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Fingal County Council



# **Chief Executive's Management Report**

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# CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S MANAGEMENT REPORT – JULY 2022

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## **Chief Executive's Foreword**

The annual meeting of the council was held on the 17th of June where Councillor Howard Mahony was elected as the 17th Mayor of Fingal and Councillor Cathal Boland was elected as Deputy Mayor. I wish both of them well as they begin their term and I look forward to working closely with them over the next 12 months. I would also like to thank Councillor Seána O'Rodaigh for a tremendous year where she made the most of every opportunity which presented itself over the course of her term and of course Councillor Daniel Whooley who enthusiastically supported her.



As the third biggest local authority in the country, it is extremely important for the sector that Fingal County Council takes the lead in being a modern and innovative organisation committed to excellence in all areas of our work which means that, as the ways of working evolve, we adapt and ensure our staff have the best possible platform from which to deliver our services to the people who live, work, visit and do business in our county.

Having spent many months examining all aspects of the new way of working a series of initiatives are well advanced including the fast-forwarding of our Digital Workplace Strategy, the planning of a Workplace Spatial Strategy and the preparation of a Wellbeing Strategy. We have launched our Blended Working Policy which is aligned to the recently introduced policy for the local authority sector.

From 5th September, all staff who wish to work remotely for one or two full days per week will be in a position to do so once their application has been

approved and their role is suited to this way of working. Staff have already demonstrated their willingness to adapt over the past two years to ensure we delivered our services and I am confident that we will continue to meet the high standards expected from this council.

I am delighted to be welcoming people back to Flavours of Fingal this year after two year's absence. This is a great day out for the whole family and a great way to start the summer holidays. We are expecting up to 80,000 visitors to make their way to Donabate for the event that brings together city and country in a celebration of food, family and fun. The Fingal Village will be a great attraction for anyone heading to Flavours and is an opportunity for the community to find out more about their Council and what's going on in Fingal and the work underway to make Fingal a great place to live, work, visit and do business. Our staff will be delighted to meet our visitors over the weekend.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a lovely summer break.



**AnnMarie Farrelly**  
**Chief Executive**

# PEOPLE, CORPORATE AND DIGITAL SERVICES

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## New Mayor and Deputy Mayor elected in Fingal



Councillor Howard Mahony (Fianna Fáil) has been elected as the 17th Mayor of Fingal at the annual meeting of Fingal County Council held on the 17<sup>th</sup> of June 2022 with Councillor Cathal Boland (Non Party) elected as Deputy Mayor.

Cllr Grainne Maguire (Independent) was elected as Chair of the Balbriggan / Rush-Lusk / Swords Area Committee.

Cllr Mary McCamley (Labour) was elected as Chair of the Blanchardstown / Mulhuddart / Castleknock / Ongar Area Committee

Cllr David Healy (Green Party) was elected as Chair of the Howth-Malahide Area Committee.

## 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	70*
Applicants to date	978
Interviews held to date	1053
Interviews held in June	155
Number of Appointments	283*
Number of Leavers/Retirements	75
Number of Job Offers Year to date	486
Number of Offers Declined	128
Number of Current Job Offers	60

\*12 more campaigns planned

\*Increase of 81 on last month

CURRENT LIVE CAMPAIGNS	CLOSING DATE
Legal Assistant	08/07/2022
Clerical Officer	15/07/2022
Instrumentation Electrician	14/07/2022



<b>CURRENT COMPETITIONS</b>	<b>CONFINED</b>	
Senior Executive Parks and Landscape Officer		15/07/2022

## Blended Working

The Council launched its Blended Working Policy on the 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2022. Staff can apply to work remotely for one or two full days per week which will commence from the 5<sup>th</sup> of September. Staff not applying for blended working will be required to be in the workplace five days per week from that date.

## Health & Safety Unit (HSU)

The HSU continue to monitor the decline in incidences of staff self-isolations due to covid-19 during the month of June 2022. The HSU submitted Fingal County Council's completed entry for the NISO 2022 Occupational Safety Awards which are held in November. Safety audits and site safety inspections continued during the month. Staff safety enquires were remedied and VDU assessments for office workstations and remote workstations were undertaken. The Council's 2022 corporate safety statement following a period of staff consultation was reviewed and finalized.

## Customer Services

For the month of June (up to the 27<sup>th</sup> of June) the Council's Customer Care Agents dealt with -

11,417 phone calls

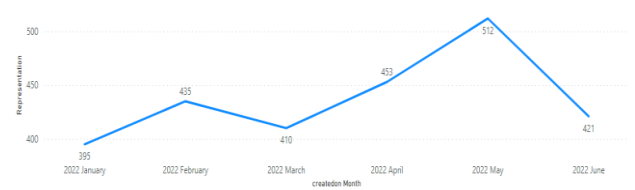
584 emails

1,553 in person visits

## CRM

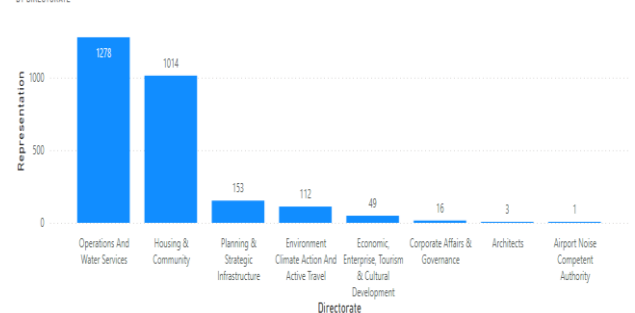
Staff continue to work on the Customer Relationship Management System (CRM) and issue responses to representations from Elected Members (Councillors, TDs and Senators) and complaints submitted by the public. The month of June (up to 28<sup>th</sup> June) had a total of 421 Elected Members' representations.

Representation  
BY YEAR, MONTH



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

Representation  
BY DIRECTORATE

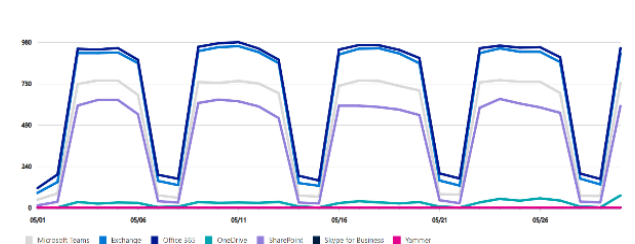


## Digital Services

### Digital Working

In June staff took part in 7,942 Teams meetings, 24,659 calls took place, and 784,013 emails were received or sent by the Council.

Active users



## Digital Services Infrastructure & Support

509 support calls were logged by Council staff with the Digital Services Service Desk in the past month and 6 calls were logged by Councillors with Sord. 100% server availability and 99.99% network availability were achieved in the month of June.

## Communications

### Website

The fingal.ie website had 92,000 visitors and 212,900 page views in the period from June 1 to 26 with an average visit time of 1 minute 58 seconds. The most popular pages were the Planning Lists, Malahide Concerts, Choice Based Letting and the schedule for Masses and Prayers in Fingal cemeteries.

### Social Media

Our Facebook page now has 27,936 followers and over the first three weeks of June had a post reach of 131,085 and a post engagement of 58,584 with 23,420 interactions. Instagram saw its number of followers rise to 5,297 while there are now 752 subscribers to our You Tube channel. On LinkedIn we now have 5,766 following the Fingal County Council account and during June 11% of visitors had operations backgrounds, 10% were engineers and 10% were from business. Media and Communications accounted for 7% of people's backgrounds while 6% had a community and social services background. On Twitter there are now 21,595 followers and June saw 250 posts generate 358,300 impressions with a 1.9% engagement rate. The most popular tweet was a message asking those attending the concerts in Malahide to use public transport wherever possible and respect local residents.

← Tweet



Fingal County Council  
@Fingalcoco

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We strongly urge all concert-goers to use public transport wherever possible, please respect local residents & their community by not engaging in any anti-social behaviour, & do not park illegally in areas surrounding Malahide Castle, in local estates or outside local residences.



## Projects and Campaigns

The Communications Unit assisted the Strategic Infrastructure department in holding two webinars during June to increase awareness about the Fingal Biodiversity Action Plan which is currently out to public consultation. The Unit also worked with colleagues from the other three Dublin Local Authorities on the launch of the Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy for Dublin.



## Press Releases and Media Queries

The Communications Unit dealt with 21 media queries up to June 26 and issued 22 press releases covering topics such as the election of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor, Malahide Concerts, Flavours of Fingal, Electric Bikes, Play Policy and Fingal co-hosting the 2023 Women's Softball World Cup.





Safer Together Festival	<b>Safer Blanchardstown</b>
Lusk Summer Festival	<b>Lusk Action Group</b>
Festival in Castleknock Village	<b>Castleknock Village Festival</b>
IODAI Leinster Optimist Championship	<b>Skerries Sailing Club Junior Section</b>
Sailing Regatta	<b>Howth Yacht Club - WAVE REGATTA HOWTH 2022</b>
Open entry Sea Angling Competition / Open Boat Festival	<b>Howth Sea Angling Club</b>
Inaugural Balbriggan Regatta June 4th & Lambay Rowing Challenge 2022 Rush 24th September	<b>Fingal Rowing Club</b>

### MALAHIDE CASTLE CONCERTS



Over 150,000 revellers attended 7 licenced events at Malahide Castle. This was a welcome opportunity for Malahide Castle and Gardens, local businesses and the village to benefit from these events.

### TOURISM

#### SKERRIES AUDIO GUIDE



Skerries audio guide was written and produced by Abarta Heritage on behalf of Fingal County Council, in collaboration with Skerries Tourism, Skerries Historical Society and Skerries Tidy Towns Committee.

The guide will be made available locally in Skerries and on the Fingal Council website. It will also form part of the St. Patrick's Trail signage, which is being part funded by Fáilte Ireland, this project to be completed in Q4 2022.

<https://www.abartaheritage.ie/skerries-audio-guide/>

#### FINGAL TOURISM STRATEGY 2023-2029

A tender seeking Consultancy Services to develop a Tourism Strategy for Fingal County Council 2023-2029 issued on eTenders on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

Closing date for submissions was Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> June 2022. Five submissions were received and were evaluated on 29<sup>th</sup> June.

Once appointed the Consultants will be required to:

- Undertake a review and audit of the Tourism landscape in the Fingal administrative area to provide a SCOT assessment and gap analysis of current tourism status in Fingal; assess visitor accommodation, food, attractions, outdoor activities; audit the appeal of visitor experiences and tourism infrastructure.

- Establish the economic baseline, growth targets and related KPIs
- Undertake key consultations with defined stakeholders
- Articulate vision and strategic initiatives to catalyse tourism in the County.
- Propose key product and visitor experience developments
- Review a Marketing plan and how this can tie in within Fáilte Ireland's **Dublin** brand
- Present a proposed Implementation Plan.



Ongoing collaboration with Failte Ireland continues, particularly with the Dublin Team. Key projects going forward include:

- Dublin Coastal Trail & Fingal Coastal Way
- Fingal Food Tourism Development
- Destination Towns -Completion of Saint Patricks Trail
- Outdoor Dining Scheme –Howth
- Sustainable Tourism – with Howth as a possible text model for Dublin.

## HERITAGE PROPERTIES

### GUINNESS BRIDGE



A works tender for the repair and conservation of the Guinness Bridge has now issued, with a view to commencing on site in Q3 2022.

The works will consist of the repair and cleaning of the Stone abutments and associated features to the bridge, repair of the metal members and bearings of the bridge, replacement of the bridge deck beam shot blasting of the existing paintwork and reapplication of paint and all associated siteworks.

### NEW INTERPRETATION FOR THE COACH-HOUSE IN NEWBRIDGE DEMESNE



This building, which was the former Coach House for Newbridge House, is the main point of arrival for all visitors. It houses ticketing for both the house and the farm, as well as retail and a café.

Apart from the name of the building – The Coach House - there is no information for visitors about the original history of the building or its use, and any original features that remain have been painted to blend in with the overall colour scheme.

The purpose of this project, therefore, is to introduce interpretation into the space which allude to its original use, the horses and equipment that were kept here and the people who worked in and around it. The interpretation will reflect the approach that was taken within the house, using graphic illustrations, quotes, and artefacts to bring the space to life, while at the same time not interfering with the primary use of the space and the business of the café.

It is envisaged that this work will commence in July.

### SWORDS CASTLE





A Mechanical and Electrical consultant tender for the design stage of Phase 3 conservation works issued in May with a closing date of 9<sup>th</sup> June. This tender has now been evaluated and appointment of Consultant will now be made this month.

## ARTS

### MAKE SPACE – FOR EARLY YEARS CHILDREN, CRECHES AND FAMILIES.



Children and their guardians were 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* provided 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 were invited to consider how these everyday materials make up the natural and built environment around us. The space also provided a place for relaxing, open-ended, intergenerational shared play and the opportunity for quiet, reflective conversation.

### PLYSCAPE – ARCHITECTURAL WORKSHOP DAY



Young people aged 14 – 18 years joined Laura & Ciarán of Islander Architects, at Mill Pond Park Balbriggan, for a free interactive architectural workshop on June 11<sup>th</sup> as part of Cruinniú na nÓg 2022. Pyscape invited participants to build increased agency over their built environment as they customized and assembled plywood structures. Participants worked with demountable plywood elements to build, reconfigure, and rebuild over the course of the day-long workshop.

Each participant received a set of prefabricated plywood shapes that they could join to create a variety of collective temporary installations. Mixed media was available to allow the participants customise their plywood elements. With this simple kit they were supported to express themselves creatively.

## SEACHTAIN NA NÓG



Fingal Arts Office and The Irish Institute of Music & Song launched a week of free workshops and activities for children, young people and families located at the state-of-the-art facility in Balbriggan. Over the course of this week events suitable for all age groups from 0 to 18 were delivered offering a wholistic look at Irish music and culture that is practical, multifaceted, and expertly delivered.



Music Generation Fingal continues to progress. A full-time administration position has been recruited, who will assist our **Music Development Officer**. Following an advertising campaign, looking for professional musicians to recruit, twenty-three applications from suitable qualified musicians were reviewed and eighteen were interviewed. Sixteen were placed on

the panel, and so far, fourteen have accepted a position with MG.

We now move to our three pilot programmes, which will take place in and around Balbriggan, from July to September 2022. The first at **Castlemill Education Centre**, in partnership with Foroige will involve 15–18-year-olds. The second pilot is called 'Remember us' will be a special needs pilot, for a 12- 18-year-old group, and the third pilot will take place in Oberstown Detention Centre, and will include expert tuition in bass, guitar, and drums.

The Music Generation Fingal, programme is jointly funded, organised and operated by FCC and our senior partner Dublin and Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Education and Training Board (DDLETB).

### **Fingal County Council and The RHA School Studio Award 2022**



Fingal Arts Office in partnership with the Royal Hibernian Academy (RHA) School, announced an open call for a funded studio space for a professional artist for the period of one year; the residency will commence at the end of September 2022. 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. The award is open to practicing artists at all stages in their professional careers working in visual art.

### **Fingal County Council and Graphic Studio Fine Art Print Residency Award 2022**



Fingal Arts Office announced an open call for the Fingal Arts and Graphic Studio Dublin Fine Art Print Residency Award. 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 selected artists will each work with a Master Printmaker to produce a series of limited-edition prints and the artists proofs will enter the Fingal County Council Municipal Art Collection. The residency will take place in 2022 at a date to be agreed with the successful candidates.

### **Infrastructure John Byrne**



Fingal residents who were cast for a major artwork by John Byrne, joined the renowned artist and his production team at the Fingal Liam Rodgers Community Centre in Swords to pose for a photo shoot for an iconic new artwork.

Commissioned by Fingal Arts Office under the Infrastructure 2018 – 2021 Public Art Programme, this public artwork will comprise of a large-scale photograph, that references two historical European artworks. The photograph will represent and document a cross section of people living and working in Fingal for a permanent artwork for the new Swords Cultural Quarter.

Following a two-year delay due to Covid 19, over forty-five volunteers from diverse communities and of varying ages across the county were styled and posed on specially constructed sets for the photographic composition. Working closely with the volunteers, Byrne choreographed them into groups representing urban and rural life in Fingal.

## LIBRARIES

### CRUINNIÚ NA NÓG

**Cruinniú na nÓg**, Ireland's national day of creativity took place on Saturday 11th June. Events were held across the County and attracted high numbers of attendees. Amongst the events organised were:

The launch of the second **Fingal Libraries Storytrail** in Kenure Park in Rush. This Storytrail features the tale of the Lonely Beast, a brilliantly illustrated book by Dublin author Chris Judge. It joins our Storytrail of the Ravenous Beast by Niamh Sharkey in Ardgillan Castle and Gardens which was launched last year. These trails are aimed at young children and families and aim to bring stories to the outdoors, incorporating family activity and reading.

A full programme of events took place across the Fingal library network including storytelling, coding, programming, design, Manga, podcasting and author workshops.

