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Chief Executive's Foreword

The Dublin Citizens' Assembly, has been convened to consider the type of directly elected mayor and local government structures best suited for Dublin, and to bring forward proposals in that regard. I was delighted to accept the invitation to participate in a panel discussion, along with the other Dublin Chief Executives, last Sunday, 1st of May, and to address the 80 members of the Assembly and present an overview of Fingal as an area and Fingal County Council as the third biggest local authority in Ireland in terms of the population it serves, the staff it employs and the budget it spends. I took the opportunity to highlight the strategic importance of Fingal to the Irish economy with Dublin Airport acting as the principal international gateway for trade, inward investment and tourism. Furthermore, we have also been entrusted by government to set up and operate the Aircraft Noise Competent Authority responsible for ensuring that noise generated by aircraft activity at Dublin Airport is assessed in accordance with EU and Irish legislation.

Our priority of making Fingal a good place to do business has seen much success due to our cross-departmental approach in helping indigenous and foreign direct investment businesses establish themselves within the county. We are Fingal-focused acting quickly and decisively for the good of the communities we serve and having councillors from Fingal making decisions that affect the people of Fingal is something that Fingallians identify with. This is largely due to the excellent working relationship between the executive and the elected members. The current Council, which was elected in May 2019, has made 276 separate decisions over the past three years, some of which were nationally significant and pioneering. Local Government is the form of government closest to the citizen with direct accountability for every one of the 380 different services we provide to the people of Fingal. Every day we have presence on the ground in every corner of the county through the work of our Operations crews, Community Officers, Librarians, Social Workers, Sports Officers, Litter Wardens, Arts Officers, Traffic Wardens, Lifeguards, Park Rangers, Environmental Officers, and many, many more of our 1,500 dedicated staff and I am immensely proud of what is achieved on an ongoing basis through the close partnership of the executive and elected members.

The Fingal response to date to the Ukrainian crisis has been commendable and we are endeavouring to assist to the fullest possible extent to meet the needs of refugees arriving in Fingal. We will continue to keep you updated as the situation evolves. The Liam Rodgers Centre in Drinan, Swords has been stood down as an emergency accommodation centre. The occupants have been transferred to more permanent accommodation. The Ballyogan site, in the Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Area, is now operational and will operate on a regional basis providing temporary emergency accommodation for those fleeing Ukraine on behalf of the six counties which comprise the Eastern Region for Major Emergency Management purposes. An online briefing for elected members on the Fingal response has been arranged for tomorrow, Friday, 6th May and will give an overview on the community response forum and information surrounding accommodation for refugees as well as providing information on what various FCC Departments such as Community, Libraries and Events have done and are doing as part of the response.

Since 2010, REDC have been tracking sentiment among Fingal residents through a regular residential satisfaction survey commissioned by Fingal County Council. The purpose of the survey is to understand attitudes and opinions among residents of the work of the Council which, in turn, helps the Council continue to provide the highest level of customer service to its residents.

The survey questions residents about their personal experience of living in Fingal, awareness and satisfaction with Fingal County Council, Housing and Council Services as well as their experience of dealing with the Council and knowledge of its work.

The 2022 survey involved face to face interviews with 1,012 residents aged 18+ across the county with interviews being conducted in each of the seven electoral areas. The results will be presented by REDC to councillors in an online briefing on Tuesday, May 17 at 5pm.

AnnMarie Farrelly
Chief Executive

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Major Emergency Management



In relation to Emergency Accommodation for Ukrainian citizens fleeing the war in Ukraine the Liam Rodgers Centre in Drinan, Swords has been stood down as an emergency accommodation centre. The occupants have been transferred to more permanent accommodation.

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The Major Emergency Unit will continue working with colleagues in the East Region to monitor the situation and respond appropriately where necessary.

People Services

People Services have a large scale recruitment campaign continuing in 2022

Recruitment Programme 2022	
Recruitment Campaigns	57
Applicants to date	529
Interviews held to date	765
Interviews held in April	208

Number of Appointments	143*
Number of Leavers/Retirements	44
Number of Job Offers Year to date	339
Number of Offers Declined	86
Number of Current Job Offers	94

*Increase of 37 on last month

CURRENT LIVE CAMPAIGNS	CLOSING DATE
Staff Officer	06/05/2022
Healthy Ireland Coordinator	13/05/2022
Business Advisor	13/05/2022
Shift Operator - Water Services	13/05/2022
Staff Officer (PPN)	To be advertised on 09/05/2022

The following courses are scheduled to take place in May 2022.

Health & Safety

Site Dumper
Managing Safely in Construction
Confined Space Low Risk
Driver CPC
Needlestick/Sharps
Manual Handling
Safe Pass
Playground Inspection
Combi Course
Mini Digger

Business Skills

Managing Aggressive Behaviour
Dignity & Equality
Intercultural Diversity

People Services continues to plan for and respond to the challenges brought by Covid19 in line with the new Government's **COVID-19** guidelines and the phased return to the workplace.

Health & Safety Unit (HSU)

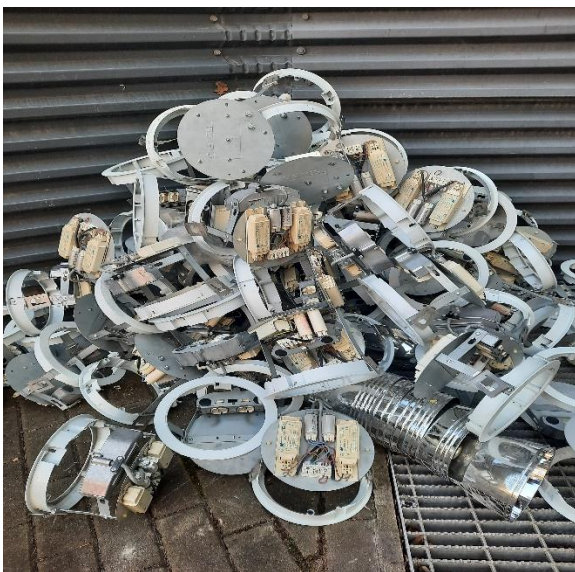
The HSU monitored and reported into senior management the decline in incidences of staff self-isolations due to covid-19 during the month of April 2022. Safety audits, site safety inspections and accident investigations continued during the month along with monitoring of a fire drill in County Hall. The Council's corporate safety statement was reviewed for 2022 and sent to staff for consultation. Review work has started on the Council's thirty two ancillary safety statements. A number of risk assessments and operational procedures pertaining to tree work and working in adverse weather were reviewed and published in early April

Buildings Management

Energy Performance

As part of the ongoing Energy Performance Contract, the contractor has commenced the replacement and upgrade of downlighters in the walkways in County Hall, Swords.

There is 833 light fittings and bulbs to be changed to LED 18W Downlighters. (Including Emergency Lights) Projected savings on this phase of works 52,559Kwh/annum.



Pictured: existing old fittings waiting for WEE collection.

Customer Services

For the month of April the Council's Customer Care Agents dealt with -

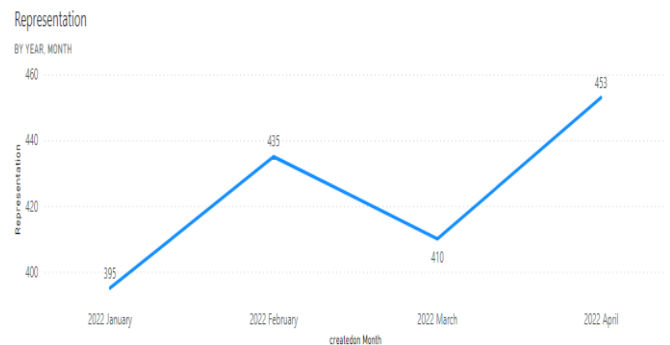
13,583 phone calls

545 emails

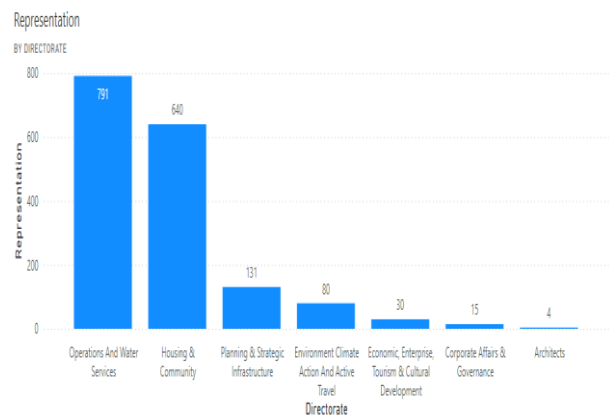
1,940 in person visits

CRM

Staff continue to work on the Customer Relationship Management System (CRM) and issue responses to representations from Elected Members (Councillors, TDs and Senators) and complaints submitted by the public. The month of April had a total of 453 Elected Members' representations.



The table below shows the total number of Elected Members' representations assigned to each Department to date in 2022.



Digital Services

Digital Working

In April staff took part in 8,677 Teams meetings, 27,746 calls took place, and 698,003 emails were received or sent by the Council.



IT Infrastructure & Support

414 support calls were logged by Council staff with the IT Service Desk in the past month and 8 calls were logged by Councillors with Sord. 100% server availability and 99.98% network availability were achieved in the month of April.

Smart Balbriggan Mini Maker Day



Smart Balbriggan Mini Maker Day took place on Saturday 23rd April to kick off the Balbriggan Loves Learning Festival. Over 550 people attended the event which was organised by the Digital Fingal team working with Our Balbriggan and Fingal Libraries.

Balbriggan Mini Maker Day was open to visitors both young and old for a day of family-friendly workshops and maker showcases. The day had a mix of workshops suitable for all ages, including -

- Coding with Coding Ireland
- Lego craft with Bricks4kids
- Earlier years art workshop with Kim Jenkinson

- Maker craft classes with Fingal Makerspace
- Dungeons and Dragons sessions with Mark McCluskey, Blanchardstown library

The Maker showcase was held in the Hamilton Hall in Balbriggan Library building, makers who took part in the showcase included –

- Smart Balbriggan
- Tog Hackerspace
- Fingal Makerspace
- East Leinster Amateur Radio Club (ELARC)
- Steve M. Potter's Homemade CNC Machine
- Bremore Market
- Fingal Lighthouse Art Group

Visitors were able to see and interact with the amazing inventions that people can create with a little help. They were also able to take a virtual tour of the future design for Balbriggan Harbour through the use of the Smart Balbriggan 3D Model using a VR headset.



For more information on Smart Balbriggan Mini-Maker Day visit <https://balbriggan.ie/mini-maker-day/>

New Chief Executive Orders System

The new CE Orders system went live in Fingal on Friday 22nd April. Initially the system has been deployed to the Directorate of Economic, Enterprise, Tourism & Cultural Development, and the Digital Services Department in a pilot phase which will run until 23rd May.

CE Orders is a new system specifically designed to streamline and automate the creation, approval and management of Chief Executive Orders across all Directorates and Departments in Fingal. It also automatically generates the CE Orders Register. The system utilises SharePoint Online technology for the document repositories and the associated search functionality.

Once the pilot for CE Orders has concluded, the system will be rolled out to remaining Directorates in four deployment cycles over the next two to three months. It is expected that all Directorates will be fully live by end July 2022.

Communications

Website

The fingal.ie website attracted 79,800 visitors during April and recorded 229,500 page views. This is a decrease of 27% from April 2021 in both visitor numbers and page views. The average amount of time visitors are spending on the website continues to stay at over two minutes with April's average figure of 2:12 being the fifth successive month that the average viewing time has broken the two minute mark. The most popular pages in April were planning applications, recycling, choice based letting, libraries and jobs.

Social Media

Our Twitter account, @fingalcoco, had 452,900 impressions during April and an average engagement rate of 1.7% from 338 tweets.

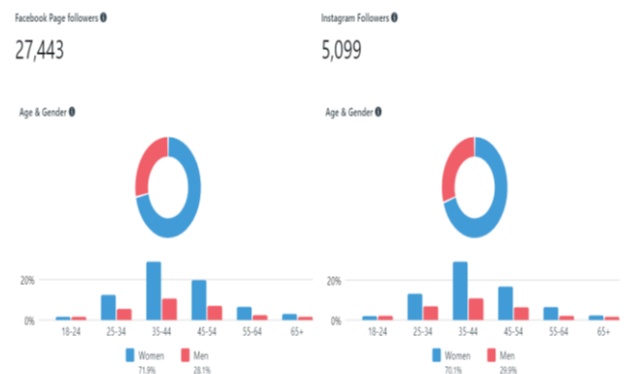


The EIRE 6 Wartime Neutrality Sign on East Mountain at Howth Head has been restored by a dedicated band of volunteers and there was a special ceremony today to mark the completion of the works which was attended by @PresidentIRL and @MayorofFingal. It looks stunning from the air.



The best performing tweet was a post about the restoration of the Éire 6 Wartime Neutrality Sign on Howth Head which included aerial video footage of the sign. This tweet earned 20,085 impressions and the video has had 7,899 views leading to 799 total engagements including 202 likes and 40 retweets.

On Facebook, April's posts reached 161,520 people. The number of followers on Facebook is now 27,444 which is a rise of 173 from March. The number of followers on Instagram rose to 5,099 during April. Women make up the majority of followers on both Facebook and Instagram, accounting for over 70% of the audience on both channels, with the 35-44 age groups being the biggest cohort.



The best performing post on Facebook during April was the announcement that Ireland's first ever portable pool will be located at Donabate Community and Leisure Centre. It had a reach of 39,131 with 5,852 engagements.

The LinkedIn account increased its number of followers by 109 to 5,546 while YouTube now has 710 subscribers and published eight videos during April.

Projects and Campaigns

The Communications Unit continues to assist in creating awareness of the Draft Fingal Development Plan and promoted the drop-in events in Swords, Blanchardstown, Malahide and Balbriggan over the past few weeks. Citizens are being encouraged to make submissions up until the May 12 deadline through a campaign which is using social, print and outdoor media.



The Communication Unit is also working with the Sustainable Travel team in the promotion of the non-statutory public consultation on the Sutton to Malahide Pedestrian and Cycle Scheme and the launch of the Active Travel Strategy.

Alongside this work, we have also worked with colleagues on the East Region Communications Group to develop a communications plan and material for the new joint regional rest centre in Ballyogan, that which was established for Ukrainian nationals arriving in Ireland and for which Dún

Laoghaire Rathdown County Council is the lead agency.

Press Releases and Media Queries

The Communications Unit dealt with a large number of media queries during April with topics covered including dog attacks, public lighting, planning, and working from home. There was also engagement to handle the claim that no social homes were built by Fingal County Council last year. The Unit also issued 18 press releases and media invitations during the month, including the launch of the Frank Lawless exhibition.

Residential Satisfaction Survey

Since 2010, RED C have been tracking sentiment among Fingal residents through a regular residential satisfaction survey. The 2022 survey involved face to face interviews with over 1,000 residents across the county and the results will be presented to councillors in an online briefing later this month.

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TOURISM DEVELOPMENT

EVENTS

As we approach Flavours of Fingal we are calling on local traders and exhibitors to come to the County Show to sell, demonstrate their products or services. Where appropriate priority will be shown to those that are based in Fingal.



As part of the return to events EETCD have produced a summer season events calendar covering May-September 2022. This is not a definitive list of events and as it's a live document it can be added to as required and available on fingal.ie and the Fingal Connects App.



TOURISM

SWORDS TOURISM DEVELOPMENT GROUP

A meeting to formally establish a Swords Tourism Development Group was held on April 6th. The group discussed tourism concerns for the town and expressed an interest in engaging with Fáilte Ireland.

The next meeting of the group will be held on Tuesday 3rd May where a proposed action plan for 2022 and beyond will be discussed with a member of the Dublin Team in Fáilte Ireland, who will also be in attendance.

INDUSTRY COLLABORATION

UNESCO DUBLIN BAY BIOSPHERE PARTNERSHIP



The Dublin Bay Biosphere Draft Conservation Strategy has been finalised. This plan also includes a strategic tourism promotional element. The partnership is collaborating with Irish Rail on a DART / commuter campaign promoting North Bull Island, Howth and Portmarnock. A familiarisation trip with key stakeholders was held on 27th April.



Following the launch of the Dublin Coastal Trail, is also working with Skerries Tourism on a familiarisation trip to promote Skerries as a key destination on the trail to Fáilte Ireland Press and Publicity Team, key influencers and front line staff.



A member of the Fingal Tourism team attended the AVEA Visitor Attractions and Experiences 2022 Forum at Croke Park on 27th April where Insights and Outlooks for the visitor attractions and the AVEA Members' Business Survey 2021 were discussed.

HERITAGE PROPERTIES

ARDGILLAN CASTLE



The Conservation Management Plan for Ardgillan Castle is progressing well with the Consultants engaging with relevant stakeholders, undertaking topographical, traffic and ecological assessments in

the demesne. The plan is due to be completed in August.

SWORDS CASTLE

ERDF FUNDING



Funding has been awarded by the Southern Regional Assembly, under the European Regional Development Fund in the amount of €613,342.00 for conservation works, which have been completed at Swords Castle.



MALAHIDE CASTLE



The Great Hall is currently undergoing a major restoration and these works are now in its final stages. Once complete, it will see the Great Hall restored to its former glory including its prestigious art collection.

SKERRIES MILLS



Restoration work on repairing the 5-sail windmill that was damaged during a storm last October will commence in May.

AWARDS



Swords Castle won Gold in the Best Heritage Project category at the All-Ireland Community & Council Awards, which were held in the Crowne Plaza, Northwood on 9th April.

ARTS

PUBLIC ART



Peace to the Ashes – Film Commission directed by Donal Dineen and Featuring Eithne Ní Catháin (Inni K) Fingal arts office was pleased to present a new film commission titled Peace to the Ashes directed by writer and broadcaster Donal Dineen and featuring featuring Eithne Ní Catháin (Inni K). The work was developed by the commemorations unit as part of this year's programme dedicated to the life and legacy of Frank Lawless and the significance of his funeral which took place in 1922 at Rolestown Cemetery outside Swords.

The new work launched alongside the exhibition and is currently available across Fingal's Social Media Channels from the 25th of April.

OUR BALBRIGGAN – HOME BY BRIAN CREGAN



The famous local nightclub, now demolished as part of the necessary regeneration of the Balbriggan Harbour is the focus of a new photographic social exhibition by artist Brian Cregan. Sifting through the debris of this popular nightclub, Brian is creating a very unique archive which we hope will inspire the local community to relive and share some of their memories of this beloved site. Brian is currently working on site documenting artefacts from the nightclub with a view to creating a special event later this year.

YOUTH & EDUCATION

EXPLORING AND THINKING EARLY YEARS ARTS PARTNERSHIP



The Exploring and Thinking Early Years Arts Partnership – Fingal, Dublin City, South Dublin, and Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Councils, invite submissions to research and evaluate the partnership which originated in 2016. The partners wish to explore the impact of the Exploring and Thinking Artist Bursary Awards, which were developed in 2019, on artists' practice, and on provision for children (0-6years) in the settings in which the bursary occurred.

Issues of partnership, sustainability, resources and support, and attitudes towards provision for children and young people may be among the issues considered.

This initiative is funded under the Arts Council's 'Invitation to Collaboration Scheme 2022'.

MICRO FOREST, BLAKESTOWN



Aerial view of students working at the Micro Forest, Blakestown, April 2022.

This spring students of Blakestown Community School are focusing on learning and developing the micro forest's habitat for insects and birds under the guidance of artist Gareth Kennedy, Eileen Hutton and Michael Fortune. Students are familiarising themselves with a diverse set of bird nests

This project is a partnership between Fingal Arts Office and Superprojects with funding support from the Arts Council of Ireland.

LIBRARIES

LIBRARY SERVICES FOR UKRAINIANS ARRIVING IN IRELAND

Public libraries offer a safe, neutral and democratic space to everyone and this includes those coming to Ireland from war-torn Ukraine. Libraries in Fingal offer free wi-fi, access to technology, quiet spaces in which to study and reflect, online resources, and events and activities for all ages. In recent weeks we have been reaching out to the Ukrainian community to publicise specific services:

- Rush, Balbriggan and Malahide Libraries have organised weekly meetups for Ukrainians new to Ireland. It's an opportunity for them to

come together and to share experiences and information.

