



Chief Executive's Management Report

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Meetings with Elected Members

Area Committee and SPC meetings continued to be held online during the month of September. A physical meeting of the County Council was held on 13th September in the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Santry to ensure that social distancing guidelines could be adhered to while the Members conducted their business.

The Ministerial Order allowing the conduct of council meetings through a virtual medium is still awaited.

Meanwhile a Standard Operating Guideline has been agreed for the Sector that will guide the conduct of physical meetings where the need arises as the COVID situation continues.

Major Emergency Management

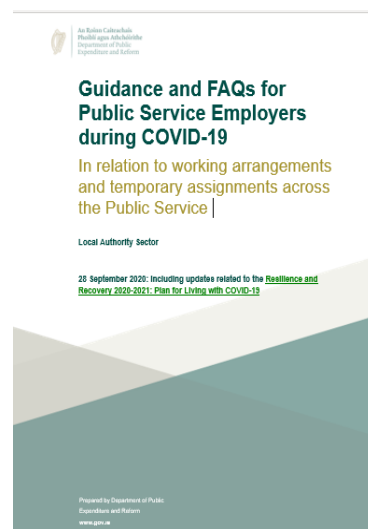


The **Major Emergency Planning** structures in place within the Council continue to provide the framework within which the Council's Departments adapt and update business continuity plans.

The **Major Emergency Eastern Region Steering Group**, chaired by the Chief Executive, has held weekly meetings particularly in light of the Level 3 restrictions and continues to co-ordinate services on a regional basis and ensures that activities are in line with the national measures.

Locally, Fingal County Council's **Management Team** continues to meet regularly to ensure continuity of services whilst adhering to the Governments National Framework for Living with Covid-19.

HUMAN RESOURCES



The Human Resource Department continues to plan for and respond to the challenges brought by Covid19. A variety of working arrangements including working from home, shift arrangements (early morning starts, late evening shifts), weekend

working and staggered rosters continue to be available to staff with a view to ensuring that social distancing and national health protection guidance can be followed. Staff continue to be kept up to date on relevant Government directives and are provided with useful information through text alerts and a dedicated staff information webpage.

Training and development of our staff, including statutory Health & Safety training, has continued throughout the pandemic ensuring that critical services are not adversely affected. Many of the Council's structured training programmes have now moved to online platforms and courses continue to be rolled out to staff.

Health & Safety Unit (HSU)

The HSU continues to manage occupational safety and health in Fingal County Council in accordance with 'Return to Work Safely Protocol – Covid-19 Specific National Protocol for Employers and Workers'. Covid-19 compliance inspections continue throughout the indoor and outdoor workforce and there has been reminders on staff messages for all staff with smart phones to download and utilize the HSE's Covid Tracker App. A procedure was created to facilitate the holding of staff administrative meetings during the pandemic with an emphasis on virtual meetings – there must be a really good reason as to why a face to face meeting must take place. The HSU completed and submitted the annual NISO [National Irish Safety Organisation] safety award entry in mid-September.

Building Facilities

The council successfully completed a Surveillance Audit on our Energy Management System on 21st July.

This confirmed that the council is effectively operating our management system to deliver continual improvement. Our next surveillance Audit is scheduled for 4th Oct 2021.

Fingal County Council Energy Review



Codema has developed this energy review on behalf of Fingal County Council. The aim of the Energy Review is to highlight the total amount of energy FCC consumed in the past year, along with the total cost and carbon emissions associated with this energy use.

Fingal County Council has improved its energy performance by 34.5% compared to the baseline year and 2019. The overall energy performance improved by 6.7% when compared to the previous year. This means that Fingal has achieved its target of 33% energy efficiency savings by 2020, one year ahead of target. The achievement of the ISO 50001 certification for energy management and the process involved was a major contributory factor to the Council's success in surpassing its target.

Fingal's Climate Change Action Plan 2019-2024 has set a target of 40% reduction in carbon emissions by 2030. This is aligned with the Covenant of Mayor's target, of which Fingal County Council is a signatory to since 2016.

The energy review also demonstrates where energy is used in the Council, what drives its consumption and where the greatest energy saving potential is. Fingal will use this information to identify what areas need to be prioritised in order to meet its existing 2020 targets and new 2030 targets.

Customer Services

During the month of September our Customer Care Agents dealt with a total of **14,043 phone calls** and **1,301 emails**.

Prior to the Level 3 Covid19 restrictions, which came into effect on the 18th of September, there were a total of **1,673 in person callers** to County Hall and the Civic Offices. An additional **244 in person callers** visited our offices on an appointment basis since the 21st of September.

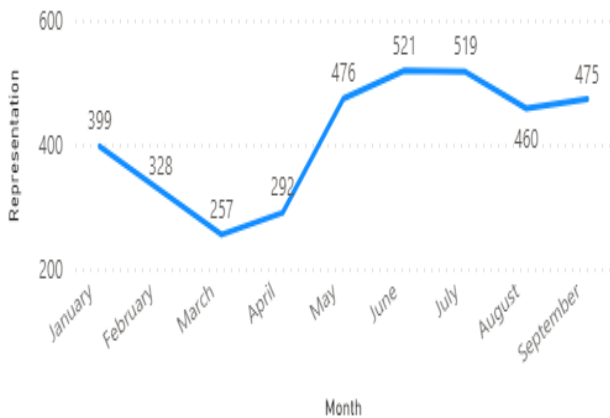
CRM

Staff continue to work on the Customer Relationship Management System (CRM) and issue responses to Councillors representations and complaints submitted by the public.

Representation

BY MONTH, YEAR

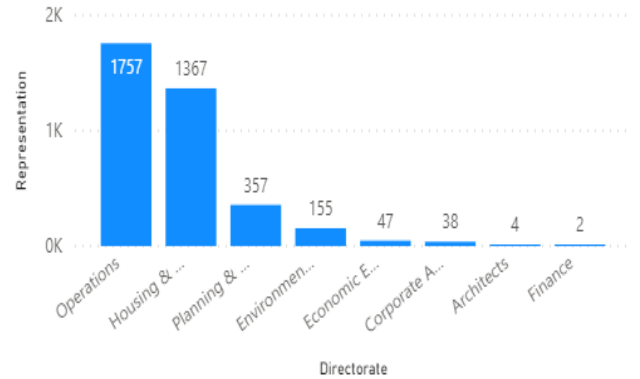
Year ● 2020



The month of September had a total of 475 representations. The table below shows the number of Councillor's representations assigned to each Department to date this year.

Representation

BY DIRECTORATE



Information Technology

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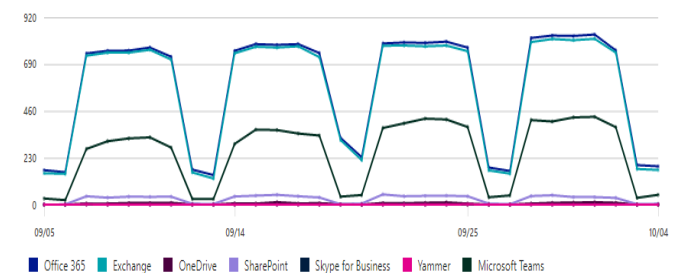
Staff continued to use the technology provided to enable them to work remotely during the past month. Work has commenced on the National Broadband Plan implementation in Fingal. The first meeting of the Smart Balbriggan Steering Committee took place.

Remote Working

The laptops and Office365 software that have now been issued to all office staff are enabling staff to work remotely while Dublin is at Level 3 of the Plan for Living with COVID-19.

Staff participated in 3,472 Teams meetings in the past month. The graph below illustrates the usage of Microsoft cloud applications over the past month. In particular, an increase in Teams meetings can be seen in the last two weeks of September.

Active users



National Broadband Ireland (NBI) start of surveying works in Skerries



Surveying and design works for the National Broadband Plan (NBP) rollout is due to commence in Skerries on week beginning 5th October. National Broadband Ireland (NBI) are the

company undertaking the fibre network roll-out to enable high speed internet connectivity for 537,000 premises across the country.

NBI would like the public to know that contractors will be on the ground in these counties, both inspecting and recording pictures of infrastructure such as poles, cables and underground ducts. The teams have been fully trained in physical distancing practices, hygiene, appropriate use of personal protective equipment and how to engage with the public in a safe manner, if and when required.

In Skerries, the initial surveys will commence in the following areas:

- Skerries, Balrothery, Bascadden and Balbriggan

Site are the contracting company commencing this work and they will have vehicles and signage with both their own, and NBI logos. Employees will also wear hard hats and high visibility vests featuring the NBI logo. All contractors will also carry official ID cards & essential worker letters.

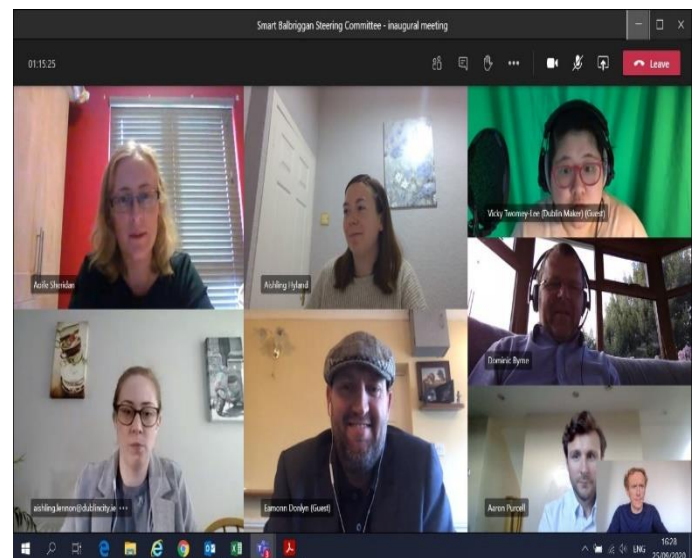
The NBI customer call centre number is 0818 624 624 (local call rate) or email contactus@nbi.ie for any queries. For further information on the NBP see www.nbi.ie

Smart Balbriggan Steering Committee Inaugural Meeting

Smart Balbriggan – a Smart Dublin District – has kicked off with its inaugural steering committee meeting. Smart Balbriggan will seek to use smart technology and innovation to improve quality of life and services for the Balbriggan community. Smart Districts are strategically selected locations where innovation projects are fast-tracked. These Districts are designed in partnership with citizens, industry, academia and the Local Authority. Smart

Balbriggan is led by Fingal County Council, supported by the Smart Dublin Regional Programme, and will be embedded in [Our Balbriggan 2019 – 2025 Rejuvenation Plan](#).

The Smart Balbriggan programme will be governed by the Smart Balbriggan Steering Committee. The Steering Committee will provide leadership, accountability, strategic oversight and support the implementation of Smart Balbriggan projects.

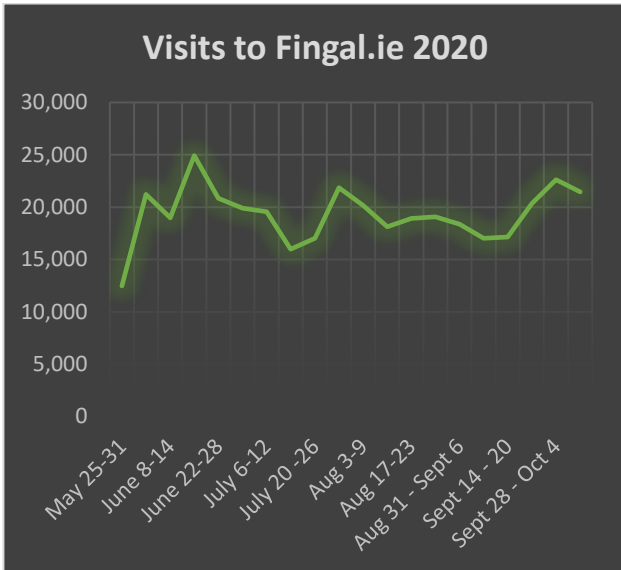


The Steering Committee is made up of local government, community, business and academic stakeholders –

- Aoife Sheridan: Fingal County Council (Chair)
- Aaron Purcell: Our Balbriggan Community Nominee
- Eamonn Donlyn: Our Balbriggan Economic Nominee
- Vicky Twomey-Lee: Dublin Maker
- Philip Clapperton: Magnet Networks
- Aishling Lennon: Smart Dublin
- Breffni O'Rourke: Fingal County Council
- Dominic Byrne: Fingal County Council
- Aishling Hyland: Fingal County Council

COMMUNICATIONS

Website



Our website fingal.ie continued to draw large numbers during September. Figures show there were 85,100 unique visitors and 225,700 page views.

Most popular pages during September were View/Search Planning Applications, Civic Amenities, Job Opportunities, Find a Book, followed by the Council and Housing sections.

Social Media



Figures remained strong on our social media accounts during September with followers on both Twitter and Facebook continuing to grow.

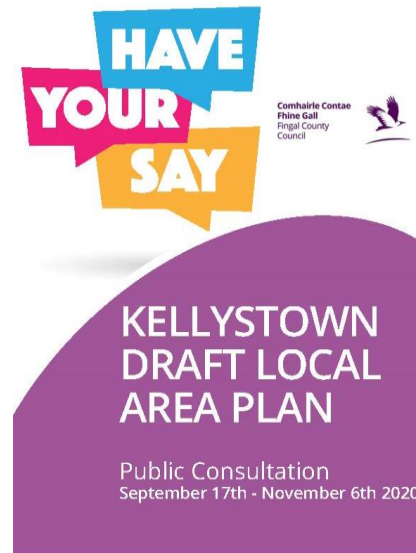
On Twitter, there are now 18,795 followers. Our 247 posts had a reach of 653,000 with a 1.7%

engagement rate. We now have 20,781 followers on Facebook and during the month of September our 210 posts had a reach of over 820,000.

Our Instagram account continues to grow and now has 2,750 followers.

Communication Materials

The Communications Unit worked with the Planning Department to produce a leaflet on the Kellystown Local Area Plan, which has been delivered to residents in the area informing them about the public consultation process.



The Communications Unit worked with the Housing Department to create awareness and publicise the Social Housing Needs Assessment that took place during the month of September.



Videos

The Communications Unit worked with Planning and Strategic Infrastructure to produce a video on the Forest of Fingal Tree Strategy as part of the public consultation process that has now commenced.



Press Releases

A total of 28 press releases and statements were issued by the Communications Unit during September.

ECONOMIC, ENTERPRISE AND TOURISM DEVELOPMENT (EETD)

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EVENTS

PARKLETS



Parklet Partners
 Fingal County Council Seeking "Parklet Partners" to Provide New Parklets for Fingal.

Parklets convert a few on-street parking spaces (excluding accessible, age friendly and loading bay) into public open space and are cost-effective way to create more vibrant streets, support local business, and provide an inviting space for residents and passers-by to dine and relax.

Who can apply?
 Business owners and clusters of business owners in the county e.g. restaurant, coffees shop owners. Priority will be given to two or more adjacent businesses, regardless of business type working together.

Partner's Responsibilities
 Fingal County Council will fund and install the basic parklet. The "Parklet Partner" will be responsible for the day-to-day upkeep of the parklet and the insurance of the parklet. The council parklet is a decked areas, all extras: tables / chairs, canopies etc. are the responsibility of the business to provide.

How long will the parklets be in place?
 Parklets will initially be in place for one year. After a year, they will be evaluated to consider whether they should be kept in place for another year, replaced with more permanent seating, or moved to a new location.

How do I apply?
 Please complete and submit the attached application form by 5pm on **Friday 30th October 2020** to econdev@fingal.ie



Fingal County Council are seeking "Parklet Partners" to provide new parklets for Fingal. Parklets convert on-street parking spaces into public open spaces, support local businesses and provide inviting spaces for residents and passers-by to dine and relax.

Completed applications are being sought from business owners by 5pm on Friday, 30th October, 2020 to econdev@fingal.ie.

HALLOWEEN



In light of the postponement of Fingal's Festival of Flame, the Events Office are currently exploring opportunities to 'Haunt for Halloween' by illuminating and projecting spooky images onto our properties and other buildings throughout the county.

With that in mind 10 locations have been selected around the county. Suitability assessments are currently being carried out. These 'hauntings' will allow the community to enjoy the spirit of the spooky season in their own time over the Halloween weekend.

FINGAL'S CHRISTMAS MARKET

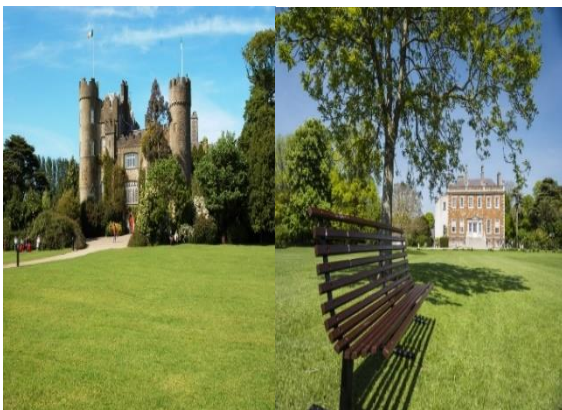


Fingal's Christmas Markets will take place at the following venues in 2020:

- Swords Castle
- Bremore Castle
- Blanchardstown Main Street
- Seamus Ennis Arts Centre, Naul
- Rush Village or Kenure Park (tbc)
- St. Catherine's Park 9

HERITAGE PROPERTIES

CLOSURE OF SERVICES ACROSS HERITAGE PROPERTIES



From 18th September, Dublin moved from Level 2 to Level 3 on the Government's five-level structure for managing the pandemic, resulting in the following restrictions across our heritage properties:

- Closure of Casino Model Railway Museum

- No tours of the heritage properties permitted
- Cafés open for takeaway and outdoor dining to a max. of 15 people
- Demesnes remain open which includes the farm at Newbridge House and botanic gardens at Malahide Castle

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENTS ACROSS THE HERITAGE PROPERTIES INCLUDE:

- Servants Quarters Tour (Basement in Newbridge House)
- New farm trail in Newbridge
- Creation of art and craft studios and a new retail space at the Castle's new reception area in Ardgillan.
- Proposed refurbishment to the Great Hall in Malahide Castle.
- Ongoing works across all the properties in line with the Council's Capital Works Programme.

ILLUMINATION OF HERITAGE BUILDINGS



Both Swords Castle and the Malahide Casino will be lit up on two separate occasions in October in support of good causes and to bring awareness to the general public.

