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Chief Executive's Foreword

I hope this report finds you well. March was a busy month with events such as Local Enterprise Week, Seachtain na Gaeilge, International Women's Day and St. Patrick's Day taking place. Even though events took place virtually they were all well received and hugely successful. We should all look forward with positivity to being able to hold such events in person as the rollout of the vaccination programme continues.

Preparations for this summer are underway as we anticipate increased activity and staycations to feature strongly. We are working hard to provide a range of measures to support local businesses re-opening over the coming weeks. A recent short spell of good weather allowed people to really enjoy the wonderful amenities within their 5km limit. Our beaches, demesnes, open spaces and parks have provided much needed respite in the form of fresh air and exercise over the last 12 months and have become so important for health and wellbeing. Operations and Water Services and Environment, Climate Action and Active Travel Departments alongside the Parks and Green Infrastructure Division continually strive to ensure that we can enjoy these areas. However, it must be recognized that littering, fly tipping and dumping continue to be a challenge and with summer almost upon us I would ask that alongside the Council taking litter and enforcement action all citizens are encouraged to play their part in assisting us protect and maintain our beautiful county.

April will be another busy month as more services will be operational following the Government's recent phased reopening announcement. We will see progress on work programme delivery and capital projects which were already on site will recommence with new projects also set to start. Housing delivery is a priority and construction is about to commence on site to deliver affordable housing at Dun Emer with more projects to be brought to Council in the coming months.

We have commenced the review of the current Fingal Development Plan and preparation of the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029. Currently the public

consultation process is underway on the Strategic Issues Paper and we are seeking to encourage public debate and active participation among citizens, businesses, community groups and other interested parties on what broad issues should be considered in the new Plan. Submissions can be made up until the 12th of May. An Information Booklet, summarising the seven themes contained in the Strategic Issues Paper, has been distributed to households across Fingal and can also be viewed at www.fingal.ie/developmentplan. The Development Plan review has come at a challenging and unprecedented time arising from the impacts of the coronavirus pandemic, Climate Change and Brexit. However, these challenges also present opportunities to build on our vision to make Fingal the place to live, work, visit and do business.

I am pleased to advise, following recruitment processes, 33 new members of staff have joined the organization since the beginning of the year and recruitment will continue to fill all new and vacant positions to ensure we are well placed to deliver on key services and ambitious projects. Some existing staff have joined new sections and departments following recent promotions and transfers. I recently informed you that Director of Housing and Community Development, Margaret Geraghty, will be leaving Fingal having accepted a new post in the Housing Delivery Co-ordination Office in the LGMA. I am very sorry that she is leaving Fingal as she will be a big loss as Director of Housing and Community and from the Management Team but I am sure you will join me in thanking her for her invaluable contribution over the last number of years and wishing her all the best in her new role.

Thank you for your continued support and stay safe.

AnnMarie Farrelly
Chief Executive

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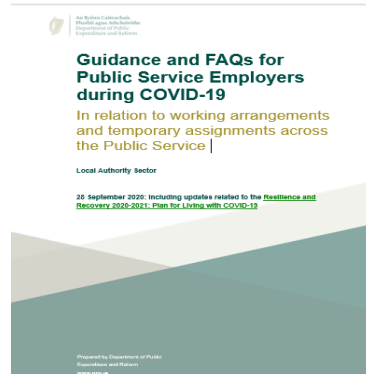


The Major Emergency Management structures in place within the Council continue to provide the framework within which the Council's Departments adapt and update business continuity plans. Following on from the Government announcement last week on the phased easing of public health restrictions the Local Authority Services Framework and Business Continuity plans have been updated to reflect any changes required.

The MEM Eastern Region Steering Group, chaired by the Chief Executive, with representatives from the HSE, Gardaí, local authorities, fire services and Defence Forces continues to co-ordinate a strategic, interagency response to the public health emergency, to co-ordinate services regionally and to support the HSE while ensuring that activities are in line with the national measures. The Group will continue to meet regularly under the Level 5 Restrictions.

Locally, Fingal County Council's Management Team continues to meet regularly to ensure continuity of services whilst adhering to the Governments National Framework for Living with Covid-19.

HUMAN RESOURCES



The Human Resource Department continues to plan for and respond to the challenges brought by Covid19. In line with the Government's **COVID-19 Resilience and Recovery 2021 - The Path Ahead**, under current level 5 restrictions staff who can work from home are encouraged to do so.

Staff continue to be kept up to date on relevant Government directives and are provided with useful information through text alerts and a dedicated staff information webpage.

Training and development of our staff, including statutory Health & Safety training, continues throughout the pandemic ensuring that critical services are not adversely affected. Many of the Council's structured training programmes are now online and are continuing remotely.

The Council's Recruitment processes continued with virtual interviews in March and remote virtual interviews will continue for the foreseeable future.

Health & Safety Unit (HSU)

The HSU earlier in the year initiated remote working VDU assessments with Fingal staff working remotely, utilizing MS Teams and HSA guidance. These assessments have continued apace this month with over 300 remote working assessments having taken place. A suite of

ancillary safety statements for Operations & Water Services were finalized and published on Share Point. Reactive OSH indicators such as accident investigation and proactive OSH indicators such as Covid-19 compliance were also undertaken during the month. The HSU continued to issue occupational safety and health advice in response to staff queries raised during the month.



Customer Services

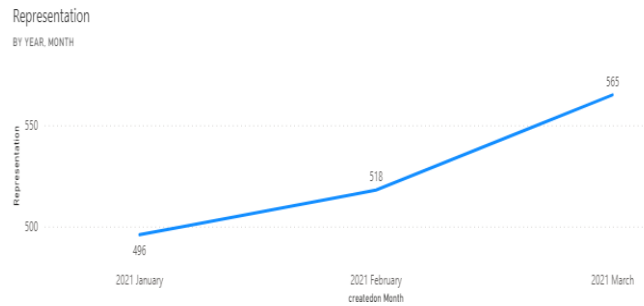
For the month of March, the Council's Customer Care Agents dealt with a total of

- 16,162 telephone calls
- 1,227 emails.

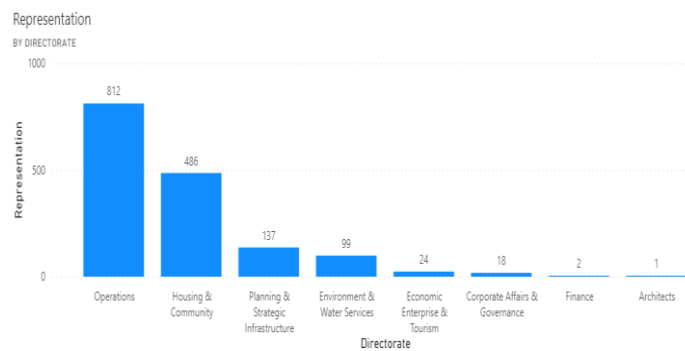
CRM

Staff continue to work on the Customer Relationship Management System (CRM) and issue responses to Councillors representations and complaints submitted by the public.

The month of March had a total of 565 Councillor's representations.



The table below shows the number of Councillor's representations assigned to each Department for the year to date.

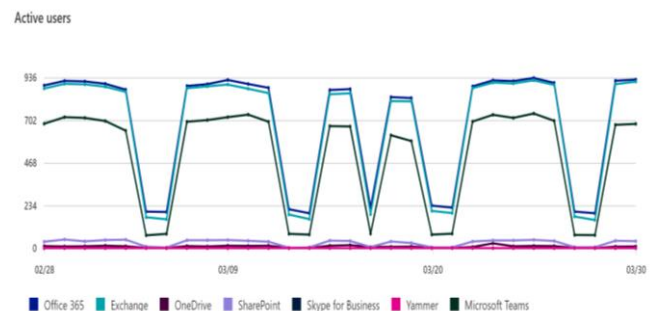


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- Launch of Smart Balbriggan Programme Framework

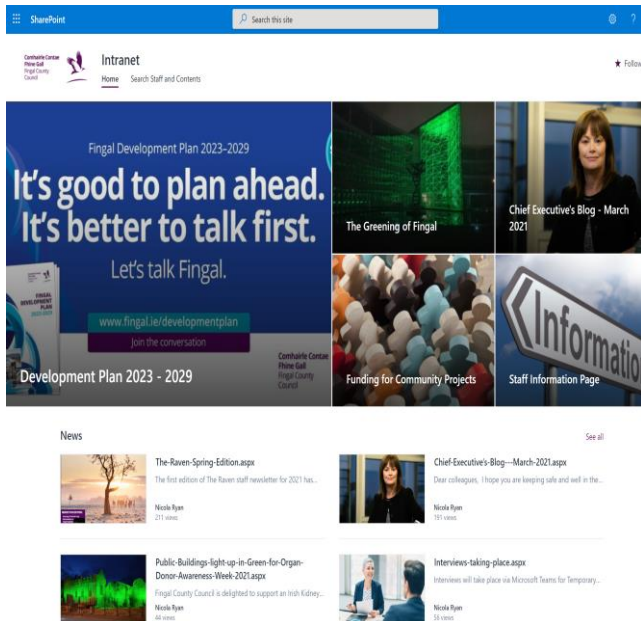
Remote Working

The majority of staff continued to work from home in March, with 9,513 Teams meetings held during the month and 30,253 calls taking place. As would be expected, usage dropped off on St. Patrick's Day and week.



Intranet

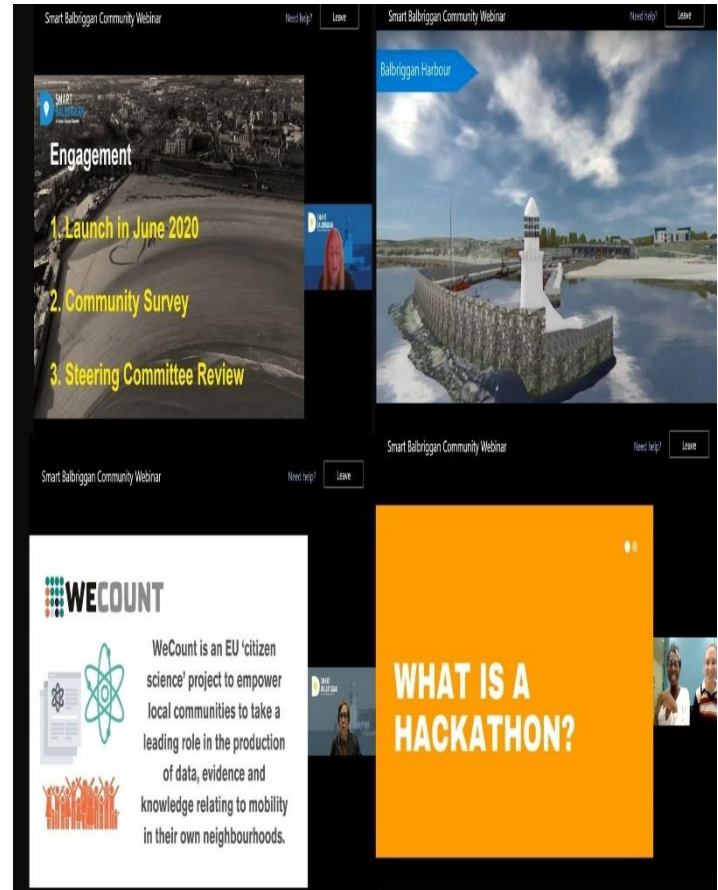
A new staff Intranet was introduced in March with a move from the IBM Connections platform to Microsoft Sharepoint Online. The new Intranet provides staff with general updates, easy access to IT systems and access to corporate policies and strategies.



Launch of the Smart Balbriggan Programme Framework

Smart Balbriggan was founded in June 2020 by Fingal County Council as a Smart Dublin District where innovation projects are fast-tracked. Smart Balbriggan will complement and support the delivery of the [Our Balbriggan Rejuvenation Plan \(2019-2025\)](#) and the [Fingal Digital Strategy \(2020-2023\)](#) by trialing and testing new technology projects and solutions.

The [Smart Balbriggan Programme Framework](#) was developed thanks to input from the Balbriggan community and is our key guiding document, outlining our strategic priorities, principles, objectives and planned actions for the programme. Connectivity, mobility and community engagement initiatives are core focus areas for the district. A [public Trello board](#) has been set up to showcase the latest project developments as they happen.



A Webinar to launch the Smart Balbriggan Programme Framework took place on Wednesday 10th March. At the Webinar the Smart Balbriggan team gave updates on some of the exciting projects that have commenced over the past 6 months including; Balbriggan Hackathon, IoT network, 3D Model, Citizen Science WeCount project.

Click on the link to watch the Community Webinar - <https://youtu.be/1O5KoOT9gdk>

COMMUNICATIONS

Podcasts

The seventh episode of our Inside Fingal podcast series was published during March and was an interview with our Principal Sports Officer, Marion Brown, who recently retired after 19 years with the Fingal Sports Office. She spoke about the development of sport within Fingal County Council and about the work done by her team of dedicated sports officers over the last two decades.

Episode Seven

Just before she recently retired as Fingal County Council's Principal Sports Officer, Marion Brown talked to Gerry McDermott for Episode 7 of Inside Fingal about her 19 years with the Sports Office which she joined at its inception in 2002. She gives a fascinating insight into the development of sport in the county and within the Council and shares the moments that have given her great pride in the work of her team of dedicated sports officers.



To listen to the Inside Fingal Podcast the following apps are recommended: iTunes, Spotify, Stitcher, Castbox and Google Podcasts. Each episode is promoted on the Fingal County Council Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and LinkedIn social media accounts. All podcasts in the series are also available at www.fingal.ie/podcast.

Website

During the month of March, there were 241,200 site views on our website, fingal.ie, with 88,000 unique visitors. The visitors number was up by 7,500 on February with site views increasing by 13,700.

Planning Applications continued to be the most visited page on the site with 19,000 unique visitors and 29,200 page views.

The launch of the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 saw the creation of a special website page www.fingal.ie/developmentplan

Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 Stage 1

Social Media

March saw our Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn social media accounts continue to grow.

On Twitter, we now have 19,484 followers, up by 84 from February, while our 337 tweets received 1.1million impressions, with a 1% engagement rate.

Our biggest daily audience was on Monday, March 8 when we recorded 90,983 impressions and an engagement rate of 1.3% from 27 tweets. This was almost three times our daily average for the month and was largely due to an initiative which saw women Councillors, the Chief Executive and members of her Executive Management Team, record short videos about their experiences and inspirations to mark International Women's Day.



We now have 21,924 followers on Facebook, a rise of 271 from February. During March our 305 posts had a reach of 826,685.

Our Instagram account continues to grow and now has 3,510 followers, an increase of 132 from February.

Irish Language

A very successful virtual Seachtain na Gaeilge festival took place in March with a programme of live and recorded virtual events and the language promoted extensively on Social media and through daily bulletins issued to staff.

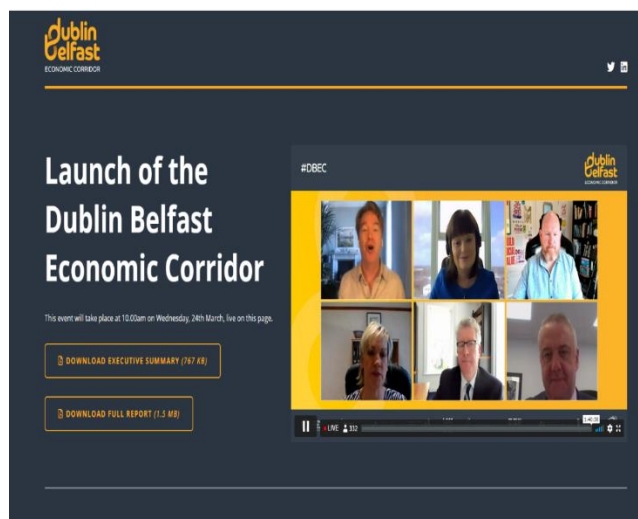
The public consultation regarding the proposed 4th Irish Language Scheme concluded with 4 submissions received and the Draft 4th Scheme was presented to the SPC on March 24th, and will be presented to the May Council meeting.

Irish language training continued with 9 staff members starting the Certificate in Professional Irish with Gaelchultúr.

Engagement

The Communications Unit is working with various departments on communications and engagement strategies for a number of projects including the Development Plan, the ongoing Keep Well campaign and a Don't Dump Us campaign which will highlight the damage being done to the Fingal countryside and urban areas by dumping, fly-tipping and littering.

The Communications team worked with colleagues in the Economic, Enterprise, Tourism and Cultural Development Department on the launch of the Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor and led a Communications Group which consisted of communications officers from the seven other local authorities and two universities involved in the project.



Press Releases

A total of 23 press releases and media invites were issued by the Communications Unit during March.

Fingal News



Edition 17 of Fingal News was published on March 1st and achieved a record number of conversions for both the English and Irish editions. The English edition had 661 reads from 706 impressions, a conversion rate of 94%, while the Irish edition had 28 reads from 60 impressions, a conversion rate of 47%. The previous bests were 80% for the English version of Edition 14 and 43% for the Irish version of Edition 15. The digital magazine can be read at <https://issuu.com/fingalnews>

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EVENTS

ST PATRICKS DAY



As part of the Global Greening campaign the following buildings were lit up across the County.

- Swords Castle
- Rush Library
- Balbriggan Court House
- Lusk Round Tower,
- Balrothery Church
- Draíocht
- Blanchardstown Library
- Castleknock Church
- Civic Offices- Blanchardstown
- Swords- County Hall
- Malahide Castle
- Howth Martello Tower
- Bremeore Castle
- Newbridge House

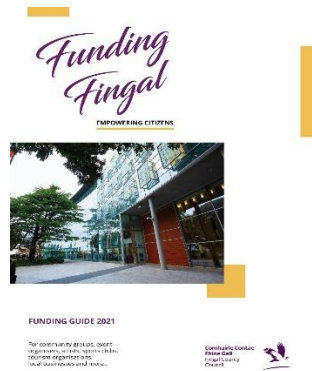


HOME MADE PARADE



Over 1000 entries were received for the Home-Made Parade through the Public Participation Network, Fingal Libraries, the Arts Office and from the public.

FUNDING FINGAL MAGAZINE



The Events Unit has produced this one stop shop for funding in Fingal. This will be an online magazine which will allow for regular updates and input from all departments that offer or facilitate funding schemes.

Outdoor Dining Scheme

Minister for Tourism Catherine Martin TD and Fáilte Ireland on 31st March 2021 announced details of a new €17million Scheme for developing outdoor dining capacity nationwide. The Outdoor Dining Enhancement Scheme comprises two parts and will be delivered in partnership between Fáilte Ireland and Local Authorities across the country, with grants of up to €4k available.

Part One of the Scheme will provide funding for individual tourism and hospitality businesses to develop and increase their own outdoor seating capacity. This scheme is open to individual tourism and hospitality businesses including hotels, cafes, restaurants and attractions where food is sold for consumption on the premises and has a limit of €4,000 per grant. The scheme will be administered by Fingal County Council and opens on the 12th April 2021.

Funding allocated under Part Two will enable Local Authorities to develop weatherproofing and providing outdoor dining infrastructure which focuses on the development of medium to large scale permanent public dining spaces in towns and centres in preparation for welcoming back visitors when it is safe to do so. Each Local Authority can apply for up to €200,000 under this element of the scheme. The Council will consider suitable projects when full details of the scheme are received.

TOURISM

LOCAL TOURISM DEVELOPMENT GROUPS

- Dublin Coastal Development Plan - stakeholders from the various villages are currently participating in Dublin Coastal Villages Activation Programme.
- Dublin brand toolkit launched by Fáilte Ireland on 22/3/2021 – all stakeholders being advised and informed
- Developing content for use in digital/social strategies for the various destinations going forward.

GROW THE FINGAL FOOD TOURISM NETWORK

- Planning a series of networking events delivered by Fáilte Ireland mentor.

- Implementing the network's marketing and PR plan

HERITAGE PROPERTIES

LIGHTING UP OF PROPERTIES



Fingal County Council supported the Irish Kidney Association by lighting up Swords Castle in green for the duration of Organ Donor Awareness Week 2021 (March 26 - April 3), green being the internationally recognised colour which celebrates organ and tissue donation.



Swords Castle was also illuminated in yellow in recognition of the Irish Cancer Society's Daffodil Day, on 25th and 26th March.

UPDATE ON HERITAGE PROPERTY CLOSURES



Under the Government's Covid-19 Resilience & Recovery 2021 Plan, and following the recent Government announcement, the restrictions as outlined below continue to apply up until 26th April:

- No tours of the heritage properties permitted
- Closure of Casino Model Railway Museum
- Closure of Swords Castle to the public but weddings will be facilitated during this period subject to the necessary restrictions.
- Cafés across the properties open for takeaway only.
- Demesnes including playgrounds remain open but the farm at Newbridge House and botanic gardens at Malahide Castle are both closed.

