



# **Chief Executive's Management Report**

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## **Chief Executive's Foreword**

Just two weeks ago the night skies across Fingal were ablaze with incredible fireworks much to the delight of the thousands of spectators who witnessed the Festival of Fire at Balbriggan, Blanchardstown, Malahide and Swords on Halloween night. The fun was not only limited to spectacular fireworks displays as Community Centres, Library branches and local Resident's Associations ensured an enjoyable celebration was had by all by staging pumpkin hunts, Halloween themed arts and crafts events, spooky discos and scary storytime sessions as part of a jam-packed programme designed to thrill and engage children of all ages. Halloween is a much anticipated time of year but can put undue pressure on local authorities and the emergency services who have to deal with reports of illegal bonfires burning. Not only are these bonfires a hazard to public safety, but they also cause considerable damage to open spaces and public property which necessitates an annual clean-up cost of approximately €150,000. Each year, Fingal County Council's Operations Department assists the Fire Service, An Garda Síochána and other agencies by removing stockpiled bonfire material such as pallets, tyres and furniture as well as offering an annual Halloween amnesty where combustible materials can be disposed free of charge in the run up to Halloween. I am very appreciative of the diligent work undertaken by Fingal staff across all areas in planning for and overseeing safe and memorable events for communities to enjoy at this time of year.

I am very pleased that the Elected Members have adopted an increased budget of €361.9 million budget that will be invested in delivering over 900 different services in Fingal over the year. Adoption of the 2024 Budget sees an additional €28.1 million available from that received in the budget for 2023. Some of the highlights of the approved budget include;

- €16m increase for the housing department to help with the likes of provision of social housing, preventative maintenance works, homeless services and housing adaptation grants.
- An increase of €5.5m towards roads maintenance, parks, pitches, open spaces and burial grounds.
- Around €3m to help develop and maintain libraries, tourism, arts, events and town centres.
- An additional €1.9m allocated to help invest in new and current community infrastructure and facilities.
- €1.7m towards planning and strategic infrastructure, including increased funding for biodiversity projects and initiatives.

I would like to express my appreciation to everyone involved in the preparation of a progressive and robust budget which will enable us to expand upon the work we carry out and which will enhance services, infrastructure and resources across Fingal.

With the festive season fast approaching, Christmas Markets in Fingal will provide the perfect setting to find unique and affordable gifts and to enjoy artisan food and drink whilst browsing through the ideally situated stalls. This year, there will be Markets at Swords Town Park, Bremore Castle Balbriggan and Shackleton Gardens Clonsilla with a wonderfully Christmassy atmosphere in each location guaranteed. The Markets will welcome festive shoppers from later on this month and you can plan your visit by checking out the opening hours on our website;

<https://www.fingal.ie/events/christmas-markets> or via our social media channels. I hope you enjoy find the time to indulge in some retail therapy and to enjoy the experience!

Finally, on behalf of the Elected Members and the Executive Management Team, I would like to congratulate Senior Parks and Landscape Officer, Kevin Halpenny, who has received the prestigious World Urban Parks Distinguished Individual Award for his exceptional contribution to the urban parks, open space, and recreation sector. This award recognises Kevin's many years of dedication to, and ambition for, the development of public green infrastructure and highlights the extraordinary vision, knowledge and experience which Kevin embodies through his work in Fingal County Council. We are very fortunate to have seen the fruition of the work of Kevin and his team in recent projects such as the Ward River Valley Recreational Hub, the rejuvenation of the Shackleton Gardens in Clonsilla and the commencement of construction of the Ballymastone Recreational Hub in Donabate. I am delighted that Kevin has been honoured with this well-deserved accolade and have no doubt that he will continue to deliver exceptional biodiverse, sustainable and healthy place projects for the benefit of the people of Fingal for many years to come.  
Best wishes,

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

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### People Services - Recruitment

Recruitment Programme 2023 YTD	
Total Recruitment Campaigns	83
Campaigns Completed	60
Current Active Campaigns	23
Interviews Held to date	1750
New Starters	185
Number of Current Job Offers	56

Applications for the Family Friendly schemes are now open.

Blended Working applications will be opening when all Work Sharing applications have been approved.

### Learning and Development

The Learning & Development team continues to implement and deliver the staff training programme for 2023.

October Completed Courses	
Number of courses	43
Number of Attendees	423
Number of Training Days	478

### New Courses

October saw the introduction of the new Basic IT Skills Course aimed at outdoor staff. to benefit personal development and introduce new skills. The course takes place in the newly equipped IT training room in Ballycoolin Regional Training Centre. With great support from both the Ballycoolin Team and the IT section.



### Staff Briefings

The Learning and Development team were on hand at the Staff Briefings giving information to staff about training courses and the scheme of assistance.

Wellbeing information was also provided to staff in attendance.



### Climate Action Raising Awareness Training

In November we will run our second round of climate action training for outdoor staff. This training is a National KPI for Local Authorities and we are happy to have had a good uptake on this training from all depots.

### November Learning and Development courses being delivered.

Business and Interpersonal Skills  
 Competency Based Interview Skills  
 Interviewer Skills Training  
 Pre-Retirement Training  
 Team Building Training  
 Makodata Explorer  
 Grievance and Disciplinary  
 Personal Effectiveness grade 3 and 4  
 Time Management



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 Road Opening and Reinstatement  
 Manual Handling  
 Chainsaw

**Wellbeing**

Mental Health First Aid

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Basic IT Skills  
 Mako Data Explorer

**Wellbeing Update**

Another round of Mental Health First Aid Training will take place in November. The uptake for these courses has been great and the feedback is very positive. More courses will be made available in the new year.

We now have a full 12 months of reporting for our Employee Assistance Service which will be delivered to the wellbeing champions and committee in November.

**HSU – Health & Safety Unit**

The HSU conducted and completed 28 site safety inspections and audits for the month of October, 8 VDU assessments for office and remote based staff along with carrying out incident investigations, formal engagement with the HSA following site inspections, and ongoing engagement with Uisce Eireann’s HSQE staff and Fingal staff working for Uisce Eireann. Fingal County Council achieved a Higher Distinction Award along with an Exceptional High Achiever Award at the recent National Irish Safety Organisation & Northern Ireland Safety Group awards ceremony. This all-Ireland annual safety award ceremony has been in existence for 32 years. The award was on foot of the HSU’s submission to NISO on the behalf of Fingal County Council earlier in the year. In addition the HSU ran a programme of work for European health and safety week 2023 [theme: safe & healthy work in the digital age] which included a H&S conference for safety reps and fire wardens, a staff quiz draw and a safety campaign ran through staff messages.

**Customer Services**

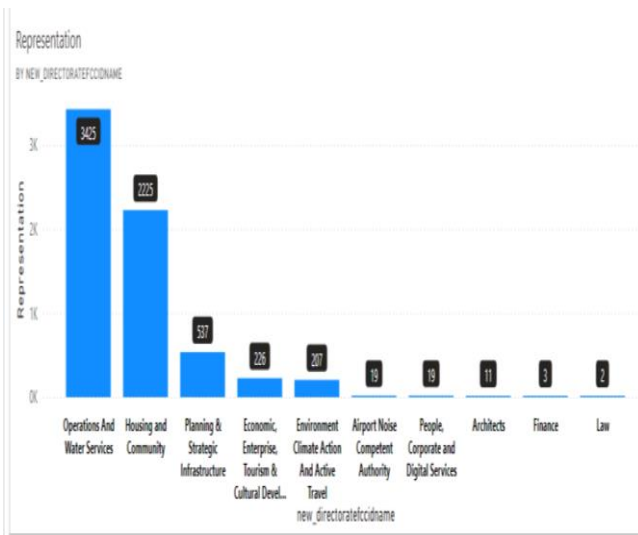
Month	Total No. of Calls	Total No. of Emails	Presenting in Person
<b>October</b>	16,515	545	2,324

**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 total number of Elected Members’ representations were as follows for October - 753



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

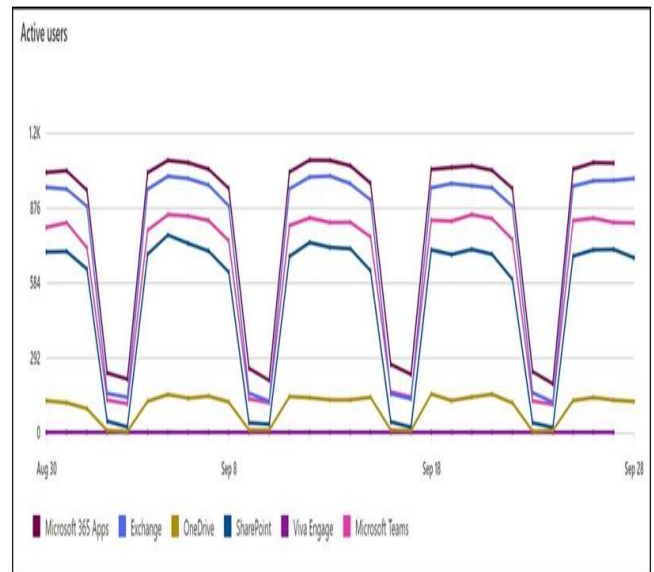


## Digital Services

### Digital Working

In September, staff took part in 9,203 Teams meetings. 29,377 Teams calls were made, and 1,089,343 emails were received or sent by the Council.

1,126 support calls were logged by Council staff with the Digital Services Service Desk in the past month and 24 calls were logged by Councillors with Sord. 100% server availability and 100% network availability was achieved in the month of September.



## Communications

### Website

There were 127,559 visitors to the fingal.ie website during October and 290,860 page views. The average time spent on the site was one minute and 55 seconds. This was an increase of more than 5,000 visitors from September and the rise can be attributed to the information page for the Fingal Festival of Fire which attracted 9,000 visitors. Other popular pages during the month were Planning Applications, Recycling Centres and Jobs.

### Media

The Communications Unit issued 13 press releases during October and the topics included the €1.35 billion Capital Programme, Halloween Safety, the TY Skills Expo and the Climate Friendly Celebration in Balbriggan.

The month also saw the release of episode 24 of the Inside Fingal podcast which featured an interview with the new Arts Officer Sarah O'Neill. The Inside Fingal podcast has attracted 12,312 listeners up to the end of October.

Fourteen videos were published on the Council's YouTube account during September and these included videos about the draft Climate Action Plan and the Digital Trails App.

## Social Media

The number of followers on Facebook crossed the 32,000 mark during October and stood at 32,077 at the end of the month. The LinkedIn channel has 8,036 followers while Instagram has 8,056. X, the channel previously known as Twitter, now has 23,028 followers while there are 1,159 subscribers to our You Tube channel. The five corporate social media channels have a total following of 72,356 which is a 35% increase in the 22 months from January 1, 2022.



## Events

The Communications Unit assisted several departments during the month. Among these was the Economic Enterprise Tourism and Cultural Department and their Xplore Your Future TY Skills Expo in The Helix at DCU on October 3 and the People Services Department who had a stand at the Jobs Expo in Croke Park on October 14.

The involvement in Job Expo led to a spike in traffic to the jobs page on the fingal.ie website where there was a 274% increase in the number of visitors compared to the previous weekend as 591 people logged on compared to 158 a week previously.

## Current Judicial Review Cases - October 2023

Ciaran O'Kelly and Dorone Paris v An Board Pleanala and Jacko Investments Limited and Fingal County Council High court Record Number 2023/581 JR
Fiacre Ó Cairbre -v- An Bord Pleanála, Garlandbrook Limited, Alcove Ireland Four Limited, and Uisce Éireann High Court No 2023/570 JR
Portmarnock Real Estate Developments Limited and St. Marnocks 11 DAC -v- An Bord Pleanala and Fingal County Council High Court Record No. 2023/901 JR
MKN Properties Limited and another -v- Fingal County Council High Court Record No. 2023/373JR
daa plc -v- Fingal County Council The High Court Record No 2023/383 JR
Joan Reynolds and Edel McDonough -v- Fingal County Council The High Court Record No 2023/372 JR
Christian Morris v. An Bord Pleanála, Fingal County Council and Trafalgar Capital Limited High Court Record No. 2022 1074 JR
Graymount House Action Group, Darragh Richardson, and Aoife Grimes v An Bord Pleanála, Fingal County Council, the Minister for Housing, Ireland, and the AG High Court Record Number 2022/1107 JR
Mayeston Hall Management Company CLG -v- Fingal County Council High Court Record Number 2023.625 JR
Sabrina Joyce-Kemper v. An Bord Pleanala, Ireland and the Attorney General, Fingal County Council and Quintain Developments Ireland Limited High Court Record Number: 2022/556JR
Kimpton Vale Limited V An Bord Pleanala and Fingal County Council Record no 2022/390JR
DAA v Fingal County Council and the Irish Aviation Authority High Court record Number 2023 / 916 JR
FRIENDS OF THE IRISH ENVIRONMENT COMPANY LIMITED & ANOR -V- MINISTER FOR HOUSING LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND HERITAGE High Court Record Number 2023/1047 JR
Barford Holdings Limited v Fingal County Council High Court Record No 2020/616 JR
Jimmy Guerin -v- Fingal County Council High Court Record No 2022/116 JR
Erigo Limited and Joseph Flood -v- Fingal County Council and others Intended Judicial Review
Timothy Fitzgerald and James Fitzgerald -v- Fingal County Council

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### TOURISM DEVELOPMENT TOURISM AND FOOD STRATEGIES



The Enterprise, Economic and Tourism Development SPC noted the Tourism Strategy and the Food Policy at a meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> October. The final documents will be presented for adoption at the November Council meeting and both will be launched before the end of the year.

### Fingal Food & Drink Network



On Thursday 19th October, Fingal County Council hosted a delegation of some 25 international chefs, food innovators and influential food writers and educators from the Food on the Edge Symposium.

With a view to showcasing Fingal as a serious food destination the group visited Howth School of Fish, enjoyed a boat tour around the Dublin Bay Biosphere and even tried their hand at Irish dancing in Swords Castle. The group also enjoyed a tour of the kitchens and gardens in Newbridge House & Farm and attended a networking event with members of the Fingal Food Network. With presentations from Christine Baker on Fingal's Food Heritage, Declan Power on the Fingal Food Policy, Breda Leonard chair of the network, Country Crest, McNally Family Farm, and the Herb School the group were impressed by Fingal's pedigree as a food producing area. The delegates were also treated to tastings from Hope Beer, Feisty Ferments and Hella's Kitchen. Fingal County Council hopes to work with Food on the Edge on future events.



The Fingal Food and Drink Network also attended a "Fingal with Taste" event, a celebration of our vibrant local food scene and the incredible producers that make it all possible. Hosts for the evening were Sarah Ryan and Chef Cathal Leonard from Potager, with guest speaker Aisling Kelly Hunter, Sligo Oyster Experience, Sligo Food Tail. The event was also attended by Failte Ireland.

### Winter in Dublin Campaign





Winter in Dublin is a collaborative programme between Fáilte Ireland, local authorities, public bodies, representative organisations, and industry partners. Winter in Dublin is the perfect opportunity to showcase the great activities happening over the coming months and Fingal County Council is working with industry partners to ensure cultural events, live music, Fingal's fantastic food and shopping are featured in this major Dublin campaign.

### IAAT Conference in November



Ireland's Association for Adventure Tourism (IAAT) will hold its Annual Two-Day Conference at the Castleknock Hotel on 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> November. The 2023 Adventure Tourism Conference is proudly supported by Fingal County Council as the main event sponsor, Tourism Northern Ireland and Fáilte Ireland. The IAAT conference will include a day of adventure activities followed by talks, guest speakers and discussion panels with industry leaders. The Mayor will be giving the Opening Address.

As part of the Conference, IAAT will host a Fingal Tourism Showcase & Networking event. This event will showcase the best of tourism offerings in Fingal, and is a great opportunity to meet tour operators, activity providers, agents and other stakeholders from all over Ireland to discuss potential collaborations.

### Malahide Castle - Visitor Attraction of the Year 2024



Congratulations to Malahide Castle and Gardens as it has won the Visitor Attraction of the Year prize for 2024 from the Public Sector Magazine having demonstrated excellence in the visitor attractions category. The accolade was achieved by the joint efforts of Heritage Properties, Operations, and Aramark the onsite operator.

### EVENTS

#### Christmas Markets 2023

The Christmas Markets will take place in Swords Town Park, Bremore Castle and Shackleton Gardens Clonsilla. Swords & Clonsilla will take place the last weekend in November and the first weekend in December. Balbriggan will take place on Sun 26<sup>th</sup> Nov, Sun 10<sup>th</sup> Dec & Sun 17<sup>th</sup> Dec. The Enchanted Lights at Shackleton Gardens will start on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> of November and run until Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> of December in conjunction with the two market weekends. The Swords Town Park Christmas Traders Application Processed has been digitalised and is online for the first time this year. Further information on all and how to apply as a trader can be found on [www.fingal.ie/christmas](http://www.fingal.ie/christmas)



### Festival & Event Funding 2024

## Festival & Events Funding Scheme 2024

Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall Fingal County Council

Fingal County Council's Events Unit is pleased to announce that it is accepting applications for financial assistance for Festivals and Events taking place in 2024.

For more information and to apply online please visit:  
[www.fingal.ie/festivalandevents2024](http://www.fingal.ie/festivalandevents2024)

The 2024 Festival & Event Funding Scheme was launched on the 29<sup>th</sup> of September. With over 100 funding awards given out this year covering an impressive array of events and festivals the scheme will be open until the end of January 2024. So far only 7 groups have submitted applications, we would encourage groups to apply early.

**St. Brigid's Day 2024**



We are pleased to confirm that we have organised exciting daytime activities in Mountview Community Centre on a similar scale to last year. Additionally, we are diligently working on an evening concert featuring talented female artists. Due to the unpredictable weather in February these events will be indoors in local community facilities. We will communicate all the event details once they are confirmed.

**HERITAGE PROPERTIES**

**Malahide Castle - Launch of Nugent's Hall**



The basement space in Malahide Castle has undergone a complete cosmetic overhaul, which included a new floor, rewiring, plasterwork, painting, and the walls decorated with amazing armoury displays. The space has been named Nugent's Hall in homage to Edward Nugent who was the last serving Butler at Malahide Castle, where this space was his sitting room cum office for 34 years.

Nugent's Hall was officially launched to guests, travel trade and the local community, which included members of the Nugent family, by the Mayor Adrian Henchy on the 26<sup>th</sup> October. This unique event and catering space at Malahide Castle and Gardens can be used for a wide variety of occasions. For more information, please contact [events@malahidecastleandgardens.ie](mailto:events@malahidecastleandgardens.ie)

**Ardgillan Castle - Roof and Window Conservation Works**





The roof and window conservation works at Ardgillan Castle are now complete following an intensive nine-month programme. We are immensely proud to display our newly restored roof at Ardgillan Castle, which will help safeguard our rich heritage at this site for generations to come.

The works also included the development of an outdoor terrace area which will give visitors ample opportunity to take in the views of the gardens, while enjoying the food and drink offerings from the onsite café. The project was funded through our Capital Programme at a total cost of almost €3.5m.

## **CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT**

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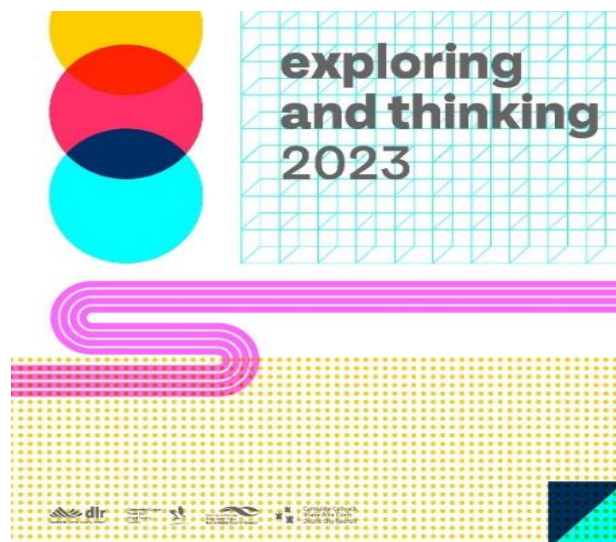
#### **Exploring & Thinking Dublin Local Authority Partnership**

The Exploring & Thinking Early Childhood Arts Bursary 2023 was announced this month and is open for submissions until 23<sup>rd</sup> November.

Early Childhood Arts includes a wide range of different arts practices and creative experiences with/for children aged 0-5 years in different contexts. The Bursary Award will support individual professional artists to develop their artistic practice working with and/or producing work for early childhood arts. It is open to individual professional artists who wish to develop their practice in early childhood arts, artists practicing in all artforms, artists resident in Ireland. For application criteria and guidelines visit [www.fingal.ie](http://www.fingal.ie) [www.fingalarts.ie](http://www.fingalarts.ie)

The partnership is also working towards a Practice Sharing Day, which will be held at Malahide Castle on November 16<sup>th</sup>.

We will welcome guest speaker Suzanne Zeedyk (UK). Suzanne is a developmental psychologist and research scientist interested in the importance of connection in our early years. We will welcome artists, educators, policy makers, arts managers and anyone with an interest in early childhood arts. Registration is now open: <https://www.fingal.ie/events/exploring-thinking-practice-sharing-event>



#### **Moving Words, Fingal School Tour**

This month Fingal Arts offered primary schools in the county an opportunity to host artists Selma Daniel and Mirela Romano and their beautiful performance Moving Words. Moving Words is an interactive performance that combines the art of contemporary dance with reading and storytelling. Created for children aged 4 – 10 years, this work encourages children to explore dance, reading, speech and self-expression.



## Public Art

Echo's Bones – Book Launch & Film Screening at Swords Castle. Cllr Adrian Henchy, Mayor of Fingal officially launched Echo's Bones – *A Paralell Play*. The publication is the culmination of a two year countywide public art project by artist Sarah Browne and developed with Autistic Young People from Fingal. The event, which took place at Swords Castle included the book launch, the screening of Echo's Bones the original film which was launched in the Lighthouse Cinema, Dublin in 2022 and a panel discussion featuring the young people, artist, drama facilitator Sarah Fitzgibbon and Beckett Interpreter Sarah Jane Scaife.

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Echo's Bones takes its name from a previously unpublished Beckett Text written as a Sequel to his famous story "Fingal". The Artist and young people took inspiration from this text and presented it as a way neurodivergent people navigate the world. The Film has already toured across Ireland and has become part of the conversation around representation to Middletown, Centre for Autism's Annual international conference, The Aberdeen Art Gallery, Scotland, the University of Galway's Centre for Disability and Law which focus on young people's rights and is currently featured in the annual Tulca exhibition programme. The Project was funded through The National Per Cent for Art Scheme under Fingal County Council's Public Art Programme – Infrastructure.



## Fingal Arts Office Awards

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



The Fingal County Council Fine Art Print Residency at Graphic Studio Dublin was awarded to Derval Carroll and Aoife Ward. These residencies offer an emerging or established artist the opportunity to make a fine art print with a master printer at Graphic Studio Dublin and a professional printing team to produce a series of limited-edition prints and the artists proofs will enter the Fingal County Council Municipal Art Collection. The two-week long residency will provide an ideal environment for the development of a creative project in printmaking and an opportunity to network with other artists.

### Fingal County Council Municipal Art Collection

#### Acquisitions





As part of an ongoing commitment to professional artists working and living in Fingal, the Arts Office recently purchased artworks from two Fingal artists. The artists are Harold O' Donovan, from Portmarnock and Thomas Brezing from Balbriggan.

Harold O'Donovan, whose work is not currently represented in the County Arts Collection, is a painter and a recent graduate of TU Dublin.

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Thomas Brezing is an established mid-career, multi-disciplinary artist and poet who has exhibited his work nationally and internationally.

### Draíocht

Draíocht launched 2 brand new choral projects in October - one for Dublin 15 adults taking place in 3 community centres weekly for 8 weeks; and one for Dublin 15 Primary schools, weekly in 4 local schools for 6 weeks.

Project 1 is Draíocht's **D15 Community Choir Project**, a partnership with the Fingal Community Development Office and three community centres; Huntstown, Parslicktown and Castleknock. The project is led by renowned Choir Leader Debra Salem. Choir members enjoy a fun and social environment, meeting for a cup of tea or coffee prior to each session, followed by a full 8 weeks of learning a variety of songs, all building to a performance at the end of the project in Draíocht in December. The project was supported by visits from special guests who sang along with gusto in the early weeks, including Paul Donnelly TD, Cllr Angela Donnelly, Cllr John Walsh, Cllr Siohhan Shovlin, Cllr Tom Kitt & Cllr JK Onwumereh.

Project 2 is running in tandem with the Community Choir Project, a collaboration between Draíocht & The Mobile Music School, for Dublin 15 Primary School pupils, and is called '**A Song Project**'. Designed especially for 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> class pupils, this 6 week project is taking place in St. Brigid's NS, Castleknock; Scoil Bhríde Cailíní, Blanchardstown; St. Patrick's SNS, Corduff and St. Ciarán's NS, Hartstown. The project is led by renowned Choir Master Dave McGauran.

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This project culminates in an inter-school group performance accompanied by Draíocht's 29 piece PlayGround Orchestra in late November in Draíocht's Main Auditorium.



### The Séamus Ennis Arts Centre Music

We welcomed Donal Lunny, Zoe Conway and poet Anne Haverty to the centre with their mixed media/arts performance of "Reflected Light – Grief Songs", in addition to Ronan Browne with his latest instalment in our live streamed/live "More than Music" performance. This time Ronan's guest was acclaimed musician Jimmy O'Brien Moran.

### Family

Anna Newell productions brought her show for under 12 month babies, I Am Baba, to TSEAC on 2<sup>nd</sup> October.

### Workshops

Stained Glass Workshop for adults sold out.

### Community

Tales Under the Thatch, a Creative Ireland and Fingal County Council funded project, took place over 4 weeks in October. Older adults worked with a traditional storyteller and a drama facilitator to develop and present their stories. Image below.

### Cinema

Hello Bookstore and Beasts were both screened in October, with many attendees opting for the "dinner and show" deal we have developed in league with the café.

### Theatre

Nursej, written and performed by Aoife Martyn, took place on October 25<sup>th</sup>.

### Media

We participated in the Tradfest launch at Ardgillan Castle, with three children from TSEAC's music school appearing on the cover of the Irish Times, see below.



Talks held at library branches included the role newspapers and the printed word played in the fight for Irish freedom; life in Fingal in 1923 and beyond; British military deserters in the Irish Free State; the Markievicz Family; the Spanish Flu of 1918 and the fight against infection; the effect of the revolutionary period on the lives of children; and the Anglo-Irish way of life.

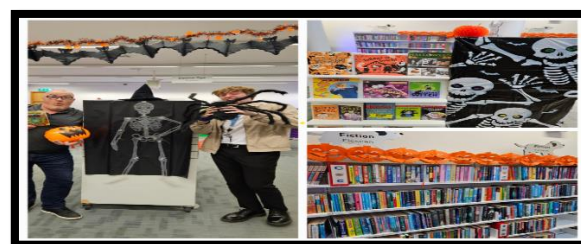
As part of the Festival this year, Fingal Libraries collaborated with the Clonsilla & Porterstown Heritage Society in offering a ninety-minute guided walk of the natural and built heritage of Clonsilla and the Royal Canal on Sunday 8th October.

### Blanchardstown Library launches Little Library at Bedtime



On Friday 6th October at Blanchardstown Library, Roderic O' Gorman, Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth and Heather Humphreys, Minister for Rural and Community Development announced the Little Book at Bedtime initiative. Little Book at Bedtime is a collaboration with public libraries and the Local Government Management Agency, that invites parents and their children to visit their local library to pick up their free bedtime story book. The bedtime story books are available in English and Irish. This popular initiative aims to encourage families to join their local library, and parents to read stories with their children at bedtime.

### Celebrate Halloween and Fingal Inclusion Week at your local Fingal Library



## LIBRARIES

### Fingal Festival of History 2023

Fingal Libraries' seventh annual Festival of History was held over a two-week period running from Monday 2nd to Thursday 12th October throughout the library branch network. Life in Ireland and Fingal in the early 1920s was the main theme of the Festival, as we now approach the end of the Decade of Centenaries Commemorations.

The highlight of the Festival was the History at the Castle Day on Saturday 7th October which featured some household names such as Dr David McCullagh who spoke about Éamon de Valera; and Flór MacCarthy whose talk was based on her book "The Presidents' letters: Visitors' Books at Áras an Uachtaráin". Other speakers on the day included Dr Declan Brady discussing political life in Fingal in the aftermath of the Civil War; and retired Garda Detective Chief Superintendent John O'Brien who gave an insight into how the Troubles in Northern Ireland, especially during the 1970s and 1980s, impinged on life in the South and on that of An Garda Síochána.



The Autumn/Winter events programme for Fingal Libraries is well underway and includes an exciting range of tailored events. Library staff across our network of 10 branches have organised spooky Halloween arts and crafts and story time to keep children entertained during the Halloween break.

For Fingal Inclusion Week (13th – 19th November) and linked to the new EU Strategy on Mental Health, psychotherapist Amber Roche will release a number of mental health podcasts which will be aimed at people with autism, parents of children with autism, adults with ADHD, and migrants/refugees. The podcasts will be released in November so watch the Fingal Libraries’ social media pages for more details.