From the 5th to 11th, October, both properties will be lit up in red in support of Dublin Fire Brigade's Fire Safety Week awareness campaign.

On the evening of 15th October, both properties will be lit in blue and pink in support of the Feileacain Wave of Light baby remembrance evening across the country as part of Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month

TOURISM

TOURISM & HOSPITALITY WORKING GROUP

As we near the end of the original 3 month targeted 'Restarting Tourism in Fingal' promotional campaign the group look to build on and further extend the campaign.

The group is engaged with creating content and promotional opportunities. In tandem with an ongoing social media campaign on the Love Fingal Dublin platforms we will engage with traditional media while also using social media influencers to highlight Fingal's tourism products.

FAILTE IRELAND COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

As short term promotions become more difficult to plan, the focus is on mid and long term plans. Collaboration is underway with Failte Ireland on a Dublin Coastal Plan. The purpose of the plan is to develop products for launch in Spring 2021.

The plan includes:-

- Cross selling and partnerships
- Elevated and new saleable experiences that increase revenue & dwell time
- Integrate potential compelling opportunities into the future
- Promotional plan to support businesses and experiences.

FOOD TOURISM

Failte Ireland is facilitating the continuing support of food network expert, Marie Brouder, to the emerging Fingal Food Tourism Network steering

group. The steering group is currently working through the first steps on a 22 action plan.

Next steps include

- Completing a survey of potential members
- Running a series of networking events to engage potential members (online options)
- Engaging with established food networks for advice on developing a network
- Creating a food and drink strategy for the Fingal region
- Creating and implementing an overall marketing and PR plan

RE-START GRANT

Fingal County Council has paid out €7.52m to 1,541 businesses in the Fingal area for the Restart Grant which gives direct grant aid to micro and small businesses to help them with the costs associated with either staying open or reopening and reemploying workers following COVID-19 closures. This scheme closed on the 22nd July and the Restart Grant Plus Scheme was subsequently launched. The Council has paid out a further €10.4m to 1459 businesses under this scheme.

The Restart Grant Plus, in most cases, will be the amount of the rates assessment for the premises for 2019 with a minimum grant of €4,000 and a maximum grant of €25,000 (or maximum of €15,000 for businesses that received the maximum €10,000 under the original Restart Grant Scheme).

Following the Level 3 restrictions in the Dublin Region a further 30% top-up was announced. Arrangements are underway to modify the software to cater for the increased grant.

The Restart Plus Scheme closing date has now been extended to the 31st October 2020.

To avail of the Restart Grant Plus a business must:

- Be a commercial, trading, entity;

- Operate from a premises that is commercially rateable by a local authority (but see FAQ 10 re certain B&B establishments);
- Have 0 - 250 employees;
- Have a turnover of less than €100k per employee to a maximum of €25m (certain criteria applies);
- Have suffered a 25%+ loss in turnover between 1 April and 30 June 2020.
- Commit to remain open or to reopen if closed; and
- Intend to retain employees that are on The Temporary Wage Subsidy Scheme (TWSS).

Full details of the scheme can be found at <https://www.fingal.ie/business>

Local Enterprise Office Fingal



LEO Fingal continues to help small businesses and start-ups through the impact of COVID-19 and Brexit, with a broad suite of practical support services. The LEO continues to adapt its services to the rapidly changing needs of Fingal businesses and start-ups. Some of the highlights for September are as follows:

New Initiatives

- The €2m “COVID-19 Micro-Enterprise Assistance” Scheme was launched on 25th September. The scheme offers a once-off grant of up to €1,000 towards the costs of reopening or keeping a business operational and re-connecting with employees and customers. This grant is valid only to clients who are ineligible for other financial supports such as the Restart Grant Plus.
- A new €8m scheme will shortly be announced as part of the July Stimulus. This will target LEO portfolio clients.
- The “Irish Business Design Challenge” is a new collaborative initiative between the LEO Network, Design & Craft Council of Ireland and Enterprise Ireland. The competition, with €50,000 prize fund, is

open to businesses that have pivoted owing to COVID-19.

Other Recent Developments

- The 90% match-funding element of the TOV scheme is due to expire on 30.09.20, awaiting confirmation of extension.
- Additional temporary staff have been allocated to LEOs to deal with some of the increase in volume of activity and workload (60 new positions between 31 LEOs).
- There is a renewed focus on assisting businesses to prepare for Brexit.
- There are new initiatives coming down the track to help and incentivise businesses to exploit opportunities in sustainability.

Grant Approvals (Priming, Expansion, Innovation)

Four Fingal businesses were approved funding totalling €98,850 by the Evaluation and Approvals Committee, on 30th September. This brings the 2020 figures to 28 businesses approved funding totalling €541,852 year-to-date in 2020.

Business Continuity Voucher (BCV)



The BCV scheme (valued at €2,500) was introduced to enable companies and sole traders to develop short- and long-term strategies to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

LEO Fingal received 621 applications, with 476 businesses approved for assistance with a combined value of €1,097,500.

Trading Online Voucher (TOV) scheme



Funded by DCCAE as part of the National Digital Strategy, the TOV scheme supports small businesses to enhance their online offering by providing a grant of up to €2,500 for ecommerce and digital marketing activities.

One TOV information webinar was held in September with 415 participants.

To date in 2020, LEO Fingal has approved 550 TOV applications; compared to 64 in the whole of 2019. The total value of TOV applications approved year to date is €1,293,250.

Start Your Own Business (SYOB)



The 10-module SYOB programme is delivered online. Two SYOB courses with 32 participants commenced in September, bringing the total year-to-date to 168. The next course is scheduled for delivery in October.

Sport to Start-up - Start Your Own Business (SYOB)



In early 2020, LEO Fingal partnered with Sport Ireland and Enterprise Ireland in leading the inaugural *Sport to Start-up* programme. An intensive online Programme saw fifteen high-level sportspersons in various disciplines develop their business plans as they prepare for post-sports careers.

Following the success of the pilot, a second programme commenced on the 28th September with fifteen more high-level sportspersons attending.

BREXIT – Change is Coming



With the impending departure of the UK from the EU on the 1st of January 2021, LEO Fingal is actively helping small businesses to prepare for the impact of Brexit by providing information, customs training, advice and mentoring.

LEO Fingal started hosting a new “Prepare Your Business for Customs” series of monthly online workshops. The first of which took place on the 25th September and the next is on the 30th October. All courses book out quickly and we endeavour to meet the demand.

Lunch and Learn Series

Each Thursday lunchtime, the LEOs host an interview with experts giving advice on how to adapt business practices to the changing situation. (<https://www.facebook.com/LocalEnterpriseOffices/>)



Fingal Enterprising Women Network



The Fingal Enterprising Women Network (FEWN) continues to provide online learning and networking opportunities for women in business and enterprise.

The latest FEWN online took place on the 30th September with 61 female entrepreneurs in attendance. A further three online networking events for female entrepreneurs are being organised for Q4, 2020.

Business Advice Clinics and Mentoring

Clinics and mentoring continue to be offered over the phone and online to help business owner/managers respond to the disruptive impact of COVID-19.

In September 2020, 11 business clinic days were held, offering advice to 92 Fingal businesses. This brings the cumulative figures for 2020 to date to 130 days clinics and 760 attendees.

In addition, 13 businesses were assigned a Business mentor in September, this brings the cumulative figure to 167 individual Mentoring assignments delivered year to date.

A tender for a new LEO Fingal panel was announced in September. The selection process for the new mentor panel is underway.

LEO Fingal COVID-19 Training Update

LEO Fingal continues its delivery of programmes to support SME and Micro Enterprise clients through the current challenges. To date, LEO Fingal has had over 3,500 people sign up to avail of the training and supports available.

Programmes currently on offer include pertinent topics such as:

- Public Procurement
- Maximise Your Website
- Digital Communications
- Creating Video Content
- Tax Returns

The demand for these courses has been substantial with all scheduled courses booking out rapidly. Additional programmes continue to be organised to meet the demand.

Dublin Breakthrough Innovation Programme



The Business Innovation Programme is a new initiative delivered by the four LEOs in the Dublin Region in partnership with the Dublin Business Innovation Centre. We are now looking for expressions of interest for the programme which runs from September to December 2020.

The programme brings established businesses through a disciplined framework to discover where the innovation potential lies in their enterprise and how they can capitalise on those opportunities.

LEAN Dublin Programme

The Lean Business Programme is designed to encourage clients to adopt Lean business principles in their organisations to increase competitiveness.

The latest LEAN programme in 2020 run by the four LEOs in the Dublin commenced on Thursday 17th September.



Fingal Student Enterprise Programme 2020/21

The Fingal Student Enterprise Programme (SEP) for 2020/21 has started, with recruitment for student enterprises currently ongoing. The programme will feature new enterprise requirements for the COVID-19 era.

The SEP is Ireland's biggest student competition. Each year over 26,000 secondary students take part in this programme by setting up and running their own student business. The number of schools and students participating is lower than previous years owing to COVID-19, currently 20 schools have signed up (compared to 27 in 2019/20).

Plato Dublin

The 2019/20 PLATO programme concluded on 24th September. Recruitment for new Plato groups continues and a new Food sector group has been formed for the first time.

BALBRIGGAN SOCIO-ECONOMIC STRATEGY

Balbriggan Rejuvenation Strategy 2019 – 2025



The Our Balbriggan team continued to embed themselves in the new Hub premises in George's Square, the space facilitated activities during the commemoration of the Sack of Balbriggan and

Culture Night and has proven, even with current restrictions, to be a great focal point in the heart of the town. Additional seating, bedding and flagpoles were also installed in George's Square and further improvements are planned in this vicinity to strengthen the civic and public quarter of the town.



Three of the pillar groups, Local Economy, Education, Training & Employment & Community Affairs & Integration have met to continue to progress actions. The groups are assessing current and emerging needs in light of Covid-19 restrictions and to formulate responses arising from these. In response to concerns raised by the local community over the summer months there will be a greater focus on community, integration and safety matters going forward.

The inaugural meeting of the Smart Balbriggan steering group got off to a positive start, meeting for the first time to discuss how technology can be used to improve the town. The first meeting of the Balbriggan URBACT Local Group (ULG) also took place, where Balbriggan along with 9 other European large towns, are working together to develop and strengthen local economic development niches.

Progress is being made on the acquisition of key buildings at strategic locations in the town. Project managers have been appointed for the public realm projects and work has commenced on the preliminary surveys and studies required to advance these projects. The Council has a market sounding exercise in progress for a commercial operator for the old RNLI Boathouse on Quay Street and the document is available on etenders. Fingal County Council and O'Dwyers GAA Club have completed the signing of contracts which will pave the way for new and additional pitches and facilities as part of the Bremore Regional Park amenity.

LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The 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 is also represented on the Fingal Community Call Forum and is supporting many of the LCDC member agencies that are also members of the Community Call in the delivery of their programmes. The LCDC is also supporting the work of the Community Call through the Healthy Ireland Initiative and the many projects up and running under that funding stream.

Applications under the 2020 Community Enhancement Programme are currently being evaluated. The Fingal LCDC was allocated €68,000 in funding for 2020 and details of the programme, and how Community Groups can apply to the fund were advertised from mid-July onwards. The fund helps community groups in funding small capital items and equipment. The 2020 funding scheme will also be supporting small capital costs associated with adapting to COVID-19.

A second Community Enhancement Programme 2020 Fund for Community Centres and Community Buildings was announced in August. Applications to this fund closed on the 25th September and will be evaluated shortly. The Fingal LCDC invited community groups to apply for a share of €192,805 in funding under this fund. This new fund seeks to stimulate local economies by providing capital grants towards the maintenance, improvement and upkeep of community centres and community buildings, and adaptations and equipment needed as a result of COVID-19 may also be included. Similar expenditure on other community-based facilities will also be allowed. The new scheme operates under the existing CEP rules and creates an added opportunity for active Community Groups to access funding for the upgrade of their facilities. The funding will be targeted at measures that stimulate local economies, while enhancing community facilities for use by individuals and communities. The programme can fund or partially fund larger-scale capital projects to address

disadvantage. 30% of available funds have been ring-fenced to provide small capital grants of €1,000 or less. It is envisaged that the remainder of the allocation will fund projects up to €10,000. The funding covers capital projects only. In cases where both current and capital works are carried out together, only the capital element can be funded through this Programme.

SICAP

As a result of COVID-19, the LCDC supported and endorsed a new SICAP Response Plan to deal with COVID-19, which has been implemented by Empower and has been central in responding to emerging challenges in the community. A review of the SICAP Budget for the remainder of the year and the realignment of the programme's actions has been considered and recommendations on changes will be made to Pobal later in the year when there will be a structured review of all SICAP budgets nationally. The Fingal LCDC SICAP Programme going forward is also strategically aware of an increasing unemployment rate locally and the implications this will have on service provision through the programme into the future. The required mid-year review of the Fingal SICAP Programme has been carried out and approved by the LCDC Chief Officer.



LEADER PROGRAMME



The Fingal LEADER Programme continues to accelerate the funding of eligible projects in the administrative areas of Fingal, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown and South Dublin.

The Programme's overall budget for supporting projects is €4.77 million, with €4.4 million already

committed to approved projects leaving approximately €330,000 remaining to support new projects to the end of 2020. The most recent Dublin Rural LEADER Action Group meeting was held in June 2020 where almost €100,000 was formally approved for 3 new projects in Rural Dublin. This included €89,000 approved solely in the Fingal area.

In the programme to date, 76 projects have been approved with 53 in Fingal, 5 in Dun Laoghaire Rathdown and 17 in South Dublin. There is also one project that is split across the 3 LEADER Local Authority areas; FCC, SDCC and DLR, for a Community Rewilding and Biodiversity Training Programme. The next meeting of the LAG will be on the 22nd October.

Completed project claims continue to be paid out to promoters. At the LAG Meeting in June, the LAG formally approved the review of the current Rural Dublin LEADER Local Development Strategy (LDS). The LDS is the 6-year LEADER Programme for Rural Dublin. The review of the LDS was extremely positive with the programme performing very strongly over the last two years. The reallocation of funding within the programme's thematic areas was approved to reflect the requirements of the project pipeline to the end of the current programme.

The pipeline of new projects to be brought to the LAG for consideration at its next meeting in October is extremely strong and 8 potential new projects will be brought to that meeting. The pipeline currently has over €4 million in eligible projects.

Fingal County Council continues to deliver the financial and administrative oversight responsibilities for the approval and drawdown of LEADER funded projects following the national transfer of the LEADER Article 48 Administrative Checks from Pobal to the Local Authority Sector. There has been no interruption to the delivery of the LEADER Programme or the Article 48 Checks as a result of Covid-19.

TOWN AND VILLAGE RENEWAL SCHEME

Fingal County Council submitted 6 applications for the Standard Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2020 for the following villages:

1. Rush
2. St. Margaret's
3. Donabate
4. Rolestown & Lusk
5. Balrothery
6. Naul

4 applications were submitted under Round 3 of the Town and Village Accelerated Measure (Large Towns) in August for the towns of Swords, Skerries, Balbriggan and Malahide. These applications are for circa €43,000 each. A decision on these is expected in October.

Enterprise Centres

Occupancy rates at the Council's three enterprise centres at the end of September were Drinan 84%, BASE 88% and Beat 88%. The three Enterprise Centres currently support 62 businesses. A number of businesses in the Centres had been accommodated with rent moratoriums to help them through lockdown cashflow difficulties but all businesses have now returned to normal rental arrangements. All tenant businesses are being assisted in accessing financial and non-financial supports currently available through COVID-19 support measures. There has been a net loss of two businesses across the centres since the beginning of the COVID1-9 crisis but enquiry levels have improved in recent weeks and a number of new start-up businesses are currently being evaluated for units in the centres. Beat and BASE both held their Annual General Meetings during September.



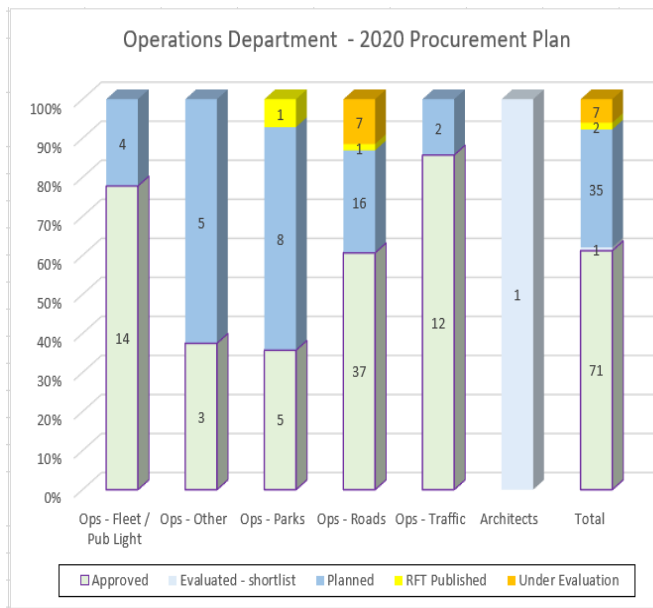
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Works Programme – Procurement

Status	Ops - Fleet /	Ops - Other	Ops - Parks	Ops - Roads	Ops - Traffic	Architects	Total
Approved	14	3	5	37	12		71
Evaluated - shortlist						1	1
Under Evaluation				7			7
RFT Published			1	1			2
Planned	4	5	8	16	2		35
Total	18	8	14	61	14	1	116



Harbour Works at Balbriggan, Loughshinny and Rush

Works in relation to the Annual Fishery Harbour and Coastal Infrastructure Capital Programme are continuing with pavement reconditioning recently completed at Loughshinny Harbour. Tender for Rush Slipway repair has recently been issued with repair works due to commence on Rush Slipway in October 2020.



Aids to Navigation (AToNs)

Following storm Ellen Fingal County Council carried out a full service check on all AToN's which come under the remit of Fingal County Council.

Service checks found that the mooring system serving the Loughshinny light buoy was in need of replacement as well as the light buoy been off set and repositioned.



A dive survey was also carried out at Skerries Harbour to investigate the condition of the Skerries light buoy and further repairs will be carried out to the Skerries light buoy.

The Irish Lights Service Vessel Granuaile while off the coast of Balbriggan was engaged to calibrate the Balbriggan Lighthouse after Fingal County Council carried out minor works to have the light in the lighthouse repositioned.

