



Chief Executive's Management Report

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Chief Executive's Foreword

Fingal County Council has again been recognised for our projects and initiatives at the LAMA All-Ireland Community and Council Awards, which were held at the Rochestown Park Hotel in Cork on February 22nd. 14 of our projects were short listed and from that, we received a very impressive five awards as well as the coveted Grand Prix award. This is the second year in a row that we were awarded the Grand Prix prize which recognises the most successful council on the night. The five awards were; Best Housing Regeneration and Urban Planning Award for the Portrane Avenue project at St Ita's Hospital, the Biodiversity Improvements at St Ita's wetlands won in the Large Section in the Best Environmental / Ecological Project, Project Eco Core won the award for the Best CSR Project in a Community, The Great Places and Spaces Map, where the Council partnered with Thrive Balbriggan, won the award for the Best Mental Health Initiative and, finally, the award for Best Micro Start-up went to PRM Assist. In further recognition of our work, the Council also received Certificates of Merit for nine projects in categories including Best Green Sustainable Initiative, Most Inclusive Project, Best Trail / Waterways in Ireland and Community Volunteer of the Year which recognised John Coleman from Skerries Cycling Without Age Group. I was very proud to attend the awards ceremony with the Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Brian McDonagh, councillors and colleagues from Fingal County Council. It was a tremendous honour to receive such recognition amidst such prestigious competition and I congratulate our teams involved with the shortlisted and winning entries.

Seachtain na Gaeilge is in full swing and in keeping with the aim of this international Irish Language festival we are encouraging everyone use whatever Irish they have – Bain Triail Aisti. Council events are taking place in County Hall Swords, Local Libraries, Ardgillan Demesne and the Seamus Ennis Centre, with many other events being organised by Irish language groups throughout the County. With support from The Seamus Ennis Arts Centre on Wednesday 12th March in the Atrium County Hall Swords, we present a Seachtain na Gaeilge celebration with Ceol, Craic and Gaeilge from 7pm to 9pm. The entertainment will be provided by four very accomplished musicians: Bernadette Nic Gabhann is from Co. Meath & has travelled the world as a fiddle player, Caitlín Nic Gabhann is a concertina player, performer, teacher, composer and percussive dancer, a former recipient of TG4 Young Musician of the Year, fiddle player Ciarán Ó Maonaigh hails from the Gaoth Dobhair Gaeltacht in

Co. Donegal while Seán McElwain is a scholar, educator and award-winning musician. This annual event, which welcomes Irish language enthusiasts from the county to join Fingal staff, is always very popular and audience participation is encouraged so if you would like to join in with a song on the night please do. Other events planned include music by Antaine Ó Faracháin and Nollaig Mac Carthaigh in Malahide Library on 12 March at 6.30pm - 7.30pm and a Pop Up Gaeltacht in the Seamus Ennis Centre on March 20 at 6pm followed by a singing session. I am very pleased that Six Fingal Staff members are involved with An Chomhairle Chraiceáilte, a project which was showcased on March 4th in City Hall at Féile na bhFéidearthachtaí aimed at greatly increasing the number of opportunities for the public to use the Irish language. In January we hosted Oíche Líonraithe Gaeilge – an Irish Language Networking event in County Hall. The Gaeltacht Scholarship scheme announced on the night proved hugely popular with almost 400 applications and the 10 successful applicants have been informed and have been invited to attend our Seachtain na Gaeilge celebration in County Hall on March 12th. As we enjoy the events that Seachtain na Gaeilge has to offer, it is worth remembering this reminder from Bernie Kelly, Irish Language Officer, "a language lives by being spoken – Beatha Teanga í a Labhairt!"

As soon as March approaches, the excitement begins to build for our highly anticipated St. Patrick's Day Parades. This year, there will be seven vibrant local family-friendly parades for people to come together and celebrate Ireland's patron saint's day by painting Fingal green! It is hoped that attendance will exceed 100,000 this year so I encourage all of you to go to your local parade and soak up the jovial atmosphere and celebrate the day. Information on the parades can be found [here](#). In addition to the parades, our local libraries and community spaces are hosting an exciting lineup of St. Patrick's week activities. You'll find arts and crafts workshops, traditional Irish music, sing-alongs, quizzes, and more, perfect for all ages. Find out more here: <https://www.fingal.ie/spring-fingal-libraries-2025> However you choose to celebrate, I wish you all a very Happy and fun filled St. Patrick's Day.

Best wishes,

AnnMarie Farrelly
Chief Executive

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People Services

Recruitment

Recruitment Programme 2025	
Total Recruitment Campaigns	41
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New Starters	47
Promotions	42
Number of Current Job Offers	76

Learning & Development Update

Learning & Development	Year to date
Number of courses	54
Number of Attendees	499
Number of Training Days	473

Courses will be delivered in the areas of Eco Driving Training, Ignite Staff Development Programme, Managing Aggressive Behaviour (School Wardens) and many more.

Wellbeing Update

The Wellbeing Team continues to support and deliver impactful wellbeing initiatives for all staff members across the organisation. These initiatives are designed to enhance employee health and satisfaction, focusing on four core pillars of the Wellbeing Strategy:

- Mental Wellbeing
- Physical Wellbeing
- Social Wellbeing
- Financial Wellbeing

HSU – Health & Safety Unit

The month of February 2025 saw 1 interaction with the HAS. The HSU continued through February with 69 site safety audits and inspections, 24 incident investigations and 45 VDU assessments to date. Assistance was given to the Training Section where Abrasive Wheel training was completely reviewed with new battery-operated cutting / grinding portable equipment introduced, course content and presentation of Abrasive Wheels training reviewed, and specific training rolled out to Operational and Water Services staff. The HSU continued their collaboration with Uisce Eireann on resolving safety issues raised by Fingal staff working for that organisation. The HSU reviewed the HSA's short guide on occupational health surveillance and edited an article for The Raven magazine

Customer Services

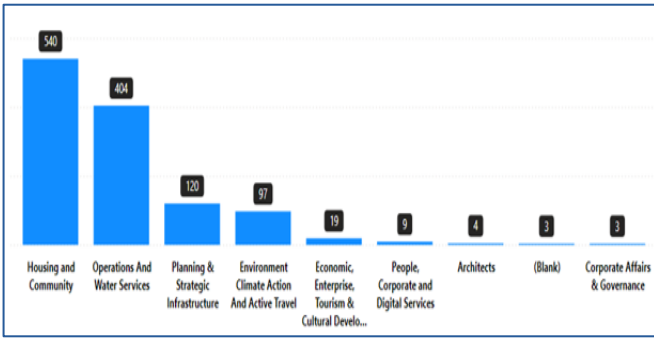
Customer Care Unit Statistics – January 2025

Total No. of Calls dealt with by CCU	Total No. of Emails dealt with by CCU	Presenting In Person
10,792	1,714	2,608

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 February 532.

The table below shows the total number of Elected Members' representations assigned to each Department to date in 2025.



Communications

Digital Statistics

The number of visitors to the finagl.ie website in February was 120,574. Although this figure was down on January's total and the same month last year, the website has seen an increase in visitors of 12,572 for the first two months of 2025 compared to the same period in 2024.

The number of page views also dropped, from 306,775 in January to 283,749 in February and were down on the same month last year.

Affordable housing pages were among the most popular along with pages on planning applications and pitch playability.

The number of Facebook followers rose by 407 to 38,562 and there were over 4,000 interactions and 9,600 link clicks from 1.4m views.

Instagram now has 12,845 followers having seen a 5% rise in the past month. It had 290,182 views and 2.445 interactions during February.

The number of LinkedIn followers is now 11,016. The engagement rate of February was 1.5% from 42,667 impressions.

The number of followers on X is now 23,500 which is a reduction of 37 on January. The channel had an engagement rate of 2.7% from 129,816 impressions.

The growth of WhatsApp continued with a 29% increase in followers over the month to 2,563 followers.

The numbers currently following the other corporate channels are Threads (1,247), TikTok (926) and Bluesky (357).



Eight videos were added to the Council's YouTube Channel which saw the number of subscribers grow to 1,640. Videos posted include another on the work of the Dublin Rural LEADER programme as well as one on the Festival of Light in Balbriggan and another on the launch of the Fingal Skills Strategy. Videos can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/@FingalCountyCouncilVideo/videos>.

The Communications Unit continues to look at adding other channels in order to maximise reach. The total number of followers across the nine social media channels is 92,166.

Press Releases

Twelve press releases were issued during February. Topics included Donabate Library, St Patrick's Day Parades, Seachtain na Gaeilge, LAMA Awards and Fingal Enterprise Awards.

Media Queries

The Communications Unit received 27 media queries during February, Among the topics were XL Bully Dogs, Travellers, Clonsilla Village Framework Plan, Affordable Housing, Outdoor Saunas, Tennant-in-Situ and Planning.

Seachtain na Gaeilge 2025

Seachtain na Gaeilge 2025 is running from 1-17 March. In keeping with the aim of this international Irish Language festival we are encouraging everyone use whatever Irish they have – Bain Triail Aisti. Council events are taking place in County Hall Swords, Local Libraries, Ardgillan Demesne and the Seamus Ennis Centre, with many other events being organised by Irish language groups throughout the County.

For further information see

<https://www.fingal.ie/seachtain-na-gaeilge-2025>.

LAMA Awards

For the second successive year Fingal County Council won the Grand Prix at the LAMA All-Ireland Community and Council Awards after winning five awards and 11 Certificates of Merit. The Council retained the Best Housing Regeneration and Urban Planning Award as well as winning in the Best Micro Start-up, Best Environment / Ecological Project, Best CSR Project and Best Mental Health Initiative categories.



Digital Services

Dynamics 365 and Councillors' Portal

The migration and re-development of the Council's old CRM system to the new Dynamics 365 platform has been completed. The Dynamics 365 Case Management system went live for Fingal staff on Monday 24th February 2025. The new re-designed Councillors' Portal also went live on the same date. There has been excellent engagement and feedback from both staff and Elected Members, facilitated by support structures that were put in place both before and after systems implementation. This project was a very significant undertaking by Digital Services and positions the Council very well for the future in terms of a modern workplace and digitalization of services.

Design your Future Fingal

Fingal County Council in cooperation with Academy of the Near Future, Trinity CONNECT and Smart Balbriggan held a design your Future Fingal week in Balbriggan for Transition Year (TY) students. TY students from around Fingal had the opportunity to sign up for the week when they attended the TY Xplore event in the Helix last October.



The programme challenged students to tackle real-world urban issues, applying their knowledge to develop creative, technology-driven solutions.



By the end of the week, teams had conceptualised and pitched ground-breaking ideas, such as 'Assisted Living PAL', 'FreeBikey', 'Care Compressant', and 'Litterbug Project' – addressing key challenges in accessibility, sustainable transport, and waste management. More importantly, it encouraged young people to see themselves as active participants in shaping their own communities, rather than passive recipients of change.



Chief Executive Innovation Fund 2025

The Chief Executive Innovation Fund recipients for 2025 have been announced, as follows:

- Making Climate Action Accessible
- Climate Action Department
- Mobile Creative Unit
- Libraries Department
- Rainwater Model
- Planning Department
- STEAM Skills for Library Staff
- Libraries Department
- Staff Choir
- People Services Department
- Chess Club
- Libraries Department

The Chief Executive Innovation Fund aims to drive and support a culture of collaboration and innovation in the workplace. Staff are encouraged to apply for funding to support and trial their innovative project or idea.

New Smart Benches

Digital Services in cooperation with Economic Development received a Community Recognition Fund (CRF) to install digital devices across FCC. This project was completed last week with the installation of six smart benches across Fingal. The benches enable members of the public to charge their phones and help to extend our free Wi-Fi services. Five of the new benches replaced existing benches that were damaged and unrepairable at the following locations:

- Balbriggan, St. Georges Square, outside library (see photo below)



- Rush Main Street upper, outside Eurospar, at seating area.
- Malahide Castle, outside Avoca at the coach car park
- Blanchardstown Village, outside Supervalu.
- Howth Harbour Road, opposite Howth Dart Station.
- The sixth bench was installed in a new location in Swords at Millers Glen play park.



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TOURISM DEVELOPMENT

2024 Tourism Trends

Figures published by the CSO on inbound tourists for December confirm that 2024 was a challenging year for the sector. In the final quarter of 2024 visitor numbers to the state were down 12%.



It is also evident that nationally tourism spend is down somewhat, and that the duration of stay has shortened to an average of under 10 nights. Key national policy changes are underway to improve matters in 2025. Tourism Ireland replaced its marketing and advertising outreach in the key 13 overseas markets from where visitors to the island originate.

In these plans regions and counties will have unique destination plans, with a particular focus on festivals and events coming to the fore, as well as sustainable tourism taking centre stage.

Fingal Tourism Strategy

Fingal Tourism Strategy and Fingal Food Policy 2024-2029 progress apace. The associated implementation plan aligns both governing documents to ensure their effective and efficient delivery and the first of half of 2025 will focus on four key deliverables and six short term implementation projects aligned primarily to the strategic objectives of dispersed growth, product and experience development, branding, marketing and promotion, collaboration and partnerships.

The strategy advisory group will meet on the 11th of March in Swords to review, an update will be delivered to EETD SPC the same week, and an update on the resultant outcomes will be included in the March report.

Fingal Food Network



An information and networking event took place at Carnegie Library on 3rd March to recruit new members to the Fingal Food and Drink Network. The event was a great opportunity for all food and drink related businesses to learn about the opportunities and benefits of being part of the network. The event was very well attended, and attendees were able to hear about the plans to expand the network in the coming months, including upcoming events, promotional and collaboration opportunities.

Members of the EETCD Tourism Development team visited Sligo in early March to meet Sligo Food Network, Food Trail and Council, share local food network best practice and discuss their contribution to destination marketing, tourism and economic development.

All Shucked Up Festival, Howth



A new Oyster and Guinness weekend festival took place from 28th February to 2nd March in Howth involving many of the local bars and restaurants. Designed to encourage greater number of visitors in the tourism low season, the event was supported by the Council. This mainly free event attracted many visitors across the weekend and those who attended were able to sample oysters, enjoy the live music and take part in various competitions and fun activities including a treasure hunt and best dressed oyster.

EVENTS



Festival & Events Funding

Fingal County Council announced in February that 101 applications have been successfully awarded funding through the Programme for 2025. This funding will support a wide variety of events across the county, including arts, community, sports, and cultural festivals, ensuring vibrant and engaging experiences for residents and visitors alike.

We look forward to another fantastic year of celebrations that bring people together and showcase the best of Fingal including recent and upcoming events such as:

- The Great Orchestra of Christmas, Bremeare Castle.
- Fingal Old IRA Roadshow Tour, Garristown.
- 13th Slovak Ball, Malahide.
- "All Shucked Up" Festival, Howth.
- Saints and Scholars Festival, Lusk.
- St Patrick's Day Parade, Lusk, Rush and Skerries.
- 10km Race Festival, Skerries
- St Brigid's GAA Mothers & Others Ladies Handball Anniversary Event, Castleknock.
- Mental Health Heritage Evening, Skerries.
- Grand Opening Community Hall, Ballyboghgal.
- The Windmill Run, Garristown.

St. Brigid's Day

Monday February 3rd saw a full house for a magical celebration of St Brigid with Leah Barniville & The Blue Belles in St. Brigid’s Church, Blanchardstown.

St. Patrick’s Day

Fingal is home to **7 St. Patrick’s Day parades**, bringing communities together in a vibrant celebration of Irish culture and creativity. Each year, up to **100,000 spectators** enjoy and participate in these fantastic events, making them one of the biggest highlights in the county’s event calendar.

From lively music and colourful floats to community performances, Fingal’s parades showcase the best of local talent and Irish heritage.



These drafts will be conservation led, ensuring that both buildings are preserved and enabled to adapt to their future uses. It is anticipated that both plans can be launched in the Autumn of 2025.



Newbridge House & Farm Courtyard Kitchen



HERITAGE PROPERTIES

Conservation Plans

EETCD have engaged an editing company called Type who are progressing the drafts of the conservation plans for two heritage property sites at Ardgillan Castle and Shackleton Mills.

The success of the recently launched Courtyard Kitchen at Newbridge House and Farm is expanding based on visitor feedback to additional spaces now with refurbishments by the operator in the north range of the courtyard area. This will allow visitors to the demonstration kitchen to sample their delicious food prepared there in a more comfortable setting.

Malahide Castle & Gardens Excellence in Public Sector Award 2025



Malahide Castle & Gardens has been recognised as Destination of the Year 2025 by The Public Sector Magazine following on from their award last year as Visitor Attraction of the Year in 2024. This is an incredible honour and reflects the dedication and hard work of the operator in transforming Malahide Castle as the number one destination to visit for tourism and heritage.

Swords Castle Food Market



Preparation is well underway for a new monthly food market to be held on the third Saturday of each month from Spring to Autumn in the grounds of Swords Castle, with Saturday 19th April earmarked for launch. This new addition to the food and drink calendar in Fingal will benefit Fingal food and drink traders and the community, while acting as a pilot for other markets across the county. It will operate in partnership with the Fingal Food Network and a markets expert with a wealth of experience in other successful markets across Dublin, and it is intended that branding will be finalised shortly so promotion can then begin in earnest.

CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

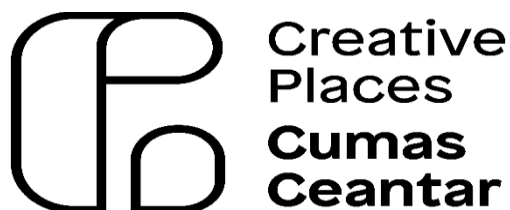
Arts

Amharc Fine Ghall



The First Draft, a new exhibition from photographer Rich Gilligan for the 13th edition of Amharc Fhine Gall, an annual platform for Fingal-based visual artists funded by the County Council and presented with Draíocht since 2004, launched at Draíocht on February 19th. *The First Draft* is an artistic homecoming, bringing internationally influenced work back to the roots of Gilligan's creative journey and offers a contemplative look at the themes of belonging, identity and coming of age in suburbia. The exhibition will be accompanied by an education programme and publication launch.

Creative Places Balbriggan



Creative Places Balbriggan is a 3-year Arts Council-funded programme to increase community participation in the Arts from 2025 – 2027. Co-ordinator Cormac McDonagh began work in January 2025 as part of the FCC Arts Office team.

Extensive Stakeholder engagement is underway in Balbriggan Community with community groups, local artists and service providers. An advisory committee will be formed in Q2 of 2025 as well as wider stakeholder community group. The programme strategy will have community-led approach. Creative Places will work closely with Balbriggan Library, Our Balbriggan and the local Community Officer. The co-ordinator has also linked with some of the other 18 Creative places in the nationwide network, attending a symposium on Socially Engaged Arts Practices, hosted by Creative Places Darndale in February.

Youth & Education

Space Crafts, STEAM initiative



Space Crafts welcomed children from Pelletstown Educate Together National School to DIAS Dunsink this month to engage in science and art workshops, fostering a deeper connection with space research, the observatory's scientific heritage and art practice. Pupils explored planetary composition and the physics of light, culminating in the creation of their own planetary paintings. The artwork from both workshops is displayed at the observatory during public events, allowing the community to appreciate the children's creativity. Additional workshops are planned for the spring with other schools.

Music Generation Fingal



Music Generation Fingal Fhine Gall

Music Generation Fingal is building connections this month with the Alternative Learning Programmes in Balbriggan and Swords, which will include a 5-week pilot drumming program. We are also collaborating with a newly formed UBU Roma Group in Balbriggan on a 6-week pilot, where children aged 11-15 yrs will develop practical music skills and receive instruments they can take home to practice with. Additionally, a songwriting and recording program will be offered at the Blanchardstown Foróige Clubhouse, providing opportunities for young people, including those in residential care, to get involved in music making.

Public Art

Public Art - John Kindness Quay Street & Harry Reynolds Road

Site visits in Balbriggan with project teams for Harry Reynolds Road and Quay Street to assist artist John Kindness in the development of the new public artworks for these quay sites. The proposed works will make a significant contribution to the town.





Public Art & Private Development

John Conway has been commissioned with funding allocated through the ESB to deliver a new public artwork with the Corduff Community, John is currently engaged in a series of workshops at the Corduff Community Centre.

Arts Services

Fingal Artists' Support Scheme

The annual Fingal Artist's Support Scheme opened to applications on 6th January 2025.

Now in its 10th year, this scheme 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.

To support artists through the application process, the Arts Office delivered two funding clinics; an in-person clinic in Ardgillan Castle and online clinic with Annette Moloney, curator and commissioner, on 6th February. The online clinic was recorded and was made available on the FCC YouTube channel directly after the session. Over two weeks it received 197 views.

The application window closed on Friday 21st February and received 303 eligible applications. Applications are now being assessed by an independent panel of external assessors and recommendations will be approved at the April council meeting.

Carnegie Library

Chris Forrester at Seen & Heard Festival

Carnegie Library TU recent graduate in residence, Chris Forrester, is presenting a new performance art project developed during his residency as part of Seen & Heard Festival in Smoke Alley Theatre.

Seen & Heard is a festival of works in development and provides artists a platform to engage with audiences directly.

Draíocht

Our first Exhibition of 2025, 'First Draft', by Blanchardstown native, Rich Gilligan, was opened on Wednesday 19th February by Cllr Mary McCamley (deputising on behalf of the Mayor). This Exhibition is presented in partnership with the Fingal Arts Office and is the 13th Edition of the Amharc Fhine Gall series which supports a Fingal artists' work and practice. It is an exceptional exhibition, and the Opening was packed to capacity.

Our work with Rich continues with the Outreach project with Sarah Beirne, Draíocht's Children's/Youth Arts Office as well as working with Fingal Arts Office to facilitate a practice Development Day for Third Level colleges



We are into another full and busy year with a full programme of performance, children/youth arts and visual art exhibitions as well as artists mentoring and residency opportunities.

Programmes for Festivals such as Dublin Theatre Festival are being finalised and 2025 will see us present two shows for children in same.

Our Dance Artist in Residence programme continues with artist, Matt Szczerek, and his collaborator, Alessio Motta, going back into D15 schools in March.

2025 also sees the first year of Draíocht hosting Sarah Ward's, (a D15 artist and researcher) 4-year PHD at TU Dublin as part of the ARISE Scholarship programme, to examine the relationship between artists, galleries and the public.

Full details are available on www.draiocht.ie

Seamus Ennis Arts Centre

Music

- Traditional Slow Session returned for the new year with 15 in person and 32 online
- Our Traditional Singing Session on 20th February welcomes Eabha McMahon as the guest singer with currently 16 booked in person and 15 online

Cinema

- Bird – 47 attended this gritty Barry Keoghan film, with 21 availing of the meal deal with the café.
- The Teacher, set in Palestine, will show on 27th February – to date 12 are booked in

Workshops and Other Events

- The Pop-Up Gaeltacht is a free event we run every month, and for the event on Thursday 20th we have 26 booked in. One of our regular attendees and members spoke to Raidio Ni Life about the event and how it has given her the opportunity to speak Irish while meeting new people.
- The Céilí Beag started back for the year with 16 parents and 16 toddlers in attendance.
- A Lampshade Making workshop takes place on February 23rd and is sold out

Comedy

- Sharondipity, Sharon Mannion's solo show played to 39 attendees on the 8th of February.
- Anne Gildea's Further Adventures in Womaning is scheduled for February 28th and currently has 74 booked



Theatre

- The Murder of Michael Collins is part historical drama, part musical theatre and plays on 21st February to a sold-out audience.
- Entangled showed on 15th February and was a romantic comedy performed by a Cavan theatre group. We had an audience of 60.