- English classes for Ukrainians, organised by Adult Education Services Balbriggan will take place in Rush Library starting in May.
- Blanchardstown Library held a welcome evening for Ukrainians new to Ireland on Thursday 21st April to introduce them to the facilities on offer.
- Children's book in Ukrainian have been sent out to our library branches. There is a limited range available but we are sourcing more junior material and adults title also.
- Our eservices offer books, newspapers and magazines in Ukrainian and in Russian:

<https://www.fingal.ie/council/service/fingal-library-eservices-and-eresources-online>

NEW FINGAL MAKERSPACE AT BLANCHARDSTOWN LIBRARY

The new Fingal Maker Space at Blanchardstown Library has been officially launched by the Mayor of Fingal Cllr Seána Ó Rodaigh and by the Deputy Mayor Cllr Daniel Whooley. The Maker Space is a multi-use, creative and educational community facility which houses a range of equipment including laptops, a 3-D printer and a vinyl cutter. This accessible, dynamic and inclusive space is at the heart of the Council's commitments under the Creative Ireland initiative, and it will help to build and to support creativity in communities within the Fingal area.

The Maker Space team works with schools in the Fingal area to provide young people with opportunities to take full advantage of the facilities on offer.

It also works in partnership with the Technological University of Dublin to provide adult education opportunities.



NEW RESOURCE FOR FINGAL LIBRARIES: C-PENS READER PENS

We have a new service on offer to members of the public called Reader Pens. Reader Pens read words and full lines of text aloud for independent reading. Those with dyslexia, those who have difficulty with reading or pronunciation, those learning languages or those with vision problems will find these pens extremely helpful pieces of technology. This device reads text out with a natural speaking voice. The pens have built-in dictionaries so you can access definitions as you read for better understanding.

At present the pens are in Balbriggan, Blanchardstown, Swords and Malahide Libraries for use in branch. We plan by the summer to have them in all libraries with the option of borrowing them for a limited period.



FRANK LAWLESS, TD (1870 – 1922): EXHIBITION AND FILM

As part of the Decade of Centenaries Commemorations Fingal County Libraries have produced an exhibition highlighting the life of Frank Lawless, TD (1870 – 1922). *'A Dangerous Man: Frank Lawless and the War of Independence in Fingal'* is on display to the public at The Atrium, Swords from 19th April – 13th May 2022. It was launched by the Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Seána Ó Rodaigh in The Atrium, Swords on 25th April. The launch also included the first public showing of a specially commissioned film by Fingal Arts Office *'Peace to the Ashes'*. An invited audience, including members of the Lawless family, attended.

Frank Lawless was one of the most dynamic regional leaders of the revolutionary period. Born into a farming family in Swords, county Dublin, in 1870, he followed his grandfather and father into nationalist politics, before becoming central to the republican movement in North County Dublin. Although most of his political life was spent in prison, as a result of his prominence in the 1916 Rising, it was cut short with his untimely death on 16th April 1922 after a road accident. The exhibition gives us an insight into his life and politics along with the legacy he left.



Launch of Fingal Libraries Bealtaine Festival 2022

Fingal Libraries annual Bealtaine Festival was officially launched on Wednesday 20th April by Mayor of Fingal, Cllr. Seána Ó Rodaigh. The Festival itself forms part of Ireland's national celebration of the arts and creativity as we age and it runs throughout the month of May. The Festival returns to Fingal library branches for the first time in 2 years after taking place solely as an online festival during 2020 and 2021.

This year people are invited to take part in a chair yoga 4-week course, a computer course for adults focusing on Google and its many products, an art course with John Carpenter and a series of creative writing workshops. The Festival will also feature a mindfulness talk, biodiversity talks by the Irish Seal Sanctuary, 1st aid demonstrations by St John Ambulance, a presentation by a Mintel analyst on changing exercise and fitness trends plus a talk on preparing yourself in terms of fitness to walk the Camino. To see the full programme of events please click here : [bealtaine-brochure-2022.pdf \(fingal.ie\)](#)

BALBRIGGAN MINI MAKER DAY

The mini-maker day at Balbriggan Library on 23rd April which marked the start to of the Balbriggan Loves Learning Festival, was a great success. The event was a showcase for makers and creators and included a full day programme of creative activities. This was a collaborative project between Smart Balbriggan and Fingal Libraries, funded by Creative Ireland.



Mobile Library creche visits

As part of Fingal Libraries outreach work in the community, the Mobile Libraries embarked on a series of visits to creches, Montessori's and to other childcare facilities, during the school Easter holidays. The visits included yoga and mindfulness sessions by Orlaith O'Sullivan and also story times. As a result, the children visited the Mobile Library to borrow books, to listen to stories and to have lots of fun doing yoga with Orlaith. In total the Mobile Library visited 10 creches all over the county including Donabate, Naul, Swords and Blanchardstown.



My Little Library

Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth, Roderic O’Gorman, T.D., recently announced the roll-out of the First 5 My Little Library initiative. Under this initiative more than 60,000 children starting school in September are being invited to collect a free book bag and join their local library. The bags of books, in English and in Irish, are currently available at all libraries in Fingal, with library staff distributing them to 4 and 5 year olds and helping them begin their library membership journey. We hope that once they visit the library to pick up their book bag, our new library members and their families will come back regularly to keep their bags filled up with books and to take part in story times and all the other events we have to offer at the library.

ONLINE BOOK CLUB

Fingal Libraries Online Book Club will meet on Wednesday, 18th May at 6.30pm via MS Teams. This month, the Club will be reading ‘*Cloud Cuckoo Land*’ by Anthony Doerr. The author’s latest novel follows a tale through time and has been described as a hymn to the preservation of the written word. ‘*Cloud Cuckoo Land*’ is also dedicated to librarians of the past and future who are the guardians of those words.



SNAPSHOT OF OTHER EVENTS FROM BRANCH LIBRARIES

- Rush Library will resume its baby book club and Irish conversation group in May.
- The chess and scrabble clubs have restarted at Garristown Library.
- Prosper Fingal have set up a creative writing group at Malahide Library and meet every Tuesday morning.
- A Dyslexia Support Group for Parents will be held in Blanchardstown Library on the 3rd Thursday of every month from 6-7.50pm starting from May 19th.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

FINGAL IN IT TOGETHER



The Council continues to support business under the Fingal In It Together Charter and development work is in progress on a Fingal In It Together App to offer businesses an additional digital platform to engage with customers.

Fingal Skills Strategy



The development of a Fingal Skills Portal webpage has been completed, the purpose of the portal is to provide a one-stop-shop information resource to employers, employees seeking to upskill and those seeking employment and the portal can be accessed at <https://www.fingal.ie/business/skills-hub>

The Council launched the Portal on the 29th April at an event at Sonica in Skerries which featured addresses from the Mayor, Councillor Seána Ó Rodaigh, the Chair of the Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Development SPC, Councillor Tony Murphy, Minister Simon Harris, Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science, Dr. Mary-Liz Trant, Interim Director National Apprenticeship Office, Chair of the Fingal Skills Strategy Group, Siobhan Kinsella and included panel discussion with representatives from various industries and education and training institutions.

Urbact Playful Towns



Rush Urbact Local Group (ULG) continues to meet monthly as part of the Let's Play Rush initiative to develop objectives and plans for 2022 to incorporate play in the town and to identify potential funding streams to support projects and events. Rush ULG ran a pop-up drum circle in March which was very successful and further pop-up events are being planned. Funding for a Summer Sports Day was secured under the Festival and Events Funding Scheme and planning for the event is underway. A number of further playful events are being planned for May and June.

The Council has developed a section on its website to highlight the work of its Urbact projects which can be accessed at <https://www.fingal.ie/council/service/urbact>

Our Balbriggan 2019 – 2025 Rejuvenation Plan – A Socio-Economic Strategy



The Our Balbriggan Programme Office continues to support the Leadership Group and its five pillars, who meet regularly, 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 Education, Skills & Employment Pillar Group met on 20th April to finalise plans for the Our Balbriggan Loves Learning Festival which is running between 23rd and 29th April 2022. The Local Economy Pillar is scheduled to meet next on 18th May and work continues to progress all actions.

The demolition of the former O'Shea's Night Club building (Harbour) is complete, and contractors will be off site by end of April 2022. Archaeology monitoring of the site has also been completed. The site and layout is being levelled out to create a 'meanwhile space' to allow for temporary planters and seating, pedestrian route with low level picket fence surround.



Paul Keogh Architects, the appointed Integrated Design Team (IDT) for the re-imagined Quay Street & Harbour Area, continue to progress design work. Stage 2A of the Design Report completed in April, following internal and external stakeholder consultations. Pre-planning has been lodged and the Council anticipates bringing forward Part XI proposals in June 2022.



Paul Keogh Architects, the appointed Integrated Design Team (IDT) for 2-4 Dublin Street are progressing design proposals on renovation of these buildings to facilitate artistic studios and creative maker space, public courtyard and gallery. Public Consultations and Part 8 Planning permission anticipated in Q4 2022.



DBFL Consulting Engineers, Our Balbriggan Active Travel and Transport Consultants, are progressing preliminary work on the town's draft transportation and active travel plan.

DBFL are working closely with Paul Hogarth Company (Masterplanning Consultants) and internal Council departments to ensure coherent, effective, sustainable transformative development. Internal consultations on a draft Public Realm Design Guide to accompany the Public Realm Strategy took place in April.



Tenders for the minor works package at the Harbour are due to for evaluation in May. The works package will focus on developing, upgrading and enhancing the facilities and amenities of the harbour, to make the harbour a more attractive asset for a tourism and leisure and providing growth potential for the indigenous fishing industry. The Harbour Project will link in with other Public Realm Projects upgrades within the town. Funding of €289,000 for this project was awarded in April by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine.



The Education, Skills and Employment Pillar organised their second annual Our Balbriggan Loves Learning Festival which was a hybrid event this year. The festival took place between April 23rd and April 29th and encompassed four elements (a) Learning for Work (b) Learning for Employment (c) Learning in the Community and (d) Digital Learning and kicked off with a Maker Day held in Balbriggan Library Building, the free event was open to visitors both young and old. A Loves Learning Festival section can be accessed at www.balbriggan.ie/loveslearning and will provide information on all events.

Local & Rural Development

FINGAL LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE



Coiste um Fhorbairt Pobail Áitiúil Fhine Gall
Fingal Local Community Development
Committee

The Fingal LCDC continues to oversee and administer the key areas of LEADER and SICAP and the various Local Development and Community Development funding programmes under its remit. The LCDC also manages the Healthy Ireland Initiative, the Community Resilience Fund and the Social Enterprise Grants Scheme.



FINGAL LOCAL ECONOMIC COMMUNITY PLAN 2022-27

The Guidelines for preparing new LECPs have been published by the Department of Rural and Community Development. The new Fingal LECP will be a 'Whole-of-Council Plan' and will involve extensive consultation and engagement with internal and external stakeholders. Introductory seminars on the statutory role, consultation process and suggested thematic areas to be addressed in the new LECP are currently being held online and recordings of these can be viewed on the Department of Rural & Community Development's website.

The Fingal LCDC was delighted to learn during April that it's application for funding under the DRCD Dormant Accounts Funded National Pilot Scheme for Participation and Engagement by Marginalised and Disadvantaged Communities in the Local Economic and Community Planning (LECP) Process was selected. The project for the LGBT Community in Fingal will develop resources to assist engagement and participation in the new LECP Process. The purpose of the pilot programmes nationally are to identify and share methodologies to support the inclusion of those most marginalised in decision making processes at all levels. This is identified as a strategic action in Sustainable, Inclusive and Empowered Communities, the five year strategy to support the community and voluntary sector in Ireland, and supports Ireland's commitment to Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development and the principle of "Leave no one behind".

The project will seek to determine the best ways to engage with the LGBT Community in order to support their input into the LECP planning process. Four Local Authority areas were selected to participate in the pilot projects, where Local Community Development Committees (LCDCs), in collaboration with local participation structures, such as the Public Participation Network (PPN), and local and national advocacy groups, will, with appropriate expertise and support, develop and use engagement strategies to assist in working towards meaningful participation in the LECP process. Each selected pilot project will be provided with a support budget to cover support costs locally (up to €40,000) and will be expected to participate in information events as part of the overall project activities. The application in Fingal was a collaboration between the Fingal LCDC, the Council's Community Office, the PPN Office and the LGBT Community.



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

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES FUND

The Fingal LCDC has been allocated €301,000 to distribute to qualifying community and voluntary groups. The Community Activities Fund supports 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 closed for applications on February 18th 2022.

All completed applications were evaluated by the LCDC Evaluation Committee and 111 groups have been approved for Capital funding of €117,000. A further 101 groups have been approved for Current funding (Non-Pay) of €184,000 for use towards running/operating costs.

All successful and unsuccessful applicants are currently being contacted by the LCDC.

SICAP



The 2022 Fingal SICAP Programme has seen a considerable increase in budget to €1.39 million for 2022.

The resources and staff of the Fingal SICAP Programme have been leveraged to assist with the emerging Ukrainian Refugee Crisis. The SICAP Programme will continue to help where required in the response to this crisis and is a central resource to the work of the Ukrainian Refugee Community Response Forum.

LEADER PROGRAMME



**Dublin Rural
LEADER**
Growth, Sustainability & Inclusion

The Dublin Rural LEADER Local Action Group and the Dublin Rural 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 has 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 available for LEADER Project Applications under the categories of Rural Enterprise, Social Inclusion and Rural Environment. Historically, Fingal Projects comprise 65-70% of the total LEADER Projects approved, roughly corresponding to Fingal's share of the Dublin Rural LEADER Geographical Area.

The LEADER Programme reverted on the 1st April 2021 to EU Transition Rules for the period 2021-22 with a new Dublin Rural LEADER Local Development Strategy to be prepared and put in place for 2023 onwards. Under the Transitional Arrangements the Dublin Rural LEADER LAG and 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 continues to approve and fund new projects as usual.

Under the 2021/22 Transition Programme:

Total number of projects approved to date is 19 with a value of €896,422

The remaining Budget for the Transition Programme is €577,052

Under the Thematic Areas:

Theme 1: Economic, Enterprise & Job Creation to date has 4 Projects with a value of €154,046

Theme 2: Social Inclusion has 10 Projects with a value of €438,908

Theme 3: Rural Environment has 3 Projects with a value of €158,454

EURI (European Union Recovery Instrument) has 2 Projects (Environmental) with a Value of €145,025

Ár dTodhchaí Tuaithe Our Rural Future



ENTERPRISE CENTRES

Fingal's Enterprise Centres continue to participate in ConnectedHubs.ie .

ConnectedHubs.ie is a one-stop-shop for remote working hubs throughout Ireland.

All three Enterprise Centres have space available start-up businesses and businesses who wish to avail of remote working options and facilities. Bespoke options or generic office fit-outs can be considered.

Occupancy rates at the Council's three enterprise centres at the end of April were Drinan 86%, BASE 94% and Beat 88%. The three Enterprise Centres currently support 65 businesses and over 320 direct jobs.

Both Drinan and BASE submitted applications during April for funding under the recent DRCD Connected Hubs Call for Proposals. The applications centred around building upgrades in the areas of renewable energy, vehicle charging points and I.T. infrastructure upgrades.



LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE FINGAL



LEO Fingal provides a broad suite of support services to stimulate enterprise and enable small businesses to succeed. Some of the LEO highlights for April 2022 are as follows:

New Fingal Business Briefing



LEO Fingal is pleased to announce the launch of a new series of “in-person” Business Support Briefings, to take place on the First Friday of each month throughout the Summer period. The lunchtime briefing will be run at the Riasc Centre, Kinsealy, from 12.00pm to 1.30pm, and is geared at Fingal based business owner/managers and residents that aim to start a new business. A series of speakers will outline up-to-date information on supports that are available to SMEs in Fingal, including how to access grants/financial incentives, management development training, mentoring, and networking opportunities.

Trading Online Voucher Scheme



An initiative under the Government’s National Digital Strategy, the TOV scheme continues to support small businesses by allowing them to enhance their online offering by providing a grant of up to €2,500 for ecommerce and digital marketing activities. The next Trading Online Voucher seminar hosted by Fingal Local Enterprise Office will take place at the Riasc Centre, Drinan, Swords on Friday 13th May 2022. Following very successful webinars over the past two years this is our first in-person event and we look forward to seeing everyone there. 51 applications have been approved in 2022, in the amount of 72,860.

Fingal Enterprising Women Network



The Fingal Enterprising Women Network (FEWN) continues to provide learning and networking opportunities for women in business and enterprise. Preparations have commenced for the summer networking event will take place on June 9th. Membership of the network is free of charge and we continue to welcome new members over the course of 2022.

Food Starter



LEO Fingal is leading the latest Dublin regional ‘Food Starter’ Programme which commenced on the 25th of April, with sixteen food businesses participating, of which four are from Fingal. The food starter programme is a short, intensive programme designed to help those with a food idea or those at an early stage of starting up a food business (typically the first 24 months).

Evaluation and Approvals Committee

The April Evaluation and Approvals Committee (EVAC) meeting took place on Wednesday the 27th of April. Five applications were approved for €85,000 worth of funding. Year to date, 14 applications have been approved for €303,625 worth of funding. The next Evaluation and Approvals Committee (EVAC) meeting will take place on Wednesday the 25th of May.

Business Advice Clinics and Mentoring

Business Advice Clinics and mentoring services continue to be offered online. In April 2022, 8 Business Advice Clinic days were held, offering advice and support to 70 clients in Fingal. In addition, clients are continuing to receive one to one business mentoring with our panel of mentors and 138 Fingal clients have received this mentoring to date in 2022.

Management Development & Training

LEO Fingal is continuing to provide a series of management development initiatives and workshops to assist the growth of small businesses throughout 2022. Some of the courses and programmes on offer throughout May include Fingal Business Briefing, Bring your Business Idea to Life, Creating Video Content for social media and Lean for Micro informational. Start Your Own Business In-Person Training recommences in May and will be delivered from the LEO Training room.

Microfinance Ireland Loans

LEO Fingal provides a loan scheme through its partnership with Microfinance Ireland, with “soft” loans of up to €25,000. LEO Fingal is actively promoting the availability of loans from businesses that have difficulty raising finance from their bank. Four applications have been processed, assessed and submitted to MFI in 2022.

Student Enterprise Programme



Fingal’s Student Entrepreneurs from Coláiste Pobail Setanta put their innovative product on display in Blanchardstown Centre following their success at the Fingal Student Enterprise Programme County Final. Over 1000 students from 24 schools from across

Fingal participated in the annual programme locally. Finalists from Coláiste Pobail Setanta and Loreto Balbriggan will now compete against approximately 80 student enterprises from all over the country for a place in the Top 15 shortlisted teams to make it to a live event on Wednesday 18th May at The Helix in Dublin.

OPERATIONS & WATER SERVICES

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Balbriggan/Swords Area

Pollinator Planting – Ardgillan Demesne

Additional Pollinator Planting areas at Ardgillan Demesne are starting to appear and are well worth a visit. This is an area of approximately 1500m² planted at the front of the castle in curved arcs to allow views within the planting at different angles.



Playground Refurbishment – St Catherine’s Estate Rush

Initial site works have commenced for the long-awaited playground refurbishment at St Catherine’s Estate Rush. This project is being funded by the Fingal County Council 2022-2024 Capital Budget at a cost of €100,000 plus an additional €15,000 from DCEDIY funding from the Department of Children Equality Disability Integration and Youth.





Additional Playground Equipment - The Glebe Park Balrothery

Additional Playground equipment including a Trim Trail and Zip Wire was added to Glebe Park Playground in Balrothery. This additional equipment was partly funded via the DCEDIY funding from the Department of Children Equality Disability Integration and Youth.



Constructed Tree Pits – Church Street Skerries

The contract commenced during March to install four additional constructed tree pits on Church Street Skerries. These new plantings replace trees removed during 2019 & 2020. This recent contract will bring to it a total of seven newly installed constructed tree pits on Church Street Skerries.



Ardgillan Demesne – Boundary Wall

As part of improvement works to the Playground at Ardgillan Demesne the retaining wall has been faced with cut stone to replace the original wooden cladding that was installed in 2006 when the playground was opened.



Newbridge Farm – Additional Public Toilets at Newbridge farm

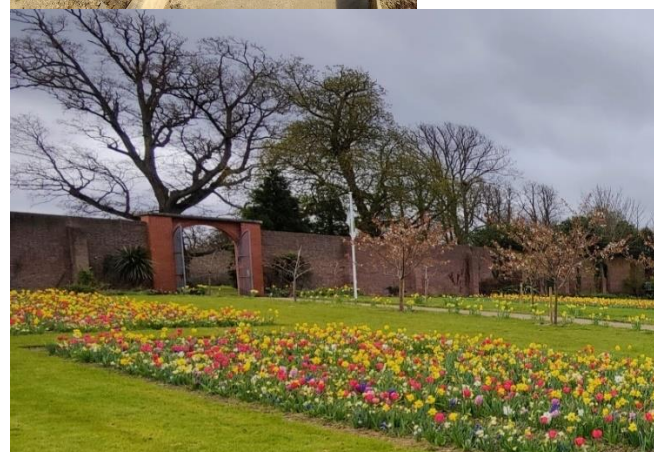
As part of improvement works to Newbridge Farm and additional toilet building is being added to the central farm area to cater for groups and families picnicking nearby. Visitor Numbers have been steadily increasing in this popular tourist attraction and improvements to the infrastructure reflects this increase in demand.



