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CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S MANAGEMENT REPORT – JUNE 2022

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Chief Executive's Foreword

Summer has landed and whilst the weather may be a bit unpredictable our teams are out on the ground making sure Fingal looks fantastic for all to enjoy. Our beaches, parks, playgrounds and open spaces are being maintained to such a high standard and it is a credit to our outdoor staff. The rollout of additional solar bins in various locations will assist with keeping our public realm litter free and we hope that citizens and businesses alike will work with us on this. I would like to take the opportunity to recognise the hard work of Tidy Towns groups and local communities who take an active role in keeping Fingal clean. We have just announced that 15 community groups have been awarded funding under a Fingal run initiative to enable them to carry out projects in litter hotspots and areas affected by vandalism. We know that having access to this type of funding can have a really positive impact in keeping our public spaces free of graffiti and litter and it reminds people to do the right thing by binning their rubbish.

I was so pleased to see three of our beaches being awarded Blue Flag status for beach excellence with regard to water quality and criteria including facilities for visitors, beach management and environmental education. Two of these beaches were new additions, Balcarrick Beach in Donabate and South Beach in Rush whilst Portmarnock retained the flag it has held for a number of years. This award is a recognition of the excellent work of the Council and local community groups in ensuring that our beaches are managed carefully to the highest standard and we look forward to local communities and visitors taking advantage of beaches all along our Fingal coastline this summer.

I am so delighted to see [Flavours of Fingal](#), Ireland's largest and most action-packed family friendly county show, return this year. An exciting

line up has been announced and it promises to be bigger and better than ever! So much work and preparation goes into the organisation of such a large event and I want to thank our Events team who are leading on this. With the event taking place on Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd July it's not too far away and is something to really look forward to.

Public consultation, both statutory and non-statutory, is so important to us in Fingal as we value the inputs and contributions from our citizens when drafting plans and strategies that affect our county. We recently held a non-statutory public consultation for the draft Active Travel Strategy and work is now underway to consider all the submissions received. We have just published a Draft Biodiversity Action Plan for Fingal covering 2022 to 2030 which puts forward an ambitious programme of 100 actions required to address biodiversity loss and reverse decline in biodiversity by 2030. Fingal has a unique and beautiful blend of urban and rural places from our stunning coastline, to our famous rich agricultural lands and busy thriving towns. Birds, marine life, flora and fauna are just some of the biodiverse elements that make Fingal such a special place and the Biodiversity Action Plan will help us preserve these ecosystems. Two online information sessions are planned to provide an opportunity to learn more about the Biodiversity Action Plan and ask questions of Fingal County Council's Biodiversity Officer. We are asking the public to read the plan and share their feedback and we encourage individuals and organisations with an interest in climate action and nature conservation to get involved in planning to protect and enhance biodiversity for future generations.

AnnMarie Farrelly
Chief Executive

PEOPLE, CORPORATE AND DIGITAL SERVICES

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Major Emergency Management



Emergency Accommodation for Ukrainian citizens fleeing the war in Ukraine continues to be provided by the six Eastern Region Local Authorities, which includes Fingal County Council, at the Ballyogan site, in the Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Area. It provides temporary emergency accommodation for those fleeing Ukraine on behalf of the six counties.

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	69
Applicants to date	786
Interviews held to date	836
Interviews held in May	71
Number of Appointments	202*
Number of Leavers/Retirements	64
Number of Job Offers Year to date	463
Number of Offers Declined	118
Number of Current Job Offers	118

*Increase of 59 on last month

CURRENT LIVE CAMPAIGNS	CLOSING DATE
Executive Planner	10/06/2022
Assistant Planner	24/06/2022
Temporary Graduate Planner	24/06/2022
CURRENT COMPETITIONS	CONFINED
Ganger – Shift Cleansing	
Instrumental Electrician	
Store Person	
Building Supervisor	
Farm Attendant	

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

Health & Safety

Site Dumper
Managing Safely in Construction
Confined Space Low Risk
Driver CPC
Manual Handling
Combi Course
Mini Digger
Abrasive Wheels
ARD Licence Renewal Training
Driver CPC Module 2
Fire warden Classroom
Catchment Science Module 2
Child Protection
Mental Health First Aid
First Aid

Business & Management Training

Managing Aggressive Behaviour
Dignity & Equality
Intercultural Diversity
Customer Care
Time Management Training IPA
Presentation Skills Training IPA
Effective Writing
Senior Management Development Programme
Minute Taking
Pre-retirement
MABS

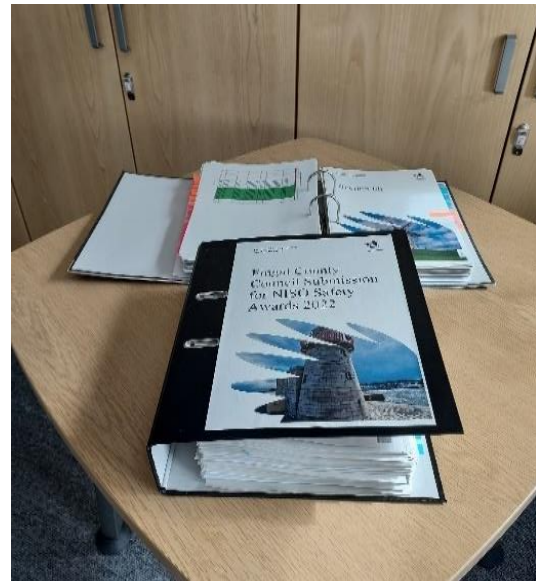
Transition Year

The Fingal Experience was successfully reintroduced with 11 transition years students. The week started on the 6th May with an ice breaker session in Fingallians. The students had a jam packed week visiting libraries, parks, Estuary recycle centre, Leixlip waterworks, Swords Fire Station, Balleally former Landfill, Swords Water Treatment plant, Ballycoolin Regional training centre and Bremore Castle. Many thanks to all the Fingal Staff who provided talks about their jobs and work in Fingal.

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

Health & Safety Unit (HSU)

The HSU continued to monitor the decline in incidences of staff self-isolations due to covid-19 during the month of May 2022. The HSU prepared Fingal County Council's submission for the NISO 2022 Occupational Safety Awards. The submission comprises of 12 sections collating safety information and evidence from the calendar year 2021. Examples of the 12 sections include Proactive Health & Safety Management, Health & Safety Communication & Consultation; Emergency Preparedness & Response; Health & Safety Training and Reactive Health & Safety Management. Safety audits and site safety inspections continued during the month along with the preparation of 8 ancillary safety statements for Operations and Water Services. A 'My Open Library' risk assessment was prepared for Baldoyle library.



Buildings Management

Building Facilities facilitated a Project Awareness Event for Fingal Citizens and businesses for EirGrid, the East Meath-North Dublin Grid Upgrade in the Atrium, County Hall on Wednesday 18th May.



Customer Services

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

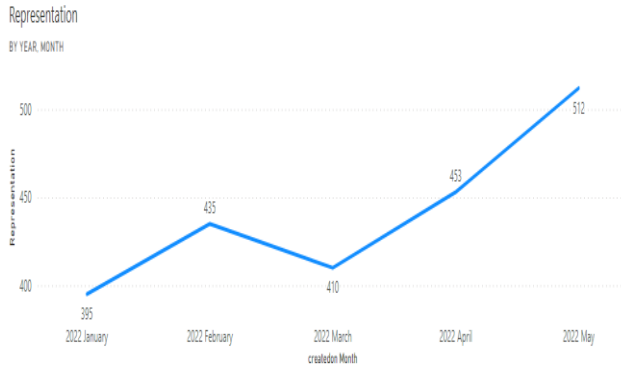
13,209 phone calls

562 emails

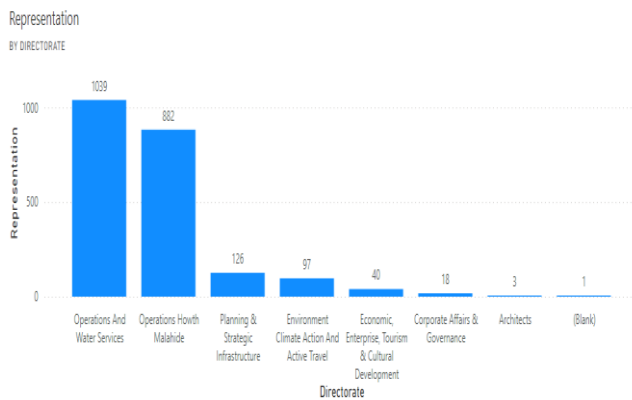
2,077 in person visits

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 May had a total of 512 Elected Members' representations.



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

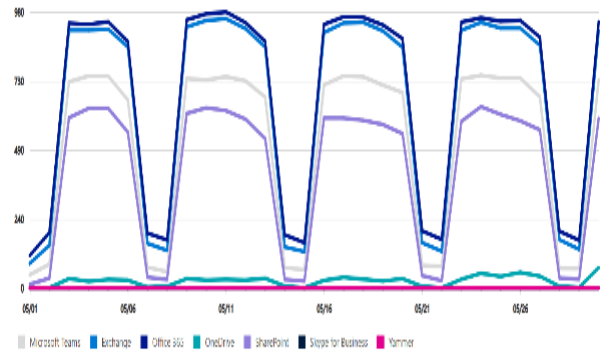


Digital Services

Digital Working

In May staff took part in 8,691 Teams meetings, 30,400 calls took place, and 855,961 emails were received or sent by the Council.

Active users



Digital Services Infrastructure & Support

693 support calls were logged by Council staff with the Digital Services Service Desk in the past month and 17 calls were logged by Councillors with Sord. 100% server availability and 99.99% network availability were achieved in the month of May.

Keyhouse Case Management

The Case Management application used by the Law Department was upgraded to the cloud-hosted solution Keyhouse365. There was also a new Rates Module developed to support the Finance team.

Digital Services Cybersecurity Service

The Digital Services Department in partnership with our managed service provider Atos, have introduced a new 24/7/365 IT Security Managed Detection and Response (MDR) service. The MDR service combines both technology and human expertise to monitor software and hardware logs in order to prevent, detect, analyse and respond to cybersecurity threats.

In the first month the service identified 88,529 alerts, of which 4,913 were investigated, and 12 of these required preventative actions.

Smart Balbriggan Shortlisted for Digital Town Award



A project which saw almost 100 Balbriggan students devise innovative ways to tackle local problems digitally, has been shortlisted for a major award.

Last October, Transition Year (TY) students from three local schools took part in workshops to develop solutions 'to build a stronger, cohesive and more vibrant community'. The TY Challenge event was run by Smart Balbriggan, an initiative of Fingal County Council, in collaboration with The Academy of the Near Future and What the Hack.

Smart Balbriggan's TY Challenge is shortlisted in the Digital Education category, for the 2022 .IE Digital Town Awards. The winners will be announced at a virtual Gala event on Wednesday 8th June at 4:00pm.

Communications

Website

In May, the fingal.ie website had 90,500 visitors and 257,100 page views. This was down on the figures for May 2021 when record numbers of visitors and page views were recorded due to the launch of Choice Based Letting and an Affordable Housing Purchase Scheme. However, the May 2022 numbers are the third highest monthly figures in 2022 while the average time spent of the site, two minutes and 19 seconds, is the second-highest recorded. The most popular pages continue to be planning applications, recycling, choice based letting, libraries and jobs.

Social Media

Our Twitter account, @fingalcoco, had 413,500 impressions during May and an average engagement rate of 1.7% from 327 tweets.

The top tweet was a video about the Football and Fitness Transition Year Course which was made by one of the students, Danny McGrath from Balbriggan. It had 11,799 impressions and 3,080 media views. Another tweet, in relation to the pop-up swimming pool in Donabate, generated 9,922 impressions.

Our LinkedIn account continues to attract new followers and now has 5,696 up 703 (14%) since January 1. During May we started publishing videos of staff from across the organisation talking about their experience of working for Fingal County Council and this will continue over the next few months.

There were 21 videos posted on our You Tube channel during May. Among the subjects covered by the videos were the Fingal Skills Strategy, Blue Flags, Football and Fitness Transition Year course, Active Travel and working for Fingal County Council. A special video report on the restoration of the glasshouses at Ardgillan Castle and Demesne was also published as was a new promotional video for the county. The You Tube channel now has 740 subscribers, an increase of 106 (14%) since January 1.



Our Facebook had a post reach of 213,155 and post engagement of 53,570 as the number of followers rose by 263 to 27,777 and increase of 2,958 (10%) since January 1. The Instagram account has seen its followers rise from 4,642 to 5,240 since the start of the year which is a 13% increase.

Projects and Campaigns

During May the Communications Unit was involved in promoting Bike Week as well as the consultation around the Draft Active Travel Strategy and the Draft Fingal Biodiversity Action Plan. The latest edition of the Inside Fingal podcast features an interview with Biodiversity Officer, Hans Visser. The Communications Unit also organised the Fingal County Council stand at the Fingal Connect Expo in the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Santry, which was used to promote the Skills Strategy, Business Directory and Procurement among local businesses.



Press Releases and Media Queries

The Communications Unit dealt with 20 media queries during May with topics covered including housing, planning, bathing water quality, dogs, equine welfare and allotments. The Unit also issued 17 press releases and media invitations during the month, including one about a new animated video that encourages dog users to be responsible during the bathing season and another about Fingal beaches being awarded three Blue Flags.

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Swords Castle will be jumping on July 29, 30 and 31 as country music superstars Nathan Carter, Jimmy Buckley and Friends In Low Places take to the stage at the iconic venue in the heart of Swords.

CASTLE GOES COUNTRY
AT SWORDS CASTLE

NATHAN CARTER
 FRIDAY 29TH JULY
 GATES OPEN 6PM
 SHOW STARTS 8PM
 TICKETS €27.50 (INC. BOOKING FEES)

JIMMY BUCKLEY
 SATURDAY 30TH JULY
 GATES OPEN 6PM
 SHOW STARTS 8PM
 TICKETS €22.00 (INC. BOOKING FEES)

FRIENDS IN LOW PLACES
 SUNDAY 31ST JULY
 GATES OPEN 7PM
 SHOW STARTS 8PM
 TICKETS €16.50 (INC. BOOKING FEES)

TICKETS NOW ON SALE:
<https://www.ticketmaster.ie/castle-goes-country-tickets/artist/5383503>
 SWORDS CASTLE, BRIDGE ST., TOWNPARKS, SWORDS, CO. DUBLIN, K67 X439
 OVER 18'S ONLY. RIGHT OF ADMISSION RESERVED

Flavours of Fingal COUNTY SHOW
 2-3 JULY 2022

Join us for **FLAVOURS OF FINGAL**
NEWBRIDGE HOUSE, DONABATE

Livestock in the Farmer's Field • Free Family Fun • Puppet Shows
 Equestrian Show • Live Music in the Walled Garden • Fingal Village
 Living History • Vintage Vehicles • Food • Latin & Ballroom Dancing
 The Horse Shoe Trading Post • Newbridge House & Farm & much more!

FlavoursOffFingal.ie
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The Events Calendar with both English and Irish versions are available to download on www.fingal.ie

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EVENTS Calendar 2022

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TOURISM

SOCIAL MEDIA STATS



Ripple Marketing manages the Love Fingal, Coasts and Fields and Events social media accounts on the Council's behalf.

Q1 Stats have been positive with reactions, comments and shares as follows:

- Love Fingal Dublin 269,750
- Dublin's Coast and Fields 55,397
- Events in Fingal 133,365



Whilst many will take a holiday abroad this year, Fáilte Ireland are continuing to drive domestic demand and encouraging people to take short breaks in Ireland with their 'Keep Discovering' marketing campaign. The international outlook is also positive with air passenger capacity into the Republic of Ireland back to 89.4% of its 2019 levels and many businesses already seeing an increase in overseas visitors.

Fáilte Ireland's schedule of tourism capability support for 2022 will include webinars and workshops across a number of priority areas including commercial planning and finance, sales and marketing, revenue generation, digital skills, climate action, HR and people management.

HERITAGE PROPERTIES

ARDGILLAN CASTLE AND NEWBRIDGE HOUSE



Submissions received in respect of the roof and windows conservation tender for both Ardgillan Castle and Newbridge House are currently being evaluated. It is expected that work on both properties will start in mid-Summer.

ARDGILLAN CASTLE



Restoration work on the extensive swords and weapons collection has been completed and these are now on display in the billiard room as part of the house tour. The restored Ardgillan harp is due to be returned for display in June.

SWORDS CASTLE



Phase 3 Enabling Conservation Works planned for Swords Castle will include the following: Upgrade of Electrical Services, Masonry Consolidation & Conservation Repairs to Knights & Squires Quarter Chamber, South Wall and North-East Wall/Tower.

A Mechanical and Electrical consultant tender for the design stage of Phase 3 conservation works issued on 20th May with a closing date of 9th June. Tenders for the Civil & Structural and Archaeological consultants will issue shortly.

ARTS Youth & Education

MAKE SPACE



Children and their guardians are invited to explore and spend time together in this beautiful sensory play space designed to explore a variety of materials - wood, stone, sand, mirrors, modelling clay, fabric, and processes - weaving, plaiting, drawing, making, arranging. Created by art educator Anne Bradley *Make Space* will provide a contemplative, reflective place encouraging children and adults to explore a variety of natural materials while considering their physical qualities: weight, texture, colour, sound. Participants are invited to consider how these everyday materials make up the natural and built environment around us. The space also provides a place for relaxing, open-ended, intergenerational shared play and the opportunity for quiet, reflective conversation. *Make Space* will be installed in Draiocht from June 11th – June 25th.

SEACHTAIN NA NÓG JUNE 12TH – 16TH

In June Fingal Arts Office and The Irish Institute of Music & Song will launch a week of free workshops and activities for children, young people and families. Over the course of this week events suitable for all age groups from 0 to 18 will be delivered.

Early Years Day

Participants learn to sing to their babies and enjoy the soothing and calming effects of music with great benefits for parents and babies alike. Musicians will develop a repertoire of songs families can enjoy for years to come. Small class sizes allow parents to meet and make friends with other parents of new babies. Pre-instrumental classes for children 2 – 6 years will also be scheduled to explore rhythm, pitch through song and percussion.

Primary School Day



On this day primary school children will be invited to try three different musical skills: Singing, Ukulele and Percussion. The sessions will cater for up to 30 young participants in each.

Youth Day



A full roster of interactive workshops will be open to young people aged 12 – 18 years. All workshops are accessible to those without a musical background and aim to normalise creativity as a pursuit within the lives of those who attend.

[Percussion Workshop with Andy Dempsey](#)

[Ukulele Workshop with Sorcha Fenlon](#)

[Music Production Seminar with Hugh Clarke](#)

[Music as a Career Seminar with Sarah May Rogers](#)

Irish Music Day

Offering a wholistic look at Irish music and culture that is practical, multifaceted, and expertly delivered.