During Fingal Inclusion Week, the Immigrant Council of Ireland will facilitate interactive workshops in Balbriggan, Baldoyle and Blanchardstown Libraries on respect for human and cultural diversity. Classes from local schools will be invited to their local library to attend the workshops. Look out for our brochure which is available across our branches and at <https://www.fingal.ie/fingal-libraries-autumn-winter-brochure-2023>

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**Fingal Skills Strategy**

The next Skills Strategy Implementation Group meeting is scheduled for 1<sup>st</sup> November.



The Explore Your Future Expo is an educational showcase initiative by Fingal County Council, as part of the Fingal Skills Strategy, which took place in The Helix on the 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2023 and was a great success with more than 1,700 TY students in attendance from 16 schools across the county.



The Expo was supported by DCU, Interreg Europe, Dublin Regional Skills Forum, City of Dublin Educational Training Board, Dun Laoghaire Education and Training Board, Solas and a number of public and private employers including the Air Corps, An Garda Síochána, daa, Irish Rail, Ballymaguire Foods, Keoghs etc. The event featured live and virtual reality demonstrations with practical hands-on learning experiences for TY students by a variety of exhibitors to showcase the educational and training possibilities and potential career paths available for students.





The SKYLA Project “Smart Specialisation Skills Ecosystems for the Twin Transition” is a 4-year project which focuses on enhancing the role of VET in smart specialisation sectors. Projects partners include Italy, Poland, Sweden, Lithuania, Bulgaria, Greece and Belgium. Work has commenced on a communication strategy and stakeholder engagement plan. The agenda for the visit of the SKYLA Project partners to Fingal on the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> November has been finalised with a day of project work and a day of site visits planned to key educational facilities to showcase training and education development in smart specialisation.

**Economic Development Strategy**

Grant Thornton Consultants continue work to develop an Economic Development Strategy for Fingal. A presentation was made to the September meeting of the Economic, Enterprise, Tourism & Cultural Development SPC on the approach and timelines for delivery of the Strategy. It is anticipated that the draft Strategy will be presented to the SPC, CPG and Elected Members for consideration in Q4 2023.



Fingal County Council is leading the URBACT EcoCore Project which comprises a network of 9 small cities/towns in Europe focussing on challenges and opportunities for green growth and sustainable economic development along transport corridors.

Balbriggan is the lead town and the other partners committed to the network are Albu Iulia, Romania; Dubrovnik, Croatia; Kekava, Latvia; Ormoz, Slovenia; Parnu, Estonia; Santo Tirso, Portugal; Tuusula, Finland; Villena, Spain.

Fingal County Council as Lead Partner and the Lead Expert have commenced city visits to prepare baseline studies of all partner cities with the cities of Balbriggan, Villena, Ormoz, Dubrovnik, Tuusula, Parnu, Kekava, Albu Iulia and Santo Tirso completed.



**Albu Iulia City Visit**

**Santo Tirso City Visit**

The first transnational city visit to Balbriggan is scheduled for the 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> November and will involve discuss of the Roadmap for the next 2 years of the project, workshops on gender, digital innovation, active travel, DBEC and regional collaboration, the Fingal Skills Strategy, site visits and peer review and feedback sessions.



## 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 fourth Green IT Your Work meeting will take place in the Larnaca, Cyprus in December 2023. Representatives will be present from Romania, Spain Greece, Cyprus, Slovenia, Croatia, Italy and Ireland.



Work is continuing on the objectives of 'Green IT Your Work' which are:

- 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 aims to encourage volunteer action as a social response for an inclusive Europe. Fingal hosted the event in Balbriggan from September 28<sup>th</sup> to October 1<sup>st</sup> 2023. This event highlighted the work being done by Fingal, Foroige, sports clubs and schools to encourage more young people to get involved in community volunteering. This collaborative project has seen 20 young people from local clubs and youth groups take part in leadership and sports education training during July with practical sessions tied into local Fingal-led projects.

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The Mayor, Cllr Adrian Henchy, Deputy Mayor, Cllr Grainne Maguire, Minister Joe O'Brien, local councillors, Benny Cullen, Sport Ireland and numerous community reps attended the 3-day event. The delegates from Italy, Poland, Hungary, Spain, Portugal, the Netherlands and Romania got an opportunity to meet, discuss, debate and learn about the issues facing Balbriggan, the Council's objectives for the area and how young people are contributing to the town. The visit included a visit to O'Dwyer's GAA club, Bremore Castle, the Seamus Ennis Centre and a walk around Balbriggan town as part of the Place Standard Workshop, hosted by Healthy Ireland and Healthy Fingal, which seeks to improve peoples' wellbeing by improving the place they live.



## Woodlands for Health

Healthy Fingal have partnered with Mental Health Ireland and the Sports Office again to organise the 2<sup>nd</sup> set of 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 Newbridge Demesne while availing of mental health expertise in the calming and quiet atmosphere of the walking paths around the demesne. The walks are taking place every Friday and run until 24<sup>th</sup> November.



## Sustainable Fingal



The Council has collaborated with DCU and DAA to submit two funding applications on sustainable projects:

1. DIFFER is a proposal for a Feasibility Study of District Heating in Fingal & an investigation of the feasibility of district heating from data centres in Fingal to supply Dublin Airport which has been submitted to the SEAI. The application was not successful and work has commenced to re-orient the project into another funding stream.
2. ATLAS is a proposal to consider AI real-time connect on-demand mobility as a service which has been submitted to SFI for the Sustainable Communities Challenge. The application was not successful and work has commenced to re-orient the project into another funding stream.



The Mayor signed the Circular Cities Declaration for Fingal County Council, which was approved by the Council at its meeting in January. Work is in progress to develop an action plan to advance the objectives of Circular Cities in Fingal. Fingal's profile has been published on the Circular Cities website and the first annual report on Fingal's transition to the circular economy under the Circular Cities Declaration was submitted in October 2023.

[CC Declaration | Fingal County \(circularcitiesdeclaration.eu\)](https://circularcitiesdeclaration.eu)

## 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 are finalising the feasibility study in November.

DBEC's ambition is to use innovation hubs to encourage the development of new and existing high-growth businesses to stimulate sustainable and climate-conscious growth along the Corridor.

## 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 LCDC met on the 25<sup>th</sup> October 2023 to consider progress on the LECP and other matters.



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

## **Fingal Local Economic Community Plan 2023 – 2028**

Consultants Grant Thornton have prepared the socio-economic profile of the county for the new LECP, reviewed the last LECP, drafted high-level objectives and facilitated the consultation process with the public and key stakeholders and incorporated feedback on the draft LECP. Work is underway on the 2-year Implementation Plan of the LECP (2023-2028).

A series of stakeholder sessions on the Local Economic & Community Plan (LECP) 2023-2028 were held during September for the Council's Elected Members and a presentation on the LECP delivered to the Economic, Enterprise, Tourism & Cultural Development SPC. The draft LECP will be submitted to the Eastern Midlands Regional Assembly (EMRA) by the end of October for their input, and it is anticipated that the LECP will be brought to the December Council meeting.

## **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 was allocated €341,875 in funding for groups across the county. More than 270 applications were received from community and voluntary groups in Fingal for the current and capital funding streams by the submission deadline of 10<sup>th</sup> February 2023. The evaluation of the applications is completed, and payments of the grants to community groups/organisations is ongoing.

## **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 submitted project proposals to DRCD for approval on the 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

Fingal County Council has received an allocation of €1,748,912 under the Community Recognition Fund for 26 projects across Fingal.

There is an allocation of €850,512 for eight projects in Swords and €435,000 has been provided for four projects in Dublin 15.

Three projects in the Howth Malahide Local Electoral Area have received a total of €92,000 while €96,600 will be spent on four projects in Skerries, Rush and Lusk. Three projects in Balbriggan will be funded by grants amounting to €44,000 while two projects in Baleskin will receive a total of €30,200 and one in Santry will receive €20,000.

All projects are required to be complete by 18<sup>th</sup> October 2024 and work is progressing on the implementation of project with the Council submitting an initial drawdown on October 26<sup>th</sup> of €178,000 in respect of works completed during 2023.

## **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. The Fingal SICAP Programme has been allocated €304,369 in 2023 specifically for Fingal's Ukrainian Refugee Response with an additional allocation of €65,000 recently granted.

Procurement for SICAP programme period 2024-2028 has commenced and the tender evaluation is in progress.





**Leader Programme**

In December 2022, 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.

Fingal LCDC was successful in Stage 1 to run the next LEADER Programme 2023 – 2027 for the Dublin Rural LEADER LAG and submitted the new Leader Development Strategy for evaluation in Stage 2. In October 2023 the Council was advised that the Dublin Rural LAG and the implementing partner Fingal LEADER Partnership CLG have been approved to deliver the new Programme.

**ENTERPRISE CENTRES**

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

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



All three Enterprise Centres have space available 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 following the Connected Free Voucher Scheme run in 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.

Drinan Enterprise Centre is promoting the availability of a bespoke media studio facility available for immediate booking to all individuals, groups and business interests.



**TOWN REGENERATION**

**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 Balbriggan Leadership Group, which is chaired by Professor Brian MacCraith, met on October 18<sup>th</sup> to officially begin the process of mid-term review of the Our Balbriggan Programme, its delivery timelines, governance and the realignment of the programme to the national URDF funding timeframe 2024 – 2030.



As part of the review of the programme, a combined workshop of the Community and Integration Pillar and the Safety Pillar was held on the 19<sup>th</sup> October.



The Quay Street, Harbour & Environs scheme is anticipated to be on site to commence end of Q1. 2024 and be completed on a phased basis in 2025. Tender request to source a suitable contractor to deliver the project were issued on e-tenders on October 9<sup>th</sup> with tender submissions due by 20<sup>th</sup> November.

Irish Water are currently on site in the Quay Street Car Park to complete upgrade works on the pumping station located there, with alternative car parking currently available at Bath Road/Balbriggan FC & Bremeore Castle. Communications to this effect have been issued on social media and other local channels in Balbriggan.



**Part 8 Planning Permission for 2-4 Dublin Street was granted approval at full Council in October and the project will now progress to detailed design phase. 2-4 Dublin Street is to be transformed into a new Creative Hub with 8 workspaces at 2 Dublin Street and an ancillary connected space at 4 Dublin Street which will support STEAM education, training and enterprise activities supported by SMART Balbriggan and the Fingal Arts Office.**



Demolition works on 14 Bridge Street (house known locally as Keelings) have been completed. Work on the installation of a temporary Pocket Park has commenced at the site. Landscaping, street furniture and fencing are due to be completed in early December. Annexes at the rear of DeBrun's buildings are in the process of being demolished.



An Integrated Design Team will be appointed shortly to assist in determining the options for the long-term use and design of the site in line with site constraints. The evaluation of tenders received for this IDT is almost complete.

Donnelly Civil Engineering Ltd and MWP Engineering have delivered a package of improvement works at Balbriggan Harbour. The main Harbour upgrade works and shoreside services are almost complete, with some lighting improvements awaiting final completion further to new electricity connections.

The programme office working with the architect's department have initiated the Boathouse & Bathhouse Conservation & Sustainable Re-Use Project as part of the wider URDF Coastal and Promenade project.

Work will commence shortly on enabling Works, followed by procurement of topographical and measured buildings survey, a full ecological study and then preparation of developed design and pre-Part XI Planning proposal.



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

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

The structure, membership and Terms of Reference for the new Lusk Town Team has been agreed. Together with the Town Team there are three Pillar Groups representing the Community, Business and Economy and Public Realm / Climate Action & Sustainability (to include Vacant & Derelict Buildings). The fourth meeting of the Town Team was held in October in Lusk Cultural Centre. A community briefing was held in early July to establish the Community Pillar which will support the Town Team in delivering a new Town Plan for Lusk with input from the local community. A local business briefing was held in July to establish the Business and Local Economy Pillar which will support the Town Team in delivering a new Town Plan for Lusk with input from the local business community.

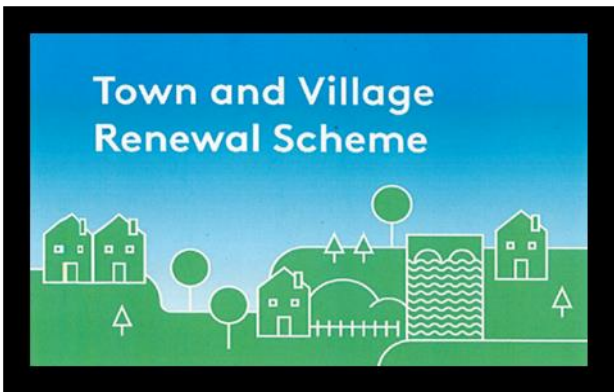
The consultants to support the preparation of a new Town Plan have been appointed and are working with the Community, Businesses and Public Realm Pillars in Lusk to get their views for inclusion in the new town plan. Work on this progressing well, with a draft of the new Town Centre First Plan for Lusk currently being reviewed.





**Town & Village Renewal Schemes**

The 2023 Town and Village Renewal Scheme was launched during the Summer and the Town Regeneration Office is currently reviewing expressions of interest for the scheme, under its many project measures, in preparation for the submission of 5 applications to the Department of Rural and Community Development in early November. Details of successful project are expected to be announced in Q1 2024.



The Regeneration Office has completed the implementation of the Rush Streetscape Scheme. The Council had been approved for €100,000 in funding from the Department of Rural and Community Development for the Rush Streetscape Scheme and 30 properties in the centre of Rush have been supported with funding.

The Donabate Streetscape Scheme was launched in May and applications for this scheme were sought from properties in Donabate Town Centre. €36,000 in funding has also been approved from the Department of Rural and Community Development for this Scheme under the last Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2022.

The Town Regeneration Office was successful in securing €7 million for a new revolving fund that will acquire vacant or derelict properties to renovate, bring back into use and sell back into the market for housing purposes. An initial 19 properties under this fund have been approved for purchase by the URDF Call 3 Fund / Department of Housing Heritage and Local Government.

The Derelict Sites Section which manages the Derelict Sites Register was moved to the Town Regeneration Office in August further broadening the capacity of the office to deal with town centre vacancy and dereliction. Reports for derelict sites can be made to [derelictsites@fingal.ie](mailto:derelictsites@fingal.ie).

**LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE**



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

**Evaluations and Approvals Committee**

The Evaluation and Approvals Committee (EVAC) meeting met on 18th October and approved €123,700 in funding across Business Feasibility, Priming and Expansion Grants. Year to date €681,900 has been approved across thirty-seven applications from Fingal businesses. A further 2 Agile Innovation grants to the value of €101,000 have also been approved in 2023. The next EVAC meeting is Wednesday 13th December.

**Management Development Programme**



The second Leadership for Growth programme is continuing and feedback to date has been excellent. The participants are half-way through the programme and are due to complete in December with graduation early in the New Year. As part of the programme, the owner manager participants will each produce Work Based Assessments which document their businesses strategic plan and acts as a living document as well as a point in time reference for where their business is now and the actions they need to take to grow.

### Fingal Business Network



The Autumn Fingal Business Network event took place at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Santry, on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

It focussed on the three “Es” which have been hot topics throughout 2023 – Employment, E-commerce, and Expansion. Hosting the event was Noel Davidson from the Entrepreneurs Academy, who oversaw an engaging and dynamic panel discussion. Panellists included Michelle O’Keeffe from Platform55, David Butler from QBM, Sandra Hickey from Milkbath, and James Stewart from Celtic Candles. Each panel member then proceeded to share their business journey, delving into the background of their business, the challenges they encountered, their strategies for overcoming obstacles, and the driving forces that continue to inspire their perseverance. Upon conclusion, the room buzzed with animated conversations as attendees continued to network with one another where the networking continued over lunch. Fingal Business Network look forward to hosting another exciting networking event on 1<sup>st</sup> December in Roganstown Hotel.

### National Women’s Enterprise Day



Fingal businesswomen came together to celebrate National Women’s Enterprise Day (NWED) at the Dublin regional NWED networking event on Thursday October 19<sup>th</sup> in collaboration with the four LEOs in the Dublin Region. This regional event is part of the wider national initiative, "Empower Business Together", which saw thousands of businesswomen participate in a host of women’s events taking place throughout the country.

Speakers were joined by ambassadors, or "Leading Lights," from the various regions, including: Fingal’s Giselle Makinde of Cream of the Crop, a pioneering food tech company dedicated to combating food waste. Giselle spoke about her experience in setting up her business, the support she got from Fingal LEO and ultimately the huge success she went on to enjoy and works hard to maintain today.



## Fingal Business Briefing



The next monthly Fingal Business Briefing will run on November 14th for small businesses and entrepreneurs in the Fingal area. The briefings outline the supports and services available to small businesses and individuals seeking to start their own business, through the LEO and other state agencies. Year to date, 194 individuals have attended a business briefing in 2023.

## Food Producer Showcase



Fingal hosted this year's showcase event for Dublin food producers, at the Crowne Plaza Blanchardstown on Thursday 26th October. 37 Food Producers from across the Dublin region showcased their products to over 30 key buyers from the large multiples, food service and restaurants.

The buyers were very impressed with the quality of the offerings with many engaging for follow up with orders and deals.

## Energy Efficiency Grant Scheme



The first approval under the new Energy Efficiency Grant Scheme was granted in September 2023. The scheme, which is being rolled out throughout the 31 Local Enterprise Offices, will enable small businesses to invest in technologies and equipment to make their businesses more energy efficient. The grant will cover up to 50% of the costs to a maximum amount of €5,000. The goal is to reduce the impact of small businesses on the environment and help them to reduce costs to enable them to become more competitive. As part of the process, applicants complete the Green for Business Programme, a customised initiative whereby the business develops a strategy to become sustainable.

## Trading Online Voucher Scheme



An initiative under the Government's National Digital Strategy, the Trading Online Voucher (TOV) 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, as well as giving businesses a better understanding of how they can exploit E-Commerce opportunities for their business. So far in 2023, a total of 73 applications have been approved in the amount of €158,925. The next Trading Online Voucher seminar will be held online on Friday 10th November 2023

## New Campaign Encourages Small Businesses to Engage with Local Enterprise Offices



The new "All in a Day's Work" campaign encourages small businesses to engage with their Local Enterprise Office (LEO) to learn about the supports available that can help them save time, money, and energy. The campaign focuses on three key areas: Lean, Green, and Digital. Attending the launch with Minister Neale Richmond was Heather Gilroy of Prints of Ireland, a client of Local Enterprise Office Fingal and Head of Enterprise Oisín Geoghegan.

## Business Advice Clinics and Mentoring



LEO Fingal provides one to one business support services through Business Advice Clinics and a Mentoring programme, online and in person. The Fingal mentor panel consists of a variety of skilled and experienced mentors from a range of business backgrounds. In 2023 to date the clinics have offered one-to-one advice and guidance to 832 clients in Fingal. The Mentoring Programme continues with a total of 225 clients receiving mentoring year to date.

## Microfinance Ireland Loans

LEO Fingal provides a loan scheme through its partnership with Microfinance Ireland, with 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). Applications submitted through LEO Fingal are eligible for a reduced interest rate. LEO Fingal has processed and submitted 12 MFI loan applications YTD.

## Training and Events

In October, there was sustained enthusiasm for LEO Fingal's training programmes, with nearly 200 individuals signing up for various programmes and seminars. The "Start Your Own Business" Courses continue to fill up quickly, and there is also a strong demand for the Social Media and Digital Marketing course, along with other finance, marketing, and sales related workshops included in the comprehensive training portfolio. In the run up to Christmas, LEO Fingal is running a special workshop dedicated to "How to Sell Food and Craft Products at Markets & Pop-Ups" which has booked out fully.

118 participants have embarked on one of 10 SYOB programmes year to date. There were a further 84 participants in the SYOB Bootcamp in Local Enterprise Week and 113 at the U-Start programme for Ukrainian nationals earlier in the year.

## Internationalisation and Export Development

LEO Fingal is providing a further opportunity to small businesses that wish to develop export opportunities through its latest Export Development Programme which will commence in Q4 2023. In addition, the Exporter grant enables small businesses to explore and develop new market opportunities by providing up to €2,500 to businesses investigating and researching export markets. Export Grants have been approved for nine Fingal businesses year to date.

## Showcase Ireland 2024



Showcase Ireland 2024 will take place from 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2024 at the RDS, Dublin. Showcase is presented by Design & Crafts Council Ireland, Enterprise Ireland and Local Enterprise Offices and supported by the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment. This four-day trade show is recognised as one Ireland’s largest international trade shows and offers manufacturers, designers and craft makers the opportunity to exhibit their new collections. LEO Fingal have been allocated 8 stands for this event. Following a selection process, the 8 successful applicants have been chosen to represent LEO Fingal: Stories by Ola (Skerries), Moss of the Isles (Swords), Nicola Weldon (Balbriggan), Clémence Prosen Art & Design (Balbriggan), Rob Stears Illustrations (Castleknock), Waylon & Flo (Skerries), Luxie Kids (Trading as BabyDub, Donabate). These craft & design businesses are also provided with training by LEO Fingal specifically on sales techniques for craft products who are displaying & selling their work at exhibitions.

### Student Enterprise Programme

There was plenty of interest among aspiring young entrepreneurs at the LEO stand during the recent Xplore Exhibition hosted by FCC as part of the Fingal Skills Strategy. The Student Enterprise Programme featured with a theme of “Be Your Own Boss”, attracting students interested in a career in entrepreneurship. The interactive LEO stand caught the eye of hundreds of transition year students and teachers who engaged in competitions and found out about what is involved in running your own business.



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## Works Programme Balbriggan Area Parks



Newly installed Wheelchair Accessible Swing and Carousel Roundabout at Ardgillan Demesne Playground



Newly installed Constructed Tree Pits and central median walkway to improve pedestrian accessibility from Skerries Mills car park into Skerries Mill



Newly constructed pedestrian pathway between Westbrook and Moylaragh Estates Balbriggan



Newly widened pedestrian pathway at Bremore Castle Park adjacent to the All-Weather Pitch. New path heavily used for all sports groups and particularly Balbriggan Junior Park Run



Newly installed paths across the open space at Tara Court Balbriggan.





Cutting grass on railway embankment at Balbriggan Beach

**Swords Area Parks**



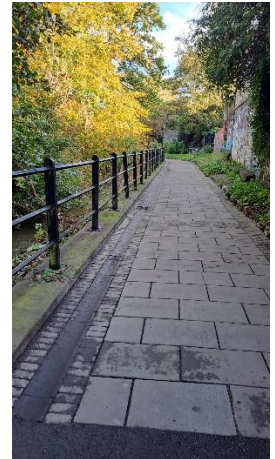
Newly Planted Pollinator Planting Scheme at St Cronan's, Brackenstown, Swords in collaboration with recent Active Travel Scheme.



Recently planted Pollinator Planting scheme at Pinnock Hill Swords



Before



After

Invasive species vegetation removal along riverbank in Swords



Before



After

Reinstatement of grass verges at the location of recently removed street trees in Pinegrove Swords



Meadow cutting and removal of arisings at Wildflower Meadows in Newbridge Demesne



## Balbriggan Harbour



Concrete Plinth with Mooring Bollards East Pier



New Steel Access Ladders East Pier

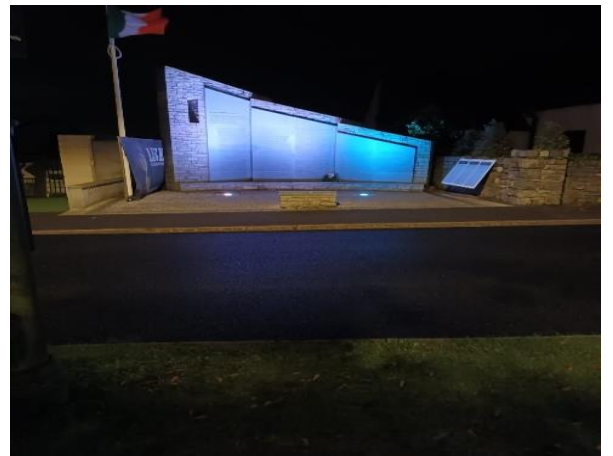


New Service Pedestals along West Pier,  
Balbriggan Harbour



Martello Balbriggan wreck removed by the  
Operations Department

## Lusk



Road resurfacing of Chapel Green, Lusk as part of  
2023 Programme of Works



## Swords



Surfaces dressing works resourced by a combined effort of the Fancourt and Watery Lane/Balswoop crews and technical staff which is part of Programme of Works.



Works are still progressing to stabilise and support the section of Brackenstown Rd which was at danger of collapse into the Ward River Valley below. The photograph above shows the completed Level 2 of the gabion support wall.



Resurfacing night- works carried out on Dublin Road, Swords

## Storm Babet

Operations crews from the Balbriggan/ Rush-Lusk/Swords area dealt with flooding at a number of locations during the evening and overnight of 20<sup>th</sup> October, with clean-up works continuing the following day.



Barnageera Bridge flooded... quite deep in the dip under the bridge itself



Barnageera Bridge flooded.



Brook Lane, Rush.



Baskin Lane flooded. Manhole opened by crew to prevent flooding of dwelling.



Car stranded in floodwaters at Balheary



Bus route to Rivermeade/ Toberbur cleared of fallen tree.



Millers Lane Skerries flooded due to tidal conditions.



Fallen tree at Shady Lane Skerries cleared by Operations Crews



## **Howth Malahide Area** **Programme of Works**

Work is coming to a close on the 2023 Programme of Works in the Howth Malahide area. Many items of work have been completed with the remainder being worked on. Road Inlay works have been ongoing at several locations including Millview Lawns. Footpath works are also ongoing with some of the works pictured below

### **Roads Works**

Works are progressing in closing out the 2023 Roads programme of works. Below is an update for the following;

- Millview Lawns road resurfacing inlay works
- Willie Nolan Road footpath works.
- Back Road – Footpath and tactile paving works.



Millview Lawns, Malahide – Road Inlay Works



Willie Nolan Road – Footpath Upgrade works



Footpath upgrade and tactile paving works on Back Road/Malahide Demesne entrance.



Capital Works Wall Balgriffin Cemetery





Before and after photos of the avenue to Malahide Castle. Improvement works were carried out by the Operations Department in October 2023.



2023 POW Greenfield Road Inlay

### Malahide Demesne



Remedial drainage works down at the dog run in the castle to alleviate pooling water.

### Talbot Botanic Gardens

Training day in Old Cemetery Malahide Demesne



Brian O Connor, Architects Department, giving a talk to Operations staff at on the use of Lime in Traditional Buildings. It was an interesting session and other talks and demonstrations were given by a Conservation Engineer & Traditional Stonemasons. The training was carried out on location at the old Cemetery Malahide Demesne.



Lime rendering training with Operations staff on exterior walls of Old Cemetery Malahide Demesne.



➤ **Wonderlights**

Wonderlights returns to the Talbot Botanic Gardens Malahide Demesne this year. The build has already commenced for this year as can be seen in the following photographs. Opening date is scheduled for Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November.



Build for Wonderlights in Walled Garden Malahide Demesne



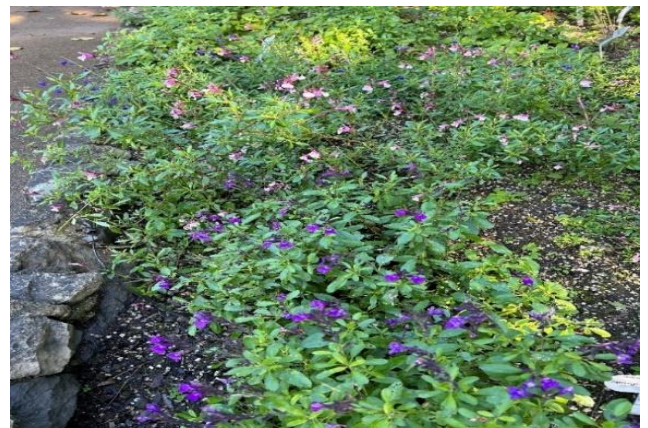
Work ongoing installing light features in Australian garden, Walled Garden Malahide Demesne



New light feature under construction, West Lawn, Talbot Botanical Gardens.



New Salvia beds continue to flower in Walled Gardens, Talbot Botanical Gardens



Winter bedding plants have arrived for Howth/Malahide Area in Malahide Demesne Depot

**Parks & Open Spaces**



Newly carved sculpture from the remains of a felled Monterey cypress tree installed in Portmarnock Beach Carpark





Before and after photos of a newly erected fence at the Parkvale entrance to Seagrang Park.



Refurbishment works to park railings at Seagrang Drive.

### Burial Ground Works

Balgriffin Cemetery:

Works are continuing on the upgrading of the boundary wall at Balgriffin cemetery as seen below.



Laying of boundary wall foundations at Balgriffin cemetery

### Beaches, Cleansing and Storm Support Works



Removal of graffiti at Tramline, Howth



Flood Preparation works: Installation of the sea defence barriers at Sutton Strand





Crews attending flooding at in Howth Malahide due to Storm Babet.



High Rock, Coast Road: During the rough seas and winds of Storm Babet, the ladder broke off. The location was secured by the crew preventing access to swimmers. New Ladder currently being fabricated and galvanised. Ladder to be installed very shortly.



Tree removal after Storm Babet in Howth Malahide Area



Staff from the Howth Malahide area attended training with the Irish Coast Guard. The courses on Marine Pollution Preparedness and Response are held regularly. These staff were attending the Operational Level: First responders, Supervisors and On-Scene Commanders Course.