Santry Demesne – Parkland and Walled Garden

As part of improvement works to Santry Demesne some recently planted pollinator areas within the walled garden are starting to really show their colours. Additional path improvement works within the walled

garden and the main parkland will commence shortly. The fantastic Santry Demesne Community Garden committee also recently held gardening classes that were hugely popular and well attended.



Howth/Malahide Area

Burrow Beach Dune Protection

Works were completed to provide bollards and ropes to provide protection to the dunes at Burrow Beach, with the objective of reducing the volume of people walking on the dunes.





Public Toilets Deep Cleaning

All public toilets in Malahide, Portmarnock and Howth have been deep cleaned in advance of the summer period.



Malahide Beach – replacement of signage

The existing signage at Malahide Beach was showing signs of wear and tear and has now been replaced with new signage.



Before



After

Portmarnock Beach Carpark

Lining works undertaken at Portmarnock Beach carpark, with the inclusion of accessibility parking space.



The Green Howth Landscaping

Works to upgrade the Green area at the entrance to Howth Promenade, following the installation of new toilets last year, started the first week in April. New planting beds will be made, 4 new benches added, new paving and upgrades to the existing statue base & new planting to the existing pathway. The area will have a version of the concrete knee rail added to enclose the space and linking it visually with the rest of the promenade green areas.



Yellow Walls Road, Malahide

A 320m section of Yellow Walls Road in Malahide was overlaid in April as part of the Programme of Works carried over from 2021. The Easter Break gave the roads department the opportunity to have the works completed under a roads closure while schools were closed.



Depot Works

On-going footpath renewal works continue for the month of April. The photographs below are taken from Church Street in Howth where an approximate 30m length of concrete footpath was replaced.



Tree Planting in Howth Malahide

Over 350 standard trees have been planted along streets and in open spaces across the Howth Malahide area since Christmas 2021. Whip planting of native hedgerow species along the boundary walls of Seagrang park has been completed by local volunteers assisted by Baldoyle Tidy Towns & Fingal staff.





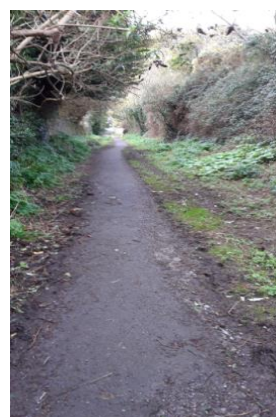
New Bench Installations across Howth Malahide

The first of over 60 new park benches & 11 picnic tables, recently delivered to Operations, has been installed, the remainder will be rolled out in the coming months, in time for the summer season.



Vegetation Clearance - Howth Peninsula

Howth is criss crossed with a fantastic network of tracks and off-road paths. These paths can quickly become overwhelmed by surrounding vegetation growth. Clearance work is now complete in time for the 2022 outdoor walking season on the most frequented sections.



Tidy Towns Plant Deliveries

Deliveries of plants for Howth Tidy Towns and Bayside Residential Association & Community groups ready to be collected. This should keep volunteers busy for a while! Plants for Malahide and Portmarnock have just been delivered to our Malahide Demesne depot now too.



Bridgefield Carpark Landscaping

The final stage of the extension works to Bridgefield Carpark, which began before Covid hit, is now complete with the snagging of recently installed hard & soft landscaping. New trees and hedging have been planted to replace those removed because of disease, failure and the increase made to the existing number of parking bays available. Overgrown areas have been planted with new pollinator-friendly planting schemes and the hard landscaping around signage and bins has been upgraded.



Carrickbrack Road Park, Howth

Following on from an ecology study of this park works are now in progress to improve access and uncover the many hidden gems of this fabulous little open space. Carrickbrack park is ideally situated to provide safe parking and a pleasant walk through the little park to Howth's coastal pathway network.





EIRE 6 Launch, The Summit, Howth

The Eire 6 restoration team had their official launch of the Eire 6 neutrality sign at Howth's east mountain on Saturday 9th April. It was hosted by President M.D. Higgins on the day to celebrate the event. There was an Air Corps fly past at 3.10pm and a flotilla of local boats sailed by to celebrate the official launch of the EIRE 6 Neutrality WW2 sign. This WW2 era sign was sensitively restored by local volunteers over the past years with the support of Fingal's Operations department and following the advice of Fingal's biodiversity officer.



Staff Training

Staff completed training on the operation of mini diggers with a three-day course from 28th to 30th March.



Castleknock/Mulhuddart Area

Hartstown Park

Thinning out Shrubberies at the back of Woodvale Estate



Millennium Park – Informational Sign



Mulhuddart Village – Hedge Planting



Waterville Park -New Bench and bases with wheelchair space



St Catherine's Park – Wild Flower Area



St Catherine's Park – Willow Tunnel

Willow Tunnel being created in St Catherine's Park at Playground.



Tyrrelstown – Stream cleared Litter and Debris Before



After



Mountview Pitches

Large Ash tree fell In Mountview Pitches in high winds. The crew removed this tree.



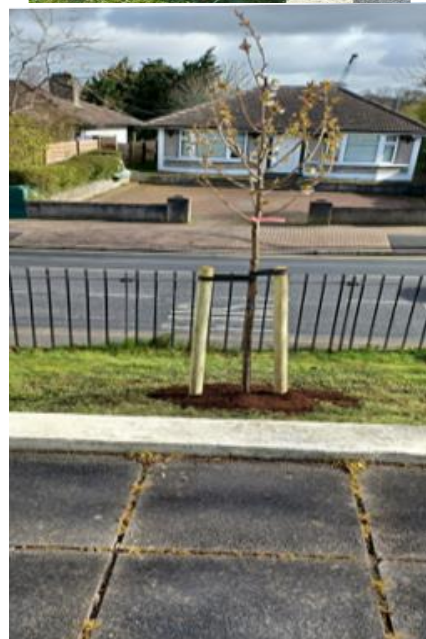
Mellville Road, Charlestown – Adopt a Path

Works carried out cleaning up the flower beds, spread Bark Mulch on the Adopt a Patch beds at Mellville Road, Charlestown.



Tree Planting

Tree Planted by Blanchardstown Youth Services and Foroige Staff/Pupils. The tree was planted on the front lawn by the group. The tree was a Prunus Tia Haku.



Tyrrelstown Cricket

Cricket Training Mat was re-laid new sub-base put in, this work has been completed and tested that it meets operational standards.



Castlefield Clonsilla

New Fencing erected in Castlefield Clonsilla, a hawthorn hedge was also planted along fence.



Mick Walsh Park

Areas cleaned up and re-soiled after fires on open spaces, also Paladine fencing replaced along hedge line soil mounded.





Footpath Improvement Works - Corduff Green, Blanchardstown



Footpath Improvement Works- Dunsandle, Castleknock



Footpath Improvement Works - Hazel Lawn to Roselawn Avenue, Blanchardstown



Footpath Improvement Works - Peck's Lane, Castleknock



Countywide

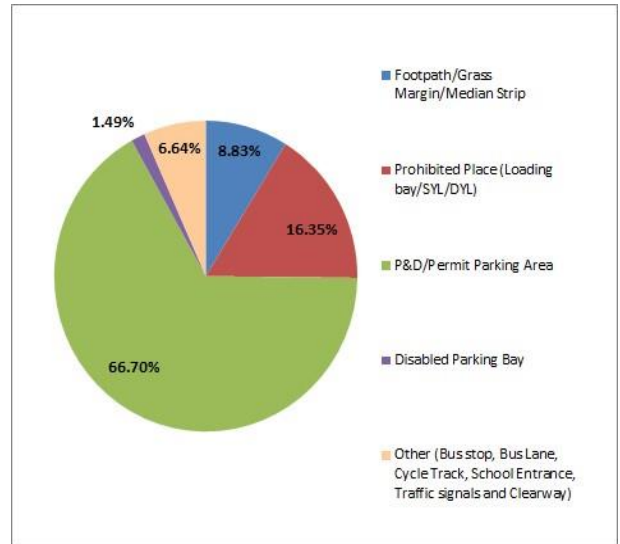
Seasonal public toilets across the County have been opened since late March well in advance of the bathing season.

The public toilets in our regional parks and at our beaches will remain open to 9pm during the summer months.

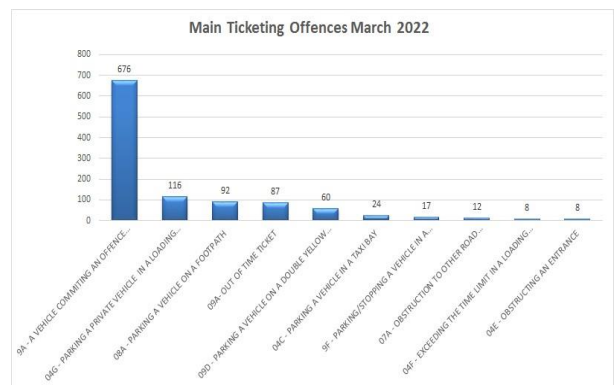
Car Parking Services

There was a total of 1,144 parking tickets issued during March 2022.

Breakdown of Parking Offences:

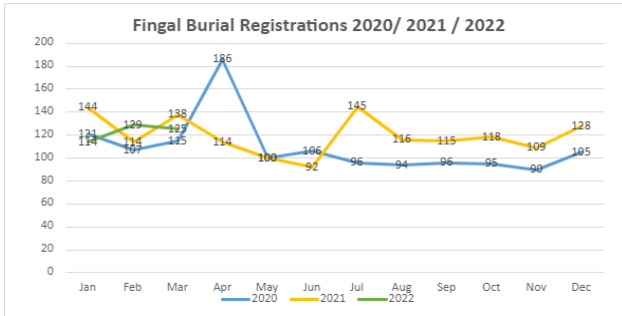


Breakdown of Parking Offences	Total	Percentage
Footpath/Grass Margin/Median Strip	101	8.83%
Prohibited Place (Loading bay/SYL/DYL)	187	16.35%
P&D/Permit Parking Area	763	66.70%
Disabled Parking Bay	17	1.49%
Other (Bus stop, Bus Lane, Cycle Track, School Entrance, Traffic signals and Clearway)	76	6.64%
Total	1144	100%



Burial Ground Services

The Operations Department are continuing to administer and monitor delivery to ensure business continuity for Fingal's Burial Ground Service. There were 125 Internments in March 2022.



Traffic Operations County-wide

Works are ongoing to deliver the Programme of Works across all areas.

Balbriggan/Swords Area

Public consultation has commenced for 6 no. traffic calming schemes. The final submission date is the 25th of May 2022.

Castleknock/Mulhuddart Area

Ramps

The ramps are currently out for public consultation. The final submission date is the 29th of April 2022

Contract

Howth/Malahide Area

New warning signage approaching the Graveyard on the Carrickbrack Road, Howth.



Fleet Management & Plant Hire Unit

106 hires were put in place from 1st April 2022 – 28th April 2022, engaging 23 suppliers.

2 Automatic Ford Rangers Purchased for Operations Department



2 Fully ELECTRIC LDV Maxus Purchased for Operations Department.



Fancourt Depot goes live with Easygo card access for EV charging.



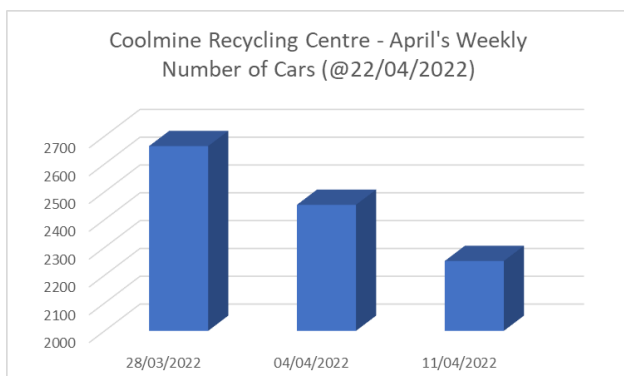
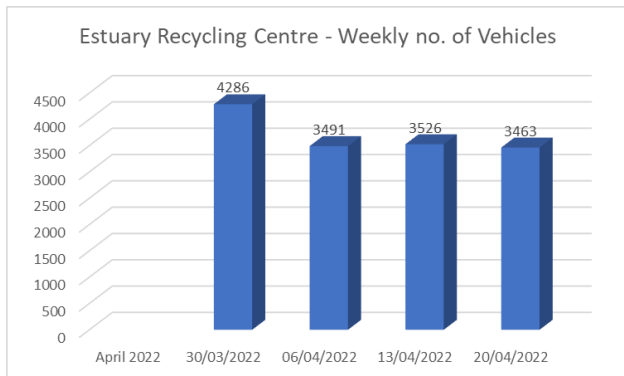
Street Lighting LED Programme

The Public Lighting Section will continue with the LED Programme in 2022 with 92.8% of all lights switched to LEDs.



First testing of the new multi-colour system for the Balbriggan viaduct

Recycling Centre's Update

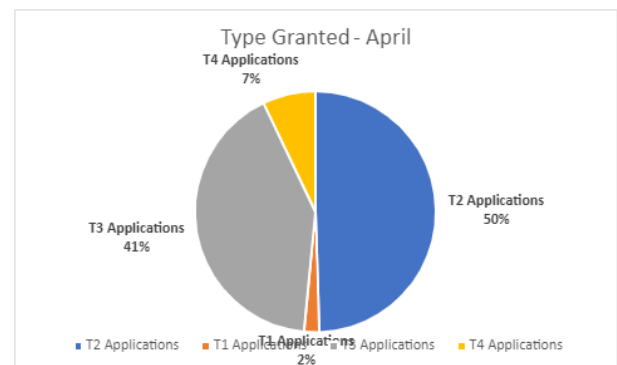
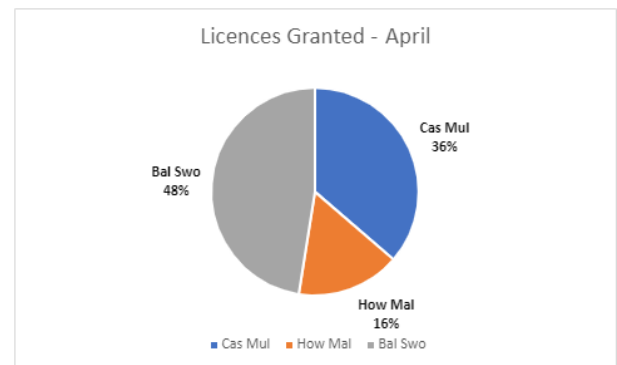
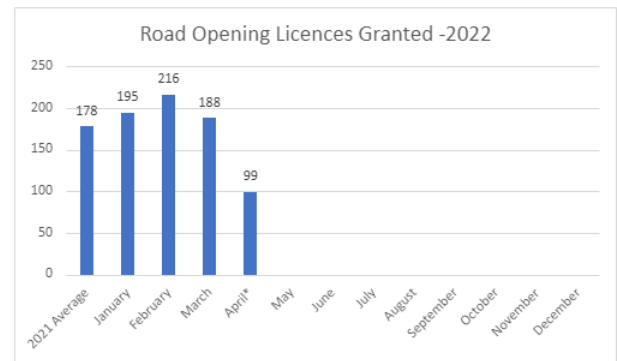


Licences

Road Opening Licences:

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

99 licences were granted **as of 22/04/2022**.



T1 Application: The T1 is not a licence. It is notification of intent to perform works of high impact due to extent or complexity.

T2 Applications: An application to carry out works of moderate impact due to the location, extent, amount, or duration of the work.

T3 Applications: An application to carry out works of low impact due to the location, extent, amount, or duration of the work. A T3 licence requires a short application period and does not require a works programme notification.

T4 Applications: A notification of emergency works (as defined under legislation). Notification must occur at the time or as soon as possible after commencement and works must be carried out during a limited time period.

Ongoing Projects

There are currently a number of significant road opening licence projects ongoing including under the supervision of the Operations Engineering Team.

Casual Trading Licences:

Casual Trading Update as of 22/04/2022

Casual Trading Licences	Total Designated Areas	Total Pitches	Pitches Assigned by Lottery	Rejected by Applicant	Granted	Pending
Cas/Mul	8	16*	5	2	3	0
Bal/Swo	13	23*	13	2	9	3
How/Mal	11	19*	15	0	5	10
Countywide	32	62*	33	4	13	16

* Total Pitches Figure may change on the basis of site inspections with Technical Outdoor staff if it is decided certain areas can support more or less Casual Trading Pitches. Areas that received no expression of interest prior to the Lottery were not assessed with site visits to determine an exact suitable number of pitches.

Water Services

Water and Wastewater Connections

There are 67 applications with Fingal as of 20th April 2022, this consists of 42 drainage connection applications as per the Irish Water System Maximo.

The back log of 105 applications in January 2022 has now been reduced to 67 live applications at the end of April.

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 works to install a section of new Stormwater (surface water) Network in Ballyboughal is completed. These works were carried out in conjunction with FCC's Housing Department. Phase 2 works which require the laying of a 450mm section across private land are still on hold pending the agreement of wayleaves.
- The Stormwater manhole cover and frame replacement programme for replacing assets at the end of life is ongoing – Covers and frames were replaced in the following locations: Portmarnock & Lusk.
- Funding is being procured for a property flood alleviation project in The Bawn & Old Bawn in Malahide. Currently a tender is being drafted for a detailed design. It is hoped that construction works on this new network will take place in late 2022. Contributions towards the works have been received from a local development company and have been assigned to the relevant project code.
- CCTV surveys were carried out in the Carrick Hill estate in Portmarnock, Bath Road Malahide, Rusheeny Park Clonsilla and Hamilton Place in Balbriggan. A number of issues with root ingress, concrete rubble, displaced and partially collapsed sections were uncovered. These reports are now being analysed to identify the most cost-effective means of repairing these issues.

- A contractor is being procured to jet and drag the last section of a slow-moving pipeline in Inbhir Ide in Malahide. This jetting and dragging will remove any remaining debris and complete this section of works to help alleviate any future flooding.
- Survey works are ongoing along Burrow Beach in Sutton to access the condition of the existing line and the possibility to lowering the height of some manhole cover and frames.
- Recently completed works include the installation of 30m of Stormwater diversion in the Admiral Park estate in Baldoyle. This will resolve a long-standing issue with flooding in the roadway and the green areas of the estate.
- Works to jet, drag and CCTV survey the Stormwater network in Chalfont, Malahide to assist road operations with the alleviation of ongoing road flooding are now complete. A partial collapse was identified and works to repair this collapse are being costed for tender.
- CCTV surveys were carried out in Heather Walk and Carrickhill Rise in Portmarnock to identify the cause of slow flows. Large root ingress and partial collapses were identified. A contractor is being procured to provide a quote for the repairs including robotic cutting and Part Liner installation. In some locations an open dig will need to be performed to remove the damaged sections and replace the failed pipes.
- The Stormwater preventative maintenance cycle is ongoing for 2022. It has been set up to record and map the condition of the Stormwater network in a number of estates in the Fingal area. A contractor was procured with a jet vac recycler truck and CCTV camera van. Hire started in early February initially on a 4 week hire. A number of estates were identified, and work began in Portmarnock Hill/Rise in Portmarnock. The objective of this work is to undertake maintenance in jetting the network, and to identify any deficiencies within the network, to provide a CCTV survey and log and report the condition of the lines and the associated manholes.
- Circa 5000m of lines and 101 manholes were surveyed in February. Following on from surveys carried out in these estates a number

of structural defects were identified within the network and manhole system. A report is being compiled to recommend what remedial works are required. From this report a number of job lots were created to identify how best to proceed and complete the necessary repairs. FCC Water Services staff are currently working on 25 manholes requiring immediate works that were identified. Work has also started to remove roots, repair manhole benching and replace damaged cover and frames.

- The next section of our Stormwater network preventative maintenance cycle commenced on the 4th of April starting with the Cardy Rock and Hamilton Place estates in Balbriggan. To date 4000m of lines have been surveyed and recorded and 65 manhole reports have been created.

