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January 2022 Chief Executive's Report on Activities

Supported by the Council's Community Office, the Bayside Standing Stones Project designed by artist Eoin Phelan was launched in Alden Park, Baldoyle by the Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Seána Ó Rodaigh in December to coincide with the Winter Solstice.



A Message from AnnMarie Farrelly, Chief Executive, Fingal County Council

I would like to wish you all a happy New Year as we begin 2022. Whilst we may face some challenges and uncertainty over the next number of weeks, we have demonstrated our ability throughout this pandemic to adapt and implement change successfully through hard work, innovation and collaboration. I would like us to approach this new year with positivity and together we will continue to deliver high quality services for the citizens we serve.

It is a busy start to the year as we navigate our way through this very important stage in the making of the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029. The Development Plan sets out the spatial framework to guide future development within the County with a focus on the places we live, the places we work, the places we visit and the places we do business and how we interact and move between these places while protecting our environment. A number of cross cutting themes are evident in the draft plan including climate action, healthy placemaking and sustainable development, social inclusion and high quality design. I look forward to your valued participation in the development plan meetings commencing later this month before we publish a draft plan on the 18th of February and invite submissions and observations from all interested persons/bodies.

We are all aware of the impacts absenteeism associated with confirmed cases of COVID-19 and close contacts is having at present across all sectors both public and private but I am confident that we have robust measures in place which will allow us continue providing essential services and progressing ambitious projects whilst safeguarding the health and safety of staff and the citizen. In supporting the Governments message staff have been advised to work from home unless their particular work requires attendance in the workplace. We continue to advance our digital workplace transformation programme which has greatly enhanced our capacity to continue with a business as usual approach in so far as possible.

I look forward to the continued support of the Elected Members and staff of Fingal County Council for the year ahead.

AnnMarie Farrelly
Chief Executive



LET'S PLAY! RUSH

Rush Urbact Local Group promotes fun events

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SNUGBOROUGH INTERCHANGE

Major upgrade works on N3 Snugborough interchange in Blanchardstown

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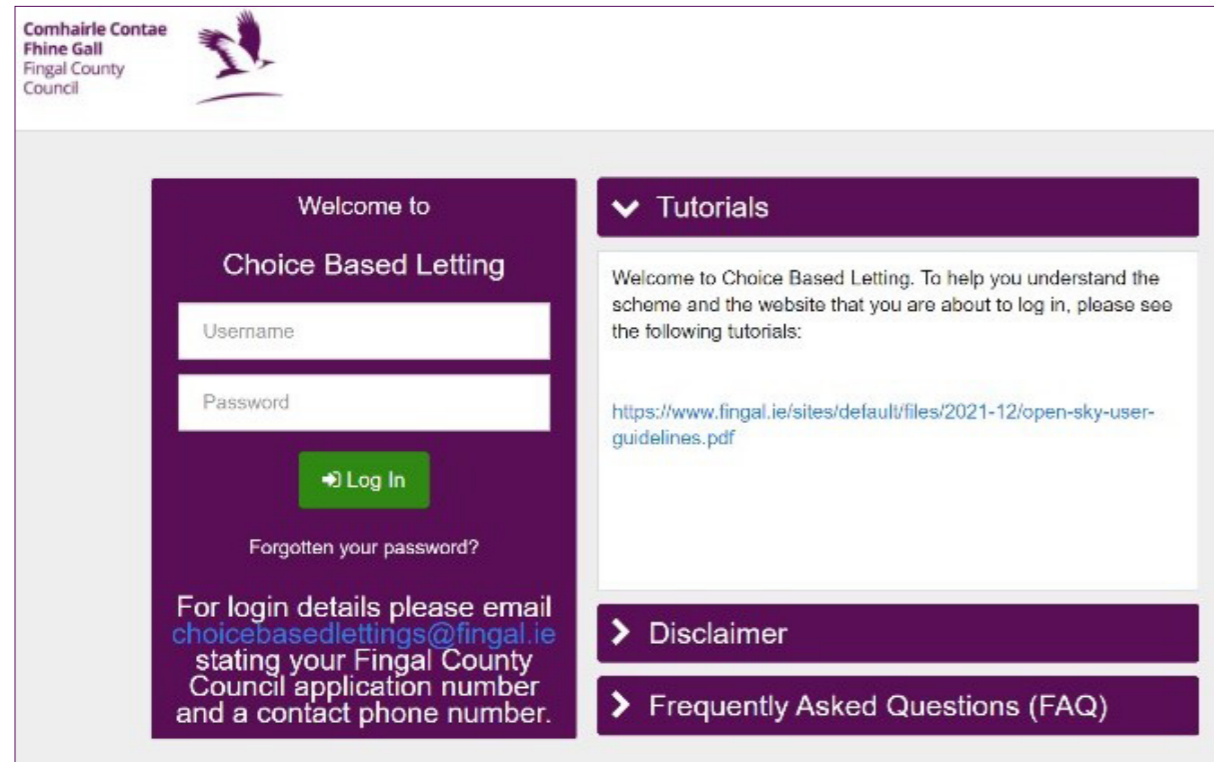


Operation Transformation Walk
Holywell Park, Swords
Sunday January 16th 2022
11am
ALL WELCOME





Choice Based Lettings Online Portal Now Live



The Council's new online portal for Choice Based Letting was implemented in December.