The Granuaile calibrated the light from approximately 6 miles off shore so as to ensure that the Light house light is transmitting the appropriate light signals to approaching vessels.



Water Safety

Due to Covid-19, there was a delay to the start of the Bathing Season as extra PPE was required. The Lifeguards started from Sat 13th June (weekends only) and went full time from Mon 29th June. The Bathing Season ended on Sun 30th August. Lifeguard cover was proved for the first two weekends on our Blue Flag beach – Velvet Strand, Portmarnock.

On the 3rd Aug, four of our lifeguards working on Portmarnock Beach were approached by a bystander and requested to attend to a casualty who was having a heart attack off the beach. They performed CPR, liaised with the emergency services and assisted until the ambulance left for the hospital. They were praised by both Fingal County Council and media for their response.

On the 21st Aug, some of the lifeguard huts were damaged due to Storm Ellen and Spring Tides: Rush North, Donabate & Malahide, with Portrane closed for safety reasons due to coastal erosion.

The below are the stats for the 2020 Bathing Season:

Rescue	Rescue Craft	1st Aid	Lost Child	Advice Given	Accident Prevented	Other
6	7	80	17	2170	183	106

Roads Surface Dressing Programme 2020

Fingal County Council's surface dressing programme was completed on the 18th of September 2020 with the completion of surface dressing works at Kileek Lane. In 2020 Fingal County Council completed 15.3 km of surface dressing on local and regional roads around the County.



R121 Hollywoodrath Road – Resurfacing works

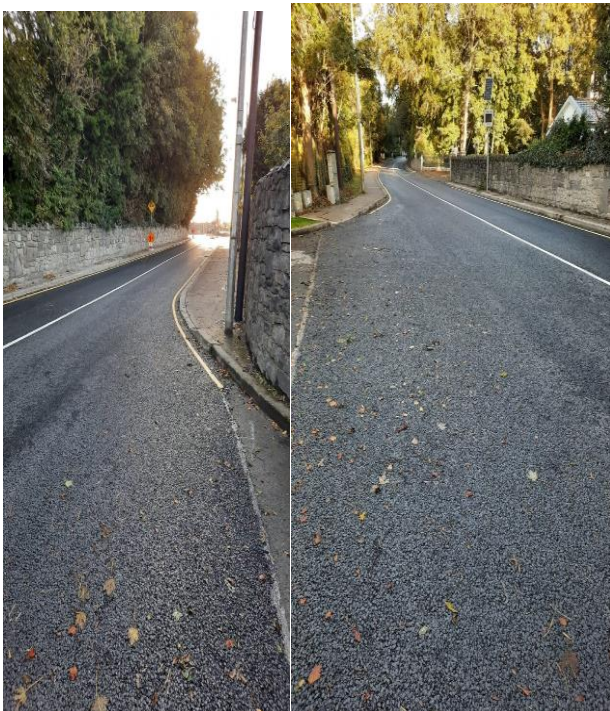


The Castleknock/Mulhuddart Area of the Operations Department continue to work through the Annual Programme of Works, including footpath repairs, road resurfacing and park improvements.

Footpath - Upgraded path at Castlewood



Ratoath Road – Resurfacing works



Upgrade of St. Patrick's plaza, Blanchardstown



R132 Grass and hedge cutting

Fingal County Council has commenced grass and hedge cutting on a number of sections along the R132. The depot crew has engaged the services of a Mobile Traffic Management Unit enabling the crew to complete works as quickly as possible without causing any significant impact to existing traffic. To date the median section from Turvey

roundabout to Lissenhall has been completed. It is estimated that works will continue for approximately 3 weeks weather permitting.



Hearse Road, Rush Toilets, Rolestown and Castlevew Crescent.



Road Drainage Works

Fingal County Council road crews commenced drainage maintenance works on both urban and rural roads throughout the County in preparation for expected annual winter heavy rainfall events. Road drainage works range from reopening water cuts, to jet vac's to gullies, to root removal from existing surface water networks as well as the opening and relaying of surface water pipes to existing networks that have become damaged or collapsed. Fingal County Council will continue to carry out these works during the course of the winter. Works recently completed include Glebe North, Seatown Roundabout, Bog of the Ring,

Covid Friendly Walkway - Harbour Road, Skerries

The widened pathway along Harbour Road, Skerries for Covid friendly walkway edged with floral planters has been a great success. It not only looks fantastic, but it has also made a huge impact on Covid safety for pedestrians in this busy pathway.



Lusk Square Landscaping Scheme

Lusk Square Landscaping Scheme completed as part of our 2020 programme of works.

Before:



After:



Green Flag Awards 2020

Fingal County Council is delighted to receive 7 Green Flag Awards for its public parks and demesnes. Flags were received for Ardgillan Demesne, Newbridge Demesne, Malahide Demesne, Santry Demesne, Millennium Park, St Catherines Park and our first Community Award Green Flag for The Rock Garden Park in Swords with Swords Tidy Towns.

In addition to this award Millennium Park has also received recognition as one of three Highly Commended parks in the Pollinator project category for 2020.

The Operations crews take pride carrying out their duties to the highest level in order to maintain and

improve these fantastic public amenities for the general public.



Fleet Management & Plant Hire Unit

There were 73 hires put in place from 1st September – 30th September, engaging 18 suppliers. Hires include:

- Traffic Management including crash cushion, IPV & TM vehicles for the R132 hedgecutting.
- 2 x Tractor and flail for hedgecutting on the R132.
- Genie Z45 vehicle mounted hoist.



Tenders for the Plant Hire 2021 framework were prepared and published on supplygov.ie including 31 x lot 1 tenders, 20 x lot 2 tenders and 6 x lot 3 tenders. Framework to be established to commence on 1st January 2021 – 31st December 2021.

Machinery Purchase:

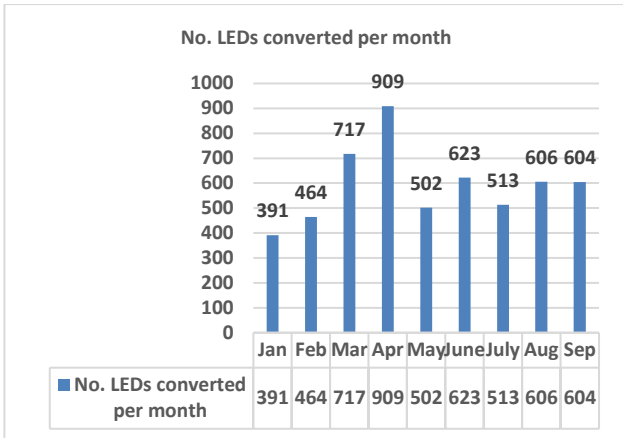
Selection of mowers purchased for the Operations department.



Street Lighting LED Programme:

In September the LED Upgrade Program saw 604 LED Upgrade works carried out in the following locations:-

- Baldoye Industrial Estate, Myrtle Court...Baldoye
- St Samsons Entrance Road...Balgriffan
- Ballisk Court, The Links Distributor Road...Donabate
- Lanesborough Road, R122 Airport Logistic Park...Finglas
- Great Commons, R127 Dublin Road New Haggard...Lusk
- Whitestown graveyard...Rush
- Ashtown estate, Brides Glen Avenue/Park, Bunbury Gate Avenue/Crescent, Castleview estate, Sandford Woods, Seatown Walk, Thornleigh estate...Swords
- Park Boulevard...Tyrrelstown



Street Lighting Works Programme: Works begin on installing new lighting on Cappagh Road in Finglas, bridging a gap between Heathfield and the M50 overpass.



Cappagh Road Finglas

Column Replacement: Column replacement works continue in River Valley in Swords in September with both contractors and ESB Networks on site.



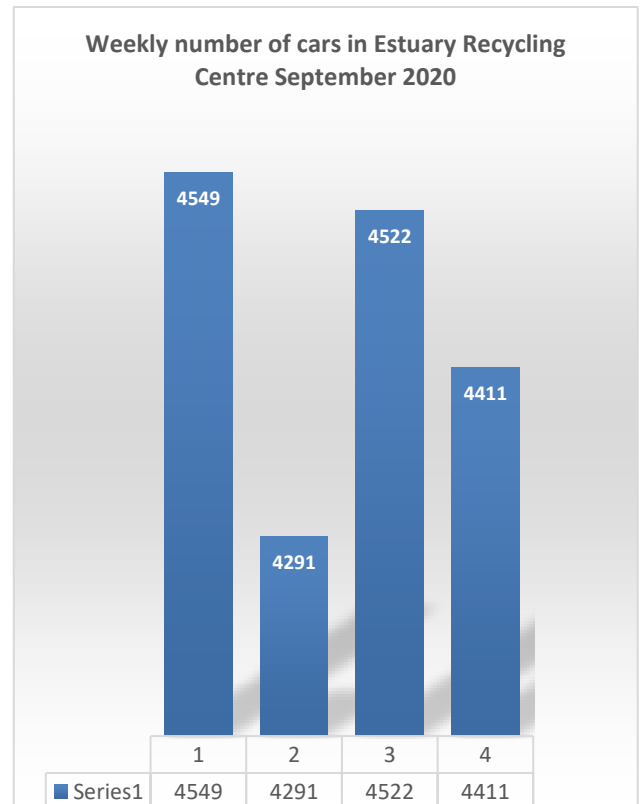
Forest Fields Road, Swords

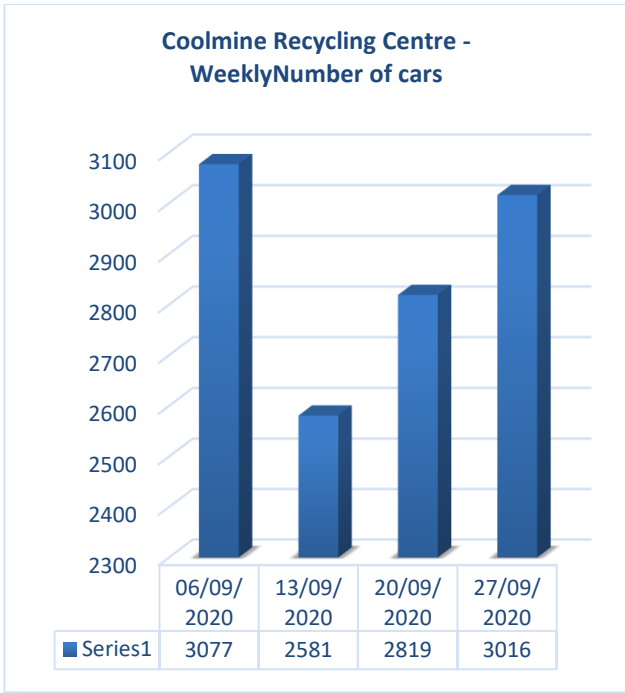
Hilltown Court, Swords

Halloween Amnesty in Recycling Centres

The Annual Halloween Amnesty, in the Estuary and Coolmine Recycle centres, is being extended with additional free days added as a means of supporting local communities. This initiative is provided to assist in the protection of open spaces by reducing potential waste disposal on local bonfires. In the past this initiative has delivered successfully in reducing the damage to public open spaces and subsequent clean ups.

This year the initiative will run from Wednesday 21st to Saturday 31st October for free disposal of combustible materials (eg. beds, sofas, wooden doors) for residents of Fingal. The additional days are included to provide the public with increased access to the recycle centres who are operating under Covid Social Distancing protocols with strict allowance on the number of cars in the centres at any given time.





Congratulations!

BLEEPERbikers in Fingal

 you travelled **6,197,219 metres**

IN THE MONTH OF AUGUST



you saved
1,892,930 (g)
carbon emissions



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Road Safety Section

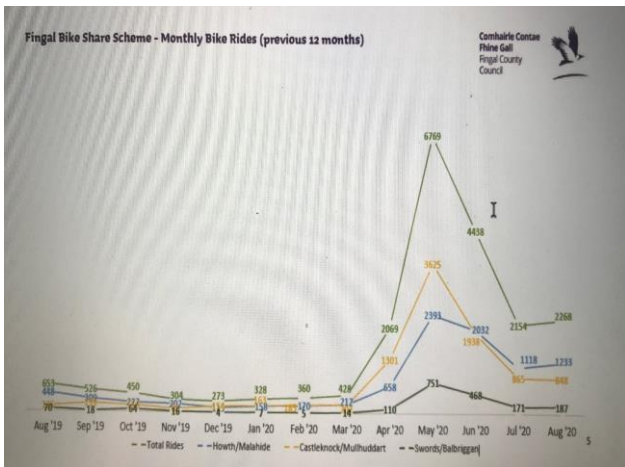
Bleper Bike Share Scheme –

Bleperbike have reported that rides have increased from 2154 in July to 2268 in August. This is an increase of 114 rides and shows that Bleeperbike have a steady usage over the last couple of months. This steady rate of over 2000 rides per month is almost 3.5 times the rides per month of this time last year. We will continue to promote awareness of Bleeperbike through our social media platforms.

Bleeperbikes continue to be free for all Fingal staff.

Bike Racks - Sheffield Stands & Toast Racks

Sheffield stands have been installed in Millennium Park, St. Catherine's Park and Hartstown park recently.



Millenium Park

St. Catherine's Park



Hartstown Park

In the Howth/Malahide Area bike racks have been fitted at all of the following locations:

1. Malahide Beach Car Park
2. Low Rock Swimmers, Malahide
3. Wendell Ave/Coast Road, Portmarnock
4. Strand Road, Portmarnock
5. Seagrang Park, Baldoyle
6. Sutton Cross
7. Burrow Beach
8. Shielmartin Road
9. Main St, Howth
10. Balscadden Road Car Park

Bike Week 2020



Bike Week 2020 took place between the 19th and 27th of September. Due to Covid restrictions many of the events planned were unable to take place. However, we were able to hold a Virtual 50km Cycle Challenge where we asked participants to complete an accumulated distance of 50kms during Bike Week to claim a bespoke medal. 217 participants registered for the “Pedal for Your Medal” challenge on Eventbrite.ie and can claim their medals by submitting proof of their accumulated rides to Road.Safety@Fingal.ie



“Pedal for Your Medal”

A “Cycle to Work” day and “Lunch Time Cycles” took place during Bike Week. Bleeperbike kindly provided their bikes to Grove Road and County Hall in order to facilitate lunch time cycles. Those who took part will receive a lunch voucher for the canteen when they submit evidence of their cycle to the Road Safety Section.

Promotion of the Ashtown to Castleknock Greenway was advertised on social media platforms highlighting this beautiful, quiet stretch of tow path along the Royal Canal as an ideal location to cycle safely.



Ashtown at the 10th Lock

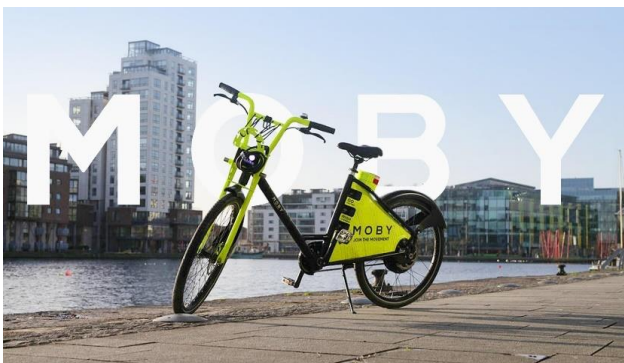


Castleknock at the 12th Lock



The Royal Canal Greenway between Ashtown and Castleknock

MobyBike-The electric Bike Share company began a 3 month trial in Dublin 15 during Bike Week and as a bike week initiative, offered the first 20 minutes of rides free each day between the 19th and 27th of September.



The “Bike Racks for Schools” initiative was also launched during Bike Week. As the number of

children choosing to cycle since the outbreak of Covid 19 has increased significantly we want to encourage this by providing free bike parking to schools throughout the county. Schools can apply by completing the online application form and submitting it to Road.Safety@Fingal.ie



Toast racks that will be gifted to schools who apply for “Bike Racks for Schools”

European Mobility Week

Since 2002, European Mobility Week has sought to improve public health and quality of life through promoting clean mobility and sustainable urban transport. During Bike Week we encouraged people to try alternative, more sustainable transport measures by reducing their car use, particularly if they lived within a 1km distance of their destination-be it work, school, local shop or club. In order to incentivise this initiative we offered a €100 voucher for a local bike shop for those who took a more sustainable method of public transport and shared their photographs on social media using the hashtags #FCCEuropeanMobilityWeek #ActiveTravel #SustainableTravel



The Dublin Cycling Campaign hosted a webinar series during Bike Week/European Mobility Week and on the 23rd of September the focus was on school transport. Senior Executive Engineer, Andrew Nolan spoke about the School Streets initiative as part of this webinar with Dublin City Council's Antonia Martin speaking about their own school zones initiative. This formed part of an overall webinar series that took place throughout the week.

Links to these are below

<https://www.dublincycling.com/bikeweek2020>

Topics at each of the webinars were as follows:

- Pedalling through the pandemic and beyond
- Cities for People in a Pandemic
- The Best Years of Your Life by Bike
<https://www.dublincycling.com/videos/playback-best-years-your-life-bike>
- Active Travel, Public Health and Resilience
- Executive Panel Discussion: The Future of Cycling in Dublin

School Wardens

School wardens have now been provided with Covid 19 specific PPE in the form of face shields and hand sanitiser. Covid inspections are being carried out by H&S and any findings/concerns are being reported back to the Road Safety Section

Traffic Section

Speed Limits Project

It is intended to bring the Speed Limit Bye-Laws to the Full Council meeting in November.

Expansion of Fingal County Councils Duct infrastructure

Discussions are ongoing on various projects, both internally and through 3rd parties, throughout the county, to identify strategic locations where ducting can be provided to add to FCC's ducting

assets in order to provide Fibre Optic connectivity to remote locations, and interconnectivity of Fingal's assets. Mapping of this infrastructure is also ongoing on G.I.S. so that it is recorded for future use.

Works are well advanced with 3rd parties installing traffic ducting infrastructure in key strategic routes around the airport and Swords to the Rathbeale Road and sections around Dublin Enterprise Zone (DEZ) which will form part of a vital asset going forward with the aim of improving traffic management and ensuring the DEZ continues to be the sought after destination with regards to ease of commutability. 10km of the 15km are now constructed by KN Networks.

