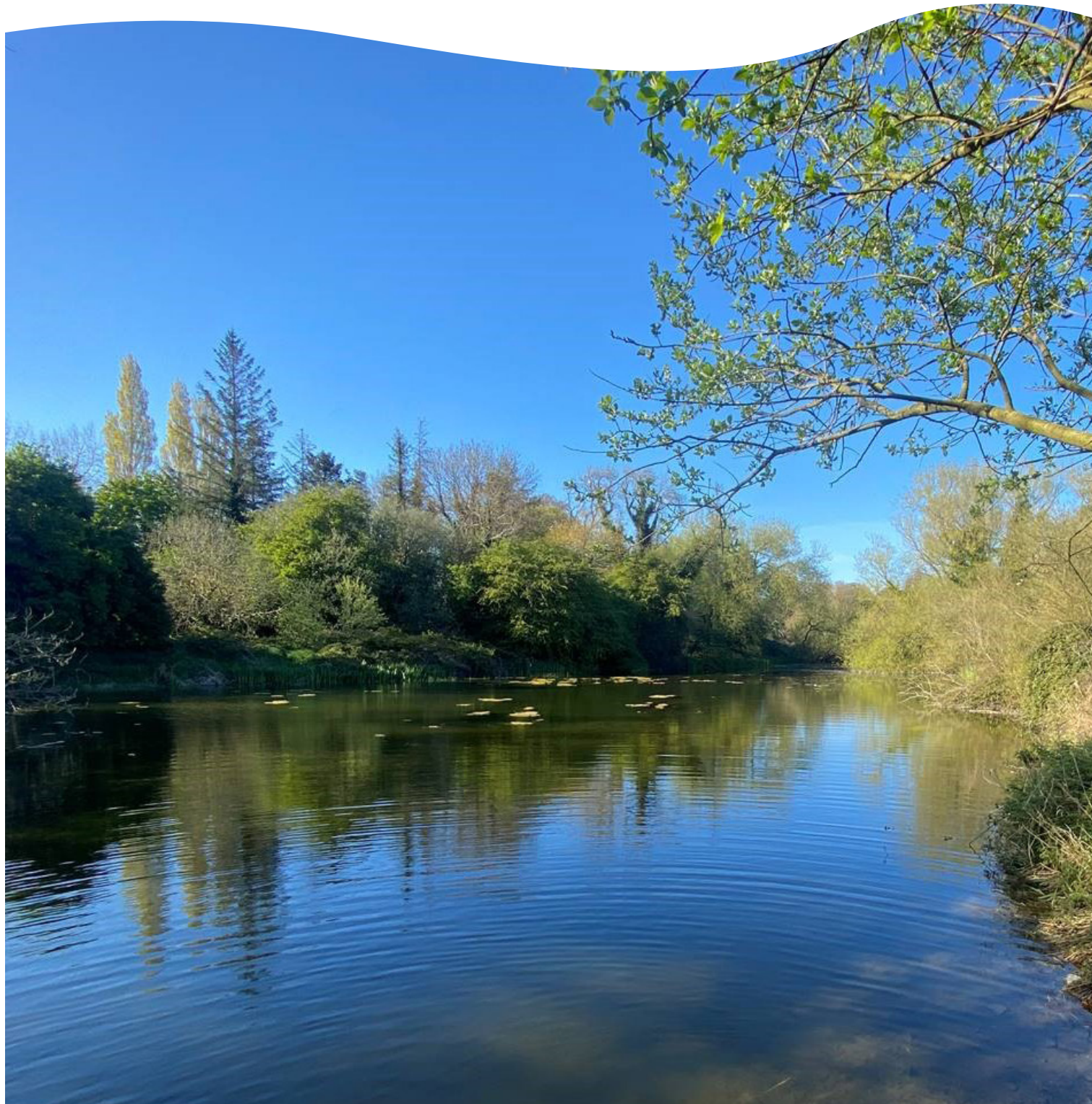


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May 2021

**Chief Executive's
Report on Activities**

Reflections at the National Sports Campus, Dublin 15

Photo by Emer Burke - Finance Department, Fingal County Council



Message from AnnMarie Farrelly, Chief Executive, Fingal County Council

As we welcome the easing of some public health restrictions this and next month, our focus here in Fingal County Council is on Summer 2021 and ensuring a safe and enjoyable outdoor experience for our residents and visitors. With intercounty travel permitted from May 10, we look forward to welcoming visitors back to Fingal and to our beaches, parks and demesnes.