[Bodhrán Building Workshop with Richard Molloy](#)

[Irish Music Seminar & Open Session with Sarah Rogers & Breda McCarthy](#)

CHRIS JUDGE, DAILY CLOUD PROJECT JUNE 8TH – JUNE 17TH

Illustrator Chris Judge will connect with ten schools in County Fingal to deliver creative workshops based on a personal project. Working with pupils and teachers, Chris will introduce participants to his Daily Cloud artworks as inspiration for creating their very own artworks. Participants can expect to learn about Chris' work as a professional illustrator, and how this project came about initially in 2020.

PLYSCAPE – ARCHITECTURAL WORKSHOP JUNE 4TH – JUNE 11TH



Plyscape is a chance for young people to come together and explore Mill Pond Park Balbriggan through exciting architecture and urban design workshops. Young people aged 14 – 18 years will be encouraged to work with professional architects, Islander Architects, and take agency over their built environment. Working with demountable plywood elements, participants will create temporary installations that stimulate dialogue about inclusive public spaces.

Public Art

INFRASTRUCTURE – PUBLIC ART PROGRAMME



The photoshoot for John Byrne's artwork will take place with members of the Fingal community at the Liam Rodgers Centre in Kinsealy on Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th June. From Monday 20th of June, the sets and photographic equipment will be delivered to the centre and assembled. A dress rehearsal with props and costumes is scheduled for Wednesday 22nd of June with the pre-determined groups.

ECHO'S BONES



Participants of Sarah Browne's commission *Echo's Bones*, a collaborative film-making project with a group of young autistic people, have been invited to visit the video-editing suite on Saturday 4th of June to learn about the editing process and provide feedback on the film which is currently being edited. The soundtrack for the film is in post-production phase and due for digital release in July.

Adam Gibney's prototype for his public art commission, *Tidal Composition - Fall and Rise*, is nearing completion and is due to be tested by a group of young people from Foróige in June.

Arts Office Programme



The Graphic Studio Dublin Fine Art Print Residency Award will be announced in mid-June. As part of the ongoing commitment to professional artists, the Arts Office in partnership with Graphic Studio Dublin is offering two fine art print residencies to professional artists at any stage of their careers, working in any discipline, who are interested in exploring print processes. The two-week long residencies will provide an ideal environment for the development of a creative project in printmaking and an opportunity to network with other artists. The residencies will take place at a date to be agreed with the successful candidates. A visit to Graphic Studio Dublin has been scheduled in early June for the Fingal Friday Forum participants, in the lead up to this opportunity announcement and will comprise of a studio tour and print demonstrations.



The RHA School Studio award will be announced in early June. The Arts Office in partnership with the RHA School are offering an opportunity of a funded studio space for a professional artist for the period of one year. The award offers an artist the opportunity to develop their practice within the institutional framework of the RHA and covers the cost of studio rental and administration.

LIBRARIES

LEARNING IN YOUR COMMUNITY

The Adult Education Service Balbriggan together with Fingal Libraries launched a new initiative "Learning in your Community" on 28th April at Balbriggan Library. The main objective of this initiative is to establish a platform on which to build engagement and information sharing between the Adult Education and library services. The aims are to raise awareness of the services, to enhance customer service provision and to identify opportunities and initiatives for ongoing cooperation.

An 'Information Hub' has been set up in the Library which provides information on the many opportunities to learn within the community. It also contains materials and resources to support literacy development such as adult friendly readers, literacy workbooks, and easy to read guides on using library resources and technology.

Both organisations will continue to work together to provide information and support to each other in areas such as promoting e-learning resources to teachers, collaborative events and workshops, reading initiatives and library visits which will benefit both the learner community within the Adult

Education Service and the community of borrowers using library services.

CRUINNIU NA NÓG

Cruinniú na nÓg, Creative Ireland's annual day of free creative activity for children and young adults, has gone from strength to strength since its launch in 2018. It is an event that is unique to Ireland and is the flagship initiative of the Creative Ireland's programme **Creative Youth** which aims to "give every child practical access to tuition, experience and participation in art, music, drama and coding by 2022". This year the programming features events and workshops in all Fingal libraries such as coding classes, storytelling, manga drawing, creative writing for teens and much more.

Fingal Arts office held an open commission and 4 projects have been awarded through this. These projects aim to creatively engage young people by providing access to arts practitioners of the highest standards and include projects in placemaking/architecture, music and interactive art. **Cruinniú na nÓg 2022 will** be a day filled with happy memories for all of the families, children and young people that get involved.

Following on from the success of the Story trail launched in Ardgillan Castle last year, a second Fingal Story trail will be created in Kenure woods in Rush and will follow the story of the Lonely Beast by Dublin author Chris Judge. Full details at [cruinnui-brochure-2022-pdf.pdf](https://www.fingal.ie/cruinnui-brochure-2022-pdf.pdf) ([fingal.ie](https://www.fingal.ie))

CREATIVE FINGAL NEW 5-YEAR STRATEGY

The Creative Ireland programme was started in 2017 as a legacy programme following on from the success of the Ireland 2016 project which celebrated the hundredth anniversary of the Easter Rising.

At the core of the programme is the founding vision that creativity must be at the very heart of public policy and that participation in cultural and creative activity effectively promotes the wellbeing of the individual, the community and the nation at large.

Collaborating across government and in tandem with arts, community and voluntary organisations, the Creative Ireland Programme deploys creativity as a vital strategy for wellbeing, social cohesion and economic success.

The current Creative Ireland program finishes in 2022 but a new 5-year program will begin in 2023. As part of this process, an updated Culture and Creativity strategy for Fingal will be created. This process will begin in June and a stakeholder engagement process will take place. The current Culture and Creativity Strategy can be viewed at <https://www.creativeireland.gov.ie/app/uploads/2019/12/Fingal.pdf> or by scanning the QR code below



SUMMER STARS

Libraries will launch its annual Summer Stars Children's Reading programme on Tuesday 14th June at St. Patrick's National School Skerries with a special visit from the Fingal Mobile Library service.

Summer Stars is an exciting, reading-based programme, available free of charge to all children across the country. It will run in all libraries in Fingal until the end of August with the ultimate goal of encouraging reading during the summer holidays. All children are invited to register for the summer reading challenge, with rewards and incentives along the way and a grand finale event at the end for all participants.

As part of the programme, a range of children's events will be held in libraries in Fingal during the summer to suit all interests – including author visits, Lego technic workshops, sensory cooking classes, interactive science workshops, creative writing, arts and crafts, and coding workshops.



FRANK LAWLESS EXHIBITION

The exhibition 'A Dangerous Man: Frank Lawless and the War of Independence in Fingal' curated by Fingal Local Studies and Archives is currently on display at Blanchardstown Library and will move on to Malahide Library on Friday 3rd June. It will then travel to Rush and finally Balbriggan Library over the summer months. A smaller version of the exhibition will be on display at Swords Library.



DYSLEXIA SUPPORT TALK: 5 – 8PM - JUNE 21ST AT BLANCHARDSTOWN LIBRARY

DCode creator and founder Mary Moran has spent a career spanning over three decades, teaching dyslexic students. Her passion lies in giving struggling readers the lifelong gift of literacy.

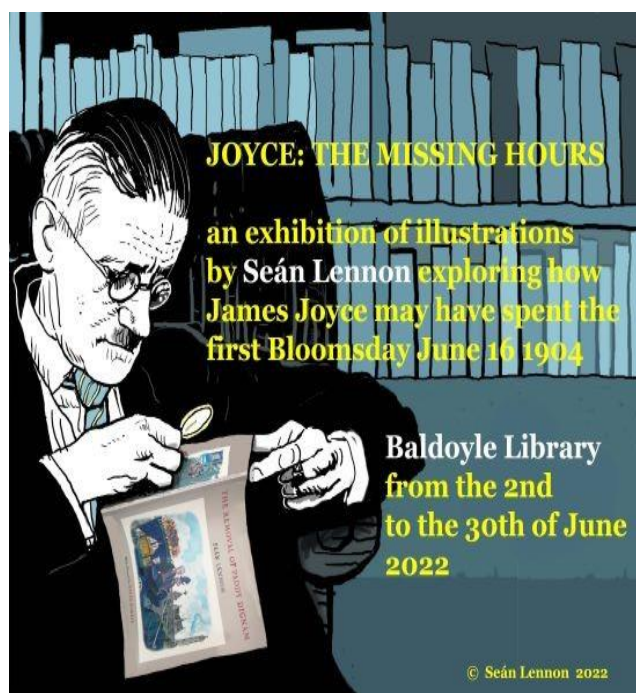
This talk which will be followed by a Q and A session will explain to parents what the reading brain looks like and why some children can struggle to read. Mary will explain what a structured literacy intervention can do to change children's brains so that they can learn to read. Mary will also explain what structured literacy is and how it works. The Eventbrite link for booking this talk is: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/lean-into-literacy-with-fingal-libraries-dyslexia-talk-with-mary-moran-tickets-327365146967>.

BLANCHARDSTOWN LIBRARY ONLINE BOOKCLUB

The Online Book Club will meet via MS Teams on Wednesday, 15th June at 6.30pm to discuss *The Housekeeper and the Professor* by Yoko Okawa. All are welcome to join in the discussion. Further details available from ciara.farrell@fingal.ie or blanchlibrary@fingal.ie

JAMES JOYCE EXHIBITION

'Joyce, The Missing Hours' an exhibition by Sean Lennon will be on display in Baldoyle Library for the month of June. This will be an exhibition of illustrations by Sean based on his book 'For Your Enjoyment : the Removal of Paddy Dignam'



OTHER EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES IN BRANCH LIBRARIES

Malahide Library: Age Action provides one-on-one tutors on Thursdays to give lessons on how to access the internet using a mobile phone, tablet, laptop or pc.

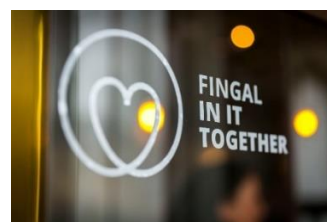
Rush Library: Baby & Toddler book club restarted on the 19th of May and will take place every other Thursday.

Donabate Library: Failte Isteach provides conversational English sessions for Ukrainians new to Ireland on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 11am to 1pm.

Garristown Library: A book club for adults meets at the Library on the 2nd Monday of every month from 6.45am to 8pm.

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





Following on from the launch of the Fingal Skills Hub on 29th April in Skerries, a Skills Strategy company LinkedIn page has been used to share content and information arising from the event. The page already has just over 100 followers and will complement the Skills Hub in sharing updates regarding skills in Fingal.

The Skills Strategy Implementation Group met on the 24th May and the group were updated about the success of the Skills Hub launch event on April 29th in Skerries as well as recent work of the Transport/Logistics and Construction subgroups.

The meeting also heard interesting presentations by Cyberquest regarding the context around cyber security skills and from Fingal CYPSC about the needs of young people relating to the skills strategy.

A new Skills Strategy subgroup to work on Green Skills has been established and will meet for the first time on June 1st via Teams. A further new subgroup for companies within the services sector is also scheduled to meet in late June.

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 <https://www.fingal.ie/council/service/urbact> at



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.

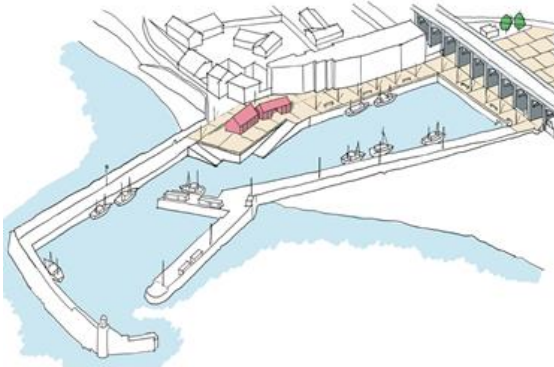
The Local Economy Pillar Group met on the 18th May and work continues to progress actions to develop a stronger, prosperous local economy. The Education Skills and Employment Pillar is scheduled to meet next on 20th June to review the Our Balbriggan Loves Learning Festival which took place in April and how the event may be further developed in 2023.

The demolition of the former O’Shea’s Night Club building (Harbour) is complete, the site and layout has

been levelled out to create a 'meanwhile space' to allow for temporary planters and seating, pedestrian route with low level picket fence surround. Archaeologist Report of the findings on the O'Sheas site will be finalised and issued to Council over the coming weeks.



Paul Keogh Architects, the appointed Integrated Design Team (IDT) for the re-imagined Quay Street & Harbour Area, continue to progress design work. Stage 2A Development of Design was signed off on 20th April. Ongoing internal and external proceeded Part 8 pre-planning lodged end of April. Presentation to ACM on June 9th followed by public submissions and full council planning application for the project in Q3.



Paul Keogh Architects, the appointed Integrated Design Team (IDT) for 2-4 Dublin Street, will present their Stage 1 Design Report to internal stakeholders in June. The proposals on renovation of these buildings include the facilitation of 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. The draft transport plan report is to issue in June for review by internal stakeholders. DBFL are working closely with Paul Hogarth Company (Masterplanning Consultants) and internal Council departments to ensure coherent, effective, sustainable transformative development. Draft Public Realm Design Guide will also in June with further engagements scheduled to address any comments and clarifications.





Tenders for the minor works package at the Harbour have been evaluated, consultants will be engaged in June. 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.



29th May – 5th June



Programme of Events

The Balbriggan Summerfest is returning this year and will run from 29th May to the 5th June with a great variety of events and stalls for all.



The Our Balbriggan Programme Office hosted a school's event for students and a networking coffee morning for principals and senior staff in the Bracken Court Hotel as part of the Our Balbriggan Loves Learning Week where the students received an update on the Balbriggan Rejuvenation Plan and were given an opportunity to give their ideas and views including how they might be more involved going forward.

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 LECs have been published by the Department of Rural and Community Development. The new Fingal LEC 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 LEC are currently being held online and recordings of these can be viewed on the Department of Rural & Community Development's website.



**An Roinn Forbartha
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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



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

The next meeting of the LAG will be held in early June.

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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 all over 90%. 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 May 2022 are as follows:

New Fingal Business Briefing



On Friday May 6th, almost 100 business owners and budding entrepreneurs attended a Business Briefing in the Riasc Centre, Kinsealy. The Business Briefing session was the first in a series of Business Support Briefings which will be held on the first Friday of each month throughout the summer period. The lunchtime briefings are designed for Fingal-based business owner/managers, and residents who are aiming to start a new business. Representatives from Local Enterprise Office Fingal (LEO Fingal) and Micro Finance Ireland outlined up-to-date information on the various supports that are available to SMEs in Fingal. The event was concluded with a lively, informative Q&A session with many business owners

staying behind to chat over coffee with the team from LEO and to ask questions to help them on their business journey. Attendees also had the chance to network with fellow entrepreneurs. The next Business Briefing will be on Friday 3rd June at 12:30

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 8th July 2022. 46 applications have been approved in 2022, in the amount of €94,864.00



Following very successful online webinars over the past two years our first in-person TOV Seminar took place on Friday 13th May 2002 in the RIASC Centre. There is still strong interest in E-trading with applications and approvals running at nearly double pre-covid years and a networking lunch took place after the event.

Fingal Enterprising Women Network



Branding Brilliance - How to build a Powerful Brand
 Thursday, 9th June, 18:30 - 21:00
 Branding expert
Anne Gallagher
 Location: Kettles Country House Hotel, Lispopple, Swords

The Fingal Enterprising Women Network (FEWN) continues to provide learning and networking opportunities for women in business and enterprise. The network will host its annual summer event on June 9th in Kettles Country House Hotel, Lispopple, Swords. The event entitled "Branding Brilliance – How to Build a Powerful Brand "will feature branding expert and founder of The Beauty Kit, Anne Gallagher. The event is a fantastic opportunity for Fingal's female entrepreneurs to get together and network over a Prosecco reception and buffet meal.

Food Academy



There were 11 applications from Fingal food businesses for the Food Academy programme which is run by Supervalu, Bord Bia and the Local Enterprise Offices. This programme educates food providers on the requirements for their business to scale and meet food standards in order to be stocked in a large retailer and it also offers them some shelf space in Supervalu to trial their approach to market.

Evaluation and Approvals Committee

The May Evaluation and Approvals Committee (EVAC) meeting took place on Wednesday the 25th of May. Seven applications were approved for €174,720 worth of funding. Year to date, 20 applications have been approved for €478,345 worth of funding. The next Evaluation and Approvals Committee (EVAC) meeting will take place on Wednesday the 29th of June.

Business Advice Clinics and Mentoring

Business Advice Clinics and mentoring services continue to be offered online. In May 2022, 10 Business Advice Clinic days were held, offering advice and support to 88 clients in Fingal. In addition, clients are continuing to receive one to one business mentoring with our panel of mentors and 294 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 June include Fingal Enterprising Womens Network Summer event "Branding Brilliance - How to Build a Powerful Brand," Consumer and Market Research and Financial Management for SMEs. Leo Fingal has also returned to in-person" training with the Start Your Own Business course which commenced May 26th and is continuing to take place weekly on Thursday evenings from 18.30 - 21.30 in County Hall, Swords over a ten-week period.

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. Five applications have been processed, assessed and submitted to MFI in 2022.

Fingal Connects



LEO Fingal supports the Fingal Connects event

LEO Fingal representatives Helena Humphries and Kenneth Wright participated in a panel discussion at the Fingal Connects event on Thursday May 26th outlining the various supports and training available to owners of small and medium businesses in the Fingal area. LEO mentors ran onsite business advice clinics and staff answered general queries from business owners. A presentation encompassing the Lean initiative and covering sustainability was also given by Jigsaw trainer Allyson English & LEO client Marc Herbert of The Little Wax Company at the event.

National Enterprise Awards



Life Ahead Ltd. T/A Farmony this year's winner of the Fingal Enterprise Award for 2022, will represent Fingal Local Enterprise Office at this year's National Enterprise Awards which takes place at the Mansion House, Dublin on the 2nd June 2022

Farmony will be competing against 30 other finalists from every local authority area for a share of the €35,000 winners' prize fund. Categories this year include 'Best Export Business,' 'Best Start-Up' and 'Innovation,' in addition to eight regional awards. There are also two new National Enterprise Awards this year with a "One to Watch" award and a "Sustainability / Green" award.

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Solar Compactor Bins

The Castleknock/Mulhuddart Cleansing Section is delighted to inform the Members that the roll out of the additional Solar Bins has commenced.

