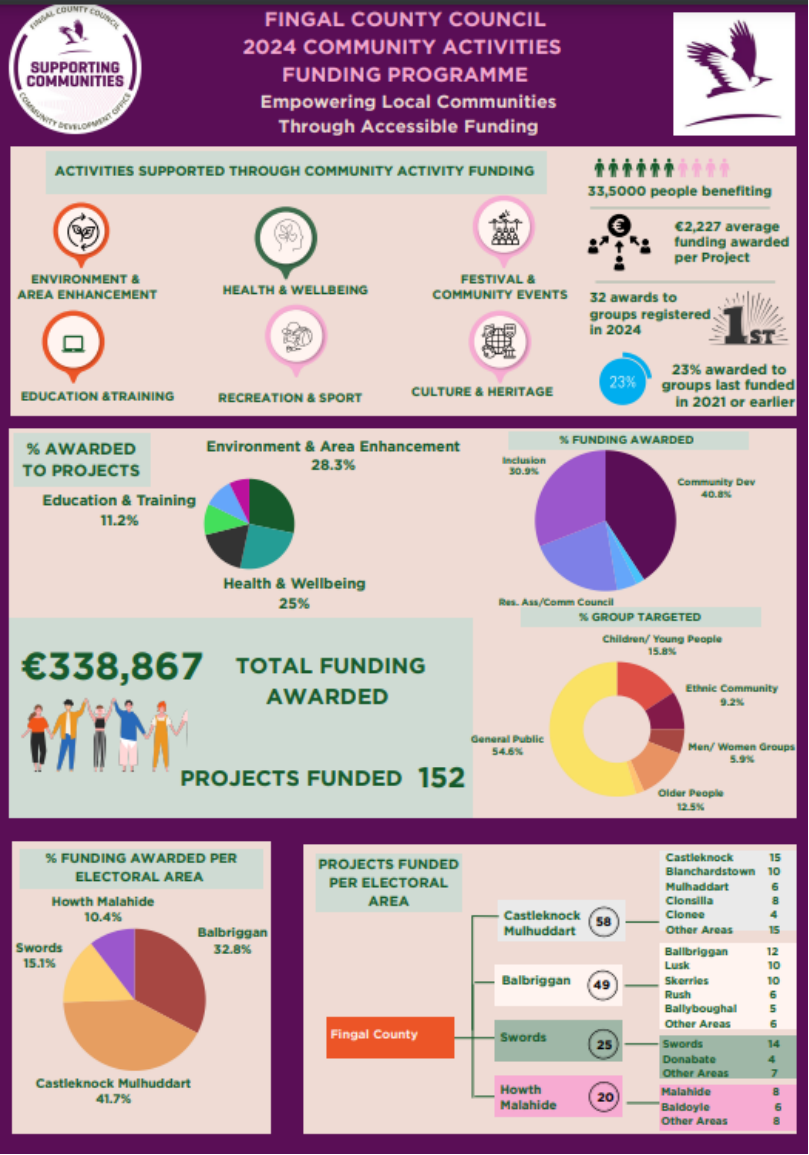
### Summary of Environmental Complaints, Inspections and Enforcement Actions