### Castleknock/Mulhuddart Area **BMX TRACK, ST. CATHERINE'S PARK**



The BMX track has been re-surfaced in St. Catherine's Park.

Lucan BMX club who uses the track have currently 149 members from the ages of 4yrs to 50+yrs.

They are open six days a week with training/coaching provided four days a week and sessions open to the public every weekend.

Bikes, safety equipment and coaching to non-members coming to try BMX are provided.



## REMOVAL OF DEAD TREES



Eight dead Ash trees have been removed which were diseased and four dead Elm trees close to the Clonsilla road and footpath.



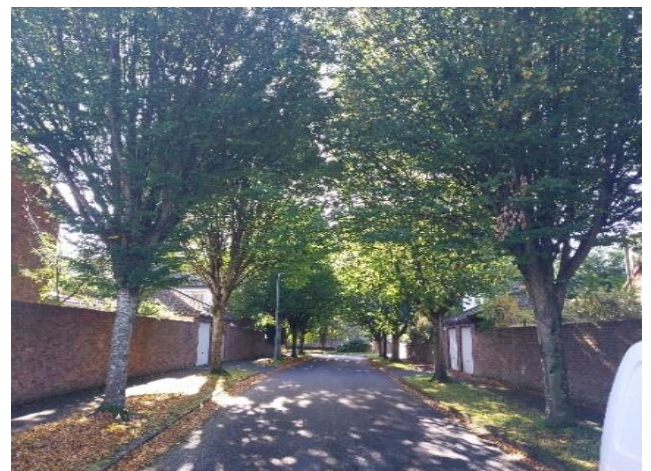
Trees have also been removed behind Coolmine Depot on the Clonsilla Road.

## MILLENNIUM PARK



An Inclusive swing has recently been installed in Millennium Park playground.

## CHESTERFIELD ESTATE



Tree pruning - Before and after photos.



## JOINT POLICING COMMITTEE



Joint Policing Committee Meetings continued in October with good attendances by the public at both Malahide/Howth and Balbriggan meetings. This concludes the series of Public Meetings for 2023.

## HAZELBURY PARK



New Callisthenics equipment has been installed in Hazelbury Park.

## BEECH PARK



Beechpark playground has received a new piece of play equipment which promotes teamwork and inclusivity amongst children.

With 14 nets that can be climbed on the inside or outside and two multi-person seating areas, Global Motion provides thrills for many kids at once.

## DUBLIN CITY MARATHON - 29<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER



Dublin 15 litter crews clearing up along the Dublin City Marathon route through Castleknock, College Road and Tower Road.





## COOLMINE REHAB CENTRE



New Benches and Perennial Plants were delivered to Coolmine Rehab Centre.

## CLONSILLA ROUNDABOUT



A Perennial Pollinator Flower bed has been planted at Clonsilla roundabout.

## MOUNT SYMON



A new Perennial border at Mount Symon, Clonsilla has also been planted.

## Car Parking Services September 2023

There was a total of 1274 parking tickets issued during September 2023.

Breakdown of Parking Offences

Top 10 Offences

Offence	Main Ticketing Offences - September 2023
9A - A VEHICLE COMMITTING AN OFFENCE CONTRARY TO PAY AND DISPLY/PERMIT PARKING	592
08A - PARKING A VEHICLE ON A FOOTPATH	156
04G - PARKING A PRIVATE VEHICLE IN A LOADING BAY	123
9A - A VEHICLE OUT OF TIME TICKET	95
9D - PARKING A VEHICLE ON A DOUBLE YELLOW LINE	88
08B - PARKING A VEHICLE ON A GRASS MARGIN	69
07A - OBSTRUCTION TO OTHER ROAD USERS/PEDESTRIANS	31
04B - Vehicle Parking Opposite a Continuous White Line	25
9F - PARKING/STOPPING A VEHICLE IN A DISABLED PERSONS PARKING BAY	18
03A - BUS STOP MARKED	18

Main Ticketing Locations:

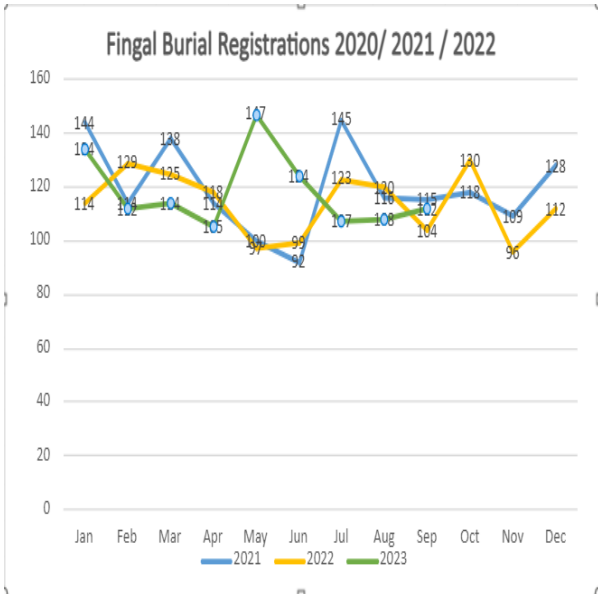
Top 10 Locations

Location	Main Ticket Locations September 2023
North Street - Swords	126
Main Street - Swords	86
South Strand Skerries	65
Bridgefield Car Park - Malahide	57
Drogheda Street - Balbriggan	55
Coast Road - Malahide	52
Church Road - Malahide	51
The Green - Malahide	47
Harbour Road - Skerries	42
Strand Road Portmarnock	42

## Burial Ground Services

At the Council meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2023 the Burial Ground Bye-Laws 2023 were made by resolution of the Council. These Bye-Laws will come into force on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

The Operations Department are continuing to administer and monitor delivery to ensure business continuity for Fingal's Burial Ground Service. There were 112 Interments in September 2023.



**Traffic Operations County-Wide**

The 2023 Program of Works has been progressing well in each Administrative Area.

**Castleknock/Mulhuddart 2023 POW**

Works on the new Traffic Signals in Dublin 11 & 15 are progressing well. Works are underway on Church Road in Mulhuddart with the installation of a new signalised crossing. Civil works are completed at the roundabout on Carpenterstown Avenue and Laurel Lodge Road, with the addition of a raised zebra crossing one each arm.



New four-arm raised zebra crossings on Carpenterstown Avenue/Laurel Lodge Road



A new pedestrian crossing was added on Lohunda Road to existing traffic lights

**Road Markings - Lining**



The River Road (R102) has had all the SLOW markings refreshed in October.

**Balbriggan/Swords Area Traffic**



Bridge Street, Swords - New Toucan Crossing - awaiting ESB connection.





Brackenstown Road, Swords - New Toucan Crossing - collaboration between Active Travel and Traffic Operations.



Dublin Road, Lusk - New signaled pedestrian crossing in progress.



Kilcoskan National School - The Ward, Co. Dublin - New Traffic Calming Speed Ramps



Loughshinny- New signaled pedestrian crossing in progress.



Swords area - Crossroads at Brackenstown Road and R108 - Emphasised SLOW road markings on approaches.



Loughshinny- New pathway connecting new signaled pedestrian crossing to the village.



**Howth/Malahide Area - Traffic**

Two New Driver Feed Back Signs installed as part of the Programme of Works 2023 as below



New Feedback Sign for Chapel Road, Kinsealy Eastbound



New Feedback sign on Thormanby Road - Howth Direction

**New Lining in October 2023**



Old Yellow Walls Road for St Sylvester School



Claremont Road-Howth Road Junction - New STOP sign and STOP Markings and refreshing existing road markings by Railway bridge-Strand Road below



New Speed Roundel for Binn Eadair and Yield Markings/signage in Abbey Park-Baldoyle



**Fleet Management & Plant Hire Unit**

96 hires were put in place from 01/10/2023 to 31/10/2023, engaging 26 suppliers.

**Street Lighting LED Programme**

The Public Lighting Section will continue with the LED Programme in 2023 with 99.3% of all lights switched to LEDs.

100% of new Decorative LED fittings have been installed in towns and villages across the county wide.



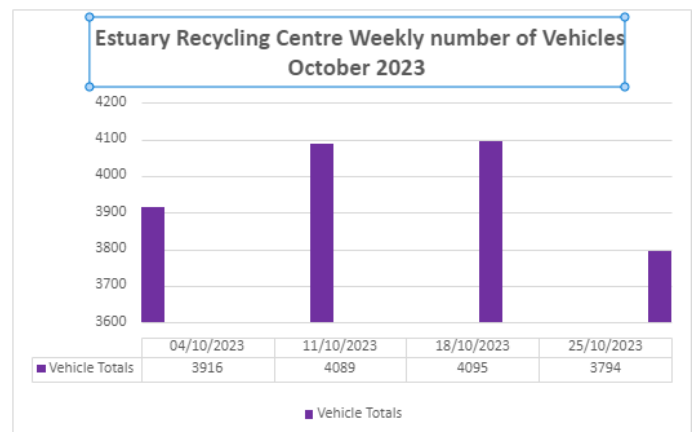
The Public Lighting Area Works Programme is well under way across the county with several jobs complete. (Mourneview Estate - Skerries,) (Red Arches – Car park, Baldoyle) (Manorfields Pedway, Ongar).

**Millbank Tower Rush (POW)**

The Millbank has been lit using feature lighting as part of the 2023 Programme of Works (POW)



**Recycling Centres Update**

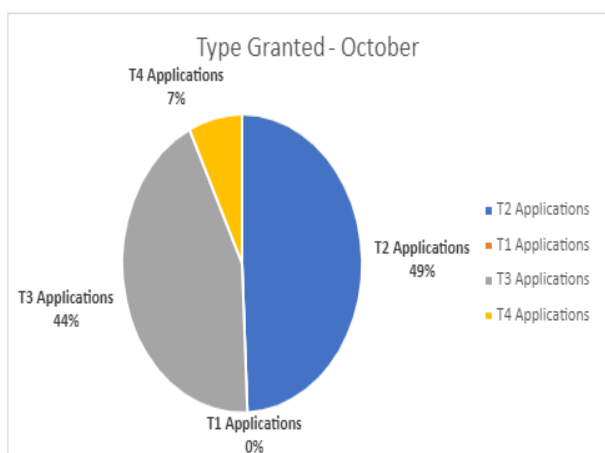
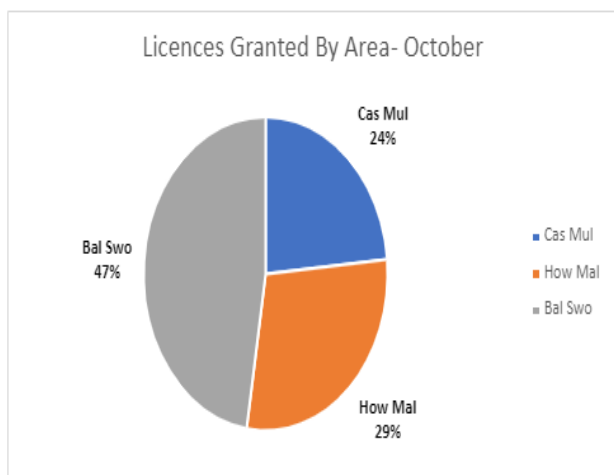
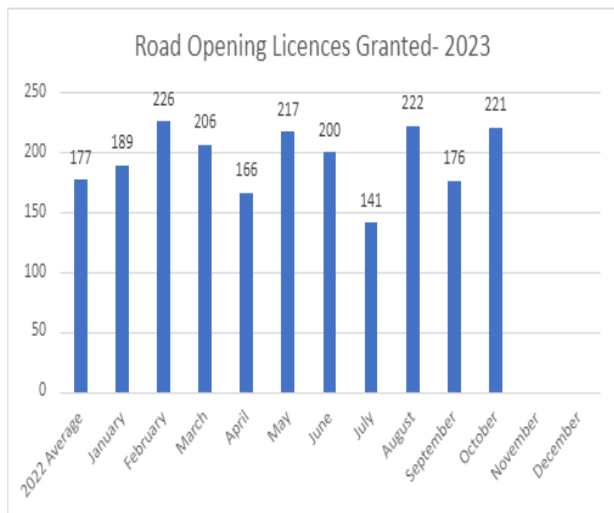


**Licenses**

**Road Opening License's**

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.

**221 Licences** were granted in the month of **October**, **51%** of which were granted by way of automation. Clerk of Works in each area continue to carry out regular inspections following road opening works by Utilities.



### - Casual Trading License

Fingal County Council currently have 30 Casual Trading Pitches occupied throughout the Administrative Area.

Covering Hot Food/Tea & Coffee/Ice Cream and Flowers.

Fingal County Council is currently in communication with several interested parties who are interested in taking up additional pitches throughout the county, site inspections have been arranged.

The Castleknock/Mulhuddart Operations Department is in regular communication with our traders and area inspectors to assist in delivery of quality service and ensure compliance.

### Street Furniture Licences



Fingal County Council currently have 34 valid Street Furniture Licence's throughout the county: 1 in Castleknock/Mulhuddart, 6 in Balbriggan/Swords and 27 in Howth/Malahide, this is a significant increase on previous years.

We are currently in communication with several applicants regarding the issuing of new SFL licences, pending site inspections in the coming weeks.

Castleknock/Mulhuddart Operations department have now fully completed refunds in accordance with S.I. 256 dated 22 of May 2023 for all Street Furniture Licence Holders in the area following engagement with the businesses.



## Storm Water

### - Stormwater Capital Programme 2023-2025

Fingal County Council are continuing to progress projects adopted in the 2023-2025 Stormwater Capital Program. The 3-year program includes 14 projects initially valued at approximately €3.63 Million, although this is being kept under review. 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

Topographical and Manhole Surveys are complete and satisfactory. Awaiting clarification and details from flow and CCTV surveys. Optioneering and Investigation Report is in progress. Preliminary design reports being updated with received survey information and updates of associated drawings.

### - Bath Avenue Storm Water Pipe

This project involves the laying of a new Stormwater pipeline along Bath Ave in Malahide to alleviate localised flooding and allow for future capacity. Construction works started on 25/09/2023. A 10-week window has been allocated for the works which requires a full road closure. To date 135m of pipe has been laid, the existing network on Grove Road has been connected to the new network, 6 new gullies have been installed and 4 new manholes have been constructed.



### - Ongar Development Stormwater Remedial Works

Remediation works on the drainage network in Ongar following its Taking in charge are substantially complete. Additional works were identified following inspection by the Drainage section. The works are being undertaken by Formac Contractors with design and supervision by OCSC Consulting Engineers with an initial duration of five months starting in April 2023. The additional works should be complete by Mid-November.

### - Storm Water Maintenance

To support the Storm Water Preventative maintenance, a contractor has been procured with a Jet Vac Recycler truck and CCTV camera van. Survey works are ongoing in the in the Blanchardstown & Castleknock areas.

The Stormwater manhole cover and frame replacement programme for replacing assets at the end of life is ongoing. Assets have been replaced in Sutton, Howth Main St, The Naul and Balbriggan.

Following discussion with the Biodiversity section and Environment Department, safety concerns led to the partial removal in October of the **Portrane SW Outfall** which had suffered damage from recent storms. Care was taken to reinforce with rock armour a key upper section of intact pipe which serves to prevent sand drift.



Additional CCTV surveys are being carried out in **Rusheeny and Manorfields** estates to determine the Storm Water network condition ahead of works planned in November. These works will include trenchless techniques and robotic cutting.



Separation of a section of misconnected Storm water line from the storm water network in **Flemington Park, Balbriggan** was completed in October. This involved its diversion via a new manhole and the redirection of several road gullies to reduce the risk of odours. This work effectively removed a significant source of foul contamination from the catchment thus eliminating one of the risks to coastal and local bathing areas.



A contractor is being procured to undertake various remedial works including part-liner repairs on damaged sections of the storm water network along **Carpenterstown Rd** in Castleknock.



Following recent reports of road flooding along **Treen Hill & Minister's Road**. CCTV surveys were carried out and restrictions in the network around Kilhedge Lane have been identified. The results of these surveys are now being analysed to determine what steps are required to resolve the issue.



#### - **Biodiversity**

Ongoing assistance is being given by the Storm Water Unit to *Baldoye Tidy Towns* who have secured funding for a Biodiversity project on the **Seagrang Park** stream, Baldoye.



Jetting and CCTV surveying are ongoing in the **Ballykea and Loughshinny** areas to determine the cause of flooding following recent heavy rainfall.

#### **Storm Water Connections:**

To date 13 new connection applications have been processed in 2023.



# PLANNING AND STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE (PSI)

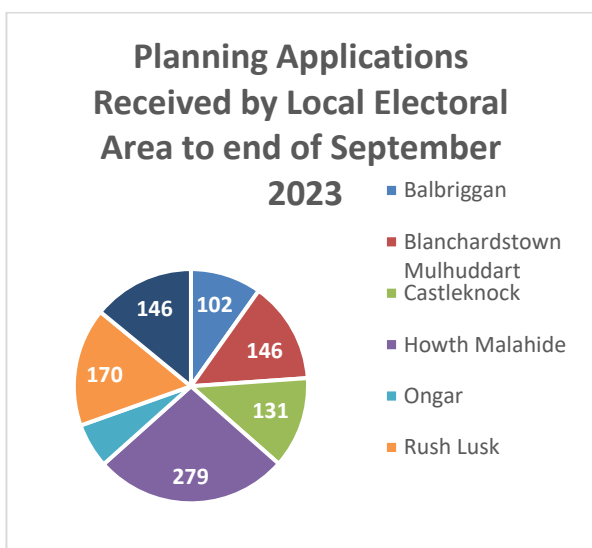
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## Planning Applications

There have been 1038 planning applications received from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023, of these 137 applications were invalid leaving a total of 901 valid applications. The volume of applications received by Local Electoral Area (LEA) is detailed in the table below.

From 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023 to 30<sup>th</sup> September, nine Large-scale Residential Development (LRD) full applications have been made to the Local Authority. From 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023 eleven decisions have been made on Large Scale Residential Developments. Of these eleven decisions made, ten have been to grant Permission (3,211 Units) and one decision has been made to request further information.

An Bord Pleanála have issued 17 decisions (4 Refusals & 13 Grants -5709 units) on SHD applications in the period from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023 to 30<sup>th</sup> September. There are five SHD's (4,577 units) remaining with An Bord Pleanála for decision.



## Planning Decisions

A total of 913 planning decisions have been issued to 30<sup>th</sup> of September 2023. There have been 752 decisions to grant permission (83%) and 161 refusals of permission (17%). Included in the 752 grants there have been 60 grants of permissions in respect of single house construction, 417 grants of permission for domestic extensions/works, 65 commercial/retail grants of permission and 38 grants of permission in respect of housing developments of which 20 relate to development of 2 – 20 units, 6 relates to 20 – 50 units, 7 relate to 50 -100 units and 7 which relate to development of 100+ Units.

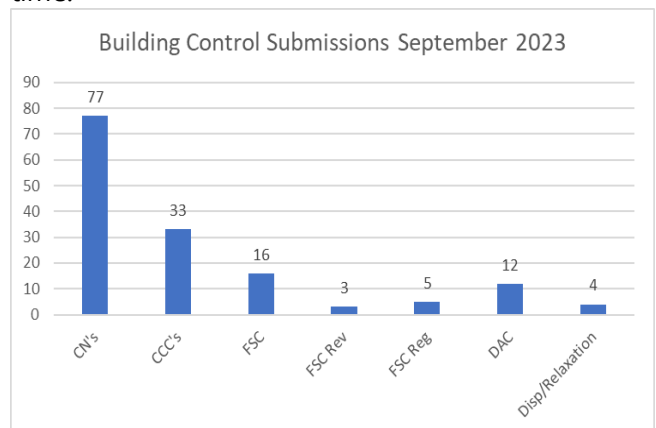
## Building Control Admin

In September 2023, there were 150 building control submissions made via BCMS.

This was made up of 77 Commencement notices, 33 Compliance of Completion Certificates, 24 Fire Safety related Certificates and 16 Disability Access related Certificates.

Commencement notices and Compliance on Completion Certificates are submitted through the Projects module on BCMS. Fire Safety, Disability Access, Regularisation and Dispensation/Relaxation Certificate applications can be submitted online via the Applications module on BCMS and the Council accepts hard copy applications directly into the office. Most applications are now being submitted via the online system.

The Building Control Admin team processed 116 decisions in September 2023 relating to Fire Safety and Disability Access Certificates. This was made up of 35 decisions to grant and 81 extensions of time.



## Strategic Policy Unit

### Local Area Plans, Masterplans and Framework Plans

In July, the first round of Plans falling out of the development plan was agreed. This comprises Swords and Flemington LAP's, the Dunsink Plan, Kilbarrack and the Old School House Masterplans and the Stephenstown, Folkstown and Clonsilla Framework Plans.

Consultants have been appointed and work will begin on Flemington LAP immediately. This will be the first LAP. Consultants are due to be appointed in the next two weeks and work will start on the Clonsilla framework plan.

The Draft Donabate Framework Plan is almost complete and will be published this month, subject to the outcomes of the environmental assessment consultation which is ongoing.

### Residential Zoned Land Tax

The Government's 'Housing For All - A New Housing Plan for Ireland' proposed a new tax to activate vacant land for residential purposes as a part of the Pathway to Increasing New Housing Supply.

#### Draft Map Submissions:

- Number of submissions received on Draft map - **121 submissions - 142 land parcels in total**
- Number of rezoning requests - **3**
- Number of sites removed from the Draft map - **26 removed, 3 part removed**
- Number of sites retained on the Draft map - **97 retained, 9 part retained**
- Number of sites whereby there was 'no action' (residential property for example) - **7**
- **(no action) 6 (part no action)**
- Number of appeals lodged to ABP - **83**
- Number of appeals decided (31<sup>st</sup> October 2023) - **82**, of which 71 confirmed the determination of Fingal.

The final map is due to be published on 1st December and this will identify all of the land considered to be in scope for FCC and will provide for the overall area in hectares. The RZLT was due to be due in 2024 but this has been deferred for a year. The draft for next year has to go on display on 1st February next year.

## Built Environment Division

### Building Control/Taking in Charge Section - 31/10/2023



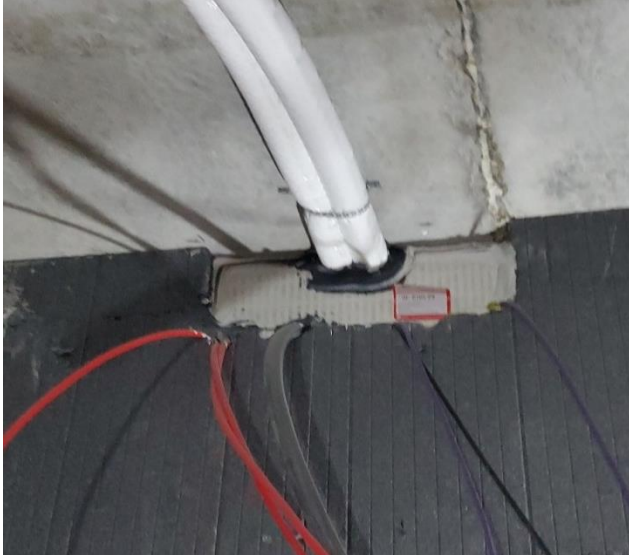
- There were 16 building Control Inspections in October 2023 with 30 buildings inspected.
- There were 8 section 11 requests for further information following building control inspections, issued in October and there have been no enforcement notices issued.
- There were 2 roads taken in charge in the council meeting of the 9th October 2023 (Cnoc Dubh Phase 2 and Millers Glen Phase 2).
- There is 1 development up for taking in charge in the November Meeting (Cois Sruthain).
- The Ongar Remediation works contract is still ongoing and Formac Construction are currently carrying out works in Ongar Village. O'Connor Sutton Cronin are managing these works on behalf of Fingal County Council. The completion works have been further pushed out until the end of November to address Irish water works. We have also engaged Formac and O'Connor Sutton Cronin to carry out the remediation works in Mount Eustace and Cruise Park to bring these estates to a taking in charge standard. These works will follow on from the Ongar remediation works and will take approximately 2 months.
- Works are ongoing in the Gallops housing estate by a contractor carrying out "Taking in Charge" works for Fingal County Council.



### Dangerous Structures

There was 1 dangerous structure notified in September 2023 and 2 dangerous structures notified in October 2023. There are a total of 87 dangerous structures active in our database.

### Pictures

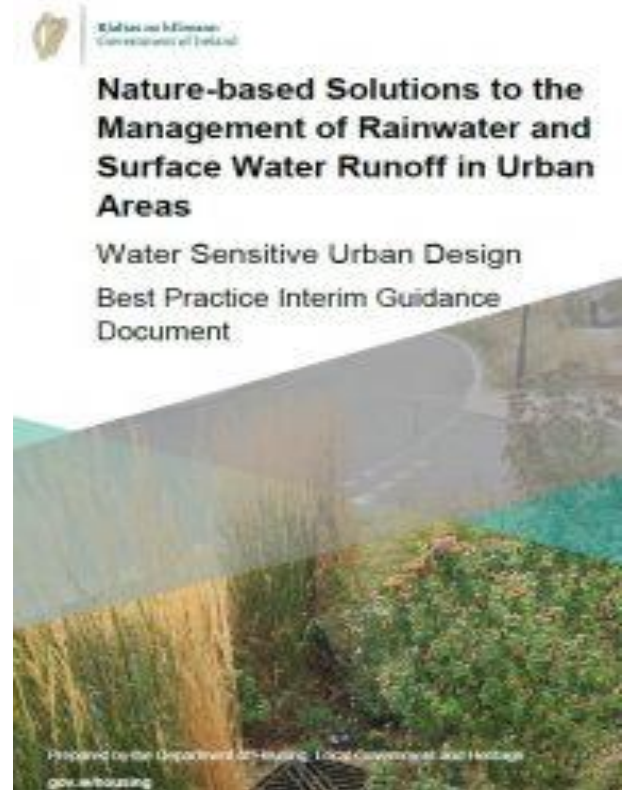


Checking fire seals in an apartment block in Clonsilla.

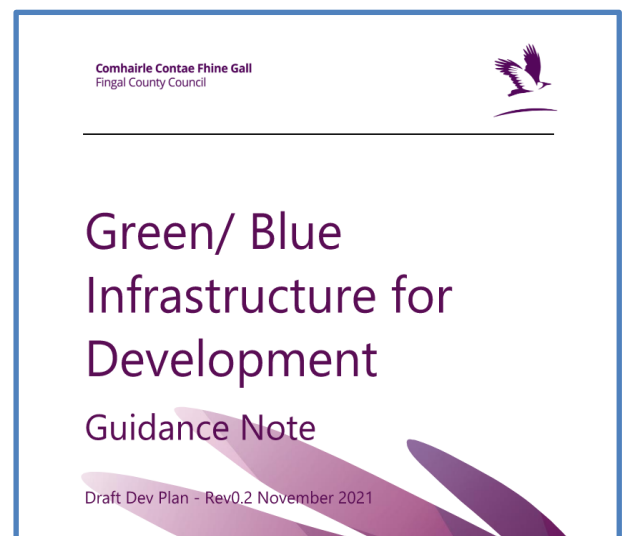


Checking Drainage in houses in Clonsilla.

### Development Management/Forward Planning (Water Services) Section



- 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 GSDS 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.

## Transportation



Staff from the P&SI - Transport Planning recently visited two Active Travel projects in Dublin City Council, the Royal Canal Greenway (Phase 3) & Clontarf to City Centre which are both currently onsite at Construction Stage.

The site visit allowed staff to gather learnings from the projects and knowledge sharing with colleagues in Dublin City Council.

## Snugborough Interchange upgrade

The Snugborough Interchange is currently programmed to be completed during Q1 2024, as we have included additional elements in the scheme such as repairs to the access to Waterville Park and a new artwork in the underpass. Some traffic management will be required over the coming weeks to allow for resurfacing works. Resurfacing of the N3 off ramp will be carried out overnight at the end of November. A site visit for local councillors was arranged for the 24<sup>th</sup> of October. Updates will be posted on the scheme web site [www.snugboroughinterchange.ie](http://www.snugboroughinterchange.ie)



## Ongar Barnhill Link Road

Bam Civil Ltd. have commenced setting up a site compound and have carried out preliminary works in advance of the main works. Updates for the scheme will be posted on [www.fingal.ie/ongar-barnhill](http://www.fingal.ie/ongar-barnhill)

## PSI-039 R132 Connectivity Project

Consultation with the National Transport Authority and with Transport Infrastructure Ireland regarding the connection with Metro Link is ongoing with Monthly meetings. The findings from the ground investigation works carried out in June and July was compiled and now will assist in the decision-making process for the detailed design stage. Meetings with a developer on a new access onto the R132 has also taken place. Modelling the impact of this junction is currently being undertaken. Detailed design stage is underway and progressing as programmed.



## PSI-005 Harry Reynolds Road Pedestrian and Cyclist Route

Construction works is progressing on the Harry Reynolds Road Pedestrian and Cyclist Route for this key infrastructure project for Balbriggan. The work is ongoing at three locations on the project on Hamilton Road, Harry Reynolds Road just south of the R122 and at Moylaragh Road. Works is progressing with a new bus stop and a new shared area already installed on Hamilton Road. Another meeting has been arranged for December in relation to progressing the art installation piece has also taken place recently with Fingal's Art Officer, Local Councillors, Tidy Town Committee members and Our Balbriggan to progress the process of developing a theme and guidance's on commissioning of the art installation. Additional meeting with the ESB in Oct onsite with agreement reached on new connect point at 12 Controlled crossing points along the project. Also, relocation of existing ESB cables has been agreed on Harry Reynolds Road.

