



Chief Executive's Management Report

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EVENTS

FESTIVAL EVENTS FUNDING



Applications were received under the Festivals and Events Funding Programme 2020 from groups, businesses and individuals. All applications have now been evaluated in accordance with the criteria as set out in the Scheme.

The diversity and scope of the proposed events and festivals resulted in 43 successful applications with funding of €288k being awarded under the programme.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADES

Applications are invited from community organisations and businesses to participate in the Swords, Balbriggan or Blanchardstown St Patrick's Day Parades. Closing date for applications is February 14th.

To download an application form visit www.fingalparades.com or email fingal@davisevents.ie



The Council is supporting a new parade this year in Malahide.

TOURISM DEVELOPMENT

FLAG FUNDING

Four funding applications were submitted for the following projects:

- Howth Maritime and Seafood Festival
- Flavours of Fingal Food Showcase
- Fingal Coastal Villages Taste the Island Campaign (in line with Failte Ireland's campaign)
- Skerries Midsummer Festival

Local Tourism Development Groups

The Fingal Tourism Development Office continues to work with local tourism groups across Fingal.

HERITAGE PROPERTIES

Casino Model Railway Museum



The Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Eoghan O'Brien, officially opened the Casino Model Railway Museum on Tuesday, 21st January 2020.

Shannon Heritage took over the operation of the museum on Wednesday 22nd January, 2020 and there were over 1,000 visitors in the first week of operation.

Roofs – Newbridge and Ardgillan

A multi-supplier framework has been established for architect led integrated design team services for professional conservation related services related to heritage monuments, buildings, structures and landscapes including public buildings within the county for integrated conservation design team consultancy services for design, planning and management of heritage related works.

The initial contract from this framework will be in respect of the roofs at Newbridge House and Ardgillan Castle and this contract will be awarded in the coming weeks.

Local Enterprise Office Fingal



Some of the Local Enterprise Office (LEO) highlights for January 2020 are as follows:

Local Enterprise Week 2020



LEO Fingal has launched a series of exciting business events and initiatives to take place across the County during Local Enterprise Week (LEW), which is happening between the 2nd and the 6th of March 2020. Included in the busy schedule of events are:

- To kick-off LEW 2020, LEO Fingal is organising an intensive, half-day **Start-up Bootcamp** on Monday the 2nd of March.
- **Fingal Enterprise Awards (FEA)** All councillors are invited to attend the "Making it Happen": Fingal Enterprise Awards" event to be held in the Atrium in County Hall on Thursday evening the 5th of March, the highpoint of LEW 2020. The overall winner will be announced and will go on to represent the county at the National Enterprise Awards in May.
- **Trading Online Voucher (TOV)** programme is funded by DCCA, as part of the National Digital Strategy, to support local and established small businesses to enhance their online offering. The first pre-application workshop will be held in the

Riasc Centre, Swords on Friday the 6th of March as part of the LEW 2020 Programme.

- **International Women's Day 2020:** LEO Fingal, is hosting a Fingal Enterprise Women Network lunchtime event ahead of International Women's Day, featuring acclaimed chef and food entrepreneur Catherine Fulvio.
- Other events include breakfast networking with Fingal Dublin and Balbriggan Chambers, a Brexit customs training day, business seminars with Enterprise Ireland, the LINC (T.U.D.), PayPal, IBM, an Ethnic Enterprise expo with Empower, a Leadership programme and business advice clinics in each of Fingal's Enterprise Centres.

For a full schedule of the LEW 2020 programme, please see:

<https://www.localenterprise.ie/Fingal/Training-Events/Enterprise-Week-2020/>

Sports to Start-Up Ideas Generation Workshop



LEO Fingal has partnered with Sport Ireland in a pilot Start Your Own Business course aimed specifically at full-time elite sportspeople, to enable them to utilise these skills in business, beginning with an Idea Generation Workshop which took place on Friday the 17th of January 2020 in the National Sports Campus.

130 businesses approved funding in 2019 recognised



LEO Fingal hosted a networking event celebrating local businesses approved for funding in the second half of 2019. The Mayor of Fingal Cllr. Eoghan O'Brien and Chief Executive of Fingal County Council AnnMarie Farrelly presented successful grant recipients with certificates for business supported by LEO Fingal with funding provided by the Irish Government co-financed by the European Regional Development Fund.

Local Enterprise Showcase 2020



Showcase is presented by Design and Crafts Council of Ireland and supported by Enterprise Ireland and LEOs nationwide. Showcase is Ireland's Creative Trade Show, featuring the very best of Irish Craft, Giftware, Fashion & Interiors. Six Fingal companies participated in this year's edition. Showcase 2020 took place from the 19th to the 22nd of January.

New Training Announced

LEO Fingal continues to roll out a new suite of specific business development training. The following workshops will be piloted shortly:

- Intellectual Property
- Motivation & Staff Retention

Start Your Own Business Programme (SYOB)

The third SYOB of 2020 commenced on the 22nd of January. This is a ten-week course and all courses so far have been fully subscribed with a combined total of 36 participants.

Business Development Workshops

53 people participated in 4 LEO Fingal Business Development Workshops in January. In addition, a SME focussed six-week digital and social media programmes is currently running with 12 participants.

Business Clinics and Mentoring

Clinics are offered to individuals that wish to start up a new enterprise or expand their existing business. During January, 9 clinic days were undertaken, delivering expertise to 73 businesses in Fingal.

LEAN Business Programme

The Lean Business Programme is designed to encourage clients to adopt Lean business principles in their organisations to increase competitiveness. The first LEAN programme in 2020 run by the four LEOs in the Dublin region commenced on Thursday the 30th of January 2020.

Food Starter

This 'Food Starter programme' is a short two-day programme designed to help those with a food idea or those at a very early stage of starting up a food business (typically the first 24 months). The first Food Starter programme in 2020 run by the

four LEOs in the Dublin region will take place on the 7th and 21st February 2020.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Balbriggan Socio Economic Strategy

Implementation of the Our Balbriggan Rejuvenation Strategy 2019 – 2025 continues to make strong progress across its four pillars: Local Economy, Public Realm, Education, Training & Employment & Community Affairs & Integration. The next Balbriggan Leadership Group, chaired by Professor Brian MacCraith, will take place on 25th February, actions are tracked and monitored at this meeting.



The Our Balbriggan Rejuvenation strategy generated significant national, regional and local coverage in 2019, this trend is set to continue. The strategy and its delivery generated 147 print articles with a combined advertising value equivalency of €451,493. The population of Balbriggan are highly informed and engaged with the process of transformation, 4,000+ people (25% of the population over 12yrs) responded to the call to action to get involved in the plans formulation. Social media channels (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter) designed to promote awareness, pride and involvement in the community have 4,620 followers. All published research, plans and public engagement results are accessible at www.balbriggan.ie, the webpage

includes a facility for individuals to leave an email address to receive direct updates, this service currently has 3082 email subscribers.

Adherence to the plans four implementing values: (1) Creativity (2) Empowerment (3) Accountability (4) Simplicity, ensure messaging is clear, frequent and communicated in a way which resonates, builds trust, community involvement and solutions.

Local Development

Fingal Local Community Development Committee

The next meeting of the Fingal LCDC will be held on the 24th February, where updates will be given on the key areas of LEADER and SICAP and the various Local Development and Community Development funding programmes.

SICAP

The draft annual Fingal SICAP plan for 2020 has been submitted to Pobal and the LCDC. The draft plan has been prepared by Empower and the Fingal LCDC SICAP Oversight Committee. The Fingal LCDC is engaging with Pobal on the content of the draft plan. The final plan will be approved by the Fingal LCDC on the 24th February and signed off with Pobal by the 28th February 2020. The Fingal SICAP programme progressed well in 2019 with early indications that the 2019 annual plan's targets have been fully met.



LEADER Programme

The Fingal LEADER Programme continues to accelerate the funding of eligible projects in the administrative areas of Fingal, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown and South Dublin.



At the last Dublin Rural LEADER Action Group Meeting in December, €585,000 was approved for new projects in Rural Dublin. During 2019, over €1.5 million was approved over 18 projects. In the programme to date, 61 projects have been approved for €2.8 million. Of these 42 are in Fingal. 4 in Dun Laoghaire Rathdown and 15 in South Dublin. The pipeline of new projects to be brought to the LAG for consideration in the first quarter of 2020 is strong. The next meeting of the LAG will be held in February.

Fingal County Council continues to deliver the financial and administrative oversight responsibilities for the approval and drawdown of LEADER funded projects following the national transfer of the LEADER Article 48 Administrative Checks from Pobal to the Local Authority Sector.

Enterprise Centres

Occupancy rates at the Council's three enterprise centres in January 2020 were Drinan 97%, BASE 91% and BEaT 88%. The three Enterprise Centres currently support 69 businesses and 345 jobs.





Enquiries for new Shared Digital Workspace at the Beat Centre Balbriggan are currently being taken. Over 1,000 sq feet of Shared Digital Workspace is now open comprising 8 Desks. A further 3,600 sq feet of space in the Enterprise Centre is to be developed shortly and LEADER funding of €200,000 has been pre-approved to enable this. The total Budget available for the redevelopment of the Centre is €260,000. The Beat Enterprise Centre continues to support the work of the Our Balbriggan Project in the area of enterprise support and workspace provision.