The Fingal library network also distributed 200 sets of juggling balls so that our young citizens could get involved in online juggling workshops provided by the Irish Street Arts, Circus and Spectacle Network.

Fingal also received 88 entries through the **This is Art** national art competition project through RTÉ. The entries are all being shown on digital screens across

the Fingal library network and are available on our YouTube channel. An exhibition of these works is planned for the summer.

The Arts Office commissioned four beautiful projects for **Cruinniú na nÓg**:

**Make space** in Draíocht, a sensory play space for children of 3 years and up, where they can explore a variety of materials such as wood, stone, sand etc and different processes including weaving, drawing, making and arranging.

**Daily cloud** by Illustrator Chris Judge (of Kenure Storytrail fame) who is connecting with 10 schools in Fingal to deliver creative workshops based on his **Daily Cloud** artworks.

In association with the Irish Institute of Music, a full week of musical programming was delivered. **Seachtain na nÓg** ran from 12th -16th June with a variety of events including a youth day, Irish music day and an early year's day.

**Plyscape** is an innovative architectural project delivered by Balbriggan architects Laura Carroll and Ciaran Molumby to young people aged 14-18. These workshops promise to engage participants in methodologies that mirror the conventional architecture process.





## FINGAL LIBRARIES SUMMER EVENTS BROCHURE IS OUT NOW!

Fingal Libraries Summer events brochure 2022 is out and is packed with fun activities for children of all ages, from toddlers to teens. There are also events for all the family to attend. You can browse through the brochure here: <https://www.fingal.ie/fingal-libraries-summer-2022-brochure>

## VIRTUAL BOOK CLUB FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL AGES

The Libraries Dept **Virtual Book Club for Primary School Ages** is a project designed to encourage children to continue reading over the summer holidays, with the intention of maintaining literacy skills gained over the school year, and of course, to have fun! Teachers and parents can download our Virtual Book Club booklet which includes all the relevant free content provided by Fingal Libraries: <https://www.fingal.ie/fingal-libraries-virtual-book-club-primary-school-ages-brochure>

All that is required to access these extensive collections is a [valid library membership](#). You may also be aware of, or indeed already participating in, '[Summer Stars](#)' – a yearly nationwide campaign run by [Libraries Ireland](#) as part of the government-led initiative '[Right to Read at your Local Library](#)'. This year the event is taking place both in library branches and online. Whether you are already participating or would like to start, the accompanying booklet (plus our vast collections of reading offerings, both in [branch](#) and [online](#)) will provide you with all the reading material children could possibly hope for!

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us at [library.eservices@fingal.ie](mailto:library.eservices@fingal.ie)

## FINGAL LIBRARIES POETRY COMPETITION 2022: 'TRAVEL WITH ULYSSES'

Fingal Libraries ran a successful poetry competition to celebrate Irish novelist James Joyce and his first publication of Ulysses. Judges Enda Coyle-Greene and Máighréad Medbh selected the winning entries in the competition, which was open to both adults and children. You can read the winning poems on the

Libraries website: <https://www.fingal.ie/libraries/travel-joyce-1922-2022-winning-entries>

## SUMMER STARS VISIT ST PATRICK'S SNS FOR LAUNCH

The Mayor of Fingal, Cllr. Seána Ó Rodaigh launched Fingal Libraries annual Summer Stars Reading programme on Tuesday 14th June at St. Patrick's Senior National School in Skerries. There was a special visit from the Fingal Mobile Library and 28 eager young readers were presented with their Summer Stars goodie bag by the Mayor and by County Librarian Betty Boardman.



## BALDOYLE LIBRARY AGE FRIENDLY RECOGNITION CHARTER

There are now in excess of one million people aged 60 years and over in Ireland. Libraries constantly strive to develop their services in a more Age Friendly way, focusing on removing barriers to access, improving accessibility, and providing a welcoming and inclusive space for all. After participating in the Age Friendly Library Recognition Process, Baldoyle Library has just been awarded an Age Friendly Charter

The process begins with an Age Friendly awareness session for library staff provided by Age Friendly Ireland. Then staff must identify three areas of improvement to quality for Age Friendly Library recognition. Baldoyle library staff consulted with our more senior library users to gain feedback on what they felt were good practices already in place and how the library experience could be improved for them.

Examples given of existing Age Friendly practices at Baldoyle included:

- Wheelchair friendly parking spaces outside the library and easy access to the building
- Wide selection of large print and audio books available
- Specialised collections on health and well-being
- Separate events space to facilitate information talks and age friendly events such as the monthly U3A meeting
- A varied events programme including the annual Bealtaine Festival programme
- Access to online courses and e-services

Areas identified for improved services were:

- Provision of additional comfortable seating that isn't too low
- Improved signage for the public toilets
- Removal of books from the very bottom shelves which are hard to access

All these changes were implemented as part of the Age Friendly Library Recognition Programme in Baldoyle Library. Staff then consulted with the same group of older library users for feedback on the changes, which was all very positive.

Staff at Baldoyle Library were very positive about the Age Friendly Recognition process and they have seen how simple changes have enhanced the library experience not only for older members of the community but for everyone who uses the Library.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

### FINGAL IN IT TOGETHER



The Council continues to support business under the Fingal In It Together Charter and the Council will launch a pilot shortly on a Fingal In It Together App offering businesses a digital platform to engage with customers.

### Fingal Skills Strategy



The Skills Strategy Implementation Group and sub-groups continue to meet and progress actions from the Strategy. A new Skills Strategy sub-group focusing on Green Skills/Sustainability met in June 2022 and a further sub-group focusing on the services sector is scheduled to meet at the end of June. Significant engagement with schools in Balbriggan took place to support careers development in Q3/Q4 2022, with DCU on INTRA placements and DDLETB regarding facilitation of apprenticeship programmes.

The Council also promoted the work of the Skills Group at the Fingal Connects Business Expo organised by Fingal Chamber and held in the Crowne Plaza Hotel in May 2022 to encourage more businesses to engage with the Council on their skills requirements.

On foot of the successful Skills Event held in Skerries in April 2022 the Council was approached to participate in an Interreg application by the municipality of Tuscany, Italy with a focus on increasing capacity in smart specialisation and innovation ecosystems on a regional level for VET. The application comprises a total of 8 network partners. A decision on the application is anticipated in Q1 2023.





### Urbact Playful Towns



Rush Urbact Local Group (ULG) organised a highly successful Play Street on Chapel Green in Rush as part of the Let's Play Rush initiative. The street was opened to play with play materials provided for free play and lots of activities for young and old to engage in play – face-painting; balloon-modelling; drum-circle; ball games; play sand & clay. An artist chalked games on the street for all to enjoy, 3 local groups of musicians and singers provided entertainment while artist Alan Nolan provided drawing classes to kids. The event was hugely popular and well attended following the launch by the Mayor of the story trail of 'The Lonely Beast' developed by the Libraries Department in Kenure Woods on the day in conjunction with Cruinniú na nÓg and Creative Ireland and lots of events being held in Rush Library.

Rush ULG continues to plan further play events for the summer period and was granted funding of €3,000 from the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration & Youth to support events around National Play Day between 2<sup>nd</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> July on the theme 'All Play Together'.

### 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.

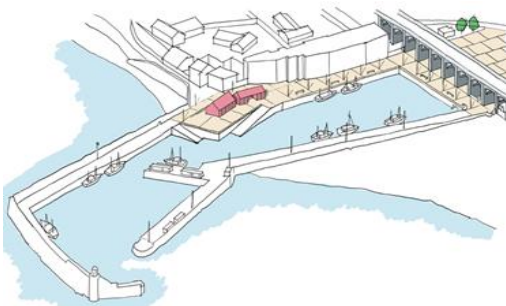
The Safe Balbriggan Pillar Group is scheduled to meet next on 29<sup>th</sup> June to progress actions to create an ambitious, confident and inclusive community by building trust, strengthening integration and improving community relations. The Education Skills and Employment Pillar and Community Integration Health & Well being Pillar are scheduled to meet in August prior to Leadership Group Meeting.

The site and layout of the former O'Shea's Night Club building (Harbour) has been levelled out to create a 'meanwhile space' to allow for temporary planters and seating, pedestrian route with low level picket fence surround. The archaeology report of the findings on the O'Sheas site is finalised.



Paul Keogh Architects, the appointed Integrated Design Team (IDT) for the re-imagined Quay Street & Harbour Area, continue to progress development of the project. Initiation of procedure pursuant to Part XI took place at the Balbriggan / Rush-Lusk / Swords Area Committee (Services B – Strategic and General Matters) Thursday 9th June where it was noted. Display Period: 4 weeks starting 7th July 2022, observation period: Total of 6 weeks ending 19th August with anticipated report to full council no later than October meeting.

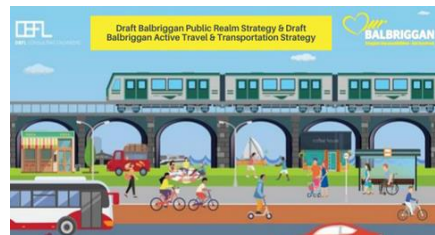
A Part 8 presentation to ACM took place on June 9th and will be followed by public consultation and submissions on the plans commencing on July 7th and closing on August 19th with planning permission for the project anticipated in Q3 2022. Work will then begin on the preparation of the Construction Tender Documents.



Paul Keogh Architects, the appointed Integrated Design Team (IDT) for 2-4 Dublin Street, completed the Stage 1 Design Report in June 2022 and will proceed to Stage 2a Detailed Design. The proposals on renovation of these buildings include the provision of artistic studios, a creative maker space, a public courtyard and a gallery. Public Consultation on the Part 8 Planning permission is anticipated in Q4 2022.



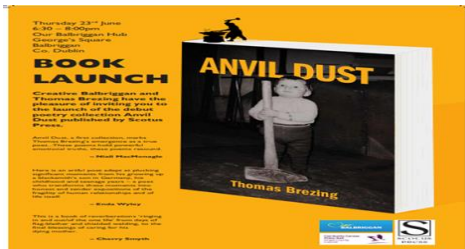
DBFL Consulting Engineers, Our Balbriggan Active Travel and Transport Consultants, are progressing preliminary work on the town's Draft Active Travel & Transportation Plan. DBFL are working closely with Paul Hogarth Company (Masterplanning Consultants) and internal Council Departments to ensure coherent, effective, sustainable transformative development. The Draft MasterPlan Strategy and Public Realm Design Guide has been issued for review with internal stakeholders with further engagements to be scheduled to address any comments.



Malachy Walsh & Partners have been appointed as the Consultant Engineer Design Team to deliver a small works package of improvements to the Harbour. 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 2022 by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine.



A Tree of Life Mosaic, designed by local artist Akvile Simans, co-created with her volunteer team has been installed in Quay Street. The final stages of the mosaic piece had been completed at 2-4 Dublin Street and involved a lot of community support and input from local community groups to include Balbriggan Tidy Towns and O'Dwyers GAA.



The Our Balbriggan Hub, is to host a book launch on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June for local Balbriggan artist, Thomas Brezing who will be launching his debut poetry collection "Anvil Dust" with guest readers in attendance also. The Hub is also home to an artwork piece designed by Thomas which was installed by the Arts Dept.

**Local & Rural Development**



**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 and the Social Enterprise Grants Scheme.



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

**FINGAL LOCAL ECONOMIC COMMUNITY PLAN 2022-27**

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



**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.

The Fingal SICAP Mid-Year Review for 2022 has been completed. The Programme is performing very well and in line with the 2022 Annual Plan. The Fingal LCDC and SICAP Programme welcome the announcement of additional SICAP funding in 2022 to help with the Ukrainian Refugee response in Fingal.





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



## 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 cover both projects funding and administration funding for the period April 2021 – December 2022. Funding 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. 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. The most recent LAG Meeting was held in June.

The Total number of projects approved under the 2021/22 Transition Programme to date is 25. The total value to date is €1,011,023. The remaining Budget for the Transition Programme is €462,451.

A new Renewable Energy Training Programme will be delivered in Q4 of 2022. Advertisement and registration for this course will take place in Q3.

Smart Village Training commenced in June for LAG Members, Independent Evaluation Committee Members and Executive Staff. This training will be rolled out across community groups in advance of the next LEADER Programme.

Two new Rural Development Officers were appointed in Fingal LEADER during May.

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

## 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.

The advertisement features the 'base Remote work HUB' logo and a large green banner that reads 'DEDICATED DESKS'. Below this, it states 'Prices start from €20 daily' and 'Book now at connectedhubs.ie'. The background shows a modern office interior with desks and chairs.

All three Enterprise Centres currently have space available to start-up businesses and businesses/individuals 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 June were all over 90%. The three Enterprise Centres currently support 65 businesses and over 320 direct jobs.



Drinan Enterprise Centre was successful in its application to the recent Connected Hubs Funding Call. Drinan secured €75,000, the maximum available

through the funding call. The approved funding will develop and enhance the existing remote working facilities, making the remote hub more attractive to remote workers. This will involve the addition of 8 new work zones bringing to 10 the number of remote work zones that will be available at the centre. There will be enhanced and individualised secure wi-fi access per zone desk, with upgrades to the standard of desks available, new secure lockers and new zone décor. A new Creative Studio is to be incorporated into the internal building improvements. Externally, new electric charging points are to be added with new solar panels to address sustainability, generate electricity for the remote working hub and to reduce operational costs.

### Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2022

The 2022 Town and Village Renewal Scheme was recently launched by the Department of Rural & Community Development. As in previous years, Fingal County Council is now seeking expressions of interest from Community Groups / Promoters for potential projects in Fingal, that could be submitted for funding to the DRCD. Guidelines for the 2022 Scheme together with an expression of interest form are available on the Council's website. The Expressions of Interest Deadline is 29<sup>th</sup> June (to [econdev@fingal.ie](mailto:econdev@fingal.ie)). Projects will be shortlisted. Those projects that are shortlisted will be asked to complete a more detailed application form for submission to the Department of Rural and Community Development before the 22<sup>nd</sup> July deadline. Please note the Council can only submit one project per town or village, and the County has an overall limit of 6 project applications. Any queries relating to the 2022 Scheme should be emailed to the Local Development Team at [econdev@fingal.ie](mailto:econdev@fingal.ie) for response.



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

### National Enterprise Awards



Life Ahead Ltd. T/A Farmony who are supported by Local Enterprise Office Fingal, were winners at this year's National Enterprise Awards. The awards, which took place at the Mansion House in Dublin, are in their 23<sup>rd</sup> year and run annually by the Local Enterprise Offices. Farmony who provide a vertical farming solution for Europe through innovative technology were crowned as regional winners in the Dublin region and will now receive a share of a €50,000 investment fund. Farmony are an innovative company who work to meet consumer demand for fresh, great-tasting, and pesticide-free food locally and sustainably year-round. Farmony follow in the footsteps of several other Fingal based companies who have had success over the years at the National Enterprise Awards including Kianda Technologies from Blanchardstown, Keoghs Crisps in Oldtown, flight simulation company "Simtech Aviation", as well as software companies "Vromo" and "IFS Ltd." from Dublin 15.

### Fingal Business Briefing Summer Series





On July 1st business owners and budding entrepreneurs will have the opportunity to attend a Business Briefing in the Riasc Centre, Kinsealy. The event will be the third in a series of Business Support Briefings which have been taking place on the first Friday of each month over the course of the Summer months. The briefings are designed for Fingal-based business owner/managers, and residents who are aiming to start a new business. Tea & coffee will be provided, and each business briefing event is free of charge to Fingal businesses and residents (though booking is essential).

### 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. 50 applications have been approved in 2022, in the amount of €104,399.00



Following very successful online Webinars over the past two years our second in-person TOV Seminar will take place on Friday 8th July 2022 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



Fingal's Female Entrepreneurs were out in force on Thursday, the 9th of June, for the annual Fingal Enterprising Women Network summer event at Kettles Country House Hotel, Lispopple, Swords. The networking event, hosted by Local Enterprise Office Fingal, was a unique opportunity for businesswomen to meet like-minded entrepreneurs and make valuable business connections. "Branding Brilliance - How to Create a Powerful Brand" was the topic of the evening, with the keynote speaker, Anne Gallagher, sharing her extensive expertise and knowledge on the secrets behind great branding.

### Balbriggan Chamber Business Showcase Breakfast



Balbriggan Chamber will host a Business Showcase Breakfast which will take place on July 7th In Balbriggan Golf Club. A series of guest speakers will feature including a representative from Leo Fingal who will discuss the range of supports which are available to small, local enterprises.

## Evaluation and Approvals Committee

The June Evaluation and Approvals Committee (EVAC) meeting took place on Wednesday the 29th of June. Five applications were approved for grant assistance totalling €103,550. Year to date, 25 applications have been approved for a total of €580,895. The next Evaluation and Approvals Committee (EVAC) meeting will take place on Wednesday the 31st of August.