Two bins have been installed in Main Street, Blanchardstown & Castleknock Village, and preparation of 3 further plinths in Mulhuddart Village, Main Street Blanchardstown & Carpenterstown have been carried out and a further delivery of bins is scheduled for June.



Skerries



Main Street, Blanchardstown

Balbriggan/Swords Area

Playground Refurbishment - St Catherine's Estate Rush

The long-awaited refurbishment of the playground within St. Catherine's Estate Rush is almost complete. There is still some outstanding equipment and seating/bins to be installed but the project is 90% complete.

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.



Ardgillan Demesne – Rose Garden and Walled Garden

As part of the ongoing Capital Works Programme at Ardgillan Demesne the images below show the recently refurbished Victorian Glasshouse in the Rose Garden plus replacement wooden doors and path resurfacing in the walled garden.



Pollinator Planting - Portrane and Balbriggan

The images below show Pollinator planting areas in bloom in Longstone park Portrane and St Paul's Crescent Balbriggan.

These areas were planted as part of 2021 Programme of Works but only showing their true bloom in spring/summer 2022. Definitely worth the wait.



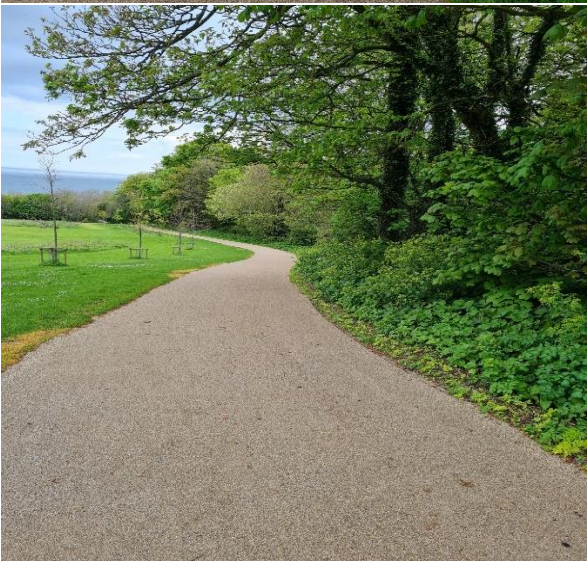
Urban Space Improvements - Garristown Village

As part of the 2021 and 2022 Programme of Works Pavement Improvement works have been carried out at the Junction of Ashbourne Road.



Path Resurfacing Works – Glebe Park Balrothery and Ardgillan Demesne

As part of the 2022-2024 Parks Capital Works Programme paths resurfacing works have been carried out at Glebe Park Balrothery and Ardgillan Demesne



Blue Flag raised at Rush South Beach

Local Representatives, Scouts, Clean Coast Group and Tidy Towns Groups visited Rush South Beach on Friday 27th May, to see Mayor Séana O Rodaigh raise the prestigious Blue Flag which is awarded to beaches adhering to a strict number of criteria covering environmental information and education, water quality, safety and services and environmental management.



Howth/Malahide Area

The Operation's Department continue to progress the Annual Programme of Works as well as day-to-day remedial works carried out by our in-house crews. The following are examples of the excellent work carried out by the Operations Department in Howth/Malahide.

Depot Works

Night works were successfully undertaken to repair a collapsed culvert beneath the road carriageway at the junction of the R107 and R123 in Balgriffin. The previous stone culvert has now been replaced and upgraded to a new precast concrete box unit.



Footpath Works

On-going footpath renewal works continued during the month of May. The photographs below are taken from Church Road in Malahide where an approximate 60m length of concrete footpath was replaced with new asphalt footpath.



Elsewhere in Malahide an approximate 50m length of existing concrete footpath in poor condition were replaced on St. Margaret's Avenue. These works were carried out in advance of the resurfacing of St. Margaret's Avenue aimed to be carried out in the coming weeks which will complete all upgrades made to the road's infrastructure having installed a new drainage system here back in Q4 2021.



Works are currently underway on Church Road at Hill Top in Malahide to upgrade the road drainage and pedestrian footpaths in advance of road resurfacing works due to commence in June 2022.



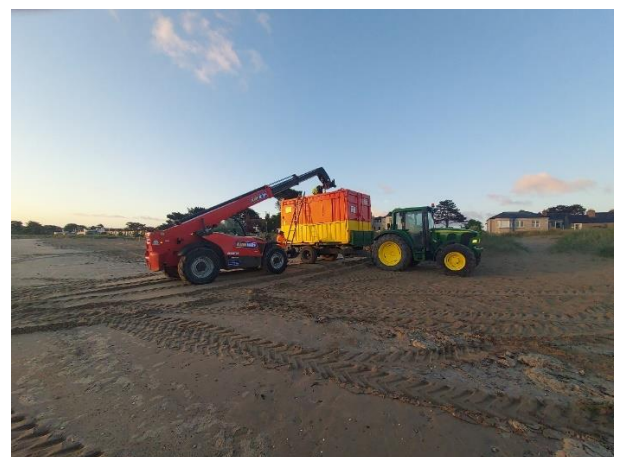
Road safety improvement works commenced last week at the entrance into Hill Drive estate in Malahide. These works involve the build out of the existing junction to improve pedestrian safety at the junction by lowering the speed at which vehicles can turn into the estate and by increasing inter-visibility between users.

The reduced corner radii also create a more compact junction that aligns the crossing point desire line and reduces the existing crossing distance.



Beaches

The launch of the lifeguard huts for 2022 commenced at Claremont Beach, Burrow Beach, Portmarnock Beach and Malahide Beach.





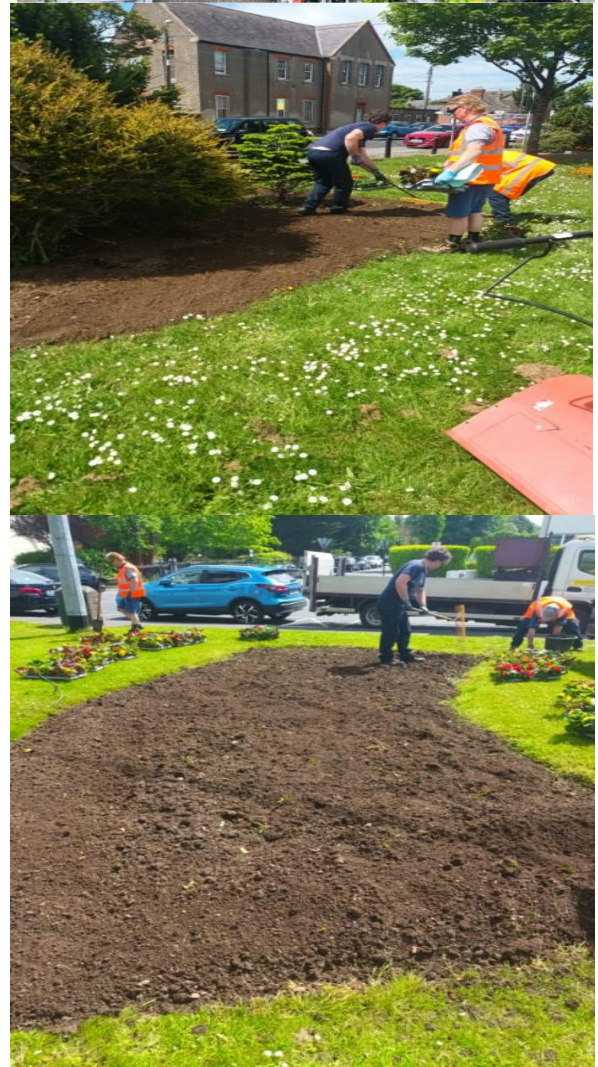
Portmarnock Beach car park (Strandmill) new replacement toilet is ready for ground installation.



Attempt to burn our dune protection rope at Burrow Beach unsuccessful

Planting

Summer bedding was delivered to Malahide Depot earlier in May and planting is now well underway.





Bench Installation

Bench installation is currently underway with all preparation and groundwork being carried out. All benches should be fixed in position by COB next week. All locations for these new benches and picnic benches have been agreed with our local areas' representatives.



Howth Works

Works to upgrade the Green open space adjacent to the West pier at Howth Harbour, following installation of new toilets is now complete.





Alexanders which pose a threat to native species in Redrock Park Howth have had their first cut to prevent them going to seed.

They will get further cuts over the coming months.



A well-used section of the Looped path from the Summit car park to the EIRE monument which was showing signs of erosion has been resurfaced in time for the busy summer season.



A variety of barriers and bollards have been installed at the entrance to the Looped walks at the Summit carpark entrance and at Upper Cliff Road path entrances to prevent vehicles entering, driving and parking on the looped paths.





Cambridge Glasshouse Butterfly House, Talbot Gardens Malahide Demesne

Images of butterflies from the Cambridge Glasshouse Talbot Gardens Malahide Demesne.

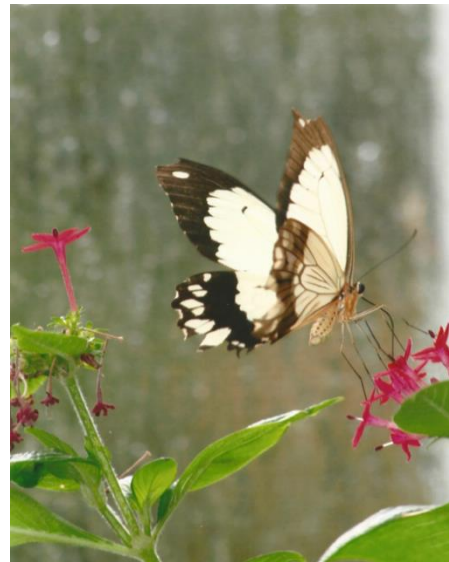
The Monarch butterfly emerging from its cocoon & feeding on Lantana Camara.



Morpho peleides, Blue Morpho on Ipomea leaf, South America.



Papilio dardanus, Mockler Swallowtail on Pentas laceolata, Africa & Papilio demodocus larvae on tree trunk with feelers vibrating.



Burial Grounds Works – Balgriffin

Development works to increase the capacity at the Burial Grounds in Balgriffin are ongoing.



Castleknock/Mulhuddart Area

The Operation's Department continue to progress the Annual Programme of Works as well as the day-to-day remedial works which is carried out by our in-house crews. The following is examples of the excellent work carried out by the Operation's crews in Coolmine Depot.



Porterstown Car Park - Relining of Yellow Box



Porterstown Park - New Wooden Bins installed and signage

Beechwood Downs

The Operation's team recently cleared an area in Beechwood Downs and are liaising with local residents regarding planting options for this location.





Newtown Cottages St Margaret's

The Crew's recently carried out with at Newtown Cottages, St. Margaret's which included the removal of damaged railings and the clearing and strimming of the area.



Footpath Reconstruction Oakview Court/Woodvale Drive

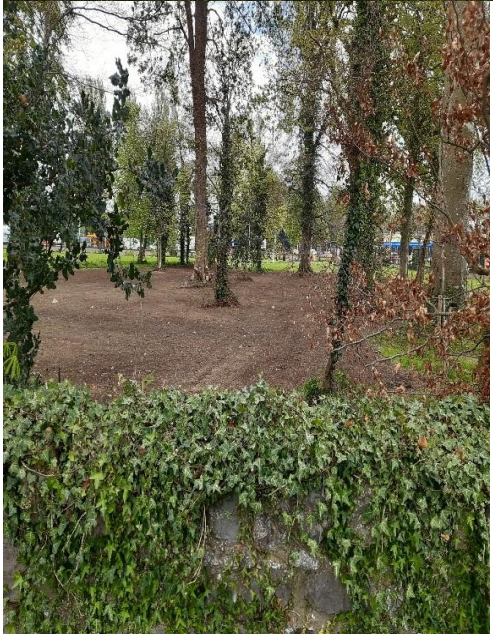


Millennium Park

Following the Ice Rink event reinstatement works were carried out in Millennium Park which included landscaping and re-seeding.

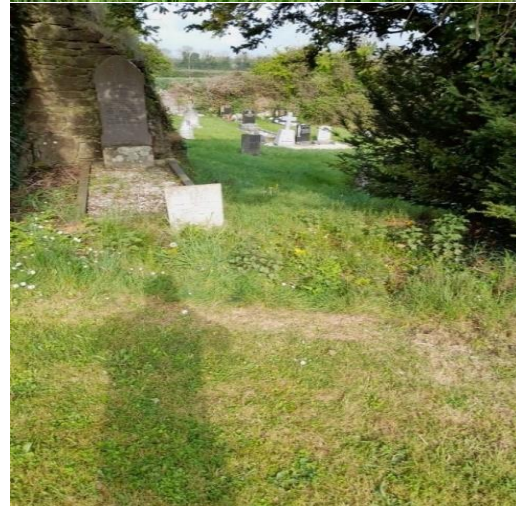


The Woodland in Millennium Park- Opposite carpark that has been thinned out and landscaped for Arboretum.



St Margaret's Graveyard

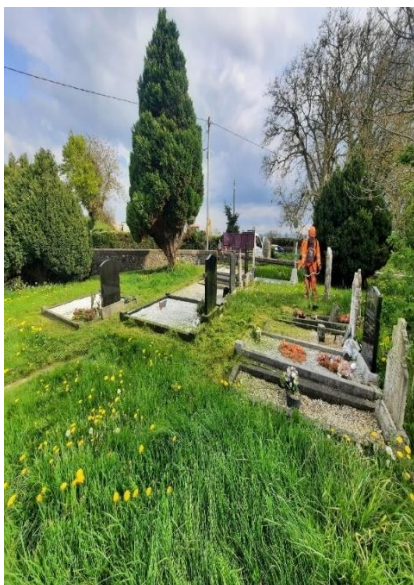
Routine maintenance which includes strimming and grass cutting carried out in St Margaret's Graveyard.





The Ward Graveyard

Routine maintenance which includes strimming and grass cutting carried out in The Ward Graveyard



N3 Grass cutting

Grass cutting, weed control and litter picking was recently carried out on the N3 Navan Road on Saturday 23rd May 2022 which required traffic management to be put in place for this work to be carried out in a safe manner.



Portersgate – Tree Stump Removal

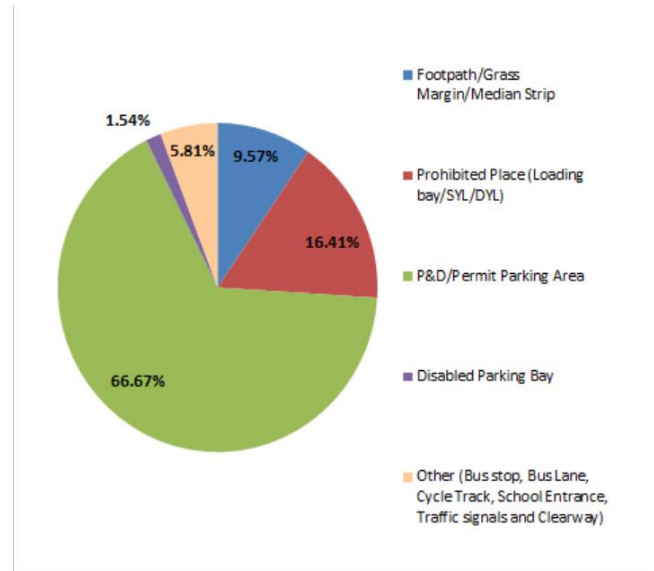
The Tree Crew removed a tree stump of large ash tree in Portersgate. Stump ground down, grass very reinstated and the roads section replaced service boxes.



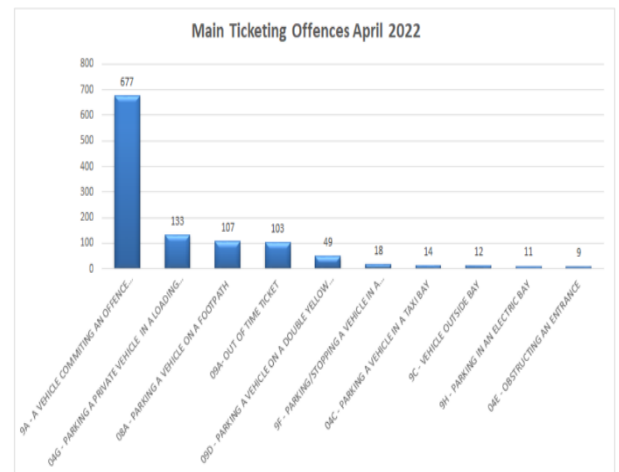
Car Parking Services

There was a total of 1,170 parking tickets issued during April 2022.

Breakdown of Parking Offences:

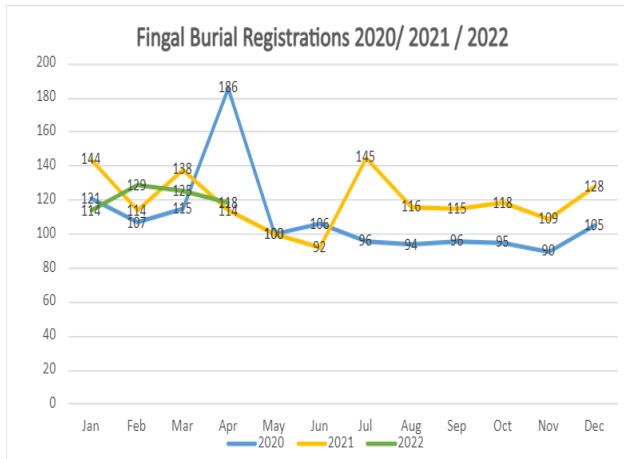


Breakdown of Parking Offences	Total	Percentage
Footpath/Grass Margin/Median Strip	112	9.57%
Prohibited Place (Loading bay/SYL/DYL)	192	16.41%
P&D/Permit Parking Area	780	66.67%
Disabled Parking Bay	18	1.54%
Other (Bus stop, Bus Lane, Cycle Track, School Entrance, Traffic signals and Clearway)	68	5.81%
Total	1170	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 118 Internments in April 2022.



Traffic Operations County-wide

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

Balbriggan/Swords Area

Traffic Calming Ramps Contract - Public consultation has completed for 6 no. traffic calming schemes. The final submission date was 25th of May 2022.

Signage Upgrade

Old Airport Road Collinstown – Warning signage on both approaches to Aircraft Viewing parking area.



Castleknock/Mulhuddart Area

New Signals Contract

The 2022 New Signals works commenced in Dublin 15. Works commenced in Ongar with the construction of the newly raised zebra crossing on the Old Clonsilla Road. All civils works are currently complete and awaiting installation of electrical equipment. Once complete, the power to the crossing will be commissioned by the ESB.



New raised zebra crossing old Clonsilla Road, Ongar

Road lining Contract

Works have commenced on road lining in the Dublin 15 area.



Double yellow lines installed on Porters Avenue in Coolmine Industrial Estate

Howth/Malahide Area

New Signals Contract

Undertaken at Wendell Avenue – Coast Road Pedestrian Crossing.

The Civil Works and Electrical Works are almost complete. The Signal Heads are now the LED type, energy saving and more visible for drivers.

Electrical works are ongoing at the signals on the Coast Road Malahide.



Signals upgrade underway between the Hill Top stores –R124-Malahide



Additional Speed limit Signage for Kinsealy Lane

Road lining Contract

Double Yellow Lines extension for Wendell Avenue and NO ENTRY (one of several) within Coill Dubh residential area-Malahide.



Road Closures

Road closure agreed for Stockhole Lane from the 23rd to 29th of May for laying of High Voltage ESB Ducts across the road and beneath existing services.



Fleet Management & Plant Hire Unit

111 hires were put in place from 1st MAY 2022 – 27th MAY 2022, engaging 24 suppliers.

3 fully electric LDV Tipper Trucks purchased for Operations



Street Lighting LED Programme

The Public Lighting Section will continue with the LED Programme in 2022 with 93.1% of all lights switched to LEDs.



The new multi-colour system for the Balbriggan viaduct goes live



Installation of lights adjacent to the ESB poles at the car park in Ballymastone, Donabate

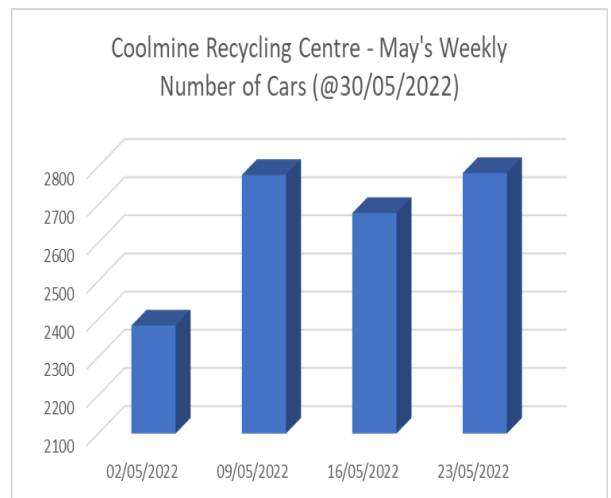
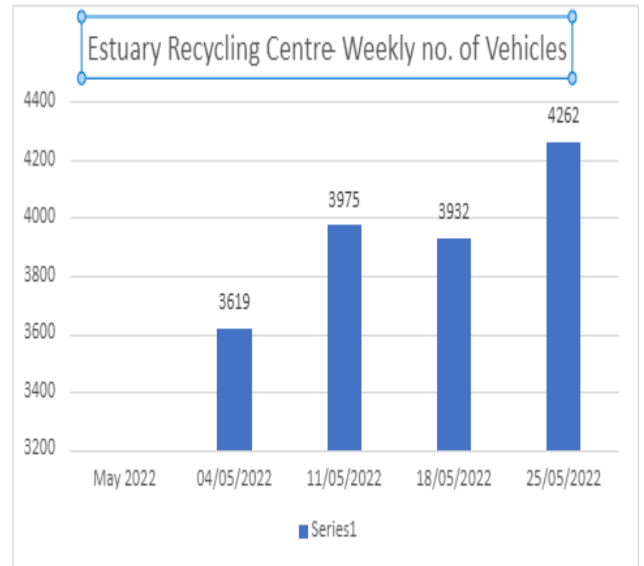


First 50KW DC charger installation goes ahead in Watery Lane



Watery Lane Depot EV charging hub gets underway

Recycling Centre's Update



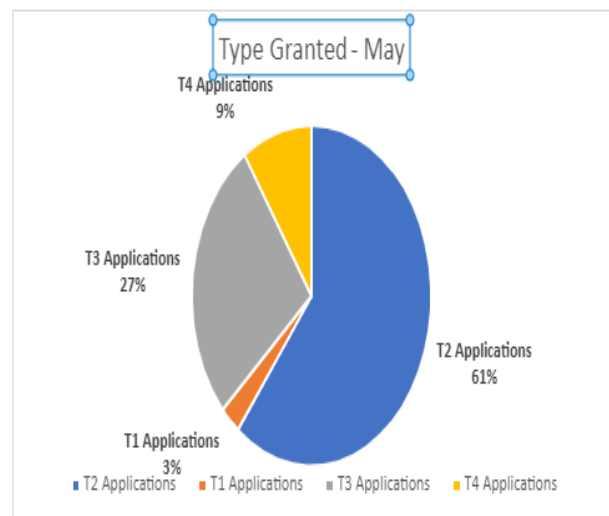
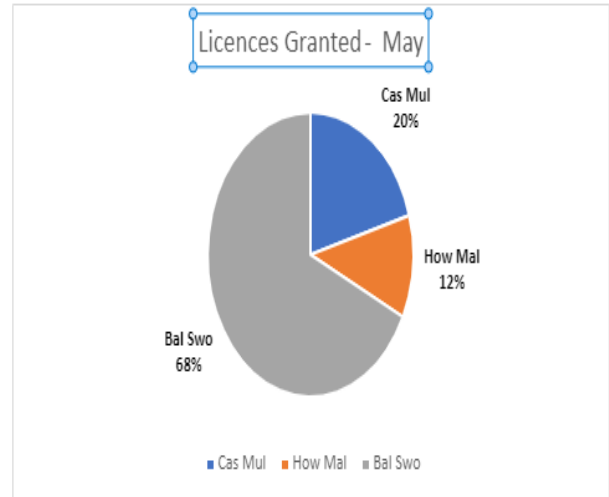
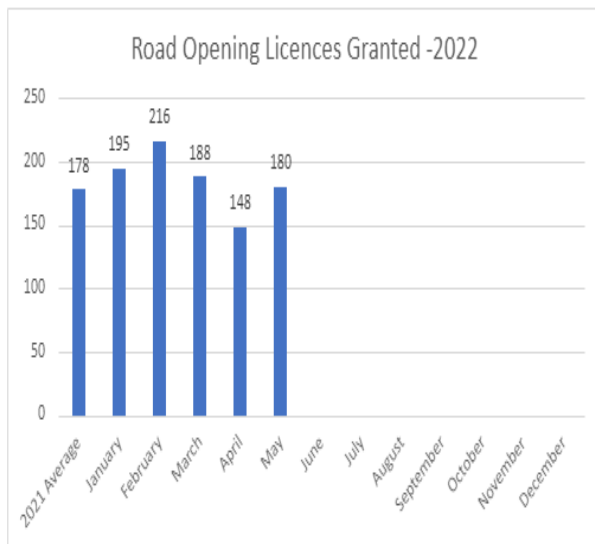
Licences

Road Opening Licences:

Fingal County Council has the greatest number of Road Opening Licences in the country. A new efficiency functionality has been put in place by the Roads Management Office with respect to automated granting of T3 licences (works of low impact e.g gas connection in a housing estate) for specific utility companies. This functionality is currently in use in Dublin City Council and is now being implemented in Fingal. Approximately 30 to 35% of licences will be automated and approved by the RMO with 2 – 3 working days. Resources will now be applied to improved post inspection of road openings by utilities.

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.

180 Licences were granted in the month of May.



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.

Street Furniture Licences

The process for Renewals has begun for the Street Furniture Licences.

Table shows stats as @ 9:00a.m. 30/05/2022

Street Furniture Licence Renewals	Licences Expiring	Re-Applications Received	Renewals Granted	% of Renewals Granted
Cas/Mul	2	1	1	100%
Bal/Swo	15	6	4	66.66%
How/Mal	25	19	16	84%
Overall Totals	42	26	21	80%

Licences are due to expire on 31/05/2022 and all renewal applications received by close of business Friday 27th May are on schedule to be renewed on time.

Water Services

Water and Wastewater Connections

37 applications returned to Irish water so far in May 2022. 18 of these applications related to water connections and 19 applications related to drainage connections as per Maximo/D365.

Storm Water (surface water) Network – Operations

Operation and maintenance of the Stormwater Network is ongoing.

- 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 Portmarnock, Malahide and Baldoyle.
- 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 on the stormwater element of this project while discussions between Fingal County Council and Irish Water are on-going with respect to attaining a design from Irish Water for the redesign of the foul aspect of the project. 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 Bath Avenue, Malahide, Lambourne in Blanchardstown, Seamount & Seabury Rd in Malahide. 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.
- Survey works of the network along the Burrow Beach in Sutton to access the condition of the existing line are completed. A report detailing the findings of the survey have been issued to Irish Water for their review and decision.
- The next section of the Stormwater network preventative maintenance cycle commenced on the 4th of April and is ongoing. Surveys were carried out in the Cardy Rock and Hamilton Place Estates in Balbriggan. To date 6000m of lines have been surveyed and recorded and 65 manhole reports have been created. The findings are now being analysed to identify remedial works required.

Storm Water (surface water) Network – Projects

Howth Surface Water Culvert Replacement:

Tender for the design of the Howth Surface Water Culvert has been awarded to Roughan O Donovan (ROD) Consulting Engineers. Fingal County Council held the 1st kick-off meeting with respect to the Project with ROD on Thursday the 12th of May 2022. ROD has submitted their Programme for the Contract which is scheduled to be completed in November 2023.

The Bawn Malahide Foul Water/Storm Water Pipeline Repair/Upgrade:

Scope: This project is to replace an existing combined network with a new standalone network to alleviate localised flooding.

Fingal County Council are preparing the tender documents for the stormwater element of this project (increase existing stormwater capacity) while discussions are on-going with Irish Water in relation to the requirement for a design for the foul element of this project.

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**.

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/#> publications appear on the homepage under the Publications heading.

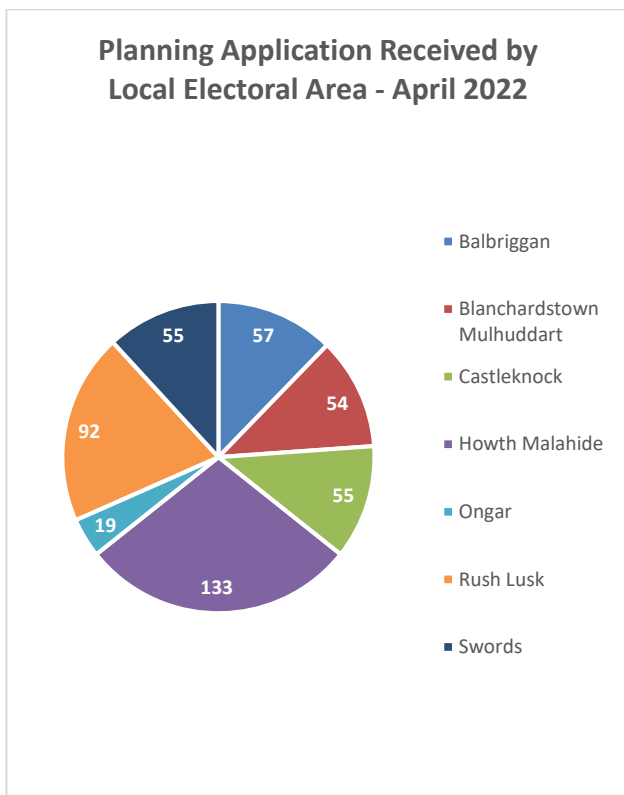
PLANNING AND STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE (PSI)

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Planning Applications

There have been 465 planning applications received to the end of April 2022, 32 of these applications were invalid leaving a total of 433 valid applications. The volume of applications received by Local Electoral Area (LEA) is detailed in the table below.

Between January and the end of April 2022, 16 Strategic Housing Development (SHD) applications were made to An Bord Pleanála totalling 6,661 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 20 SHD's (9,095 units) currently in the formal application process.



Planning Decisions

A total of 386 planning decisions have been made to the end of April 2022. There have been 322 decisions to grant permission (83%) and 64 refusals of permission (17%). There have been 25 grants of permissions in respect of single house construction, 193 grants of permission for domestic extensions, 85 commercial/retail grants of permission and 8 grants of permission in respect of housing developments of which 6 relate to development of 2 - 20, 1 relates to 20 – 50 and 1 relates to 50 -100.

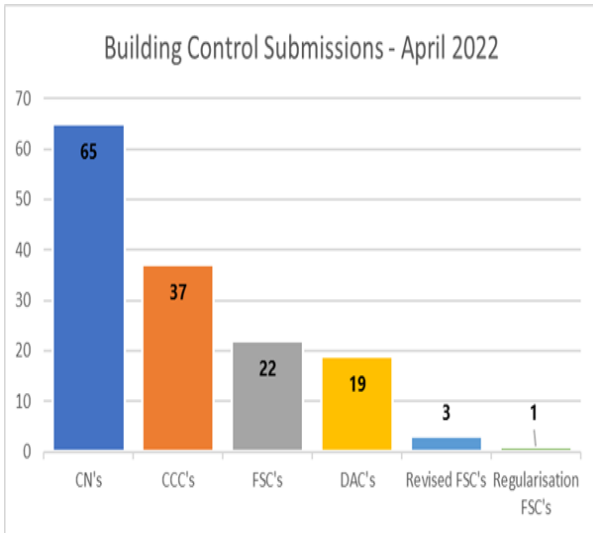
Building Control Admin

In April 2022, there were 147 Building Control submissions made. This was made up of 65 Commencement Notices, 37 Compliance of Completion Certificates, 26 Fire Safety related Certificates and 19 Disability Access related Certificates.

Commencement Notices and Compliance on Completion Certificates are 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 also by hard copy directly into the office. The BCMS system is the preferred option.

In April 2022 the Building Control Admin team processed 99 decisions relating to Fire Safety and Disability Access Certificates. This was made up of 36 decisions to grant, 2 decisions to refuse, 1 invalidation and 60 extensions of time.



Strategic Policy Unit

Draft Fingal Development Plan 2023 – 2029



The public consultation on the Draft Fingal Development Plan finished on 12th May. During the consultation period online and drop-in events were held for members of the public. Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department staff were available to brief the public and answer questions on the Draft Development Plan.

More than 1,900 submissions have been received and these are currently being summarised and responded to. These will form part of the Chief Executive's Report which will issue to the Members at the end of July.

The Development Plan process has been running for over a year now and the final plan is scheduled to be adopted by Councillors in February 2023.

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 followed 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 later this year.



Vacant Site Register

There are currently 10 sites on the Vacant Sites Register (VSR). These include 3 residential sites and 7 regeneration sites.

Heritage Office



Fingal Thatch Project 2022

North County Dublin was renowned in the past for its thatched buildings. However, there has been a marked reduction in the numbers of thatched cottages and houses that survive in the County. Carrig Conservation International have been appointed to undertake a survey of the surviving thatch structures.

There is also an appreciation of the heritage of thatch amongst local Fingal communities and heritage groups. Gathering the social history is an important element of the project and contributions from stories and memories, to photos and documentation relating to this particular vernacular heritage, can be made to fingalthatchsurvey2022@gmail.com This project is supported by the Heritage Council under the County Heritage Plan Funding 2022.



Community Monuments Fund 2022

Three sites in Fingal County Council ownership are benefitting from CMF 2022- Rush Tower House, St Catherine's Church, Kenure, Rush and St Marnock's Church.

Works will be undertaken to secure repair and consolidate these monuments for communities into the future and will be carried out under the supervision of David Kelly Partnership consulting engineers, Fingal County Council-Architects and Heritage Office, and Archaeology and Built Heritage Ltd. Details of the CMF 2021 projects can now be viewed at <https://www.fingal.ie/community-monuments-fund>



National Heritage Week 2022: 13th August to Sunday, 21st August 2022

The theme for National Heritage Week 2022 is all about engaging with heritage to create a more resilient world, enhancing sustainability and biodiversity. Wild Child Day will take place on Saturday 20th August and encourages kids and families to make the most of the outdoors to explore the heritage in their locality and beyond. Water Heritage Day: Sunday, 21st August is a collaboration between The Heritage Council and the Local Authority Waters Programme. Registration of events (up to the 23rd August) is on <https://www.heritageweek.ie/news/national-heritage-week-2022>

Parks and Green Infrastructure Division

Opening of Restored Glasshouses at Ardgillan Demesne



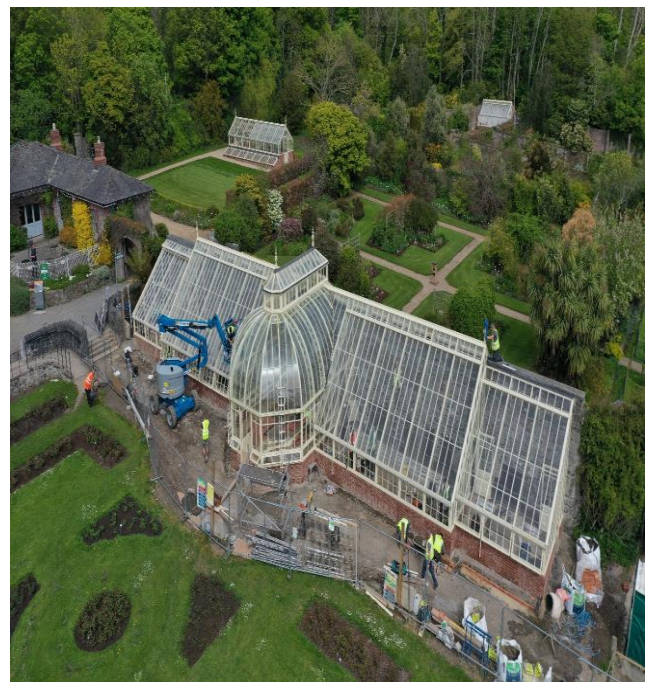
This year 2022, marks the 30th anniversary of the opening to the public of the restored Ardgillan Castle. Fingal County Council is marking this anniversary with another special event for Ardgillan. The range of four newly restored heritage glasshouses were officially opened by the Mayor of Fingal, Councillor Seána Ó Rodaigh on Friday the 20th of May. Together these glasshouses form an important addition to the park and gardens in Ardgillan Demesne.

Two of the glasshouses “The Large Conservatory” and “The Propagation House” located in the Walled Garden date from the 1880s and were designed and constructed by the famous Scottish Glasshouse Company, Mackenzie and Moncur. The company is still in existence today which is a testament to the quality of their products.

Originally located at the Jameson Estate in Seamount, Malahide, the glasshouses were carefully dismantled by Council staff after the current owners of the Jameson Estate, the Treacy Family donated the structures to the Council in the early 1990s. The local team at Ardgillan undertook the original reconstruction of the large Conservatory in the formal rose garden to replace a structure identified on early ordnance survey maps of the garden. The team also constructed two smaller glasshouses in the MacKenzie Moncur style in the corners of the walled

garden. These glasshouses along with the Large Conservatory and the very rare Propagation House (which was kept in storage for almost 30 years) have now been completely restored and now incorporate state of the art electrical fittings and provision for irrigation.