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Road Safety Section

“Your Life, Your Choice Campaign”

The Road Safety Section successfully launched Fingal County Council’s ‘Your Life, Your Choice’ campaign on 29th January in Castleknock Community College.



The ‘Your life, Your choice’ campaign is the first time a road safety instruction programme incorporates virtual reality (VR) technology and is sponsored by AVIVA Driving School. The VR headsets provide a unique seven-minute simulation experience of a serious road incident, with the user being fully immersed as a front seat passenger into a crash scenario. The students experience an accident induced by a number of different situations, including the use of mobile

phones, distractions from other passengers, or the failure to drive within the speed limit.



Response from Students on the day was extremely positive with 100% of students stating they found the interactive headset experience very effective and much more impactful than watching a video of a road traffic collision. All students said they would recommend this to their friends to watch and that they would certainly think twice about using a mobile phone whilst driving.



New research on attitudes to motor safety by Aviva Ireland, has shown that 1 in 2 (45%) 18-24-year olds have felt unsafe travelling as a passenger in a car on more than one occasion, with 5% of the same age group feeling unsafe frequently. A total of 148 people died on Irish roads in 2019 including 5 on Fingal roads, an increase from 3 in 2018, and 19 on Dublin region roads, an increase from 14 in 2018.

The campaign will be rolled out across all secondary Schools in Fingal in the next 12 months.

Cycle Training

A further 228 students from various schools across Fingal completed cycle training during November/December 2019 as follows:

St Lukes, Tyrellstown	74 Students
St Helens, Portmarnock	81 students
St. Marnocks	73 students



The Road Safety Section will offer subventions to CYCLE RIGHT approved trainers in 2020 In our continued efforts to support and encourage safe cycling in Fingal, particularly from a young age.

Bleper Bike Share Scheme - We are continuing to identify additional locations across Fingal in partnership with Bleperbike to expand and encourage bike sharing user growth amongst commuters. We will also continue to promote awareness of BleperBike through our social media platforms.

3 additional bike racks have been installed in January in the Dublin 15 area on the Ongar Road, Carpenterstown and Blanchardstown Village. 1 bike rack has been installed outside Baldoyle Community Centre as requested by the Tidy Towns Committee and local residents.

Bleperbike continue to pursue private landowners to increase parking locations across Fingal.



Newly installed racks outside Baldoyle Community Centre



350 Standard trees were planted in the Swords Area



Fly tipping being removed by Operations Department



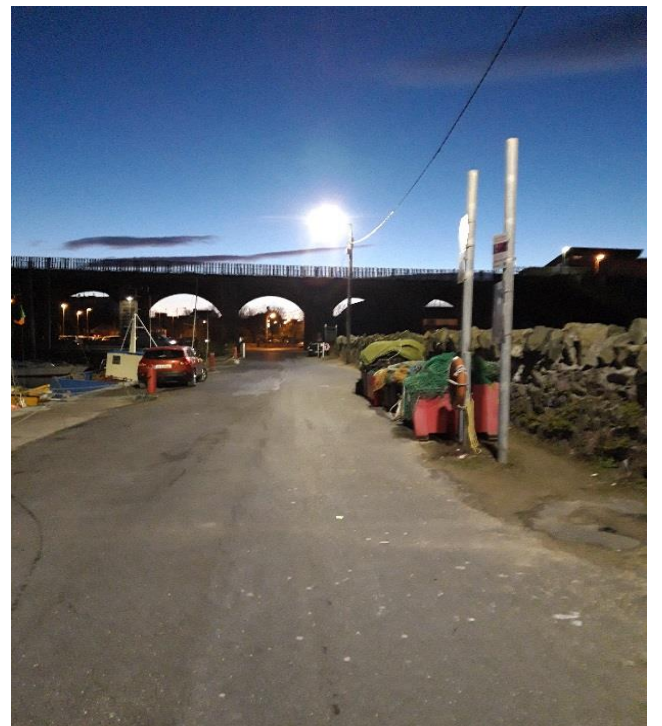
Malahide Village



Swords Operations Staff carrying out preparatory works for Portrane Urban Village Renewal Scheme.

Street Lighting

Street lighting works begin in Malahide Village - replacing existing columns damaged after recent storms. The lighting in Balbriggan Harbour is replaced with new marine grade luminaires designed to better withstand adverse weather conditions.



Balbriggan Harbour

LED Programme: In January the LED Upgrade Program saw 391 LED Upgrade works carried out in the following locations:-

- Brackenwood Estate, Hamlet Lane, Hampton Gardens, New Haven, The Hastings...Balbriggan
- Beverton Estate...Donabate
- Clonmethan Green...Oldtown
- Palmer Avenue...Rush
- Old Hansfield Road Pedestrian/Cycleway...Ongar
- Blakestown Way...Huntstown
- Stanford Hill...Lucan
- Abbey Street...Howth

Traffic Operations Unit

Traffic Management Schemes

2019 Traffic Signal Contract – Work is coming to a close on the installation, ESB connections and commissioning of the 8 pedestrian / zebra crossings at various locations throughout Fingal. The following crossings are now fully operational:

- Clonsilla Road
- Powerstown Road,
- Station Road Ongar

The remainder have been installed and are awaiting final ESB connection

2019 VAS Signage Contract –The appointed Contractor has completed the erection of all DFS (speed readers), Bicycle VAS and warning VAS.



Bicycle VAS sign in Dublin 15

2019 Ramps Contract – All new ramps and ramp repairs are now complete.



Completed ramp in Dublin 15

2019 Junction Reconfiguration – Balrothery

Contractor is nearing completion of Phase 1 in reconfiguring 2 junctions in Balrothery from Mini roundabouts to T junctions. Phase 2 is due to begin in the coming weeks.

This includes a build out area where landscaping will be installed as well as additional drainage associated signage and road markings.



Before



After



Before



After



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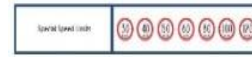


After

Speed Limits Project

Fingal County Council Speed Limit Review 2019

This book illustrates the proposed speed limits for the county of Fingal to be implemented through special speed limit bye-laws in 2019.



The symbology of the framework is as follows:

- Default
- 30 km/h
- 40 km/h
- 50 km/h
- 60 km/h
- 70 km/h
- 80 km/h
- 90 km/h
- 100 km/h
- 120 km/h

Periodic limits are shown as follows:

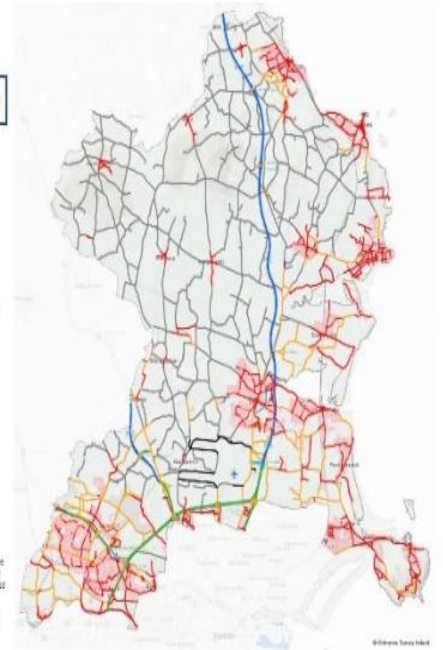
- periodic 50/30 km/h
- periodic 60/40 km/h

Roads in charge and maintained by DAA.

Default Speed Limits	
Default 60-80 km/h	
Local (residential) 30	
Local (residential) 40	
Local (residential) 50	
Local (residential) 60	
Local (residential) 70	
Local (residential) 80	
Local (residential) 90	
Local (residential) 100	
Local (residential) 110	
Local (residential) 120	

The map on this page is an overview map showing the proposed limits for the entire county. On the next page is a context page for the rest of the book where detailed 1:25,000 maps are provided for all roads. The scale bar on each map shows the distance between measurements are being taken.

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The speed limit bye-laws for the entire county has now completed its first draft stage. The draft document will go to public consultation in February. Almost 200 maps have been generated for the review at a very high level of detail.

Traffic Control Project

Traffic Signals Maintenance Contract: The Traffic Assets information on the Deadsure system is now complete. This information will form part of the Traffic Signals Contract.

The Traffic Signals Maintenance Contract documents are now complete and are being reviewed.

It is envisaged the Traffic Signals Maintenance Contract will be procured on tenders in February 2020.

Traffic Infrastructure Mapping

Work is ongoing on the mapping of the traffic infrastructure on the GIS system.

Bridge Rehabilitation Project

Ivy vegetation removal was completed on 4 No. bridges.



Wimbletown Bridge

Church Road Bridge



Hearse Road

Wyanstown

Rehabilitation of Knightstown Bridge, Colecot Bridge & Callaighwee Bridge

All site works have been completed and work is ongoing on the completion of the Safety Files for all three bridges.



Rehabilitation of Curragh, Curragh West & Clonsaugh Bridges

The Ivy removal has been completed. The Engineering Consultant to carry out the design of the bridge rehabilitations and preparation of tender documents has been appointed.