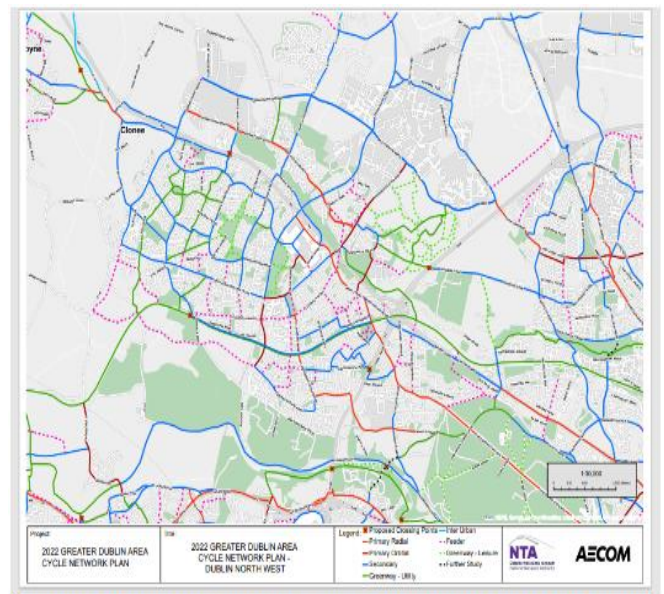


To assist with communication to the community a dedicated project website has been setup which will be updated throughout the project, highlighting the projects progression and key milestone stages; [Harry Reynolds Road Pedestrian & Cycle Route | Fingal County Council](#)



## Consultancy Framework for Dublin 15 Walking and Cycling Projects

The Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Dept has commenced the procurement process for a Single Party Framework for Engineering Consultancy Services for Pedestrian and Cycling Route Projects in the Dublin 15 Area, with a closing date in late October 2023. The evaluation of submissions received as part of the stage one process will then be assessed in November to determine which firms will proceed to the stage 2 procurement process in Q1 2024. Proposed projects will include the Clonsilla-Damastown Cycle Route and Pedestrian & Cycling Bridge at Granard Bridge Castleknock.



Cycle Network Plan for The Greater Dublin Area - Proposed Cycle Network Dublin North West - Sheet N8

## PSI 063 Granard Bridge

A tender brief is currently being prepared for a Pedestrian and Cycling bridge over the Maynooth Rail line and Royal Canal at Granard Bridge on the Castleknock Road and will form an integral part of the walking and cycling route for Blanchardstown to Phoenix Park which is a proposed route in the NTA's Greater Dublin Area Cycle Network Plan. The tendering for this project will form part of the initial project for the Engineering Consultancy Services Framework for Dublin 15 Pedestrian and Cycling Route Projects which is currently at stage 1 of the procurement process.



Figure 1 - View from Rail Bridge towards Granard Bridge and Blanchardstown



Figure 2 - Site Location

### PSI - 004 Royal Canal Urban Greenway

Dialogue continues to be held with landowners and with key stakeholders the National Transport Authority and Waterways Ireland along the route of the greenway to ensure a coordinated, high quality final design is achieved at interfaces between existing facilities and the proposed scheme. Landowner searches and land referencing are ongoing also. Following this process, the required documents including the Environmental Impact Assessment Report will be prepared for a planning application to An Bord Pleanála in mid 2024.

### S2M Pedestrian and Cycle Scheme

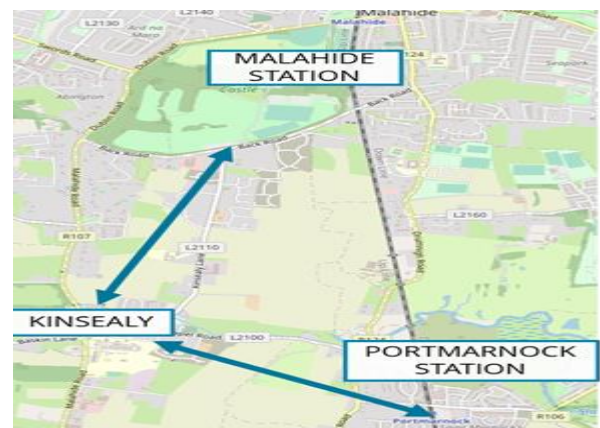
The preliminary design drawings are being finalised. The recently published Cycle Design Manual has led to some improvements being incorporated into the overall scheme design. The new manual draws on the experience of delivering cycling infrastructure across Ireland over the last decade, as well as learning from international best practice, and has been guided by the need to deliver safe cycle facilities for people of all ages and abilities. A surveyor has recently completed topographical surveys of public and private lands within the proposed scheme. Ground Investigation Works will be required along the route at all locations where new structures are being proposed.

A tree surveyor will be procured in the coming months and a survey of all trees along the proposed route will be carried out. Following this process, the preliminary design can be finalised and documents will be prepared for a planning application to An Bord Pleanála. Engagement with potentially impacted property owners, businesses and stakeholders is ongoing.



### Kinsealy Walking and Cycling Routes

The consultancy framework for various Swords & Kinsealy projects with the initial project being the Kinsealy Walking and Cycling Routes was recently awarded to Barry transportation. The appointed consultants are currently progressing the Kinsealy Walking and Cycling Routes Projects. The Options Selection phase is progressing on two routes, Kinsealy Lane and Chapel Road/Station Road to determine the draft preferred routes. A survey has been procured to carry out traffic surveys. In addition, a surveyor has been procured to carry out topographical surveys. Briefings will be undertaken with the local members at the next milestone stage. Non-statutory stakeholder consultation which will include road users will be targeted for 2024 whilst targeted stakeholder consultation, for example with potentially affected landowners, will be undertaken as needed.





### Fingal Coastal Way

Liaison with landowners and residents' groups along the route of the Fingal Coastal Way is ongoing. Appointment of a contractor for the topographical survey of public lands should be completed in the coming weeks. This survey will allow design in the town and village centres to be progressed. Affected landowners with farming and horticultural businesses will be informed in the coming weeks with regard to the appointment of the scheme agronomist, at which point further liaison meetings will be held along the route. Searches continue for potentially affected landowners who have not been identified yet.

### Broadmeadow Way Greenway

High level design options for the northern causeway are being developed using recently acquired ground investigation data from the ground investigation (GI) contract conducted over the summer months. These options will then be workshopped with Irish Rail to seek approval to proceed with single preferred design option that meets the project objectives and ensure the safety and integrity of the railway causeway.

A tender competition for the 12-span 180m long precast bridge deck units has gone out to market, the long lead in time is required to align with the approved May-September construction window in 2024 following the overwintering bird season. Stage 1 (SAQ) construction tender documents for a Works Contractor for the Donabate landward works are being finalised and will go to the market in November, this work package will include two additional bridge structures spanning across the Pill River and greenway works through Kilcrea farmland and the Kilcrea junction at Newbridge.

The Underwater Archaeology Unit in the Department of Local Government and Heritage have requested that Fingal County Council undertake an underwater archaeology desktop assessment as part of planning and foreshore commitments, the tender pack for this piece of work has been developed and will be issued to market in November.

In late September, the Planning and Strategic Infrastructure project team arranged a site visit for local councillors to the southern causeway and bridge site. This was facilitated by Irish Rail.



### Church Fields Link Road

Works are continuing on phase 2 of the Church Fields Link Road and Cycle Network project, including the upgrade and reconfiguration of the existing Wellview Avenue and the installation of 670m of high quality pedestrian and cycling facilities through the eastern parklands linking up with existing networks and future proposed facilities in the vicinity.



### **PSI-026 Turvey Avenue & Portrane Road**

Fingal County Council has lodged an application to An Bord Pleanála for a Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) for the Portrane Road Enhancement Project and two landowner objections have been lodged with ABP in this regard. The project involves works to widen the existing narrow footpath on the northern side of Portrane Road in order to provide a suitably wide and safe footpath for pedestrians to use in the vicinity of two national schools (St. Patrick's Boys National School and Scoil Phádraic Cailíni). The project also involves works to provide safe pedestrian crossings and appropriate traffic calming facilities. Subject to approval from An Bord Pleanála, the CPO will allow Fingal County Council to purchase privately-owned land that is required to widen the path and deliver the project. A decision from An Bord Pleanála on the CPO application is expected later this year.

Separately, Fingal County Council has undertaken a tender competition to procure a works contractor to build a Footpath Enhancement project on nearby Turvey Avenue, in Donabate. The project will see the construction of a new section of footpath to improve pedestrian safety and increase connectivity for people walking between Donabate Village and the residential areas along Turvey Avenue, west of Donabate Train Station. A works contractor is expected to be appointed in November with construction work due to commence in early 2024.

### **PSI-027 Donabate Pedestrian Bridge**

The detailed design for the construction of a new pedestrian and cycle bridge over the Dublin to Belfast Railway line at Corballis, Donabate has been approved by Iarnród Éireann and the Commission for Railway Regulation. The new bridge will cross over the railway line, facilitating a safe and segregated pedestrian and cycle route and will enhance connections between the development lands at Corballis, Donabate Village, the railway station and Newbridge Demesne. Heads of terms have been agreed and necessary licence agreements are being finalised with the developers of adjacent lands to facilitate access to, and construction of, the bridge. Procurement for a main contractor for the works is ongoing and construction is expected to commence in Q1 2024.

### **Donabate Transport Projects**

Fingal County Council has appointed Roughan and O'Donovan, a leading multi-disciplinary consultancy firm, to provide engineering, planning and environmental services for the Donabate Transport Projects, which comprise a number of major projects with the objective of improving transport and active travel infrastructure and road safety on the Donabate-Portrane peninsula.

The projects include:

- Phase 2 of the Donabate Distributor Road project, to improve access to Donabate and Portrane from the M1-Lissenhall Interchange for all road users, particularly vulnerable road users such as pedestrians and cyclists;
- Blakes Cross Junction Upgrade, to provide a safer junction layout that caters for both motorised traffic and active travel modes of transport such as walking and cycling;
- A study of the M1-Lissenhall Interchange, in collaboration with TII, to assess all technical and operational traffic issues associated with this strategic motorway junction;
- Donabate Active Travel Routes which encompass a number of related local projects which aim to increase local connectivity for pedestrians and cyclists.

Work on the initial data-gathering, concept development and option assessment stages of the Donabate Transport Projects is underway. Further stages of work, relating to environmental assessment, planning consent, etc. will follow on in subsequent years as appropriate.



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### Housing Supply Affordable Home Purchase Scheme



Fingal County Council are making homes available for sale under affordable dwelling purchase arrangements across the County.

Our pipeline for affordable housing over the coming years is below:

Affordable Housing Pipeline	Units
Dun Emer, Lusk - Completed	39
Hayestown, Rush – In Progress	52
Hampton Gardens Close, Balbriggan – In Progress	18
Ballymastone, Donabate – Coming Soon	286
Church Fields, Mulhuddart – Coming Soon	260

Fingal County Council is also actively engaging with Developers for opportunities to collaborate on Turnkey developments that are suitable for sale under Affordable Purchase arrangements.

### Construction Programme

Summary of unit numbers in the pipeline	Units
Under Construction	307
Schemes with Planning Approval and Tender Stage	393
Planning and Design	940
Part V	289
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,929</b>

### Progress of Projects on Site

#### **Part V units under construction at Chapel Hill, Garristown. Co. Dublin**



#### **Fingal County Council – Restoration of St Ita’s Portrane - 14 units**

Nine units have been completed and the restoration works commenced on the next 5 units at the beginning of 2024.

**Fingal County Council- Affordable Housing Scheme at Hayestown, Rush, Co Dublin  
52 Affordable & 10 Social Units**

Works are continuing with Phase 1 of the affordable units at Hayestown, Rush which is due for completion in early 2024. Phase 1 consists of a total of 26 units – 24 affordable private homes & 2 social homes.



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

Works are continuing on the 31 units in Lusk being constructed by Tuath Housing. This development is due for completion in early 2024.





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

Works are progressing at Bowden Court, Swords.



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

Works at Ballough Place, Lusk are progressing without significant delays.



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

Works are progressing at Monastery Court, Lusk and the scheme is on track for completion in Quarter 2, 2024.



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

Works are nearing completion at the Clonsilla Road project.



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

Works are nearing completion at the Sheepmoor project and handover is anticipated this quarter.

**Housing Asset Management Report**

**Energy Efficiency/Retrofitting Programme**

Fingal County Council's Energy Efficiency Retrofit programme is progressing well. Work has been completed on 96 properties to date in Strandmill Estate, Barnewall Estate, Rivermeade, and Glasmore Court. Works on a further 24 properties are currently underway in Strandmill Estate, Rivermeade, Glasmore Park, and Whitestown Gardens.

Investigative works are ongoing in several other housing estates across the county to include them in this program.



*Post works – Strandmill Estate, Portmarnock (external wall insulation, new windows and doors)*

### 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:-

<b>Voids for Re-letting</b>	<b>27<sup>th</sup> October 2023</b>
In the letting process	50
Undergoing re-let repairs	31
With County Architect for procurement of pre-let repairs	9
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>90</b>

### 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 reaching completion in Corduff Avenue, Corduff Gardens, and Corduff Way and are ongoing in the remainder of Corduff i.e Corduff Close, Corduff Cottages, Corduff Crescent, Corduff Green, and Corduff Place. Works have commenced in Domville Woods.

#### 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 295 new tenancies in 2023 to date with approximately 3884 tenancies set up since HAP began in 2017.

The HAP team is 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 at 01 8905000 via the CCU or through email at [hap@fingal.ie](mailto: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 is 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 two Possession orders with 6 others currently before the courts. Regarding the two possession orders secured, both tenants are engaging with the team to address their areas.

The Rents team encourages any tenant who is having trouble 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.

#### Local Authority Home Loan

The Local Authority Home Loan (LAHL) continues to be popular among people who are unable to secure funding from commercial lenders to allow them to purchase a home.

The loan application process has been augmented by updates to our online loan application portal which has been upgraded in recent weeks to allow for easier submission of documentation and clearer information on what is required. Applicants can still submit a loan application and required documentation by post if they wish to do so.

Since the LAHL was introduced on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022, 127 Fingal applicants have received Loan Approval in Principle (AIP) with a cumulative AIP of 28.4m.

Further information on the Local Authority Home Loan and the eligibility criteria can be found at [www.fingal.ie/localauthorityhomeloan](http://www.fingal.ie/localauthorityhomeloan) & [www.localauthorityhomeloan.ie](http://www.localauthorityhomeloan.ie)





### Private Rented Inspections

For 2023, following the rollout of annual registration by the RTB and a project to streamline registrations, the target for 2023 is set at 4,576, equating to just over a quarter of 18,000 registered tenancies within Fingal.

The team successfully reached 100.42% of the 2023 target by the end of quarter three. 5451 inspections took place across a total of 4595 dwellings.

The team continues to work with the contractor for the last quarter of the year to focus on improving compliance.

### Housing Tenancy Services Report

#### Housing Support and Housing Position

Housing List positions have been issued to all applicants.

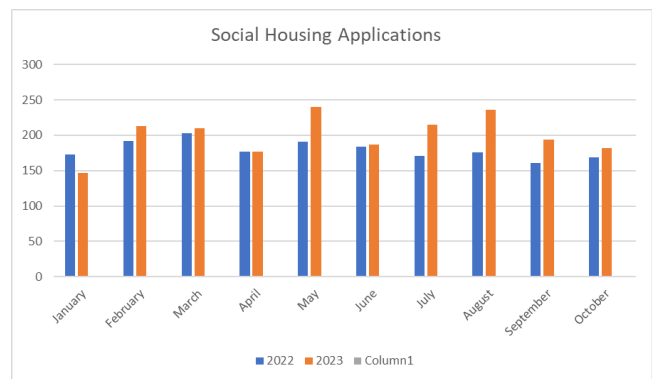
The list position is also available through the CBL portal on Fingal.ie. Applicants who do not have access to this portal should contact Choicebasedlettings@fingal.ie to request their unique username and password.

#### Changes to Income Eligibility Thresholds

By Circular 48/2022 and changes being implemented via the Social Housing Assessment (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2022, the Social Housing Eligibility Bands increased with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023.

### Housing applications received year to date.

Jan – October 2023	1,973
Jan - October 2022	1,798



### Housing Support Appeals

Applicants are reminded, that an appeal must be received within 28 days of a decision being communicated in writing to be eligible for review.

An email address has been established to facilitate the submission of appeals about housing support applications by applicants e.g., closure of social housing applications, transfer of tenancy, income limit queries, medical priority, and transfer applications. Applicants can email – [Housing.Appeals@fingal.ie](mailto:Housing.Appeals@fingal.ie).

### Housing Needs Assessment

Following Circular 26/2023 as released on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2023, the Summary of Social Housing Assessment (SSHA) is due for return to the Department of Housing Local Government and Heritage by 29<sup>th</sup> November 2023. Letters Issued to applicants on 15<sup>th</sup> September to all applicants required to complete the SSHA. Following the successful launch of the Online HNA System in 2022, applicants have been advised to complete the assessment where possible online. This system went live on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2023 with initial uptake positive.

Reminder letters were issued to all applicants on 4<sup>th</sup> October. Applicants were advised in this letter, that if they have completed their assessment online, they don't need to take any further action. All SSHA received are undergoing a process of checking and assessment with requests issued for further documentation where required through the Portal. All facilitates remain available to applicants at the Customer Care Counters and in the Fingal Libraries for those individuals requiring assistance in completing their Housing Needs Assessment.

### Choice Based Lettings October Advertised Properties

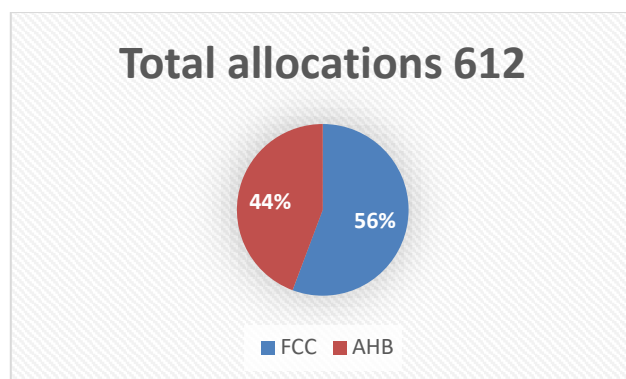
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Advertisement Period	Property	Bed	Type	Number of Views	Expressions of interest
4 <sup>th</sup> - 10 <sup>th</sup> October	Lanestown View, Donabate, Co Dublin	3	House	1498	266
4 <sup>th</sup> - 10 <sup>th</sup> October	Barnewall Avenue, Donabate, Co Dublin	3	House	1374	234
11 <sup>th</sup> - 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Drydam Avenue, Kinsealy, Co Dublin	3	Duplex	1007	126
11 <sup>th</sup> - 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Ballygarra Park, Garristown, Co Dublin	3	House	1002	148
11 <sup>th</sup> - 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Castleside Avenue, Swords, Co Dublin	3	House	1212	193
18 <sup>th</sup> - 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Pipers Court, Hansfield, Dublin 15	3	Apartment	1402	156
18 <sup>th</sup> - 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Pipers Court, Hansfield, Dublin 15	2	Apartment	1401	262
<b>Total</b>				8896	1385

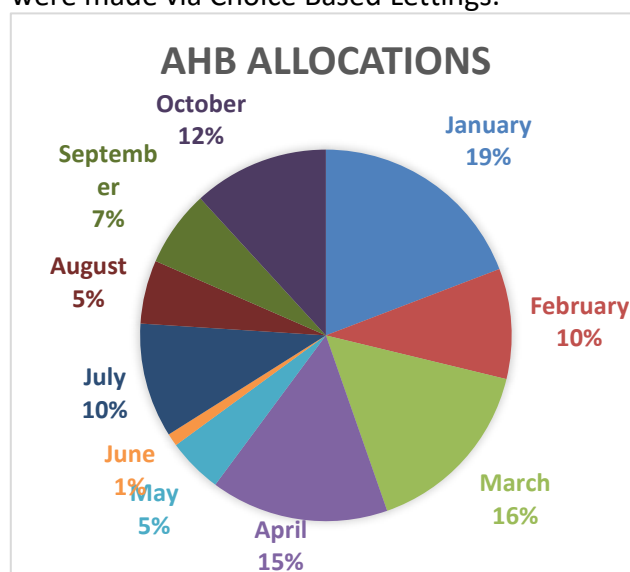


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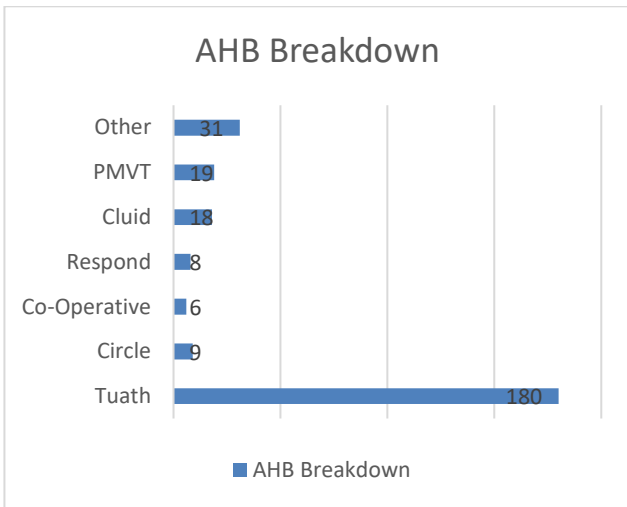
The chart below depicts the total number of properties allocated since the beginning of 2023. 271 of these allocations have been in collaboration with several Approved Housing bodies. The other 341 properties were allocated using Fingal County Council's stock.



Of all the 612 allocations made to date, 221 were made via Choice Based Lettings.







This chart portrays a breakdown of the AHB, reflecting the nominations sent to them during 2023 thus far. Tuath received the most nominations from Fingal County Council in 2023. The collaboration between Local Authorities and Approved Housing Bodies is continuing to have a positive impact on the delivery of social housing.

Tuath Approved Housing Body and Fingal County Council's leasing section have taken delivery of 159 properties in Hansfield Dublin 15. A number of these properties were advertised via Choice Based Lettings and the lettings team is actively working on files for allocation.



Circle Approved Housing Body are managing 47 units in Donabate, North County Dublin, comprising 2, 3 and 4-bed properties.



### Homeless Services.

#### Homeless Exits 2023

During October 2023, 21 households exited homeless circumstances into various forms of social housing support - including privately rented tenancies under the Homeless HAP Scheme.

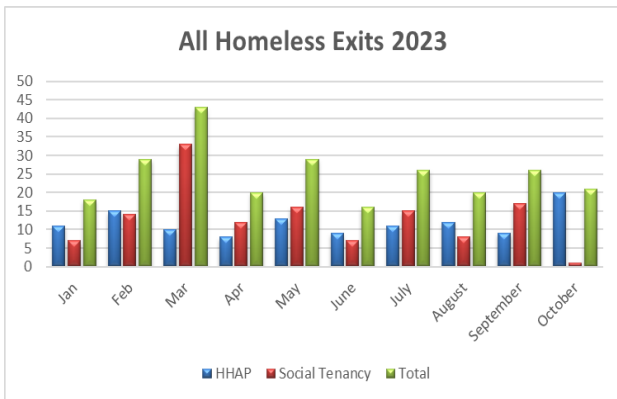
Allocations to social tenancies account for 1 household, comprising 1 who exited emergency accommodation.

Homeless HAP accounts for 20 of these tenancies, comprising 14 homeless preventions and 6 who exited emergency accommodation.

Therefore, there were a total of 14 homeless prevention cases and 7 who exited emergency accommodation.

Please see the table below for a breakdown of the figures:

Type of Exit	HHAP Tenancy	Allocation of Tenancy	Total
EA	6	1	7
Homeless Prevention	14	0	14
Total	20	1	21

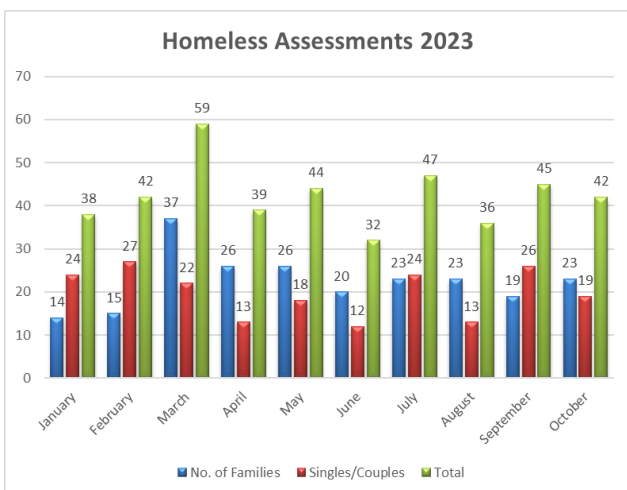


**Homeless Presentations**

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

In October 2023, there were a total of 42 full homeless assessments completed – comprising 23 families and 19 singles/couples.

To date in 2023 there have been a total of 424 full homeless assessments completed.



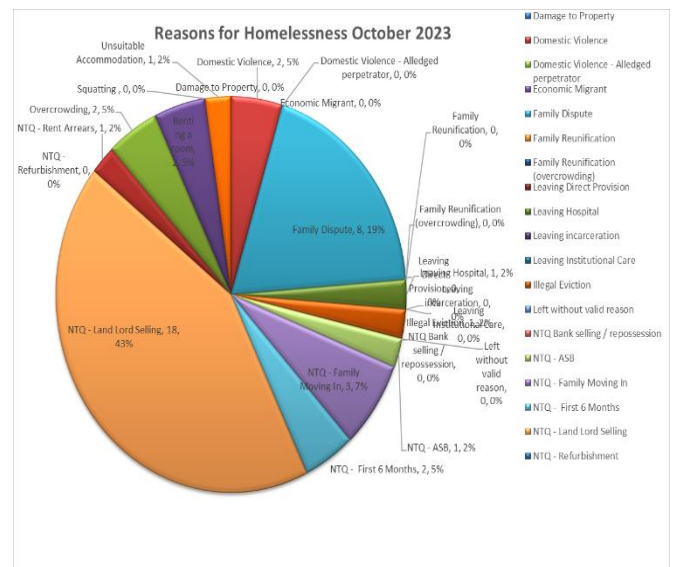
During October 2023, of the 42 Homeless Assessments carried out, 25 cases resulted from a Notice to Quit (NTQ) having been served, equating to 60%.

Renting a room or licensee presenters are not protected by the Residential Tenancies Act and accounted for 5% of assessments during October 2023.

There are also a considerable number of people making contact stating that they are Homeless due to family breakdown (19%).

Most of the other presentations to the Homeless Section are from living in overcrowded conditions (5%) and state that they cannot/will not return to the property.

The remaining 11% comprise various reasons outlined in the chart below.



**Emergency Accommodation (including Fingal County Council Family Hubs)**

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

**Rough Sleepers**

The Homeless Services Team continues to liaise with the DRHE Outreach Team regarding any reports of rough sleeping, to establish their names and circumstances and to offer support. 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.

A weekly Rough Sleepers Coordination Group monitors the reports of rough sleepers. The reports come from various outlets, including the DRHE Outreach Team, Elected Representatives, the FCC Operations Department, and the general public.

The progress of these cases is monitored until the needs of the reported rough sleepers are met and the cases can be closed.

### **Cold Weather Strategy 2023/24**

In the event of cold weather or any emergency event in Dublin, the Dublin Region Homeless Executive (DRHE) coordinates the response to homelessness on behalf of the four Dublin Local Authorities. To meet the increase in demand for homeless services and have the appropriate contingency plans in place for cold weather conditions, the DRHE is activating the Cold Weather Strategy 2023/24 in the Dublin Region. The Cold Weather Strategy focuses on expanding the current capacity to meet the increasing demand for emergency accommodation whilst also providing a targeted response for people who are long-term rough sleeping.

### **Increase in emergency accommodation for singles/couples**

In partnership with DRHE service providers, capacity for singles and couples has been increased and these beds will be available on a phased basis throughout the winter months. As these beds come on stream, they will be made available as needed, depending on the demand for homeless services on any given night.

Equally, they will provide vital capacity if an extreme weather event occurs. For all households assessed by an LA as requiring access to temporary accommodation, all residential services now operate on a 24-hour basis, with meals provided on-site and/or cooking facilities. The total additional capacity is 330 permanent beds and 40 extreme weather beds. The permanent beds are operated on a 24-hour basis with meals provided onsite.

### **Enhanced services operational during cold weather conditions**

DRHE services operate throughout the year to support people who are sleeping rough. During the cold weather period, services are enhanced to mitigate the health risks that cold weather poses. The cold weather provides opportunities for more assertive engagement with long-term, entrenched rough sleepers and hard-to-reach groups, aimed at placing them in appropriate and long-term accommodation. Enhanced services operating for this cold weather period include:

- Dublin Street Outreach service provided by the Dublin Simon Community. The team provides a service 7 am – 1 am Mon- Fri and 9 am – 1 am Saturday and Sunday.
- The Outreach Mobile Health Clinic, operated by SafetyNet and funded by the HSE, delivers services two nights a week (Tuesday & Thursday) and every second Friday morning with the Dublin Outreach teams, to support rough sleepers with complex medical needs. This Outreach clinic offers a comprehensive primary health care service targeted at people who are experiencing homelessness in Dublin.
- The DRHE, Dublin Simon Outreach Team, Housing First, the HSE and An Garda Síochána will continue to work closely together during the winter period with the same goal of improving outcomes for people who may be sleeping rough.
- The DRHE has 40+ emergency beds that can be activated during extreme weather conditions or adverse events.

### **Dublin Street Outreach Service Tel: 01 872 0185 from 7 am to 1 am**

The DRHE in partnership with Dublin Simon Outreach and the PMVT Intake team are assertively working on the streets offering accommodation to all rough sleepers. The teams are very familiar with the locations of people sleeping rough across the Dublin Region and persistently work with individuals to support them into emergency accommodation. This process can take time and multiple contacts, as some people do not want to engage but the teams persevere with every person working to achieve a successful outcome.

The service operates 365 days a year, until 1 am. The Outreach Teams also ensure that people sleeping rough are linked with other appropriate health services such as addiction and mental health services to prevent further rough sleeping. PMVT's Housing First Intake team links rough sleepers to permanent accommodation with long-term support.

All emergency accommodation is now 24-hour, with food and shower facilities provided.

### **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 continue 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](http://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, 29 tenant in-situ properties are at the sale closed stage. A total of 104 properties are at the sale agreed stage with a further 63 cases in the negotiation process. In addition, the Council is assessing a further 304 queries concerning notices of termination and tenant-in-situ acquisition.

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 continues to liaise 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 Government has put forward 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 Cost Rental Tenant-in-Situ Scheme is available for tenants who are not eligible for social housing and are at risk of homelessness. The DHLGH has advised that local authorities are to be the first point of contact for this scheme, but it is managed by the Housing Agency. Under the scheme, the Housing Agency can purchase a property and rent it to the tenant.

Fingal County Council will undertake an initial assessment of the tenant's circumstances and refer details to the Housing Agency for consideration, where the tenant is at risk of homelessness and the Cost Rental Tenant-in-Situ scheme applies. The Housing Agency will then contact the landlord about the purchase of the property.

Where a tenant wishes to purchase their home from the landlord, local authorities can provide advice about the Local Authority Home Loan scheme. The Government is examining implementing a 'right of first refusal' for tenants to purchase their homes, as well as expanding the First Home shared equity scheme. The Council will be able to provide more information on these when available.

Works around preventing homelessness, assessing notices of termination, and responding to tenant and landlord in-situ queries are being led on by the Council's Homelessness section, taking a tenant-centred approach, supported by staff dedicated to dealing with tenant in-situ housing acquisitions. The contact details below, including a dedicated email address [NTQEnquiries@fingal.ie](mailto: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, 9 am to 4.30 pm: Tel. **01 890 5090** or **homeless@fingal.ie**  
Email: [NTQEnquiries@fingal.ie](mailto:NTQEnquiries@fingal.ie)  
**Dublin Region Homeless Executive, Central Placement Services:**  
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## TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION PROGRAMME

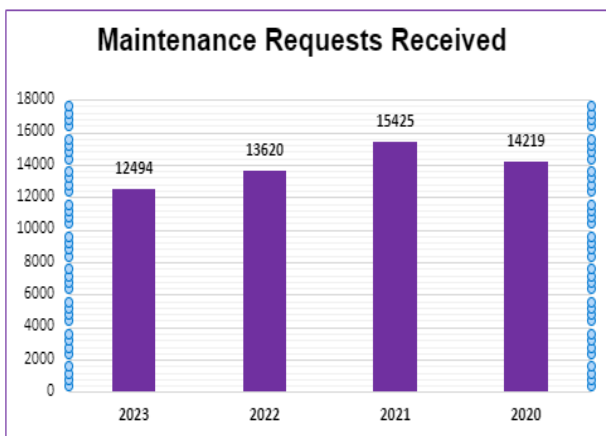
### Traveller Accommodation

Refurbishment works to the 5 Bay Halting Site at St Brigid's Lawns, Porterstown, Dublin 15 is ongoing. Works include replacing the existing welfare units with new modern units and upgrades to the on-site utilities.

Regular site visits by Housing Inspectors continue all Fingal County Council Traveller specific sites while checking on vulnerable residents and advising on the continued support 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.

### Housing Maintenance



**Kitchen/Bathroom refurbishments in Dublin 15**

### Boiler Servicing Programme

The 2023 Programme of work continues, with Contractors working across the County in areas such as Dromheath, Dunsoghly, Hollywoodrath, Mayeston, Dun Saithne, Kelly's Park, Saint Catherines and Balgriffin.

### Anti-Social Behaviour/Inspectorate Unit

The most recent meeting of the Housing Forum for the Dublin 15 area took place on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

The Housing Forum affords collaborative working between Council Officials, Elected Representatives, Statutory Agencies, and Community Representatives about good estate management.

### ASB Caseload Management

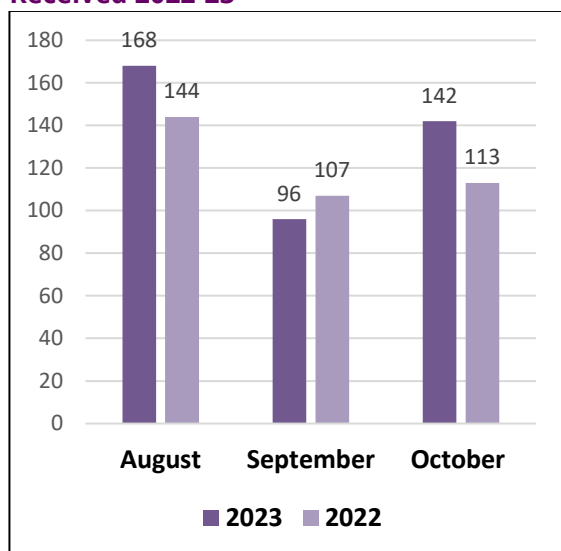
October 2023	Total Complaints Received	Active Investigation	Active Monitoring	Closed
Balbriggan	16	14	1	1
Rush / Lusk	10	7	1	2
Swords	12	7	3	2
Howth / Malahide	35	32	2	1
Blanchardstown / Mulhuddart	56	34	11	11
Ongar	10	9	1	0
Castleknock	3	0	3	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>17</b>

All complaints are received in confidence by the ASB Unit



**Surrenders on Estate Management Grounds 2023** – 2 (Jan), 3 (Feb), 2 (March), 2 (April), 1 (May), 1 (June), 2 (July), 4 (August), 3 (September), 0 (October)

**Monthly Breakdown of ASB Complaints Received 2022-23**



**Anti-Social Behaviour Interventions**

<b>Interviews Held 2023</b>	73
Interviews Held 2022	101
<b>Tenancy Alerts 2023</b>	21
Tenancy Alerts 2022	39
<b>Tenancy Warnings 2023</b>	4
Tenancy Warnings 2022	6

**Inspectorate**

<b>Traveller Specific Site Inspections 2023</b>	<b>1400</b>
Traveller Specific Site Inspections 2022	1673
<b>Estate Inspections 2023</b>	<b>1197</b>
Estate Inspections 2022	1086
<b>Estate Management Inspections 2023</b>	<b>1497</b>
Estate Management Inspections 2022	2109

**Tenant Induction Courses 2023**

Fingal County Council are currently delivering induction courses in the Mulhuddart Community Centre. This partnership has been hugely successful due to its central location and the great facilities the centre has to offer. Fingal County Council are keen to continue this partnership to support and promote this fantastic community facility.

7 Tenant Induction Courses were completed to date for the developments below and two further courses are due to be held before year-end.

- Kilhedge
- Wellview
- Liscappagh
- Churchfields

**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](http://www.gov.ie/ukraine)

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

The Council’s Fingal Ukraine Response Forum chaired by the Mayor continues to meet regularly to coordinate the response of the various statutory agencies and voluntary groups in the county to assist the Ukraine community. The next meeting is on the 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2023.

**Liam Rodgers Rest Centre**

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. Supported by the Council and the Peter McVerry Trust (PMVT), **319 persons** have moved from the rest centre to OfferAtHome\pledge accommodation across the county and country since 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2022 with arrangements finalising concerning further moves to OfferAtHome\pledge accommodation.

### OfferAtHome\Pledge Accommodation

In the Fingal area, all suitable properties offered are occupied. The monthly recognition payment is **€800** per month for vacant properties and **€800** to host a Ukraine person in your home. To pledge accommodation, please visit the national portal at <https://offerahome.ie> or for enquiries, e-mail [offerahome@fingal.ie](mailto:offerahome@fingal.ie).

Note **Helping Irish Hosts** can offer support and advice to both hosts and guests in pledge accommodation. See website <https://www.helpingirishhosts.com> for further information.

### Vacant Homes

Three dwellings are currently advancing through the CPO process, one of which has a large associated site. An Bord Pleanála has confirmed that the CPO is to be operative concerning 2 of these properties.

A further two vacant properties have recently gone sale agreed upon under the Buy and Renew scheme.

The Croí Cónaithe Refurbishment Grant Scheme is also in utilisation to address vacancy and assist citizens in getting a home with increasing enquiries, applications, and grant approvals.

### Croí Cónaithe Vacant Homes Refurbishment Grant

On the 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023, the scheme was further extended with the eligibility criteria now allowing for properties built pre-2008 to qualify and grants increasing to €50k (vacant) and €70k (vacant and derelict).



The scheme now also allows for a grant for approved properties to be rented on the private market when refurbishment is complete. Before the recent change, the grant-approved property had to be the principal private residence of the grant-approved owner.

To date, **78 applications** have been received under the scheme, **37 of** which have been approved with other applications moving to the approval stage. In addition, staff are engaging with numerous other expressions of interest which have the potential to lead to further applications.



Promotion of the scheme is ongoing by the Vacant Homes Team who have been present at various Housing Information Events most recently the event held in the Carnegie Court Hotel, Swords on the 25<sup>th</sup> of September 2023.

For enquiries on the scheme and on vacant properties generally, please contact the Council's Vacant Homes Office via e-mail at [vacant.homes@fingal.ie](mailto:vacant.homes@fingal.ie)



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### 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 October/November the Community Development Office worked in partnership with a number of community groups and partners to support many projects/Initiatives including;

#### Introduction to Local Government: Training for People with Disabilities

Ahead of the Local Elections 2024, the Community Development Office are working with the Disability Federation of Ireland to deliver a free online workshop as part of Fingal Inclusion Week on **An Introduction to Local Government**.

Taking place on 16<sup>th</sup> November, this workshop will inform people about Local Government and Local Elections, explore how their vote can lead to change in their own lives, provide information on how to register to vote and to check if they are already registered and to present an opportunity to tell us what key issues impact their lives in Fingal.

It is anticipated that this workshop will inform some further localised events which will take place in early 2024. People with disabilities and those supporting those with disabilities are encouraged to register.

**EVERY VOTE COUNTS!**

Are you a person with a disability? Or are you supporting a person with a disability? Find out how to register to vote, why your vote matters & how to engage with Local Election candidates about issues that matter to you. This **free online workshop** will cater to a diverse range of needs & will be delivered by Disability Federation of Ireland.

Thursday 16th November 2023  
11am - 1pm  
Register:  
<https://tinyurl.com/597txysr>

Further Information:  
[communityfingal.ie](http://communityfingal.ie)  
01 890 5000

#### Blakestown October Fest Youth Planting Project

The Community Office has worked in partnership with Fingal Operations, the Blakestown Community Development Steering committee, Blakestown Community centre and Foroige to deliver the Blakestown October Fest Youth Planting Project.

This area enhancement planting project will see the young people of Foroige Blakestown working with the steering committee and taking a positive approach to improving their area by planting along the Blakestown road.

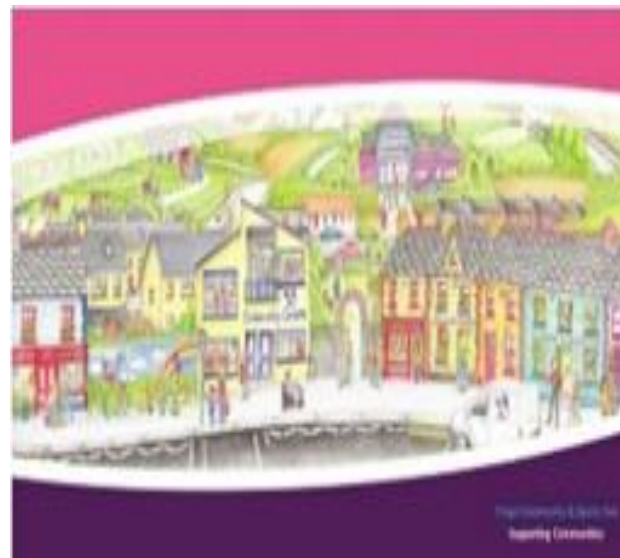


### Flemington Hub Primary Healthcare Outreach Clinic

The Flemington Hub Primary Healthcare Outreach Clinic has completed its first phase in Flemington Community Centre, Balbriggan. This pilot aims to integrate marginalised groups into the social and community life of Balbriggan, to develop links between services, agencies and the wider community and to provide a safe space for marginalised groups to meet and develop.

Balbriggan Womens Development Group, Cairde Balbriggan, Balbriggan Primary Health Care and the FCC Community Development Office provided Health and Fitness supports, information and presentations as part of phase one of this pilot project.

This collaborative initiative seeks to bring about further positive relationships and is a recommendation from the Flemington Liveability report, commissioned by the Flemington Development group and launched in 2019.



### Thrive Balbriggan Mental Health Month

On the 11<sup>th</sup> October Thrive Balbriggan marked World Mental Health Month through Connect Cafe round table discussions and the launch of the new Thrive Balbriggan information leaflet. Deputy Mayor Cllr. Grainne Maguire launched the new information leaflet at an event to mark World Mental Health Day. Thrive Balbriggan is a community-led movement, supported by the FCC Community Office, which promotes positive mental health.



### Halloween in the North County

Community groups around the north county are well underway in preparation for Safer Halloween events, funded by the FCC Community Office. Groups in Garristown, the Naul, Oldtown, Rush, Skerries and Donabate are busy putting the final touches to Halloween events which will have an interactive safety message and activity at the top of the agenda while providing creative fun for Halloween fans of all ages.



Donabate Portrane CC, Rush Community Centre, Flemington Centre in Balbriggan and Oldtown Parish Hall will all stage Halloween discos, while community groups in the Naul (St. Mary's Baton Twirlers, pictured) and Ballyboughal are planning inventive Halloween-themed pageants, which will be family friendly and safety-proofed... and very, very scary!



### Lusk Ladies Shed

Lusk Ladies Shed are a newly- formed group who meet twice weekly at the Lusk Community Cultural Centre and welcomes adult women of all ages from Lusk to take part in arts, crafts, trips and learning. Working with the local community officer since their beginning, the group have started a 6-week tutored Introduction to Ukelele course for 10 of their members. This project has been funded by the Community Office's Pathway to Participation programme fund, to enable members to develop a new skill, learning, practicing and socialising together, which they can carry on developing and share with their community at future opportunities and events. The group will also be hosting their group meeting to welcome newcomers during Fingal Inclusion Week in November.



### Let's Sing Donabate

A new project in the Donabate Peninsula which aims to create a community choir has begun, with support from the Community Office first steps funding programme. The idea for the choir came from the Donabate Active Age Group, in partnership with Donabate Portrane Community Centre and the Failte Isteach conversational English volunteer group. Taster sessions took place as part of Positive Aging Week and the singing sessions, which are open to the whole community, are taking place on Wednesday evenings in DPCC. It is hoped that the new choir will be able to deliver a festive event locally around Christmastime.



### Crime Prevention Presentation - Swords Mens Shed



A presentation from Sergeant Stephen Kenny, Crime Prevention Officer to Swords Men's Shed, facilitated by the Community Department, took place on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October. Sgt Kenny gave a very informative presentation to 30 members of the men's shed, covering internet and phone safety, home protection and personal safety. Practical solutions for home security and burglary prevention were discussed, in an effort to, reduce the risk and impact of crimes to people and their property.

### Family Nature Walk – Broadmeadow Park



As part of Swords Circular Economy Initiative, a nature walk for adults and children took place in Broadmeadow Park, Swords on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2023. The walk which was led by OWLS Nature Charity, welcomed 30 families. Starting at Broadmeadow Community Garden participants enjoyed the local flora, fauna, and wildlife around the beautiful park. The walk continued along the Ward River up to the pond at Millers Glen estate where a pond dip highlighted the abundance of insects and fauna which lives in the area.

### Halloween Costume Swap: Holywell & Applewood Community Centres



Swords Circular Economy Initiative continues to grow with Holywell and Applewood Community Centres holding a Halloween Costume Swap Shop in October.

The “Boo-tiques” were set up in the centres and the local community donated their old costumes and Halloween items which they swapped for new ones. Over forty costumes found new homes and great fun was had by the children who could become witches, señoritas, or aliens for the afternoon. As part of the event Fingal’s Safer Halloween Video was played and discussed among the children and their parents, followed by a Safer Halloween Colouring Competition

### Community Garden Networking Event



Fingal Community Department facilitated a network of local community gardens on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2023. Santry Community Garden invited members from Baldoyle Racecourse and Broadmeadow Community Gardens on a tour of Santry Community Walled Garden with the aim of sharing their experiences and ideas. The Chair of Santry Community Garden, Vincent Kavanagh gave a talk to the group on the great house and walled garden. The gardeners have been successful in restoring and growing 60 plus varieties of Native Irish apples trees, which were almost lost. Discussions on various plants and propagators methods, along with useful advice on the running of a community garden group took place. Santry Community Garden will host a Composition Workshop in November.



**Residents of St Sampson Residents Association, Balgriffin enjoy their first Community Event**



The Community Department are delighted to support St. Samsons Community Group, Balgriffin in bringing together the community for their first Halloween Event. St. Sampsons is a relatively new group and already have a scheduled monthly clean-up of the estate and plans for a Christmas event to engage local residents. Their first event for 2023 was a Pumpkin Carving event. To register for a pumpkin, families were required to submit a completed questionnaire on Fingal’s Halloween Safety Film. Pumpkins were collected from the pumpkin patch and carved by the children under parental supervision. An online competition for the best pumpkin will take place on Halloween with photographs of the carved pumpkins displayed on the groups Facebook Page for residents to vote.

**Fingal Safer Halloween**



Attending the Fingal Safer Halloween launch in Swords Fire Station were representatives of the 36 groups that participated in the programme alongside Fingal County Council staff from the Community Development Office and Swords Estuary Recycling centre and members of the Dublin Fire Service. An extensive promotion of the safety message, leaflets and video took place on the lead up to Halloween with information shared through social media, www.fingal.ie local schools, public representatives, the library services, the fire service and gardai. In addition, the Fingal Safer Halloween Scarecrow competition resulted in over 1500 online votes to select the preferred Scarecrows, further contributed to growing a awareness of the programme.

Residents / Household Scarecrows



**Facilities**

**Video showcase of workshops in our welcome rooms**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vcj98icOw4Y>

A series of art workshops, delivered by Draocht in collaboration with the Community Development Office, took place at Parslickstown House and Corduff Resource Centre welcome rooms.

### Fingal Safer Halloween Scarecrow Competition

Fingal Community Centres are always central in leading the way in community spirit and as communities prepare themselves for Halloween festivities, an open invitation was extended to communities to attend one of the many *Festival of Fire* events taking place across the County.

Mulhuddart Community Centre has gone all out this year with their entry to the scarecrow competition organised by the community development office by building not 1 but 3 scarecrows for their creative display showstopper. Best of luck to all the entrants taking part in this years competition.



### Fingal Community Facilities Network - Workshop on writing a winning funding application.



A core aim of the *Fingal Community Facility Network* (FCFN) is to secure opportunities for shared learning amongst community centre managers, board of directors and staff.

Enabling Fingal community centres to improve capacity and provide innovative ways to develop services not only secures meaningful engagement locally, but facilitates the future sustainability of our community centres. The FCFN Steering group, identified the need to promote resources such as *Pobal Maps* amongst network members and to give them the opportunity to explore how funding criteria is determined and what information helps a funding application to shine.

On the 19<sup>th</sup> October 2023, Dr Ken Germaine CEO at Funding Master's Project was invited to deliver a presentation on *Writing a Winning Funding Application* his knowledge, supported by an informative and practical exploration of *Pobal Maps* delivered by FCC CDO David Mitchell, provided an engaging and interactive learning event for all who attended.

### Interagency

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

**In October the CDO supported the delivery of the following:**

### Fingal Comhairle Na nÓg



Fingal Comhairle na nÓg held their Annual Youth Conference in Crowne Plaza Blanchardstown on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2023. Councillor JK Onwumerah, deputising for the Mayor of Fingal, welcomed almost 100 young people, representing their communities and schools across Fingal, to the event.



There was lively discussion among the groups on possible topics for exploration in 2024, with the issue of Lack of Space and Facilities for young people chosen ahead of Vaping and Mental Health as the chosen topic. The event closed with a talk from local Fingal artist Adam Gibney as the group look forward to another productive year in 2024.

**Fingal Public Participation Network**



Fingal PPN is currently reviewing new and re-registrations from community and voluntary groups wishing to become members of the county database. The number of groups registered is currently 714 which consists of 560 community groups, 120 social inclusion groups and 154 environmental groups.

Planning is currently underway for the Annual PPN Plenary which will take place in the Raddison Blu Hotel Dublin Airport on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2023, 6pm – 9.30pm. Notice of this event has been distributed to the members of the PPN.

**Integration**

**Introduction to Politics**

Fingal Integration team in collaboration with SHE (See Her Elected) hosted an introductory workshop on politics in Ireland in Cairde Balbriggan on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October targeting the hard to reach in our community. The workshop provided an overview of the functioning of politics in Ireland and an explanation of how PRSTV operates. It was a very informative session attended by a broad range of individuals, community groups and organisations.



**Understanding the Local Government in Fingal**

Fingal Integration team in collaboration with See Her Elected (SHE) hosted two workshops explaining in detail Fingal County Council's local government for both Staff and Community Groups. The workshop provided attendees with the most recent insights into the council's local governance. The sessions covered various topics, such as the framework and operations of Fingal, the roles of council members and facilitated discussions, outlined resources available to potential nominees and the process involved.

The workshops were attended by a high number of our new communities interested in public representation.



**“Women’s Place in the Home” from the Women’s Council & Voter’s registration Workshop in Cairde Balbriggan**

The Fingal Integration team in collaboration with our Balbriggan Community Office hosted a talk on the upcoming Referendum on women's place in the home and a Voter Registration workshop for the hard-to-reach in Cairde, Balbriggan.



**Ukrainian Supports**

**Invitation to Festivals of Fire**

A warm welcome was extended to our entire Ukrainian community in rest centres, serviced accommodations and pledge/donor homes to attend the county wide Festivals of Fire on Halloween night.

Transportation was arranged by individual serviced accommodations to ensure our Ukrainian guests were part of the Fingal fun and festivities on Halloween night for the celebration of Samhain.



**Age Friendly**

Age Friendly Fingal is committed, 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.

**Fingal Celebrates Positive Ageing Week 2023**





A series of events to celebrate Positive Ageing Week and challenge ageism took place throughout Fingal during positive aging week 2023.

The Events and activities catered to the different interests and needs of older people and included Yoga & Relaxation; Mindfulness & Creativity; Singing Group; Salsa Dancing; Storytelling and intergenerational activities.

All of the activities not only challenged ageism but promoted physical and mental wellness and fostered creativity and social interaction.

A session on "Ageing with Confidence" with John Lonergan provided valuable insights and advice on how to embrace ageing with confidence and positivity.

The highlight of the week was the Fingal OPC's Harvest Social which took place in the Shoreline Hotel, Donabate. Representing over 25 groups, 130 older people from across the county were transported to the seaside town of Donabate for an afternoon of food, fun and entertainment.

The dance floor was filled with dancers from the first song to the last the sense of fun was palpable with attendees dancing for the first time in years, to music of the 60s, 70s and 80s while reminiscing about their dancing days in halls across the country.



The presence of the Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Adrian Henchy added a special touch to the event. His engagement with the attendees, chatting and taking photographs, made the event even more memorable.

### **Cross Border Intergenerational Initiative: Sharing Experiences**



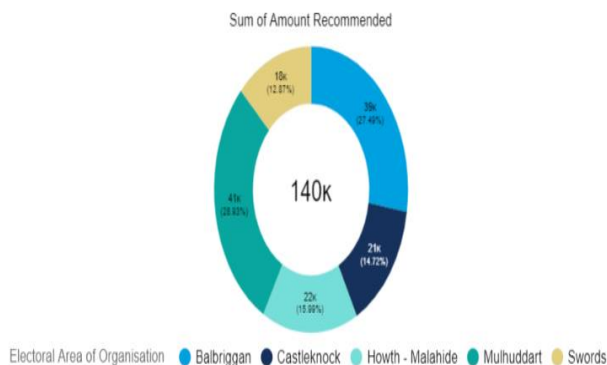
The work on the cross border intergenerational initiatives in Balbriggan and Mayobridge, Newry continues. The project commenced with a workshop for both groups on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2023 in Balbriggan. The groups met separately several times during September to develop their individual projects based on issues they have identified in their communities.

BIPs (Balbriggan Intergenerational Project) travelled to Mayobridge on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October for a workshop to fine tune and share project ideas.

The positive impact of the intergenerational interactions is evident as younger and older participants become more relaxed in each other's company with the sharing of stories and interests.

## Funding

### Activities Funding (Up to 27th October 2023)



**Communities Activities Funding has been awarded to 67 projects to the amount of €140,475 in 2023.**

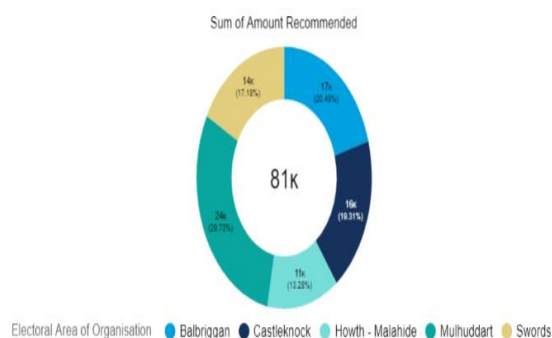
Howth Malahide – €22,462K – 11 projects

Swords - €18,074- 9 projects

Castleknock/ Mulhuddart- €61,325 –30 projects

Balbriggan - €38,614 - 14 projects

### Sport Equipment Funding (up to 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023)



**Sport Equipment Funding has been awarded to 31 projects to the amount of €81,369 in 2023**

Howth Malahide – €10,802 –4 projects

Swords - €13,983 - 6 projects

Castleknock/Mulhuddart- €39,908 –15 projects

Balbriggan €16,676 –6 projects

## Community Facilities Remedial Works Scheme



**Remedial Funding has been awarded to 2 projects to the amount of €8,139.00**

Castleknock/ Mulhuddart - €4,994 –1 project

Balbriggan - €3,145 –1 project

### 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

### Marathonkids ambassador, David Gillick, visits schools in Dublin 15

On Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October, we had the pleasure of having Marathonkids Ireland ambassador and former Irish Olympian, David Gillick, visit Hansfield ETNS and St Francis Xavier SNS. David gave a wonderful insight into his career as a professional athlete and the importance of physical activity. He spoke about the physical, mental and social benefits of the Marathonkids programme

This year, there are 3,600 students from 33 primary schools across Fingal participating in the ever-growing Marathonkids programme. The 8-week programme for 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> class students includes daily runs, physical & mental health education, nutrition and exercise. Each student will record daily updates in their physical or digital workbooks. The topics tie in to the Social, Personal & Health Education (SPHE) module of the student's curriculum.





### Primary Schools Multi-Sports Initiatives

October saw the re-start of Fingal Sports Primary school initiatives. These activities included Sports Conditioning, Try Track and Field and GAA Handball targeting D15 and North County Schools. Over 1200 children are taking part in the programmes across 16 schools. Teacher training is a key element of the programme. Teachers have been upskilled to continue elements of each programme and get children of a non-sporting background to engage in our two Saturday Multi-Sport Hubs in D15 and Balbriggan.



### Children's Sport Hubs

Fingal's Children's Sport Hubs commenced in October in Flemington CC Balbriggan and Corduff Sports Centre D15. This is a follow-on programme for our primary schools' initiatives and attracts children from a non-sporting background to engage in sport and physical activity. The drop-in nature and multitude of activities every Saturday morning has attracted good attendance of children from diverse social communities every week.



### Fingal's Parent and Toddler Programme

Balbriggan's Parent and Toddler programme dressed up for Halloween for this week's class. The programme has 20 - 25 toddlers and parents/grandparents each week participating in fundamental movements (run, jump, throw etc) with a yoga element for the parents to enjoy. The programme has been very successful and Fingal Sports Office hope to run a pilot programme in Swords shortly.





### Woodlands for Health

Fingal's Sports Office in conjunction with Mental Health Ireland, Coillte, HSE and Healthy Fingal has been running a Woodlands for Health Programme in Newbridge Demesne over the last number of weeks. This programme sees people from Swords and Balbriggan attend the park for a guided walk and some mindfulness followed by a cup of tea on a weekly basis.



### Football for All Blitz

During October Fingal Sports Office work collaboratively with FAI and Dublin City Council to run a large indoor Football for All Blitz with adults with intellectual disabilities from all over Dublin City and Fingal taking part.

Participants trained with their local service in preparation for the blitz and a successful day was hosted in Alsaa for all involved over the past few months.





## Exercise Energise

The Fingal Sports Office launched the Exercise Energise Programme for 2023/24. The programme is aimed at girls aged 12 – 15 years who are not currently involved in sport or physical activity. The objective is to help combat the drop off from sport among this age group.

17 schools were successful in receiving funding to provide activities at lunch time or after school, in addition to the usual PE class. The girls will be involved in selecting the activity, which has proven to drive the success of the programme.



## Launch of BoxUp

Fingal County Council has officially launched a pilot project with two BoxUP units, at Skerries Community Centre and Rush South Beach. Both stations are already proving to be popular with people of all ages and have had regular use since their installation this summer.

BoxUP is an outdoor locker system that allows members of the public to access and use sports and leisure equipment for up to three hours, through a dedicated app. The service is free of charge.

To access the equipment, users can simply download the BoxUp app and register their account and all that is required is a form of identification.

Councillor Adrian Henchy, Mayor of Fingal County Council commented, *“These innovative units will provide a valuable addition to our local recreational spaces that will enable residents, workers, and visitors to fully enjoy the outstanding amenities offered in our communities, fostering a healthy and vibrant outdoor lifestyle.”*



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### Active Travel

**NTA Funding allocations for 2023 – see Appendix 1.**

**Protected Cycle Lanes:**  
**BLRS Areas:**

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

This project is now moving towards substantial completion with most of the works, landscaping, street furniture, new crossing points and junction upgrades complete. The new planting is starting to settle in nicely and establish itself within the community. Active Travel's Walking and Cycling Officers are continuing their work with supporting St. Cronan's School to encourage as many school children and parents to travel to school on foot or by bike and leave the car at home.



New Trees and Perch seats at St. Cronan's School

### **R132 Ministers Rd to Blakes Cross + Kilhedge Lane**

The contractor was busy during October installing essential drainage upgrades at junctions and known surface water ponding locations. Construction of new road islands is underway that will provide a physical barrier between motorists and the new shared surface space for pedestrians and cyclists. New bus stops along the route are currently under construction and will provide better connection to public transport. Ongoing engagement is continuing with Corduff National School, local farmers and residents in relation to the works.



Segregation concrete islands to separate vehicles from cyclists/pedestrians & junction upgrade

### **Seatown Road Swords:**

Engineering Consultants are finalising the Non-Statutory Public Consultation Summary Report which will be published on the Consultation Portal. Works are ongoing to finalise the Tender documents with the aim to go to the market in the coming weeks for a Contractor to complete the works proposed on the ground and progressing to Construction stage in early 2024.

### **Donabate Portrane R126 cycle paths:**

An Engineering consultant is appointed to the project and several surveys have been completed to inform the design process. The Engineering consultant is currently working with the project team in developing concept designs and options report to assist with stakeholder engagement. The project will extend from the end of the distributor road in Donabate along the R126 right through to the coast at Portrane. The Project aims to provide walking and cycling infrastructure from Donabate to the coast at Portrane which will provide connectivity to the Fingal Coast Route.



### **Coney Hill Balbriggan R132 cycle paths:**

An Engineering consultant is appointed to the project and several surveys have been completed to inform the design process. The Engineering consultant is currently working with the project team in developing concept designs and options report to assist with stakeholder engagement.

### **Pathfinder Pinnock Hill to Airport cycle paths:**

An Engineering consultant has been appointed to the project and is currently working with the project team to finalise documents with the aim to go to the market in the coming weeks for necessary surveys to inform the design process. Further updates will be provided over the coming months.

### **Howth-Malahide Area:**

#### **Baldoyle-Howth Protected Cycle Lane Scheme Phase 1**

Phase 1 of the scheme is substantially completed.

#### **Baldoyle-Howth Protected Cycle Lane Scheme Phase 2**

The Active Travel Unit are currently reviewing requests for funding for the 2024-2025 programme, for a review of the existing road network in Baldoyle, which will include Willie Nolan Road, Brookstone Road and Main Street. This will comprise an advancement of a previous study for the improvement of pedestrian and cycle facilities on the existing road network.

A brief will be developed for consultants in the coming months, in line with the Fingal County Development Plan, the Climate Action Plan and an Active Travel Strategy for Fingal. Once a further study and preferred option has emerged from the process, it is envisaged that the scheme will progress, subject to funding from the National Transport Authority (NTA).

### **Paddy's Hill to Broomfield via Naomh Mearnog GAA**

Design brief is being finalised for the connectivity project. Internal consultation with other FCC departments has taken place. It is intended to run a tender competition to appoint a design consultant for the Feasibility/Options Selection stage. Enabling works to provide connectivity from Paddy's Hill Car Park to St. Helen's Junior School and Limetree Avenue, including footpath works, tree surgeon works, new access points into the school and the provision of ramps are underway.

### **Seamount Heights to Old Gold Course Link Park**

A meeting took place with Resident's Association on 11th October, 2023 to discuss the revised proposal, following comments from residents, the Active Travel Unit, and internal FCC stakeholders. Following this meeting, tender documents are currently being prepared to progress the project to the next stages (preliminary and detailed design) as soon as possible.

### **Station Road Portmarnock Footpaths and Cycleway**

Works have been substantially completed.

### **Feltrim Road Cycle Infrastructure**

Design brief has been drafted and is being finalised. These works are expected to go to tender for a design consultant in Q4 2023.

### **Scoil an Duinnigh to Waterside Footpath and Cycleway**

Planning permission has been granted for the school and Department of Education is to engage with Fingal County Council on planning conditions related to pedestrian access.

### **BMCO Area:**

#### **Snugborough Road – NAC to Ongar**

The options report for the project has been completed after internal reviews by the Active Travel team and a workshop with the NTA. A Gateway 2 Report has been issued to the NTA for approval to proceed to the preliminary design phase of the project. A project appraisal report was prepared as part of this phase.

### **Clonee to Blanchardstown Shopping Centre**

All data collection has been collated and has informed the initial development of the options report. The initial draft options report and drawings have been reviewed internally by the Active Travel team and has been issued back to the design consultant for consideration. Stakeholder meetings with Meath County Council and the TII have taken place.

### **Castleknock to Dunsink Lane**

This project is split into 3 separate sections, namely: (a) Auburn Avenue linking into the Royal Canal at the 12th Lock, (b) Dunsinea Lane and (c) Dunsink Lane. The Options Report and relevant drawings for Auburn Avenue and Dunsinea Lane have been submitted to the NTA in compliance to the Gateway 2 – 5 Hold Point requirements. A draft options report has been submitted by the design consultant for Dunsink Lane and is currently being reviewed internally by the Active Travel team.

### **Hartstown/Huntstown/Mountview Road**

It is proposed to use a newly formed SPF to progress design from earlier work carried out by the CDO. FCC will progress on finalising the detailed design for roundabout and junction upgrades. This is subject to revision of design standards.

### **Castleknock to Blanchardstown via Farmleigh**

Stage 2 of the tender competition for a design consultant and assessment has been completed. Contract documents to be signed when standstill finished.

### **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**

An application was made to An Board Pleanála by members of the public in relation to the proposed public realm improvements, requesting EIA and AA Screening Determinations.

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As a result, the Statutory Process is on hold until after An Bord Pleanála has made its decision which was originally to be by the 11th of September 2023. However, no decision has been provided to date.

### **Balrothery Active Travel Plan**

The tender competition has closed, and tender assessment has been completed. FCC are currently in the process of appointing a consultant and expect to hold a pre-contract meeting as soon as possible. It is expected that work will commence on an Active Travel plan for Balrothery, as soon as this process is finalised.

### **Skerries Active Travel Plan**

Stage One of the tender competition for the appointment of an integrated Design Team is now completed with the tender assessment process completed and letter to successful and unsuccessful tenders to be issued. This will allow for stage 2 of the process to commence which will take 7-8 weeks to complete. The Project Team are also in the process of publishing the Consultation Report for the project together with the ESRI report that was carried out on Active Travel best practice Nationally and Internationally. This report will inform the overall design process when the integrated design team is appointed in Q4 of this year.

### **Skerries Harbour Road:**

The Project Team together with the Integrated design team have been working rigorously over the summer in developing concept drawings and options report to assist with stakeholder engagement. Internal workshops to discuss through the proposals occurred during the last few months and this feedback from these meetings have been taken on board. The project team and the Integrated design team are developing photo montages and video footage of the proposal to assist in the consultation phase of the project.

### **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:**

Engineering Consultants are finalising the Non-Statutory Public Consultation Summary Report which will be published on the Consultation Portal. Works are ongoing to finalise the Tender documents with the aim to go to the market in the coming weeks for a Contractor to complete the works proposed on the ground and progressing to Construction stage during Q4 2023.

### **Rush South Beach:**

Engineering consultant currently preparing concept design and options report for new universal access path. Discussions with landowners have taken place during the summer, and we are working collaboratively with the property owners to find an optimal solution that caters for everyone's needs.

### **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, Skerries and Dublin 15 in the coming weeks. Locations are currently being agreed for expansion of virtual e-bike parking in public areas. The contractor has completed the installation of 5 bicycle stands at Seagrang Basketball Court, Seagrang Park, Baldoyle and 5 bicycle stands at the Playground, Racecourse Park, Baldoyle. This provides 20 additional bicycle parking spaces in the Baldoyle area.



Recently installed Bicycle Stands at Seagrang Basketball Court, Baldoyle, Co. Dublin



Recently installed Bicycle Stands at Racecourse Park Playground, Baldoyle, Co. Dublin

The contractor has completed the installation of 5 bicycle stands at Carrickbrack Road Car Park, Carrickbrack Road, Howth, Co. Dublin. This provides 10 additional bicycle parking spaces in the Howth area.



Recently installed Bicycle Stands at Carrickbrack Road Car Park, Howth, Co. Dublin

### **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**

Works are now completed on this SRTS Project. The contractor has recently carried out some snagging and maintenance work to the Rain Gardens and addressed issues that were identified through the independent Road Safety Audit.

#### **Castaheany ETNS / St.Benedict's NS**

Works are now completed at the school site, The contractor is due to carry out minor snagging and maintenance on rain gardens. Stage 3 RSA has been completed by independent auditor.



#### **Bayside Junior & Senior School**

Works are now completed at the school site, The contractor is due to carry out minor snagging and maintenance on rain gardens. Stage 3 RSA has been completed by independent auditor.



#### **Scoil Choilm CNS**

Installation of flexible bollards on Porterstown Rd. outside the school entrance is complete. These initial works took place before the new school year starts to alleviate poor parking near the school gates. The main works are due to start during Q1 2024.



#### **Round 1 - Tranche 2**

Detailed Design is nearing completion for the Tranche 2 schools (4 no.) with a view to progressing to construction in Q1 2024. Contract documents are being finalised to engage a contractor for the works.



## 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. An Taisce are due to provide delivery plans for each of the schools that will inform the design process. FCC are in the final stages of procurement of a consultants' team that will be working on the designs for these schools.

## Mobility & Behaviour Change

### Learn 2 Cycle with a Disability

Courses are continuing across the County with the latest two taking place in Applewood Community Centre & St Fintan's NS Sutton. These 6 week courses provide children with additional needs and their families with the opportunity to experience the joy of independent cycling.

### Staff eBike Trials

Over 60 People have signed up to the Staff eBike Trials. The 1 month trial gives staff the chance to experience what it is like to 'own' and eBike. The feedback from the trial has been very positive so far, with the demand being so high that we have purchased two additional folding eBikes which will be delivered to Fingal on the 1<sup>st</sup> November.

## Walking & Cycling Buses

Following on from our information nights we have began meeting with Parents Associations interested in setting up their own Walking and Cycling Buses. The Hansfield ETNS Walking Bus is currently being taken over by interested parents, with plans for a second walking bus on the opposite side of the estate in planning. They held a fancy dress walk on the last one before the midterm break.



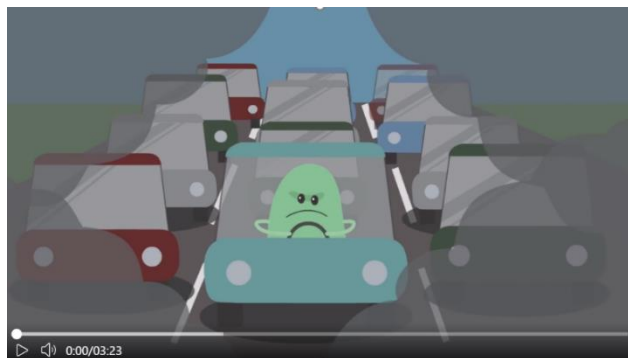
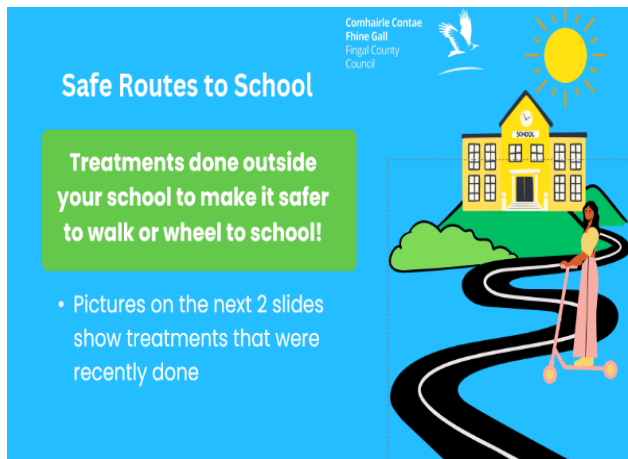
## Staff Cycling Lessons

Throughout October we held a series of Staff Cycling Lessons in the Swords Office, these lessons gave staff the opportunity to get back in the saddle and rebuild their confidence on two wheels. The group were very successful and it is something that we hope to build on for 2024.



## SRTS - Presentations

As part of our Safer Routes to School Programme we have designed a school's presentation to explain to the students, teachers and parents the reasoning behind the infrastructure. We are planning to roll out the presentation across all SRTS Participants, starting with Rush & Lusk ETNS



## Climate Action at Flavours of Fingal

As part of Climate Action Week 2023, we teamed up with colleagues from Sustainable Fingal and Climate Action to host a Car Free Event on Railway Street in Balbriggan. The event was held on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October and saw us close the street to traffic from 7am to 6pm with a street party taking place from 10am to 5pm.

The theme for the event was to celebrate the works of LS Lowry, who famously painted a mural of Railway Street in the 1970s, the mural showed a street alive with people and activities.

We teamed up with the Scéal Arts Collective to organise an art exhibition, showcasing works from Local Artists, with their modern take on the LS Lowry Mural, we also had 9 local artists playing original and cover songs throughout the day as well as Recreate Ireland who were provided fun for the entire family with their street games made from sustainable materials. We took the opportunity to engage with the public on the draft Climate Action Plan, where we saw over 50 people express opinions on the plans to tackle Climate Change in the County.

The day was a massive success and showcased what is possible for the street in the future.





### Study Tours

Over the course of October staff from Fingal visited Utrecht in Netherlands and London in the United Kingdom. These study tours provided staff and councillors with a valuable insight into what other similar local authorities are doing when it comes to Active Travel.



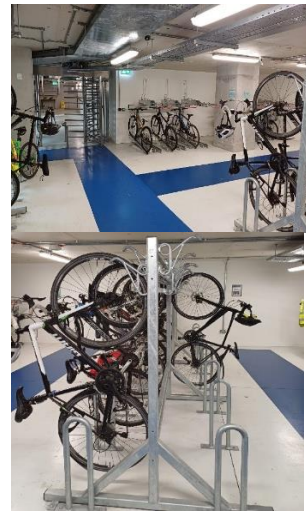
### Cycling Without Age - Pop Up Event

On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October we held a pop up Cycling Without Age event with Avista on the Navan Road, this allowed a large number of service users with limited mobility access to the Trishaw. The Pop up event was held on Avista's grounds which made it more accessible to people with profound disabilities.

The Cycling Without Age Season is drawing to a close, we are currently planning a roadshow that would see us bring Trishaws to various Disability Providers, Nursing Home and SEN Schools in Spring 2024, this will help us to promote the service to a wider audience.

### ESB - Smarter Travel Site Visit

On Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> Oct members of Active Travel and Building Facilities visited the new ESB Offices on Fitzwilliam Street. The facilities are a best in class solution for encouraging staff to use sustainable travel methods of commuting to work.



### Learn 2 Cycle Track - Millennium Park

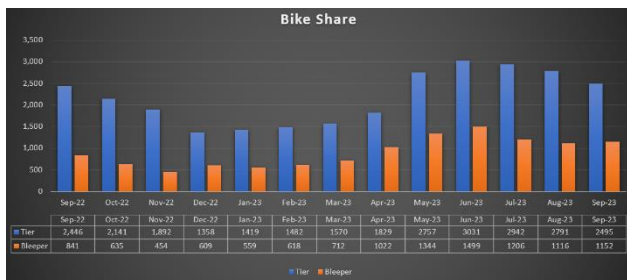
Construction work has started on the new Learn 2 Cycle Track in Millennium Park. This dual use location is a partnership between Parks and Active Travel and will also see it used as the location of the Dublin 15 Ice Rink for the Winter Months. The Facility once completed will offer young children a perfect location to move from Balance Bikes to pedal bikes while learning the rules of the road. The design of the track includes a Cycle Friendly Roundabout. Teaching Children how new infrastructure like this operates is vital for encouraging safe cycling.



## Community Car

The Community Car in Skerries had 128 requested trips in September, we are currently going through a recruitment drive for new volunteers with Local Link, this will be vital for reducing the missed demand on the Community Car. We are always in need of additional volunteers for the Community Car, if you are interested in learning more, please contact [active.travel@fingal.ie](mailto:active.travel@fingal.ie)

Month	Total Bookings	Total Trip No	Appointment Cancelled by Hospital	Missed Demand (no volunteer available)
Feb 23	106	90	12	4
Mar 23	108	58	34	16
Apr 23	114	80	16	18
May 23	65	34	11	14
Jun 23	50	26	8	16
Jul 23	50	33	7	10
Aug 23	130	52	28	50
Sep 23	128	66	30	32



## Bleeper Bike September 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!

1152 bike journeys started within Fingal operating zone in September
1159 bike journeys ended within existing Fingal operating zone in September
Highest usage recorded on Saturdays (20.6%) & Fridays (16.1%)
Howth, Blanchardstown and Coolmine were the most popular starting points
Estimated emissions avoided in Sept – 581.6kg of CO2

At the end of September 2023, we were at just under 30,000 Bike Share trips across Fingal between TIER and Bleeper Bike.

## Community eCargo Share Bike

The public share eCargo Bike is available from Mountview Community Centre in Dublin 15 and is operated by Bleeper Bike. The Bike has seen a small amount of use since being introduced in June, but it is starting to climb now. Users can get their first 120mins free by using the code 'fingalcargo' in the Bleeper App. For more information on the eCargo check out <https://www.fingal.ie/ecargo>





### 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 Sept 2023; Other Key Statistics

Metric	June
Trips	2,495
No of Customers	996
Trips / Customer	2.5
Distance Covered (KM)	8070 km
Average Trip Duration	15 min
Average Trip length (KM)	3.2 km

Blanchardstown was the most popular location for eBike Share

### Climate Action

#### Fingal's Draft Climate Action Plan 2024-2029 - Public Consultation phase.

An extensive public consultation process for Fingal's Draft Climate Action Plan 2024-2029 (CAP) began in mid-September and since then the Council's Climate Action Section have been busy hosting a series of public information events to actively engage with and inform the public and other stakeholders of the Draft Plan.

Public information events were held at County Hall - Swords, Civic Offices - Blanchardstown and the Marine Hotel - Sutton and Fingal staff working in the themed areas of the Plan including: Energy and Buildings, Transport, Flood Resilience, Nature-Based Solutions, Circular Economy and Resource Management and Community Engagement were on hand to demonstrate Fingal's continued commitment to climate action by highlighting the proposed actions which the Council intends to take.

In addition, Fingal attended the main public information event at the Mansion House on 17<sup>th</sup> October which was hosted by Dublin City Council on behalf of the four Dublin Local Authorities. An opening speech was delivered by the four Mayors / Deputy Mayors and Minister Ossian Smyth – Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications. Each Dublin Local Authority hosted a stand showcasing the Draft CAP for their area and also in attendance were Dublin's Climate Action Regional Office CARO, Codema Dublin's Energy Agency, and Smart Dublin. Entertainment was provided from artists and performers under the theme of climate action. The event was very well received.

Public information sessions were also held at Balbriggan and Rush Libraries.



*Chief Executive Annmarie Farrelly and Deputy Mayor Grainne Maguire in attendance at the Draft CAP public consultation event at the Mansion House*

**Climate Action and Active Travel Event**

Staff from the Climate Action team attended the recent LS Lowry event on Railway Street, Balbriggan on 21<sup>st</sup> October to promote the Fingal Draft Climate Action Plan which is currently on public display. The event coincided with the Green Schools Climate Action Week 2023 and celebrated sustainability within our community. There were activities for all ages including music, art and lots of street games for children all made from sustainable materials. We took this opportunity to meet with locals on our Draft Climate Action Plan encouraging our citizens and visitors to make a submission on the Draft CAP before the closing date of 3<sup>rd</sup> November. We had great engagement on the day with lots of positive feedback on the Plan.



**ENVIRONMENT**  
**Environmental Awareness**

The leaf mould initiative is being run again this year with thirty community and resident's groups across the County having received training and leaf mould cages this month. Leaves are collected locally and will decompose into a valuable compost for local use.

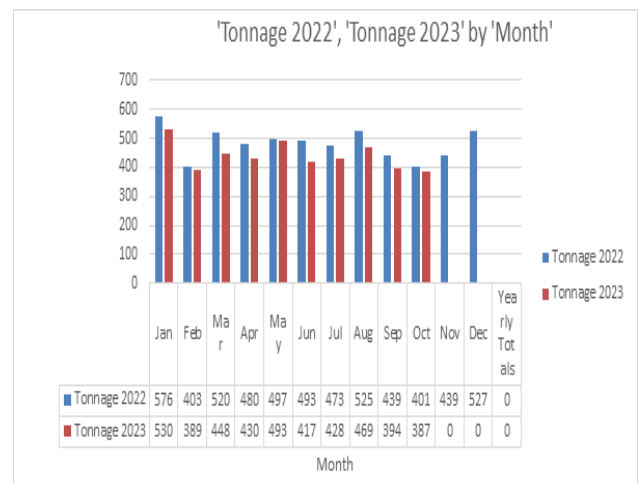
Global Action Plan Climate and Environmental workshops are ongoing in schools. In addition, swap shops have been funded for ten Fingal schools, and several secondary schools have signed up for the ReLove Fashion Competition in partnership with the Rediscovery Centre.

Litter picking supplies were also given to several schools and community centres as an ongoing initiative to tackle litter in Fingal.

Residents in the migrant reception centre were happy to receive 16 kids bikes and 2 adult's bikes. These bikes were sourced at the recycling centre and repaired & assessed by the Rediscovery Centre for reuse.

**Bring Centres**

**Bottle Banks**



**Textile Banks**



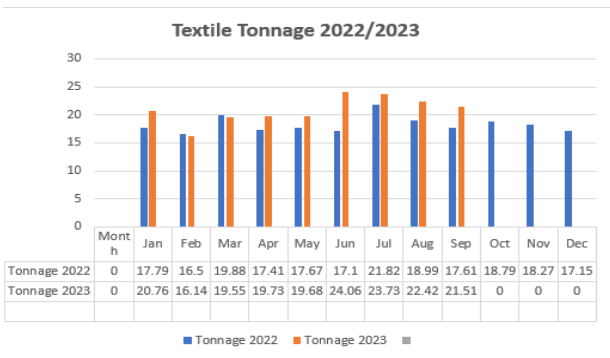
Textile Bank at the Seatown Carpark collected 72Kgs of textiles over the month of September 2023. Please continue to recycle at this location.





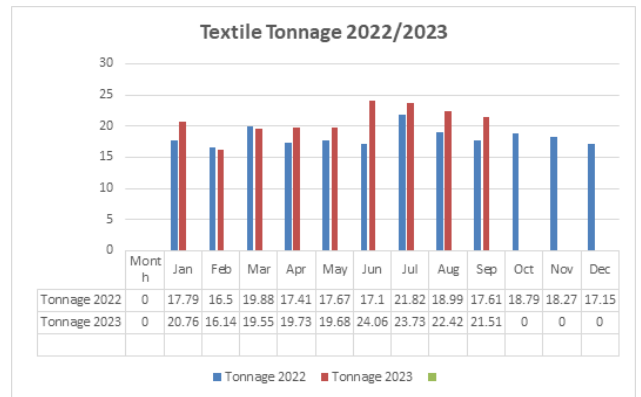
Textile Banks in Howth Harbour with a total collection of 870kg for the month of September 2023.

The Textile Tonnage Report for 2023 compared to 2022 is shown below. The amount of textiles collected for September 2023 was 21.51 tonnes compared to 17.61 tonnes collected in September 2022.



The volumes of Glass collected in October 2023 was **387 Tonnes**. This compares with a total volume of Glass collected in October 2022 of **401 Tonnes**.

A new contract for the Collection and Recycling of Glass and Aluminium for the four Dublin Authorities will commence on the 1st of November 2023.



The total volume of Textiles collected in September 2023 was **21.51 Tonnes**. This compares with a total volume of **17.61 Tonnes** collected in September 2022.

### Litter Management

In October as part of their role to increase the public interest in keeping their areas clean and free of the litter, the Litter Wardens continued with their daily patrols, and inspected all known litter black spots. A total of 276 planned inspections were carried out on litter black spot all over the Fingal County Council area.



The Litter Warden also attended tenant induction courses to outline to new Council tenants their role in keeping their estates clean and free of litter.

The Litter Management Section receiving numerous complaints regarding the removal of pallets and bonfire materials for Halloween. The Litter Wardens called to the businesses in Fingal to remind them of their responsibility to secure any pallets and materials.

They also dealt with reports of dumping of pallets, tyres, mattresses, sofas, and other bonfire materials, checked for evidence, and arrange to have it removed.



The Litter wardens continued to raise awareness of the issue of dog fouling on beaches and the potential impact to water quality. They engaged with dog owners and dispensing dog poo bags, making people aware of their responsibilities to clean up after their dogs. They also erecting anti dog fouling signage in areas where complaints were received.

They carried out walking patrols, engaging with businesses regarding their responsibilities to keep outside their premises clean and free of litter. The Litter Wardens also checked to see if any issues had arisen for the Operations crews, they carried out inspections and followed up with fines/warning notice if evidence was found.

All the bring banks in the Fingal area were inspected daily to ensure that there was no dumping. Any evidence found was dealt with under the Litter Pollution Act. The Litter Warden also carried out investigation on reports of abandoned cars, taking photographs and updating the CRM system.



There were 2 cases before the district court in October, which were successful prosecuted, and costs awarded.

### Fines/notices issued in 2023

Month	Fines	Warning Notices
October	47	19

The following cases were assigned to the Litter Warden under the CRM system.

CRMs October 2023	Amount
Env - Dog Fouling	1
Env - Fly tipping 1-20 bags equivalent	89
Env - General Litter Issue	29
Env - Miscellaneous	2
Env - Bonfire Material	2
Env - Littering at Bottle Banks	16
Env- (crisp bags, cig butts etc)	1
Env litter incident with witness	1
Env - Unauthorised Signage	3
Env - Pollution - Dog Fouling Signage	1
Env - Abandoned cars	13

### Abandoned Vehicles

There have been 320 reports of alleged Abandoned Vehicles received between 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023 – 24<sup>th</sup> October 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. To report a suspected abandoned vehicle the following information is required and should be emailed to [environment@fingal.ie](mailto: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

Information on Abandoned Vehicles can be found on the Fingal County Council website: <https://www.fingal.ie/council/service/abandoned-vehicles>

2023	Abandoned Vehicles Removed as of 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	Burnt out Vehicles Removed as of 24 <sup>th</sup> September 2023
January	0	1
February	1	0
March	1	1
April	0	0
May	0	0
June	0	5
July	1	0
August	0	3
September	3	0
October	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>10</b>

### Dog Warden Service

The dog wardens continue to carry out enforcement in relation to breaches of the Control of Dogs Act 1986, Control of Dog Regulations 1998, Parks and Open Spaces byelaws and Beach and Foreshore byelaws. They also educate dog owners on the responsibilities of keeping a dog and remind owners to pick up after their pets when in public places. The dog wardens also increase their patrols of the beaches during the summer months to optimise bathing water quality and retain the status of Fingal's Blue Flag beaches.

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](mailto: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. 241 x 10 Day Notices were issued by the dog wardens during October 2023. 40 fines were issued during October 2023.

Month	10 Day Notices		Fines Issued		Fines Paid	
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
March	48	97	5	29	€300	€2,000
April	26	152	26	42	€0	€1,500
May	418	232	11	98	€500	€2,556
June	256	135	40	53	€200	€1,500
July	407	109	20	35	€500	€2,644
August	446	140	24	21	€1200	€1,400
September	385	125	24	40	€1,300	€2,849
October	511	241	108	40	€1400	€1500

The Animal Welfare Section received 53 complaints in relation to dogs in October 2023.