Preparations have been taking place in earnest in anticipation of increasing numbers of people experiencing all the amenities that Fingal has to offer over the coming months. Mindful of the task involved in keeping our county clean, additional litter bins have been and will continue to be provided in tandem with an increased presence from the litter wardens. Our wardens and litter cleansing crews will also be highly visible throughout the county and increased patrols have been arranged for the busy season ahead. We continue to work closely with local businesses and support their responsibilities regarding litter and waste. I am confident that you will be supportive of our robust efforts to combat littering and mindful of all our responsibilities in this area.

With many businesses already operating take away services for their customers, the focus for Summer this year is the implementation of outdoor dining experiences. To assist local eateries, Fingal has a range of measures and supports available including street furniture licences, applications for Parklets and the provision of grants to assist with practical preparations for outdoor dining. It is hoped that these supports will set the scene for

a busy and successful Summer for those business who have operated under very difficult circumstances in recent times.

Across our departments, work is ongoing to ensure the best possible service for our citizens, businesses and stakeholders. Important stages in the Fingal Development Plan 2023 – 2029 are being reached and recently, a series of webinars took place which were well attended and provided context to the process of implementing the plan in two years' time. These webinars can be viewed at www.fingal.ie and are an informative and interesting resource.

I am pleased that applications are now being accepted for the first Affordable House Purchase Scheme in the County in 11 years. Dun Emer in Lusk is an exciting and attractive development which will provide quality and comfortable homes to buyers at a very competitive price. Further information on this scheme can be found on page 12 of this report and applications will be accepted until May 31.

In closing, I extend my very best wishes to all who are returning to the workplace in the coming days and weeks. I look forward to experiencing the vibrancy in our towns and villages as we take these next steps on the road to reopening together.

Stay safe,

AnnMarie Farrelly,
Chief Executive,
Fingal County Council.



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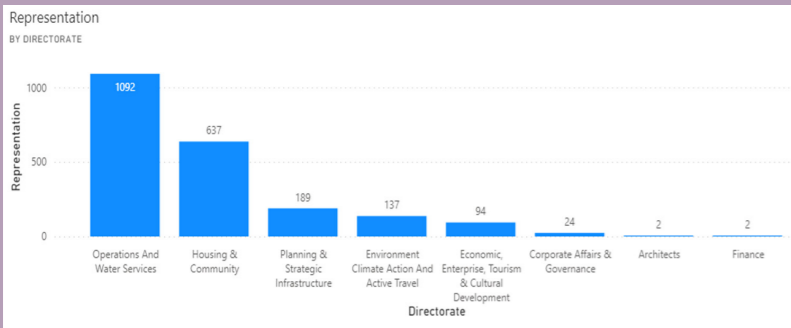




The Balbriggan 3D Model is a visual tool which will help citizens visualise the planned transformations of the town outlined in the Our Balbriggan 2019-2025 Town Rejuvenation plan. The Smart Balbriggan team officially launched the Balbriggan 3D Interactive Model on 12th April 2021. The model can be described as a '3D Map' or 'Digital Twin' of Balbriggan as it was created using aerial survey photography and ground level photo surveys. It provides easy access to a visual representation of the reimagined Harbour and Quay Street area.

The model will be used to enhance community engagement, enabling the people and businesses of Balbriggan to view the future transformation of their town. An interactive web viewer has been created for the public to view and immerse themselves in Balbriggan's reimagined spaces. Using this web viewer, you can walk down Quay Street and toggle to a festival view, where people are enjoying outdoor craft fair, food and music. This 3D environment showcases the potential of the Our Balbriggan 2019-2025 Town Rejuvenation plan.

2,177 Councillors Reps so far This Year



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 April had a total of 598 Councillor's representations with an overall total of 2,177 in the year to date. The table shows the breakdown of representations to each Directorate with Operations and Water Services receiving 1,092 followed by Housing and Community at 637.

Read All About It!



Edition 18 of Fingal News was published during April. The English edition has had 2,307 impressions and 2,165 reads, a conversion rate of 93.84%. The Irish edition has 39 impressions and 17 reads, a conversion rate of 43.5%.

The Fingal News Irish and English editions are available to download at <https://issuu.com/fingalnews/>

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INSIDE FINGAL THE FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL PODCAST

Top Tweet of The Month!

Top Tweet earned 33.1K Impressions

The Fingal Coastal Way is a proposed greenway extending from Newbridge Demesne in Donabate to the Fingal county boundary north of Balbriggan. Fingal County Council is in the process of undertaking the route option selection & want your input. Find out more: fingal.ie/fingalcoastalw... pic.twitter.com/GMLB81xnNP

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Customers Calling!

For the month of April 2021, the Council's Customer Care Agents dealt with a total of:

- 15,232 telephone calls
- 975 emails

Inside Fingal Podcast

Episode Nine of the Inside Fingal podcast featured Senior Planner Roísín Burke from the Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department taking about the Development Plan process, the importance of the Development Plan, the issues facing Fingal and how to make a submission.

