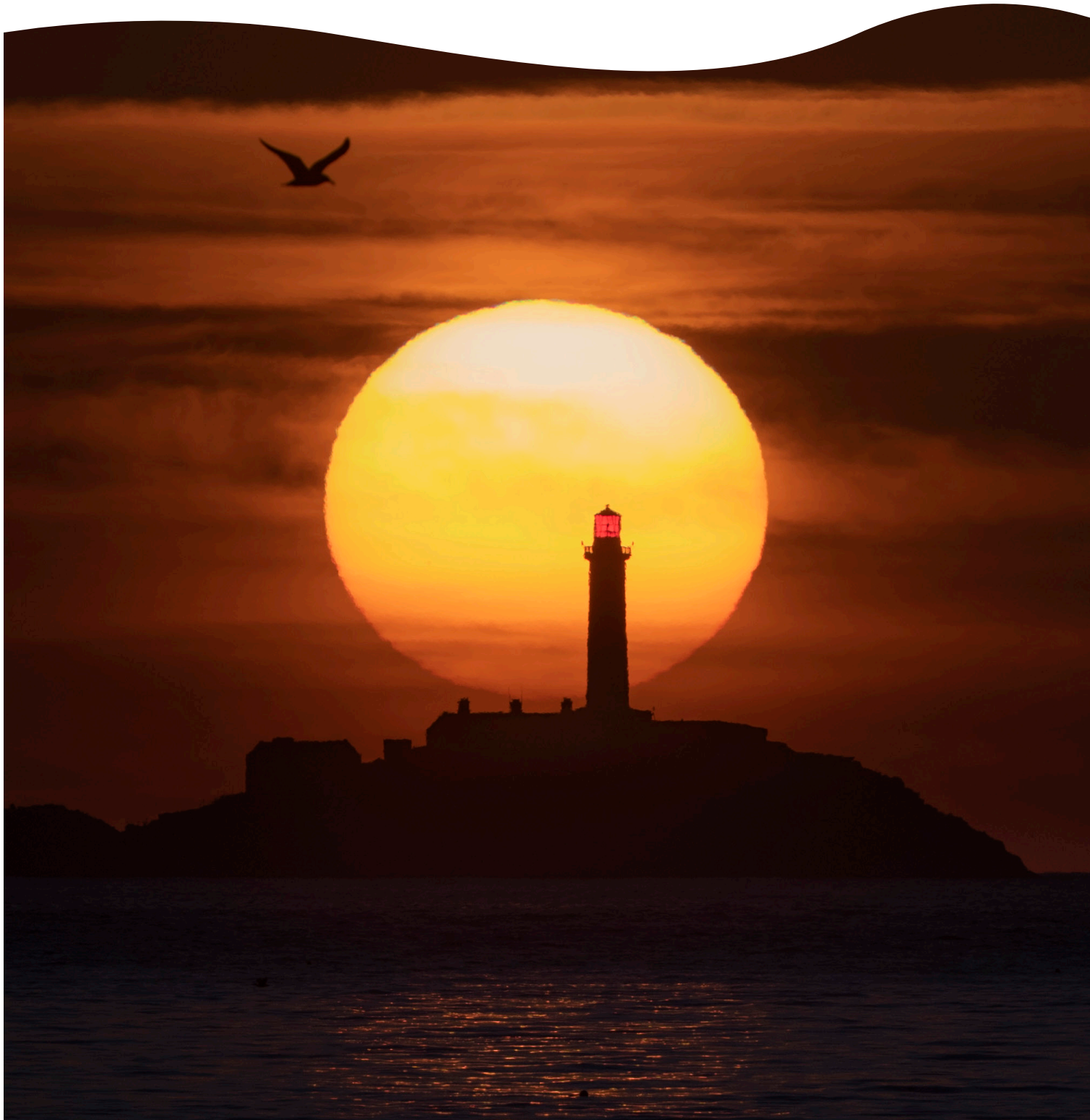


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September 2021

**Chief Executive's
Report on Activities**

Autumn Sunrise at Rockabill Island, Skerries, Co. Dublin
photographed by Ian Carruthers, Housing and Community Development



Message from AnnMarie Farrelly, Chief Executive, Fingal County Council

I hope everyone had the opportunity to enjoy a break over the Summer as we move into a very busy period of the year.

It was welcome news when the Government announced it had agreed Ireland's plan for the next and final phase of our response to the COVID-19 pandemic COVID-19: Reframing the Challenge, Continuing Our Recovery and Reconnecting.

Over the next number of weeks we will see the majority of restrictions lifted and replaced by guidance and advice to enable us to work together to protect ourselves and to live our lives to the fullest extent possible. We continuously review our business continuity plans to ensure we are providing services to the fullest extent possible.

I was so pleased in July when we were in a position to announce that the Swords Cultural Quarter had taken a major step forward with the appointment of the integrated design team which will be led by award-winning architects O'Donnell and Tuomey. I am confident the project will now proceed at pace with a Part 8 planning public consultation process to be initiated in May 2022. With its location in the civic heart of our County Town it will be a major new public and civic space and is such an exciting project.