Storm Water (surface water) Network – Projects

A number of Storm water projects are currently being progressed:

- **Burrow Beach Surface Water Outfall Pipeline Repair**
Scope: This project is to replace the damaged anchor system for the pipeline
Status: Design stage
- **Beaverstown Storm Water Pumping Station Upgrade**
Scope: Review options for the existing pumping station
Status: Project planning / scoping
- **Howth Surface Water Culvert Replacement**
Scope: Prepare a design to replace the existing surface water culvert
Status: Procurement
- **The Bawn Malahide Storm Water Pipeline Repair.**
Scope: This project is to replace an existing combined network with new stand alone network to alleviate localised flooding.
Status: Project planning/scoping.

Communications from Irish Water

- Correspondence received from Irish Water on 26th April on Malodours at Mulhuddart and circulated to the D15 Area Elected Members
- Correspondence received from Irish Water on the publication of Irish Water data on sewage overflows and unplanned discharges. Circulated to the Elected Members on 28th April, 2022. Relevant links to be uploaded to the Fingal Website

Irish Water Planned Works - Irish Water Regional Communications team provide regular updates concerning upcoming projects in the area and planned works which may cause disruption to customers. Regularly updates on the website at <https://www.water.ie/water-supply-and-service-update/#>

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.

Communication with Irish Water for Elected Representatives

The Local Representative Support Desk

Make contact at localrepsupport@water.ie or by phone at **0818 178 178 / 0818 578 578**.

Staff are available Monday – Friday from 9am to 5.30pm to deal with queries from elected representatives about any topic related to Irish Water.

Outside these hours, the 24/7 customer care line is available for urgent queries at **1800 278 278**.

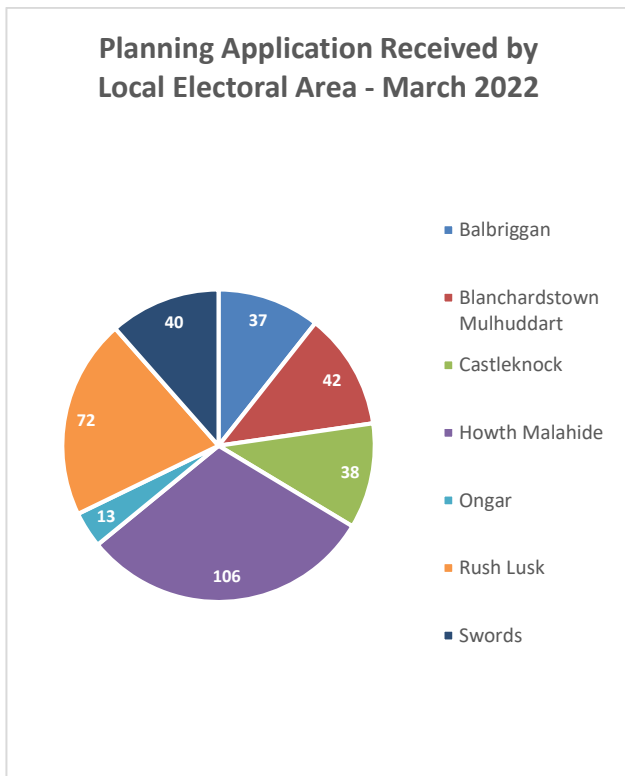
PLANNING AND STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE (PSI)

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Planning Applications

There have been 348 planning applications received to the end of March 2022, 28 of these applications were invalid leaving a total of 320 valid applications. The volume of applications received by Local Electoral Area (LEA) is detailed in the table below.

Between January and end March 2022, 3 Strategic Housing Development (SHD) applications were made to An Bord Pleanála totalling 761 units. 1 decision was made by the board up to end of March 2022. This application was Refused in March. There is a total of 7 SHD's (3,195 units) currently in the formal application process.



Planning Decisions

A total of 290 planning decisions have been made to the end of March 2022. There have been 242 decisions to grant permission (83%) and 48 refusals of permission (17%). There have been 21 grants of permissions in respect of single house construction, 144 grants of permission for domestic extensions, 60 commercial/retail grants of permission and 7 grants of permission in respect of housing developments of which 5 relate to development of 2 - 20, 1 relates to 20 – 50 and 1 relates to 50 -100.

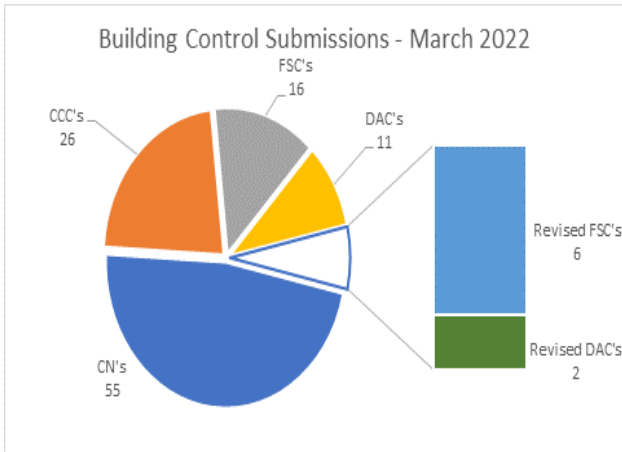
Building Control Admin

In March 2022, there were 116 Building Control submissions made. This was made up of 55 Commencement Notices, 26 Compliance of Completion Certificates, 22 Fire Safety related Certificates and 13 Disability Access related Certificates.

Commencement Notices and Compliance on Completion Certificates can only be submitted through the Projects module on BCMS.

Fire Safety, Disability Access, Regularisation and Dispensation/Relaxation Certificate applications can be submitted online via the Applications module on BCMS and we are also still accepting hard copy applications directly into the office. Most applications are now being submitted via the online system.

In March 2022 the Building Control Admin team processed 97 decisions relating to Fire Safety and Disability Access Certificates.



Strategic Policy Unit

Draft Fingal Development Plan 2023 – 2029



The Draft Fingal Development Plan was published on 24th February. The public consultation will run until the 12th of May and during that time the document is available for download from the <https://www.fingal.ie/development-plan> website and can be inspected at Fingal County Council’s offices in Swords and Blanchardstown or any branch of Fingal Libraries.

The Council is seeking to encourage public debate among citizens, businesses, community groups and other interested parties on the Draft Development Plan and online submissions can made by citizens and organisations between now and May 12th on Fingal County Council’s Consultation Portal, www.consult.fingal.ie

A webinar was held online on 22nd March, followed by four drop-in events at different locations across the County. These events were attended by staff from the Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department who were available to address queries.

- March 31 - The Atrium, County Hall, Swords.
- April 5 - The Lecture Room, Blanchardstown Library, Blanchardstown.
- April 20 - The Lecture Room, Malahide Library, Malahide.
- April 21 - Martello Room, The Bracken Court Hotel, Balbriggan.

Queries can be also forwarded to Fingal.DevelopmentPlan@fingal.ie

The Development Plan process has been running for almost a year and the final plan is scheduled to be adopted by Councillors in February 2023. Last year Council officials set out the strategic direction for the Plan with the publication of an Issues Paper which attracted 551 no. submissions. This then formed the framework into which objectives and policies for the Chief Executive’s Draft Plan were created.

Sustainable Swords

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 publication of the draft Strategy and the third round of consultation is expected to take place in Q2 of this year.



Vacant Site Register

There are currently 10 sites on the Vacant Sites Register (VSR). These include 3 no. residential sites and 7 no. regeneration sites.

Dunsink Feasibility Study

A feasibility study for Dunsink has been published and is available on the Fingal County Council website, see link attached: <https://www.fingal.ie/dunsink-feasibility-study>

HERITAGE OFFICE



The Heritage Officer arranged for a tour of the National Museum's Collection Resource Centre in Swords for the Fingal Heritage Network. Over 40 members attended a highly enjoyable and interesting tour with the superb staff of the National Museum of Ireland.



The Women of Fingal Tapestry created by artist Agnieszka 'Uisce' Jakubczyk which captures aspects of Fingal's women throughout the ages - from finds uncovered on the Drumanagh excavations to revolutionary women - was launched in Rush Library by Mayor of Fingal Cllr Seána Ó Rodaigh.

Funded by Creative Ireland the tapestry forms part of the Women of Fingal theme for the Heritage Plan implementation, which focuses on putting women's experience back into heritage. The Tapestry is currently available to view in the Chapel of Swords Castle.



Community Monuments Fund 2022

Six locations of archaeological heritage in Fingal will share a total of €391,648 from the Community Monuments Fund 2022 to aid with their works and survey programmes. The CMF is administered by the

Heritage Office on behalf of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

Stream 1 (Consolidation works):

- Rush Tower House €85,000
- St Catherine's Church, Kenure €85,000 St Marnock's Church, Portmarnock €85,000
- St Columba's Church & Round tower Swords €85,000

Stream 2 (Survey and conservation plans)

- Moat Wood, Naul €30,000
- Balrothery Tower House €21,648

Parks and Green Infrastructure Division

Porterstown Park All-Weather Running Track and Sport Pitch Facility

On 4th April, work commenced on the site of the new All-Weather Running Track and Sports Pitch facility at Porterstown Park. The launch of the works was attended by Deputy Mayor Daniel Whooley and Dublin West TD and Minister for Sport Jack Chambers alongside local Councillors and community groups who will benefit from the new sporting facilities. Significant earthworks are ongoing, following a topsoil strip, earth grading to the exact levels required using laser guided technology is taking place. *(Pictured is the west curve of the running track taking shape).* The next steps over the coming weeks include drainage installation and the importation of stone to

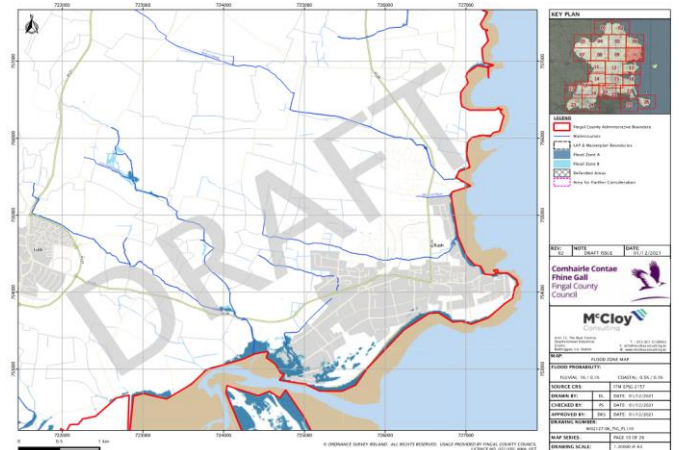


form the base layer of the synthetic surfaces of the running track and pitch. To date significant stakeholder engagement has kept park users, local sports groups and clubs well informed and the Council's Parks and Green Infrastructure Division will continue to liaise as required going forward. It is anticipated that the facility will be complete by Q1 of next year and will become a valuable state of the art sporting amenity for the people of Dublin 15 and the wider area.



Bremore Castle Boundary Works, Bells Lane, Balbriggan

The significant upgrade works to the boundary of Bremore Castle have been recently completed. The feature boundary works encompassed Bells Lane, the surrounds of Bells Cottage and at the entrance to Bremore Castle car park. The works, managed by the Parks and Green Infrastructure Division, have achieved an aesthetic in keeping with the status of Bremore Castle as a Jewel in the crown of Fingal County and have set the standard for the boundary treatments of the ongoing development of Bremore Regional Park. The upgrade consists of the installation of granite-capped, limestone stub walls and piers, with solid bar railings and gates; the undergrounding of the existing telecoms line running to the Castle from the R132; and providing for the future installation of both fibre-optic telecoms and public lighting through the installation of requisite ducting.



Built Environment Division

Development Management March 2022

- 105 no. new planning files have been received.
- 8 no. Additional Information files have been received
- 1 no. Compliance Submissions have been received, 4 no. have been processed.
- 3 no. SHD applications have been received, 0 no. has been assessed.
- 1 no. Part 8/Part XI applications has been received, 0 no. has been processed.
- Pre-planning consultations – During March, staff from Planning (Water Services) have engaged in 28 no. pre-planning discussions with developers 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.

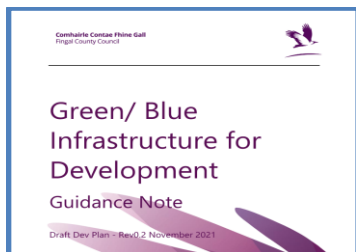
Flood Risk Assessments/ Drainage Strategies

FCC staff continue liaising with the appointed consultants developing the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment for the upcoming County Development Plan. The SFRA DRAFT flood mapping and DRAFT report has been completed. This mapping and report will be updated over the coming months subject to new information (Tolka flood study) and submissions received from Councillors/public.

- A new document “Nature-based Solutions to the Management of Rainwater and Surface Water Runoff in Urban Areas - Water Sensitive Urban Design - Best Practice Interim Guidance Document” has been issued by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. It is intended as a high-level best practice interim guidance document for all those whose work impacts on the urban environment, for urban planners and all built environment professionals involved in the planning process such as engineers, architects and landscape architects and shows how to move towards a more systematic and sustainable approach to urban planning and design that seeks to mimic the natural water balance of rural areas through “water sensitive urban design”.



- Sustainable Drainage System (SuDS) – The Fingal SuDS guidance document (Green/Blue Infrastructure for Development) has been reviewed to include changes in technical standards. This document along with the Draft SFRA documents have been incorporated into the new development plan.



Irish Water

- Staff continue to liaise with Irish Water regarding existing constraints within the water/wastewater networks and identifying solutions to resolve.

Building Control

- BCMS –118 CNs were submitted over the course of February and March 2022 and there were 58 Completion Certificates processed.

Taking in Charge

- “The Hawthorns” in Castleknock and Cnoc Dubh in Ballyboughal were Taken in Charge in the April Council Meeting.
- Phase 1 Taking in Charge works on the following estates - Chieftain's Way, Martello, New Haven Bay are currently underway and nearing completion.
- Phase 2 Taking in Charge works – Drynam, are still under construction. There is also works almost complete in Thornleigh Swords by a completion contractor on behalf of the bondsman.
- There was one tenderer for the appointment of consulting engineers for managing the Taking in Charge works in Ongar which closed on 8th March 2022. The successful tenderer has been appointed and a kick off meeting is due to start with the tenderer in the first week of May.

- Dargans Way has been priced by Direct Labour and construction works will start shortly.
- There are currently 57 developers set up on our “External Taking in Charge SharePoint Site” to upload Taking in Charge documentation. The Architect’s Department have also uploaded Taking in Charge information for Racecourse Estate in Lusk and Ladyswell Crescent in Mulhuddart to the “Taking in Charge Internal Sharepoint” site.

Dangerous Structures

- We currently have 55 active dangerous structures. There was 1 new notification in March and none so far in April.

References

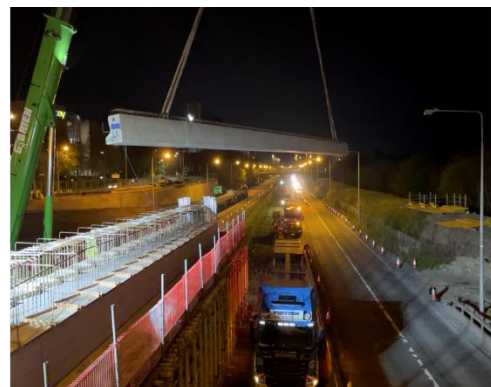
- The number of reference requests received in March and April (so far) are 304 and 245 respectively.

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

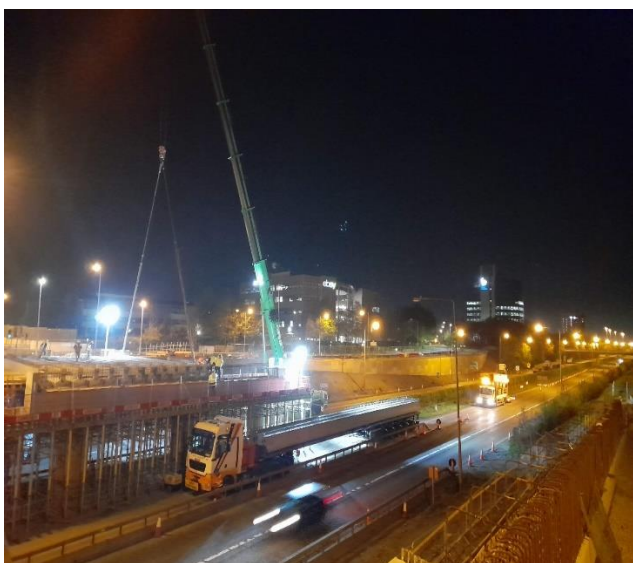
Harry Reynolds Road

The Harry Reynolds Road is now at approval stage with the NTA and subject to this approval will be going forward for tender in June. Procurement of the main contractor to carry out this project will take place with tender assessment and appointment in Q3 and Q4 respectively, with a view to works commencing on site in early 2023.

Snugborough Interchange Upgrade Project



Bridge Central Piers, Columns and the central pier head beam were completed in April and following four nights of road closures on the N3, bridge beams were positioned in place to form the main bridge structure over the N3 motorway, a most significant phase of this project. Works have commenced on the underpass under the Snugborough Road, with excavations taking place in April in advance of the precast units being installed in May. Construction of walls and columns continued through April to support the bridge crossing of the River Tolka. The website www.snugboroughinterchange.ie containing information on the project is now live and will continue to be updated with information relating to the project over its life term.



Hole in the Wall Road Junction Upgrade

The Hole in the Wall Road Junction Upgrade project, which was officially opened last December, has been nominated for an Irish Construction Excellence (ICE) Award.

The ICE Awards recognise performance excellence for the contracting sector in Ireland. The judging panel consists of 18 respected industry experts from various construction disciplines.

The judging process includes an Interview Stage with Q&A to quiz nominees on their projects in line with best international professional competition practice. The winners will be announced in May 2022.



Donabate Pedestrian Bridge

The Donabate Pedestrian Bridge project will see construction of a new footbridge over the Dublin-Belfast Railway Line, thereby facilitating a safe cycling and pedestrian route that will connect development lands on either side of the railway with Donabate Village and Newbridge Demesne. The project has progressed through the initial planning and design stages and discussions with Irish Rail regarding technical approval for placing the bridge into service above the railway are at an advanced stage. Upon conclusion of these discussions, tender documents to appoint a contractor to construct the bridge will be finalised and issued to shortlisted construction companies.

Church Fields Link Road

Fox Building and Civil Engineering have established the site offices and compound for the project, fencing has been installed to the perimeter of the lands and earthworks for the link road phase of the project is well underway.



Sutton to Malahide Pedestrian & Cycle Route

The Project Team are currently undertaking a 6 week non statutory public consultation on the scheme preliminary design. The consultation period commenced on the 24th March and concludes on the 9th May. The consultation is being run to help the project team complete and develop the preliminary design in advance of a submission to An Bord Pleanála in 2023. Consultation undertaken and documentation published includes:

- Promotional Video/Images
- Media Advertisements - Print & Social
- Leaflet Drop – 17,500 leaflets to residents and businesses
- Online Consultation Portal containing Submissions Portal, Online Questionnaire, Drawings, Reports and Videos/Images
- Drop-in session in Portmarnock Hotel where team members met local residents and discussed the proposals
- 2 Webinars with Q&A's

HOUSING

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The process to appoint a contractor is currently out to tender.



Church Fields, Dublin 15

The contractor is onsite constructing the Church Fields Link Road and Cycle Network which will facilitate the development of the entire Church Fields landbank with the potential to deliver 1,000 mixed tenure homes.

Construction is already underway of 67 social homes at Church Fields Phase 2B. Construction of a further 20 homes at Wellview is also underway with delivery scheduled for later this year.



Construction of Affordable Homes in 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.

Current construction work on the site at Dun Emer, Lusk.