Libraries

Ireland Reads Day



To celebrate Ireland Reads Day on Saturday 22nd February, Balbriggan Library was delighted to welcome international bestselling novelist Cecelia Ahern. Cecelia chatted to journalist Sarah-Jayne Tobin about her life, the importance of readers and reading, and shared information about her new novel due this Autumn. There was an engaging and interactive Questions and Answers session after the talk and Cecelia kindly shared her writing tips and advice with the very enthusiastic audience. Ireland Reads Day was also celebrated at Skerries Library with children's author and illustrator Tarsila Krüse and at Donabate Library with author and illustrator Alan Nolan

LAMA Awards

Fingal Libraries was shortlisted for two Local Authority Members Association Community and Council Awards. Balbriggan Library of Sanctuary was shortlisted under the Most Inclusive Project category, and Made in Swords, a creative collaboration between a local school and an artist/children's author was shortlisted for Best CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility) Project. The award ceremony was held in Cork on 22nd February and although neither project won an award, the project teams were delighted to be shortlisted.

Creative Fingal

Creative Fingal welcomes Prosper Fingal to Malahide Library in March for a four-week painting tuition course with artist John Carpenter. Participants will have the opportunity to develop their skills in a welcoming social space.

As part of Fingal's Shared Island Project, two dementia-inclusive choirs from both sides of our island, The Forget-Me-Nots and This is Me, will perform together to celebrate the St. Patrick's Festival on 15th March in the Hugh Lane Gallery and on 16th March in Bewley's Café, Grafton Street. This collaborative venture, 'Sharing Songs - Unforgettable Voices', fosters cultural understanding and unity through song and shared experiences.

International Women's Day



Fingal Libraries will celebrate International Women's Day on 8th March. Dr. Elaine Farrell and Dr. Leanne McCormick, the historians behind the 'Bad Bridget' podcast, will speak in Blanchardstown Library about the untold stories of generations of Irish women who emigrated to America.

Donabate Library will host bestselling novelist, Ciara Geraghty who will talk about her writing life. Author and educator Melatu Uche Okorie will discuss arts practice in Ireland in Balbriggan Library with the spotlight on female and ethnic minority artists.

The Fingal World Book Tour 2025

To celebrate World Book Day Ireland 2025, authors Muireann Ní Chíobháin, Tarsila Krüse, Pádraig Kenny, Alan Nolan, and Aoife Dooley will visit libraries and schools across Fingal between 3rd - 7th March. This is the third year of the Fingal Libraries World Book Tour, which gives primary school children a fun opportunity to meet some of their favourite authors and receive a gift of the author's book.

Seachtain na Gaeilge

Seachtain na Gaeilge takes place from 1st - 17th March. Fingal Libraries programme of events includes a fun, family 'pop-up Gaeltacht' event in Blanchardstown Library where children play games to practice their cúpla focal. This event is facilitated by comedian Áine Gallagher, who is also facilitating workshops to help students prepare for their Leaving Certificate Irish oral examination. Singer Antaine Ó Faracháin and piper Nollaig Mac Cárthaigh will perform Irish music and songs in Malahide Library. Irish language story time takes place in a number of library branches, and there will also be comic book drawing workshops as gaeilge.

Family Literacy Project

Parents and children selected by Scoil Mhuire in Blakestown will work with literacy experts Stephen Brett and Colm O'Donovan as part of Blanchardstown Library's Family Literacy Project in March. The mobile library service will visit the school, as will children's author and illustrator Alan Nolan. Stephen Brett will also give a series of talks in Blanchardstown Library for all parents of primary school children from junior infants to sixth class on effective strategies to support their child's reading development.

Engineers' Week

To celebrate Engineers Week (Saturday, 1st – Friday, 7th March) classes from local primary schools are invited to libraries for STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths) workshops where students will get an opportunity to build a mechanical hand, learn about bioplastics and design a kite.

Sensory-Friendly Events for Children

Sensory-friendly events for children are ongoing in all libraries. These include workshops where children learn through play, active Lego sessions, and musical sessions.

Skills for Life

As part of Fingal Libraries' Skills for Life and Age-Friendly programmes, Sabine McKenna will deliver a course on getting to know your smartphone in Rush Library. In these practical sessions, participants are guided through their phone's basic features and most widely used apps.

Irish Astronomy Week

Fingal Libraries has organised events to celebrate Irish Astronomy Week which takes place between 1st –8th March. The events include talks on the birth, life and death of our solar system from the President of the Irish Astronomical Society, and on astrophotography - the art of taking deep sky photographs.

Economic Development

Fingal Skills Strategy



The Future Fingal: Fingal Skills Strategy 2024 - 2029 was adopted by the Council on 11th November 2024. An official launch event was held on the 26th of February at Baldoyle Training Centre, with more than 70 guests in attendance, including MEP's, TD's, Elected Members, representatives from the education/training and private business sectors, members of the Skills Strategy Implementation Group (SSIG) and Sectoral Skills Sub-Groups.



The Mayor of Fingal launched the new Strategy, with addresses given by John Quinlivan, Director of Economic, Enterprise, Tourism & Cultural Development, a presentation was given by Grant Thornton Consultants on the Strategy and a panel discussion on the future of the Fingal Skills Strategy and the current skills ecosystem featuring John Quinlivan for FCCC, Natasha Kinsella of Dublin Regional Skills Forum and Lorcan Blake and Andrew Webb of Grant Thornton Consultants.





The Sectoral Sub-groups of Construction, Green Skills, Services and Transport & Logistics all meet to review progress on action plans and the next Implementation Group meeting is scheduled for 4th March. The Council continues to participate in the Dublin Regional Skills Forum and input into plans for improving engagement with SME's on skills provision.

Xplore Your Future Fingal TY Skills Expo 2025

The 2025 Xplore Your Future Skills Expo which is open to all TY students in Fingal secondary schools is scheduled to take place in the Helix, DCU on the 14th of October 2025 building on the success of the last two expo events.



Skyla Project



The Fingal SKYLA Project Team attended a number of virtual bilateral meetings with project partners to examine and explore future synergies relation to good practises:

Meeting with Malmo Sweden in relation to their good practice - the AMK Franchise system (located in 10 regions and encompassing 90 municipalities, engaging with students at secondary level on labour market intelligence to inform career choices)

Meeting with Sofia, Bulgaria in relation to their good practice (TUES – Technological School of Electronic Systems <https://elsys-bg.org/> which involves engagement with students at secondary level on STEM)



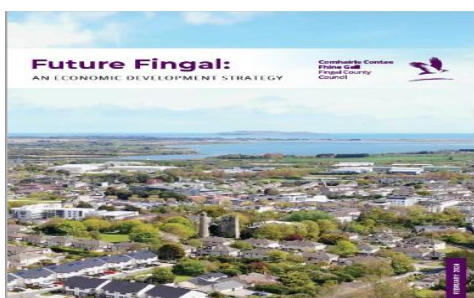
Good practice bilateral exchange meetings were held with partners in Italy, Lithuania and Poland on dual apprenticeship models for the twin transition which was also attended by a representative of DDLETB from Baldoyle Training Centre.

The Fingal team submitted the STEM internship programme run by DCU as a further good practice in Project SKYLA and a presentation was given to partners in a bi-lateral exchange meeting. [STEM Teacher Internship Programme \(STint\)](#)

Further meetings with project partners are being scheduled for the coming months.

The SKYLA mid-term review took place in February to check progress towards the project objectives. There will be a funding call relating to Skills pilot actions issuing in Q1 2025 and the Council has prepared a proposal for a pilot action which would enable the delivery of a key action under Theme 2: Increasing Awareness of Future Fingal: Fingal Skills Strategy

Economic Development Strategy



The Economic Development team is progressing the implementation of actions, including the development of a Marketing Plan under the Economic Development Strategy. Work has commenced on developing a Sustainable Fingal Strategy to promote sustainability measures for business and planning has commenced with Fingal Chamber on a series of Sustainability Briefings for Businesses during Climate Action Week in May 2025.

URBACT-EcoCore



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.

A transnational project meeting was held in Ormoz, Slovenia at the beginning of February 2025 with a focus on peer reviews of each partner's Integrated Action Plans (IAP's).

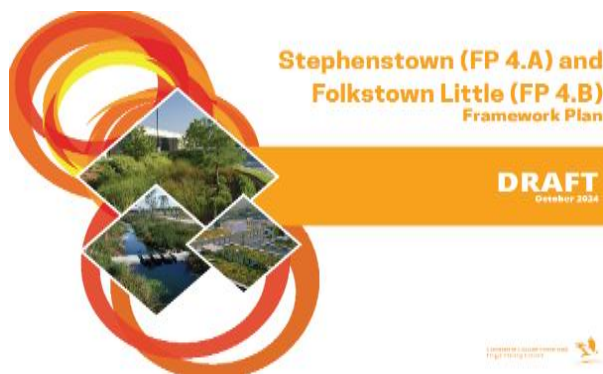


Project EcoCore won the "Best CSR Project in a Community Award" at the recent LAMA 2025 All-Ireland Community & Council Awards, held at the Rochestown Park Hotel in Cork.

The award recognises the collaborative efforts of the EcoCore Project Team and the Urbact Local Group members in driving sustainability actions and the circular economy in the EcoCore Project in Balbriggan and the wider European network of partners.



Stephenstown and Folkstown Little Framework Plans



The Draft Stephenstown (FP 4.A) & Folkstown Little (FP 4.B) Framework Plan was on public display from 17th October to 15th November 2024.

Following the Framework Plan out on public display, submissions were received, and these are currently being reviewed so that the Chief Executive's report can be prepared for the consideration of the Elected Members in the coming weeks.

Sustainable Fingal



The EETCD Department continue to liaise with representatives from DCU and DAA to explore a work programme for 2025 to progress potential 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.



Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor Summit 2025 was held on 27th February 2025, this highly successful event highlighted DBEC's ambition to shape and influence policy to enable a higher performing cross border economy. Attendees heard from the policy makers, leaders, including the Mayor of Fingal as co-chair of DBEC's Political Advisory Group, and key private sector partners from along the corridor.



A panel of business leaders focused on cross border trade and the importance of DBEC in bolstering the island economy.



The event had more than 500 attendees and brought 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.

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 next meeting of the LCDC will take place on 4th March 2025.

SICAP

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



The 2025 budget allocations are outlined below in respect of the delivery of the Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme (SICAP):

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

Empower, as the SICAP Programme Implementer, have submitted the 2025 SICAP Annual Plan & reporting for 2024 has been reviewed. Formal approval of the 2025 Annual Plan and the 2024 Annual Performance Review will take place at the LCDC meeting on 4th March.



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 12th December 2024 and approved 3 Projects for funding. The next Dublin Rural LAG meeting is scheduled for the 29th April 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

Dublin Rural LEADER launched a target call on 26th February 2025 for Funding Opportunities for Female & Young Entrepreneurs (18-40) in Rural Dublin with a deadline for expressions of interest of the 28th March 2025.



To learn more please contact rdinfo@fingalleaderpartnership.ie

EETCD, in collaboration with Fingal Communications Department and Dublin Rural LEADER, produced a series of videos to promote the LEADER Programme. These videos showcase the types of projects possible with LEADER funding to support rural development, create jobs, and enhance community services. The videos are being promoted across all social media channels to maximise reach and engagement.



Local Enhancement Programme 2025

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

Community and Voluntary Groups in Fingal applied 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 had been allocated a total of €268,827 in funding for Groups across the county €230,423 in Capital Funding and €38,404 in Current Funding.

The Evaluation Committee Meeting for the Current Funding Scheme was held on 27th January 2025, followed by the Evaluation Committee Meeting for the Capital Funding Scheme on 28th January 2025.

All proposed funding has now been submitted to the Department of Rural & Community Development (DRCD) for final approval and notifications will be issued to all applicants when allocations are approved by DRCD.

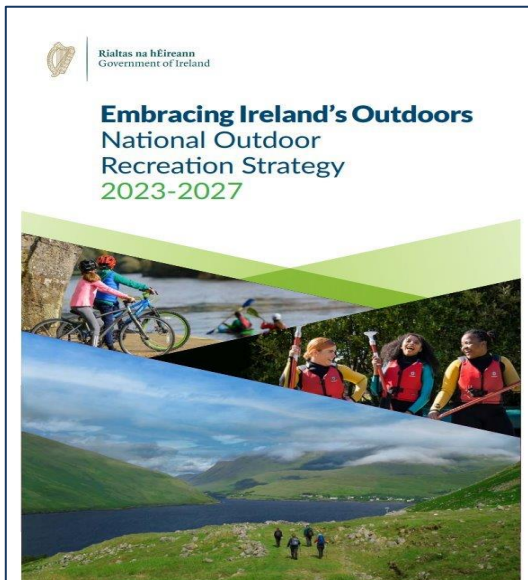
Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS)

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. Consultation with stakeholders and the public has been completed.

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

Land-Based	Water-Based	Air-Based
Walking	Canoeing/Kayaking	Paragliding
Hillwalking/Hiking	Rowing	Hang-gliding
Leisure cycling	Wild swimming	
Mountain biking	Surfing	
Horse riding	Coasteering	
Running	Wind surfing/Kite surfing	
Orienteering	Sailing	
Bouldering, Scrambling, Rockclimbing, Mountaineering	Diving	
Caving	Angling	
Play in nature	Stand Up Paddleboarding	

Passive enjoyment of the outdoors

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 were required to be sent via email to LCDC@Fingal.ie.

The closing dates for submitting Expressions of Interest for projects have closed and applications are under evaluation for submission to DRCD in accordance with deadlines in March 2025.



Empowering Communities Through Exercise and Well-Being

ExWell Medical runs supervised exercise rehabilitation programs in Mulhuddart, the Naul, and Swords, supporting 197 active members with chronic illnesses. Participants attended 385 weekly visits during January 2025 as a result of the support of Healthy Fingal & the Sports Office. These community-based sessions are tailored to individual needs, promoting physical and mental well-being. Participants improve fitness, manage conditions, and enhance their quality of life through expert guidance and peer support. By fostering an active lifestyle, ExWell empowers members to build confidence, achieve long-term health benefits, and strengthen community connections across Fingal.



Disability Information Sessions

Healthy Fingal in collaboration with the Sports Office and North Dublin Drugs Task Force are facilitating information sessions for parents of young people with disabilities through the CRC Balbriggan. These sessions will focus on warning signs of usage and supports around drugs and alcohol. We'll also be providing sports/physical activity participation opportunities in the region. These sessions will also be used to look at gaps in services and look at potential opportunities for 2025 and beyond.



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 €1,813,912 for 26 projects across Fingal with €1.4 million claimed to date.

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

Community Recognition Fund (CRF) 2024

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 is 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 funding of c. €630,000 in August 2024:

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

Application Window 2:

On February 24th, Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht, Dara Calleary TD, announced over €14 million in funding for 185 community projects nationwide under the Community Recognition Fund 2024. In Window 2 7 projects in Fingal received funding of c. €596,000 in February 2025:

- Donabate Portrane Community Centre - Safety and Accessibility Works
- St Margaret's GAA Club Astroturf Installation
- Baldoyle Forum - Fire Safety Upgrades
- Corduff Resource Centre Fire Safety Upgrades
- Blanchardstown Centre for Independent Living Electric Wheelchair Accessible Van
- Phibblestown Community Centre Astroturf Resurfacing (€50,000)
- O'Dwyers GAA Club, Balbriggan - Supply and Installation of Perimeter Fencing



Application Window 3:

The third and final public call for applications under this funding stream was announced in November with a deadline in December 2024.

Project proposals have been evaluated and submitted to the Department of Rural and Community Development (DRCD) for approval on 28th February 2025.



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 now formed a new legal entity "Innovate Fingal" to drive innovation and focus on the strategic development of the 3 Enterprise Centres.

The Board of Innovate Fingal had their inaugural board meeting on the 10th of January with agreement reached on a new brand/logo identify for Innovate Fingal.

Innovate 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 in June 2024 resulted in four newly constituted multi-stakeholder Pillar structures focusing on progressing opportunities around Economic Development, Education, Skills & Employment, Community Development and Sustainability, Climate Action and Bio-diversity Pillar, the Public Realm Pillar remains current.

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 (URDF) supported by the Department of Housing, Heritage and Local Government.

The Balbriggan Leadership Group, independently chaired by Dr. David Begg, is scheduled to meet next on March 19th to adopt new Pillar Action Workplans for the period 2025 - 2029. Pillar Groups continue to meet to refine draft workplans before presenting them for consideration to the Leadership Group.

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 Riverbed. The Town Car Park has now re-opened, with Electrical Vehicle Chargers due to be installed Q2 2025. Phase 2 has commenced with the heritage restoration of the RNLI Boathouse building for commercial use, foundations for new public toilets, new harbour building and kiosks. Phase 3 will incorporate the construction of 2 pedestrian bridges, with substantial completion of the Toilet Block & Kiosk and Harbour Buildings.

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



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



The Programme Office is currently engaging in a feasibility study to examine options for a sea swim platform in Balbriggan. Feasibility report for this project is due shortly.



An Internal Project Team has been established from the Town Regeneration Office, Our Balbriggan and FCC Architects to progress the Boathouse and Bathhouse project. Enabling works have now been completed. Engineers have been appointed to the project, which is set to be substantially completed by end Q1 2026.



Tender pack documents for 2 – 4 Dublin Street are currently under review. 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.

The Our Balbriggan Office continues to generate regular and unique content across all social media channels, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn with over 12,904 followers across all 4 social channels.



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 measures to develop appropriate facilities in Lusk's Central Parks and the feasibility of a farmers' market.

A consultant has been appointed to produce a feasibility study for the farmers market project, and preparatory work is ongoing regarding the Lusk Central Parks project.



A meeting of the Lusk town team was held on February 13th during which both projects were discussed, it was also agreed to amend the composition of the town team.

Town Centre First - Balrothery

A visit to Blessington, Co. Wicklow was held on February 6th with members of the Town Regeneration Office and the Balrothery town team as part of the capacity building measures. The visit was a huge success, with many key insights gained regarding successful projects undertaken by the Wicklow Town Team, and how elements of these projects could be replicated in Balrothery.



Town Centre First - Ballyboughal

A visit by the town team in Ballyboughal to a host village of a similar size is currently being planned, allowing the group to observe successful projects in a similarly sized village. A designation for this is being finalised.

An output report from the capacity building process which was undertaken by the Town Regeneration Office over the past number of months is being finalised and will be presented to the Ballyboughal group shortly.



Town Centre First - Donabate

A further capacity building meeting took place in Donabate on 28th January where further progress was made regarding identifying key objectives and projects to be included in the output report.



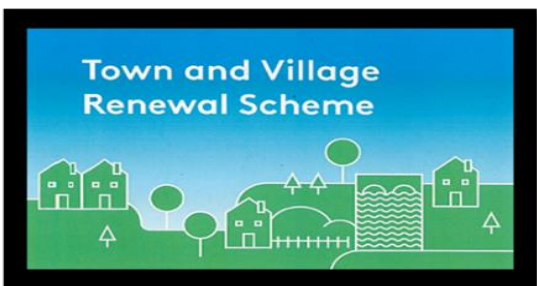
Town Centre First - Rush

The inaugural Town Centre First meeting for Rush took place on 21st February which included a presentation by the appointed consultant and discussions on how the process will proceed. A further meeting is planned for March 2025.



Town & Village Renewal Schemes

The Town Regeneration Office is currently facilitating two recently approved projects under this scheme from 2023. A Phase 4 development of Floraville Park in Skerries (€55,800) and upgrades to the Rush Community Centre (€64,350) have been approved by the Department of Rural and Community Development. Both projects are on schedule 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. 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. Nine applications have been approved for funding totalling €12,635.28 for a variety of works including painting, green enhancement, and signage enhancement. These works will be carried out over the coming months.



Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme Project

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

A progress report has been received from the appointed consultant, which confirms that the study is due to be completed on schedule.

Derelict Sites

21 statutory notices have issued to owners of Derelict properties to the end of January 2025. This compares to a total of 11 at this point in time in 2024.

The properties listed on the Derelict Sites Register on the 1st January 2025 with a market value of €7,132,100.00 have been issued with levy demands at the statutory rate of 7%, as specified under the Derelict Sites Act 1990 (as amended). These levies amount to €499,247.00

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



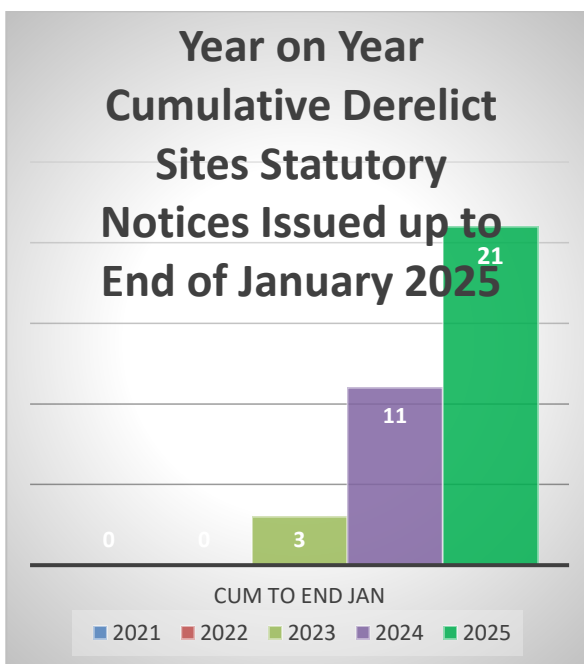
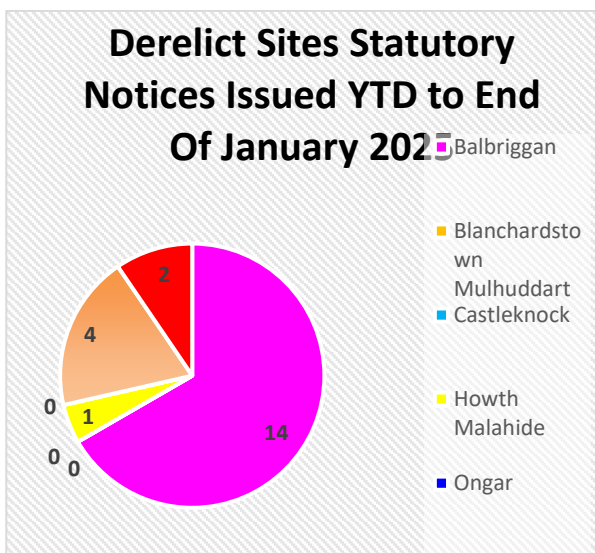
LEO Fingal provides a broad suite of support services to stimulate enterprise and enable small businesses to succeed. Some of the LEO highlights for February 2025 are as follows:

Local Enterprise Week 2025



Local Enterprise Week kicks off from 3rd to 7th March 2025, with a packed schedule of events, including the Fingal Startup Bootcamp, networking events with Balbriggan Chamber and Fingal Chamber, the Fingal Enterprise Awards, and the Fingal Enterprising Women Network event. We're seeing steady numbers enrolling, and we are actively promoting LEW to ensure a strong turnout. There will also be a host of events both in person and online, covering areas such as food business, digital, productivity, and sustainability.

Fingal Local Enterprise Awards 2025



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

The Fingal Enterprise Awards competition is organised annually by the Local Enterprise Office to acknowledge the achievements of small businesses. This is part of a national competition in which one overall winner from each of the 31 Local Enterprise Office areas will compete for the National awards. This year, six businesses were short-listed from the applications received, all of which have been assessed by the Fingal LEO independent panel of judges. Following their visit to the Fingal dragon's den, the six applicants take centre-stage at the Fingal Enterprise Awards final which takes place during Local Enterprise Week 4th March. The Fingal prize fund this year is €10,000. The overall winner will scoop the top prize of €5,000 investment in their business. The winner will also progress to represent Fingal at the National Enterprise Awards final in the Mansion House in May 2025.