To date there have been 1,421 downloads of the Inside Fingal podcast and 765 internet listens.

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.

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Gaeilge

FRÁSAÍ AGUS TEARMAÍ ÚSÁIDEACHA

Useful Phrases and Terms

Irish Language

The Council's Irish Language scheme has been reviewed following a public consultation and the draft 4th Irish Language Scheme 2021 - 2024 will be presented to the Councillors at the May meeting before being sent to the Department of the Gaeltacht for approval.

A list of useful phrases/frásaí úsáideacha in Irish was circulated to all Councillors to assist them with using small amounts of Irish at meetings if they wish.



Creative Ireland Programme 2021

Cruinniú Na nÓg, a day of free creative activity for children and young adults, will take place Saturday 12th June, 2021. Minister Catherine Martin, TD, at the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media will officially launch the day nationally on Monday 4th May, 2021. Fingal County Council's programme of events offers Fingal's citizens a wide variety of activities across Arts, Libraries, Sports and Music to choose from on and participate in on the day. All of Fingal County Council's events will be available to view on <https://www.fingal.ie/cruinniú-na-nog-2021>.

plan to adjust and adhere to whatever Covid guidance may be in place at the time.

The commemoration programme is also progressing well as we move through the most sensitive phase of the Decade of Centenaries (2020-2023). The recent awarding of contract to a Research Historian will assist the Council in continuing to plan centenary commemorations with an inclusive, respectful, authentic, measured and consultative approach in line with National commemorations.

The Creative Ireland programme is progressing. All 15 community groups offered grant funding have accepted the offer and are proceeding with the development stage of their proposed projects. Each project has a plan B – Covid

Pictured at the launch of Cruinniú na nÓg at County Hall, Swords were Mayor of Fingal Cllr. David Healy, Director of Economic, Enterprise, Tourism & Cultural Development Emer O’Gorman and County Librarian Betty Boardman



More New E-Services from Fingal Libraries!



Tumble Book Library is a curated database of over 1,100 children's e-books. Items are always available, with no wait list, and can be accessed simultaneously by any number of readers, making them a good choice for school classes or book clubs. Tumble Book Library is an excellent complement to building children's literacy and technology skills, and it includes educational resources for teachers.

Tumble Math is a comprehensive collection of maths picture books. All are in the amazing Tumble Book format, complete with animation and narration, so the collection is

a very effective way to teach maths concepts. Tumble Math also has thousands of fun quizzes, making learning maths fun! Books are always available, with no wait list, and can be accessed by any number of users, so they are ideal for teachers and classes. Both these new e-services can be accessed through the Fingal Libraries website at <https://www.fingal.ie/council/service/fingal-library-eservices-and-eresources-online>. To use these resources you must join up online first, which takes a matter of minutes through the Libraries Ireland website at <https://www.librariesireland.ie/join-your-library>.

Music Generation Fingal Fhine Gall

The success of Fingal County Council Arts Office and Dublin and Dún Laoghaire Education and Training Board's application to 'Music Generation' to fund and improve music education opportunities available to young people in the county was announced publicly this month. Music Generation is Ireland's national music education programme which strives to transform children and young people's lives by giving them opportunities to create, play and perform music in their own communities.

DDLETB and FCC serve Fingal's youth population through their respective arts and education services and over the coming years 'Music Generation Fingal' will enrich these services by offering new opportunities for young people to participate in dynamic and diverse music programmes. Following significant planning, DDLETB will now recruit a new Music Development Officer. FCC and DDLETB are shortlisting candidates and preparing for interviews. FCC Youth & Education Officer Julie Clarke and DDLETB Development Officer Aisling Crowley spoke to Adrienne of Near FM this week about 'Music Generation Fingal' <http://nearfm.ie/podcast>

Our Balbriggan Loves Learning



The Education, Skills and Employment Pillar organised the inaugural Our Balbriggan Loves Learning Festival which took place online from 19th-30th April. The Festival encompassed four elements (a) Learning for Employment (b) Learning for Employers (c) Learning in your community and (d) Digital Learning. The Festival showcased the breadth and diversity of local schools, it featured 8 live events including SME engagement, Musical events and Digital Learning, with over 25 Learning resources and video's showcasing learning opportunities. Resources and materials can be accessed at www.Balbriggan.ie/loveslearning. Other Pillars continue to meet on a periodic basis to work through substantial work programmes and actions as identified in the Our Balbriggan Town Rejuvenation Plan 2019 – 2025.



With funding from Fáilte Ireland, the Council has launched the Outdoor Dining Scheme to assist the hospitality and tourism sector to increase their outdoor dining capacity.

