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MEDIA BULLETIN

Storm Emma – Situation Update (13:00)

Fingal County Council's Crisis Management Team had a Conference Call at 11:30am this morning.

Updates were given in relation to situations at local, regional and national level.

Met Éireann's Orange Status Warning has been extended until 12noon tomorrow as widespread lying snow and ice will continue to lead to hazardous conditions. Temperatures are rising and lying snow will continue to melt resulting in localised flooding.

Fingal County Council staff are continuing to work on getting the county moving again and ensuring that as many people as possible can make it to work and school tomorrow.
Crews reported for duty at 8am this morning and the focus of their work today is on clearing roads as well as towns and villages across the county.

Those roads designated as Priority Routes 1 and 2 are accessible and crews are currently tackling issues on other routes especially the following:

- R149 between Clonee and Lucan
- R108 between Roganstown and Naul
- R135 around Coolquay Lodge
- R109 around Strawberry Beds
- Stamullen to Balbriggan
- Garristown to Stamullen
- Irishtown Bridge to Mabestown
- Roads around Bog of the Ring

Estuary Road and Blisetts Strand Road in Malahide are closed due to flooding.

Additional crews are gritting and clearing pedestrian areas in towns and villages.

Fingal County Council is appealing to motorists to continue to drive with caution and to slow down when approaching our crews out clearing snow from roads and footpaths. There were several near misses this morning in different areas across the county from motorists driving recklessly.

Due to low water levels in several reservoirs in North County Dublin it has been necessary to reduce water supply to users in Skerries, Lusk, Rush, Loughshinny, Balbriggan and Naul. Updates in relation to restoration of normal supply will issue when available. Other water users are urgently requested to ensure that taps are turned off and water usage minimised to help ensure that there will be no need to extend the restrictions to other areas.

Communities across the county continue to be active with residents in housing estates clearing their roads to ensure safe access for vehicles to the main road while in rural areas local farmers are playing an important role in clearing roads that are not designated as Priority Routes.

Volunteers attached to Fingal County Council’s Emergency Management Unit are again being deployed across the county by the Housing and Community Department to make contact with vulnerable residents.
Public Parks have reopened with public buildings, recycling centres and graveyards due to reopen on Monday. Any changes to these arrangements will be posted on our social media accounts and our media bulletins.

The Council continues to provide essential emergency services primarily through staff in our Operations, Water Services, Housing and Corporate Affairs Departments.

Members of the public can submit reports of issues in their area to www.fixyourstreet.ie. These reports will be logged and assessed.

Reports of people sleeping rough should be phoned to 1800 707 707 or posted online at http://www.homelessdublin.ie/report-rough-sleeper#1

Information is being continually posted on the Fingal Alerts app as well as our Twitter and Facebook accounts.

Fingal County Council Chief Executive Paul Reid has expressed his thanks to the staff and volunteers who have worked tirelessly since last Tuesday to deal with the fallout from the snow storms. He said: “We couldn't be more proud of how they have responded. Public Servants at their best.”

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For further information please contact press@fingal.ie

PHOTO: A Fingal County Council crew at work clearing paths in Swords.