

**Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall**  
Fingal County Council



# **Chief Executive's Management Report**

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Item 33

# CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S MANAGEMENT REPORT – MAY 2021

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## **Chief Executive's Foreword**

We are now in the early stages of the Recovery phase of the pandemic and we have the Government's plan for the easing of restrictions throughout the month of May and into June. The emphasis on outdoor activity will continue for the next number of weeks and months with the theme for Summer 2021 being 'Think safe, think outdoors'.

We are focusing on outdoor activities from both a social and economic perspective. Active travel will be promoted and to assist with this the bleeper bike scheme will be extended and additional bike racks will be put in place. In anticipation of increasing numbers of people using our parks, beaches and public realm spaces additional litter bins have been and will continue to be provided in tandem with an increased presence from the litter wardens. Litter cleansing crews are operating each morning and evening and we are engaging with local businesses regarding their responsibilities in relation to litter and waste. Additional staff have also been deployed for litter picking in the villages and beaches. Existing public conveniences are open and an interim measure of portable toilets will be put in place in high demand locations. New public conveniences will also be in place in a number of locations in the coming weeks.

We are working hard to support local businesses re-opening and applications for outdoor dining are currently being considered along with applications for parklets and street furniture licences and we encourage businesses to avail of the suite of supports available to them. The draft casual trading byelaws are currently on display and submissions are invited from the public. A number of non statutory public consultations will take place regarding Summer 2021 plans.

Libraries will re-open to the public from the 10<sup>th</sup> of May which is positive news as they are a much valued and utilized resource across the county. Supporting communities at this time is a key focus and our teams are engaging with groups across the county to provide assistance and funding for a wide range of initiatives spanning every age profile.

There will be a continued focus on recruitment with a significant number of competitions underway or due

to commence. It is an exciting time to join Fingal County Council with opportunities to work on a wide range of ambitious projects with experienced and dedicated staff who are always seeking ways to innovate and deliver to an exceptional standard. Liam Burke is the Acting Director in the Housing and Community Development department following Margaret Geraghty's departure and there will be a permanent appointment in due course.

I am delighted that we are well advanced with our plans for Summer 2021 and we will continue to engage with our wide range of stakeholders to ensure that it is an enjoyable and prosperous summer for all.

Thank you for your continued support and stay safe.

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

# HR, CORPORATE AND GOVERNANCE

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## Major Emergency Management

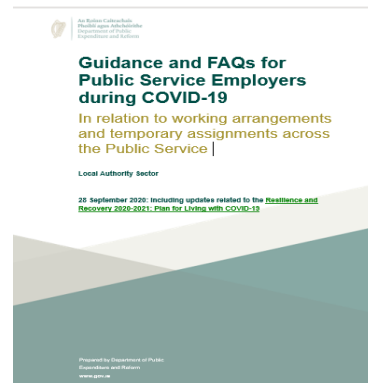


The Major Emergency Management structures in place within the Council continue to provide the framework within which the Council's Departments adapt and update business continuity plans. Following on from the Government announcement last week outlining the phased easing of public health restrictions throughout May and into June the Council continues to update Business Continuity plans to reflect changes as they come into effect.

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 as required.

Locally, Fingal County Council's Management Team continues to meet regularly to ensure continuity of services and put measures in place to align with the Government's plan to ease restrictions throughout May and June.