Housing Delivery

Construction Programme

Summary of unit numbers in pipeline	units
Under Construction	207
Tender Stage	429
Planning and Design	814
Part V	229
TOTAL	1,679

Schemes on Site

Area Committee	Provider	Funding Stream	Site Name	No. Units	Status Detail	On Site Date	Handover (estimated)
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Dun Emer Lusk	51 8x2Bed 31x3Bed 12x4Bed	On Site	Q2 2021	Q4 2022
Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar	FCC	Social	Wellview Cullinade-Sacs	20 7x2Bed 7x3Bed 6x4Bed	On site	Q4 2020	Q3 2022
Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar	FCC	Social	Cappagh	69 10x1Bed 26x2Bed 25x3Bed 8x4Bed	On Site	Q2 2021	Q3 2022
Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar	FCC	Social	Church Fields Phase 2B	67 6x1Bed 17x2Bed 34x3Bed 10x4Bed	On Site	Q4 2021	Q4 2022

Schemes with Part 8 Planning Approval and at Tender stage

Area Committee	Provider	Funding Stream	Site Name	No. Units	Status Detail	On Site Date	Handover (estimated)
Howth/Malahide	FCC	Social	Luckett's Lane, Howth	8 4x1Bed 4x2Bed	Ongoing engagement with DHLGH re costs and value for money.	Q3 2022	Q4 2023
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Outlands, Swords	11 4x1Bed 4x2Bed 3x3Bed	Tender process underway to appoint a contractor.	Q3 2022	Q4 2023
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Church Road, Lusk	5 5x2Bed	Detail design in progress issue tender to appoint contractor in Q2 2022	Q3 2022	Q3 2023
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Former Leonards Garage, Lusk	10 10x2Bed	Detail design in progress issue tender to appoint contractor in Q2 2022	Q3 2022	Q4 2023
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Hayestown, Rush	62 17x2Bed 45x3Bed	Stage 2 tender procurement process underway.	Q4 2022	Q4 2023
Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar	FCC	Social	Infill Sites in Dublin 15	2 1x2Bed 1x3Bed	Detail design in progress.	Q3 2022	Q3 2023
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	Watt Housing	Social Elderly	Kilhedge Lane, Lusk	31 13x1Bed 18x2Bed	Detail design in progress issue tender to appoint contractor in Q2 2022.	Q3 2022	Q4 2023
Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Church Fields	300 27x1Bed 118x2Bed 136x3Bed 19x4Bed	Procurement process underway.	Q4 2022	Q1 2024

Schemes at Pre-Planning Stage

Area Meeting	Committee	Provider	Funding Stream	Site Name	No. Units	Status Detail	On Date	Site Handover (estimated)
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	North East Housing Association	Social Elderly	Garristown	6	Stage 2 approval received from DHLGH. Part 8 to commence in June.	Q2 2023	Q3 2024	
Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castlenock/Ongar	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Church Fields, D15	700	Pre-Planning and design stage	Q2 2024	Q4 2025	
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Mayeston, Dublin 11	100	Design team appointed and preliminary feasibility design under way.	Q1 2023	Q2 2024	
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social Elderly	North Street, Swords	8	Feasibility prepared	being Q2 2023	Q2 2024	

Fingal County Council construction scheme at Wellview, D15 – 20 units being built



Projects on site.

Fingal County Council construction scheme at Cappagh, Dublin 11 - 69 units being built



Fingal County Council construction scheme at Church Fields - 67 units being built



Units currently under construction being delivered via Capital Advance Leasing Facility at Blackwood Square, Northwood, Santry, Dublin 9

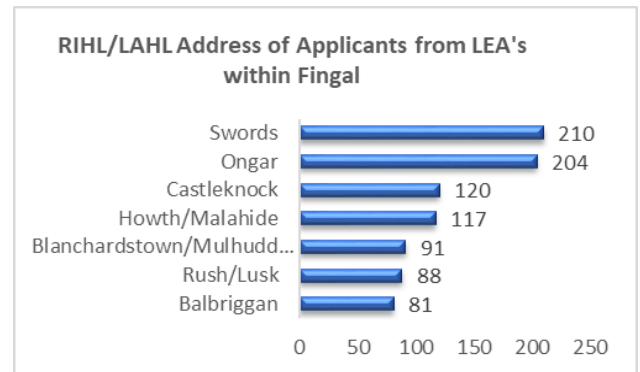


Local Authority Home Loan

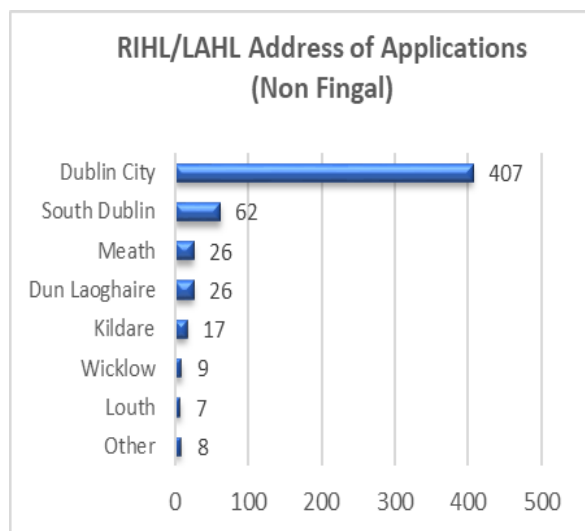
There were a total of 1,473 home loan applications received by Fingal County Council (FCC) since the introduction of the Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan (RIHL) now known as the Local Authority Home Loan (LAHL). Any applicant normally resident anywhere in the state can apply for a mortgage under the scheme.

Of the 1,473 applications received, 911(62%) were received from addresses within Fingal and 562 (38%) were received from outside of Fingal.

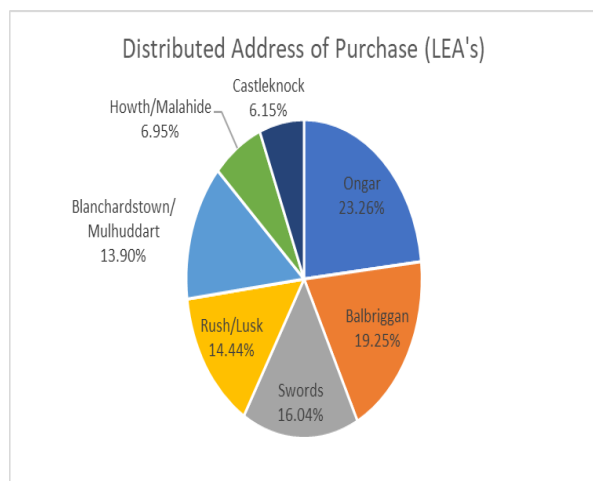
The first chart below shows the breakdown of these applications within Fingal Local Electoral Areas, showing Swords to be the highest source of applications to date.



The chart below shows the origin of applications from outside Fingal. In the main these applications arise from areas beside Fingal, and Dublin City has created the largest demand for the RIHL and LAHL lending products.



The chart below shows the distributed locations of completed sales across the Fingal.



Rent Payments – Council Tenants

The Rents Team continue to engage with tenants who may have experienced a change in circumstances to their tenancy (e.g. change of income or family composition) or who may have fallen into arrears. It is

vitaly important that tenants notify the Council as soon as possible should a change in circumstances occur. Should tenants have any queries regarding their rent charge or arrears they should contact the Council immediately at email: rents.assessments@fingal.ie or rents.arrears@fingal.ie Further details are available on the Council's website www.fingal.ie.

Housing Asset Management Report

Energy Efficiency/Retrofitting Programme

In 2021 the allocated target of retrofitting 65 properties to a B2 standard was achieved. The 2022 target allocation for Fingal County Council to retrofit to a B2/Cost Optimal standard has been determined by the DHLGH at 81 units and the submission is awaiting approval. It is envisaged that works should commence by the end of May and tenants will be notified in advance outlining the level of works required.

Returning Dwellings to Productive use

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

Voids for Re-letting	at 27 th April 2022
In letting process	55
Undergoing re-let repairs	20
With County Architect for procurement of pre-let repairs	14
TOTAL	89

Planned Maintenance Programmes

Cyclical Maintenance - Scheme Painting

Works under the new Scheme Painting Programme are nearing completion in Dun Saithe Estate, Balbriggan and underway in Skerries. This Programme provides for external painting and joinery repairs to council housing stock which currently operates on a 6/7 year cycle.



Recently painted dwelling pre/post works

Housing Tenancy Services Report

Housing Assistance Payment (HAP)

Over 330 applicant submissions have been made for HAP through the online portal since it went live in October 2021 with 204 of those accepted as being fully complete (both applicant and landlord). The average turnaround time from date of full application received, to sign up, is approximately 4 weeks.

Status	Number of Apps		
Applicant Part Received	332		
Landlord Part Received	204	128	Signed Up (from Full Applications received)
Awaiting Landlord parts	73		
Applications did not progress	50		
Applications in progress	81		

Since its inception in Fingal County Council in 2017, the HAP team has set up almost 3,300 tenancies.

Housing Support

Housing List Position

The HNA has been successfully completed and Housing List Position letter issued to applicants on April 11th. Information on Choice Based Lettings was communicated on this letter which advised applicants to obtain a username & password.

Social Housing Application Form

The new social housing application form is in use since 14th March. Hard copies are available through the CCU. Amendments to the form – Part 8 of the housing application, identifying as an Irish Traveller is now being recorded on the Housing system, in accordance with Government policy.

Housing Appeals

A new email address has been set to facilitate applicants who wish to appeal any housing decisions. Applicants can use this email address should they wish to appeal: Closure of social housing applications, ToTs, HAP, over income, medical priority & transfer applications. Applicants can email – Housing.Appeals@fingal.ie.

Contact Details for Tenancy Services Division

Set out below are the **Housing Support Team** Contact details and the **Tenancy Services Division** details-

The Housing Support Team Contact Details	
Phone	01 890 5902 /01 890 5000
Email	Housing.allocations@fingal.ie
Website	www.fingal.ie
Tenancy Services Contact Details	
Homeless Services	01 890 5090 homeless@fingal.ie
Estate Management (Maintenance, ASB)	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

Choice Based Lettings

The new online portal to facilitate the Choice Based Letting (CBL) scheme has proven efficient with staff and applicants. CBL is an approach used for the allocation of designated Social Housing Units. It allows housing applicants to express an interest in being considered for the allocation of designated Social Housing Units.

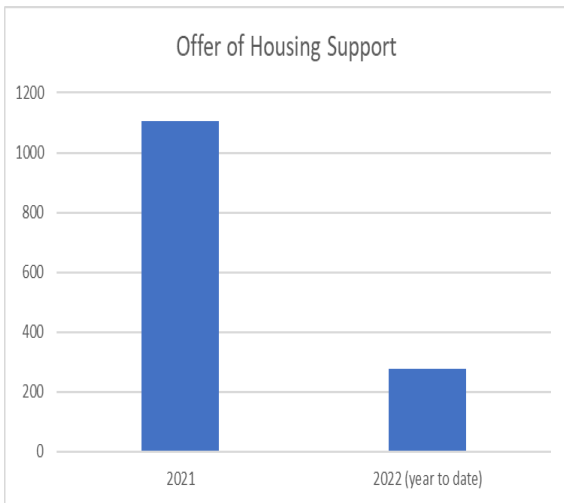
Applicants with active applications can access Choice Based Letting by logging onto <https://cbl.fingal.ie> using their unique username and password. To access their unique username and password applicants must contact choicebasedlettings@fingal.ie with their housing reference number and phone number. The housing team has issued over 1,200 secure passwords and usernames to date. Applicants are actively encouraged to obtain their passwords and usernames to express interest in any properties advertised.

Approved Social Housing applicants log in each week to check the dwellings that are available using their username and password.

Applicants are continued to be encouraged to obtain their username & password. To date 1654 passwords have been sent since the CBL portal opened (08/12/2021) of which 217 have been issued during the month of April.

Offers of Housing Support

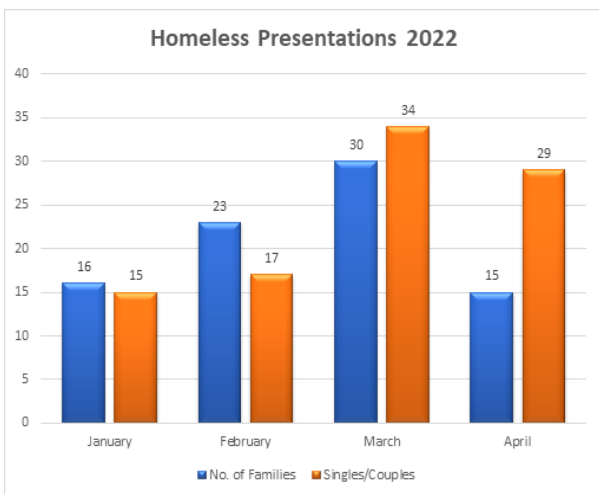
2021 offers shown for comparison



Homeless Services

The Council's Homeless Team continue to engage with those experiencing homelessness to offer advice and support. Homeless Assessments continued to be carried out.

In April 2022 there were 44 new homeless presentations, comprising 15 families and 29 singles/couples.

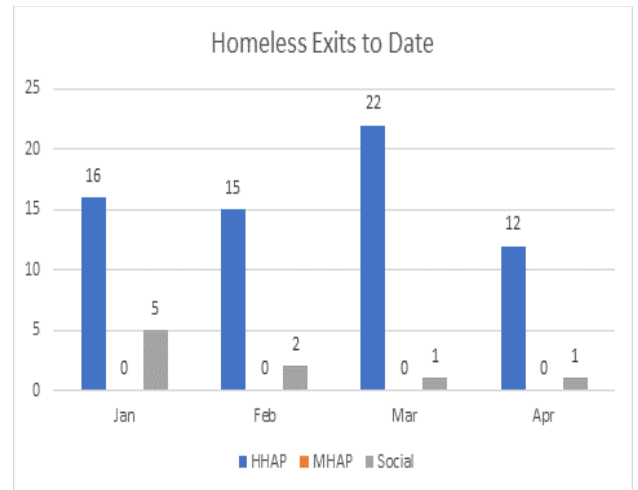


Homeless Exits

During April 2022, 13 households, exited homeless circumstances into various forms of social housing

support - including into private rented tenancies under Homeless HAP.

Homeless HAP accounts for 12 of these tenancies.



Rough Sleeper Count – Spring 2022.

The rough sleeper count takes place bi-annually (Spring & Autumn/Winter) to measure the level of street homelessness in the Dublin Region. Since 2020 the count has taken place over a full week, during which the Dublin Simon Outreach Team engage a full regional assessment of the people met sleeping rough, or at risk of sleeping rough.

The rough sleeper count for Spring 2022 was conducted between 28th March and 3rd April.

During the count week, there were 2 individuals found rough sleeping in the administrative area of Fingal County Council.

At present the Homeless Section are aware of 4 rough sleepers in the county of Fingal at the moment. 2 are in the Malahide area, 1 in the Howth area and 1 in Dublin 15. Of these 4 individuals, none currently have a Social Housing Application with Fingal County Council.

As with all reports of rough sleeping in the Fingal area Homeless Services are closely linked in with our own Housing Inspectors, the Outreach Team, the Dublin Region Homeless Executive and other support services to provide assistance and advice to these individuals.

Draft Homeless Action Plan 2022- 2024

The DRHE is currently preparing the Draft Homeless Action Plan Framework for Dublin 2022-2024.

This Plan is the first plan to be put into operation since Ireland signed the Lisbon Declaration on combatting homelessness in June 2021, which aims to end homelessness by 2030.

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

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

Those Fleeing the Conflict in Ukraine

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

A web page is available at www.gov.ie/ukraine

Fingal County Council is committed to supporting the humanitarian response to the crisis in Ukraine.

Where Households & individuals present to the Council's Homeless Services and identify as seeking refuge from the conflict, the advice to date is that they should be directed to the International Protection Accommodation Service (IPAS) ipasinbox@equality.gov.ie

Please note that if a situation arises where an immediate humanitarian response is required, Local Authorities are asked to use discretion and provide Emergency Accommodation (EA) and in this instance FCC will refer the case to IPAS.

Traveller Accommodation Plan

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 for further progression in 2022. Refurbishment work is planned for a number of sites in accordance with the Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019-2024. A review of the TAP is ongoing.

Daily site visits by Housing Inspectors continue on all Fingal County Council Traveller specific sites while checking on vulnerable residents and advising on the continued supports available. Senior Officials are engaged on an ongoing basis with residents and liaise with various external agencies and traveller advocacy groups as required.

Housing and Community Department staff are currently working collaboratively with colleagues from the Libraries Department on a Traveller creative

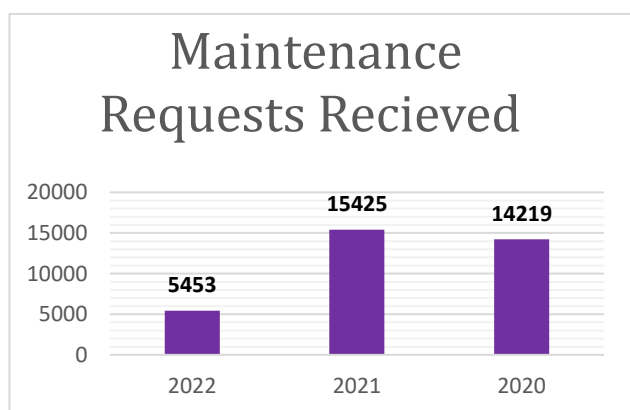
engagement project which we hope to initiate next month at one of our Group Housing Schemes with a view to extending the project to other sites later in the Summer and continue into next year.

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.

The Estate Management Section continues to work with the most vulnerable and complex of our Tenants in collaboration with our Social Workers, Tenancy Sustainment Officers and external statutory agencies to protect and assist the most vulnerable of our tenancies.

Housing Maintenance



Boiler Servicing Programme

The Council provides an annual boiler servicing facility, including all maintenance and upgrade works, for a nominal fee of €3 per week to participating tenants. The Council releases batches of work to dedicated Contractors throughout the course of the year. Contractors are progressing the 2022 works programme with 5 batches totaling 1,217 properties

been issued so far incorporating the following areas: Whitestown Estate, Sheepmoor Estate, Corduff Estate, Greenridge, Abbeylea, Ballygarra, Clonmethan Green, Earnan’s Wood, Drynam Avenue, Lambeecher, Cardy Rock, Longstone Park, Glasmore Park, Seaview Park, Strandmill Road.

Anti-Social Behaviour/Inspectorate Unit

The ongoing management and sustainment of social Tenancies and good estate management falls within the remit of the ASB/Inspectorate Unit. Alleged breaches of Tenancy Agreements are investigated and pursued in accordance with housing legislation and policy.

There are occasions when the vulnerabilities, complexities and health related issues associated with a tenancy require tenancy sustainment and welfare 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 may be required to ensure all agencies work collaboratively with a view to achieving best outcomes for our Communities. This work is ongoing in relation to a number of Tenancies in the county.

ASB Caseload Management

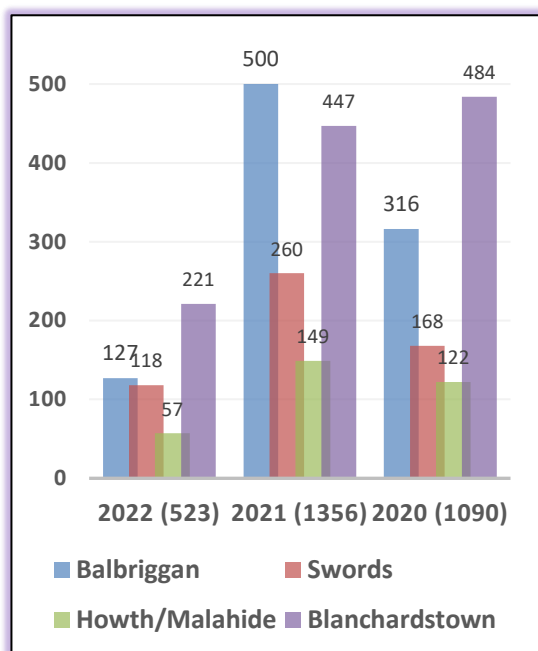
April 2022	Active Investigation	Active Monitoring	Closed
Dublin 15	27	17	11
North County	30	22	21
Total	57	39	32

All ASB complaints received are followed up and investigated by a designated team within with ASB Unit and allegations of breaches of Tenancy are pursued accordingly. All complaints are received in confidence.