Christmas trees mulched at Millennium Park

Approximately 5500 Christmas trees were deposited in Millennium Park from 1st – 15th January. The trees were mulched on site by the Operations Crews and subsequently the mulch was spread along the woodland walk in Millennium Park which reduced the carbon footprint associated with transporting it elsewhere.





Road Resurfacing Works



Footpath improvement works

The dishing of the footpath at Belgree House has recently been completed which will greatly improve the access for mobility impaired individuals.



R806 Castleknock Road Resurfacing Works

Parks Winter Works Programme 2019/2020

The parks Winter Works Programme is carried out on an annual basis between November and February and involves tree pruning, hedge cutting/thinning and tree planting.



Pruning works at Samuel Reservoir, Howth



Tree pruning works in Moyclare, Baldoye

Bridge Restoration

One of the older wooden bridges at the West Lawn in Malahide Demesne which was originally built by us was in a poor state of repair and needed restoration. All the new wooden sections required were fabricated in-house in our own workshop. The bridge has been restored to its former glory and is once again open to the public.



Bridge Restoration at West Lawn, Malahide

Fleet Management & Plant Hire Unit

Hires put in Place

There were 57 hires put in place from 1st January – 24th January, engaging 20 suppliers.

Included in these were:

- Generators at the Event at Malahide Casino.
- Hire of lorry to the Castleknock/Mulhuddart parks.



Lorry at Woodchipper training at Millennium Park.

FLEET PURCHASE

Fleet Management Unit purchased three Bandit Woodchippers. Two for Castleknock/Mulhuddart Operations & one for Howth/Malahide.



Sea defence repair works in Skerries Co. Dublin following significant damage to the sea defence wall following Storm Brendan



Surface Water

In order to mitigate the impact of heavy rainfall events on the County's road network, the Operations Department has identified the need to upgrade a number of localised road drainage networks across the County.

It is anticipated that necessary improvement works will be completed by the end of the year .



Fingal County Council is applying for FLAG funding for the design and preparation of a **Beach Management Plans** (BMP) for all designated bathing areas which will be designed to maximise existing resources in managing a co-ordinated approach to beach management involving all relevant stakeholders.

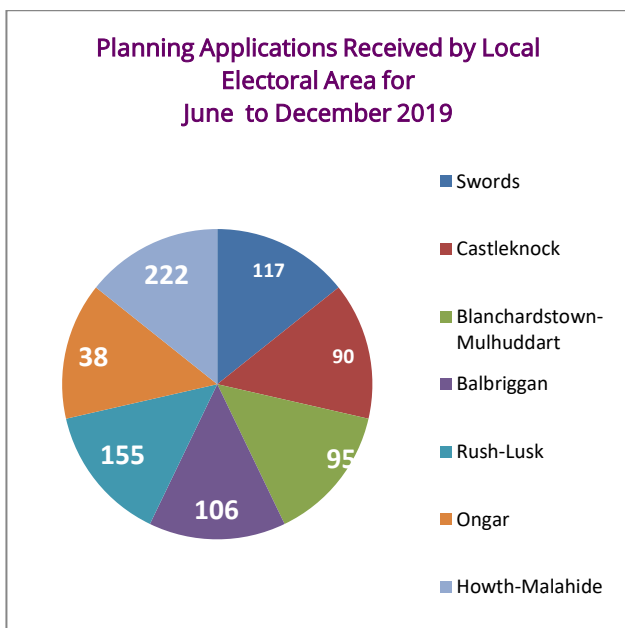
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Planning Applications

There have been 1364 planning applications received to the end of December 2019. 151 of these applications were invalid leaving a total of 1213 valid applications. The volume of applications received by Local Electoral Area (LEA) is detailed in the table below. Please note that the data for individual LEA's is only available from June 2019.

During 2019, there were a total of 13 SHD applications for 3,043 units, two of which were refused by An Bord Pleanála for 461 units. There are currently 11 live SHD application in the formal planning process.



Planning Decisions

A total of 1150 planning decisions have been made to the end of December 2019. There have been 935 decisions to grant permission (81%) and 215 refusals of permission (19%). There have been 86 grants of permissions in respect of single house construction, 504 grants of permission for domestic extensions, 268 commercial/retail grants of permission and 33 grants of permission in respect of housing developments – 3 of which related to 100 plus developments, 8 of which related to development 50 - 100 housing units and 20 of which related to developments of 2-20 housing units.

Building Control

There were 177 Disability Access Certificates submitted to the end of December 2019, of these 165 have been granted, 1 was deemed not required and 3 are currently on time extension. There were 263 Fire Safety Certificates submitted to the end of December 2019, of these 187 have been granted, 5 were invalidated and 55 are currently on time extension.

Planning Enforcement

Ongoing investigation of alleged unauthorised development in the County continued throughout 2019. There were 325 Warning Letters and 25 Enforcement Notices issued in 2019 (a further 6 enforcement notices have issued in January 2020). Individual cases are processed/finalised in a number of ways to address unauthorised development. When necessary Court proceedings are initiated to resolve matters and the Council had legal proceedings in 16 cases in 2019. Court Orders were secured or agreed outcomes in advance of Court was achieved in 8 cases, with another 8 cases at varying stages in the legal process.

Balbriggan Playgrounds

This month sees the opening of two new public playgrounds in Balbriggan located at The Bandstand, in Bremore Regional Park and Quay Street. Both playgrounds have been the subject of extensive public engagement and the official opening event will take place on Thursday the 13th of February.



Hole in the Wall Road / Mayne Road Junction Upgrade scheme.

The Council recently appointed a main contractor for the Hole in the Wall Road / Mayne Road Junction Upgrade scheme. The scheme will involve the realignment of the junctions of the Mayne Road with the Hole in the Wall Road and the Drumnigh Road, creating a safer road layout for all road users and removing two sub-standard junctions, resulting in a safer road alignment and new signalised junction, as well as new footpaths and cycleways, flood management measures and new water supply infrastructure. Construction is expected to commence in February with an 18 month work programme. Co-funded by Fingal County Council and the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government under the LIHAF initiative, it will both address existing safety issues and support the ongoing construction of badly needed new homes in the area, in a sustainable manner.



Donabate Pedestrian and Cycle-bridge

The Council recently approved planning permission for a number of new projects as part of an ongoing programme to enhance the transportation network in and around Donabate. In December, councillors voted to approve the construction of a new pedestrian and cycle-bridge over the Dublin to Belfast railway line. The new bridge will cross over the railway line just south of the existing road crossing at Hearse Road, facilitating a safe and segregated pedestrian and cycle route over the railway line and enhancing connections between the development lands at Corballis, Donabate Village, the railway station and Newbridge Demesne. Detailed design is progressing with a view to tendering for a works contractor in 2020.



Hearse Road Realignment

In January, the Part 8 was approved for the realignment on the R126 Hearse Road at Lanestown, which will remove a notorious bad bend and result in a 500m stretch of road upgrade for traffic travelling between the M1 Lissenhall Interchange and Donabate. This will tie into the Phase 2 design works of the Donabate Distributor Road, from the Lissenhall Interchange to the Donabate Distributor Road currently on site, for which funding has been allocated in the Capital Programme. Detailed design is progressing with a view to tendering for a works contractor in 2020.



Turvey Avenue Footpath Enhancement

Also in January, the Part 8 was approved for a footpath enhancement project at Turvey Avenue. This scheme of c.120m will fill in a missing section of footpath, thereby providing continuous footpath on the northern side of the road from the village to the residential developments further west along Turvey Avenue. Detailed design is progressing with a view to tendering for a works contractor in 2020.



Donabate Urban Framework Plan



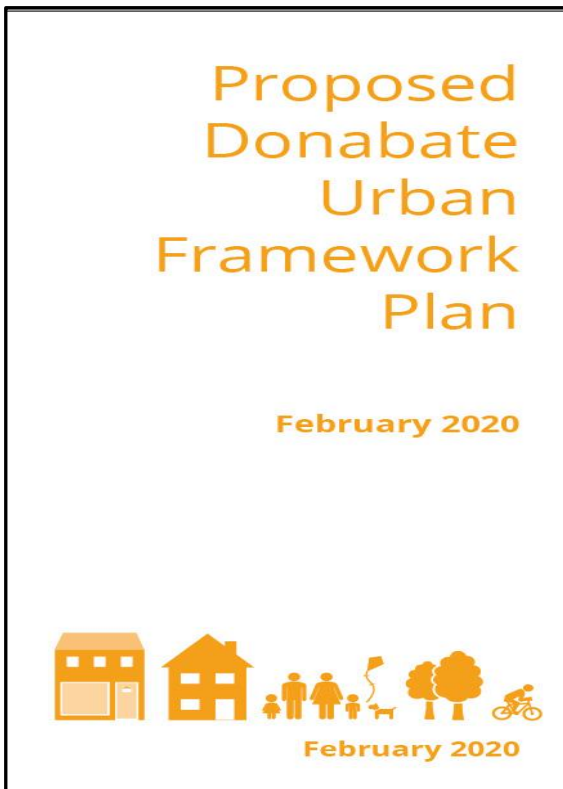
Work has commenced on an extensive consultation process in Donabate as part of the drafting of an Urban Framework Plan (UFP) for the town centre.