The six finalists are:

- The Good Trading & Sourcing Co Ltd, T/A Jack Murphy Clothing - Sarah Murphy (Skerries)
- Cozmotec CG Consulting Ltd - Cuty Gupta (Swords)
- Gigi Supplements Ltd - Jennie Haire (Santry)
- Mizz Rio Bridal - Mags Morgan (Ballyboughal)
- Vistona Ltd - Dave Byrne (Rush)
- Anyscor Ltd - Colin Deering (Skerries)

Fingal Business Supports Briefing



The first two Business Supports Briefings of the year have seen huge numbers in attendance, with over 200 people booked in across both events which took place in Riasc Centre, Kinsealy.

The audience were delighted to hear about the supports for small businesses from LEO Fingal. The LEO team outlined the Training and Events, Business Advice and Mentorship, Grant Funding and other supports on offer. There was a lively questions and answers session with many Owner / Managers staying on for one-to-one consultations with LEO staff. As a result of this high level of interest, the Business Advice Clinics, Start Your Own Business Courses and Grant Application Workshops run by LEO Fingal have seen a large uptake in numbers.

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. The Fingal final takes place on March 13th in Crowne Plaza Hotel, Blanchardstown.

Food Sectoral Supports

DUBLIN FOOD CHAIN

LEO Fingal hosts a Regional event for Food Producers in Local Enterprise Week in the Castleknock Hotel where we will hear from Stephen Carr from Pizza Sorrento and Ciaran Fitzpatrick from Cookie Dó, two Dublin-based food producers who have overcome challenges to build world-class businesses. Laura Harper Trading Director Marks & Spencer will join our producers to give her perspective and provide an overview of M&S Ireland.

Evaluations and Approvals Committee

The Evaluation and Approvals Committee (EVAC) approved €129,055 across 8 Business Feasibility, Priming and Expansion Grants to date in 2025. Seventeen Digital for Business consultancy programmes amounting to €38,700 have also been approved YTD. The next EVAC meeting will be held online on the 26th of March 2025.

Management Development

LEADERSHIP FOR ACCELERATED GROWTH



The Leadership for Accelerated Growth programme kicks off on the 12th of March 2025 in the Carlton Hotel Dublin Airport. 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. So far this year there has been a very strong level of interest in this scheme with enquiries coming from restaurants, pubs and coffee shops. Three companies have been approved so far and many more are currently going through the approval process.

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 5th December 2024. A total of 37 applications have been approved in the amount of €84,438.00 year to date. The Trading Online Voucher scheme has now closed and only applications received on or before 13th December 2024 are being 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 2025 so far 111 clients availed of one-to-one appointments in Business Advice Clinics, with consistently high demand for this service among Fingal businesses. And 48 clients have so far signed up for business mentoring. A new Mentor panel has been procured and Mentors are currently on-boarding. A Mentor Induction meeting will be held shortly and LEO Staff will present an overview of the LEO portfolio, following this there will be regular meetings to keep mentors informed and provide a platform for knowledge sharing

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.

A record-breaking number of loan applications for Microfinance funding were received during 2024, with 45 Fingal applications processed.

Four MFI loan applications have been processed in January 2025. LEO Fingal supports MFI applicants with a Mentor who assists with the application process to maximise their prospects of approval.

Training and Events

Training from LEO Fingal for small business owners has had a strong start to the year with 504 participants year to date. There have been two Start Your Own Business courses with 24 participants. LEO Fingal continues to see buoyant demand for courses in 2025.

Internationalisation and Export Development

The new "Market Explorer Grant" has replaced the TAME Grant from 1 January 2025. The grant is available to small enterprises in the manufacturing and international trading sectors (with up to 50 employees). The amount of the grant is to a maximum of €10,000 or 50% of eligible costs. The object of the financial offer is to support the development of export-oriented businesses by incentivising support to research and explore activities in new markets.

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.

LEO Fingal has just approved their first application for this grant in the amount of €9,520.



The Export Development programme “Get Exporting” is continuing 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 programme. On 10 February LEO staff were briefed by EI on progress of the programme and businesses.

Grow Digital Voucher



A Digital Tool for every Business

The new Grow Digital Voucher 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.

LEO Fingal have approved their first eligible application and are working to increase awareness of this support with businesses throughout Fingal.

LEO Fingal have launched a Digital Boost Webinar to educate prospective applicants about the Digital Supports available including Digital for Business and Grow Digital.

LAMA Awards



Fingal Enterprise Awards 2024 winner PRM Assist won the Best Micro Start Up Award at the recent LAMA - All Ireland Community and Council Awards. PRM Assist based in Dublin Airport is a global leader in innovative Passenger with Reduced Mobility (PRM) services within airport environments.

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Area Business January 2024 to December 2024

Area	Public CRM's	Rep CRM's	Area Questions	Area Motions	Headed Items
Balbriggan/Swords	675	96	33	11	2
Castleknock/Mulhuddart	487	125	10	4	1
Howth/Malahide	317	29	13	4	3
Total	1,479	250	56	19	6

Works Programme

Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area

Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area - Parks

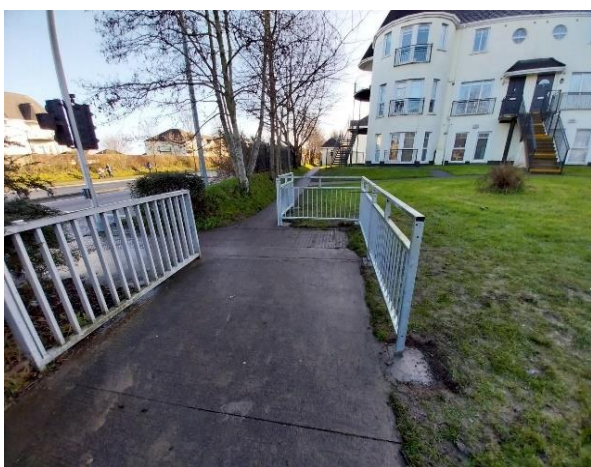
Upgrade works to the surrounds of the tennis courts at Glebe Park, Balrothery.



The new EcoFill bottle refill station installed in Portrane adjacent to the Calisthenics area.



Amendments made to the existing pedestrian barrier layout by Operations staff at Holywell crescent North and South. New barriers were installed to obstruct the direct line from the green areas onto the R125, and close up gaps created by desire lines on approach to the road crossing, as per previous local and Cllr requests received.



Area Roads and General Maintenance Programme

Drainage works Knocknaggin Lane, Balbriggan.



As part of the National Speed Limit the crews replaced affected signage across Local Rural Roads. Across the Balbriggan / Swords Operational Area there was 105 60km/h signs installed.





Edging of footpaths in Ridgewood Park:



Path edging works, Lusk.



Fingal County Council crews assisting the ESB in Co. Monaghan following damage caused by Storm Éowyn.



Installation of new footpath along Kinsealy Lane.

Howth Malahide Area

Roads

Kinsealy Lane



Replacement of footpaths in Gaybrook Malahide.

St Laurence's Howth



Road patching in St. Laurence's Howth

Ardilaun Portmarnock



Footpath bay replacement in Ardilaun Estate, Portmarnock.

Burial Grounds and Beaches



Fly tipping at our clothes banks which is a regular issue daily Howth-Malahide.



Ongoing fly tipping on Moyne Road daily clean ups by Howth-Malahide cleansing section.



Watery lane teleporter upgrade.



Delivery of new mini digger to Balgriffin Fingal burial grounds



Our cycle lane sweeper clearing and sweeping cycle lanes Howth Malahide.

Portmarnock Beach



Recent damage to the dune protection fencing Portmarnock Beach.



Damage at Portmarnock Beach walkway.



Access to Portmarnock Beach-Before works carried out



Access to Portmarnock Beach-After works carried out



Upgrading of paths Portmarnock



Exterior snag works commenced at Malahide Howth new toilet units

Bayside Basketball Courts



New back boards for the basketball courts installed at Bayside train station to replace broken and missing boards.

Malahide Demesne



Fire being dealt with in Avoca's lockup unit on grounds of Malahide Castle



New overlay being carried out at the Back Road car park before and after photos.





New surface from Lime Kiln to McAlister's Gate



Reduction of Poplars at rear of Depot in Malahide Demesne



Talbot Botanic Gardens



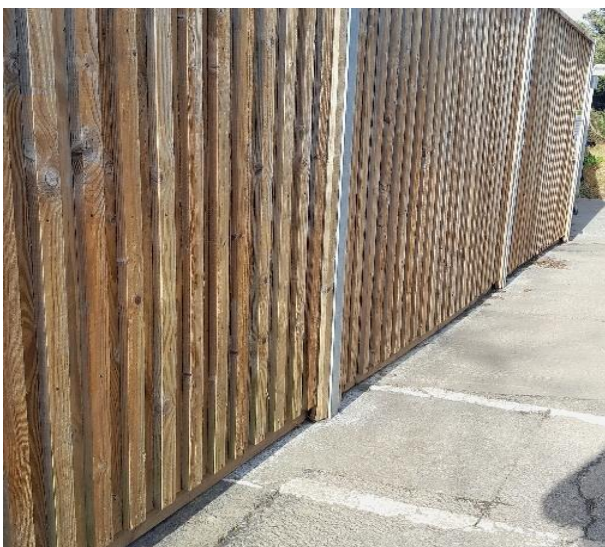
Hedge cutting in Walled Garden



Correa Marian's Marvel (Australian Fuchsia) in flower since last November in Walled Garden.



Timber fencing before cleaning.



Timber fence after cleaning and painting

Howth Pathways



Bog of frog upgrade to the pathways -

Work was required to be carried out following Sport Ireland's recommendations from the 2024 Inspection Report. Some works involved resurfacing with Greywack and Ballylusk stone (Red lines on map) and areas with heavy water retention. Drainage solutions and honeycomb tiles installed (blue areas).





**Upgrading the footpath on purple loop
S.A.A.O Pathways**



Windfall tree Howth Pathways – before removal



Howth Pathway – after removal.



Redirecting walkers while the Bog of Frogs works are ongoing.

Castleknock Mulhuddart Operations



Planting which took place along walls in Laraghcon and Rokerby Park near Lucan, planted along these walls was native hollies and Pyracantha.



Before & after photos of road overlay at Black Avenue Road St Catherines Park, overlay upgrade of 270m as well as drainage works carried out.



Fence line of the dog run in Millennium Park, there was approx. 1200 whips planted along fence line



Manhole repairs and manhole replacement in Porterstown Park at the clubhouse.



Hedge planting works carried out in St Catherine's Park along fence at carpark



Upgrade of pathways in St Catherine's Park along with a new fence and Native Holly Hedge Planted



New sensory play equipment installed at Waterville Park.



Night works, Blanchardstown Shopping Centre.





Footpath cleaning Snugborough Road

Car Parking Services

Review of Parking Control Bye-Laws

The Operations Department is in the process of reviewing the Fingal Parking Control Bye-Laws 2020.

A presentation on the proposed amendments and timeline for review will be given to the Public Realm, Transportation/Mobility Management Strategic Policy Committee Meeting on the 4th March 2025.

January 2025

There was a total of 1212 parking tickets issued during January 2025.

Breakdown of Parking Offences

Top 10 Offences

Offence	Main Ticketing Offences - January 2025
9A - A VEHICLE COMMITTING AN OFFENCE CONTRARY TO PAY AND DISPLY/PERMIT PARKING	575
08A - PARKING A VEHICLE ON A FOOTPATH	152
04G - PARKING A PRIVATE VEHICLE IN A LOADING BAY	142
9D - PARKING A VEHICLE ON A DOUBLE YELLOW LINE	118
9A - A VEHICLE OUT OF TIME TICKET	113
07A - OBSTRUCTION TO OTHER ROAD USERS/PEDESTRIANS	27
9F - PARKING/STOPPING A VEHICLE IN A DISABLED PERSONS PARKING BAY	20
04C - PARKING A VEHICLE IN A TAXI BAY	19
9C - VEHICLE OUTSIDE BAY	12
08C - PARKING A VEHICLE ON A MEDIUM STRIP	7

Main Ticketing Locations:

Location	Main Ticket Locations January 2025
North Street - Swords	110
Bridgefield Car Park - Malahide	66
Main Street - Swords	56
The Green - Malahide	54
Harbour Road - Skerries	51
Drogheda Street - Balbriggan	48
Strand Street - Skerries	47
South Strand Skerries	46
Church Road - Malahide	45
Old Street - Malahide	35

Burial Ground Services

There were 138 Interments in Fingal Cemeteries during January 2025.

Kelystown Burial Ground

The Contractor is expected to mobilize to site before end of February with works expected to take to end of year to complete.

The cemetery is expected to be available for operation from Q1 2026.

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
National Speed Limit Implementation**

For Phase 1 over 133 signs and 122 poles were installed across Fingal County. This affected local rural roads only where the default speed limit of 80 km/h was lowered to 60 km/h. Work was carried out by the outdoor road crews in the Bal/Swords and Cas/Mul areas.

**Balbriggan/Swords Area
Road Markings for Balbriggan-Swords**



Swords – Milesian Avenue off Mountgorry Way –
New Double Yellow Lines

**Castleknock/Mulhuddart
Road Markings Castleknock/Mulhuddart**



Repainted shark teeth on the Hollywoodrath Road.



SLOW markings associated yellow rumble strips repainted on Westmanstown Road.



KEEP CLEAR road marking applied to the junction of St. Mochtas Road and St. Mochtas Park

Howth Malahide Traffic POW 2025



Completion of civil and 95% of Electrical works of Toucan traffic Signals-Dublin Road by St Fintan's Secondary school.



Works ongoing for new pedestrian signals by Burrow National School –Howth Road.

Fleet Management & Plant Hire Unit

79 Plant Hires were put in place from 01/02/2025 to 21/02/2025, engaging 16 suppliers.

Fleet Management

Purchase of 2 Hyundai Rubber-Tracked Mini Excavators for Operations Department



Public Lighting

Works on the 2025 Public Lighting Programme of Works has commenced.

2025 POW Works jobs Completed to date:

- Village Road / Raheny Roundabout, Lusk



Village Road/Raheny Roundabout Lusk

2025 POW Works in Progress/Ongoing:

- Latchford Close to Old Hansfield Lane walkway beside playing pitches at Phibblestown Community Centre
- Dromheath Drive



Latchford Close to old Hansfield Road Walkway

Works on the public lighting column replacement programme have commenced.

Public Lighting Column Replacements in progress/ongoing:

- Dromheath Green, Mulhuddart

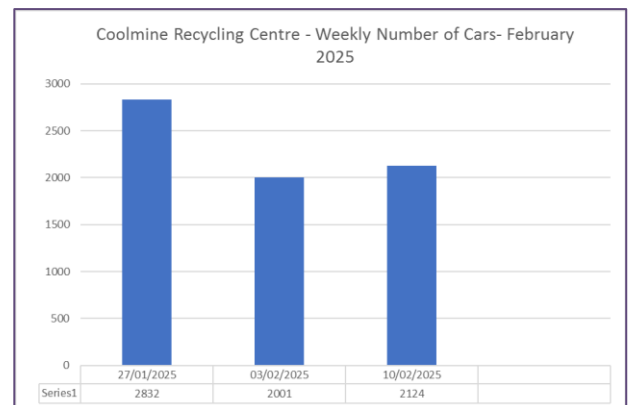
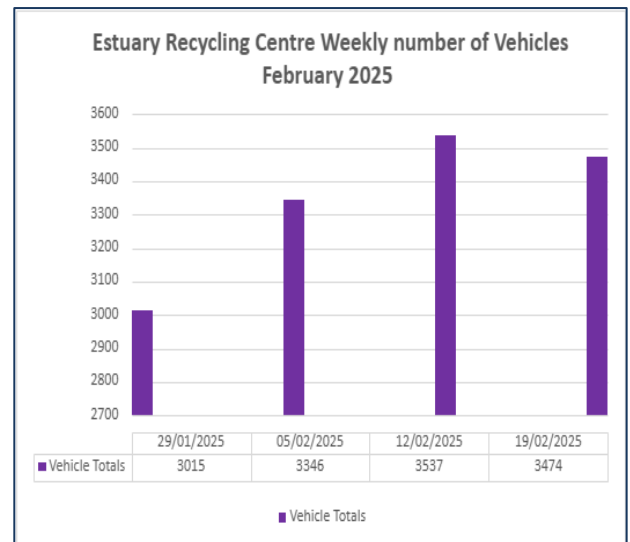
Other public lighting works completed:

- Bi-Annual RCD testing of all Public Lighting metered supplies.
- Installation of public lighting on pedestrian walkway installed by Active Travel, at Dromheath Green.
- Installation of public lighting on pedestrian walkway in Waterville Park.
- Skerries Mills pathway lighting.

Recycling Centres Update

Provision was made in the 2025 Revenue Budget for Increases in charges which commenced on 1st January 2025.

The Council is currently in the process of recruitment of additional Recycling Centre Operators to commence the new opening hours at Coolmine

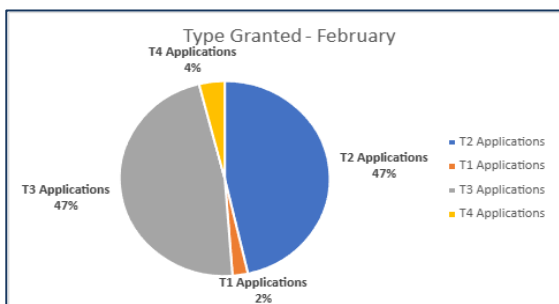
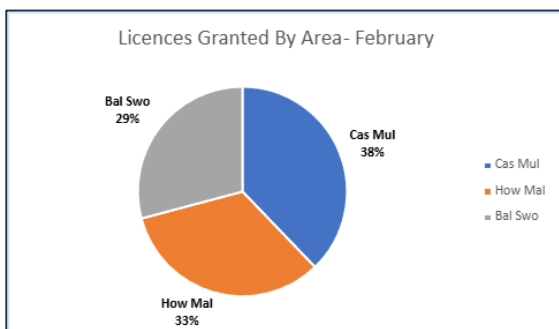
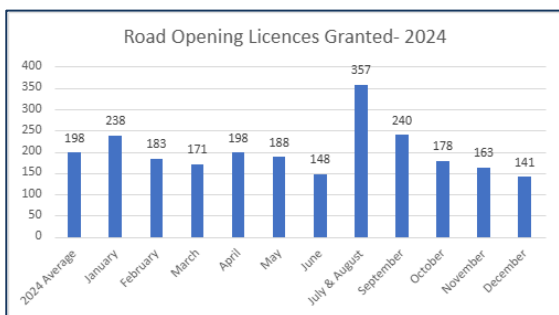


Licences

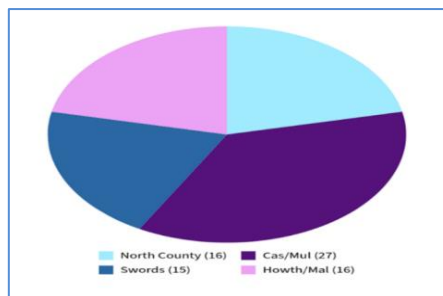
- Road Opening Licences

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

127 Licences were granted in the month of January, **51% 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 €64,160 as of the 27th of January in Grass Pitch Allocation Fees for the 2024/2025 playing season.

Casual Trading Licence

Fingal County Council have received a total of 32 renewal applications for the 2025/26 Trading period covering the trading of Hot Food, Tea & Coffee, Ice Cream and Flowers.

Currently Licences expire on the 28th of February 2025 & any remaining available pitches are being advertised, with applications for these pitches been accepted up until the 26th of February 2025. 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 20 Street Furniture Licences have been issued in 2025.

All 20 business have paid their licence fee & have been issued with their Licence, which must be displayed prominently in the front window of their business premises.

The Council is currently arranging the removal of all remaining parklets by the Council's contractor. Street Furniture Licences have not been issued to traders with a parklet.

For those businesses which had a parklet and have requested a footpath buildout, work will commence in February/March following the removal of the parklets. The areas have been assessed and any which have been deemed suitable will be progressed accordingly in each area taking into consideration drainage, adjoining trees, public lighting etc.



Surface Water

Stormwater Capital Programme 2025-2027

Fingal County Council are continuing to progress projects in the 2025-2027 Stormwater Capital Programme. The 3-year programme includes 16 projects estimated at €1.7 million. Below is a brief update in relation to the status of some of the projects.

Howth Stormwater Culvert

Optioneering and Investigation phases are complete for both Work packages A & B and a detailed design is currently being reviewed by Fingal County Council for WPB. Consultants working on the outstanding documentation for WPB. It is expected that works will commence on site to complete WPB in the summer months.

Burrow Beach

Placement of the anchor block units is scheduled for March. Works will be executed by FCC Direct Labour with technical assistance to be provided by design consultants, Malachy Walsh and Partners.



Ballyboughal Main St Storm water Extension

All pipework is now complete, several additional road gullies were also installed to assist Road Operations with an upcoming road overlay. Footpath and road reinstatement works will commence in early March.



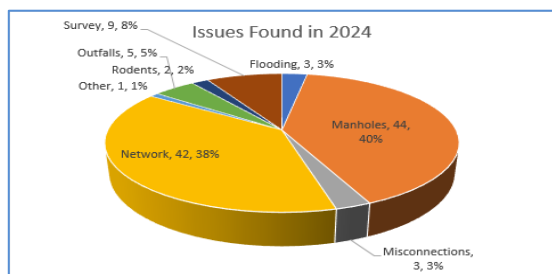
Lusk Network Remedial Works

Site investigation works took place and a final design completed. The works includes alterations to the existing network to remove localised restrictions. Footpath and road reinstatements have commenced and expected to be complete within programme.



Storm Water Maintenance

The types and volumes of issues reported are shown in the chart.



Storm Water Connections:

No new connection applications have been processed to date in 2025.

Networks

Swords

Continued investigation of blockages and overground flooding in Rivervalley, Swords, Hilltown, Forrest Avenue, Rathingle Rd, Cherry Garth and Rivervalley Lawns estates. Following completion of investigations, the condition of the network will be assessed, and the feasibility of follow-on works will be discussed. Assisting Roads Department with network surveys in **Brackenstown Park** for an upcoming project.

Malahide/Portmarnock

Chalfont repair/maintenance work anticipated to commence in March. A tender is being drafted for specialized underground works and dig and repair by Direct labour will be commenced in March.

Dublin 15

Investigation surveys were carried out in Edgewood Lawn, Grove Road, Mullhuddart and & Damastown. Remedial works will follow. A contractor has been procured for surveys in 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 Continue Stormwater manhole cover and frame replacement. Manhole and frame replacements were carried out at the Pavillions' roundabout in Swords and Park Road in Rush.

Underground Stormwater storage Assets

Continue Identification and recording of underground storm water management assets county wide.

Cappagh/N2/N3 Link Road SUDS

A contractor has surveyed and is cleaning of two tanks. To help determine future maintenance costs and challenges for SUDS devices of this type.

Water Quality

Lambourne Road

Investigations carried out in conjunction with Environment Dept. The Environment department are following up with owners of properties misconnected to the surface water network.

PLANNING AND STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE (PSI)

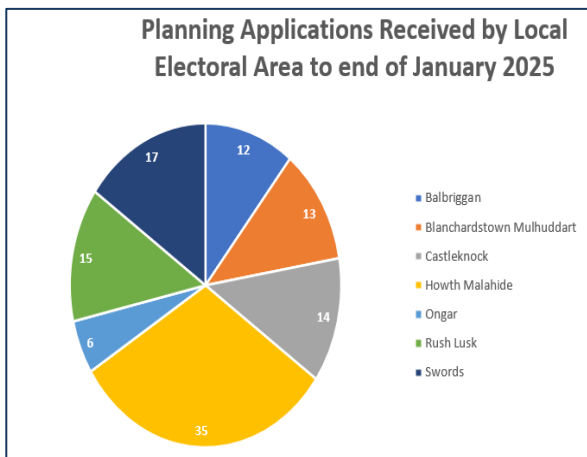
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Planning Applications

There have been 112 planning applications received from 1st January 2025 to 31st January 2025. This is including 88 E applications via the LGMA portal. 28 applications were invalid leaving a total of 84 valid applications. The volume of applications received by Local Electoral Area (LEA) are detailed in the table below.

There have been no Large-scale Residential Development (LRD) applications made to the Local Authority. From 1st January 2025 to 31st January 2025, 1 decision has been made on Large Scale Residential Developments.

An Bord Pleanála have not issued any decisions on SHD applications in the period from 1st January 2025 to 31st January 2025.



Planning Decisions

A total of 169 planning decisions have been issued from 1st January 2025 to 31st January 2025. There have been 96 decisions to grant permission and 27 refusals of permission.

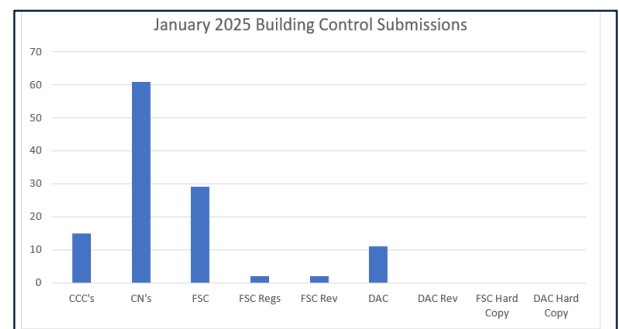
Building Control Admin

In January 2025, there were 120 building control submissions made via BCMS.

This was made up of 62 Commencement notices, 15 Compliance of Completion Certificates, 33 Fire Safety related Certificates and 11 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 217 decisions in January 2025 relating to Fire Safety and Disability Access Certificates. This was made up of 80 decisions to grant and 137 extensions of time.



Strategic Policy Unit

Fingal Development Plan - Two Year Progress Report.

The Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department has published the Two-Year Progress Report on the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029. The Development Plan was adopted in February 2023 and the Report sets out the progress made in delivering the Objectives contained within the Plan across all Council Departments based on the themes/chapters set out in the Development Plan.

Local Area Plans, Masterplans and Framework Plans

The first round of Plans emanating from the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 continue to be progressed. The draft Clonsilla Framework Plan was published in January and a well-attended public consultation event was held on the 6th February in Blanchardstown library. The public consultation stage has now concluded, and the Department is reviewing the over 300 submissions received before finalising the Framework Plan.

Further 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 that is subject to RZLT.

On the 31st January 2025, Fingal Co. Co. published the annual RZLT map for 2025 followed on the 1st February 2025 by the publication of the draft annual map for 2026 identifying land currently in scope for the tax, land proposed to be removed from the current scope and land proposed to be included.

Consultation in relation to the annual 2025 RZLT map and draft 2026 RZLT map is open until the 1st of April 2025.

Built Environment Division

Building Control/Taking in Charge Section



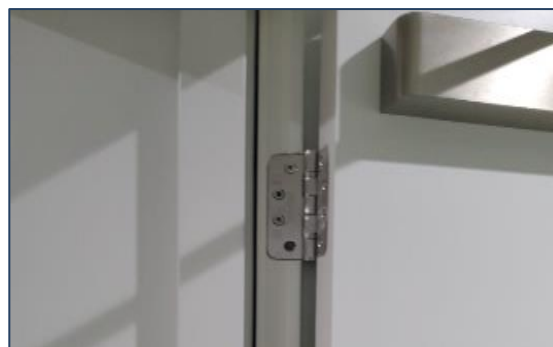
Building Control

- Six building control inspections were carried out in February, covering 15 houses.
- One Section 11 request for further information was issued, with no Section 8 enforcement notices.

Taking in Charge

- Two housing estates were taken in charge in February 2025: Hamilton Park and Cruiserath (Dublin 15).
- Three housing estates are scheduled for taking in charge in April 2025: Hansfield Phase 1, Wilkinsons Brook, and Bellingsmore.
- There are 39 developments with formal Taking in Charge requests, and an additional 328 developments recorded in our system, of which 62 are expected to remain private.
- Our appointed contractor has commenced Taking in Charge works in Cianlea, Swords.
- Taking in Charge works have been completed in Cloch Choirneal, Balrothery, and the contractor will soon begin works in Hoar Rock, The Sanctuary, and Rockabill.
- We are currently evaluating Stage 1 of the competition for a single-party framework to appoint consulting engineers to project-manage Taking in Charge works for estates where bonds have been sequestered. Contract documents for Stage 2 of the competition will be published in March 2025.

Pictures



Inspecting door hinges on a fire door in Santry



Checking insulation and fire stopping on a house in Malahide

Transportation Planning

PSI 001 Snugborough Interchange upgrade

The contractor is continuing to carry out snagging at the interchange. The active travel route into Waterville Park opened during February.



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 surfacing, subbase, ducting, watermain, kerbs and footpaths will also continue during Q1. 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 Q3 2025. Updates for the scheme will be posted on www.fingal.ie/ongar-barnhill



PSI-039 – R132 Connectivity Project

Project summary

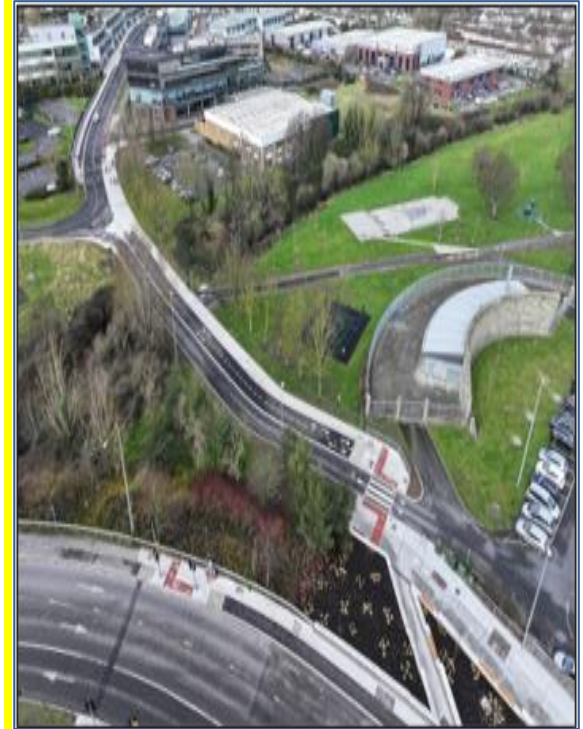
Consultation with the National Transport Authority (NTA) and with Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII), regarding the connection with Metro Link is ongoing with Monthly Coordination/Progress meetings.

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 departments of Fingal County Council together.

PSI-005 Harry Reynolds Road Pedestrian and Cyclist Route

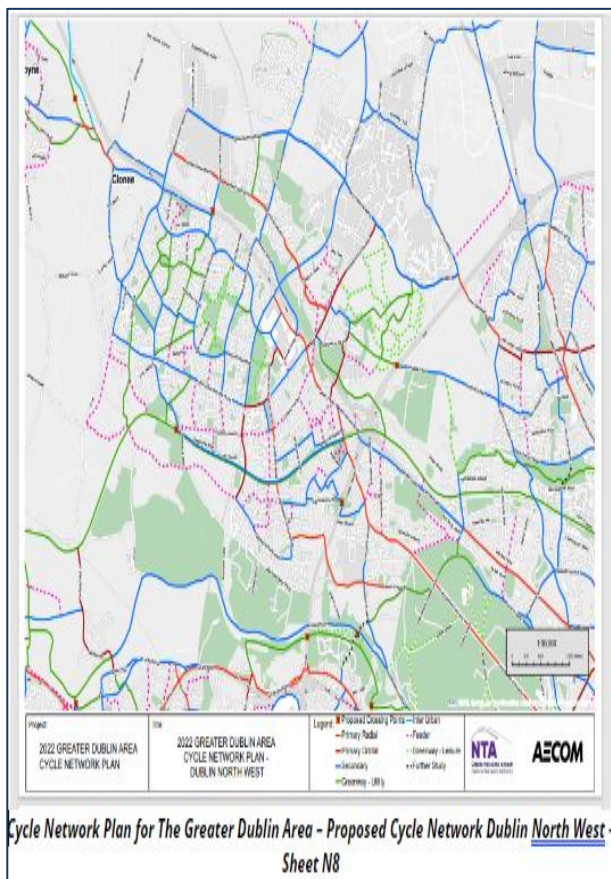
The Harry Reynolds Road Pedestrian and Cyclist Route for this key infrastructure project for Balbriggan consisting of 3km fully segregated Pedestrian and Cyclist Route connecting 6 schools in Balbriggan. This Project is now at substantial completion. The Contractor is currently working through the snagging list with the Design Team. The works to Millpond Park have been completed and all the additional tree planting carried out. The last of the planting for the civic space adjoining the Dublin Road Roundabout has been completed. The official opening will be held on the 28th of March 2025.



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.

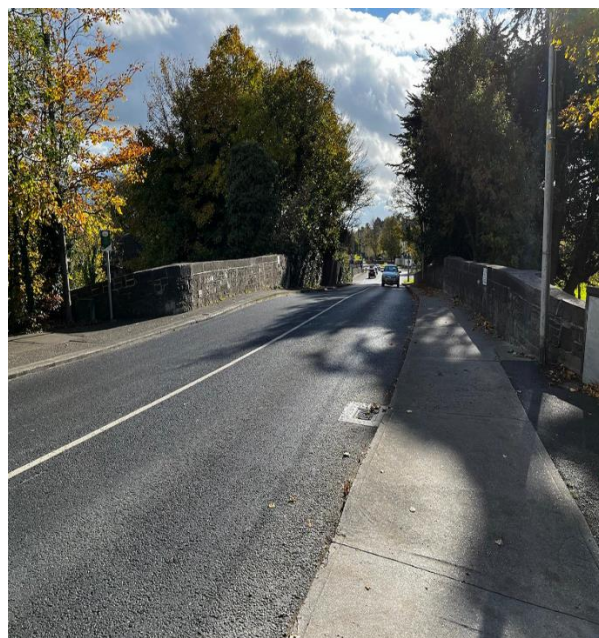


RPS Engineers Consulting Ltd was appointed Fingal County Council Consultants for the Framework for Dublin 15 Walking and Cycling Projects.

PSI 063 – Pedestrian and Cycling Bridge at Granard Bridge Castleknock

The first contract as part of this framework will be to undertake phases 2 to 4 for a new Pedestrian and Cycling Bridge at Granard Bridge Castleknock Road which will cross the Dublin Maynooth railway and Royal Canal, parallel 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 between Fingal County Council and RPS consultants are taking place to progress the project, such as route options and possible constraints as shown by some photos below. Also, an ecological survey is planned to be carried out in March.



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.

A meeting with Irish Rail / Dart+ West Team was held this month to discuss both projects and align them. Some important points and highlights were raised for further discussions.

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 the tender documentation are now finalised for tender publication under the Single Party Framework for Engineering Consultancy Services for Pedestrian and Cycling Route Projects in the Dublin 15 Area.

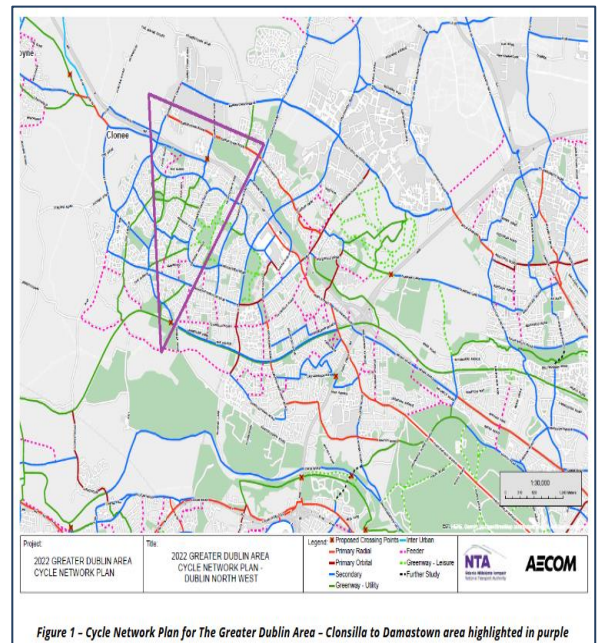


Figure 1 - Cycle Network Plan for The Greater Dublin Area - Clonsilla to Damastown area highlighted in purple

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 line 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 and issued. An internal meeting has been held in relation to the preparation of landownership maps. The maps are now being reviewed, and the landowners have been identified.

The Tender for consultancy services to progress the project and take it through the Planning process was issued in Mid-December with closing date for submission for mid Jan 2025. The assessment of the tender is now underway, and the tender is being negotiated in line with the framework awarded under. Once the negotiations is completed before the end of the February the preparation of issuing the letter of intend will follow.



S2M Pedestrian and Cycle Scheme –

The preliminary design drawings have been reviewed by the NTA and a workshop has been held. The preliminary design is progressing. 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. Following this review the preliminary design will be frozen in Q1 2025.

Ground Investigation Works have been complete with final reinstatements completed in January 2025. Design for structures along the route is progressing using the findings from the Ground Investigations. Following the results from the ground investigation report, further localised testing is required. We are liaising with the works contractor and landowner to progress this additional work.

Following completion of the preliminary design, 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. On completion of the preliminary design, the project team will contact landowners to discuss the compulsory purchase order process and the scheme and acquisition requirements. 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.

Swords Cultural Quarter Public Realm Enhancement



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. 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 appointed a multi Disciplinary Engineering Consultancy for the Option Selection, Preliminary Design and preparation of the application for Planning Consent for Swords Main Street Transformation Project.

The commencement meeting occurred in January 2025. Preparation of tender documents for a tree survey, traffic and parking surveys and topographical and GPR surveys is underway. The consultant is also progressing with ecological and environmental walk over assessments. A stakeholder mapping workshop is planned for March 2025.

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 concluded in January 2025, and this yielded more than 100 meaningful and helpful submissions on the proposed walking & cycling scheme from Kinsealy to Portmarnock train station. These submissions are now being categorised and analysed and they will be used to inform the process to progress from the Emerging Preferred Route stage to the Preferred Route stage.

Thereafter the preliminary design will commence with the accompanying environmental screening and closely followed by the statutory process required to deliver this part of the project.

The Malahide to Kinsealy part 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.

A coastal erosion study along parts of the route in the proximity of high coastal cliffs have concluded. This will inform the preferred location of the greenway in this area.

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

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 March 2025. 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.

Construction of this environmentally and technically challenging project has been divided into different works packages which will be delivered in stages:

- Construction of the Broadmeadow Estuary Bridge took place in 2024. Works are complete.
- Construction of the greenway along the Northern Causeway will commence during the summer months of 2025.
- Construction of the greenway along the Southern Causeways will commence during the summer months of 2026.
- Construction of the Donabate landward works and the Malahide landward works will take place during 2025 and 2026.
- It is anticipated that the opening of Broadmeadow Way will be in 2026.
- However, because of the seasonal constraints of working within the estuary, along with the technical challenges of building on the Northern Causeway, works may push in to 2027.



New estuary bridge and ramps looking northwards towards Donabate

Church Fields Link Road

Works at the Church Fields Link Road and Cycle Network project, which includes the upgrade and reconfiguration of the existing Wellview Avenue, Damastown roundabout and the installation of 670m of high-quality pedestrian and cycling facilities through the eastern parklands linking up with existing networks and future proposed facilities in the vicinity, are substantially complete as of 11th October. There are snags to be addressed with is a normal part of any construction contract. A one-year defects period has commenced as of 11th October.



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. Third-party lands are required to widen the path and in this regard, An Bord Pleanála approved the Council's application for a Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) for the project so that the Council can acquire the necessary lands. However, an affected landowner has commenced Judicial Review proceedings against An Bord Pleanála's decision to approve the CPO. The Council's legal team have been successful in seeking to expedite the Judicial Review process, with the High Court confirming that a full hearing of the case will go ahead in June 2025.

Donabate Pedestrian and Cycle Bridge

Work is progressing well on site. Support structures to take the weight of the bridge have been constructed on either side of the railway. Bridge beams, spanning over the railway, were lifted into place under night-time railway possession at the start of January. The concrete deck of the bridge has been poured, and temporary working platforms and edge protection railings have been installed to allow works to be carried out on the bridge with the minimum number of further railway possessions. The steel frames for the permanent edge protection railings are currently being installed with ancillary work such as drainage, public lighting etc. to follow on thereafter. Work on the bridge is expected to be completed in March 2025.



Image of the bridge over the railway (looking towards Donabate)

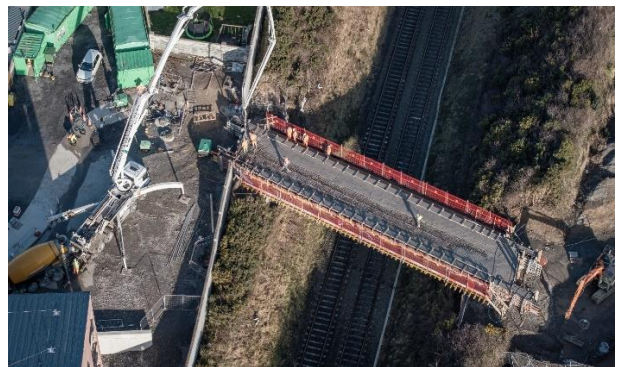


Image of the concrete bridge deck pouring works underway (aerial view looking straight down on the bridge)



Image of the bridge and works area east & west of the railway from the camera installed to capture the works

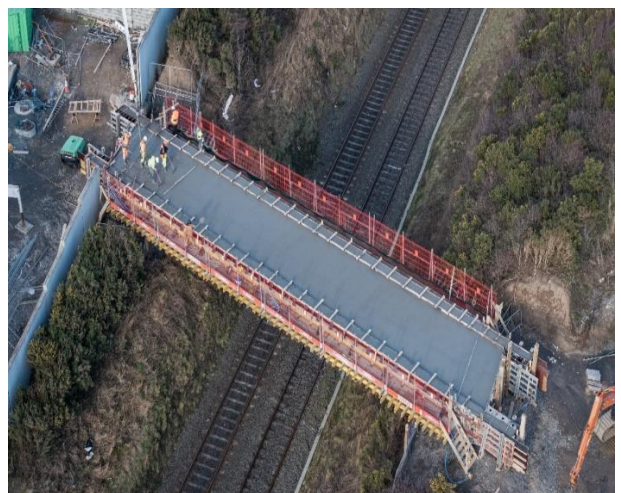


Image of the bridge over the railway (aerial view looking straight down on the bridge)



Image of the bridge over the railway (looking towards Malahide)

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 emerging preferred route alignment and the emerging preferred junction layout. Once the emerging preferred options are determined, public consultation exercises can be undertaken, most likely in Q2 2025. Further stages of work, relating to environmental assessment, planning consent, etc. will follow on later 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 were 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 Railway Bridge Pedestrian & Cycle Improvement Works

Improvement works to existing overpass railway bridge OBB21 (which is currently grassed and formerly used as a cattle pass) 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/Sky Lark Development.

The bridge is located over the Dublin to Belfast Railway line c500m south of Portmarnock Train Station. It is in the ownership of Irish Rail and is currently fenced off and not in use.

The proposed improvement works involve re-surfacing the existing bridge deck with an SMA surface and this will become a shared two-way footpath/cycleway. Detailed design is finalised and a set of documents required for the construction works are being prepared. Engagement with Irish Rail is progressing well in relation to the bridge works licence agreement. Landowner legal agreements are being progressed which are required for access and rights of way until such time as the developments are taken in charge. Once all licences/agreements are in place, construction is likely in May 2025.



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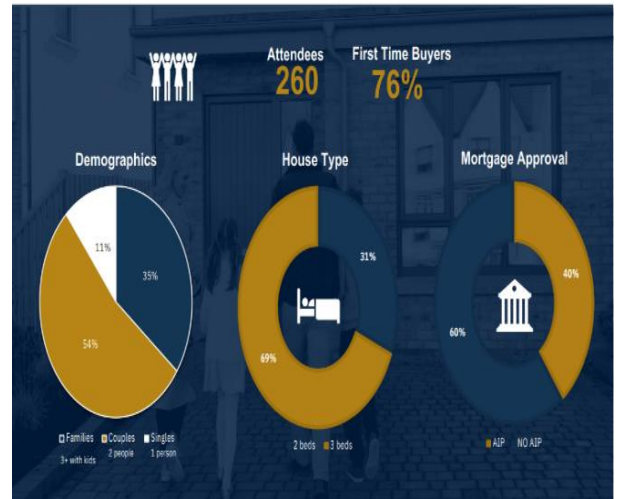
For anyone interested in making an application for an affordable home it is important that they view the eligibility criteria on www.fingal.ie/affordablehousing and have all required all documents ready to upload in PDF **before** submitting an application on the portal to have the best change possible in being successful.

Launch Event for Ballisk Park Housing Development at Ballymastone, New Road, Donabate.



On the 8th February 2025 Glenveagh held an information event at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Santry for the launch of Ballisk Park at New Road, Donabate Affordable Housing Scheme.

Fingal's Affordable Housing Team were available on the day to answer any questions attendees had about the development and the Affordable Housing Scheme in general.



Ballisk Park Launch event stats

Award for Fingal's Affordable Housing Team



At a recent Local Authority Affordable Housing Staff Seminar, James Browne TD, Minister of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, presented the Fingal County Council with a **Best Affordable Housing Response at Scale** award in recognition of the collaborative cross departmental approach taken all of the relevant departments in bringing 7 separate Fingal Affordable Housing schemes to completion in 2024.

Affordable Housing Schemes Update

Scheme	Status	Affordable Homes
Balleally Rise	Closed	20 Homes Sold
Kilmartin Grove	Closed	36 Homes sold
North County Homes	Closed	16 Homes sold
Aster Park, Rush	Assessment of applications ongoing	52 of 96 Homes sold
Balmoston, Ballymastone, Donabate	Assessment of applications ongoing	76 of 86 Homes sold to date
Churchfields 3A	Assessment of applications ongoing	102 of 180 Homes sold to date
Wilkinson's Brook	Assessment of applications ongoing	56 of 57 Homes sold to date
Ballisk Park, Donabate	Portal opened 26 th February	112 homes for sale
Church Fields 3B	Portal opening Q2	127 homes for sale
Baile na Mona, Mooretown, Swords	Portal Opening Q2	151 homes for sale

Cost Rental

Stage one of a Tender process seeking tender applications for the Management of 80 Cost Rental apartment in Church Fields, Mulhuddart closed on 25th February 2025. Several expressions of interest were registered. Stage two of the tender process will now progress,

It is anticipated that the cost rental scheme will be available for applications in Q3 2025.

Social Housing Delivery

Acquisition Programme 2022 - 2026

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

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

Construction Programme

Summary of delivery of social unit numbers in the pipeline	Units
Under Construction	536
Schemes with Planning Approval and Tender Stage	44
Planning and Design	376
Part V	889
TOTAL	1,845

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

Units Projected For Delivery				
Units Projected	2024	2025	2026	Total
Build	30	803	1,201	2,034
Total	30	803	1,201	2,034

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

12 Homes delivered in Clonsilla, Dublin 15 in partnership with Respond Housing.



15 Homes delivered in Meadowbanks, Swords, Co. Dublin in partnership with Respond Housing.

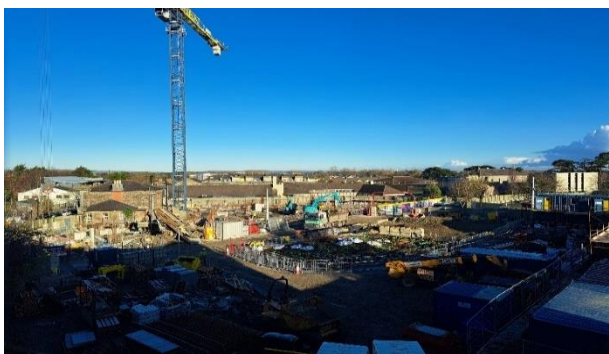
10 new social homes and artist studio have been delivered in Ballough Place, Lusk



Schemes on Site

Seatown Road, Swords – 36 dwellings

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



Ballisk Park, Donabate

On behalf of Fingal County Council, Glenveagh have commenced the construction of 175 new homes at “Ballisk Park”, New Road, Donabate following the granting of planning permission under the S179A process. The development will be a mixed tenure scheme of 63 social and 112 affordable homes.



Church Fields 3A, Dublin 15

Works are continuing on the mixed tenure scheme of 300 new homes at Churchfields 3A. 40 new social homes being delivered in this phase. The first **16** new social homes have been delivered.



Church Fields 3B, Dublin 15

Works are progressing on the mixed tenure scheme at Church Fields 3B, which will see the delivery of a further 217 homes in Church Fields, comprising of 121 houses and 96 apartments. As a mixed tenure arrangement, this phase will include 107 social and 110 affordable homes.



Balmoston Phase 1, Ballymastone, Donabate

Construction is continuing on Phase 1 of Balmoston. This is a mixed tenure development, which will deliver 87 new social homes. The first **19** new social homes have been delivered.



Mooretown, Swords

Construction has commenced on the delivery of 274 new homes at “Baile na Móna”, Mooretown, Swords. This will be a mixed tenure scheme of 123 social and 151 affordable homes. Planning for this development was granted under the S179A process.



Holywell, Swords

Construction has commenced on the delivery of 57 new social homes at Holywell, Swords. Planning for this development was granted under the S179A process.



Mourne View, Skerries

Construction has commenced on the delivery of 14 new social homes at Mourne View, Skerries. Planning for this development was granted under the S179A process.



Remount Court, Lusk

Construction has commenced on the delivery of 18 new social homes at Remount Court, Rathmore Road, Lusk. Planning for this development was granted under the S179A process.



Asset Management Report

Energy Efficiency/Retrofitting Programme

The 2025 Energy Retrofit programme is underway with our department allocation set at €3,196,000/94 units. Works are currently underway at 20. No void properties throughout the county. Works will commence soon in Fortlawn and Whitestown, Dublin 15.



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

Void Properties The breakdown of total void properties is set out below. This figure now includes all delivery streams. New FCC builds, Part V, Part V in Lieu, casual voids, long term lease, void unavailable and CPO properties.

Voids Report	25th Feb 2025
In the letting process	254
In Re-let works	68
Void Unavailable	34

Planned Maintenance Programme

The 2025 Planned Maintenance Programme includes external painting, joinery repairs, boiler replacements, and smoke and heat detector upgrades for Council housing.

Painting projects are nearing completion in Ballygarra (Co. Dublin), Heathfield (Finglas), and various one-off properties across North County and Dublin 15. Ongoing work continues in Rusheeney (Dublin 15), Chieftains, and additional one-off properties.

Painting will commence shortly in Baldoye and continue across individual properties throughout the County and Dublin 15.

Planned Maintenance Programme	Allocation 2025
2024 Allocation	€194,007
2025 Allocation	€392,775



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 47 new tenancies in 2025 to date with approximately 4261 tenancies set up since HAP began in 2017.

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

Rents

3,700 tenancies in arrears received a statement of their rent account at the start of February, with all remaining tenancies to receive their statement of account by end of March 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 have issued 19 Tenancy Warning Letters in February and a further 20 being prepared for March. 25 cases are listed for Court hearing in March, April and May to obtain Orders for Possession. An Order for Possession was obtained following a court hearing in February.

Housing Loans

- **Local Authority Home Loan (LAHL)**

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

The Home Loans Team will continue the promotion of the LAHL Scheme with attendance at future Housing Events and on the Council's social media platforms.

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

- **Housing Loan Arrears**

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

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

- **Tenant Purchase**

The Tenant Purchase Scheme is available for eligible Tenants who wish to purchase their Council home under the Tenant Purchase Scheme.

Tenants are encouraged to find out if their property is eligible for consideration before progressing an application as certain property types are not eligible for purchase.

Further information on the scheme and the eligibility criteria is available from the Tenant Purchase Section by emailing tenantpurchase@fingal.ie

Private Rented Inspections

The inspections programme for 2025 has commenced. The inspections team are working towards inspecting 25% of the registered tenancies which is approximately 21,000 tenancies. The target of 5,321 for 2025 have been received from the Department of Housing. Currently, 1,096 inspections have been conducted in 2025, with 493 of them being inspected in February. The team will continue to work this year with the contractor improving and streamlining the process and utilising all avenues to ensure that compliance improves, and the target is reached.

Housing Tenancy Services Report

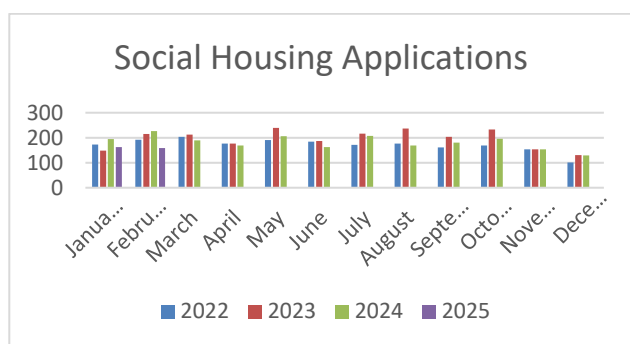
Housing Support

Housing Support issue list positions to applicants on a yearly basis. Applicants will be updated accordingly. Annually a Social Housing Assessment Summary is completed in accordance with Section 21 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2009.

The purpose of the Assessment is to capture the total number of households qualified for social housing support. The Summary of Social Housing Assessment (SSHA) was returned to the Department of Housing Local Government and Heritage on 2nd December 2024.

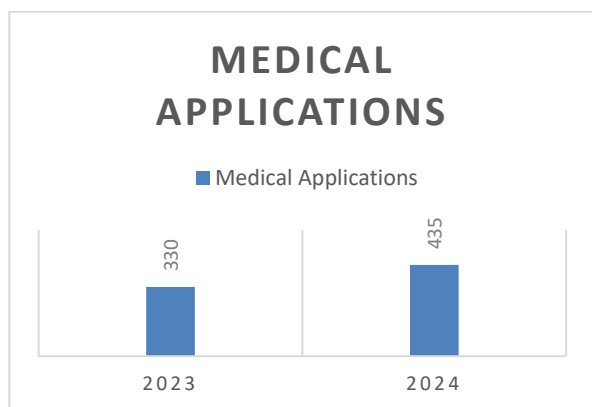
Housing Support receive a large volume of Housing Applications, Medical Applications, Amendment requests and appeals.

Year on year comparison by month.



Circular 48/2022 and changes being implemented via the Social Housing Assessment (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2022, the Social Housing Eligibility Bands increased with effect from 1st January 2023. As a result, an increase of Social Housing Applications was received. Figures for 2024 depict a consistent growth in applications being received in comparison to 2022 figures.

Medical applications reviewed



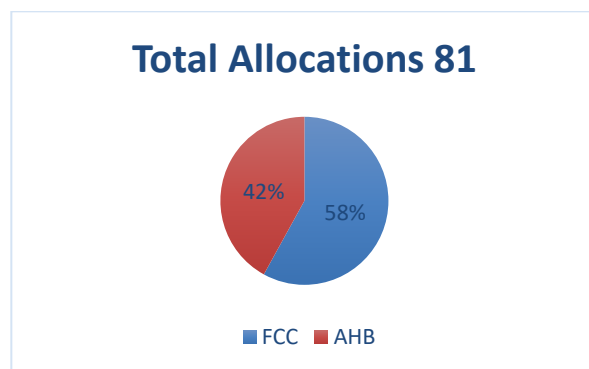
Applications received

2025	January	February
Applications	163	159
Appeals	14	15
Medicals	41	78
Amendments	30	36

Housing Support Appeals

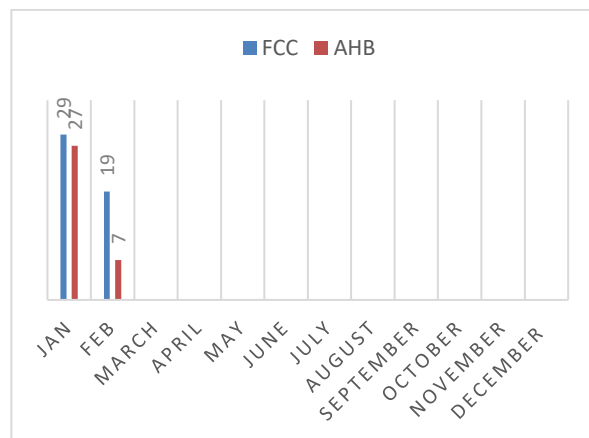
Applicants are reminded, that an appeal must be received within 28 days of a decision being communicated in writing to be eligible for review.

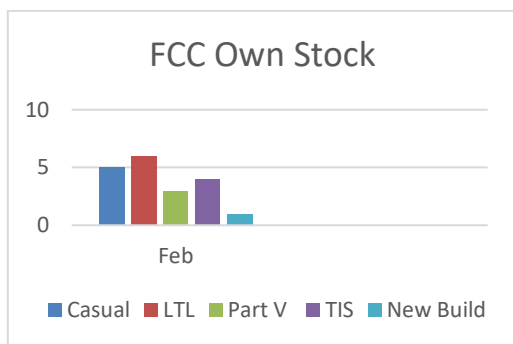
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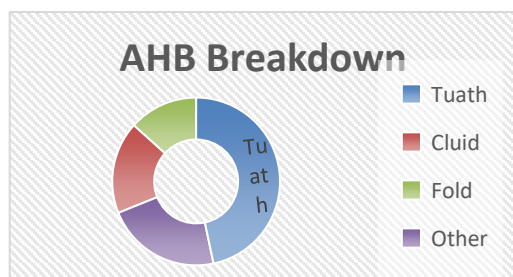
The above chart depicts the total number of properties allocated since the beginning of 2025.

The chart below shows the breakdown of allocations per month.





34 of the **81** allocations have been in collaboration with several Approved Housing bodies. The other **47** properties were allocated using Fingal County Councils own stock.



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

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 February



Internal image of advertised property at Kilmartin Grove, Hollystown, Dublin 15

Advertisement Period	Property	Bed	Type	Number of Views	Expressions of interest
29 th January – 4 th February	Kilmartin Grove, Hollystown, Dublin 15	2	House	2156	460
5 th – 11 th February	Chapel Hill, Garristown, Co Dublin	2	House	1779	291
10 th – 16 th February	Folkstown Park, Balbriggan, Co Dublin	3	House	1497	225
19 th – 25 th February	Bremore Pastures Crescent, Balbriggan, Co Dublin	2	Apt	1308	195
19 th – 25 th February	Mayeston Rise, Finglas, Dublin 11	2	Apt	1226	218
19 th – 25 th February	Parslickstown Court, Mulhuddart, Dublin 15	2	House	1306	230
			Total	9272	1619

Applicants who do not have access to this portal should contact Choicebasedlettings@fingal.ie to request their unique username and password.

Homeless Services.

Homeless Exits 2025

During January 2025, 34 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	EA to HUBS	Total
EA	4	8	3	15
Homeless Prevention	9	10	0	19
Total	13	18	3	34

There was a total of 19 homeless prevention cases and 15 who exited emergency accommodation comprising:

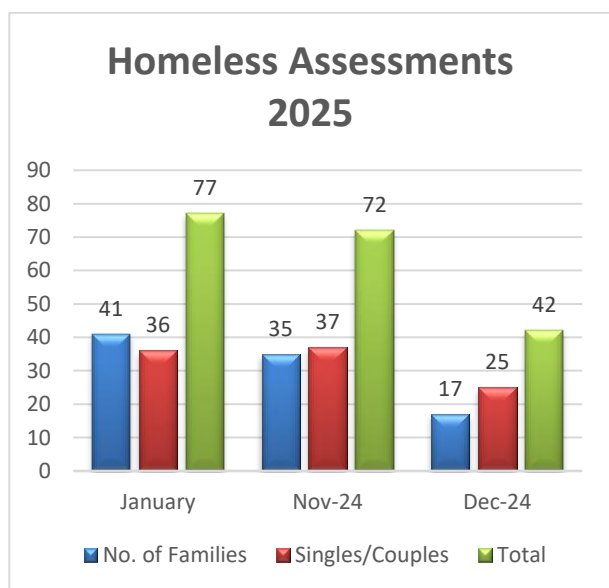
10 allocations of social housing support to homeless prevention cases, 8 exited emergency accommodation and 4 from Homeless HAP Tenancies.

13 Homeless HAP tenancies, comprising 9 homeless preventions and 4 who exited emergency accommodation and 0 from Direct Provision.

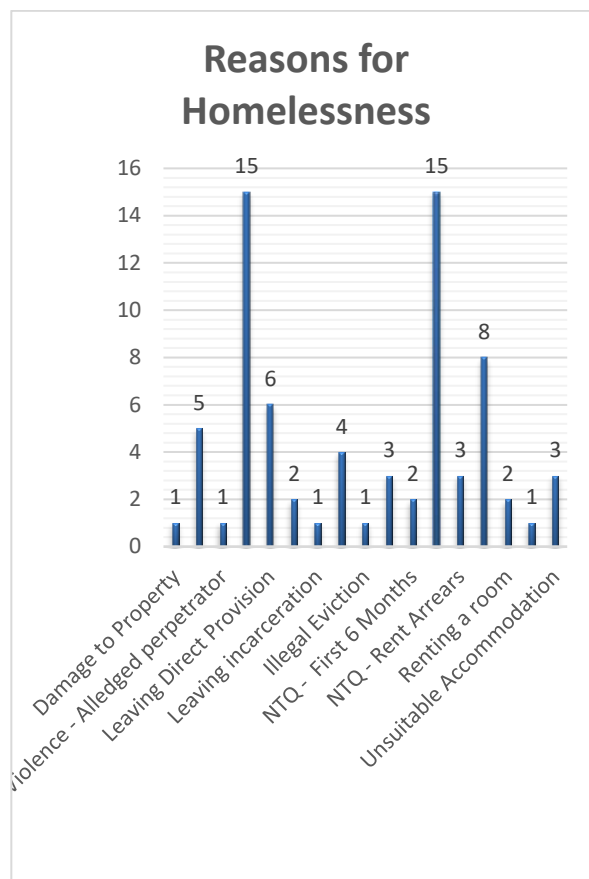
Homeless Assessments

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

In January 2025, there were a total of 77 full homeless assessments completed – comprising 41 families and 36 singles/couples.



During January 2025, of the 73 Homeless Assessments carried out, 31% cases resulted from a Notice to Termination (NOT) having been served and 19% of cases result from family/relationship breakdown. Most of the other presentations to the Homeless Section are from overcrowding (10%), leaving Direct Provision (9%) and renting a room (4%). The remaining 26% comprise various reasons outlined in the next chart.



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 21 reported rough sleeping cases in January 2025. 9 of the clients have taken up Emergency Accommodation and we continue to work with 5 others in an effort to provide a suitable solution.

There are 5 registered long term entrenched rough sleepers (1 couple and 3 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 17 Fingal County Council clients have been identified, two have been housed in January 2025 and two more are ready for nomination. A second sub-group has been created between Fingal County Council and an Interim Disability Case Manager. The HSE have identified 5 new clients, all of whom have Medical Priority and are currently being reviewed for long term allocations

Homeless Action Plan 2022- 2024

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Council 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 housing need, and the condition and valuation of the property.

The Government has put forward options to allow tenants who are not eligible for social housing to remain in their homes, including schemes to support the purchase of homes and a Cost Rental in-situ Scheme. The Cost Rental Tenant-in-Situ Scheme is available for tenants who are not eligible for social housing and are at risk of homelessness. The DHLGH has advised that local authorities are to be the first point of contact for this scheme, but it is managed by the Housing Agency. Under the scheme, the Housing Agency can purchase a property and rent it to the tenant. Fingal County Council will undertake an initial assessment of the tenant's circumstances and refer details to the Housing Agency for consideration, where the tenant is at risk of homelessness and the Cost Rental Tenant-in-Situ scheme applies. The Housing Agency will then contact the landlord about the purchase of the property.

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

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

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

The key contact details are:

Fingal County Council Housing Department

Monday to Thursday, 9 am to 5.00 pm,

Friday 9 am to 4.30 pm:

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

Email: NTQEnquiries@fingal.ie

Dublin Region Homeless Executive, Central Placement Services:

Freephone: 1800 707 707

Traveller Accommodation Programme

The Council is committed to meeting its responsibilities to address the needs of the Traveller Community as set out in the Traveller Accommodation Programme 2025-2029 to provide sustainable Traveller specific accommodation and supports.

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.

Caravan Loan Scheme

The Council implements the National Caravan Loan Scheme in accordance with Department of Local Government and Heritage Guidelines.

Recent delivery of caravans to Halting Sites



Refurbishment Works

Refurbishment works are now completed at two of the Group Housing Schemes

St. Philomena's Court



Meakstown Close



Illegal Occupiers

A number of illegal occupiers parked caravans on Damastown Avenue in Dublin 15 in February. Following the issue of Statutory Notices, the trailers and their occupants vacated the area, but unfortunately a significant amount of waste and debris was left. Fingal County Council will now incur additional expense in cleaning this area and further measures will be considered to strengthen parking prevention measures.



Some of the debris left behind on Damastown Avenue

Traveller Specific Site Works

A new Wastewater Treatment System was recently installed at Drishogue, Oldtown, Co Dublin.



Fire on Site

On the 13th of February, Estate Management were notified of a fire on site in St Philomena's Court. A caravan, which was illegal parked on the pathway outside the properties, caught on fire. Following the intervention of Dublin Fire Brigade, the area was made safe and the remains of the caravan were safely removed and disposed of by Council contractors.



Remains of the burnt-out caravan

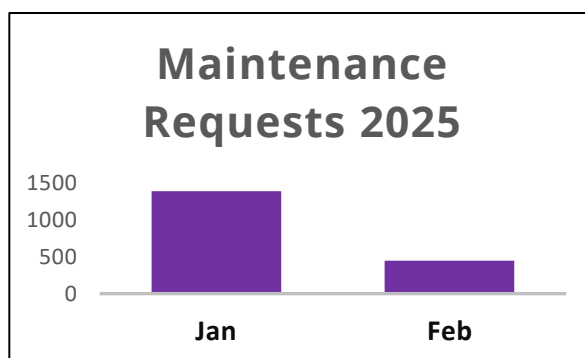
Fire Safety

Fire Safety remains one of the top priorities for the safety of all of our tenants on our Halting Sites. The Annual Service and Maintenance of Portable Fire Equipment on Fingal County Council Traveller Accommodation Sites has been completed and additional fire safety equipment was installed across several of our Halting Sites.



Example of a standalone fire extinguisher pole

Housing Maintenance



To date, Estate Management have conducted 26 interviews with Fingal tenants and issued five Tenancy Alerts for breaches of the Tenancy Agreement.



Hedge cutting at Barn Lodge, Donabate

Boiler Servicing Programme 2025

The 2024 Programme had a 82% completion rate across the County.

Preparation for the 2025 Works Programme is underway with servicing scheduled to start in the coming weeks.

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. There has been an increase in petrol bomb attacks in the Dublin 15 area which are currently under investigation. Fingal County Council are actively engaged with An Garda Síochána in relation to these issues.

Tenant Induction Courses will be scheduled in 2025 for all new developments.

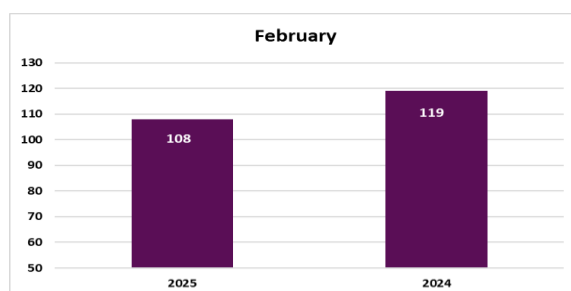
ASB Caseload Management

Complaints Feb 2025	Total	Active	Monitoring	Closed
Balbriggan	18	13	4	1
Rush / Lusk	7	0	6	1
Swords	19	8	2	9
Howth/Malahide	16	11	3	2
Blanchardstown / Mulhuddart	34	11	3	20
Ongar	8	4	0	4
Castleknock	6	0	0	6
Total	108	47	18	43

Surrenders on Estate Management Grounds 2025

January (5), February (6), One Tenancy Alert served, one Formal Tenancy Warning served.

Monthly Breakdown of February ASB Complaints Received 2025/2024



Anti-Social Behaviour Interventions

Interviews Held 2025	15
Interviews Held 2024	108
Tenancy Alerts 2025	3
Tenancy Alerts 2024	36
Tenancy Warnings 2025	1
Tenancy Warnings 2024	9

Inspectorate February 2025

Traveller Specific Site Inspections 2025	257
Traveller Specific Site Inspections 2024	2072
Housing Inspectors Report January 2025	575
February 2025	857

Housing Ukraine Response and Vacant Homes

Those Fleeing the Conflict in Ukraine

The Government is committed to delivering a humanitarian response to welcome people fleeing the conflict in Ukraine and seeking protection in Ireland.

Web resources with useful information on support, accommodation and policy changes for Ukrainian Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection are available on the following links

www.gov.ie/ukraine

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

The Council's Community Integration Forum continues to meet regularly to co-ordinate the response of the various statutory agencies and voluntary groups in the county to assist the Ukraine community and other new arrivals with the most recent meeting held on the 11th February 2025.

The Forum was originally tasked with assisting the Ukrainian Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection. However, considering Departmental guidance and the work of the 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(ARP) 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. This payment is in place until the end of March 2025. Communication is expected from central Government shortly as to whether the ARP will remain and any changes that may arise to the existing rate and arrangements.

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

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

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

Vacant Homes

The Vacant Homes Team continues to engage with persons relevant to circa 300 potentially vacant properties(private) to encourage them 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 Council survey. Information on Vacant Council Stock is set out in the Asset Management section of this Housing Department Report.

The Vacant Homes Team commenced the statutory CPO process with respect to 3 vacant dwellings in 2024, one of which has come back into occupation and An Bord Pleanála have confirmed the Compulsory Purchase Order on a second property. The Vacant Homes Team continue to engage with owners of vacant properties with a view to bringing vacant properties back into use. This work is on-going and will lead to the further vacant properties coming into occupancy. 19 properties have come into occupation recently following either CPO proceedings, threat of CPO proceedings or general engagement with parties relevant to the properties.



Recent Statutory CPO Notice served above

The Croí Cónaithe Vacant Homes Refurbishment Grant Scheme is also in utilisation to address vacancy and dereliction and provide homes with increasing enquiries, applications, and grant approvals regarding the scheme.