Traffic Control Centre Project

Detailed design drawings, specification and bill of quantities are being developed at present. Works have commenced to relocate drawings cabinets and the cleaning room to facilitate the construction of the traffic control room.

Files storage units are being assessed for retention/removal to provide space for the traffic control room.



Stimulus Package

The following projects were identified in the Stimulus Package for funding from the NTA.

Stimulus: 2020 Allocations			
No.	Project Name	Description	Est. 2020 Funding
Fingal County Council			
1	R108 Sillogue	Road Network upgrade including advisory cycle lanes	€175,000.00
2	R132 Lissenhall, Ministers Road - Blakes Cross + Killeedge Lane	Improve cycle connection from Lusk to Blakes Cross via Corduff NS. Traffic calming to reduce speeds and redesign of former National road for reduced volumes of traffic and increased cycling ped activity.	€1,300,000.00
3	Naul GAA signalised crossing R108 Naul GAA Club	Junction Improvement required for all road users including cyclists	€85,000.00
4	Malahide Estuary cycle connections Seatown Rd & Estuary Road	Improve cycle connection from Swords to Malahide	€1,000,000.00
5	Royal Canal Royal Canal Clonsilla to R149	Temporary footpath/cycle track 2m wide on existing grass surface as a means of encouraging people to use this location as an amenity	€100,000.00
6	Huntstown Way / Hartstown Rd Huntstown/Hartstown	Light segregation of existing cycle lanes	€70,000.00
7	Swords Swords - Rathingle Road / River Valley Road	Light segregation of existing cycle lane on Rathingle/Rathbeale Road	€55,000.00
8	R009 R009 - Grange Road	Light segregation of existing cycle lanes through Baldoyle	€30,000.00
9	R105 Howth Road	Light segregation of existing cycle lanes from Sutton to howth village	€100,000.00
10	R127 Skerries Road	Light segregation of existing cycle lanes but may look to close off road and allow for local access only	€350,000.00
11	Various Locations	Light segregation of existing cycle lanes at various other locations	€500,000.00
12	Skerries Coast	New Cycleway beside existing walkway	€125,000.00
Total			€3,890,000.00

The first of these projects is the Hartstown/Huntstown Road. This project is currently being designed by the NTA's Cycle Design Office (CDO) and works will commence on October 12th 2020 by GMC.

The cycle segregation will take the form of an extruded concrete kerb on the line of the existing cycle lanes.

It is intended to follow shortly after this project with the Swords Rivervalley/Rathingle Road and St Cronan's Road.

Design is currently underway for the R132 Ministers Road to Blakes Cross, and for Seatown Roundabout to Estuary Road by Aecom; and for Skerries Coast Road by Arup.

Hartstown Road Protected Cycle Lanes

Scheme Benefits

- Safer cycle facilities, linking the area to schools and workplaces
- Improved air quality, reduced traffic speeds and associated noise
- Quicker, efficient construction
- Safer pedestrian environment

What is proposed?

Upgrading the existing cycle lanes on Hartstown Road and Mountview Road by providing a new kerb to protect cyclists from vehicular traffic.

Why?

Now more than ever, we need more people to choose cycling and walking for local and commuting trips.

Cycle tracks physically separated from traffic and pedestrians by kerbs is what people want to encourage them to cycle more, and

Recent surveys show 72% of residents in Fingal support building more protected on-road cycle lanes even if means less room for other road traffic.

Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall Fingal County Council

Where is the scheme?

Protected cycle facilities on both sides of Hartstown Road, Mountview Road and Huntstown Way from Blanchardstown Road South junction to Huntstown Way/Blakestown Road junction – a distance of 3 kilometres.

How will it be built?

A raised concrete separator kerb will be installed between the traffic lanes and cycle lane on both sides of the carriageway.

The kerbs will be dropped to carriageway level to allow for access to side roads, bus stops, and for drainage; and during and after construction, access will be maintained to all properties and residences along the route.

Commencement Date

Works will commence on the 12th of October 2020 for a period of 8 weeks.

NTA
Údairis Náisiúnta Iompartha
National Transport Authority

Ramps

The 2020 Ramps Contract (FCC/279/20) is underway with focus on the ramps located at schools being a priority. The Ramps Scheme 2020 consists of 30 no. Traffic Calming Ramps with all

installed at School's and it's envisaged the remaining will be installed in October.



Newly installed Ramp - The Avenue, Rush, at St Catherine's National School

Traffic Calming Ramps as follows:

Ramps Scheme 2020	No.	Progress
Baldoyle/Sutton/Malahide		
New Ramps		
Strand Road, Howth - Bus friendly flat top ramps x 1	1	To be completed 2020
Strand Road, Howth at St Fintans Road - Asphalt Speed cushions x 2 (1 set)	1	To be completed 2020
Strand Road, Portmarnock - Asphalt Speed cushions x 4 (2 sets)	2	To be completed 2020
Back Road/Castlefield junction, Malahide, Table ramp, buildout and new drainage	1	To be completed 2021
Repair Ramps		
Portmarnock asphalt speed cushions by 2 (1 set)	1	Cancelled as repair not required
Castleknock/Mulhuddart		
New Ramps		
Castleknock Drive - Standard round top ramp x 2	2	To be completed 2020
Allendale to Ravenwood estate - Asphalt Speed cushions x 4 (2 sets)	2	To be completed 2020
Glenville Road - Standard round top ramp x 3	3	To be completed 2020
Repair Ramps		

Hollystown & Tyrellstown - Asphalt Speed cushions x 14 (7 sets)	7	To be completed 2020
Swords/Balbriggan		
New Ramps		
Donabate - Carrs Mill/ Rahillion - Standard round top ramp x 3	3	Scheduled for October
Swords - Brackenstown Road - Standard round top ramp x 2	2	Installed
Donabate - Junction of Portrane Rd, Beaverstown Rd & Ballisk Lane - Raised Table Junction Ramp	1	Scheduled for October
The Avenue, Rush, at St Catherine's National School - Standard round top ramp x 2	2	Installed
Total Number of Ramps	28	

New Signals Installation (county-wide)

The 2020 New Signals Installation Contract commenced on the 7th September. The contract consists of the supply and installation of 5 No. Signalised Pedestrian Crossings, 2 No. Signalised Toucan Crossings and 2 No. Zebra Crossings within the administrative area of Fingal. The Contract includes both the civil and the electronic/electrical works for the project.

The schemes include the provision of traffic lights, traffic calming ramps, appropriate road signage and road markings. Pedestrian Crossings are at the following locations:

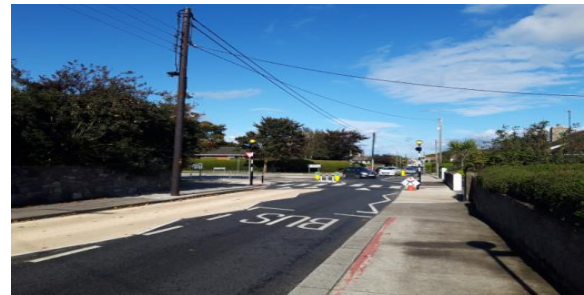
Traffic Signals for 2020		
Description and Locations		
Baldoyle/Sutton/Malahide	Type of Crossing	Progress
St Sabina, Sutton, Dublin (13)	Signalised Pedestrian Crossing	
Carrickhill Road Lower, Portmarnock (under review)	Signalised Pedestrian Crossing	

Castleknock/ Mulhuddart		Type of Crossing	
Barnwell Road, Hansfield, Dublin 15		Zebra Crossing	
St. Margaret's Road, Ballymun, Dublin 11	Signalised Toucan Crossing		Civils work complete
Diswellstown Road, Castleknock, Dublin 15		Zebra Crossing	Civils work commenced
Swords/ Balbriggan		Type of Crossing	
R127, Link at Racecourse Common, Lusk		Signalised Pedestrian Crossing	
Fancourt Road, Balbriggan		Signalised Pedestrian Crossing	
Balbriggan Road, Skerries		Signalised Pedestrian Crossing	
St Cronans Avenue, Swords	Signalised Toucan Crossing		

Traffic Signals Contract 2020



Newly installed Signalised Pedestrian Crossing – St Margarets Road, Finglas, Dublin 11



Barnageeragh & Dublin Road Junction Skerries altered to a roundabout with 3 raised Zebra Crossings on each arm.

VAS Contract (County wide)

The 2020 Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) Contract works commenced in mid-September. The Swords/Balbriggan VAS locations have been reviewed and agreed on site by Fingal's Engineers and the appointed contractor. The signs are programmed for installation on the 12th October 2020. The Castleknock-Mulhuddart area will be reviewed to finalise VAS positions week commencing 5th October 2020, with installation soon to follow.

Vehicle Activated Signs are located at the following location:

Vehicle Activated Sign 2020
Description and Locations
Baldoyle/Sutton/Malahide
Feltrim Rd, Streamstown Wood, Co. Dublin - Left turn warning sign
7-9 Malahide Rd, Streamstown Wood, Malahide, Co. Dublin - Speed sign
72-76 Balglass Rd, Howth, Dublin - Flashing right bend ahead sign
Railway Cottage, Back Rd, Broomfield, Malahide, Co. Dublin - Flashing pedestrians ahead sign
Rob's wall heading to Malahide - Cycle sign

Thormanby Road from Howth - Cycle sign
Malahide road heading to Malahide - Cycle sign
Castleknock/Mulhuddart
Clonsilla Road (Between Coolmine & Roselawn) - Speed sign
Lower Road, Lucan - Speed sign
Carpenterstown Road/Burnell Park - Cycle sign
Lucan - Clonee Road (outside St. Catherine's Park) - Cycle sign
Castlecurragh Road - Mulhuddart - Cycle sign
Swords/Balbriggan
Garristown - Speed sign
Man O War - Speed sign
Old Road, Rush - Speed sign
R122 at intersection L5085 - Speed sign
Fieldstown R125/R122 Junction approach- Speed sign
Donabate, Portrane Road - Speed Sign
Hearse Road - Donabate bound - Cycle sign
Balheary Road - Cycle sign
R122 - Balbriggan to Naul Westbound - Cycle sign
R108 - Ballyboughal to Naul Northbound - Cycle sign

VAS Signs Contract 2020

Footpath Build Outs

As part of the 2020 programme of works, areas were identified within the Cas-Mul area that could improve road safety for both pedestrians and motorists alike, by reconfiguring the existing footpaths. Manorfields Avenue in Ongar was one such area identified that had safety concerns and would benefit from reconfigured footpaths.



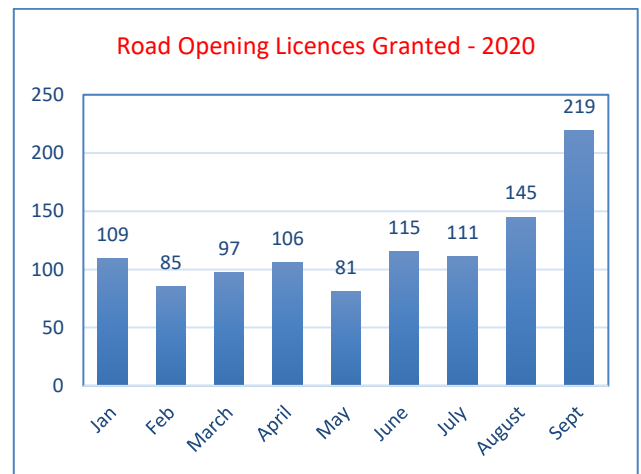
Newly installed footpath complete with tactile paving – Manorfields Avenue, Ongar

The central median on both ends of the Manorfields Avenue was extended, which allowed an area for pedestrians to cross safely. The extended median reduced the radius of the bend, which in turn reduces speeds of motorists, endorsing safety for all users. The footpath was reconfigured either side of the road and into the park.

MapRoad Licencing

Ongoing engagement and conditioning of MapRoad Road Opening Licences including review of temporary traffic management plans and operations. Apply licence conditions to ensure efficient traffic management of Fingal County Council Road network.

Engagement with Contractors on the following major works schemes:



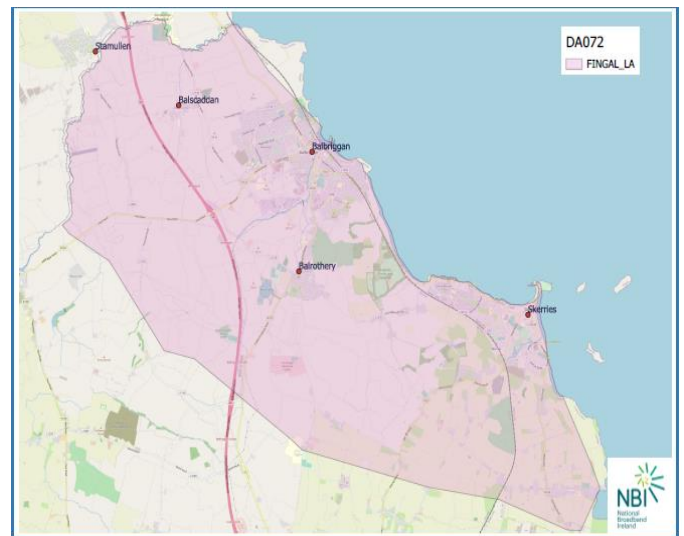
- Swords Pipeline – Irish Water/John Craddock

Major infrastructure is now currently scheduled to begin January 2021 affecting Swords Main Street junction with the R106 and the R106/Malahide Road up to Mountgorry roundabout (Applegreen). MS Teams discussions are ongoing with Irish Water & contractor John Craddock Ltd. to establish overall works duration and phase locations and durations for the installation of a water main. Their exploratory works were completed in August.

- Stamullen to Balbriggan (on the R132) Foul Sewer Rising Main Pipeline
Fingal County Council road engineers met with Irish Water to discuss and agree of programme of works for the 2.1Km Installation of Twin Rising Mains on the R132 from Delvin Bridge to Cardy Rock, Balbriggan. Works are due to commence in Q1 2021.

- Loughshinny Foul Sewer Rising Mains.
Irish Water 1.5Km Installation of a Rising Mains on Harbour road and Mine Road. Road closure required on Harbour Road which was Submitted in September for November and December. Works has begun on Phase 1 in Loughshinny Car park.

- National Broadband Ireland – Non-intrusive survey works began in September in the Skerries and Balbriggan area (as per map below) as part of the Governments National Broadband Project. Several Teams meetings was held throughout September to progress the works through the Map Road Licences system. Map Road Licences are currently now been issued for the survey works which will inform the civil works required. National Broadband Ireland envisages that a T1 for the Civil Works in the Skerries and Balbriggan Area will be submitted in November 2020 with works starting in early 2021.



National Broadband Ireland Survey Area

Cycle Counters

Three totem Cycle counters are in now in operation at the following locations:

1. On cycleway at Coast Road/Baldoyle road junction (recording both ways)
2. On the R124 by the entrance to Clonliffe Harriers (recording North bound cyclists)
3. Castleknock road in direction approaching Chesterfield avenue.

Picture : Totem cycle counter at at Coast Road/Baldoyle road junction



Bridge Rehabilitation Project

Procurement Process for the Provision of Consultancy Services for Fingal Bridges Section 2021-2023

The Council's bridge repair programme for the next 3 years will require procurement of a Consultant. The initial purpose is to identify the bridges that will require repairs as per the successful Consultant's technical report, PI's, SI's, condition ratings of each bridge.

Rehabilitation of Curragh, Curragh West & Clonshaugh Bridges

The Engineering Consultant carried out the design of the bridge rehabilitations and prepared the tender documents on 14th May 2020. FCC advertised the tender on 15th May 2020 in Etenders with a queries deadline of 1st of June and Closing date 15th of June 2020. Tender Assessment meeting held on 3rd of July 2020.

Contractor namely Cumnor Construction Ltd commenced works in 18th July 2020. This is a significant milestone in terms of commencement of works to meet the in-stream fisheries requirement in order to have all work complete in 2020.

Rehabilitation of Church Road Bridge, Blanchardstown, Wyanstown Bridge & Wimbletown Bridge

Successful/ unsuccessful letters sent to the tenderers on 13th May 2020, two weeks stand still period, post tender meeting, letter of acceptance followed. Contractor have sent FCC the programme of works and methodology. Due to the requirements to work within the Regional Fisheries requirements from July to end of September for all instream works it is, at this moment envisaged that this will take place to ensure works are completed in the available window in 2020. Contractor namely Cumnor Construction Ltd commenced works on first week of July 2020. Works ongoing.

Royal Oak Santry Footbridge, Effelstown and Ratharten Bridges Rehabilitation

Contract documents BOQ, Preliminary H&S plan, RFQ, Declaration to tenderers etc prepared and published on 02/06/2020 in QQ Etenders. Contract awarded on 9 June 2020. The contractor namely John Browne Construction Ltd due to complete the works by end of September 2020.

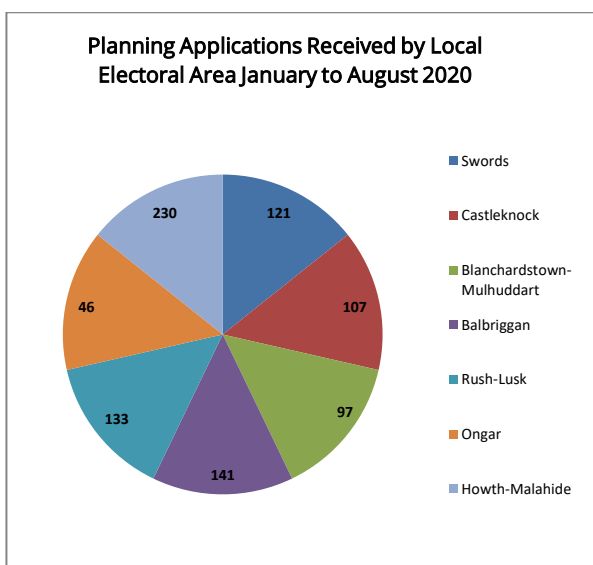
PLANNING AND STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE (PSI)

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Planning Applications

There have been 875 planning applications received to the end of August 2020, 132 of these applications were invalid leaving a total of 743 valid applications. The volume of applications received by Local Electoral Area (LEA) is detailed in the table below.

To date in 2020, 4 Strategic Housing Development (SHD) applications (for 616 units) were made to An Bord Pleanála. The Board granted permission for 12 SHD's (2457 units); 3 in January, 5 in March, 2 in April and 2 in August. The Board refused permission for 2 SHD's (531 units) in February and July. There is 1 SHD (198 units) currently in the formal application process.