## 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.

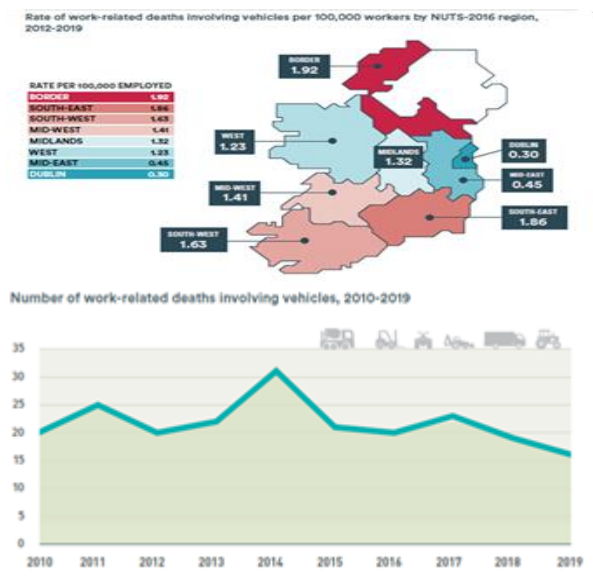
Training and development of our staff, including statutory Health & Safety training, continues throughout the pandemic ensuring that critical services are not adversely affected. Many of the Council's structured training programmes are now online and are continuing remotely. As part of the Local Authority Climate Action Training Programme, Council staff are currently undertaking "Climate Action - Raising Awareness" training, delivered through the Climate Ireland Learning Platform. The HR Department in April also began delivering Diversity & Interculturalism Training which will assist the Council in meeting its obligations under the Public Sector Equality & Human Rights Duty.

The HR Department is engaging in large scale recruitment campaigns for a range of roles and there are currently 18 active competitions.



## Health & Safety Unit (HSU)

The HSU continues with its remote working VDU assessment program, reaching out on MS Teams to staff working remotely. To date 568 remote working assessments have been completed. Accident investigation, Covid-19 compliance checks, fielding staff queries and risk assessment / SOP review continues in tandem with the assessments. A communications package for staff and customers was prepared for Workers Memorial Day.



## Customer Services

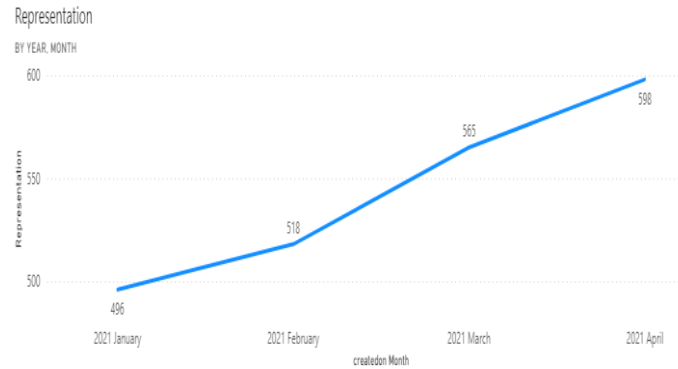
For the month of April, the Council's Customer Care Agents dealt with a total of

- 15,232 telephone calls
- 975 emails.

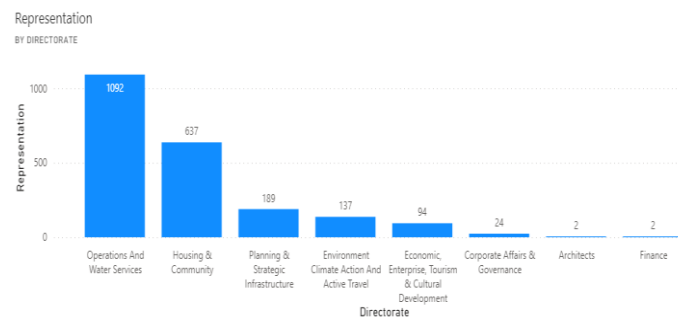
## CRM

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 April had a total of 598 Councillor's representations.



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

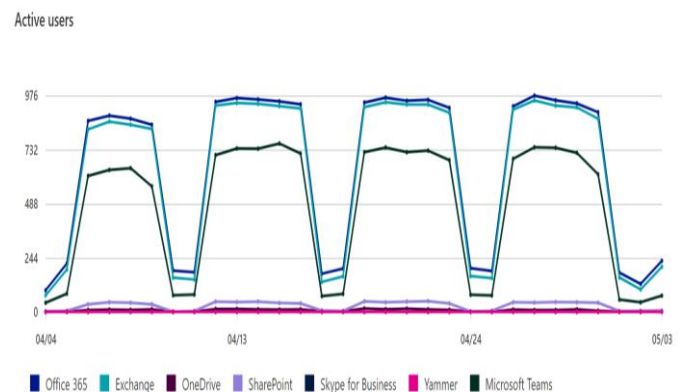


## Information Technology

- Remote Working
- