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Chief Executive's Foreword

It has been a busy period over the last month in Fingal in terms of making provision for the future by planning for sustainable housing, communities and commercial entities across the county as the Fingal Development Plan 2023 – 2029 came into effect on April 5th. The plan envisages Fingal as an integrated network of vibrant socially and economically successful urban settlements and rural communities, strategic greenbelts and open countryside, supporting and contributing to the economic development of the County and the Dublin City Region. The publication of the plan is the result of a 2 year collaborative process involving many stakeholders, Elected Members and Fingal County Council staff. Consultation is key to how we as a local authority carry out our business and I wish to thank all who shared their views throughout this process, your interest and engagement has helped to formulate the blueprint for how Fingal will develop over the next several years.

I was very pleased to have attended the All Ireland Community & Council Awards on behalf of the Local Authority Members Association last month in Tipperary. Three Fingal projects were shortlisted for awards this year and following on from previous successes, Fingal County Council won the award for 'Best Communications Initiative' for the CE Innovation Fund. These prestigious awards not only recognise and celebrate community and councils working together but also provide a great opportunity to highlight the work done throughout our localities and are a fantastic showcase for new projects and initiatives which benefit our local communities. I congratulate everyone involved with the entries for this year's event and look forward to next year's submissions.

Although Fingal is the county with the youngest population in the country, we are cognisant of making provision for our ageing citizens in order for them to fully enjoy and embrace opportunities. Fingal is committed to delivering supports for older members of the public through a range of initiatives including the expansion of the Community Car Service which offers transport to older persons or those with mobility issues and the addition of Skerries to the Cycling Without Age list of locations. With a strategic focus on Fingal's development as an Age Friendly county, Fingal's Age Friendly Alliance works as a multi-agency hub for knowledge transfer, connections & networks and information exchange between each of the members service providers.

In April Senan Turnbull was appointed as the new chair of Fingal's Age Friendly Alliance and he brings to the role a wealth of experience gained in the areas of volunteering and work with charitable and sporting organisations. In a career spanning over 30 years, Senan has been part of a wide range of multi-agency committees established to look at integrated public service responses to quality-of-life matters. These include the National Agreements based in the Department of the Taoiseach in the 1990s, Area Development Companies, County Childcare Committees, Sports Partnerships, Drugs Task Forces and the Fingal County Development Committee. I'm sure you will join me in welcoming Senan to the role and to thank former Chair, Jim Glennon, for his commitment to and tireless work with the Age Friendly Alliance.

As summer advances, there is much to look forward to in Fingal with the upcoming Shackleton Garden Proms in May, a series of 7 concerts in Malahide Demesne in June as well as Flavours of Fingal County Show and Swords Castle Concerts in July. In Fingal, we are fortunate to be in a position to plan and stage events such as these in our wonderful heritage properties. Not only do events such as these bring large numbers of visitors to the county but also provide an invaluable opportunity to showcase the best local businesses, artisan food producers and home grown creative talents that Fingal has to offer. With many local festivals and events taking place in your locality, there is something for everyone to pencil into their diaries to enjoy over the summer period.

Finally, I hope you have the opportunity to view Fingal County Council's entry to this year's Bord Bia Bloom in the Phoenix Park in June. This impressive concept garden entitled 'A Breathing Space for Fingal' relies on creating a forest that expresses the theme and promotes the health and wellbeing benefits of outdoor activity. Incredibly, almost all of the construction materials used in the design are recycled or upcycled using old materials such as wood, glass bottles and stones. The garden will be on permanent display in Bremore Castle, Balbriggan following the event and viewing is highly recommended.

AnnMarie Farrelly
Chief Executive

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People Services

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Wellbeing Update:

Wellbeing Seminars:

The theme for Quarter 2 2023 has focus on stress management. In April we delivered 2 seminars 'Coping Strategies for Life' and 'Mindful or Mindful?' The Scheduled seminars for May are 'Beating Burnout' this seminar will enable staff to identify burnout, prevent it, or recover from it, and 'How to be happy' this will address some of our day-to-day behaviours to help promote our happiness, as well as addressing how positivity and our thought processes impact happiness these seminars.

Employee Assistance Service:

Our next report from Spectrum life on the EAS has arrived. We have an uptake level of approx. 6.5%

which is the average figure for an organisation of our size. Again, the issues of anxiety and stress are featured which we will in turn try to deliver more support for through training and seminars.

Meetings will take place shortly with the wellbeing champions and committee members to discuss strategies for these supports. These reports include the number of calls made to the service, Number of cases opened, Main Method of Contact, Primary presenting problem, Secondary presenting problem, Age Range, Gender, Impacts and Severity.

Menopause in the workplace:

The menopause in the workplace training has gone live to all staff with access. This training is for staff and managers and will help to increase awareness and understanding around menopause in the workplace. Key outcomes are: Understanding menopause & symptoms | Impacts at work | Menopause business case | Role of manager | Supporting your colleagues & team | Legislative Risk. We will receive quarterly reports from the menopause hub on uptake and continue to promote completion of the course.

LGMA Funding:

April 19th saw the announcement of €300,000 Funding from the LGMA in conjunction with Healthy Ireland for Local Authority Wellbeing Strategies. This event attend by Minister Hildegard Naughton and speakers from Healthy Ireland, Irish Rail, Wexford County Council, and the tutor of Trinity Colleges Workplace Wellness Post Graduate Certificate gave our wellbeing team great insights and ideas into what works for similar organisations. The fund is designated through applications from Local Authorities and a percentage per capita.



Fingal County Council Wellbeing Programme

Learning & Development:

In 2023 there are continued high levels of training being provided to improve capacity and competency of our staff while ensuring health and safety compliance. New courses and opportunities are being added all the time. Local Authority KPIs are being met through Green Public procurement training stands 1 and 2 and Climate Action for outdoor staff. Which was completed in March with 250 outdoor staff being trained over a two-week period, this will run again in the Autumn after the busy outdoor season.

The staff scheme of assistance programme is also available for staff who wish to further their education in related areas. The program provides funding for applications ranging from certificate up to doctorate level. We have currently approved 10 applications this year including: Msc in Energy Management, Msc in Information of Libraries Management, Horticulture, Project Management, Drinking Water Treatment Certificate and various levels of Local Government Studies courses.

April is a slightly quieter month in training this is due to the large number of staff who take leave during the school mid-term. The following courses will be completed by April 30th

25 courses delivered, with approx. **354** attendees, totalling **290.9** training days.

Business & Interpersonal Skills

Ignite programme 6
Ignite programme 7
Grievance and Disciplinary training
Interviewer Skills
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Local Authority Training:

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HSU – Health & Safety Unit

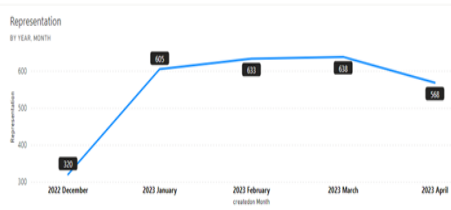
The HSU continued proactive safety measures during the month of April with 32 site safety inspections and audits. A number of risk assessments for tasks and persons were carried out during April which included biological agent exposure at a waste water treatment facility, use of bicycles, use of drones, facilities cleaning and pregnant employee risk assessment. Concurrently safety procedures were reviewed and standardized and these included procedures for safety cert, card, & driver licence checks, and actions following legionella sampling. Two ancillary safety statements were reviewed following recent unannounced HSA site inspections. VDU and remote VDU assessments continued during the month bringing the total to 151 assessments from start of year 2023. Responses to staff queries continued during April and the HSU assisted Uisce Eireann's Occupational Health professionals as part of the transition to a national water services authority.

CCU stats for April 2023

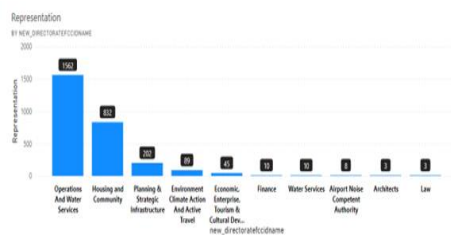
Calls	13,375
Footfall	2,212
Emails	424

CRM Staff continue to work on the Customer Relationship Management System (CRM) and issue responses to representations from Elected Members (Councillors, TDs and Senators) and

complaints submitted by the public. The month of April had a total of 568 Elected Members' representations.



The table below shows the total number of Elected Members' representations assigned to each Department to date in 2023.



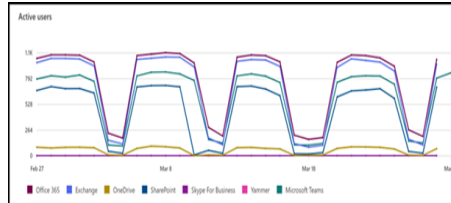
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Digital Services Infrastructure & Support

Digital Working

In April staff took part in 7,039 Teams meetings, 19,0599 calls took place, and 82,8581 emails were received or sent by the Council.



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

Fingal County Council Launches Smart Balbriggan Partnership with CONNECT Centre



Recognising the potential of Balbriggan as a Smart Technology testbed, CONNECT, the Science Foundation Ireland Research Centre for Future Networks hosted at Trinity College Dublin, with Fingal County Council have launched 'Smart Balbriggan'.



Speakers included Professor Dan Kilper, CONNECT Director and Professor of Future Communication Networks in the School of Engineering at Trinity College Dublin, newly appointed Smart Balbriggan Project Manager, Eamonn Donlyn and Fingal County Council Digital Programme Officer, Aishling Hyland.

Smart Balbriggan is an initiative of Fingal County Council and CONNECT SFI Research Centre at Trinity College Dublin. It is an engagement programme that accelerates sustainable innovation in Balbriggan by engaging with smart technology providers, researchers and citizens to solve challenges and improve city life. More on the launch Smart Balbriggan partnership with CONNECT Centre

Digital Fingal Team Success at LAMA Awards



The Digital Fingal team were delighted to be recipients of a LAMA Award on the 15th of April in Clonmel, Tipperary.

The Digital Fingal Team were shortlisted for two awards – Best Communications Initiative/ Innovation Award and Best Innovation in Urban Design. Scoping the award for Best Communications Initiative/ Innovation for the CE Innovation Fund Projects.



Fingal Projects Shortlisted for .IE Digital Town Awards



The Digital Fingal Team put forward two projects that they believed embodied the .IE Digital Town Awards philosophy.

- Digital Education category – Weather Stations for Schools, project lead Kevin Vallely.
- Community Digital category – Skerries Community Car, project lead Stephen McGinn.

We are delighted to announce both projects have been shortlisted. Winners will be announced at a Prizegiving lunch on Wednesday 24th of May 2023 in Athlone. [View shortlist 2023](#)

Digital Fingal Showcase Immersive Tech for Civic Engagement



Digital Fingal team member Lisa Deacon gave a speech at the Eirmersive Onward event series held in Meta HQ Dublin, on Thursday 20th of April 2023. The night focused on Immersive Technologies for Civic Engagement. Lisa spoke about the use of 3D models/ Digital twins in planning consultations, the introduction of VR headsets to Fingal Libraries and the potential benefits of immersive technology on how the council makes decisions and engages their citizens. The Digital Fingal Team received great feedback on the night with attendees impressed by the forward-thinking philosophy in Fingal.


Communications

Digital Media



The fingal.ie website had 115,116 visitors and 288,169 page views during April with planning applications, recycling centres and jobs the most popular pages. The jobs page saw a 84% increase in visitors compared to April 2022. A major contributor to the increase in traffic to this page was the Council's stand at Jobs Expo in Croke Park on Saturday, April 22 where those expressing interest in careers in Fingal were encouraged to scan a link to the jobs page. The stand was manned by staff from People Services and Communications.

Tweet activity

	Impressions	22,599
	Total engagements	1,059
	Media engagements	388
	Link clicks	273
	Detail expands	259
	Likes	97
	Retweets	29
	Profile clicks	26
	Hashtag clicks	24
	Replies	10
	Follows	1

Wednesday, April 19, saw our @fingalcoco Twitter account record 32,991 impressions with a tweet about the commencement of public consultation in relation to the design of New Street, Malahide, generating 22,599 impressions. Overall, there were 401,300 impressions during the month which was an average of 13,400 per day and the overall engagement rate for April was 1.4%.

The same post was the best performing one on Facebook where it recorded 12,421 impressions, had a reach of 11,585 and resulted in 21,208 engagements. Facebook had a reach of 300,473 during April and saw the number of followers rise to 30,298. Instagram recorded a reach of 23,717 and increased its followers to 6,562.

On LinkedIn, we are now at 7,007 followers, which is an increase of 1,553 or 22% in the past 12 months while our YouTube channel also achieved a major milestone as it welcomed its 1,000th subscriber to mark a 41% increase in the past year.

Videos

Videos produced during April by the Communications Unit included ones about the Fingal Heritage Plan and Cycling without Age while webinars were produced as part of the public consultation in relation to plans for the Ward River Regional Park and the Active Travel Scheme

Support

The Communications Unit continued to provide support to various departments across the Council. We are assisting the Community Department with the organisation of the Mayor's Awards on June 1 and ran an Unsung Heroes advertising campaign seeking nominations which ran on local radio, in local newspapers, on bus shelters and on social media. It led to 230 nominations being received from around the county. Support was also provided to People Services in promoting and manning the Fingal County Council stand at Jobs Expo in Croke Park.

Media

The Communications Unit issued seven press releases during April. The topics covered included the granting of planning permission for 121 new homes in Mayeston and the commencement of enabling works for the civic and cultural centre in the Swords Cultural Quarter which will deliver a new library, theatre, gallery and art spaces when constructed.

There were 24 media queries received during April and the subjects included housing, libraries and the Development Plan.

ECONOMIC, ENTERPRISE, TOURISM & CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

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TOURISM DEVELOPMENT EVENTS

Unison Festival

In line with a motion adapted by Council in 2022, EETCD conducted a study in early 2023 to examine the feasibility of a Fingal wide music festival to foster inclusion, integration and cohesion among residents, to celebrate the rich diversity in Fingal, especially youths. We are now delighted to announce, 'Unison Festival', two days of outdoor food & music in Blanchardstown & Balbriggan.

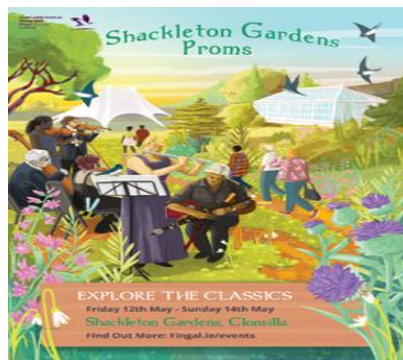
- Sat 8th July - Bremore Castle, Balbriggan & Sun 9th July - Millennium Park, Blanchardstown
- Free Entry
- 12 noon – 7pm
- Live Music
- World Food & Craft Market
- Family Fun & Entertainment

Planning is ongoing, watch this space for further updates.



Shackleton Proms

This is an Explore the Classics at Shackleton Gardens, Clonsilla. This event is due to take place from Friday 12th – Sunday 14th May. The programme will consist of a launch concerts event on Friday. Saturday afternoon will have a Classical junior's concert with the Main Event Saturday evening, finally Sunday will be a bring your own instrument series of sessions and workshops. Tickets are now on sale and selling very well.



Concerts in Swords Castle

The Swords Castle Summer Concerts have now been announced and tickets are on sale. On Friday 28th July we have Nathan Carter plus support on Saturday 29th we have a Back to the 80s night with Martin Kemp, Cher Tribute & Choons, all hosted by Irish Comedian Enya Martin 'Giz a Laugh'.



Flavours of Fingal



We are now finalising the programme for Flavours of Fingal 2023. New additions this year include the following:

- Kids Theatre Show
- Circus Tent & Acts
- Vintage Cars
- Dublin Coast & Fields Cookery Demo
- Fingal Wellness Area
- Dog Agility
- Irish Dancing

A new website is due to be launched on www.flavoursoffingal.ie We also aim to provide more coaches this year to encourage people to leave their cars at home.



Malahide Concerts



The hugely successful Malahide Concerts are back this year for 7 concerts over 2 weeks in June.

This demonstrates the popularity of the venue while economically supporting the local and regional economy. Overall, the Malahide Concerts have become a staple in the entertainment industry and have proven to be a significant source of economic growth and development for the local and regional economy.

TOURISM

Tourism Strategy 2023 – 2029

Currently, our tourism consultants are integrating the improvement plan and the insights from the research and consultation phase into the draft Fingal Tourism Strategy 2023-2029.

They are also providing up to date content in relation to the Irish Context, Tourism within Dublin, Fingal as a destination and Fáilte Ireland's Visitor Attitudes and Motivations.

A presentation outlining the progress to date in developing the new Tourism Strategy and next steps was given to the EETCD SPC on 21st March. Similar briefings will be given to the three Area Committees in May.

Fingal Food & Drink Network



The Fingal Food and Drink Network held their first internal familiarisation visit on the 26th April. The group visited Hope Brewery followed by Howth School of Fish where they enjoyed a tour of the brewery and seafood, along with insights into the Irish fishing industry and much discussion around sustainability.

Attendees included Howth Castle Cookery School, Country Crest Foods, Deerpark Golf, Howth Adventures, The Herb School, Mc Nally Farms, Dorans on the Pier, Howth School of Fish, Hope Beer, King Sitric Restaurant, La Cocina Cuevas and the Redbank Skerries,

Plans for the Network's presentation at Flavours of Fingal County Show are very advanced. The network will present an interesting mix of cooking demonstrations, food pairing, panel discussions and foraging walks. There will also be a showcase of local produce and the next networking event for members.

Fingal Food Policy

The consultant is currently concluding the Research & Discovery Phase of the policy development which included desk research, meetings and onsite visits.

Meetings have taken place with key council stakeholders to discuss developments in food innovation in the three enterprise centres and future needs of the industry and to discuss the development of more locally sourced markets.

Failte Ireland Collaboration



Failte Ireland is working with the team on this year's Winter in Dublin campaign. Winter in Dublin was developed to position Dublin as a must visit winter short break destination, by working together to create and communicate compelling reasons to visit from November to January.

Stakeholders have been asked to consider creating packages, events and experiences around three monthly themes:

November will be Dublin after Dark, where attractions will consider extended opening hours, creating unique dining experiences, events and experiences that will extend into the night time economy.

December will reflect on the Festive theme, with a focus on gifting local crafts, the creation of lighting experiences.

January will centre around music, from live gigs to pairing music with food, pop up concerts. Failte Ireland will invest considerable resources around this initiative therefore the various tourism development groups are now considering how they can tweak existing events, create new compelling events and experiences that best fit the themes.

Hotel Occupancy in Fingal



In the most recent edition of STR's Destination Report. Hotels in Fingal in March 2023 v March 2022 increased from 84.5% occupancy to 85.7%.

Year to date March 2023 v Year to date March 2022 hotel occupancy increased from 71.2% to 78.5% with room rates increasing from €102.67% to €127.22.



REWIND - REinventing Water-Intensive Industry for Sustainable Tourism

The Council have made an application to Urbact to participate in the REWIND project.

The purpose of this REWIND project is to develop a network of small and medium size European cities,

building on bottom-up participative approaches, to develop integrated actions to stimulate the potential of industrial heritage located in water landscapes to develop sustainable tourism attractions.

A decision on our application is anticipated in early June 2023.

Digital Walking Trails for Castleknock and Balbriggan



Consultants have been engaged in developing two digital walking trails for Castleknock and Balbriggan that will feature on the Dublin Discovery Trails App.

Detailed proposals for both trails have now been submitted and local historians in both areas are providing much of the archive content.

The trails will highlight both historic and natural features and bring significant past events to life using augmented reality to create entertaining and informative walking trails for visitors.



The detailed proposals for both trails have been forwarded for approval to the Department of Rural & Community Development under the Outdoor Recreational Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) who are providing funding of €23,400 for the development of the Castleknock Historical Walking Trail and €28,800 for enhancements to the Balbriggan Historical Walking Trail.

**HERITAGE PROPERTIES
Malahide Castle - Dairy Building**



Improvement works have been completed to the Dairy building which is the entrance route for visitors to the fairy garden. The works included repairs to the roof and gutters, and the toilets were refurbished.

The walls and ceiling in the lobby area was also repainted in fairy themed artwork, making the space much more inviting to visitors attending the gardens.

Guinness Bridge



Conservation of the Guinness Bridge is well underway and to schedule. The refurbishment, repair & renewal works are due to be completed by July 2023, subject to weather conditions.

A site visit to appraise progress of the works took place on 21st April.

Ardgillan Castle - Open Day for Heritage Groups



In collaboration with the Heritage Officer, an Open Day for Fingal heritage groups and historical societies took place on Saturday 22nd April in

Ardgillan Castle. The event was well attended with representatives from societies across Fingal.

The aim of the day was to permit surplus artefacts that are not currently on display to be loaned to the societies for conservation and display within their own collections.

CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

ARTS OFFICE

Youth and Education

Fingal Arts Office is delighted to announce the following five projects commissioned under Cruinniú na nOg 2023:

'Celestial Mechanics'

Celestial Mechanics presents a learning experience for children through both visual art and science at Dunsink observatory, Ireland's only Institute for Advanced Studies. This unique engagement with children aged 10-12 years will involve curator Rayne Booth of Superprojects, artist Aileen Murphy and artist/educator Mary Jo Gilligan, and scientist Prof. Peter Gallagher. Following a tour of the observatory the children will be guided to create a series of large paintings and/or drawings inspired by themes of astronomy, to be displayed at Dunsink Observatory on the occasion of Cruinniú na nOg, Saturday 10th June.

'Baby Bop Orchestra'

A series of interactive and lively classical music concerts for early years children and their families will be performed at Millennium Park, Dublin 15 on the occasion of Cruinniú na nOg, Saturday 10th of June. Violinists Megan Churcher and Natalia Jaworek, clarinetist Margot Maurel, tubist Adam Buttimer and flautist Ciara Corrigan-Margetts, of the Royal Irish Academy, have a musical programme of classical waltzes, Finnish tangos and familiar Disney tunes for everyone to dance along to in a playful and friendly first introduction to brass, woodwind and strings.

'From the Earth'

Children St. Luke's National School, Tyrrelstown, will be guided by artist Edel Clarkson in an exploration of local biodiversity and ceramic making. An initial investigation and imagining of

local wildlife will inform the design of ceramic pieces which will be installed on school grounds during a celebration on Saturday 10th of June, Cruinniú na nOg. Over the course of four weeks the children will learn about the work of this artist, and how to engage with nature through art. Practical workshops will focus on observational drawing, clay modelling, construction and glazing techniques. Parents and the wider community will be invited to come together on Sat 10th to celebrate the installation of newly created ceramic artworks by the children and artist.