Planning Decisions

A total of 691 planning decisions have been made to the end of August 2020. There have been 543 decisions to grant permission (79%) and 148 refusals of permission (21%). There have been 53 grants of permissions in respect of single house construction, 294 grants of permission for domestic extensions, 147 commercial/retail grants of permission and 34 grants of permission in respect of housing developments - 16 of which related to development 2 - 20 housing units, 3 of which related to development 20 - 50 housing units, 4 of which related to development 50 - 100 housing units and 11 of which related to developments of 100 + housing units.

Building Control

There were 111 Disability Access Certificates submitted up to the end of August 2020, of these 80 have been granted and 11 are currently on time extension. There were 159 Fire Safety Certificates submitted up to the end of August 2020, of these 74 have been granted, 3 were invalidated and 30 are currently on time extension.

Building Control Fire Safety and Disability Access Certificate applications can be submitted online via the new BCMS module or by hard copy.

A total of 619 building control decisions were made up to the end of August. There were 234 decisions to grant, 1 refusal and 384 extensions of time.

Vacant Sites Register

In recent months three additional sites have been entered on to Fingal County Council's Vacant Sites Register. These sites are located at Weaver's Row, Clonsilla; Malahide Road, Swords and North Street, Swords

Town and Village Renewal Application 2020 – St. Margaret's

Fingal County Council has put St. Margaret's forward for consideration as part of the current Town and Village Renewal Scheme for 2020. This application is based on the Strategy for St. Margaret's Special Policy Area prepared within the context of the adopted Dublin Airport Local Area (LAP) 2020, which is set within the provisions of the current Fingal Development Plan 2017-2023. Proposals for enhancement contained in the Strategy are based on extensive consultation and agreement with the local community during the plan process. Enhancement works to key focus areas are proposed within St. Margaret's to create an attractive setting and that will serve to highlight its cultural heritage assets and support accessibility within the area.

These proposed works will fulfil key objectives for enhancement as set out in the adopted strategy for St. Margaret's as well as recognising the active and positive contribution of the community in advancing the strategy for the area within the context of the LAP. Objectives EE01 of the plan seeks to encourage and facilitate environmental improvements to the physical fabric of the policy area. In addition, objectives CH01- CH03 and CH07 seeks the protection, enhancement and promotion of the cultural heritage assets of St. Margaret's including improved public access and enjoyment of these cultural heritage features within the area. In addition, these enhancement

works would also fulfil the high-level goals and objectives of the Fingal LECP 2016-2021 in terms of creating a high-quality public realm and enhancement of local amenities in towns and villages within the County. Overall, the proposed enhancement works will create an attractive setting with a more enlivened and defined identity and a greater sense of place for the community of St. Margaret's.

The amount of funding sought is 90% of the overall scheme at €69,525 with 10% match funding proposed by Fingal County Council. Depending on the outcome of the application, Fingal County Council's Operations Department will implement the scheme in co-operation with the local community subject to agreed timelines.

Donabate Urban Framework Plan

Works continues to progress on the Donabate Urban Framework Plan with preparation of the report on the consultations. This will be presented to the Liaison Committee shortly. Separately, consultants have been appointed to prepare 'Public Realm and Traffic Management Strategy' for Donabate UFP and tenders for environmental assessments are being prepared.

Rush Town and Village Renewal Scheme.

Signage has been delivered and will be installed shortly.

An Phóirseáid
The Portico

TEACH CHEANN IAR
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XENIUM HOUSE
Xenium House was built in 1702 on the grounds of a large estate belonging to the Duke of Ormonde. The portion was added to the house in c. 1840 by George Papworth, an Architect who practised in Ireland during the 19th century. This is the only part of the house that still exists today. The remainder of the house was demolished in 1978 for safety reasons as it had fallen into disrepair.

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Dublin Airport LAP

Fingal County Council has recently appointed Systra transport planning specialists to prepare transportation assessment work in support of various transport and mobility management objectives of the LAP. Technical analysis and modelling work will now commence alongside liaison with other stakeholders such as the National Transport Authority, Transport Infrastructure Ireland and the DAA.

Park Road Rush

Park Road Rush Upgrade has been progressing on site. An additional temporary road closure from 1st October to 18th November 2020 has been granted by the Council following the statutory consultation period. The patience and good will of local residents, St. Maurs GAA Club and the school community at Gael Scoil Ros Eo is greatly appreciated.



Churchfields Link Road and Cycle Network

Detailed design is at an advanced stage on the Churchfield Link Road and Cycle network. It is proposed to procure a contractor later this year with expectation that the road infrastructure project will commence on site in 2021. P&SI Dept is working with FCC Architects to ensure the delivery of this important infrastructure which will provide new transportation routes and underpin

significant housing development as well as new parklands and water features.

Broadmeadow Way Greenway

Since the successful grant of planning approval from An Bord Pleanála in May 2020, RPS Consulting Engineers have been appointed by the Council following a tendering competition to progress the scheme through detailed design, foreshore licence application, procurement, and construction stage supervision and monitoring. To facilitate construction of the bridge, ground investigation works are currently being tendered, with main works are targeted to commence in 2021. Engagement with stakeholders including elected representatives and the local community will take place in the coming months also.

Hole in the Wall Road/Mayne road Junction Upgrade

Construction works on site are progressing well. The new stone flood defence and boundary walls are nearing completion and work is ongoing on two culverts. Various traffic management changes will take place over the coming weeks to facilitate construction of the culverts, new kerbing and a new watermain. ESB diversions have also been completed and bridge foundation and abutments are beginning to rise from the ground. Stakeholder liaison is continuing with Dublin City Council, Irish Water, local residents and landowners, ESB and other various utilities.



Scaffold erection for bridge southern abutment and wingwall



Stream diversion to allow construction of bridge abutments at FCC-DCC Administrative Boundary



Looking southwards towards Donaghmede from Drumnigh



Looking westwards on Mayne Road – footpaths and kerbing being installed

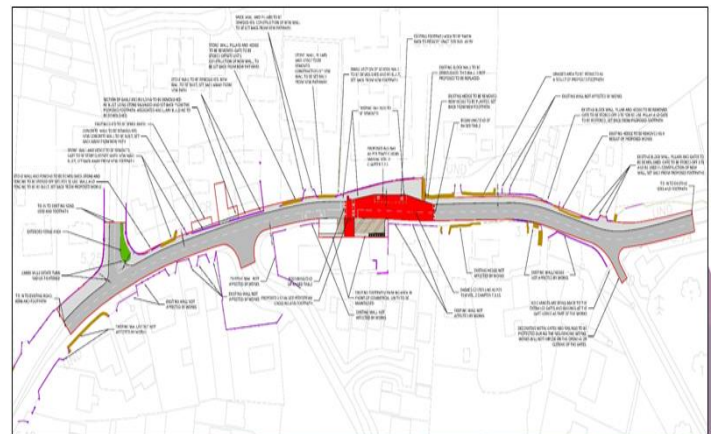
Turvey Avenue Footpath Enhancement Project

The project will involve the construction of a 2 metre wide footpath along the northern side of

Turvey Avenue. It has progressed through the public consultation, Part 8 planning and initial design stages and the land acquisition stage of the project is now commencing.

Portrane Road Enhancement Project

The Part 8 public consultation for the R126 Portrane Road Enhancement Project is ongoing and details are available on the Council website, with a target decision date for the Full Council at the December meeting. If approved, this project will be tendered as a combined package of works with the Turvey Avenue project, thereby achieving an economy of scale and better value for public money. Subject to planning approval and a successful land acquisition processes, the tender process for a contractor for both projects is expected in mid-2021.



Public Information Meetings on “Options for addressing Coastal Erosion and Flood Risk Management in the Rogerstown Estuary”.

Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council



Public Information Meetings on

“Options for addressing Coastal Erosion and Flood Risk Management in the Rogerstown Estuary”.

Six On-line Public Meetings held on
Friday 11th & Wednesday 16th September

Commencement of Non-statutory Public Consultation process on *"The Forest of Fingal - A Tree Strategy for Fingal"*.



Launch of "Forest of Fingal, A Tree Strategy for Fingal"

Fingal County Council has launched its draft Tree Strategy entitled *"Forest of Fingal, A Tree Strategy for Fingal – Draft Document"*. The Draft Strategy is now going through a Non-statutory Public Consultation Process which will continue from National Tree Day 2020 on October 1 until the end of National Tree Week in March 2021.

The purpose of this Consultation Process is to provide the public with an opportunity to examine the objectives, policies and actions outlined in the Draft Strategy and to suggest changes as appropriate.

The Mayor of Fingal, Councillor David Healy, said: "The revision of Fingal's Tree Strategy *Forest of Fingal* is an indication of the Council's continued commitment to looking after one of its most important natural resources and assets, its trees. Trees enhance our citizens' Health and Wellbeing and Quality of Life and will help to secure a sustainable future in Fingal."

Fingal County Council manages approximately 2,000 Hectares of Public Open Space and many public parks in the county have significant stands of woodland framing important and often iconic landscapes. Fingal also has approximately 70,000 trees located in streets and residential open spaces, most of which are maintained by the local authority.

Fingal County Council Chief Executive AnnMarie Farrelly said: "The Council recognises how significant urban trees and green space have

helped to shape the landscape of towns and villages across the county and I hope people will take the opportunity to read it over the coming months and suggest changes where they feel they need to be made."

The Draft Tree Strategy document has been prepared in the context of the Council's Climate Change Action Plan 2019-2024, Biodiversity Action Plan and Open Space Strategy.

To view the Draft Strategy and to have your say on its contents please visit our on-line consultation portal <https://consult.fingal.ie/browse>

Development Management/Forward Planning (Water Services)

- Development Management – our work as internal consultee on planning applications continues remotely and has resulted in 96 reports being prepared in September.
- Pre-planning consultations – During September staff from Planning (Water Services) have engaged in discussions with developers at pre-planning stage to discuss issues related to the provision of water services and to ensure the implementation of flood risk management and sustainable drainage systems on site. These meetings have also included discussions on drainage and flood risk management relating to economic development, including pharma and logistics development and also to strategic infrastructure project, such as Metrolink and Dart+. All these meetings are being conducted online using Microsoft Teams.
- Flood Risk Assessments and Drainage Strategies to inform Local Area Plans (LAP) - FCC staff are currently managing the preparation of the surface water management plan to inform Belcamp LAP and Kellystown LAP. FCC staff are progressing with the engagement of consultants for the preparation of surface water management plan in Balbriggan.

- SHDs – staff are engaged as internal consultees in discussion on approx. 15no. SHD applications
- CDS – staff continue to provide planning review of water/wastewater connection applications on behalf of Irish Water with 25no. applications processed during September. Staff have remote access to IW's network and as such this process continues as normal.

Building Control/Taking in Charge

- Building Control Inspections are currently being carried out on a business-as-usual basis within the guidelines from the HSE, CIF and FCC's Corporate safety systems, with 21 first-time inspections completed in September. Inspectors and engineers continue to engage with developers by other means to deal with building control.
- BCMS expansion – FCC staff continue to engage collaboratively with the National Building Control Office following the implementation of the final module of the BCMS (Building Control Management System – an online forum for Building Control documentation). This new applications module went live on 13th July 2020 and has brought Fire Safety Certificates, Regularisation Certificates and Disability Access Certificates all online. The NBCO has provided support in the “post go-live” era to resolve practical issues with the system. This completes the paperless conversion of building control documentation, which is particularly welcome given recent circumstances.
- Dangerous Structure/Places inspections – each complaint continues to be assessed on a case by case basis. During September we have received 5 notifications and we have conducted 5 site visits. Enforcement has commenced in some instances.
- Taking in Charge of Legacy Developments – Bond claims have been submitted and verified by IBRC through 2019/2020. FCC have had significant success in sequestering bonds, with approx. €2M secured to date . As such FCC are progressing works contracts to tender in

line with public procurement rules and covid compliances for the construction sector. This work will lead to the Taking in Charge Statutory process.

- Construction Products Directive – FCC staff and engaging with relevant stakeholders in the context of Brexit and its implication on construction products on the market. An awareness campaign for developers was instigated through BCMS and planning processes. FCC staff are enhancing our CPD through the NSAI in the context of a standardised approach to the legal position.

Heritage Office

Two funding schemes for were announced in September by the Minister for State for Heritage and Electoral Reform, Malcolm Noonan, as part of the July Jobs Stimulus 2020. The Heritage Officer supported a number of community groups in their application to the Community Heritage Scheme 2020 and submitted proposals to the Community Monuments Fund 2020. The timeframe for both application and delivery is short but given the positive response, the Heritage Office Network is working with the Heritage Council and Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage to develop the schemes in future years.

The inception meeting of the Cultural Heritage & Climate Change Risk Assessment project has taken place. A multi-disciplinary team lead has been appointed and will work with the steering group comprising relevant FCC personnel and members of the Dublin Climate Regional Office, the Geological Survey of Ireland and the CHERISH project.

The Fingal Heritage Forum meeting took place on the 22nd September. The Forum is representative of a depth or knowledge from within the council and across the county and national organisations that will support the implementation of the Fingal Heritage Plan 2018-2023.

HOUSING & COMMUNITY, CULTURE & SPORTS (H&CC&S) & LIBRARIES

Housing	Community, Culture & Sports Sports Office Arts Office Community Development Office
	Libraries

Housing Supply Report

Fingal County Council continues to deliver social housing units and continues to provide housing solutions in accordance with the Rebuilding Ireland Action Plan through a range of delivery mechanisms including construction, Part V, acquisitions, leasing and Housing Assistance Payment Scheme (HAP).

Construction Programme

The Council has an ambitious construction programme underway with 29 sites across the county and 318 homes already delivered.

The following table outlines the various stages that construction projects are currently at;

Project	Units	Status
St Cronan's x 2 schemes	15	Completed
Cappaghfinn I	14	Completed
Balrothery - North + East	9	Completed
Wellview, Dublin 15	20	Completed
Racecourse Common	74	Completed
Ballyboughal	8	Completed
Pinewood, Balbriggan	20	Completed
Estuary Road - V de Paul	8	Completed
Castlelands, Balbriggan	24	Completed
Ravenswood, Coldwinters, Peter McVerry Trust	8	Completed
Rivermeade	2	Completed
Pinewood CC, Balbriggan	2	Completed
Avondale, Dublin 15	42	Completed
Church Road, Dublin 15 - FCC	22	Completed

Rolestown Phase 1	26	Completed
Rathbeale Road, Swords	24	Completed
Church Road, Dublin 15 - Cluid Housing	65	On Site
College St. Baldoyle - Cluid Housing	4	On Site
Tucketts Lane, Howth	8	Tendering Stage
Wellview Cul de Sacs, Wellview, D15	20	Tendering Stage
Cappagh, Dublin 11	69	Tendering Stage
Outlands, Swords, Co Dublin	11	Tendering Stage
Church Fields Phase 2B, Mulhuddart, D15	70	Tendering Stage
Kilhedge Lane - Tuath Housing Association	48	Planning Stage
Former Leonards Garage, Lusk	10	Planning Stage
Church Road, Lusk	5	Planning Stage
Garristown – North and East Housing Association	6	Planning Stage
Hayestown, Rush	65	Planning Stage
Infill Site adjacent to 169 Clonsilla Road, D15	1	Planning Stage
	700	

Church Fields, Dublin 15

Detailed design and the pre-planning process has commenced in relation to 498 discounted purchase, discounted rental and social properties. Progress on delivering the housing potential of the site continues;

- An initial phase of the housing development of Church Fields has been approved and a contractor is to commence on site in October.
- The next phase of development consisting of 70 social houses has been approved and a contractor will be on site December this year.
- Funding has been approved under the Serviced Sites Fund (SSF) to enable delivery of key road and green infrastructure to facilitate the development of the site.
- Part XI for the road link between Damastown Road and Wellview Avenue including the upgrade of the existing Wellview Avenue and a cycle way adjacent to Church Road was approved and construction is scheduled to commence in Q2 2021.
- The green infrastructure design is also underway as outlined in the Land Management Plan.

The Area Committee will continue to be briefed in relation to development of the overall site.

Land Development Agency

The Council is working closely with the Land Development Agency (LDA) to bring forward land banks located in Fingal to unlock their potential to deliver mixed tenure housing.

Hackettstown Lands:

- The LDA has lodged a planning application for the road infrastructure upgrade which is funded through the Serviced Sites Fund.
- Design of the housing is currently underway by the LDA. They propose to deliver 346 housing units of mainly affordable/cost rental and dwellings available for affordable purchase. Housing will also be provided for families in need of social housing.
- Further information will be brought to the Area Committee when available.

Part V Delivery

The Housing Department continues to work closely with developers to secure a steady delivery of social housing units through the Part V process.

Approved Housing Bodies

The delivery of social housing by the Approved Housing Body sector is an important delivery stream which delivers quality housing across the county. The Housing Department continues to work closely with all AHBs in relation to finalising delivery and the allocation process.

Other Development Opportunities

The Housing Department continue to meet with developers who are building across the county with a view to exploring opportunities to bring forward proposals to increase the supply of social housing. All opportunities and proposals to provide much needed additional turnkey housing are considered.

Affordable Dwelling Purchase Arrangements

The Affordable Dwelling Purchase Scheme is a national initiative that will see affordable homes built on state owned land in co-operation with local authorities.

The procurement process for the developed design, construction, delivery and sale of 39 affordable residential units at Dun Emer, Lusk is nearing completion and it is proposed to appoint a contractor shortly. An online application process will be opened once the contractor has been appointed.

Further detail and updates on the scheme will be brought to the local Councillors in the coming weeks.

Leasing Schemes

The Housing Department continues to operate the various leasing schemes to provide much needed properties for social housing. There has been a noticeable increase in the number of properties and leasing proposals being offered to the Council over the past few months. This is to be welcomed and every effort is made to secure long term leases with interested property owners and developers.

Visit by Taoiseach and Minister to social housing scheme at Carr's Lane, Malahide Road

The Taoiseach, Michael Martin, TD, and the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government, Darragh O'Brien, TD, joined Mayor of Fingal, Cllr David Healy and AnnMarie Farrelly, Chief Executive, on a visit to see the ongoing construction of 59 new social homes at Carr's Lane, Malahide Road.