I was delighted to be invited to the inaugural meeting of Fingal County Council's Women's Caucus which took place in July and I look forward to seeing what can be achieved by this group led by Councillor Power who was elected as Chairperson. The executive supports the aims of the Caucus to develop and advocate for policy and other initiatives that address issues affecting women and their families and to promote and support women's participation in politics, nationally and locally.

There has been good news regarding funding with Rush, Lusk, Donabate, Skerries and Oldtown set to benefit from €260,000 of funding which was awarded by the Department of Rural and Community Development under the new Town and Village Streetscape Enhancement Scheme 2021. This funding is greatly welcomed to help local communities in enhancing the attractiveness and vibrancy of our towns and villages.

We have also just secured €600,000 in Fáilte Ireland funding for the provision of a permanent Outdoor Dining facility in Howth under the Outdoor Dining Enhancement Scheme. I am delighted that our

application has been successful and I look forward to seeing this exciting project move forward over the next few months as it goes through the planning process and public consultation.

I will be participating in a Climate Action Panel Discussion with the Chief Executives of the four Dublin local authorities, taking place on Tuesday 14th September 2021 at 10am as part of Dublin's first Climate Action Week (DCAW21), taking place from Monday 13th to Sunday 19th September 2021. A range of online and in-person climate action events are now open for registration at www.dublinclimateactionweek.ie addressing the theme areas of Energy & Buildings, Transport, Flood Resilience, Nature Based Solutions, Resource Management and Citizen Engagement. The recent Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Climate Change 2021 Report, categorically underlines the need for urgent action on climate change by all sectors of society. It is most important to highlight Dublin's climate action progress to our citizens and demonstrate the leadership role of the four local authorities in conjunction with other partners.

Fingal Bike Week 2021 will begin this Sunday, 12th of September, and end on Saturday, 18th of September. The Environment, Climate Action and Active Travel Department have announced an exciting programme of events taking place across Fingal with something for all age groups and I would encourage as many people as possible to avail of this wonderful opportunity.

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I am looking forward to staff returning to the offices in larger numbers over the coming weeks and the opportunity to hold physical meetings once again.

AnnMarie Farrelly
Chief Executive

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SOCIAL MEDIA STATS

Celebrating 20,000 Twitter followers! Join us @fingalcoco for news, updates and events

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HALLOWEEN 2021 IS ON!

A spooktacular ticketed event is taking place at Swords Castle to celebrate all things scary this Halloween!

Check out Page 6...If you dare!



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DUBLIN CLIMATE ACTION WEEK

FINGAL BIKE WEEK 2021 - DAILY EVENTS

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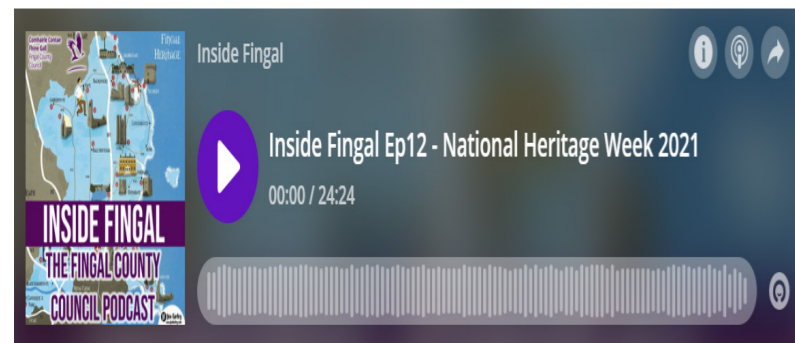


A major milestone was achieved in July when our Twitter account, @fingalcoco, reached 20,000 followers and, by the end of August, a further 200 had been added. Over 1million impressions have been achieved on Twitter in each of the last four months with 1.1m being recorded in July and 1.2m in August. Engagement rates were 1.2% for July and 1.0% for August.

The best performing tweet over the last two months was a post

welcoming the High Court decision to refuse an application for an injunction to reverse the pedestrianisation of New Street in Malahide. It had 205,965 impressions and 7,430 engagements and has become the most popular tweet ever posted by the Council.

The same post also performed well on Facebook, reaching 15,440 people and generating 335 engagements of which the vast majority were overwhelmingly positive.



Listen to the Inside Fingal Podcast Ep 12

To coincide with National Heritage Week, Episode 12 of the Inside Fingal podcast featured Heritage Officer Christine Baker who spoke about National Heritage Week, the role of the Heritage Officer and the importance of knowing about our Heritage and also gave an insight into some of the heritage projects that have been undertaken in Fingal.

The Inside Fingal podcast attracted 4,783 listeners to the end of August with 2,597 downloads and 2,186 internet listens. This is a 50% increase in listenership since June.

All podcasts in the series are available at www.fingal.ie/podcast.