The Council has issued a call for applications for grants of up to €4,000 to help businesses to upgrade and enhance venues and public space and implement weather-proofing

solutions to facilitate outdoor dining all year round. The Scheme provides funding for outdoor tables, chairs, umbrellas, electric heaters, screens and windbreaks etc. Expenditure must be incurred between 1st April 2020 and 30th September 2021. Further information is available on the Council's website and applications can be made at www.fingal.ie/outdoordining

Fingal Co. Co. Business & Community Support for Summer 2021

The Council is considering potential initiatives to support business and the community across the county for Summer 2021 which, in addition to the economic stimulus measures already advertised, may include full/partial pedestrianisation of designated streets, provision of a range of additional public facilities and measures to facilitate active travel and encourage footfall.

The Council shall engage in consultation with the local community on proposed measures.



Robswall Playground Upgrade Underway

Work began on Monday 26th April to upgrade the play facilities in Robswall Park as universally inclusive equipment making the playground accessible to a much wider range of abilities was installed. The new Jumper and Carousel are wheelchair accessible and provide high energy activity. The Hammock offers children a calmer swinging experience with the option for solo or group usage. A wheelchair accessible picnic bench will be added adjacent to the playground doubling the available seating to visitors.



Getting Beach Ready

Across the many beaches in the area, beach works are ongoing in preparation for the large number of residents, visitors and staycationers. As an example, above is the entrance way to Burrow Beach which was cleared in April 2021.



Accessible Parking

Works continued in April with the installation of Age Friendly Car Parking and disabled spaces in Balscadden Carpark.



Bin Management & Servicing

Due to Covid 19 restrictions there is a large rise in the numbers of citizens using outdoor public amenities. Cleansing Crews have increased the servicing of bins in the Dublin 15 area and bins are being emptied more regularly. Areas requiring additional wheelie bins is currently underway and compactor bins are being ordered. There has been a huge increase in the disposal of household waste in and beside street bins in addition to large quantities of bottles being left beside litter bins for crews to collect rather than recycling them at nearby bottle banks.



New Facilities at Newbridge

Replacement Toilets at Newbridge Demesne Playground

The construction of a new modern toilet building at Newbridge Demesne Playground is almost complete. The building will provide for 5 direct entry unisex toilets with full disability specification and baby changing units. There is also a separate fully certified 'Changing Places' toilet room that is being installed as part of a 4-location installation across Fingal.

Revised signage in Fingal Parks for Dogs

During Summer 2021 a suite of dog information signage will be installed within the parks and open spaces across Fingal, demonstrating the rules and regulations in relation to the issue of dogs on and off leash in public open spaces.

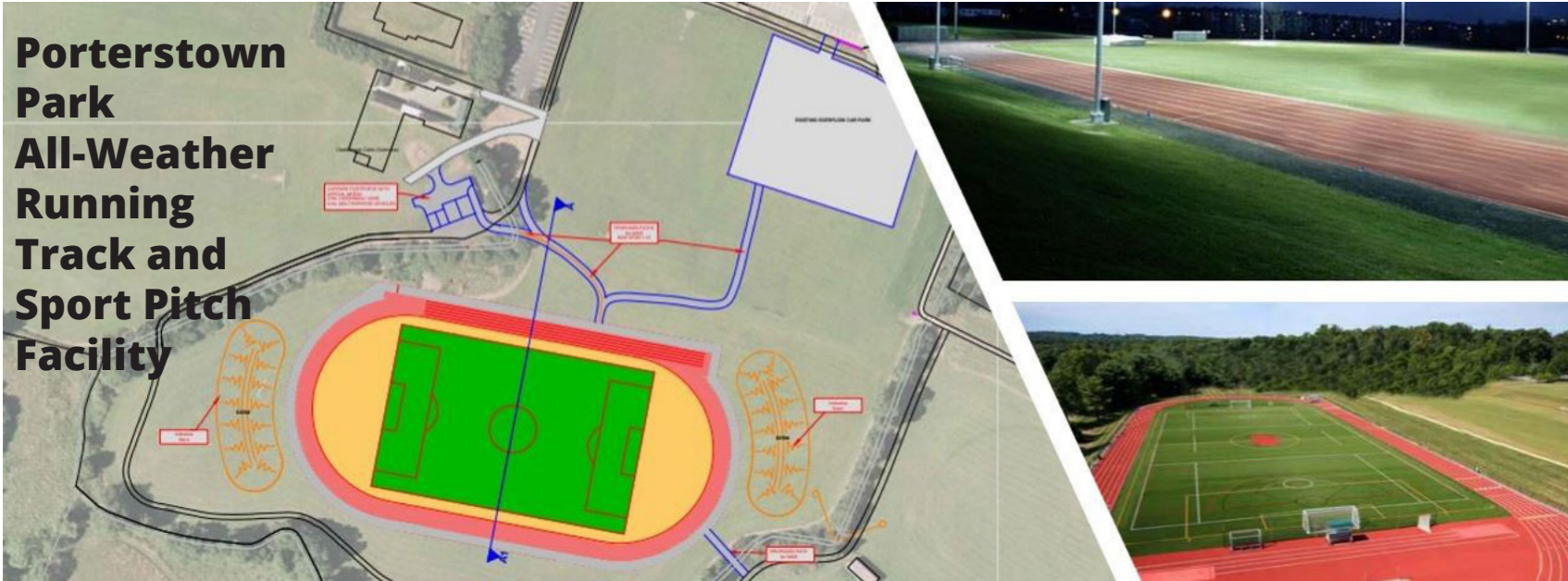
In summary, Regional Parks and some larger parks will have designated off leash areas. All other parks will have off leash times. Residential open spaces will revert to 'Dogs must be kept under effective control'. There will also be explanatory signage to explain restricted breeds and the rules and regulations around the handling of these breeds. All signage is being introduced on foot of the Parks and Open Space By-Laws (2017).