From 26th April (subject to the prevailing public health situation), outdoor visitor attractions will be allowed to re-open.

In 2021, the focus for Heritage Properties will be on:

- Sustained marketing campaigns to drive the domestic audience.
- Leveraging group digital resources.
- Working closely with Tour operators and Fáilte Ireland

Look to reintroduce events as restrictions ease.

HERITAGE PROPERTIES WORKS UPDATE:

- Work is continuing on the detailed interpretation and design work in relation to the 'History of the Martello Towers' exhibition.

Design tender for the restoration of the tower itself will issue this month.

- Design for boiler upgrade in Malahide Castle and visitor centre near completion with a view to issuing works tender next month.

CREATIVE FINGAL PROGRAMME 2021



The Fingal County Council/ Creative Ireland Cruinniú Na Nóg and Commemorations programmes have now been approved and are currently in development by the Cruinniú Na Nóg and Commemorative Sub-group teams.

The community call for proposals for inclusion in the overall Fingal Creative Ireland programme closed on the 4th March. Fifteen proposals have met the objectives as set out in the Fingal Culture and Creativity Strategy 2018-2022 and have been approved for funding in the amount of approx. €80,000.

PUBLIC ART



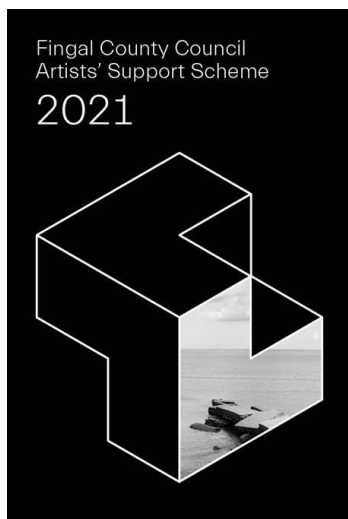
A tribute to poet Derek Mahon took place at Newbridge House & Demesne with Stephen Rea, Matt Molloy, Neil Martin, Brian Connor and Paddy Glackin with Brídín and Felispeaks.

Artist Support Scheme 2021

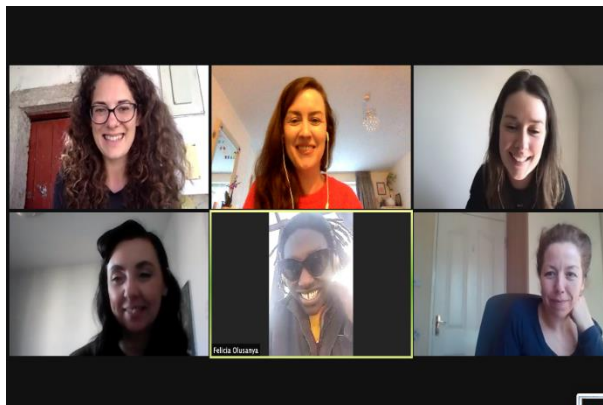
Total number of applications: 102

Applications received for each category:

Visual Art: 53
Drama/Film: 20
Literature: 11
Music: 16
Dance: 2



Youth & Education



FeliSpeaks and D.15 Youth Theatre, March – May 2021

Fingal Arts Office has invited poet and spoken word artist FeliSpeaks to work with Dublin 15 Youth Theatre - twenty young people aged 15-18 years committed to youth drama practice with support from Draíocht. Felicia met some of the members on 23rd March and spoke about themes in her poetry and asked three questions: *What*

have you previously written about / What would you like to write about / and What is most important to you right now? Felicia will act as a guide and mentor to the young people over several weeks as they create a new piece of work for presenting on June 12th as part of Fingal's Cruinniú na nOg Programme.

Talisman Newbridge House, Donabate March – June 2021

An invitation has been issued to DEIS post-primary schools to express an interest in working with visual artist Barbara Knezevic on a unique arts-in-education project inspired by Newbridge House in Donabate. The project, titled *Talisman*, will form part of Fingal's Cruinniú na nOg Programme 2021 and will introduce young people to the idea of a 'collection'. The artist and students will explore why people collect objects and what makes some objects more precious to us than others. Students will be invited to create new work in response to these explorations and develop an outdoor exhibition at Newbridge House. Project dates: April – May incl. with an exhibition on June 12th.

Micro Forest, Blakestown, October 2020 – March 2021



Taking inspiration from Hedge Schools this project created an outdoor space for learning about art & ecology on the grounds of Blakestown Community School. TY Students worked with artist Gareth

Kennedy preparing the ground and establishing a 'micro forest' on the school site by planting native broadleaf trees while learning about wood culture & ecology. This project was impacted greatly by the pandemic, but the young people and artist worked when they could and are now celebrating this great achievement. A documentary film captures the process and will be available soon. The partners are now considering future programme possibilities for this site.

Public Art – Once Upon a Sound at The Hide Sculpture



Presented a recorded performance by Congolese guitarist, Niwel Tsumbu as part of Once Upon a Sound at The Hide Sculpture, the series has received positive responses and was reviewed by well-known independent art critic Nialler9.

LIBRARIES



Grow It Forward

The Grow It Forward campaign is a collaborative programme between the Irish Public Library

Service and the Grow It Yourself (GIY) organisation, that supports people to live healthier and more sustainable lives by growing some of their own food. The campaign runs from 23rd March to 30th June.

This project is part of a national programme developed by GIY to support the Government of Ireland's Living with COVID Resilience and Recovery Plan, as the lead activation under the Healthy Eating pillar, delivered in partnership with the national library network.

Through this partnership Fingal Libraries will be distributing starter growing kits for people to grow at home. Each kit will contain five packets of seeds: tomatoes, carrots, mixed oriental greens, peas and beetroot. They will also contain 9 gift tags and a Grow It Forward planting information sheet. Participants are asked to Grow It Forward by sharing their kits as little seedlings, plants in pots or the produce at harvest time to 9 other people, so that the goal of impacting as many people as possible can be achieved. More information and the details of how to register for a kit are available at: <https://www.fingal.ie/grow-it-forward-campaign>

Tracing your family tree

Fingal Libraries is hosting a series of six webinars on family history and genealogy, presented by Fiona Fitzsimons from Eneclann. Starting with the evidence you can find in your own home such as photographs and artefacts, the series also looks at civil, census and burial records and using storytelling and personal narratives as family history and genealogical sources. The webinars will be broadcast live and can be booked on Eventbrite.

Meet the authors - Live webinars

Join Doireann Ní Ghríofa for a live reading from 'A Ghost in the Throat', winner of An Post Book of the Year 2020, on Saturday 17 April at 12.00pm, with a Q & A session hosted by Fingal Library staff member Nadene. Meet Rónán Hession whose book Leonard and Hungry Paul is the One Dublin One Book choice for 2021 at a live Webinar on Thursday 15 April at 7.30pm. Booking for both events is on Eventbrite.

Work Matters events

As part of Fingal Libraries Work Matters programme, Jill Barrett, accredited Personal, Executive and Leadership Coach, presents a series of videos on working lives - diversifying your career, job hunting during COVID and working from home during the pandemic. Each video lasts 20 minutes and is available on Fingal Libraries Youtube channel.

After more than a decade in journalism, Caitlin McBride author of *The Day that changed my Life* decided to change gears, return to education and forge a new career path. In this video the writer and journalist talks about her career transition.

Europe Direct: Questions and Answers on Covid 19 Vaccination

The Europe Direct Information Centre (EDIC) at Blanchardstown Library is currently producing a series of 4 online interviews entitled Questions and Answers on Covid 19 Vaccination. This is a collaboration with the EDICs in Waterford, Galway and Monaghan. Blanchardstown EDIC, as the lead on this project, produced the first interview with Dr Lucy Jessop, Director, National Immunisation Office. The second interview is with Stefan De Keersmaecker, European Commission Spokesperson for Health, Food Safety and Transport and the third interview is with Monaghan GP, Dr Illona Duffy. The Dept of Health will shortly confirm a speaker for the final interview. The first three interviews are available on Fingal Libraries YouTube channel.

Bealtaine events – advance information

Age and Opportunity's Bealtaine festival is a national celebration of the arts and creativity as we age. Fingal Libraries will celebrate this festival throughout the month of May, with theatrical sessions, chair yoga, storytelling and with bilingual knitting classes. Further details to follow.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

FINGAL IN IT TOGETHER

The Fingal In It Together initiative continues to support businesses listed in the online business directory.



Parklet Partners

Following on from the 2019 initiative which aimed to support local businesses by transforming the existing streetscape into a welcoming and attractive community space, the Council is launching another call for applications under "Parklet Partners" initiative with a deadline of the 30th April. The parklet, which accommodates dining space and additional seating, is aimed at encouraging people back into the centre of towns and villages while complying with public health guidance.

Fingal Main Street Shopfronts & Residences Improvement Scheme

The Council is launching a call for applications under the Shopfront and Main Street Residences Scheme 2021, where main street property owners can apply for grant funding of up to 50% of eligible costs and a maximum of €1,500 to replace and renovate shop fronts and main street residences in Fingal town and village centres with an application deadline in May.

Sustainable Fingal



The Council's **Sustainable Fingal** initiative is continuing and aims to engage with the business community on the implementation of sustainable business measures. This initiative delivers on an

objective under the Council's Climate Change Action Plan.

The Council's brochure "Sustainable Ideas for SMEs" contains some simple actions for businesses' to improve their sustainability.



The brochure is available on the Council's website, which has a new section www.fingal.ie/sustainablebusiness which directs businesses to the extensive variety of supports and information available to help businesses become more sustainable and provides information on how businesses can start and forward their sustainability journey.

To encourage business engagement in Sustainable Fingal the Council is running a competition for businesses to win a Sustainability Assessment and Action Plan from Balbriggan based Patel Tonra Ltd. Environmental Solutions and a video case study to feature on the Sustainable Fingal webpages. The closing date for business entries is Friday 28th May 2021.

DUBLIN BELFAST ECONOMIC CORRIDOR



On the 24th March Fingal County Council participated in the launch of the Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor. The launch included a joint report "*The Dublin-Belfast Economic Corridor: Current Profile, Potential for Recovery & Opportunities for Cooperation*" from Dublin City University (DCU) and Ulster University (UU) which looks at the challenges for the region including Brexit and COVID-19 and the opportunities to establish clusters in key sectors, leverage collaboration and drive economic development in the region.

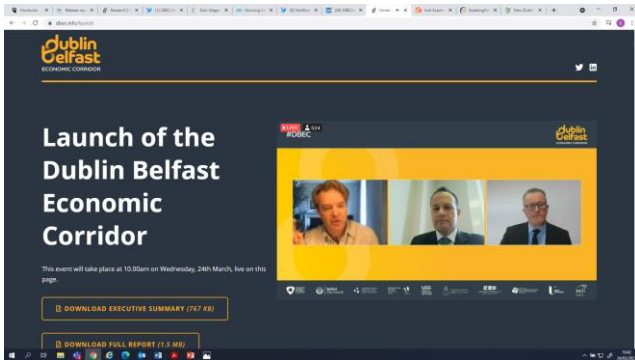
The eight local authorities involved in the development of the Corridor are:

- Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council
- Belfast City Council
- Dublin City Council
- Fingal County Council
- Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council
- Louth County Council
- Meath County Council
- Newry, Mourne and Down District Council

A Partnership Steering Group consisting of the eight Council Chief Executives and the Presidents of the two Universities has developed the project for launch and future oversight will be provided by an Oversight and Governance Board comprising 24 Councillors, three from each Council who will shortly hold their first meeting to elect a Chair and develop a programme of works.

Further information on the Corridor is available at www.dbec.info and the development of the Corridor can be followed on Twitter @DBECIreland and LinkedIn.

The launch was hosted by economist David McWilliams, the webinar had over 1,000 attendees registered to attend and featured interviews with Northern Ireland's Minister for Finance Conor Murphy MLA, Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment Leo Varadkar TD, Minister for Housing, Local Government & Heritage Darragh Murphy TD and Robin Walker MP Minister of State for Northern Ireland.



Owen Keegan, Chief Executive of Dublin City Council and Suzanne Wylie, Chief Executive of Belfast City Council both addressed the online audience and a moderated panel discussion featured AnnMarie Farrelly, Chief Executive of Fingal County Council, Niall McEntegart of Facebook, Margaret Hearty of InterTrade Ireland, Trevor Lockhard of Fane Valley Group and Professor Daire Keogh, President of DCU.

Our Balbriggan 2019 – 2025 Rejuvenation Plan – A Socio-Economic Strategy

The Our Balbriggan programme office continue to support the Chair of the Leadership Group and its five pillars to progress work across a range of economic and social measures including: Local Economy, Public Realm, Education, Skills & Employment, Community Affairs & Integration and the newly established fifth pillar – Safe Balbriggan.

On the 5th March the Council were notified that they had been successful in their application for funding under Call 2 of the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund and that funding of €25,438,875 has been allocated to the Our Balbriggan Rejuvenation Project. The funding will help realise the transformational ambition and vision set out in the Our Balbriggan Rejuvenation Plan by 2027. The eight projects comprising the URDF application are:

- Re-imagined Quay Street
- Re-imagined Harbour
- 2-4 Dublin Street – Studios, Courtyard & Maker Space
- Main Street – Green Corridor (Bridge Street)
- Railway Street & Station Plaza
- Millpond – Green Corridor

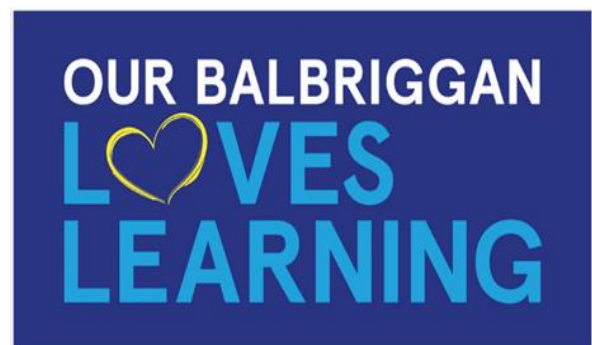
- Promenade, Coastal Improvements & building restorations
- Castle to Castle Greenway – As part of the Fingal Coastal Way



The Our Balbriggan programme office is evaluating tenders received for the appointment of a Masterplanning Consultant for the development of the Public Realm Improvement Strategy and Public Realm Design Guide which will guide the individual Integrated Design Teams for the projects forming part of the Our Balbriggan Rejuvenation Plan.

Tenders for the appointment of Integrated Design Teams for the projects at 2-4 Dublin Street and Quay Street are also being evaluated.

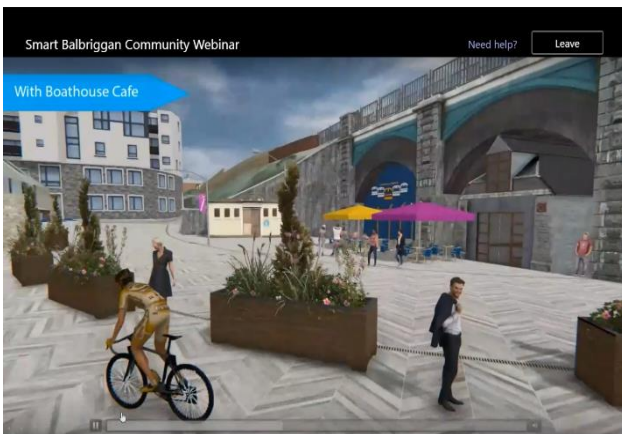
As part of the Education, Skills and Employment Pillar the inaugural Our Balbriggan Loves Learning Festival will take place online from 19th -30th April. The Festival will encompass four elements (a) Learning for Employment (b) Learning for employers (c) Learning in your community and (d) Digital Learning. Over the two weeks, the festival will feature over 8 live events including SME Engagement, Musical events and Digital Learning, with over 25 Learning resources and video's showcasing learning opportunities. More details at www.Balbriggan.ie/loveslearning



The Safe Balbriggan Pillar held its second meeting on the 23rd March to agree its outline work programme. The Pillar is chaired by recently retired Assistant Garda Commissioner, Michael O'Sullivan, with representatives from Foróige, Dept of Justice, An Garda Síochána, Balbriggan Integration Forum and the Council participating on the Pillar Group.



SMART Balbriggan held a very well attended evening Community online webinar on the 10th March to update the community on its work programme which is available on a public trello board at <https://trello.com/b/8cDWTeHl/smart-balbriggan-programme>



The webinar informed citizens about projects taking place as part of the Smart Balbriggan initiative for example a 3D model of the Quay Street and the Harbour which allows citizens to experience and consider planned developments immersively; WeCount - a 'citizen science' project on mobility in their own neighbourhoods. A two-day hackathon is in the early stages of planning for a weekend in early June, which will explore new

and innovative ways to capture and tackle defined social, economic & cultural opportunities and challenges to continually improve the town.

RURAL & LOCAL DEVELOPMENT

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 is also represented on the Fingal Community Call Forum and is supporting many of the LCDC member agencies that are also members of the Community Call in the delivery of their programmes. The LCDC is also supporting the work of the Community Call through the Healthy Ireland Initiative, the Community Resilience Fund and the Keepwell Campaign, and the many projects up and running under those funding streams.



Emergency Funding available for Community and Voluntary Groups in Fingal

The Fingal Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) had invited applications from community, not-for-profit and voluntary groups for funding under the COVID-19 Emergency Fund with a closing date at the end of February. The Scheme is being administered by the Fingal LCDC under the remit of the Local Authority on behalf of the Department of Rural and Community Development. Fingal LCDC received funding of €59,820.00 to be awarded to successful applicants. Under the scheme, 30% of available funds have been ring-fenced to provide small grants of €1,000 or less. 85 groups/organisations submitted applications totalling €125,865.77. At a meeting on Wednesday 10th March the LCDC Evaluation Committee approved 52 projects for funding.

Approved funding amounts have been transferred to most successful groups/organisations at this point.

SICAP

The SICAP Annual Plan for 2021 continues to be implemented. The €1.24m 2021 SICAP Plan has ambitious KPIs which take into account the many challenges arising from delivering services in a Covid 19 environment. The Fingal SICAP Programme continues to play an important role in the work of the Community Call Forum.



LEADER PROGRAMME

The Dublin Rural LEADER Local Action Group and the Fingal LEADER Programme continues to deliver funding and support to eligible projects in the administrative areas of Fingal, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown and South Dublin.



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Department of Rural and
Community Development

Enterprise and Rural Environment were approved with a total €67,786 in LEADER funding.

The LEADER Programme reverts on the 1st April to EU Transition Rules for the period 2021-22 with a new Dublin Rural LEADER Local Development Strategy to be put in place for 2023. Under the Transitional Arrangements the Dublin Rural LEADER LAG and the LEADER Programme will continue to be funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development under the same eligibility and LEADER implementation rules as before. LEADER will continue to approve and fund new projects as normal.

Completed project claims continue to be paid out to promoters and priority has been given to getting this funding out to provide stimulus in rural areas. Over €1.55m in project claims have been paid out to completed/part-completed projects to date.

Going forward there is currently over €3 million in the new LEADER projects pipeline of which over €1 million is for Rural Enterprise.

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. There has been no interruption to the delivery of the LEADER Programme or the Article 48 Checks as a result of Covid-19.

The Dublin Rural LEADER LAG welcomed the launch of 'Our Rural Future – Rural Development Policy 2021-2025' and looks forward to incorporating the many opportunities this presents for Rural Fingal in the years ahead.



Riailtas na hÉireann
Government of Ireland

Our Rural Future
Rural Development
Policy 2021-2025

The most recent meeting of the Dublin Rural LEADER LAG took place in early March 2021. At this meeting two new Fingal projects in the areas of



Shoplocal.irish

EETCD continues to support the Shoplocal.irish website resource, as a COVID 19 response measure.

ENTERPRISE CENTRES

Occupancy rates at the Council's three enterprise centres at the end of February were Drinan 84%, BASE 88% and Beat 88%. The three Enterprise Centres currently support 62 businesses and 320 direct jobs. A number of businesses in the Centres had been accommodated with rent moratoriums to help them through lockdown cashflow difficulties but all businesses have now returned to normal rental arrangements. All tenant businesses are being assisted in accessing financial and non-financial supports currently available through COVID-19 support measures. All three enterprise centres have limited common area access at present in line with national Covid 19 guidelines and centre risk assessments. All staff in the centres are currently working from remote.

The Drinan Enterprise Centre is currently seeking interest from businesses and remote workers who may wish to avail of remote working options and facilities at the centre. Bespoke options or generic office fit-out options can be considered. A number of expressions of interest have been received and one business with staff living locally was approved for office space during March.

The renovation works in the Beat Centre are temporarily suspended due to the Covid 19 lockdown but will resume as soon as national restrictions allow. Funding for these renovations has been provided by the Dublin Rural LEADER Programme. When completed, the renovations will allow Beat to expand its offering in the areas of remote working hub space and flexible start-up workspace.