Public Wi-Fi

Fingal's Public WiFi scheme will be launched at the start of September in each of the four WiFi4EU funding areas. 46 WiFi hotspots are now live in 17 locations with 1 further location to be added in the coming weeks -

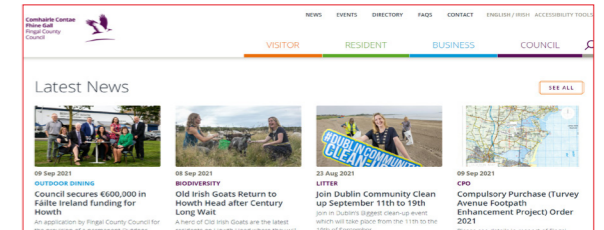
Location	Hotspots	Area
Skerries	5	A
Lusk	2	A
Rush	4	A
Garristown	1	A
Naul	2	A
Swords	7	B
Donabate	3	B
Portrane	1	B
Malahide	5	C
Howth	5	C
Portmarnock	1	C
Bianchardstown Village	3	D
Bianchardstown Civic Centre	2	D
St. Catherine's Park	2	D
Clonsilla	1	D
Castleknock	1	D
Mulhuddart	1	D

Fingal Website's Popularity

Our website, fingal.ie, attracted 103,800 visitors in July and 102,400 visitors in August with 301,300 page views in July and 292,100 in August.

Over the two months, the most popular pages were planning applications, jobs, recycling and libraries with our visitor page also performing strongly.

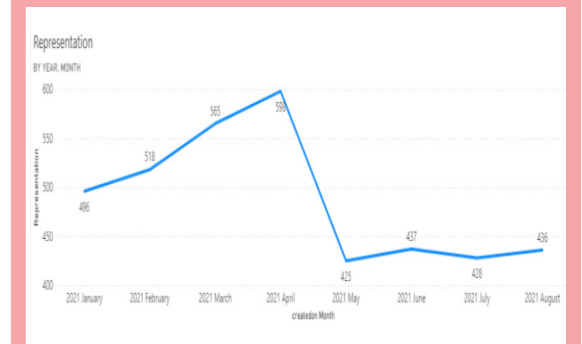
The website has attracted 804,600 visitors in the first eight months of 2021 with 2,335,500 page views.



Top Tweet of The Month!



Staff Process 864 Councillors Reps in July & August

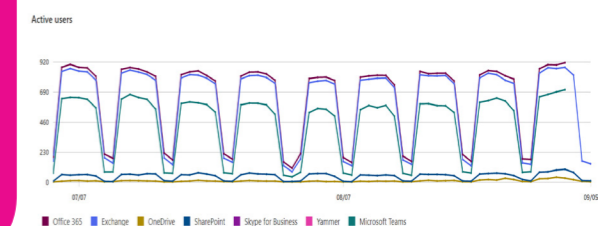


Staff continue to work on the Customer Relationship Management System (CRM) and issue responses to Councillors representations and complaints submitted by the public.

During the months of July and August, a total of 864 Councillor's Representations were received. Operations and Water Services Department has received 1,952 Councillors Representations this year to date followed by the Housing and Community Department with 1218.

Digital Working

In August, staff took part in 17,522 Teams meetings, 61,574 Calls took place, and 1,454,124 emails were received or sent by the Council.



Customers Calling!

For the month of August 2021, the Council's Customer Care Agents dealt with a total of:

- 15,438 telephone calls
- 737 emails

Spooktacular Events Planned



We are gearing up for Halloween! As well as 'Illuminate Fingal', A scary castle creepy crawl will also take place from 29th – 31st October at Swords Castle as part of the Halloween celebrations. This will be a ticketed event – further details to follow.

Fingal Festival of History 2021

This year's Festival will run from 25th of September to 2nd of October and will be entirely online. Talks will be pre-recorded at the chapel in Swords Castle. This year's festival focuses on the War of Independence in Ireland, with the theme of the Truce, Partition & The Treaty. Some of the subjects covered in the wide-ranging talks include the Coastguard at Malahide and Portmarnock, everyday life in Fingal in 1921, the truce in Fingal, the peace process of 1920-1921 and the impact of partition in Ireland. There will also be performances of music and songs relating to the period 1919 – 1921 in Ireland.



Music Generation Fingal for children & young people



Music Generation Fingal Fhine Gall

Following a robust application and interview process Fingal Arts Office and Dublin & Dun Laoghaire Education & Training Board are delighted to offer the position of Music Development Officer to the successful candidate.

DDLETB are addressing employment details and the candidate will work out the remainder of their contract with their current employer before transitioning to this new post in Fingal. A public announcement will take place in the coming weeks.



An Roinn Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail
Department of Rural and Community Development

LEADER Programme Updates

The Dublin Rural LEADER Local Action Group and the Fingal LEADER Programme continues to deliver funding and support to eligible projects in the administrative areas of Fingal, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown and South Dublin.

The updated 2021/22 Transitional Funding Arrangements for the LEADER Programme were recently announced with the Dublin Rural LEADER LAG approved for €1,882,175 to cover both projects funding and administration funding for the period April 2021 – December 2022. Of this amount, €1,411,631 is now available for LEADER Project Applications under the categories of Rural Enterprise, Social Inclusion and Rural Environment. Historically, Fingal Projects comprise of 65-70% of the total LEADER Projects Funding, roughly corresponding to Fingal's share of the Dublin Rural LEADER Geographical Area.