The development is led by Respond, an Approved Housing Body (AHB), in partnership with Fingal County Council. The development is funded under the Capital Advance Leasing Facility scheme (CALF) from the Department of Housing, Heritage and Local Government.



Covid19 Employment Loss Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan

Number of applications received to date	1050
Number of applications approved	475
Value of the loans approved	€104,092,981
Number of loans drawn down	241
Value of loans drawn down	€52,327,249

Mortgage holders who have lost employment due to the Covid19 crisis and are experiencing difficulties

making repayments should contact the Council immediately on www.loans@fingal.ie

Further to Circular 29/2020 which issued on Monday the 28th September, Central Government has extended by 3 months the payment break option for borrowers whose incomes are affected by Covid-19. However Mortgage Protection Insurance payments must continue to be made so as not to break the continuity of cover. Fingal County Council will endeavour to find an individual solution with each borrower. Failure to make mortgage repayments without an agreement with Fingal County Council may affect credit ratings and limit ability to access credit in the future.

Further details are available on the Council's website www.fingal.ie

Rent Payments – Council Tenants

Council tenants who have temporarily lost employment due to Covid19 crisis, may have their rent temporarily re-assessed based on Social Welfare payments until their employment situation becomes clearer. Tenants should contact the Council immediately at email; rentaccountD15@fingal.ie or rentaccountnorthcounty@fingal.ie. Further details are available on the Council's website www.fingal.ie

Private Rented Inspections

In February 2018, all local authorities were issued with targets for the Inspection of Private Rented Properties by the DHPLG in conjunction with its Strategy for the Private Rental Sector – a key component of Rebuilding Ireland. The aim is to increase the national average inspection rate from 6% to 25% of registered rental properties by 2021. The targets are based on the percentage of tenancies registered with the RTB, which within the Fingal County Council administrative area was 21,034 at end of 2018. Similar to other Local Authorities, the Housing Department is now working to restart mainstream private rented inspections and evaluating the level of inspections

that can be achieved for 2020 in the context of Covid 19 constraints.

The annual targets are as follows:

2018 (10%)	2019 (15%)	2020 (20%)	2021 (25%)
2,072	3,155	4,207	5,259

Housing Asset Management Report

Returning Dwellings to Productive Use

Fingal County Council has been allocated €3.1million from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government under its 2020 Voids Stimulus funding. In total 238 properties were approved for funding. All properties must be tenanted or signed up for tenancy before year end. This will provide significant financial support to the Council in returning void properties to a lettable condition.

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

Voids for Re-letting	At 30 th September 2020
In letting process	57
Undergoing re-let repairs	36
With County Architect for procurement of pre-let repairs	21
TOTAL	114

Planned Maintenance Programmes

Boiler Servicing

The Council provides an annual boiler servicing facility, including all maintenance and upgrade

works, for a nominal fee of €3 per week to participating tenant. The 2020 servicing programme is underway and a total of 2,838 properties have been approved with 2,014 serviced to date. It is anticipated that any delays incurred during the Covid Lockdown period will be addressed during the remainder of 2020.

Cyclical Maintenance

This programme provides for external painting and joinery repairs to council housing stock and this currently operates on a 6/7 year cycle. The next phase of the cycle has been procured and the contractors have commenced painting works in the Castlecurragh and Dromheath estates. The remaining estates to be completed as part of the current programme which will be carried out between now and early summer of 2021 are listed below:

Estate	
Dromheath	Dublin 15
Castlecurragh Heath/Vale	Dublin 15
St Patricks Park	Donabate
Shamrock Park	Oldtown
Windmill Estate	Skerries
Toberburr Avenue	St Margarets
The Bawn Grove/ The Hill	Malahide
Kirkfield Cottages	Clonsilla
Lambeecher Estate	Balbriggan

Housing Tenancy Services Report

Housing Support

STATUTORY HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT 2020

The Housing Support Team is currently preparing a Social Housing Assessment Summary in accordance with Section 21 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2009. All Local Authorities are required by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government to complete this assessment for all persons who have applied for social housing support.

The Housing Support Team are in the process of contacting certain applicants who have applied for social housing support *prior to 10th April 2019* to

confirm that they still require social housing support. Each applicant **must** confirm their requirement to the Council by completing and returning the assessment form which will be issued. Applicants who have applied after 10th April 2019 will not be contacted due to the recent nature of their application

Transfer applicants, HAP and RAS tenants are **not** included in this assessment.

In light of restricted visitor numbers to Council Offices, during Covid-19 Housing, applicants are requested to return the completed assessment form either by post in the pre-paid envelope provided, or directly to the Drop Box provided in Swords and Blanchardstown Offices.

Whilst the initial return date of 30th September has now passed, the Council will continue to accept completed forms and a reminder letter has issued.

Details of the assessment are also available on Fingal's Website via <https://www.fingal.ie/council/service/housing-needs-assessment>

The Housing Support Team Contact Details	
Phone	01 890 5902 /01 890 5000
Email	Housing.allocations@fingal.ie
Website	www.fingal.ie

Housing Unit	Contact Details
Homeless Services	01 890 5090 homeless@fingal.ie
HAP	01 870 4515 HAP@fingal.ie
Estate Management (Maintenance, ASB & Special Projects)	01 890 5588 Estatemanagement@fingal.ie

Lettings	01 890 5380 Housing.allocations@fingal.ie
Housing Support	01 890 5902 Housing.allocations@fingal.ie
Customer Care Team	01 890 5000 CustomerCareUnit@fingal.ie

Offers of Housing Support

The Lettings Team have continued to provide offers of social housing support right throughout the recent **COVID -19** Lockdown period and this is demonstrated in the table below. The supply of housing is continuing through a number of mechanisms, allowing Fingal County Council to continue to make offers of housing support across Approved Housing Bodies, Standard Social Housing as well as the provision of a number of transitional housing options.

Month	Offers of Housing Support 2020
January	117
February	103
March	137
April	114
May	97
June	90
July	72
August	144
September	91
TOTAL	965

Housing Assistance Payment (HAP)

The HAP team in Fingal County Council continues to operate as normal with the public contacting us through email and phone during **COVID-19** restrictions. Additional resources have been deployed to assist with the volume of calls/emails from those who have been affected by the current crisis (in relation to a change in income).

Since its inception in Fingal County Council in 2017, the HAP team have set up over 2,000 tenancies with 230 in place during 2020 to date. 100 tenancies are being progressed to sign up stage and a further 250 are progressing through the system.

Homeless Services

The Council's homeless team continue to engage with those experiencing homelessness to offer advice and support. Homeless Assessments are conducted over the phone during the current Level 3 public health restrictions. In September there were 55 new homeless presentations, 25 of which were families.

28 families exited homeless circumstances during September into various forms of social housing or, into private rented tenancies under Homeless HAP.

Since 1st January 2020, a total of 443 households have exited homelessness through the various means of housing support. Homeless HAP accounts for 313 of these tenancies.

Traveller Specific Supports

Covid-19 Continued Support

Measures have continued within Fingal to ensure that Traveller families receive as much assistance as possible during these unprecedented times, and particularly having regard to the recent elevation of the Dublin area to Level 3 restrictions

Daily site visits by Housing Inspectorate and Senior Council Officials are continuing with due care to maintaining public health guidelines while checking on vulnerable tenants and advising on the continued supports available. In addition, the

Council's designated Social Worker Service for Travellers continues to make regular contact with the most vulnerable, in order to assist with additional needs arising from the current circumstances.

Traveller Accommodation

A programme of works in relation to the refurbishment and upgrading of existing accommodation on specific sites, is currently in development with the County Architect. Works are ongoing at St Mary's Halting Site, Cappagh and at Meakstown Close. The provision of additional accommodation in accordance with the Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019-2024 is at preliminary feasibility and design stage.

Housing Welfare Service

The Social Workers attached to the Housing Department are available to support vulnerable tenancies and to work with housing applicants who have medical/welfare needs.

In response to **Covid-19**, the Housing Social Workers have been actively engaged with their most vulnerable cases at this time providing support, information and inter-agency linkages when and where required. Tenants were identified by the Social Workers and Housing Inspectors who may be considered particularly vulnerable during **COVID-19** and follow-on action has been initiated through a number of mechanisms including the Fingal Community Response Forum.

Anti-Social Behaviour/ Inspectorate/ Stock Management

The ongoing management and sustainment with regard to social tenancies and good estate management falls within the remit of the ASB/Inspectorate Unit. Alleged breaches pertaining to tenancy agreements are investigated and pursued in accordance with Housing legislative guidelines.

There are occasions when the vulnerabilities, complexities and health related issues associated

with a tenancy require tenancy sustainment intervention and supports. Ongoing case management and review with a variety of external agencies, including Approved Housing Bodies, An Garda Síochána, Tusla and the HSE is a necessity to ensure all agencies work collaboratively with a view to achieving best outcomes.



Stock Management

53 cases under review – 10 regularisations, 15 breaches (allegations of sub-lets, abandonments, occupants without permission to reside) 14 Miscellaneous including illegal occupants, 14 downsizing.

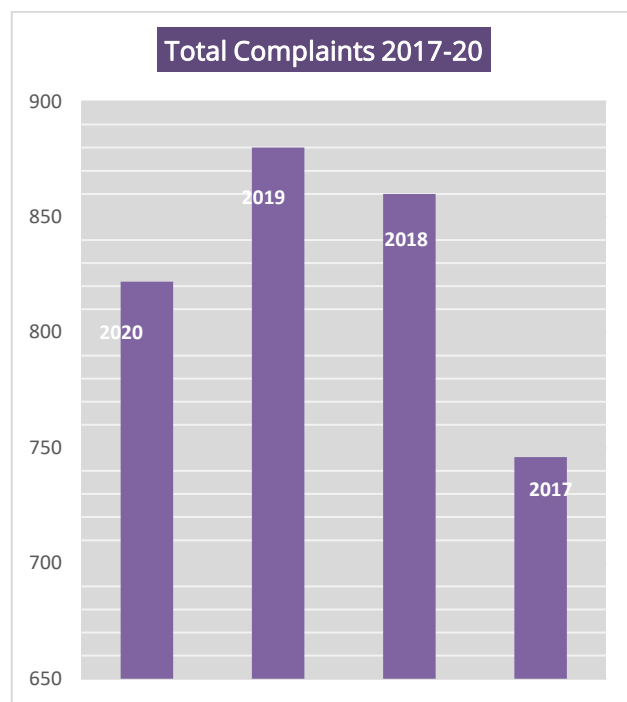
Surrenders on EM Grounds – 1 (Jan), 3 (Feb), 3 (March), 3 (April), 1 (May), 1 (June), 1 (Aug), 1 (Sep)

Anti-Social Behaviour

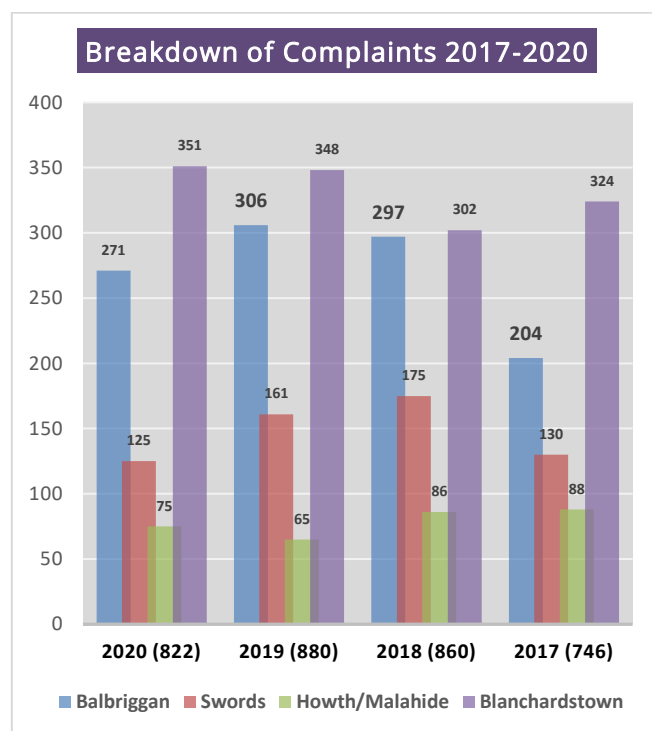
September 2020	Active Investigation	Active Monitoring	Closed
Dublin 15	49	69	21
North County	44	22	5
TOTALS	93	91	26

ASB complaints are still being received and are being followed up and investigated as normal, even within current COVID-19 related restrictions. Residents are formally reminded of their obligations under social distancing, where it comes to the attention of the ASB unit that breaches have occurred within our estates.

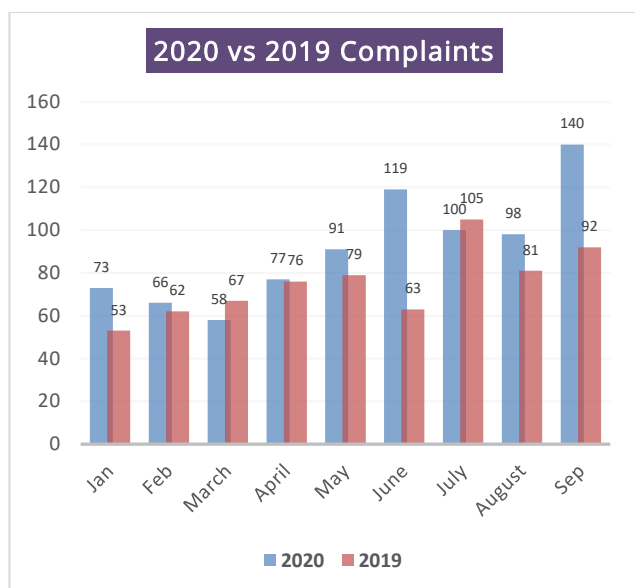
Total ASB Complaints Received



Area Breakdown of Complaints



Monthly Breakdown of Complaints



Anti-Social Interventions

Interviews Held 2019	123
Interviews Held 2020	100
Tenancy Alerts 2019	30
Tenancy Alerts 2020	29
Tenancy Warnings 2019	4
Tenancy Warnings 2020	3
Tenant Induction Training 2019	12
Tenant Induction Training 2020	3

Housing Inspections

Traveller Specific Inspections 2019	1818
Traveller Specific Inspections 2020	1310
Estate Inspections 2019	944
Estate Inspections 2020	426
EM/ASB Inspections 2019	3858
EM/ASB Inspections 2020	2362

Community Culture & Sports Division

Sports Office:

The Marathonkids Programme, which sees 6th class students run a marathon over 8 weeks in school and learn about the benefits of sport through a specially designed workbook is open for registration and will commence early October. David Gillick (Former Olympian & European 400m Indoor Champion) the programme's ambassador, will produce several online discussions to encourage the students to participate in the programme which included, Dublin City and South Dublin as well as primary Schools in Fingal.

Registration is going well, and we expect around 2,000 kids to take part from 30+ schools to participate. There will be no final mile event, but we will increase the digital contact with schools via videos, blogs and weekly emails. The students will run the final mile in their own schools. Each participant will receive the traditional medal and tee-shirt.



European Week of Sport

As part of the above project we launched "Run Your Town" an orienteering programme developed by the Sports Office, it involved the mapping of 5 towns in Fingal (Balbriggan, Lusk, Malahide, Portmarnock and Tyrrelstown) and enabled people to download a map on their phone and take part in an orienteering event at a time that suits the participant. It's open to all and all you need to take part is a smart phone. This project could not have happened but for the help and support from our planning department.

Dance Classes

The online Hip-Hop classes took place over three Tuesdays – 15th, 22nd & 29th in September. Over twenty teenagers registered for the classes and the response have been positive from the Dance Instructor, Donna Moran, who choreographed the classes and the teenagers have given their input on the music that they wish to have for the class. The final class was on during the European Week of Sports and is one of the activities that has been promoted for the Fingal area that has managed to forgo the restrictions.



**YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN
HIP-HOP MASTER DONNA
THREE LIVE CLASSES
12-18YRS (NO COST)
TAKE PART FROM ANYWHERE
TUESDAYS 15, 22 & 29 SEPT
6PM TO 7PM
REGISTER FOR YOUR ZOOM
INVITE**

**ENTRIES CLOSING 2 DAYS
BEFORE CLASS**

Comhairle Contae
Fhine Gall
Fingal County
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Child Safeguarding training

Sport Ireland Safeguarding Courses are now being delivered on-line with a high demand due to the need for additional coaches / mentors for children's activities. A number of courses are taking place this month and bookings are strong for the next few courses.

Unfortunately, as a result of Dublin being moved to Level 3 some planned activities have had to be cancelled and rescheduled for a later date:

- Fingal ParkFit – Structured exercise classes with a qualified instructor in some of our public parks
- Social Football for adults, drop in football sessions
- Basketball Masterclass – encouraging young adults to become involved in coaching
- GAA Workshop for people working with younger children

We continue to offer online exercise classes on the Fingal Learning Portal.

For Schools:

- Online Sporting Facts / Sports Con class session in primary schools
- Online teacher training
- 10 x 10 – for primary schools - ten exercises, done ten times, for ten minutes, to be done in the classroom at the desk

Age Friendly Fingal:

Over the last number of months, we have been working at keeping people up to date and informed, we have carried out this through several mediums: posting hard copies of information to people across the county as Digital Poverty is an issue with our aging population. We have also been emailing copies of the Age Friendly Ireland newsletter to individuals, groups and organisations across the county with assistance from the Fingal PPN. We include government.ie Covid-19 updates to keep people informed of the

most relevant information to keep them safe while we also send out easygoing information such as: keep fit updates, motional videos, classes and webinars; ensuring to create the balance of dissemination of information when dealing with our aging population. This should be considered when discussing restrictions as we need to reduce the “fear factor” over the coming winter months

Cocooning Activities Part 2 which will be ready for delivery in the third week of October, Title: From the Roaring 20's to the Covid 20's and “My Memory through a Lens” this activities scrapbook will be available for 1000 older people, to work on in October and November with their photographs of childhood, teenage years and their adult years and a small caption with each . This scrapbook once completed by the participant will be collected and recorded in our Archives. Each participant will have their book returned to them with a certificate of participation during Covid-19 signed by the Mayor.

Age Friendly Public Consultation on Housing Options

Consultation was held with members of Fingal Older People's Council to discuss Housing Options and our Ageing population, this included Right Sizing, downsizing and adapting, members of our Fingal Older Peoples Council discussed possible options for people, this report is going to government over the next few weeks.