TYPE 6 Everywhere

TYPE 3 Located in Parks which do not have Dog Runs

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Due to the highly specialised nature of this project, a restricted tender procedure in the form of a Suitability Assessment Questionnaire was published to invite submissions from economic operators with the relevant expertise and capability. Demonstration of previous experience in constructing synthetic sports surfaces conforming to World Athletics and FIFA performance standards form part of the

assessment criteria. Following this, a shortlist of suitable firms will be compiled who will then be invited to the Design Build stage of the tender over the subsequent months. The scope of requirements within the brief also includes led floodlighting, access and spectator path networks, perimeter fencing and accessible / blue badge parking in the vicinity.

Planning Applications and Decisions in Fingal

There have been 393 planning applications received to the end of March 2021,

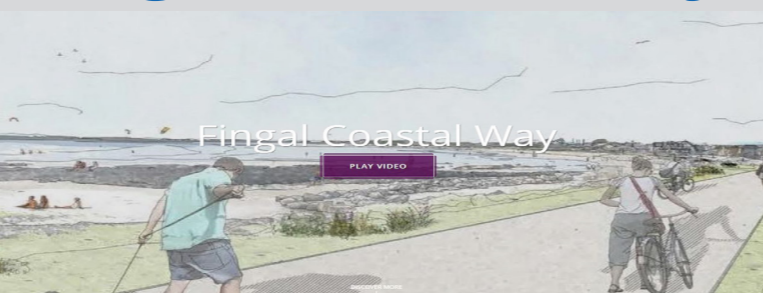
currently in the formal application process.

20 of these applications were invalid leaving a total of 373 valid applications. The volume of applications received by Local Electoral Area (LEA) is detailed in the table below.

A total of 370 planning decisions have been made to the end of March 2021. There have been 308 decisions to grant permission (83%) and 62 refusals of permission (17%). There have been 20 grants of permissions in respect of single house construction, 198 grants of permission for domestic extensions, 74 commercial/retail grants of permission and 8 grants of permission in respect of housing developments of which 4 relates to development of 2 - 20, 1 relates to development of 20 - 50, 1 relates to development of 50 - 100 and 2 of which relates to development of 50 - 100 housing units.

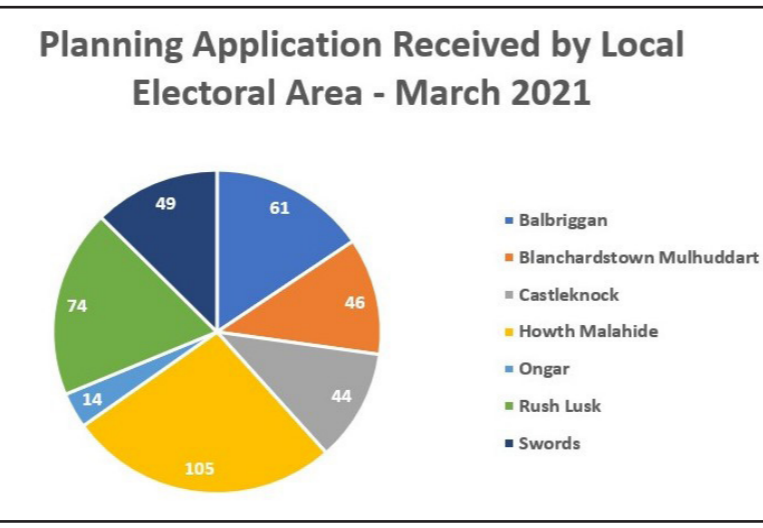
Up to March 2021, 1 Strategic Housing Development (SHD) application was made to An Bord Pleanála for 198 units. 3 decisions were made by the board up to end of March 2021. Of these, 2 were granted, 1 in February and 1 in March (470 units). 1 application was Refused in March. There is a total of 1 SHD (198 units)

Fingal Coastal Way



The FCW project route options were published in April and were viewed by significant numbers through our social media channels and on our consultation portal, with a large number of submissions already lodged.