Housing applicants can access the system at <https://cbl.fingal.ie> using their unique username and password. To obtain their username and password, applicants should email choicebasedlettings@fingal.ie with their housing reference number and phone number.

Comms Campaigns and Events



During December the Communications Unit was involved in several campaigns and events including the staging of the European Cross County Championships in Abbottstown.

Members of the team also worked with the Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department on the official opening of the new Hole in the Wall Road extension; with the Building Facilities Department on the signing of the Energy Performance Contract; and with the Active Travel Unit on the visit by Councillors to view cycling infrastructure in Dun Laoghaire Rathdown.

The Unit was also involved in promoting the Shop Local and Light Up Your Bike campaigns as well as the Government's RSVP campaign. The Unit also assisted in promoting the Community Monuments Fund, Conservation Funding and Events and Festivals Funding. Left: Mayor Seána Ó Rodaigh at the European Cross Country Championships in Abbottstown

Our Top Tweet of The Month!

Top Tweet earned 22K impressions

Fingal County Council will be accepting Christmas Trees for recycling at the following Collection Points January 4th to 21st 2022. Please note that only Christmas trees will be accepted, other green waste, Christmas tree stands, etc. will not be accepted

fingal.ie/christmastrees...
pic.twitter.com/8hDC7K4znP

Hayestown Open Space, Rush
 Orlynn Park Entrance, Access from Dublin Road, Lusk

Swords/Donabate/Portrane
 Estuary Recycling Centre (normal opening hours only)
 Rathigle Playing fields car park
 Swords Manor pitches
 The Square, Donabate
 The Brook, Portrane
 Santry Demesne Car Park

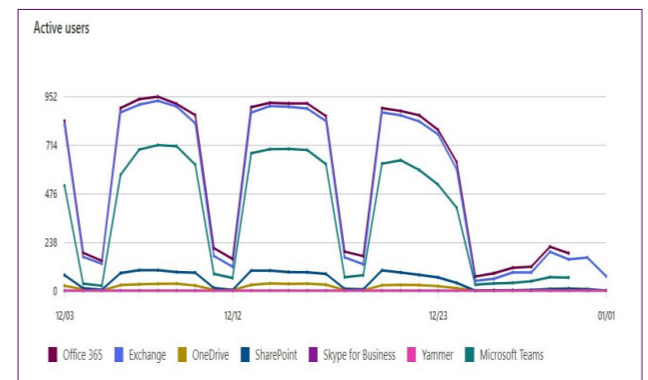
Malahide/Portmarnock/Baldoye/Howth
 Public Car Park, Back Road, Malahide Demesne
 Public Car Park, Strand Road, Portmarnock
 Kinsealy Court, Kinsealy
 The Banks Car Park, Malahide
 Courtyard Park, Baldoye

Our Twitter account, @fingalcoco, had 736,800 impressions during December and an average engagement rate of 1.2% for 341 tweets. The best performing tweet, with 22,000 impressions and 259 engagements was a notice about Christmas Tree Collection Points.

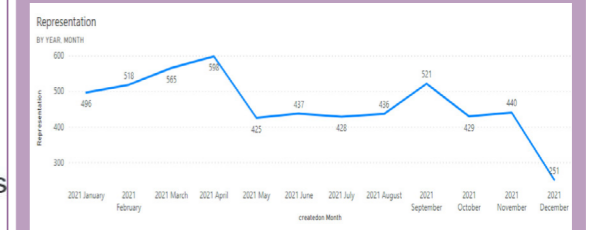
During 2021 the number of followers on Twitter grew by 8% to 20,678 and since 2016 there has been a 76% increase in the number following @fingalcoco.

Digital Working

In December staff took part in 7,719 Teams meetings, 24,821 calls took place, and 621,773 emails were received or sent by the Council.

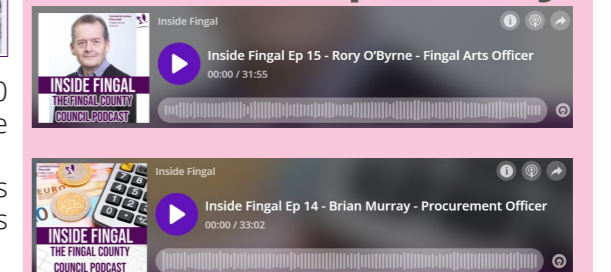


5,545 Councillors Reps Processed by Staff in 2021



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 month of December, 251 Councillor's Representations were received. Operations and Water Services Department has received 2,733 Councillors Representations this year to date followed by the Housing and Community Department with 1,778.

Podcast Popularity!