The Urban Framework Plan will provide a vision for the Donabate town centre which will improve and enhance the Main Street area and guide careful urban improvement. It is envisaged this Plan will highlight the distinctive character of Donabate, its setting on the peninsula, current issues pertinent to Donabate and, lastly, outline programme of actions which have been agreed with the community.

As outlined in the Fingal Development Plan, extensive and proactive participation with the community is a key feature of urban framework plans. In this regard, the work and the input from the community is crucial. The first part of this participation process took place on Tuesday 21st January 2020 in Donabate Library. Over fifty people, comprising representatives from 25 community groups, attended this workshop. The workshop, which was conducted by an independent facilitator, focused on community groups and the particular issues they face.

Over the next few weeks further workshops are planned with businesses, residents' associations and schools as part of what is an extensive participatory process which will lead to a draft plan.

This will be subject to further consultation and input from the local community.



HOUSING & COMMUNITY, CULTURE & SPORTS (H&CC&S) & LIBRARIES

Housing	Community, Culture & Sports Arts Office Community Development Office Sports Division Libraries
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Housing Supply Report

Fingal County Council is very proactive in the delivery of social housing units and continues to provide housing solutions in accordance with the Housing Strategy 2020 and Rebuilding Ireland Action Plan through a range of delivery mechanisms including construction, Part V, acquisitions, leasing and Housing Assistance Payment Scheme (HAP).

Delivery Output 2015-2018

The target set for delivery of social housing by Fingal County Council for the four year period 2015 – 2018 was **3,013** homes. Delivery output for that period was **4,194** homes.

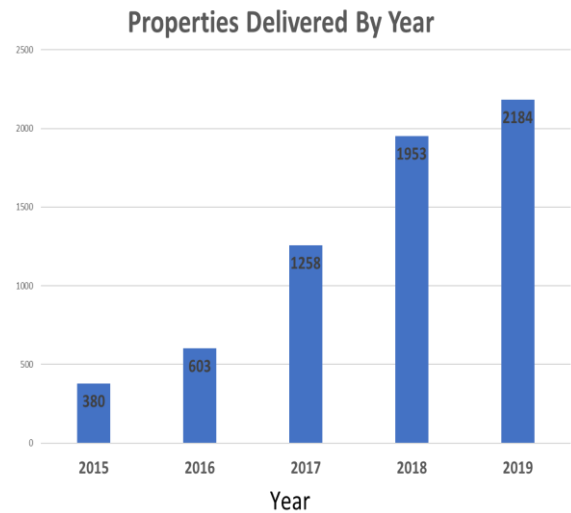
Year	Homes Delivered
2015	380
2016	603
2017	1,258
2018	1,953
TOTAL	4,194

Delivery Output 2019

A target of delivering **2,184** social housing units during 2019 was set for Fingal and that target has been met delivering housing solutions to a significant number of families across the county. Detailed delivery reports will be presented to each Area Committee shortly.

Delivered via	Target
New Build*	419
Acquisitions	121
Leasing	170
HAP	1,474
TOTAL	2,184

*Construction, Part V, Turnkey Acquisitions



It should be noted that the delivery figures for 2019 are not yet finalised.

Construction Programme

The Council has an ambitious construction programme underway with 22 sites across the county and 210 homes already delivered. The following table outlines the various stages that construction projects are currently at.

Project	Units	Status
St Cronan's x 2 schemes	15	Completed
Cappaghfinn I	14	Completed
Balrothery - North + East	9	Completed
Wellview, Dublin 15	20	Completed
Racecourse Common	74	Completed
Ballyboughal	8	Completed
Pinewood, Balbriggan	20	Completed
Estuary Road - V de Paul	8	Completed
Castlelands, Balbriggan	24	Completed
Ravenswood, Coldwinters, Peter McVerry Trust	8	Completed
Rivermeade	2	Completed
Pinewood CC, Balbriggan	2	Completed
Avondale, Dublin 15	42	Completed
Church Road, Dublin 15 - FCC	22	Completed
Rolestown Phase 1 (10 delivered Q2 2019) + (4 delivered in Q3, 2019)	20	Completed
Rolestown Phase 2	6	On Site
Rathbeale Road, Swords	24	On Site
Church Road, Dublin 15 - Cluid Housing	64	On Site
College St. Baldoyle - Cluid Housing	4	Tendering Stage
Tucketts Lane, Howth	8	Tendering Stage
Wellview Cul de Sacs	20	Tendering Stage
Cappagh, Dublin 11	69	Tendering Stage
Outlands, Swords	11	Tendering Stage
Kilhedge Lane - Tuath Housing Association	48	Planning Stage
Church Fields Phase 2B, Mulhuddart, D15	70	Planning Stage

Former Leonards Garage, Lusk	11	Planning Stage
Church Road, Lusk	5	Planning Stage
Garristown-North and East Housing Association	5	Planning Stage
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In addition, there are a number of schemes at pre-planning stage which will be brought forward to the relevant area committees over the coming year

Church Fields, Dublin 15

Approaches to housing delivery on the strategic land bank at Church Fields, Dublin 15 are being finalised, with the Project Talamh Programme Office conducting economic and financial modelling and analysis. Progress on delivering the housing potential of the site continues;

- An initial phase of the housing development of Church Fields has been approved and is at tendering stage – 20 homes.
- The next phase of development consisting of 70 social houses will be presented at this Council meeting for approval.
- Funding has been approved under the Serviced Sites Fund (SSF) to enable delivery of key road and green infrastructure to facilitate the development of the site.
- Work is underway on the design of the road link between Damastown Road and Wellview Avenue including the upgrade of the existing Wellview Avenue and a cycle way adjacent to Church Road. The Part XI public consultation has commenced for this project.
- The green infrastructure design is also underway as outlined in the Land Management Plan.

The Area Committee will continue to be briefed on in relation to development on the overall site.

Land Development Agency

The Council is working closely with the Land Development Agency (LDA) to bring forward land banks located in Fingal to unlock their potential to deliver mixed tenure housing.

The Council has received funding under the SSF for lands at Hackettstown in Skerries which is in the Land Aggregation Scheme and currently in the ownership of the Housing Agency/LDA. The Council has been working with the LDA and the Housing Agency to bring this site forward for development.

Part V Delivery

Delivery under Part V has increased year on year with the upturn in construction. Early on-site delivery of units is the approach taken by the Council in Part V negotiations with developers. Over 350 homes have been delivered under Part V since 2015. A detailed report on Part V delivery is presented quarterly to each Area Committee.

Approved Housing Bodies

The Approved Housing Bodies continue to play an important role in the delivery of social housing and the Council continues to work closely with AHB's operating in the County.

Other Development Opportunities

The Housing Department are available to meet with developers who are building across the county with a view to exploring opportunities to bring forward proposals to increase the supply of social housing.

Serviced Sites Fund

The Serviced Sites Fund (SSF) provides for enabling infrastructure to facilitate the delivery of affordable homes on local authority and Housing Agency sites. Fingal County Council has received approval in principle for the following projects which will enable the delivery of social, affordable purchase and affordable rental homes at scale on strategically located sites in the county;

Church Fields	€ 11m
Cappagh	€ 3.5m
Dun Emer, Lusk	€ 1.5m
Hackettstown, Skerries	€ 2.2m (LDA site)

Affordable Dwelling Purchase Arrangements

The Affordable Dwelling Purchase Scheme is a national initiative that will see affordable homes built on state owned land in co-operation with local authorities.

The procurement process for the developed design, construction, delivery and sale of 39 affordable residential units at Dun Emer, Lusk is nearing completion and the Council anticipate that the contractor will be appointed shortly with the first phase of housing being completed Q1 2021.

It is proposed to bring further detail and updates on this scheme to the Area Committee shortly.

Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan

RIHL was launched on 1st February 2018 and, for those meeting the eligibility criteria, it offers a choice of two different loan products with low interest rates. Further details and application forms available on www.rebuildingirelandhomeloan.ie

Number of applications received to date	911
Number of applications approved	422
Value of the loans approved	€93,625,131
Number of loans drawn down	196
Value of loans drawn down	€42,964,849.00

Circular LG 2/2020 notified Local Authorities that new interest rates would apply to applications that were considered by the Local Authority after the 15th January 2020. The new fixed interest rates are 2.745% for loans of terms up to 25 years, and 2.995% for loans up to 30 years.

Private Rented Inspections

In February 2018, all local authorities were issued with targets for the Inspection of Private Rented Properties by the DHPLG in conjunction with its Strategy for the Private Rental Sector – a key component of Rebuilding Ireland. The aim is to increase the national average inspection rate from 6% to 25% of registered rental properties by 2021. The targets are based on the percentage of tenancies registered with the RTB, which within the Fingal County Council administrative area was 21,034 at end of 2018.

The annual targets are as follows:

2018 (10%)	2019 (15%)	2020 (20%)	2021 (25%)
2,072	3,155	4,207	5,259

The target set for inspections during 2019 has been met.

February Photos from social housing construction schemes

Rathbeale Road, Swords Co Dublin - 24 units:



Rolestown , 26 units:



Avondale, Mulhuddart, D15 – 42 units



Housing Tenancy Services Report

Housing Support

Social Housing Support

117 offers of Social Housing Support issued during January 2020 which equates to 5.2 offers per working day, during January.

Housing Assistance Payment (HAP)

727 HAP tenancies were registered in 2019, with a further 240 tenancies being progressed. A total 2,048 tenancies have been established since HAP was introduced in Fingal in 2017.

Homeless Services

Fingal County Council is currently in contact with circa 589 families who are in homeless circumstances or at risk of homelessness.

519 families have exited homelessness during 2019 (including 366 Homeless HAP tenancies), with further tenancy arrangements due to conclude through the various forms of social housing support.

Since 1st January 2020, 49 households have exited homelessness through various forms of social housing support, including HAP.

The Councils Homeless Clinic, which is open every day, assesses households experiencing homelessness. Advice and support is provided to these households by the Homeless Team, in addition to information regarding the options available to them. The Council works in conjunction with various agencies such as Focus Ireland and Threshold in supporting homeless families.

Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019-2024

Proposed Traveller Group Housing at Stockhole Lane, Baskin

The Council, at its meeting on 13th January, adopted the proposal to construct 7 No dwellings as part of a Traveller specific group housing scheme on Stockhole Lane, Baskin in accordance with Part XI of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001(as amended), Fingal County Council. The preparation of tender documentation has been commenced by the County Architect.

Returning Dwellings to Productive Use

The number of casual voids within Social Housing Stock which are currently in the re-let process is as set out in the table below;

Voids	At 31 st January 2020
In letting process	24
Undergoing re-let repairs	20
With County Architect for procurement of pre-let repairs	39
TOTAL	83

Planned Maintenance Programmes

Boiler Servicing

The council provides an annual boiler servicing facility, including all maintenance and upgrade works, for a nominal fee of €3 per week to participating tenant. The 2020 servicing programme is due to commence within the coming weeks.

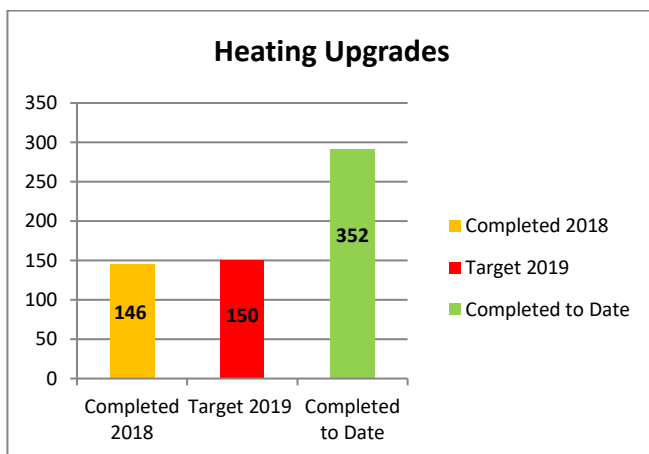
Cyclical Maintenance

This programme provides for external painting and joinery repairs to council housing stock. Currently the programme operates on a 6/7 year cycle. Weather conditions permitting, painting works in the remaining 120 dwellings in Fortlawne and Sheepmore Estates, Dublin 15 should be complete by end of March. The next batch of estates to be procured, for commencement of works in late spring, is as set out below;

Estate	
St Patricks Park,	Donabate
Castlecurragh Heath/Vale	Dublin 15
Dromheath	Dublin 15
Shamrock Park	Oldtown
Windmill Estate	Skerries
Toberburr Avenue	St Margarets
The Bawn Grove/ The Hill	Malahide
Kirkfield Cottages	Clonsilla
Lambeecker Estate	Balbriggan

Heating Upgrades

Boiler upgrades are continuing based on the Council's commitments under its Climate Change Action Plan. These include boiler and systems upgrades as part of re-let repairs to void properties.

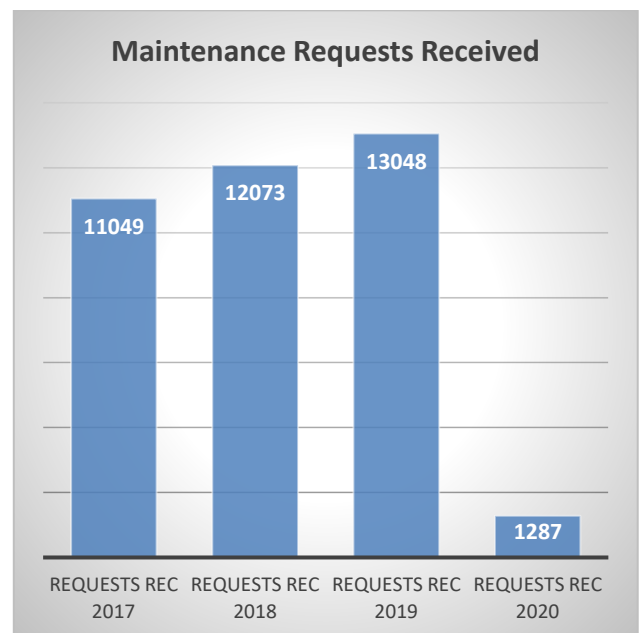


Estate Maintenance and Grass Cutting

The Housing Maintenance Division provides a grass cutting service for circa 350 elderly or vulnerable tenants, within its housing estates. In addition, grass cutting is provided in small areas of open space, not covered by Operations Department, with the overall objective of improving the visual aspect of the estates.

Laneways provided to the rear of dwellings in the older estates can be a source of dumping and anti-social behaviour and the Housing Maintenance Division works with local residents to find solutions where issues exist. In some cases, laneways are gated and keys provided to adjoining residents for local access. In other situations, where all householders are in agreement, laneways can be incorporated into the adjoining rear gardens.

Total Maintenance Requests



Anti-Social Behaviour/Inspectorate/Welfare/Stock Management

The ongoing management and sustainment with regard to social tenancies and good estate management falls within the remit of the ASB/Inspectorate Unit. Alleged breaches pertaining to tenancy agreements are investigated and pursued in accordance with Housing legislative guidelines.

There are occasions when the vulnerabilities, complexities and health related issues associated with a tenancy require tenancy sustainment intervention and supports. Ongoing case management and review with a variety of external agencies, including Approved Housing Bodies, An Garda Síochána, Tusla and the HSE is a necessity to ensure all agencies work collaboratively with a view to achieving best outcomes.

Stock Management

46 cases under review – 14 regularisations, 16 breaches (allegations of sub-lets, abandonments, illegal occupiers), 16 Miscellaneous

14 downsizing, 16 Miscellaneous

Surrenders 84 (2019)

Housing Welfare

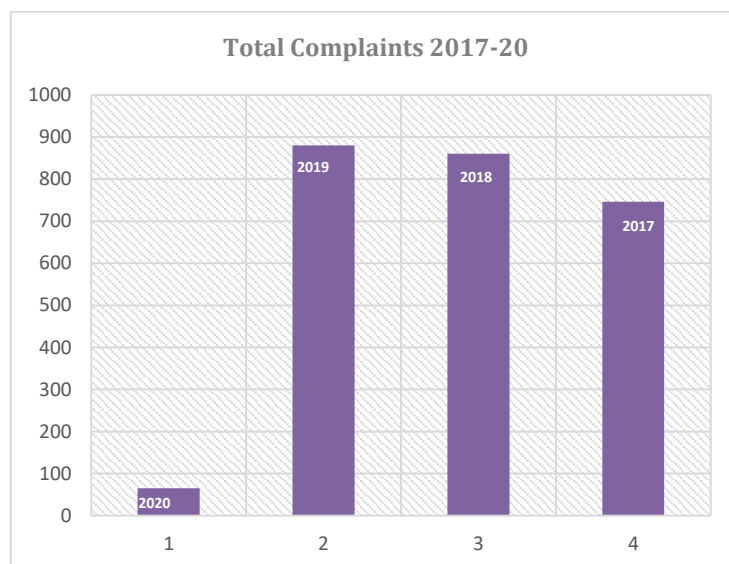
The Social Workers attached to the Housing Department are available to support vulnerable tenancies and to work with housing applicants who have medical/welfare needs.

In addition, there are currently 20 cases being provided with supports by the Tenancy Sustainment Service.