Two webinars took place also which had in excess of 100 registered participants. Design and consultation with elected members and local residents and landowners will continue over the coming months to refine the various route options down to the Preferred Route option, which will be the subject of a further consultation in late 2021.



Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029

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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.

- Webinar 3 – Employment & Economy
 - Webinar 4 - Connectivity and Climate Action
- These were well attended and featuring eight presentation and questions and answers on the topics raised in the Strategic Issues Paper. The recordings can be viewed at www.fingal.ie/developmentplan.

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

A Minecraft workshop will be held in early May and has been developed to encourage the participation of younger citizens. Information sessions with prescribed bodies are also ongoing.

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.

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 on Fingal County Council's Consultation Portal, www.consult.fingal.ie.

Four online consultation seminars were held in April for members of the public:

- Webinar 1 – People and Place
- Webinar 2 – Heritage & Green Infrastructure

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 with a view to expediting those elements of the project, as per attached schematic. The application for Foreshore Lease and License has been submitted to the Department of Housing, Local Government

and Heritage. Options for improved connectivity between the greenway and the village centres of Malahide and Donabate are also currently being developed. Topographical survey advance contract is programmed to commence on Monday 26th April, with ground investigation contract to follow. This work will inform the ongoing design process and allow more clarity on expected timelines for this extremely challenging project.



Dunsink Feasibility Study

Work has also recently commenced on an Area Based Transport Assessment on the Dunsink lands to support a feasibility study to look at the potential to develop the lands, as per FCC Objective Blanchardstown 13. An internal workshop took place in recent weeks, with various other Council Departments to discuss the potential opportunities and constraints. The ABTA will consider sustainable and public transport, roads and multi-modal interchanges from existing and proposed infrastructure.



Affordable House Purchase Scheme Open!



Applications for the Dun Emer Affordable House Purchase Scheme opened on May 4th and applicants are being asked to login and complete applications via the portal which is linked at www.fingal.ie/affordablehousing

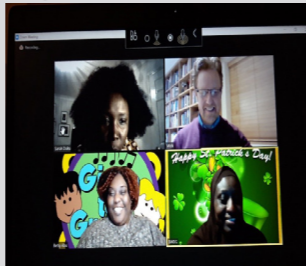
Information on the Scheme, FAQ's, 'How to Apply' and an instructional video are all available at the above link. Queries can be emailed to affordablehousing@fingal.ie

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 portal will stay open for applications until 5.00pm on May 31st 2021.

The affordable homes are available to eligible first-time purchases at prices that will be around 25% below their market value. The 39 homes will be a mix 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

Balbriggan Integration Forum



The funding sub-group of Balbriggan Integration Forum held a series of meetings to advance an application to the Department of Rural and Community Development for a Community Development Pilot Programme. The application was made for 3-year project funding and totalling €390k. The application included the resourcing of a programme manager and youth resource worker position and associated programme costs. The application was made jointly between Balbriggan Integration Forum and Cairde and required a coordinated effort from a range of other supporting organisations that included Fingal Children and Young People Services Committee and the Fingal Community Development Office of Fingal County Council. A decision on which projects have been successful will be made by the Department by the end of April 2021.



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:

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;

Build: 431
Lease: 130

Goal to set up club in D15

The Community Sports Hub Officer based in Tyrrelstown and FAI Development Officer responsible for Tyrrelstown have developed a strategy to set up a community football team in the area.

While work has been taking place over the last few months (and continues to take place) around the recruitment and training of volunteers, talks are at an advanced stage with the FAI regarding the delivery of an FAI Community Summer Camp in the area to take place in August 2021. This will see 90 children take part in the week-long camp at a reduced price and delivered by qualified coaches.

This camp is part of the strategy to kickstart the beginning of a vibrant football club in the area which will be supported in its infancy by both the FAI and Fingal's Sports Office.

Fingal Community Development Office - Spring Summer Masterclass Training Programme

The Masterclass Program was established by the Community Development Office in conjunction with TU Blanchardstown to provide training and support targeted at the management and operation of community facilities.

This provides training at an introductory and intermediary level to managers and volunteers involved in the day to day management and operation of Fingal County Council supported community facilities. This initiative played a key role in the establishment of the Fingal Community Facilities Network.



Choice Based Letting (CBL) is an approach used for allocating dwellings which allows housing applicants to express an interest in being considered for the allocation of designated Social Housing Units. The Lettings team are currently working to provide a range of dwellings to be allocated under Choice Based Lettings. Fingal County Council will be providing information on our website, from Tuesday 4th May 2021, on a selection of developments and individual units which have been designated for allocation using this approach. Expressions of interest will be accepted for the initial period up to 5pm on 12th May, 2021. Access to the Choice Based Letting (CBL) system is via the Council website at <https://www.fingal.ie/choicebasedlettingscheme>.

A letter has issued to all applicants eligible for social housing, an advert has been placed in the 3 local papers in Fingal. We are also using our social media to inform applicants of the available dwellings.

The first developments on the website, managed by Respond! Housing, is in the following locations:

- Charlestown, Finglas
- Carrs Lane, Balgriffin
- Northwood, Santry

It is expected to include additional dwellings over the coming weeks across all delivery streams and in other areas of the County.



STOP DUMPING ON US

Drop a bag.
Drop up to five grand.



If you see illegal dumping call 01 890 5000 or send a picture to: environment@fingal.ie

#stopdumpingonus



A new public information campaign called "Stop Dumping on Us" is currently underway to help raise awareness and to encourage people to report incidents of illegal dumping and illegal waste collection in their area. A podcast and video highlighting the key issues around littering and illegal dumping was also produced to make people aware that fly-tipping is an issue. If found guilty of dumping waste illegally or providing waste to an illegal waste collector a householder can be fined up to €5,000 in the District Court and receive a criminal conviction.

Illegally dumped waste costs Local Authorities hundreds of thousands of euro each year, money which could be better spent on providing better services to businesses and Local Communities.

On Your Bike! Bleeper Bike Rides in Fingal double in last Month Reaching 2,085

Bleeper's bike rides have almost doubled in the last month. From 1097 rides in February to 2085 rides in March. This is a 487% increase in rides on the same period in 2020.

It was at this time last year when the Covid 19 pandemic arrived in Ireland and popularity of cycling began to escalate. Sundays were the most popular days for rides and accounted for 17.55%, followed by Wednesday which recorded 16.88% of

To report unauthorised waste collectors or dumping contact environment@fingal.ie or Tel: 01 8905000.

A total of 264 routine Litter Warden patrols were carried out between Monday to Friday during April. In addition to the planned routine litter patrols, the Litter Wardens carried out an additional 48 Patrols across the county in a direct response to the elevated levels of footfall during the current Covid restrictions.

These patrols were targeted at business premises providing take away services and were primarily to make them aware of their obligations under the Litter Pollution Act, including providing waste bins at their premises and keeping the front of their premises litter free.

Rides. Bleeper had 87 bikes in operation in Fingal during March, 7 more than the month of February.

Howth remains the most popular location to hire a Bleeper bike and high levels of activity continued along coastal routes during March, with a longer duration of bike hire.

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




Balbriggan Community Gardai recently patrolled the beach area with Fingal Litter Warden, Wendy





Fingal County Council Litter Wardens Paul and Wendy on patrol in beautiful Balbriggan

Congratulations!

BLEEPERbikers in Fingal

 you travelled **5,851,243 metres**

IN THE MONTH OF MARCH

 you saved 1,467,230 (g) carbon emissions	 you burned 1,222,711 calories
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Environmental Awareness



Some Recent Events

In cooperation with Community Department, the Environmental Awareness Officer delivered presentations to the Fingal Age Friendly Alliance and Age Action Fingal groups.

Wildflower masterclasses and Sustainable Gardening courses have been completed. Over 70 community groups participated, and feedback has been very positive.

Sarah Fogarty from Malahide Community School won the Best Evening Wear category for her creation in the secondary schools ReLove Fashion Competition. Our Environmental Awareness Officer presented the trophy to Sarah this week at Malahide Community College. The Fashion Up-cycling competition raises awareness the environmental cost of fast fashion and seeks to address textile waste.

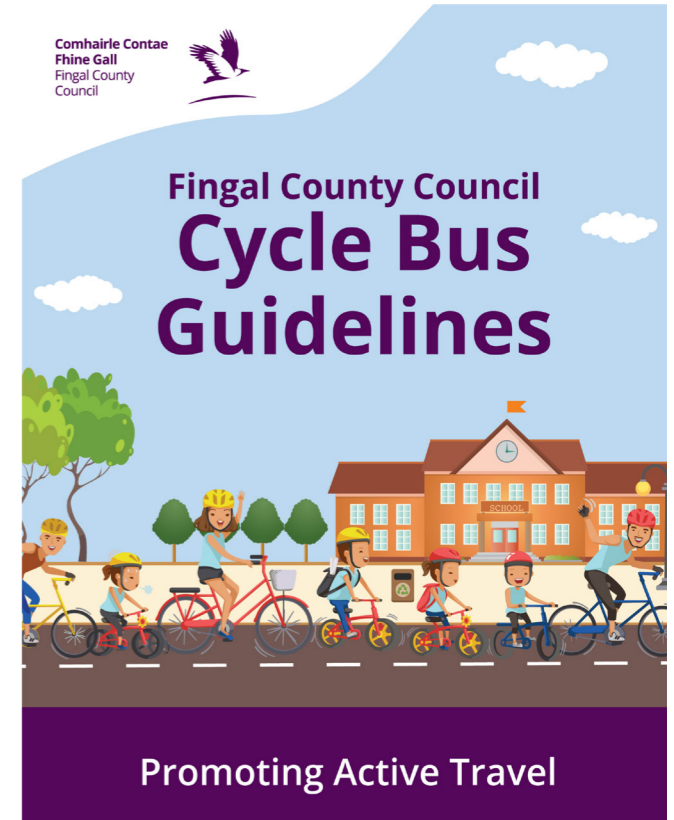
Installation of Bike Racks in Fingal Continues as Cycling Popularity Grows