To date the Inside Fingal podcast series has had 6,061 downloads or internet listens.

All podcasts in the series are available at www.fingal.ie/podcast. There was a 5% increase in listeners in the month of December.

186,957 Calls in 2021

During 2021, our Customer Care Agents dealt with a total of 186,957 phone calls from the public and have a 85-90% resolution rate as the first point of contact for our customers. This means that the Agents can deal with queries without the need to transfer calls onwards, thereby providing a very high quality service to the public.

For the period 1st – 24th December 2021, our Customer Care Agents dealt with a total of 11,620 calls and 1,451 emails

Please note our offices are currently open to the public on an appointment only basis due to public health advice.



Call For Events in Fingal 2022

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Fingal County Council are calling for all event and festival organisers to let us know the details of your programme of events.

This information will be included in the Council’s overall promotion of events and festivals in Fingal. Please email events@fingal.ie

To keep up to date on Events in Fingal follow us on



The Events Unit are calling on all festival and event organisers to provide details of their planned events for 2022 for inclusion in Fingal’s annual Events Calendar 2022.

Community Activities Fund Details

Details of the new Community Activities Fund under the Community Enhancement Programme will be launched in early January 2022.

Fingal LCDC has been allocated €301,042 to distribute to qualifying community and voluntary groups. The Community Activities Fund will support groups, particularly in disadvantaged areas with running costs and small capital items and facilities improvements

This funding is about giving a helping hand to communities, local groups and clubs. This new fund is being administered by the Fingal LCDC and will be open for applications in January and into February 2022.



Fun with Families from Afar - Migrant Family Literacy Project Pilot

This project aimed to deliver high quality family literacy sessions to an identified group. A collaborative approach was taken between Fingal Libraries, Fingal Community Department and Integration Office and members of the DCU Write to Read research team including Stephen Brett and Ann Marie Roche. The Write to Read project is a longitudinal research project which aims to work with schools to create powerful literacy environments.

In tandem with the Community Department in Fingal, the Flemington area of Balbriggan was chosen as the location for the initial pilot project. Flemington is designated a high priority area under the actions identified in the Fingal Migrant Integration and Social Cohesion Strategy and scores highly on the deprivation scale.

Five families were chosen to take part in the pilot and this was based on the expertise of teachers in the local the Educate Together National School. The low numbers of participants were dictated by COVID-19.

Lessons on vocabulary, reading to your child and phonics took place over 5 weeks in the Aster Family Centre and at Balbriggan Library. All participants were given a tour and membership of Fingal Libraries. The participating children and their siblings were entertained each week with a variety of events including wellness, art and storytelling.

Each child received a book bag containing 6 books: What We’ll Build, Hugless Dougless, Owl Babies, Aliens Love Underpants, A Squash and a Squeeze and Wishing on a Shell.

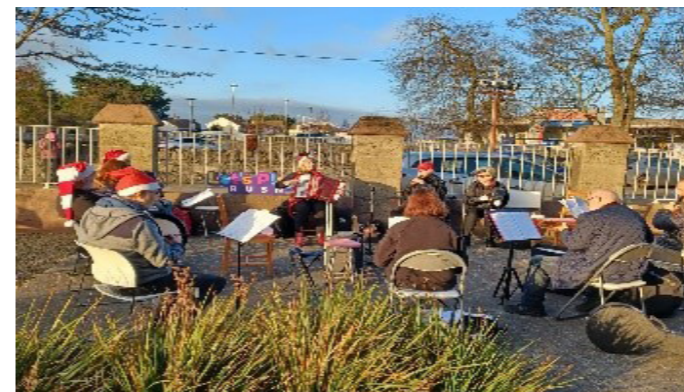
The project has now concluded the pilot. There is a substantial waiting list of families who wish to participate and the course will be run again in 2022

Urbact Playful Towns Event

The Rush Urbact Local Group (ULG) continued the Let’s Play Rush initiative which aims to increase the playfulness of the residents of the town running a series of events on the 18th December 2021.

With funding from the Local Live Performance Programming Scheme from the Department of Tourism, Rush ULG with the assistance of Local Councillors, Rush Community Council and Rush Tidy Towns organised the following events on the 18th December as part of the Let’s Play Rush Initiative:

- 2 Dance Classes with East Coast Academy and Craic agus Ceol with Rinceoil at Rush Library
- 2 Drumming Workshops with Ma Samba, 2 Magic Shows with SillyBilys and Inflatable Penalty Shootouts at Kenure Woods
- Outdoor Carol Singing by Rush Musical Society at Rush Community Centre
- Bingo for Senior Citizens at Rush Community Centre
- Christmas Jumper Selfie Competition
- Balloon-modelling and Buskers at various locations in Rush



Eight Fingal Companies Exhibiting at Showcase Ireland 2022

Showcase Ireland 2022 has been postponed until the 27th of February - 2nd of March 2022, five weeks later than the dates initially planned as a safety precaution due to Covid 19.

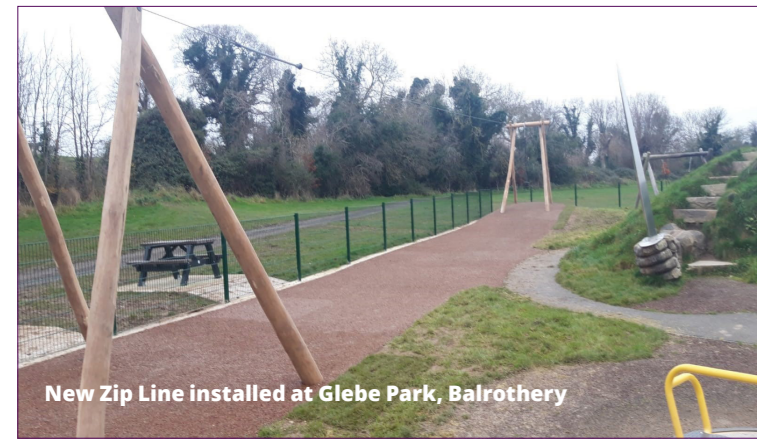
The event, which is due to be hosted at the RDS, Dublin will feature eight clients from Fingal who will exhibit their products and creations. The eight Fingal companies that will be attending Showcase 2022 are:

- Pamela and Suzanne Hughes - Love the Mug,
- Gillian Halpin - Jane Darcy,
- Aisling Howley - Little Paper Mill,
- Lorna Venton - Berry Be Beauty,
- Sarah Rossney - Sarah Rossney Art,
- Julie Peelo - Julie Peelo Accessories,
- Sandra Hickey - Milkbat,
- Yvonne Kelly - Yvonne Kelly Art.





Programme of Works Delivery



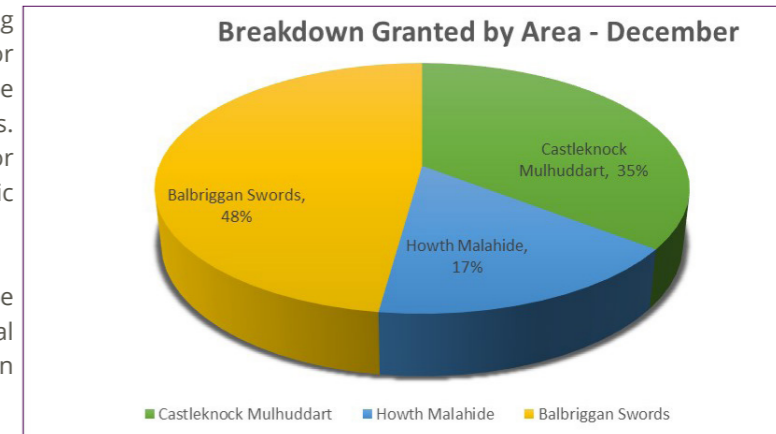
The delivery of the 2021 Programme of Works continued into Q4, 2021.

The following are examples of works completed in various areas across the County since the Programme was approved by Members.

Road Opening Licence Info

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

Road Opening licences are a cross functional process for the department and is essential for the asset management of Fingal County Council Road network. 138 licences were granted in December 2021 as of 20/12/2021.



Water Services Works Summary

Water production and distribution, wastewater collection, treatment & disposal continue to be provided as agreed in the Service Level Agreement with Irish Water. The Council continue to have responsibility for the Storm Water Network.

Storm Water (surface water) Network – Operations

Operation and maintenance of the stormwater network is ongoing, in line with Covid-19 restrictions.

Works summary:

- Phase 1 (Advance works) to install a section of new stormwater (surface water) network in Ballyboughal is completed, in conjunction with FCC's Housing Department. Phase 2 will comprise of the installation of 35m of 450mm diameter pipe. These works are currently on hold pending the agreement of wayleaves. Agreement has been reached with one landowner negotiations are ongoing with the adjoining landowner.

- The Storm water manhole cover and frame replacement programme for replacing assets at the end of life is ongoing – Covers and frames were replaced at various locations in Ballyboughal, Swords, and Lusk areas.

- Works to Jet, drag and to carry out a CCTV survey along the Old Bawn and The Bawn in Malahide on the Storm water networks have been completed. A tender is being completed for a detailed design for an upgrade to the Storm water network within and around The Bawn and the Old Bawn. It is hoped that construction works on this new network will take place in 2022. When all these factors taken in to account the view is that the likelihood of flooding events in the future will be greatly reduced.

- CCTV surveys are complete in the St Benedict's estate in Malahide and La Verna in Baldoyle to ascertain the location of misconconnections to the Stormwater network from the foul system.

- Other maintenance and minor works programmes are ongoing. Works to CCTV, drag and clean the Storm Water network in Inbhir Ide, Texas Lane and Yellow Walls road in Malahide are nearing completion. FCC are awaiting the removal of a gas service by Gas Networks once removed this programme will be complete. Works were carried out to clean a Stormwater ditch that Inbhir Ide drains to, to help alleviate and future flooding events.

- Works are ongoing at No: 18 Dublin Rd, Bayside to fit a Tideflex flap on an overflow culvert to resolve a rodent issue and stop material being washed up the from the coast. Patch work is complete, and a screen is to be installed before the end of December. This area is Tidal leading to longer than expected duration for completion.

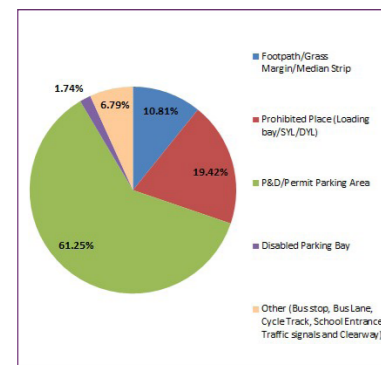
- Quotes have been received from contractors to jet, drag and CCTV survey the Stormwater network in Chalfont, Malahide to assist road operations with the alleviation of ongoing road flooding. A tender will be posted for responses with works commencing in early January 2022.

Irish Water – Towards a National Publicly-Owned, Regulated, Water Services Utility

The Government's Policy Paper on Water Sector Transformation, entitled Irish Water – Towards a National, Publicly-Owned, Regulated, Water Services Utility was published on Tuesday 23rd February 2021. The paper and accompanying press release are available at www.gov.ie/housing. All new publications appear on the homepage under the Publications heading.

The paper sets out the Government's approach to water sector transformation including addressing Irish Water as the Single Public Utility. The Council will continue to work to implement Government policy in regard to water.

Car Parking Services in Fingal



Breakdown of Parking Offences	Total	Percentage
Footpath/Grass Margin/Median Strip	137	10.81%
Prohibited Place (Loading bay/SYL/DYL)	246	19.42%
P&D/Permit Parking Area	776	61.25%
Disabled Parking Bay	22	1.74%
Other (Bus stop, Bus Lane, Cycle Track, School Entrance, School Entrance, Traffic signals and Clearway)	86	6.79%
Total	1267	100%



There was a total of 1,267 parking tickets issued during November 2021. The graphics above show the breakdown of parking offences and the locations where tickets were issued across Fingal.



Sustainable Swords Project on Track

Sustainable Swords

Your Swords, Your Say

Creating a vibrant town for all: Take part in our public consultation survey at consult.fingal.ie/browse

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Work continues on the Sustainable Swords project. The ambition of Sustainable Swords is to create a multi-faceted approach to the planning, design and management of the town, in order to achieve better quality places as the physical setting for life in Swords. Sustainable Swords plans to consolidate and strengthen the historic town centre of Swords. The project will also set specific objectives for the town centre with the goal of increasing the resilience of the local economy and fostering an enhanced, accessible,

inclusive, child friendly and healthy urban environment. A second stage of consultation took place in October 2021. This follows the 'Your Swords, Your Say' survey which was carried out in May and the briefing session with Elected Members in July.

The submissions and comments received are being considered, with the draft Strategy expected to issue early next year.

Church fields Link Road and Cycle Network Update

A Letter of Acceptance has issued to Fox Building and Engineering Ltd. to enter into contract for the main works for this project, with site operations programmed to commence in early 2022.

This work will underpin the ongoing development of the Church Fields residential and parkland development and provide significantly improved accessibility to the adjacent school's campus from the wider area. The works are being funded by the National Transport Authority and the Dept of Housing, Local Government and Heritage and will be managed by project engineers from the Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department.

Fingal Vacant Site Register

There are currently 11 sites on the Vacant Sites Register (VSR).

These include 3 residential sites and 8 regeneration sites.

You can view the details on <https://www.fingal.ie/council/service/vacant-sites-register>



Update on Snugborough Interchange Upgrade

Major bridge construction works were undertaken in December where an arched underpass was installed over the course of two days. Piling works for bridge abutments has been completed this month and retaining walls on adjacent roads are currently being built. Piling works for the central pier will be concluded in January with significant traffic management to be put in place on the N3 from January onwards to facilitate these works.

Taking in Charge Details

- Rahillion Phase 1 in Donabate and Hampton Green in Balbriggan were Taken in Charge in December 2021. Weavers Wood Clonsilla, foul sewer & watermains in St. Marys, Baldoyle, and a hammerhead extension at Old Golf Links, Malahide are due to be Taken in Charge in January 2022.

- We have 46 Developments with formal TIC requests and a further 306 developments on our system, of which 62 are likely to remain private.

- Phase 1 TIC works on the following estates - Chieftain's Way, Martello, New Haven Bay are currently underway.

- Phase 2 TIC works - Drynam are under construction now. There are also works almost complete in Thornleigh Swords by a completion contractor on behalf of the bondsman.

- The contract documents for engagement of Consulting Engineers to manage the Ongar remediation works necessary to bring the estates in Ongar up to Taking in Charge standard were published on the 10th December 2021 on Etenders. ie with a closing date of the 7th January 2022.

- There are currently 33 developers set up on our External Taking in Charge Sharepoint Site to upload Taking in Charge documentation.

- A yearly review of the Taking in Charge Policy and Specifications is underway and meetings between Building Control and other Sections responsible for producing the Policy and Specifications have been carried out with the intention to release an update to the Policy and specifications in January 2022.



Public Consultation on Churchfields, D15

The Council commenced the public consultation planning process on 9th December for proposed construction of 300 dwellings, 1 no. crèche facility, 1 no. communal facility, 2 no. retail units, Eastern Linear Park and all associated site development works on a 9.47 ha site at Church Fields, Mulhuddart, Dublin 15. Closing date for submissions is 31st January 2022. Plans are available for viewing online at <http://consult.fingal.ie>

Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan now Replaced by LAHL

The Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan (RIHL) ceases to operate on the 4th January 2022. As a result of the reforms in Housing For All, the loan product will be replaced with the new Local Authority Home Loan (LAHL).

The loan continues the interest rate discounts applied to RIHL in September, but there are two significant differences in the new loan;

1. In urban local authorities, which includes Fingal, the single applicant income maximum is raised to 65,000 per annum.
2. The "fresh start" principle applies to applicants who are separated, divorced or have exited insolvency/bankruptcy, in regards to the definition of first time buyer status. These applicants must still prove no continued liability or interest in a previously owned property.

Completed RIHL applications received prior to 4th January will continue to be processed under RIHL regulations. Thereafter RIHL will be discontinued, and applicants can apply for the new loan. The current position in relation to the RIHL is as follows:

Current Loan Book Value	€143,278,000
Loans Drawn Down under RIHL	292
Value of RIHL lending	€62,880,800

Mortgage holders experiencing difficulties making repayments should contact the Council immediately on loans@fingal.ie and the Council will endeavour to find an individual solution with each borrower.

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The Sports Office is supporting the delivery of an operation transformation walk on January 16th. The event this year will see Katie Jones, a leader from Swords take part with the Sports Office supporting her on her journey.

The 5km walk will take place in Holywell park at 11am and is open to all.

To register or for more information check out the Fingal Sports Office @FingalSports on social media.

Fingal Community and Sports Hubs

Tyrrelstown Community Centre and Mountview Community Youth & Sports Centre have been identified to join Flemington Community Centre as dedicated Community Development and Sports Hubs. Work is ongoing in setting up the spaces which will have consistent branding to identify them as Fingal community hubs. The hubs will be in operation as restrictions allow in the new year.

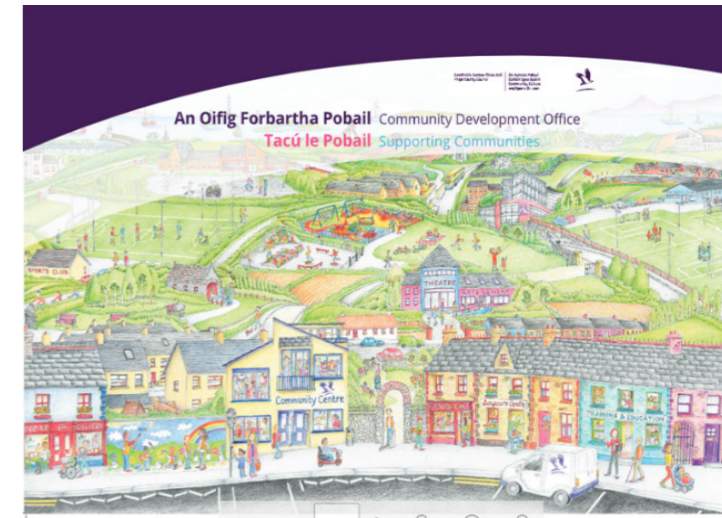
- New, re-emerging and established community & voluntary groups
- Not for profit NGOs
- Community Services Specific Initiatives
- Overflow from community centre

Hub purpose:

- Foster stronger connections between the council and the community
- Support communities and group development
- Developing synergies that will aim to build relations between the community centre and key stakeholder agencies working in the area
- Provide access to equipment or connections for individuals and groups in the community

Potential Hub users:

- Fingal County Council Community Development Officers and Sports Officers
- Other Fingal County Council Department Staff



Launch of Fingal Integration Forum



The Fingal Integration Forum had their launch on Saturday the 11 December 2021 in Mulhuddart Community Centre.

Mayor of Fingal Cllr Seána Ó Rodaigh, Chief Executive AnnMarie Farrelly, Minister Roderic O’Gorman and Minister Jack Chambers attended the launch which outlined the aims of the Forum;

To work towards integration across the county of Fingal.



Construction Continues on Affordable Homes at Dun Emer, Lusk



Construction of the 39 affordable and 12 social homes continues at Dun Emer in Lusk alongside the upgrade works to the road infrastructure which is funded by the Affordable Housing Fund (formerly the SSF)





Government Road Safety Strategy – First Step towards ‘Vision Zero’



Minister of State in the Department of Transport, Hildegard Naughton officially launched Ireland's fifth Road Safety Strategy 2021 – 2030 on Tuesday 14th December and can be reviewed at <https://www.rsa.ie/about/safety-strategy-2021-2030>

backed by a projected €3.8bn investment and includes 50 high-impact actions and 136 support actions.

The strategy is the first step in achieving the 2020 Programme for Government commitment of bringing Ireland to 'Vision Zero'. This is to eliminate all road deaths and serious injuries on Irish roads by the year 2050. The Road Safety Strategy 2021-2030 builds on the progress made during the last road safety strategy which saw Ireland achieve the lowest number of annual road deaths since records began and the second lowest rate of road deaths in the EU in 2019.

The primary aim of the government's new road safety strategy is to reduce the number of deaths and serious injuries on Irish roads by 50% over the next 10 years. This means reducing deaths on Ireland's roads annually from 144 to 72 or lower and reducing serious injuries from 1,259 to 630 or lower by 2030.

The Road Safety Strategy 2021-2030 will be delivered in three phases. Phase 1 which runs from 2021 to 2024 is

We will commence the preparation of Fingal's Road Safety Strategy early in the New Year.

eCargo Bike Launch in Malahide

The Active Travel section launched our eCargo Bike Pilot Initiative on Thursday 2nd December in Malahide. Active Travel have purchased a total of 4 bikes as part of this pilot. Two bikes were delivered to The Village Garden Centre in Malahide and Altitude Coffee in Donabate.

The bikes have been branded for each business with their own logos. A further two bikes will be delivered to local businesses in the coming weeks.

This project extends the reach of Active Travel to the business community for the first time and we are delighted to be working with local businesses to encourage sustainable modes of transport.

The Active Travel section will monitor and review this pilot over the 12month period to determine its success to include reports on level of usage, frequency of deliveries, cost savings to the business and environmental benefits.



ELV Operation Yields 145 Vehicles



A major End of Life Vehicle (ELV) operation was completed during December by Fingal County Council's Waste Enforcement Unit. A total of 80 end of life vehicles and 65 commercial trucks/trailers were removed from a site at Barn Lodge, Finglas, Dublin 11 and brought to authorised treatment facilities for recovery and disposal. The vehicles which were abandoned were being illegally dismantled causing environmental pollution. Burning of waste was also taking place on site. A total of 120 tonnes of waste was removed as part of the operation and brought to a licensed waste facility for disposal. Once cleared the site was secured using security fencing and earth berms to prevent re-entry. A combination of waste enforcement inspections, drone surveys and Garda patrols will be utilised to prevent further illegal activity at the site.

and disposed of properly. Fingal's Waste Enforcement Unit continue to focus efforts on illegal ELV yards with 60 sites cleared and closed down within the past 2 years as part of an ongoing ELV Project.

A multi-agency approach was used involving An Garda Síochána, Customs, Social Protection, the Roads Safety Authority, the Waste Enforcement Regional Leads Authority (WERLA), the National Transfrontier Shipment Office (NTFSO), Fingal Waste Enforcement officers and vehicle assessors.

For vehicles found illegally dumped a fixed payment notice is issued to the registered owner or upon summary conviction in the district court a fine of up to €5,000 can apply. It's the owner's legal responsibility to bring their scrap car to an authorised treatment facility (ATF) who can safely dispose of the vehicle and issue a certificate of destruction (CoD). ATF's are permitted facilities authorised to treat and recover end of life vehicles (scrap cars and vans). They have the necessary infrastructure for handling ELV's so that they're dismantled in an environmentally friendly manner with hazardous materials removed.

Owners of old cars can deposit these Free-of-Charge at an ATF with two located within Fingal:

1. Gannon's City Recovery & Recycling Services Ltd. Web: www.gannonscityrecovery.ie
2. Industrial, Agri & Engineering Salvage Ltd. (IAES). Web: www.scrapmycar.ie

Tackling unauthorised End of Life Vehicle (ELV) sites is a National Waste Enforcement Priority for 2021. Unauthorised storage and dismantling of ELV's poses a significant risk to the environment. ELV's contain a range of hazardous materials such as lead acid batteries, catalytic converters and fluids including lubricating oil, coolant, brake fluid which can have a significant impact on the environment if not depolluted

Further information on End of Life Vehicles is available at ELVES: <https://www.elves.ie/How-to-Recycle> or by contacting Fingal County Council - Environment Section Tel: 01 8905000, Email: environment@fingal.ie.

New Bicycle Parking Installed In Dublin 15



Coolmine Recycling Centre



Cargo Bike Space Castleknock Community Centre



Tyrellstown Playground



Carpenterstown Playground & Tennis Court

The Month in Numbers

186,957

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The number of new Reserve School Wardens who received their operational training in Parslickstown House on Wednesday, 1st of December. Following this day long training course, the new reserves completed 2 days "buddy-up" training with some of our experienced full time school wardens.



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The number of hires put in place by the Council's Fleet Management and Plant Hire Unit during the month of December engaging 24 suppliers. Hires included a woodchipper for Fancourt Depot, Balbriggan

€5,000

The funding available under the Artists' Support Scheme which allows professional artists to avail of a grant towards travel/professional development opportunities, a residency, or towards the development of work.



€440,000

The Outdoor Dining Scheme funded by Fáilte Ireland with the purpose of assisting the hospitality and tourism sector to increase their outdoor dining capacity closed on the 30th September 2021.

The Economic, Enterprise, Tourism & Cultural Department issued in excess of €440,000 in funding to 145 applicants in 2021.



€42,000

Funding of over €42,000 was approved under the Our Balbriggan Placemaking Fund.

20 applications were received, and 16 projects received funding.

This year an emphasis was placed on creativity with projects receiving funding including initiatives to support opportunities for social connection, new activities in public places, to strengthen the community through learning new skills and creating opportunities for healthier lifestyles.



417

The number of street lighting LED Upgrade works carried out in the following locations:

- Dun Emer, Lusk
- Portmarnock
- Dublin Road, Lusk
- Malahide Road (part two)
- Malahide Road
- 132 Fingallians roundabout

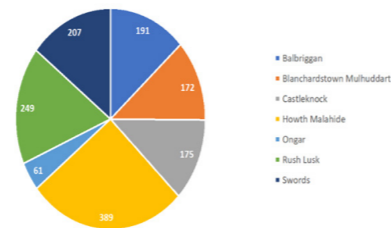
1,444

There have been 1,444 planning applications received to the end of November 2021, 90 of these applications were invalid leaving a total of 1,354 valid applications. The volume of applications received by Local Electoral Area (LEA) is detailed in the table below.

Up to end of November 2021, 9 Strategic Housing Development (SHD) applications were made to An Bord Pleanála, plus 1 for amendments totalling 5,119 units. 10 decisions were made by the board up to end of November 2021. Of these, 7 were granted, 1 in February, 1 in March, 3 in September and 1 in November (3,325 units). 1 was one granted in July for amendments. 3 applications were Refused, 1 in March, 1 in June and 1 in July.

There is a total of 3 SHD's (1,655 units) currently in the formal application process.

Planning Application Received by Local Electoral Area - November 2021



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The number of applications received under the Events and Festivals Funding scheme in 2021. The events unit were able to assist with 35 events/ festivals that could not go ahead physically or had a significantly reduced capacity. We enabled some to migrate to the blended, hybrid or virtual models while others could proceed under government guidelines that existed at that time. These event organisers were also encouraged to use the units Covid Officer Role guidance that was developed for that purpose.



Hole in the Wall Road extension in Fingal was officially opened on December 10, 2021 by the Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Seána Ó Rodaigh, the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage Darragh O'Brien, TD, and the Lord Mayor of Dublin Alison Gilliland.

A Round Up from Fingal



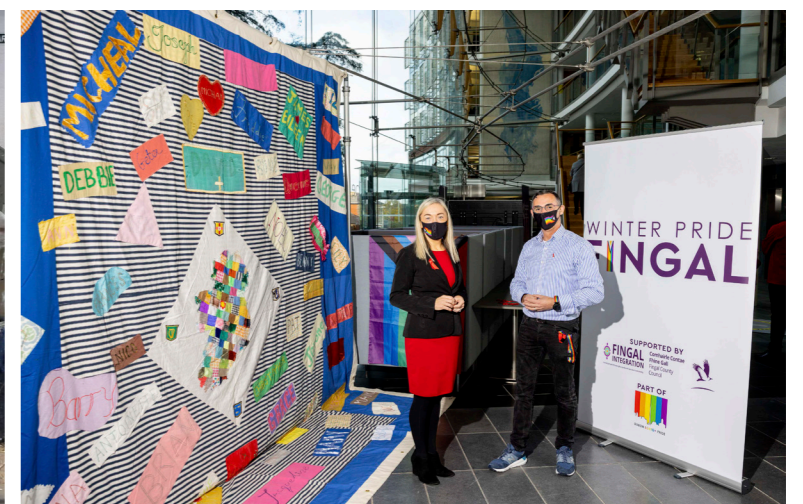
Aerial view of some of the 130 tonnes of waste and end of life vehicles removed from a site in Finglas by Fingal County Council's Waste Enforcement Unit



AnnMarie Farrelly, Chief Executive Fingal County Council and Daniel Ring, Lawler Sustainability sign the contract to deliver significant energy efficiency upgrades for the Civic Offices in Blanchardstown and County Hall in Swords.



Newbridge House and Farm has some new residents! This adorable family of five Alpacas are the latest editions to the farm and includes a newborn baby called a Cria



Valerie McAllorum Byrne, Fingal County Council Integration Officer and Eddie McGuinness, Dublin Pride Event Manager chat beside the Pride Quilt at the launch of the Fingal Winter Pride at County Hall.

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