'A New Beat'

A New Beat will provide a learning experience in bodhrán, contemporary dance and movement for young people aged 12 – 18 yrs. Through a series of workshops delivered by professional musician Robbie Walsh and choreographer Roisin Whelan, participants will enjoy the playful experience of combining both artforms, which will culminate in a showcase performance on stage in The Séamus Ennis Arts Centre's Piper's Garden on the occasion of Cruinniú na nOg, Saturday 10th of June.

'Irish Legends'

Professional theatre makers Sean and Niall McDonagh of High Rock Productions will guide the children of Scoil an Duinnínigh and Gaelscoil Bhrian Boroimhe (Swords) in the creation of their very own unique theatre sketches based on old Irish legends. Children will be invited to explore storytelling and performance through a series of creative workshops delivered through Irish and during school hours. The children and artists will present a collective showcase of their work in a public space in Swords on the occasion of Cruinniú na nOg, Sat 10th June.

Public Art

Dublin Canvas – Fingal



Dublin Canvas have commenced a call out for Artists to participate in this years Dublin Canvas Programme. The programme returns to the county after 5 years and the approach this year is to update existing boxes with a view to rolling out the opportunity across the whole county in partnership with the organisers in 2024.

Public Art Private Developments - Railway Lane, Donabate



The Canon Kirk Development at Railway Lane is required as part of planning compliance to commission a new artwork at the site. They have begun the process with contemporary artists as part of Fingal County Council's Public Art Panel. They include Alan Meredith, David Beattie and Cecilia Danell. We are excited to see the proposals developing.

Fingal Artist Network

Fingal Artists Networking events are meet-up events for artists that were either born, have studied, or currently reside in the Fingal administrative area. The events aim to form a think-tank; come together, make connections, share and explore how an artist's network can be supportive to artists from Fingal working across all art forms. Arts advisor Eamonn Maxwell will host a series of professional development sessions once every quarter for professional Fingal artists working across all disciplines. The first session took place on Thursday 30th March, the session covered writing about your work and successful applications. Subsequent forums will be announced in due course.

The Séamus Ennis Arts Centre

In April 2023, The Séamus Ennis Arts Centre ran a wide selection of events and saw the beginning of a new term of Music Classes for adults and

children and another term of adult Art Classes led by Noel Manning.

Highlights included a concert by internationally acclaimed master fiddler Kevin Burke, a screening of the film North Circular including post-show talk by director Luke McManus and a one-night performance of theatre production The Buttonmen.

Half of the events which took place had over 70% capacity. Ticket sales saw a 31% increase on April 2022.

Music

- Ahmed Dickinson Cárdenas & Eduardo Martín
- Kevin Burke
- Traditional Irish Music Slow Session with Paudie O'Connor (online and in-person)
- Children's Workshops
- Bird Feeder & Log Bunny Workshop
- Pebble Art Workshop
- Pottery Workshop
- Film
- You Resemble Me
- Matilda The Musical
- North Circular



Theatre and Comedy The Buttonmen Comedy Night





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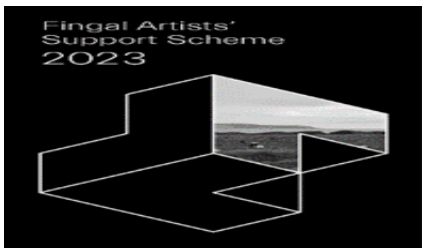
Draíocht's annual 'Toddler Takeover' event, now in its 8th year, takes place on the 10th/11th May. This sees the whole building transformed into spaces for adventure for our youngest citizens with a combination of Roam Free and Book In events. Story, visual arts, music and dance are all used to enable the children and their adults explore together. The event includes a Sensory Toddler Day to ensure access for all.

Draíocht's Theatre Artist in Residence Kunle Animashaun continues his work with the Clonee Women's Shed and the Sickle Cell group (based in Corduff Community Centre).

Our May/June performance programme includes end of year shows from Dublin 15 schools of dance and music as well as a mix of professional comedy, music and theatre.



Fingal Artists' Support Scheme 2023



Fingal Arts Office is delighted to announce the successful recipients of the Fingal Artists' Support Scheme 2023. This year saw the highest number of applications received since the beginning of the scheme in 2014. 253 eligible applications were submitted, an increase of over 50%. The budget for the scheme was increased from €200,000 to €250,000 which led to an increase in the recommended awards. The total amount applied for across all applications was €971,316.

148 artists were successful in their application and have been awarded up to €5,000, towards travel/professional development opportunities, a residency, or towards the development of work.

LIBRARIES

'My Open Library' at Baldoyle Library gives the public access to library services outside of normal staffed hours. This means that the services are available to registered MOL library patrons from 8am - 10pm, 365 days of the year. There are now 175 registered MOL members at Baldoyle Library, compared to 77 at the end of 2022. From January - March 2023 there has been 496 MOL visits, compared to 190 visits from October to December 2022.

The MOL system of access outside of normal staffed hours will be available at Malahide and Blanchardstown Libraries later this year.

Viewpoints Exhibition on view at Swords & Skerries Libraries

Fingal Libraries is delighted to host Viewpoints at Swords and Skerries Libraries. Viewpoints is a touring art exhibition, available through the Glucksman's Art Library, which promotes an innovative approach to sharing art and knowledge driven by the principles of creativity, inclusion and participation. Members of the public are invited to view the art exhibition as it tours Fingal Libraries. The touring exhibition will culminate with a day of fun and creativity on Saturday, 10th June at Cruinniú na nÓg, Creative Ireland and Fingal's annual day of free creative activity for children and young adults. A fun and interactive programme of creative workshops will take place for children and their families as the exhibition continues to tour each Fingal Library. Check out the full programme of events [here](#).



Bealtaine 2023 Festival at Fingal Libraries

Fingal Libraries has unveiled its programme of events for the Bealtaine Festival 2023, Ireland's national celebration of the arts and creativity as we age. The festival programme will run for the whole month of May with over 30 events across our branches. The Festival will be launched by the Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Howard Mahony, in Rush Library on Tuesday, 2nd May at 11:30am with a performance from the Forget Me Nots choir, an inclusive community choir for older people. This year's programme features everything from an inspiring talk with adventurer Eugene O'Leary to an empowering talk on the unlocked opportunities life offers older women. There will be bridge and art classes, talks from Fingal Birdwatch, concerts from the musical ensemble the Mobile Music Machine and much, much more. All events are free to attend and booking is essential. You can view the Bealtaine brochure here:

<https://www.fingal.ie/fingallibraries>



Summer 2023 Programme of Events at Fingal Libraries

Planning and scheduling for the Summer 2023 programme of library events is well under way. Through its event programming, Fingal Libraries aims to meet a diverse spectrum of people's needs in the areas of information, learning, culture, literacy, life skills, enterprise and leisure activities. The Summer 2023 programme will include an exciting range of events including a fun and jam packed programme for Cruinniú na nÓg which takes place on Saturday 10th June. The Summer programme will also have a number of family and library led events planned to celebrate the Summer Stars national reading programme, a series of Dungeons and Dragons beginner workshops from the Fingal Community Gaming initiative, a range of Fingal MakerSpace activities and events to mark Heritage week which will be celebrated in August. Look out for our brochure which will be released in late May across branches and on <https://www.fingal.ie/fingallibraries>



Short Loan Collection:

Fingal Libraries has added a new collection type to its management system - the Short Loan Collection. Since January of this year, we have begun creating collections of very popular junior items that are lent for 10-days, are non-reservable and non-renewable. These lending rules essentially mean that participating branches have a 'capsule' collection of high-turnover, high-demand items that are readily available to borrowers on visits to the library because these items do not travel to other branches. Shelved separately and visibly in their own area, the collection has resulted in increased issue figures. Other copies of the same book will remain in the regular collection with a 21-day loan rule and will be reservable and renewable as usual.

Initially, the new collection was trialed in Blanchardstown, Malahide and Swords Libraries but has now been added in Donabate Library. We will offer it to all our circulating branches progressively. Originally trialed solely with junior stock, Blanchardstown Library has now requested a trial of high-demand adult stock too. That material has now been processed and will be available in Blanchardstown Library shortly. It's envisaged that the provision of an adult short loan collection will be extended to other branch libraries in due course.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Fingal Skills Strategy

Planning for Fingal's TY Student Skills Expo 2023 is currently progressing well with consultants. The expo is set to take place on October 3rd and will be a one-day event at The Helix, DCU. Save the date notices and a registration form have been issued to all Fingal schools.



Fingal County Council has been successful in an application for Interreg Funding as a partner in the SKYLA Project "Smart Specialisation Skills Ecosystems for the Twin Transition". The project will have a term of 4 years and will focus on enhancing the role of VET in smart specialisation sectors. Projects partners include Italy, Poland, Sweden, Lithuania, Bulgaria, Greece and Belgium. The project will be co-ordinated by the Fingal Skills Strategy Team and the project is commencing in Brussels on May 16th & May 17th.



The Council was successful under the Department of Foreign Affairs call for proposals to mark 50 years of Ireland's membership of the EU. The Council has been awarded €7,500 to run an event in Balbriggan during Europe Week. The event is

taking place on Monday 8th March and the Economic Development Section has engaged with secondary schools in Balbriggan to organise and promote a school event around the topic of "The positive impacts of 50 years of Eu membership for Ireland and what should the EU be focussing on for the future."



The Council has applied to Urbact for funding to lead a network of 9 small cities/towns in Europe on local economic development. The project will focus on the challenges and opportunities for green growth and sustainable economic development along transport corridors and the project duration is 2.5 years. Balbriggan is the lead town and the other partners committed to the network are Albulia, Romania; Dubrovnik, Croatia; Kekava, Latvia; Ormoz, Slovenia; Parnu, Estonia; Santo Tirso, Portugal; Tuusula, Finland; Villena, Spain. The application was submitted by the deadline of 31st March 2023 and a decision is anticipated in June 2023.



CITIZEN, EQUALITY, RIGHTS AND VALUES PROGRAMME (CERV)

CERV is an EU Funding Programme for citizens' engagement and the implementation of EU rights and values. Fingal County Council has been awarded CERV funding to participate in 2 separate projects, which commenced in January 2023 and will continue for 18 months.

GREEN IT YOUR WORK

The 2nd Green IT Your Work meeting will take place in Alicante on 10th & 11th May. Representatives will be present from Romania, Spain Greece, Cyprus, Slovenia, Croatia, Italy and Ireland to continue work on the main objectives of Green IT Your Work including:

- Youth Debates about European Digital Age project highlighting the role of young people in the green transition.

- Promote green jobs with the aim of contributing to greener European cities.

InclusEU

The InclusEU project which aims to encourage volunteer action as a social response for an inclusive Europe will see Fingal host an event in Balbriggan in September 2023. This event will highlight the work being done by Fingal and Foroige to encourage more young people to get involved in community volunteering. Starting in April, this collaborative project will see 20 young people from local secondary schools take part in leadership and sports education training with practical sessions tied into local Fingal led projects. Leaders from Foroige Balbriggan will be attending the Hungarian event from May 18th -21st



SUSTAINABLE FINGAL



The Council continues to work with SEAI Energy Academy to encourage businesses to apply for the Support Scheme for Energy Audits (SSEA) to access a €2,000 voucher towards the cost of a high-quality energy audit to help reduce energy bills. Further information on the grant is available at: <https://www.seai.ie/business-and-public-sector/small-and-medium-business/supports/energy-audits/>



The Mayor signed the Circular Cities Declaration for Fingal County Council, which was approved by the Council at its meeting in January. Work is now commencing on an action plan to advance the objectives of Circular Cities in Fingal.



DUBLIN BELFAST ECONOMIC CORRIDOR

Fingal County Council has been awarded €150,000 by the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage under the Shared Island Local Authority Development Funding Scheme for a Feasibility Study for the development of regional innovation/enterprise hubs along the Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor. The Council is leading on the project with the support of the eight local authorities and two universities of the DBEC partnership. KPMG have been appointed to carry out the feasibility study and work has commenced with DBEC partners on stakeholder engagement with surveys issued to innovation/enterprise hubs to inform the feasibility study.

LOCAL AND 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. The last meeting of the Fingal LCDC was held in April 2023.

FINGAL LOCAL ECONOMIC COMMUNITY PLAN 2022 - 2027

Consultation on the new Fingal LECP and engagement with internal and external stakeholders is planned to commence in Q2 2023. Tenders have been evaluated for consultants to assist with the preparation of the socio-economic profile of the county, drafting the high-level objectives, facilitating the consultation process and

drafting the LECP and initial 2-year Implementation Plan and a kick-off meeting with the successful tenderer will be held in May 2023.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT FUND

The Community Support Fund (CSF) was launched in January 2023 and is funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development. Fingal has been allocated €341,875 in funding for groups across the county. More 270 applications were received from community and voluntary groups in Fingal for the current and capital funding streams by the submission deadline of 10th February 2023. The evaluation of the applications is complete and the approval of the Department of Rural and Community Development is awaited before notification of allocations are issued to groups.

COMMUNITY RECOGNITION FUND

The Community Recognition Fund (CRF) was launched in January 2023 and is funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development. Fingal has been allocated €1,813,912 and submitted project proposals to DRCD for approval on the 15th March 2023 and a decision on approval of the project proposals is awaited. 60% of the funding must be drawn down in 2023 and 40% in 2024, with all projects required to be complete by 18th October 2024. The Fund is being administered by Fingal LCDC and consultation has been carried out with the LCDC, Local Response Forum and relevant stakeholders. SICAP

The resources and staff of the Fingal SICAP Programme continue to be leveraged to assist with the Ukrainian Refugee Crisis response. The SICAP Programme continues to help in the response to this crisis and is a central resource to the work of the Ukrainian Refugee Community Response Forum. Additional funding has been received from the DRCD to help with the delivery of services to Ukrainian Refugees in Fingal and additional staffing resources from the Ukrainian community have been employed on the ground to assist with this. Confirmation was received during December that the Fingal SICAP Programme has been allocated €304,369 in 2023 specifically for Fingal's Ukrainian Refugee Response. DRCD has now issued a Prior Indicative Notice on etenders for procurement for the next iteration of SICAP.



LEADER PROGRAMME

In December, the Dublin Rural LEADER Local Action Group (LAG) approved in full the allocated LEADER 2021-22 Transition Programme for eligible projects in the administrative areas of Fingal, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown and South Dublin.

On 26th January Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys, announced details of the applicant groups who were successful under Stage 1 of the 2023-2027 LEADER programme, Fingal LCDC was successful to run the next LEADER Programme for the Dublin Rural LEADER LAG.

The Dublin Rural LEADER LAG is moving to Stage 2 and has commenced work on drafting the new Leader Development Strategy. An initial consultation workshop with stakeholders has been held with further stakeholder and public consultations being scheduled across the Dublin Rural LEADER LAG area to inform the new Leader Development Strategy.

Woodlands for Health

Healthy Fingal have partnered with Mental Health Ireland and the Sports Office to organise the Woodlands for Health walks. The programme will see the HSE mental health services in Swords & Balbriggan avail of the opportunity to introduce service users to walking in Ardgillan while availing of mental health expertise in the calming and quiet atmosphere of the walking paths around the demesne. The occupational therapists are very happy with the impact on patients and the walks

will continue weekly with the hope patients will continue to benefit both physically and mentally from the intervention.



Stroke Survivors Classes

Healthy Fingal in partnership with the Irish Heart Foundation and the Sports Office are supporting a stroke survivors' class in Dublin 15. The class, which starts in May, will occur monthly and is focused on older adults who have had cardiac issues in the past. The collaboration will see the addition of some low intensity exercise through the provision of a fitness instructor and used as an opportunity to provide participants with information and supports on quitting smoking and/or reducing their alcohol intake. The programme is open to anyone who has had cardiac issues, and anyone interested in attending can contact



ENTERPRISE CENTRES

Fingal's Enterprise Centres continue to participate in ConnectedHubs.ie. ConnectedHubs.ie is a one-stop-shop for remote working hubs throughout Ireland.



All three Enterprise Centres 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 fitouts can be considered. Occupancy rates at the Council's three enterprise centres are all over 90%. The three Enterprise Centres currently support 65 businesses and over 320 direct jobs.



Demand for the new Remote Working Hubs in BASE and Beat remain strong particularly after running two Connected Free Voucher Scheme during August and December 2022. Fingal County Council was approved for €50,000 in new funding to promote Remote Working Hubs in the County under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme Marketing Measure. A cross-departmental team within the Council is implementing initiatives to promote Fingal as a Remote Working Hub base for remote workers.

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, Education Skills and Training Pillar and Local Economic Pillar Groups are scheduled to meet in May. The Balbriggan Leadership group, chaired by Professor Brian MacCraith provides oversight and stewardship for the plan's implementation, the group will receive updates on pillar workplan objectives from all five pillar Chairs at the next Leadership meeting scheduled for June 2023.

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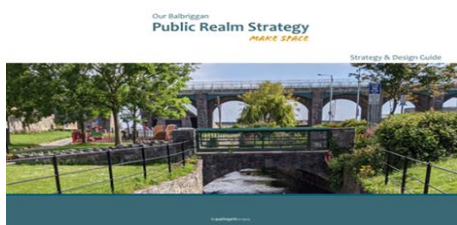
The Quay Street & Environs scheme is in final detailed design phase with works anticipated to commence Q1. 2024 and be completed on a phased basis in 2025, tender documents to appoint a contractor are being prepared prior to being issued to E-tenders in July 2023. Irish Water will be on-site in Quay Street on the 1st September. Car park resurfacing (Bath Road/Balbriggan FC & Bremoore Castle) is progressing in advance of the site works at Quay Street.

The pre-planning process for 2 - 4 Dublin Street commenced in March; it is anticipated that planning documentation will be presented to Area Committee in May 2023 prior to submitting to full council. 2-4 Dublin Street is to be transformed into

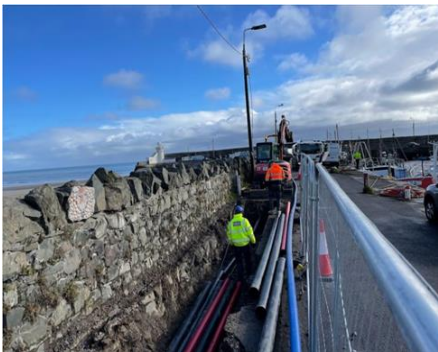
a new Creative Hub. 8 workspaces at 2 Dublin Street and ancillary connected space at 4 Dublin Street to support STEAM education, training and enterprise activities supported by SMART Balbriggan.



A comprehensive Balbriggan Public Realm Strategy - Masterplan & Design Guide and a Balbriggan Active Travel & Transportation plan are nearing completion with both expected to be published Q2 2023.



Donnelly Civil Engineering Ltd and MWP Engineering have commenced a package of improvement works at Balbriggan Harbour, as part of a wider package of improvement, work is progressing on the provision of new lights and shoreshore services on the West Pier. The Harbour upgrade works are scheduled to be completed end of June 2023.



The Science Foundation Ireland, Research Centre for Future Networks - Trinity College Dublin, Connect Centre Ireland with Fingal County Council launched the Smart Balbriggan programme in the Bracken Court Hotel last month. Its programme of work is complementary to strengthening the objectives and vision of the Balbriggan Rejuvenation Town Plan.



The Our Balbriggan Office continues to generate regular and unique content across all social media channels, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn with over 5.1k followers on Facebook.



TOWN CENTRE FIRST - LUSK

A structure and membership for the new Lusk Town Team has been agreed. Together with the Town Team there will be three Pillar Groups representing the Community, Business and Economy and Public Realm / Climate Action & Sustainability (to include Vacant & Derelict Buildings). The first meeting of the new Town Team was held on May 3rd in Lusk Cultural Centre.

TOWN AND VILLAGE RENEWAL SCHEME 2022

The Council was recently approved for funding from the Department of Rural and Community Development of €100,000 for the Rush Streetscape Scheme and €36,000 for a new Donabate Streetscape Scheme with work progressing on the implementation of these schemes. Residents, businesses and community groups in Rush were asked to submit expressions of interest for various grants for enhancement measures such as painting, shopfront repair, signage lighting and planting.

The maximum amount of funding available to each property is €10,000 overall and following a review. 30 properties in Rush have been approved by the Department of Rural and Community Development and will be availing of funding from the scheme. The Council has informed all successful applicants and is working with them in delivering the scheme. The Donabate scheme is expected to be open for expressions of interest from the middle of May.

A call under the Town and Village Building Acquisition Measure for 2023 was announced in late March.

Under the initiative, each local authority can apply for funding of up to €500,000, which they can use to purchase up to three properties in eligible Towns and Villages to re-develop into multi-purpose community facilities.

The funding, under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme, is designed to make our towns and villages more attractive places in which to live, visit, invest and raise a family. An Application to the Department was made at the end of April.



LEO Fingal provides a broad suite of support services to stimulate enterprise and enable small businesses to succeed. Some of the LEO highlights for April 2023 are as follows:

MINISTER NEALE RICHMOND VISITS LEO FINGAL



Minister of State for Employment Affairs and Retail Business, Neale Richmond T.D. visited LEO Fingal on Monday April 17th in Fingal today where he paid a visit to Local Enterprise Office Fingal. The Minister was welcomed by Mayor of Fingal Cllr Howard Mahony, AnnMarie Farrelly (Chief Executive of Fingal County Council), Oisín Geoghegan (Head of Enterprise, Fingal) and the LEO Fingal team. During his visit, Minister Richmond was given an overview of recent key achievements of LEO Fingal and a summary of the role the Local Enterprise Office plays in the local community. The Minister met with 6 LEO client companies as part of his visit.

FINGAL BUSINESS NETWORK



The next meeting of the Fingal Business Network takes place at the Riasc Centre, Kinsealy on Friday 12th May 2023. The event is called Unlocking Business Opportunities through Networking and AI and will give participants a chance to use some of the new AI tools coming our way and test them out on their fellow Network members. There will also be a chance to meet and connect with other Fingal business owners over some light refreshments. Network events have been well received by the business community in Fingal since launching last September.

FINGAL BUSINESS BRIEFING



There is a briefing event for local business owners to discuss the supports available from the Fingal Local Enterprise Office on Thursday May 4th 2023 in the Riasc Centre, Kinsealy. This event is a face-to-face briefing where the staff of the LEO give an overview of supports and are available to answer questions and discuss business issues with owner / managers of small businesses. These events are a great introduction to the LEO for any individual who is looking to set up their own business.

FINGAL STUDENT ENTERPRISE PROGRAMME



Local Enterprise Office Fingal have announced that teenage entrepreneurs from Coolmine Community School and Castleknock College will represent Fingal at this year's Student Enterprise Programme National Finals. Fingal Councillors have been invited to attend this Exhibition and Presentation of Prizes of the Student Enterprise Programme National Fingal on Friday 5th May 2023 at Croke Park, Dublin. The awards ceremony will feature guest: Minister of State, Neal Richmond TD. The Finals make a return to Croke Park for the first time since 2019. Over 1,200 students from 27 Fingal Schools took part in this year's programme.