The LEADER Programme reverted on the 1st April to EU Transition Rules for the period 2021-22 with a new Dublin Rural LEADER Local Development Strategy to be put in

place for 2023. Under the Transitional Arrangements the Dublin Rural LEADER LAG and the LEADER Programme will continue to be funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development under the same eligibility and LEADER implementation rules as before. LEADER will continue to approve and fund new projects as normal.

The most recent meeting of the Dublin Rural LEADER Local Action Group (LAG) took place in August with 4 projects approved with a total value of €114,000.

Going forward there is currently over €3 million in the new LEADER projects pipeline of which over €1 million is for Rural Enterprise.

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.

Our Balbriggan 2019-2025

The Our Balbriggan Programme Office continues to support the Chair of the Leadership Group and its five pillars to progress work across a range of economic and social measures including: Growing the Local Economy, Public Realm & Infrastructure, Education, Skills & Employment, Community Integration, Health & Well Being and Community Safety.

The Safe Balbriggan Pillar met on July 15th and continues to progress the pillar actions of the work-plan, a further meeting of the Pillar Group is scheduled for September 20th. Paul Keogh Architects have been appointed as the Integrated Design Team (IDT) for the re-imagined Quay Street and Harbour Area with the 'Kick off meeting' held in Balbriggan, outdoors on July 9th. Stage 1 internal and external stakeholder consultations will take place in September to inform design process. Paul Hogarth & Company, appointed Masterplanners will play an advisory role in the development of the scheme.

Active Travel and Transportation Consultants, DBFL

Consulting Engineers, have been procured and appointed in September. An Active Travel and Transport Plan, which will consider the opportunities presented by the town's physical transformation and assist transitioning towards a more sustainable, low carbon modes of transportation. A Stage 1 Draft Public Realm Strategy was delivered by the Our Balbriggan 'Masterplanners' Paul Hogarth & Company in August. The strategy 'Make Space' is based on extensive group workshops and a public survey which took place in June (1012 separate responses). The draft will be subject to public engagement in Q4 2021 before the final publication of a Public Realm Strategy and Design Guide.

The Our Balbriggan Office continues to direct communications specific to activities, events and progress in the town. Key highlights from Jan – June this year include:

- 27 print articles
- 357,000 reached on Facebook
- 299,000 Twitter views
- 129,400 Instagram views
- 10 newsletter updates sent to the Our Balbriggan subscriber mailing list (2,897)



Green Flag for Rush!



The Green Flag, representing the Green Coast Award 2021, was raised on Rush South Beach on Tuesday 24th August by Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Seána Ó Rodaigh. The prestigious Award, representing environmental excellence was won by the Beach for the first time in 2021.

Street Furniture Licencing



In line with Government policy The Operations Department continue to work with our colleagues in Active Travel and Economic Development to ensure businesses have support and assistance to create safe outdoor dining areas. The Licencing Section is responsible for licencing street furniture for the Fingal Area and licencing is currently underway across the County with a total of 71 applications received to date, 53 Licences issued, and the admin team continue to process applications received. Information on Street Furniture Licencing is available on the Council's website at www.fingal.ie/council/service/street-furniture-licence

An important aspect of the Green Coast awards is Local Authorities working with the community and the Mayor was joined by Rush Tidy Towns, Rush Clean Coasts Group and Rush Tourism, along with Fingal County Council Director of Operations Mary T Daly and her team.

The Green Coast Award is a symbol of environmental excellence and has been established to acknowledge, promote and protect the environment of our beaches. The award is for beaches which have excellent water quality, but which are also prized for their natural, unspoilt environment. Sites must be managed in partnership with the local community to be considered for the Green Coast Award and in the case of Rush Fingal County Council has been working closely with Rush Tidy Towns, Rush Clean Coasts Group and Rush Tourism.

Rush South Beach is a long sandy beach stretching more than 2 kilometres along the coast with stunning views and and is backed by a well-established dune system.

Fingal Casual Trading Bye-Laws 2021

Following a detailed consultation process carried out by the Operations Department, The Draft Casual Trading Bye-Laws were presented to the Full Council on 12th July 2021 for approval by the Elected Members.

Fingal County Council Casual Trading Bye-Laws 1999 made by the Council on the 8th day of November 1999 were revoked and the Draft Casual Trading Bye-Laws 2021 were approved by the Elected Members in accordance with Section 199 of the Local Government Act 2001 and Section 6 of the Casual Trading Act, 1995. The Operations Department are pleased to announce we intend to advertise for expressions of interest for specific areas across the Fingal Area in the coming weeks and the Elected Members will be notified in advance.

Programme of Works 2021

A detailed update on the Programme of Works, approved by the Members at the Area Committee Meetings in February, will be provided at each Area Meeting in September. The following are examples of works completed in various areas across the County since the Programme was approved by Members.



Wildflower areas on St. Margaret's Road.



A new pedestrian footpath buildout, inclusive of barriers and extension of existing double yellow lines is complete on St. Mochtas Green. This will endorse safety for the footpath users and motorists alike, by improving sightlines to the pedestrian crossing.