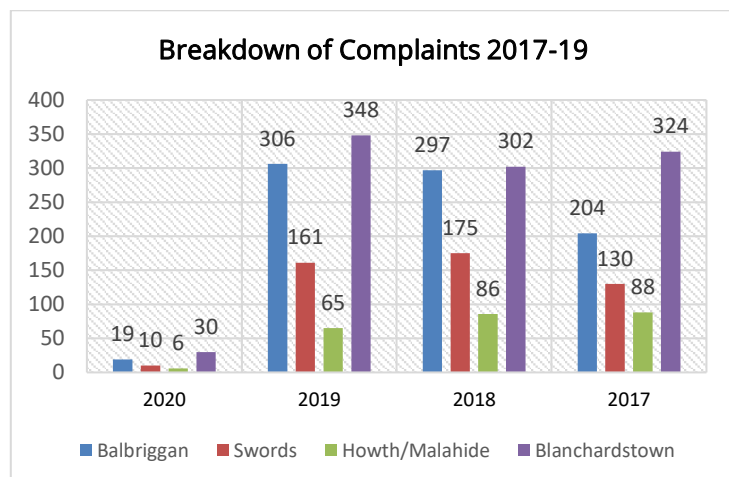
Anti-Social Behaviour

	Active Investigation	Active Monitoring	Closed
Dublin 15	22	14	6
North County	32	23	4
TOTALS	54	37	10

Total Complaints Received



Area Breakdown of Complaints



Anti-Social Interventions

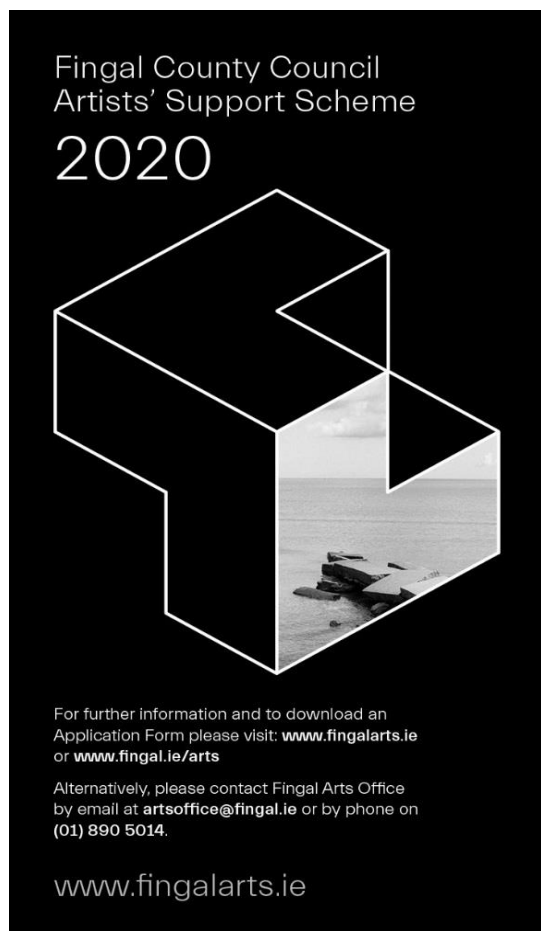
Interviews Held 2019	123
Interviews Held 2020	14
Tenancy Alerts 2019	30
Tenancy Alerts 2020	3
Tenancy Warnings 2019	4
Tenancy Warnings 2020	0
Tenant Induction Training 2019	12
Tenant Induction Training 2020	1

Housing Inspections

Traveller Specific Inspections 2019	1818
Traveller Specific Inspections 2020	155
Estate Inspections 2019	944
Estate Inspections 2020	0
EM/ASB Inspections 2019	3858
EM/ASB Inspections 2020	307

Community Culture & Sports Division

Arts Office:



The Art Life

Artist Support Scheme 2020 Open Call Announced

Fingal County Council invites applications from artists for up to €4,000 of an award towards travel and professional development opportunities, a residency, or the development of work. The award is open to practising artists at all stages in their professional careers working in music, visual art, drama, literature and dance.

To be eligible to apply, applicants must have been born, have studied, or currently reside in the Fingal administrative area. The funding is for projects or initiatives which will take place between 01 May and 31 December 2020. **Closing date for receipt of applications: Friday 28 February 2020 at 4pm.**

For further details and an application form see <https://www.fingal.ie/artists-support-scheme-2020>



Artists Jenny Brady & Ruth Lyons with Fingal TY Students and Fine Art Students at TU Dublin, January 2020.

The Art Life is an arts-in-education initiative that brings young people from Swords and Balbriggan together with artists and cultural producers through a series of creative workshops and field trips. The art and civic engagement themes explored will provide a context for initial discussions on the infrastructural developments underway in both Swords and Balbriggan. All post-primary schools in both towns were invited to express an interest in this new initiative.

Bremore Educate Together in Balbriggan and Fingal Community College in Swords were delighted to begin the project this month with a 'making day' at TU Dublin. Third level Fine Art students worked with the second level TY Students to explore art materials and artistic processes that will enable them to unpack themes within the project. The next phase will see artists Jenny Brady and Ruth Lyons take up a residency in each school and facilitate workshops influenced by their own art practices.



Infrastructure 2019 - 2021 Public Art Award – John Byrne

The Arts Office has announced an open call to the public asking people from across Fingal to participate in making an iconic artwork which will be permanently displayed in a prominent site within the Swords Cultural Quarter.

John Byrne has been commissioned by the Council under the Infrastructure 2018 – 2021 Public Art Programme and is planning to create a giant photographic image, featuring a cross-section of people in Fingal, which will be printed and fired onto steel panels. The image will reference two well-known historical European paintings for which Byrne will cast a broad range of Fingal residents who will be immortalised in the artwork. John created the famous Last Supper in Dublin's Italian Quarter and "Misneach" – Ballymun girl on a horse cast from the original John Henry Foley Equestrian Statue.

Creative Fingal Project Awards 2020

As part of Fingal's Creative Ireland Programme, the Council invites grant applications for the Creative Fingal Project Awards 2020. The fund will provide support to individuals and/or local groups, operating on a not for profit basis, for projects which promote creativity and encourage community participation in the county.

Applications are **open until 28th February 2020** and will offer between €3,000 and €10,000 to projects that creatively address the themes of Community Wellbeing and Culture, Heritage, Music, STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics) and the Irish Language. Centred on identity, culture and citizenship, the Creative Ireland Programme is dedicated to providing meaningful support to individuals and creative groups from all disciplines. Further information on the Creative Fingal Project Awards 2020 can be obtained by visiting <https://www.fingal.ie/creative-fingal-project-awards-2020>.

Community Development Office:

The Chinese New Year was celebrated in style in Balbriggan on Saturday 18th January. The event was organised by the Balbriggan Chinese School and invited guests included the Mayor of Fingal Councillor Eoghan O'Brien and the Deputy Chief of Mission from the Chinese Embassy, Councillor Huang He.

Key elements of the well-organised event included an exhibition of art works from students of the school in the Balbriggan library, an exchange of gifts between the dignitaries and an opportunity for the dignitaries to paint their names in Chinese using the traditional ink painting technique. The Balbriggan Chinese School operates from the Flemington Community Centre in Balbriggan and runs Chinese art and language classes for the whole community. It is recently established and already very embedded into the community fabric of Balbriggan, having won best entry in the Balbriggan St Patrick's Day parade in 2019.

**PPN Workshop on Fingal County Council
Biodiversity Plan**



Fingal PPN partnered with Fingal Comhairle na nÓg and facilitated a Workshop on the Fingal Biodiversity Plan 2020 – 2025 held by Hans Visser, Biodiversity Officer in the Council Chamber, County Hall. The group were engaging, involved and really enjoyed the discussions that took place around the key issues for nature conservation and raising awareness together with education in relation to Biodiversity in Fingal.



Signing Ceremony

Memorandum of Understanding between Fingal PPN and Fingal County Council

The signing ceremony took place on Tuesday, 28th January in County Hall, Swords. The Fingal PPN Secretariat was delighted to present this Memorandum of Understanding between Fingal PPN and Fingal County Council. This MOU outlines

in a clear and unambiguous manner the roles and responsibilities of Fingal County Council and Fingal PPN with regards to the delivery of the PPN Programme in Fingal. The Memorandum was signed by Ema Idowu on behalf of the Secretariat, Fingal County Council Mayor, Eoghan O'Brien and Fingal County Council Chief Executive Officer, Ann Marie Farrelly.



Sailing into Wellness 2019 Project:

Fingal funded a pilot program run by Sailing into Wellness during 2018 & 2019. The overall aim of this project was to offer a natural and healthy solution for our communities to look after their physical and mental well-being. The program was designed for clients with complex needs from a variety of backgrounds, primarily our marginalised communities. Challenges include addiction, reintegration into society from prison, learning difficulties, communication skills, employability and poor mental health.

Groups from Blanchardstown Drug Prevention & Education Project, Tolka River Project Addiction Recovery Program and Coolmine Therapeutic Community all participated in this program, which included a mix of day sailing in Howth, overnight

voyages along the Fingal coastline and adventure expeditions on a historic sailing vessel on the South West coast.

The program was evaluated by the [NEAR](#) research team from the NUI Galway and common trends were observed. Participants repeatedly report that SIW activities help them build confidence and develop teamwork and communication skills. Several participants report this activity as a possibly life changing experience and most report this as a highlight of their recovery program. The program has provided pathways to further education; five Tolka River Project clients and one Coolmine participant have gone into full time education in adventure therapy accredited by the ETB and have directly attributed to their experience on this program.



Fingal Comhairle na nÓg:

Fingal Comhairle na nÓg attended a workshop organised by the PPN on Saturday 18th January. The aim of the workshop was for the young people to work with Hans Visser Bio-Diversity Officer and give their submissions for the draft biodiversity Plan for Fingal. Fingal Comhairle' s main topic for 2020 is Climate Action so there were plenty of ideas for the plan. The morning was a great success with 20 young people attending from across Fingal.



Community Development Office: CFMSU

Management Licences:



A number of Community Centres have received their signed and sealed Management licences to manage and operate their community facilities on behalf of Fingal County Council. The following centres have received their licences: Mulhuddart Community Centre, Mountview Youth and Community Centre, Fortlawne Community Centre, Parslickstown House, Corduff Resource Centre, Mountview Family Resource Centre, Donabate Portrane Community Centre, Rush Multi-Purpose Facility, Liam Rodgers Centre, Ongar Community Centre, Blakestown Community Centre, Holywell Community Centre, Flemington Community Centre & Applewood Community Centre.