NATIONAL ENTERPRISE AWARDS 2023



Cream of the Crop, a Fingal food business from Ballycoolin, Dublin 15 will represent Fingal along with winners from each LEO nationwide at the 23rd National Enterprise Awards in the Mansion House, Dublin on the 1st of June. Cream of the Crop Ltd is a Fingal-based food-tech enterprise battling food waste by upcycling and using surplus ingredients to produce natural, delicious and healthy artisanal gelatos, sorbets and snacks.

MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT



The LEO Fingal Leadership for Growth programme kicked off on Tuesday April 18th at the Carlton Hotel Dublin Airport with circa 20 businesses from both Fingal and Dublin City LEO's. The participants are working their way through a holistic business programme which will equip them to lead a growth phase for their business as well as developing a tangible strategic plan with associated implementable actions. The programme is being run both in-person and online and the participants are making the most of the networking opportunities. The programme is aimed at skills development for owner managers who are looking to move their company forward to the next level. LEO Fingal's other training programmes continue to be well attended.

TRADING ONLINE VOUCHER SCHEME



An initiative under the Government's National Digital Strategy, the TOV (Trading Online Voucher) scheme supports 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. So far in 2023 22 applications have been approved in the amount of €47,144. The next Trading Online Voucher seminar will be held

on Friday 5th May in the RIASC Centre, Kinsealy. Applicants must attend the seminar before applying for a voucher.

FINGAL ENTERPRISING WOMEN NETWORK



The Fingal Enterprising Women Network (FEWN) is continuing to welcome new members throughout 2023. The Network will host a special event for members in June, the date and venue of which are yet to be confirmed.

EVALUATIONS AND APPROVALS COMMITTEE

The Evaluation and Approvals Committee (EVAC) meeting held 2 meetings in April and approved €149,650 in grants to Fingal Businesses. Year to date fourteen applications have been approved to the value of €243,400 across Business Feasibility, Priming & Expansion grants. The next EVAC meeting is Thursday 1st June.

BUSINESS ADVICE CLINICS AND MENTORING

Business Advice Clinics and mentoring services continue to be offered online and now have an option for clients to meet in person in the Business Advice Clinic based in County Hall, Swords. In addition, clients are continuing to receive one to one business mentoring with our panel of mentors.

To date 35 clinic days were held in 2023, offering advice and support to 343 clients in Fingal. The Mentoring Programme continues with a total of 99 clients receiving one-to-one mentoring YTD.

MICROFINANCE IRELAND LOANS

LEO Fingal provides a loan scheme through its partnership with Microfinance Ireland, with "soft" loans of up to €25,000 per approved applicant.

LEO Fingal is actively promoting the availability of loans from businesses that have difficulty raising finance from their bank. Applications are processed and assessed by LEO Fingal and submitted to MFI (Microfinance Ireland). In 2023 LEO Fingal will continue to assist clients with their applications to enable them to raise much needed capital.

Applications submitted through LEO Fingal are eligible for a reduced interest rate. MFI have advised that the standard interest rate for Loans will increase from 5.5% to 6.5% for applications received after 30th April 2023.

The LEO rate will increase from 4.5% to 5.5% for applications received after 30th April 2023.

UKRAINE ENTERPRISE CRISIS SCHEME



Assistance for business energy costs is being awarded to qualifying businesses affected by the increase in input costs or supply chain issues in relation to the Ukraine war. Clients are being advised to speak to the Local Enterprise Office to assess eligibility and to apply. Applications are now open to Fingal based businesses.

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Works Programmes

Balbriggan/Swords Area

➤ Works at Santry Demesne

New Calisthenics Area

As part of the ongoing improvements being carried out at Santry Demesne a new Callisthenics Area is currently being installed.



➤ Entrance to Naul Village

New Holly hedge planted to replace an overgrown Leylandii planting at the entrance to Naul Village.



Newbridge Farm – Red Barn

Works are almost complete for a tiered seating area currently being installed within the Red Barn at Newbridge Farm. This seating area will provide a valuable resource for animal talks and demonstrations for educational groups and school tours. All works being carried out by the staff at Newbridge Demesne.



Newbridge Farm – Deer Paddocks

Recent planting of Shelter Belt hedge planting at Deer Paddocks



Lusk Recreational Hub – Path Works

Works have commenced around the upgrading of existing perimeter path at Lusk Recreational Hub. These works being carried out by FCC staff.



Road Resurfacing

➤ Bun a Knock Estate Naul. Road Resurfacing as part of this year's revenue Programme of Works.



➤ Step Outside Lusk Cemetery by Depot Staff. Ramp installed at entrance to Lusk Cemetery (below).



- Concrete footpath by depot crew. Concrete Paths replaced at The Way, Skerries and Curran Park



- Road Resurfacing completed at Balrothery R-132



Balbriggan - Manhole Refurbishment

As part of ongoing public realm Improvements, several manholes chambers have been repaired refurbished in Balbriggan



Before Refurbishment



After Refurbishment

Balbriggan - Tree Planting - Curran Park



Swords Area - Presidential Visit - Manhole Closure

As part of recent visit to Ireland of President Biden, all the manholes in the Fingal Area along the Presidential route were required to be sealed closed by welding. These works were carried out under the Supervision and instruction of An Garda Síochana.



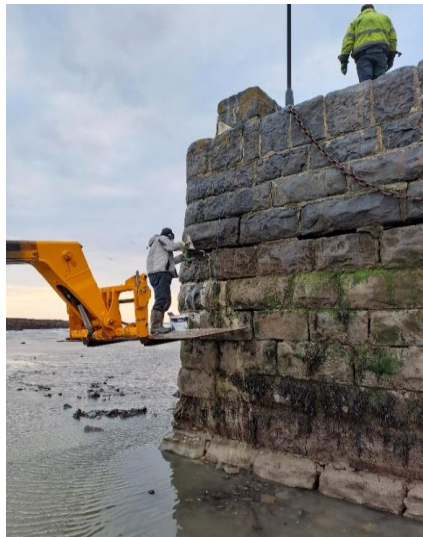
Balbriggan Harbour - Pollinator Planting

As part of the Our Balbriggan works to Balbriggan Harbour the Autumn 2022 Pollinator Planting at the Harbour is starting to come into flower.

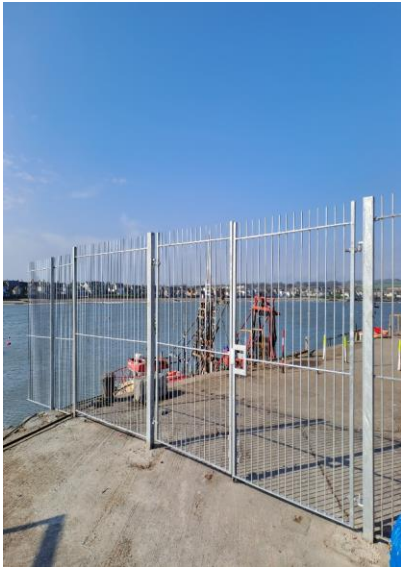


Harbour Works

➤ Rush Harbour



Two of the cornerstones on the Rush Harbour Wall became dislodged during the recent storms. Works are being carried out to replace the 2 stones in the Rush Harbour wall.



The sheet piles which form the berthing face of the bottom portion of Skerries Harbour have significant corrosion. A fence has been installed preventing access to the sheet piled section

Howth/Malahide Area

Programme of Works

Work has commenced on the 2023 Programme of Works. The footpaths on Mainstreet Howth and Millview Malahide have been tendered and are due to commence in May 2023. The overlay of Balscadden Rd Howth has been tendered and is due to commence in May 2023. The Overlay of Dublin Rd Malahide and Millview has also been tendered.

➤ **Footpath Works**

Malahide Howth operations crews replaced footpaths on the R107 at Feltrim.



Before



After

The Howth Malahide Operations Team Replaced Footpaths on Balscadden Rd to facilitate the road inlay that will take place in May.



Before



After

➤ **Roads Works**

Patching ongoing at Bayside Shopping Centre.



➤ **Drainage Works**

The Howth Malahide Depot Team cleaned the ditch on the Malahide Rd (R107) at Malahide Castle and replaced 20m of collapsed drainage pipes.

Malahide Demesne Update



Paddy redefining parterre in walled garden to give a clean crisp edge.



A veteran Oak tree in the West Lawn at Malahide Demesne which is coming into leaf at the moment for its 556th year.

Here are some photos of a Carpinus Betulus (European hornbeam) at Malahide Demense which died last year. Rather than cut it down and have it removed, it was decided to make a wood sculpture of it. As it had the natural formations of a Stag's Antlers in its branches, it was decided that a stag would be the most suitable subject for the sculpture.



Before



After

Playground Maintenance

Work loosening up Woodfibre under play equipment to ensure adequate standards are met with regards to critical fall allowance.



Golf Maintenance

Spring aeration works being carried out by the staff. This includes removing cores and the addition of sand to fill the holes. The sand is then brushed.



Greens being top dressed with a fine greens sand. This will facilitate good air exchange within the rooting zone and also allow the filtration of surface water quicker resulting in a more robust surface.



Core's being removed.

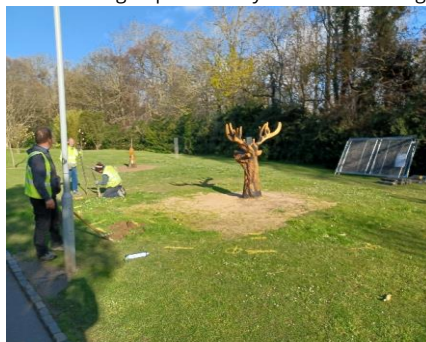


Scraping off the cores from the green with the use of a scraper box leaving them in a convenient line for ease of collection.



New Fence

Staff setting out new fence to enclose the latest wood carving to prevent any unwanted damage.



Fence erected and looking well.

Re-alignment of island exiting back road carpark



New slipform kerbing constructed to reduce the existing radius . This should make ease of egress easier for larger vehicles.



Completed job with new surface.



➤ **Talbot Botanic Gardens**



Ceanothus (California lilac) in flower at Malahide Demesne

Astronomical spring tides



High tides in Malahide

Beaches Update

Work is ongoing preparing the beaches for the summer season 2023. This includes the deployment of temporary bins to deal with the increased numbers of visitors expected.

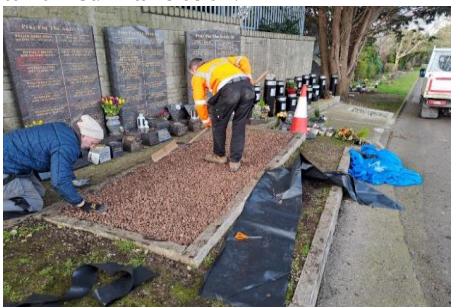
Burial Grounds Works

➤ **St. Fintan's, Sutton**

Construction progress on the new columbarium wall being installed at St. Fintan's Burial Ground.



Refurbishment works completed at our ashes tomb in St. Fintan's below.



➤ **Balgriffin Cemetery**

Fingal staff doing some great work below at Balgriffin & Fingal Cemeteries after the recent bad weather.



Castleknock/Mulhuddart Area

Woodland at Portersgate

The Operations Department recently planted native trees in the Woodland following footpaths works at this location.



Cowslips and Primroses flowering profusely along the banks of the Tolka Valley, both valuable early food sources for butterflies and bees as a result of reduced mowing.



Shackleton Gardens, Clonsilla

The Operations Department erected a new fence and Gate along the laneway towards Shackleton's Gardens and allotments



New Recycle Bins were recently placed in Beechpark Carpark for easy access for members of the Public



Portersgate Clonsilla - crews have commenced stump grinding across the Dublin 15 area.



Car Parking Services

March 2023

There was a total of 1314 parking tickets issued during March 2023.

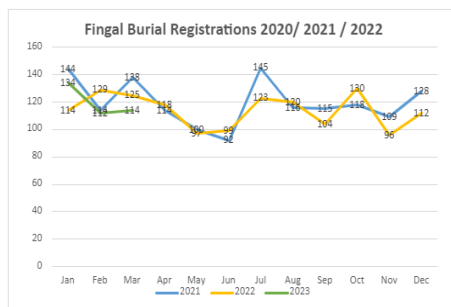
Breakdown of Parking Offences:

Breakdown of Parking Offences	Total	Percentage
Footpath/Grass Margin/Median Strip	147	11.19%
Prohibited Place (Loading bay/SYL/DYL)	279	21.23%
P&D/Permit Parking Area	774	58.90%
Disabled Parking Bay	22	1.67%
Other (Bus stop, Bus Lane, Cycle Track, School Entrance, Traffic signals and Clearway)	92	7.00%
Total	1314	100%

Location	Main Ticket Locations March 2023
Main Street - Swords	92
North Street - Swords	89
The Green - Malahide	65
Strand Street - Skerries	62
South Strand Skerries	60
Harbour Road - Skerries	60
Bridgefield Car Park - Malahide	59
Coast Road - Malahide	55
Church Road - Malahide	52
Dublin Street - Balbriggan	45

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 114 Interments in March 2023.



**Traffic Operations County-Wide
Countywide Traffic Signals Tender**

The Traffic Section are in the process of preparing the tender for the 2023 Traffic Signal's contract. It is envisaged that the tender will go out to the market for tendering in early May.

Dedicated Motorcycle Parking – Pilot Scheme

Howth/Malahide Operations have introduced the first dedicated motorcycle parking for Fingal County Council in Bridgefield Carpark, Malahide. This motorcycle parking has been introduced to alleviate illegal parking of motorcycles on footpaths.



➤ **Road Lining Works**



Above: New Road Markings on Willie Nolan Road



New Road Markings for Castlerosse View

➤ **Road Lining Works**



Above: New Parking control measures at junction of Paddys Hill and Llmintree Avenue



Garristown – R130 Yellow Box Road Marking Renewal



Garristown National School - School Road Markings



Above: New School Markings for Scoil an Duinigh (Riasc centre entrance) and Yellow Box for Feltrim Road junction/Riasc Centre



Oldtown National School – School Road Markings

Fleet Management & Plant Hire Unit

82 hires were put in place from 01/04/2023–30/04/2023, engaging 15 suppliers.



36-month contract for hire of rubber wheeled excavator for Coolmine Roads Dublin 15.

Street Lighting LED Programme

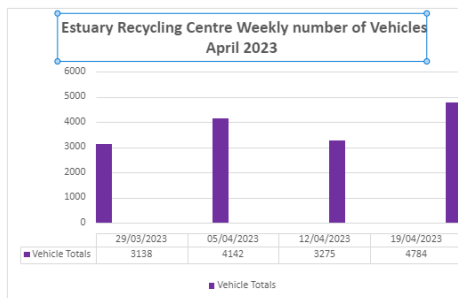
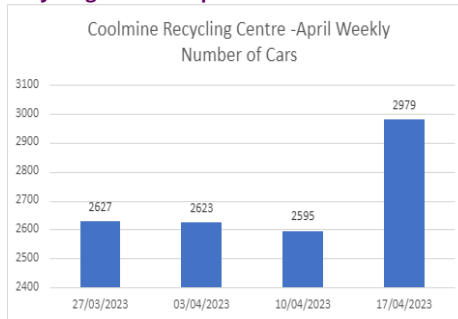
The Public Lighting Section will continue with the LED Programme in 2023 with 98% of all lights switched to LEDs.

70% of new Decorative LED fittings have been installed county wide.



Faults reduce to 0.32% of overall numbers of lights. The Public Lighting Area Works Programme was approved by the Area Committee and works will now commence. Additional 180,000 2023 funding for specific public lighting projects to light up necessary walkways and connections to schools and buses will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

Recycling Centre's Update

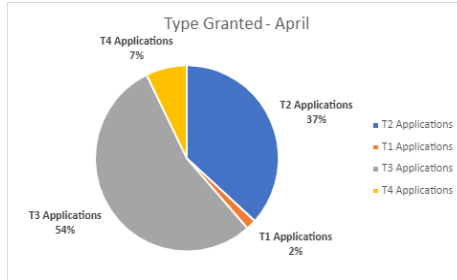
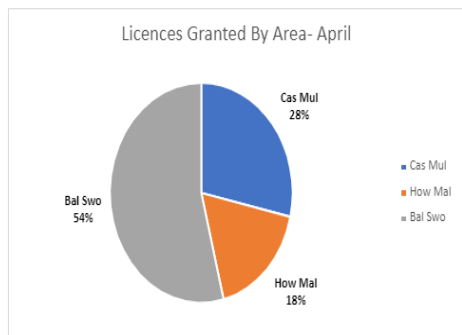
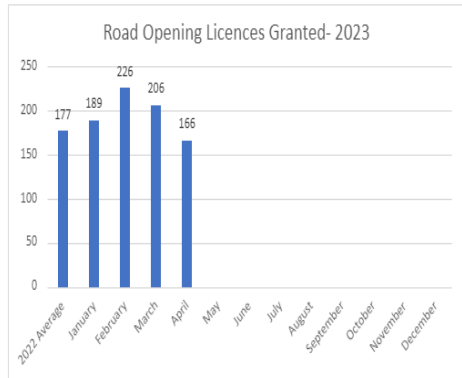


Licences

- Road Opening Licences

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

166 Licences were granted in the month of **April**, **61%** of the which were granted by way of automation. Clerk of Works in each area continue to carryout regular inspections following road opening works by utilities.



- Casual Trading License

The Castleknock/Mulhuddart Operations Department have re-advertised any remaining Casual Trading pitches on the Fingal County Council Website and social media channels. The closing date for new applications has been provisionally set for Friday the 21st of April 2023 at 4pm.

- Street Furniture

Street Furniture renewals are now up to date for 2023 & inspections continue to be carried out and will intensify throughout the summer months.



Water Services

Connections:

There are 6 applications in progress with FCC as of from 20/4/23 which consists of 1 Water Connection and 5 Drainage connections. FCC returned 22 applications to Uisce Eireann so far in April as per Maximo/d365.

➤ **Storm Water Connections:**

Currently there is 1 connection application in progress with FCC as of the 24th April 2023. 4 new connection applications have been processed to date in 2023.

Storm Water

- **Stormwater Capital Programme 2023-2025**

Fingal County Council are continuing to progress projects recently adopted in the 2023-2025 Stormwater Capital Programme. The 3-year programme includes 14 projects valued at approximately €3.63 Million. Below is a brief update in relation to the current status of some of the projects that have commenced and planned upcoming projects.

- **Howth Stormwater Culvert:**

Contracts have been awarded for Topographical and Manhole Survey and for CCTV and Flow Monitoring Survey for the above scheme. Once complete these surveys will inform the condition parameters of the existing sewer and will allow for a preliminary design to be developed. It is expected that the surveys will be complete by end of May.

- **Wendell Avenue/Heather Walk:**

Stormwater sewer rehabilitation works in Portmarnock are now complete. In total 200m of collapsed sections of network have been replaced. Sections were replaced in the Dewberry Park, Wendell Avenue and Heather Walk estates. Works carried out involved new manhole installations and additional gullies were added to the networks in Wendell Avenue & Dewberry Park. The works will improve the overall drainage efficiency of Wendell Avenue and increase the half-life of the road surface. Final road reinstatement works are planned for Q3 2023.



- **Burrow Beach**

The foreshore section of the DHLGH have confirmed that a foreshore licence is not required to repair the Surface water outfall pipeline under the in-situ anchoring design being considered. The AA screening carried out by Scott Cawley Partnership will be reviewed with a view to progressing the execution of the work by Direct Labour.



- **Bath Avenue Storm Water Pipe**

An in-house Design has been drafted and is currently being evaluated with a view to being progressed to the next phase. Quotations are also currently being sought to complete a GPR survey to determine any existing utilities and sample ground make up. Once complete a project timeline planning exercise can take place and a commencement date can be planned. This project will commence a scheme involving the laying of a new Storm water pipeline along Bath Ave, Malahide to alleviate localized flooding and allow for future capacity.

- **Ongar Development StormWater Remedial Works**

A contract has been awarded to Formac to effect remediation works in Ongar following the Taking in charge of the drainage network. The works are designed and will be supervised by OCSC Consulting Engineers and will start in the coming weeks.

- **Storm Water Maintenance**

The proposed Stormwater preventative maintenance cycle for 2023 is currently being planned and costed. Two areas not previously mapped and surveyed have been identified with work due to start in Q2 2023. A contractor will be procured with a Jet Vac Recycler truck and CCTV camera van. 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 Rush and Castleknock areas.

A new galvanised outfall guardrail was installed at Greenfield Road in Sutton to replace an old asset and improve public safety.

As a result of flooding reports additional CCTV surveys were also carried out in Damastown & Parslickstown in D15.

The network has now been mapped, jetted and the condition survey report has been evaluated. To date a number of displaced joints and localised blockages have been found and these have since been removed, manhole cover and frames have been raised and replaced. A precast headwall has been ordered to be installed at an entry point to a local ditch.

CCTV surveys were conducted in Portersgate, Clonsilla and Hamilton Avenue in Balbriggan to identify the cause of flooding from the local networks. These surveys identified private under public network issues and these repairs are now being worked on by the Drainage crews. Portersgate has been completed and Hamilton Avenue is starting in early May.

Communication with Uisce Éireann for Elected Representatives

The Local Representative Support Desk
Make contact at localrepsupport@water.ie or by phone at **0818 178 178 / 0818 578 578**.

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

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

Uisce Éireann Water Planned Works – Uisce Éireann 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 Council is awaiting signoff of the new UISCE ÉIREANN /Local Authority Master Co-operation agreement which will replace the existing Service Level Agreement arrangements. The Council are working with UÉ in preparation for the Effective Date when UÉ will assume full responsibility for the delivery of all public water services in Ireland. Fingal County Council is scheduled within the first tranche of local authorities to transfer and are awaiting confirmation on the Effective Date.

PLANNING AND STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE (PSI)

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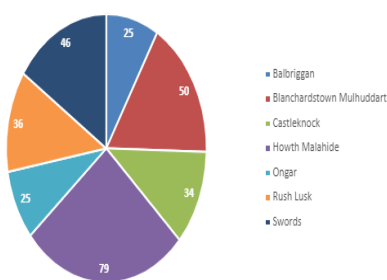
Planning Applications

There have been 295 planning applications received to the end of March 2023. 49 of these applications were invalid leaving a total of 246 valid applications. The volume of applications received by Local Electoral Area (LEA) is detailed in the table below.

From January 1st to March 31st, 2023, 1 Large-scale Residential Development (LRD) full application was made to the Local Authority. 4 decisions were made up to end of March 2023. Of these, 4 applications were Granted (1,416 units).

An Bord Pleanála have issued 9 decisions on SHD (Strategic Housing Development) applications in the period from January 2023 to the end of March 2023. 5 decisions have been made to grant (2,515 units) in March and 4 decisions have been made to refuse. 12 SHD's (7,771 units) remain with An Bord Pleanála for decision.