Surrenders on Estate Management Grounds 2022

– 0 (Jan), 2 (Feb), 2 (Mar), 5 (Apr)

Area Breakdown 2020-2022



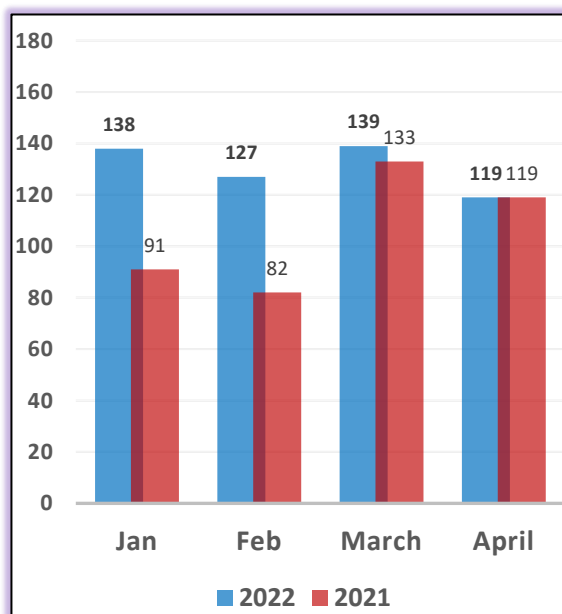
Anti-Social Interventions

Interviews Held 2022	21
Interviews Held 2021	47
Tenancy Alerts 2022	11
Tenancy Alerts 2021	31
Tenancy Warnings 2022	1
Tenancy Warnings 2021	2

Inspectorate

Traveller Specific Inspections 2022	534
Traveller Specific Inspections 2021	1746
Estate Inspections 2022	419
Estate Inspections 2021	1202
EM/ASB Inspections 2022	594
EM/ASB Inspections 2021	3117

Monthly Breakdown of Complaints Received 2021-2022



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

North County

RACECOURSE COMMON, LUSK UPDATE

The Community Department have been working with Racecourse Green and Park since October 2021 to assist with the development of a youth sports programme which led up to the successful family day in November. The Community Department continue to build capacity of this group and the third meeting of Racecourse Common Residents Association took place on 28th April in the Cottage Community Centre. A very successful clean-up day took place on Saturday 23rd April and great support was received from young

and old who came out to participate in the event. A big thank you is also extended the Lusk Tidy Towns, Lusk Community Council and Cllr. Rob O'Donoghue who also supported the efforts on the day. We are looking forward to tackling the landscaped areas on the next clean.





Planet Youth Research Project

The Mayor in the company of An Taoiseach Micheál Martin, recently launched the research findings of the Planet Youth project. This project is led by the North Dublin Regional Drugs Taskforce and is an Icelandic research model which has been very successful in Galway, Mayo and Roscommon. This data captured in December 2021 from thousands of 3rd, 4th & 5th year students will be crucial to the future service planning. The data also presents interesting data on what life as a teenager is currently like, with questions from e-cigarettes & drink consumption to whether there is enough to do or if they wish to migrate to another county.

This data was captured during the pandemic and it will be interesting to compare the results when the research is carried out again in two years' time. The North County Community Development Unit will continue to support the Samh groups with the next steps using this information for change.



Thrive Balbriggan

On the 7th of April 2022 the Community Office in association with Thrive Balbriggan and Mental Health Ireland supported the local community in Balbriggan to come together for 'Hello, how are you' day.

Thrive Balbriggan is a mental health movement which involves communities, services and agencies working together collaboratively and in a co-productive way to generate ideas. It aims to build understanding and awareness of mental health and well-being in order to create a mental health friendly community for all.

The event began with the group handing out conversation cards in Balbriggan. Flemington Community Centre hosted an information forum with tea and conversations asking each other in a meaningful way 'Hello, how are you?'. Conversation Cards and support services were handed out through the day and were translated into several languages including Ukrainian which can be accessed through the Flemington and Castleland community centre website. Empower led a 'Hello, how are you' walk and talk with community and there was a gathering in the square where the Mayor of Fingal spoke words of inspiration. There was presence in Balbriggan of the Thrive Group promoting the campaign throughout the day including a showcase from Men's Shed and Ardgillan College Choir performing for the community in the Square. The day ended with the Balbriggan Gospel Choir performing in the Millfield Shopping Centre



Ukrainian Solidarity Group

On the 24th of April (Ukrainian Easter) the Ukrainian Solidarity Group met in Flemington Community Centre. People were encouraged to come along and bring Easter Baskets. With support of the Community and Sports Hub in Balbriggan, the Ukrainian Solidarity group have been meeting to plan activities, develop contacts, discuss group options for activities to support integration of Ukrainians into the Community.



Fingal Community Partner WRAP Programme

The Community Development Office are delighted to announce that the Fingal Community Partner WRAP programme will commence in Fortlawn on the 7th and 14th of May. This programme will train over 10 community partners to become facilitators of WRAP (Wellness Action Recovery Plan) and will result in the roll out of multiple wellbeing programmes around Dublin 15 over the coming months.

Accredited Cambridge English Classes

The Community Office in partnership with Mountview Community Centre are organising Cambridge Accredited English Classes in May. A placement test for the Classes will take place on Thursday the 28th of April. Full classes start on the 16th of May in Mountview Community Centre. These classes will target members of the community that need to progress from local Failte Isteach/Conversational English classes. This an excellent opportunity for people to improve the English language proficiency and receive an internationally recognised certificate.

Mountview Community and Sports Hub

The Mountview Community and Sports Hub is expanding its supports and services to the local community. D15 Community Drugs team will offer a drop-in information and advice service from the 25th of May. The DDLETB will provide a free Career Guidance and employment support service on the first Wednesday of every month starting on the 04th of May. The hub is also continuing to host Cultúr Migrant Centre that has a drop-in and free advice and supports around English language and upskilling courses for migrants. The Tyrrelstown Community and Sports Hub hosted a Financial Wellbeing Talk on the 26th April with Aileen Morrissey, a financial wellbeing coach from Bank of Ireland.



In addition, Blanchardstown Adult Education Service will hold clinics on the last Wednesday of the month for the next 3 months. These clinics will provide a space to discuss career, employment and education options with a Guidance Counsellor

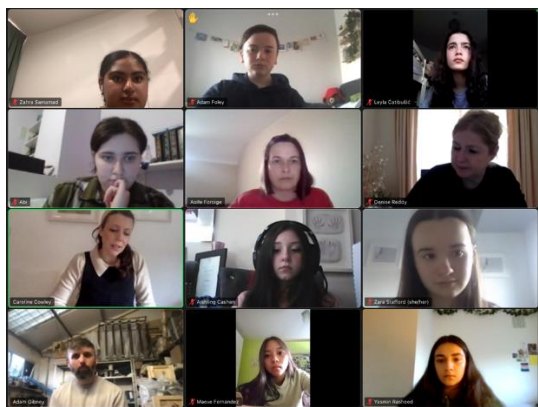
The community and sport hub are also open to any new or emerging groups and the Community officer is available to meet groups looking to establish themselves and find out information on supports and services offered by the Community Development Office.



STRATEGIC

Comhairle na nÓg

Research on the **Engagement of Seldom Heard Young People** with Fingal's Comhairle na nÓg is coming to a close. This piece of research will result in an engagement plan to reach this target group that will guide the work of Fingal Comhairle na nÓg in coming years. In addition, six members of Fingal Comhairle na nÓg attended this year's Dail na nÓg event in the convention centre.



FINGAL PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NETWORK

Draft Development Plan Supports

Fingal PPN were delighted to support our members with several events and workshops in relation to the Fingal Draft Development Plan which recently opened for consultation. The Fingal Development Plan sets out the vision for how Fingal should develop over the life of the Plan while ensuring compliance with national and regional policy. The Draft Development Plan presents an opportunity for the general public to shape Fingal for the future when it comes to

important issues such as housing, economic development, community and heritage.

On Wednesday April 6th, Fingal County Council met with Fingal PPN members to answer any questions that they may have had in relation to the Draft Development Plan. This event took place in County Hall (photos below).

Saolta delivered a Global Citizen Education Workshop focusing on the essential function and importance of embedding and implementing these principals as well as the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals within the County Development Plans. The workshop was designed to enlighten participants about the purpose, function, and broader societal meaning of GCE and the SDGs. It also highlighted why they are a crucial roadmap to follow to ensure that our environment, our society, and our economy are future proofed for the generations to come through a clear understanding and activation of meaningful and sustainable practices and policies. This workshop took place online on Wednesday 13th April from 7-9pm.

Submissions in relation to the Draft Development Plan will be open until 12th May 2022. In preparation for making a submission, Fingal PPN provided a workshop on how to make effective submissions. This workshop gave a brief introduction to social analysis, passed on tips on how to make an effective submission, how to source relevant data sources to support your submission and learn how to network and work collaboratively on issues. This workshop was delivered by Social Justice Ireland on behalf of Fingal PPN and took place online on Wednesday 27th April from 7-9pm.

We hope that this series of events and workshops equipped Fingal PPN members with the skills and knowledge to engage with the Draft Development Plan and make a submission to ensure that have their say in the development of their county.



Fingal Public Participation Network Plenary

In May, Fingal PPN will host our first face-to-face Plenary in over two years. [Register Here to Attend](#). This is an important decision-making mechanism of Fingal PPN and we look forward to welcoming members to the session. There are a number of vacancies at Secretariat and Strategic Policy Committee Level. Fingal PPN is strengthened by the volunteer reps who dedicate their time to represent almost 600 members. The open vacancies are detailed below:

- **Secretariat Vacancies**, briefing documents and nomination form can be found [here](#).

- **SPC Rep Vacancies**, briefing documents and nomination form can be found [here](#).

Dormant Accounts Fund Engagement Project

Fingal PPN in collaboration with Fingal LCDC and Fingal County Council Community Development Office submitted an Expression of Interest to support the participation and engagement by marginalised and disadvantaged communities in the Local Economic and Community Planning (LECP) Process. This pilot project proposed to include the LGBTI+ community into the upcoming LECP process. We are delighted to announce the Fingal was chosen as one of the four pilot project areas with €40,000 secured to finance this project. This project will present to a national meeting of the LCDCs on 4th May to outline how the project will deliver this proposal.

Brass for Blanchardstown Action Together - A Community Adult Learning Music Project

Blanchardstown Brass Band & Fingal Council Community Development Office present:

Brass for Blanchardstown Action Together
a Community Adult Learning Music Project

Free Music & Instrumental Classes

Open to adults young & old residing in Dublin 15

*It's never too late to learn a Brass instrument
Come along and give it a try - you might just surprise yourself!*
(Instruments include Cornet, Tenor Horn, Baritone Horn, Euphonium, Trombone, Tuba)

Classes will take place weekly from May to October in
The Bandroom, Blanchardstown Village
- Limited places, so book early

For more information or to apply, email:
info@blanchardstownbrassband.com
or Contact the Band Secretary Phone: 086 390 1105

Closing date for Applications: 14th May 2022

Blanchardstown Brass Band in partnership with Fingal County Council Community Development Office are soon to launch an exciting Music Training Programme for adults living in Dublin 15 called Brass for Blanchardstown Action Together. Music lessons, along with the Brass Instruments, sheet music and other materials, will be provided to those interested in learning. The focus of this project is to give the participants the opportunity to learn to play an instrument and to share the joy of group music-making. On completion of the project, participants will get the opportunity to join forces with the full Band at a special celebratory concert in Draíocht in November as part of Fingal Inclusion Week. Closing date for Applications 14th May 2022. To Apply Email: info@blanchardstownbrassband.com or Phone: 086 3901105 for more information or Visit the Band on Facebook or www.blanchardstownbrassband.com

FACILITIES

UKRAINIAN REST CENTRE

The Fingal Liam Rodgers Centre was identified as a suitable rest centre for Ukrainian Refugees. The Facility has now been assigned as a designated rest centre. The day-to-day management of the rest centre is overseen by the Civil Defence and supported by the staff team at Liam Rodgers who are working daily to ensure that adequate supports are put in place. Other community centres across Fingal are also developing ways to provide Ukrainian people with additional activities such as English language classes, yoga etc. The local community at Drynan has rallied

around and are bringing in additional supplies to those remaining at the rest centre. The numbers vary from day to day and the centre has the capacity to facilitate 70 people. The Community Development Office has set up a response working group who are looking at developing additional ways to support Ukrainian people in Fingal.

FUNDING

NEW COMMUNITY FACILITIES INVESTMENT FUND

Minister Humphreys has announced details of a New €15M Community Centre Fund. This new funding scheme is open to all community led facilities who are either owned or managed under a management licence by local community groups and organisations. The Community Development Office will work very closely with facilities from across the county to support them with their applications. This fund will be invaluable in supporting community centres to carry out essential emergency repairs and support centres to become more accessible.

AGE FRIENDLY

FINGAL OPC ANNUAL CONFERENCE

On the 24th May 2022 Fingal's Older Peoples Council (OPC) will host an Older Persons Conference with 100 participants in the Marine Hotel, Sutton. Attendees to the conference are guaranteed to go away with lots of tips and information about aging well as specialist speakers will present on entitlements, decisions

making supports and information on how to remain living at home as you age. A technical expert will also attend on the day to demonstrate practical tips on the use of technology.

Intergenerational Practice Masterclass



Integration Practice “aims to bring people together in purposeful, mutually beneficial activities which promote greater understanding and respect between generations and contributes to building more cohesive communities” (Beth Johnson Foundation, 2011).

Fingal County Council hosted a masterclass on Intergenerational Practice on Thursday 7th April 2022

in the Hilton Airport Hotel, Dublin. The event was a collaboration between the Community Development Office and Fingal’s Community Facilities Network.

Although Fingal’s Community Facilities Network holds regular masterclasses for members, due to interest in the topic among organisations who collaborate on initiatives with Fingal County Council, invitations were extended to these organisations. Over 60 participants working in services as diverse as youth work, family support services, addiction services, community centres, day centres, sports facilities, childcare services, active age groups and Fingal County Council sports, community and integration offices were in attendance.

The masterclass was opened by Robert Burns, Director of Services, Housing and Community, Dr. Carmel Gallagher and Dr. Anne Fitzpatrick presented on the principles and benefits of intergenerational practice. Case studies on intergenerational practice in the early years sector were presented by Ms. Rachael Duff and Ms. Breege McGinty. Ms. Vicki Titterington, Director, Linking Generations Northern Ireland provided practical advice on developing intergenerational projects.

Roundtable discussions allowed participants the opportunity to discuss projects, identify potential partners and provide feedback. Following feedback and a question-and-answer session which addressed opportunities and challenges, the proceedings closed. While an evaluation has yet to be completed, the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive.

Cricket4All: Intergenerational Multi-ability Cricket Project



Following a successful application for funding from the Department Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth an intergenerational multi-ability cricket project commenced in March with the appointment by Cricket Leinster of a part-time project coordinator. The project is taking place in Balbriggan and Skerries and taster sessions have taken place to encourage participation among older people and young people with disabilities.

A taster session took place in Flemington Community Centre with participants from Prosper Fingal, St. Michael's House, and the Irish Wheelchair Association with positive feedback from staff and carers. Three coaches from Balbriggan Cricket Club assisted coaching at a taster session for 32 participants from Remember Us. The taster session included a mix of fielding games, batting drills and table cricket and highlighted an unforeseen issue with the balls being used which has now been resolved. Full coaching sessions for these groups will commence in Flemington Community Centre in May. A taster session in St. Michael's House Primary School in Skerries has resulted in an eight-week coaching

course taking place each Friday in the school commencing Friday 29th April 2022.

A table cricket leaders' course held in Flemington Community Centre helped establish a base of local people to assist in the project. As the cricket season begins, the recruitment of older people in both Balbriggan and The Hills Cricket Clubs has begun with older club members indicating their interest in being involved in the project.

Integration

Women For A Better World Workshops

The Fingal Integration Team have collaborated with AkiDwA to present four workshops titled "Women For A Better World" which shares the UN's 17 Sustainable Development Goals and promotes discussion among women from near and far on the following topics Advancing Gender Equality Globally, Equality and Human Rights in Ireland, Connecting Sustainable Goals to our everyday lives and experiences and Re-imagining our future - developing a manifesto for change. The four workshops will take place on 26th April 3rd, May 10th and 17 May in Blakestown Resource Centre.





SPORTS OFFICE

Couch to 2k

Improving your fitness can seem like a daunting prospect, especially if you feel out of shape or unfit. The Sports Office team will help you work towards moving from your couch to jogging 2 kilometres in just 5 weeks.

This is a virtual programme in conjunction with Sport Ireland and the Behaviouralist starting on May 9th and is being delivered through an App you can download on your smartphone or computer.

sign up through our Enthuse link <https://register.enthuse.com/ps/event/Couchto2ka>

Fingal virtual Couch to 2k

The Fingal Couch - 2k is a five week programme designed for all. If you haven't been active and are ready to make a change this is for you. This is being run online through an App there are no face to face sessions.

Getting you moving from your Couch to 2k in five weeks

Sign up today for a chance to win a €100 Voucher

Feel healthier, confident and less stressed

Programme Information:

- Sign up now - Closing date the 6th of May!
- 9th May Couch - 2k start on the 12th June we'll end with 2k
- This is a 5-week gentle re-introduction to exercise designed and supported by our expertcoaches. You will be jogging, rolling or pushing 2k by the end.
- You will need a smart phone or wearable device to participate as the programme is delivered through an App which will track your progress.
- It is **FREE** to take part and join - signing up is the first step.
- The programme is inclusive and caters for all participants.

Scan this QR code

Or visit
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<https://register.enthuse.com/ps/event/Couchto2ka>

Do you have any questions?
Please contact noelmcmanus@fcrs.ie. We'll be happy to answer any questions.

Parent & Toddler Group

The Sports Office in conjunction with TUD have set up a Parent & Toddler Group in Tyrrelstown Community Centre, D15 and is part of a research project looking at the social connectedness of sport & physical activity. The Programme starts on Thursday April 28th and will run for 10 weeks and open to all parents with pre-school age kids in the Tyrrelstown area.

PARENT AND TODDLER GROUP

Location: Tyrrelstown Community Centre
Time: Thursdays 11am-12pm
Starting April 28th (10 weeks)
Fully qualified coach

Free class for kids to play and for parents to meet for a chat

ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE ACTION & ACTIVE TRAVEL

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Active Travel

Strategic Planning

Fingal County Council has prepared a draft Active Travel Strategy. This was presented to the SPC in April and councillors were briefed on the draft strategy thereafter. The non-statutory public consultation commenced following those briefings and will run until the 23rd of May 2022. The public can find the draft strategy through the online consultation portal at <https://consult.fingal.ie> and can make a submission or register to attend one of the 2 webinars. Interviews with strategic external stakeholders are ongoing.



Cycle Protected Lanes

Baldoyle-Howth Protected Cycle Lane Scheme Phase 1

Upgrade works are continuing at Baldoyle Road/Dublin Road junction. Civil works have been completed on all arms along with ducting work for the new traffic signal equipment. Resurfacing works are ongoing this week at the junction. Works will continue regarding traffic signal upgrades. Works ongoing on snags for Grange Road and Warrenhouse Road. Snags completed on Howth Road.

Towns & Village

Works are ongoing in the development of a brief for a number of our Towns & Villages. A brief is being developed by our Active Travel Team for Balrothery Village to look at the scope of works required to be delivered under our Active Travel pillars.

Work is also ongoing to develop a Brief for Skerries Active Travel Plan in order to Procure and Engage with a multi-disciplinary Engineering Consultant to carry out this study. We have engaged with the ESRI in order to get their input regarding Behavioural

Change, Commercial and Socio-economic factors. They are currently reviewing the draft brief to provide feedback and comment in advance of going out to the procurement of a consultant.

Connectivity/Permeability

We are continuing to receive various requests for Permeability and Connectivity improvements from various stakeholders across the county. These requests are being recorded in detail for evaluation and if appropriate identification of a means of delivery on the ground.

Where other project being progressed in the area at either design or construction stage; we endeavour to include these Connectivity and Permeability improvements within those projects.

Some of the requests that have been received and evaluated are included in a brief that has been prepared and is gone out to the market to engage a consultant to develop these projects through Options report and concept design initially. This will allow the projects to be developed to detailed design for implementation. Once these are further developed, we will make available to the members.

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

to optimise the use of the proposed greenway by both leisure and commuter users.

Secure bicycle parking infrastructure



New secure bicycle parking at Burrow Road, Portrane

Road Safety

School Warden Recruitment Update

The position of temporary reserve school warden was advertised on 01/03/22 until 22/03/22. Unfortunately, only 8 candidates have applied across the 7 LEA's. It has been decided to extend the advertisement and to resend the application forms to all schools, community centres and through the PPN to encourage applications.

Road Safety Authority Statistics 2021

Recent figures published from the Road Safety Authority for 2021 show that the number of fatal collisions in Fingal remain the same as the last couple of years.

Fingal County Council	2019	2020	2021
Pedestrian	1	1	0
Pedal Cycle Users	0	1	1
Motorcycle Users	4	3	2
Car Users	1	0	3
Goods Vehicle Users	0	1	0
PSV Users	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0
Totals	6	6	6

The Road Safety Officer and Team will review the Governments recently published Road Safety Strategy and commence to prepare a local Road Safety Plan for Fingal to try and reduce the number of fatalities on our roads and work towards the Governments targets to reduce fatalities and serious injuries by a minimum of 50% by 2030 and works towards 'Vision Zero' for 2050.