		<b>2023</b>	<b>Q1 2024</b>	<b>Q2 2024</b>	<b>Q3 2024</b>
<b>Complaints investigated</b>	Litter	389	241	1059	146
	Waste (non C&D)	638	171	219	179
	C&D Waste	9	0	0	0
	Water and Wastewater	101	19	17	26
	Air & Odour	37	17	9	11
	Noise	99	23	38	38
	<b>TOTAL COMPLAINTS</b>	<b>1,273</b>	<b>471</b>	<b>1,342</b>	<b>400</b>
<b>Inspections</b>	Routine Waste Inspections	1124	92	291	219
	Non-Routine Waste Inspections	416	41	46	46
	Litter Patrols & investigations	3232	561	362	2394
	Routine Water & Wastewater Inspections	720	188	345	349
	Non-Routine Water & Wastewater Inspections	133	36	32	35
	Routine Air & Noise Inspections	61	8	6	26
	Non-Routine Air & Noise Inspections	134	40	42	49
	Planning Inspections	416	79	121	154
	<b>TOTAL INSPECTIONS</b>	<b>6,236</b>	<b>3,103</b>	<b>1,245</b>	<b>3,272</b>
<b>Enforcement Actions</b>	Litter Fines	463	104	57	55
	Waste Warning Letters	96	5	9	4
	Directions under S14 of WMA	101	15	24	13
	Other waste enforcement	52	3	24	26
	Water & Wastewater	29	3		
	Air Enforcement Action	0	0	1	1
	Noise Enforcement Action	10	6	3	2
	<b>TOTAL ENFORCEMENT</b>	<b>751</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>101</b>
<b>Prosecutions initiated</b>	Litter	62	12	12	9
	Waste	16	1	2	0
	<b>TOTAL PROSECUTIONS</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>9</b>

### Appendix 3 Community Office Funding Schemes

Scheme	Award	No. Projects	No. People	Castleknock Mulhuddart	North County Fingal	Swords	Howth Malahide
<b>Community Activities</b>	€338,637	152	33,500	€141,088 (58 projects)	€110,978 (47 groups)	€51,211 (25 groups)	€35,361 (20 project)
<b>Summer Project</b>	€61,290	32	26000	€20,070 (10 project)	€6,860 (6 Projects)	€6,760 (5 Projects)	0 Projects
<b>Fingal Safer Halloween</b>	€25,897	43	3000	€10,970 (19 Projects)	€13,785 (13 Projects)	€3,937 (7 Projects)	€2835 (4 Projects)
<b>Fingal Inclusion Week</b>	€13,750	55	1500	€6,750 (27 Projects)	€4,750 (19 Projects)	€2,000 (8 Projects)	€250 (1 Projects)
<b>Fingal Internation Women's Day</b>	€6,833	29	700	€2,953 (13 Projects)	€2,010 (10 Projects)	€820 (4 Projects)	€550 (2 Projects)
<b>Programme Funding</b>	€28,473	28	NR	€14,772 (9 Projects)	€6,830 (10 Projects)	€6,069 (7 Projects)	€802 (2 Projects)
	€474,915	339					





**Appendix 4**  
**Housing Delivery Construction Programme**  
**Schemes on Site**

Area Committee	Provider	Funding Stream	Site Name	No. Units	Status Detail	On-Site Date	Handover (estimated)
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Balough Place, Lusk <a href="https://goo.gl/maps/8u6BiRWzuLSTmjK8">https://goo.gl/maps/8u6BiRWzuLSTmjK8</a>	10 9 x 2 Bed 1 x 1 Bed	On-Site	Q1 2023	Q1 2025
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Hayestown, Rush <a href="https://www.google.com/maps/place/53.31241,6.06421/@53.31241,6.06421,15z">53°31'24.1"N 6°06'42.1"W - Google Maps</a>	10 x Social  51 x Affordable	On-Site	Q2 2023	Q1 2025
Balbriggan/Rush -Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	St. Ita's, Portrane <a href="https://www.google.com/maps/place/53.31241,6.06421/@53.31241,6.06421,15z">Portrane Ave - Google Maps</a>	5  Restoration of existing cottages.	On-Site	Q4 2022	Q1 2025
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	Glenveagh Living Ltd	Mixed Tenure	Balmoston Ph1., Donabate  53°29'21.2"N 6°07'58.1"W	87 x Social 86 x Cost Rental 86 x Affordable	On-Site	Q3 2023	Phased delivery
Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock/ Ongar	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Church Fields 3A <a href="https://www.google.com/maps/place/53.24447,6.23390/@53.24447,6.23390,15z">53°24'44.7"N 6°23'39.0"W - Google</a>	40 x Social 80 x Cost Rental 180 x Affordable	On-Site	Q4 2023	Phased delivery
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social -	Seatown Swords <a href="https://www.google.com/maps/place/53.27354,6.13047/@53.27354,6.13047,15z">53°27'35.4"N 6°13'04.7"W Google Maps</a>	36 36 x 2 Bed	Enabling works commenced.	Q1 2024	Q4 2026
Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock/ Ongar	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Church Fields 3B <a href="https://www.google.com/maps/place/53.24447,6.23390/@53.24447,6.23390,15z">53°24'44.7"N 6°23'39.0"W - Google Maps</a>	107 x Social 110 x Affordable	Enabling works commenced.	Q4 2024	Q4 2026
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Ballisk Park, New Road, Donabate <a href="https://www.google.com/maps/place/53.29026,6.08275/@53.29026,6.08275,15z">53°29'02.6"N 6°08'27.5"W</a>	63 x Social 112 x Affordable	Enabling works commenced.	Q4 2024	Q4 2026
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social - Elderly	North Street, Swords <a href="https://www.google.com/maps/place/53.27386,6.13067/@53.27386,6.13067,15z">53°27'38.6"N 6°13'06.7"W - Google Maps</a>	13 Social 6 x 1 Bed 7 x 2 Bed	Enabling works complete.	Q4 2024	Q1 2026
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	On-Site	On-Site	Q4 2026