Planning Applications Received by Local Electoral Area to end March 2023



Planning Decisions

A total of 304 planning decisions have been made to the end of March 2023. There have been 257 decisions to grant permission (84%) and 47 refusals of permission (16%). There have been 21 grants of permissions in respect of single house construction, 130 grants of permission for domestic extensions, 33 commercial/retail grants of permission and 21 grants of permission in respect of housing developments of which 10 relate to development of 2 – 20 units, 3 relates to 20 – 50 units, 4 relate to 50 -100 units and 4 which relate to development of 100+ Units.

Building Control Admin

In March 2023, there were 189 building control submission made via BCMS. This was made up of 97 Commencement notices, 42 Compliance of Completion Certificates, 29 Fire Safety related Certificates and 21 Disability Access related Certificates.

Commencement notices and Compliance of 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 we are also still accepting hard copy applications directly into the office. Most applications are now being submitted via the online system.

The Building Control Admin team processed 141 decisions in March 2023 relating to Fire Safety and Disability Access Certificates. This was made up of 34 decisions to grant and 107 extensions of time.

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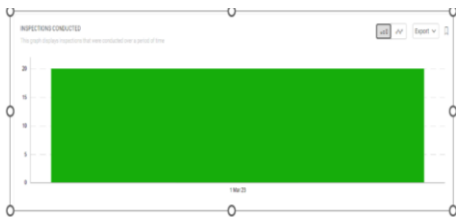
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Built Environment Division
Building Control/Taking in Charge Section -
27/04/2023

Building Control

There were 20 Building control site inspections in April 2023 with 54 separate buildings being inspected.



The Ongar Remediation works contract has been awarded to the successful tenderer on the 24th of March. The Contractor has submitted a programme with a start date of Monday 15th May

Dangerous Structures

There were 7 dangerous structures notified in April 2023. There are a total of 66 dangerous structures active in our database



Checking banister height in a house in Loughshinny for compliance with Part K of the Building Regulations

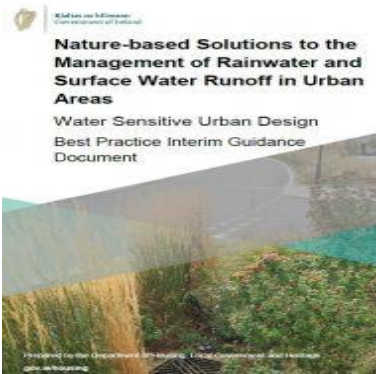


Checking moisture content in a timber frame in a development in Clonsilla

Development Management/Forward Planning
(Water Services) Section

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

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



Incorporating Sustainable Drainage Systems in Residential Developments



The GDSDS has outlined SuDS as a sustainable way to manage surface water as we prepare to meet the challenges of climate change. This example of Millers Glen in Swords, shows an example of surface water being held onsite, providing treatment via appropriate planting, and then

discharging at greenfield runoff rate. This is a move away from the traditional method of collecting all surface water via piped systems which can often no longer manage the intense rainfall's being experienced.

Multi-Party Framework Agreement for the preparation of Surface Water Management Plans (SWMP)

The procurement process has begun for the new Multi-Party Framework Agreement for the preparation of Surface Water Management Plans (SWMP) for the new County Development Plan. The SAQ for the above framework was posted on eTenders with a closing date for tender submissions was 30/09/2022. The tenders were assessed and a recommendation for progression to the next phase has taken place.

Transportation Planning

PSI-005 Harry Reynolds Road Pedestrian and Cyclist Route

Procurement is well advanced with this Balbriggan project. Stage 2 Tenders have now been assessed and letter of intent issued to the successful and unsuccessful tenderers. Final approval from NTA is currently being sought, this is expected imminently at which point the Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Dept will be in a position to formally appoint the main works contractor. With appointment expected to take place in May, site works are likely to commence in July/August, pending confirmation of the contractor's detailed programme and insurance documentation. A briefing with the area members will be arranged once the contractor is appointed and the construction programme has been confirmed.

PSI-039 R132 Connectivity Project

The works along the R132 Swords Bypass is a key enabler for the MetroLink project as well as facilitating significantly improved connectivity along the R132 corridor. A Project Consultant was recently appointed by the Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department to cover detailed design and main works procurement, construction and implementation. The start-up meeting was held and ongoing consultation and coordination is taking place with adjacent landowners, the MetroLink project team and the NTA scheme funding authority.

PSI-041 Kinsealy Walking and Cycling Routes

The consultancy framework is at stage 2 procurement for various Swords & Kinsealy projects with the initial project being the Kinsealy Walking and Cycling Routes, expected to be appointed in summer 2023. Swords projects will follow on directly including the Western Distributor Road. Briefings will be undertaken with the local members at the next milestone stage.

S2M Pedestrian and Cycle Scheme



Following the recent publication of the Preliminary Design Public Consultation Report for the 2022 consultation, the project team has recently completed its preliminary cost estimate for the scheme. The total cost estimate of €45m is significant and gives an indication of the scale and complexity of this project. This figure includes land, construction, design, utilities, risk and contingency, and it has now received NTA Board Approval in line with Public Spending Code requirements, and the project will now proceed toward finalising the preliminary design.

Following this process documents will be prepared for a planning application to An Bord Pleanála. The application is expected to be made in early 2024, pending the finalisation of ground investigation surveys and landowner title investigations, and will take the form of an Environmental Impact Assessment Report and Natura Impact Statement submitted for An Bord Pleanála.

Royal Canal Greenway



The project team from the Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Dept has recently completed its preliminary cost estimate for the scheme. The total cost estimate of €34m has received NTA Board Approval and the project will now proceed toward finalising the preliminary design. Following this process documents will be prepared for a planning application to An Bord Pleanála. The application is expected to be made in Q4 2023 and will take the form of an Environmental Impact Assessment Report submitted for An Bord Pleanála. Landowner negotiations are ongoing alongside legal reviews and discussions with Irish Rail and Waterways Ireland.

Fingal Coastal Way



The Project Team in the Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Dept is currently finalising the 2022 Emerging Preferred Route Public Consultation Report which will be published shortly. The report will set out the detail and data from the 2022 Public Consultation including project description, level of consultation, data from submissions and data from an online attitudes and behaviour

survey. The report will provide a summary of the main themes raised through submissions, identify areas for further consideration and provide some general responses to these themes. It will not make any decision on the preferred route which is still subject to change. A number of key decisions along the Emerging Preferred Route corridor have yet to be made and will be established following landowner and stakeholder consultation throughout 2023.

Fingal County Council is at an advanced stage in the process of appointing a full-time dedicated Project Liaison Officer (PLO) for the Fingal Coastal Way due to the large volume of potentially affected landowners.

Broadmeadow Way

Following a recent land acquisition facilitated by FCC Property Services, the Planning & Strategic Infrastructure project team has appointed an advanced works contractor to install an access track and associated fencing to facilitate access to a landlocked area between the Pill River and the Malahide Estuary north shore. This access track which commenced on the 18th April will facilitate access for a site investigation contractor to undertake ground investigations on the northern causeway of the Malahide Estuary. The site investigation tender period for that contract has now ended, and tenders are now being assessed with the contract due to be awarded in May with investigations commencing June-Aug. The foreshore licence pre-application process is at an advanced stage and a decision on publishing the foreshore public consultation is under consideration.



Church Fields Link Road

Works to finalise Phase 1 of the link road including the Dutch style roundabout and Safe Route to School works on Powerstown Road are underway with the phase due to be officially opened by the Mayor in May, date to be confirmed.

Groundworks including drainage, public lighting ducting and granular subbase have been installed to 50% of the pedestrian cycle route through the parklands to the east of the Church Fields Masterplan lands, this will provide a high-quality route along the Church Road, segregated from traffic and with direct access to the future parkland site.

Donabate Pedestrian Bridge

Stage 1 procurement has now taken place, it is expected that Irish Rail technical approval will be received imminently, which will allow for formal application to the Commission for Railway Regulation.

At this point, the Planning and Strategic Infrastructure team will issue the Stage 2 tender with a view to appointing a contractor later this year, assuming CRR approval is successfully secured.

Fingal Development Plan 2023 – 2029

The Council is aware of proceedings as follows:

Daa v FCC
Reynolds and McDonough v FCC.

Members will be informed accordingly

Elected Member project briefings

A number of project briefings were undertaken with the local elected members on schemes across the three electoral areas.

The feedback received from the members was that this was a positive and productive way to communicate the details of the current and upcoming projects across the county, and the Transportation Planning team is committed to undertaking these type briefings on a more regular basis to ensure high levels of engagement between the various project teams the local members.

Heritage Officer



Fingal County Council is undertaking a Pre-Draft consultation survey to support the development of the Fingal Heritage Plan 2024-2030. We want to know the aspects of Fingal's heritage that you value and want to see protected.

Take the Survey



The Pre-Draft stage of consultation for the preparation of a new Fingal Heritage Plan has begun. This 6-week stage (05 April-19 May 2023) comprises an Online Survey <https://forms.office.com/e/CbNvfewH1f>; a series of facilitated stakeholder meetings and public drop-in sessions with the Heritage Officer at Blanchardstown and Balbriggan Libraries and Newbridge Demesne. Information gathered during this stage will inform the priorities for the Draft plan. There will be another phase of public consultation when the Draft Plan has been produced later in the year.

Grants

Local Authority Heritage Plan Grant 2023

The Heritage Officer applied for and was successful in receiving grants for three projects for a total amount of €37,500 (the maximum available) from the Heritage Council.

1. *Fingal's Food Heritage* will gather information relating to the production and consumption of food in Fingal. This is a huge area and this phase of the project will develop a framework for future projects; gather information from recipes to photos from fishing to sustainability for presentation on a digital map and in-person food events centred on Heritage Week.
2. *Digging Drumangh-Season 4* will build on the success of last year's community excavation at Drumangh Promontory Fort. This project fulfils objectives of the

Heritage Plan 2018-2023 and the Drumangh Conservation Study & Management Plan 2018-2023.

3. *Fingal Heritage Plan* - Support for the public consultation and formulation of the fourth Heritage Plan for Fingal.

Community Monuments Fund 2023

Five locations of archaeological heritage in Fingal will share a total of €463,832 from the Community Monuments Fund 2023 to aid with their works and survey programmes. The CMF is administered by the Heritage Office on behalf of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage

Stream 1 (Consolidation works):

- St Columba's towers, Swords €120,000
- Malahide Church & Graveyard €100,000
- Balrothery Tower House €100,000
- St Mary's Church, Clonmethan €114,697

Stream 2 (Survey and conservation plans)

- Mulhuddart Church €29,135

HOUSING

**Supply
Asset Management
Support**

**Tenancy Services
Housing Ukraine Response
Vacant Homes**

Housing Supply

29 units under construction which will be delivered in partnership with Respond Housing Association at The Coast, Stapolin, Baldoyle, Dublin 13.



Construction Programme

Summary of unit numbers in pipeline	units
Under Construction	322
Schemes with Part 8 Planning Approval and Tender Stage	470
Planning and Design	395
Part V	163
TOTAL	1,350

Fingal County Council - construction scheme at Bowden Court, Swords – 11 dwellings



Projects on site

Tuath Housing – Construction Scheme at Kilhedge Lane, Lusk, Co. Dublin – 31 dwellings

Fingal County Council - construction scheme at Ballough Place, Lusk – 10 dwellings



Fingal County Council - infill scheme at Clonsilla Road – 1 unit



Fingal County Council - infill scheme at Sheepmoor Avenue – 1 unit



Fingal County Council - construction scheme at Monastery Court, Lusk – 5 dwellings



Part V units due for delivery in Mooretown, Swords, Co. Dublin.



Housing Loans Update

The Local Authority Home Loan continues to be in demand by prospective home-owners who cannot secure commercial lending to proceed to a house purchase. Fingal. As at the 26th April there were 317

applications, of which 164 have been seen by the credit committee, after which 58% have secured approvals in principle.

The Loan application process in Fingal is now augmented by the introduction of an online application portal. As of March 14th Fingal County Council introduced the portal to streamline the process and ensure applicants have all their documents in one place before submitting them. The portal is located at Local Authority Home Loan | Fingal County Council

Housing Asset Management Report

Energy Efficiency/Retrofitting Programme

The 2023 Retrofit programme is well underway with works ongoing in Strandmill Road, Portmarnock and Barnewall, Donabate. The project features extensive improvements including electrical upgrades, attic insulation, installation of triple glazed windows and doors along with PV panels where required to reach a B2/Cost optimal standard.

Works will shortly commence in Rivermeade Park, St. Margaret's and St. Catherine's Close, Rush, while Whitestown Gardens, Blanchardstown is currently at survey stage.

Fingal County Council and the SEAI have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to explore the possibility of undertaking pilot projects to test a partnership approach to upgrading privately-owned homes funded by SEAI government grants in existing local authority estates where Fingal County Council are undertaking works funded by the DHLGH.

Returning Dwellings to Productive Use

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

Voids for Re-letting	28 th March 2023
In the letting process	52
Undergoing re-let repairs	20
With County Architect for procurement of pre-let repairs	9
TOTAL	81

Planned Maintenance Programmes

Cyclical Maintenance - Scheme Painting

The Scheme Painting Programme provides for external painting and joinery repairs to Council housing stock and currently operates on a 6/7-year cycle. Works are currently ongoing in St. Cronan's Estate, Swords and Earnan's Wood, Portmarnock.



Before and after painting pictures

Housing Assistance Payment (HAP)

HAP continues to be the primary source of rent support for those in private rented accommodation. Fingal County Council has set up over 120 new tenancies in 2023 to date with approximately over 3,700 tenancies set up since HAP began in 2017.

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.

Rents

The new rent review process continues and tenants are required to return their Rent Assessment Form with the relevant documents so that an assessment can be carried out and the correct rent charge applied to the account.

The Rent Arrears team are working methodically through accounts in substantial arrears to encourage tenants to engage with the Council in reducing their arrears. In cases where there is no engagement, despite repeated efforts, proceedings will progress through the legal arena and to date the Rents Section has secured one

Possession Order with 4 others currently before the courts.

The Rents team encourage any tenant who is experiencing difficulty paying their rent to engage with the Council to examine possible solutions. However, there are instances where tenants do not engage or make alternative payment arrangements and, in those situations, the Council needs to take further action.

**Housing Tenancy Services Report
Housing Support**

Housing Position

Housing List positions have been issued to all applicants.

The list position is also available through the CBL portal on fingal.ie. Applicants who do not have access to this portal should contact Choicebasedlettings@fingal.ie to request their unique username and password.

Changes to Income Eligibility Thresholds

In accordance with Circular 48/2022 and changes being implemented via the Social Housing Assessment (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2022, the Social Housing Eligibility Bands will increase with effect from 1st January 2023.

Income thresholds prior to 2023 detailed below:

Band	Single Adult	2 Adults	1 Adult 1 Child	1 Adult 2 Children	2 Adults 1 Child	2 Adults 3 Children	3 Adults 4 Children
1	€35,000	€36,750	€35,875	€36,750	€37,625	€39,375	€42,000

The revised thresholds from 1st January 2023 for different household compositions are detailed in the table below:

Band	Single Adult	2 Adults	1 Adult 1 Child	1 Adult 2 Children	2 Adults 1 Child	2 Adults 3 Children	3 Adults 4 Children
1	€40,000	€42,000	€41,000	€42,000	€43,000	€45,000	€48,000

Breakdown of 679 Housing Support Applications received 1st January to 30th April 2023

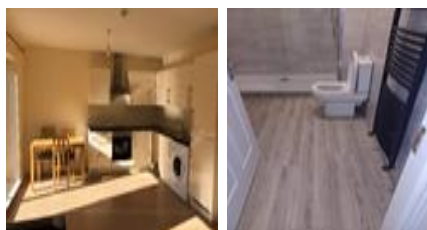


Housing Support Appeals

Applicants are reminded, an appeal must be received within 28 days of a decision being communicated in writing in order to be eligible for review. Appeals received after this time may result in automatic refusal.

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.

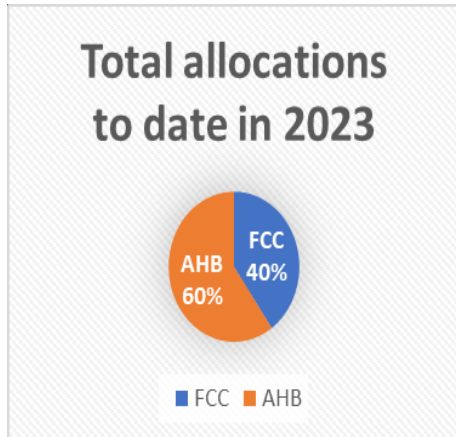
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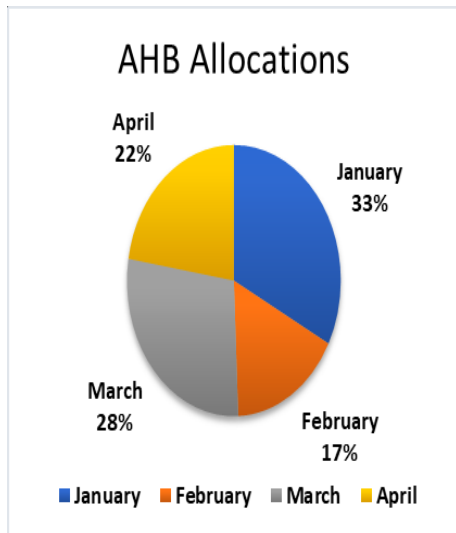
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Approved Housing Bodies

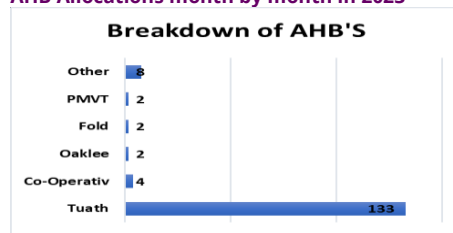
Total allocations for 2023 to date



The above chart depicts the total number of properties allocated since the beginning of 2023. 156 of these allocations have been in collaboration with a number of Approved Housing bodies. The other 105 properties allocated were allocated using Fingal County Councils own stock.



AHB Allocations month by month in 2023



As per the chart above, Tuath have again received the most nominations from Fingal County Council in 2023 so far. A large development managed by Tuath closed in Hansfield, Dublin 15 with 22 properties being allocated in this development in April 2023.

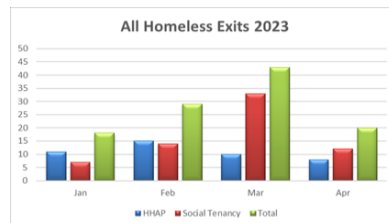
The collaboration between Local Authorities and Approved Housing Bodies is continuing to have a positive impact on the delivery of social housing.

Homeless Services

Homeless Exits 2023

During the month of April 2023, 20 households exited homeless circumstances into various forms of social housing support - including into private rented tenancies under the Homeless HAP Scheme. Homeless HAP accounts for 8 of these tenancies, comprising 5 homeless preventions and 3 who exited from emergency accommodation.

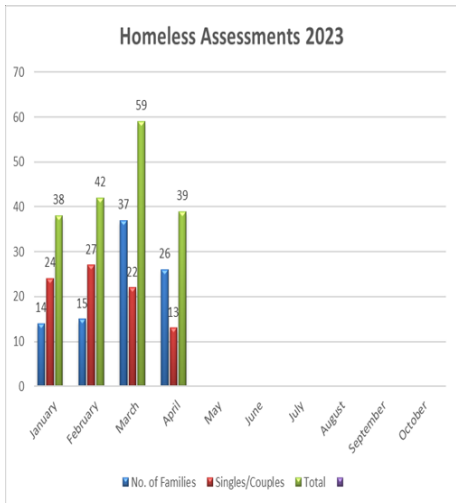
Separately there were 12 households that exited Homelessness into social tenancies. In total 5 FCC households exited emergency accommodation during April 2023.



Homeless Presentations

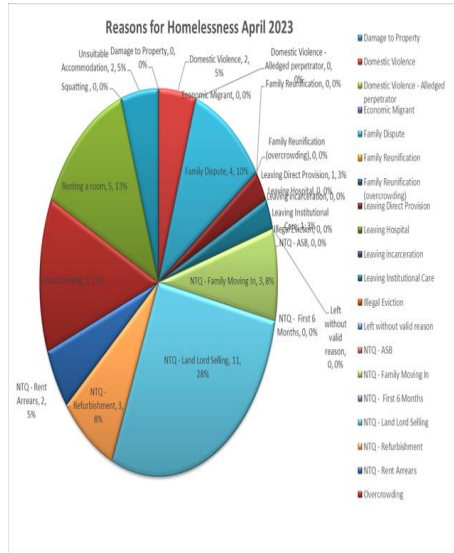
Fingal's Homeless Team continue to engage with those experiencing homelessness to offer advice and support. Homeless Assessments continued to be carried out.

In April 2023 there were a total of 39 full homeless assessments completed – comprising 26 families and 13 singles/couples.



During April 2023, of the 39 Homeless Assessments carried out, 19 cases resulted from a Notice to Quit (NTQ) having been served. Renting a room or licensee presenters are not protected by the Winter Eviction Ban 2023 / Residential Tenancies Act and accounted for 13% of assessments during April 2023.

There are also a considerable number of people making contact stating that they are Homeless due to family breakdown (10%). Most of the other presentations to the Homeless Section are from living in overcrowded conditions (13%) and state that they cannot/will not return to the property. The remaining reasons are outlined on the chart below.



Emergency Accommodation (including Fingal County Council Family Hubs)

There continues to be an extremely high demand for Emergency Accommodation across the region for both families and individuals.

Rough Sleepers

The Homeless Services Team continue to liaise with the DRHE Outreach Team regarding any reports of rough sleeping, to establish their names and circumstances and to offer supports. Regrettably, some rough sleepers are reluctant to engage with service providers and may refuse offers to access emergency accommodation. Any rough sleeper who is willing to engage with the Outreach Team and/ or the Council or will be assisted.

The Council will carry out homeless assessments and every effort is made to encourage them to avail of homeless services.

Homeless Action Plan 2022- 2024

The DRHE, with the approval of all 4 local authorities in the Dublin region, has finalised the Homeless Action Plan Framework for Dublin 2022-2024. This Plan is the first plan to be put into operation since Ireland signed the Lisbon Declaration on combatting homelessness in June 2021, which aims to end homelessness by 2030.

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

The Plan was developed based on 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.

Preventing Homelessness, Notices to Quit and Tenant In-situ Acquisitions

Fingal County Council is aware that households in the Fingal area who may have received a notice to quit, which is also referred to as a notice of termination, from their landlord may be worried or unsure of what to do.

Fingal County Council and the Dublin Regional Homeless Executive (DRHE) would like to advise anyone affected of the services that are available to them in these circumstances.

- We strongly encourage tenants residing in the Fingal area, who have been issued with a notice of termination, to contact Fingal County Council as soon as they receive a notice from their landlord. The contact details for Fingal County Council are provided at the bottom of this page.
- When the tenants contact Fingal County Council, staff in the Housing Department will take note of the termination date.

- The Council advises the tenant to refer the notice to Threshold, a service funded by the DRHE to provide a Tenancy Protection Service for private renters in the Dublin Region, including Fingal. Threshold can also be contacted directly on Freephone 1800 454 454 or via their website www.threshold.ie which contains more information and advice on the validity of your notice.

- The Council's first response will be to try to prevent homelessness. This includes assessing the person's position on the social housing list, providing advice on applying for Choice Based Lettings, advising the person on the level of Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) they may be eligible to receive, and, in some cases, assessing if the Council can acquire the dwelling where the tenants reside if it is being offered for sale.

- Placement in emergency accommodation will be a last resort, if no other alternative can be identified.

The Council has been engaging with tenants who have been issued with a notice of termination, as well as their landlords, and following assessment, 3 tenant in-situ properties are sale closed. A total of 16 properties are at the sale agreed stage with a further 44 cases in the negotiation process. In addition, the Council is assessing a further 35 applications from landlords requesting Fingal County Council to purchase the homes with the existing tenants remaining in-situ.

The Council will continue to deal with notice of termination queries and cases as expeditiously as possible and progress tenant in-situ acquisitions while taking account of circulars and guidance issued by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

Fingal County Council will be liaising with other Dublin and neighbouring local authorities to deal with tenancy issues that may require an inter-authority approach. In particular, we are working closely with our colleagues in the other Dublin Local Authorities on the implementation of the

Government policy and guidance, with a focus on the needs of tenants.

Whilst the Council will, in the context of current circumstances, adopt flexibility in dealing with potential acquisitions of properties with tenants in-situ, any acquisition is subject to appropriate due diligence and checks before any commitment is made to acquire, including, for example, determining that a valid notice of termination is in place, the tenant has a social housing need, and the condition and valuation of the property.

The Council is aware that the Government is examining options to allow tenants who are not eligible for social housing to remain in their homes, including schemes to support the purchase of homes and a cost rental in-situ scheme. The Council will await further details on the proposed schemes from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

Work around preventing homelessness, assessing notices of termination and responding to tenant and landlord tenant in-situ queries is being led on by the Council's Homelessness section, taking a tenant-centred approach, supported by staff dedicated to deal with tenant in-situ housing acquisitions. The contact details below, including a dedicated email address NTQEnquiries@fingal.ie, should be used by tenants who may have received a notice of termination or a landlord who has issued a notice of termination to their tenants and who may wish to sell their property to the Council.

The key contact details are:

Fingal County Council Housing Department

Monday to Friday, 9am to 4.30pm: Tel. 01 890 5090 or homeless@fingal.ie

Email: NTQEnquiries@fingal.ie

Dublin Region Homeless Executive, Central Placement Services:

Freephone 1800 707 707

TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION PROGRAMME

Traveller Accommodation

A significant programme of works in relation to the refurbishment and upgrading of existing accommodation on Traveller specific sites is currently ongoing in conjunction with staff from the County Architect's Department. These works are in accordance with the objectives set out in the Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019-2024.

Regular 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. Council Officials continue to liaise and engage with the Traveller Community, Traveller Advocacy Groups, Welfare Services, Child Services, Mental Health Services and other services and agencies to resolve issues when and where possible.



Grounds maintenance, Hazelwood Cottages, Swords



Grounds maintenance (before & after), Baskin Park

ESTATE MANAGEMENT

Housing Welfare Service

The Estate Management Section continues to offer support to the most vulnerable of our Tenants in collaboration with our Social Workers, Tenancy Sustainment Officers and work collaboratively with external statutory agencies to protect and assist the most vulnerable through a range of support services.

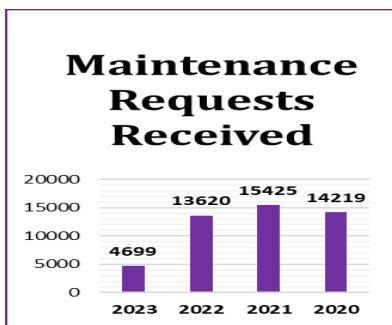
Disabled Persons Grants (DPGs)

In accordance with the Disabled Persons Grants Scheme provided by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, the Estate Management Section continues to process eligible applications working in collaboration with the Council's Architects Department.



Completed DPG extension works at a Council tenancy in Dublin 15

Housing Maintenance



Boiler Servicing Programme

The Council provides an annual heating 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. The 2023 programme of work has commenced, with Contractors working across the County in areas such as Corduff Estate, Blackmills, Lambreecher, Glasmore, Cardy Rock and Ballygarra.

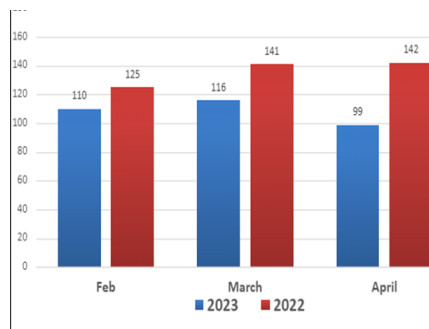
ASB Caseload Management

April 2023	Total Complaints Received	Active Investigation	Active Monitoring	Closed
Balbriggan	9	6	1	2
Rush / Lusk	10	8	0	2
Swords	18	17	0	1
Howth / Malahide	13	2	9	2
Blanchardstown / Mulhuddart	34	20	5	9
Ongar	7	0	1	6
Castleknock	8	0	8	0
Total	99	53	24	22

All complaints are received in confidence by the ASB Unit

Surrenders on Estate Management Grounds 2023 – 2 (Jan), 3 (Feb), 2 (March), 2 (April)

Monthly Breakdown of ASB Complaints Received 2022-23



Anti-Social Behaviour/Inspectorate Unit

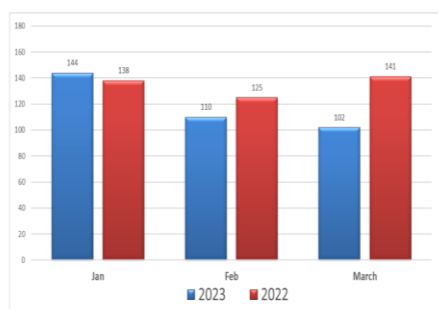
The management and sustainment of social tenancies and good estate management falls within the remit of the ASB/Inspectorate Unit. Alleged breaches of Tenancy Agreements are investigated and pursued in accordance with housing legislation and policy.

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.

The Housing Forum for the Dublin 15 area has been resumed with the next meeting scheduled for Early May. The Housing Forum affords collaborative working between Council Officials, Elected Representatives, Statutory Agencies and Community Representatives in relation to good estate management. All complaints are received in confidence by the ASB Unit

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Anti-Social Behaviour Interventions

Interviews Held 2023	30
Interviews Held 2022	101
Tenancy Alerts 2023	10
Tenancy Alerts 2022	39
Tenancy Warnings 2023	0
Tenancy Warnings 2022	6

Inspectorate

Traveller Specific Site Inspections 2023	547
Traveller Specific Site Inspections 2022	1673
Estate Inspections 2023	401
Estate Inspections 2022	1086
Estate Management Inspections 2023	635
Estate Management Inspections 2022	2109

Housing Ukraine Response

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

Україна українці Україна | Fingal County Council
The Council's Fingal Ukraine Response Forum continues to meet regularly to assist co-ordinate the response of the various statutory agencies and voluntary groups in the county to assist the Ukraine community.

Liam Rodgers Rest Centre

The centre was re-opened as temporary accommodation for displaced Ukrainians on the 2nd November 2022 to cater for increasing pressures on the accommodation situation in the country for displaced Ukrainians.

The centre is presently operating at full capacity utilised for new arrivals to the country with various statutory agencies linked with the centre to provide support to the new arrivals. Every effort is made to move the rest centre occupants to more permanent accommodation as soon as possible with a steady stream of moves to pledge accommodation. Supported by the Council and the Peter McVerry Trust (PMVT), 143 persons have moved from the rest centre to pledge accommodation across the county and country since 2nd November 2022 with further moves to pledge accommodation to take place in the coming days.

Utilising funding from the Department of Health, under the Ukraine Health and Well-Being Fund, a family fun day was held at the centre on Easter Sunday at the centre

OfferAtHome Accommodation

National call for vacant unoccupied properties to accommodate Ukrainian displaced persons was launched on the 24th November 2022. In terms of the Fingal area, 17 properties have been pledged to date. 7 of these properties are occupied with 1 other property due to be occupied in the coming days. 8 properties were withdrawn or deemed unsuitable following inspection with the remaining 1 property subject to inspection and dialogue with the owners.

The Council is also engaging with other property owners who have not formally pledged a property but have made an expression of interest. It should be noted that the monthly recognition payment is now €800 per month. To pledge an unoccupied property, please visit the national portal at <https://offerahome.ie> or for enquiries, e-mail offerahome@fingal.ie.

Vacant Homes

The CPO process has commenced with respect to 2 additional dwellings one which has a large associated site. The Croi Connaithe Refurbishment grant scheme is also in utilisation to address vacancy and assist citizens get a home.

Croi Cónaithe



This is a national scheme administered by local authorities introduced under Housing for All. This scheme provides new choices for people to live in towns, villages and rural areas in Ireland through the provision of a grant to support the refurbishment of vacant properties subject to the application meeting the scheme criteria. Note the scheme covers all parts of the country (urban and rural) and applications are accepted with respect to all geographical areas in Fingal. The Council's Vacant Homes Unit was recently advised by the DHLGH that further changes to the scheme are proposed which would make additional dwellings eligible and that increased grant amounts are also proposed. Further guidance documentation is awaited on the detail of the new criteria. Upon receipt of the new guidance documentation from DHLGH, the Council will undertake a promotional campaign to alert citizens and elected members to the expanded criteria. A national media campaign is planned by the DHLGH for mid-May in terms of the expanded criteria

To date, 29 applications have been received. 6 have been approved in principle with works underway in 4 of these dwellings. Further applications are moving to approval stage. In addition, staff are engaging with 46 other expressions of interest which have potential to lead to further applications. For enquiries on the above scheme and on vacant properties generally, please contact the Council's Vacant Homes Office via e-mail at vacant.homes@fingal.ie

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Community Development Office

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Sports Equipment Funding

Sports Office

Yoga for Menopause Workshop
Chair Yoga in Mulhuddart
All Girls Softball Come and Try Day
Pickleball Come and Try Sessions
Fingal Sports Leadership
Nutrition Roadshow Series
Co-Funded Focus;
1,200 primary kids enjoy their day at Malahide United

Community Development Office

Community Development

Community development is a process where community members come together to take collective action and generate solutions to common problems. Community wellbeing, economic, social, environmental and cultural challenges are often solved through collective action being taken at a grassroots level. Community development ranges from small initiatives within a local group to large initiatives that involve the broader community. Building community capacity, strengthening community participation and involving people in decisions that affect their lives is a complex process and can only be achieved by working with local communities and agencies who have responsibility to the people in those communities.

In April/May the Community Development Office worked in partnership with a number of community groups and partners to support the projects/Initiatives set out below

Racecourse commons estate take part in Lusk community clean-up

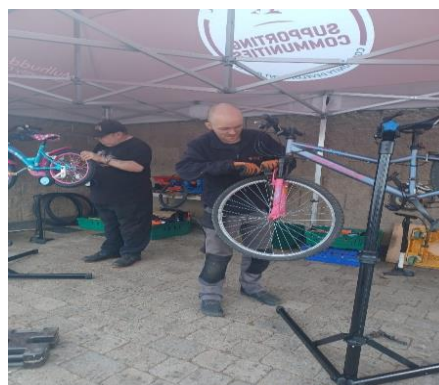


Residents of Racecourse Commons Estate joined together to take part in the Lusk Community Clean-up as part of World Earth Day on Saturday April 22. Residents of all ages came out to tidy their estate supported by Community Development Officers, Foróige officers and local Representatives who were also there to lend a helping hand. The Racecourse Commons Residents Association members took part and liaised with Lusk Community Clean-up group in promoting the event door-to-door in advance. Fortunately, the bright weather allowed for a very productive morning of cleaning up across Lusk. And all volunteers were invited to Skinny Batch Café in the town for refreshments afterwards.



Mulhuddart Green Festival

A project of the Community Office, Mulhuddart Green Festival took place on 21st April to celebrate World Earth Day. This initiative is part of a series of events with an environmental focus called 'Keen to be Green in the Community.' Over 350 attendees descended on Mulhuddart Community Centre which saw environmental activities for children of all ages on themes such as biodiversity, water and waste provided by The Rediscovery Centre. The event was well supported by Minister Roderic O Gorman and local Elected Representatives for the area. There were showcases from local community groups such as Mulhuddart Men's Shed and the D15 Toy Library. Fingal County Council's Active Travel and Environment Departments were available to engage with the public on their initiatives and discuss projects that may benefit local residents. A small second-hand market ensured that some preloved items were given a second lease of life with residents also being informed on the progress of a new community garden in the locality called Glas @ TU Dublin. Outside, local owners and their bicycles lined the perimeter of Mulhuddart Community Centre to have their bicycles repaired or serviced. Free kitchen waste compost caddies and wildflower seeds were made available so that the 'green' momentum continues in the community of Mulhuddart after the event.



GLAS @ TU DUBLIN LAUNCH

Glas @ TU Dublin, a community garden project, will officially be launched on 17th May at 11am behind the Linc Building, TU Dublin Blanchardstown Campus. The Community Office is working in partnership with Global Action Plan and TU Dublin on this community garden initiative which will benefit the wider community of Dublin 15. This garden will become a centre for social inclusion and environmental education in the Dublin 15 area where individuals, schools and community groups are welcome to experience first-hand what it means to work together to produce food using regenerative and organic horticulture practices. The community garden will also provide a safe space for learning and social interaction, with people of a wide diversity of backgrounds, united by a shared interest in horticulture, green living and developing local initiatives for their community. All are welcome to this launch event. RSVP info@globalactionplan.ie



Playful Streets Initiative

Planning is well underway for the pilot of the Fingal Playful Streets Initiative, which will have its open day in Taylors Hill, Balbriggan on May 27th. Playful Streets is a community initiative whereby residents reallocate their streets for young people to play on for a couple of hours, re-introducing street games

from the past in an initiative that gets young people away from their screens. The Community Development Office has identified six estates in north Fingal for the pilot which will take place in June, with other communities in mid Fingal and Dublin 15 to follow suit later in the summer.

Thrive Balbriggan

Thrive Balbriggan, in partnership with Mental Health Ireland and supported by the Community Office recently recruited a development worker, with funding support from FCC. The project, which promotes positive mental health across the entire community is a partner in the first Darkness Into Light Walk in Balbriggan in the early hours of Saturday May 6th. A recent concert involving the Balbriggan Gospel Choir and local groups such as the Skerries C Sharps and Ukulele Group took place in the Bracken Court Hotel.

Fingal Climate Action Heroes Challenge



The Community Development Office is delighted to announce that 28 groups are taking part in the Fingal Climate Heroes Challenge. This is an initiative of Global Action Plan and is the first national climate competition for community groups in Ireland. The competition commenced on the 22nd April and will end on the 6th May. During this period, participating community groups will be tracking their climate- friendly activities including using a keep cup, taking public transport, airdrying clothes, buying second hand, taking shorter showers, eating locally produced food etc.

Community FACILITIES

AEDs in Fingal County Council Supported Community Centres



A recent survey undertaken by the Community Facilities Management Support Unit confirmed that 90% of FCC Community Centres have an AED on site. It is widely recognised that AEDs save lives. Sudden cardiac arrest occurs when the heart suddenly and unexpectedly stops pumping blood. It can happen to anyone, at any time, and signs include collapse and immediate loss of consciousness. If cardiac arrest does occur, rapid treatment with a medical device called an automated external defibrillator (AED) can be lifesaving.

Defibrillation is time sensitive. The probability of survival decreases by 7% to 10% for every minute that a victim stays in a life-threatening arrhythmia.

It is important that AEDs are located in the most suitable areas where they can be properly managed and deployed with ongoing security and maintenance checks. Therefore locating AEDs in community facilities, many of which are also sports facilities, where they can be more easily managed and operated by trained personnel is beneficial for the local community. Therefore, it is planned to locate an AED at every FCC supported community facility by the end of 2023. Each Facility will have a team of trained Emergency First-Responders on site who are trained to use AEDs. There have been several incidents recorded in our community centres that confirm rapid response saves lives.

Saving Lives – Making the difference supporting community first response

Fingal Community Facilities Network



The Fingal Community Facilities Network invited the Garda National Vetting Bureau to speak to their members at their Breakfast Briefing in The Carlton Hotel, Tyrellstown on April 19th. The Bureau was represented by Inspector Marissa Costello and Sergeant James Gould. The members were given an overview of the Garda Vetting system and a detailed description of the legislation which underpins the vetting requirements within a Community Centre setting. Members had specific questions based on their individual needs, from an employer's perspective and in relation to their interactions with persons under 18. The information provided by Inspector Costello and Sergeant Gould will prove to be invaluable to the network members and the Network Steering Group in developing a policy and procedures which will be fully reflective of their responsibilities in this area.

Ongar Community Centre – Easter Pantomime 12th April 2023



The local Community were in high spirits for Ongar Community Centre's annual Easter Pantomime, with over 100 children and their families in attendance the production was staged by The Liberty Pantomime Company. Laughter and song was in the air, as the little ones joined in with the Widow Twankie, and arch-villain Abanazar stealing the show (and the magic lamp!!). Even the Genie, who was played by unsuspecting Centre Manager seemed to hit all the right notes.

Interagency

The Community Development office actively seek to work in collaboration with agencies to maximise service delivery and resources to communities

In April the CDO supported the delivery of the following:

Fingal Comhairle Na nÓg visit County Hall and take part in National Showcase



On April 5 the Fingal Comhairle na nÓg delivered a lively presentation to the Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Howard Mahony and Chief Executive of FCC, AnnMarie Farrelly in the Council Chamber in Swords. The presentation was followed by an hour-long Q & A session, facilitated by the Mayor. Topics discussed included the protection of the environment and recycling, promotion of biodiversity, issues around the use of vapes, the need for more language supports in schools for the parents of children not originally from Ireland, and the need for young people to feel properly listened to in school environments when it comes to experiences around racism and homophobia.



The group also attended the National Showcase along with almost 500 other Comhairle members from all over the country on April 4. The young members prepared a board to showcase visually what they have been working on over the past two years. They focused on examples of the influence they have had locally, and the impact of that work.

The Taoiseach Leo Varadkar and Minister Roderic O'Gorman both visited the board and spoke to the group about their work. Minister Joe O'Brien also spent a considerable amount of time with the group talking about their progress over the last two years. This event provided Comhairle Members with a valuable opportunity to network and workshop in round tables with their peers from across the Country.



Integration

Africa Day Events in May

This year the Integration Team applied for Africa Day Funding for three events which will take place across Fingal. The team worked with each group to develop a proposal and schedule for each event which showcases African Culture. Each event (detailed below) is inclusive and welcomes all members of the community to take part.

On the 25th May 2023 Lusk Community Council in partnership with Lusk Redeemed Church will host an event to take place in the recently refurbished Katie Hunt Cottage. The Akano Rhythm Brothers will deliver drumming workshops for the local community and talks involving the TY students from the local Community College, elected representatives from African heritage and locally

based African artists are also planned. A choral concert will take place in St MacCullin's Centre later that evening.

On 27th May 2023 Balbriggan's local African Community Group will host a daylong event in Flemington Community Centre with talks, displays and debates around the importance of African culture in the life of Fingal communities and how local people with African heritage can become more involved in their local communities.

On 28th May 2023 the African Advocacy Network Ireland "Pride of Africa" will celebrate the uniqueness and talent of young people in Fingal in the areas of academic performance, media, sports, performing arts and volunteerism. This event will take place from 12 to 6pm in Draíocht Blanchardstown

All Africa Day events are listed on the Department of Foreign Affairs Website under Fingal <https://www.ireland.ie/en/africa-day/> and are supported with funding from the Department of Foreign Affairs Africa day fund administered by Fingal County Council.



Ukrainian Supports

Healthy Fingal Ukrainian Sports Day

The Community Development Officer with responsibility for Ukrainian Supports worked closely with the Fingal Sports Team under the alignment of Healthy Fingal to provide a hugely popular and well attended Sports Day in ALSAA

Sports grounds on April 5th. Over 200 parents, children and adults from our Rest Centres, Serviced Accommodations and Pledged Properties across Fingal County Council were encouraged and supported to take part in a day full of fun and activities.



Sailing Into Wellness



The Community Department received incredible feedback for our Sailing Into Wellness initiative for Ukrainians which was held with support from the Healthy Fingal Programme. This initiative was introduced following feedback via the Community Development Officer for Ukrainian Supports that school engagement of students from the Deer Park serviced accommodation was low. As a result the Sailing into Wellness programme was devised to target young people in the Deer Park centre. The project involved 8 students and 2 leaders taking to the water for 4 days, learning how to sail, using effective communication and engagement. As a result of this brilliantly received initiative it has been reported that attendance in school has seen a marked improvement, and one student has secured valuable work experience on Howth Harbour.

Easter Celebrations for Ukrainian Guests Past & Present in the Liam Rodgers Centre



The Community Department was delighted to support a large Easter celebration for guests of the Liam Rodgers centre past and present on Easter Sunday. The centre welcomed back families that first arrived to the Liam Rodgers centre over the past year but who have since moved on to pledged properties country wide to join with current guests for fun, food and a great catch up. This type of event is hugely beneficial as it provides a valuable opportunity for Ukrainians to link in with others who may be experiencing different stages of the property placement system. It also provides a welcome networking opportunity and time to simply catch up and speak with others experiencing displacement due to the War in Ukraine. With over 100 people celebrating the day together, a traditionally very important Ukrainian holiday too, this event proved to be a huge success with attendees.

Age Friendly

Age Friendly Fingal is committed, through its strategy, to driving a collaborative, multi-sectoral approach which supports interventions that will significantly help to improve the quality of life of the current population of older people in Fingal and future generations.

Showcase Event for Older People in Swords



An information event took place for over 55's in Fingallians GAA Club, Swords on Thursday 30th March 2023 to provide information on activities and services available locally. Information stands were provided by 24 local organisations and groups, such as the HSE, An Garda Síochána, Age Friendly Ireland, Age Action, Alone, Fingal Leader Partnership, Fingal Older Peoples Council, Citizens Information, Senior Alert, MABS, Fingal Libraries, Community Centres, men's shed, women's shed, ICA, Once Town Singer Swords and Swords Senior Centre.

Nearly 150 older people, as well as local service providers and social prescribers attended and were delighted with the range of information available on the day. They also appreciated the opportunity to speak to individual representatives from agencies and groups. Attendees were observed rotating from stand to stand rather than approaching specific stands and gathering as much information as they could for themselves, as well as friends and neighbours.