The BASE Centre in Mullhuddart has received confirmation of over €80,000 in facilities upgrades from Enterprise Ireland. These works will begin shortly when national restrictions allow and will include new remote working hub options and I.T. infrastructure upgrades among others.

Fingal's Enterprise Centres
Supporting Enterprise Development, Innovation and Remote Working

Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall Fingal County Council

Our centres offer a variety of:

- ▶ remote working space
- ▶ food production units
- ▶ office / light industrial / warehouse / workshop space
- ▶ training rooms
- ▶ reception services
- ▶ meeting rooms
- ▶ parking

Find out more & enquire today:

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LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE FINGAL



LEO Fingal continues to help small businesses and start-ups through the impact of COVID-19 and Brexit, with a broad suite of practical support services. Some of the LEO Fingal highlights for March 2021 are as follows:

Evaluation and Approvals Committee

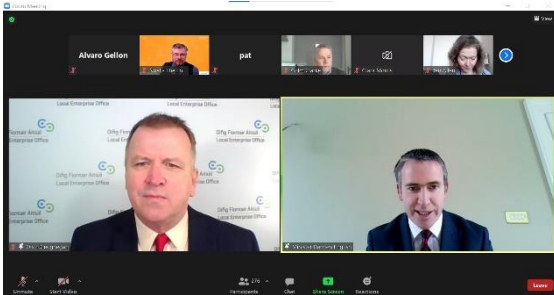
The March Evaluation and Approvals Committee (EVAC) meeting took place on Wednesday the 31st of March. Six applications were approved for €139,845 worth of funding. This brings the total number of companies approved in 2021 to nine, with a combined value of €210,945.

First Virtual Enterprise Week

Over 2,000 budding entrepreneurs and business owners in Fingal took part in online events, marking Local Enterprise Week, from the 1st – 5th March 2021. LEO Fingal hosted 11 events for local businesses, in addition to 10 Spotlight events which were open to businesses across the country.



Highlights from the week included: multiple guest appearances by National Enterprise Awards winner Derya Sousa; the ever-popular “Instagram for Business” webinar; the Fingal Enterprising Women Network online session featuring acclaimed TV presenter and entrepreneur Gráinne Seoige—celebrating International Women’s Day; and the official launch of the first season of the “Fingal Business Podcast”—with the first episode featuring last year’s keynote speaker: Daytime Emmy nominee, celebrity chef and businesswoman Catherine Fulvio.



At the final Spotlight event for LEW on Friday, which was hosted by LEO Fingal, the Minister of State for Business, Employment and Retail, Damien English T.D. focused on how small businesses could gain a digital advantage through the Trading Online Voucher Scheme—offering small businesses the opportunity to develop their website or digital marketing strategy by availing of a grant of up to €2,500.



National Enterprise Awards



Fingal Enterprise Award winner, Kianda Technologies, has been announced as winner of the Export Award at this year’s National Enterprise Awards. The virtual awards event was broadcast online from the Mansion House in Dublin and presented by Minister Damien English. This competition is in its 22nd year and run annually by the LEOs.



Student Enterprise Programme 2020/21

The virtual Fingal SEP lunchtime final took place on Tuesday 16th March, with featured guest Dublin GAA star and Fingal entrepreneur Bernard Brogan, co-founder of sports PR company Legacy Communications and workplace wellbeing platform PepTalk. Over 2,000 students from 25

Fingal secondary schools participated in this year's competition.

INVITATION

INVITATION TO THE FINGAL
STUDENT ENTERPRISE AWARDS 2021

Student Enterprise PROGRAMME

Tuesday 16th March
Online at 12 noon,
on Youtube & Facebook


www.youtube.com/user/StudentEnterpriseIE
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25 Schools | 2,000 Students Across Fingal
Setting Up and Running Their Own Business


Special Guest **Bernard Brogan**
Be in with a chance to **WIN** a signed copy of his book.

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Spot Prizes

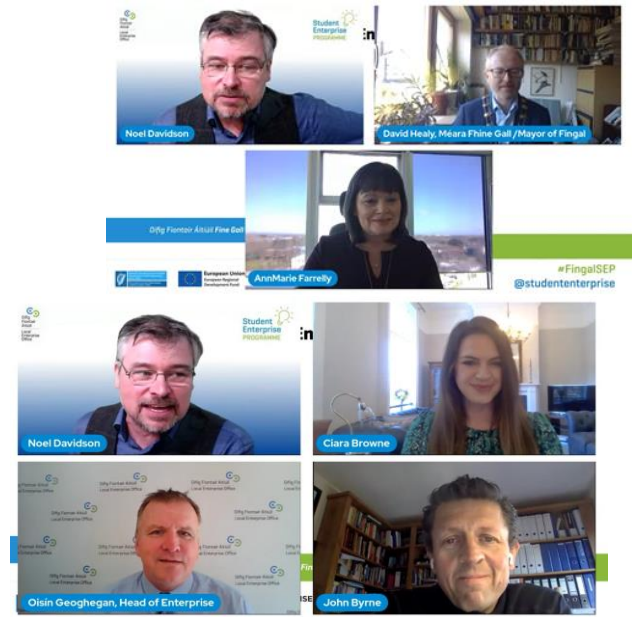


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Fingal Student Enterprise Programme featuring:		
Malinbeg C.S.	Portlennock C.S.	Swords Community College
Balbrogan CC	Loreto Balbriggan	Loreto Swords
Blakenham C.S.	Doonina Community School	St. Fintans
Ardfinnan CC	Coláiste Chloim	St. Marys Ballymoye
Castleknock CC	Luttrellstown CC	Lusk CC
Hartstown CS	Mount Sackville	Donabate CC
Coláiste Eilín Na Mara	St. Joseph's Secondary School, Rush	Coláiste Párlaí Scanta
Le Chlois	Edmund Rice College	Bremore E.T. Balbriggan
Sherrins Community College		





The winners in the Junior, Intermediate, and Senior categories will represent Fingal at the second virtual National SEP final on the 14th of May.

Fingal Enterprising Women Network
The Fingal Enterprising Women Network (FEWN) continues to provide online learning and networking opportunities for women in business and enterprise hosting a monthly online networking event.

The winning student enterprises in the Fingal SEP finals are:

- **DDLETB Enterprising School Spirit** – Swords Community College
- **Intermediate Winner of Best Video**, Bonita Sparkles, Castleknock Community College
- **Senior Best Video** – The TY Dye Co. Loreto School Swords,
- **Junior Category** – Mask Company, Swords Community College
- **Intermediate Category** - Bee Happy, Loreto Secondary School
- **Senior Category** – Dublin Sanitize, St. Fintan's Highschool, Howth





Women in Business: "Our Time to Shine"

Friday 5th March, 12:00 - 13:30
Featuring Renowned TV Presenter and Businesswoman
Gráinne Seoige

On March 5th, as part of Local Enterprise Week 2021, FEWN celebrated International Women's Day with the "Women in Business; Our Time to Shine" online networking event featuring well-known TV personality and Businesswoman Gráinne Seoige for this special occasion.



Local Enterprise Office Fingal **Fingal Enterprising Women Network** 

Confidence, Courage and Making It Happen

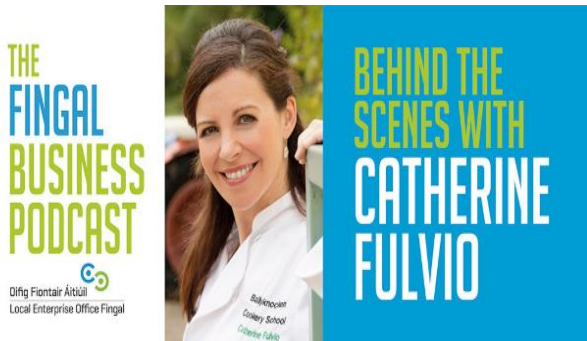
Tuesday 20th April, 11:00 - 12:30
Featuring Best-selling Author

Cathy Kelly

We are also thrilled to announce that one of Ireland's best-selling and best-loved authors, Cathy Kelly as Guest Speaker for the April FEWN online networking event which will take place on April 20th.

Launch of the Fingal Business Podcast

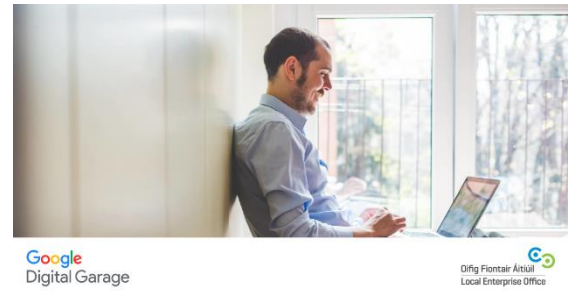
With the increased popularity of podcasting as a powerful commercial tool, LEO Fingal is launching a new series of seven podcasts, titled: Fingal Business Podcast. Every Friday at lunchtime, a fresh podcast will be published, from the 5th of March to 16th of April 2021.



Each episode features a business leader who will share their key insights and tips for business. The first episode features Daytime Grammy nominee, and acclaimed food entrepreneur Catherine Fulvio, who was last year's keynote speaker at the Fingal Enterprising Women's Network lunchtime event closing Local Enterprise Week.

All episodes can be viewed on the Local Enterprise Office Fingal YouTube channel: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLMciDAq_qWv47DTixvAnt3z4p2OmSgY--o

New Digital Business Skills Webinars in partnership with Google Digital Garage



Local Enterprise Office Fingal, in partnership with Google's Digital Garage, will host a series of five free digital skills training webinars for small businesses in the Fingal Region.

The webinars take place on Wednesdays from the 14th of April to the 12th of May. Topics include:

1. Digital Marketing Strategy
2. Make your website work for you
3. Learn the basics of Google
4. Get started with Search Engine Optimisation
5. Get started with Analytics

These webinars have garnered great interest with over 250 bookings since the announcement on lunchtime, Friday 26th March.

Trading Online Voucher (TOV) scheme



An initiative under the Government's National Digital Strategy, the TOV scheme supports small businesses to enhance their online offering by providing a grant of up to €2,500 for ecommerce and digital marketing activities.

Since January 2021 85 applications were received for Evaluation, 202 applications were approved

(including applications from 2020) in the amount of €432,688.

The next TOV information webinar will take during on Thursday 1st of April 2021. More than 200 businesses are expected to attend this event.

Green for Micro Initiative

A new initiative from the Local Enterprise Offices, the objective of the Green for Micro programme is to help small businesses prepare for the low carbon, more resource efficient economy of the future.



Green for Micro will allow businesses to avail of advice and technical support, covering topics such as:

- resource efficiency
- understanding your carbon footprint
- implementing an environmental management system
- steps to take to reduce costs and lower your greenhouse gas emissions.

Business Advice Clinics and Mentoring



Business Advice Clinics and mentoring continue to be offered online. We currently have a panel of over 60 Mentors who have a wide range of Mentoring skills including Finance, Business Management, Social Media, Sales and Marketing, HR, Food & Drink, Social Enterprise, Design & Craft,

IP & Legal Services, Technology, Green, Sustainable & Circular Economy.

The Mentor programme is designed to match the knowledge, skills, insights, and entrepreneurial capability of experienced business practitioners, with managers/owners of small businesses who need practical and strategic one-to-one advice and guidance.

In March, 11 Business Advice Clinic days were held, offering advice to 111 Fingal Businesses. In addition, 25 companies received one to one general and COVID-19 related mentoring.

Start Your Own Business (SYOB)

In 2021, 60 Fingal participants have participated in the online SYOB Programmes. The fourth SYOB programme will commence on April 13th.

Business Development Workshops

LEO Fingal continues its delivery of Training programmes to support SME and Micro Enterprise clients through the current challenges. In March 1822 clients availed of online training across 21 different on-line courses.

BREXIT – Meeting the Challenge



Our trading relationship with the UK has changed. Recognising that the UK is still an important market for Fingal exporters, LEO Fingal is actively helping small businesses to adapt to the impact of Brexit by providing information, customs training, advice and mentoring.

During March 2021, three Customs Workshops organised by LEO Fingal took place, with 77 Fingal businesses in attendance, in 2021, 207 Fingal businesses have attended the eight Customs

Workshops. The workshops cover the following areas: Importing/Exporting, Customs Impact, Classification Codes, Classification Examples, Transport & Trade Documents, Understanding Customs Declarations, Customs Procedures.

Food Starter

In March, six Fingal Businesses participated in the 'Food Starter' Programme: a short, intensive programme designed to help those with a food idea or those at an early stage of starting up a food business (typically the first 24 months).

The next Food Starter is led by LEO Fingal and will commence on Tuesday 13th April.

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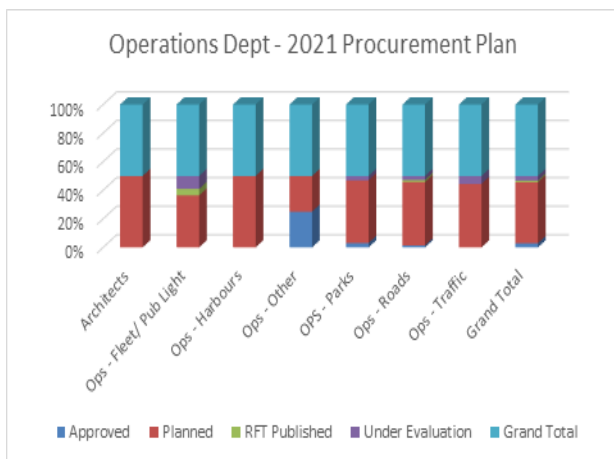
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1. Works Programmes

Procurement

Status	Architects	Ops Fleet/Pub Light	Ops Harbours	Ops Other	Ops Parks	Ops Roads	Ops Traffic	Grand Total
Approved				4	2	2		8
Planned	1	8	5	4	29	63	8	118
RFT Published		1				2		3
Under Evaluation		2			2	4	1	9
Grand Total	1	11	5	8	33	71	9	138



became very muddy and unsafe as it was a sloped site. This path was deemed essential work and the contract was very well received locally.



Swords/Balbriggan/Rush Lusk Area

Road Works Programme 2021

New Wheelchair Access Path into Glebe Park, Balrothery

A new path scheduled for this location was on hold until restrictions eased, however due to the volume of pedestrian traffic into the park, the area

National Tree Week Sunday 21st March – Saturday 27th March 2021

With level 5 restrictions remaining in place during National Tree Week 2021, it was not possible to have associated public events. However, to celebrate the week, the Council has planted native specimen oak trees as a commemoration to lost loved ones during this challenging year at each of the following public parks: Ardgillan Demesne, Newbridge Demesne, Santry Demesne, Malahide Demesne, St. Catherine's Park in Lucan, Millenium Park, Ward Rivervalley Park.

A new tree trail was also introduced into Bremore Regional Park which was a collaborative project between Balbriggan Tidy Towns, St Molaga's National School and the Council. We are now looking forward to National Tree Week 2022 where we will have more interesting projects and initiatives planned.



Fly-tipping at Tobergreggan, Garristown

Following reports of fly-tipping in early March, the Council's Litter Wardens examined the materials for evidence, and staff from the Operations Department removed it the following day. Since the start of the pandemic, incidents of fly-tipping have increased throughout the county.



New Bins installed at Donabate Beach

Additional bins were installed and the pathway cleared at the entrance to Donabate beach to cater for increased numbers of visitors to the beach.



Harbours

Following a preliminary funding application to the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine under the *Fishery Harbour and Coastal Infrastructure Development Programme 2021t*, Fingal County Council has been shortlisted for consideration on the basis of the submission of more detailed technical specifications. If funding is forthcoming, proposed works will include reconditioning and re-strengthening of pavements and sea walls at Loughshinny Harbour; replacement of AToN at Skerries Harbour in addition to the replacements of existing fenders on the outer pier; replacement of 3 ladders at Balbriggan Harbour.

Castleknock/Mulhuddart Area

The Operations Department & Community Department recently worked with and supported representatives from Lanesborough Community Council to erect colourful "Keep Safe" signage on the Lanesborough roundabout.



The Operations Department have recently completed tree management surveys for the Millennium Park and the open space in Ongar. These reports will form the basis of a proactive tree management programme to maximise the safe lifespan of the mature and veteran trees in these parklands, thus retaining for as long as possible the social, environmental, biodiversity and economic benefit which these trees provide.



Bulb Planting

Since this highly popular initiative was introduced in 2014 the Dublin 15 Operations Team have planted more than 28,000 sqm of open space comprising of in excess of 2.8M Bulbs. In 2021, the existing bulb plantings at numerous locations will be rejuvenated as part of the mechanical bulb planting programme. The citizens of Dublin 15 are also currently enjoying the emergence of 4,340m² new pollinator friendly bulbs planting at 12 new locations this year.



Hartstown Ring Road



Clonsilla Road

The Dublin 15 Operations Tree Crew attending to a fallen tree on the open space between Inglewood & Lohunda



Street Sweeper in Charnwood



The street sweeper schedule was suspended during Covid but is back in place in Dublin 15 and attending to estates.

Howth Malahide Area

2021 Programme of Works

Following the adoption of the 2021 Programme of Works for the Howth Malahide area, work is ongoing on the tendering for the materials, equipment and services required to deliver the projects.

Depot Works

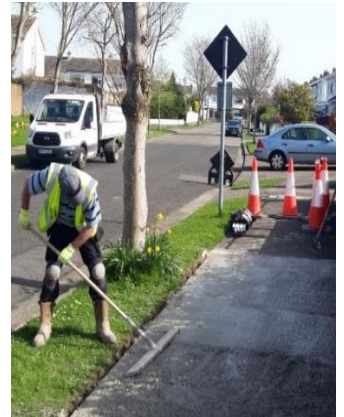
The Howth Malahide area depot staff continue to carry out emergency works to deliver essential services. Regular works will progress once the level 5 Covid 19 restrictions have been lifted. Following are photographs of works carried out in March by staff of the Howth Malahide team:



Grass Cutting commenced in the Howth Malahide area during March.



Erecting the Coastal Flood Defence System in Sutton



Staff constructing footpath bays in Inbhir Ide and Sonesta, Malahide.



Drainage works being undertaken



Crews working repairing various coastal walkways in the Howth Malahide area



Remedial works being carried out at Paddy's Hill

Litter, Anti-Social Behaviour & Vandalism

Unfortunately, excessive littering, anti-social behaviour and vandalism incidents had grown to unsustainable levels in some areas which was exacerbated by the fine weather. In order to combat this, the Howth Malahide team commenced placing additional temporary bins, at various locations to deal with the increased littering at popular locations where the public frequent. Over 50 temporary bins are now in place and making a great difference to the littering issue. Cleansing staff and Park Rangers are continuing to be rostered to work additional hours to cope with the issues. More compactor bins allowing for greater capacity were ordered, delivered and work on the installation of 10 of them commenced at the end of March (photos below)



Delivery and Installation of 10 new Compactor Bins in the Howth Malahide area



Operations Staff working in Malahide

Malahide Demesne Protection

Unfortunately, the overnight anti-social behaviour and vandalism increased in March at Malahide Demesne to such an extent that we had no choice but to engage a Security Firm to carry out additional overnight on-site monitoring and patrolling to protect the Demesne and grounds. Previous to them coming on board, the Fairy Trail was very badly vandalised, the Cricket Pitch was attacked and there have been several other smaller acts of vandalism throughout the Estate during night time. Incidents and littering have now reduced however the situation is being extremely closely monitored in cooperation with the Gardai.



Early morning examples of overnight littering & subsequent daily clean ups in Malahide Demesne

Good News at Malahide Demesne

Plans are ongoing to carry out the heating upgrade works to the Butterfly House in the Cambridge Glasshouse at Malahide Castle. The team are working towards opening the attraction to receive visitors when Covid 19 conditions allow.



Further work was carried out during the first day of March to bring to completion the removal of the ivy and trimming of climbing plants which had commenced on the Castle structure at the end of last Month. Work by the Architects Department to follow.



Commemorative Grove Trees being offloaded prior to planting at Malahide Demesne



Beautiful blooms on display at Malahide Demesne



Staff scarifying & cutting the Greens @ Golf Course, Malahide Demesne



Woodland flowers on display in the West Lawn, Malahide Demesne



Tree planting ceremony with the new president of the GAA, Larry McCarty, and Orla Farrell from Easy Treesie. Staff pictured are Ted Lynch & John-Mark Bentley

Pollinator Friendly Bulb Planting in Howth/Malahide

Many new areas of bulb planting were added to Howth Malahide's Open Spaces and road verges in Autumn 2020. They are now just beginning to come into bloom for the first time.

Areas most recently added include the following: Carrickbrack road carpark, Summit carpark, St Fintan's Road park, Howth, Seagrang Park, Sutton Park & Sutton Road, Binn Eadair Park, Sarto Park Kilbarrick, Waterside park playground, St Anne's & Moyclare playgrounds and Balgriffin pocket park. Biscayne, & Estuary Road, Malahide. Mount Drinan Park, Wendell Avenue Park, Ashley Rise and Carrickbrack Walk Park.