The restored glasshouses add greatly to the widely acknowledged reputation of the gardens for horticultural and botanical excellence with the extensive plant collection in Ardgillan benefiting our local park users and attracting visitors from far and wide.



Update on Construction of Recreational Hub at Ward River Valley Regional Park



Good progress is being made with the construction of the Recreational Hub at Ward River Valley Park. The development consists of a third generation all-weather full-size GAA/Soccer pitch; an upgraded natural grass soccer pitch; a multi-code training facility and an ancillary car and bicycle park.

Drainage, floodlighting columns and ball-stop nets have been installed on the all-weather pitch in recent weeks. Perimeter fencing is under construction and the final grading of the playing surface is programmed to take place over the next fortnight in advance of the installation of the 3G artificial turf system.

Primary and secondary drainage is currently being installed on the soccer pitch at the west of the Hub, following the completion of which, the surface will be prepared for grass seeding. The car and bicycle park are taking shape with the installation of kerbing and drainage, topsoil placed for landscaping and the main entrance under construction.

It is anticipated that the new Recreational Hub facility will be completed during the third quarter of this year and will become a valuable sporting amenity for the people of Swords and wider area.

Built Environment Division

Development Management April 2022



Ongoing works at a Strategic Housing Development in D15

- 101 no. new planning files have been received.
- 18 no. Additional Information files have been received and 1 clarification on Additional Information.
- 8 no. Compliance Submissions have been received, 3 no. have been processed.
- 14 no. SHD/LRD applications have been received, 3 no. has been assessed.
- 1 no. Part 8/Part XI applications has been received, 0 no. has been processed.
- Pre-planning consultations – During April, staff from Planning (Water Services) have engaged in 20 no. pre-planning discussions and 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.

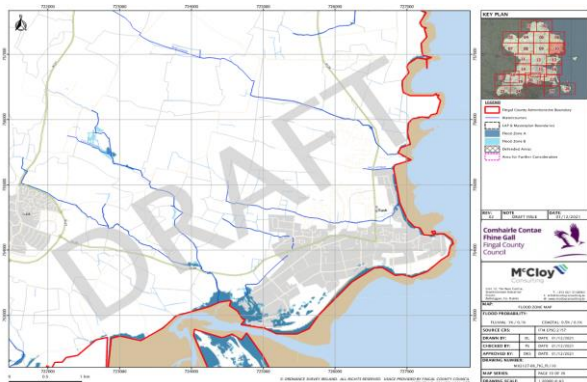
Flood Risk Assessments/ Drainage Strategies



Newly installed swale at a development in D15

- 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.

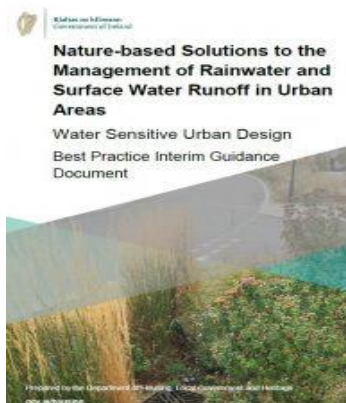
- The Water Services Planning Dept has responded to the motions received from the Councillors under the motion headings of green infrastructure, flooding, Irish Water and re-zoning.



- 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.



- 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".



Building Control

- BCMS –120 CNs were submitted over the course of March and April 2022 and there were 63 Completion Certificates processed.

Taking in Charge

- "The Hawthorns" in Castleknock and Cnoc Dubh in Ballyboughal were Taken in Charge in the April Council Meeting.
- There are a number of estates/roads which should be ready for Taking in Charge in the September meeting. These are Blackthorn Place, Balgriffin Link Road, Chieftains Way, Bay Meadows phase 1 and Hollywoodrath Phase 1.
- We have 47 Developments with formal Taking in Charge requests and a further 302 developments on our system, of which 62 are likely to remain private.
- The Phase 1 Taking in Charge works are nearing completion on Chieftain's way, Martello, and New Haven Bay.
- The Phase 2 Taking in Charge works being carried out in Drynam Estate in Swords are almost complete.
- The Taking in Charge works in Thornleigh Estate in Swords by a completion contractor

on behalf of the bondholder are also almost complete.

- The consulting engineers for the Taking in Charge works in Ongar have been appointed and are O'Connor Sutton Cronin. They have produced draft "Taking in Charge" drawings which we presented to the Councillors for Castleknock, Mulhuddart and Ongar in a meeting on Monday 30th May. They have also produced a draft cost estimate for the above ground works which indicate a 51% uplift on the December 2017 cost estimate.
- "The Gallops", "Cianlea", "Rockabil" and "The Sanctuary" have been sent to Direct Labour for pricing as the tender price we received was too high.
- Dargans Way has been priced by Direct Labour and construction works will start shortly.
- The Gallops has been tendered on Monday 30th of May and Palmer Avenue will be advertised on week commencing 30th May on supply.gov.ie.
- The updated Taking in Charge Policy and Specifications was uploaded on the Fingal Website on 4th May 2022.

Dangerous Structures

- We currently have 57 active dangerous structures. There was 1 new notification in April and 2 new notifications in May.

References

- The number of reference requests received in March, April and May (so far) are 304, 320 and 281 respectively.

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

Ongar-Barnhill Road

Land Transfers are ongoing for the Ongar Barnhill Road. Legal agreements are being put in place for the laying of utilities along the route. The fencing for the scheme will be erected by the end of the Summer at which time it is planned to move to tender stage for the project.

Harry Reynolds Road

Following the submission of the relevant technical documentation, the Harry Reynolds Road scheme has recently been approved by the NTA to move to the main works procurement stage. The tender process will take approximately six months so it is expected that a main contractor will be appointed in Q1 2023 with works to start soon thereafter.

Snugborough Interchange Upgrade Project



Bridge central piers, columns and the central pier head beam were completed in April and following four nights of scheduled road closures on the N3, bridge beams were positioned in place to form the main bridge structure over the N3 motorway, a significant milestone for the project. The bridge deck is due to be poured in early June. Works have commenced on the underpass under the Snugborough Road, with excavations taking place in April and this was followed by the first section of the precast units being installed in May. Construction of walls and columns continued through April and May to support the bridge crossing of the River Tolka. The project is currently on schedule with an expected substantial completion by Q2 2023. 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.



Development Management

The Transportation Planning Section of the Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Dept plays a key role in the County's development management process, whereby planning applications are assessed by the team to ensure that transportation standards and best practice is specifically included in new developments. To date in 2022 the team has dealt with a large number of planning applications including numerous SHDs , LRDs and Part 8 applications. The team has also fed into the Development Standards section of the Development Plan process to ensure that Fingal's forward planning is sufficiently robust to meet future transportation and sustainable development requirements.

HOUSING

Housing

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Affordable Housing Regulations

The Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage recently issued regulations on Affordable Purchase. These Regulations deal with the assessment of income/means (under section 10 of the Affordable Housing Act 2021) for eligibility for an Affordable Dwelling Purchase Arrangement. The regulations came into effect on 13th April 2022. The Regulations provide that an applicant or joint applicants will not be eligible where his/her/their gross income multiplied by 3.5 (or the maximum amount they can obtain in a bank mortgage/loan) exceeds 85.5% of the market value of the dwelling. A calculator to assist the public in assessing eligibility will be available shortly on the Fingal website.

The Director of Housing and Community, Robert Burns and Senior Executive Officer, Mary Egan recently held two briefing sessions with Councillors regarding the Affordable Housing Regulations, and the process regarding the adoption of a new Scheme of Priorities governing the sale of affordable houses in Fingal.

The text of the Regulations is available online at:

<https://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/2022/si/183/made/en/print>

Church Fields, Dublin 15

The contractor is currently 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 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	204
TOTAL	1,654

Appendix 3 outlines the full detail of the schemes on site, schemes with Part 8 planning approval and at tender stage and schemes at pre-planning stage.

Projects on site

Fingal County Council construction scheme at Cappagh, Dublin11 - 69 units being built





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



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





Part V units currently under construction at Hyde Court, Park Road, Rush, Co. Dublin



Rent Payments – Council Tenants

Annual Rent Statements will be issued to all tenants during the month of June and annually at this time thereafter.

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 vitally 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

The 2022 target allocation for Fingal County Council to retrofit to a B2/Cost Optimal standard has been determined by the DHLGH at 81 properties and the submission is awaiting approval. Works have commenced at Jugback Estate in Swords to include electrical upgrades, attic insulation and window and door replacement.

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 31st May 2022
In letting process	57
Undergoing re-let repairs	23
With County Architect for procurement of pre-let repairs	8
TOTAL	88

Planned Maintenance Programmes

Cyclical Maintenance - Scheme Painting

Works under the new Scheme Painting Programme are currently underway in Mourn Estate Skerries and one off houses in the north county area. This Programme provides for external painting and joinery repairs to council housing stock which currently operates on a 6/7 year cycle.

Housing Tenancy Services Report

In 2022 to date over 240 HAP submissions have been made from tenants. 107 submissions have been made from landlords which form a complete application with both the tenant and landlord parts received. 58% of those 107 submissions are complete and signed up to the scheme.

The average turnaround time from receipt of a full application is approximately 4 weeks.

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

The HAP Team are always available to assist applicants and landlords by email, phone or in person and the experience to date is that communication is mostly over the phone and the HAP team report that there have been very few issues with completing the online application process and any delays, such as they are, are generally around applicants and landlords submitting the correct supporting documentation. However, the team are aware of only a small number of cases where the applicant/landlord had difficulty and they were talked through the process.

The HAP team are on hand to deal with any queries from applicants and landlords in person at the Housing Department in the Fingal County Council Blanchardstown Office, by phone on 01 8905000 via the CCU or through email hap@fingal.ie.

Housing List Position

List Position letters issued to all applicants on 11th April. Choice Based Lettings information was communicated through this letter which advised applicants to obtain their secure username and password to access the Choice Based Lettings system.

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.

In line with the Social Housing Assessment Regulations, the Housing Authority is required to assess a fully complete application within a period of 12 weeks of receipt.

Social Housing Applications Received 1st January to 31st May 2022

January	Total Received	172
February	Total Received	191
March	Total Received	201
April	Total Received	176
May	Total Received	180
	Total	920

Housing Support Appeals

A new email address has been established to facilitate the submission of appeals pertaining to housing support applications by applicants e.g. closure of social housing applications, transfer of tenancy, income limit queries, 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 effective and 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 continue to issue passwords and usernames. 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.

To date 1863 passwords have been sent since the CBL portal opened (08/12/2021) of which 209 have been issued during the month of May. In May, 10 properties were advertised across the County.

Offers of Housing Support

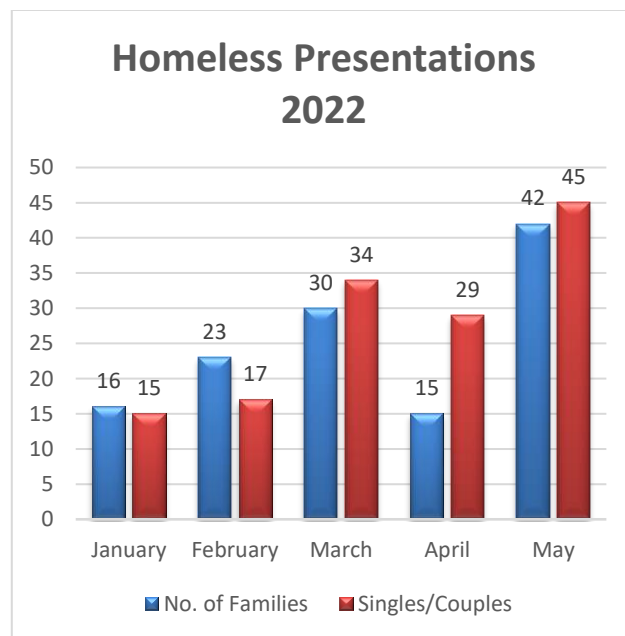
2021 offers shown for comparison



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.

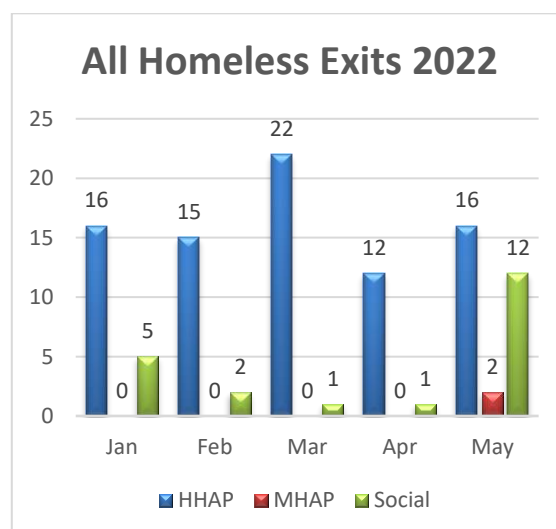
In May 2022 there were 87 new homeless presentations, comprising 42 families and 45 singles/couples.



Homeless Exits

During May 2022, 30 households, exited homeless circumstances into various forms of social housing support - including into private rented tenancies under Homeless HAP.

Homeless HAP accounts for 16 of these tenancies.



Homeless Action Plan 2022- 2024

The DRHE has finalised the 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.

A senior official from the Dublin Region Homeless Executive (DRHE) will make a presentation on the Homeless Action Plan at the next Housing SPC scheduled for 27/06/2022.

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.

Web resources with useful information on support and accommodation for Ukrainian refugees and the wider Fingal community are shown below:

www.gov.ie/ukraine

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

Where Households and 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 being asked to use discretion and provide Emergency Accommodation (EA) and in this instance FCC will refer the case to IPAS.

A cross-departmental update on Fingal's response to the Ukraine crisis was provided to elected members on 6th May and a commitment was given to provide further updates as the situation evolves and further information comes to light.

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 will be presented at the next Housing SPC.



Grass cutting at Group Housing Scheme

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

Following a joint initiative by the Council's Housing and Community Development Department and Libraries Department, a great day was had by the residents of Lissen Hall Green and Ennis Lane who attended the Council's Family Fun Day on Saturday 28th May at Lissenhall Green with entertainment for the children, face painting, magician, creative drawing, sports, access to Fingal's mobile library and books, light refreshments, goodie bags and an abundance of sunshine.

The Council's Housing and Community Development Department and Libraries Department are working collaboratively to promote the services the Council has to offer to members of the Traveller community and to promote Traveller wellbeing through creative engagement supported by Creative Ireland.



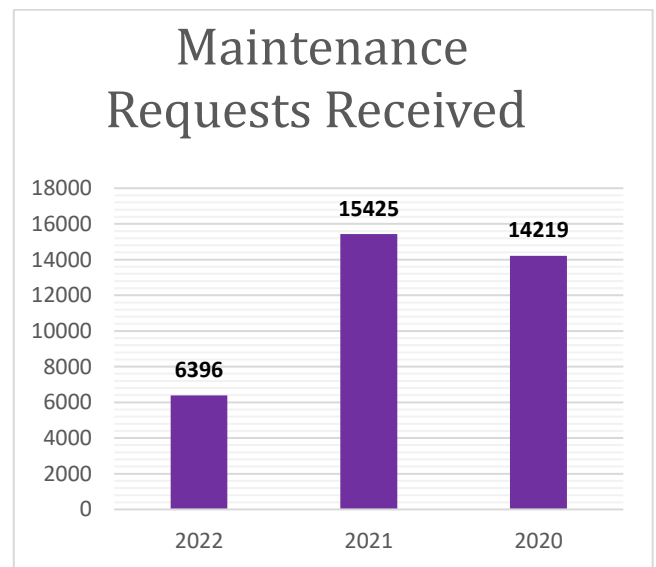


Housing Welfare Service

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. Contractors progress batches of work throughout the course of the year. Currently they are progressing 6 batches of work totaling 1,437 properties incorporating the following areas: Whitestown Estate, Sheepmoor Estate, Corduff Estate, Church Road, Bay Meadows, Allendale, Dunsoghly,

Greenridge, Abbeylea, Ballygarra, Clonmethan Green, Earnan's Wood, Drynam Avenue, Lambeecher, Cardy Rock, Longstone Park, Glasmore Park, Seaview Park and Strandmill Road.



Level Access Shower and grab rails installed at Fingal dwelling under DPG Scheme

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

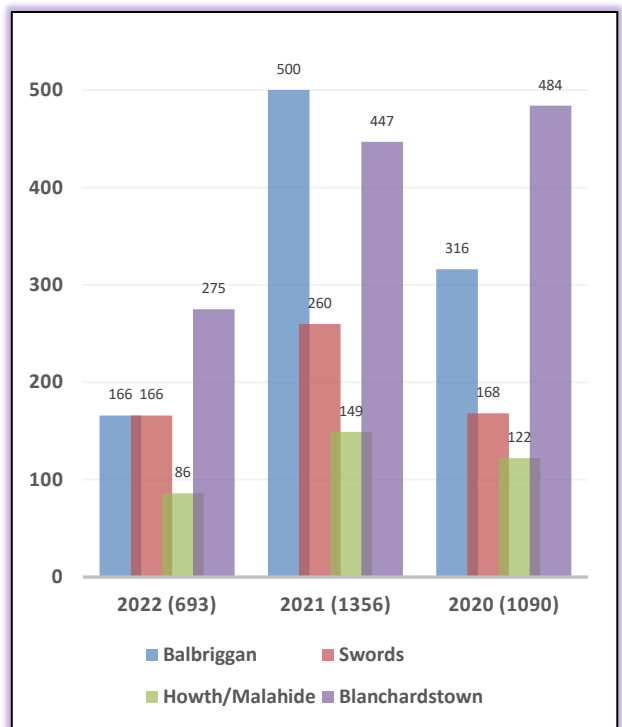
May 2022	Active Investigation	Active Monitoring	Closed
Dublin 15	25	16	5
North County	48	36	26
Total	73	52	31

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.