New railings at Lusk Recreational Hub.



St Lawrence's Road retaining wall has been repaired and restored using a combination of existing stone and matching locally sourced stone. Over 50 meters of wall has, in sections, been rebuilt, repointed and had the capping restored.



Footpath repairs at Woodvale Estate Blanchardstown.

Public Conveniences in Fingal

Public toilets have recently been installed at Santry Demesne Car Park. The installation is almost complete, and it is expected that the toilets will be opened within the next two weeks.

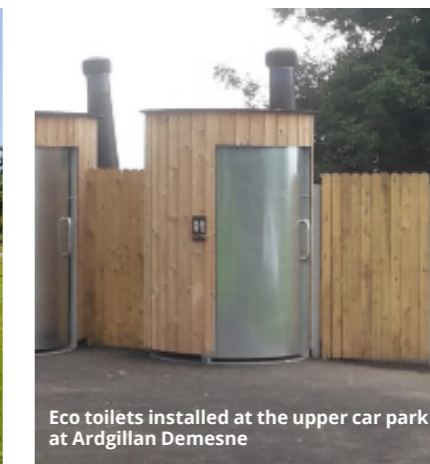
improvement contract commenced in Ardgillan Demesne during August. The units arrived on Wednesday 25th August and scheduled for completion by end of September 2021.

The commencement of the last phase of the 4-part contract for the refurbishment of the regional park toilet

New toilet facilities have been installed in several coastal locations and wheelchair accessible cubicles were installed where conditions allowed.



Public conveniences at Santry Demesne



Eco toilets installed at the upper car park at Ardgillan Demesne



Public conveniences at the Summit car park, Howth

Fingal Development Plan 2023 - 2029

The first round of consultation on the review of the current Fingal Development Plan and preparing the new Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 closed on 12th May.

During this 8-week consultation, an Information Booklet, summarising the seven themes contained in the Strategic Issues Paper, was distributed to households across Fingal. Four online consultation seminars and a number of prescribed bodies workshops took place. These were all well received and attended.

551 Submissions have been received. These have been summarised and responded too and this is included in the Chief Executive's Report which issued on 2nd July.

Meetings to discuss the CE Report have been taking place between 30th August and 10th September. This concludes the first stage of the Development Plan process. The Chief Executive's Draft Plan is currently being prepared and will be presented to the Members in early December.

Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029

It's good to plan ahead. It's better to talk first.

Let's talk Fingal.

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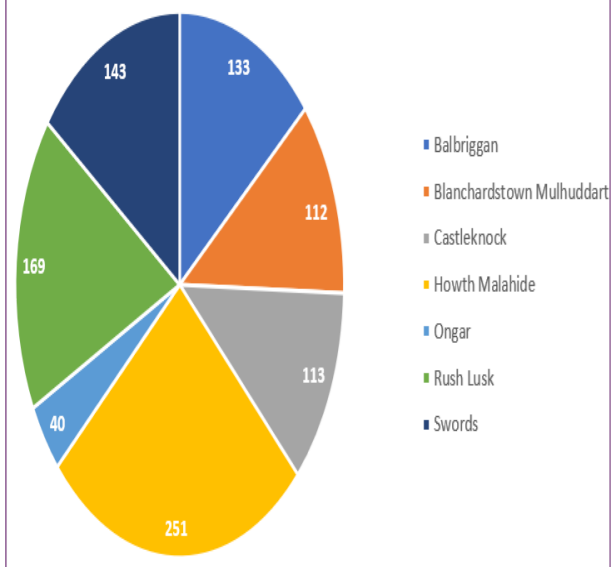
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Planning Applications And Decisions

Planning Application Received by Local Electoral Area - July 2021



There have been 961 planning applications received to the end of July 2021, 58 of these applications were invalid leaving a total of 903 valid applications. The volume of applications received by Local Electoral Area (LEA) is detailed in the table.

Up to end of July 2021, 6 Strategic Housing Development (SHD) applications were made to An Bord Pleanála (1 being for amendments) totalling 1,905 units. 5 decisions were made by the board up to end of July 2021. Of these, 2 were granted, 1 in February and 1 in March (470 units). 3 applications were Refused, 1 in March, 1 in June and 1 in July. There is a total of 4 SHD's (1,707 units) plus 1 for amendments currently in the formal application process.

A total of 970 planning decisions have been made to the end of June 2021. There have been 842 decisions to grant permission (87%) and 128 refusals of permission (13%). There have been 60 grants of permissions in respect of single house construction, 548 grants of permission for domestic extensions, 198 commercial/retail grants of permission and 17 grants of permission in respect of housing developments of which 10 relate to development of 2 - 20, 1 relates to development of 20 - 50, 4 relate to 50 -100 and 2 of which relate to development of 100+ housing units.



Director: Matthew McAleese Fingal Coastal Way

The non-statutory public consultation for the Fingal Coastal Way was well attended during April and May including significant feedback from virtual and site meetings, webinars and through the online surveys and submissions portal. The FCC Comms Team reported wide engagement on social media for the online content that was prepared to publicise the scheme. The Public Consultation Report will summarise the submissions and provide responses from the project team and it will be presented to the local area committee when finalised

and published online. The Stage 2 Route Options Assessment process is now also underway to determine the emerging preferred route, and this process is being informed by the recent consultation phase also.

This route will be published for further public consultation and progressed through preliminary design in advance of a planning application. The P&SI engineers have met a number of landowners over the summer also.

Snugborough Interchange Update

The construction of the interchange continues with the diversion of underground utilities to allow the footprint of the interchange be formed. This included a large diameter sewer and water mains. Some permanent retaining and boundary walls were also constructed on the eastern side of the interchange and temporary works in the vicinity of the Waterville roundabout. Significant heavy engineering works are likely to commence in the autumn which will require temporary traffic management through the scheme. Invites for a project update meeting have issued to Area Committee members for September. The project web site also contains information at <https://www.snugboroughinterchange.ie/> including footage of a recent drone flyover.

Wildflower Management of Howth Head



Hay making took place at Redrock over the weekend of 28/29 August and 770 small bales of hay were collected, of which 370 were sold to local horse owners, 100 are stored at the goat shed for future sale to the horse owners, 100 are for the goat project and the remaining 200 are going to Newbridge farm this year. It is hoped that it will be possible to sell all bales to local horse owners next year.

Your Swords, Your Say

The first consultation element of the Sustainable Swords project closed on 20th June 2021. 325 surveys were completed by members of the public and 10 by local businesses. This information will help inform the Sustainable Swords placemaking project which is focused on the regeneration and compact, sustainable development of the town. The second consultation phase will open to the public at the end of September with a webinar proposed for mid-October. This will present emerging themes and projects.



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Housing for All - a New Housing Plan for Ireland is the government's housing plan to 2030. It is a multi-annual, multi-billion euro plan which will improve Ireland's housing system and deliver more homes of all types for people with different housing needs.

The government's vision for the housing system over the longer term is to achieve a steady supply of housing in the right locations with economic, social and environmental sustainability built into the system. It is estimated that Ireland will need an average of 33,000 new homes to be provided each year from 2021 to 2030.

The policy has four pathways to achieving housing for all:

- Supporting home ownership and increasing affordability
- Eradicating homelessness, increasing social housing delivery and supporting social inclusion
- Increasing new housing supply
- Addressing vacancy and efficient use of existing stock

The pathways contain actions to be taken by government departments, local authorities, State agencies and others. The pathways are supported by actions to enable a sustainable housing system.

Details of the social and affordable targets to be delivered by Fingal under the Plan will be communicated to Members when available.

Rush Mural Wall Unveiled

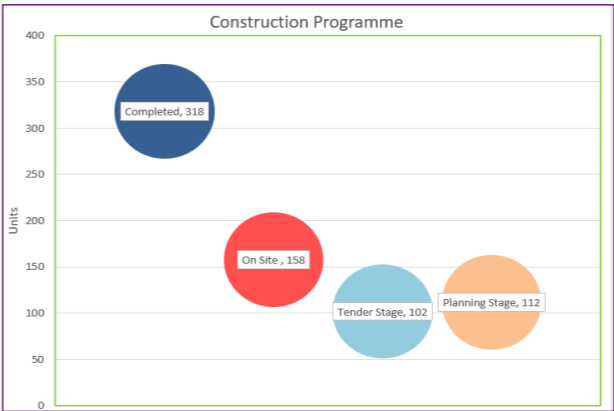
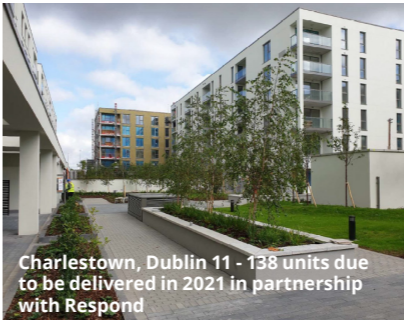


On 16th July, the fabulous Ros-Eó Mural Wall was unveiled by Mayor of Fingal Cllr Seána Ó Rodaigh in the Company of Chief Executive, AnnMarie Farrelly. This project was co-ordinated by The Rush Tidy Towns Committee and involved the hard work of over 100 volunteers from the Rush Community.

The 18 murals were painted by 31 local artists and volunteers that came from 29 local groups and residents ranging in age from 10 to 73. The murals are themed to represent aspects of Rush during the past, present and future, this is a legacy project which represents how a community came together to create a positive from Covid. The Mural unveiled represents "Caring", which took about 40 hours to complete and it epitomises what Rush community is all about. This project was support by Fingal Community Department and the Bio Diversity Officer.

Fingal's Construction Programme

The table below demonstrates the progress of 372 units including on site works at Church Road, Dublin 15 - Cluid Housing, College St. Baldoye - Cluid Housing, Wellview Cul de Sacs, Wellview, D15, and Cappagh, Dublin 11.



Construction Continues at Dun Emer, Lusk

The 317 completed applications received in relation to the 39 affordable homes available for purchase at Dun Emer have been assessed and prioritised in accordance with the Scheme of Priority for Affordable Dwelling Purchase Arrangements adopted by the Council.

Letters have now issued to the first 39 applicants offering the opportunity to purchase an affordable property in the scheme.

As there are only 39 affordable homes available for sale in the scheme, the remaining eligible applicants have been placed on a panel and may be offered a property in the future in the instance where an applicant with a higher position on the panel declines their offer. Letters have issued informing them of their place on the panel.

The construction of the 51 homes is underway on site alongside the upgrade works to the road infrastructure which is funded by the Serviced Sites Fund.

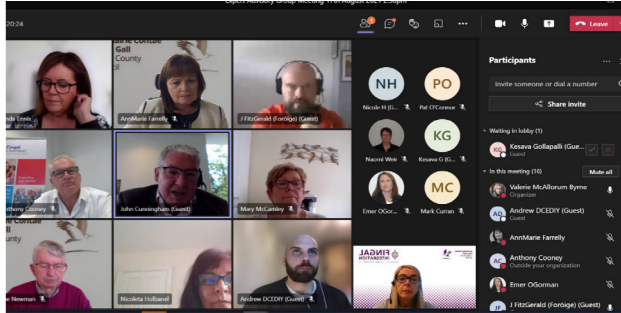


Fun at the Balbriggan Beach Activity Day!



The Balbriggan Beach Activity Day was organised by the Sports Office with the aim of highlighting the potential of the amenity, looking at the possibility of starting up more regular beach/water sports activities in the area and coinciding with the end of the bathing season.

The activities included beach cricket and football, orienteering, Kayaking and an open water swim. The event which took place on Aug 29th was well attended with approximately 400 people taking part in the activities across the entire afternoon.



Expert Advisory Group

The Expert Advisory Group was set up in 2018 to oversee the development of the Fingal Migrant Integration and Social Cohesion Strategy 2019 - 2024, 18 months after its development the group came together to evaluate Fingal's progress on the 17th of August.

Welcomed by our Chief Executive and Facilitated by independent Chairperson John Cunningham it began with presentations of the evaluation report and led into the delivery of the Action Plan 2021-2022 by our Integration Officer and the general feedback was very positive. Our Chief Executive summed up by saying "A lot of work has been done and we are hoping to do a lot more" reiterating Fingal County Councils commitment to the ongoing delivery of the strategy.

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Wheels in Motion for Bike Week



Active Travel are finalising our schedule of events and activities to be held during Bike Week 2021 at various locations across Fingal.

Events include, Family Group Cycles, Pedal for your Medal Challenge, Photo Competitions, Adult Cycle training, Glow in the Dark cycle, a flagship event in St. Catherine's Park and so much more.

Keep an eye on our social media platforms for regular updates on this year's Bike Week which promises to be our best yet!



STOP! Welcome Back

96 full time School Wardens returned to work this week as schools throughout the County reopened.

Interviews took place for the recruitment of new Temporary Reserve School Wardens on Friday 27th and Monday 30th of August. Of those interviewed, 8 have been placed on a panel and will receive training once the Garda vetting process is completed.

Progress on Protected Cycle Lanes



In July and August phase 2 of the Hartstown / Huntstown / Mountview Road kerb protected Cycle Lanes continued. These works include junction build outs which will provide a safer crossing location for pedestrians, roundabout modifications which will provide a safer path for cyclists through roundabouts and finally bus stop build outs which will allow cyclists to pass safely behind bus stops and remove the current conflict with buses.

The first works being carried out are the installation of new uncontrolled crossing points. These works have now progressed along much of the scheme and works are currently ongoing in the Cheerywood and Beechwood areas.

Dublin Climate Action Week

The Fingal Climate Change Action Plan 2019-2024 (CCAP) was launched in Sept 2019, and actions are ongoing.

The CCAP and the One Year Progress Report can be viewed at <https://www.fingal.ie/climate-change-action-plan-2019-2024>

The four Dublin Local Authorities, CARO & Codema are holding Dublin Climate Action Week from 13th September 2021. The overall vision of Dublin Climate Action Week 2021 is - 'to showcase Dublin's climate action progress to its citizens and demonstrate the leadership role of the four local authorities in conjunction with other partners'. A full schedule of webinar events and site visits are available to register at www.dublinclimateactionweek.ie. This website will also host resource material for citizens. One of the highlights of the Programme includes a Climate Action Panel Discussion with the Chief Executive's of the four Dublin local authorities, taking place online on Tuesday 14th September 2021 at 9am.

The latest issue of Fingal News, the 'Climate Action' edition, was launched at the end of August.

Going forward each edition will include tips as to how we can become more climate aware in our daily lives. This edition focuses on the topic of household 'Food Waste'. One tip on how you can reduce your own food waste is to store your bread in the freezer, keeping it fresh, and simply toast or defrost it when needed.

For the schedule of Fingal County Council Climate Action Week events, and more tips on food waste visit the link below:

https://issuu.com/fingalnews/docs/fingal_news_issue_20_aug_online_edition/s/13265398

13-19 September 2021



Cycling Without Age is here!