Bike Week 2022





Fingal Bike Week 2022 will take place this year from Saturday 14th May to Sunday 22nd May and is coordinated by Fingal County Council's Active Travel Section who have organised a range of virtual, staff and public events which will take place at various locations across Fingal and has something for all ages.


Virtual events include Self-led family cycles using maps prepared by the Team of suitable family cycle locations , "Pedal for your Medal", Bling your Bike Competition and #CycleThere photo competition. Other events include an all-inclusive cycle event with Prosper Fingal in Malahide Demesne, BMX bike tracks for local schools, transition year cycle in Balbriggan, Spin and Swim event in Velvet Strand, Adult Cycle Training, Cycling without Age launch and much more. Staff events include guided and self-guided lunchtime cycles from Blanchardstown and Swords offices and we are encouraging staff to participate and catch up with their colleagues while also enjoying the outdoors and getting some exercise. Bike week will culminate with a flagship, family fun cycling event to be held in Malahide Demesne on Sunday 22nd May.



FINGAL BIKE WEEK 2022

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

EVENT	DATE	DESCRIPTION
 LAUNCH OF CYCLING WITHOUT AGE FINGAL	Wednesday, 18 May	Official launch of Cycling Without Age at St. Catherine's Park, Lucan. Providing trishaw bike rides so that older persons with reduced mobility can experience the joy of cycling.
 eCARGO BIKE DEMO FOR BUSINESSES	Friday, 20 May	Is eCargo delivery right for your business? Join us in Swords Castle for a demo session & a chance to try on eCargo bike from 2.30pm.
 SATURDAY SPIN & SWIM PORTMARNOCK	Saturday, 21 May	Spin to the beach for a refreshing morning dip in the sea, watched over by lifeguards. Swim starts at 8.30am on Saturday, 21 May 2022. Register online.
 ADULT CYCLE TRAINING WORKSHOP	Saturday, 21 May	Want to get back on the bike but feeling a little rusty? Join us at Baldoyle Racecourse Park for adult cycle training from 10-12. Limited number of bikes available for those without their own. Register online.
 GUIDED CYCLE FROM BALDOYLE TO HOWTH	Saturday, 21 May	Build your cycling confidence with a guided cycle on newly protected lanes from Baldoyle to Howth. Saturday 21 May at 1pm. Refreshments provided!
 FAMILY FUN DAY	Sunday, 22 May	We can't wait to see you at Malahide Castle on Sunday, 22 May from 12-5pm for cycle-in movies, outdoor games, trishaw rides, fitness challenges & lots more!
 PEDAL FOR YOUR MEDAL	All week long	Get pedalling at home, at the gym or outdoors and earn a very special Bike Week medal when you complete 25 / 50 / 100km. Register online.
 BLING YOUR BIKE & SUPERHERO CYCLE	All week long	Bring your bike or dress up in superhero style for a fun cycle to school. Schools should send photos to active.travel@fingal.ie for a chance to win a class prize!
 SELF LED CYCLES	All week long	Get on your bike to explore beautiful, safe and exciting cycle routes across Fingal. Bike Week is the perfect time to go for a cycle - check out our recommended route maps online!
 #CYCLETHERE COMPETITION	All week long	Cycling to the shop, school or work during Bike Week? Show us your #cyclethere with a photo on Twitter tagging @Fingalococ for a chance to win great prizes.
 ACTIVE TRAVEL ROADSHOW	All week long	Watch out for our team popping up in Swords, Malahide and Blanchardstown to answer your questions about Active Travel and share some fresbies!
 BIKE WEEK SCHOOL EVENTS	All week long	Local schools have been invited to a series of events taking place throughout Bike Week. For more info email active.travel@fingal.ie




See full list of events & register today at fingal.ie/bikeweek



Bleeper

March Stats – Bike Share Countywide:

858 bike journeys started within Fingal operating zone in March up 319 from February
900 bike journeys ended within existing Fingal operating zone in March
Highest usage recorded on Saturdays with 20.86% followed by Sundays with 26.87%
Howth Train Station continues to be the most popular location for bike share
Average number of 122 bikes in Fingal – (SLA for 120 bikes) for hire each day of the month

Cycle Study Tour Copenhagen

In April, a number of staff from the Active Travel Team together with Senior Management, Cllrs, and members of the Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department and Operations Department embarked on an educational and eye-opening cycle study tour

in Copenhagen to research some of the Cycling & Walking Infrastructure and Public Realm enhancements that have been introduced there over the years.

The Study Tour included informative and thought-provoking presentations by Gehl Architects, a leading architectural company in sustainable infrastructure, Cycling without Age founder Ole Krassow, City of Copenhagen officials, Smart Mobility at Ramboll, Danish Cycling Embassy and much more. We cycled approximately 50km over the two days in some really harsh, cold, wet and snowy weather – “when in Rome, do as the Romans”!

While the Infrastructure, active lifestyle culture and behaviour towards walking and cycling is well ahead of where we are currently at in Ireland, everybody took something from the trip and identified with some small and large element of change that will help build the blocks of what can be achieved here in Fingal on our Active Travel Journey. The trip was well received by everybody and has opened our minds and understanding of what can be achieved if we all work together.



Climate Action

Fingal's Climate Action Section have partnered with Skerries Tidy Towns and The Conscious Cup Campaign www.consciouscup.ie on a Skerries based pilot campaign which runs between 21st and 28th April and aims to promote reusables and encourage a move away from single use disposable cups.

In Ireland, 22,000 single use cups are wasted every hour, the combination of plastic and paper in their design making them virtually non-recyclable. In an effort to reduce this waste, 14 cafés and businesses in Skerries have signed up to the Reusable Cup Campaign. They are actively displaying campaign posters at their premises and are promoting the fact that they accept reusable cups on their social media. Some businesses have branded and unbranded reusable cups to sell in-store and are displaying Conscious Cup Campaign posters provided by the Council. The Council supported the event with prizes and promotional material and the participating cafés came together to produce a promotional video to raise awareness on social media.



Reusable Cup Campaign Skerries – Campaign poster



#wechoosereuse Skerries



Campaign partners L-R: Emer McLoughlin Skerries Tidy Towns, Sorcha Kavanagh The Conscious Cup Campaign, Aoife Fitzpatrick and Janice Butler Climate Action Section FCC

Clean Coasts in collaboration with CARO and Fingal County Council hosted a marram grass planting workshop on Portmarnock beach on Saturday 9th April. Participants learned how to plant marram grass and about the critical role it plays in protecting coastlines.



Environmental Awareness

Musical instruments have been collected, repaired and donated to a Migrant reception centre where they were graciously received.

Green Schools Assessments have been completed for 2022.

The Composting for Schools Project delivered 20 food waste wormeries to Fingal schools.

To assist schools, manage their waste, a bilingual instructional video has been recorded by the VOICE in collaboration with the Dublin Local Authorities.

The anti-litter anti-graffiti competition has been launched. The deadline for applications is Tuesday 3rd May. Please see <https://www.fingal.ie/environmental-awareness-anti-litter-anti-graffiti-competition-2022> for details.

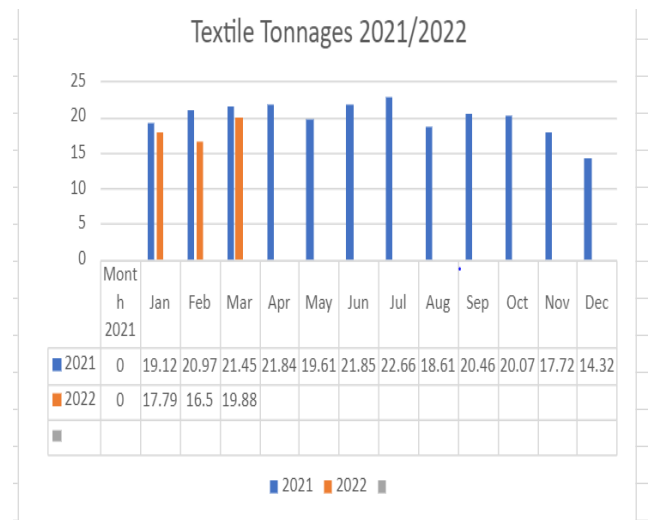
Doggie dispensers are currently being handed out freely to the public by Litter Wardens and Dog Wardens to combat dog fouling issues.

Ongoing environmental awareness campaign in five cinemas.

Bring Centres

Textile Banks

The chart below shows the total tons of textiles collected throughout Fingal between January and March 2022. Tonnage collected for April are not yet available. The chart also shows the tonnages collected in 2021.

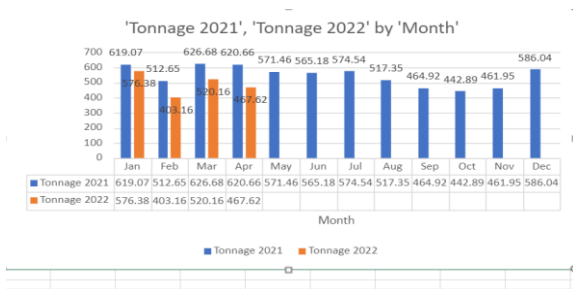




New Branding on the Textile banks to ensure the public that they are dealing with a company that is working in association with Fingal County Council and to promote recycling in a sustainable way.

Bottle banks

The chart below shows the tons of glass collected for recycling in April 2022 and total tonnage for 2021.



Freshly painted Bottle Banks at Malahide Castle Carpark.



Freshly painted Bottle Banks at Portrane. Environment will be continuing with its painting programme over the next couple of months.

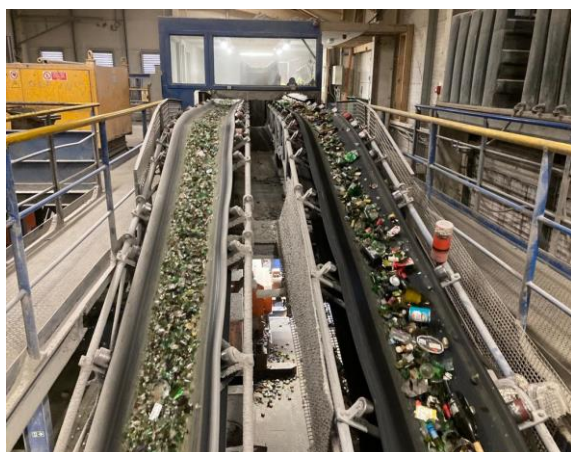


In April a visit to the glass recycling in Naas Co Kildare was conducted by staff from the ECCAT Department.

Fingal County Council manage the Regional Glass Collection and Recycling Contract on behalf of the 4 Dublin Local Authorities.

A detailed tour of the factory was undertaken showing the full process of how the glass is broken down into small pieces that are required to make into new glass bottles. All products are recycled as far as possible i.e., sand from the process is sent on to factories for recycling, as are metal and plastic which are bailed on site, the whole process striving towards zero waste. The contractor gave a background to the

company and what they do and how they process the glass, which is then transported to Fermanagh to be turned into glass bottle once again. This was an example of the circular economy being brought from start to finish on the island of Ireland



The Glass Recycling Process

Animal Welfare

Dog Licences

	Annual Licences Purchased	Lifetime Licences Purchased	Income from Licences
March	458	47	€15,740
April	471	52	€19,140

Income from dog licences have increased by €3,400 from March.

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

Dog Warden Service

The dog wardens continue to patrol the County and issue 10 Day Notices to dog owners who do not have dog licences. This is followed up with a fine if the licence has not been purchased and produced within 10 days of the notice being issued. House calls to check for dog licences in April took place in Castleknock, Dublin 15. An additional two dog wardens will take up duty in May for the Summer. Door to door licence checks will increase during these months and additional patrols will be carried out on beaches and in parks by the new wardens.

In April, 26 x 10 day notices and 26 fines were issued.

Month	10 day notices issued	Fines Issued	Fines Paid	Payment Received
March	48	5	3	€300
April	26	26	0	0

The total amount of receipted dog fines this year is €1,200.

The Dog Shelter Service

The dog shelter holds "Meet & Greet" visits for those looking to rehome a dog. Visits can be arranged, by appointment only, from Monday – Friday, 10am until 4pm and on Saturday from 11am and 1pm



The dog shelter holds stray dogs picked up by the dog warden and dogs who have been surrendered by their owners. At the beginning of the month there were 8 dogs in the shelter. During April, 9 dogs were found straying and 1 dog was surrendered.

Of these 18 dogs, 9 have been rehomed through rescue centres or to members of the public and 9 dogs have been reclaimed by their owners. 4 dogs remain in the shelter at the end of April.

Dogs in Shelter at the start of March	8
Stray dogs brought to Shelter	9
Surrendered by owners	1
Reclaimed	5

Rehomed to Rescue	5
Rehomed to Public	4
Dogs in Shelter at the end of March	4



Mac and Louis - Two of the dogs who have been rehomed by the shelter in April

Litter Management

A total of 241 planned route inspections were carried out by the Litter Wardens in April 2022.

Details of fines and warning notices for April 2022 are shown in the table below.

Month	Fines issued 2021	Warnings Issued 2021	Fines Issued 2022	Warnings Issued 2022
April	66	34	41	48

In the District Court 3 cases were successfully prosecuted with 6 prosecutions not going into court as the fines were paid in advance of the court date.

Dog Fouling

There was one fine issued in April relating to dog fouling. The issue of dog fouling continues to be an issue in Fingal. Comms have scheduled anti dog fouling posts on social media platforms to highlight the issue and remind dog owners to be responsible and clean up after their dogs.



Abandoned Cars

The Abandoned Cars Pilot scheme is continuing. Final notices were issued in April for 4 cars which resulted in 2 being removed by the owners and 2 being removed by the Council.



Details on how to report an Abandoned car can be found on <https://www.fingal.ie/council/service/abandonedvehicles>

Water Quality Protection

Bathing Water

The EPA have published the bathing water classifications for the 2022 Season on their website www.beaches.ie. The classification is based on water quality data for the previous four years (2018-2021). The full EPA report is due to be published in early May.

Within Fingal one beach has improved in rating and one has declined. A temporary "All season - advice not to swim" notice will be in place again at Front Beach Balbriggan for the 2022 bathing season. A Management Plan for the beach at Front Strand, Balbriggan has been approved by the EPA and will be available on the Fingal website. Note; Balbriggan Beach Management Plan – Summary Report at <http://beaches.ie> for further information.

Bathing Water Classification for 2022 Season			
The classification is derived from the previous four years water quality data (namely 2018 to 2021.)			
	Beach Name	Status 2022	Change from 2021
1	Balbriggan, Front Beach	Poor (All Season – Advice not to Swim)	⇔
2	Skerries, South Beach	Good	⇔
3	Loughshinny Beach	Sufficient	⇔
4	Rush, South Beach	Excellent	⇔
5	Rush, North Beach	Excellent	↑
6	Portrane, The Brook Beach	Good	⇔
7	Donabate, Balcarrick Beach	Excellent	⇔
8	Portmarnock, Velvet Strand Beach	Excellent	⇔
9	Sutton, Burrow Beach	Good	↓
10	Howth, Claremont Beach	Sufficient	⇔

Winter Swimming Survey

The National Bathing Water Expert Group invited winter swimmers to fill out a questionnaire before 6th May at the following link <https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/WinterSwimmerSurvey2022>. The survey was designed to find out more information about where, when and why people are swimming during winter to help inform potential options for helping to protect winter swimmers' health. Link to survey is also available on our website and has been shared by Communications Department on all communication distribution channels.

Nature-Based Solutions to Rainwater Management

The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage have published a best practice interim guidance document 'Nature-based Solutions to the Management of Rainwater and Surface Water Runoff in Urban Areas'; <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/10d7c-nature-based-solutions-to-the-management-of-rainwater->

and-surface-water-runoff-in-urban-areas-best-practice-interim-guidance-document/. The guidance outlines how to move towards a more systematic and sustainable approach to urban planning through water sensitive urban design.

Nitrates Action Programme

Ireland's Fifth Nitrates Action programme (NAP) 2022-2025 has been published with the objective of protecting water quality from agricultural pollution and to promote good farming practices. An overview of new measures since the fourth action programme can be found here <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/f1d01-fifth-nitrates-action-programme-2022-2025/>. Ireland's new Nitrates Directive includes a longer closed period for spreading both chemical and organic fertiliser, a 10% reduction in the chemical fertiliser limit applied nationally, and a stronger focus on compliance and enforcement. The new EU Fertiliser Products Regulation will also come into effect on 16 July 2022, laying down rules on the making available on the market of EU fertilising products.

PhD proposal presented to Climate Action, Biodiversity and Environment Strategic Policy Committee

An investigation of monitoring strategies for assessment of water quality pressures at Balbriggan was undertaken with Professor Fiona Regan, DCU Water Institute which resulted in the drafting of a PhD proposal for a Smart bathing water monitoring programme using novel technologies available. This work was a follow up from a motion for 'daily testing'

at Balbriggan bathing water raised by Cllr. Ann Graves at a 2021 County Council meeting to engage MESTECH/DCU and their 'rapid testing' device entitled 'Colisense'. The proposal was presented to the SPC on 29th March, 2022 and the Committee requested that the proposal be sent to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to seek a formal support of the project.

Details at <https://www.epa.ie/our-services/research/epa--research-funding/epa-research-calls/>.

Waste Enforcement & Regulation

Self Compliers under Packaging Regulations

Under the European Union (Packaging) Regulations 2014, Major Producers of packaging (i.e. companies having an annual turnover in excess of €1 million and placing more than 10 tonnes of packaging annually on the market) have to either join a compliance scheme (Repak) or register with the Local Authorities. In 2022, 15 companies have applied to register with Fingal County Council and so far 12 have been registered, with the remaining 3 having their registration pending (due to some elements of their application outstanding).



Self-complying companies have to accept packaging back from the public and their customers, the same type of packaging as the packaging they are placing on the market. The types of packaging accepted and

location where packaging can be returned is advertised on our website and is detailed below:

Name	Address	Glass packaging	Paper & Cardboard	Plastic packaging	Metal packaging	Wood packaging
ACE Vegetable Suppliers Ltd	Clonshaugh, Cloghan Co. Dublin		✓	✓	✓	
Isbove Associates Ltd (T/A Branagan Meats)	Unit 10 Rosemount Park Drive, Rosemount Business Park, Ballycoolin, Dublin 11		✓	✓		✓
Cleaver Clogs Ltd (pending)	2 Kinsealy Business Park Kinsealy , Co Dublin		✓	✓		✓
Keelings Retail	Food Central, St Margarets, Co Dublin	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Keelings Market	Food Central, St Margarets, Co Dublin		✓	✓	✓	✓
Keelings Flowers	Unit 2 Rosemount Park Drive Ballycoolin Dublin 11		✓	✓		✓
Keelings Select	Food Central, St Margarets, Co Dublin		✓	✓	✓	✓
Label World Ltd	Unit 2 A Feltrim Business Park, Swords Co Dublin		✓	✓		
Matt Reilly Cakes Ltd	Unit 3B Dysart House, Plato Business Park, Danastown , Dublin 15		✓	✓	✓	
Michael Slattery Wines & Spirits Ltd	Unit B Furry Park, Old Airport Road, Santry Dublin 9	✓	✓	✓	✓	
National Agrochemical Distributors Ltd	Blakes Cross, Lusk Co Dublin		✓	✓		✓
Sysco Foods (pending)	The Ward, Killamoran , Co. Dublin	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Silvio Rabbitt e & Sons Ltd	Unit 4 Rosemount Business Park, Ballycoolin, Dublin 11		✓	✓	✓	
Whites Agri Services Ltd	Ballough , Lusk Co Dublin		✓	✓		✓
Wraprite (pending)	Unit 5 The Stables, Old Quarry Business Campus Dublin 15		✓	✓		

Waste Complaints

A total of 32 waste complaints were investigated during April. Complaints consist mainly of backyard storage/burning of waste and illegal dumping/fly tipping issues. Information in relation to unauthorised sites/collectors can be forwarded to environment@fingal.ie.