## Grant Awards Ceremony

On Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> July, a ceremony will be held at County Hall, Swords to acknowledge businesses that were approved for funding by Fingal Local Enterprise Office between January and June, 2022. The Chief Executive of Fingal County Council and the Head of Enterprise of Fingal LEO will present recipients with a certificate confirming that the business was supported by the Local Enterprise Office with funding provided by the Irish Government co-financed by the European Regional Development Fund. Recipients will meet the entrepreneurs behind other Fingal businesses recently approved for funding, and it is an opportunity for local businesses to gain acknowledgment for the success of their business in being approved for funding. A professional photographer will take photos and recipients will be provided with these following the event, for use in publicity and social media for their business.

## Business Advice Clinics and Mentoring

Business Advice Clinics and mentoring services continue to be offered online. In June 2022, 9 Business Advice Clinic days were held, offering advice and support to 63 clients in Fingal. In addition, clients are continuing to receive one to one business mentoring with our panel of mentors and 228 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 events and courses on offer throughout July include Fingal Business Briefing, Trading Online Voucher Seminar and enrolment for our next Start Your Own Business Workshop in August.

## New Programme Available To Help Businesses Embrace Technology



Digital Start is a pilot initiative from the Local Enterprise Office designed to give qualifying businesses that digital edge. From optimising processes to delivering a seamless digital customer experience, the aim is to help businesses prepare and implement a plan for the adoption of digital tools and techniques across the business. Digital Start provides support to obtain digital strategy, technical and/or advisory services for eligible businesses.

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

# OPERATIONS & WATER SERVICES

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## Works Programmes

### Balbriggan/Swords Area

#### Story Trail - Kenure Woods Rush

The Operations Department procured, designed, and installed the new story trail in Kenure Woods, Rush as part of a joint project with the Fingal Libraries Department for Crunniu na nÓg 2022. The trail was officially launched in June 2022 in collaboration with 'Let's Play Rush' group.



#### Floral Displays Countywide

The images below show Floral Displays recently installed on Main Street Swords. There are a total of 18 towns and villages in Fingal included in the 2022 Floral Display provision.



#### Ardgillan Demesne – Rose Garden and Walled Garden

As part of the ongoing Capital Works Programme at Ardgillan Demesne the images below show the recently installed heritage railings within the walled garden. It has been an ongoing challenge to protect some plants from local hares feasting on the abundant vegetation to the annoyance of our fantastic head gardener. It is hoped that these sensitively designed new railings and gates will solve the problem!





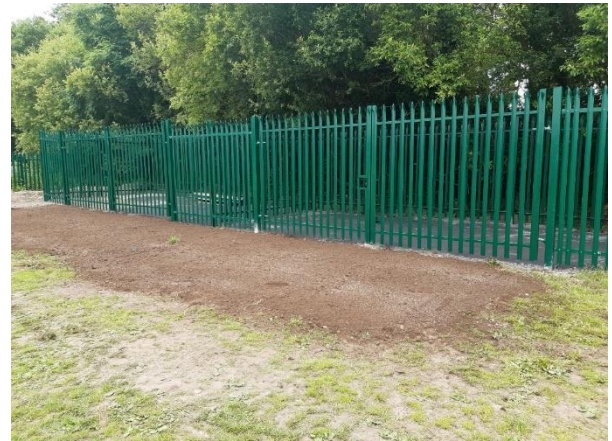


### Sports Pitch Equipment Storage Area – Newbridge Demesne

As part of recent discussions and agreements with sports clubs using the sports pitches in Newbridge Demesne it was agreed to provide a fenced area to store portable goal posts and other equipment. It is planned to provide an additional hard surface area at this location to facilitate additional cars during busy sports activity days, which will take the pressure away from the existing public car park at Newbridge Demesne.

### Entrance Pier Construction – Ballinrane Woods, Swords

Following a recent motor collision at the entrance to Ballinrane Woods Swords and entrance pier was knocked and rebuilding required. Works carried out by FCC staff at Watery Lane Depot.



Before



After

### Landscape improvements at entrance to Elmwood Estate Swords

Following the recent removal of large overgrown shrubbery at Elmwood Estate Swords, new planting has been introduced in this location to assist with screening the rear boundary walls of adjacent housing. All work was carried out by staff at Watery Lane Depot.





## Blue and Green Flags raised at Donabate Beach

Local Representatives, Scouts, Clean Coast Group and Tidy Towns Groups visited Donabate Beach on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June, to see Mayor Seána O'Rodaigh raise both the prestigious Blue Flag and the Green Coast Award which are awarded to beaches adhering to a strict number of criteria covering environmental information and education, water quality, safety and services and environmental management. Donabate is one of just five beaches nationwide to be awarded both flags for the current bathing season.



## Regional Roads Capital Programme

6 regional roads were identified for road reconstruction and overlay as part of the regional roads' capital programme in 2022 to the value of €2.5m at the following locations;

- Balbriggan - Knocknaggin R132;
- Minister Road to Murtaugh's Pub R132;
- Ladystairs Skerries to Balbriggan Road R127;
- Loughshinny Crossroads to Wastewater Pump station R127;
- Ballyboughal R129;
- Watery Lane Swords R125.

Two projects Ballyboughal R129 and Watery Lane Swords have been tendered and contractors are to commence on site in the coming weeks. The remaining 4 projects will be tendered before the end of July with works to be completed in late Q3 early Q 4 2022.

## 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

Road drainage is currently being installed on the R124 at Hill Stop Stores Malahide in advance of the planned road inlay as part of the 2022 Roads POW. Operations Road Crews are currently installed a 225mm storm sewer and gully pots to relieve flooding in the Bawn Grove. The crews are also replacing the footpaths as they progress the works.



### Footpath Works

On-going footpath renewal program of works continued during the month of June. The photograph below is taken from Woodcliffe in Howth. Between this location, Dungriffan Rd, and Thormanby Rd, Howth approximately 650 square meters of defective concrete paths were replaced.





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.

### **Bench Installation**

Bench installation is currently underway with all preparation and groundwork being carried out. All benches should be fixed in position by the end of June.



### **Biodiversity**

Areas of long grass are being left uncut to improve the biodiversity of our open spaces across Howth Malahide





The Sutton Cross wildflower planting scheme is now in its second year and still provides great colour for passing pedestrians and motorists.



### Portmarnock Tidy Towns

Portmarnock Tidy Towns have decided to plant pollinator friendly perennials this year instead of the more traditional summer bedding plants. This bed is in the center of Portmarnock outside Jus de Vine. Plants were provided by Fingal Operations Department and chosen from the All Ireland Pollinator Plans list of most suitable plants to provide food for pollinating insects.



### Carrickbrack Park, Howth

Vegetation has been cleared back, steps cleared of a build-up of rotting vegetation and paths repaired & resurfaced to improve accessibility into this hidden gem of a little park. The park has fabulous granite steps, a stream running through it and a tiered pond area teeming with wildlife.





**Sarto Park, Bayside**

Sarto Park Bayside paths have been resurfaced. The park is a popular dog walking destination & meeting place for locals in the area.



**Cricket Maintenance**

Scarifying and over seeding cricket crease on the lady acre.



**Cricket T20 Internationals**

The build is coming along nicely for Ireland V India Sunday the 26<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday the 28<sup>th</sup>. This will be then followed up with New Zealand.





## Concerts

The Seven concerts have taken place at Malahide Castle with little issues and enjoyed by revellers.



## Burial Grounds Works - Balgriffin

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





**St Fintan's Burial Ground Maintenance for Blessing of the Graves**



**New Gouple for Malahide (first use Concerts, Malahide Demesne)**



**Castleknock/Mulhuddart Area**

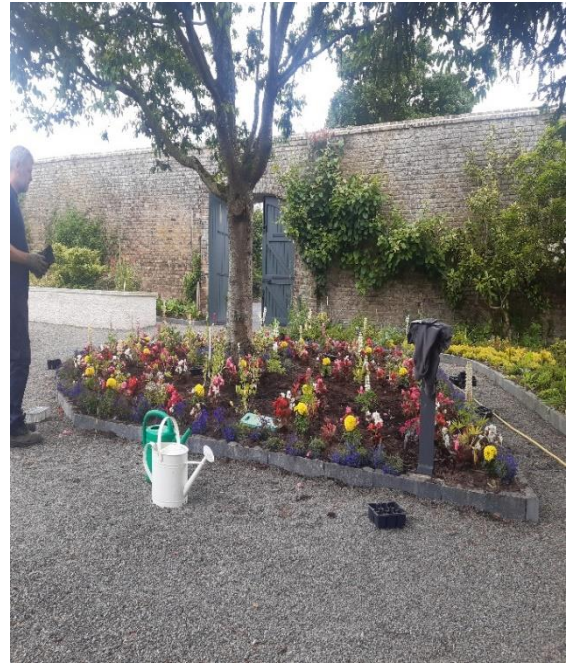
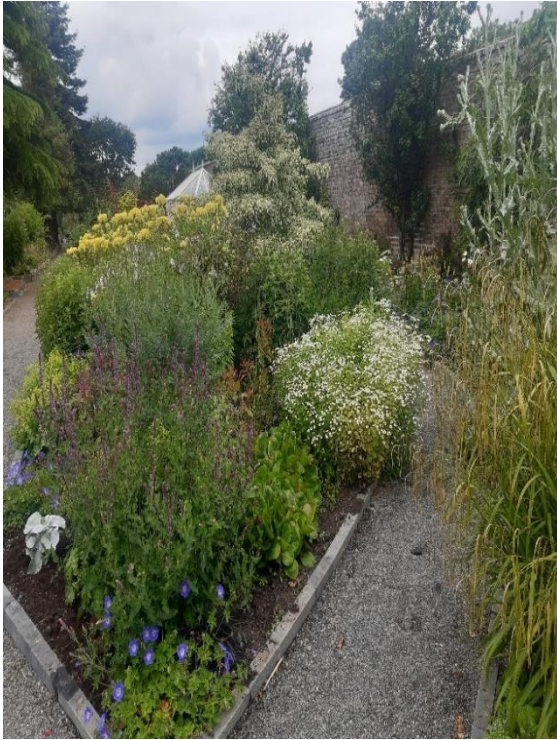
**Shackleton's Gardens**

Shackleton's Garden is coming into full bloom and attracting increasing numbers of visitors.

**New Pizza Bins for Howth Harbour**







**New Eco toilets recently installed at Shackleton Garden, D15**







### Hartstown Park

The works continue in Hartstown Park which include the conversion of the half Multi Usage Gaming Area (Muga) to a full sized Muga with will include enclosed fencing.

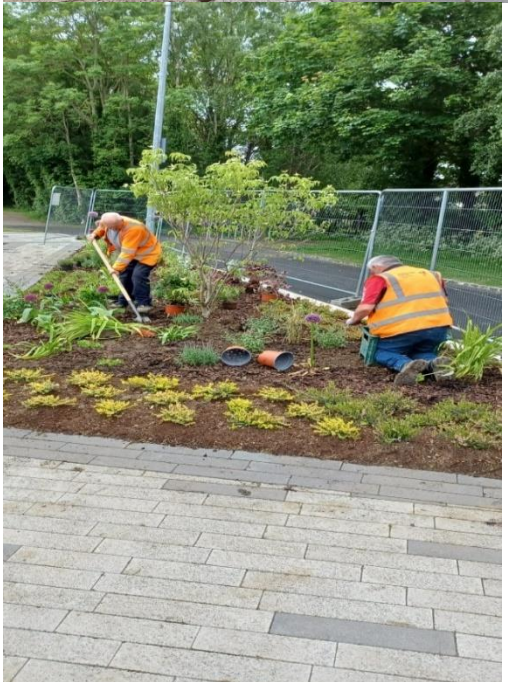


The Parks Crews continue with the excellent maintenance of the pitches Hartstown Park.





**Car Parking Spaces relined in Hartstown Carpark**



**Entrance from carpark which consists of new pollinator beds and new seating area**





## Programme of Works

The Operations 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 Operations crews in Coolmine Depot.

### New piers in Stockton Park



Before



After

### Grass Cutting

Grass cutting, strimming and littering picking carried out on the N3 on Saturday 18th June 2022.





**Chesterfield Castleknock**

Granite capping's replaced along the wall in Chesterfield Castleknock



**Millennium Park**

Ballylusk stone spread along verges outside entrance of Millennium Park.

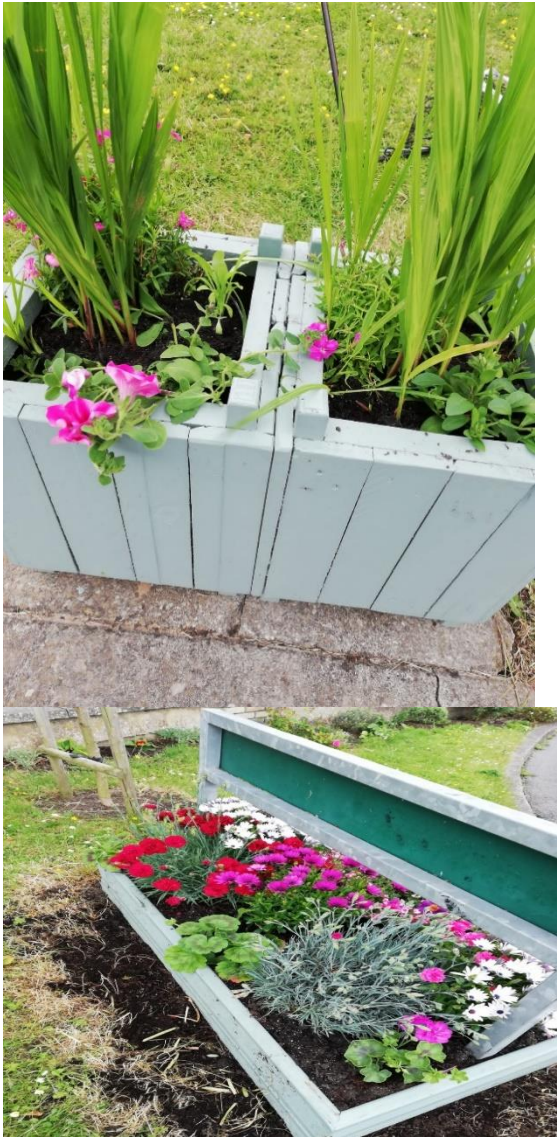


**Lanesborough Gardens**

Bedding plants provided by the Operations Department planted by local resident Willie Jackson in Lanesborough gardens. Willie must be commended for all his hard work in the local community.







### St Catherine's Park

Works has recently commenced on Phase 2 of the car park extension in St Catherine's Park



### Castleknock Village Festival

Castleknock Village Festival took place Sunday 19th June which included the Castleknock 5k Run. The Operations Department worked with our colleagues in the Council's Events Team to assist the running of this event which proved to be very successful and enjoyable for the community.





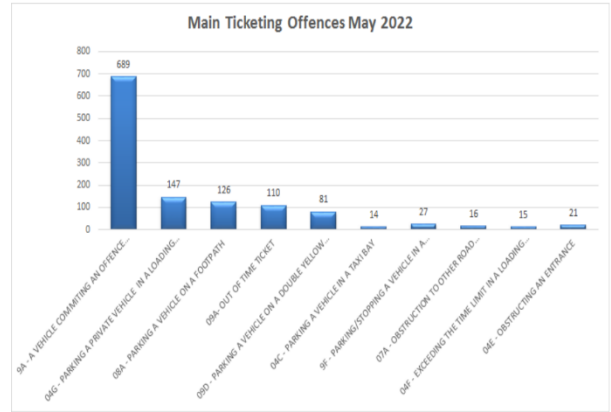


### Car Parking Services

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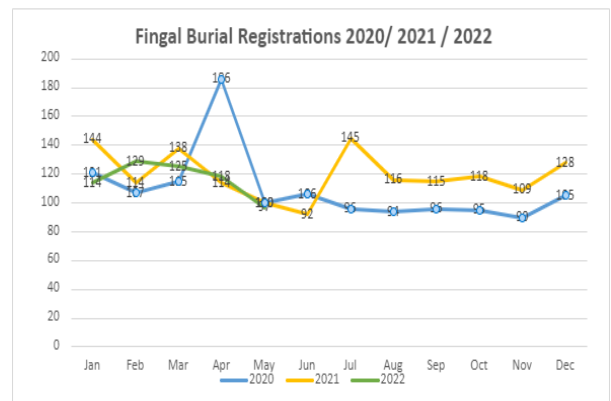
Breakdown of Parking Offences:

Breakdown of Parking Offences	Total	Percentage
Footpath/Grass Margin/Median Strip	131	10.15%
Prohibited Place (Loading bay/SYL/DYL)	248	19.21%
P&D/Permit Parking Area	799	61.89%
Disabled Parking Bay	27	2.09%
Other (Bus stop, Bus Lane, Cycle Track, School Entrance, Traffic signals and Clearway)	86	6.66%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1291</b>	<b>100%</b>



### 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 97 Internments in May 2022.



### Traffic Operations County-wide

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

#### Balbriggan/Swords Area

##### New Signals Contract



Holywell R125 – Signals Upgrade – New Outreach Signal Poles for improved visibility for motorists



Holywell R125 – Signals Upgrade – Amber Countdown Timer for improved pedestrian safety

### Castleknock/Mulhuddart Area

#### **New Signals Contract**

Works commenced at the junction of Snugborough Road and Grove Road in June. The works include significant civils upgrade works to all crossings and new LED traffic lights.



Junction of Snugborough Road and Grove Road upgrade works in progress

### Howth/Malahide Area

#### **New Signals Contract**



Civil works and Signals upgrade completed on Grange Road by Lidl entrance (used as a school warden crossing also)

#### **Lining Contract**



New Road double yellow lining in Red Arches-Silverbanks to improve visibility exiting underground residential carpark



On site assistance provided to Road maintenance section in providing for new kerbing and tactile layout at the junction of the Hill Drive and Drumnigh Road (R124)



## Fleet Management & Plant Hire Unit

114 hires were put in place from 1st June 2022 – 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2022, engaging 24 suppliers. Hires included a surface roller.



## Tenders Published

24 tenders published on Supply Gov for our ad-hoc annual hires to commence 1st July 22.

Two tenders published and awarded for Flavours of Fingal.

Tender under evaluation for 32 Tonne grab truck with clam shell bucket for Operations.

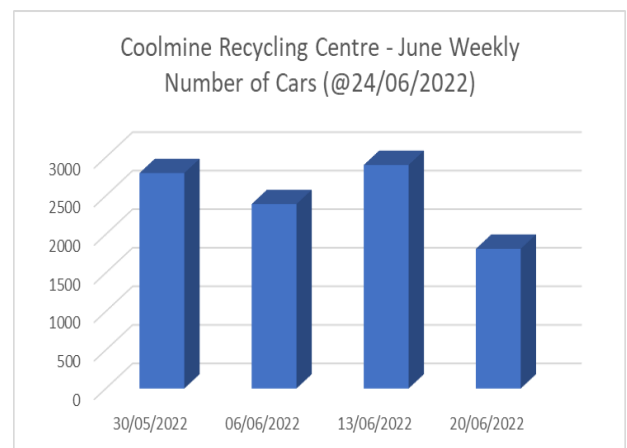
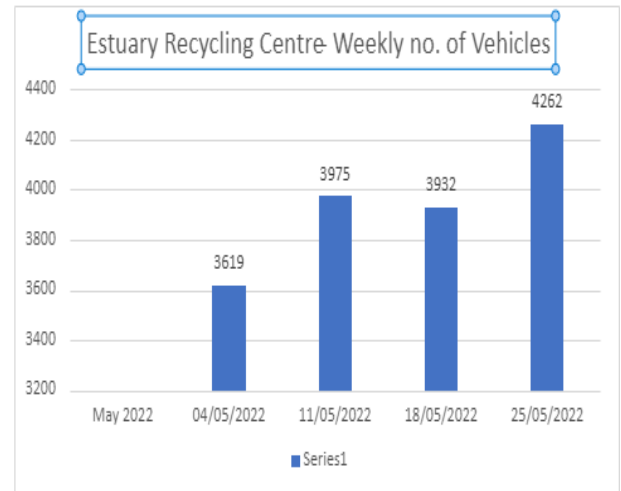
## Street Lighting LED Programme

The Public Lighting Section will continue with the LED Programme in 2022 with 94% of all lights switched to LEDs.



Pine grove Swords set to get trial motion activation lighting

## Recycling Centre's Update



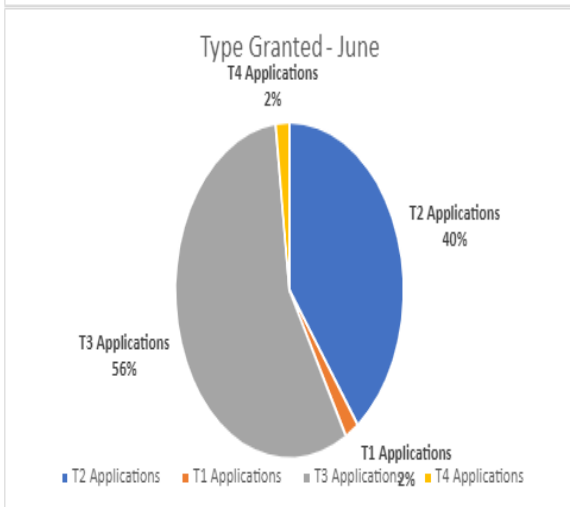
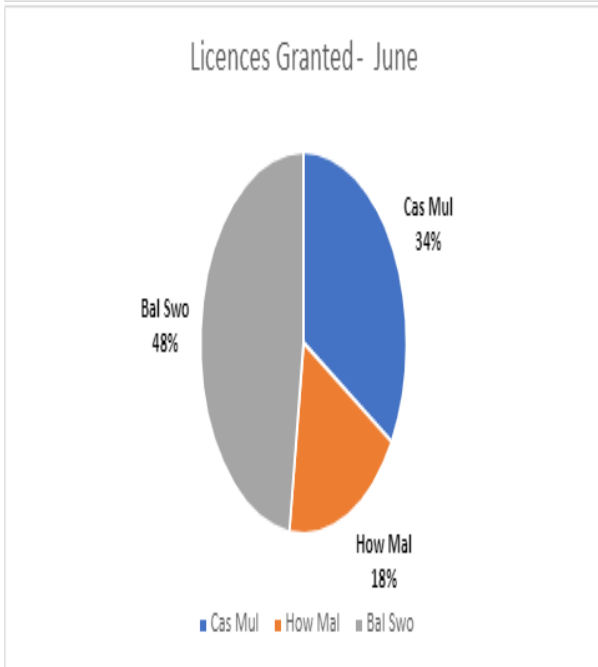
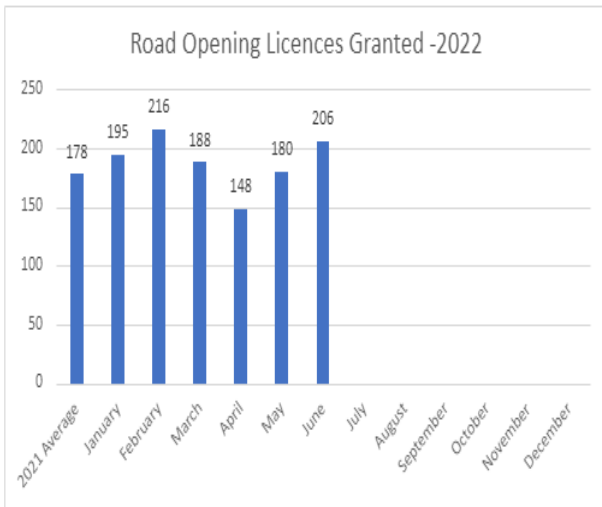
## Licences

### Road Opening Licences:

The new efficiency functionality with respect to automated granting of T3 licences is operating well. 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.

206 Licences were granted in the month of June.



**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 & Parklets

**Street Furniture Licences** are granted under Section 254 of the Planning and Development Act as amended. All licences expired on the 31<sup>st</sup> May 2022. Applications for new licences have been processed and completed and all street furniture licence applications which were received have been granted. The current licences run until 31/12/2022 and apply to the grant of a licence for Street Furniture only. Additional resources have been put in place to manage and to ensure that business owners are complying with the conditions of the licences. Routine inspections will be carried out and where outdoor dining is taking place in the public place without a licence the Council will proceed with enforcement under the planning legislation.

**Parklets** – There are a number of parklets throughout the county that were installed by the Council on a temporary basis until September 2022. These parklets are separate to the Street Furniture Licences and were to facilitate outdoor dining during the Covid pandemic and it was not planned that they to remain in place permanently. Some parklets were installed



on a number of car parking spaces and the Council is currently carrying out a review of all parklets with plans to remove some commencing 1<sup>st</sup> October 2022. Correspondence will be issued to relevant businesses.

## **Water Services**

### **Water and Wastewater Connections**

There are 26 applications in progress with Fingal as of 23rd June 2022, this consists of 16 drainage connection applications and 10 water connection applications as per the Irish Water System Maximo.

37 applications returned to Irish water so far in June 2022.

### **Storm Water (surface water) Network – Operations Update**

Operation and maintenance of the Stormwater Network is ongoing.

- 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 Swords, Blanchardstown and Skerries.
- 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 early 2023.
- CCTV surveys were carried out in Bath Road, Malahide, Rusheeney Park in Clonsilla. 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.
- Based on the findings of our CCTV survey on Bath Road in Malahide it has been decided that most of the network needs to be replaced as it is beyond repair. The required repair works have now been referred to the Drainage Project Engineer who will prepare a tender for the design required for the upgrade of this network.
- CCTV Surveys were also carried out in Castleknock Vale and Lohunda Park following report of Malodours. Investigations discovered a large build-up of rubble, silt and tar in the line which was restricting flows and causing the water in the line to become stagnant. Remedial dragging works were carried out to remove debris from the line. The line is now free flowing and there have been no further reports of Malodours.
- Recently completed works include the installation of 30m of Stormwater diversion in the Admiral Park estate in Baldoyle. This will resolve a long-standing issue with flooding in the roadway and the green areas of the estate.
- Works to jet, drag and CCTV survey the Stormwater network in Chalfont, Malahide to assist road operations with the alleviation of ongoing road flooding are now complete. Partial collapses were identified and works to repair this collapse are being costed to go out to tender. Rehabilitation work is also required
- CCTV surveys were carried out in Heather Walk and Carrickhill Rise in Portmarnock to identify the cause of slow flows. Large root ingress and partial collapses were identified. A contractor is being procured to provide a quote for the repairs including robotic cutting and Part Liner installation. In some locations an open dig will need to be performed to remove the damaged sections and replace the failed pipes.
- The 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 Burrow Beach Surface Water Outfall Pipeline Repair**

Scope: This project is to replace the damaged anchor system for the pipeline

Status: Fingal County Council has referred a copy of the design of the proposed works to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for their review and consent. Fingal Council awaits a final decision as to whether the proposed works are exempt from the requirements of the Foreshore Act 1933 as amended.

## **Communication with Irish Water for Elected Representatives**

The Local Representative Support Desk

Make contact at [localrepsupport@water.ie](mailto: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.

The Council will continue to work to implement Government policy in regard to water.

## **Framework for future of Water Services**

A new framework for the future of water services developed through an engagement process facilitated by the Workplace Relations Commission was announced by the Minister on 24th June 2022. The Framework will help to ensure a stable operational environment is maintained as the water sector completes the transition to a national water

services authority, based on the full integration of public water services within Irish Water.

To facilitate the transition to a national water services authority, the Framework provides for:

1. Irish Water to assume responsibility for the management and direction of water services operation and activities
2. The voluntary transfer, of existing local authority water services staff to Irish Water as permanent employees between now and 2026;
3. The identification of opportunities for water services staff not transferring to Irish Water to avail of opportunities to re-deploy to other areas within local authorities;
4. The commencement of water services staff recruitment directly by Irish Water to fill vacancies arising in water services;
5. A voluntary redundancy scheme for local authority water service staff; and
6. A new Irish Water-Local Authority agreement, replacing the existing Service Level Agreement arrangements, to ensure that Irish Water has full accountability for the delivery of water services and direct management of the water services staff who choose to remain employed by their local authority under contract to Irish Water for the transitional period to the end of 2026.



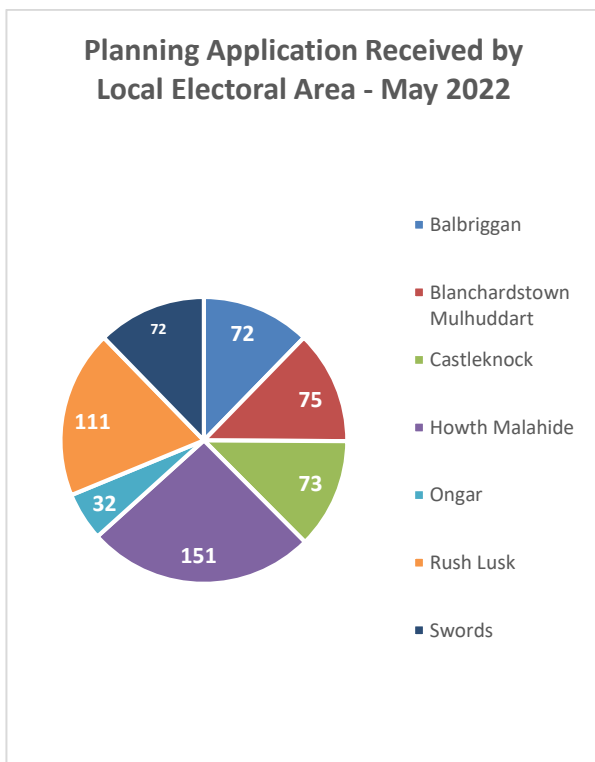
# PLANNING AND STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE (PSI)

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## Planning Applications

There have been 586 planning applications received to the end of May 2022, 35 of these applications were invalid leaving a total of 551 valid applications. The volume of applications received by Local Electoral Area (LEA) is detailed in the table below.

Between January and end May 2022, 17 Strategic Housing Development (SHD) applications were made to An Bord Pleanála totalling 9,188 units. 2 decisions were made by the board up to end of May 2022. Of these, 1 application was Granted in May (172 units). One application was Refused in March. There is a total of 20 SHD's (11,450 units) currently in the formal application process.



## Planning Decisions

A total of 508 planning decisions have been made to the end of May 2022. There have been 429 decisions to grant permission (84%) and 79 refusals of permission (16%). There have been 34 grants of permissions in respect of single house construction, 265 grants of permission for domestic extensions, 106 commercial/retail grants of permission and 10 grants of permission in respect of housing developments of which 6 relate to development of 2 - 20, 1 relates to 20 – 50 and 2 relate to 50 -100 and 1 which relates to 100+.

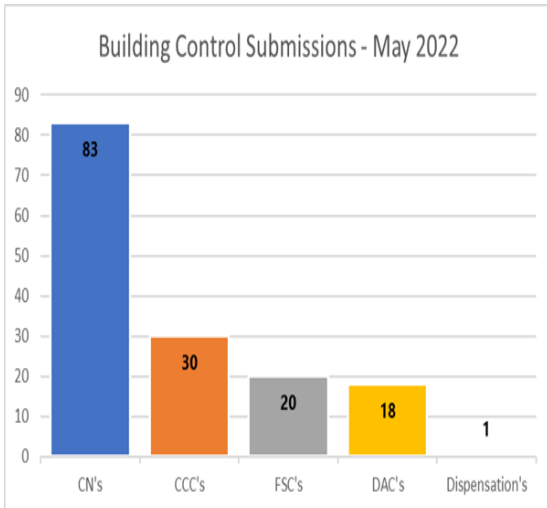
## Building Control Admin

In May 2022, there were 152 Building Control submissions received.

This was made up of 83 Commencement Notices, 30 Compliance of Completion Certificates, 20 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.

The Building Control Admin team processed 105 decisions, relating to Fire Safety and Disability Access Certificates in May 2022. This was made up of 40 decisions to grant, 1 decision to refuse, 1 invalidation and 63 extensions of time.



## Strategic Policy Unit

### Draft Fingal Development Plan 2023 – 2029



The public consultation on the Draft Fingal Development Plan finished on 12<sup>th</sup> 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

too. These will form part of the Chief Executive's Report which will issue to the Members at the end of July. Meetings to discuss the submissions in September and October.

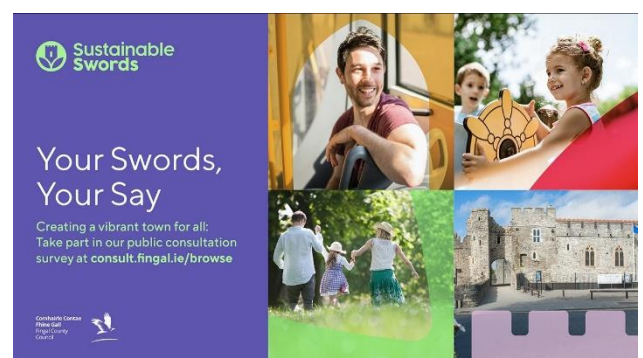
The Development Plan process has been running for over a year now and the final plan is scheduled to be adopted by councillors in February 2023.

### 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 follows The 'Your Swords, Your Say' survey which were carried out in May and the briefing session with Elected Members in July.

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



### Vacant Site Register

There are currently 9 sites on the Vacant Sites Register (VSR). These include 3 residential sites and 6 regeneration sites. 2 sites have been recently removed.



## Parks & Green Infrastructure

### Update on Porterstown Park All-Weather Running Track & Sport Pitch Facility



**View looking southwest taken shortly after completion of stone base layer**

Progress with the construction of the new LED floodlit sporting facilities at Porterstown Park continues to run on schedule. To date, the specialist contractors have completed major earthworks, the stone base layer, drainage and ducting installation as well as foundations for the floodlight columns.