Pollinator friendly bulb mixes were chosen and planted throughout. The blooming of the bulbs at all these locations means that the first grass cutting of the season can be delayed at these locations which is of huge benefit to pollinators & biodiversity.



Carrickbrack Rd Carpark & Park blooms

These were planted last Autumn. Daffodils come up early and delineate the planted area. These will

be followed by a succession of other pollinator friendly bulbs as the season progresses.



Feltrim Road

The planting at this location is really beginning to establish in its second year of existence.



'Thirsty Day' during the good weather in the Howth Malahide area!!

2. Managed Car Parking Services

There was a total of 856 parking tickets issued in Pay and Display locations during February 2021.

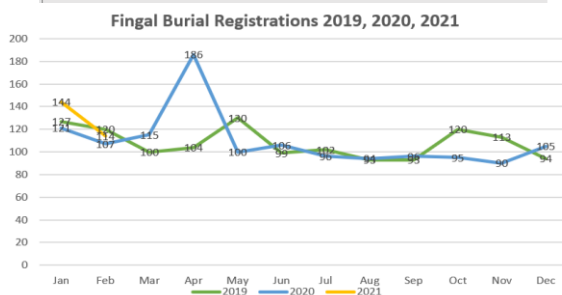
Additional Parking Enforcement measures continued a Countywide basis throughout March 2021, focusing on specific areas where reports of illegal parking have been recorded. The Fingal County Council Parking Control Bye Laws 2020 provide for additional parking enforcement of illegal parking throughout the County.

Between 1st March through to 27th March a total of 132 Warning Notices and 30 Fixed Charge Penalty Notices were issued to vehicles illegally parked outside of Paid Parking Areas for offences including parking on footpaths, parking on Double Yellow Lines and parking without a permit in designated Blue Permit Parking bays.

3. Burial Ground Services

The Operations Department are continuing to administer and monitor delivery to ensure business continuity for Fingal's Burial Ground Service. Essential maintenance works at the burial grounds continued during March 2021.

Month	2019	2020	2021
Jan	127	121	144
Feb	120	107	114
Mar	100	115	
Apr	104	186	
May	130	100	
Jun	99	106	
Jul	102	96	
Aug	93	94	
Sep	93	96	
Oct	120	95	
Nov	113	90	
Dec	94	105	
Total	1295	1311	



4. Traffic Operations (County-wide)

Speed Limits Project

Following ratification of the Speed Limit Review in February, two tenders have been prepared. The first has been published and is a tender for delivery of a large number of speed signs to FCC and is scheduled to be awarded after the Easter break.



Typical slow zone signage required in a residential area

Vehicle activated signage by Railway Bridge on Back Road Malahide

The new sign warns of pedestrians ahead before vehicles cross the bridge.



Road Markings @ Balscadden Cliff Top Car Park, Howth

The car park was marked out for car parking spaces including disabled spaces, signage, pedestrian walkway and double yellow lines early in March. Some pictures are shown below. The purpose of which is to ensure access to the residential housing at the end by preventing

congestion during busy times and to provide a safer environment for everyone including the pedestrians. Age Friendly marked spaces are to follow soon.



Traffic Contract Work 2021 (County-wide)

Preparation of contracts including but not limited to the list below is being prepared:

- Ramps Contract (County-wide)
- New Signals Installation (County-wide)
- Vehicle Activated Signs Contract (County-wide)
- Traffic Signage Contract (County-wide)

Ramps Contract 2021 (County Wide)

Work has now commenced on the preparation of the works requirement for the Ramps Contract 2021. The Ramp Drawings for each location has now been completed and they will be brought as headed Item to each Administrative Areas April ACM and following approval by the members will

go on Public Display as part of the consultation process for the installation of new ramps under Section 38 of the Road traffic Act 1994

Fingal County Council Ramps Contract 2021 - Ramps Locations	No.
Baldoye/Sutton/Malahide	
<i>New Ramps</i>	
Carrickbrack Hill - Asphalt Speed cushions x 4 (2 sets)	2
Greenfields Road by St Sabinas School - Bus friendly flat top ramps x 2	2
<i>Repair Ramps</i>	
St Fintan's road -Sutton asphalt speed cushions by 2 (1 set)	1
Castleknock/Mulhuddart	
<i>Replace/Repair Ramps</i>	
Tyrellstown - Replace modular with in-situ asphalt speed cushions by 5 (1 set)	5
Fortlawn Park - Replace with new ramps	4
Somerton Road	1
Swords/Balbriggan	
<i>New Ramps</i>	
Beaverstown Road, Donabate - Standard round top ramp x 2	2
Forest Road, Swords - Bus friendly flat top ramps x 2	2
Rolestown Village 50kmh - Standard round top ramp x 2	2
Brackenstown Road - Standard round top ramp x 2	2
Carr's Mill Estate - Standard round top ramp x 2	2
Park Road at Kenure Park/Kenure Gate, Rush - Standard round top ramp x 2	2
L-1275-0 at Scoil Moibhí (Milverton National School, Margaretstown, Skerries, Co. Dublin) - Subject to Speed Limit changes - Standard round top ramp x 2	3
<i>Repair Ramps</i>	
Various locations x 2	2
Total Number of Ramps	31

Traffic Contract Work (County-wide) Contd.



Lining works on the Lusk bypass was completed in March as part of the new pedestrian Crossing installed at Racecourse Common.



Pedestrian Crossing at Naul GAA ground: awaiting ESB connection scheduled for late April

Littlepace Signalised Crossings

It was requested at the January ACM for Castleknock-Mulhuddart that Pedestrian safety at the crossings travelling from the Clonee to the M3 bridge and travelling from Littlepace to the M3 bridge be reviewed.

Upon review it was decided by introducing an additional traffic pole on each island, motorists and pedestrian safety would be improved by providing better sightlines to oncoming motorists.



Traveling from Littlepace to the M3 Bridge

Newly installed additional crossing Pole

The new traffic pole offers earlier visibility of the signalised crossing to motorists, which will endorse safety at the crossing for pedestrians and motorists alike.



Traveling from Clonee to the M3 Bridge

Newly installed additional crossing Pole

The new traffic pole offers earlier visibility of the signalised crossing to motorists, which will endorse safety at the crossing for pedestrians and motorists alike.

The new pole can be seen from Littlepace Stud

Disabled Bay Skerries



Installation of new Disabled Bay on Harbour Road, Skerries

5. Bridge Rehabilitation

Fingal Bridges Rehabilitation Programme 2021-2023

A Single party Framework Tender was advertised in Etenders on 22nd of January 2021 for the procurement of consultants for the 2021 – 2023 FCC bridge stock repair programme. FCC currently evaluating the tender submissions. Next steps will be 2 weeks stand still period and the award of contract is estimated to be on 30th of April 2021.

Principal Inspections at 60 of Fingal Bridges

The procurement process for engaging Consulting Engineers to carry out 60 no. Principal Inspections on Fingal Bridges has been completed. The Consultant commenced the Principal inspections on 25th of January 2021. Inspections are completed and Consultant is expected to provide the executive summary and PI reports by first week of April 2021.

Emergency Works following partial bridge deck collapse, Balbriggan

External Consulting Engineers who are experienced bridge specialists are carrying out emergency structural assessments at several pedestrian bridges across the County following on

from a partial bridge deck collapse at Vauxhall Street Footbridge in Balbriggan. The bridge has been closed off to the public whilst work is in progress. The other pedestrian bridges are all located in Swords and remain open on the advice of the specialists. Work is also ongoing on procurement of a TOPO& GPR surveying contractor for these bridges. The Swords bridges are all located on the R132 at Pavillions, Seatown Roundabout and Estuary Roundabout.

Emergency bridge repairs (4 bridges- One contract) at Rallekastown, Old Yellow Walls Bridge Malahide, Ratharten, Rowlestown

These four emergency bridge repairs were previously advertised and awarded to the successful contractor in November 2020. Works to be completed by end of April 2021.

Royal Oak Santry Footbridge, Effelstown and Ratharten Bridges Rehabilitation

The contractor is due to complete the works including snagging by end of March 2021.

6. Fleet Management & Plant Hire Unit

Plant Hire

There were 94 hires put in place from 1st March-31st March 2021, engaging 18 suppliers.

Hires include:

- 3.5T Crew Cab Tipper Van for Burial Grounds (Balbriggan/Swords)
- 65Ft Vehicle Mounted hoist





7. Street Lighting LED Programme

- In March the LED Upgrade Program saw 577 LED Upgrade works carried out in the following locations: -
- Millfield Entrance Road...Balbriggan
- Balgriffan Road...Balgriffan
- R147 Navan Road...Castleknock
- R135 Thornton Hall...Kilsallaghan
- Rathmore Road...Lusk
- Strand Road...Sutton
- Airside Industrial Estate...Swords
- R132 Santry to Airside



R147 Navan Road Castleknock LED upgrade

- Column Replacement: Column replacement works take place in Hazelwood estate in Dublin 15. Works consisted of replacement of 27 end of life columns complete with supply circuit improvement.



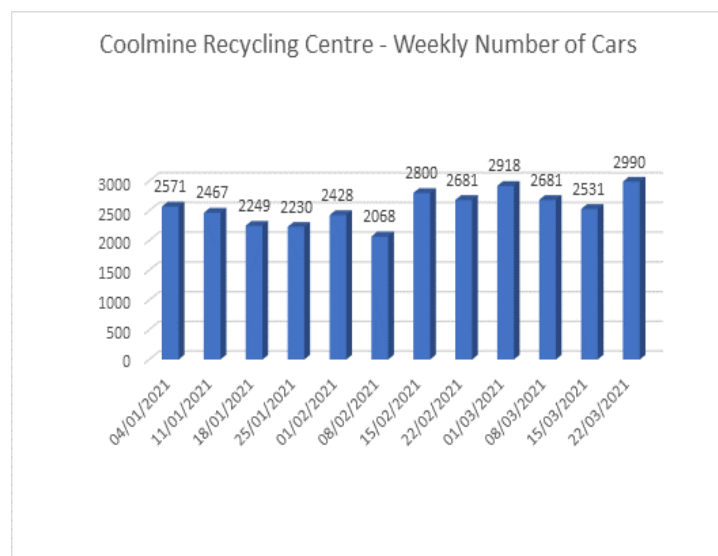
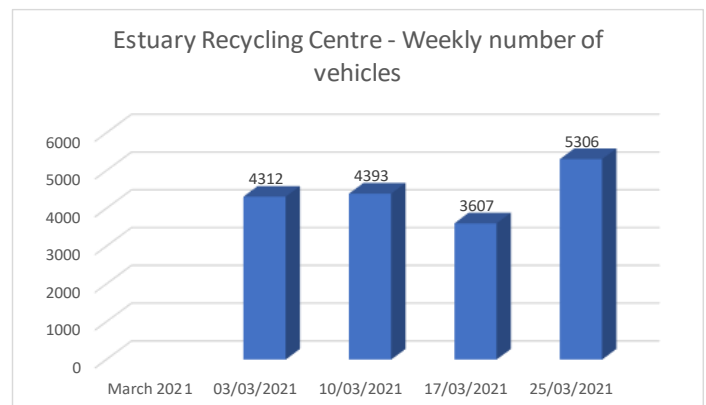
Hazelwood estate Dublin 15

- Further works are carried out installing extra electric charging points at Coolmine depot. There are now 44 EV charging points installed in Fingal depots to aid in transition to electric.



Coolmine Depot EV installation

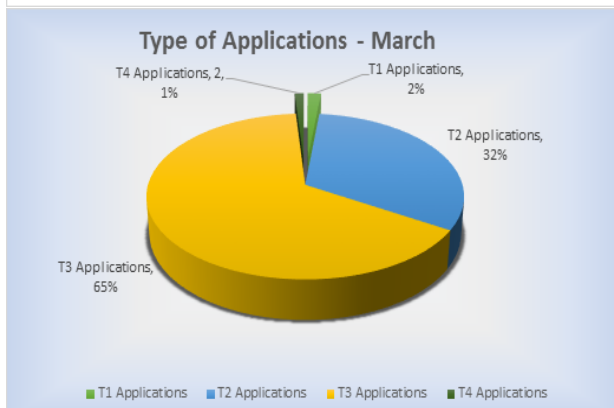
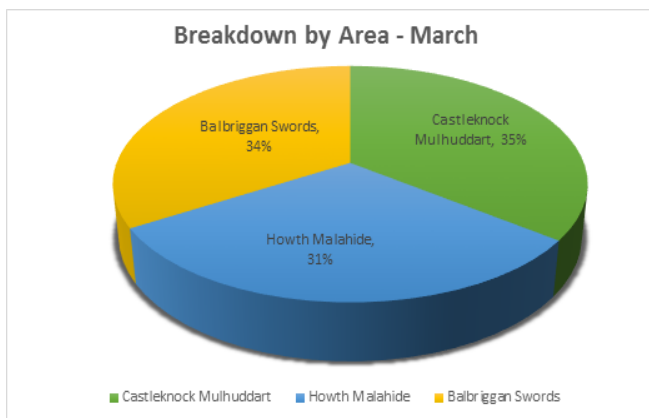
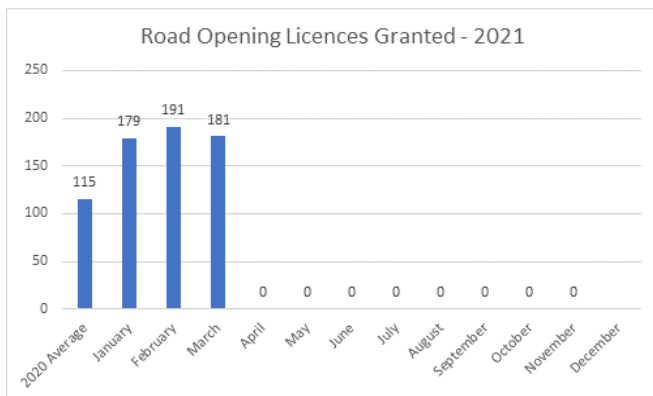
8. Recycling Centres Update



9. Road Opening Licences

The Licensing unit continues to process and manage the licensing system for the County, licences are allocated to each area for examination and conditioning including reviews of temporary traffic management plans and grass verge and tree inspections where necessary. Road Opening licences are a cross functional process for the department and is essential for the asset management of Fingal County Council Road network.

255 applications have been received for licences during March 2021 and 181 granted.



T1 Application: The T1 is not a licence. It is notification of intent to perform works of high impact due to extent or complexity.

T2 Applications: An application to carry out works of moderate impact due to the location, extent, amount or duration of the work.

T3 Applications: An application to carry out works of low impact due to the location, extent, amount or duration of the work. A T3 licence requires a short application period and does not require a works programme notification

T4 Applications: A notification of emergency works (as defined under legislation). Notification must occur at the time or as soon as possible after commencement and works must be carried out during a limited time period.

Road Closures

The Operations department has advertised notice that it intends to close the Old Corduff Road pedestrian way under the N3 and Snugborough Road between Main Street Blanchardstown and the Old Corduff Road in order to facilitate construction of the N3 Snugborough Road Interchange Upgrade, including upgrade of existing Snugborough pedestrian underpass, from 13th May 2021 to 12th May 2022

10. Public Conveniences

The Operations Department is actively advancing plans for public conveniences in all areas of the county. Footfall counters are currently being procured for installation at existing toilets to carry out a study to assist with capacity assessment. Existing toilets which are currently operational will continue to operate during the summer of 2021.

We are following a phased approach to address the existing and future requirements for all areas.

Phase 1 involves meeting the immediate needs of the increased number of stay-cationers and residents expected at high amenity locations for

the summer of 2021 due to ongoing Covid restrictions.

- New Changing place units will be in place over the coming weeks at the playgrounds in Millennium, Newbridge, Ardgillan and Santry.
- Maintenance upgrade will take place at Donabate and Rush with temporary units already in place at Portrane.
- Plans are being finalized for public convenience solutions at Howth Head, Burrow Beach and Claremount in Howth to meet the high demand at these locations.

Phase 2 involves the development and installation of new toilets for summer 2022 at the following locations

- Donabate, Portrane, Rush, Howth (East Pier) and Portmarnock
- The refurbishment of remaining toilets to improve their functionality and aesthetics.
- Assessment of the requirement for the installation of new units in areas where there is a clear demand post Covid restrictions.

11. Water Services

Water production and distribution, waste water collection, treatment & disposal continue to be provided as agreed in the Service Level Agreement with Irish Water.

The Council continue to have responsibility for the Storm Water Network

Storm Water (surface water) Network – Operations

Operation and maintenance of the stormwater network is ongoing, in line with Covid 19 restrictions. Works included:

- Castleknock Storm water network upgrade is almost completed, with the remaining work comprising of relining of the pipe on Main Street still to be undertaken.
- The Storm water manhole covers and frames programme for replacing assets at the end of life is ongoing – Covers and

frames were replaced at various locations on the Old Airport Road, Santry, the Naul, Garristown, and Balbriggan.

- A project to install a section of new stormwater (surface water) network in Ballyboughil has commenced with advance works, in conjunction with FCC's Housing Department.
- Works were undertaken at College Grove, Castleknock to clear the network and remove roots which were resulting in a flooding issue.
- Other maintenance and minor works ongoing.

Storm Water (surface water) Network – Projects

A number of storm water projects are currently being progressed:

- Burrow Beach Surface Water Outfall Pipeline Repair
Scope: This project is to replace the damaged anchor system for the pipeline

Status: Design stage

- Beaverstown Storm Water Pumping Station Upgrade

Scope: Upgrade the existing pumping station

Status: Project planning / scoping

- Howth Surface Water Culvert Replacement
Scope: Prepare a design to replace the existing surface water culvert

Status: Preliminary

Irish Water – Towards a National Publicly-Owned, Regulated, Water Services Utility

The Government's Policy Paper on Water Sector Transformation, entitled *Irish Water – Towards a National, Publicly-Owned, Regulated, Water Services Utility* was published on Tuesday 23rd February 2021.

The paper and accompanying press release are available at www.gov.ie/housing. All new publications appear on the homepage under the Publications heading.

The paper sets out the Government's approach to water sector transformation including addressing Irish Water as the Single Public Utility.

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

Communication with Irish Water for Elected Representatives

The Local Representative Support Desk

- Make contact at localrepsupport@water.ie or by phone at **1890 178 178**. Staff are available Monday – Friday from 9am to 5.30pm to deal with queries from elected representatives about any topic related to Irish Water.
- Outside these hours, the 24/7 customer care line is available for urgent queries at **1850 278 278**
- Irish Water Planned Works - Irish Water Regional Communications team provide regular updates concerning upcoming projects in the area and planned works which may cause disruption to customers. Regularly updates on the website at <https://www.water.ie/water-supply/supply-and-service-update/#>

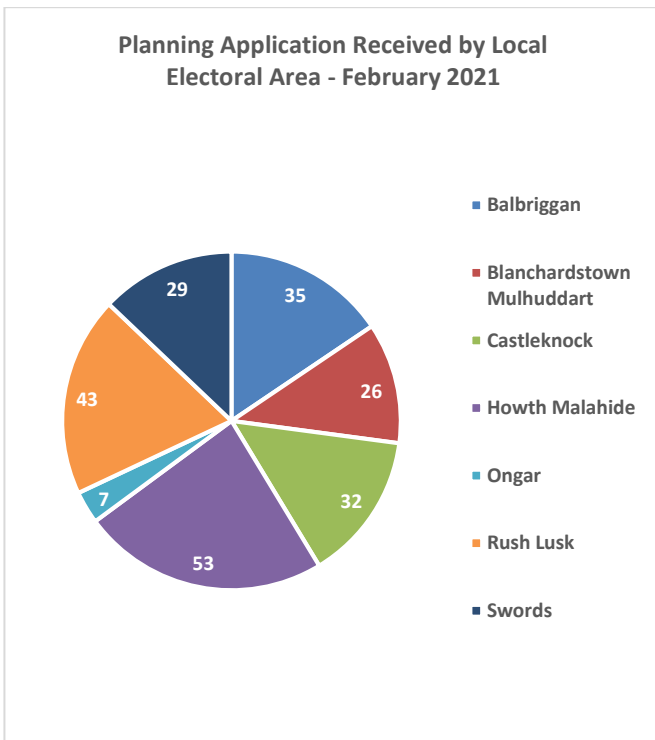
PLANNING AND STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE (PSI)

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Planning Applications

There have been 225 planning applications received to the end of February 2021, 13 of these applications were invalid leaving a total of 212 valid applications. The volume of applications received by Local Electoral Area (LEA) is detailed in the table below.

To date in 2021, 0 Strategic Housing Development (SHD) applications were made to An Bord Pleanála. No decisions were made by the board in January 2021. There are a total of 3 SHDs (848 units) currently in the formal application process.