Rose from Fingal Part 5

Remember 'Rose from Fingal' - she's back with one final video! Watch and listen to Part 5 of the story of 'Rose from Fingal', a story about coping with Corona by the inimitable Peig McManus. Rose talks about 'getting her house in order' before she zooms off over the rainbow!
<https://youtu.be/6sD6TDWU9DM>

Winter Initiatives

We are planning several Winter initiatives to be rolled out from Mid-October to Mid-March

- Making Memories through music – Stage 2 will visit nursing homes across Fingal and perform for 1.5 hours in each setting, restrictions allowing. This initiative is funded by the Creative Ireland Programme and is supported by the HSE and members from our Age Friendly Alliance committee
- LMFM Radio Programme, will ensure that members of our aging population have a specially designed radio programme to suit their needs, music taste and discussions. This initiative will be designed in conjunction with Meath and Louth County Councils to reach a wide cohort of people.



Walkability Studies – Blanchardstown Village, Balbriggan & Howth

At the end of 2019 three walkability studies were carried out in each of the areas of Blanchardstown, Balbriggan & Howth, these studies were carried out with the assistance of volunteers from each area and included a number local County Councillors. It has been highlighted throughout the audits where changes can be implemented to assist in making our towns and villages more “Age Friendly”. It should be noted that a number of the findings have already been addressed through our Operations section which also took part in all the walkability studies. The findings will be available on the Fingal Website in mid-October and on the Age Friendly Fingal Website.

Arts Office:

Sack of Balbriggan Commemorative Mural



Fingal Arts Office commissioned a mural commemorating the Sack of Balbriggan in the town with artist collective Subset and funded by the Creative Ireland Programme. This work was delivered aligned with the occasion of the Sack of Balbriggan Centenary Date 20th of September 2020 and is located on the prominent gable wall of the Central Lounge in co-operation with the owner. The final decision and design were developed and agreed by the Balbriggan Commemoration Committee which comprised of local councilors and local groups. The work has been well received in the town.

Culture Night Fingal - Friday 18th September 2020





The Arts Office was delighted to present another exciting programme of free events which took place in various locations in Fingal to celebrate Culture Night 2020. Culture Night is an annual national public event that celebrates culture, creativity and the arts.

Due to the recent challenges resulting from COVID-19, this year's programme combined free online digital and live events which took place on Friday 18th September 2020. Audiences of all ages could 'Connect Through Culture' and enjoyed a variety of music, poetry, workshops, tours and talks specifically programmed for Culture Night in Fingal either online or at participating venues.

Among those who took part this year were recently opened venues in Balbriggan and Malahide. The Casino Model Railway Museum in Malahide which houses the iconic Fry Model Railway collection, in the beautiful newly restored Casino cottage will offer free self-guided tours and the Irish Institute of Music and Song, a superb new music facility in Balbriggan, hosted tours of their historic buildings and pop-up music installations including performances from Ireland's National Barbershop Quartet Champions, Lady Barbalade and musical ensembles from Africa.

Our Balbriggan hosted an online event with Balbriggan artist Thomas Brezing and there were also free heritage tours of Malahide Castle & Gardens and Newbridge House & Farm in Donabate. DIAS Dunsink Observatory presented a virtual night among the stars including a virtual tour of the observatory and online 'Light-speed' talks with leading astrophysicists.

Music Generation

The Arts Office in partnership with DDLETB has made an application to Music Generation for funding to extend each partners' commitment to the music education of children & young people in Fingal. Research conducted during 2020 serves as a backdrop for the development of a framework which responds to the voice of children and young people in Fingal by providing a range of meaningful supports and services which deliver performance education opportunities. If successful, the Music Education Partnership will develop appropriate programme strands informed by research across education and community settings in line with the partners' vision: *To develop a new generation of musical youth in Fingal which reflects the diverse cultural makeup of the County.*

Programme Goals

- To design, develop and deliver a sustainable framework for performance music education services for children and young people living in County Fingal experiencing disadvantage.
- To increase access to and engagement in performance music-making opportunities for targeted groups.
- To include the voice of young people in decision-making for the Local Music Education Partnership.
- To work with extant music education service providers and music practitioners to enhance capacity in the sector and add value to the performance music education landscape in the County.
- To draw on the diverse community makeup of Fingal County in developing a programme which is both flexible and responsive to the local context.
- To ensure quality and equality in the development and delivery of Fingal's performance music education services.
- To commit to the values of Music Generation as the national programme for performance music education in all aspects of Music Generation Fingal's work.

Community Development Office:

Swords Tidy Towns have had a busy month, showcasing their unique triple layered face mask to allow them to continue vital community clean-ups in Swords, while strictly observing social distancing measures. Supported by the Community Development Office, Swords Tidy Towns are also representing the county in the annual Pride of Place Completion, finals taking place virtually in November. Finally, the group were successful recently winning a Community Green Flag for the tremendous work they did with support from various FCC Council Departments in transforming neglected area of Swords into a pocket park.



Completion of remedial works in Flemington Community Centre

After a period of closure for several months, the Flemington Community Centre in Balbriggan has reopened its doors. The remediation works were to correct structural issues and a significant amount of work was undertaken during the summer months. There was significant work done in the hall, and the meeting rooms in the building. The community centre was handed back from the project management team and was open for children returning to the childcare provider on the 31st August. Groups are being welcomed back and expressions of interest are being invited from groups who wish to use the facility.



Taylor's Hill Estate, Balbriggan

The Community Office in Balbriggan has been working closely with Taylor's Hill residents over the past number of months. The estate is newly built and is located in the northwest of Balbriggan beside the Flemington Community Centre. The group have developed their constitution and have registered with the Fingal PPN. They have had some early success as they were selected as one of the winners for the Anti-Litter & Anti-Graffiti Fund 2020. They have submitted a project to plant a wildflower meadow and fruit trees in one of the estate green areas. (<https://www.fingal.ie/anti-litter-anti-graffiti-fund-2020>)



The residents have also started a donation campaign to get some bulbs to be planted around

the estate and neighbours have supplied 2,000 daffodils, tulips and crocus bulbs already so far. The residents are also working closely with Glenveagh Homes and have started the preparation and planting of 3 large flowerbeds in the estate.

Community Facilities Management Support Unit



Remobilisation working group:

The remobilisation working group continues to meet to provide guidance and support to community facilities in adjusting to the new five stage plan introduced by government. The statutory instrument No 352 temporary restrictions highlights under interpretation that the licence holder is responsible for the implementation of the framework for restrictive measures in response to Covid 19. Community facilities are not educational institutions, they promote the ongoing delivery of community development activities. Boards of Management are permitting various groups to access centres and external play areas in accordance with the restrictions.



Community Centres face many challenges in the coming months, but the local boards of management and centre managers are working collaboratively to ensure that centres remain solvent and available to support the community. In recent weeks several community

facilities were successful in securing stability funding. This funding will in some way bridge the gap in the short fall of income that has been experienced over the past number of months. Facilities are required to fully utilise this funding between September to December to cover operational shortfall costs and carry out all necessary maintenance and upkeep of their buildings. It is likely that there will be some facilities that will require further supports but we are monitoring this closely.

Community Facilities Network



The Fingal Community Facilities Network led by the Community Facilities Management Support Unit is growing from strength to strength. Several working groups have been established from the wider network to further grow, develop and expand the effectiveness of the network. The remobilisation working group and the network steering group have been set up to drive key projects. The remobilisation working group oversees the joined approach to the implementation of Covid response plans and the delivery of framework for restrictive measures in community centres. The steering group has been set up to look at establishing the network as an independent community group. The group is working on submitting a funding application to The Wheel as part of their network development framework. Management Committees need to look forward, looking at future proofing community centres. Proposed training for 2020 to 2022 includes the following: -

Digital Transformation

Under Covid 19 our facilities need to look at new ways of working and future proofing community centres. We aim to look at where technology

provides the most value to the organisation and how to leverage it. The training will explore how to develop knowledge on analytics, design thinking, Agile, and user experience. It will also look at Identifying the potential of technological innovations and determine the revenue-generating possibilities of pursuing them. It is envisaged that this training will provide facilities with the tools and knowledge to explore new ways of maximising the use of their technology as well as identifying gaps on technology which can be used as a support tool to apply for funding to support further capital investment.

Leadership & Management

Good leaders build on Resilience, Risk Project Management, Building Effective Teams, the training looks at equipping leaders for expansion and change more so than ever before. Change management is a crucial part of successful growth and development without losing focus. Company leaders and management teams require the knowledge, skills, tools and know-how to inspire and lead their workforce in order to succeed.

Sustainability & Fundraising

Financial Modelling looks to explore new ways of growing our social enterprises, looks at stress testing our operations to see where the pinch points are and where we can implement preventative strategies to avoid crisis in to the future.

Covid Response

Planning and Future Proofing for Community Facilities. To continue to identify training needs through the remobilisation working group and to roll out across the network. To identify challenges that Covid 19 have presented to community centres and look at ways to put further supports in place to further enhance community engagement

The Steering Group meet on a monthly basis and an example of current projects include: -

1. Development of Network Website – it is envisaged that the networks web site will be fully operational by the end of 2020. It is

envisaged that this project will link with the virtual community centre which will complement the service delivery of the 32 facilities currently providing services across Fingal.

2. Funding Application to The Wheel – which will enable the above training plan to be implemented.
3. Update on Wider Network on new initiatives and information.
4. Strategy and Planning underway for training Calendar 2021.

Memory Makers Publication Virtual Launch 30th September 2020

Fingal County Council's Community Development Office has launched "Memory Makers - Reflections



and Recollections Cocooners Special Edition 2020", which features inspirational poems and short stories from cocooners across the County. The beautifully designed publication celebrates the voices of cocooners, reflecting and recollecting on memories, current

or past events or fictional work inspired by these unprecedented times we are living through. The breadth and depth of the written work is truly impressive.

The Fingal Community Call Forum was set up in response to the Government's request to assist the at-risk members of our community to access essential services. In response to this, "Cocooning – A collection of activities for those self-isolating" was developed by the COVID-19 Fingal Community Response Project which is a collaboration between

Fingal County Council, Age Friendly Fingal, Castleknock Community Centre Laurel Lodge, Blakestown Community Centre, Corduff Resource Centre, and Huntstown Community Centre. One element of this publication was the Short Story & Poetry Competition. It is an excellent example of what can be achieved when organisations and stakeholders collaborate. This project has provided a window of opportunity for so many creative and talented people from across Fingal to share their work with others.

Due to current government guidelines and restrictions a virtual launch of the publication was arranged to coincide with the Positive Ageing Week, organised by Age Action.

To peruse the soft copy and read the 80 poems and short stories submitted, find out who the winners are and see videos of authors reading the work visit: -

<https://www.fingal.ie/news/memorymakersreflectionsandrecollections>

This publication is an important historical document and can soon be found in Fingal Libraries, Fingal Local Studies & Archives as well as in the National Library of Ireland and the National Museum of Ireland collections. A soft copy of the publication will be available on the Fingal County Council website.

Remedial Works Funding Scheme for non-Council owned Community Facilities:

Fingal County Council is announcing a new Community Facilities Remedial Works Scheme for non-Council owned community facilities.

Applications for funding may be made under the relevant category in order to carry out essential remediation works/repairs to non-FCC owned facilities as below:

Multi-Purpose Facility:

Grants of up to 50% of the costs of the works subject to a maximum of €20,000 for enhancement/refurbishment projects involving capital works.

Single Interest Facility:

Grants of up to 50% of the costs of the works subject to a maximum of €15,000 for enhancement/refurbishment projects involving capital works.

The Scheme will close on 31st December 2020.

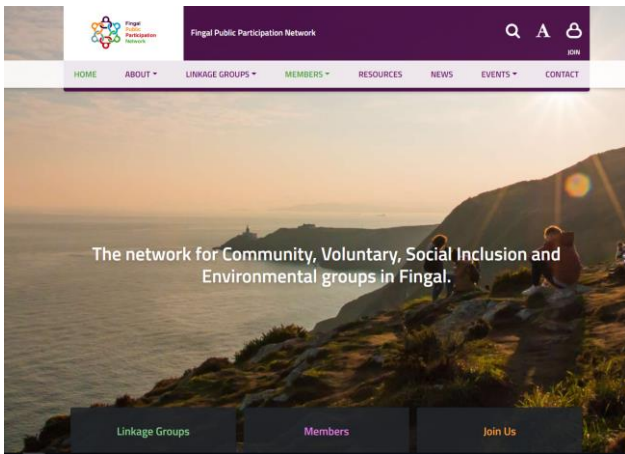
Details may be found on <https://www.fingal.ie/council/service/community-grants-and-funding>

Fingal County Council Digital Poverty Funding Scheme 2020

Fingal County Council in association with the Fingal Community Call Forum have agreed to allocate funding from the COVID 19 Emergency Fund Scheme to the area of digital poverty. During Covid19 more services were delivered online including education and training services. Digital Poverty was brought to the forefront during the crisis and the lack of digital equipment and connectivity for people of all ages who had to suddenly communicate online became an issue. This fund is aimed at enabling organisations to purchase vital equipment such as laptops and dongles for those most in need. This scheme will open in October 2020 and be available to local development companies, youth services, family support services and services for older people. Eligible projects must focus on: -

- Enabling on-line education, reskilling or training for disadvantaged groups.
- Enabling online education and training for young people in post primary schools.
- Supporting vulnerable families.
- Supporting those in Direct Provision.
- Combating isolation for older people.

Fingal PPN Re-Registration Process



Fingal PPN have commenced its bi-annual re-registration process by contacting over 860 community and voluntary groups to confirm their contact details and their wishes to continue to be included in the Fingal Community County Register. It is anticipated that this process will be completed in early to mid-October.

This re-registration process will allow community and voluntary groups to continue accessing relevant resources, training and information to aid their community organisations.



Fingal Inclusion Week 2020

Fingal Inclusion Week 2020 which will take place from 16th to 22nd November 2020. Fingal Inclusion Week will highlight the positive work that communities, agencies and other organisations are involved in to reduce social exclusion. The week also aims to raise awareness of the barriers experienced by citizens of Fingal that lead to social exclusion.

Due to Covid 19, many events will transform into virtual or closed events to comply with current public health guidelines while maintaining a strong focus on virtual inclusion for the people of Fingal. Over 30 community groups and services will be taking part and a range of events will be programmed from Diversity Training, Wellbeing Workshops to Virtual tours of services.

PPN Linkage Group Meetings Complete Successful Online Pilot



The 4th round of Fingal PPN Linkage Group have successfully been completed using an online platform as a pilot project to adapt the work of Linkage Groups in line with Covid 19 restrictions. An assessment of this pilot will inform the next round of Linkage Group meetings scheduled to take place at the end of October.

Linkage Groups are an opportunity for community organisations from across Fingal to meet together in networks, to highlight issues or concern and organise collective advocacy campaigns.

Any community organisation who is a member of the PPN can participate. For more see www.fingalppn.ie.

Fingal Comhairle na nÓg

Fingal Comhairle na nÓg AGM will take place this year on a virtual platform due to the COVID-19. A lot of work has been going into the preparation for this event and the young people are very excited

about this new adventure which is to be the first virtual AGM for Comhairle na nÓg's nationally.

Fingal Comhairle na nÓg took part in the EU survey to inform the new European Union Strategy on the Rights of the Child. The survey invited children to share their experiences and their priorities for making Europe a better place for children. Fingal Comhairle na nÓg also shared this on their social media channels.



LIBRARIES

Fingal Libraries and the Plan for Living with COVID-19

During Level 3 of the Plan for Living with COVID-19, Fingal Libraries is operating a contact and collect service through all ten of our libraries across the County. The public can contact their branch library, let a staff member know what books they want and arrange a time to collect them once they are available.

Alternatively, the online catalogue can be used to select items, and library members will be emailed as soon as they are available. All social distancing and public health guidelines are in place at collection points in branch libraries. Our libraries are operating on normal hours at this time. Opening times are available at <https://www.fingal.ie/council/service/fingal-library-network>

As always our online services are available to all members of the library and include ebooks, online learning courses, eMagazines, language learning, music streaming, newspapers and reference databases. These are readily available at <https://www.fingal.ie/council/service/fingal-library-eservices-and-eresources-online>

Becoming a member of Fingal Libraries has never been easier - it's free of charge and the completion of a brief application form gives immediate access to a vast range of online resources. Further details on becoming a member are at: <https://lgma.iii.com/selfreg> or <https://www.fingal.ie/fingallibraries>

We are continuing to operate our delivery service to cocooners, the housebound, to residential services and to anyone with health issues. The cocooning library service can be contacted at 8906719/ 8604290 or at cocooning.library@fingal.ie Currently over 150 cocooners are availing of this service, and since it began in May 2020 there have been almost 250 deliveries of approx. 3,500 books and CDs.

Re-opening of Balbriggan Library

Balbriggan Library re-opened to the public on Monday 14th September after a considerable refurbishment process. Since 21st September however, similar to our other libraries, it can only offer a contact and collect service. Staff at the branch are looking forward to the public being able to come into the Library again in the near future, to avail of the collaborative study areas, office pods, mini conference facilities and new equipment, such as handheld borrowable technology. A similar programme of works will commence at Blanchardstown Library towards the end of 2020.

Fingal Libraries: Autumn/Winter Programme

During Covid 19 sometimes the doors of our libraries may not be open, however you will find on these occasions our services have moved online. The content online includes yoga workshops, story

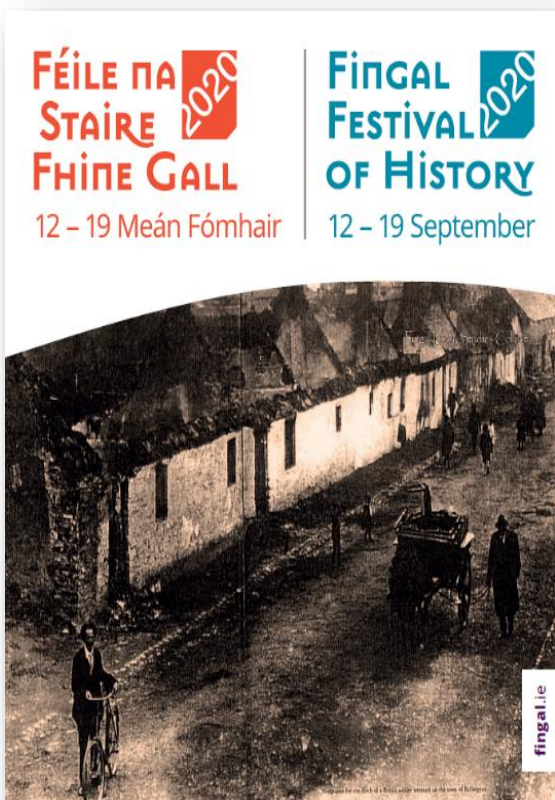
times, coding classes, art workshops and more. Events for our younger members continue, even if they have moved to the virtual space. Look out for our Children's Book Festival content and all our usual fun events such as art workshops, STEM events and story time.