The facilities will consist of a 3rd Generation all-weather pitch built to FIFA approved standards providing for soccer and other sporting codes, surrounded by a 6-lane synthetic running track built to approved international athletics standards.

It is anticipated that the works will be complete in first quarter of 2023, becoming a valuable sporting amenity for the people of Dublin 15 and the wider area.

### Launch of Space for Play – A Play Policy for Fingal



Fingal County Council's first policy on play provision, Space for Play – A Play Policy for Fingal, was launched

on the 16<sup>th</sup> of June in Skerries Town Park play space. The Policy establishes design guidelines and a planning framework which will guide the equitable provision of play spaces throughout the County and place the provision of natural and engaging play spaces at the heart of planning decisions. The framework is a four-tiered hierarchy which details the scale, type and intended users of play provision. Clear standards are established relating to the location of play spaces within residential areas and the policy advocates for the consideration of the play value of the civic space in its entirety.

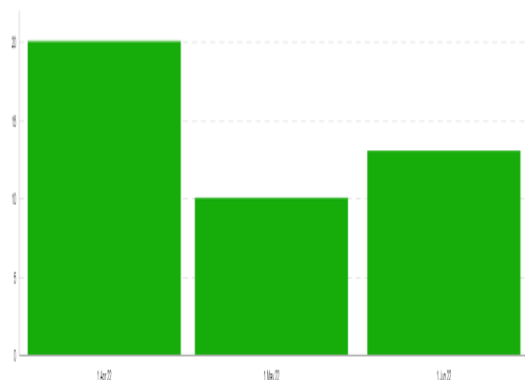
A central tenet of the policy is that play spaces should be inclusive and accessible, thereby providing opportunities, from the local to the regional scale, for children and teenagers of diverse abilities to play together outdoors in environments that have been developed in response to the end user's desires. To achieve this, the Policy emphasises that children must be given a voice and listened to through a process of consultation which will inform the provision of the play spaces.

The Policy will inform the development of play provision throughout the County for the next ten years with a review to take place after five years.

## **Built Environment Division**

### Building Control

- BCMS (Building Control Management System) -148 Commencement Notices were submitted over the course of April and May 2022 and there were 67 applications for Completion Certificates processed.
- There were 43 Building control site visits from April to present with 93 separate buildings being inspected.



### Taking in Charge

- There are currently 9 estates/roads which will be submitted for Taking in Charge in the September meeting. These are Blackthorn Place, Balgriffin Link Road, Dargans Way, Chieftains Way, Martello, New Haven Bay, Bay Meadows phase 1, Castleknock Tennis Club Plaza area and Hollywoodrath Phase 1.
- 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 on site and snagged the areas for Taking in Charge. They estimate that they will have contract documents completed by the end of June.
- A contractor is in the process of being appointed for "The Gallops".
- "Cianlea", "Rockabil" and "The Sanctuary" have been priced by direct labour and work will commence in late August/early September.
- Palmer Avenue will be advertised in the next couple of weeks on supply.gov.ie.



**New houses being built in Hollystown using Insulated concrete formwork (ICF)**



**A new sustainable urban drainage system (SUDS) being installed in Hollystown.**

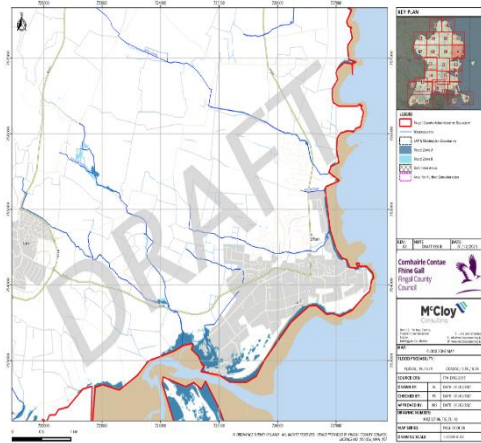
### Development Management May 2022

- 86 no. new planning files have been received.
- 17 no. Additional Information files have been received and 1 clarification on Additional Information.
- 4 no. Compliance Submissions have been received, 3 no. have been processed.
- 7 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 May, staff from Planning (Water Services) have engaged in 12 no. pre-planning discussions with developers to discuss issues related to the provision of water services and to ensure the implementation of flood risk management and sustainable drainage systems on site.

### Flood Risk Assessments/ Drainage Strategies

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





- 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”.



## Transportation Planning

### Church Fields Link Road and Cycle Network

The appointed contractor is currently working on the new link road between Damastown Avenue and the proposed Dutch Style Roundabout connection to Wellview Avenue. The footpaths, verges and cycle track have been brought to formation level. The contractor has been working on the main line road make up and drainage. A future connection for foul and stormwater for the consented FCC housing development has been installed. The Contractor has completed the excavation of the attenuation ponds and are in the process of completing the drainage infrastructure associated with the ponds. It is indicated that next steps are the placing of the capping layer on the link road and the installation of ducts for utilities.



### **N3 M50 to Clonee**

Following the completion of the Option Selection Process and review and consideration of the submissions and feedback received through the Non-Statutory Public Consultation in 2022, Fingal County Council and Meath County Council in collaboration with Transport Infrastructure Ireland would like to confirm that the Preferred Option for the N3 M50 to Clonee Project has been identified and is detailed within the Option Selection Report. The Option Selection Report will be Published on the 29<sup>th</sup> of June 2022 and will be available for viewing or download on the Fingal County Council Consultation Portal from 2pm on June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

### **Sutton to Malahide Pedestrian and Cycle Scheme**



Public Consultation for the Sutton to Malahide Pedestrian and Cycle Scheme concluded on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022. A Public Consultation Report is currently being prepared and is expected to be published over the summer months.



### **Royal Canal Urban Greenway**

The Public Consultation Report for the Royal Canal Urban Greenway Non-Statutory Public Consultation which was undertaken in 2021 is expected to be published in the summer months. An EIA Screening Report and Determination will also be published. It is anticipated that a planning application for the scheme will be submitted to An Bord Pleanála in September 2022.

### **Snugborough Interchange Upgrade Project**

The Main Bridge Deck over the N3 was poured with 400m<sup>3</sup> of concrete in June with parapets being constructed at present to complete the main structure. Walls, columns and abutments were constructed to take the bridge beams to form the bridge structure over the River Tolka which is due to be installed in July. Road crash barrier works were carried out in June along the N3 to install permanent elements of the road barrier for this route. This is a key element to returning the N3 to its full capacity which is expected later this year. BMCO Councillors visited the site for an organised site visit in June to get a closer picture of the works taking place. The website [www.snugboroughinterchange.ie](http://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.





# HOUSING



## Housing

- Supply
- Asset Management
- Support
- Tenancy Services

### 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	213
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,663</b>

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

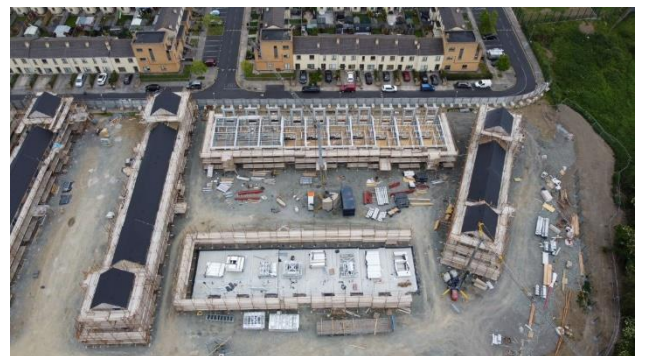




Fingal County Council construction scheme at Wellview, D15 – 20 units being built



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





## Housing Loans Update

The Local Authority Home Loan continues to attract queries and applications from members of the public seeking to secure a mortgage with the Local Authority. To date there have been 159 applications.

In June the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage issued circular 20/2022 which signaled the raising of the lending interest rate to the HFA, and consequently a new interest rate for borrowers for all loans drawn down on or after 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022. The new interest rates are 2.845% for loans under 25-year terms and 2.945% for loans up to 30-year terms.

## Housing Asset Management Report

### Energy Efficiency/Retrofitting Programme

Approval has been granted to carry out retrofitting works on 81 properties in 2022. Works are currently underway at Jugback Estate in Swords to include electrical upgrades, attic insulation, installation of triple glazed windows and doors along with PV panels where required to reach a B2/Cost optimal standard. It is expected that all works will be complete by the end of July.



*Window replacement in Jugback Estate.*



*An air tightness test fan - used to determine the level of uncontrolled air flow through gaps or cracks in the fabric of a house.*

## 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:-

<b>Voids for Re-letting</b>	<b>at 24<sup>th</sup> June 2022</b>
In letting process	49
Undergoing re-let repairs	20
With County Architect for procurement of pre-let repairs	11
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>80</b>

## Planned Maintenance Programmes

### Cyclical Maintenance - Scheme Painting

Works under the new Scheme Painting Programme are now reaching completion in Mourne 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. Work will shortly commence in Ringfort Estate, Balrothery.



*Freshly painted house in Skerries*

**Housing Assistance Payment (HAP)**

Since its inception in Fingal County Council in 2017, the HAP team has set up over 3,400 tenancies. In 2022 to date approximately 200 HAP tenancies have been set up for Fingal housing applicants.

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](mailto:hap@fingal.ie).

**Housing Tenancy Services Report**  
**Housing Support**

**Housing List Position**

List Position letters issued to all applicants on 11<sup>th</sup> 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. Applicants can view their list position at the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 through the CBL system. It is intended to update the list positions in January 2023 and applicants will be able to access them through the CBL system.

**Social Housing Application Form**

The new social housing application form is in use since 14<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> January to June 2022**

January	Total Received	172
February	Total Received	191
March	Total Received	201



April	Total Received	176
May	Total Received	180
June	Total Received	134
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1054</b>

### 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](mailto: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-

<b>The Housing Support Team Contact Details</b>	
Phone	01 890 5902 /01 890 5000
Email	<a href="mailto:Housing.allocations@fingal.ie"><b>Housing.allocations@fingal.ie</b></a>
Website	<a href="http://www.fingal.ie"><u>www.fingal.ie</u></a>
<b>Tenancy Services Contact Details</b>	
<b>Homeless Services</b>	01 890 5090 <a href="mailto:homeless@fingal.ie"><u>homeless@fingal.ie</u></a>

<b>Estate Management (Maintenance, ASB)</b>	01 890 5588 <a href="mailto:Estatemanagement@fingal.ie"><u>Estatemanagement@fingal.ie</u></a>
<b>Lettings</b>	01 890 5380 <a href="mailto:Housing.allocations@fingal.ie"><u>Housing.allocations@fingal.ie</u></a>
<b>Housing Support</b>	01 890 5902 <a href="mailto:Housing.allocations@fingal.ie"><u>Housing.allocations@fingal.ie</u></a>
<b>Customer Care Team</b>	01 890 5000 <a href="mailto:CustomerCareUnit@fingal.ie"><u>CustomerCareUnit@fingal.ie</u></a>

### **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.

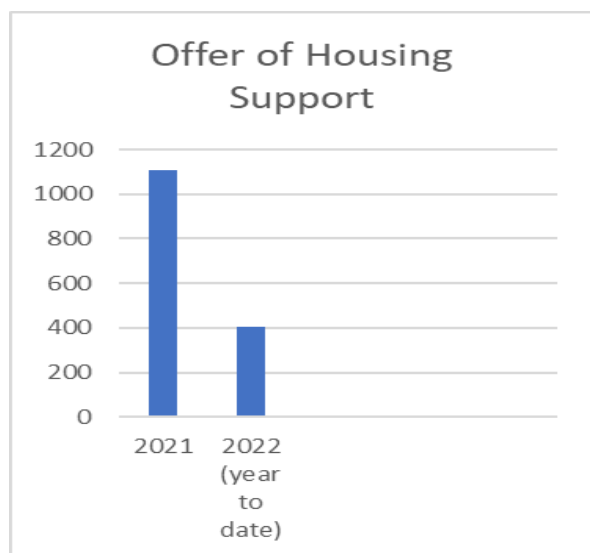
Applicants with active applications can access Choice Based Letting by logging onto <https://cbl.fingal.ie> using their unique username and password. To access their unique username and password applicants must contact [choicebasedlettings@fingal.ie](mailto:choicebasedlettings@fingal.ie) with their housing 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 1,959 passwords have been issued to applicants since the CBL portal opened (08/12/2021) of which 96 were issued during the month of June. In June, 6 properties were advertised across the County.

### Offers of Housing Support

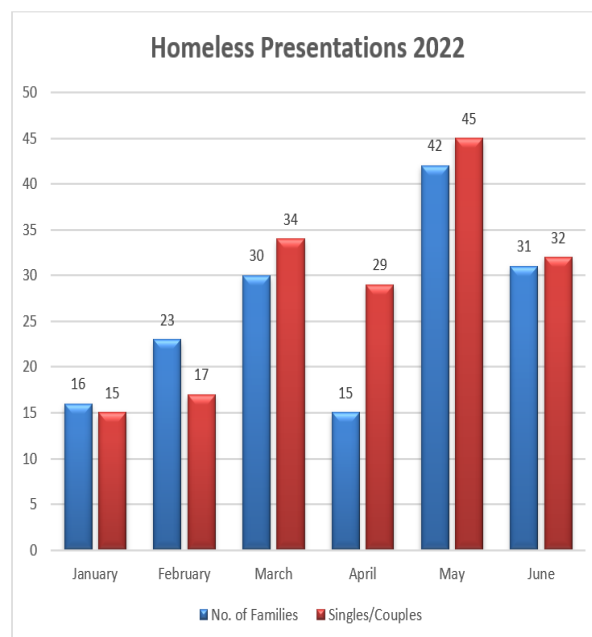
2021 offers shown for comparison



### 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 June 2022 there were 63 new homeless presentations, comprising 31 families and 32 singles/couples. This is an approximate figure up to 24<sup>th</sup> June 2022.



The presentations figure reported is not fully reflective of applicants/potential applicants who we are still engaged with in order to complete assessments.

### Homeless Presentations

Since the beginning of 2022 there has been a marked increase month on month in the numbers of families and single/couples contacting Homeless Services for advice and assistance – see Table below. Over a quarter (27%) of these cases are as a result of a notice to quit having been served. Many of these notices to quit are served on families who have been renting the same property for an extended period of time (over 5 years). The main reasons given for issuing the notice are the landlord intends to sell the property or that a family member will move into the property.

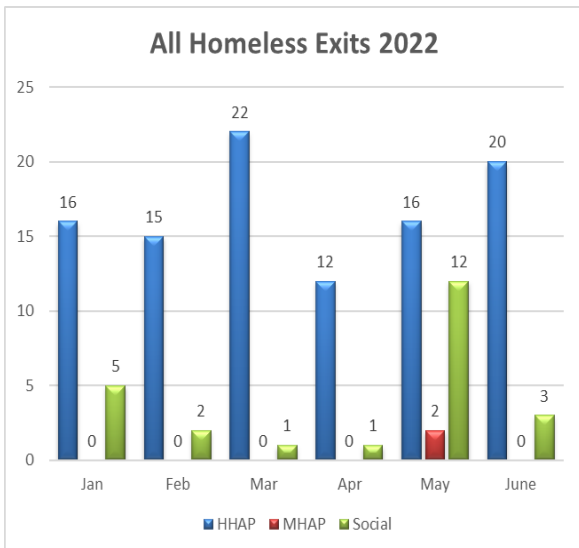


Month	No. of Homeless Presentations	% Increase/decrease – month on month	% increase/decrease based on Jan 2022
January	31	--	--
February	40	129%	129%
March	64	160%	206%
April	44	45%	142%
May	87	198%	281%
June (to date)	64	36%	206%

### Homeless Exits

During June 2022, 27 households exited homeless circumstances into various forms of social housing support - including into private rented tenancies under Homeless HAP.

Homeless HAP accounts for 20 of these tenancies.



### Housing First

Housing First is a proven solution to homelessness for people who have been rough sleeping, and long-term

users of emergency hostels and shelters with high needs around mental health and addiction.

It provides homeless individuals with a stable, secure home of their own as quickly as possible in order to effectively target them with personalized housing and health supports.

These wrap around services, which are provided for as long as needed, help people stay housed and support them in their recovery.

The Peter McVerry Trust manage the Housing First Service across the four Dublin Local Authorities.

### Housing First National Implementation Plan 2022 - 2026

- The recently published Housing First National Implementation Plan 2022 – 2026 sets the yearly breakdown of targets by Local Authority.

Fingal County Council	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Total
Yearly Target	23	23	23	22	22	113

- To date in 2022 there have been 5 Housing First nominations made.
- There are currently an additional 11 files at various stages of preparation – these files will be further advanced in 2022

## Homeless Action Plan 2022- 2024

The DRHE has finalised the draft Homeless Action Plan Framework for Dublin 2022-2024. This Plan is the first plan to be put into operation since Ireland signed the Lisbon Declaration on combatting homelessness in June 2021, which aims to end homelessness by 2030.