We are delighted to announce that our 3 Triobikes were delivered in July. Pilot training took place for 14 volunteers in St. Catherine's Park on 7th August. Volunteers have signed up from across the 3 Local Electoral Areas. Further training will take place in Skerries on 11th September and we continue to welcome any new volunteers who would like to sign up to this initiative.

By becoming a pilot with Cycling Without Age, you can make a difference in a rewarding community while meeting new people and even getting some free exercise. See <https://www.fingal.ie/cycling-without-age-fingal> for further details on how you can get involved and make a difference.



The Month in Numbers

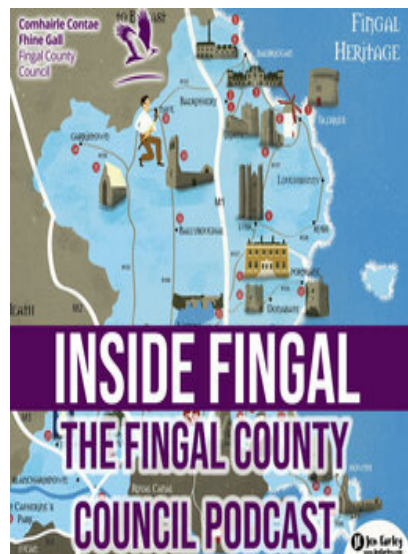
17,522

The number of Teams meetings that took place in July and August. 61,574 Calls took place, and 1,454,124 emails were received or sent by the Council.



4,783

The number of downloads and internet listens of the Inside Fingal podcast to end August. All podcasts in the series are available at www.fingal.ie/podcast



577

The number of new HAP (Housing Assistance Payment) tenancies set up by the Housing Department's HAP Team in 2021.

Since its inception in Fingal County Council in 2017, the HAP team has set up over 3,000 tenancies.

551

The number of submissions received following the first round of consultation on the review of the current Fingal Development Plan.



€1,109,000

The amount paid to 290 Fingal businesses under the Small Business Assistance scheme for Covid Grant scheme. This direct grant aid was given to micro and small businesses to assist with the cost of re-opening, keeping a business operational and re-connecting with employees and customers.

69

The number of hires put in place by the Council's Fleet Management and Plant Hire Unit from 1st August 2021- 31st August 2021, engaging 13 suppliers.

Hires include:

- Pipe Jetter with Recycler
- Crash cushion

50%

The percentage of the overall programmed lining works for the Cas-Mul (D11/D15) is complete as of the 26th August.

Knockmaroon Hill pictured below following its full relining.



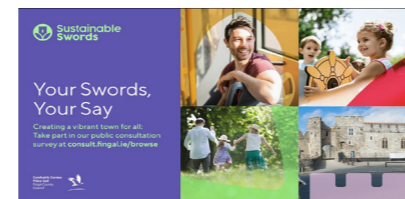
1,980

The number of blepper bike journeys started within existing Fingal operating zone in July, up from 1668 in June.



325

The number of submissions made by members of the public in respect of 'Sustainable Swords'. This information will help inform the Sustainable Swords placemaking project which is focused on the regeneration and compact, sustainable development of the town.



1,968

The number of planned litter patrols which have taken place across the Fingal administrative area. The Litter Warden service is now provided on a seven day basis. The focus will now move from areas of high tourist footfall and move to the urban centres and rural road networks in an effort to detect illegal dumping and littering.

A total of 367 litter fines have been issued to the end of August along with 318 warning notices.



20

The number of summer projects across the Fingal area which were made possible through the purchase of gazebos with funding from Fingal's Community Development Office.



Inaugural Meeting of the Women's Caucus



The Mayor of Fingal Cllr. Seána Ó Rodaigh and Chief Executive AnnMarie Farrelly pictured with some of the Council's female Councillors at the inaugural meeting of Fingal County Council's Women's Caucus which took place in Newbridge house on July 29, 2021. The Women's Caucus envisions the attainment of gender equality among elected members of Fingal County Council and for constituents.

A Round up from Fingal



Fingal County Council are delighted to announce a ground-breaking conservation grazing project, with Old Irish Goats, at Howth, in the Dublin Bay UNESCO Biosphere Reserve. The scheme, which will last for 3 years, is a partnership project between Fingal County Council and the Old Irish Goat Society with support from the Howth SAAO.

A group of 25 Old Irish Goats, originating from the national herd in Mulranny, Co Mayo, have arrived in their new home on Howth Head as the first phase of the project gets underway. The project will utilise traditional methods of management, a goat herder and sheepdogs. It will also trial, for the first time in Ireland, the Norwegian "No-fence" system which employs GPS tracking to define fenceless grazing areas.

Herder Melissa Jeuken is pictured with the goats at Howth Head.



Fingal Celebrates!

Fingal County Council was proud to stage Fingal Celebrates which took place in Newbridge House on September 4th and 5th and in St. Catherine's Park on September 11th and 12th. This fantastic, fun event supported local artists and the events industry while safely providing entertainment, music, kids workshops, circus performers and even exotic animal displays in six separate pods.

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To be a vibrant, outward looking,
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and opportunity

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