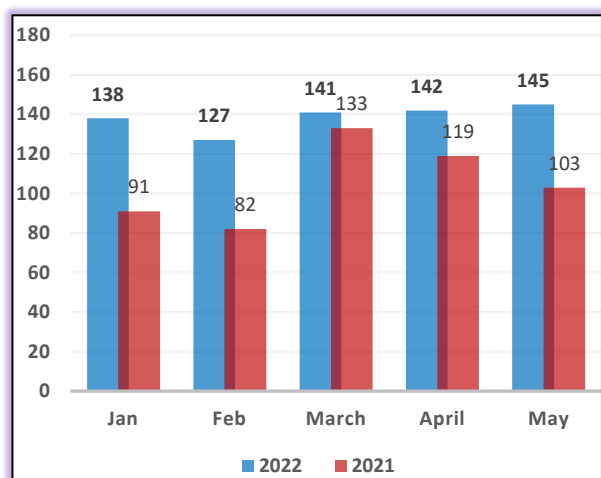
Surrenders on Estate Management Grounds 2022

– 0 (Jan), 2 (Feb), 2 (Mar), 5 (Apr), 2 (May)

Area Breakdown 2020-2022



Monthly Breakdown of Complaints Received 2021-2022



Anti-Social Interventions

Interviews Held 2022	29
Interviews Held 2021	47
Tenancy Alerts 2022	17
Tenancy Alerts 2021	31
Tenancy Warnings 2022	3
Tenancy Warnings 2021	2

Inspectorate

Traveller Specific Inspections 2022	680
Traveller Specific Inspections 2021	1746
Estate Inspections 2022	466
Estate Inspections 2021	1202
EM/ASB Inspections 2022	819
EM/ASB Inspections 2021	3117

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

<p>Community Development Office</p> <p>Community Development Ukrainian Response Team Pride of place Fingal Community and Sports Hub In Flemington Castleland and Park Residents Association Adult and Child First Aid Program Traveller Creative Engagement Project, Lissenhall Green, Swords Africa Day Celebrations in Balbriggan 2022 Fingal Comhairle na nÓg Community & Sports Hub Cambridge English classes. Fingal Wellbeing Programme -Community Partnership WRAP Brass for Blanchardstown Action Together – Community Music Learning Project Dine Together and Let’s Talk</p> <p>Facilities Fingal’s Keen To Be Green Facilities Project</p>	<p>Interagency Fingal Public Participation Network Dormant Accounts Fund Engagement Project Second Round of Linkage Group Meetings</p> <p>Integration Women for A Better World Workshops Fingal Voter Registration Sessions Fingal Pride Festival</p> <p>Age Friendly Fingal Older People’s Council Annual Conference 2022 Information Event for Older People: Corduff Community Centre</p> <p>Funding Community Activities Funding Sport Equipment Funding</p> <p>Sports Office Moving for Life Autism in Sport Workshop</p>
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Community Development Office

Ukrainian Response Team

The Community Department's Ukrainian Response Team organised three successful information meetings to facilitate our Ukrainian guests in North Fingal. The information sessions were delivered to over 200 Ukrainian refugees currently residing between the Emmaus Centre, Balheary, Swords, the Shoreline Hotel, Donabate and the Carnegie Court Hotel, also in Swords. Each session, organised by the FCC community office, brought together representatives of the HSE, DDLETBAES, Intreo, Citizens Information Centre, Tusla, Empower, An Garda Síochána, Crosscare, the Fingal CYPSC and

local community volunteers to help deliver vital information about services and supports available for our Ukrainian guest staying in these locations. Further information sessions for host families and further Ukrainian guest community will be arranged in the coming weeks.



The Community Office is working to arrange a series of sports and recreation options for young Ukrainians over the summer months when the schools close, in partnership with FCC supported community centres and Empower. The community office has also supported the establishment of two new Failte Isteach Conversational English classes in Donabate/ Portrane Community Centre and supported two volunteer led Failte Isteach projects in Malahide and Castleknock, both of which were organised as part of the community response to the Ukrainian situation.



Pride of Place

Fingal Community Office supported three groups who represented the county at the annual IPB Pride of Place Awards Finals held in Killarney last month. Bayside Community Association won the outright prize for best urban neighbourhood at the finals and Rush Tidy Towns was the runner up in the Populations Over 5000 Category. Fingal was also represented by the Peer support group from the Blanchardstown

centre for independent living, who will now take part in the 2022 competition, alongside Oldtown in north county Dublin and Balbriggan Men's Shed. Pride of Place recognise the best in community development on the island of Ireland, and is supported by co-operation Ireland, the north south organisation set up to promote community harmony on the island of Ireland following the Good Friday Agreement in 1998



Fingal Community and Sports Hub in Flemington

Fingal Community and Sports Hub in Flemington Community Centre has seen a number of residents associations this month join the hub in order to form and build capacity. These include; New Haven residents association, Trimleston residents association and Taylor Hill Neighbourhood Watch. As the Community Office supports local residence associations through the Hub Approach a strong network will help to strengthen and add voice in Balbriggan.

The Community and Sports Hub in Flemington is a dedicated space to encourage and support the development of our local groups and services and to develop and increase awareness of activities in our community Centre's. The Hub provides free meeting space for new and emerging community groups, supports group development through training and funding opportunities and develops relationships between stakeholder's, community services and agencies



Castleland and Park Residents Association Adult and Child First Aid Program

From the 5th-7th of May Castleland and Park Residents Association with support from Fingal Community Office held Adult and Child First Aid Courses for their residence and wider community. Parent First Aid focused on essential life saving techniques while Little Hero's First Aid was specially designed for children aged 4-12 with sticker certificates on completion. This safe and fun learning environment brought 30 adults and 30 children together over 3 days in Castleland Community Centre. It is a true representation of how a small number of active citizens can change the shape of safety in our communities.



Traveller Creative Engagement Project, Lissenhall Green, Swords

The first in a proposed series of creative engagements with the traveller community in Fingal in their own places took part on Saturday 28th May 2022. A collaboration between Community Development Office, Sport Development Office, Integration office, Fingal Libraries and Housing Department saw fun, games entertainment and the Fingal Mobile Library visit the Lissenhall/group housing scheme in Swords. The family community day was visited by Fingal Mayor, Cllr Seána Ó'Rodaigh and the Robert Burns, Director of Housing and Community. A local committee at Lissenhall Green helped shape the event in partnership with the various Fingal Departments and this will be a template for further planned engagements over the summer months.



Africa Day Celebrations in Balbriggan 2022

On Wednesday the 25th of May African Liberation Day began in Balbriggan with the raising of the African Union flag at Balbriggan Garda Station followed by a coffee morning discussing Balbriggan Diversity Strategy Pillars and evening talks discussing Colonialism, Liberation and Development.





On Saturday the 28th Balbriggan African Community group in Association with Fingal Community Office and 'Our Balbriggan' celebrated Africa Day with a family friendly event in Flemington Community Centre. The event had two hundred and fifty people come into Flemington Community Centre throughout the day to enjoy the dancing, a show case of different Countries, Fun for Children, food display and most importantly community enjoying a celebration together after the ease of covid 19.



Africa Day is intended to celebrate and acknowledge the successes of the African Union from its creation on May 25, 1963, in the fight against colonialism and apartheid, as well as the progress that Africa has made while reflecting upon the common challenges that the continent faces in a global environment. The Day celebrates the richness of African cultures and the contribution of people of African descent to Irish life.

Fingal Comhairle na nÓg

On the 11th May, a Fingal Comhairle na nÓg (FCNN) member presented at the Joint Oireachtas Committee on European Affairs, reflecting on the importance of the European Year of Youth. Two FCNN members were nominated to participate in an anti-bullying policy consultation on the 12th May with the Dept. of Education, the FCNN coordinator facilitated this consultation.

The ISSU (Irish Second Level Student's Union) attended this months' CNN meeting, both groups discussed partnerships and ways to support each other over. FCNN have also been communicating with the PPN and they hope to present to the PPN on their topic in the future.



The group are working on a social media campaign in the coming months to promote positive mental health.



Community & Sports Hub



Bank of Ireland Financial Wellbeing Coach, Aileen visited Tyrrelstown Community and Sports Hub to give a general talk on Financial Wellbeing, offering tips and advice on how best to manage money and things to consider when planning for your future. Aileen has agreed to return to Tyrrelstown to give tailored talks in the future on topics such as Safety Online/Online Fraud.

Blanchardstown Adult Education Service are hosting monthly career guidance clinics in Tyrrelstown Community Hub on the last Wednesday of the month and Mountview Community Hub on First Wednesday of the Month. Community members are welcome to visit the clinics to discuss career/employment/educational options with an adult education service career guidance counsellor.

The Mountview Community and Sports hub is expanding its supports and services to the local community. D15 Community Drugs team 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 4th of May. The hub is also continuing to be utilised by Cultúr Migrant Centre where they offer drop in, free advice and supports around English language and upskilling courses for migrants. The community and sport hub is also open to any new or emerging group 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 department.

Cambridge English classes.



On the 28th of April over 70 participants attended the Cambridge placement test facilitated by Fingal County council and Cultúr Migrant Centre from these 24 students started Cambridge English classes on 16th of May. These classes will run for 12 weeks. Those students who did not qualify for Cambridge due to lower levels of English comprehension started Fingal Supported DDLETB ESOL classes on the 18th of May. Two evening ESOL classes will take place for 10 weeks.

Fingal Wellbeing Programme -Community Partnership WRAP



The Community Partnership Wellness Action and Recovery programme started in Fortlawn community centre on the 7th of May. 10 participants completed the first round of training and are looking forward to going forward for the WRAP facilitator training in August. The Community Partner WRAP programme will be rolled out to the community in Dublin 15 from September 2022.

Brass for Blanchardstown Action Together – Community Music Learning Project

Blanchardstown Brass Band in association with the



Community Development Office held a taster session for participation of their Community Music Learning Project on 30th May. 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. The Band already runs music classes for children and youth members, but this initiative is geared towards the adults in our community. On completion of the project, participants will get the opportunity to join forces with the full Band at a special celebratory concert in Draiocht in November.

Dine Together and Let's Talk

FINGAL WOMEN'S CAUCUS

in association with Fingal County Council

PRESENTS

DINE TOGETHER AND LET'S TALK

Fingal Women's Caucus in association with the Community Development Office are hosting 'Dine Together and Let's Talk' on Wednesday 8th June in the Carnegie Court Hotel, Swords (7-9pm).

This event is organised with the primary goal of having a conversation about issues affecting women, the value of women in decision making and how to improve women's participation in decision making within the council. In addition to Fingal County Council female public representatives, the event is open to female members of Fingal Public Participation Network participating in SPC's Linkage groups and the secretariat and the Fingal She Leads We Lead Community Leadership Programme members.

Facilities

Fingal's Keen to Be Green Facilities Project

Fingal Community Facilities Support Unit and Environment Office visited over 30 Fingal Community centres throughout April and May to oversee and assist with the rollout of the Waste Management phase of Fingal's Keen To Be Green Facilities Project. The key phase is one of five and has involved the installation of dual and three-bin systems in centres, improved signage to encourage users and staff to change behaviours and action towards waste disposal. The visits highlighted key improvements including reduced packaging from supplier deliveries, increased used of re-usable cups and dishes and an almost complete phasing out of the sale of single use plastic water bottles on every premises.



The waste management phase will continue to be implemented as the project will move towards a focus on improvement and sustainability in the other four phases of water conservation, energy efficiency, transport and bio-diversity.

Interagency

Fingal Public Participation Network Plenary

Fingal PPN hosted the first in person Plenary since November 2019 on 11th May in the Clayton Hotel Dublin Airport. Over 75 PPN members attended this meeting where four new Secretariat members were elected. Bobby McCormack from Development Perspectives delivered a thought-provoking presentation on the Sustainable Development Goals and how they impact every PPN member regardless of their vision and mission. Members were also given the opportunity to engage with other organisations and services providers in our community marketplace. Fingal PPN looks forward to being able to engage with members in person over the coming weeks and months post Covid 19.





Dormant Accounts Fund Engagement Project

Fingal PPN in collaboration with Fingal LCDC and Fingal County Council Community Development Office presented to a national meeting of LCDCs on 4th May. This presentation detailed a proposed project to include the LGBTI+ community into the upcoming LECP process following a call for Expression of Interests to support the participation and engagement by marginalised and disadvantaged communities in the Local Economic and Community Planning (LECP) Process as an example of best practice. This pilot project has secured €40,000 to finance the roll out of this project and all project partners are looking forward to getting this project established.



Second Round of Linkage Group Meetings

The second round of linkage group meetings have commenced. Linkage Groups are thematic networks of community groups. The networks focus on what is happening across the County, share information and lobby for change.

The remaining linkage group meetings dates are below:

24th May: Climate Change, Water and Environment

2nd June: Arts, Community, Heritage and Sports

TBC: Social Inclusion, Rural Development, Youth and Enterprise

Linkage group meetings are always welcoming to new members. Please get in touch on info@fingalppn.ie to find out more information or to register.

Integration

Women for A Better World Workshops

The Fingal Integration Team in partnership with AkiDwA hosted four Women for a Better World Workshops from the 26th April – 17th May 2022. The workshops focused on the 17 sustainable goals such



as: Advancing Gender Equality locally and globally, Equality and Human Rights and developing a manifesto for Change with feedback going to the UN. The workshops promoted interesting and diverse dialogue. We hope to run these workshops North County later in the year.



Fingal Voter Registration Sessions

Fingal Integration Team, Corporate Services and the Fingal Integration Forum hosted two Voter Registration Information Sessions: 18th May in Flemington Community Centre and 25th May in Donabate Portrane Community Centre. Both sessions were aimed at our ethnic communities and were well attended.



Fingal Pride Festival

This inaugural Fingal Pride Festival took place in Swords on 22nd May 2022. A procession hosting the Pride Flag was led by the Deputy Mayor from County Hall to Swords Castle followed by a festival from 12-6pm. This was a vibrant event which showcased crafts and family friendly entertainment from the LGBTQ+ community.





Age friendly

Fingal Older People's Council Annual Conference



The Annual Conference of Fingal's Older People's Council (OPC) took place for the first time in three years on Tuesday 24th May 2022 in the Marine Hotel, Sutton. In order to encourage capacity building within the OPC following Covid, a Steering Committee of OPC members was established to organise this successful event. 96 delegates registered to attend the conference with an additional 5 delegates arriving on the day.



A packed conference hall listened intently to a number of informative presentations. Sheila Hayes from Citizens Information provided comprehensive information on the entitlements of older people from pensions to bus passes. Aine Flynn, Director of Decision Support Services gave a presentation on the Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Act 2015 and the changes to assessing capacity, and the supports available to help those whose capacity may be in doubt to make their own decisions. This was followed by Nicole Forster, Irish Hospice Foundation who encouraged delegates to think ahead and understand and discuss what the future might hold to ensure they are better prepared and less stressed to face illness and dying.



The morning session was completed by Peig McManus, a member of the OPC, who presented her thoughts on living life to the full in old age, in her thought provoking and humorous monologue. The afternoon was a fun filled room with music by Stage2 and dancing by all those present. However, by far the most elegant dancer on the day was a 92-year-old lady from Malahide who was living her life to the full!

The feedback was very positive with many of the delegates feeling empowered by the knowledge they gained and the opportunity to speak openly among their peers on a subject which is often not spoken about. While the conference provided relevant information for older people, it also provided an opportunity for the OPC to get feedback from older people in Fingal on the issues they would like the OPC to pursue on their behalf. Feedback on issues of concern was received from 42 delegates with issues ranging from the need for senior housing in Castleknock to unsafe paths in Swords. Approximately 40 people provided their contact details for further information on the work of the OPC.

Information Event for Older People: Corduff Community Centre



An information event for older people took place in Corduff Community Resource Centre on Tuesday 10th May 2022. Organisations providing services locally for older people were invited to provide information stands. These included the HSE, An Garda Siochana, Age Friendly Ireland, Age Action, Alone, Empower, Fingal Age Friendly Homes, Fingal OPC, Fingal Community Department, Citizens Information, Safer Blanchardstown, and Corduff Community Centre.

Over 60 people attended the event, including local service providers such as public health nurses and social care workers who were interested in obtaining information for disseminating among their clients. Those in attendance were keen to get information from all those present and were observed rotating from stand to stand rather than approaching specific stands. This proved extremely beneficial to agencies such as Alone, the HSE Social Worker and Fingal Age Friendly homes who all left with referrals from older people who needed help and who otherwise may not have come to their attention until they were at crisis point.



Advertising the event was key to ensuring attendance by older people in the area who are still reluctant to engage with clubs and the community centre. The

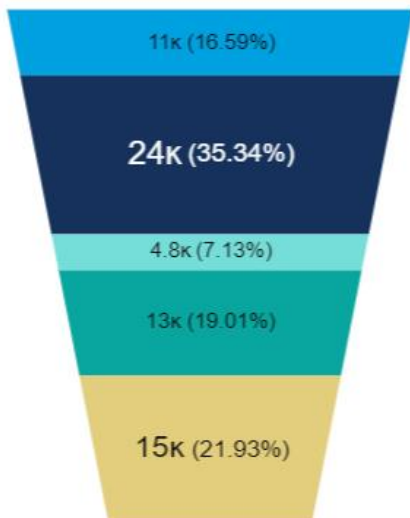
event was advertised through local businesses such as the local shop, hairdresser, barbers, pub, chemist and the church, HSE and community centres, as well as Facebook. Information from 37 attendees was obtained to ascertain how they found out about the event. While 4 people received the information via Facebook, the remaining 33 heard about the event from notices placed around the community and through friends.

This event was a pilot project organised with a view to running similar events throughout the county. There have been requests for similar events in other community centres but as each centre and its location is socially and culturally situated, it is not simply a matter of duplicating the event but organising each one to suit the needs of each area. The location and timeframe for further events has yet to be confirmed.

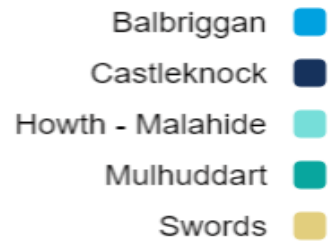
Funding

Community Activities Funding

Sum of Amount Recommended: 67k

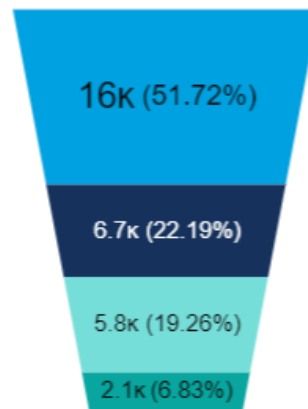


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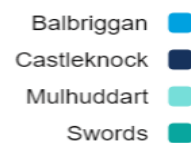


The Community Activities Funding Scheme has supported 36 community groups to the tune of €66,653 from Jan to June 2022. 55% of funding has been awarded in the Castleknock/Mulhuddart area with 17% in Balbriggan and the remaining 29% across Swords, Howth and Malahide

Sport Equipment Funding



Electoral Area of Organisation



The Sports Equipment Funding Scheme has supported 13 groups to the tune of €30,000 from Jan to June 2022. 41% of funding has been awarded in the Castleknock/Mulhuddart area with 52% in Balbriggan and the remaining 7% across Swords, Howth and Malahide

Sports Office

Moving for Life

Moving for Life is an outdoor exercise class aimed at older adults but open to all. The project will take place at Lusk United FC's clubhouse with the first term starting at the end of May and will run for six weeks and a second term to start in September. The class incorporates gentle aerobic movement to music with exercises to improve balance and co-ordination. The exercise class is free for participants no cost to the participants for the first term.