Fingal Community Facilities Network:



Fingal Community Facilities Network has been selected as a finalist in Best Connected Council (Communication & Digital Marketing) for the 2020 LAMA All Ireland Community and Council Awards in association with IPB Insurance.

Sports Division:

Operation Transformation Walks

In excess of 900 enthusiastic walkers and runners took part in four Operation Transformation walks organised by the Sport Office. We linked in with ParkRun to stage two walks in Swords and Porterstown Park. We also had our second annual walk in Balbriggan, which was led by the Mayor with our first walk in Tyrrelstown Park lead by the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Freddie Cooper and the Chief Executive. We were delighted to see Councillors and the public supporting the walks on a cold morning in January. A special word of thanks goes to the Operations Dept for their cooperation and support.



New football programmes up and walking in Balbriggan and Corduff

The FCC and the FAI hosted its first Walking Football Festival of the new year in the new state of the art indoor All-Weather Pitch at the National Sports Campus Indoor Arena in Abbottstown on Saturday 18th January. 14 teams participated, with a good representation from Fingal.

Over 120 players took part on the day, walking football is targeted at the over 50s, it attracts participants who have retired from playing and new player who have never played football before.

There are several Walking Football Programmes delivered throughout Fingal. There are several social benefits from this programme, the opportunity for this age group to meet new people and chat over the compulsory cuppa at the end of the session is a huge success, not to mention the health benefits from the activity itself.



Futsal Tournament

Stephen Kenny helped launch the FCC/FAI annual 6 weeks of futsal for 1000+ young players from u8 to u11 throughout Fingal. The tournament takes place four venues. The Programme includes a Nutrition section, where the participants received a booklet "Make Nutrition you Goal" a guide to healthy eating.

LIBRARIES

National advertising campaign launched featuring Fingal Library Staff



Libraries Ireland have launched a promotional video featuring staff from local authorities around the country including two of our colleagues from Fingal Libraries - Raquel Murillo and Syed Muhammad Ali Baqri. The promotional campaign is called 'Take a Closer Look' and it invites the public to discover everything on offer at their local library. The campaign includes radio ads and video screenings in cinemas and on social media platforms.

Spring 2020 brochure



Our latest brochure is full of information about events taking place in branch libraries in Fingal this Spring. There are talks and workshops to keep you and your family healthy, informed and entertained and drop in sessions to learn more about our E-Services. All events are free of charge although some require advance booking. Pick up the brochure at your nearest library in Fingal or access it online at www.fingal.ie/libraries

Launch of Balbriggan Chinese Art Exhibition



There was great excitement at Balbriggan Library on Saturday 18th January when the Mayor of Fingal, Cllr. Eoghan O'Brien launched the Balbriggan Chinese School Children's Art Exhibition celebrating the Chinese New Year. Also in attendance was Cllr. Grainne Maguire, the Deputy Head of Mission of the Chinese Embassy Mr. Huang He and about 60 Members of the Balbriggan Chinese Community.

'What in the World? 50 Countries 50 Stories

Blanchardstown Library, Europe Direct Centre, will host an exhibition 'What in the World? 50 Countries 50 Stories' for the first two weeks in February. Featuring a range of human right stories, since 2004, the RTE Television series 'What in the World' has filmed in over 50 countries across Africa, Asia and the Americas. This exhibition will feature compelling stories of fifty people featured in the films along with a montage of footage from the series.

BT Young Scientist



The BT Young Scientist took place in the RDS from 9-11th January. Fingal Libraries was on site as part of the Council's exhibition stand. The Libraries Dept. showcased e-services, promoting library membership and demonstrating Ozbots (toy robots) as part of the Libraries and Creative Fingal STEM programme.

Healthy Ireland At Your Library



Healthy Ireland
at your Library

The nationwide Healthy Ireland At Your Library programme has established public libraries as a

valuable source of health information within the community. As well as providing a comprehensive collection of books and e-services on health and wellbeing, Fingal Libraries also holds free talks, discussions and workshops on healthy living and lifestyles. Topics covered this spring include handling anxiety in children and teenagers, relieving stress with Yoga and meditation, and walking the Camino.

Engineers Week: 29th Feb – 6th March



Fingal Libraries will hold events for Engineers Week to positively showcase engineering as a rewarding and creative career choice. Children can learn how to create mechanisms with Redstone, the Minecraft equivalent of electricity at Baldoyle, Malahide and Rush Libraries. Bricks4Kidz will be at Balbriggan, Sword and Howth Libraries. Blanchardstown, Donabate and Garristown Libraries will have sessions from e2 Young Engineers Ireland, on basic principles in maths, science and engineering using motorised LEGO bricks. Booking is essential for these events.

Snapshot of other events in Libraries

- The Chinkwell Adult Creative Writing Group meets every second Saturday at Donabate Library, from 11am – 1pm.
- Sensory-friendly events continue at Baldoyle library, with a sensory storytime session scheduled for 24th February.
- The Scrabble Club for children will resume at Garristown Library on Wednesday 5th February and will take place every Wednesday, 3.15pm-4.30pm, until Easter.
- Howth Library will hold an E-Services information session on 26th Feb at 3pm and a similar session will take place at Skerries Library on 3rd March at 3.30pm.
- Ciorcail Comhrá/Irish conversation i Leabharlann Ros Eo gach Máirt ar 10am.
- Find out about volunteering opportunities from the Fingal Volunteer Centre at Swords Library on Thursday, 27th February from 3:30 – 5:00 pm.

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ENVIRONMENT

Breathe Life

On February 17, 2020, The Mayor of Fingal and the Chief Executive will attend an event titled, "Making Dublin Climate Brave". This will focus on Climate Action, Air Quality and Health and will be held in the Mansion House, Dublin.

BreatheLife is a global campaign led by WHO, the Climate & Clean Air Coalition, The UN Environmental Programme and the World Bank to raise awareness about the health risks of short-lived climate pollutants, which contribute significantly to global warming and air pollution. The campaign advocates action in the areas of knowledge sharing between cities, increasing monitoring, supporting solutions and educating people.

See <https://breathelife2030.org/>

The campaign aims to support the leadership, policy and technical work of the WHO, UN Environment and the Coalition in advancing three core strategic goals:

- Engage city, subnational and national governments to commit to achieving WHO Air Quality Guidelines by 2030
- Halve the number of air pollution related deaths by 2030

- Slow the pace of climate change by 0.5 degrees Celsius by 2050

The BreatheLife campaign stresses both the practical policy measures that cities can implement (such as better housing, transport, waste, and energy systems) and measures people can take as communities or individuals (for example, to stop waste burning, promote green spaces and walking/cycling) to improve our air. Improving vehicle standards, prioritizing clean public and active transit, as well as adopting more efficient stove and fuel alternatives for cooking, lighting and heating are among the actions that can save lives and help save the planet.

The BreatheLife network includes 76 cities, regions, and countries; reaching 295 million citizens.

The WHO guideline values are set for the protection of health, and are generally stricter than the comparable politically agreed EU standards.

It is intended at this event, that the Mayor will, along with the other Mayors of the Dublin Region, sign the BreatheLife Campaign pledge on behalf of their respective authorities.

EU Air Quality Directive				WHO Guidelines	
Pollutant	Averaging Period	Objective and legal nature and concentration	Comments	Concentration	Comments
PM _{2.5}	Hourly			25 µg/m ³	99th percentile (3 days/year)
PM _{2.5}	Annual	Limit value, 25 µg/m ³		10 µg/m ³	
PM ₁₀	Hourly	Limit value, 50 µg/m ³	Not to be exceeded on more than 35 days per year	50 µg/m ³	99th percentile (3 days/year)
PM ₁₀	Annual	Limit value, 40 µg/m ³		20 µg/m ³	
O ₃	Maximum daily 8-hour mean	Target value, 120 µg/m ³	Not to be exceeded on more than 25 days per year, averaged over three years	100 µg/m ³	
NO ₂	Hourly	Limit value, 200 µg/m ³	Not to be exceeded on more than 18 times a calendar year	200 µg/m ³	
NO ₂	Annual	Limit value, 40 µg/m ³		40 µg/m ³	

Environmental Awareness



The Anti-Litter and Anti-Graffiti projects are underway around Fingal with 15 Community Groups (having been awarded €2,000 each) doing clean-ups, community garden spaces, community murals and biodiversity areas. Swords Tidy Towns completed a Mural project involving the local schools – street art to combat graffiti!!



Baleskin Reception (Migrant) Centre was the location for the Instruments Project and it is envisaged that the centre will receive many instruments over the coming months.



Pobal Neasain Baldoyle was also included in an instruments handover – they will be used by the music class students and by the Adult Education Group.

Water Quality Protection

National Environmental Enforcement Priorities have been developed for 2020. In relation to water the following priorities have been agreed for action:

National Water Priorities 2020 - 'Improving Water Status in all waterbodies'

- **WFD monitoring, bathing water monitoring, and investigative monitoring.**
- **Water quality complaints and incidents.**
- **Monitoring and enforcement of Private water supplies.**
- **Farm inspections, risk-based on catchment science:**
 - These should be either in inputting Water Bodies upstream of priority areas for action, or in Water Bodies at risk outside priority areas for action.
 - Inspections in relation to water quality protection function under the Water Framework Directive.