Wellbeing events will also take place across the library schedule including virtual workshops on how to conquer worry and anxiety, deep

relaxation, mindfulness, resilience and family wellbeing during a crisis. Our latest events brochure is available at <https://www.fingal.ie/council/service/fingal-library-events>

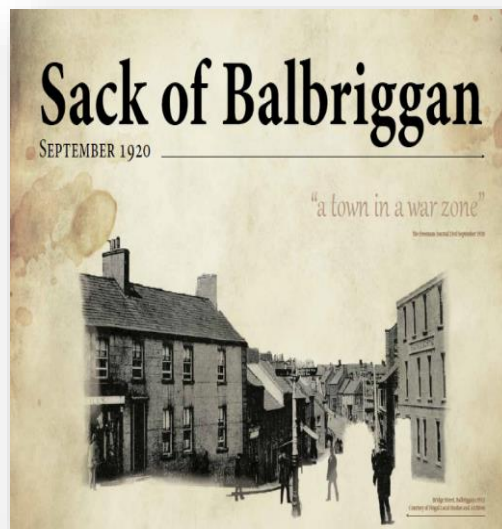
Fingal Festival of History



This year's Festival which was launched by the Mayor of Fingal, Cllr. David Healy and which ran from 12th - 19th September was special in many ways. Because of COVID-19 restrictions, it took place online, with all talks available on the Fingal Libraries YouTube channel and our social media platforms.

The Festival also had special resonance for many in Fingal as it marked the centenary of the Sack of Balbriggan. Fingal Libraries' Local Studies Librarian, Catherine Keane, curated an exhibition

which was on display in the Atrium at County Hall, Swords during September and is now available for viewing online.



The exhibition includes mounted information panels and the display of original documents including, hand-written minutes of meetings of Balbriggan Town Commissioners, an original copy of the Decree of Compensation for Criminal Injury to Property awarded to a Clonard Street resident and the acknowledgement by William Cochrane that he will attend a meeting regarding the matter with the Provisional Government and Michael Collins. British Pathé news reels footage showing the aftermath of the destruction also forms part of the exhibition. View the exhibition and other talks from the Fingal Festival of History on our YouTube channel at:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_6CWbONLz0-YxDP1aTnGiA/videos

To date there have been 1,952 views of the Festival's videos on YouTube, 26,826 Twitter Impressions and a Facebook reach of 10,377. It is interesting to note that going online has not adversely affected the popularity of the Festival and indeed it seems to have broadened its reach.

STEAM school project

In association with Creative Ireland Fingal, Fingal Libraries has commissioned a project with Make Create Innovate. This project aims to work directly in partnership with DEIS schools, in order to deliver a blended STEAM Education programme to young people, as well as training teachers so that they have the necessary skills to continue this work both into the future and independently. The purpose of project is to engage young people in fun, hands-on maker activities in order to support the learning of STEAM subjects (science, technology, engineering, arts and maths) within a classroom.

The project will:

- Offer opportunities to engage meaningfully with digital technology
- Address gaps in education provision
- Actively support an inclusive & equal learning environment
- Intervene in traditional education patterns to encourage more dynamic learning opportunities relevant to the contemporary world of industry & social engagement
- Facilitate experimentation & creativity to support hands on audience engagement
- Encourage interdisciplinary work, collaboration & creative exchange
- Encourage civic participation through critical thinking and independence
- Provide access to alternative career pathways
- Provide role model innovation & problem-solving in all aspects of life & working

The pilot project will take place between October and December.

Europe Direct and the European Green Deal

The Europe Direct Centre at Blanchardstown Library is holding a series of online interviews on the European Green Deal. The objective is to introduce the general public to the topic of the

European Green Deal: what it is and what its implications are. Throughout the week of 2nd November there will be a series of five interviews about a different aspect of the European Green Deal such as:

- Introductory explanation of the European Green Deal
- European Climate Law / Biodiversity Strategy Farm to Fork Strategy
- How the EGD will be financed and the Just Transition fund
- Implications of EGD for Fingal and Ireland

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ENVIRONMENT

Climate Action

The Climate Action, Biodiversity & Environment Strategic Policy Committee was presented with progress on the Forest of Fingal Tree Strategy in September and this was well received.

Fingal Climate Change Action Plan was launched in Sept 2019, and actions are ongoing. The Plan can be viewed at <https://www.fingal.ie/climate-change-action-plan-2019-2024> A 1 Year CCAP Progress Report will be submitted to the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment in November; and to the Climate Action, Biodiversity & Environment Strategic Policy Committee in December.

The Climate Action Regional Offices are developing Climate Action Training Programmes for local authority staff at all levels, and for elected representatives. There will be various training modules tailored for staff expertise & service area. Training modules will be delivered by experts from Limerick IT, Climate Ireland, SEAI, IPA, CARO, DCCAE & others. The training will be delivered online, starting early 2021.

Codema, together with FCC and the other three Dublin Local Authorities - are developing a collaborative Transition Roadmap for the Dublin

Region, which will motivate citizens, local businesses, public authorities and transport groups to work together towards the same goal of developing Dublin as a sustainable, healthy, leading EU city by 2050. This roadmap will be developed as part of the H2020 'TOMORROW' project, in which Dublin is 1 of 6 pilot EU cities to develop a 2050 transition roadmap for a more climate neutral and liveable city and county. Codema will roll out a public engagement campaign in 2021, and the roadmap will be developed by end 2022.

An Post have launched a "one-stop shop" for householders who are considering making home energy efficiency upgrades. The scheme includes a free home survey, administrative support through the application process, a green finance offer, and project management of the energy efficiency works. Visit: <https://www.anpost.com/Green-Hub/Home-Energy-Upgrade-Service>

Environmental Awareness

The Instruments Project is going strong and has linked with Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann in Clonsilla, 5 fiddles were donated to junior music students for classes this Autumn.

The 'Green Dog Walkers Scheme' which offers doggie bag dispensers to the public free of charge is gaining popularity following the Anti dog fouling

social media posts. Social media campaigns on litter awareness, beach cleanliness and the promotion the use of textile banks are ongoing.



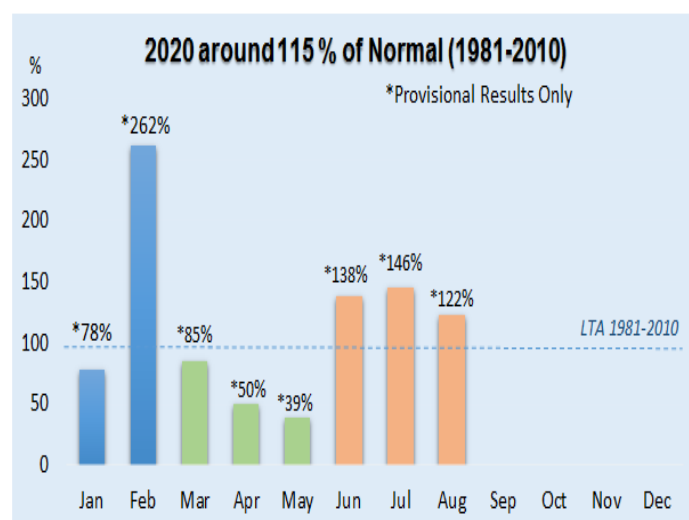
Bathing Water Quality

General

The bathing water season ended on 15th September. There were 9 rounds of scheduled sampling at the ten identified bathing waters and an “other monitored” water, Malahide (the minimum required under the Bathing Regulations is four). The results of sampling have been summarized in the table below. In general, quality was excellent/good throughout except for the period Late July/August. Prohibitions were issued on ten occasions, one for six of the seven ‘poor’ samples with a further three issued as a precaution due to foul pump station overflows and one for overflow associated with a mechanical failure of a pump. Separately, on three occasions a Prior warning was issued owing to the risk due to predicted rainfall – with only one of these testing as an additional ‘poor’ result – the other two were of ‘excellent’ quality.

	Individual Classification				
2020 Season	Excellent	Good	Sufficient	Poor	Total
Samples					
Scheduled	84	5	3	7	99
Unscheduled	22			1	23
Total	106	5	3	8	122

The ‘poor’ results from scheduled sampling were generally associated with heavy rainfall but the ultimate source could not be determined. In general, this bathing season had higher than average (LTA; long term average) results for rainfall (see table below from www.met.ie with August experiencing two storm events (Storm Ellen and Storm Francis). It is suspected that the pathway was diffuse overland urban/rural runoff in the majority of cases.



Total rainfall in millimetres for DUBLIN AIRPORT – up to 22nd September 2020

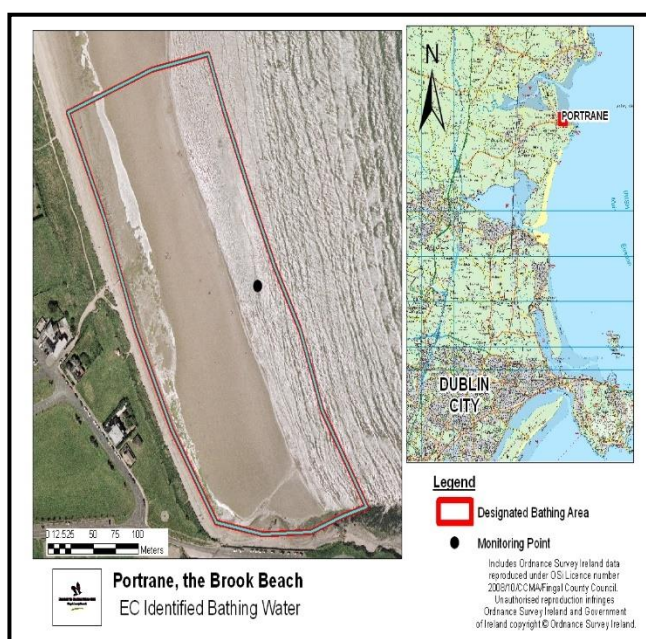
Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
2020	36.0	130.4	31.8	12.8	9.3	69.6	98.9	87.3	39.0				515.1
2019	26.8	30.5	92.5	74.6	33.4	82.9	41.0	91.9	104.6	77.2	173.0	57.7	886.1
2018	93.1	36.9	100.0	68.9	19.1	4.8	40.0	48.0	43.8	42.6	131.2	81.0	709.4
2017	21.9	41.6	67.2	10.0	43.5	86.4	42.2	73.2	82.3	47.8	81.5	63.1	660.7
mean	62.6	48.8	52.6	54.1	59.5	66.7	56.2	73.3	59.5	79.0	72.9	72.7	757.9

Portrane, The Brook, Beach

As well as the general management of all bathing waters a bathing water management plan is in place for Portrane Beach as this is at 'poor' status. The pressures identified as impacting on this bathing water are combined storm overflows, domestic waste water treatment systems, contaminated surface water systems due to privately misconnected drains, runoff from agricultural practices and animal fouling from dogs and horses. FCC have engaged UCD to undertake a study involving qPCR testing of water at various points adjacent to Portrane (to enable identification of microbial sources ie gull, ruminant, human etc) and also conducted separate inspections of surface water systems to identify sources of organic contamination. This study will reach its conclusion by the end of 2020.

A statistical determination of status will be undertaken by the EPA to include the results of the 2020 season and will be announced in early 2021.

The EPA website www.beaches.ie can be consulted for details of all identified bathing waters



Balleally Landfill/Rogerstown Park

Works are continuing to extend the current public access on Saturdays to a second level path thereby doubling the length of walkways. This is scheduled for Saturday 7th November but given uncertainty about COVID 19 restrictions this date will be kept under review.

Litter Management

Litter Wardens have commenced their Halloween business inspections in an effort to reduce the levels of material that may be collected by individuals and used in bonfires.

Waste Enforcement & Regulation

Ireland's National Waste Policy 2020 – 2025

On 4th September, 2020 Minister Ryan launched a new national waste policy for Ireland entitled "A Waste Action Plan for a Circular Economy". The new plan gives direction to waste planning and management in Ireland and provides a roadmap to transition to a circular economy for the years ahead. The main objectives of the plan are:

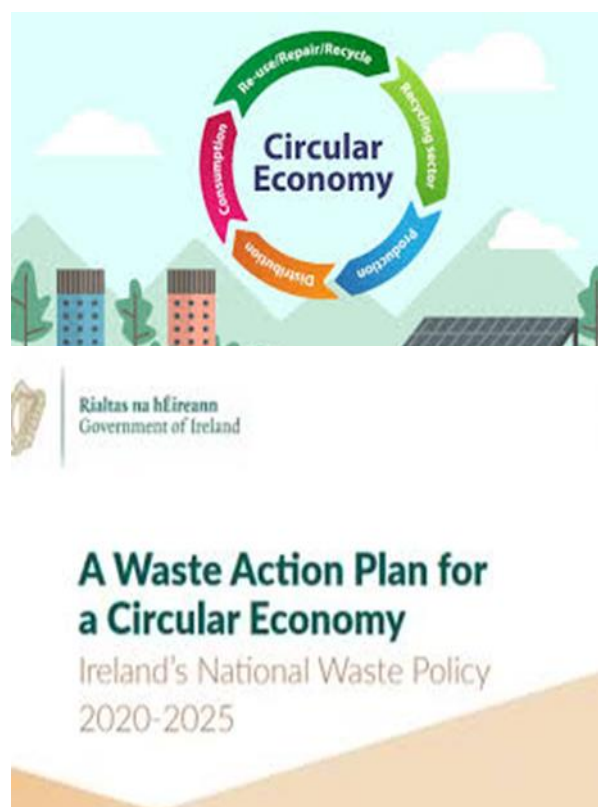
- To shift the focus away from waste disposal and treatment to ensure that materials and products remain in productive use for longer - thereby preventing waste and supporting re-use through a policy framework that discourages the wasting of resources and rewards circularity
- To make producers who manufacture and sell disposable goods for profit environmentally accountable for the products they place on the market
- To ensure that measures support sustainable economic models (for example

by supporting the use of recycled over virgin materials)

- To harness the reach and influence of all sectors including the voluntary sector, R&D, producers / manufacturers, regulatory bodies, civic society
- To support clear and robust institutional arrangements for the waste sector, including through a strengthened role for local authorities

The previous national waste policy, [A Resource Opportunity – Waste Management in Ireland](#), drove delivery on national targets under EU legislation, however, the Irish and international waste context has changed in the years since its launch back in 2012. The need to embed climate action in all strands of public policy aligns with the goals of the European Green Deal to make the EU's economy sustainable.

A transition to a circular economy offers the possibility of a sustainable alternative future and is a fundamental step towards achieving climate targets. At current rates of consumption we will need 3 planet earths to meet our resource needs by 2050. In 2016 Ireland produced 15 million tonnes of waste, equating to 3.2 tonnes for every man, woman and child in the State.



WATER SERVICES

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Water and Drainage Services continue to be provided as agreed in the Service Level Agreement with Irish Water.

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APPENDIX 1

REVENUE ACCOUNT INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION AT 30TH SEPTEMBER 2020

	EXPENDITURE			INCOME			NET	Notes
	Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent to date	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised	€	
Housing & Building	45,303,834	64,668,499	70%	47,911,003	67,692,700	71%	-2,607,168	
Road Transport & Safety	16,424,397	23,627,200	70%	4,686,175	6,609,400	71%	11,738,222	
Water Services	12,962,241	13,535,000	96%	13,054,029	17,109,500	76%	-91,788	
Development Management	26,255,472	15,538,700	169%	22,077,273	4,285,700	515%	4,178,199	1
Environmental Services	31,606,258	42,952,600	74%	5,091,046	6,679,000	76%	26,515,211	
Recreation & Amenity	24,137,972	34,225,501	71%	1,286,123	1,691,300	76%	22,851,849	
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	562,404	900,300	62%	187,808	210,100	89%	374,595	
Miscellaneous Services	69,552,569	29,041,500	239%	52,997,166	6,282,400	844%	16,555,403	2
Central Management Charge	32,253,957	45,480,800	71%	2,059,699	3,031,800	68%	30,194,258	
Local Property Tax / GPG				5,646,375	7,528,500	75%	-5,646,375	
Rates				111,637,275	148,849,700	75%	-111,637,275	
	259,059,104	269,970,099	96%	266,633,973	269,970,099	99%	-7,574,870	

Notes

(1) Increase due to the Restart Grant. (2) Increase due to the Rates Wavier.

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

		Balance at 01/01/2020 €	Expenditure YTD €	Income YTD €	Balance at 30/09/2020 €
A	Housing & Building	-36,816,097	75,405,972	-55,116,107	-16,526,232
B	Road Transport & Safety	23,162,527	24,746,098	-7,872,067	40,036,558
C	Water Services	-14,803,701	1,027,990	-1,233,151	-15,008,862
D	Development Management	-109,842,777	11,218,012	-10,392,057	-109,016,822
E	Environmental Services	-12,699,108	6,191,548	-5,203,327	-11,710,887
F	Recreation & Amenity	-1,575,613	9,269,419	-7,545,327	148,479
H	Miscellaneous Services	-43,171,040	3,086,629	-18,648,901	-58,733,312
	Total	-195,745,809	130,945,668	-106,010,937	-170,811,078

SUMMARY OF CORPORATE DEBTORS TO 30/09/20				
	Balance at 01/01/2020	Balance at 30/09/20	Current debt	> 1 Year
	€	€	€	€
RATES	4,906,810	16,552,680	14,890,975	1,661,705
LOANS	1,363,067	1,578,679	334,219	1,244,460
RENTS	5,100,489	6,328,490	3,375,602	2,952,888

Figures for rents and loans are unadjusted by credits/prepayments