Croí Cónaithe Vacant Homes Refurbishment Grant

This scheme was launched in July 2022. On the 1st May 2023, the scheme was further extended with the eligibility criteria allowing for properties built pre-2008 to qualify and grants increasing to €50k (vacant) and €70k (vacant and derelict). The expansion of the scheme allows for properties to be rented on the private rented market whereas previously the property had to be the applicant's principal private residence. 196 applications have been received since launch of the scheme. 19 new applications received in 2025 with additional applications expected shortly based on engagement with potential applicants. 129 applications are approved which equates to €6.46m in approved funding.

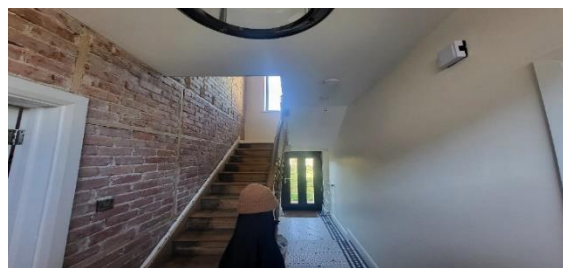
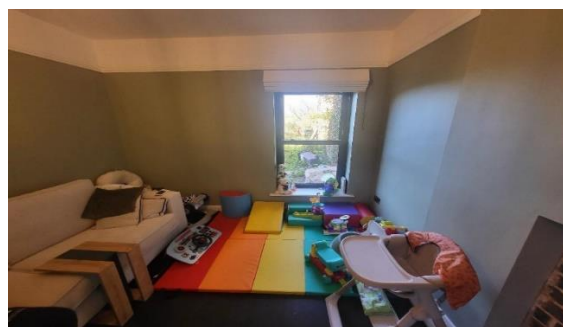
Promotion of the scheme is ongoing by the Vacant Homes Team. 6 information events were held to promote the scheme in 2024, and arrangements are advancing for information events later in 2025.

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

Recently Approved Grant Award Property



Recently completed works Before and After photos



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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Community Development

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.

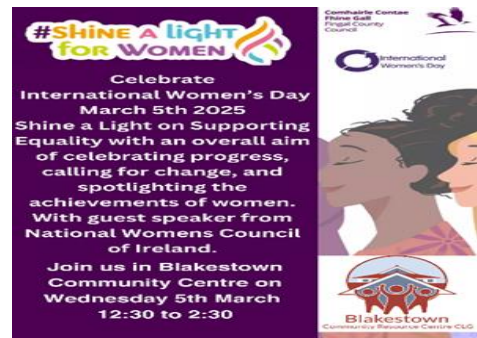
This month the Community Development Office worked in partnership with a number of community groups and partners to support many projects/Initiatives including:

International Women's Day



Over 60 community and voluntary groups celebrated International Women's Day taking place on 8th March with a programme of events across the county. Groups have been provided with funding to help support the development of the event which helped to raise awareness on this year's theme 'Shine a light on Equality'.

One of our key events was a collaboration with Blakestown Community Resource centre, Phoenix FM, and the National Women's Council of Ireland to mark and celebrate International Women's Day. The day included a number of wellbeing activities, and a workshop delivered by the National Women's Council.



Success for Thrive Balbriggan - Best Mental Health Project in the LAMA Awards 2025

Thrive Balbriggan was successful at the recent LAMA Council and Community Awards, held in Cork, in picking up the Best Mental Health project in its category. This community mental health project is supported by the Community Office of FCC and Healthy Fingal. Thrive Balbriggan won on the night for the best 'Places and Spaces Mapping Project'. Thrive Balbriggan also hosted an inspirational talk, in partnership with The Lark in Balbriggan, featuring the personal journey of Olympian Athlete David Gillick. David's compelling story of the highs and lows of an Irish athlete was appreciated by a wide audience from Balbriggan and beyond, with lessons for everyone's mental health awareness and the supports available for the community discussed and promoted on the evening. Further inspirational talks under the Thrive Balbriggan banner are planned for later in the year.





In February the Community office collaborated with Fingal Volunteer centre to host an information evening in Meakstown Community Centre to encourage participation engagement and volunteering for the community garden. The first meeting of volunteers for the Meakstown Community Garden was held at Meakstown Community Centre on February 27th. The event saw a strong turnout of local volunteers eager to get involved and excited about the project's speedy progress.

Representatives from Fingal Community department and Parks attended the meeting, providing insights into the role of the volunteers, available supports from Fingal, and the project timeline.

A representative from Fingal Volunteer Centre was also present, offering valuable advice on volunteer recruitment and the wide range of roles they can help fill. This sparked interest among attendees who are also involved in other local groups.

While there is still plenty of work to be done before the garden officially opens, the meeting highlighted the enthusiasm and dedication of the volunteers coming together to make it happen

Community Art in Corduff

A collaboration with Fingal Arts office and the Community Development department brought the community together in Corduff Resource Centre to commence the process of developing artistic ideas for creating a unique art piece for Corduff. This initiative aims to celebrate the community's spirit and foster creativity among its residents.

Renowned artist John Conway led a series of engaging art workshops focusing on printing and collage-making techniques. These accessible and informal sessions are designed to bring people together in a creative environment, encouraging participants to share stories, ideas, and memories of Corduff while enjoying some tea and cake.

The collaborative efforts from these workshops will culminate in a signature artwork, which will be displayed in the soon-to-be refurbished Corduff Resource Centre for all to enjoy.

Corduff Place Standards Community Project

In February we began a community development project using the Place Standards tool in Corduff, Dublin 15. This project sees community representatives participate in The Place Standard Tool which is an innovative way to shape Corduff's future, focusing on both physical and social aspects of community. It's 14 themes helps the community identify its strengths and areas for improvement, driving informed decision-making. The vision is to create a sustainable, high-quality environment that supports community wellbeing and fosters fulfilling lives.

The universal tool is designed for everyone and encourages residents and organisations' to ask critical questions about Corduff. By gaining local insights and common ground it can shape a more vibrant and inclusive community. Project will help to empower the community, to evaluate current situation, identify essential elements for a thriving community, and drive meaningful change.



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.

Keen To Be Green LAMA Awards 2025

Testament to the programme's success in evidencing actions, raising local awareness and securing measurable outputs in 32 community centres, the Community Department's Keen to Be Green Programme was recognised by achieving the shortlist in the Best Environmental /Eco Project (Educational) Category of the LAMA Awards 2025.



Keen To Be Green Water Conservation Audits



A water audit is currently being conducted across all Fingal Supported Community Centres engaged with the programme. The collation of data is in preparation for the Community Department's second *Keen to Be Green Awards* scheduled to take place during climate action week 2025. Water Usage Data recorded over the last 3 years (before and after implemented improvements) will evidence the sterling work being done in our community centres to conserve water and acknowledge each centres commitment to achieving the core aims and objectives of the Keen to Be Green Charter.

Construction of new Baldoye Community Centre



A site visit of the new Baldoye Community Centre for local elected representatives and council officials will take place on Friday 21st of March.

Construction of the new community centre at Baldoye by Vision Contracting Ltd is progressing well with the roof structure and decking complete and signature glazed brick cladding well advanced. The building completion will be followed by a fit-out, with the centre due for opening to the local community in the 4th quarter.

St Margarets Community Hall



In keeping with its commitment to build sustainable communities, Fingal County Council purchased the community hall and parish house at St Margarets in 2023 for community use. The Council is undertaking refurbishment works comprising of essential repair and upgrades which are almost complete. It is anticipated that the building now known as St Margarets Community Hall will be fit for community use again in March 2025.

Handover of the community hall to the local community will take place later this month. The Community Centre will be managed under a Management Licence by St Margarets Amenities CLG who will oversee the day-to-day operation of the facility. The board of management have engaged with local community groups and organisations who are ready and waiting to use the facility. This facility will provide a community hub in the heart of St Margarets. The community office has allocated set up funding under the Management Assistance Funding Scheme and is working with the board of directors to set up their operating systems, governance structures and fit out of the community centre.

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 presented their annual workplan to the Mayor of Fingal and the Chief Executive on Wed 18th February. The need for safer indoor and outdoor spaces was one of the many issues raised by them. The representatives outlined the various issues that affect their peers in each of the local areas within Fingal. It follows on from their annual youth conference held last October where 89 young people from Fingal agreed on what the main topics of interest would be for their 2025 workplan. The big issues emerging at that event were school stress and education, drugs and vaping and mental health and discrimination.

Rural Communities Network Presentation

The first meeting this year of the Fingal Rural Communities Network took place in Oldtown Community Centre last month with presentations from the Fingal County Council's Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT) and the Community Office Facilities Engagement Team. The LAIT delivered a presentation on the work of the Integration Team and the LAIT and met with representatives from across North County communities. The Facilities Engagement Team outlined the supports available for facilities and communities in north Fingal, including the Non-Fingal Owned Remedial Funding Scheme. The Network meeting was also addressed by the Balbriggan Community Garda unit with tips on crime prevention and community safety. The next meeting will take place in Balscadden Community Centre in May.



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.

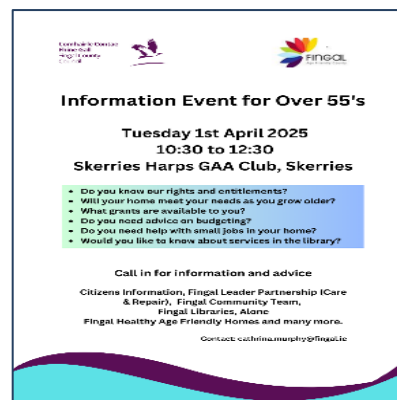


Fingal Older People's Council and Age Friendly Alliance

Meetings of Fingal's Older People's Council have taken place in February and March and will continue to take place in April and May. Plans are underway for a summer social for OPC members along with a Vintage Picnic in June.

The Fingal Age Friendly Alliance continues to meet to discuss the development of the new Fingal Age Friendly Strategy which is expected to be launched in June.

Information Event for Over 55s



Following from the success of the Information Events for Over 55s in 2023 and 2024, an information event will take place in Skerries Harps GAA Club on Tuesday 1st April 2025 (10.30-12.30). Information stands will be provided by local organisations and groups providing services and activities for older people in the area such as Fingal Healthy Age Friendly Homes, Fingal Leader Partnership (Care & Repair), Alone, Citizens Information, Money Advice & Budgeting Services, Fingal Libraries and Community Dept as well as local organisations and clubs.



Age Friendly Towns: Skerries

Age Friendly Skerries were established in 2013 to work with Fingal's Age Friendly Programme to ensure Skerries became the first Age Friendly Town in Fingal. The group tirelessly worked on initiatives on information, transport, accessibility and isolation resulting in projects such as the publication of an information leaflet and the establishment of the Community Car. During COVID Age Friendly Skerries fundraised to purchase 20 Acorn Tablets which were distributed to nursing homes and day care centers to ensure residents could stay connected to the families.

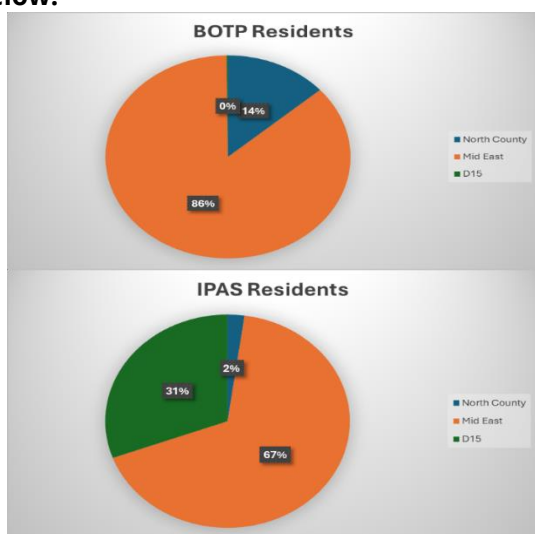
Age Friendly Skerries met with Fingal's Age Friendly Programme Manager on Monday 17th February to develop a programme of work for 2025. A number of exciting new initiatives are planned, and details will be posted as they become available.

Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT)

The role of the Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT) is to provide ongoing integration supports to International Protection (IP) applicants, Programme Refugees and Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection (BOTP) to enable them to live independently in the community. The LAIT 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). The latest 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	73	56
Mid-East	465	1688
Dublin 15	1	769
Total	539	2513

These figures are represented in the graphs below:



Vicarious Trauma Training

The LAIT organised a Vicarious Trauma Training session facilitated by Dr. Laura Tarafas. The event took place in the Council Chambers at the Civic Offices and included participants from LAIT teams across Meath, Louth, Wicklow and South Dublin Local Authorities. The session focused on supporting the LAIT teams to understand and manage the impact of working with trauma.



Integration Team Council of Europe Youth Conference



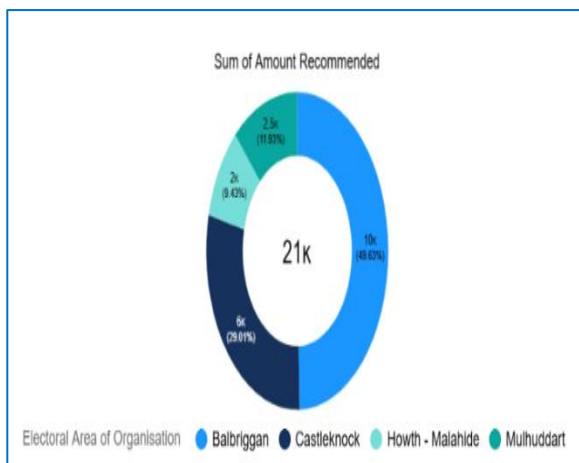
Maeve Harkin, Community Development graduate was successful in attaining a place at the highly regarded "Young people in local and regional life: Democracy in action!" conference hosted by the Council of Europe in Braga, Portugal. Maeve joined over 150 youth leaders and representatives from local and regional authorities across 42 European countries who came together, to contribute to the revision of the European Charter on the Participation of Young People in Local and Regional Life.

Funding

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. A funding scheme has also been provided for in the Community Development Programme to support Health & Safety enhancement works in non-council owned community facilities.

Community Activities Funding

Community Activities Funding up to 25th February 2025.



Communities Activities Funding has been awarded to 8 projects to the amount of €20,679.

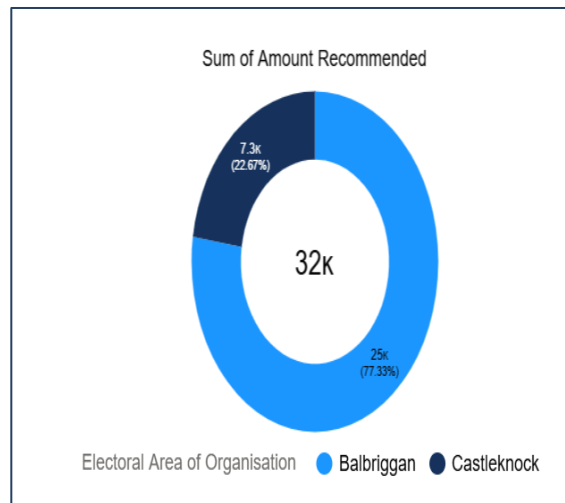
Castleknock/Mulhuddart €8,466
(3 projects)

Balbriggan €10,263
(4 projects)

Howth Malahide €1,950
(1 projects)

Community Facilities Remedial Works Scheme for non-Council owned facilities

Remedial Funding Up to 25th February 2025



Remedial Funding for non-Council owned facilities has been awarded to 2 projects to the amount of €33,054 in 2025.

Balbriggan €24,750 x 1 project
Castleknock €7,255 x 1 project

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Protected Cycle Lanes:

BLRS Area:

R132 Blakes Cross to Quickpenny Lane

Works on the R132 have been fully completed with the Contractor carrying out some of the snagging items along the route.

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 where snag items identified have been addressed.

The Final Road Safety Audit on the operational phase of the new project has been completed and all items addressed that were raised during the process.

The full project has now been handed over to FCC Operations Department for scheduled inspections and regular maintenance. The full safety file and as constructed drawings are being finalised by the Contractor and Design Team for inclusion as part of the hand over.



Seatown Road Swords:

The Project Team is working to finalise the detailed design and tender documentation in advance of going to tender for the appointment of a contractor to progress to the Construction Stage in 2025, subject to approvals and funding.

Donabate Portrane R126 cycle paths:

The Design Team is preparing an options report for the proposed walking and cycling infrastructure with the preferred option identified in the report. Further details will be presented to Councillors at ACM in due course.

Coney Hill Balbriggan R132 cycle paths:

An options report is currently being finalised with the preferred option established in the 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 final hand 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.

We have commenced the handover procedure with FCC's Operations Department with a view to completing over the coming weeks.

Howth-Malahide Area:

Baldoyle-Howth Protected Cycle Lane Scheme Phase 2

The brief to appoint a multi-disciplinary design team has been prepared and is currently being reviewed. Once the review is complete, the tender documents will be published. An update will also be given at ACM level.

Paddy's Hill to Broomfield

Brief and tender documents have been prepared to appoint 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. The indicative study area for the Paddy's Hill to Broomfield scheme is outlined below.



Seapark Hill to Old Golf Course Link Park

The design brief and tender documents to appoint a Consultant from design to completion are drafted. Once approved, this tender will be published and work will begin on the design phases of this project.



Feltrim Road Cycle Infrastructure

Topographical & Traffic Surveys are complete. Two non-statutory consultations have been carried out. Currently in options development stage with consultant working on options for each road link and junction in the scheme.

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 now constructed. A draft preliminary design report has been issued to the Active Travel Unit with comments sent back. Draft screening reports have been issued with feedback sent back to the ecologist. Further updates will be provided over the coming months, through this report and at ACM level.

Clonee to Blanchardstown Shopping Centre

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

Castleknock to Dunsink Lane

Detailed design continues with meetings taking place with relevant internal and external stakeholders. Accommodation works and tree removal works have been carried out and associated new tree planting has been ordered. Tender documentation preparation for the construction phase is underway.



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. Traffic surveys have been commissioned for the 2 signalised junctions and a non-statutory public consultation is being prepared for Q2 2025.



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

An Integrated Design Team has been appointed to commence the detailed design phase of this scheme. Judicial Review proceedings challenging the Part 8 approval for the Public Realm Improvements are ongoing.



Balrothery Active Travel Plan

Two public consultations have been completed, along with public consultation reports. Topographical and traffic surveys have been completed. The consultant is currently finalising 'An Active Travel Plan for Balrothery' and developing options. The Consultant will now move to finalise the Active Travel Plan and progress ongoing options development.

Skerries Active Travel Plan.

The Project Team together with the Consultant are working through the process and data collection and surveys.

A report outlining a Long List of Options will be generated by the consultant and the Active Travel Department. This is currently under review and meetings with the consultants to workshop the contents of the report are scheduled for the coming week.

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 non-statutory consultation report has now been published on the portal and available for viewing.

Preparations for proceeding to Part 8 have been conducted over the last few weeks. This included a briefing at the ACM to the local councillors and internal liaison with FCC's planning department. It is intended to begin the Part 8 consultation period from the 4th of March.



Connectivity/Permeability

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

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

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

Newtown Bridge, Balheary Road:

The works contractor Jons Civil Engineering has been appointed to complete the construction of the project. They have commenced with mobilisation to site at the end of February and works are programmed to take up to 12 weeks. Traffic management will be in place from the start of the works commencing on site and some delays are possible at peak times.



Wild Cat Lane:

Connectivity improvement works has been undertaken along Wild Cat Lane in Skerries over recent weeks and the scheme is now in operation. Active Travel have received positive feedback from users and other stakeholder groups. This lane was previously a space that was overgrown and used as a regular dumping ground. The laneway has now been transformed into an attractive space for children to walk and cycle to the nearby school and offers green spaces and planting areas that will be maintained by the school as part of the Green Schools initiative.



Donabate Permeability - Phase 1:

This project involves the provision of a walking and cycling path in Beverton open space. The footpaths from the end of the cul de sacs in Turvey Green, Turvey Drive and Turvey Woods will be extended into the Beverton open space to join the new pathway being provided in the green open space. A Non-Statutory Consultation was conducted with the residents and locals in the Donabate area to provide observations on Phase 1 of this project. The consultation period ran from Friday 20 December 2024 until 23.59hrs Friday 31 January 2025.

Consultation period has now closed with 76 submissions received. The submissions are currently being categorised to generate a "Public Consultation Report" to be published on the Fingal County Councils consultation portal.

The submissions received are being considered as part of the detailed design process.



<https://maps.app.goo.gl/MpYTPWvURvnoBCoP7>

[Donabate Permeability - Phase 1 | Fingal County Council Online Consultation Portal](#)

Access to Balscadden Bay Beach, Howth.

A consultant has been appointed to assess the access stairs to Balscadden Bay Beach, Howth, and to recommend improvements.

Secure Bicycle Parking Infrastructure

Across the county potential locations are being reviewed, with a number of locations in Swords identified. Further works in relation to the provision of bicycle parking infrastructure 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. New public lighting has now been installed on the open space. 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

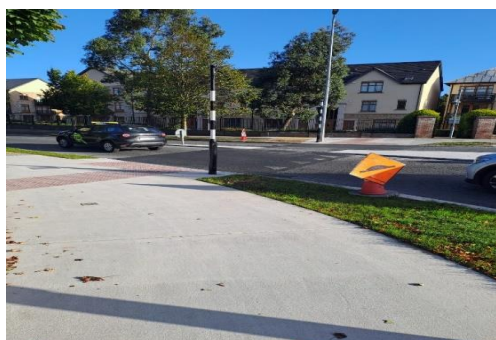
The Contractor is now in the final stages of delivery for this school's works. All footpath repairs, new bus parking area, bollard installation, new zebra crossing, road resurfacing works are now complete. The final outstanding works include the laying of coloured epoxy resin has now been completed.



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

Substantial Completion for the Safe Routes to School project at Pope John Paul II National School, Malahide, was achieved in December 2024. The proposed resurfacing works are scheduled to follow shortly, with anti-skid works planned in the coming weeks.

Safe Routes to School Round 2

An Taisce has announced Round 2 of the Safe Routes to School Programme. Fingal County Council, as the client, has appointed Clifton Scannell Emerson Associates as the Project Supervisor for the Design Process (PSDP) in compliance with Regulation 6 of the Safety, Health, and Welfare at Work (Construction) Regulations 2013, for the following Fingal schools selected:

- St Helen's SNS, Limetree Avenue, Portmarnock, Co. Dublin
- Scoil Bhríde, Cailíní & Buachaillí, Church Avenue, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15
- St Colmcille's Girls NS, Chapel Lane, Swords, Co. Dublin
- Holy Family JNS, Forest Fields, Swords, Co. Dublin

Murphy Geospatial has successfully completed the on-site topographical surveys as part of the defined scope of works. The final report is scheduled for submission in the first week of March 2025.

The Drynam Heath Quiet Street

Project is focused on identifying and addressing potential road safety issues during the preliminary design phase. The primary objectives of the project include enhancing pedestrian and cyclist safety, reducing traffic speeds, and ensuring accessibility for all road users. To support these goals, consultants have been hired to conduct a comprehensive Road Safety Audit (RSA), as well as an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and Appropriate Assessment (AA). Traffico has successfully completed the on-site Road Safety Audit as part of the defined scope of works. The final report is scheduled for submission during the last week of February 2025.

Rush National School:

Works have been completed to facilitate the 'School Street' along Channel Road in Rush. The scheme is underway and monitoring of operation of the School Street is underway.

Mobility & Behaviour Change

Learn2Cycle with a Disability

Learn2Cycle with a Disability lessons are progressing very well, with continued demand for the lessons.