Autism in Sport Workshop

One of the main priorities of the Sports Office is the delivery of courses and the upskilling of volunteers to assist in the development of participation in physical

activity for people with disabilities. The Sports Office in collaboration with CARA who are the governing body for sport inclusion, will be facilitating the delivery of an Autism in Sport Education Course for Shelbourne ETB to 16 adults. The course will take place on June 7th from 10am - 1pm in the Liam Rodgers Centre, Swords. By the end of the course, each participant will have a greater understanding of autism and how it can affect a person's participation in sport as well as being able to identify and implement strategies of support to include a person with autism in their coaching sessions.



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Active Travel

Strategic Planning

The non-statutory public consultation for the draft Active Travel Strategy closed on the 23rd of May. A total of 149 submissions were received by the closing date. Interviews with strategic external stakeholders are ongoing. A report on the consultation phase is currently being drafted by our consultants.

Cycle Protected Lanes

Baldoyle-Howth Protected Cycle Lane Scheme

Phase 1

Upgrade works are continuing at Baldoyle Road/Dublin Road junction. Civil, line marking and resurfacing works are completed. Electrical works are to commence this month to upgrade the traffic signal infrastructure at the junction. Epoxy resin works are ongoing on Howth Road and all works have been completed on Dublin Road.



St. Cronan's Ave and Brackenstown Road Protected Cycle Lanes

The Active Travel Team are delighted to report that GMC Utilities Group have commenced on site to deliver the upgraded cycle lanes, safer junctions, footpath repairs and Safe Routes to School Treatments. The contractor was busy on their first week setting up their compound and commencing footpath repairs along St. Cronan's Avenue and Glen Ellan 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.

New Street Public Realm project - A multi-disciplinary design team has been appointed for the works. This month our contractors were on site carrying out a detailed topographical survey of works area. FCC expect to have ground penetrating radar and cloud survey contractors on site in the coming month.

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 projects 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 services contract that is currently at Tender Review stage, 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.

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 in March 2022 and yielded 10 applications countywide. Interviews will be held in June 2022 and the successful applicants will then be provided with full training for potential employment as required, for the new School year from September 2022.



Fingal Bike Week 2022 took place this year from Saturday 14th May to Sunday 22nd May and was coordinated by Fingal County Council's Active Travel Section who organised a range of virtual, staff and public events to take place at various locations across Fingal with something for all ages and abilities to participate in. This year's theme was 'Click into Gear'.

Virtual events included Self-led family cycles using maps prepared by the Team of suitable family cycle locations across Fingal, "Pedal for your Medal", Bling your Bike and #CycleThere photo competitions open to the public and schools. Other events included an all-inclusive cycle event with Prosper Fingal in Malahide Demesne which the children enjoyed immensely, a trip to the BMX bike tracks in Lucan for local schools which we received some very positive feedback on from both students and teachers, transition year cycle around Balbriggan, with students from Ardgillan Community College, Spin and Swim event in Velvet Strand, Adult Cycle Training, Cycling without Age launch and much more. Staff events included guided and self-guided lunchtime cycles from Swords offices encouraging staff to participate and catch up with their colleagues while also enjoying the outdoors and getting some exercise.

Bike week culminated in our flagship, family fun cycling event in Malahide Castle on Sunday 22nd May. It was heart-warming and very reassuring to see so many families arrive on bikes to the 'Cycle To' Movies

and everyone thoroughly enjoyed watching 'SING' and 'The Greatest Showman' on a lovely afternoon. The exercise classes as part of the Fitness Festival which were organised by our Sports Section went down a treat with both Adults and Children alike not to mention the fun had on the Scalextric and energy bike challenges. Attendees also had the opportunity to have minor repairs carried out on their bikes by the Ballymun Rediscovery Centre who were on site to answer any maintenance questions people had. Lastly, the Active Travel team thoroughly enjoyed engaging with the public on all things Active Travel and offering out some promo goodies to include reusable water bottles, bike repair kits, Hi-viz vests, pedometers and much more. Overall, it is fair to say it has been our most successful Bike Week to date and we already can't wait until next year.





Launch of Cycling without Age in St. Catherines Park, Lucan

Fingal County Council is delighted to announce the launch of Cycling Without Age Fingal, which officially began with a celebratory cycle at St. Catherine's Park, Lucan on Wednesday, 18 May.

Cycling Without Age is a movement that started in Denmark in 2012, led by social entrepreneur Ole Kassow. Ole wanted to help older people get back on their bicycles but needed a solution to their limited mobility. The answer was a trishaw and he started offering free bike rides to the local nursing home residents.

Trishaw bikes offer a very comfortable cycling experience for passengers and cyclists with deep, secure seats designed for maximum safety and electric power assistance helping the cyclist to efficiently manage the load as they move. The Cycling Without Age initiative isn't just about cycling, it is about meeting the social needs of older people by providing social connection and inclusion.

There are 4 locations for Cycling Without Age Trishaws in Fingal. Located at St. Catherine's Park, the Baldoyle Portmarnock Greenway, South Strand Skerries and Northwood Park, Santry. These local schemes provide an array of opportunities for nursing homes, older persons' and disability organisations and older persons or those with mobility issues who want to feel the wind in their hair on a refreshing open-air cycle. We look forward to launching in the other areas in June 2022.



Launch of Portmarnock Cycle Bus

As part of Bike Week 2022, the Active Travel Team were delighted to join the Children and Parents of the Portmarnock Cycle Bus on their morning cycle to St. Marnock's school on Thursday 17th May and to support them in officially launching their local Cycle Bus.

There was great support from their Principal Ms Trimble, teachers, parents and kids as we arrived at the school. We look forward to working with other schools across Fingal to help them setup Cycle Buses in their area.



Bleeper

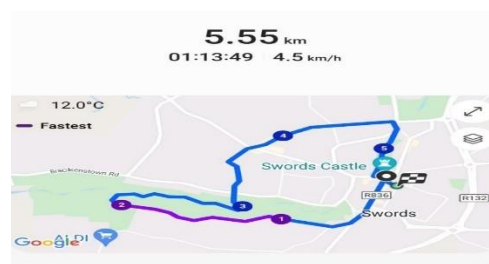
April Stats – Bike Share Countywide:

904 bike journeys started within Fingal operating zone in April up from 858 in March
931 bike journeys ended within existing Fingal operating zone in April
Highest usage recorded on Saturdays with 20.27% followed by Sundays with 16.53%
Quay Street, Balbriggan was the most popular location for bike share
Average number of 138 bikes in Fingal – (SLA for 120 bikes) for hire each day of the month

If you notice any bike parked incorrectly or vandalism in your area, please contact the Bleeper customer care team <https://www.bleeperactive.com/contact-us>

Men's Walk & Talk Groups

We have 3 Men's Walk & Talk Groups going now from Swords, Lusk, and Blanchardstown. These groups are led by Local Walk Leaders who have volunteered for the role and have a background in Walking. This weekly walk is for men of all ages to simply get together and share whatever they want. It is a non-judgemental safe place to discuss what is alive and real for them. Walk & Talk while being primarily a programme to improve openness and mental health in Men, the added benefit is an increase in the propensity of the group to walk in their everyday life for everyday activities.





Learn 2 Cycle with a Disability

We have two 6 week Learn 2 Cycle with a Disability Courses starting on Monday 30th May in Applewood Community Centre with the Cycling Safety & Skills School. These courses are open to Children from 6 to 16 with additional needs with the aim of giving them the opportunity to cycle independently. Each Course caters for 15 Children, and we currently have a waiting list of 25. We have plans for 2 more courses in June in Donabate.

Community Car Skerries

The LAMA Award Winning Community Car was originally launched in November 2019 in partnership with Fingal County Council, Local Link and GoCar on a 4month trial period. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, the scheme ceased to operate from the end of March 2020 to date however, following discussions with all partners, it has been agreed to re-launch the Community Car initiative in Skerries in the coming weeks. It is proposed that the car will be based in the same location as previously along South Strand in the dedicated Community Car EV Charging Bay and will be branded as previously.

Our first training day with Driver Volunteers took place on Monday 30th May on South Strand, Skerries. There was a mixture of previous and new Volunteers who are excited to get this initiative back up and

running for the benefit of those who are elderly and do not have access to transport or those with mobility issues. This is a Voluntary led, community based initiative to ensure that those in need remain an active part of our communities.



Climate Action

Dublin Region Energy Master Plan Launch

Dublin's energy agency [Codema](#) has presented the results of the Dublin Region Energy Master Plan

to Councillors and the general public in the Region through a series of informative webinars.

The Dublin Region Energy Master Plan provides realistic, evidence-based pathways for the Dublin Region to achieve its carbon emission reduction targets to 2030 and 2050.

It is the result of three years of research by Codema's energy planning team to identify the greatest potential to reduce emissions related to heat, electricity, transport and buildings in Dublin.

For the first time in Ireland, the Dublin Region Energy Master Plan uses spatially-driven energy scenario modelling to identify the cost-optimal solution at a local level in Dublin, based on the specific energy "characteristics" or profile of a particular area.

The master plan also brings together national government plans and policies to show the impact they will have on Dublin.

The masterplan is a starting point and Codema intend hosting further webinars and information events over the course of this year.



Environmental Awareness

- There were 15 applications for Anti-Litter Anti-Graffiti Competition funding this year. All applicants were funded. Proposed initiatives ranged from refill points for eliminating single-use bottles to biodiversity areas, and murals. We are delighted to reach some new groups this year (no's 12 & 13) who provide residential accommodation and accommodation for migrants. Projects are to be completed by end October. The list of awarded groups can be found at:
- New Green Flags were awarded by An Taisce Green Schools to 16 Primary Schools and 7 Secondary Schools. Congratulations to all the teachers, staff and students whose dedication makes this all possible. Awarded Schools are listed on the website <https://www.fingal.ie/green-schools>
- The Rediscovery Centre provided St Laurence's School Baldoyle with three bicycles which had been dropped off at Estuary Civic Amenity (Recycling) Centre Swords.
- The Instrument Project delivered guitars and keyboards to Ukrainian women and children in Fingal and to the Baleskin Migrant Centre.
- Litter pickers were provided to 5 Fingal Schools, (usually 20 pickers per school).
- 32 Community Centres were visited and assessed for Waste Management over the past 6 weeks as part of the Keen to be Green

Initiative in partnership with the Community Department and the Fingal Community Facilities Network. The centres have introduced measures for proper waste segregation and management.

- Sustainable Gardening Courses are being provided by horticulturalist Aoife Munn through five Community Centres.



Sustainable gardening courses in communities.

Bring Centres

Bottle Banks

Painting and power washing of Bottle Banks continued across Fingal in May 2022. Samples of painted and power washed sites are shown below.





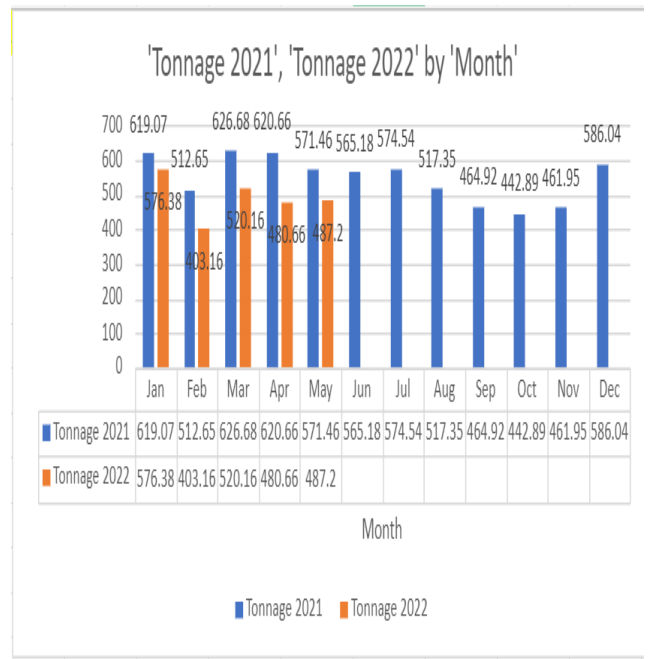
Sutton Cemetery & Balbriggan Church Carpark



Ballyboughal site and Loughshinny power washed .

Glass Tonnage Report for May 2022 year to date compared to 2021

There were 487.2 tons of glass collected for recycling in May 2022. This is compared to 571.46 tons which were collected in May 2021. This reduction reflects the tonnages of glass collected returning to pre-covid levels.



Textile Banks

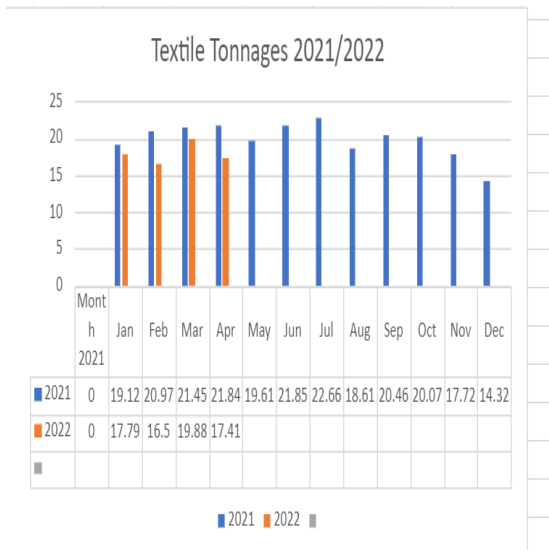
The Department of Environment Climate Action and Active Travel have placed a Textile Bank in the Seatown Road Carpark on a temporary basis for the use of all staff and the crèche members this is part of an initiative to promote the circular economy by way of recycling textiles. The textile bank is provided by our contractor Textile Recycling Ltd who are one of the leading companies in Ireland promoting reusing and re-wearing of textiles. So, the clothes you are tired off get a new lease of life and you are helping to sustain the environment. Fast Fashion is a leading contributor to Climate Change so at least prevent those clothes going to landfill.



Seatown Staff Carpark.

Textile Tonnage Report for 2022 compared to 2021

There were 17.4 tons of textile collected for recycling throughout Fingal's network in April 2022 May 2022 figures not available until next month.



Litter Management

351 Planned inspections were carried out by the Litter Wardens in May.

There were no court cases listed for May 2022. There were no fines issued for dog fouling.

Month	Fines issued 2021	Warning Notices Issued 2021	Fines Issued 2022	Warning Notices Issued 2022
May	72	120	35	35

Abandoned Cars

The Abandoned Cars Pilot scheme is continuing.

Year 2022	No. of Abandoned Vehicles Removed
Mar	3
Apr	2
May	1
Total	6

Figures correct as at 25/05/2022

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

Dog Licences

Two additional dog wardens began employment in May for the Summer months. They will carry out door to door licence checks and there will be increased patrols in parks and beaches at weekends.

Door to door licence checks have been carried out this month in Holywell in Swords, Windemere in Clonsilla, Stapolin in Baldoyle and other locations.

Revenue from dog licence sales have increased from €18,120 in April to €42,820 in May, showing that dog licence purchases has more than doubled since the door to door licence checks began early this month.

	Annual Licences Purchased	Lifetime Licences Purchased	Income from Licences
April	528	54	€18,120
May	1217	132	€42,820

We will continue to advertise the additional door to door licence checks being carried out on social media platforms throughout the Summer.

 **Fingal County Council** 
 @Fingalcoco | 21,482 followers 

From May, FCC will be increasing door to door dog licence checks as well as additional patrols in parks and beaches.

Buy/renew your dog licence online at: licences.ie/LAS/Home/Lice..., or at any Post Office. Fee: €20.00 per year, Lifetime Licence €140.00.



Dog Warden Service

In May, 418 10 day notices and 11 fines were issued.

	10 Day Notices	Fines Issued	Fines Paid	Payment Received
April	26	26	0	€0
May	418	11	5	€500

The total amount of receipted dog fines this year is €1,700.



New branded dog warden service signage has been procured for the dog warden service vans. In addition, two sets of muzzles of varying sizes, that fit securely with face straps have been supplied in order for the wardens to provide education to dog owners with restricted breed dogs on how to correctly size and fit their dog's muzzles.

The dog wardens were in attendance at the Pups in the Park event in Malahide to assist dog owners with any queries regarding muzzle requirements and licences for their dogs.



Increased dog warden patrols on beaches will take place during June, July and August in order to assist with optimising and maintaining good bathing water quality throughout the County.

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

DUBLIN COUNTY DOG SHELTER

MEET & GREET'S
STRICTLY BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Monday - Friday
Between 10-4pm

Saturday
Between 11-1pm

No meet and greets sunday
Please call in advance

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 4 dogs in the shelter. During May, 14 dogs were found straying and 3 dogs were surrendered.

Of these 21 dogs, 8 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 May.

Dogs in Shelter at the start of April	4
Stray dogs brought to Shelter	14
Surrendered by owners	3
Reclaimed	9
Rehomed to Rescue	6
Rehomed to Public	2
Dogs in Shelter at the end of March	4



Two of the dogs who were picked up as strays during May have been reunited with their owners

Horses

On Friday, 27th of May, the Environment Section, along with the Department of Agriculture, Farming and the Marine, DSPCA and Fingal County Council's horse contractor, carried out a round-up of horses on the Dunsink landfill, assisted by local horse owners. Vets were on hand to carry out health checks on the horses, provide treatment for parasites, microchip and complete identification marking sheets in order to determine the identities of horses being kept on the landfill.

In total, 101 horses were presented to the vets on the day. Of these, 9 stallions were removed from the landfill in order to be castrated, 2 were surrendered and a further 2 were removed for further veterinary treatment. Once the stallions are castrated and 2 horses are in full health, they will be returned to their owners on the landfill.

The 2 horses that were surrendered will be rehomed through the horse shelter.



Some of the 101 horses who were presented for health checks, identification sheets and microchipping at Dunsink Landfill

Air and Noise

Dublin City Council on behalf of the other Dublin Local Authorities, Cork City and County Councils and Limerick County Council have engaged Noise Consultants Ltd to prepare noise maps and to assist in the preparation of a Noise Action Plan. The timeline for the preparation of the Maps is the end of 2022 and the completion of the Noise Action Plan is January 2025

Water Quality Protection



Bracken River Community Visioning workshop

Date; Saturday 25th June 2022 (10:00am – 13:00pm) at Bracken Court Hotel

The main outcome from this event will be a Vision Document for the Bracken River, which will be used to inform any future plans or developments affecting the Bracken and contribute towards a more holistic management approach for the river.