- **Monitoring and enforcement of Section 4 licences** (including LAWPRO referrals)
- **Inspections of septic tanks**
- **Resources for engagement, knowledge exchange within priority areas for action and referrals from LAWPRO**
 - Participation in Regional Characterisation Workshops
 - Environmental Protection Agency – workshops and water body queries

National water priorities and Fingal local enforcement activities will be incorporated into an environmental inspections plan for 2020 in line with the requirements of the Recommendation of the European Parliament and the Council providing for Minimum Criteria for Environmental Inspections in Member States (2001/331/EC).

To report a suspected water pollution incident, please contact:

Environment Department
 Phone: 01 890 5000
 Email: environment@fingal.ie

Public Consultation: *Significant Water Management Issues for Ireland's 2022-2027 River Basin Management Plan*

The Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government (DHPLG) has published a document outlining the Significant Water Management Issues for the third River Basin Management Plan for Ireland for public consultation. Ireland is currently in the early stages of preparing the third cycle River Basin Management Plan (RBMP) under the Water Framework Directive.

<https://www.catchments.ie/public-consultation-significant-water-management-issues-for-irelands-2022-2027-river-basin-management-plan/>

As part of this process the DHPLG are required to publish a consultation document that sets out

their understanding of the Significant Water Management Issues that need to be addressed in the period 2022 – 2027.

The purpose of this consultation phase is to gather your views on what are considered to be the significant water management issues for Ireland which should be addressed in the planning process for the next RBMP.

By responding, you will be helping to shape the overall management of the water environment. The information gathered will help us prepare for the next cycle of the River Basin Management Plans, by influencing the content of the draft plan due to be published by December 2021.

When replying to this consultation, it would be of assistance if you could respond online at www.surveymonkey.com/r/3HGB3HZ

This will allow you to make your comments more effectively, while helping us to gather and summarise responses quickly and accurately.

However, if you would like to respond in another way, a consultation response template can be downloaded from <https://www.housing.gov.ie/water/water-quality/water-framework-directive/public-consultation-significant-water-management>

Completed templates should be emailed to rbmp@housing.gov.ie.

Alternatively, responses can be made in writing to:

SWMI Consultation
 Water Advisory Unit
 Department of Housing Planning and Local Government
 Custom House
 Dublin 1
 D01 W6X0

The consultation period closes on **Friday 26th June, 2020.**

Litter Management

A total of 82 litter fines & 22 warning notices were issued in January as follows

Area	Fines	Warning Notices
Balbriggan/Swords/Rush/Lusk	28	13
Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/ Castleknock/Ongar	42	6
Howth/Malahide	12	3

15 court prosecutions under the Act were instigated in January.

WATER SERVICES

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Water and Drainage Services continue to be provided as agreed in the Service Level Agreement with Irish Water.

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FINGAL NOMINATED IN 8 CATEGORIES IN THE ALL IRELAND COMMUNITY & COUNCIL AWARDS 2020



Each year, the All Ireland Community and Council Awards presented by IPB Insurance and LAMA, highlight and recognise communities and councils working together, bringing national recognition to projects and developments that may otherwise go unrecognised.

The following 10 Fingal initiatives have this year been shortlisted in 8 categories for the awards;

Best Business Working with the Community

- Donabate Portrane Community Centre CLG

Best Heritage Project

- The conservation and restoration of the Casino Building Malahide

Best Disability Access & Inclusion Initiative

- The Quiet Space

Best Community Sports Team/Club

- Donabate Portrane Community & Leisure Centre

Best Connected Council (Communication & Digital Marketing)

- Fingal Community Facilities Network

Best Environmental/Ecological Project/Initiative

- Tropical Butterfly House – Malahide

Best Public Park

- Malahide Demesne
- Newbridge Demesne Public Park
- Tyrrelstown Park, Mulhuddart, Dublin 15

Best Community Based Initiative

- 'Community Car' Age Friendly Sustainable Transport Service in Fingal

The 2020 category winners will be announced at a Gala Awards Ceremony on February 15th, 2020 in Croke Park Stadium.

Register of Electors

The 2019/2020 Register of Electors, which is currently in force, contains the names of 192,229 voters of which 173,913 were entitled to vote in the recent general election. The current supplementary Register of Electors contains 7,205 names of which 6,319 were entitled to vote.

Following the announcement of the election on Monday 13th January and up to the closing date of Wednesday 22nd January, 3,202 names were added to the supplementary Register of Electors.

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Bhí an chéad chruinniú den Choiste Gaeilge nua ar 27 Eanáir agus is í an Comh. Seána Ó Rodaigh an Cathaoirleach nua. Pléadh Seachtain na Gaeilge, Fleadh Laighean agus eile.

Beidh Seachtain na Gaeilge ar siúl ón 1-17 Márta agus beidh go leor ar siúl i bhFine Gall. Tá Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall ag cuir clár le chéile agus beidh Oíche Shóisialta in Áras an Chontae Dé Máirt 10 Márta. Beidh Ceol Traidisiúnta le Paudie O'Connor, Aoife Ni Chaoimh agus Caoimhín O Fearghail agus ceoltóirí ó Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann Átha Cliath. Tá fáilte roimh chách agus beidh sólaistí ar fáil.

The poster is for an event titled "Oíche Shóisialta Sheachtain na Gaeilge" (Social Evening of the Irish Language Week). It is organized by Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall (Fingal County Council) and takes place at County Hall Swords on March 10th, 2020, starting at 6.45pm. The event features traditional music from Paudie O'Connor (button accordion), Aoife Ni Chaoimh (fiddle), and Caoimhín O Fearghail (pipes, guitar & songs). A guided walk is also mentioned. The poster includes a photo of the musicians and the Comhaltas logo.

Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

Oíche Shóisialta Sheachtain na Gaeilge
Áras an Chontae Sord 6.45pm 10 Márta 2020
County Hall Swords March 10th

Paudie O'Connor
Aoife Ni Chaoimh
&
Caoimhín O Fearghail

Musicians from Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann Átha Cliath
Paudie O'Connor (button accordion) Aoife Ni Chaoimh (fiddle) and Caoimhín O Fearghail (pipes, guitar & songs)
Everyone welcome, light refreshments served
Contact eolas@fingal.ie

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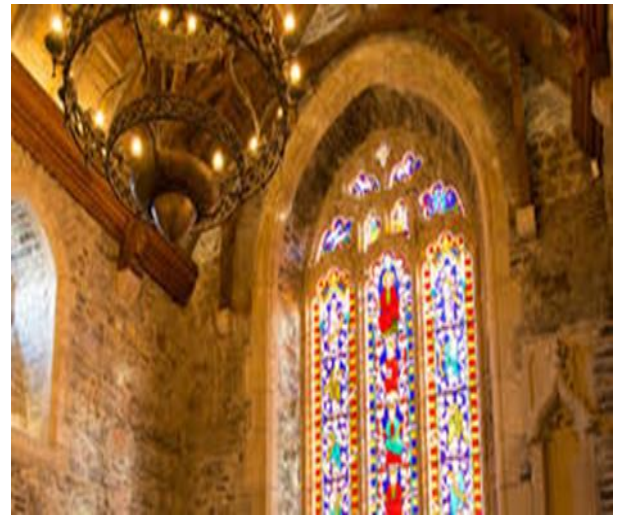
The first meeting of the new Coiste Gaeilge took place on January 27th and Cllr. Seána Ó Rodaigh is

the new Chairperson. Items discussed included Seachtain na Gaeilge and the Leinster Fleadh.

Seachtain na Gaeilge

The Seachtain na Gaeilge Irish Language Festival will take place from 1-17 March and Fingal County Council is putting together a programme of events organised by the Council and other events in the County.

- Oíche Shóisialta Sheachtain na Gaeilge At 6.45pm Tuesday March 10th in the Atrium, County Hall, Swords with Traditional Music from Paudie O'Connor, Aoife Ni Chaoimh and Caoimhín O Fearghail and musicians from Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann Átha Cliath. Everyone welcome and light refreshments will be served.
- Lón le Gaeilge in the Chapel Swords Castle on Tuesday 3rd



- Guided Walk as Gaeilge in Ardgillan Demesne on Thursday March 12th led by Irish Officer and Head Gardiner



- As usual there will be lots of events in Libraries including Óga Yóga Yoga as Gaeilge, Ronaldo Fanzini, and Music with Antaine Ó Faracháin and Nollaig MacCarthaigh in Blanchardstown Library



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Local Property Tax Allocation

The first tranche of the Local Property Tax allocation for 2020 in the sum of €3,975,084.85 of the LPT allocation of €26,804,398 has been applied against the capital self-funding requirement for Fingal County Council by the DHPLG on the 28th January 2020.

Rates

Making of the Rate

Following determination of the rate by Members at the Annual Budget Meeting, the rate was made by the Chief Executive on 23rd January 2020. The total amount of current rates assessed for 2020 is €148,820,060. All rate bills have now issued.

Financial Reports

Monthly financial reporting of the Revenue/Capital accounts and on Debtors will commence, as normal, from the period ending February 28, 2020 for the March Council meeting.