				8 x 3-bed			
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Mourne View, Skerries. <a href="https://www.google.com/maps/place/53.580404,-6.122225">53.580404, -6.122225</a>	14 Social 11x2Bed 3x3Bed 1x4Bed	On-Site	On-Site	Q4 2025
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Rathmore, Remount, Lusk <a href="https://www.google.com/maps/place/53.521142,-6.161451">53.521142, -6.161451</a>	18 Social 2 x 1 bed 12 x 2 bed 4 x 3 bed	On-Site	On-Site	Q4 2025
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	TBC	Mooretown Phase 1, Swords. <a href="https://maps.app.goo.gl/R8eAG1aolXh1nL2j9">https://maps.app.goo.gl/R8eAG1aolXh1nL2j9</a>	151 x Affordable 123 x Social	On-Site	On-Site	Q4 2026

### 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 <a 6°22'42.1\"w"="" href="https://www.google.com/maps/place/53°34'03.7\" n="">53°34'03.7"N 6°22'42.1"W - Google Maps</a>	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 <a href="https://www.google.com/maps/place/53.399869,-6.401776">53.399869, -6.401776 Google Maps</a>	30 Social 16 x 1 Bed 14 x 2 Bed	Consultants to be appointed	Q1 2025	Q4 2026
Howth/Malahide	FCC	TBC	Tuckets Lane <a href="https://www.google.com/maps/place/53.385248,-6.066128">53.385248, -6.066128 Google Maps</a>	8 Social 4 x 1 Bed 4 x 2 Bed	On-hold	TBC	TBC



### 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. <a href="https://maps.app.goo.gl/inSEC4Qg3QSBHQHp8">https://maps.app.goo.gl/inSEC4Qg3QSBHQHp8</a>	80	Pre-Planning.	TBC	TBC
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Woodside, Swords. <a href="https://maps.app.goo.gl/53.453901,-6.210574">53.453901, -6.210574 Google Maps</a>	34	Part 8 initiated.	Q4 2025	Q1 2027
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Park Road, Kenure, Rush. <a href="https://maps.app.goo.gl/53.532278,-6.102176">53.532278, -6.102176 Google Maps</a>	32	Part 8 initiated.	Q4 2025	Q1 2027
Howth/Malahide	FCC	Social	Fingerpost, Malahide	4	Design ongoing.	Q4 2025	Q1 2027
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Balmoston Ph2, Donabate 53°29'21.2"N 6°07'58.1"W	86 Social 86 Affordable	Planning granted (in appeal period)	TBC	TBC
Blanchardstown	FCC	Social	Fortlawn, Blanchardstown	21	Pre-Planning	TBC	TBC
Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Mayeston, Dublin 11 <a href="https://maps.app.goo.gl/53.2428.4N6.1702.1W">53°24'28.4"N 6°17'02.1"W - Google Maps</a>	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.

### 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