Advertising the event was key to ensuring attendance by older people in the area. The event was advertised in local businesses such as post offices, chemists, church, garda station and Community Centres as well as social media. From information obtained from 78 attendees on how they found out about the event, only 6 received the information from social media. The remaining 72 found out about the event through flyers left with local businesses as well friends and social groups. While most of the attendees were from Swords, they came from Balbriggan, Skerries, Donabate, Portrane, Malahide, Portmarnock and even Drumcondra, to get information.

Feedback from the organisations and groups present at the event was very positive and included comments such as; "it was a great event", "great networking", "delighted to see so many people come and visit our table and ask questions – a worthwhile attendance", "we made some good contacts", "we got an opportunity to speak to some of the other services there which was great", "we look forward to the next event". Following the success of this event, the Age Friendly Team hope to hold a similar event in the Baldoyle/Portmarnock area in September 2023.

Fingal's Age Friendly Alliance Welcomes New Chair



Fingal County Council is delighted to welcome the appointment of Senan Turnbull as the new chair of Fingal's Age Friendly Alliance and takes this opportunity to thank Jim Glennon, the previous chair, for his hard work and dedication. Senan has a wealth of experience of volunteering from local to national levels including charities, sports, community and local development organisations.

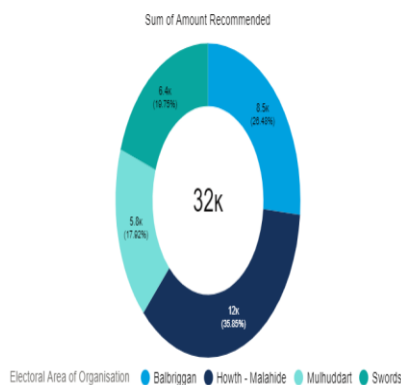
Fingal's Age Friendly Alliance works as a multi-agency hub for knowledge transfer, connections & networks and information exchange between each of the members service providers. The Alliance is committed to enhancing the quality of life of older people in Fingal, by guiding and coordinating the strategic development of Fingal as an age friendly county, through the development and oversight of cross sectoral age friendly initiatives.

Consisting of members from the Health Service Executive; An Garda Síochána; Dublin and Dun Laoghaire Education and Training Board; Dublin City University; TU Dublin Blanchardstown; Fingal Elected Representatives; Local Link Transport Co-Ordination Unit; Age & Opportunity; Fingal County Council Elected Members, Housing, Community and Libraries Departments; Local Link; Healthy Ireland; Alone; as well as representatives from Fingal's Older Peoples Council, Fingal's Age Friendly Alliance works collaboratively on delivering the actions that form the basis of the Age Friendly Strategy to ensure that Fingal is truly great place in which to grow old and to enjoy.

Following the resignation of Jim Glennon as chair of the Alliance earlier this year, a vacancy arose for a person with strong leadership qualities to oversee the development of a new five-year Age Friendly strategy for Fingal and Fingal Age Friendly are delighted to announce that Senan Turnbull has accepted the role. This is also an opportune time to thank Jim Glennon, most sincerely, for his hard work and dedication to Fingal's Age Friendly Alliance during his time in the Chair.

FUNDING

Activities Funding (up to 25th April 2023)



Communities Activities Funding has been awarded to 16 projects to the amount of €32.173 in 2023.

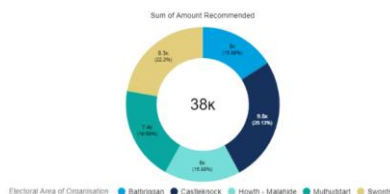
Howth Malahide - €11,535K - across 5 projects

Swords - €6,355- across 3 projects

Mulhuddart- €5,764 - across 3 project

Balbriggan - €8,520 - across 5 projects

Sports Equipment Funding (up to 25th April 2023)



Sport Equipment Funding has been awarded to 15 projects to the amount of €37,527 in 2023

Howth Malahide - €6,000 - across 2 projects

Swords - €8,331 - across 4 projects

Castleknock/Mulhuddart- €17,196 - across 7 projects

Balbriggan €6,000 - across 2 projects

Sports Office

The Sports Office supports and delivers programmes aimed at increasing participation in sport, targeting specific groups such as children, youth at risk, disadvantaged groups, teenage girls, women in sport, older adults and people with disabilities

Yoga for Menopause Workshop



Fingal Sports Office in partnership with Ciúin Wellness held our first Yoga for Menopause Workshop in Flemington Community Centre, Balbriggan on Monday April 3rd. The Workshop was quickly booked out with sixteen places available, indicating the need and demand for such specialised workshops that promote the importance of physical activity during this life stage for women. The participants were advised on the most effective exercise suitable for them to increase and protect their bone health, with an emphasis on weight-bearing exercise such as Yoga, Pilates, Running and Walking.

The programme is also supported by a Consultant Endocrinologist, who works closely with Ciúin Wellness in advisory capacity, who answered questions from the participants on their health concerns and advised on medical and non-medical options that were available to them. She also advised them on what questions and supports that they should have available from their General Practitioners. The volume of topics raised rendered it necessary to agree to invite participants to a follow-up Workshop to cover off on the remaining topics not reached on the day. The sports office will evaluate this programme with a view to investigating the suitability and feasibility of extending this programme in the future.

Chair yoga in Mulhuddart Community Centre

New ten week bi-weekly Chair Yoga classes have commenced on April 18th in Mulhuddart Community Centre on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The classes, funded by Fingal Sports Office, are free to participants and cater for older adults and those with limited mobility. Chair yoga is an adapted yoga practice for poses that can be done from a chair. These adaptations make yoga accessible to people who might not have the mobility to move easily from standing to seated. In addition to improving flexibility, chair yoga participants will benefit from other health benefits such as improve muscle tone, better breathing habits and an improved sense of well-being.

Fingal Sports Office is working with Community Centre Managers to encourage the provision of programmes which meet the differing needs of our citizens as they progress through their lifecycle.

This particular programme helps combat social isolation as well as improve the participants physical health. This programme is supported by the Community Development Officer in the area who worked locally to facilitate engagement with the particular group being targeted.



All Girls Softball Come and Try Day

Fingal Sports Office partnered with All Girls Softball to introduce 25 women over 18 years to the sport for a 4-week pilot programme in Hartstown Park. The programme involved teaching the skills of softball in a safe learning environment to introduce the sport to women who may not have played the sport before. The group are looking to join the beginner Dublin softball league as a team following the pilot programme.



Pickleball Come and Try Sessions

Pickleball has become one of the fastest growing indoor court sports since Covid. A gentle cross between tennis, badminton, and table tennis, pickleball is an easy game to pick up for all ages, all

abilities and can be adapted to the ability of those playing. Fingal Sports Office has been supporting Fingal community centres to introduce the sport as a social outlet and non-competitive sport. There are currently groups in Balbriggan, Portmarnock and Swords, with the sport being introduced in Luttrellstown Community Centre very shortly.



Fingal Sports Leadership

During the Easter break The Sport Section facilitated a 2-day 'Fingal Sports Leadership' course in collaboration with Athletics Ireland to students in Balbriggan. The course included Sport Ireland's 'Understanding Physical Literacy' and CARA Sport Inclusion Ireland's 'Disability Awareness Training', as well Athletics Ireland's 'Athletics Leader' course. Students were given the skills, through theory and practical lessons, to go back to their club and assist in coaching sessions.



Nutrition Roadshow Series

Fingal County Council Sports Office supported by Healthy Fingal launched the Nutrition Roadshow Series in February.

Laura Kealy from Bridge Nutrition delivered 4 workshops on Sports Performance Nutrition. The events took place in 4 club venues throughout Fingal and the target audience was anyone interested in quality nutrition for sports performance and good health.

The series kicked off on February 7th with Workshop 1 in Lusk AFC on 'Nutrition for Endurance Activities'. This was followed in week 2 by a workshop on Field Sports Nutrition in Fingallians GAA.

There was a great attendance at workshop 3 in Westmanstown RFC and this was followed by the last workshop in the series on 'Nutrition for the Young Athlete' on February 27th with plenty of tips for parents on quality nutrition for youths.

Throughout the series Laura gave some powerful insights into the fundamentals of fuel and hydration for sports performance as well as some practical tips for making drinks and healthy snacks. The workshops received great feedback from attendees especially for the excellent videos and materials accompanying the series.



**Co-Funded Focus;
1,200 primary kids enjoy their day at Malahide United**

Malahide in Fingal is a well-known picturesque and inviting coastal village. This tranquil village home to Malahide United FC became a buzzing hive of over 1,200 Children last week. Arriving from over 44 schools, boys and girls from 4th, 5th and 6th class participated in The FAI Primary School 5-a-side.

The popular primary school's tournament is the biggest in the FAI Fingal football calendar, evident by the participant levels and co-ordination required. The 4-day event is hosted & managed by our local Fingal FAI Development Officers. While winning schools have an opportunity to progress to finals and play represent their Primary school at the Aviva Stadium, the initial win was the participation. As sports and recreation are key to the development of children, helping them build confidence, form friendships, and improve their

social skills, it is hardly surprising how year on year this tournament grows and it is an important initiative of the partnership between Fingal County Council, Fingal Schools and the FAI.



ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE ACTION & ACTIVE TRAVEL

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Active Travel

NTA funding allocations for 2023 – see Appendix 3

Strategic Planning

Active Travel Strategy

Following public consultation, the revised Draft Active Travel Strategy was presented to the Transport and Infrastructure Management SPC. Following further presentations to the 3 Area Committees in April/May the plan is to bring the Draft Strategy to Full Council in June.

Protected Cycle Lanes:

BLRS Area:

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

Surfacing Contractor is available to commence with final surfacing works on week commencing the 24/04/23. Traffic and pedestrian management will be in place during the course of the works. There will be some disruption to traffic so people should allow more time for their journeys in this area. Outstanding works of line marking, signage, bollards and landscaping will commence in conjunction with the surfacing works.



Images of red SMA cycle paths being installed along Brackenstown Road.

R132 Ministers Rd to Blakes Cross + Kilhedge Lane

Full tender package documents received from design consultants for the appointment of works contractor to deliver the new cycle lane project. The project team are currently reviewing these tender documents in advance of publishing on the national procurement portal Etenders.

Seatown Road Swords:

Non-Statutory Consultation for this project is due to close on the 26th April. A review of the submissions received will commence to complete

a report in advance of finalising the detailed design.

Donabate Portrane R126 cycle paths:

Topographic surveys complete. Concept design and options report being developed for review and consultation.

Coney Hill Balbriggan R132 cycle paths:

Topographic surveys complete. Concept design and options report being developed for review and consultation.

Pathfinder Pinnock Hill to Airport cycle paths:

Design Brief under development to allow for procurement of integrated design team to be secured. Meetings arranged for coming month with various stakeholders to agree scope and extent of project.

Howth-Malahide Area:

Baldoyle-Howth Protected Cycle Lane Scheme Phase 1

Tree planting works completed on Grange Road. 18 no. Trees planted in collaboration with Park Operations section. Minor snag items remaining to be completed on the rest of the scheme.



Baldoyle-Howth Protected Cycle Lane Scheme Phase 2

Options report received and under review by Active Travel.

Paddy's Hill to Broomfield via Naomh Mearnog GAA

Design brief being prepared for the connectivity project. Once complete it is intended to run a tender competition to appoint a design consultant for the project. Small works are ongoing around the existing car park through Operations department.

Seamount Heights to Old Gold Course Link Park

Preliminary design is being revisited after feedback from Active Travel and internal FCC stakeholders.

Station Road Portmarnock Footpaths and Cycleway

Majority of works have been completed by contractor regarding footpath, cycle lane and resurfacing works. Awaiting ESB connection for the new pedestrian crossing on Station Road.

Feltrim Road Cycle Infrastructure

These works are expected to go to tender for a design consultant in 2023.

Scoil an Duinnigh to Waterside Footpath and Cycleway

These works are expected to go to tender for a design consultant in 2023.

BMCO Area:

Snugborough Road - NAC to Ongar

Work is continuing the options report for the project after internal reviews by AT team. Workshop is planned to be held with the NTA in May. Subject to that meeting the Gateway 2 Report is to be issued to the NTA to gain approval to proceed to preliminary design phase of the project.

Clonee to Blanchardstown Shopping Centre

Data collection for the options stage of the project has been completed i.e., topographical, traffic surveys, tree surveys. This data will feed into development of the options report for the project.

Castleknock to Dunsink Lane

Work is continuing developing the options report for the project. Option for a rapid build option for Auburn Avenue is being explored as part of the design process.

Hartstown/Huntstown/Mountview Road

The phase 2b junction designs have been completed by the cycle design office (CDO). These designs are being reviewed by FCC before tendering for construction.

Castleknock to Blanchardstown via Farmleigh

Stage 1 of the SAQ has closed and tender assessment is ongoing. Once complete it is expected to proceed to Stage 2 of the tendering process.

Towns & Villages

Works are continuing in the development of an Active Travel Plan for a number of our Towns & Villages. Details are outlined below.

New Street

Statutory consultation has commenced for the project. It is expected to present the CE report for the project to the July Council meeting.

Balrothery Active Travel Plan

Tender competition is ongoing and we plan to appoint an integrated design team consultant to commence work on the active travel plan shortly.

Skerries Active Travel Plan

The Active Travel project team are finalising the brief to go to tender using the new NTA

Engineering Framework for the appointment of an Intergrated Design Team. This will be the second tender competition for an Integrated Design Team as the previous competition was unsuccessful. The new tender brief will allow the project team to take findings from the public consultations and research undertaken by the ESRI and include this as part of the brief.

Skerries Harbour Road:

Works on the preferred options is progressing well and was presented to local Cllr's at the end of April for consideration. Design works will be continuing over the coming month to progress the preferred options for non-statutory public consultation and engagement with each of the stakeholders.

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 through a multi criteria analysis.

The projects are then reviewed across the departments to identify if an appropriate means of delivery can be established on the ground. A number of projects identified through this process are being developed through the design phases for execution later this year.

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

Newtown Bridge, Balheary Road:

Non-Statutory Consultation for this project is due to close on the 26th of April. A review of the submissions received will commence to complete a report in advance of finalising the detailed design.

Rush South Beach:

Topographic surveys complete. Concept design and options report being developed for review and consultation. Discussions with Land owners ongoing to get agreement on land take required.

Access Constraints

Following on from circular (NGS Circular 4/22) and guidance from the NTA (Access Control of Active Travel Facilities) the Active Travel Unit has mapped the access constraints (in particular kissing gates) within Fingal. We have put together a list of access constraints to be considered for removal and works proposed to improve for pedestrians, cyclists and disabled persons. This list is currently being reviewed by the various departments to ensure that the removal of these constraints provide a positive impact in these areas. On completion of the review Fingal County Council Active Travel in conjunction with Operations will be coordinating the removal of these access constraints across the county.

Secure Bicycle Parking Infrastructure

Contractor is currently on site at various locations across the county and is progressing works to install a number of bike parking facilities across the county. Further works are planned in Swords and Dublin 15 areas in the coming weeks. Locations are currently being agreed for expansion of virtual e-bike parking in public areas. Active Travel has taken delivery of six new bike repair stations and will be rolling out two stations in each area and are now with the contractor with the intention to install May/June 202



Millennium Park Playground and Baldoyle Road

Road Safety

Safe Routes to School

Round 1 – Tranche 1

The works contractor for the Safe Routes to School Tranche 1 contract is making great progress at each of the three school sites. Works to date have progressed well, with little or no disruption to the schools or traffic in each of the three areas. A brief update is provided below for each school site and associated construction works completed to date since the appointment of the works contractor.

Rush and Lusk Educate Together

As this Safe Routes to School project comes to a completion we are seeing the final touches such as the **Advanced School Safety Signs** are now in place on Raheny Close junction. Planting of the rain gardens will be completed in the rain gardens in the coming weeks to complete all outstanding works. The below images show the upgraded Raheny Close junction on the left with the new school safety signs, raised ramp table to slow traffic and provide level surface with footpath, school pencil bollards, wider footpaths at junction with tactile paving for visually impaired, new road signs and road markings. The image on the right is a view of the junction before the works commenced.



Castaheany ETNS / St.Benedict's NS

Works are approaching substantial completion for the school. Advance warning signs were installed at the school. The remaining works to be completed on site is the epoxy resin application. Please note that this aspect of the works is weather dependant. Works to be substantially completed by May 2023. Below is a before and after photo of the Barry Lane junction outside the school entrance.



Bayside Junior & Senior School

Works are approaching substantial completion. Advance warning signs have been installed and the remaining works are epoxy resin application minor civil works and parking signs. The remaining works on site is the epoxy resin application. Please note that this aspect of the works is weather dependant. Works to be substantially completed by May 2023. Below is a before and after photo of Alden Park/Verbena Avenue junction.



Round 1 – Tranche 2

Design is currently underway for the Tranche 2 schools (4 no.) with a view to progressing to construction later in the year. Initial meeting has also been held with the NTA regarding the preliminary designs of the project.

Round 2

In mid-December An Taisce announced Round 2 of the Safer Routes to School programme, with the following Fingal schools selected:

- Holy Family Junior National School, Forest Fields, Swords
- Scoil Bhríde Buachaillí, Church Avenue, Blanchardstown
- Scoil Bhríde Cailíní, Church Avenue, Blanchardstown
- St Helen's SNS, Limetree Avenue, Portmarnock
- St. Colmcille's Girls' National School, Chapel Lane, Swords

The Active Travel team are working closely with An Taisce in relation to data collection and engagement with the schools to develop briefs to enable the tender process for designers and contractors to carry out the works.

Mobility & Behaviour Change

Bike Week 2023

Bike Week takes place from Saturday 13th May – Sunday 21st May.

Keep an eye on Fingal's Social Media pages or for more information check out

<https://www.fingal.ie/activetravel/bikeweek> or email active.travel@fingal.ie

Mulhuddart Green Festival

Our Walking and Cycling Officers were in attendance at the Community organised Mulhuddart Green Festival, this brilliant event saw over 300 attendees in Mulhuddart Community Centre and was a great opportunity to promote the benefits of Walking and Cycling

Cycling Without Age

Skerries

The Skerries Trishaw was officially launched on Wednesday 19th April by Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Howard Mahoney. All of Fingal's Trishaw can be booked at

<https://www.fingal.ie/activetravel/mobility/cycling-without-age-fingal>



Figure: CWA Launch Skerries

Phoenix Park – Pop Up Event

On Wednesday 5th April we held an open day for Cycling Without Age in The Phoenix Park with our Colleagues in Dublin City Council, the day was a great success with over 20 Trips around the beautiful Acres Road setting



Figure: Pop Up Event – Phoenix Park

Marchathon

Well done to all the teams in Fingal who took part in the Marchathon challenge, a huge effort was put in by everyone, with Ann Foley topping the pile in Fingal walking over 700,000 steps in the Month!

Try a Bike Day

On Thursday 6th of April we held a Try a Bike Day for Staff in Civic Offices. Cycle Bike, based in Capel Street were on hand with a range of bikes for staff to take on a test ride and ask questions. The day was a brilliant success and we are hoping to run a similar event in May in County Hall.



Figure: Darren & Terry from Cycle Bike

Community Car

The Community Car in Skerries continues to provide a vital service for people who need support in attending hospital appointments, shopping and various other tasks.

Month	Total Bookings	Total Trip Numbers	Appointment Cancelled by Hospital	Missed Demand (no volunteer available)
February 23	106	90	12	4
March 23	108	58	34	16
April 23	114	80	16	18

The Community Car Project has been nominated for a IE Digital Town award in the Community Category. The awards ceremony takes place on 24th May in Hodson Bay Hotel, Athlone.

Bike Share Schemes

Trips per month (previous 12 months)



Bleeper Bike March 2023; Other Key Statistics – Bike Share Countywide:

You can pick up a Bleeper bike easily. Just download the Bleeper app, scan the code on the bike to unlock it and you're on your way!

712 bike journeys started within Fingal operating zone in January
725 bike journeys ended within existing Fingal operating zone in January
Highest usage recorded on Fridays (18.8%) & Sundays (18.5%)
Howth, Hartstown & Donabate were the most popular starting points
Average number of 140.5 Bikes available in Fingal – (SLA for 120 bikes) for hire each day of the month

TIER eBike Update

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.

TIER Mobility March 2023; Other Key Statistics

Metric	December
Active Vehicles	1,570
No of Customers	229
Trips / Customer	2
Distance Covered (KM)	5589km
Average Trip Duration	16.4min
Average Trip length (KM)	3.6km

Localised Town data unavailable at time of report due to IT Issue on TIERS Dashboard, it can be supplied at a later date

Other News

Digital Town Awards

Community Car and The Weather Station for Schools Project have been shortlisted for the Digital Town Awards in The Community and Education categories respectively. There is an awards presentation on Wednesday 24th May at 12pm in the Hudson Bay Hotel, Athlone.

ENVIRONMENT

Landfill Aftercare Balleally Climate Action

The Environment Climate Action and Active Travel Department is currently engaged with the DLA and the Climate Action Regional Office to plan for amending the existing CCAP's and will be engaging with the Climate Action Biodiversity and Environment SPC and the Council in due course. As part of this activity, the ECAAT Depot is coordinating input from across Departments at present and will be engaging with internal teams on action review and development in the coming weeks.

The Climate Action Regional Office is providing training and workshops for Local Authority teams relating to Sectoral Climate Action integration into the amended LACAP.

Environmental Awareness

The Dublin Community Clean-up took place on Earth Day April 22nd. Groups and individuals from all over Fingal were out in force cleaning up their local environment. Hundreds of free litter pickers and doggie dispensers were distributed through the 10 hub community centres around Fingal. Thanks to everyone for promoting and participating in the Dublin-wide event. There was great attendance at the Mulhuddart Green Festival on Friday 21st April. Environmental Awareness staff distributed 200 food waste caddies and engaged with local residents to talk about environmental actions such as litter, responsible dog ownership, gardens and pollinators, and climate action. 200 litter pickers were also distributed as well as 250 doggie dispensers and rolls of pooh bags. Rediscovery Centre bike repair was provided and attended to 21 bikes.

The Composting for Schools Program has started in Fingal with training sessions taking place for 24 schools. The program is free to schools, funded by the Environmental Awareness Department. School waste management is addressed in the school

visits. Wormeries and composting interventions are provided as part of the program.

Drum kits were delivered to Hartstown Community School and Fingal Community College recently. The highly successful Fingal Instruments Project model is being taken up by other Local Authorities through the Environmental Awareness network. It is called the Replay Instruments initiative www.replayinstruments.ie.



Bring Centres

Bottle Banks

The Department of Environment Climate Action and Action Travel have had two new Bottle Bank sites installed in the Dublin 15 area in April.