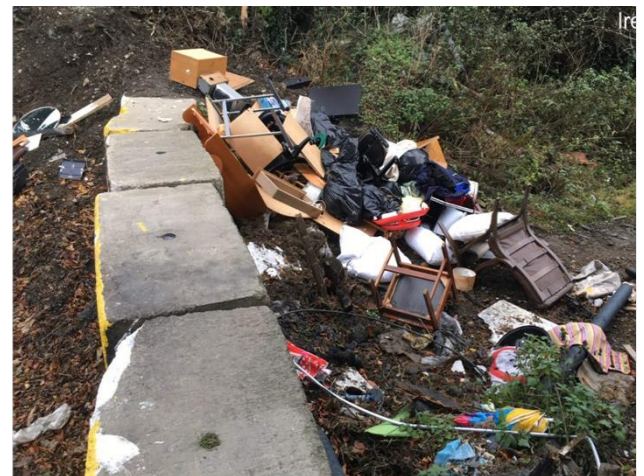


Anti-Dumping Initiative 2022

The Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications has made funding available, through the Waste Enforcement Regional Lead Authorities (WERLA's), to support the 2022 Anti-Dumping Initiative (ADI). Since the launch of this initiative in 2017, over 1,300 projects have been successfully delivered across all 31 local authority areas. This ADI initiative has served to ensure that illegal dumping remains high on the agenda for communities across the country and that the

appropriate supports and interventions are available to combat the problem.

The 4 key focus areas are 1/ **Prevention**, 2/ **Abatement**, 3/ **Education** and 4/ **Enforcement**



The Waste Enforcement Section have submitted 5 applications for funding under the AD1 2022 totalling **€150,000**. The projects focus on a variety of matters including Illegal Dumping and Fly-Tipping, the Waste Presentation Bye-Laws, Clean Up Operations, CCTV monitoring, Drone Training, an initiative to increase collaboration with Community Gardai at a number of key blackspot dumping areas. If grant funding is secured the projects will commence in June 2022.



		in a Van£” operators – no waste collection permit.	
4	Drone Training & Equipment	Drone training for enforcement officers, upgrading drone and preparing Operations Manual under new EU Regulations 2019/947 and 2019/945.	€10,000
5	Waste Presentation / Bin Collection Service Project	Identification of households who don't have a waste collection service for further investigations. Use of Eircodes required – dependent upon approval from Data Protection Commissioner regarding compliance with GDPR Regulations. Awareness campaign and enforcement actions – issuing Fixed Payment Notices.	€83,000
Total			€150,000

List of Waste Enforcement Projects under AD1 2022:

1	Finglas Garda Community Initiative	Collaboration with Finglas Community Gardai to focus efforts on key blackspot areas where significant waste enforcement issues are present. Increased checkpoints, patrols, surveillance and investigations.	€25,000
2	Dunsink Lane CCTV Monitoring and Signage	Overt CCTV on Dunsink Lane (Observatory side) plus CCTV monitoring and reporting services to target illegal waste collectors. New CCTV and No Dumping signage.	€12,000
3	St Joseph's Clean Up and Man in Van Operation	Removal of illegally dumped waste materials from St Joseph's, Dunsink Lane plus CCTV monitoring to target illegal waste collectors. Additional signage and community engagement to raise awareness on illegal dumping and illegal "Man	€20,000

FINANCE

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The table below outlines key financial statics at the end of Quarter 1 2022. This information is presented in conjunction with the Revenue account, Capital account and Debtors position in appendix (1).

Rates

Overall rates collection to the end of Q1 is running at **33%** including rates waiver for Q1. As of the end of Q1 all rates waivers have now ceased.

Rates Collection	
Rates collected €M	52.4
Rates Collection %	33%

Development Levy Income

Development levy income collected to the end of Q1 is running at €8.8m this is c. **25%** of the overall collection during 2021.

Development Levy Income	
Levies Receipted €M	8.8
Levies collected as % of 2021	25%

Payroll

Overall payroll spend to the end of Q1 is €17.9m which is c. **94%** of budget year to date. The underspend is primarily in salaries and wages.

Payroll	
Salaries & Wages €M	17.9
Percentage of payroll budget	94%

Procurement

Procurements relate to proposed contracts for supplies, services or works where the estimated value is > €25,000 excl. VAT.

Outlined below is a summary of the overall procurement activity for Q1.

Procurement activity during Q1		Note
No of contracts awarded (details below)	20	
Value €m	8.0	
Procurements ongoing at end Q1		
No of procurements awaiting tender responses	11	(i)
Value €m	3.6	
No of procurements under evaluation	17	(ii)
Value €m	9.8	
No of procurements at approved	25	(iii)
Value €m	2.3	

Notes:

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

PROCUREMENT CONTRACTS AWARDED Q1								
Description of Procurement	Supplier Name	Value of Contract (excl. VAT)	Contract Award Date	Contract Start Date	Contract Expiry Date	Arrangement Type	Duration (months)	Legal Address
Design, Supply, Installation Commissioning and Maintenance of Audio Visual & Digital Signage Equipment at Civic Offices Blanchardstown	McKeon Construction Ltd T/A Hereworks	€ 87,831	06/01/2022	18/10/2021	17/10/2024	Contract	36	Unit 7-8, Block 13a, Ashbourne Business Park, Ashbourne, Co. Meath
Purchase of Fully Electric Woodchipper	Irish Grass Machinery Limited	€ 36,520	12/01/2022	22/12/2021	21/12/2022	Contract	12	39 Rosemount Business Park, Ballycoolin, Dublin D11RW61
Initial contract for Lease, Installation, Commissioning and Maintenance of One Hundred (100) Solar Powered Compacting Litter Bins throughout Fingal County	Kyron Street Limited	€ 369,500	17/01/2022	17/01/2022	16/01/2027	Call-Off Contract	60	Upper Ballymout Road, Dublin 24 D24 E097
Employer's Representative Led Multi-Disciplinary Integrated Project Design Team services for Design, Planning, Procurement, Construction and Delivery of 2-4 Dublin	Paul Keogh, Studio PKA Ltd, T/A Paul Keogh Architects	€ 196,345	17/01/2022	10/01/2022	31/01/2026	Call-Off Contract	48	Cathedral Court, New Street South, Dublin D08 C525
Construction of natural GAA Pitch facility and associated ancillary works at Bremore Regional Park Recreational Hub, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin	McAvoy Contracts Ltd	€ 532,171	24/01/2022	14/01/2022	22/06/2023	Contract	17	13 Fernhill Road, Annacorney, BT32 5AF, Balbriggan, Co. Down
Supply of Vehicle Maintenance Services to Fingal County Council	Summerhill Commercial Repair Centre Ltd, T/A M50 Truck & Van Centre	€ 268,631	24/01/2022	04/01/2022	03/01/2024	Call-Off Contract	24	Unit 2, Northern Cross Business Park, North Road, Dublin 11
WAN links between Fingal Co Co sites & link to Government Networks	Eir Ltd	€ 52,194	31/01/2022	01/01/2022	31/12/2022	Contract	12	1 Heuston South Quarter, St John's Road, Dublin 8
Conservation led consultancy services to develop the conservation plan for Ardgillan Castle and Demesne, Strifeland, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin	de Blacam & Meagher	€ 131,395	04/02/2022	18/10/2021	30/04/2022	Contract	6	4 St. Catherine's Lane West, Dublin 8, D08 WTWO
10GB WAN Point to Point link between Fingal County Council Swords County Hall and Blanchardstown Civic Offices	Eir	€ 116,295	10/02/2022	01/06/2022	31/05/2027	Contract	60	1 Heuston South Quarter, St John's Road, Dublin 8
Reinforced grass surfacing works to the existing overflow carpark at St. Catherine's Park, Dublin 15.	Dancor Civil Engineering Ltd	€ 96,795	16/02/2022	01/03/2022	01/06/2022	Call-Off Contract	3	Ardee Road, Dunleer, Co. Louth, A92 H2AR
Initial Contract for the Construction, Delivery and Installation of four Corten Steel Planters at the northern entrance to Tyrrelstown Estate	BA Steel Fabrication Ltd.	€ 31,217	17/02/2022	15/01/2022	15/02/2022	Call-Off Contract	1	Unit 1-2 Ida Centre, Prussia Street, Dublin 7
Refurbishment and extension to Skerries Library	Midland Construction Ltd.	€ 3,678,491	23/02/2022	01/09/2021	31/12/2023	Contract	28	Kells, Co. Meath
Design and Construction of an all-weather running track and pitch facility and associated ancillary works at Porterstown Park Recreational Hub, Dublin 14.	Tony Patterson Sportsgrounds Ltd	€ 1,387,005	25/02/2022	01/03/2022	31/12/2023	Contract	22	49 Ballynahinch Road, Saintfield, BT24 7ND
Catering Services for County Hall and Grove Road	Compass Catering Services Ireland Ltd., T/A Eurest	€ 150,000	25/02/2022	25/02/2022	24/08/2022	Contract	6	43a Yeats Way, Park West Business Park, Park West, Dublin 12
Initial contract under SSFA for External Maintenance and Scheme Painting 2021	Cunningham Painters	€ 621,075	28/02/2022	28/02/2022	27/02/2023	Call-Off Contract	12	763 Sarto Park, Bayside, Dublin 13
Initial contract Conservation Architect led Design Team for Ornamental Glasshouses & related built structures at Newbridge House Demesne.	Bluett & O'Donoghue (Prodomo Ltd)	€ 124,920	11/03/2022	28/02/2022	27/02/2023	Call-Off Contract	12	1 Chancery Street, Dublin 7
Departmental access to Lawlink	Rochford Brady Legal Services Ltd	€ 43,800	22/03/2022	01/01/2022	31/12/2022	Contract	12	First Floor, Ormond Building, 31-36 Ormond Quay Upper, Dublin 7
Road Inlay and ancillary works at Chapel Lane, Swords, Co. Dublin	D.M. Morris Limited	€ 46,924	23/03/2022	23/03/2022	23/07/2022	Call-Off Contract	4	Parklands Office Park, 13 Southern Cross Road, Kilruddery Demesne East, Bray, Co.
Development of new website features (development, support and maintenance of interactive house portal)	Anneritech	€ 37,245	30/03/2022	10/03/2022	10/03/2025	Contract	36	First Floor, 12 Whitefriars, Peter's Row, Aungier Street, Dublin 2
Purchase of Front Mounted Ride-On Mowers	Dublin Farm Machinery Ltd. T/A Dublin Grass Machinery	€ 40,600	28/04/2022	30/04/2022	29/04/2023	Contract	12	River Road, Ashtown, Dublin 15
		€ 8,048,953						Total number of Contracts: 20

Financial Reports - Appendix 1

- Revenue Account Income & expenditure to 30th April, 2022
- Capital Account Income & Expenditure to 30th April, 2022
- Summary of Corporate Debtors to 30th April, 2022

REVENUE ACCOUNT INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION AT 30th APRIL 2022

	EXPENDITURE			INCOME			NET
	Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent to date	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised	€
Housing & Building	24,263,114	79,782,200	30%	26,133,659	84,923,500	31%	-1,870,545
Road Transport & Safety	9,132,159	27,382,500	33%	2,860,758	7,864,900	36%	6,271,401
Water Services	6,066,669	13,762,800	44%	5,426,519	17,450,600	31%	640,150
Development Management	5,101,350	16,534,600	31%	1,552,864	5,081,600	31%	3,548,487
Environmental Services	14,388,352	44,689,200	32%	1,929,810	6,821,800	28%	12,458,542
Recreation & Amenity	13,017,085	40,855,700	32%	603,589	1,680,300	36%	12,413,495
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	283,281	1,307,200	22%	75,020	296,600	25%	208,261
Miscellaneous Services	19,729,874	28,343,100	70%	14,313,713	12,395,000	115%	5,416,161
Central Management Charge	14,034,931	47,129,600	30%	1,085,945	3,518,900	31%	12,948,987
Local Property Tax / GPG				2,504,867	7,514,600	33%	-2,504,867
Rates				50,746,367	152,239,100	33%	-50,746,367
	106,016,815	299,786,900	35%	107,233,109	299,786,900	36%	-1,216,293

CAPITAL ACCOUNT
INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 30/04/2022

		Balance at 01/01/2022 €	Expenditure YTD €	Income YTD €	Balance at 30/04/2022 €
A	Housing & Building	-43,437,957	26,397,538	-15,274,679	-32,315,098
B	Road Transport & Safety	17,743,232	20,791,596	-325,875	38,208,953
C	Water Services	-12,702,629	399,903	-250,458	-12,553,184
D	Development Management	-133,792,824	6,910,404	-13,594,603	-140,477,023
E	Environmental Services	-21,282,804	1,623,696	-490,392	-20,149,500
F	Recreation & Amenity	-12,695,789	7,526,363	-317,341	-5,486,767
H	Miscellaneous Services	-55,983,832	1,765,095	-7,372,074	-61,590,811
	Total	-262,152,603	65,414,594	-37,625,422	-234,363,431

SUMMARY OF CORPORATE DEBTORS TO 30/04/2022				
	Balance at 01/01/2022*	Balance at 30/04/2022	Current debt	> 1 Year
	€	€	€	€
RATES**	3,445,254	92,410,952	87,344,576	5,066,376
LOANS	1,972,344	2,006,004	276,517	1,729,487
RENTS	8,567,636	9,087,346	4,408,674	4,678,672

*Figures for rents and loans are unadjusted by credits/prepayments

** value of debit at 31/12/2021 was 7.636m with a credit of 4.191m
which has substantially been offset against demands 2022
leaving an aged debt greater than the opening balance

Appendix 2

Sustainable Transport Measures Grants: 2022 Allocations		
Project Code:	Project Name & Funding Allocation 2022	Comments
FCC/19/005	Schools Streets non SRTS €100,000	
FCC/20/000	Bicycle Parking (Covid) €150,000	The Active Travel team are currently assessing and finalising bicycle parking locations for Clonsilla, Portrane and Rush. This will be the final works under our 1 st specialist contract for the installation of bicycle parking. A new second contract is currently under evaluation to continue the rollout out of secure bicycle parking facilities and is aimed to be in place by end of May 2022.
FCC/20/0006	Safe Routes to Schools Programme – Infrastructure (with NTA) €1,500,000	Draft detailed design drawings are expected in the first week of May and once reviewed these can then be presented at the appropriate Area Committee Meetings and put out for Non-Statutory public Consultation.
FCC/21/0001	Snugborough Road – NAC to Ongar €400,000	Tender competition being run on E-Tenders for appointment of consultant which will run until May 2022.
FCC/21/0002	Baldoyle to Howth €1,700,000	Junction upgrade works at Baldoyle Road/Dublin Road are ongoing. Civil works completed and resurfacing works taking place.
FCC/21/0002	Baldoyle to Howth Phase 2 (Dublin Road to Dublin Street) €1,250,000	Options report updated after feedback from Active Travel. New draft is currently being reviewed internally prior to presentation to councillors.

FCC/21/0006	Clonee to Blanchardstown Shopping Centre €250,000	Design brief and contract documents being drafted for the appointment of an engineering consultant for Q3' 2022.
FCC/21/XXX	FCC Castleknock to Blanchardstown via Farmleigh €50,000	Cycle of route being organised internally of proposed route. Once completed a design brief will be finalised for a feasibility and options report on scheme.
FCC/22/0001	St.Cronan's Ave & Brackenstown Rd €1,750,000	<p>A non-statutory public consultation is due to close on Friday 29th April 2022. The public can find project details and plans through the online consultation portal at https://consult.fingal.ie All submissions will be considered and dealt with after consultation phase closes.</p> <p>Briefing provided to Cllrs on the 16th March with presentation provided at Aprils ACM with regard to progress and updates.</p> <p>Leaflets and information on the Project have been distributed in the Area.</p> <p>Works are planned to commence on site in early May</p>
FCC/22/XXX	Hartstown/Huntstown/Mountview Rd D1 €1,100,000	<p>All concrete works, planting of rain gardens and bollards are now in place. Remaining epoxy works on the road to be placed once a suitable window can be arranged with the contractor.</p> <p>Further works to follow on 2 junctions and 2 roundabouts to provide a safe route for vulnerable road users, these works are expected to begin in late May.</p>
FCC/22/XXX	Rathingle/Rivervalley Swords Rd. €1,200,000	Phase 2b works on the junction build outs and uncontrolled crossing locations are now complete with works currently on going on the controlled crossing locations along the route. Upgrade works on the roundabout at Forrest Blvd will be carried out in Q2 of 2022.

FCC/22/XXX	R132 Ministers Rd to Blakes Cross + Kilhedge Lane €550,000	Discussions ongoing with Operations/Traffic department in relation to speed limit reduction for section of scheme between Kilhedge Lane and Ministers Road junction. Active Travel is collaborating with Operations in relation to their works programme to investigate if cycle paths can be introduced on the section north of Minister Road junction to Quickpenny Lane.
FCC/22/XXX	Seatown Roundabout to Estuary Rd (Swords to Malahide) €1,225,000	Finalised brief and contract documents to go out to the market this week for the appointment of a multi-disciplinary engineering consultants to develop options report and detailed design services.
FCC/22/XXX	Donabate to Portrane (R126) - Distributor Road to Portrane Avenue €1,225,000	Finalised brief and contract documents to go out to the market this week for the appointment of a multi-disciplinary engineering consultants to develop options report and detailed design services.
FCC/22/XXX	Balbriggan – Coney Hill from Devlin Bridge to Bremore Cottages €925,000	Finalised brief and contract documents to go out to the market this week for the appointment of a multi-disciplinary engineering consultants to develop options report and detailed design services.
FCC/22/XXX	Skerries – Harbour Road (footpath build outs) €925,000	Finalised brief and contract documents to go out to the market this week for the appointment of a multi-disciplinary engineering consultants to develop options report and detailed design services.
FCC/22/XXX	Rush South Beach (Bawn Rd across carpark and out to South Shore). €500,000	Finalising brief and contract documents to go out to the market for the appointment of a multi-disciplinary engineering consultants to develop options report and detailed design services.

FCC/22/XXX	New Street Permanent Scheme €500,000	Fingal County Council have assembled a multi-disciplinary, cross departmental team who are preparing a detailed scope with a view to going to tender for a design consultant in Q2 of 2022.
FCC/22/XXX	Local connections to S2M and Broadmeadow €200,000	
FCC/22/XXX	Data collections traffic air, noise. €500,000	
FCC/22/XXX	Permeability Links North County €500,000	A number of projects are identified through our Permeability & Connectivity Tracker. We are also in discussions with Operations to incorporate other works in order to get best value for money when we go to delivery of these works. Active Travel are currently reviewing the tenders submitted for a small works contractor which will be utilised to execute some of these works.
FCC/22/XXX	Skerries Active Travel Plan	Work is ongoing to develop a Brief for this project in order to Procure and Engage with a multi-disciplinary Engineering Consultant to carry out this study. We have also engaged with the ESRI in order to get their input regarding Behavioural Change, Commercial and Socio-economic factors.
FCC/22/XXX	Balbriggan Road Mill Street and Drogheda Street €100,000	Active Travel have been working closely with the Our Balbriggan Project Team. On completion of the Concept Design piece relating to the overall Our Balbriggan Active Travel Strategy we will develop a Brief for appointment of multi-disciplinary engineering consultant to develop options report and detailed design for this element of the project.
FCC/22/XXX	Castleknock to Dunsink Lane €150,000	Design brief and contract documents being drafted for appointment of a consultant for the scheme in Q2' 2022.

		Grant application form submitted to NTA for approval.
FCC/22/XXX	Strawberry Beds Active Travel Study €150,000	Further internal study required on assessing next steps for the study. Once completed a consultant will be appointed to carry out a active travel study for the area. Grant application form submitted to NTA for approval.
FCC/22/XXX	Fingal Active Travel Strategy €40,000	Non-Statutory public consultation for the draft strategy commenced 4 th April and closing 23 rd May 2022. The public can find draft strategy through the online consultation portal at https://consult.fingal.ie Two public webinars on the strategy will be carried out during the consultation period. Register at link above. A number of roadshows are planned to publicise the consultation.
FCC/22/XXX	Balrothery Active Travel Review €185,000	A detailed scope of work is currently being prepared for this scheme with a view to going to tender for a design consultant in late Q2 of 2022
FCC/22/XXX	Seamount Heights to Old Golf Links Park €300,000	A detailed scope has been prepared for the works and the works are currently out to tender for a design consultant.
FCC/22/XXX	Broomfield to Paddy's Hill via Naomh Marnog GAA €20,000	These works are expected to go to tender for a design consultant later in 2022.
FCC/22/XXX	Chapel Road to An Teagasc Building €20,000	These works are expected to go to tender for a design consultant later in 2022.
FCC/22/XXX	Scoil an Duinninigh to Waterside footpath and cycleway €20,000	These works are expected to go to tender for a design consultant later in 2022.

FCC/22/XXX	Royal Canal Greenway Connectivity €50,000	Draft for design brief to appoint consultant due to commence in Q2'2022.
FCC/22/XXX	Fingal County Council Active Travel Office – Staff Costs €1,100,000	