### Dog Licences and Fines

The below table shows the number of annual and lifetime licences purchased from March to October 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
March	458	561	47	55	€15,740	€18,900
April	529	451	54	41	€18,140	€14,760
May	1217	918	132	64	€42,820	€27,320
June	647	516	77	41	€23,720	€16,060
July	1075	766	88	47	€33,820	€21,900
August	1025	838	61	51	€29,040	€23,900
September	850	759	88	48	€29,320	€21,900
October	873	670	78	30	€28,380	€17,600

#### FINE PAYMENTS

Year	Fine Payments Received
1 January 2023 to date	€28,749
2022	€15,400
2021	€1,200

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



#### Dog Breeding Establishments

During the month of October, the dog wardens conducted investigations on dog breeding establishments in the Fingal area and 17 dogs have been seized.

#### 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 Sundays. 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 October there were 30 dogs in the shelter. During October 2023, 20 dogs were brought to the shelter by the dog wardens as stray or surrenders and no dogs were surrendered by a member of the public. Of these 50 dogs, 6 have been reclaimed by their owners, 17 dogs have been rehomed to rescue, 3 has been rehomed to members of the public and 1 was PTS. At the end of October there are 23 dogs remaining in the shelter. The shelter has a **Facebook page Dublin County Dog Shelter** and **Instagram Account @dublincountydogshelter** which they actively update with strays and dogs wishing to be rehomed.

	Dogs in Shelter at the start of October 2022	11	Dogs in Shelter at start of October 2023	30
Stray/Seized dogs brought to Shelter	16		Stray/Seized dogs brought to Shelter	20
Surrendered by owners	5		Surrendered by owners	0
Reclaimed	7		Reclaimed	6
Rehomed to Rescue	8		Rehomed to Rescue	17
Rehomed to Public	5		Rehomed to Public	3
PTS	0		PTS	1
Dogs in Shelter at the end of September 2022	12		Dogs in shelter at the end of September 2023	23



Members of the Animal Welfare team made a visit to the Dublin County Dog Shelter on Thursday the 19<sup>th</sup> of October and met with the head dog warden and the Shelter Manager. We had a tour of the full facility and while it is full the dogs were well cared for and are looked after by a very caring group of staff.

Below of some of the pictures taken on the day of two dogs a mother and daughter that came in as strays and have not been claimed.



Bonita and Casey the smaller dog



Contact the shelter on 0873914008, WhatsApp or Facebook to make an appointment to see the dogs available for rehoming

The total number of dogs entered through the shelter from **aller dog** 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023 to date is **238**, which is already up on the total number of 222 entered to the shelter for the full year 2022.

## Halloween and Dogs

Animal Welfare have shared on social media and Staff Messages the posters below in relation to the care of dogs at Halloween even though it is an exciting time for families it can be a very strange time for dogs so this information may help.



## Horses

Weekly inspections continue to take place on Dunsink Landfill to monitor the numbers and welfare of the horses onsite. There are 10 hay feeders being filled by the Operations Department on a weekly basis to ensure adequate forage for the horses on the landfill. In October there was 1 seriously welfare compromised horse taken from the landfill and 1 horse seized from the public realm.

Environment staff attended the DAFM Urban Horse Project seminar on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October.



## Water Quality

### **EU Water Framework Directive - River Bracken Investigations**

Fingal County Council has continued investigative river sampling of the River Bracken and is currently searching for potential pollution sources in the upper reaches of the catchment and whether there are any significant pollution sources in the Upper Catchment that could be having a detrimental impact on Balbriggan Bathing Area. Initial results indicates that there are a small number of potential pollution hotspots in the Upper Catchment which will be subjected to closer investigation and inspection over the coming weeks.



### **EU Water Framework Directive - Agricultural Inspections**

The Water Quality team has recently carried out a number of farm inspections in the River Delvin, Matt, Gaybrook and Balcunin Catchments. Fingal County Council found a number of minor non-compliances at some locations and 1 significant non-compliance at 1 farm. All non-compliance farms are being addressed with appropriate enforcement action



## Historical Landfills

### **St. Doolagh's and Burrow Road Historical Landfills**

Tier 1 Risk Assessments for St. Doolagh's and Burrow Road Historical Landfills have recently been completed. The Tier 1 assessment for St. Doolagh's found that this historical landfill requires further assessment. Fingal County Council has commenced the process of appointing contractors to carry out the Tier 2 assessment for this historical landfill.

The Tier 1 assessment for Burrow Road found that the landfill poses no threat of pollution to the environment and that the file for this location can be closed out.

## Waste Enforcement & Regulation

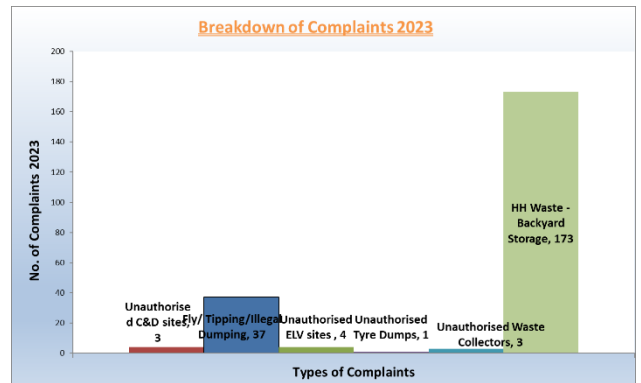
### Waste Complaints

A total of 25 waste complaints were recorded for the month of October. Waste complaints investigated primarily related to the illegal dumping of waste, backyard storage of waste and the backyard burning of waste. Other waste complaints investigated related to unauthorised C&D sites, unauthorised ELV sites and non-routine inspections.

Awareness and education around the management of domestic waste in a sustainable and environmentally safe manner is crucial to ensure all households participate in a waste collection service as per the waste presentation bye-laws and use three bins (black, green and brown) to manage their waste. Any information in relation to unauthorised sites/collectors can be forwarded to [environment@fingal.ie](mailto:environment@fingal.ie).

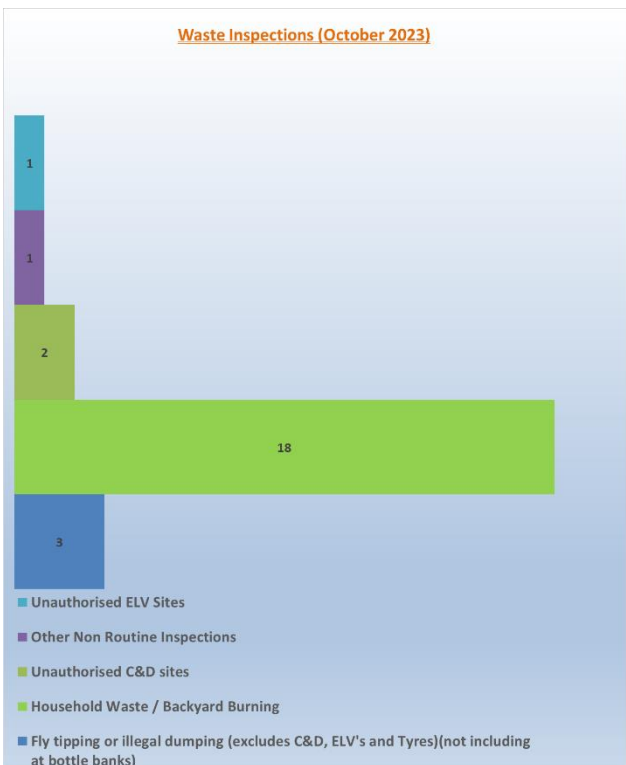






### End of Life Vehicle (ELV Project)

In October 2023 Fingal County Council Waste Environment and Regulation Section successfully prosecuted an illegal ELV site in the Dublin District Court. The unauthorised site was operating in the Lusk area for several years. The site operator was prosecuted under Section 39 and Section 55 of the Waste Management Act 1996 for illegally dismantling ELV's on site without an appropriate waste facility permit. The site has now been cleared and all illegal ELV activities have ceased. A total of 87 illegal ELV sites (low and high-risk) were identified as part of the End of Life (ELV) Project. All sites have now been dealt with and closed resulting in over 1,700 ELV's brought to Authorised Treatment Facilities (ATF's) for recovery and disposal.



The Waste Enforcement Section are working in close co-operation with and the Planning Department to ensure that sites previously cleared remain closed and that all illegal car breaking activities cease on a permanent basis.



For further information on how to scrap your old car for free at an authorised treatment facility see <https://www.elves.ie/en>

### Waste Presentation Bye Law Project 2023 - 2025

Waste Bye-Laws (Segregation, Storage and Presentation of Household and Commercial Waste) were introduced back in January 2020. The key objectives of the Waste Bye-Laws are:

- To encourage households and businesses to manage their waste in an environmentally responsible manner.
- To promote better segregation of household and commercial waste.
- To ensure only authorised waste collectors are used to dispose of waste.
- To reduce illegal dumping and backyard burning of waste



The Waste Enforcement Section have initiated a project to assess compliance with the Waste Bye-Laws. Phase 1 comprises the establishment of a register of households who currently have a waste collection service in place to facilitate a reverse register to be developed identifying households who don't have a bin collection service in place using Eircodes.

Information was requested (addresses, bins provided, last lift date) from each of the 8 waste collectors operating within Fingal to establish the register in accordance with Section 34 of the Waste Management Act, 1996. Information in relation to 88,810 customers was received in response to the Section 18 notices issued.

Dataconversion Direct Ltd were engaged to cleanse the address information to facilitate Eircodes to be appended to each address. A number of different automated and manual techniques were employed to achieve a **98.5%** match rate such as high-quality batch encoding to analyse and transform the specific data set (addresses) to create matching rules based on unique properties.



A reverse register including GIS mapping are currently being developed to identify households who currently don't have a waste collection service. Phase 2 of the project will commence in 2024 whereby information will be sought from householders listed on the reverse register to confirm how they're managing their waste. Where householders do not engage in the process, directions and fixed payment notices will be issued to encourage householders to comply with the Waste Bye-Laws and to help improve waste segregation and recycling rates including food waste. For further information on the Waste Presentation Bye Law Project see <https://www.fingal.ie/waste-bye-laws-project-2023-2025>



### Anti-Dumping Initiative 2023

€50,000 in funding was secured by the Waste Enforcement Section under the ADI 2023 to develop an awareness campaign in relation to the Waste Presentation Bye-Law Project. A video ad was created to encourage compliance with the Waste Bye-Laws and to explain the important of the Waste Bye-Law Project 2023 – 2025 for use in a cinema awareness campaign.



For further information on the video check out the following links:

<https://www.fingal.ie/waste-bye-laws-project-2023-2025> and

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LX2Wd5UYYY&t=5s>

The video highlights the importance of the Waste Bye-Laws in terms of managing and segregating your waste to help increase recycling rates and reduce illegal dumping. It focuses on the requirement to participate in a waste collection service, to bin share or to bring your waste to an authorised facility that accepts it. As part of the project householders identified as not currently availing of a waste collection service will be asked to confirm how they are managing their waste. Breaching the Bye-Laws can result in a €75 on the spot fine or a €2,500 fine and a criminal conviction if found guilty in court.

The video ad is available to view on FCC's website and social media sites, within FCC buildings and as part of a cinema awareness campaign across 5 different cinemas (Movies @ Swords, Omniplex Balbriggan, Odeon Charlestown, Odeon Blanchardstown and IMC Santry). The video ad will be shown over a 6 month period (October 2023 – March 2024) with 500,000 guaranteed viewings.

## ARCHITECTS DEPARTMENT

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### Open House Dublin Festival

Open House is a free festival of Architecture that takes place each October with guided building tours and many other events. Open House is a festival promoted by the Irish Architecture Foundation. It celebrates great architecture and urban design along with the people that created it. Once again, Fingal participated in and sponsored the annual festival with 7 locations available for guided tours.

### Open House – Guided Tours

Open House Dublin took place across Dublin city and county for an expanded nine days this year, from October 7<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>. Fingal had guided tours of:

#### Swords Cultural Quarter

A tour that included Swords Castle, showing work undertaken over the past six years, related to consolidation works on the masonry, improved public access and landscape improvements to enhance the setting and provide interpretation of the site.



*Open House Group at Swords Castle*

#### The Carnegie Library, North Street, Swords

The library is under refurbishment for use as a new arts space for the Swords Cultural Quarter.



*Open House- Carnegie Library Swords Refurbishment*

#### Malahide Castle

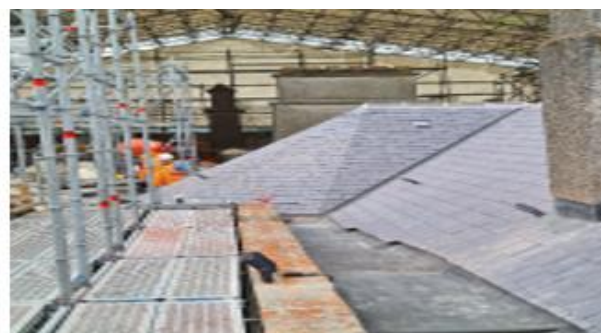
Tours focused on conservation works undertaken last year in the Great Hall- the finest state room in the historic castle building. This work involved complex conservation works of reroofing, stone and joinery repair, interior redecoration, and improved internal environmental systems to facilitate improved conditions and the display of the important collection of artworks on loan from the National Gallery of Ireland.

#### Ardgillan Castle

There were tours conducted at Ardgillan Castle that featured the restored Glasshouses.

#### Newbridge House

In Donabate, the Newbridge House tours highlighted current conservation works, showcasing façade repair works nearing completion, along with completed reroofing of the house and the joinery conservation. The tour included the house's interior, visiting some of the principal rooms.



*Conservation- Reroofing Works at Newbridge House*



### **Public Housing--Rolestown & Mulhuddart**

This year for the first time, we had Public Housing Tours that included two recently completed schemes.

#### **Church Fields, Mulhuddart**

Tours of New Public Housing at Church Fields, Mulhuddart presented the completed Phase 2A of the wider housing Land Management Plan for the Church Fields development. Phase 2A includes 67 dwellings in a mix of one-, two-, three, and four-bed dwellings in three urban blocks.

The proposal includes two- and three-storey units integrating with the existing Avondale Park, to include single storey houses to the west of the site, overlooking the Pinkeen River.



*Open House – Church Fields*

#### **Rolestown**

The new public housing at Rolestown tours highlighted the special age-friendly features of this initiative.

### **Conservation Grants**

The Conservation Office based in the Architects Department has been overseeing the completion of heritage works in connection with the various Grant schemes operated by Fingal namely:

- o Built Heritage Investment Scheme
- o Historic Structures Fund
- o Architectural Heritage Fund
- o Stitch In Time Grant scheme
- o Stewardship Grant Project

On completion of all works and payment of the grants, a full report will be brought to Council in January 2024.

### **Age Friendly Award Nomination**

Fingal County Council's social housing scheme at Rolestown has been shortlisted for the 'National Age Friendly Recognition and Achievement Awards 2023'. The scheme of 26 houses was designed by the Architects Department, and construction was completed in 2020.

Approximately half of these houses were allocated to housing waiting list tenants with medical priority, including some older people. It was designed to be fully accessible and lifetime adaptable.

The development also includes a large open space area and new civic square across the road from the Rolestown church which benefits the larger community.

The architects made a presentation to the judges earlier in October with a winner to be announced at an awards ceremony in Wexford on the 30<sup>th</sup> November.



*Age Friendly Award Nominated – Rolestown Social Housing Scheme*

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### Rates

Overall Commercial Rates collection to the end of October 2023 is running at 90%.

Rates Collection	
Rates collected €M	141.0
Rates Collection %	90%

### Development Levy Income

Development levy income collected to the end of September is €23.9m this is c.91% of the collection to the same period in 2022.

Development Levy Income	
Levies Received €M	23.9
Levies collected as % of 2022	91%

### Payroll

Overall payroll spend to the end of September is €64.1m which is c. 97% of budget year to date.

Payroll	
Salaries & Wages €M	64.1
Percentage of budget YTD	97%

### Procurement

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

Procurement Activity		Note
No. of contracts awarded (details below) for year to date	226	
Value €m	78.6	
<b>Procurements ongoing at end of October</b>		
No. of procurements awaiting tender responses	15	(i)
Value €m	43.3	
No. of procurements under evaluation	43	(ii)
Value €m	105.3	
No. of procurements at approved	13	(iii)
Value €m	121.1	

#### Notes:

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



## Appendix 1 (a)

### REVENUE ACCOUNT INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION AT 31 OCT 2023

	EXPENDITURE			INCOME			NET
	Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent to date	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised	€
Housing & Building	75,244,760	90,151,700	83%	77,505,363	94,681,700	82%	-2,260,603
Road Transport & Safety	26,572,246	32,392,400	82%	8,405,262	8,698,800	97%	18,166,984
Water Services	15,372,233	14,994,900	103%	14,676,588	18,028,400	81%	695,645
Development Management	16,528,088	19,874,200	83%	4,762,445	5,480,800	87%	11,765,643
Environmental Services	38,282,481	48,361,500	79%	9,122,005	10,542,200	87%	29,160,476
Recreation & Amenity	41,279,840	49,953,500	83%	2,188,583	2,386,500	92%	39,091,258
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	1,300,246	1,380,600	94%	324,942	340,100	96%	975,303
Miscellaneous Services	19,353,575	22,836,300	85%	21,645,405	24,576,200	88%	-2,291,830
Central Management Charge	39,004,396	53,803,600	72%	2,944,222	3,904,000	75%	36,060,174
Local Property Tax / GPG				8,149,417	9,779,300	83%	-8,149,417
Rates				129,442,250	155,330,700	83%	-129,442,250
	<b>272,937,865</b>	<b>333,748,700</b>	<b>82%</b>	<b>279,166,482</b>	<b>333,748,700</b>	<b>84%</b>	<b>-6,228,617</b>

Appendix 1 (b)

**CAPITAL ACCOUNT**  
**INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 31/10/2023**

	Balance at 01/01/2023 €	Expenditure YTD €	Income YTD €	Balance at 31/10/2023 €
A Housing & Building	-45,026,626	177,893,032	-122,807,191	10,059,215
B Road Transport & Safety	12,033,473	23,170,409	-16,811,303	18,392,579
C Water Services	-10,811,421	772,615	-1,008,164	-11,046,970
D Development Management	-134,303,923	24,144,933	-49,495,721	-159,654,711
E Environmental Services	-21,303,306	3,858,121	-1,533,515	-18,978,700
F Recreation & Amenity	-14,103,073	25,205,949	-16,283,041	-5,180,165
H Miscellaneous Services	-52,242,890	15,955,359	-15,125,075	-51,412,606
<b>Total</b>	<b>-265,757,766</b>	<b>271,000,418</b>	<b>-223,064,010</b>	<b>-217,821,358</b>



Appendix 1 (c)

<b>SUMMARY OF CORPORATE DEBTORS TO 31/10/2023</b>				
	<b>Balance at 01/01/2023</b>	<b>Balance at 31/10/2023</b>	<b>Current debt</b>	<b>&gt; 1 Year</b>
	<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>
<b>RATES*</b>	<b>€3,146,921</b>	<b>€15,506,129</b>	<b>€13,906,556</b>	<b>€1,599,574</b>
<b>LOANS</b>	<b>€2,030,260</b>	<b>€2,083,974</b>	<b>€252,955</b>	<b>€1,831,019</b>
<b>RENTS</b>	<b>€9,426,987</b>	<b>€9,547,441</b>	<b>€4,446,601</b>	<b>€5,100,840</b>

\* value of debit at 31/12/2022 was 5.1m with a credit of 1.97m which has substantially been offset against demands 2023 leaving an aged debt greater than the opening balance

*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
Operations	Mechanical Planting of Bulbs and Wildflowers Countrywide	Flower your Place	€ 240,185	02/10/2023	03/11/2023	2	26/10/2023
Operations	Devegetation of 16 Fingal Bridges	Triur Construction	€ 39,720	01/10/2023	30/11/2023	2	23/10/2023
EETCD	Clearing Hazardous/Dangerous Rubbish and Site Clearance at Rathoath Road, Dunsink Finglas	G & K Kearns Developments Ltd	€ 127,096	11/10/2023	10/11/2023	1	20/10/2023
Corporate Affairs	Mobile Voice & Data Communications and Associated Products & Services	Vodafone	€ 90,000	01/10/2023	30/11/2023	2	19/10/2023
Corporate Affairs	Provision of Services for Roof Maintenance and Callouts at 17 Fingal Locations	Geoffrey T Kelly Roofing and Cladding	€ 26,200	05/09/2023	04/09/2024	12	16/10/2023
Operations	Purchase of requirement for 4 Ford Transit Vans	Henry Ford & Son Ltd.	€ 86,976	10/10/2023	09/10/2024	12	11/10/2023
Corporate Affairs	Provision of Fire Alarm and Emergency Lighting Maintenance Services	G4S	€ 32,445	09/09/2023	08/03/2024	6	11/10/2023
Operations	Resurfacing of one lane of Greenfield Road in Howth	Pavement & Road Surfacing Ltd	€ 62,522	16/10/2023	10/11/2023	1	09/10/2023
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Supply & Install New Boundary Fencing at Hampton Lands, Ardgillan Demesne, Balbriggan	Irish Fencing Services	€ 151,467	01/09/2023	01/04/2025	18	26/09/2023
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Installation of SeeBees at the Burrow, Portrane, Co. Dublin	Larry Kiernan Plant Hire Ltd	€ 75,987	01/10/2023	30/11/2023	2	25/09/2023
Operations	Road Salt for the 2023/2024 Winter Season	Salt Sales Company	€ 161,795	01/10/2023	31/12/2023	3	25/09/2023
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Ward River Regional Park Historic Structures - Brick Arch and Walled Garden Sheds	Francis Haughey Building & Civil Engineering Contractors	€ 295,808	10/09/2023	09/02/2024	5	21/09/2023
Operations	Concrete Footpath Construction in a series of batches from 2 - 10 sq meters at Roselawn Road, Walk & Court, D 15	Formac Construction	€ 39,125	01/10/2023	01/11/2023	1	19/09/2023
Operations	Footpath Works, Paddys Hill, Portmarnock	Jim Hayes Civil Engineering	€ 71,370.00	18/09/2023	13/10/2023	1	18/09/2023



Operations	Resurfacing of Drynam, Seatown & Lissenhall Footbridges	Donnelly Civil Engineering Ltd	€ 228,756	31/08/2023	30/01/2024	5	14/09/2023
Operations	Solar Power Signage	PWS Signs Ltd	€ 31,185	11/09/2023	31/12/2023	4	14/09/2023
Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary Works, Dublin Road, Swords	D.M. Morris Limited	€ 163,656	25/09/2023	25/12/2023	3	13/09/2023
Operations	Loughshinny Harbour Refurbishment Works	Donnelly Civil Engineering Ltd	€ 158,498	01/10/2023	22/12/2023	3	13/09/2023
EETCD	Upgrade of fire alarm system at Malahide Castle	Pioneer Fire & Security for Upgrade	€ 70,871	01/10/2023	14/10/2023	2 weeks	11/09/2023
Digital Services	NEC Application Programs for which the RDBA Service is being provided : NEC Housing	NEC Software Solutions	€ 66,000	01/09/2023	31/08/2025	24	07/09/2023
Operations	Football Pitch Extension at Porterstown, Dublin 15	KT Civil Engineering	€ 45,000	01/09/2023	01/10/2023	1	06/09/2023
Operations	Path Network, Tolka Valley	KT Civil Engineering	€ 28,000	15/09/2023	15/10/2023	1	06/09/2023
Operations	Path Extension, Delwood Park, D 15	KT Civil Engineering	€ 33,000	01/09/2023	01/11/2023	2	06/09/2023
EETCD	Project Management Consultancy Services for the Fingal Local Economic & Community Plan	Grant Thornton Finance Ltd	€ 48,900	08/05/2023	07/02/2024	9	06/09/2023
EETCD	Provision of Multi Disciplinary Consultancy Services for Industrial Zones, Infrastructure & Public Realm Projects in respect of the Economic Zone & Industrial Landbank at Stephenstown, Balbriggan	Clifton Scannell Emerson Associates	€ 317,182	01/08/2023	31/07/2025	24	<b>06/09/2023</b>
ANCA	Legal Services for Aircraft Noise Competent Authority	A & L Goodbody LLP	€ 1,000,000	01/09/2023	31/08/2025	24	05/09/2023
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Construction of a Pocket Park at Bridge Street, Balbriggan	Peter O'Brien & Sons Landscaping	€ 41,535	28/08/2023	23/09/2024	13	05/09/2023
Active Travel	Requirement for Engineering Consultancy Services for Active Travel Pathfinder Swords to Airport Quick Build	Tobin Consulting Engineers	€ 225,775	21/08/2023	20/08/2026	36	05/09/2023
Operations	Engineering Consultancy Services for Dredging of Balbriggan Harbour	Byrne Looby & Partners Ltd	€ 287,130	18/09/2023	17/09/2026	36	04/09/2023
Operations	Demolition and Remediation Works of a bridge Structure at Grallagh	Triur Construction	€ 44,265	01/09/2023	30/09/2023	1	04/09/2023

Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary Works R109, Lower Lucan Road	D.M. Morris Limited	€ 658,619	01/10/2023	01/12/2023	2	01/09/2023
Community	8 Week running programme for 5th and 6th class students in Primary Schools	Marathon Kids	€ 26,900	01/09/2023	31/12/2023	4	01/09/2023
Operations	Concrete Footpath & Bituminous Cycle Track Installation at Northwood Avenue, Santry, Dublin 9	John Browne Construction Ltd	€ 44,250	25/09/2023	25/10/2023	1	31/08/2023
Operations	Concrete Footpath Construction in a series of batches Deerpark Road, Drive & Avenue, D 15	Citius Ltd	€ 34,990	15/09/2023	15/10/2023	1	31/08/2023
Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary Works Northwood Avenue, D 9	Lagan Asphalt Ltd	€ 130,351	11/09/2023	11/10/2023	1	31/08/2023
Operations	Caretakers agreement to manage and operate the concession Malahide Recreational Facility, located in the Pavillion Building, Malahide Demesne	Aramark Northern Europe	€ 126,465	01/09/2023	31/12/2023	4	31/08/2023
Libraries	Supply & Installation of 3 Tovertafel Unit to include 2 year licence, warranty, service and staff training	Homecare Medical	€ 28,510	01/07/2023	01/07/2025	24	30/08/2023
Operations	Design & Build Public Conveniences and Associated Works at Burrow Beach, Portrane	Lidan Innovations Ltd	€ 202,343	17/07/2023	17/07/2024	12	29/08/2023
Operations	Design & Build Public Conveniences and Associated Works at Malahide, Muldowney	Lidan Innovations Ltd	€ 329,129	17/07/2023	16/07/2024	12	29/08/2023
Operations	Design & Build Public Conveniences and Associated Works at Howth East Pier, Co. Dublin	Lidan Innovations Ltd	€ 447,089	17/07/2023	16/07/2024	12	29/08/2023
EETCD	Provision of Services for the Co Ordinator and Delivery of the Student Enterprise Programme for Fingal Local Enterprise Office	Real Events Management T/A Real Nation	€ 40,600	21/08/2023	21/06/2024	10	28/08/2023
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Supply & Execution of ESB approved Civil Works to enable the undergrounding of existing 10/20kv overhead at Ballymastone Recreational Hub	Larry Kieran Plant Hire Ltd	€ 78,997	01/09/2023	01/10/2024	13	24/08/2023
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Sutton to Malahide Pedestrian & Cycle Scheme Topographic Survey	Apex Surveys	€ 32,910	01/08/2023	07/10/2023	5 weeks	23/08/2023
Environment, Climate Action	Supply Anti Littering Devices at Locations in Fingal	RiteView Solutions	€ 25,120	01/03/2023	28/02/2024	12	18/08/2023
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Installation of Traffic Signals in respect of the Harry Reynolds Road Pedestrian & Cycle Route	Traffic Solutions Ltd	€ 165,281	21/08/2023	21/02/2025	18	16/08/2023



Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Main Works Contract of the Ongar to Barnhill Road Scheme	BAM Civil Limited	€ 16,823,243	14/08/2023	18/04/2025	20	15/08/2023
EETCD	Provision of Consultancy Services to develop Town Centre Plans for Fingal County Council with an initial contract to develop a Town Centre Plan for Lusk, Co. Dublin	AP + E	€ 63,680	08/08/2023	31/10/2023	3	14/08/2023
Active Travel	Work on the R132 Cycle Lane Scheme (Blakes Cross to Quickpenny Lane)	McAvoy Contracts Ltd	€ 2,202,117	31/07/2023	31/12/2024	19	11/08/2023
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Conservation Repairs to Malahide Church and Graveyard, Malahide Demesne	James Francis Haughey Building Contractors	€ 128,974	08/08/2023	31/10/2024	15	08/08/2023
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Provision of Road Removal Works St. Itas, Portrane, Co. Dublin	Larry Kieran Plant Hire Ltd	€ 38,975	14/08/2023	08/09/2023	1	03/08/2023
Operations	Installation of Traffic Signals within the Admin Area of Fingal Co Co Council	Traffic Solutions Ltd	€ 1,423,645	24/07/2023	31/12/2023	5	02/08/2023
Corporate Affairs	Catering Services for Fingal County Council Offices in Swords & Blanchardstown	Compass Catering Services Ireland Ltd	€ 750,000	25/07/2023	24/07/2025	24	02/08/2023
Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary Works R125, Clonsilla Road Junctions at Coolmine and Blanchardstown, D 15	Lagan Asphalt Ltd	€ 170,971	25/08/2023	25/11/2023	3	01/08/2023
Digital Services	Backup & Disaster Recovery services for Office 365 & SharePoint Online	Sureskills Ltd	€ 49,470	01/08/2023	31/07/2026	24	01/08/2023
Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary Works, Castleknock Road, Auburn Ave Junction.	Lagan Asphalt Ltd	€ 76,234	23/08/2023	23/08/2023	12	01/08/2023
Operations	Resurfacing of Sections of the R106, Swords Road, Malahide & Ancillary Works	D.M. Morris Limited	€ 280,087	21/08/2023	21/09/2023	1	28/07/2023
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Site Surveys and Snagging Drawings and Taking in Charge Drawings of 13 Estates due to be taken in charge	Thorntons Chartered Surveyors	€ 37,620	12/07/2023	12/04/2024	9	28/07/2023
Operations	Concrete Footpath Construction in a series of batches from 3 - 7 sq meters at Melrose Park and Drinan Hall	John Browne Construction Ltd	€ 27,895	14/08/2023	08/09/2023	1	27/07/2023
Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary Works Millview Lawns, Malahide	Pavement & Road Surfacing Ltd	€ 89,400	04/09/2023	29/09/2023	1	27/07/2023
Corporate Affairs	Supply of Fixed Voice Services	Eir Ltd	€ 87,500	01/09/2023	29/02/2024	6	26/07/2023
Operations	Maintenance, Servicing, Repair and Ticket replenishment of Pay & Display Parking Machines	Actavo (Sierra Support Services Group)	€ 50,000	01/07/2023	30/11/2023	5	24/07/2023
Operations	Provision of Enforcement and Legal Services to FCC for Parking Services	Parkrite	€ 182,184	01/07/2023	30/11/2023	5	24/07/2023

Housing	24 Hour Security Service at Liscappagh Estate, Dublin 11	ABM	€ 44,511	15/06/2023	11/08/2023	2	24/07/2023
Operations	Construction of a Parkour Facility at Millennium Park, Dublin15	Outfit Outdoor Fitness Equipment Ltd	€ 98,120	01/09/2023	30/09/2023	1	21/07/2023
Operations	Concrete footpath construction in a series of batches from 3 - 8 meters at Willie Nolan Road and Mainstreet, Baldoyle, Co. Dublin	Joe Duke & Co. Ltd	€ 41,131	14/08/2023	08/09/2023	1	19/07/2023
Operations	Supply and Installation of specified calisthenics and outdoor fitness equipment to Hazelbury Park, D 15	Outfit Outdoor Fitness Equipment Ltd	€ 60,625	01/08/2023	31/08/2023	1	19/07/2023
Environment, Climate Action	Dublin Airport Noise Plan 2024 - 2029 Appointment of Acoustic Consultants	Logika Noise Air Quality Consultants	€ 60,000	01/07/2023	01/07/2025	24	18/07/2023
Operations	Temporary Car Park Surfacing and Associated Works at Ballymastone	DM Morris Ltd	€ 169,089	02/09/2023	01/10/2024	13	17/07/2023
Corporate Affairs	Catering Services for County Hall and Grove Road	Compass Catering Irl Ltd	€ 94,248	01/04/2023	24/07/2023	4	17/07/2023
Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary Works R125, Murrough Road to Watery Lane, Swords	D.M. Morris Limited	€ 292,977	17/07/2023	17/10/2023	3	13/07/2023
Operations	Supply & Installation of Full Size MUGA at Mick Walsh Park, Dublin 15	Outfit Outdoor Fitness Equipment Ltd	€ 66,225	03/07/2023	31/07/2023	1	12/07/2023
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Multi Disciplinary Engineering Consultancy Services, Kinsealy Walking & Cycling Routes	Barry Transportation	€ 396,356	15/06/2023	14/06/2025	24	12/07/2023
Operations	Requirement for Road Lining Contract for the Fingal Swords, Balbriggan Areas Including PSCS	MacLochlainn (Roadmarkings) Limited	€ 46,718	24/07/2023	31/12/2023	5	11/07/2023
Operations	Road Lining Contract for Castleknock Mulhuddart, Blanchardstown including PSCS and Traffic Management	MacLochlainn (Roadmarkings) Limited	€ 59,965	10/07/2023	31/12/2023	6	10/07/2023
Environment, Climate Action	Provision of Eircode/Postcode Address Encoding Services	Dataconversion Direct Ltd	€ 45,000	10/07/2023	10/10/2023	3	10/07/2023
Housing	Actuarial Services for the replacement of Fingal County Councils Housing Loans System	Mazars	€ 43,750	03/07/2023	03/12/2023	6	10/07/2023
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Supply & Install temporary Traffic Management Equipment for 2 Car Parks in Balbriggan	McAvoy Contracts Ltd	€ 39,120	06/07/2023	06/07/2024	12	07/07/2023



Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Traffic Management Equipment for 2 Public Car Parks in Balbriggan	McAvoy Contracts Ltd	€ 39,120	26/07/2023	25/08/2023	1	07/07/2023
Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary Works, Parkvale, Baldoyle	John McQuillan Contracts Ltd	€ 58,101	24/07/2023	04/08/2023	1	07/07/2023
Housing	24 Hour Security Services for 67 Newly Constructed Units to be delivered on a phased basis during July & August 2023 at Churchfields Estate	ABM	€ 100,183	24/07/2023	15/09/2023	2	06/07/2023
Operations	Supply & Delivery of Washed Surface Dressing Chips	Tullyraine Quarries Limited	€ 30,075	14/07/2023	14/12/2023	5	06/07/2023
Operations	Installation of Traffic Calming Ramps, Ramp Components, ramp replacement and repairs	MCM Surfacing Ltd	€ 148,335	17/07/2023	19/01/2024	6	04/07/2023
Operations	Replacement of Artificial Grass Surfaces to Two MUGAS in Whitestown, D.15	Sole Sports and Leisure Ltd	€ 47,811	07/07/2023	06/08/2023	1	04/07/2023
Operations	Purchase of New Compact Tractors	Dublin Grass Machinery	€ 68,000	25/06/2023	24/06/2024	12	04/07/2023
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Multi-disciplinary Engineering Consultancy Services for Donabate Transport Projects Active Travel Routes Design Services	Roughan & O'Donovan Ltd	€ 690,814	19/06/2023	19/06/2025	24	<b>04/07/2023</b>
Digital Services	Renewal of the subscription to the Technical Index	Allium UK Holding	€ 31,269	01/07/2023	30/06/2024	12	30/06/2023
EETCD	Supply, Installation, derig and transportation of 3 x 3m gazebos, picket fencing and truck stage for the Flavours of Fingal County Show 2023	Castle Stage Hire	€ 55,925	28/06/2023	03/07/2023	1 week	28/06/2023
Operations	Concrete Footpath Construction in a series of batches from 3 - 8 sq meters at Moyclare, Baldoyle	Clar Con Construction Ltd	€ 30,960	03/07/2023	28/08/2023	7 weeks	27/06/2023
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Wetland Restoration and Greenway Project - St. Itas Donabate	Larry Kieran Plant Hire Ltd	€ 39,987	26/06/2023	07/07/2023	2 weeks	23/06/2023
Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary Services Works, Church Street & St. Patricks Park, Blanchardstown, D15	D.M. Morris Limited	€ 72,995	01/07/2023	01/10/2023	3	22/06/2023
EETCD	Provision of Stewarding Services for Flavours of Fingal 2023	Invictus Event Management Ltd	€ 52,806	21/06/2023	04/07/2023	2 weeks	21/06/2023
Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary Works, Glasmole Park, - Windmill Lands, Swords, Co. Dublin	John McQuillan Contracts Ltd	€ 55,739	30/06/2023	30/11/2023	5	20/06/2023
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	The Design and Execution of Works in connection with the Installation of Play Spaces for Fingal County Council - four distinct projects - ITT (Repeat of FCC/173/20	Creative Play Solutions	€ 1,697,921	15/05/2023	15/09/2025	28	20/06/2023

Operations	Supply & Installation of Specified Calisthenics and Outdoor Fitness Hub at Damastown Park and Porterstown Park, D. 15.	Outfit Outdoor Fitness Equipment Ltd	€ 92,795	30/06/2023	30/07/2023	1	20/06/2023
Operations	Concrete Footpath Construction in a series of batches from 3 - 7 sq meters at Stapolin Lawns and Grange Park, Baldoye	John Browne Construction Ltd	€ 39,323	26/06/2023	25/07/2023	1	19/06/2023
Operations	Supply of Bitumen Emulsion Fingal Area 2023	Colas Teoranta	€ 16,662	01/07/2023	01/12/2023	5	16/06/2023
Operations	Supply of Bitumen Emulsion Fingal Area 2023	Lagan Asphalt Ltd.	€ 32,075	01/07/2023	01/12/2023	5	16/06/2023
Operations	Supply of Bitumen Emulsion Fingal Area 2023	Irish Tar and Bitumen Suppliers Limited	€ 116,462	01/07/2023	01/12/2023	5	16/06/2023
Planning and Strategic	Re Surfacing of Existing Car Park at Bremore Castle, Balbriggan	Larry Kieran Plant Hire Ltd	€ 27,250	15/05/2023	15/06/2023	1	16/06/2023
EETCD	Supply of Buses/Coaches/Minibuses including wheelchair accessible vehicles, event staff as bus stops and management of online booking form	Marathon Training & Events	€ 127,250	01/07/2023	02/07/2023	1 day	15/06/2023
Operations	Consultancy Services for a Bridge Inventory Survey of Fingals Road Network	Atkins Ireland (WS Atkins Ireland Ltd)	€ 29,060	10/04/2023	09/06/2023	3	15/06/2023
Digital Services	Provision of Services on the online portal for Affordable Housing Schemes	Interform Limited	€ 35,250	09/06/2023	09/06/2024	12	12/06/2023
Corporate Affairs	Replacement of Critical LV Electrical Infrastructure (ACBs) in Blanchardstown Library & Draiocht and Malahide Library	Vincent Doherty Ltd	€ 66,605	01/06/2023	31/08/2023	3	12/06/2023
EETCD	Traffic management for Flavours of Fingal 2023	Freeflow Traffic Management	€ 54,315	09/06/2023	02/07/2023	1	09/06/2023
Housing	24 Hour Security Service at Wellview Estate, Dublin 15	DTC Security Ltd	€ 92,860	04/07/2023	05/09/2023	3	07/06/2023
Operations	Resurfacing of Dublin Road, R106 in Malahide	D.M. Morris Limited	€ 82,160	01/07/2023	30/07/2023	1	06/06/2023
Community	Provision of an Audit of Community, Sports & Recreation Facilities in the Administrative area of Fingal County Council and a radius of 10km around its borders	KPMG Ireland	€ 58,475	22/05/2023	16/01/2024	8	06/06/2023
Community	Modification & Upgrade Works at Hartstown Community Centre, D 15	FLN Consulting Engineers	€ 26,900	01/06/2023	31/07/2026	37	01/06/2023
EETCD	Bridge Stret Demolitions & Enabling Works Phase 1 as Part of the Balbriggan Rejuvenation Plan 2019 - 2025	Hegarty Demolition Ltd.	€ 183,884	01/06/2023	14/07/2024	13	01/06/2023
Operations	Road Markings at various locations within the Fingal Area	Nuzum Road Services Ltd	€ 57,248	14/06/2023	14/06/2024	12	01/06/2023



Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary Works, R125 Murrough Road to Watery Lane, Swords	John McQuillan Contracts Ltd	€ 267,406	01/06/2023	24/09/2023	4	01/06/2023
Environment, Climate Action	Environmental Awareness Campaign Cinemas	Pearl & Dean Ireland Ltd	€ 86,000	01/06/2023	31/05/2024	12	01/06/2023
Operations	Cleaning & Maintenance Services for all public conveniences within Fingal County Councils Administrative Area	Healthmatic Ltd	€ 1,822,007	28/04/2023	27/04/2025	24	01/06/2023
Operations	Footpath Construction Millview Lawns, Millview Court, Millview Road, Yellow Walls Road and Sea Road, Malahide	John Browne Construction Ltd	€ 40,152	06/06/2023	23/06/2023	1	29/05/2023
Operations	Rd Inlay & Ancillary Works, Wellview Ave, Mulhuddart	Lagan Asphalt Ltd	€ 69,163	01/06/2023	01/09/2023	3	23/05/2023
Operations	Concrete Footpath Repair 2 - 10 sq mts Phoenix Residential Estate, Castleknock, Dublin 15	John Browne Construction Ltd	€ 65,000	01/06/2023	01/09/2023	3	23/05/2023
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Specialist Ecology/Biodiversity Advice, support, management and coordination of surveys - Broadmeadow Way	Brady, Shipman Martin	€ 215,000	01/05/2023	31/05/2031	96	23/05/2023
EETCD	Malahide Castle & Visitor Centre Emergency Lighting Works	Norton Electrical Ltd	€ 186,995	01/06/2023	01/09/2024	15	<b>23/05/2023</b>
Housing	Refurbishment of 6 Houses, Portrane Avenue, Portrane	CTS Projects Ltd	€ 999,775	01/05/2023	30/11/2023	7	18/05/2023
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Disposal of Waste from Site to the rear of Seamus Ennis Arts Centre	Larry Kiernan Plant Hire Ltd	€ 45,929	06/06/2023	06/07/2023	1	16/05/2023
Operations	Purchase of 3 Ford Ranger Crew Cab Jeeps with Automatic Transmission & Hard Top Canopy	Henry Ford & Son Ltd.	€ 77,040	10/05/2023	09/05/2024	12	12/05/2023
Operations	Consultancy Services for Fingal Harbours and Associated Services - Initial Contract for the Rehabilitation of Skerries Harbour	Byrne Looby & Partners Ltd	€ 104,615	06/03/2023	06/09/2024	18	12/05/2023
Operations	Supply only of Ready Mix Concrete for Fingal Castleknock/Mulhuddart	Keegan Quarries Ltd	€ 50,600	18/05/2023	31/12/2023	7	11/05/2023
Operations	Supply & delivery of All-Inclusive Carousel in Santry Demesne Playground	Spraoi Linn Ltd	€ 26,350	03/05/2023	03/08/2023	3	05/05/2023
Operations	Purchase of 1 x 7.5 Tonne Tipper Truck	FUSO Ireland, MMC Commercials	€ 127,722	05/05/2023	04/05/2024	12	05/05/2023
Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary Works, Edgewood Lawn, Corduff, Dublin 15	Lagan Asphalt Ltd	€ 109,787	15/05/2023	15/08/2023	3	04/05/2023
Corporate Affairs	Removal of Asbestos from a house on Parnell Square East Dublin 1	Grove Environmental Solutions Ltd.	€ 35,900	01/04/2023	01/06/2023	2	04/05/2023

Libraries	Design, Supply, Installation and Maintenance of Library Building Automation solution (My Open Library) for Skerries Library	Spectrum Communications Ltd	€ 41,005	01/05/2023	30/04/2024	12	04/05/2023
Operations	Road resurfacing & Ancillary Works, on the R122 Fieldstown Bridge 1 to Suralstown Cross	Roadstone Ltd	€ 852,077	01/06/2023	01/09/2023	3	03/05/2023
Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary Works on the R125 County Boundary to Lispopple Cross	D.M. Morris Limited	€ 473,469	01/06/2023	01/09/2023	3	03/05/2023
EETCD	Economic Consultancy Services for the Development of an Economic Development Strategy for Fingal	Grant Thornton Finance Ltd	€ 157,500	09/05/2023	08/11/2023	6	03/05/2023
Operations	Installation of new timber knee rail fencing in Swords	Fingal Farm Home and Garden	€ 45,687	08/05/2023	08/07/2023	2	02/05/2023
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	€ 43,850	24/04/2023	24/11/2023	7	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
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Construction of Harry Reynolds Road Pedestrian & Cycle Route	John Civil Engineering Co. Ltd	€ 7,715,430	15/05/2023	15/06/2024	13	24/04/2023
Housing	Employers Representative Led Integrated Consultant Design team for proposed residential developments at Holywell & Seatown Road, Swords, Co. Dublin	Henchion Reuter Architects	€ 2,449,510	01/04/2023	29/02/2028	58	19/04/2023
Operations	Installation of 2. No. Half MUGAS to Wellview and Parslickstown Residential Estates	Outfit Outdoor Fitness Equipment Ltd.	€ 75,450	01/05/2023	31/05/2023	1	19/04/2023
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Supply of specially cut limestone blocks for the completion of the parapet on Bremore Castle Gate House	McKeown Stone	€ 33,628	26/06/2023	31/07/2023	5weeks	18/04/2023
Operations	Supply & Installation of Permanent Road Traffic Signs and Ancillary Works	PWS Signs Ltd	€ 33,430	02/05/2023	22/12/2023	8	18/04/2023
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 Work, Balscadden Road, Howth	John McQuillan Contracts Ltd	€ 100,705	05/05/2023	01/06/2023	1	17/04/2023
Operations	Supply & Installation of Landscapes Structure We-Go Swing Unit at Malahide Demesne	Sole Sports and Leisure Ltd	€ 52,000	22/08/2023	12/09/2023	3 weeks	17/04/2023



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	Supply and Installation of an Outdoor Fitness Hub at Littlepace Park, Dublin 15	Outfit Outdoor Fitness Equipment Ltd	€ 113,725	01/04/2023	30/05/2023	2	13/04/2023
Operations	Installation of Concrete Footpath Works - Traffic Section	Clar Con Construction Ltd	€ 36,486	25/04/2023	04/08/2023	5	12/04/2023
Operations	Concrete Footpath Construction at Pinewood & Ashfield Green Residential Estates, Huntstown, D 15	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	Conservation, Architectural & Engineering Consultancy Services for Talbot Botanic Garden Glass House Refurbishment, Malahide, Co. Dublin	Bluett & O'Donoghue (Prodomo Ltd)	€ 79,930	11/04/2023	23/01/2024	10	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
People Services	Corporate Employer Branding Project	Barlo	€ 81,000	20/02/2023	19/02/2025	24	03/04/2023
Corporate Affairs	Provision of a Water Hygiene Programme	Healthy Buildings (Ireland) Ltd. T/A HBE	€ 71,892	01/04/2023	31/03/2025	24	01/04/2023
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 Castleknock and Balbriggan App Trails and the inclusion of same in the Dublin Discovery Trails AR App	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	€ 919,532	01/05/2023	30/09/2023	5	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
Corporate Affairs	County Hall Courtyard Upgrade Works	McKeon Construction Ltd T/A Hereworks	€ 989,616	20/03/2023	31/07/2023	4	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 Repairs	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	€ 301,441	06/03/2023	24/11/2023	8	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
EETCD	Production & Promotion of Unison Festival	TASCQ	€ 70,000	01/03/2023	28/02/2024	12	01/03/2023
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Broadmeadow Way Greenway - GI Enabling Works, Access Track	Glas Civil Engineering Ltd	€ 232,319	13/03/2023	12/05/2023	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, Co. Dublin	D.M. Morris Limited	€ 165,072	07/03/2023	07/06/2023	3	28/02/2023
Housing	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	€ 104,500	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.	€ 89,500	14/02/2023	15/05/2023	2.5 months	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
Housing	Environmental Risk Assessment Site at Sillogue, Ballymun	RPS Consulting Engineers Ltd	€ 35,463	01/02/2023	31/12/2024	23	10/02/2023
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	€ 475,935	11/07/2022	31/08/2023	13	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	08/01/2024	12	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
Community	Implementation of a series of Pilot Playful Streets throughout Fingal	A Playful City	€ 100,000	26/05/2023	24/05/2024	12	01/01/2023
EETCD	Production, Promotion and Distribution of Tradfest: The Fingal Sessions (six half hour TV Shows for Domestic (RTE) and global distribution	TASCQ	€ 130,000	01/01/2023	31/12/2023	12	01/01/2023
Housing	Weekly Bin Collections and Ad hoc Skip Collections from the Halting Sites in the Fingal Area	Starrus Holdings Ltd	€ 64,000	01/01/2023	30/09/2023	9	01/01/2023
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	Gateway 2 Report has been issued to the NTA to gain approval to proceed to preliminary design phase of the project.
FCC/21/0002	Baldoyle to Howth €300,000	Phase One of the project has reached substantial completion.
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. A second Draft options report has been submitted by consultant and been reviewed by Active Travel.
FCC/22/0001	Castleknock to Dunsink Lane €185,000	The options report and relevant drawings for Auburn Ave and Dunsinea Lane have been submitted to the NTA in compliance to the Gateway 2-5 Hold Point requirements. A Draft options report has been submitted by consultant for Dunsink Lane and currently been reviewed by Active Travel.



<b>FCC/22/0004</b>	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.
<b>FCC/22/0005</b>	St. Cronan's Ave & Brackenstown Rd €1,387,711	Contractor currently on site laying red SMA. Work has also commenced on line marking, signage and bollard installation.
<b>FCC/22/0006</b>	Rathingle/Rivervalley Rd. Swords €176,000	Design works for phase 2b the modification of the existing roundabout is currently being discussed with the NTA.
<b>FCC/22/0007</b>	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.
<b>FCC/22/0009</b>	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.
<b>FCC/22/0010</b>	R132 Ministers Rd to Blakes Cross + Kilhedge Lane €300,000	Tenderers have been evaluated and it is expected to appoint a contractor during July.
<b>FCC/22/0011</b>	Skerries – Harbour Road (footpath build outs) €905,000	Engineering consultants are finalising concept designs and options report. The project team will then engage with the public and stakeholders to gather feedback on draft designs.

<b>FCC/22/0012</b>	Seatown Roundabout to Estuary Rd (Swords to Malahide) €140,000	Engineering consulting are finalising the Non-Statutory Public Consultation Summary Report which is due to be issued to Active Travel for review.
<b>FCC/22/0014</b>	Balbriggan – Coney Hill from Devlin Bridge to Bremore Cottages €140,000	Consultant is finalising concept drawings and options report which is expected to be submitted to the project team.
<b>FCC/22/0015</b>	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.
<b>FCC/22/0016</b>	New Street Public Realm Project €583,899	An application was made to An Bord Pleanála by members of the public in relation to the proposed public realm improvements, requesting EIA and AA Screening Determinations. As a result the statutory Process is on hold until after An Bord Pleanála has made its decision which was originally to be by the 11th of September 2023. However, no decision has been provided to date.
<b>FCC/22/0018</b>	Data collection for Active Travel Projects €60,000	Traffic, air, noise etc
<b>FCC/22/0019</b>	Skerries Active Travel Plan €655,000	Tender competition is ongoing for Stage 1 of the process.
<b>FCC/22/0020</b>	Balrothery Active Travel Review €282,500	Tender is complete and kick off meeting is due to take place with the consultant during November.
<b>FCC/22/0021</b>	Seamount Heights to Old Golf Links Park €300,000	Tender documents are being prepared following further discussions and agreements with local representative groups.

<b>FCC/22/0022</b>	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 Q4 2023. Small works have been completed around existing car park through Operations. Enabling works ongoing regarding connection works to school and Limetree Avenue.
<b>FCC/22/0026</b>	Fingal County Council Active Travel Office – Staff Costs €1,100,000	
<b>FCC/22/0028</b>	FCC Castleknock to Blanchardstown via Farmleigh €90,000	Stage 2 of the tendering process complete and tender assessment has taken place. Contract documents to be signed in coming weeks.
<b>FCC/22/0030</b>	Station Road Portmarnock Footpaths and Cycleway €150,000	Works have reached substantial completion.
<b>FCC/ 23/XXX</b>	Scoil an Duinninigh to Waterside footpath and cycleway €220,000	Planning permission has been granted for the school and Department of Education is to engage with Fingal County Council on planning conditions related to pedestrian access.
<b>FCC/ 23/XXX</b>	Feltrim Road cycle infrastructure €120,000	These works are expected to go to tender for a design consultant in Q4 2023.
<b>FCC/ 23/XXX</b>	Active Travel Pathfinder – Swords to Airport quick build €200,000	Project team are liaising with Dublin Airport Authority and the National Transport Authority in relation to agreeing the scope of the project. Tender was uploaded to eTenders in June and it is planned to assess any submitted tenders during July.



<b>FCC/23/XXX</b>	Donabate to Portrane (R126) - Distributor Road to Portrane Avenue €40,000	Consultant is finalising concept drawings and options report which is expected to be submitted to the project team for review.
<b>FCC/23/XXX</b>	SRTS (R1) – Scoil Mhuire & Iosef, Sinsear – Bayside Senior National School €200,000	Works have been substantially completed by contractor. Minor snag works ongoing.
<b>FCC/23/XXX</b>	SRTS (R1) – Scoil Ghrainne CNS €200,000	Detailed design nearing completion to enable procurement of works contractor. Contract documents are being finalised to engage a contractor for the works.
<b>FCC/23/XXX</b>	SRTS (R1) – Bayside Junior School €200,000	Works have been substantially completed by contractor. Minor snag works ongoing.
<b>FCC/23/XXX</b>	SRTS (R1) – Scoil Choilm CNS €200,000	Installation of flexible bollards on Porterstown Rd. outside the school entrance is complete. Detailed design nearing completion to enable procurement of works contractor. Contract documents are being finalised to engage a contractor for the works.
<b>FCC/23/XXX</b>	SRTS (R1) – Rush & Lusk ETNS €200,000	Construction work is now complete and final snagging works and inspections are proposed for early June.
<b>FCC/23/XXX</b>	SRTS (R1) – Pope John Paul II NS, Malahide €200,000	Detailed design has commenced to enable procurement of works contractor.
<b>FCC/23/XXX</b>	SRTS (R1) – Castaheany ETNS €200,000	Works have been substantially completed by contractor. Minor snag works ongoing.
<b>FCC/23/XXX</b>	SRTS (R1) – St. Benedict’s NS €200,000	Works have been substantially completed by contractor. Minor snag works ongoing.
<b>FCC/23/XXX</b>	SRTS (R1) – Ladyswell National School €200,000	Detailed design nearing completion to enable procurement of works contractor. Contract documents are being finalised to engage a contractor for the works.



## Appendix 4- continued

### 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 3A <a href="#">53°24'44.7"N</a> <a href="#">6°23'39.0"W</a> - <a href="#">Google</a>	<b>300</b> 27x1Bed 118x2Bed 136x3Bed 19x4Bed	Tender evaluation complete. Contractors have been appointed for enabling works.	Q4 2023	Q3 2025
Blanchardstown- Mulhuddart/ Castleknock/ Ongar	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Mayeston, Dublin 11 <a href="#">53°24'28.4"N</a> <a href="#">6°17'02.1"W</a> - <a href="#">Google Maps</a>	<b>121</b> 37x1Bed 72x2Bed 12x3Bed	Subject to Judicial Review.	Q4 2025	Q4 2027
Balbriggan/Rush- Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social - Elderly	North Street, Swords <a href="#">53°27'38.6"N</a> <a href="#">6°13'06.7"W</a> - <a href="#">Google Maps</a>	<b>13</b> 6x1Bed 7x2Bed	Enabling works package ready. Design team tender to be evaluated.	Q2 2024	Q3 2025
Balbriggan/Rush- Lusk /Swords	FCC	Social -	Seatown Swords 53.459821, - 6.217958 <a href="#">Google Maps</a>	36 36x2Bed	Design ongoing, Tender package to be completed in Q4 2023.	Q1 2024	Q3 2025
Balbriggan/Rush- Lusk/Swords	North and East Housing Associati on	Social – Elderly	Garristown <a href="#">53°34'03.7"N</a> <a href="#">6°22'42.1"W</a> - <a href="#">Google Maps</a>	<b>6</b>	Planning granted.	Q4 2023	Q4 2024



## Appendix 4- continued

### Schemes at Pre-Planning Stage

Area Committee	Provider	Funding Stream	Site Name	No. Units	Status Detail	On Site Date	Handover (estimated)
Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Church Fields 3B <a href="#">53°24'44.7"N</a> <a href="#">6°23'39.0"W</a> - <a href="#">Google Maps</a>	<b>217</b>	Pre-Planning and design stage. Part 10 planning application for 217 units was lodged to ABP in June. Awaiting decision from ABP.	Q1 2025	Q2 2026
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Holywell, Swords  53°26'48.1"N 6°12'42.8"W	<b>57</b>	Pre-Planning and design stage. Conveyancing complete.	Q2 2024	Q4 2025

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

## Appendix 4- continued

### Long Term Leasing

Area Committee	Lessor	Funding Stream	Site Name	No. Units	Status Detail	Handover (estimated)
Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar	Glenveagh Homes	Enhanced Leasing	Balroy House	<b>82</b>	On site	Q1 2024
Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar	Alanna Homes	Long Term Leasing	Hansfield	<b>159</b>	On site	Q4 2023

## Appendix 5

### External Funding – Community and Sports Development

Funding Source	Grant Scheme	Name of Group	Stats	Amount Awarded	Date of Award
Pobal	Community Services Program	Parslickstown House	Concept documents approved gone to application stage		
Pobal	Community Services Program	Blakestown Community Resource Centre	Concept documents approved gone to application stage		
DDTAS	Sports Capital 2023	Mountview Youth and Community Centre – All weather pitch upgrade & LED lighting	Application submitted		
DDTAS	Sports Capital 2023	Hartstown Community Centre All weather pitch upgrade	Application submitted		
DDTAS	Sports Capital 2023	Flemington Community Centre – Accessible Gym	Application submitted		