The site at St Peregrines Gaa Club, Blakestown Road, Dublin 15 is available right away for recycling glass. It is positioned at the club door in the carpark with easy access for all.

The site at Beech Park Clonsilla in the Council owned Carpark and is also available right away for Recycling of both Glass and Cans. The opening hours now on this Fingal County Council Park are 10.45 to 6 pm after these hours the gates will be locked.

The Environment Department will be doing all we can to keep the Bottle Bank facilities clean and available for use. The Department have done a social media campaign to inform the public of the two new facilities and will be monitoring the sites over the coming weeks. Signage on these sites will follow.



St Peregrines Gaa Club, Blakestown, Dublin 15
Beech Park, Clonsilla, Dublin 15

Power Washing on Bottle bank sites

The biannual power washing of the Bring Bank sites has commenced, and this really makes a difference to hygiene and overall appearance at these sites.

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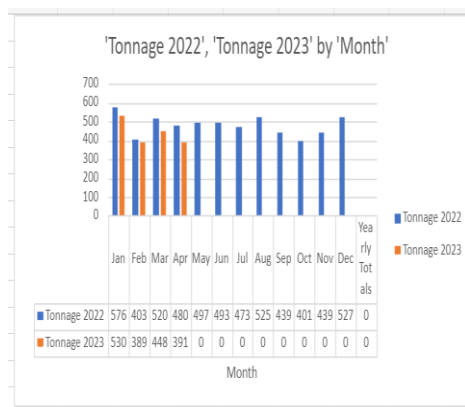
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Before and after Power Washing Balgriffin



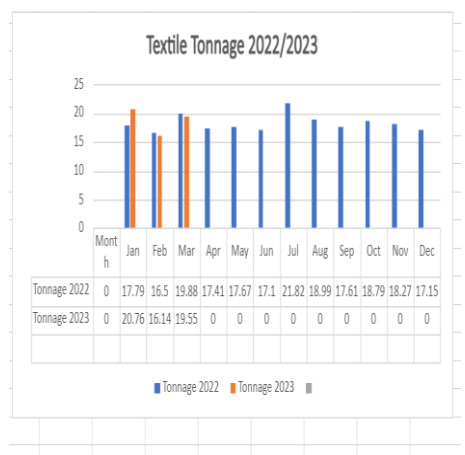
Ballyboughal Power washed, and Bins replaced

The Glass Tonnage Report for April 2023 year to date compared to tonnage collected April 2022 is shown below. There were 391 tons of glass collected for recycling to the 26th of April 2023. This is compared to 480 tons which were collected in the month of April 2022.



Textile Banks

The Textile Tonnage Report for 2023 compared to 2022 is shown below. The amount of textiles collected for March 2023 was 19.55 tons compared to 19.88 tons which was collected in March 2022.



Litter Management

In April, the Litter Wardens continued with their daily patrols, including all the litter black spots. The Litter warden followed up on any evidence found and liaised with the Operations division to arrange collection of dumping. Daily, they also checked to see if any issues have arisen for the Operations crews, and they carried out inspections and followed up with fines/warning notice if evidence found. They also erecting anti dog fouling signage in areas where requests were received. Patrols of the coastal areas of Fingal County Council were also carried out.

In April a total of 310 planned inspections on litter black spot all over the Fingal County Council area were carried out, including the bring banks in the Fingal to ensure that there was no dumping. Any evidence found was dealt with under the Litter Pollution Acts. They carried out investigation on reports of abandoned cars and burnt-out cars. Local businesses were inspected, to ensure they were keeping their premises free of litter.

In the District Court, five case was successfully prosecuted, and costs were awarded. One case was paid in advance and was struck out.

There was one fine was issued for dog fouling

2023	Fines Issued	Notices Issued
Month	Fines	Warning Notices
April	35	29

In April 2023, ---59 cases were assigned to the Litter Warden for investigation under the following heading from the CRM system.

CRMs April 2023	Amount
Env - Dog Fouling	1
Env - Fly tipping 1-20 bags equivalent	8
Env - General Litter Issue	15
Env - Pollution - Dog Fouling Signage	1
Env - Abandoned cars	30
Env domestic bin, backyard waste storage issue	1
Env - Unauthorised Signage	1
Env - litter incident with witness	2

Abandoned Vehicles

There have been 131 reports of alleged Abandoned Vehicles received between 1st January 2023 – 26th April 2023. Burnt-out vehicles are also reported to the Environment Department.

The Litter Wardens carry out an initial inspection of all reported abandoned and burnt-out vehicles. For further information on abandoned vehicles, there is a dedicated webpage on the Fingal County Council Website:

<https://www.fingal.ie/council/service/abandoned-vehicles>

To report a suspected abandoned vehicle the following information is required and can be emailed to environment@fingal.ie

- **Vehicle Registration**
- **Colour / Make / Model**
- **Exact Location**
- **Period of time that vehicle has not been moved**
- **Name and Contact Number of person reporting the vehicle**

2023	Abandoned Vehicles Removed as at 26 th April 2023	Burnt out Vehicles Removed as at 26 th April 2023
January	0	1
February	1	0
March	1	1
April	0	0
Total	2	2

Dog Warden Service

The dog wardens continue to carry out enforcement in relation to breaches of the Control of Dogs Act 1986 and Control of Dog Regulations 1998.

11 on the spot fines were issued during April for offences including dogs not being under effectual control and restricted breed dogs being unmuzzled in a public place. 31 fines were issued in relation to dog licences.

The dog wardens are also continuing with door-to-door licence checks. Dog owners should ensure that they hold a valid licence for their dog and if issued with a 10-day notice by the dog wardens, should present their licence to Controlofdogs@Fingal.ie within the 10 days

provided on the notice. Failure to do so may result in a fine being issued for failing to produce a dog licence when requested to do so by a dog warden and keeping a dog without a valid licence. The fine per offence is €100.

152 x '10 Day Notices' were issued by the dog wardens during April.

42 fines were issued during April.

Month	10 Day Notices		Fines Issued		Fines Paid	
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
Feb	36	13	17	32	€0	€2,600
March	48	97	5	29	€300	€2,000
April	26	152	26	42	€0	€1,500

The Animal Welfare Section received 73 complaints in relation to dogs in April.

Dog Licences and Fines

The below table shows the number of annual and lifetime licences purchased in February, March and April 2023 in comparison with the same months in 2022. An annual dog licence fee is €20 and a lifetime dog licence fee is €140. We will continue to promote the requirement for a dog licence on social media platforms. It is a legal requirement to hold a valid licence for any dog you own or are responsible for under the Control of Dogs Act 1986. Failing to hold a valid licence for a dog that you are own or are responsible for can incur a €100 fine.

Month	Annual Licences Purchased		Lifetime Licences Purchased		Income from Licences	
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
February	496	562	35	58	€14,850	€19,360
March	458	561	47	55	€15,740	€18,900
April	529	451	54	41	€18,140	€14,760

FINE PAYMENTS

Year	Fine Payments Received
1 January 2023 to date	€14,000
2022	€15,400
2021	€1,200

Dog Shelter Service

Dublin County Dog Shelter holds "Meet and Greet" visits for anyone looking to rehome a dog. Visits can be arranged by calling the shelter and arranging an appointment. These visits can be arranged from Monday - Friday from 11am to 1pm and from 2pm to 3.30pm.

The shelter is also open on Saturday from 11am - 1pm. The shelter is closed to the public on Sunday's.



The dog shelter holds stray dogs picked up by the dog warden and dogs who have been surrendered by their owners either to the dog wardens or directly to the shelter. At the beginning of the month there were 9 dogs in the shelter. During April 2023, 13 dogs were brought to the shelter by the dog wardens as stray or surrenders, 3 dogs were surrendered by members of the public and 2 dogs were seized at the request of An Garda Síochána.

Of these 27 dogs, 4 have been reclaimed by their owners, 3 dogs have been rehomed to rescue and 5 have been rehomed to members of the public. At the end of April there are 10 dogs remaining in the shelter.



An Irish Doodle (Irish Setter/Poodle Mix) and a black and white female lurcher are both looking for new homes.



A Jack Russell was rehomed after spending 5 days in the shelter and a Rottweiler was reclaimed within 24 hours of being picked up by the dog wardens as a stray.

Horses

Weekly equine welfare inspections continue to take place on Dunsink Landfill to monitor the number of horses and any welfare concerns that the horses may have. Any horses with welfare concerns are removed from the landfill by our contractor to their shelter facility to receive veterinary treatment.

One pony was removed from the landfill during April due to having severely overgrown hooves. A farrier has been arranged to trim them in the coming days.

The 10 hay feeders continue to be refilled weekly by the Operations Department to ensure adequate forage is available for the horses on the landfill until there is more grass growth on the site.

Bathing Water Quality

A total of 10 bathing areas have been identified by Fingal County Council as designated bathing areas for the 2023 bathing season which is due to commence on the 1st of June 2023. Fingal County Council will commence sampling of the bathing waters on the 29th of May 2023 and will continue monitoring designated bathing waters for the full duration of the bathing water season.

The following beaches have been identified as designated bathing areas for 2023;

Balbriggan Front Strand Beach, Claremont Beach, Donabate Balcarrick Beach, Loughshinny Beach, Portmarnock Velvet Strand, Portrane the Brook Beach, Rush North Beach, Rush South Beach, Skerries South Beach, Sutton Burrow Beach.

Waste Management Plan

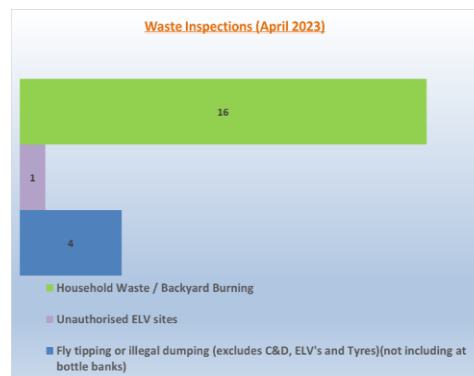
The Executives of the 31 Local Authorities in Ireland through the Regional Waste Management Offices have prepared a draft joint waste management Plan which opens for public consultation on May 3rd on the www.mywaste.ie website. The making of a waste management plan is an executive function under section 22 of the Waste Management Act |

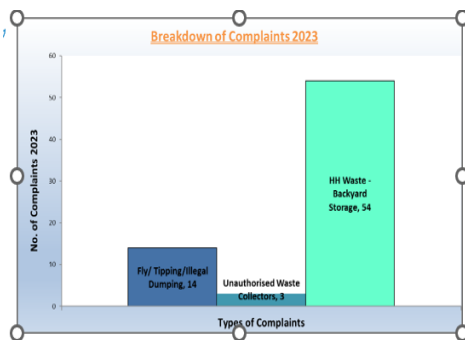
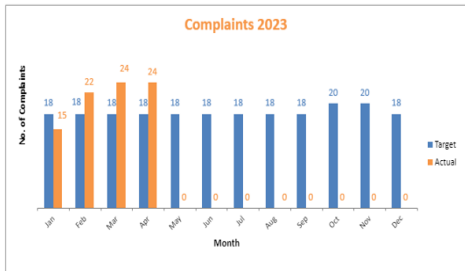
Waste Enforcement & Regulation

Waste Complaints

Responding to waste complaints continues to be a major priority for waste enforcement officers. A

total of 24 waste complaints were recorded for the month of April. The majority of complaints related to backyard storage of household waste and backyard burning of waste (67%) with fly tipping and illegal dumping accounting for a further 17% of waste complaints. Information in relation to unauthorised sites/collectors can be forwarded to environment@fingal.ie





Annual Return Validations

Annual return waste validations have commenced for 2023 for permitted waste facilities and waste collection permit holders operating within Fingal. This is a significant body of work that takes a number of months to complete where annual waste information such as different waste streams being managed and processed at permitted facilities, tonnages into and out of facilities, materials handled and transported by waste collection permit holders to and from permitted facilities and sites (cradle to grave) are desktop validated by Waste Enforcement Officers for the previous year. Facility operators and collection permit holders submit annual waste returns through the NWCPO portal which manages all waste returns for subsequent validation by Local Authorities. The validation project plays a hugely important role to help track different waste streams and volumes within the Sector and helps to improve traceability for all key waste materials which are reported through the Environmental Protection Agency to the EU on an annual basis.



For 2023 there are 111 Waste Collection Permit validations to be completed and 22 Waste Facility Permit/Certificate of Registration validations. In addition to desktop validations 20 onsite verification audits will be completed for higher risk/previously non-compliant Waste Collection Permit operators involving detailed assessment of waste flows and quantities into and out of facilities and material transported by waste collection permit holders. All Waste Facility Permit/Certificate of Registration holders that accepted waste in 2022 will be subject to an onsite validation. There will be 5 Waste Enforcement Officers involved in this validation work and all validations must be completed by September 2023.



Brown Bin Apartment Project 2023

Under the European Union (Household Food and Bio-Waste Regulations 2015) waste collectors are required to provide a separate bin and waste collection service for household food waste. Householders are also required to segregate food waste from other waste and either present it for collection by an authorised collector or compost it at home. However, a recent EPA study showed that most household organic waste (60%) continues to end up in the residual and recycling bins.

A key objective of the Food Waste Regulations is to reduce the amount of organic waste going into residual bins and to increase the levels going into dedicated brown bins that can then be recycled and also making sure that Brown Bin services are available to all householders and commercial premises to promote segregation.



To assess compliance with the Food Waste Regulations the Waste Enforcement Section have commenced a project gathering information on the number of Brown Bin services currently in use

at apartment complexes within Fingal. Information was sought from the 10 waste collection companies operating in Fingal through the use of Regulation 10 Notices to confirm if brown bin service provision at apartment complexes was currently in place. Contact was made with the waste collection companies in September 2022 whereby a list of over 50 property management companies was then established for follow on investigations.

Over the course of March and April 2023 letters were sent to each of the property management companies outlining their obligation to provide a brown bin service to apartment complexes that they manage and information to residents to encourage the use of the service. Management companies were asked to submit a waste management plan for brown bin implementation and to have the service in place within an agreed timeframe. Engagement with the property management companies is ongoing to ensure compliance with the regulations whereby enforcement action will be taken in instances where engagement is not forthcoming.



The project will reduce the amount of organic waste being disposed of through residual waste bins and increase the amount food waste that can be recycled for other uses such as compost.

FINANCE

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The table below outlines key financial statics at the end of March & April 2023.

Rates

Overall Commercial Rates collection to the end of April 2023 is running at **37%**.

Rates Collection	
Rates collected €M	58.5
Rates Collection %	37%

Development Levy Income

Development levy income collected to the end of March is €7.1m this is c. **17%** of the overall collection during 2022.

Development Levy Income	
Levies Receipted €M	7.1
Levies collected as % of 2022	17%

Payroll

Overall payroll spend to the end of March was €20.4m which is c. **95%** of budget year to date.

Payroll	
Salaries & Wages €M	20.4
Percentage of budget to 28 February	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) for year to date	80	
Value €m	23.5	
Procurements ongoing at end of April		
No. of procurements awaiting tender responses	19	(i)
Value €m	194.8	
No. of procurements under evaluation	33	(ii)
Value €m	119.4	
No. of procurements at approved	8	(iii)
Value €m	13.9	

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.

Appendix 1 (a)

REVENUE ACCOUNT INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION AT 30 Apr 2023

	EXPENDITURE			INCOME			NET
	Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent to date	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised	€
Housing & Building	28,389,130	90,151,700	31%	28,090,201	94,681,700	30%	298,929
Road Transport & Safety	9,796,203	32,392,400	30%	2,989,113	8,698,800	34%	6,807,089
Water Services	6,036,307	14,994,900	40%	5,826,096	18,028,400	32%	210,211
Development Management	6,462,329	19,874,200	33%	2,498,085	5,480,800	46%	3,964,243
Environmental Services	15,161,672	48,361,500	31%	3,146,942	10,542,200	30%	12,014,730
Recreation & Amenity	15,295,421	49,953,500	31%	791,456	2,386,500	33%	14,503,965
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	461,357	1,380,600	33%	105,059	340,100	31%	356,298
Miscellaneous Services	7,890,955	22,836,300	35%	9,991,115	24,576,200	41%	-2,100,160
Central Management Charge	14,345,487	53,803,600	27%	1,207,274	3,904,000	31%	13,138,214
Local Property Tax / GPG				3,259,767	9,779,300	33%	-3,259,767
Rates				51,776,900	155,330,700	33%	-51,776,900
	103,838,860	333,748,700	31%	109,682,008	333,748,700	33%	-5,843,147

Appendix 1 (b)

CAPITAL ACCOUNT
INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 30/04/2023

	Balance at 01/01/2023 €	Expenditure YTD €	Income YTD €	Balance at 30/04/2023 €
A Housing & Building	-45,026,626	25,247,102	-8,231,277	-28,010,801
B Road Transport & Safety	12,033,473	7,065,318	-1,799,661	17,299,130
C Water Services Development	-10,811,421	307,739	-315,571	-10,819,253
D Management	-134,303,923	10,041,711	-13,834,030	-138,096,242
E Environmental Services	-21,303,306	1,413,796	-455,364	-20,344,874
F Recreation & Amenity	-14,103,073	12,476,931	-934,000	-2,560,142
H Miscellaneous Services	-52,242,890	6,221,113	-5,882,141	-51,903,918
Total	-265,757,766	62,773,710	-31,452,044	-234,436,100

Appendix 1 (c)

SUMMARY OF CORPORATE DEBTORS TO 30/04/2023				
	Balance at 01/01/2023	Balance at 30/04/2023	Current debt	> 1 Year
	€	€	€	€
RATES	€3,146,921	€98,723,655	€95,581,846	€3,141,809
LOANS	€2,030,260	€2,055,517	€261,255	€1,794,262
RENTS	€9,426,987	€9,041,390	€3,942,798	€5,098,592

Figures for rents and loans are unadjusted by credits/prepayments

Appendix 2
Number of Contracts Awarded for year to date

Dept	Description of Procurement	Supplier Name	Current Value of Contract (excl. VAT)	Contract Start Date (actual)	Contract End Date (actual)	Actual Duration (months)	Contract Award Date
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Topographical Survey for the design stage of the N3 M50 to Clonee Road Scheme	IO Geomatics Ltd	€ 164,950	16/01/2023	15/07/2023	6	28/04/2023
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Re-Instatement of Car Park Surface & Footpaths, ducting and 5 x light sockets and assoc. works at Bath Road Car Park, Balbriggan	Postmount Buildings Limited T/A Hayes Civil Engineering	€ 28,850	24/04/2023	12/05/2023	1	26/04/2023
Operations	Hire of Generators, Tower Lights and Electricians and Teleporter for Flavours of Fingal County Show 2023	GH Energy Rentals Ltd	€ 90,000	28/06/2023	07/07/2023	8 days	25/04/2023
Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary Works, Turvey Avenue, Donabate	D.M. Morris Limited	€ 89,939	08/05/2023	08/09/2023	5	18/04/2023
Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary Works, Hazelwood Green & Avenue	D.M. Morris Limited	€ 80,130	30/04/2023	30/07/2023	3	18/04/2023
Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary Works, Chapel Green, Lusk	Lagan Asphalt Ltd	€ 84,460	01/06/2023	21/06/2023	3 weeks	14/04/2023
Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary Works, Curran Park, Balbriggan	Roadstone Ltd	€ 61,729	01/06/2023	21/06/2023	3 weeks	14/04/2023
Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary Works Balgriffin Cemetary	John McQuillan Contracts Ltd	€ 30,092	25/04/2023	23/05/2023	1	14/04/2023
Operations	Concrete Footpath Construction at Pinewood & Ashfield Green Residential Es	John Browne Construction Ltd	€ 37,815	30/04/2023	30/05/2023	1	12/04/2023
Housing	Energy Efficiency Retrofitting Works	Bayview Contracts Ltd	€ 2,000,000	01/03/2023	31/03/2025	24	12/04/2023
Operations	Bituminous Footpath Works at Balscadden Road, Howth	D.M. Morris Limited	€ 53,295	24/04/2023	23/05/2023	1	09/04/2023
Operations	Hire of 1 x 85 HP Plus 4 wheel Drive Tractor/with driver/operative 1 x Backhoe Excavator, 1 teleporter, 1 x John Deer Gater with cab	Larry Kieran Plant Hire Ltd	€ 62,883	10/04/2023	30/09/2023	5	06/04/2023
Libraries	Creator - Makers In Residence Programme & Development of Maker Spaces	Make Create Innovate Limited	€ 117,500	01/03/2023	01/03/2025	24	06/04/2023
Operations	Overlay at Back Corballis Road, Donabate	Roadstone Ltd	€ 50,981	17/04/2023	17/07/2023	4	05/04/2023

Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary Works, Estuary Road, Swords	John McQuillan Contracts Ltd	€ 136,350	08/05/2023	08/09/2023	5	05/04/2023
EETCD	Conservation & Enabling Works - Swords Castle	Oldstone Conservation Ltd	€ 621,115	17/04/2023	11/07/2024	15	04/04/2023
EETCD	Enabling Works - initial contract for SCQ Enabling Works (€5m/€750k)	Hegarty Demolition Ltd.	€ 834,932	05/04/2023	25/07/2024	16	04/04/2023
Operations	Consultancy Services for Fingal Harbours and Associated Services - Initial Contract for the Rehabilitation of Skerries Harbour	Byrne Looby & Partners Ltd	€ 74,615	06/03/2023	06/09/2024	18	04/04/2023
People Services	Corporate Employer Branding Project	Barlo	€ 81,000	20/02/2023	19/02/2025	24	03/04/2023
Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary works at Bun a Knock, Naul	Siac Bituminous Products Ltd	€ 38,025	24/04/2023	28/04/2023	1 week	31/03/2023
Digital Services	Vmware vSan Expansion - Provision of Vmware Software and Licencing	Triangle Computer Services	€ 93,231	01/05/2023	30/04/2024	12	31/03/2023
Community	Provide Outdoor Equipment lockers with app access	BoxUp SA	€ 34,443	01/03/2023	01/03/2027	48	31/03/2023
EETCD	Development of the Castlknock and Balbriggan App Trails and the inclusion	Peel Entertainment Group Ltd t/a Peel Interactive	€ 50,000	27/03/2023	31/07/2023	4	31/03/2023
Operations	Concrete Footpath Construction in a series of batches from 6 - 12 Sq Mts at Mainstreet, Howth, Co. Dublin	Formac Construction	€ 80,826	24/04/2023	24/05/2023	1	30/03/2023
Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary Works at Townparks Distributor Road, Skerries	Roadstone Ltd	€ 77,592	24/04/2023	05/05/2023	2 weeks	30/03/2023
Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary Works at Healys Lane, Rush	Roadstone Ltd	€ 39,209	08/05/2023	19/05/2023	2 weeks	30/03/2023
Corporate Affairs	Supply of Fixed Voice Services	Eir Ltd	€ 110,000	01/01/2023	31/08/2023	8	29/03/2023
Digital Services	Property Interest Register Annual Maintenance Services	Irish Mapping & GIS Solution Ltd.,	€ 27,110	01/01/2023	31/12/2025	36	28/03/2023
EETCD	Classical Production for Shackleton Proms Event	Arun Rao	€ 41,000	12/05/2023	14/05/2023	2 days	28/03/2023
Operations	Footpath Landscaping & Drainage Works, Paddys Hill	Jim Hayes Civil Engineering	€ 39,000	15/04/2023	14/05/2023	1	27/03/2023
Operations	Donabate Cemetary Upgrade Works	Lakelands Civil Engineering Ltd	€ 47,425	27/03/2023	26/06/2023	3	27/03/2023

Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Ongar Development Remedial Works	Formac Construction	€ 806,074	17/04/2023	18/08/2023	4	24/03/2023
Digital Services	12 month Autodesk Software Subscription (2023)	Diatec Group	€ 56,063	01/03/2023	29/02/2024	12	22/03/2023
Operations	Road Inlay and Ancillary Works, Sycamore View, Castleknock, Dublin 15	Lagan Asphalt Ltd	€ 30,957	01/05/2023	31/05/2023	1	20/03/2023
Operations	Supply of Macadam for various locations in Fingal County Council for Road Re	Roadstone Ltd,	€ 95,770	17/01/2023	31/12/2023	11.5	15/03/2023
Operations	Road Marking for Howth/Malahide Area	Nuzum Road Services Ltd	€ 27,504	02/04/2023	01/07/2023	3	13/03/2023
Operations	Hire of Rubber Wheeled Excavator (Wacker Neuson EW65 or Equivalent)	Thomas Brennan & Sons Ltd	€ 72,000	13/03/2023	12/03/2026	36	13/03/2023
Operations	Brackenstown Road Subsidence and Reinstatement	Larry Kiernan Plant Hire Ltd	€ 75,998	06/03/2023	06/06/2023	3	13/03/2023
Operations	Hire of 2 Mobile Welfare Pods	G & J Kearns Ltd	€ 50,000	13/03/2023	12/03/2026	36	09/03/2023
EETCD	Provision of Economic Consultancy Services for a feasibility Study for the Development Regional Innovation Hubs in the Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor Region	KPMG Ireland	€ 112,995	07/03/2023	06/09/2024	18	07/03/2023
EETCD	Catering Services at Ardgillen Castle, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin	Brambles Deli Café Ltd	€ 51,500	04/03/2023	03/03/2024	12	04/03/2023
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Broadmeadow Way Greenway - GI Enabling Works, Access Track	Glas Civil Engineering Ltd	€ 231,279	13/03/2023	13/05/2023	2	01/03/2023
Digital Services	Revamp of Council Chamber Technology	SKS Communications Ltd	€ 275,504	03/01/2023	02/01/2028	60	28/02/2023
Operations	Kerbing & bituminous Footpath Works on a section of New Road, Donabate,	D.M. Morris Limited	€ 165,072	07/03/2023	07/06/2023	3	28/02/2023
Housing Architects	Single Storey Extension to Dwelling at Whitestown Drive, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15	Arthurstown Construction Limited	€ 123,797	27/02/2023	10/06/2023	4	27/02/2023
Corporate Affairs	Supply and Installation of Etrac Chargers and Back Office	Easy Go	€ 32,659	24/02/2023	23/02/2024	12	24/02/2023
Corporate Affairs	Supply & Install of Roof Guardrail Protection - Civic Office Grove Road	Barton Industrial Services Ltd	€ 27,080	01/02/2023	30/04/2023	3	23/02/2023
Housing	Refurbishment works a Dwelling in Corduff Green, Dublin 15	Arthurstown Construction Limited	€ 124,563	01/02/2023	31/12/2023	11	22/02/2023

Housing	Renovation of 3 Dwellings, St. Philomenas Court, Ballycoolin, Dublin 15	Arthurstown Construction Limited	€ 191,625	06/03/2023	31/08/2024	18	21/02/2023
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Design and Site Supervision Services for Ongar-Barnhill Road Construction Stage	Clifton Scannell Emerson Associates	€ 965,610	01/03/2023	01/09/2026	42	21/02/2023
Digital Services	Implement and deploy Dynamics 365 for Field Services as both an asset management solution and scheduling solution	Ergoservices Ltd t/a Ergo	€ 198,000	01/04/2023	31/03/2026	36	21/02/2023
Community	Community Care Construction Works Meakestown Sports and Community Centre	Vision Contracting Ltd	€ 6,153,131	20/02/2023	14/10/2025	32	20/02/2023
Environment, Climate Action	Horse Seizure Services	County Council Security Support Services Ltd	€ 100,000	16/02/2023	15/02/2024	12	16/02/2023
Operations	Urgent Drainage Works in Malahide Demesne	Aquaturf Solutions Ltd	€ 27,987	27/02/2023	10/03/2023	0	16/02/2023
Digital Services	Requirement for departmental access to lawlink	Rochford Brady Legal Services Ltd	€ 43,458	01/01/2023	31/12/2023	12	16/02/2023
Digital Services	Supply of 200 Microsoft 365 E5 Licences	MicroMail Ltd	€ 49,992	01/02/2023	31/05/2023	4	16/02/2023
Digital Services	Maintenance and Support of the Cygnus Housing Loans Software System	Gemini Consultants Ltd	€ 56,839	01/04/2023	31/03/2024	12	16/02/2023
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Asbestos Removal Turvey Depot	Grove Environmental Solutions Ltd.	€ 50,000	14/02/2023	03/03/2023	2 weeks	14/02/2023
Housing	10 Unit Housing Development with Studio/Gallery Space at Ballough Place, Barrack Lane, Lusk and proposed 5 Unit Passive House Development at Monastery Court, Church Road, Lusk	AXIS Construction	€ 4,623,548	13/02/2023	14/02/2025	24	13/02/2023
EETCD	Catering Services at Newbridge House Visitors Centre, Donabate	Brambles Deli Café Ltd	€ 60,000	27/02/2023	26/02/2024	12	10/02/2023
Operations	Resurfacing Works on the existing all weather pitch in Skerries Town Park	Sole Sports and Leisure Ltd	€ 393,285	11/07/2022	30/09/2022	2	09/02/2023
Operations	Balbriggan Harbour Redevelopment Minor Works	Donnelly Civil Engineering Ltd	€ 448,435	23/01/2023	21/07/2023	6	07/02/2023
EETCD	Training Services for Local Enterprise Offices - LEAN Business Programme Dublin	Jigsaw VATVAE t/a Jigsaw Better Business	€ 355,500	01/01/2023	31/12/2024	24	06/02/2023

EETCD	Food Tourism Marketing Consultant for Fingal Food & Drink Policy	Marie Brouder	€ 31,750	01/02/2023	30/06/2023	5	31/01/2023
Operations	Design and Installation of 25 Linear meters of ARMCO Crash Barrier along R122 Outside St. Margarets National School	Motorway Care	€ 29,670	03/01/2023	28/02/2023	2	23/01/2023
Operations	Removal of Dangerous Dead Trees overhanging the Turvey Avenue and the R126 at Cobbes Lane	Redwood Tree Services Ltd	€ 26,000	23/01/2023	23/02/2023	1	20/01/2023
Operations	Maintenance, Servicing, Repair and Ticket replenishment of Pay & Display Parking Machines	Actavo (Sierra Support Services Group)	€ 50,000	01/02/2023	30/06/2023	5	18/01/2023
EETCD	Requirement to provide specialist lighting consultancy services for Quay Street & Environs Public Realm Project, Balbriggan	Arup	€ 29,000	23/01/2023	23/06/2023	6	17/01/2023
Operations	Provision of Enforcement and Legal Services to Fingal County Council for Parking Services	Parkrite	€ 182,184	01/02/2023	30/06/2023	5	16/01/2023
Operations	Planting & Maintenance of Council Owned Summer/Winter Floral Display Baskets/Planters for various locations within Fingal Administrative Area and the Supply of a limited number of units	Redlough Landscapes Ltd	€ 173,182	10/01/2023	10/12/2024	24	12/01/2023
Operations	Road Resurfacing R132, Balrothery to Balbriggan	D.M. Morris Limited	€ 575,190	01/03/2023	01/05/2023	3	12/01/2023
Operations	Purchase of 2 to 5 New 80 kw 4 wheel drive tractors	Midlouth Garage	€ 285,000	12/12/2022	12/12/2023	12	09/01/2023
Operations	Purchase of 2 to 4 New Electric Dumpers with 1500kg Payload Capacity	Maher Tractor Sales Ltd	€ 78,000	05/12/2022	04/12/2023	12	09/01/2023
Environment, Climate Action	Environmental Monitoring & Reporting Services	McQuillan Environmental John McQuillan Contracts Ltd	€ 101,028	09/01/2023	08/07/2023	6	09/01/2023
Corporate Affairs	Postal Collection Services for 2023	Print Post Ltd.	€ 145,000	01/01/2023	31/12/2023	12	05/01/2023
Housing	Parnell Estate D15 Management Service - Unsold Affordable	Paula Barrett Properties Ltd	€ 240,000	01/01/2023	31/12/2023	12	01/01/2023
Operations	Hire of Excavator & Operator at the Former Dunsink Landfill & Environs	Anthony Patton Plant Hire Ltd	€ 78,000	16/01/2023	15/01/2024	12	01/01/2023
Digital Services	Citrix Licences and Support Services Ltd	Arkphire Security Ltd	€ 25,540	01/01/2023	31/12/2023	12	01/01/2023
Digital Services	Upgrade of Broadband Bandwidth for Public Internet Access in Fingal Libraries	Virgin Media	€ 36,000	01/01/2023	31/12/2025	36	01/01/2023

Appendix 3
Active Travel Investment Grants 2023 Allocations

Active Travel Investment Grants: 2023 Allocations		
Project Code:	Project Name & Funding Allocation 2023	Comments
FCC/19/0005	Schools Streets non SRTS €100,000	Small improvements at schools (not in SRTS programme) which can be delivered through numerous departments.
FCC/20/0004	Bicycle Parking (Covid) €150,000	Contractor is gearing up to complete bike parking stands in various locations across the county. Further work packages are being developed by the team for Swords and Dublin 15 areas. Ongoing liaison with Operations and Parks to agree suitable locations for bike parking.
FCC/21/0001	Snugborough Road – NAC to Ongar €220,000	Work is continuing on the options report for the project after internal reviews by AT team. Workshop is planned to be held with the NTA in May. Subject to that meeting the Gateway 2 Report is to be issued to the NTA to gain approval to proceed to preliminary design phase of the project.
FCC/21/0002	Baldoyle to Howth €300,000	Planting of trees have been completed by colleagues in Operations. Minor snag works to be completed on the project.
FCC/21/0006	Clonee to Blanchardstown Shopping Centre €235,000	Data collection for the options stage of the project has been completed i.e. topographical, traffic surveys, tree surveys. This data will feed into development of the options report for the project.
FCC/22/0001	Castleknock to Dunsink Lane €185,000	Work is continuing on developing the options report for the project. Option for a rapid build option for Auburn Avenue is being explored as part of the design process.
FCC/22/0004	Hartstown/Huntstown/Mountview Rd D1 €100,000	The phase 2b junction designs have been completed by the cycle design office (CDO). These designs are being reviewed by FCC before tendering for construction.

FCC/22/0005	St. Cronan's Ave & Brackenstown Rd €1,387,711	The surfacing Contractor is to commence on site of week commencing the 24/04/23. These works will take a number of weeks and traffic disruption maybe experienced, and we advise that people should allow extra time for their journeys. Traffic and Pedestrian Management will be in place. Outstanding works of line marking, bollard installation and landscaping will commence alongside resurfacing works.
FCC/22/0006	Rathingle/Rivervalley Rd. Swords €176,000	Design works for phase 2b the modification of the existing roundabout is currently being discussed with the NTA.
FCC/22/0007	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 are developing a brief for appointment of multi-disciplinary engineering consultant to develop options report and detailed design for this element of the project. This work is ongoing.
FCC/22/0009	Permeability Links North County €465,000	Several 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 preparing a tranche of works which includes removal of barriers that are currently impeding permeability and connectivity issues. A number of crossing points are also being considered and provided as part of these works.
FCC/22/0010	R132 Ministers Rd to Blakes Cross + Kilhedge Lane €300,000	Tender documents for works contract are under review at present in advance of publication to procure a works contractor to complete the works in the coming months.
FCC/22/0011	Skerries - Harbour Road (footpath build outs) €905,000	Briefings and workshops were held with internal departments regarding the preliminary options. The details of the preferred options have been presented to local Cllr's for review. Works are ongoing to finalise the details in relation to the preferred options to allow for non-statutory consultation and stakeholder engagement.
FCC/22/0012	Seatown Roundabout to Estuary Rd (Swords to Malahide) €140,000	Non-statutory consultation is due to close 26/04/2023. The project team and the designers will be reviewing the submissions received and developing a report that deals with the submissions and progressing the project through the detailed design phase.

FCC/22/0014	Balbriggan - Coney Hill from Devlin Bridge to Bremore Cottages €140,000	Briefings and workshops were held with internal departments regarding the preliminary options for a new cycle lane, roundabout upgrade, pedestrian crossings for the project. Consultants to update preliminary designs following feedback from internal departments. We will then commence with consultation phase with stakeholders and public.
FCC/22/0015	Rush South Beach (Bawn Rd across carpark and out to South Shore. €500,000	We are continuing engagement with Property Section with regard to acquisition of lands in this area. Works are also ongoing to look at options in this area that will serve not only this project but that will benefit the Fingal Coastal way route options.
FCC/22/0016	New Street Public Realm Project €583,899	Statutory consultation has commenced for the project. It is expected to present the CE report for the project to the July Council meeting.
FCC/22/0018	Data collection for Active Travel Projects €60,000	Traffic, air, noise etc
FCC/22/0019	Skerries Active Travel Plan €655,000	Works are ongoing to complete the Active Travel Brief for Skerries which is due for publication to procure an Integrated Design Team to commence with concept designs for the area.
FCC/22/0020	Balrothery Active Travel Review €282,500	Design brief has been uploaded to eTenders by CPU. Tender competition is ongoing and once process is completed it is expected to appoint an integrated design team consultant to commence the active travel plan.
FCC/22/0021	Seamount Heights to Old Golf Links Park €300,000	Preliminary design is being revised after feedback from FCC.
FCC/22/0022	Broomfield to Paddy's Hill via Naomh Mearnog GAA €350,000	A specification for the tender of these works is being prepared with a view to going to tender in 2023. Small works are ongoing around existing car park through Operations.
FCC/22/0026	Fingal County Council Active Travel Office - Staff Costs €1,100,000	
FCC/22/0028	FCC Castleknock to Blanchardstown via Farmleigh €90,000	Stage 1 of the SAQ has closed and tender assessment is ongoing. Once complete it is expected to proceed to Stage 2 of the tendering process.

FCC/22/0030	Station Road Portmarnock Footpaths and Cycleway €150,000	Resurfacing works have been completed for cycle lane and footpath. Minor enabling works carried out footpath upgrade works towards Kinsealy.
FCC/ 23/XXX	Scoil an Duinnigh to Waterside footpath and cycleway €220,000	These works are expected to go to tender for a design consultant in 2023.
FCC/ 23/XXX	Feltrim Road cycle infrastructure €120,000	These works are expected to go to tender for a design consultant in 2023.
FCC/ 23/XXX	Active Travel Pathfinder – Swords to Airport quick build €200,000	The project Team has been established and works on the project brief are ongoing to allow the team to procure an integrated design team. A number of meetings are planned with various stakeholders over the coming month to fully develop the brief and progress this project to concept design phase.
FCC/23/XXX	Donabate to Portrane (R126) - Distributor Road to Portrane Avenue €40,000	Briefings and workshops were held with internal departments regarding the preliminary options for a new cycle lane, roundabout upgrade, pedestrian crossings for the project. Consultants to update preliminary designs following feedback from internal departments. We will then commence with consultation phase with stakeholders and public.
FCC/23/XXX	SRTS (R1) – Scoil Mhuire & Iosef, Sinsear – Bayside Senior National School €200,000	Contractor is nearing completion of construction works on site.
FCC/23/XXX	SRTS (R1) – Scoil Ghrainne CNS €200,000	Preliminary design submitted to NTA in order to obtain approval proceed to detailed design.
FCC/23/XXX	SRTS (R1) – Bayside Junior School €200,000	Contractor is nearing completion of construction works on site.
FCC/23/XXX	SRTS (R1) – Scoil Choilm CNS €200,000	Preliminary design submitted to NTA in order to obtain approval to proceed to detailed design.
FCC/23/XXX	SRTS (R1) – Rush & Lusk ETNS €200,000	Contractor is nearing completion of construction works on site.

FCC/23/XXX	SRTS (R1) – Pope John Paul II NS, Malahide €200,000	Preliminary design submitted to NTA in order to obtain approval to proceed to detailed design.
FCC/23/XXX	SRTS (R1) – Castaheany ETNS €200,000	Contractor is nearing completion of construction works on site.
FCC/23/XXX	SRTS (R1) – St. Benedict's NS €200,000	Contractor is nearing completion of construction works on site.
FCC/23/XXX	SRTS (R1) – Ladyswell National School €200,000	Preliminary design submitted to NTA in order to obtain approval to proceed to detailed design.

Appendix 4
Housing Delivery Construction Programme

Schemes on Site

Area Committee	Provider	Funding Stream	Site Name	No. Units	Status Detail	On Site Date	Handover (estimated)
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Dun Emer, Lusk 53°31'25.8"N 6°10'34.4"W - Google Maps	51 8x2Bed 31x3Bed 12x4Bed	On Site	Q2 2021	Q2 2023 <i>Phased delivery</i>
Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Casltleknock/Ongar	FCC	Social	Cappagh 53°23'46.8"N 6°19'34.0"W - Google Maps	69 10x1Bed 26x2Bed 25x3Bed 8x4Bed	On Site	Q2 2021	Q2 2023 <i>Phased delivery</i>
Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Casltleknock/Ongar	FCC	Social	Church Fields Phase 2B https://goo.gl/maps/NKii5qCJehgaJzj38	67 6x1Bed 17x2Bed 34x3Bed 10x4Bed	On Site	Q4 2021	Q2 2023 <i>Phased delivery</i>
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Bowden Court (Outlands), Swords 53°27'52.7"N 6°14'04.1"W - Google Maps	11 4x1Bed 4x2Bed 3x3Bed	On Site	Q4 2022	Q1 2024
Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Casltleknock/Ongar	FCC	Social	Infill Sites in Dublin 15 https://goo.gl/maps/UqNat8GX7BBo8cEh8 (169a	2 1x2Bed 1x3Bed	On Site	Q1 2023	Q4 2023

			Clonsilla Road) https://goo.gl/maps/Q2Mvqau7RceRHDXy5 (Sheepmoor shop site)				
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	Tuath Housing	Social - Elderly	Kilhedge Lane, Lusk 53°31'24.4"N 6°10'30.3"W - Google Maps	31 13x1Bed 18x2Bed	On Site	Q1 2023	Q1 2024
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Balough Place (Former Leonards Garage), Lusk https://goo.gl/maps/8u6BiRWzuLSTmjks	10 9x2Bed 1x1Bed	On Site	Q1 2023	Q1 2024
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Monastery Court (Katie's Hunts), Church Road, Lusk https://goo.gl/maps/vqRAVUw8ZqhM75w66	5 5x2Bed	On Site	Q1 2023	Q4 2023
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Hayestown, Rush 53°31'24.1"N 6°06'42.1"W - Google Maps	62 17x2Bed 45x3Bed	On Site	Q1 2023	Q2 2024
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	St. Ita's Portrane Portrane Ave - Google Maps	14 Restoration of existing cottages	On Site	Q4 2022	Q4 2023

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/Castl eknock/Ongar	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Church Fields 53°24'44.7"N 6°23'39.0"W - Google Maps	300 27x1Bed 118x2Bed 136x3Bed 19x4Bed	The second stage tender process has been published to the shortlisted tenderers 21st April. Tender return 30th June.	Q4 2023	Q4 2024
Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castl eknock/Ongar	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Mayeston Dublin 11 53°24'28.4"N 6°17'02.1"W - Google Maps	121 37x1Bed 72x2Bed 12x3Bed	Part 8 - public consultation period concluded on 20th March 2023.	Q1 2024	Q3 2025
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social - Elderly	North Street, Swords 53°27'38.6"N 6°13'06.7"W - Google Maps	13 6x1Bed 7x2Bed	Design Team being appointed. A tender process will then follow to procure a contractor for construction.	Q4 2023	Q4 2024
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk /Swords	FCC	Social -	Seatown Swords 53.459821, - 6.217958 Google Maps	36 36x2Bed	Design Team preparing detailed plans for construction. A tender process will then follow to procure a contractor for construction.	Q1 2024	Q2 2025

Schemes at Pre-Planning Stage

Area Committee Meeting	Provider	Funding Stream	Site Name	No. Units	Status Detail	On Site Date (est) *	Handover (est)
Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Church Fields, 4A 53°24'44.7"N 6°23'39.0"W - Google Maps	217	Pre-Planning and design stage. Part 10 application for 217 units to be lodged to ABP in May 2023.	Q1 2025	Q2 2026
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	North and East Housing Association	Social - Elderly	Garristown 53°34'03.7"N 6°22'42.1"W - Google Maps	6	Part 8 Process Ongoing.	Q4 2023	Q4 2024
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	Glenveagh Living Limited	Mixed Tenure Large Scale Residential Development (LRD) lodged by Glenveagh Living Limited 16th Sept 22 for 432 units. 20% social 20% affordable	Ballymastone Donabate 53.487935 - 6.137834	172	A decision to Grant Permission was made by An Bord Pleanála on 28 March 2023.	TBC	TBC

**The above estimated timelines are indicative and subject to a successful planning and procurement process.*

Appendix 5

External Funding – Community and Sports Development

Funding Source	Grant Scheme	Name of Group	Status	Amount Awarded	Date of Award
Dept Foreign Affairs	Shared Island Civic Society Fund	Linking Generations Northern Ireland	Submitted/Awaiting Decision	€9,750	TBC
HSE Lottery Funding	Building Facilities	Rivervalley CC	Submitted/Awaiting Decision	€12,500	TBC
Energy Scheme	Community & Voluntary Energy Support Scheme	Rivervalley CC	Submitted/Awaiting Decision	TBC	TBC
Energy Scheme	Community & Voluntary Energy Support Scheme	Liam Rogers CC	Submitted/Awaiting Decision	TBC	TBC
Energy Scheme	Community & Voluntary Energy Support Scheme	Holywell CC	Submitted/Awaiting Decision	TBC	TBC
Energy Scheme	Community & Voluntary Energy Support Scheme	Applewood CC	Submitted/Awaiting Decision	TBC	TBC