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

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

A senior official from the Dublin Region Homeless Executive (DRHE) made a presentation on the Homeless Action Plan at the Housing SPC held on 27<sup>th</sup> June 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](http://www.gov.ie/ukraine)

[Україна українська Україна | Fingal County Council](#)

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](mailto: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 6<sup>th</sup> 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.





**Refurbishment Works, Meakstown Close**

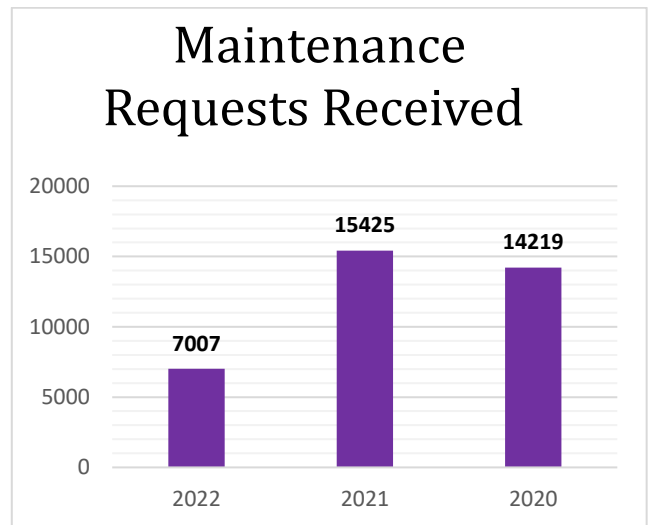
Daily site visits by Housing Inspectors continues on all Fingal County Council Traveller specific sites while checking on vulnerable residents and advising on the continued supports available. Senior members of the executive are engaged on an ongoing basis with residents and liaise with various external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

**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**



**Chimney repairs at Fingal dwelling**

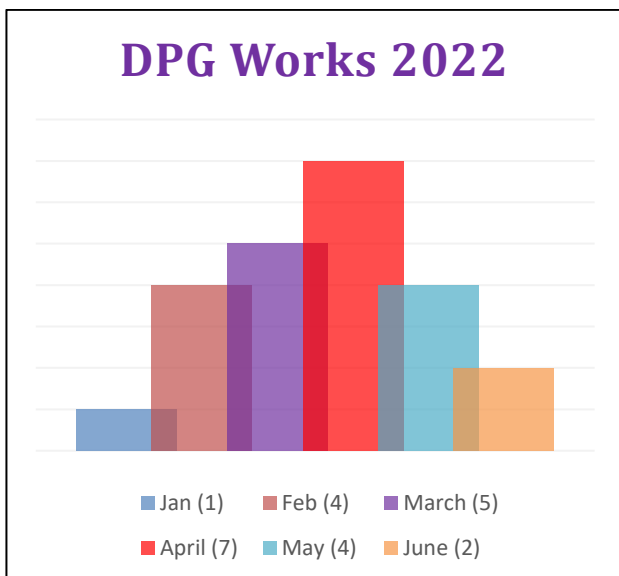


### Graffiti removal in Sheepmoor, Blanchardstown

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

### DPG Works 2022



### 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

June 2022	Active Investigation	Active Monitoring	Closed
Dublin 15	22	3	8
North County	52	19	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>15</b>

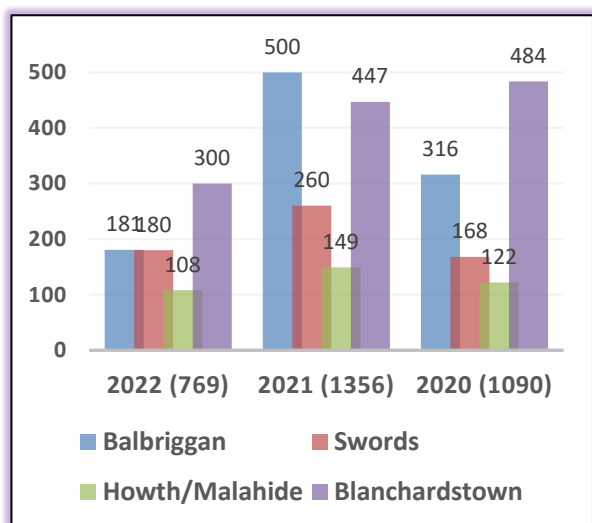
All ASB complaints received are followed up and investigated by a designated team within the ASB Unit and allegations of breaches of tenancy are pursued accordingly. All complaints are received in confidence.

### Surrenders on Estate Management Grounds 2022

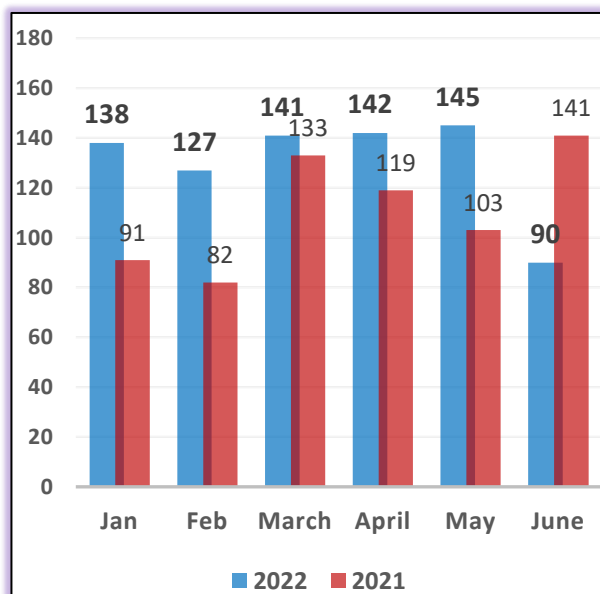
– 0 (Jan), 2 (Feb), 2 (Mar), 5 (Apr), 2 (May), 0 (Jun)



### Area Breakdown 2020-2022



### Monthly Breakdown of Complaints Received 2021-2022



### Anti-Social Interventions

Interviews Held 2022	31
Interviews Held 2021	47
Tenancy Alerts 2022	20
Tenancy Alerts 2021	31
Tenancy Warnings 2022	3
Tenancy Warnings 2021	2

### Inspectorate

Traveller Specific Inspections 2022	807
Traveller Specific Inspections 2021	1746
Estate Inspections 2022	560
Estate Inspections 2021	1202
EM/ASB Inspections 2022	963
EM/ASB Inspections 2021	3117

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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### Community Development Office

#### Ukrainian Response Team

The Ukrainian Response Team within the Community Development Office has continued to support over 700 Ukrainian nationals currently residing in Fingal. Information sessions for Ukrainian guests in Deerpark Hotel, Howth, Hilden house, Lispopple and in Garristown have taken place as have two information sessions for host families, one in Skerries and one in Castleknock. The Castleknock meeting was addressed by the Minister for Integration, Deputy Roderic O'Gorman who answered many of the questions raised by current host families. Families from neighbourhoods and towns from around both areas attended, and further meetings are planned in Swords and Donabate. The services involved in the info

session provided for our Ukrainian guests included DDLETBASE, Tula, Empower, AGS, HSE, Citizen's information, Foroige, and the Community Development and Sports Department.

#### Failte Isteach Projects

The Community Office continues to support existing and newly forming Failte Isteach projects, which provide English conversational classes for Ukrainian, and other refugees in the Fingal area. A new, specialist advanced Failte class opened this week in Donabate/Portrane CC, and further training for potential Failte Isteach volunteers in Holywell, Swords, Howth and Malahide takes place on June 29<sup>th</sup> in Holywell community centre. It is proposed to resume the Holywell Failte Isteach on July 4<sup>th</sup>.





The Community development office is helping co-ordinate the provision of places on FCC- funded summer projects for Ukrainian young people. A dedicated summer camp for Ukrainians, and other, young people will take place in Swords in early August, with support from Acacia and Foroige and Cross care. A call for Expressions of interest from community groups, volunteer groups and community organisations and centres interested in running activities and events for Ukrainians over the summer months has been launched. EOIs should be received by the community office by July 7<sup>th</sup> and all elected members have been forwarded the details of the supports available.

### **Ireland V Ukraine Nations League international match**

The Community & Sports Development Office in partnership with the FAI were able to make 100 tickets available, free of charge, to Ukrainians based in Fingal for the recent Ireland V Ukraine Nations League international match in Dublin, which was appreciated by our Ukrainian guests, who also enjoyed the full-time result.



## The Mayor's Awards 2022

The Mayor's Awards took place on 9<sup>th</sup> June in the Crowne Plaza, Santry. This event, which was attended by 200 people, acknowledged those individuals and groups who have contributed to their communities across Fingal. On the evening, seven Local Electoral Area Winners were awarded with two Special Merit Awards presented to Dublin Civil Defence and Stephen Ennis from the Liam Rodgers Centre for the amazing job that they did over the last few months in looking after people fleeing from the war in Ukraine. A further 21 individuals and groups received certificates on the evening with 75 individuals and groups receiving certificates of appreciation in recognition of their work in the community post event. This highly successful event was delivered by cross departmental collaboration across the organisation by Community Development, Corporate (Communications Team & CE's Office), and EETCD (Events) Departments.



## IPB Pride of Place Competition 2022

Following the recent success of Fingal Community Office supported groups in Killarney last month, support is now being offered to three further community and voluntary groups/areas to prepare them for this year's IPB Pride of Place Awards Competition. Judging in the competition will take place in Fingal in early September. The community of Mountview in Dublin 15 will represent Fingal in the Urban Neighbourhoods category this year, while Oldtown in North County Dublin and Balbriggan Men's Shed will represent the council in the populations between 300 and 1000, and the Community Wellbeing categories, respectively. The Oldtown 47 Festival forms part of Oldtown's entry.



Balbriggan Men's shed will highlight how they are linked to several projects taking place in Balbriggan, including the Thrive Balbriggan Mental Health project. In Mountview the many active local community projects and facilities who work together will form the backbone of the entry. Pride of Place recognises 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.



### Let's Play Rush – Open for Play & Cruinniú na nÓg Story Trail, Kenure Park

The 10th June 2022 was a wonderful day of free play in Rush. The morning kicked off with the opening of the second story trail in Fingal "The Lonely Beast" in Kenure Woods, one of many events for Cruinniú na nÓg 2022. The afternoon saw a first for Fingal in the opening of a public street "Chapel Lane" for Play from 12 – 3pm. There was music, giant Jenga building, chalking, and space made for fun and free play for all in the street. The event was a huge success and put Play firmly on the map for Rush!



"Let's Play Rush" is an Urbact Playful Cities Paradigm project that follows the lead of Cork City making opportunities for play part of our daily lives from 0 – 99. More events are planned for the rest of the year including a sports day in August. Events like this would not be possible without the support of Community Volunteers in Rush Tidy Towns, all the members of the Urbact Local Group working collectively with the various departments in Fingal County Council. There is no doubt play is a wonderful

mechanism to promote inclusion, intergenerational engagement, resilience, healthy lifestyles. Play is a serious matter and can make the difference for a better urban future of cities and towns.



## Fingal Comhairle na nÓg

The Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth's (DCEDIY) is currently reforming the Youth Services Grant Scheme (YSGS), which funds voluntary youth organisations in Ireland. One young person has been chosen to represent Fingal Comhairle na nÓg on the YSGS Advisory Group.

In the last month, one representative from Fingal Comhairle na nÓg was nominated and chosen as one of the five speakers to attend the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Environment and Climate Action. This representative was given the opportunity to discuss youth perspectives on climate challenges.

Fingal County Council's Biodiversity Officer, Hans Visser gave a presentation on the biodiversity plan at the June meeting. Some of the members had been linking with Hans in a consultation for this plan.

## Dine Together and Let's Talk' Fingal Women's Caucus



Dine Together and Let's Talk event brought over 25 women together from across elected female representatives in Fingal County Council to Fingal Public Participation Network representatives and



participants of the She Leads We Lead Community Leadership programme. The event was held on the 8<sup>th</sup> June 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.

This was a joint initiative of the Fingal Community Development Office and the Fingal Womens Caucus. Mayor of Fingal Cllr Seána ÓRodaigh, Chief Executive of Fingal County Council, AnnMarie Farrelly and Chairperson of the Women's Caucus, Cllr. Karen Power spoke during the event and further discussion and wider exchange of view took place over the evening.

### **Fortlawn Community Garden**

The Fortlawn Community Garden is in full swing this summer. The collaboration between the centre, Community Officer and other Council departments along with community representatives and stakeholders such as Foroige, Woodvale Residents Association, Hope Childcare, NYP, National Learning Network and the Daughters of Charity can be seen in how the work in the garden is progressing. There is currently a sustainable gardening course running which has been funded by the Environment Department. Our Operations team have now completed alterations to all 3 raised beds and have made the front bed accessible for people with disabilities and older people. Many groups are now taking time to use the community garden space and are working on planting and developing the garden

to make it an enjoyable and accessible space for all the community. Watch this space over the coming weeks as more groups get stuck into planting and developing the garden.

Images below show the Nergz Art Kurdish group hosting a picnic for the children's culture school and the Kurdish Womens group. A great day was had by all.



### **FACILITIES**

#### **Mayor's Awards wins for the Fingal Community Facilities Network**

Chris Sullivan from Huntstown Community Centre, Catherine Coady from Castleknock Community Centre, and Stephen Ennis of Fingal Liam Rodgers

Centre all received Special Recognition Awards at the 2022 Mayor's Awards ceremony last week.



For Chris and Catherine, the awards were given to acknowledge their support and contribution to their community, especially to older residents during Covid-19. One example of the outstanding support Catherine provided over lockdown was organising a weekly coffee and scone drop to 120 cocooning members of the community. Chris and the staff in Huntstown were a credit to their community and got involved in organising food parcels with the Fingal Response Team, as well as providing Acorn tablets to cocooning residents to connect them with their families.

### **Fingal Community Facilities Network Breakfast Meeting at Castleknock CC**

Members of the Fingal Community Facilities Network met at the Castleknock Community Centre at Laurel Lodge for the most recent Network breakfast meeting, held on June 22nd. The main topic was facility insurance, which was addressed in a presentation by representatives BHP Insurance, who

cover most the Network members' facility policies. The topic of insurance was on the agenda with the aim of exploring negotiations for insurance premium discounts for the network and to clarify key areas of concern around adequate insurance and indemnity cover.

Other topics at the meeting included discussion around rental rates in community facilities with a presentation from the Community Facilities Support Unit based on a recent survey distributed by the unit to facility managers.



### **INTERAGENCY**

#### **Voter Information Booklets**

Fingal Integration Forum has collated a 'Know Your Vote' Information Book with funding leveraged by the Community Office from the Department of Rural & Community Development and with the support of the Integration Team and information from Corporate



Services and has distributed copies of this to all Fingal Libraries so that it is accessible to all citizens. The 'know your vote' booklet has been translated into the top 15 most spoken languages in Fingal.



100 groups to deliver a community lunch in Fingal this year.



### Street Feast 2022

Fingal's Community Office has collaborated with Street Feast - A lovely lunch with your neighbours. Street Feast is Ireland's National Day of Community lunches—it's about building community and tackling isolation, getting together with neighbours to share food and enjoy some conversation and camaraderie on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June. The aim for Street Feast under a service level agreement with the council is to target

### INTEGRATION

#### Fingal Africa Day Celebrations

Fingal Integration Forum celebrated Africa Day by bringing us "Beauty in Diversity" on 25 May in Donabate Portrane Community Centre. This event was in collaboration with The Fingal Integration Team and the Department of Foreign Affairs / Irish Aid, and it included tastes, colours, sounds and stories from many parts of Africa.







Fingal Ethnic Network Celebrated Africa Day on the 28<sup>th</sup> of May with a parade around Laurel Lodge in Castleknock followed by a "Celebrating African Culture and Heritage" event in Castleknock Community Centre.



### Fingal Traveller Creative Engagement Project

Housing, Libraries, Community Development Office, Sports Division and The Fingal Integration Team collaborated on a project to create positive engagement with the Traveller Community using their own setting as the site for a Family Fun Day at Lissenhall. On the day there was excitement at all the activities such as storytelling, face painting, soccer, art classes and mobile library services which were in great demand on the day! Many interesting conversations also took place over a cuppa.







### Age friendly

### The Mayor hosts an Afternoon tea for the FOPC



On the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 2022 the Mayor hosted an afternoon tea in the Walled Garden, Newbridge House, as a token of her appreciation and gratitude to Fingal's Older Peoples Council (FOPC) for their ongoing dedication and commitment as the ***Voice of the older people in Fingal*** during Covid and beyond. Special guests *The Forget me nots* choir entertained the members with a repertoire of songs that was as uplifting as it was entertaining and memorable.



Following a presentation by the Mayor to each of the members, it was the turn of OPC member to entertain and delight with poetry recitals, singing and songs played on the ukulele. The Mayor was not shy and sang a version of "***I'll tell me ma***" to the delight of all attending.