Planning Decisions

A total of 260 planning decisions have been made to the end of February 2021. There have been 216 decisions to grant permission (83%) and 44 refusals of permission (17%). There have been 14 grants of permissions in respect of single house construction, 150 grants of permission for domestic extensions, 44 commercial/retail grants of permission and 3 grants of permission in respect of housing developments of which 1 relates to development of 2 - 20, 1 relates to development of 20 - 50 and one of which relates to development of 50 - 100 housing units.

Building Control Admin

Up to the end of February 2021, there were 26 Disability Access Certificate applications submitted, of these 8 have been granted and 1 is currently on time extension. There were 2 Revised Disability Access Certificate applications submitted, of these 1 has been granted. There were also 2 Dispensation applications submitted.

Up to the end of February 2021, there were 23 Fire Safety Certificate applications submitted, of these 1 was granted and 1 was invalidated and 2 are currently on time extension. There were 4 Revised Fire Safety Certificate applications submitted, 2 are currently on time extension.

There were 2 Regularisation Certificate applications submitted, 1 is currently on time extension.

A total of 225 building control decisions were made up until the end of February 2021, this includes decisions that were made on applications submitted pre 2021 in addition to the decisions that were made on applications submitted in January. This is made up of 68 decisions to grant, 1 invalid, 3 amendment and 153 extensions of time.

Building Control Fire Safety, Disability Access, Regularisation and Dispensation/Relaxation Certificate applications can be submitted online via the new BCMS applications module. We are also still accepting hard copy applications directly into the office until such time as the legislation is signed into effect, although there has been a marked decrease in hard copy applications during January and February.

Strategic Policy Unit

Fingal Development Plan 2023 - 2029

Fingal County Council has commenced the review of the current Fingal Development Plan and preparing the new Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029. The beginning of an eight-week public consultation on the Strategic Issues Paper, was launched on 12th March.

An Information Booklet, summarising the seven themes contained in the Strategic Issues Paper, is being distributed to households across Fingal and can also be viewed at www.fingal.ie/developmentplan.

The seven themes are: People and Place, Climate Action, Connectivity and Movement, Employment, Economy & Dublin Airport, Cultural Heritage, Green Infrastructure & Natural Heritage and Infrastructure & Utilities.

Four online consultation seminars featuring a total of eight presentations on topics raised in the Strategic Issues Paper will be held in April and a

Minecraft workshop is also being developed to encourage the participation of younger citizens.

The Development Plan process is scheduled to run for the next two years and will involve three public consultation stages before the final plan is adopted by Councillors in February 2023. The current stage, which is known as the pre-draft, sets out the strategic direction for the Plan and will form the framework into which objectives and policies at the subsequent stages will sit.

Submissions can be made until 12th May Fingal County Council's Consultation Portal, www.consult.fingal.ie.



RUSH PAINT AND SHOPFRONT & SIGNAGE SCHEME

Background

Rush Urban Framework Plan (UFP) was adopted in June 2018 and followed 18 months proactive and extensive consultation with the local community. This included the establishment of a Rush UFP Steering Group comprising members of the Rush Town Centre Health Check (TCHC) Committee and staff from Fingal's Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Dept. The overall objective of the UFP is to rejuvenate and revitalise the Main Street of Rush.

Town and Village Renewal Scheme Funding

Fingal sought funding under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme (led by the Department of Rural and Community Development) for a Paint and

Shop Front Improvement Scheme and Way-finding and Tourism Signage. We were successful in our funding application under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme and were awarded funding of €100,000 for the above works.

Approximately 14 premises availed of the grant funding, and successfully carried out shopfront improvements. Improvement works included painting, shopfront repair and new signage. Some examples of the shopfront improvements along Main Street are highlighted below.



GROOMES HAIR SALON (BEFORE AND AFTER)



DALMAC LANGUAGE SCHOOL (BEFORE AND AFTER)



EUROSPAR (BEFORE AND AFTER)



THE PILATES LOUNGE (BEFORE AND AFTER)



Signage at The Harbour and Kenure Park Entrance Gates



Signage at The Millbank and Tayleur Memorial

Signage Provision:

Following detailed consultation and agreement with the local Rush TCHC Committee, members of Fingal’s Planning and Strategic Infrastructure and Operations Departments, signage was installed at 8 no. locations in Rush in late 2020, including at Echlin Court, the Tayleur Memorial, Rush Harbour, The Millbank, Rogerstown Harbour, Tayleur’s Point (view towards Lambay), Kenure Woods entrance gates and at St Catherine’s Estate (portico).



'YOU ARE HERE' signage at Echlin Court

Donabate UFP

Work continues to progress on the preparation of a Draft Urban Framework Plan for Donabate Village Centre.

Sheridan Woods Architects and Urban Planners, who are the consultants appointed to prepare the Public Realm and Traffic Management Strategy (PRTMS) which will form an integral part of the UFP, provided us with a Draft Strategy Document in February 2021 with suggested public realm works for key sites within the village. We are currently reviewing this Strategy in consultation with other Council Departments including Water Services, Transportation, Conservation and Parks. We will be meeting with SWA to progress the next stage in the coming weeks.

Consultants will also be appointed in the coming weeks to prepare AA and SEA screening for the UFP.

St. Margaret's Town and Village Renewal Scheme

Following Fingal's County Council's success in securing funding of €69,525 for St. Margaret's under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2020, the proposed enhancement scheme will focus on five key areas which will provide a positive environmental gain to the community of St. Margaret's. These works will also fulfil key objectives for enhancement as set out in the adopted strategy for St. Margaret's within the context of the adopted Dublin Airport Local Area Plan 2020 and recognise the active and positive contribution of the community in advancing the strategy for the area.

Key focus areas include:

- Enhancement of the green area at the northern end of St. Margaret's with a new roadside boundary treatment and wild flower planting;
- Upgrade of the access laneway to St. Margaret's Church in Ruins and Graveyard including new boundary treatment along the access laneway, new roadside entrance gate, upgrade of the existing roadside piers and walls as well as restoration of the internal access gate;
- Upgrade of the access laneway to St. Bridget's Well;
- Enhancement of the Southern and Northern Entrance Gateways to St. Margaret's to include new name stones and wild flower planting.
- Enhancement of the existing green area at Newtown Cottages to include a new roadside boundary treatment and some wild flower planting.

Overall, the proposals respect the scale and character of St. Margaret's and are based on an adaptation of the existing physical fabric and function rather than any major redevelopment or re-design and can be achieved in the short-term by FCC without major disruption to the area. Preparatory work to advance the delivery of this enhancement scheme is currently ongoing with a

targeted completion date towards the mid-end of 2022.

Heritage

The Heritage Council's Community Heritage Scheme closed on 29 March 2021. The Heritage Office provided advice to a number of Tidy Towns groups developing submissions and supported projects in Naul and Lusk. The Community Monument Fund 2021 is currently open. This grant scheme, funded by the National Monuments Service, Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage is open to private owners or community groups in order to enable conservation works to be carried out on archaeological monuments which are deemed to be significant and in need of urgent support; encourage access to monuments and improve their presentation; build resilience in our monuments to enable them to withstand the effects of climate change. The Heritage Office has also secured funding from the Heritage Council to support the Dublin GIS Project working with DCC, SDCC and DLR councils; to publish the Swords Castle excavations and develop a citizen science programme for the monitoring of our heritage assets in the face of Climate Change.

The Heritage Signage & Heritage Trail Guidance was presented at Council on 8 March 2021. The Guidance has been developed in order to provide clear direction and advice to the public and stakeholders on the best practice, procedures and is currently being translated into Irish.



Built Environment Division

1. Development Management/Forward Planning (Water Services)

Development Management

- Our work as internal consultee on planning applications continues remotely and has resulted in 95 reports being prepared in February 2021.
- Pre-planning consultations – During February, staff from Planning (Water Services) have engaged in discussions with developers at pre-planning stage to discuss issues related to the provision of water services and to ensure the implementation of flood risk management and sustainable drainage systems on site. These meetings have also included discussions on drainage and flood risk management relating to economic development, including pharma and logistics development and also to strategic infrastructure project, such as Bus Connects & MetroLink.
- SHDs – staff are engaged as internal consultees in discussion on approx. 20no. SHD applications
- The Built Environment Intern, Mai Yan, is working on a report for Building Regulations Part A – structural design of a building as well as SHD tracking spreadsheet.

Flood Risk Assessments/ Drainage Strategies

- FCC staff are currently managing the preparation of Surface Water Management Plans to inform Belcamp LAP, Dunsink Masterplan and the Balbriggan Masterplan.
- FCC staff have met with the appointed consultants and kicked off the development of the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment for the upcoming County Development Plan.
- FCC staff are working closely with the Consultants for the Barnhill LAP in order to develop this area with state of art SUDs

complete with metrics to show the performance of the various SUDs systems.

Irish Water

- Staff continue to liaise with Irish water regarding existing constraints within the water/wastewater networks and identifying solutions to resolve.
- Connection and Developer Services – staff continue to provide a planning review of water/wastewater connection applications on behalf of Irish Water with 35no. applications processed requiring Water Services planning during February with an average turnaround of 3.1 working days.

2. Building Control/Taking in Charge

Building Control

- COVID19 crisis Works continuing on a number of sites where buildings were close to completion and those sites authorised through legislation – Covid Commencement Notices. Also, we have seen a recent ramp up in activity as it is expected to have the lockdown lifted for house-building.
- BCMS – CNs for 37 units received in February and 30 Completion Certificates processed. Building Control Site inspection for February is at 28.57% of new buildings. Almost all DAC, FSC and Dispensations are now coming through electronically via the BCMS applications module.
- Enforcement – Section 11 notices used to ensure the correct information is been submitted at Completion stage and several Completion Certificates were invalidated due to non-compliances with the Building Regulations. Several houses were not granted their Certificates of Compliance upon Completion due to non-compliances with part C moisture ingress. The NBCO were on site assisting with inspections in both the Malahide and Castleknock areas. Fingal County Council were described as very professional and knowledgeable in how it preforms its Building Control inspections.

Taking in Charge

- Warren Lodge in Sutton was formally Taken in Charge at the full Council meeting in February.
- We have 43 Developments with formal TIC requests and a further 285 developments on our system, of which 62 are likely to remain private.
- Phase 1 Tender for TIC works on the following estates - Chieftain's way, Martello, New Haven Bay is now evaluated and will be awarded to the winning Contractor shortly. Phase 2 Tender for TIC works – Drynam, is now on eTenders.



Dangerous Structures

- We currently have 44 active dangerous structures. There were 3 new notifications in February.
- On Portrane Beach, our Contractor will begin works on re-instating their compound at the beginning of April and it is expected that the works will only take a week.

References

- The number of reference requests received in February was 294.

Parks & Green Infrastructure Division

Bremore Regional Park Development Project



The part 8 planning process for Bremore Regional Park Development Project has commenced. An overview of proposals was presented to elected members at the March meeting of the Balbriggan, Rush Lusk Swords area committee meeting. The project is an important step in delivering the long-term vision for the park and comprises a multifunctional sports campus, improved central zone and new coastal pocket park. The proposals combine family orientated spaces which facilitate play, active recreation and social interaction with a high-quality public realm which will allow people to sit, look and experience the sea. The project will deliver significant public amenities to the local community and transform the relationship between the town of Balbriggan and the park. Building on the successful community consultations held to date, the council actively encourages feedback and comment on the proposed Bremore Regional Park Development during the submission period of 16th March to 30th April as detailed in the part 8 planning application available at: <https://consult.fingal.ie/en/consultation/proposed-bremore-regional-park-development-project>

Lanesborough Park Development Project



This project aims to provide enhanced local outdoor recreation facilities for children and adults in Lanesborough while supporting the development of a sense of identity for the area. Local representatives, community groups and other stakeholders were recently presented with the draft proposed plan. Non-statutory consultation was facilitated through the consultation portal and the feedback received will inform the detailed design for the formal part 8 planning application later this year.

Forest of Fingal – Consultation on revised Tree Strategy



The extensive public consultation on the draft revised strategy concluded on the 28th March. During the consultation period the Council actively

encouraged public participation through presentations to the Area Committees, social media posts, press releases, public information and Q&A sessions and a promotional video. This has resulted in a wide range of valuable submissions, these will be compiled and reviewed in full, making a valuable contribution to the final version later in the year.

Space for Play, a Play Policy for Fingal



The first play policy for the county is currently in development. Titled: *Space for Play, a Play Policy for Fingal*, the policy seeks to ensure the provision of safe, accessible, inclusive, natural and engaging spaces of the highest quality for all children to enjoy. An overview of the play policy and work stages was presented at the March meeting of Planning Strategic Transport & Infrastructure Development Strategic Policy Committee. Internal and public consultation on the policy will follow later this year.

Transportation Planning

Snugborough Interchange Upgrade Project

BAM Contractors Ltd having formally been appointed to construct this project have commenced site clearance works and compound set up, shown in the attached photos. Large-scale engineering works will commence in April.



Park Road Rush

This project has been designated as essential under the government covid 19 restrictions. The contractor has returned to site to complete outstanding minor work items. The project team would like to take this opportunity to thank the local residents, St. Maurs GAA and the school community of Gaeil Scoil Ros Eo for their cooperation and patience during these works.



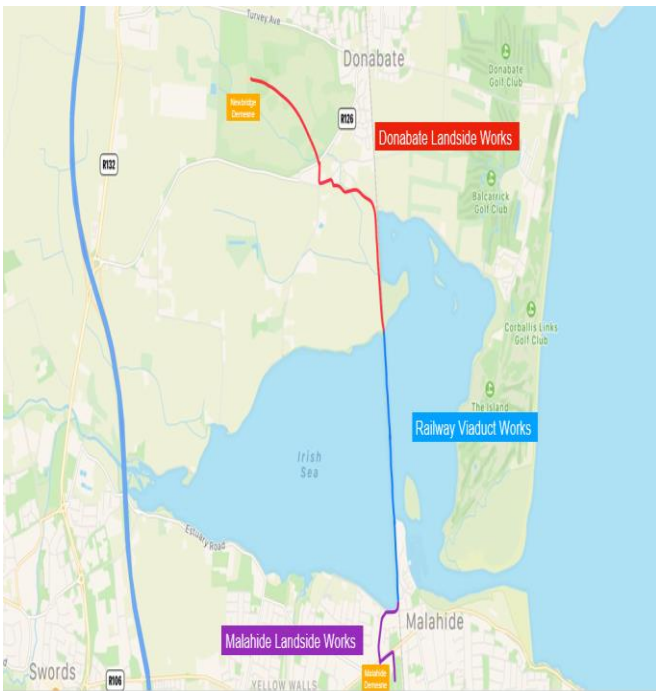
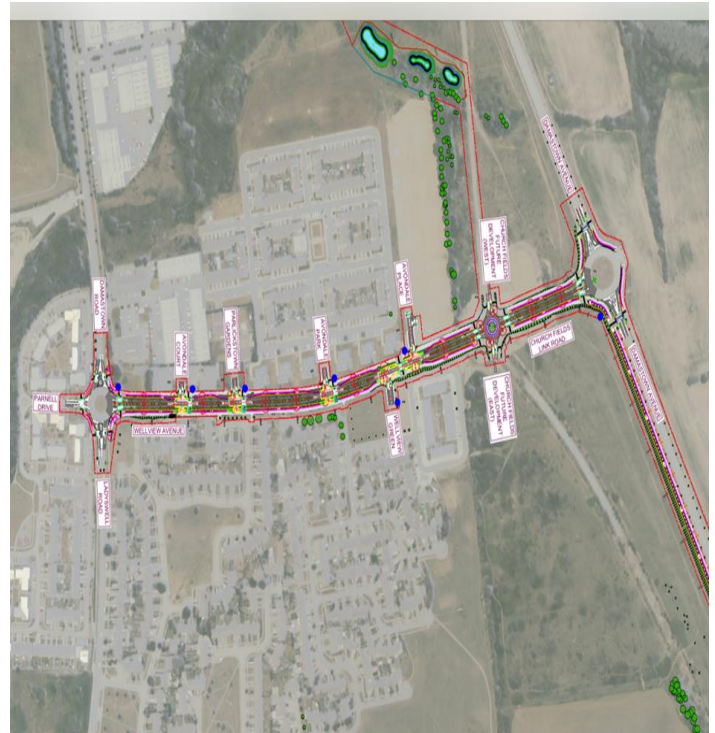
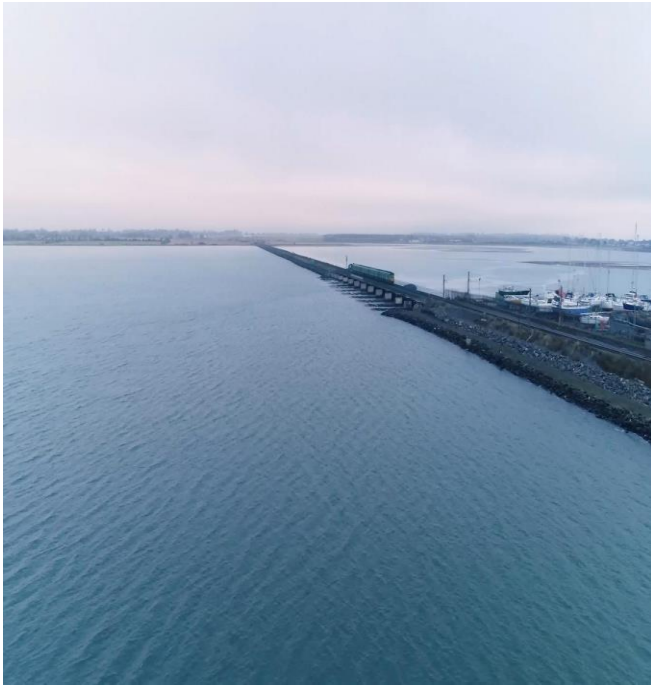
Fingal Coastal Way

It is intended to hold a non-statutory public consultation in April 2021, which will set out a small number of routes (c.3-5 route options) over the entire route corridor, with associated descriptions of each option. From this an emerging preferred route will be developed for further consultation and preliminary design in advance of a planning application. As part of this, a Teams briefing will be arranged for councillors, in advance of the consultation start date.



Broadmeadow Way

Detailed design is ongoing on the Broadmeadow Way Greenway. RPS Consulting Engineers, Irish Rail and the Council project team have been workshopping design, construction and contract strategy with respect to the Malahide Estuary Crossing. The landward design work is also progressing. The main application for Foreshore Lease and License has been submitted to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. The draft route options report for connectivity options between the greenway and the urban centres of Malahide and Donabate is currently being considered by the project team. Advanced contracts will commence on site once current government Covid 19 restrictions are lifted.



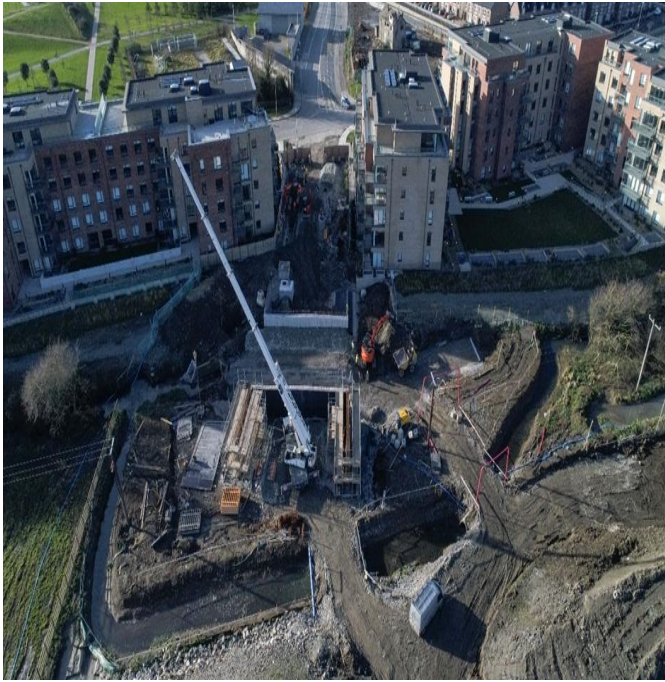
Hole in the Wall Road Upgrade

Work on this essential road construction project in Balgriffin continues apace. As can be seen in the attached photos, the abutments, or supporting structures, for the bridge over the River Mayne are now in place and further works to install the beams and deck of the bridge are due to be completed in April. Works are continuing on the roadway, cycle tracks, footpaths and flood defence structures, with the project due to be substantially completed this summer.

Churchfields

Detailed design is complete for the Churchfields Link Road Project. Stage 1 of the tender process to procure a contractor to carry out the works is complete, twenty submissions have been shortlisted to six candidates who will be invited to tender for the project. This project is programmed to commence on site in Q3 2021.





a view to look at interventions which could successfully be deployed in Swords.

Donabate Pedestrian Bridge

Consultation with Irish Rail required to place the new pedestrian bridge into service above the railway is at an advanced stage. Detailed designs and other technical documents related to the project are due to be considered for final review at a meeting of the Irish Rail Safety Panel in mid-April. In tandem with on-going liaison with Irish Rail, tender documents for the appointment of an engineering consultant to undertake site supervision duties during the construction stage are currently being finalised. A pre-qualification process for the appointment of the main works contractor will be published in Q2 with a view to commencing construction on this NTA-funded project in Q4.

Sustainable Swords

Work has commenced on the significant Transport Element of the Sustainable Swords project. The initial baselines studies are underway, with traffic data collection and review of existing studies ongoing to gain an understanding of how residents of Swords and its environs travel in and around Swords. A context report is being prepared examining various cities and towns in Europe with

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AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN LUSK

Construction is about to commence on site to deliver the first affordable housing scheme in the county in 11 years at Dun Emer, Lusk. Ó Cualann Cohousing Alliance will oversee the construction of 51 homes, of which 39 will be affordable and 12 will be social housing. Details in relation to the affordable homes, the affordable scheme, eligibility criteria, etc. are available on the website www.fingal.ie. The site also has a Frequently Asked Questions section and additional queries can be emailed to affordablehousing@fingal.ie.



Applications for the Dun Emer Affordable House Purchase Scheme will be accepted via an online portal. A video demonstrating the application process and documents to be uploaded with the application will be available on the website in the coming days. In accordance with the Scheme of Priority adopted by the Council, priority will be given to eligible applicants in the order in which they applied. The opening date for receipt of applications will be announced very shortly.

The affordable homes will be available to eligible first-time purchases at prices that will be around 25% below their market value. The 39 homes will be a mixture of two-bedroom apartments, three-bedroom duplexes, three-bedroom terraced and three-bedroom semi-detached. Guide prices are set out below;

DWELLING TYPE	NUMBER	
2 Bed Apartment	8	From €166,000
3 Bed Duplex	8	From €206,000
3 Bed Terrace	15	From €250,000
3 Bed Semi	8	From €258,000

MIXED TENURE SITES

The Council is currently at pre-planning design stage on schemes that will deliver mixed tenure housing via affordable purchase, cost rental and social housing

Church Fields, Dublin 15



- Deliver approximately 1,000 mixed tenure dwellings;
- Initial 300 dwellings at design/pre-planning stage
- Construction of the new link road to commence on site in coming months
- Design of the linear park is underway

Hayestown Site, Rush



3D Views of the Proposed Development



View of main entrance from Old Road



Street view towards north units



View from main public open space towards north-east units

Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall - Roim Na nAilíní
Fingal County Council - Architects Department

- Deliver a total of 61 dwellings
- Mixed tenure
- Part 8 before this meeting for approval

Hackettstown Lands, Skerries

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 LDA propose road infrastructure upgrade which is funded through the Serviced Sites Fund.
- Plan to deliver 346 housing units of mainly affordable/cost rental and dwellings available for affordable purchase. Housing will also be provided for families in need of social housing.

Social Housing Delivery

The delivery of social housing across the county continued during 2020 despite the Covid-19 restrictions that were in place. The following table details the delivery against the targets set by the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage.

2020 Delivery

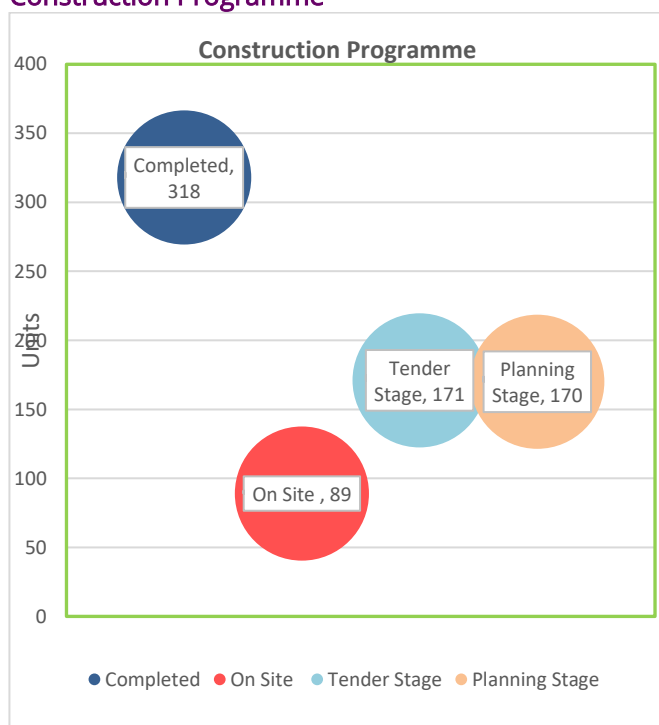
Delivery Mechanism	Target	Delivery
New Build	312	313
Leasing	90	107
Acquisitions	No target	100
HAP/RAS	No target	798
TOTAL		1,318

The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage have set the 2021 social housing delivery targets for Fingal via build and leasing as follows;

2021 Delivery Targets

Delivery Mechanism	Target
Build	431
Leasing	130

Construction Programme



On Site

Church Road, Dublin 15 - Cluid Housing	65
College St. Baldoyle - Cluid Housing	4
Wellview Cul de Sacs, Wellview, D15	20

The Church Road, Cluid site is designated as an essential site. Both the College Street and the Wellview Cul de sac projects will resume activity on site on the 12th April.

Tendering Stage

Tucketts Lane, Howth	8
Cappagh, Dublin 11	69
Outlands, Swords, Co Dublin	11
Church Fields Phase 2B, Mulhuddart, D15	67
Church Road, Lusk	5
Former Leonards Garage, Lusk	10
Infill Site adjacent to 169 Clonsilla Road, D15	1

Planning Stage

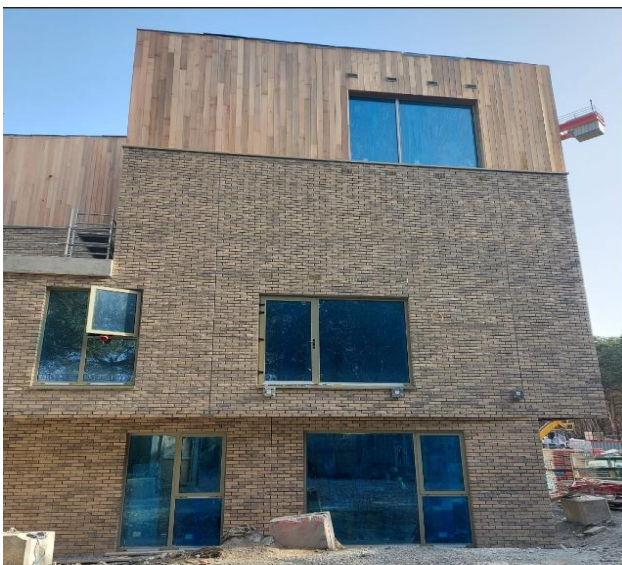
Hayestown, Rush	61
Garristown - North and East Housing Association	6
Kilhedge Lane - Tuath Housing	31
Mayeston, Dublin 11	72

Construction of social homes at Old Corduff Road, Dublin 15.





Construction of 59 homes at St. Doulagh's Oaks, Carrs Lane, Malahide Road, Balgriffin, Dublin 17



Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan

Current Loan Book Value	€144, 421, 498
Loans Drawn Down under RIHL	267
Value of RIHL lending	€57.6 million
Covid-19 Agreements to Pay	128

Mortgage holders experiencing difficulties making repayments should contact the Council immediately on loans@fingal.ie and the Council will endeavour to find an individual solution with each borrower.

Rent Payments – Council Tenants

The Rent Assessment Team are available to Council tenants who have temporarily lost employment due to Covid19 crisis. Tenants may have their rent temporarily re-assessed based on Social Welfare payments until their employment situation becomes clearer. Tenants should contact the Council immediately at email; rent.assessment@fingal.ie Further details are available on the Council's website www.fingal.ie.

Housing Asset Management Report

Energy Efficiency/Retrofitting Programme (Housing Circular 8/21)



The newly revised 2021 Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme is the first of a ten year programme which is expected to grow to meet the Programme for Government retrofit commitment. This revision will require local authorities to move to a 'deeper retrofit' programme, thus building on what has been completed in previous years. The revised programme provides for significant upscaling in the level of funding available and focuses on

ensuring that the fabric of the home is upgraded and an energy efficient heating system is provided.

An initial national preliminary allocation of €35m which is calculated on a stock percentage basis is being made available immediately. The preliminary allocation determined for Fingal County Council is €1,354,343 with a requirement to retrofit a minimum of 50 properties to a B2/Cost Optimal standard.

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 for Re-letting	At 31 st March 2021
In letting process	51
Undergoing re-let repairs	12
With County Architect for procurement of pre-let repairs	14
TOTAL	77

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. While the 2021 servicing programme was suspended at the beginning of the year, a review of the current Covid restrictions and confirmation of the essential nature of this service, the suspension has been lifted with the programme recommencing in early March 2021. To date 1,298 properties have been provided to the Contractors and servicing is progressing well.

Cyclical Maintenance

This programme provides for external painting and joinery repairs to council housing stock which currently operates on a 6/7 year cycle. Painting

works are ongoing in Parslickstown Estate and Church Road, Dublin 15. The contractor has commenced work in the Wellview Estate and Kirkfield Cottages, Dublin 15. The remaining estates will be completed as part of the current programme between now and the summer of 2021. (listed below: Batch F & G).

Estate	
Dromheath	Dublin 15
Castlecurragh Heath/Vale	Dublin 15
St Patricks Park	Donabate
Shamrock Park	Oldtown
Windmill Estate	Skerries
Toberburr Avenue	St Margarets
The Bawn Grove/ The Hill	Malahide
Kirkfield Cottages	Clonsilla
Lambeeher Estate	Balbriggan
Estate	
Ladyswell Road	Dublin 15
Parslickstown Estate	Dublin 15
Castlegrange Estate	Swords
Wellview Estate	Dublin 15
Cardy Rock Estate	Balbriggan
Barnewall Avenue/Crescent	Donabate
Church Road	Dublin 15
Rockabill	Skerries
Bealing Avenue/Grove	Dubin 15

Some of our recently painted properties below:





Housing Tenancy Services Report

Housing Support

Housing Waiting List - Yearly List Position

The Housing Support Team issued applicants with their yearly list position details from the Housing Waiting List earlier this month.

A small number of applicants established contact with the team with a variety of queries, predominantly advising of changes in their circumstances. These queries are being actively progressed with continuous engagement and communication is being maintained with the applicant to assist them at this time.

In addition, the team in collaboration with IT Department and the Data Officer are continuing to examine mechanisms to facilitate applicants accessing housing services and information by on-line means, including accessing details of their yearly list position.

Medical/Welfare Meeting

The Housing Support Team is continuing to progress applicants' requests for medical priority, with the continuance of virtual medical/welfare

meetings in collaboration with the HSE and a meeting held in February.

Should an applicant wish to submit a request for priority, they may do so by submitting their documentation directly to the Housing Support Team who will arrange examination.

Set out below are the Housing Support Team Contact and the Tenancy Services Division details-

The Housing Support Team Contact Details	
Phone	01 890 5902 /01 890 5000
Email	Housing.allocations@fingal.ie
Website	www.fingal.ie

THE HOUSING UNIT CONTACT DETAILS

Homeless Services	01 890 5090 homeless@fingal.ie
HAP	01 870 4515 HAP@fingal.ie
Estate Management (Maintenance, ASB & Special Projects)	01 890 5588 Estatemanagement@fingal.ie
Lettings	01 890 5380 Housing.allocations@fingal.ie
Housing Support	01 890 5902 Housing.allocations@fingal.ie
Customer Care Team	01 890 5000 CustomerCareUnit@fingal.ie

Offers of Housing Support

The Housing Allocations Team has continued to provide offers of social housing throughout Level 5 restrictions COVID-19 and this is demonstrated in the chart below.



Housing Assistance Payment (HAP)

The HAP Team in Fingal County Council continues to operate as normal with the public making contact through email and phone during COVID-19 restrictions. Additional resources have been deployed to assist with the volume of calls/emails from those who have been affected by the current crisis (in relation to a change in income).

Since its inception in Fingal County Council in 2017, the HAP team have set up over 2,600 tenancies.

Homeless Services

The Council's Homeless Team continue to engage with those experiencing homelessness to offer advice and support. Homeless Assessments were conducted over the phone during the Level 5 Public Health Restrictions which were re-introduced on 1st December 2020.

In March 2021 there were 44 new homeless presentations, comprising 21 families and 23 singles/couples.

During March 2021, 48 households, comprising 30 families and 18 singles/couples, exited homeless circumstances into various forms of social housing support- including into private rented tenancies under Homeless HAP.

Homeless HAP accounts for 38 of these tenancies.

Cold Weather Strategy 2020/2021

The Dublin Region Homeless Executive (DRHE) has activated its Cold Weather Strategy 2020/2021 which runs from November 2020 to end of March 2021. This is in order to meet a likely increase in demand for homeless services and to have the appropriate contingency plan in place for cold weather conditions.

In the event of cold weather or any emergency event, the DRHE co-ordinates the response to homelessness on behalf of the four Dublin Local Authorities. Whilst services operate throughout the year to support people experiencing homelessness, during the winter period, services are increased and enhanced to mitigate against the health risks that the bad weather poses.

Traveller Specific Supports

Covid-19 Continued Support

Measures have continued within Fingal to ensure that Traveller families receive as much assistance as possible during these unprecedented times, and particularly having regard to relevant and current public health guidelines and restrictions levels.

Daily site visits by Housing Inspectorate and Senior Council Officials are continuing with due care to maintaining public health guidelines while checking on vulnerable tenants and advising on the continued supports available. In addition, the Council's designated Social Worker Service for Travellers continues to make regular contact with the most vulnerable, in order to assist with additional needs arising from the current circumstances.

Illegal Occupation of Lands

Incidents of illegal occupation of both Council owned lands and privately owned lands continues within the Fingal administrative area. Statutory Notices were served on a large occupation at Portrane WTP and within the Dublin Enterprise Zone who have now vacated the sites and taken up illegal occupation on privately owned land in the

North County. The Housing Department are engaged with a number of internal Departments and external agencies in this regard. This specific group of illegal occupiers continue to leave behind substantial amounts of waste including domestic, green, construction and demolition on sites, cause damage to property with associated incurred costs to the respective land owners.



Lusk Train Station

Traveller Accommodation

A programme of works in relation to the refurbishment and upgrading of existing accommodation on specific sites is currently in development with the County Architect.

Preparation and site specific works are continuing in order to progress Traveller Specific Accommodation at Stockhole Lane and Cappagh in accordance with the provision of the Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019-2024.

General site maintenance has continued on all Traveller Specific Sites throughout every level of Covid restrictions, however there have been instances where the progression of works have been hindered by the actions of some residents which has prevented access to sites and progression of works.



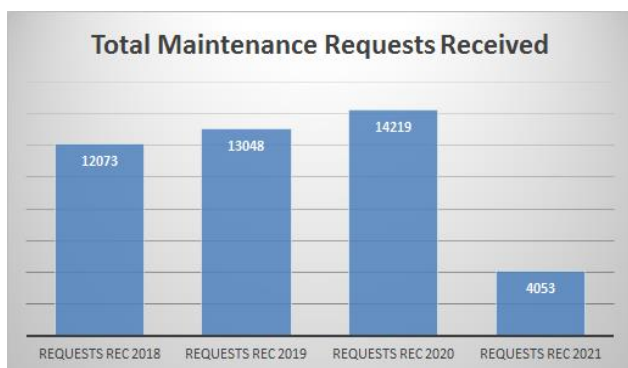
Road blockcade at Porterstown Road

Housing Welfare Service

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

In response to **Covid-19**, the Housing Social Workers have been actively engaged with their most vulnerable cases at this time providing support, information and inter-agency linkages when and where required. Tenants were identified by the Social Workers and Housing Inspectors who may be considered particularly vulnerable during **Covid-19** and follow-on action has been initiated through various mechanisms including the Fingal Community Response Forum.

Maintenance Requests



During Level 5 Restrictions essential maintenance works such as electrical, water and heating are being complete with all other non-essential maintenance requests being postponed pending easing of restrictions.

Anti-Social Behaviour/Inspectorate Unit

The ongoing management and sustainment in 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

77 cases under review – 19 Downsizing, 10 Regularisation of Tenancy, 27 Breaches of Tenancy, 21 Miscellaneous (including cases of Family Breakdown/Illegal Occupants)

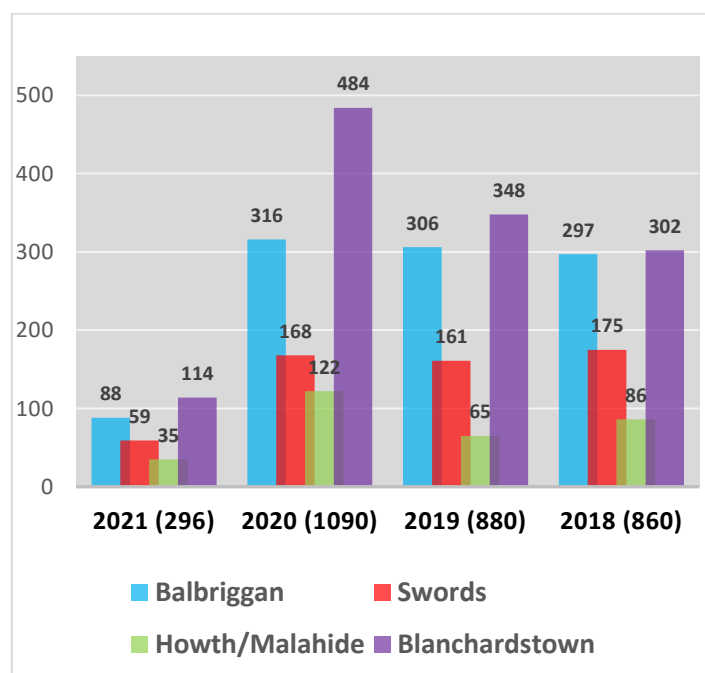
Surrenders on EM Grounds 2021 – 0 (Jan), 1 (Feb), 1 (Mar)

ASB Caseload Management

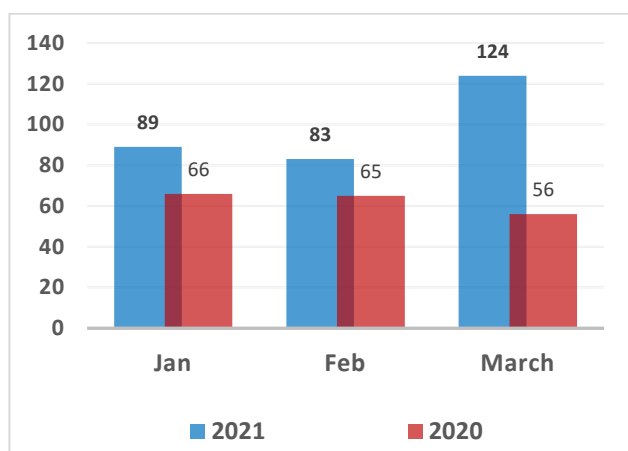
March 2021	Active Investigation	Active Monitoring	Closed
Dublin 15	25	13	8
North County	25	11	15
Total	50	24	23

ASB complaints received are followed up and investigated and taking into consideration the current public health guidelines all efforts are made in this regard to achieve best outcomes. The increase of ASB complaints is reflective of current Covid-19 restrictions where citizens are at home more and possible more observant and less tolerant.

Breakdown of Complaints 2018-2021



Monthly Breakdown of Complaints Received



Anti-Social Interventions

Interviews Held 2021	8
Interviews Held 2020	108
Tenancy Alerts 2021	7
Tenancy Alerts 2020	35
Tenancy Warnings 2021	0
Tenancy Warnings 2020	4

Inspectorate

Traveller Specific Inspections 2021	458
Traveller Specific Inspections 2020	1735
Estate Inspections 2021	298
Estate Inspections 2020	636
EM/ASB Inspections 2021	882
EM/ASB Inspections 2020	3610

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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Fingal Hockey Development Officer
Couch to 3k – Walk to Jog
Live 10@10
Fingal Home-Fit
Live Sports Conditioning Online 10@10
Women in Sport Coaching Series
Live Hip-Hop Classes
Online Exercise Classes for People with Disabilities
Online Keep Well Nutrition Series

Virtual Community Centre

A Fingal Virtual Community Centre has been established by the Community Development team with support from Fingal Communications Department in an effort to keep connected with the community while facilities are closed due to the current Covid-19 restrictions. A 'Community Engagement Programme' has been operating for the past 8 weeks on this virtual platform aimed at

identifying taster sessions for adults and children on a range of topics. This programme has proven to be very successful with high engagement across the county. It was advertised via the Council's community facilities' social media platforms and the Council's Communication Unit and a large percentage of participants are living in the vicinity of a community centre. Phase 2 of the Community Engagement Programme is currently in development. The virtual community centre's

programme of activities may be found here: <https://www.fingal.ie/Virtualcommunitycentre>

The table below will show the online attendance per session with one ticket booked per household rather than individual attendance.

Adult Community Engagement Programme		
Session Name	Number of Tickets booked	Actual online attendance
Money Management	6	6
How can we help our environment	14	9
Spring Gardening	110	55
Parenting Workshop	50	23
Living with Bereavement	22	22
Traditional Baking Workshop	34	15
First Aid Workshop with St Johns Ambulance	75	55
TOTAL Attendance	311	185

Children's & Families Community Engagement Programme		
Session Name	Number of Tickets booked	Actual online attendance
Junior Einstein Science Club	6	6
A To Art	14	9

Fingal Environmental Awareness Department	110	55
St John Ambulance workshop	50	23
Family Quiz	22	22
Taekwondo Introduction to online training	20	11
K-Star Dance	34	15
Snowflakes Autism Group - Crafts	75	55
TOTAL Attendance	315	211

Corduff Cuppa Chat

The Community Development Office is a member of Corduff Task Group along with TUI, Empower, Corduff residents, Corduff Sports Centre, Foroige and Corduff Resource Centre. Due to the extended lockdown period the group wanted to ensure there was a way for residents of Corduff and the surrounding areas to engage with one another on a weekly basis by providing an opportunity to chat over a virtual cuppa. This initiative starts on the 23rd March and will be piloted over a four-week period.



Virtual Cuppa & Chat

An opportunity to catch up with or meet & greet locals in the Corduff Community over a cup of Tea or Coffee. If you are interested in joining the Virtual Cuppa & Chat, Call Corduff Sports Centre at 01-8235000 between 9am – 3pm, Monday – Friday or Email corduffsportscentre@yahoo.ie and we will send you the Zoom Link. If you are unsure on how to use Zoom, we can help you with this.

TUESDAY 23rd MARCH
11am – 12pm
via Zoom

Progress Update on Baldoyle and Meakstown Community Centres

A tender process to engage an Integrated Design Team has been completed by the County Architects Department. The design team will now prepare the final designs with a view to commencing the Part X1 planning application. Progress reports will be brought to the relevant area committees.

Meakstown Community Council Stay Safe Project

FCC Community Office has teamed up with Meakstown Community Council, FCC Operations Dept. social enterprise PACE and local community activists in the Meakstown/Melville area to help deliver a community safety campaign to help raise spirits during the latest prolonged lockdown. Colourful Stay Safe signs have been placed on the roundabout close to the Baleskin Reception Centre and at the Jamestown Road roundabout. Supports have also been given to local clean-up groups operating strictly within Covid safety guidelines. The Community Office has also supported Meakstown Community Council in successfully accessing CEP Covid Emergency funding to help the group continue to operate during lockdown and has liaised with local residents and groups as part of the consultation process for the redesign of Lanesboro park, - in cooperation with Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department.



Clonmethan Residents Group, Oldtown

The residents of Clonmethan Estate in Oldtown have teamed up with the FCC Community Development Office and Oldtown Community Council to plan safe activities in 2021 when lockdown ends. A new resident's group has been established in the Fingal estate and supports for clean-ups and plans for community activities post lockdown in conjunction with Oldtown Community Council are underway. The group has identified two parts of the estate to register with Environment Department under the Adopt a Patch scheme. Oldtown Community Council recently distributed Fingal Age Friendly Guides locally and is planning safe Easter activities in compliance with level 5 guidelines.



Dad 2.0

Flemington Community Centre is providing a 4-week programme aimed at helping Dads with the day to day challenges of parenting. The course is a follow on from the Men's Winter Programme. These sessions will explore how we communicate with our kids (of all ages) and will offer helpful, practical advice. The four sessions are pre-recorded so participants can enjoy them at their own pace. Anyone interested can register by contacting Flemington Community Centre info@flemingtoncc.ie to receive the link. The initiative is funded through the Fingal Community Development Office in response to local interest in the topic and all the sessions are free of charge.

First videos will be available on the 19th of April. Over the initial two days of promoting the course 35 men have registered to take part in the programme.



Strategic Unit:

Fingal PPN

Memorandum of Understanding between Fingal PPN and Fingal County Council was signed on 16th March 2021 by:

- AnnMarie Farrelly, Chief Executive of Fingal County Council
- John Melvin, PPN Secretariat
- Anthony Brennan, PPN Secretariat

Implementation of the National PPN Guidelines and Review of the Fingal PPN Strategic Plan

The subgroup held its third meeting on Thursday 4 March 2021 to discuss progress on the handbook review. The subgroup discussed feedback received from the Secretariat and members of the subgroup since the last meeting in February. The subgroup also discussed a number of best practice considerations that the PPN may wish to incorporate into its operations.

Celebrating International Women's Day 2021: A conversation on Women's Leadership in the Community



The Community Development Office celebrated International Women's Day with an event themed 'Women Leadership in Community Development'. This event involved a series of online conversations with women who are leaders in the areas of disability, ethnicity/integration, travelling community, older persons and representation (public participation network). Dr Lucy Michael was joined in conversation by Geraldine Rooney, of the Fingal PPN and Centre for Independent Living Blanchardstown, Ayodele Yusuf, of Balbriggan Integration Forum, Bridie O'Reilly of the Fingal Older People's Council, Shelly Gaynor, of the Independent Living Movement Ireland, Catherine Joyce of Blanchardstown Traveller Development Group and Anne Marie Farrelly, Chief Executive of Fingal County Council. Conversations focused primarily on the important role that women



leaders play, the biggest challenge for women and advice for a next generation of women leaders. Over 70 people joined us for the You Tube Premier on International Women’s Day and to date over 230 people have viewed the interview. To view a short video, click here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YpkfEVXLB7Y>

Funding Support

The Community Development Office supports volunteer led community groups and community services in either their application funding or through the direct provision of funding. The office works through the following

- (1) Direct/Community Office Funding
- (2) Internal Funding Support
- (3) External Funding Support

(1) Direct/Community Development Office Funding Scheme

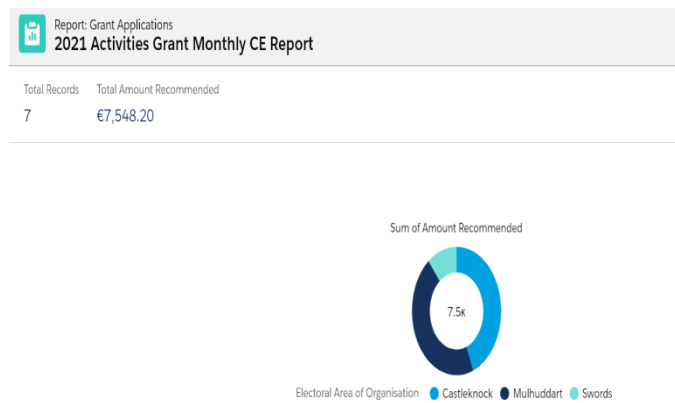
The Community Development Office administer and support community groups in their application for Community Funding i.e. Activity funding, Summer Project funding, Halloween funding etc.

March 2021:

The following is a brief summary of Community Activity Funding processed in March 2021 (awaiting Approval at the April Full Council Meeting

7 Community Activity Funding applications processed (awaiting approval)

Total of €7,548.20

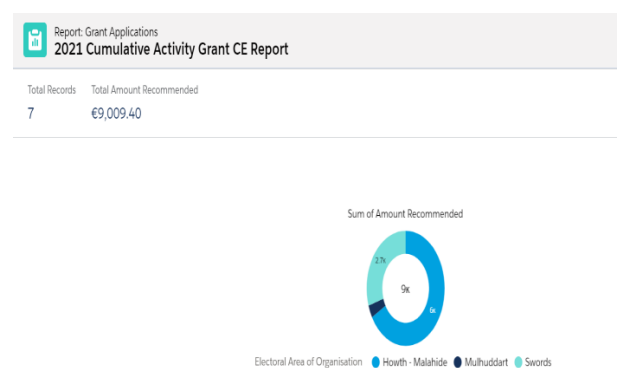


Jan- March 2021:

The following is a cumulative summary of Community Activity Funding approved since Jan 2021. Please note applications awaiting approval at the March Full Council Meeting are not included. The Community Development Office is reviewing the level of applications from the different electoral areas to ensure that all funding opportunities are well advertised and to support groups to make applications to relevant funds.

7 Activity Funding approved

Total of €9,009.40



(2) Internal Funding Support

Community Development Office supported the following groups in their application for internal Funding Supports. Such schemes are administered by other Fingal County Council Department i.e. CEP Community Enhancement, Creative Ireland

Jan – March Internal Funding Support

Funding Source	Grant Scheme	Name of Group	Status	Amount Awarded	Date of Award
			Application Preparation Submitted/Awaiting a Decision		
			Award Decision – Successful / Unsuccessful		
Department of Rural & Community Development	Community Development Pilot Programme	Sport Against Racism Ireland	Application Preparation	TBC	
Fingal Chamber of Commerce	Communities funding scheme	Donabate Portrane Men's Shed	Successful	€1000	18/3/21
			Unsuccessful		

		Swords Tidy Towns	Unsuccessful		
		Donabate Parish Hall	Unsuccessful		
		Malahide Old Village RA (OSRARA)			
Department of Rural & Community Development	2021 Community Development Pilot Programme	Balbriggan Integration Forum	Application Preparation	TBC	TBC
Department of Children and Youth Affairs	Sports Capital	Corduff RC	Submitted /awaiting decision	TBC	TBC
Department of Children and Youth Affairs	Sports Capital	Donabate Portrane CC	Submitted /awaiting decision	TBC	TBC
Department of Children and Youth Affairs	Sports Capital	Applewood CC	Submitted /awaiting decision	TBC	TBC
Department of Children and Youth Affairs	Sports Capital	Holywell Community Centre	Submitted /awaiting decision	TBC	TBC
Department of Children and Youth Affairs	Sports Capital	Castleland CC	Submitted /awaiting decision	TBC	TBC
Dept of Rural & Community Development	2021 Community Development Pilot Programme	Mulhuddart / Parslickstown House Management	Submitted /awaiting decision	TBC	TBC
Community Foundation of Ireland	Circular Economy	Fingal Community Facilities Network	Submitted /awaiting decision	TBC	TBC
Department Rural and Community Development	Broadband Connection Point	Community Development Office	Submitted /Awaiting Decision	TBC	TBC
Dept Children Equality Disability Integration and Youth	Comhairle na nÓg 2021 programme	Fingal Comhairle na nÓg	Awarded Decision – Successful	€20,000	Jan 2021

Age Friendly Fingal:

Submission to Green Paper on Ageing



Age Friendly Fingal along with Age Friendly Programme managers across the country are working on a submission for the green paper on Ageing. The purpose of this green paper is to launch a broad policy debate on ageing to discuss options on how to anticipate and respond to the challenges and opportunities it brings, notably taking into account the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and UN Decade for Healthy Ageing. Competences for dealing with the effects of ageing are largely in the hands of Member States and the EU is well placed to identify key issues and trends and support action on ageing at national, regional and local level. It can help Member States and regions develop their own, tailor-made policy responses to ageing. The European Pillar of Social Rights² sets out a number of principles that relate directly or indirectly to areas impacted by ageing, such as on old age income and pensions, long-term care, health care, inclusion of people with disabilities, social protection, work-life balance

This green paper takes a life-cycle approach that reflects the universal impact of ageing and focuses on both the personal and wider societal implications of ageing. These include everything from lifelong learning and healthy lifestyles to how to fund adequate pensions or the need for increased productivity and a large enough workforce to sustain healthcare and long-term care for older people.

Age Friendly Fingal are well placed in supporting this submission as we work closely with members of our older population and we link in with members of our active Older Peoples Council.

- Allowing older people to stay close to their families and actively participate in their communities
- Embedding ageing in place options for older people, and
- Promoting active retirement and positive ageing initiatives to tackle social isolation.

Submission to the National Development Plan

Project Ireland 2040

National Development Plan 2018–2027



Each Age Friendly Programme manager submitted to the National Development Plan, the following is an Extract of Age Friendly Fingal’s submission.

The Age Friendly Programme is informed by a positive ageing perspective and seeks to enhance and improve the lives of older people across the country by giving them a voice in the decision-making processes that affect their ability to live full and active lives. Initiatives focus on areas such as housing, transport, caregiving, community engagement, volunteering, social inclusion and combating isolation among older citizens

Programme for Government

One of the themes of the 2020 Programme for Government ‘Our Shared Future’ is the development of an ‘Age Friendly Ireland’, particularly regarding health care and housing for the ageing population.

Age Friendly commitments highlighted in the Programme for Government include:

- Supporting older people to live in their own home with dignity and independence, for as long as possible
- Enabling everyone to live longer healthier lives

The National Development Plan should be cognisant of the government’s intentions with regard to above and especially in relation to primary care, dementia, end of life care, Age Friendly housing, and access to social care services.

Creative Ireland Funding

Over the last number of weeks with the support of Age Friendly Fingal - Fingal County Council submitted to The Creative Ireland Programme in response to the Creativity in Older Age Scheme four projects, have been successful in receiving grants for €22,100.00 for the projects below.

Fingal	The Forget Me Nots Choir - Supporting the ‘Silver Lining’ Friday sessions. The choir is 100% supported and run by volunteers, however, the choir incur ongoing repetitive (non-project related) professional costs.	€13,200
Fingal	The Community Care team made weekly calls, giving individual’s time to share how they are doing under Covid19 restriction, offer supports where possible and give them an opportunity to chat and share their memories and talk about their life experiences. It was agreed that this the most effective approach to checking on the health and wellbeing of our participants in the Dublin 15 Community. Organically we developed the concept from our weekly discussions arising from our Community Calls that we could publish a booklet based on these memories.	€8,900

Total allocation = € 22,100

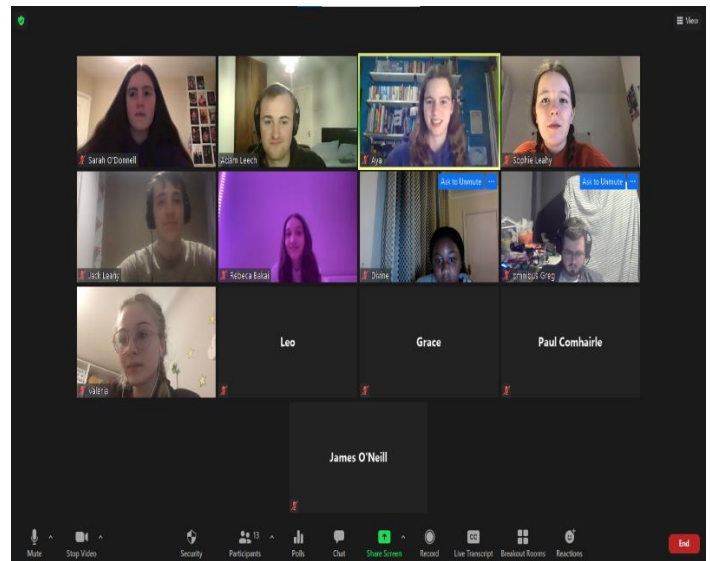
Music Making Memories

Music making memories is a project that brings music into nursing homes in Fingal, Stage 2 have been successful in securing €10,000.00 from Creative Fingal to deliver 2 performances weekly over the next number of months. The residents and staff really welcome the return of music and entertainment on a weekly basis.

Donabate Active Age for All and Castleknock Community Centre are being supported to supply Acorn Tablets specifically to deal with the hard to reach and more vulnerable older people while dealing with digital poverty and social isolation. A collaboration between Creative Fingal and Age Friendly Fingal will result in both projects being implemented over the coming months and will reach over 20 people. These older people will be supported to take part in daily activities on line and encouraged to join in on zoom classes that include chair yoga, singing groups, creative writing and poetry classes, these older people will be assisted to log onto and join Fingal Libraries BorrowBox to name but a few.

Comhairle Na nÓg:

- Fingal Comhairle na nÓg participated in the DCU Public Parks Consultation. The consultation focused on the importance of Public Parks to young people, particularly over the past 12 months.
- Comhairle members began working on one of their topics which is mental health / peer pressure, they developed a survey to gain feedback from young people in Fingal on the effects of Covid 19 on their mental health in areas such as school life; both school and home based experiences and lockdown periods. When completed they will use the results to inform their workplan for 2021.
- Comhairle are also working on their Climate Action topic which includes the development of a video, they are currently working on the animation and storyboard for this project.



Community Facilities Unit:

Fingal Keen to be Green



Expressions of interest have been received from community facilities to participate in the Fingal's Keen to be Green Project. 31 community facilities have agreed to sign up to participate in the roll out of a sustainability plan to play their part in supporting a sustainable Fingal. The main aims of the project are to create a greater understanding and awareness of the importance of sustainability and demonstrate how community centres can play their part by:

- Putting measures of waste prevention into the centres to achieve better recycling and segregation
- Improving water and energy efficiency at the centres
- Eliminating the use of weed killers and promote bio diversity projects locally
- Raising awareness of sustainability among facility staff, user groups and the wider community

- Working collaboratively across the Fingal Community Facilities Network and set out several agreed actions to be undertaken by community facilities
- Creating a replicable sustainability model that can be rolled out across all community facilities
- Building and developing community leadership which in turn will aim to develop and implement local climate action measures.

A working group has been established to look at the rolling out of the sustainability plan. Phase one of the project will begin in April 2021 and it is envisaged that all centres will have completed stage 1 of the program by the end of the year.

Good Governance for Charities

 <p>1. advancing its charitable purpose</p>	 <p>2. behaving with integrity</p>	 <p>3. leading people</p>
 <p>4. exercising control</p>	 <p>5. working effectively</p>	 <p>6. being accountable and transparent</p>

In March 2017, the Charities Regulator set up a Consultative Panel on the Governance of Charitable Organisations. The report was published in May 2018 and made 10 proposals including that there should be a new Governance Code for charities issued by the Charities Regulator to facilitate the better administration, management and governance of charitable organisations. This recommendation has now been put in place and is being implemented by the CRA. The CFMSU is working with community facilities that are registered charities and has delivered several governance information workshops through Carmichael House to provide an overview of the minimum standards required to effectively manage and control their charities. In an effort to move forward a number of local governance working groups have been established to support boards to gain greater awareness, work towards meeting the required standards and develop a framework to ensure they are meeting the six principals of charity governance. It is

envisaged that this will assist them to put additional procedures in place to ensure that their organisations are managed in an efficient and accountable way.

Sports Office:

Table Tennis at Home

The Sports Office in conjunction with Table Tennis Ireland organised the Table Tennis at Home Programme. We have had 50 households sign up to the FREE programme, which provides: 2 bats, 3 balls, weekly tutorial videos and a training plan to allow people to play at home or in school.



The poster features the Table Tennis Ireland logo at the top, with a green background. Below the logo, it reads 'TT @ Home 4 Week Programme' in large white and yellow text. To the left of the text are icons for a question mark, a calendar, a table tennis racket and ball, a checklist, and a play button. The text lists the benefits: 'Families, community groups and schools', 'Starting this April', 'Receive a playing pack (2 bats, 3 balls)', 'Receive a simple training plan', and 'Weekly Video Tutorials'. At the bottom, it says 'Enjoy a fun filled programme!' and includes an illustration of two children playing table tennis. Logos for Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall Fingal County Council, Ballygran Community Sports Hub, and Tyrrelstown / Mulhuddart Community Sports Hub are at the bottom.

Fingal HomeFit Yoga

The online yoga sessions proved very popular with 919 people signing up to take part in the 4-week online course aimed at beginners. The 1-hour class

has proved very popular with plans to run further sessions in the future.

Fingal Home-Fit

The Fingal Home-Fit live exercise sessions are facilitated by Fingal County Council Sports Office and delivered by suitably qualified personal trainers and exercise professionals. Over 500 people have signed up to the Home-Fit Pilates sessions taking place online in April.



Autism in Sport Workshop

We have had 20 people sign up to our first Autism in Sport workshop, which will provide attendees with an understanding of Autism focusing on the delivery of sport. It will help participants to recognise and understand key areas of difference as well as looking at practical strategies which will help to include people with Autism in sport sessions.

Women in Sport Coaching Series

The 4th Women in Sports Coaching Series will take place on Monday 29th March and Cliona Foley, well known Sportswriter and Podcaster will host a discussion with Dublin City Community Rugby Officer, Juliet Short, Leinster Rugby and Ireland Women's Back Row & Leinster Women's Development Officer Larissa Muldoon, Leinster

Rugby & Irish Scrumhalf and successful member of the 2014 Women's Six Nation's winning squad. The aim of the series of discussions is to encourage more women to step forward with confidence into coaching roles in their local sports clubs. Plans have been developed to try to encourage the formation of a soccer club in the Tyrrelstown area and targeting the set-up up of both a boys and girls section. This series will be part of a strategy to encourage women to step forward and volunteer. This will be followed up with a practical session (when restrictions allow).



Junior Parkrun Millennium Park

We now have 23 volunteers committed to organising a weekly Junior Parkrun in Millennium Park. The Sports Office and Operations have agreed on the funding of the programme and have been in talks with parkrun Ireland to ensure the programme is ready to start as soon as government restrictions allow. All volunteers are currently in the process of applying for their Garda Vetting and completing a safeguarding course under the guidance of the Sports Office

Funding & Grants

The Sports Office have increased the promotion of grants (pic below) available to sports clubs and groups who focus on promoting sports and physical activity. We have contacted all sports clubs/groups on our database, put out communication through our Sport Development Officers and formulated a social media plan to reach out to as many sports clubs/groups as

possible about the opportunity for funding. Normally we would expect approximately 10 clubs to receive Sports Equipment Funding in any given year and already in 2021, we have seen 11 clubs apply for Sports Equipment funding. To date 5 clubs have been successful so far and we would expect this to increase in the coming weeks and months.



To date we have approved equipment funding to:

Corduff FC:	€2,000
Montview Boys & Girls FC:	€2,000
Baldoyle FC:	€2,000
Balbriggan CC:	€2,000
Swords Celtic FC:	€2,000

We are in the process of dealing with grants from six other clubs and we hope to have these completed as soon as possible

Fingal Hockey Development Officer

Fingal County Council in conjunction with Hockey Ireland and Leinster Hockey are looking at the possibility of creating a hockey development officer role for Fingal. The Fingal Hockey Development Officer (FHDO) would be responsible for administering and delivering programmes to promote sustainable participation opportunities within clubs and schools in the Fingal administrative area.

Couch to 3k – Walk to Jog

Over 400 people signed up to the Couch to 3k programme which aims to get beginners level runners more people active and able to run a 3k in 6 weeks. The Programme is due to finish mid-April.

Live 10@10

The Sports Office developed the 10@10 programme for schools; a series of exercise videos which can be used by teachers for just 10 minutes every day to encourage and promote physical activity in the classroom. The Active School Flag organisation have attached it to their Active School Programme, and to date we have had 318 schools nationwide sign up to the programme. We will be broadcasting live 10@10 every Friday (except school holidays).



ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE ACTION & ACTIVE TRAVEL

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Climate Action:

The Fingal Climate Change Action Plan 2019-2024 (CCAP) was launched in Sept 2019, and actions are ongoing.

The CCAP and the One Year Progress Report can be viewed at <https://www.fingal.ie/climate-change-action-plan-2019-2024>

Climate Action "Raising Awareness" training is being rolled out to all grades. The Grade 7 call is complete; and Grade 6's have been invited to complete the training by 30th April, after which time the training will be offered to Grade 5's & analogous. A Championing Leadership pillar will be delivered to senior staff and councillors in Q4 2021.

Action 165 of the national Climate Action Plan 2019 states that 'Each local authority will identify and develop plans for one Decarbonising Zone. A circular and further guidance has issued from DHLGH. DZ's can be described as spatial areas identified by the LA in which a range of mitigation measures can co-exist. The Climate Action SPC has been presented with an overview of the requirements and a cross departmental team will now identify potential areas.

The Council is working with Codema in facilitating and promoting the SEAI Sustainable Energy Communities Programme (SEC's); and has taken on the role of Lead Partner Applicant in the Community Energy Masterplan process. A Regional information evening will be held by Codema on Thursday 29th April (5-6pm provisionally) to inform Councillors about the SEC

Programme and how it works. Codema will invite Councillors by email shortly.

The four Dublin Local Authorities are planning on holding a Climate Action Week in September 2021 to showcase the work which is being done across the region. A schedule of webinar events is being developed at present. More information to follow.

Environmental Awareness:

Wildflower masterclasses and sustainable gardening courses are being delivered to community organisations and Tidy Towns around Fingal. They are very well received by all attendees.

The Instruments Project has had lots of donations of mainly guitars, drums and fiddles, these are being cleaned, mended and repaired where necessary and will be offered to individuals and groups in Fingal who will benefit. We are actively seeking groups that are interested in receiving instruments.

A Swift-nesting project has been funded in Castleknock in cooperation with Castleknock Tidy Towns, Swift Conservation Ireland and four local schools. This will increase the existing population of Swifts and increase awareness in the schools and locally about the importance of wildlife and our role in protecting and enhancing nature.

The 'Keen to be Green' collaboration between Environmental Awareness and Community Department Facilities Network has begun and we are looking forward to introducing measures in the

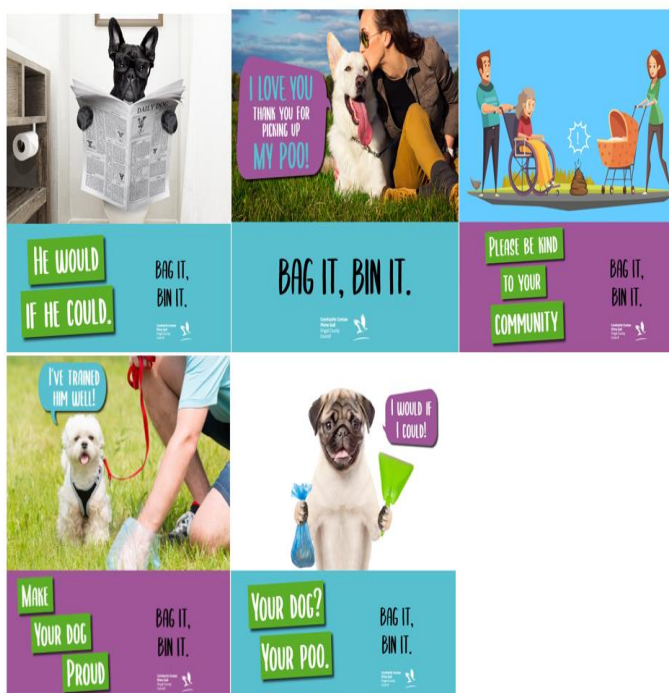
centres that will demonstrate sustainable leadership.

An arrangement has been agreed with the Rediscovery Centre whereby paint for community projects will be provided and delivered to Fingal locations as requested by community organisations. The Re-Paint project will see the recycled paint used throughout Fingal for estate walls and mural projects.

Adopt a Patch litter kit has been delivered to numerous locations around Fingal to enable residents to keep their areas litter free.

New dog fouling social media campaign images have been created and are being used on Fingal social media to promote good dog ownership and responsibility. A Regional campaign is also being developed. Resources are available and being promoted to communities in Fingal for using on WhatsApp groups and social media at this link: <https://www.fingal.ie/council/service/green-dog-walker-initiative>

New Dog Fouling Social Media – available on our website in the Green Dog Walkers section for communities to download & use locally on WhatsApp groups and social media



Bring Centres

The Total amount of Tonnage for glass Recycling for February 2021 was 513.76 tonne.

Litter Management

To date this year 540 planned litter patrols have been carried out across the county. This has resulted in the issuing of 35 litter fines and 29 warning notices under the provisions of the Litter Pollution Act.

Dog Warden & Dog Sanctuary Service

Market Soundings Exercise

The Market Sounding Exercise has concluded. The Environment Department have met with the CPU and work has commenced on the detailed drafting of the tender documents for the new Dog Warden and Dog Shelter Service. The tender for the dog shelter service will be advertised on Friday the 9th of April.

Dog Warden Patrols

Additional Dog Warden patrols continue to be provided during current Level 5 Covid restrictions. These patrols are targeted at beaches, parks and open spaces to ensure that dog owners are aware of their obligations under the Control of Dogs Act and to provide assistance if required.

Horse Welfare Programme

The DSPCA continue to monitor and inspect the horses on Dunsink Landfill and work with the horse owners in relation to the ongoing care of the animals. 5 bales of hay were delivered to the landfill on 26th February and the welfare issues of one horse was identified by the DSPCA and addressed with the assistance of the owner and a vet.

Horse owners have agreed to work with DSPCA & to commence with setting up a committee with local reps for each area of Finglas (south, east & west), This is currently on hold until COVID restrictions lift. First Equine ID clinic to commence when COVID restrictions permit it.

Waste Enforcement

The Waste Enforcement Inspection Plan for 2021 which forms part of the RMCEI Plan 2021 has now been finalised and submitted to the EPA. The overall objective of the Plan is to identify and prioritise enforcement activities for 2021 to ensure that Fingal County Council can effectively and efficiently comply with its obligations under all environmental legislation. The legislation underpinning the RMCEI Plan is designed to protect the environment and minimize the risk of air and noise pollution, water pollution and pollution resulting from waste activities. The Plan takes account of National Waste Enforcement Priorities for as well as a number of Local Enforcement Priorities for 2021.

The RMCEI Plan is an important element of the Environment Division Operational Plan 2021, under the objective “to protect and enhance the natural environment of Fingal through effective education, awareness, monitoring and enforcement of national and local legislation and policy”. The Plan will be reviewed periodically throughout the year to take account of any legislative and/or policy changes that arise and adjusted to take account of Covid restrictions and potential impacts regarding physical inspections.

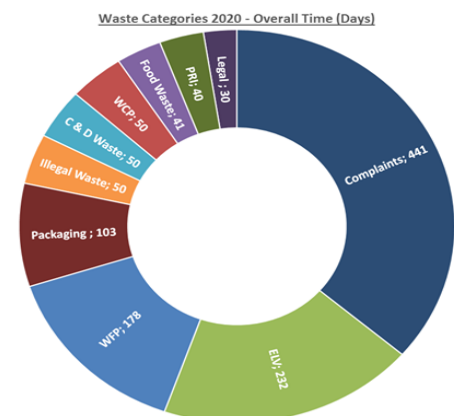
Breakdown of Waste Inspections for 2021

	Type of Inspection/Audit Planned	Number	Type of Inspection/Audit Planned	Number
	National Waste Priorities 2021		Local Waste Priorities 2021	
	Checkpoints - WCP holders, illegal operators	4	WCP Anomaly Data - Prioritise AR Violations and investigate	10
	Sites of Concern - Authorised Industry/Tackle Unauthorised Collectors	3	Investigate NI WCP anomalies	2
	Utilising the Anti-Dumping Toolkit - www.m.waste.ie	2	Non-submission of ARs and FPNs - Facilities and Collectors	6
	ADI Campaign to Support LA's to Tackle Illegal Waste Activities	2	Data Verification Working Group Participation	0
	Multi-Agency Operations - Identify Unauthorised Waste Sites for Action	2	Joint AR Audits with RWMPOs - HH Waste and C & D Collectors	4
	Major Public Projects - C & D WMP	4	Vehicle Producer/Importer Compliance Scheme	5
	AR Anomaly Data @ Large WCP holders - LoW 170101, 170502, 20	6	WEEE Compliance and Leakage Strategy	5
	AR Anomaly Data of WPCOR holders - LoW Code 191212	1	WEEE Inspections	10
	C & D Skip Operators of Interest	2	Battery Inspections	10
	ATF Inspections - public entries, anomaly data, WEEE, recovery rates	2	Hazardous Waste Sectoral Inspections	10
	ATF Full Audits - multi-agency/MERLA	2	Mercury Regulations - inspections for compliance	5
	Household Brown Bin Roll Out including Apartments	12	Waste Types - Code 16 01 03 WFP and WCP	5
	Bin Collection Areas Pay to Use Compactors	1	Tires - Repair E.T. Registration	5
	Enforce Waste Presentation Bye-Laws - Source Segregation	20	Packaging Enforcement SMPs 2021	12
	Guidance to Commercial Collectors - recirculate, BO inspections	4	Packaging Enforcement - SMPs 2017 - 2020	9
	Commercial Dry Recyclable Waste - assess info, inspections	20	Packaging - Self-Compliance 2021	15
	Commercial Food Waste - assess info, inspections	20	WFP - Desktop AR verifications	20
	Non-Routine Inspections		WFP - AR On-Site Data Verification	20
	Sites Storing Immobilised Vehicles - self-declaration and inspection	10	WFP - Compliance with Permit Conditions	20
	Unauthorised Scrap Yards - High Risk, multi-agency inspections	6	Certs of Registration	1
	Unauthorised Scrap Yards - Low-Med Risk	10	C & D WMP - Planning Conditions and Compliance	160
	Extractive Industries	5	WFP - Pre-Planning Meetings/Site Inspections	4
	Type Sites of Concern	1	WCP - desktop AR verifications	110
	Article 27 Notifications	60	WCP - AR On-Site Data Verification	10
	WFP - permit applications, reviews and tech amendments	10	WCP - Compliance with Permit Conditions	10
	WFP - Pre-Waste Permit Application Meetings	4	Unregulated Landfills	5
	Complaints - illegal activity, disposal of waste, unauthorised facilities	280	Historic Landfills	10
	Ongoing Enforcement Action (Section Notices)	2	Disposal by Burning Inspections	5
	Ongoing Court Cases	4	Men in the Van Investigations	40
	Total No. of Waste Inspections	1007		

RMCEI: National + Local Enforcement Priorities - Inspections Completed To Date 2021

Category	No. of Planned Inspections 2021	Inspections Undertaken to Date
Waste Enforcement	1007	134
Water Pollution	940	89
Litter Management / Litter Patrols	2060	540
Air & Noise Pollution	334	40

An End of Year Report and associated Inspection Summary Return for 2020 was submitted to the EPA in February. The reports detail waste inspections undertaken during 2020 comprising both national and local waste enforcement priorities. A total of 1052 waste inspections were undertaken during 2020 across 48 different work areas comprising 1197 work days. Investigation of waste related complaints (441 days), End of Life Vehicle project (232 days), waste facility permit applications/reviews (178 days) and packaging project (103 days) made up almost 80% of the waste enforcement teams time during the year.



Air Pollution

The EPA have directed that the four Dublin Local Authorities prepare an Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP) for the air quality zone that includes the southern half of Fingal, Dublin City and most of South Dublin and Dun Laoghaire Rathdown. The requirement to prepare a plan and the powers of the EPA to direct the preparation of the plan come from *The Air Quality Standards Regulations 2011* (SI 180 2011) giving effect to EU Clean Air for Europe directive (CAFE) 2008/50/EC. In 2019 there were exceedances of the annual mean concentration for NO₂ at locations in the city centre and the areas around the entrances to the port access tunnel. The plan is required to be submitted to the EU commission by the end of 2021.

Active Travel

Bleeper Bike Share Scheme –

Bleeper’s bike rides increased from 741 rides in January to 1097 rides in February. This amounts to a 148% increase in the last month and a 204% increase in rides on the same period in 2020. This number shows the immense increase in the popularity of cycling during the last 12 months. Saturday and Sunday remain the most popular days for rides and accounted for 25.98% and 19.05% of the months total use respectively. Bleeper had 80 bikes in operation in Fingal during February, an increase of 15 bikes on last month.

Howth train station was the most popular location to hire a Bleeper bike during February and there was a high level of usage along coastal routes with a longer duration of bike hire.

We will continue to promote usage of Bleeper through our social media platforms.

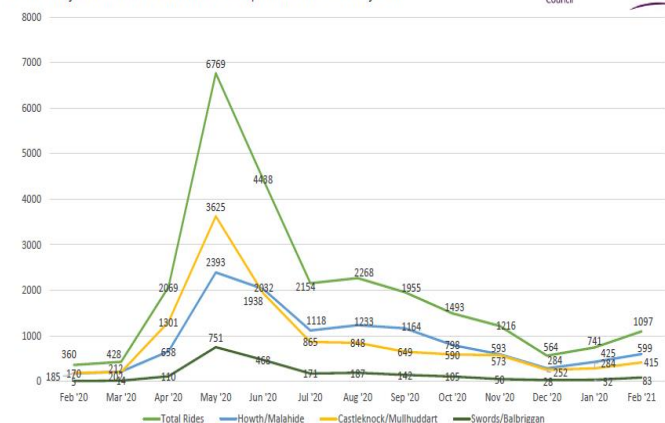
The hire of Bleeper’s bikes continue to be free for all Fingal staff.

20 Expression of Interest submissions from bike share and micro mobility companies are now being shortlisted with a view to those shortlisted presenting their plans to collaborate with Fingal County Council in a new bike share/micro mobility scheme.



Fingal Bike Share Scheme - Monthly Bike Rides Started in Fingal - Bleeper

• February 2021 recorded a 204% increase compared to that of February 2020.



Bike Racks

Bike racks will continue to be installed throughout the County throughout 2021 as cycling continues in popularity.

Sports Clubs and Community Centres and have been invited to apply for free bike racks to encourage active travel.

Bike Racks for Schools initiative

Schools looking to encourage their students to cycle may still apply for bike racks and can do so by completing the online application and submitting it to active.travel@fingal.ie



Bike Racks recently delivered to St. Benedicts NS in Ongar



Due to a number of bike thefts from Powerstown Educate Together in Dublin 15 recently, a bespoke bike cage with roof has been gifted to the school to enclose the existing 100 bike racks on site. The cost of this enclosure will be funded by the NTA.

Safer Routes to Schools (School Streets and School Zones)

Systra, the consultancy company who have been contracted to facilitate the Safer Routes to Schools programme have now contacted those Schools who have been deemed as "rank A". These schools have been asked to complete and submit an expression of interest to take part in the Road Safety initiatives.

Listed below are the NTA approved projects which will be undertaken by the Active Travel Unit in 2021.

FCC Active Travel Programme 2021

New St Malahide - Design / Public Consultation

Hartstown/Huntstown/Mountview Road - Phase 2 construction

St. Cronin's Road - Phase 1 & 2 construction

Rathingle Road - Phase 2 construction

River Valley Road - Phase 2 construction

Boroimhe Road / L2300 - Design & prelim works

Grange Road - Phase 1 & 2 construction

R132 Ministers Road to Blakes Cross - Phase 1 & 2 construction

Baldoyle Road / Warrenhouse Road - Phase 1 & 2 construction

Dublin Road / Howth Road Phase - 1 & 2 construction

Safe Routes to School (School Streets/School Zones) - Assessment & implementation (5+5)

Bus Gate @ Littlepace -Design

Bike Parking - Installation 400+ Racks

Snugborough Rd - NAC to Ongar- Design - Subject to resources

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APPENDIX 1

REVENUE ACCOUNT INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION AT 31ST MARCH 2021

	EXPENDITURE			INCOME			NET
	Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent to date	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised	€
Housing & Building	15,926,094	71,062,099	22%	17,753,102	74,321,200	24%	-1,827,007
Road Transport & Safety	5,961,633	24,972,899	24%	1,750,327	7,500,800	23%	4,211,307
Water Services	4,602,671	13,792,400	33%	4,293,300	17,168,500	25%	309,372
Development Management	3,419,562	13,785,401	25%	1,454,789	4,496,500	32%	1,964,773
Environmental Services	10,292,587	42,814,100	24%	1,473,624	6,089,700	24%	8,818,963
Recreation & Amenity	8,523,328	36,628,899	23%	372,266	1,921,900	19%	8,151,062
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	179,179	1,127,300	16%	37,860	225,100	17%	141,319
Miscellaneous Services	24,268,365	35,878,200	68%	19,917,265	14,325,100	139%	4,351,100
Central Management Charge	10,559,680	46,313,424	23%	697,331	3,187,404	22%	9,862,350
Local Property Tax / GPG				1,876,000	7,528,500	25%	-1,876,000
Rates				37,408,525	148,849,700	25%	-37,408,525
	83,733,100	286,374,722	29%	87,034,388	285,614,404	30%	-3,301,288

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 31/03/2021

	Balance at 01/01/2021 €	Expenditure YTD €	Income YTD €	Balance at 31/03/2021 €
A Housing & Building	-32,749,396	17,109,131	-6,472,740	-22,113,005
B Road Transport & Safety	19,251,293	4,636,338	-185,542	23,702,089
C Water Services	-12,551,505	371,181	-180,191	-12,360,515
D Development Management	-99,377,199	3,500,659	-11,589,253	-107,465,794
E Environmental Services	-14,492,611	1,583,593	-361,539	-13,270,557
F Recreation & Amenity	-6,396,715	2,835,111	-358,237	-3,919,841
H Miscellaneous Services	-75,467,475	2,437,685	-7,585,010	-80,614,800
Total	-221,783,608	32,473,698	-26,732,512	-216,042,422

NB***

The Opening Balance for 2021 is subject to change as the AFS 2020 is not finalised

SUMMARY OF CORPORATE DEBTORS TO 31/03/2021

	Balance at 01/01/2021* €	Balance at 31/03/2021 €	Current debt €	> 1 Year €
RATES	-14,751,274	109,582,986	104,331,499	5,251,487
LOANS	1,701,915	1,761,361	270,124	1,491,237
RENTS	7,082,917	7,338,802	3,514,295	3,824,507

Figures for rents and loans are unadjusted by credits/prepayments

*Note: Balances at 1/1/2021 are only provisional and will be finalised on completion 2020 AFS.