From March, lessons are running in three locations:

Mondays – Flemington Community Centre from 4pm – 6pm

Fridays– Portmarnock Community Centre from 4pm – 6pm

Saturdays– Corduff Sports Centre from 12pm – 1pm.

A full list of 2025 Courses is available on our website

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

With over 40 courses planned for 2025, it promises to be a very busy year.



Learn 2 Cycle for Children Aged 6-12 years

We are delighted to continue our Learn 2 Cycle lessons, to teach children aged 6 – 12 how to cycle.

Current Courses:

March 2025: Saturdays 2.30pm - 4pm, Millennium Park Learn2Cycle track, Blanchardstown

May 2025: Saturdays 2.30pm - 4pm, Brackenstown Learn2Cycl track, Swords

There has been great demand from the community for this course, and we are working with our cycle trainer to provide more lessons during 2025, to meet demand.

Design Your Future: Presentation to TY Students

Members of the Active Travel Unit presented to a group of TY students participating in the Design Your Future Fingal programme at the Lark, Balbriggan.

Design Your Future Fingal is a free, week-long programme for TY students, offered by the Academy of the Near Future, with a focus on designing for sustainability and the environment.

The Active Travel Unit's presentation covered Fingal's active travel infrastructure projects, designing for active travel, and mobility and behaviour change initiatives across the county.

The students were highly engaged, and one team submitted an outstanding project idea, which the Walking & Cycling officers plan to explore further.



Picker Pals & Fingal Active Travel

The Active Travel Unit is excited to announce a collaboration with the environmental organization Picker Pals. Together, we are developing engaging communication materials to promote sustainable transport among schoolchildren in a fun and interactive way. These materials will include games, posters, and photo boards, designed to capture children's interest and spread awareness.

We recently met with some of the Picker Pals reporters to discuss the benefits of active travel <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h34UdMx6GZI>

There are also plans to use these resources to further engage with schools and parents, reinforcing the message of sustainability and encouraging active travel habits in the community.

Bleeper Lease E-Bike for Staff

The Bleeper lease bike trial is available for staff based in Blanchardstown. Staff in FCC can avail of a free trial of Bleeper LeaseBike with the trial lasting from four weeks (with potential to extend, depending on level of demand).

- Choose from a folding e-bike or trekking e-bike – see example images below.
- Starts from mid-February 2025.
- Staff must collect the bike from the Blanchardstown Civic Offices, and return the bike to the same location at the end of the trial.

For more information, please email Emma.court@fingal.ie



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



HER Move TY Girls Cycling Course

The Active Travel Unit, in collaboration with Cycling Ireland, is excited to bring the HER Move cycling course, as a pilot course in Fingal. The program aims to equip Transition Year (TY) girls with essential cycling skills, while also providing an opportunity to develop videography and photography skills. Participants will learn how to safely navigate on bikes, while also capturing their journey through media, making for an engaging and educational experience.

The course will not only help students develop cycling proficiency but will also empower them to tell the story of their experience through creative media, fostering confidence, teamwork, and leadership. We are scheduling in the course and hope to run it in the next academic term.

Sofa to Saddle March 2025

Two new Sofa to Saddle courses are starting in March 2025, and will be held in Catherines Park and Newbridge House.

Sofa to Saddle is a 6-week course run by Age & Opportunity and The Active Travel Section of Fingal County Council. The goal of the course is to get people over 50 years of age back cycling. These courses have proven to be hugely popular.

The course will help participants to relearn the basics of cycling independently, focusing on balance, bike control, gearing and braking. The course is free to take part in, but registering is vital as places are limited.

Course dates below:

Tuesday 18th March in Newbridge House from 11am to 12:30pm.

Wednesday 19th March in St Catherine's Park from 11am to 12:30pm

For more information, please email stephen.mcginn@fingal.ie

Balance Bike Buddies 2025

Our first Balance Bike Buddies Courses of the year begin on Saturday 8th March in Millennium Park. Due to the phenomenal demand, we have added a second course to the programme.

Course 1 – 9:45am – 10:30am

Course 2 – 10:30am – 11:15am



The courses offer toddlers aged between 2 and 5 a safe and structured introduction to cycling and provides parents with the tools to keep the learning up away from the courses. 8 Courses are planned across Millennium Park and Brackenstown for 2025.

For more information, please email stephen.mcginn@fingal.ie

Park Pedal

The first ever Park Pedal meet up will take place on Saturday 1st March at 9am in Millennium Park. This pilot initiative is an adaptation of Cycling Irelands Community Bike Rides and aims to target families with young children who want to cycle in an off road and enclosed environment.

It is hoped that event can be modelled on the success of Park Run and become a regular feature in parks around Fingal at weekends. For more information email: 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. For details on how to access the bike, simply contact

customer care@bleeperactive.com



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 would like more information, email 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 and requesting a trip.

Congratulations to Skerries Volunteer, John Coleman who was recently nominated for Community Volunteer of the Year at the recent LAMA Awards in Cork for his work on Cycling Without Age. John is a committed volunteer, who goes above and beyond to ensure that the Skerries Trishaw is visible, accessible and available within the Community.



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



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@locallinklmf.ie



Car Share Schemes

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

Month	Number of Trips	Number of Shared KMs
August	1802	166,577km
September	1713	142,466km
October	1724	145,767km
November	1479	105,383km
December	1321	104,845km
January	1669	116,516km

Community eCargo Bikes

The Active Travel unit have been promoting the Community eCargo Bike initiative and are receiving applications from interested community groups. We are looking forward to providing more community groups with cargo bikes in 2025.

Swords Tidy Towns are the latest group to join the trials and they will receive their eCargo in the first two weeks of March.

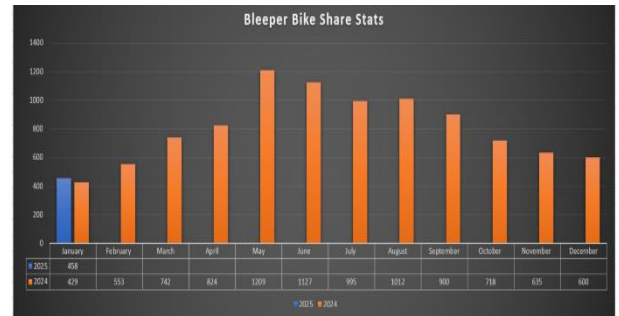
We have partnered with various Tidy Towns Groups, Picker Pals, Dunsink Observatory, The Old Irish Goat Herders as well as our own Operations Team in Newbridge House and The Mayor of Fingal. The bikes have been a valuable asset for the groups and have replaced countless journeys by motor vehicle. We are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

ECARGO BIKES FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS

- 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.
- What is the Scheme?** The Active Travel Section in Fingal will provide your group with an eCargo bike for a 12 month period.
- How to Apply?** Simply email active.travel@fingal.ie with your group name and we will contact you with more details.
- 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.
- 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

The new Bleeper Bike Operating Zone came into effect from Dec 1st 2024 and the introduction of the Fingal pass has seen a positive impact on trips to date. Despite the smaller operating zone, the trip numbers have increased year on year in December and January, this despite very challenging weather conditions in both months.

New!
FINGAL PASS
The first 30 minutes of every Bleeper trip are now **FREE** for residents of Fingal

WITH SUPPORT FROM
Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

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.

Fingal Pass Applications: 155 (31/01/25)
Approved Applications: 117

Refusal Reasons
Non-Fingal Residents: 4
No Bleeper Account yet: 43

Bleper Bike Monthly Report

458 Bleper bike journeys started within Fingal operating zone in November
445 bike journeys ended within existing Fingal operating zone
Thursdays (19%) and Saturdays (18%) recorded the highest usage
Ongar, Sutton and Castleknock were the most popular starting points.
Estimated emissions avoided: 92kg of CO2

ENVIRONMENT

Climate Action

Climate Action Plan Implementation Team

The CAPIT, a multi departmental senior committee met in February to review the implementation of the Climate Action Plan. During this meeting, the Climate Action Team provided an update to staff and Codema, Dublin's Energy Agency presented on their work programme for Fingal.



E2 Cuties

Fingal's Climate Action Team and Codema met with project partners virtually to start the first kick off meeting of the E2 Cuties project. Engaged Energy-Communities in Urban areas with Technology Integrated Energy Systems (E2 Cuties) is a 4-year Interreg North-West Europe project which was awarded funding in Q4 2024 and will commence in April 2025.

E2 Cuties aims to enhance energy efficiency in urban areas by empowering local energy communities to implement integrated energy-efficient measures and by strengthening cooperation models between energy communities and the local authority. This project features Codema and Fingal County Council as the local Dublin partners, alongside associated partner Balbriggan Sustainable Energy Community. It will directly support Fingal's climate goals by implementing strategies to reduce energy consumption within the Balbriggan Decarbonising Zone.

Our Balbriggan- Sustainability, Climate Action and Biodiversity Pillar

The Climate Team continue to support the development of the Sustainability, Climate Action and Biodiversity Pillar Action Plan.

Reporting on the Climate Action Plan

The Climate Action Team has submitted the 2024 Climate Action Key Performance Indicators on the Fingal Climate Action Plan to the LGMA.



Climate Action Training

The Climate Action Team has completed the 'The Green Teams Programme' Training Course. This training aims to provide tools and resources that help promote sustainable action in the workplace.



Climate Awareness

Work continues on the ground on the Fingal Reusable Cup Project which will launch during Dublin Climate Action Week in May 2025.

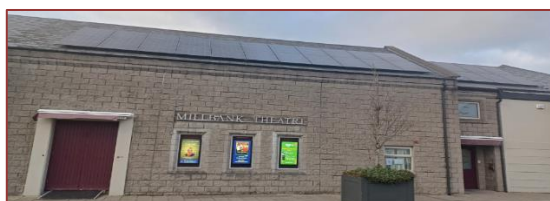
Fingal, Voice Ireland, Vytal and our Community Champions from Malahide and Rush, met with lots of local retailers in both areas this month to run through the details of the upcoming project, its benefits to the Environment and to ask the businesses to sign up and become more sustainable.

There are approximately 35 Retailers in Malahide and 15 in Rush. Those who we have visited so far have been really positive about the introduction of the project.



Community Climate Action Fingal

Groups funded under the Community Climate Action Grant are continuing to deliver projects. The Millbank Theatre in Rush installed solar PV panels and batteries, the system is storing power and selling back to the grid. Brackenstown Scout Den increased the insulation in the ceiling and walls which lowers emissions from heating and improves the experience for building users. Donabate Portrane are starting fashion upcycling sessions with 5 new sewing machines and some of the applicants are planting trees to increase areas for biodiversity.



ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS

Relove Fashion

19 secondary schools in Fingal submitted entries to the Relove Fashion Campaign, run by the Rediscovery Centre, Ireland's leading centre for Circular Economy, and supported by Fingal County Council. Participation in the competition has helped raise awareness of the environmental and social impacts of the fashion industry, as well as the role young people can play in reshaping their relationship with fast fashion and fostering a more sustainable approach to clothing. 4 schools have been shortlisted for virtual interviews scheduled for early March, and two will be selected as Fingal's finalists for this year's competition. Best of luck to the shortlisted schools!



Green-Schools

The Environmental Awareness Officer has arranged this year's assessment visits for the Fingal schools applying for their Green-Schools Flag. The programme, run by An Taisce and supported by Fingal County Council, promotes a student-led approach in encouraging behaviour change within school communities to adopt eco-friendly practices and educating young people about environmental issues. It also fosters a sense of citizenship through active participation. This year, the themes which schools are applying under include Litter & Waste, Energy, Water, Travel, Marine, Food & Biodiversity, and Global Citizenship. The assessments allow schools to showcase the work completed by their Green-Schools Committee as part of the programme's 7 steps. An Taisce and the Environmental Awareness Officer will also offer recommendations to support schools on achieving their Green Flag status.



Waste Management and the Circular Economy Workshop: Estuary Recycling Centre

The Environmental Awareness Officer delivered a workshop on Waste Management and the Circular Economy to Transition Year students from a mix of D15 schools in collaboration with Network Forum Fingal. The workshop focused on the impact of a linear economy, actions to prevent waste, the value of civic amenity centres, and the role Fingal County Council plays in the Circular Economy through Reuse projects like the Recycled Paint for Community Groups, Repaired Bikes, and Replay Instruments Project. After the workshop, the students received a tour of the Estuary Centre, where they learned about the types of items that can be recycled there.



Litter Management



The Litter Wardens continue to deal with large amounts of littering and dumping throughout the county.

- Investigate and report on all CRM queries raised by the litter management section
- Bring banks in the Fingal area are inspected daily to ensure that there is no dumping and any evidence found is dealt with under the Litter Pollution Act
- Link in with Operations to see if any issues have arisen for their crews regarding illegal dumping/littering in their areas, carry out inspections and follow up with fines/warning notices where evidence is found.
- Report any dumping and littering to Operations division for removal and follow up on witness statements submitted by Fingal citizens.
- Site inspections are carried out following reports of muck on the roads from building developments and farming activities. Site/Farm owners are advised of their responsibilities to ensure the roads are kept clean of muck and that the building sites have a road sweeper/wheel wash facility in operation.
- Continue to raise awareness on the issue of dog fouling on beaches, pathways, parks and roads and target hot spots for dog fouling. Anti dog fouling signs are erected at various locations on foot of requests made and where complaints are received.
- Investigate and report on reports of abandoned cars, photographing and updating the litter app and the CRM system.
- Conduct walking patrols and engage with business owners regarding their responsibilities in keeping outside their premises clean and free of litter.



Litter Fines & Warning Notices – February 2025

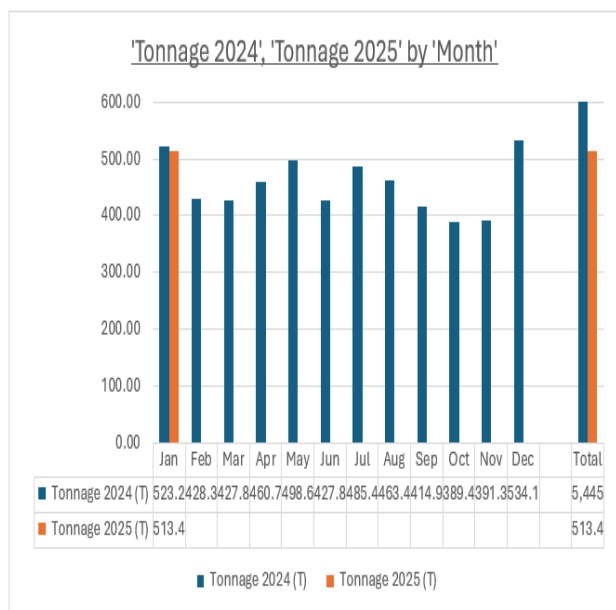
Month	Fines	Warning Notices
January	16	1
February	9	2

Litter Management CRMs for February 2025

CRMs February 2025	Amount
Fly tipping 1-20 bags Equivalent	6
Dumping – 20 bags Equivalent	3
General Litter Issue	17
Muck on road	5
Abandoned cars	24
Inspection of bring banks	350
Inspection of dumping black spots	290
Unauthorised signage	2
Env Miscellaneous	1
Dog fouling reports	1
Littering at bottle banks	3
Request for Dog fouling signs	1
Walking patrols	3
Councillor rep inspection	1

Bring Banks

The total volume of Glass collected in January 2025 was **513 (T)** compared with a total volume of Glass collected in January 2024 of 523 (T).



Abandoned Cars

From 1st January – 27th February 2025, 92 reports of alleged Abandoned Vehicles have been received. Burnt-out vehicles are also reported to the Environment Department.

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

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

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

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.

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

There were 82 x 10 Day Notices and 3 Fines issued by the dog wardens during February 2025.

Month	10 Day Notices		Fines Issued		Fines Paid	
	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025
January	217	10	20	3	€1997.50	€550
February	297	82	38	5	€2135	€2244
March	234		40		€2525	
April	277		35		€2073	
May	408		38		€2420	
June	247		58		€2180	
July	29		88		€3550	
August	15		52		€4600	
September	29		23		€2919.70	
October	15		13		€2321	
November	104		19		€2185	
December	0		5		€1700	
TOTAL	1872	92	429	8	€30,606.20	€2794

The Animal Welfare Section received 18 complaints in relation to dogs from 1st of Feb 2025 to 27th Feb 2025.

Service	No of complaints per service from 1 st of Feb 2025 to 27 th of Feb 2025
Env - Dog Fine Appeal	0
Env - Dog on Dog Attack	1
Env - Dog on Person Attack	2
Env - Dog warden assistance, garda request	4
Env - Pollution - Issue with Dog	3
Env - Restricted Breed Dog	3
Env - Surrendered Dog	1
Env- Stray Dog	4
Grand Total	18

Dog Licences and Fines

The below table shows the number of annual and lifetime licences purchased during February 2025 in comparison with the same months in 2024. 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	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025
January	1078	843	87	54	€33,740	€24,420
February	1010	747	62	51	€28,880	€22,080
March	810		58		€24,320	€
April	918		64		€27,320	€
May	1193		90		€36,460	€
June	1045		87		€33,080	€
July	843		49		€23,720	€
August	865		67		€26,680	€
September	762		47		€21,820	€
October	804		65		€25,180	€
November	654		46		€19,520	€
December	310		20		€9000	€
Total for year	10,292	1590	742	105	€309,720	€46,500

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

Does your dog have a licence?

Purchase at any Post Office or online at licences.ie

Annual Licence Fee: €20.00. Lifetime Licence €140.00.

Failure to purchase a licence can result in on-the-spot fine of €100 or court prosecution and fine of €1,270



Pickles came into the shelter as a stray and was never reclaimed. He is a Labrador cross, approximately 7 years old. He loves his walks and would be suited to a home with children over 10. If you are interested in Pickles, please contact the Shelter on 08739114008.

XL Bully Legislation

From October 1st, 2024, new regulations prohibit the importing, breeding, selling, and re-homing of XL Bully type dogs and from February 1st, 2025, it is 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 166 COE applications, of which 105 have been fully processed, and exemption certificates have been issued to the owner.

For further information, see

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

HORSES

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

In February there were 3 horses seized from the public realm.

SPORTS OFFICE

Fingal on the Move continues in Rush, Balbriggan, Swords, Mountview and Howth. The programme is designed to introduce adults back into fitness and physical activity through gentle/beginner exercise. There are 7 programmes running across the county with 250 participants joining in each week. The first block of classes is running for 10 weeks and will continue until the start of April with another 10 weeks planned. All classes above can be signed up online on www.sports.fingal.ie or through Fingal Sports Office ClubZapp.



Parent and Toddler Classes

Fingal's Parent and Toddler programmes started back in February, these classes are designed for both parent and toddler to get active and involved in the community.

The classes can be found in community centres in Swords Holywell and Applewood, Balbriggan, Baldoyle, Meakstown and Lusk. There are 6 programmes being delivered throughout the county, with over 120 participants taking part each week. All classes above can be signed up online on www.sports.fingal.ie or through Fingal Sports Office ClubZapp.



Active for Life

Fingal Sports Office Active for Life classes cater for adults over 55 and are running for 10 weeks. The classes focus on movement, increasing mobility and muscle strength. These classes are available in Balbriggan, Blakestown, Mulhuddart, Baldoyle, Lusk and Swords. There are 6 locations and over 150 participants joining each week. All classes above can be signed up online on www.sports.fingal.ie or through Fingal Sports Office ClubZapp.



HER Space

Fingal's Sports Office will be bringing a new programme to Swords called HER Space teaching self defence while also working the meditation and mindfulness, this programme will run for 8 weeks.

HER space
Women's 8 week-programme

1 MINDSET
 Empowering, individuals with tools to become experts in enhancing their confidence, self-esteem and well-being.

2 SELF-DEFENCE
 Learn practical self-defence skills to boost confidence, increase safety and avoid stressful situations.

The eight-week programme kicks off Monday the 3rd of March at 7-8pm

PRICE: €30 for the programme. RESERVE YOUR SPOT NOW!

Location
LIAM RODGERS COMMUNITY CENTRE
 14th Floor, 100-102, Lusk, Co. Dublin
03.03.2025

€30

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Active Cities DUBLIN

LIAM RODGERS COMMUNITY CENTRE

Community Centre

Active Travel & Sport

Leinster Rugby School Blitz

Fingal Sports Office and Leinster Rugby ran a primary school's tag rugby blitz in Sutton which included over 150 girls and boys taking part from the local schools after completing a 6 week programme on the sport. A blitz also took place in Balbriggan consisting of 300 students in partnership with Balbriggan Rugby Club.



Men's Walking Challenge

Fingal Sports Office under our Active Cities Dublin banner along with Get Ireland Walking have created a 12-Month community engagement initiative to support men in (re)connecting with themselves in a safe, non-judgemental environment in which they can connect with their surroundings and other men. It includes 12 guiding walks/hikes with a new location on the last weekend of each month. Throughout the year we will engage with community organisations such as Men's Sheds and the HSE to target inactive men. By encouraging healthy habits such as walking to daily and weekly routines, can have a positive impact on wellbeing. The benefits for both body and mind are significant. The walk has ran the last two months with over 60 men joining each walk.

Couch To 5K

Fingal Sports Office delivered three Couch to 5k Walks/Runs in Rivervalley Swords, Millennium Park, D15 and Newbridge House, Lusk. The target group included inactive but enthusiastic participants to help kickstart their New Years fitness journey. This beginner-friendly programme took the 35 participants from total novices to completing a 5k Parkrun in one of the three locations in just five weeks.

Active Cities DUBLIN

12 HIKES, 12 MONTHS

MEN'S WALKING CHALLENGE

MAKE THE COMMITMENT

ALL LEVELS OF FITNESS WELCOME

MEN'S WALK CHALLENGE takes place on the **LAST SUNDAY** of each month

FIRST WALK: SUNDAY 26TH JANUARY

MEETING POINT: Howth Dart Station
 MEETING TIME: 9:45am (walk begins at 9am)
 WALK NAME: Howth Bog of Frogs
 WALK DURATION: 8km light walk
 Free Refreshments after in Beann Eadair GAA Club

WEAR APPROPRIATE OUTERWEAR & FOOTWEAR BRING WATER!

GET IRELAND WALKING

SPORT IRELAND

Scan the QR Code to find out more about the challenge and to register.

For more information email Ian Farrell (Active Cities Coordinator): ian.farrell@get.ie or phone Ian on 087 695 1818





Prosper Fingal Rush Meet Irelands WNT

Fingal's FAI development officers organised Prosper Fingal Rush day service to visit the National Sports Campus to visit Ireland's Women's team ahead of their game against Turkey. The service users met Fingal and Rush native Izzy Atkinson and Captain Katie McCabe.



ARCHITECTS

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Lanistown Castle Conservation - Presentation to BLFI

At a recent event in Merrion Square hosted by **Building Limes Forum Ireland (BLFI)**, Fingal Architects Department presented an overview of the conservation works completed at Lanistown Castle on the grounds of Newbridge House. The presentation was made to the BLFI in the context of traditional building methods and materials employed in the conservation process.

Building Limes Forum Ireland, BLFI

The Building Limes Forum Ireland, BLFI, brings together all those involved in the use of natural lime in the building industry from built heritage to sustainable new build. The BLFI provides information on all aspects of lime and its uses and offers a platform for discussion, sharing experiences and knowledge. They host an annual event called 'Lime Slam' where those interested in the subject can meet, discuss and attend informative seminars.

Lanistown Castle

Lanistown Castle is a roofless but otherwise well-preserved medieval tower house in the grounds of Newbridge House Demesne.