REGISTER HERE; [Bracken River Community Visioning Workshop - Local Authority Water Programme \(lawaters.ie\)](https://www.lawaters.ie)

Bathing Water



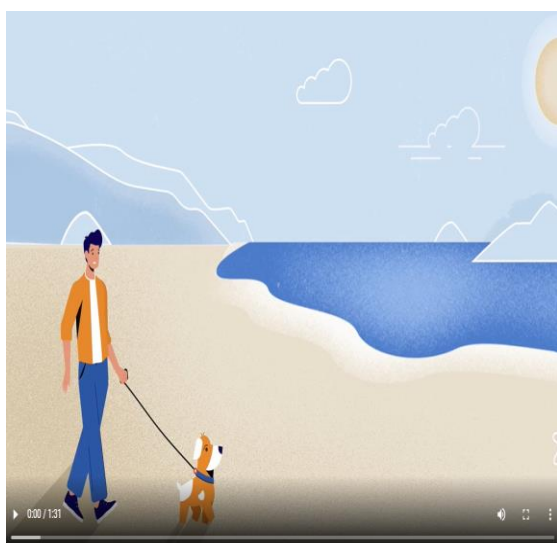
The 2022 Bathing Season commenced on 1st June and pre-season investigative samples show that the bathing waters are meeting the results for “excellent” water quality. The first in-season sample will be 7th June and results will be circulated on our website and on social media.

The national website (www.beaches.ie) operated by the Environmental Protection Agency will publish all results from seawater sampling during the bathing season (1st June – 15th September) and any bathing water restriction notices that are required as part of our management of bathing waters. Such bather health information notices will be either advisory (Advice not to swim) or prohibition (Do not swim) and will be circulated following advice from the Health Service Executive following any pollution incident reported or observed.

Register for Fingal alerts and get bathing water results from www.beaches.ie direct to your phone/email: <https://alerts.fingal.ie/en/bathing-water-alerts>.

Fingal was awarded 3 blue flags; Portmarnock, Rush South and Donabate and one Green Coast Award; Donabate. All beaches met the criteria for excellent water quality.

Leave only Paw Prints Campaign



Fingal has joined forces with the UCD Acclimatize Project and other Dublin councils to illustrate the direct link between dog fouling and poor beach water quality. A new animation ‘Leave Only Paw Prints’ highlights the potential harm caused by not cleaning up after dogs on the beach and to help ensure better water quality for all to enjoy. The campaign has gained great traction in the media.

The animation and information on the campaign can be found on the Fingal website; <https://www.fingal.ie/news/dont-let-your-dog-dung-spoil-bathing-season>.

Waste Management Planning

The current regional waste management plan 2015-2021 is due for review and replacement. The making of a waste management plan is provided for in part ii of the Waste Management Act and is a local authority executive function. Two or more local authorities can make a joint plan. Arrangements have been made to have the regional waste management offices prepare a draft joint plan to be made by all local authorities which is a policy commitment in the current national waste policy “Waste Action Plan for a Circular Economy” 2020

The draft plan will be published in August for public consultation with an eight-week consultation period. During this period there will be a briefing session for the Strategic Policy Committee.

Waste Enforcement

Anti-Dumping Initiative

The Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications has made funding available 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. The 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 Waste Enforcement Section submitted 5 applications for funding under the AD1 2022 totalling **€150,000** covering Illegal Dumping/Fly-Tipping, 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. Due to the high level of applications received funding for 2 projects were approved totalling **€82,000** with work due to commence in June.



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	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.	€57,000
Total			€82,000

Waste Complaints

A total of 31 waste complaints were investigated during May. 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.

End of Life Vehicles

5 convictions were secured in the district court against operators bringing catalytic converters and other scrap metal to facilities without a waste collection permit. The total amount of fines and costs imposed on those convicted amounted to €11,108

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The table below outlines key financial statics at the end of April and May 2022.

This information is presented in conjunction with the Revenue account, Capital account and Debtors position in appendix (i).

Rates

Overall rates collection to the end of May is running at **50%** including rates waiver. As of the end of Q1 all rates waivers have now ceased.

Rates Collection	
Rates collected €M	80.2
Rates Collection %	50%

Development Levy Income

Development levy income collected to the end of April is running at €11m this is c. **31%** of the overall collection during 2021.

Development Levy Income	
Levies Receipted €M	11.0
Levies collected as % of 2021	31%

Payroll

Overall payroll spend to the end of May is €30.3m which is c. **95%** of budget year to date. The underspend is primarily in salaries and wages.

Payroll	
Salaries & Wages €M	30.3
Percentage of payroll budget	95%

Procurement

Outlined below is a summary of the overall procurement activity at end of April

Procurement Activity		Note
No. of contracts awarded (details below) in April	7	
Value €m	4.37	
Procurements ongoing at end of April		
No. of procurements awaiting tender responses	13	(i)
Value €m	13.84	
No. of procurements under evaluation	24	(ii)
Value €m	19.74	
No. of procurements at approved	35	(iii)
Value €m	6.67	

Notes:

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

Dept	Description of Procurement	Supplier Name	Value of Contract (excl. VAT)	Contract Award Date	Contract Start Date	Contract Expiry Date	Duration (months)
Operations	Supply and installation of 2 no. MUGA game ends at Hartstown Park and Dunsoghly open space in Dublin 15	Outfit Outdoor Fitness Equipment Ltd.	€78,000	06/04/2022	15/04/2022	15/05/2022	1
Operations	Concrete footpath repairs Park drive and Park Avenue, Dublin 15	John Browne Construction Limited	€25,500	11/04/2022	20/04/2022	20/07/2022	3
Planning & Strategic Infrastructure	Consultant Engineering Services for the Development Resolution of the ongar Development, Ongar, Dublin 15 to taking in Charge Standards for Fingal County Council	O'Connor Sutton Cronin & Assoc	€47,200	13/04/2022	28/03/2022	11/11/2022	7
Operations	Road inlay and ancillary works at Ashfield Gardens and Grove Road	Lagan Asphalt Ltd	€51,648	13/04/2022	25/04/2022	25/07/2022	3
Operations	Road inlay and ancillary works at Charnwood Avenue, Dublin 15	Lagan Asphalt Ltd	€65,796	13/04/2022	25/04/2022	25/07/2022	3
Operations	Road inlay and ancillary works at Ashfield Estate, Dublin 15	Pavement and Road Surfacing Ltd	€103,115	13/04/2022	01/05/2022	01/08/2022	3
Housing	Response and General Maintenance in Dublin 15 (West) and South Fringe Fingal 2021	Arthurstown Construction Limited	€4,000,000	25/04/2022	01/05/2022	30/04/2024	24

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- Revenue Account Income & expenditure to 31st May, 2022
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- Summary of Corporate Debtors to 31st May, 2022

REVENUE ACCOUNT INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION AT 31 MAY 2022

	EXPENDITURE			INCOME			NET
	Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent to date	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised	€
Housing & Building	29,333,914	79,782,200	37%	33,069,645	84,923,500	39%	-3,735,731
Road Transport & Safety	12,399,181	27,382,500	45%	3,630,304	7,864,900	46%	8,768,877
Water Services	7,651,231	13,762,800	56%	6,907,797	17,450,600	40%	743,434
Development Management	6,194,009	16,534,600	37%	1,916,778	5,081,600	38%	4,277,231
Environmental Services	18,184,272	44,689,200	41%	2,446,364	6,821,800	36%	15,737,909
Recreation & Amenity	16,700,456	40,855,700	41%	936,549	1,680,300	56%	15,763,907
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	349,572	1,307,200	27%	123,580	296,600	42%	225,992
Miscellaneous Services	22,564,734	28,343,100	80%	16,270,893	12,395,000	131%	6,293,842
Central Management Charge	18,650,828	47,129,600	40%	1,337,993	3,518,900	38%	17,312,835
Local Property Tax / GPG				3,131,083	7,514,600	42%	-3,131,083
Rates				63,432,958	152,239,100	42%	-63,432,958
	132,028,198	299,786,900	44%	133,203,945	299,786,900	44%	-1,175,747

CAPITAL ACCOUNT
INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 31/05/2022

		Balance at 01/01/2022 €	Expenditure YTD €	Income YTD €	Balance at 31/05/2022 €
A	Housing & Building	-43,437,957	33,023,585	-22,850,209	-33,264,581
B	Road Transport & Safety	17,743,232	20,987,506	-602,259	38,128,479
C	Water Services	-12,702,629	533,138	-343,163	-12,512,654
D	Development Management	-133,792,824	7,898,545	-16,502,486	-142,396,766
E	Environmental Services	-21,282,804	1,762,850	-612,843	-20,132,797
F	Recreation & Amenity	-12,695,789	9,307,526	-534,868	-3,923,131
H	Miscellaneous Services	-55,983,832	1,921,982	-9,226,931	-63,288,781
	Total	-262,152,603	75,435,131	-50,672,759	-237,390,231

SUMMARY OF CORPORATE DEBTORS TO 31/05/2022				
	Balance at 01/01/2022*	Balance at 31/05/2022	Current debt	> 1 Year
	€	€	€	€
RATES**	3,445,254	79,243,513	74,905,484	4,338,029
LOANS	1,972,344	1,998,684	271,655	1,727,029
RENTS	8,567,636	9,267,148	4,515,308	4,751,840

*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	<p>The Active Travel team are currently in the process of appointing a new small works contractor who will continue the installation of bike parking infrastructure over the next 24 months. New work packages are being developed by the team to be ready for mid-June when this new contract commences.</p> <p>Over the next four weeks our existing contractor will install a number of bikes stand units in Swords and Donabate at Swords Manor Playground, Broadmeadow Playground & Basketball Court, Balheary Skatepark & Basketball Court and St. Ita's Football Club</p>
FCC/20/0006	Safe Routes to Schools Programme – Infrastructure (with NTA) €1,500,000	<p>This month we received Parent surveys for Castaheany ETNS NS, Bayside Junior NS & Rush & Lusk ETNS. Preliminary designs have been delivered for lot no. 1 of 3 schools, St Benedicts and Castaheany Educate Together, Rush & Lusk Educate Together & Bayside Jnr and Snr National Schools. Preliminary designs are currently being prepared for lot 2 of schools with detailed designs for lot 1 to be completed this month following this we will be tendering for our works contractor.</p>

FCC/21/0001	Snugborough Road – NAC to Ongar €400,000	Tender competition completed and tender assessment currently ongoing. Once completed, consultant will be officially appointed to commence work in June 2022.
FCC/21/0002	Baldoyle to Howth €1,700,000	Junction upgrade works at Baldoyle Road/Dublin Road are ongoing. Civil, line marking and junction upgrade works completed. Electrical works at junction to commence during June. Epoxy resin works on cycle lanes continuing weather dependant.
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 in 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 €3,490,413.88	<p>A non-statutory public consultation closed at the end of April and all submissions were addressed in the form of a report that was issued to Cllr's and uploaded to the consultation portal.</p> <p>Works commenced on site on Monday 23rd May. Where the Contractor mobilised to site establishing a site compound and started on Footpath repairs along St Cronan's Avenue and Murrough Road.</p> <p>Works are planned to progress through May along St Cronan's and Murrough Road with footpath repairs and then junction build out and treatments, before works progress on Brackenstown Road.</p>

FCC/22/XXX	Hartstown/Huntstown/Mountview Rd D1 €1,100,000	The majority of the onsite works are now complete with the remaining epoxy and red asphalt works on the road to be placed in the next 3 weeks. The phase 2b roundabout and junction designs are now with the NTA for approval and sign off and once approved these works will commence asap.
FCC/22/XXX	Rathingle/Rivervalley Rd. Swords €1,200,000	Our works contractor is currently on site carrying out tidy up works and will be on site to finish the remaining Forrest Rd works from Monday 30/05/2022
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 are working on documentation and presentation that will be used for the Consultation phase and presentation to members in the coming months.
FCC/22/XXX	Seatown Roundabout to Estuary Rd (Swords to Malahide) €1,225,000	Tenders have been received in the last week for the appointment of a multi-disciplinary engineering consultants to develop options report and detailed design services. The tenders will be assessed in the coming week and the necessary appointments put in place so that options reports and concept designs can be developed.
FCC/22/XXX	Donabate to Portrane (R126) - Distributor Road to Portrane Avenue €1,225,000	Tenders have been received in the last week for the appointment of a multi-disciplinary engineering consultants to develop options report and detailed design services. The tenders will be assessed in the coming week and the necessary appointments put in place so that options reports and concept designs can be developed.
FCC/22/XXX	Balbriggan – Coney Hill from Devlin Bridge to Bremore Cottages	Tenders have been received in the last week for the appointment of a multi-disciplinary engineering consultants to develop options report and detailed design services. The

	€925,000	tenders will be assessed in the coming week and the necessary appointments put in place so that options reports and concept designs can be developed.
FCC/22/XXX	Skerries – Harbour Road (footpath build outs) €925,000	Tenders have been received in the last week for the appointment of a multi-disciplinary engineering consultants to develop options report and detailed design services. The tenders will be assessed in the coming week and the necessary appointments put in place so that options reports and concept designs can be developed.
FCC/22/XXX	Rush South Beach (Bawn Rd across carpark and out to South Shore). €500,000	Discussions are ongoing with PSI for the appointment of a multi-disciplinary engineering consultants to develop options report and detailed design services. This is being looked at in the context of the overall Fingal Coastal Way and what can be delivered in the short term.
FCC/22/XXX	New Street Permanent Scheme €500,000	A Multi-disciplinary design team has been appointed for the works. This month our contractors were on site carrying out a detailed topographical survey of works area. FCC expect to have ground penetrating radar and cloud survey contractors on site in the coming month.
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 still being identified and assessed via multi criteria analysis. We are also in ongoing 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 in the process of appointing a Small Works Contractor for a small works contract which will be utilised to execute some of these works over the coming months.
FCC/22/XXX	Skerries Active Travel Plan	The Active Travel unit is finalising a brief for the engagement of multi-disciplinary engineering consultant to carry out this study. We are currently in discussions with a view to engagement of behavioural change experts.
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 Q3 2022. Grant application form approved by NTA.
FCC/22/XXX	Strawberry Beds Active Travel Study €150,000	Engagement of consultants will be considered later in 2022.
FCC/22/XXX	Fingal Active Travel Strategy €40,000	Public consultation phase completed. A total of 149 submissions were received. Submissions are currently being reviewed and a summary report on the consultation phase is currently being drafted. Postal submissions to be uploaded to portal.
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.
FCC/22/XXX	Seamount Heights to Old Golf Links Park	A review of the design consultant tender is currently underway and it is hoped that the

	€300,000	design package for these works will commence in the coming weeks.
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	Connectivity to the Royal Canal Greenway to be delivered as part of the Castleknock to Dunsink Lane and Castleknock to Blanchardstown via Farmleigh projects.
FCC/22/XXX	Fingal County Council Active Travel Office – Staff Costs €1,100,000	

Appendix 3 Housing Delivery Construction Programme

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 53°31'25.8"N 6°10'34.4"W Google Maps	51 8x2Bed 31x3Bed 12x4Bed	On Site	Q2 2021	Q4 2022
Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar	FCC	Social	Wellview Cul-de-Sacs 53°24'38.4"N 6°23'37.7"W Google Maps	20 7x2Bed 7x3Bed 6x4Bed	On site	Q4 2020	Q3 2022
Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar	FCC	Social	Cappagh 53°23'46.8"N 6°19'34.0"W Google Maps	69 10x1Bed 26x2Bed 25x3Bed 8x4Bed	On Site	Q2 2021	Q3 2022
Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar	FCC	Social	Church Fields Phase 2B https://goo.gl/maps/NKii5qCJehgaJZj38	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)
Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Church Fields 53°24'44.7"N 6°23'39.0"W Google Maps	300 27x1Bed 118x2Bed 136x3Bed 19x4Bed	Procurement process underway.	Q4 2022	Q1 2024
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Hayestown, Rush 53°31'24.1"N 6°06'42.1"W Google Maps	62 17x2Bed 45x3Bed	Stage 2 tender procurement process underway. Tender deadline 13 th June 2022	Q4 2022	Q4 2023
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	Tuath Housing	Social Elderly	-Kilhedge Lane, Lusk	31 13x1Bed 18x2Bed	Detail design in progress. Issue tender to appoint contractor in Q3 2022.	Q3 2022	Q4 2023

			53°31'24.4"N 6°10'30.3"W - Google Maps				
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Outlands, Swords 53°27'52.7"N 6°14'04.1"W - Google Maps	11 4x1Bed 4x2Bed 3x3Bed	Tender process underway to appoint a contractor. Tender deadline 13 th June 2022	Q3 2022	Q4 2023
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Former Leonards Garage, Lusk https://goo.gl/maps/8u6BiRWzuLSTtmjk8	10 10x2Bed	Detail design in progress. Issue tender to appoint contractor in Q2 2022	Q3 2022	Q4 2023
Howth/Malahide	FCC	Social	Tuckett's Lane, Howth 53°23'06.7"N 6°03'58.0"W - Google Maps	8 4x1Bed 4x2Bed	Ongoing engagement with DHLGH re costs and value for money.	Q3 2022	Q4 2023
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Church Road, Lusk https://goo.gl/maps/vqRAVUw8ZqhM75w66	5 5x2Bed	Detail design in progress. Issue tender to appoint contractor in Q3 2022	Q3 2022	Q3 2023
Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar	FCC	Social	Infill Sites in Dublin 15 https://goo.gl/maps/UqNat8GX7BBo8cEh8 (169 Clonsilla Road) https://goo.gl/maps/Q2Mvqau7RceRHDXY5 (Sheepmoor shop site)	2 1x2Bed 1x3Bed	Funding application to the DHLGH to be submitted in June.	Q3 2022	Q3 2023

Schemes at Pre-Planning Stage

Area Committee Meeting	Provider	Funding Stream	Site Name	No. Units	Status Detail	On Site Date	Handover (estimated)
Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Church Fields, D15 53°24'44.7"N 6°23'39.0"W - Google Maps	700	Pre-Planning and design stage	Q2 2024	Q4 2025
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Mayeston, Dublin 11 53°24'28.4"N 6°17'02.1"W - Google Maps	100	Design team appointed and preliminary feasibility design under way.	Q1 2023	Q2 2024
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social Elderly	North Street, Swords 53°27'38.6"N 6°13'06.7"W - Google Maps	8	Feasibility being prepared	Q2 2023	Q2 2024
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	North and East Housing Association	Social Elderly	Garristown 53°34'03.7"N 6°22'42.1"W - Google Maps	6	Stage 2 approval received from DHLGH. Part 8 to commence Q3	Q3 2023	Q3 2024