For more details on the Fingal Older People's Council (FOPC) email [community@fingal.ie](mailto:community@fingal.ie)

### Sports Office

### Go ALL Out Inclusive Outdoors

The Sports Office supports the CARA Go All Out Week which aims to increase awareness among people with disabilities, their families/carers and outdoor activity providers on the benefits of regular

exercise, a healthy lifestyle, and opportunities to participate in physical activity, of people's own choosing in the outdoors. In conjunction with Active Travel, Fingal Sport Office will offer a range of activities aimed at Adult Day Services from July 18th – 24th to showcase the already existing inclusive facilities and activities including Millennium Park Orienteering, Cycling Malahide Park, River Valley Park Walk, Skerries South Beach Walk and canoeing on the estuary in Malahide.



### Accessible Bike

As part of Fingal Sports Office's Inclusion work we have procured the Dresien Bliss Bike, a battery assisted bike that gives people unable to leave their wheelchair safe access to Cycling.

The Bike was delivered at the start of June and is earmarked for St Michael's House, Baldoyle. In order to ensure the Bike gets as much use as possible we have loaned it to DLRC Sports Partnership for the Summer Months for use in their Mobility Hub along

the coastal mobility route. The Bike has been extremely popular and is a great example of local authorities working together for the people we serve.



The Bike will be back in Fingal Mid-August where training will be provided for staff in SMH. The Sports Office will work in conjunction with the Walking and Cycling Officers then to maximise the usage of this wonderful asset.

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### Fingal ParkFit Sessions

The Sports Office is starting free outdoor exercise classes in Meakstown, Millennium Park, Balbriggan, Tyrrelstown. The classes are open to all levels of ability and are delivered by qualified coaches. Classes start at the end of June and will run for the entire summer.





## PPN



### PPN Linkage Groups

Fingal PPN concluded its second round of linkage groups. Linkage Groups are the thematic networks at the core of the PPN. They are the main vehicles through which the PPN advocates for the Community. The PPN has 5 Linkage Groups:

- Arts, Community, Heritage and Sports
- Climate Change, Environment and Water
- Community Safety
- Housing, Planning and Transport
- Social Inclusion, Rural Development, Youth and Enterprise

This round saw the election of four new PPN Representatives to the SPCs, along with three existing PPN representatives securing a second term.

### Memorandum of Understanding

The Memorandum of Understanding between FCC and PPN was also finalised and completed. The MOU outlines the roles and responsibilities of Fingal County Council and Fingal Public Participation Network regarding the delivery of the Public Participation structures and activities.

### Fingal LGBTI+ Engage Pilot Project.

Back in April, Fingal PPN in joint initiative with LGBT Ireland, Outcomers, Fingal LCDC and Fingal County Council Community & Sports Office, secured dormant accounts funding to undertake a Fingal LGBTI+ Engage Pilot Project. The pilot is to explore the engagement of the LGBTI Marginalised Community in the LECF process. On June 9th, the project's Stakeholders met to discuss the initial stages of the project.

### Funding

In June 2022 Full Council approved the awarding of

**41 Summer Projects** totalling - €33,252.00

**26 June Activity Funding** totalling - €48,396.00

**13 Sports Funding** totalling - €29,802.33

# ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE ACTION & ACTIVE TRAVEL

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### 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. All postal submissions have been processed and have been successfully uploaded onto the consultation portal. A draft report on the consultation phase has been submitted and is currently being reviewed by the Active Travel team.

### Protected Cycle 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. Epoxy resin works are ongoing on Howth Road and is weather dependent.





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

The contractor is busy with junction buildouts along all the minor junctions on St. Cronan's Avenue.



## Towns & Villages

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





Construction of bike parking bases at Swords Manor Playground and St. Ita's A.F.C

**Road Safety**

**School Warden Recruitment Update**

Following a recent recruitment drive, 9 candidates were interviewed for the position of temporary reserve school warden on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June. A panel has now been created with 7 successful applicants included.

All applicants will now be garda vetted and once this is approved, training will be arranged over the summer months so that Wardens can be included on the reserve panel for the new school year from September 2022. We wish all new wardens the best of luck in their new roles.



**Cycling without Age Fingal**

Cycling without Age is now up and running in St. Catherines Park with the online booking system now available for members of the public to book a spin.

The storage units for the remaining two locations in Skerries and Baldoye have now been delivered to our Watery Lane depot and are due to be placed in their designated areas in the coming weeks so that we can launch in these locations as soon as possible.

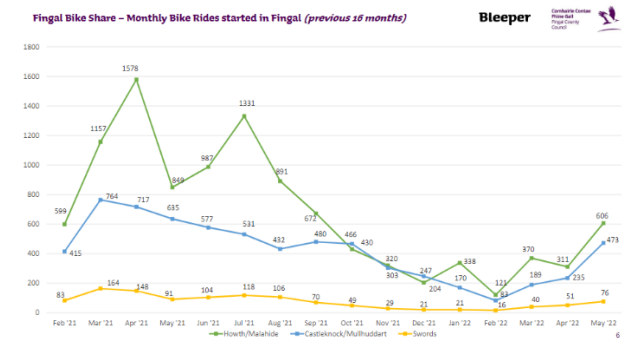
We are really looking forward to expanding this initiative to these additional locations.



**Bleeper**

**May Stats – Bike Share Countywide:**

1563 bike journeys started within Fingal operating zone in May up from 904 in April
1572 bike journeys ended within existing Fingal operating zone in May
Highest usage recorded on Saturdays with 23.80% followed by Sundays with 20.92%
Howth train station was the most popular location for bike share
Average number of 142 bikes in Fingal – (SLA for 120 bikes) for hire each day of the month
7 Ukrainians at the Shoreline Hotel location have been provided with free use of Bleeper bikes and took a total of 26 trips in May





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

Our Swords Men's Walk & Talk Group featured in The Irish Times on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June, a lovely article about the increasing popularity of Men's Walking Groups. The full article can be found at the link [Here](#)

A number of Councillors have recently joined the group as well



Swords Walk Leader – Michael Macken



### Learn 2 Cycle with a Disability

We have two new Learn 2 Cycle with a Disability Courses that started on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June in Donabate Community Centre. These courses have proved extremely popular in Fingal, so much so that we have extended the Monday night course in Applewood right up until November.



### Balbriggan ETNS – Be Active Week - Roll or Stroll Event

As part of the Balbriggan ETNS Be Active Week, the school are encouraging students and staff to Walk, Cycle or Scoot to school for 3 of the 5 days to receive a Medal. This is part of our schools engagement plan to raise awareness of Active Travel and the associated benefits. Over 200 Children took part in the challenge.

# Balbriggan ETNS

ROLL OR STROLL

During Get Active Week we want you to Cycle, Walk or Scoot to School

Use Active Travel for 3 days to receive your Medal!



## Launch of Fingal e-bike share pilot scheme

### E-bikes Roll into Fingal County as Council partners with TIER

On a sunny Monday afternoon, 20<sup>th</sup> June, the Active Travel team launched Fingal's first e-bike share pilot scheme in partnership with TIER Mobility Limited. This exciting project involves the initial rollout of 100 battery power-assisted bicycles, also known as e-bikes, in Blanchardstown, Swords, Malahide, Baldoyle, Portmarnock and Howth.

The state-of-the-art, distinctive aqua-coloured, climate-friendly e-bikes are now available for residents and visitors to Fingal to unlock and take a spin. E-bikes offer battery power to help you along your journey and choosing an e-bike could prove the smarter way to get wherever you're going. With up to

80km battery life, TIER e-bikes are ideal for longer journeys or trips where a little extra oomph might come in handy as the battery power kicks in after a moment or two of pedalling and helps you get moving.

You can pick up a TIER e-bike easily. Just download the TIER app, scan the code on the e-bike to unlock it and you're on your way! The e-bikes are suitable for anyone over the age of 16 and note that a credit or debit card is required to sign up for the service.





## Naul Cycle

The Active travel team were delighted to provide support to Holy Family N.S on their annual 40km return cycle from Swords to the Naul. On Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June at 9.30am, members of the Active Travel team along with teachers and children of Holy family National School, Swords eagerly set off from the school and arrived at the Seamus Ennis Centre in the Naul at 11:30am. Here all participants enjoyed a bite to eat before heading on the journey back to Holy Family NS arriving back to the school at 2:30pm. The cycle was organised and led by Tommy Duffy, a Cycle Right approved trainer who is also a teacher in Holy Family and has spent many years training 6<sup>th</sup> class students on the rules of the road and cycling safely. Approximately 50 x 6<sup>th</sup> class students took part in the cycle and they had a blast! This cycle was a huge success with help from the local gardai and a motor bike escort to ensure the safety of all involved.



## **Community Car Skerries re-Launch**

Fingal County Council were delighted to relaunch the "Community Car" Service in Skerries on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June. This valuable service offers transport to older persons and those with limited mobility so they can make it to essential medical appointments, pharmacy visits and the shops. Community Car also brings people to religious services, the post office and to

social gatherings. The service is a lifeline for those who find it impossible to travel alone or struggle with access to public transport and is aimed at addressing social rural exclusion and allowing people to remain an active part of the Community.

The Community Car will be based in Skerries however we are delighted to be in a position to expand the provision of this service to new areas across the County to also include trips from Donabate, Portrane, Rush and Lusk.



## **Draft Fingal County Council Control of On-Street Bike Hire Bye-Laws 2022**

The Draft Fingal County Council control of on-street bike hire bye-laws 2022 were recently presented to the Transportation and Infrastructure SPC on 7<sup>th</sup> June.

It is proposed to put the draft Bye-Laws on public display in the coming weeks. All submissions received will be carefully considered. The Bye-Laws will then be brought to Full Council for adoption.

## Climate Action

The second Dublin Climate Action Week is in planning and will take place from the 12th -17th September. The week, which is being organised and delivered by the partnership of South Dublin County Council, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, Dublin City Council, Fingal County Council, Codema – Dublin's Energy Agency and the Dublin Climate Action Regional Office (CARO), will showcase the ongoing efforts, ambitions and the collaborative approach of the four Dublin local authorities, in addressing climate action. For more info see: <https://www.fingal.ie/.../second-dublin-climate-action...> #DCAW22



World Sand Dune Awareness Day was on Saturday 25th June. A guided educational walk of Portmarnock Sand Dune was organised by Clean Coasts and Portmarnock Community Association on 29th June and events supported and promoted by CARO and Fingal County Council.



## Environmental Awareness

As part of National Food Waste Recycling Week over 1000 food waste kitchen caddies were given out to members of the public through the seven hub Community Centres. These were available for collection and were promoted by Fingal on social media. Schools and creches availed of the offer.

Litter pickers are continuously given out at the seven hub community centres. 150 Litter Pickers and 50 doggie dispensers were given out to FCC staff through the reception desks at Swords and Blanchardstown.

The 23 Fingal schools awarded new Green Flags in 2022 have received €250 prizes payment from FCC for their achievements - these funds will be used for sustainable projects in the schools. The Schools list is here <https://www.fingal.ie/green-schools/>. St Brigids School Castleknock received funding to install a water bottle filler as part of their initiative to eliminate single use water bottles in the school. Edmund Rice College received a payment of €1,000 towards their garden project which will include a poly tunnel and raised beds. St Patricks Senior National School Corduff Dublin 15 received a drum kit from the Instruments Project.

Baleskin Migrant Reception Centre received 5 guitars for residents at the centre. 10 Repaired Bikes (5 Adults and 5 childrens) were given to residents of the Baleskin Reception Centre in June again in partnership with the Rediscovery Centre. Director Dave Storey visited the Centre to see the projects.

Gum Litter Task Force were facilitated by Blanchardstown Shopping Centre to hold an awareness event on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June. They were joined by Fingal Litter Wardens and Dog wardens, and Blanchardstown Tidy Towns for the event.

Environmental Awareness Officer Sinead Fox was interviewed on Phoenix FM to talk about the Anti litter Anti Graffiti winners and projects and also Fingal Repair and ReUse projects.





*Balseskin Reception Centre Manager Una Murray with Dave Storey viewing the mural funded under the Anti Litter Anti Graffiti funding. Residents from the Balseskin centre painted the mural which was facilitated by an artist.*

### **Bring Centres**

### **Bottle Banks**

Bottle banks have been installed at two new locations in Fingal. One at the Red Arches car park, Coast Road, Baldoyle and one at Skerries Mills.



*New Bottle Bank facilities Red Arches Car Park Coast Road Baldoyle*



*New Bottle Bank Facility Skerries Mills Skerries Co Dublin*

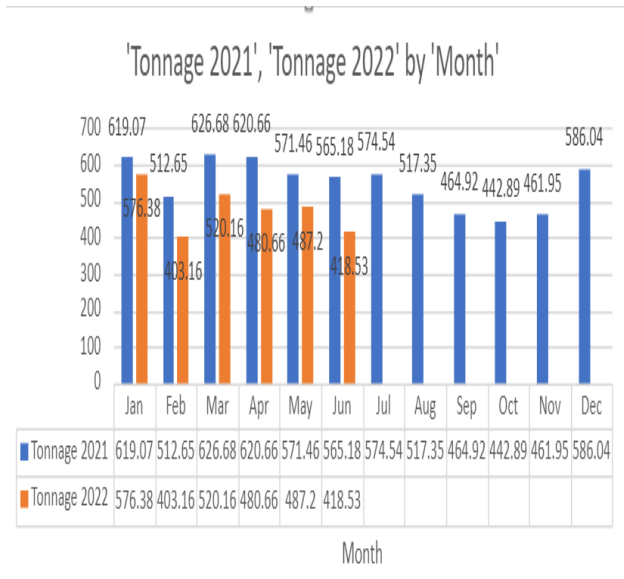
The program of painting and graffiti of bottle banks has continued throughout June.



*Freshly Painted Bottle Banks at Lusk Roundtowers GAA Club Lusk Co Dublin and graffiti at Portrane removed*

## Glass Tonnage Report for June 2022 year to date compared to 2021

There were 418.53 tons of glass collected for recycling up to 24<sup>th</sup> June 2022. This is compared to 565.18 tons which were collected in June 2021. This reduction reflects the tonnages of glass collected returning to pre-covid levels.



## Textile Banks

### Textile Tonnage Report for 2022 compared to 2021

There were 19.61 tons of textile collected for recycling throughout Fingal's network in May 2022 June figures not available until next month.



## New Textile Bank at Seatown Staff Carpark Swords.

The Environment have been in contact with local schools in the Green Schools program with a view to involving students in the Textile Recycling and making the textile bank in the staff car park available for use by students at certain times.



## Litter Management

There were 241 planned inspections carried out in June 2022.

There is one court cases listed for June 2022.

There were no fines issued for dog fouling in June 22

Month	Fines issued 2021	Warning Notices Issued 2021	Fines Issued 2022	Warning Notices Issued 2022
June	47	49	20	41



## Abandoned Cars

The Abandoned Cars Pilot scheme is continuing.

Year 2022	No. of Abandoned Vehicles Removed
Mar	3
Apr	2
May	1
June	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>

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

## Dog Licences

Door to door licence checks have been carried out by the dog wardens this month in the following locations. Failure to hold a valid licence for a dog can incur a €100 fine.

Estate	Area
Gainsborough	Malahide
Applewood	Swords
Orchard Grove, Green and Court	Dublin 15
Coolmine Lawn	Dublin 15
Laraghcon	Lucan
Thornmanby	Howth
Casana View	Howth
Woodcliffe Heights	Howth

## Revenue from dog licence sales have decreased this month by €19,100.

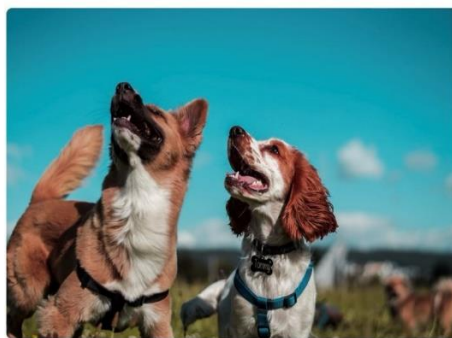
	Annual Licences Purchased	Lifetime Licences Purchased	Income from Licences
May	1227	132	€42,820
June	647	77	€23,720

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



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...](https://licences.ie/LAS/Home/Lice...), or at any Post Office. Fee: €20.00 per year, Lifetime Licence €140.00.



## Dog Warden Service

256, 10 day notices have been issued to members of the public through both door to door licence checks and patrols in Fingal's parks and beaches. The table below shows the number of 10 Day Notices issued this month, number of fines that have been issued and revenue received as a result of fines issued.

	10 Day Notices	Fines Issued	Fines Paid	Payment Received
May	418	11	5	€500
June	256	40	2	€200

The total amount of receipted dog fines this year is €1,900.

Additional beach patrols are taking place during the summer months in order to optimise bathing water quality and retain the status of Fingal's 3 blue flag beaches.

### 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 & GREETs**  
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 June, 12 dogs were found straying and 5 dogs was surrendered.

Of these 21 dogs, 7 have been rehomed through rescue centres or to members of the public and 2 dogs have been reclaimed by their owners. 8 dogs remain in the shelter at the end of May.