Bike racks will continue to be installed throughout the County during 2021 as cycling's popularity continues to grow.

Fingal County Council are currently rolling out the installation of more than 400 new bike racks around the county. The Active Travel Department are also currently investigating suitable locations where bike racks can be placed in the future. 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

Applications will also be accepted from Community Centres and Sports Clubs.



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Fingal County Council Cycle Bus Guidelines

Promoting Active Travel

Four schools have submitted expressions of interest in starting their own Cycle Bus. The Active Travel section will support these schools by providing high viz vests, bells and lights to encourage safe cycling.

Pedometer Initiative

Active School Week took place from 26th – 30th April. Pupils from St. Marnocks National School in Portmarnock were gifted 200 pedometers as part of Active School Week 2021 to encourage walking to and from school.

The Month in Numbers

8,289

The number of Microsoft Teams meetings which took place in the month. 31,249 calls took place.



19,889

The number of vehicles that visited Estuary Recycling Centre, Swords throughout the month of April. In the same period, 10,698 vehicles were received at Coolmine Recycling Centre, Dublin 15.

21

The percentage of Fingal County Council's Road Fleet which is fully electric. 33% of light commercial fleet is now fully electric.



73

The number of hires put in place from 1st April - 30th April 2021, engaging 19 suppliers.

Hires include:

- Concrete bottle & tractor
- Pipe jetter & Suction machine
- 25T Excavator at Dunsink Lagoon (pictured below)



314,800

During the month of April, there were 314,800 site views with 109,700 unique visitors to the Fingal website - www.fingal.ie

Among the most popular pages during the month were:

View/Search Planning Applications, Recycling Centres, Job Opportunities, Fingal Coastal Way, Affordable Housing.

47

the number of developments with formal Taking in Charge requests lodged with Fingal County Council and a further 281 developments on our system, of which 62 are likely to remain private.



65

The target number of Fingal properties to be to be retrofitted to a B2/Cost Optimal standard under the The newly revised 2021 Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme.



597

The total tonnages of glass recycling collected in the month of April throughout the Fingal network.



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Occupancy rates at the Council's three enterprise centres at the end of April were Drinan 84%, BASE 88% and Beat 88%.

The three Enterprise Centres currently support 62 businesses and 320 direct jobs.



83

Fingal participants have participated in 4 online Start Your Own Business Programmes.



264

The number of routine Litter Warden patrols were carried out between Monday to Friday during April.



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Donabate Portrane Active Age for All will receive 10 ACORN Tables under the initiative "Creativity in Older Age".

The Castleknock Community Centre will receive 8 ACORN Tables to connect and develop technology skills for local Seniors.



Virtual Darkness Into Light Event at Whitestown Estate Brings Solace & Hope



A Round up from Fingal



Deputy Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Robert O'Donoghue witnessing Chief Executive AnnMarie Farrelly and BAM COO, Tadhg Lucey sign the contracts for BAM Civil Ltd to undertake the construction of the Snugborough Interchange Upgrade Scheme in Blanchardstown, Dublin 15.

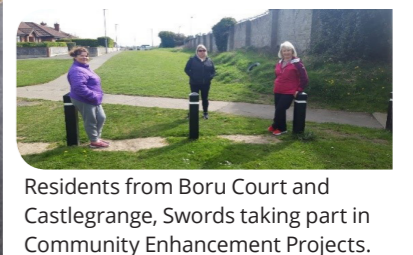
Also present at the contract signing at Civic Offices, Blanchardstown on April 27 were Matthew McAleese, Director of Planning and Strategic Infrastructure and Paul Carroll, Senior Executive Engineer.



Operations staff remove dangerous and diseased trees in Dublin 15



New wheelchair accessible paths at Glebe Park, Balrothery



Residents from Boru Court and Castlegange, Swords taking part in Community Enhancement Projects.

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