Figs1&2 Lanistown Castle -East and north facades after the works

The current work is the latest of ten conservation projects completed by FCC since 2017, jointly funded by the annual Community Monuments Fund (CMF), operated by the National Monuments

Service of the Government Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, and Fingal County Council's own Structures at Risk Fund (SARF).

Lanistown Castle - History

The first historic mention of Lanistown Castle is in a mid-14th century property inventory associated with the de Bathe landowning family. The site is also believed to have associations with an earlier church settlement, dedicated to St. Colman, and the Geophysical Survey (below ground) completed in advance of the current project shows evidence of several structures in the ground to the north of the castle. The other significant architectural feature of the building was the large two-storey extension connected to the east of tower house, long-demolished, the remains of which can be seen on the existing east and north facades of the castle. A tiny image of this extension can be seen on Frizzell's map [1776] commissioned by the Cobbe family.



Fig3 Lanistown Castle -Frizzell's Map 1776

The Cobbes were the last owners of Newbridge House Demesne before it was purchased by Dublin County Council in the 1980's.

The Conservation Project

The Architects Department presenter at the BLFI event, Brian O'Connor, Executive Architect, outlined the process and timeline.

Firstly, a 'Conservation Management Plan' was formulated, followed by enabling works and lastly, actual Conservation Works. This type of process is typically completed over two years, allowing for the careful treatment and removal of unwanted vegetation, proper surveying of the cleaned-up building remains and preparation of a detailed schedule of conservation repairs.

Enabling Works & Survey

Enabling Works at Lanistown started in 2021 with a first attempt to remove well-established vegetation consisting of ivy, sycamore and ash, from inside and outside the building. If such growth was left unchecked, it would further expose the masonry to water ingress, movement and collapse. The high battlement wall-walk required an internal scaffold for safe removal of the vegetation.



Fig4 Extent of vegetation growth on/in the structure

A new access door was installed on the blocked-up north door, designed to open outwards in order to preserve an existing 17/18th century historic, studded timber door.



Fig5 Access Door protecting a studded 17/18th century door

The initial survey/inspection revealed the presence of a nesting pair of barn owls and the roosting place of a long-eared bat. Their presence affected the timing and conduct of the works project and necessitated the erection of new bat roosting/hibernating boxes and two owl nesting boxes at the end of the project both inside the building and in the adjacent woodland. The FCC team argued successfully for the extension of the CMF24 funding disbursement to the end of December 2024, to accommodate works that had to start outside the nesting season.

Conservation Works – 2024

Conservation Works eventually started in 2024, and works completed included the following: The corner of the intact ground floor vault was reconstructed/reinforced; and new lintels installed in several wall recesses as shown in Fig7 below.



Fig6 Before - vault and lintels requiring repair/replacement



Fig7 After - lintel on left replaced and vaults repaired

The first-floor level was reduced to receive a unique natural waterproofing called 'soft capping' - to protect the vaulted chamber below. This consisted of a packed layer of 'puddling' clay topped with a thin sod of grass [Fig8] harvested by FCC Operations staff from the nearby grass path.



Fig8 After - Puddling clay and layer grassy sod installed

Externally, a dramatic arched connection with the old two storey extension, visible from the main avenue, required a sensitive new buttress and arch rebuild design - all finished in lime plaster.



Figs9&10 Before and After repair of arch and buttress

Around the external walls of the tower a schedule of masonry consolidation and re-pointing was completed using lime-sand mixes, sensitive to the original mortars. One red sandstone ogee-arched window on the south façade was well-handled by the masons on the job as is shown in Fig12 below.

FINANCE

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Rates

Overall Commercial Rates collection to the end of February 2025 is running at 29%.

Rates Collection	
Rates collected €m	€49.0m
Rates collected %	29%

Development Levy Income

Development levy income collected to the end of February is €13.1m.

Development Levy Income YTD Feb 2025	
Levies Received	€13.1 m
Levies Collected as a % of 2024	18%

Payroll

Overall payroll spend to the end of February was €14.7m which is c. **96%** of budget YTD.

Payroll	
Salaries & Wages €m	€14.8m
Percentage of Budget YTD.	95.9%

Procurement

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

No. of contracts awarded (details below) for year to date	22	
Value €m	3.8m	
Procurements ongoing at end of February		
No. of procurements awaiting tender responses	12	(i)
Value €m	21m	
No. of procurements under evaluation	28	(ii)
Value €m	26.78	
No. of procurements at approved	24	(iii)
Value €m	238.38m	

Notes:

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

Appendix 1
Revenue Account – Income & Expenditure

REVENUE ACCOUNT INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION AT 28 FEBRUARY 2025

	EXPENDITURE			INCOME			NET
	Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent to date	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised	€
Housing & Building	18,560,906	123,749,800	15%	17,832,307	126,862,200	14%	728,599
Road Transport & Safety	5,657,820	36,814,800	15%	1,522,039	9,063,700	17%	4,135,781
Water Services	1,730,248	13,233,400	13%	2,506,467	15,070,000	17%	-776,219
Development Management	4,331,952	25,261,800	17%	1,700,580	10,206,000	17%	2,631,372
Environmental Services	8,264,286	48,948,700	17%	3,526,219	8,761,100	40%	4,738,067
Recreation & Amenity	9,479,522	59,101,400	16%	637,484	4,375,600	15%	8,842,038
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	345,001	1,575,200	22%	42,075	422,700	10%	302,926
Miscellaneous Services	3,532,381	21,053,000	17%	4,475,130	29,588,900	15%	-942,749
Central Management Charge	8,808,152	59,137,800	15%	650,629	4,073,900	16%	8,157,523
Local Property Tax / GPG				2,116,717	12,700,300	17%	-2,116,717
Rates				27,958,583	167,751,500	17%	-27,958,583
	60,710,268	388,875,900	16%	62,968,230	388,875,900	16%	-2,257,961

Appendix 1 - continued
Capital Account - Income & Expenditure

CAPITAL ACCOUNT
INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 28/02/2025

	Balance at 0/01/2024 €	Expenditure YTD €	Income YTD €	Balance at 28/02/2025 €
A Housing & Building	-2,777,751	33,522,357	-12,872,872	17,871,734
B Road Transport & Safety	14,019,495	10,193,162	-1,204,057	23,008,600
C Water Services	-10,011,352	287,528	-206,053	-9,929,877
D Development Management	-138,617,838	2,669,120	-17,252,433	-153,201,151
E Environmental Services	-15,212,071	687,202	-265,583	-14,790,452
F Recreation & Amenity	-12,601,936	3,008,473	-1,193,003	-10,786,466
H Miscellaneous Services	-15,849,445	660,331	-270,006	-15,459,120
Total	-181,050,898	51,028,173	-33,264,007	-163,286,732

NB***

The Opening Balance for 2025 is subject to change as the AFS 2024 is not finalised

Appendix 1 - continued
Summary of Corporate Debtors

SUMMARY OF CORPORATE DEBTORS TO 28/02/2025				
	Balance at 01/01/2025	Balance at 28/02/2025	Current debt	> 1 Year
	€	€	€	€
RATES	687,390	118,789,892	118,269,311	520,581
LOANS	2,130,037	1,911,328	151,378	1,759,950
RENTS	10,032,929	9,718,522	3,376,759	6,341,763

Figures for rents and loans are unadjusted by credits/prepayments

Value of debit at 31/12/2024 was €1,823,834.70 with a credit of €1,136,445.02

Appendix 2 Number of Contracts Awarded to the end of February

Description of Procurement	Supplier Name	Legal Address	Current Value of Contract (excl. VAT)	Contract Start Date	Contract End Date	Actual Duration	Contract Award Date	Arrangement Type
Newtown Bridge - Balheary Road Active Travel Scheme	Jons Civil Engineering	Carranstown, Duleek, Co. Meath A92 K654	€ 995,868.89	30/01/25	31/07/26	18	30/01/25	Contract
Environmental Monitoring at Dunsink and Balleally Landfill sites 2025	McQuillan Environmental (John McQuillan Contracts Ltd)	6 Caulside Drive, Antrim, BT41 2DU	€ 223,985.50	17/02/25	16/02/26	12	17/02/25	Call-Off Contract
Landscape Architect Led Integrated Design Team Consultancy Services for Public Realm Improvements for a Pedestrianised New Street, Stage 2b	Dermot Foley Landscape Architects (DFLA)	Argus House, Blackpitts, Dublin 8	€ 325,072.50	04/03/25	04/04/26	13	21/02/25	Call-Off Contract
Hire of Volvo EW60E compact wheeled excavator	Larry Kiernan Plant Hire	Grougha, Ring Commons, Balbriggan, Co Dublin	€ 62,100.00	01/04/25	30/03/28	36	12/02/25	Call-Off Contract
Dye & Durham Ltd Lawlink Subscription 2025	Dye & Durham Ltd	31-36 Ormond Quay Upper, Dublin 7	€ 68,484.00	01/01/25	31/12/25	12	11/02/25	Contract
Requirement for Logix BI and NEC Housing drawdown services	Nathean Technologies	3 Lyncon Court, IDA Science & Technology Park, Snugborough Road, Blanchardstown, D15	€ 140,400.00	01/01/25	31/12/25	12	10/02/25	Contract
Tree Removal Works at Comyn Manor and R132	Twin Tree Care Ltd	Sequoia House, 73 Torcaill, Portmarnock, Co Dublin	€ 36,350.00	17/02/25	17/04/25	2	07/02/25	Contract
Road Lining for Swords/Balbriggan Area	MacLochlainn (Roadmarkings) Limited	Bishopswood Lane, The Ward, Co. Dublin	€ 51,205.10	14/01/25	31/12/25	11.5	04/02/25	Call-Off Contract
Legal Conveyancing Services for the acquisition of social turnkey properties for Fingal County Council	Beauchamps LLP	Riverside Two, Sir John Rogerson's Quay, Dublin 2	€ 256,650.00	04/02/25	03/02/27	24	04/02/25	Call-Off Contract
Ongoing Commissioning, operation & maintenance of existing EV charging points to include enabling works for change over from existing supplier.	Hall Power t/a ePower	1 Technology House, rockgrove ind Est, Little Island, Cork	€ 34,100.00	30/01/25	29/01/26	12	30/01/25	Contract
25 HP Zbook High Spec Laptops	Datapac Ireland	Robinhood House, Robinhood Road, Dublin 22	€ 38,225.00	22/01/25	21/01/26	12	29/01/25	Contract
Support for Cygnus Housing Loan Application	Gemini Consultants Ltd	AW House, 6-8 Stuart Street, Luton, LU1 2SI, UK	€ 45,386.33	01/04/25	31/12/25	9	29/01/25	Contract
Property Management Services for Council Owned Unsold Affordable Properties at Parnell Estate, Ladyswell, Dublin 15	Paula Barrett Properties Ltd	22 Northumberland Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4	€ 240,000.00	01/01/25	31/12/25	12	21/01/25	Call-Off Contract
Preparation of Dunsink Statutory Local Plan	RMLA Ltd	Unit 3B, Santry Industrial Estate, Santry Avenue, Dublin 9	€ 685,765.00	20/01/25	19/01/26	12	20/01/25	Call-Off Contract
Macadam Material	Roadstone Ltd	Fortunestown, Tallaght, Dublin 24	€ 97,280.00	14/01/25	31/12/25	11.5	14/01/25	Call-Off Contract
Tradfest - Irelands Premier Winter Music & Culture Festival	TASCQ CLG (t/a The Temple Bar Company)	Second Floor, 1-5 Crampton Court, Temple Bar, Dublin 2	€ 120,000.00	01/01/25	31/12/25	12	10/01/25	Contract
Security Services for Coolmine Recycling Centre	Secure Management Solutions	2055 Castle Drive, D24 X2XT	€ 34,784.50	02/01/25	31/12/25	12	08/01/25	Contract
Purchase of three sports equipment storage units to be installed in local parks & controlled by an app	BoxUp SA	Avenue des Baumettes 9, 1020 Renens, Switzerland	€ 70,000.00	06/01/25	31/12/25	12	06/01/25	Contract
Maintenance of GPS Vehicle Tracking System	Transpoco (E-Pire Ltd)	Innovation House, DCU Alpha Innovation Campus, Old Finglas Rd, Glasnevin, Dublin 11	€ 80,000.00	31/12/24	30/12/25	12	03/01/25	Contract

Appendix 3 - NTA Active Travel Allocations 2025

Active Travel Investment Grants: 2025 Allocations		
Project Code	Project Name	2025 Allocation
<u>Fingal County Council</u>		
FCC/12/0001	Broadmeadow Estuary Cycle & Pedestrian Bridge	€ 6,500,000
FCC/13/0001	S2M Extension Sutton to Malahide	€ 460,000
FCC/14/0001	Royal Canal Cycle Route (12th Lock-KCC) (CN2) inc. Deep Sinking Coolmine	€ 400,000
FCC/18/0001	Harry Reynolds Road Cycleway in Balbriggan	€ 3,000,000
FCC/20/0001	Donabate Ped and Cycle Bridge	€ 1,000,000
FCC/21/0001	National Aquatic Centre (NAC) to Ongar Village	€ 130,000
FCC/21/0002	Baldoyle to Howth Phase 2 (Dublin Road to Dublin Street)	€ 120,000
FCC/21/0004	Donabate Hearse Rd/Main St/Portrane Rd (Link 1 & Link 2)	€ 185,000
FCC/21/0005	Damastown to Clonsilla Cycle Route	€ 150,000
FCC/21/0006	Clonee to Blanchardstown Shopping Centre	€ 185,000
FCC/22/0001	Castleknock, Auburn Ave.	€ 1,820,000
FCC/22/0004	Hartstown/Huntstown/Mountview Rd D15	€ 135,000
FCC/22/0005	St Cronins Road	€ 25,000
FCC/22/0006	Rathingle/Rivervalley Rd Swords	€ 50,000
FCC/22/0007	Balbriggan road mill street and Drogheda st	€ 60,000
FCC/22/0009	Permeability Links North County	€ 250,000
FCC/22/0010	R132 Ministers Road to Blakes Cross and Kilhedge Lane	€ 300,000
FCC/22/0011	Skerries - Harbour Road	€ 140,000

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Project Code	Project Name	2025 Allocation
<u>Fingal County Council</u>		
FCC/22/0012	Seatown Roundabout to Estuary Road (Swords to Malahide)	€ 725,000
FCC/22/0014	Balbriggan - Coney Hill From Devlin Bridge to Brepnre Cottages	€ 40,000
FCC/22/0016	New Street Malahide Improvement Scheme	€ 500,000
FCC/22/0018	Data collection for Active Travel Projects (traffic, air, noise)	€ 50,000
FCC/22/0019	Skerries Active Travel Plan	€ 140,000
FCC/22/0020	Balrothery Active Travel Review	€ 165,000
FCC/22/0021	Seamount Heights to Old Golf Links Park Active Travel Route	€ 75,000
FCC/22/0022	Broomfield to Paddys's Hill via Naomh Marnog GAA Active Travel Route	€ 100,000
FCC/22/0026	Staff Costs Active Travel Team	€ 1,100,000
FCC/22/0027	Swords Cycle Network - Sustainable Swords	€ 100,000
FCC/22/0028	Castleknock to Blanchardstown via Farmleigh	€ 175,000
FCC/23/0003	SRTS (R1) - Ladyswell National School	€ 75,000
FCC/23/0004	SRTS (R1) - Scoil Ghrainne CNS	€ 25,000
FCC/23/0005	SRTS (R1) - Scoil Choilm CNS	€ 115,000
FCC/23/0019	SRTS (R1) - Pope John Paul II NS, Malahide	€ 350,000
FCC/24/0001	Feltrim Road cycle infrastructure	€ 160,000
FCC/24/0006	Donabate to Portrane (R126) - Distributor Rd to Portrane Avenue Active Travel Routes	€ 65,000
FCC/25/XXXX	SRTS (R2) - Scoil Bhríde Buachaillí	€ 200,000
FCC/25/XXXX	SRTS (R2) - Scoil Bhríde Cailíní	€ 200,000

Appendix 3 - Continued

Project Code	Project Name	2025 Allocation
Fingal County Council		
FCC/25/XXXX	SRTS (R2) - St Colmcille's Girls National School	€ 200,000
FCC/25/XXXX	SRTS (R2) - Holy Family Junior National School	€ 200,000
FCC/25/XXXX	SRTS (R2) - St Helen's Senior National School	€ 200,000
FCC/25/XXXX	Castleknock Rd - Auburn Ave to gates of Pheonix Park	€ 60,000
FCC/25/XXXX	SRTS (R3) - St Nichola's of Myra National School	€ 10,000
FCC/25/XXXX	SRTS (R3) - Scoil Mhuire Junior National School	€ 10,000
FCC/25/XXXX	SRTS (R3) - Scoil Thomáis	€ 10,000
FCC/25/XXXX	SRTS (R3) - Donabate Portrane Educate Together National School	€ 10,000
FCC/25/XXXX	SRTS (R3) - Holywell Educate Together National School	€ 10,000
FCC/25/XXXX	SRTS (R3) - Malahide/Portmarnock Educate Together National School	€ 10,000
FCC/25/XXXX	SRTS (R3) - Broadmeadow Community National School	€ 10,000
Total:		€ 20,000,000
Allocations Through Other NTA Funding Streams		
FCC/24/xxxx	Bus Stop Enhancement Programme	€ 500,000
FCC/22/0029	R132 Junction Upgrade Design	€ 5,800,000
FCC/24/0005	Waterville Junction upgrade	€ 385,000
FCC/25/00XX	Sustainable Traffic Management Measures	€ 1,000,000
Subtotal:		€7,685,000

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	Mixed Tenure	Hayestown, Rush 53°31'24.1"N 6°06'42.1"W - Google Maps	10 Social 51 Affordable	On-Site	Q2 2023	Phased delivery
Balbriggan/Rush -Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	St. Ita's, Portrane Portrane Ave - Google Maps	5 Restoration of existing cottages.	On-Site	Q4 2022	Q2 2025
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	Glenveagh Living Ltd	Mixed Tenure	Balmoston Ph1., Donabate 53°29'21.2"N 6°07'58.1"W	87 Social 86 Cost Rental 86 Affordable	On-Site	Q3 2023	Phased delivery
Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock/ Ongar	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Church Fields 3A 53°24'44.7"N 6°23'39.0"W - Google	40 Social 80 Cost Rental 180 Affordable	On-Site	Q4 2023	Phased delivery
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk /Swords	FCC	Social	Seatown Road, Swords 53°27'35.4"N 6°13'04.7"W Google Maps	36 36 x 2 Bed	On-Site	Q1 2024	Q4 2026
Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/ Castleknock/ Ongar	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Church Fields 3B 53°24'44.7"N 6°23'39.0"W - Google Maps	107 Social 110 Affordable	On-Site	Q4 2024	Q4 2026
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Ballisk Park, New Road, Donabate 53°29'02.6"N 6°08'27.5"W	63 Social 112 Affordable	On-Site	Q4 2024	Q4 2026
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social - Elderly	North Street, Swords 53°27'38.6"N 6°13'06.7"W - Google Maps	13 Social 6 x 1 Bed 7 x 2 Bed	Enabling works complete.	Q1 2025	Q2 2026

Schemes on Site (Continued)

Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Mourne View, Skerries. 53.580404, -6.122225	14 Social 11x 2-Bed 3 x 3-Bed 1 x 4-Bed	On-Site	On-Site	Q4 2025
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Rathmore, Remount, Lusk 53.521142, -6.161451	18 Social 2 x 1 bed 12 x 2 bed 4 x 3 bed	On-Site	On-Site	Q4 2025
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	TBC	Mooretown Phase 1, Swords. https://maps.app.goo.gl/R8eAG1aolXh1nL2J9	123 Social 151 Affordable	On-Site	On-Site	Q4 2026
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Mourne View, Skerries. 53.580404, -6.122225	14 Social 11x 2-Bed 3 x 3-Bed 1 x 4-Bed	On-Site	On-Site	Q4 2025

Appendix 4 - Continued
Schemes with Planning Approval and at Tender stage

Area Committee	Provider	Funding Stream	Site Name	No. Units	Status Detail	On-Site Date	Handover (Est.)
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	North and East Housing Association	Social – Elderly	Garristown 53°34'03.7"N 6°22'42.1"W - Google Maps	6 Social 3 x 2-bed 3 x 1-bed	Planning granted.	TBC	TBC
Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart/ Castleknock/Ongar	FCC	Social – Elderly TBC	Blakestown Cross, Mulhuddart 53.399869, -6.401776 Google Maps	30 Social 16 x 1 Bed 14 x 2 Bed	Consultants to be appointed	Q2 2025	Q4 2026
Howth/Malahide	FCC	TBC	Tuckets Lane 53.385248, -6.066128 Google Maps	8 Social 4 x 1 Bed 4 x 2 Bed	On-hold	TBC	TBC

Appendix 4 - Continued Schemes at the Pre-Planning Stage

Area Committee	Provider	Funding Stream	Site Name	No. Units	Status Detail	On-Site Date	Handover (estimated date)
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	TBC	O' Dwyers, Balbriggan. https://maps.app.goo.gl/inSEC4Qg3QSBHQHp8	80	Pre-Planning.	TBC	TBC
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Woodside, Swords. 53.453901, -6.210574 Google Maps	34	Part 8 initiated.	Q4 2025	Q1 2027
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Park Road, Kenure, Rush. 53.532278, -6.102176 Google Maps	32	Part 8 initiated.	Q4 2025	Q1 2027
Howth/Malahide	FCC	Social	Fingerpost, Malahide	4	Pre-planning.	Q4 2025	Q1 2027
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Balmoston Ph2, Donabate 53°29'21.2"N 6°07'58.1"W	86 Social 86 Affordable	Planning granted (in appeal period).	TBC	TBC
Blanchardstown	FCC	Social	Fortlawn, Blanchardstown	21	Pre-Planning.	TBC	TBC
Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/ Castleknock/ Ongar	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Mayeston, Dublin 11 53°24'28.4"N 6°17'02.1"W - Google Maps	119 39 x 1 Bed 68 x 2 Bed 12 x 3 Bed	Pre-Planning.	TBC	TBC

*The above-estimated timelines are indicative and subject to a successful planning and procurement process.

Appendix 4 - Continued
CALF Delivery in partnership with Fingal County Council

Area Committee	AHB	Funding Stream	Scheme Name	No. of Units	Projected Substantial Completion*
Balbriggan/ Rush-Lusk/ Swords	Tuath	CALF	Seemple Woods	3	Q2 2025
Balbriggan/ Rush-Lusk Swords	Respond	CALF	Meadow Banks, Oldtown, Swords	84	Q2 2025
Balbriggan/ Rush- Lusk Swords	Tuath	CALF	The Paddocks, Golf Links Road, Skerries	97	Q3 2025
Balbriggan/ Rush- Lusk Swords	Tuath	CALF	Folkstown Park, Balbriggan	22	Q2 2025
Balbriggan/ Rush- Lusk Swords	Oaklee	CALF	Harmans Rest, Donabate	44	Q3 2026
Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart, Castleknock/Ongar	Cluid	CALF	Hollyfield, Hollystown, Dublin 15	40	Q2 2025
Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart, Castleknock/Ongar	Tuath	CALF	Kilmartin Grove, Dublin 15	32	Q3 2025
Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart, Castleknock/Ongar	Tuath	CALF	Whitehaven, Northwood, Santry D9	94	2026
Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart, Castleknock/Ongar	Tuath	CALF	Niven Oaks, Santry D9	170	2026
Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart, Castleknock/Ongar	Respond	CALF	Pipers Square, Charlestown, St. Margarets Road, Finglas, D11	306	2026

*The above-estimated timelines are indicative and subject to change