Dogs in Shelter at the start of April	4
Stray dogs brought to Shelter	12
Surrendered by owners	5
Reclaimed	2
Rehomed to Rescue	5
Rehomed to Public	2
Dogs in Shelter at the end of March	8



Molly who found her forever home this month and Bailey who is looking for her forever home

### Horses

As a result of the horse round up and health inspection carried out at Dunsink landfill on the 27<sup>th</sup> of May, 11 colts and stallions have now been castrated by a veterinary surgeon and will be returned to their owners at the landfill on Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> of June.





## Water Quality Protection

### Santry River Restoration Project

Dublin City Council have appointed consulting engineers Nicholas Dwyer Ltd to undertake a study into the Santry River which will include river restoration proposals, flood relief and cycle routes. The study will cover both the Fingal and Dublin City portions of the river. It is likely that the project if it is to go ahead will require the approval of An Bord Pleanala and if this is the case Fingal County Council may need to enter into a section 86 agreement with Dublin City Council to allow them to make an application which includes the Fingal portion of the river

## Bathing Water

### Bathing Water Quality Results

Name of Beach	24th May Pre Season	7th June	13th June
Balbriggan, Front Strand	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
Skerries, South Beach	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
Loughshinny Beach	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
Rush, North Beach	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
Rush, South Beach	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
Donabate, Balcarrick Beach	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
Portrane, The Brook Beach	Excellent	Excellent	Good
Portmarnock, Velvet Strand	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
Sutton, Burrow Beach	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent

Howth, Claremont Beach	Sufficient	Excellent	Excellent
Malahide Beach	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent

The bathing water quality results to date are shown in the table above. Resamples were taken at Claremont beach on the 27<sup>th</sup> May following a sufficient pre-season result, the resample showed a return to excellent water quality. A resample was also taken at Portrane on the 16<sup>th</sup> June following a good result, the resample also result showed a return to excellent water quality.

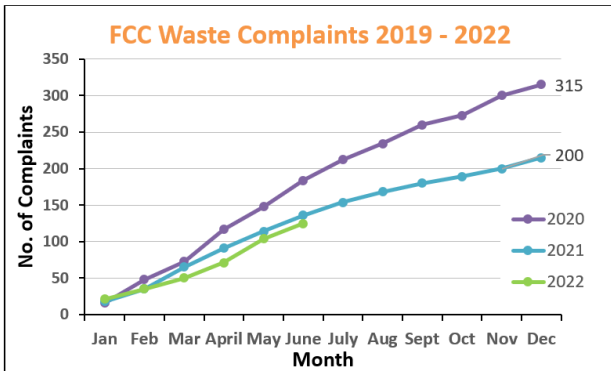
The Fingal Alerts service is available for beaches for anyone who wants to register to get results sent directly to their email or telephone number. Alternatively, check out the national website [www.beaches.ie](http://www.beaches.ie) or Fingal website for news items here; [Beaches and Bathing Water Quality Information | Fingal County Council](#). Email queries on water quality at the bathing waters can be sent to [bathingwaters@fingal.ie](mailto:bathingwaters@fingal.ie). Reports of water pollution should still be sent to [environment@fingal.ie](mailto:environment@fingal.ie).

## Waste Enforcement

### Waste Complaints

A total of 15 waste complaints were investigated during June. Complaints consisted mainly of backyard storage/burning of waste and illegal dumping/fly tipping issues. Year to date a total of 125 waste complaints have been received and investigated involving 211 inspections and 160 working days. Information in relation to unauthorised sites or illegal collectors can be forwarded to [environment@fingal.ie](mailto:environment@fingal.ie).

Month	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June
Complaints	16	15	18	32	31	15
Inspections	28	25	30	33	51	44





## **Environmental Inspection Plan Progress**

Significant work has been undertaken in relation to the Environmental Inspection Plan 2022 up to June 2022. In relation to waste enforcement regular patrols are being undertaken with assistance from Local Gardai at known blackspot areas where illegal dumping and unauthorised End of Life Vehicle activity is an issue. Work continues in relation to the End of Life Vehicle Project with several inspections undertaken during Q2 at newly identified illegal breaking yards with repeat inspections ongoing at remaining sites where enforcement action is being taken. A number of legal files have been prepared and will be dealt with in the district court in Q3.

Waste collection permit (WCP) and Waste facility permit (WFP) validations of annual waste returns are progress well with over 50 completed to date. Review of the annual returns are an important task to ensure all waste entering/leaving facilities are accounted for and the correct waste codes used. On site verification of waste data is another important task to ensure that waste data submitted is accurate and reflects conditions on the ground.

<b>Category</b>	<b>Planned Inspections 2022</b>	<b>Inspections Completed Q1 – Q2</b>
<b>Waste Enforcement</b>	<b>1007</b>	<b>458</b>
<b>Water Pollution</b>	<b>940</b>	<b>535</b>
<b>Litter Management</b>	<b>2060</b>	<b>1350</b>
<b>Air &amp; Noise Pollution</b>	<b>334</b>	<b>182</b>

# FINANCE

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The table below outlines key financial statics at the end of 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 May is running at €13.2m this is c. **37%** of the overall collection during 2021.

Development Levy Income	
Levies Receipted €M	13.2
Levies collected as % of 2021	37%

## 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	
<b>Procurements ongoing at end of April</b>		
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 Dunsogly 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

## Appendix 1 - Financial Reports

Refer to Appendix 1 for the following reports:-

- Revenue Account Income & expenditure to 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2022
- Capital Account Income & Expenditure to 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2022
- Summary of Corporate Debtors to 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2022

### REVENUE ACCOUNT INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION AT 30 JUNE 2022

	EXPENDITURE			INCOME			NET
	Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent to date	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised	€
Housing & Building	37,141,595	79,782,200	47%	38,742,308	84,923,500	46%	-1,600,713
Road Transport & Safety	15,537,722	27,382,500	57%	4,312,416	7,864,900	55%	11,225,306
Water Services	8,954,273	13,762,800	65%	8,358,936	17,450,600	48%	595,337
Development Management	7,335,784	16,534,600	44%	2,066,880	5,081,600	41%	5,268,904
Environmental Services	21,551,993	44,689,200	48%	4,712,803	6,821,800	69%	16,839,190
Recreation & Amenity	19,785,300	40,855,700	48%	982,855	1,680,300	58%	18,802,445
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	352,788	1,307,200	27%	174,146	296,600	59%	178,642
Miscellaneous Services	25,253,328	28,343,100	89%	18,205,181	12,395,000	147%	7,048,147
Central Management Charge	21,768,730	47,129,600	46%	1,544,021	3,518,900	44%	20,224,709
Local Property Tax / GPG				3,757,300	7,514,600	50%	-3,757,300
Rates				76,119,550	152,239,100	50%	-76,119,550
	<b>157,681,511</b>	<b>299,786,900</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>158,976,395</b>	<b>299,786,900</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>-1,294,884</b>



**CAPITAL ACCOUNT**  
**INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 30/06/2022**

	Balance at 01/01/2022 €	Expenditure YTD €	Income YTD €	Balance at 30/06/2022 €
A Housing & Building	-43,437,957	35,839,502	-24,615,733	-32,214,188
B Road Transport & Safety	17,743,232	22,493,228	-4,615,374	35,621,086
C Water Services	-12,702,629	594,638	1,118,086	-10,989,905
Development	-			
D Management	133,792,824	16,993,644	-17,186,471	-133,985,651
E Environmental Services	-21,282,804	1,827,775	-735,294	-20,190,323
F Recreation & Amenity	-12,695,789	10,912,707	-384,595	-2,167,677
H Miscellaneous Services	-55,983,832	12,313,188	-11,081,273	-54,751,917
<b>Total</b>	<b>262,152,603</b>	<b>100,974,684</b>	<b>-57,500,654</b>	<b>-218,678,573</b>

<b>SUMMARY OF CORPORATE DEBTORS TO 30/06/2022</b>				
	Balance at 01/01/2022*	Balance at 30/06/2022	Current debt	> 1 Year
	€	€	€	€
<b>RATES**</b>	<b>3,445,254</b>	<b>70,015,803</b>	<b>66,012,675</b>	<b>4,003,128</b>
<b>LOANS</b>	<b>1,972,344</b>	<b>2,057,855</b>	<b>300,348</b>	<b>1,757,507</b>
<b>RENTS</b>	<b>8,567,636</b>	<b>9,369,880</b>	<b>4,473,191</b>	<b>4,896,689</b>

\*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

<b>Sustainable Transport Measures Grants: 2022 Allocations</b>		
<b>Project Code:</b>	<b>Project Name &amp; Funding Allocation 2022</b>	<b>Comments</b>
FCC/19/005	Schools Streets non SRTS €100,000	
FCC/20/000	Bicycle Parking (Covid) €150,000	Contractor is busy installing the last tranche of secure bicycle parking infrastructure under this contract. Additional bike parking facilities will be available to the public by July for Portrane Tower Bay Carpark, St. Ita's A.F.C, Thornleigh Playground, Broadmeadow Basketball Court and Swords Manor Playground.
FCC/20/0006	Safe Routes to Schools Programme – Infrastructure (with NTA) €1,500,000	This month we received Parent surveys for Castaheny 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.
FCC/21/0001	Snugborough Road – NAC to Ongar €400,000	Tender assessment completed and currently in process of appointing consultant in order to commence design work at the end of June.
FCC/21/0002	Baldoyle to Howth €1,700,000	Junction upgrade works at Baldoyle Road/Dublin Road are ongoing.



		<p>Electrical works paused subject to delivery of key traffic equipment to enable upgrade.</p> <p>Epoxy resin works on cycle lanes continuing weather dependant.</p> <p>Bollard snag works completed.</p>
FCC/21/0002	<p>Baldoyle to Howth Phase 2 (Dublin Road to Dublin Street)</p> <p>€1,250,000</p>	<p>Review for the options report for phase two review has been completed and the report has been issued back to the consultant for items to address.</p>
FCC/21/0006	<p>Clonee to Blanchardstown Shopping Centre</p> <p>€250,000</p>	<p>Design brief and contract documents being drafted for the appointment of an engineering consultant in Q3' 2022.</p>
FCC/21/XXX	<p>FCC Castleknock to Blanchardstown via Farmleigh</p> <p>€50,000</p>	<p>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.</p>
FCC/22/0005	<p>St.Cronan's Ave &amp; Brackenstown Rd</p> <p>€3,490,413.88</p>	<p>Concrete footpath repairs along St. Cronan's Avenue are now complete and grass margins reinstated. The contractor is progressing minor junction upgrades into housing estates along St. Cronan's at Cianlea and Ardcian Park junctions. Works will move onto Brackenstown Road and in front of schools in July.</p>
FCC/22/XXX	<p>Hartstown/Huntstown/Mountview Rd D1</p> <p>€1,100,000</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
FCC/22/XXX	<p>Rathingle/Rivervalley Rd. Swords</p> <p>€1,200,000</p>	<p>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</p>

FCC/22/XXX	R132 Ministers Rd to Blakes Cross + Kilhedge Lane €550,000	Speed limit reduction progressing with the assistance of Operations/Traffic Department. Currently preparing documentation for Notice to Garda Commissioner and Presentation to council members. Project briefing and presentation scheduled for members.
FCC/22/XXX	Seatown Roundabout to Estuary Rd (Swords to Malahide) €1,225,000	Tender evaluation complete and recommendation for appointment of consultant notified to Central Procurement Unit. Letter of Appointment to be issued to consultant and contract commencement in early July for Options Report and Detailed Design.
FCC/22/XXX	Donabate to Portrane (R126) - Distributor Road to Portrane Avenue €1,225,000	Tender evaluation complete and recommendation for appointment of consultant notified to Central Procurement Unit. Letter of Appointment to be issued to consultant and contract commencement in early July for Options Report and Detailed Design.
FCC/22/XXX	Balbriggan – Coney Hill from Devlin Bridge to Bremore Cottages €925,000	Tender evaluation complete and recommendation for appointment of consultant notified to Central Procurement Unit. Letter of Appointment to be issued to consultant and contract commencement in early July for Options Report and Detailed Design.
FCC/22/XXX	Skerries – Harbour Road (footpath build outs) €925,000	Tender evaluation complete and recommendation for appointment of consultant notified to Central Procurement Unit. Letter of Appointment to be issued to consultant and contract commencement in early July for Options Report and Detailed Design.

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 will be going out to the market in the coming weeks. We are currently in discussions and engagement of behavioural change experts to look at International review of existing



		applications of behavioural science to active travel.
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.  Target to launch design tender competition for is July 2022.
FCC/22/XXX	Strawberry Beds Active Travel Study €150,000	Project has been paused and will be revisited in 2023.
FCC/22/XXX	Fingal Active Travel Strategy €40,000	Public consultation phase completed. Postal submissions have been processed and uploaded to the consultation portal.  Draft summary report has been submitted and is currently being reviewed internally.
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 €300,000	A review of the design consultant tender is currently underway and it is hoped that the 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	
FCC/22/XXX	Scoil an Duinninigh to Waterside footpath and cycleway €20,000	
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 <a href="#">53°31'25.8"N</a> <a href="#">6°10'34.4"W</a> <a href="#">Google Maps</a>	<b>51</b> 8x2Bed 31x3Bed 12x4Bed	On Site	Q2 2021	Q4 2022
Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castl eknock/Ongar	FCC	Social	Wellview Cul-de-Sacs <a href="#">53°24'38.4"N</a> <a href="#">6°23'37.7"W</a> <a href="#">Google Maps</a>	<b>20</b> 7x2Bed 7x3Bed 6x4Bed	On site	Q4 2020	Q3 2022
Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castl eknock/Ongar	FCC	Social	Cappagh <a href="#">53°23'46.8"N</a> <a href="#">6°19'34.0"W</a> <a href="#">Google Maps</a>	<b>69</b> 10x1Bed 26x2Bed 25x3Bed 8x4Bed	On Site	Q2 2021	Q3 2022
Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castl eknock/Ongar	FCC	Social	Church Fields Phase 2B <a href="https://goo.gl/maps/NKii5qCJehgaJZj38">https://goo.gl/maps/NKii5qCJehgaJZj38</a>	<b>67</b> 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/Castle knock/Ongar	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Church Fields <a href="#">53°24'44.7"N</a> <a href="#">6°23'39.0"W</a> <a href="#">Google Maps</a>	<b>300</b> 27x1Bed 118x2Bed 136x3Bed 19x4Bed	Procurement process underway.	Q4 2022	Q1 2024
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Hayestown, Rush <a href="#">53°31'24.1"N</a> <a href="#">6°06'42.1"W</a> <a href="#">Google Maps</a>	<b>62</b> 17x2Bed 45x3Bed	Stage 2 tender assessment process underway.	Q4 2022	Q4 2023
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	Tuath Housing	Social Elderly	Kilhedge Lane, Lusk <a href="#">53°31'24.4"N</a> <a href="#">6°10'30.3"W</a> <a href="#">Google Maps</a>	<b>31</b> 13x1Bed 18x2Bed	Awaiting Stage 3 approval from DHLGH	Q3 2022	Q4 2023



Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Outlands, Swords 53°27'52.7"N 6°14'04.1"W <a href="#">Google Maps</a>	<b>11</b> 4x1Bed 4x2Bed 3x3Bed	Tender assessment process underway to appoint a contractor.	Q3 2022	Q4 2023
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Former Leonards Garage, Lusk <a href="https://goo.gl/maps/8u6BiRWzuLSTtmjk8">https://goo.gl/maps/8u6BiRWzuLSTtmjk8</a>	<b>10</b> 10x2Bed	Awaiting Stage 3 approval from DHLGH	Q3 2022	Q4 2023
Howth/Malahide	FCC	Social	Tuckett's Lane, Howth 53°23'06.7"N 6°03'58.0"W <a href="#">Google Maps</a>	<b>8</b> 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 <a href="https://goo.gl/maps/vqRAVUw8ZqhM75w66">https://goo.gl/maps/vqRAVUw8ZqhM75w66</a>	<b>5</b> 5x2Bed	Awaiting Stage 3 approval from DHLGH	Q3 2022	Q3 2023
Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar	FCC	Social	Infill Sites in Dublin 15 <a href="https://goo.gl/maps/UqNat8GX7BBo8cEh8">https://goo.gl/maps/UqNat8GX7BBo8cEh8</a> (169 Clonsilla Road) <a href="https://goo.gl/maps/Q2Mvqau7RceRHDxy5">https://goo.gl/maps/Q2Mvqau7RceRHDxy5</a> (Sheepmoor shop site)	<b>2</b> 1x2Bed 1x3Bed	Funding application to the DHLGH to be submitted in July.	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 <a href="#">Google Maps</a>	<b>700</b>	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 <a href="#">Google Maps</a>	<b>100</b>	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 - <a href="#">Google Maps</a>	8	Feasibility design 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 - <a href="#">Google Maps</a>	6	Stage 2 approval received from DHLGH. Part 8 to commence Q3	Q3 2023	Q3 2024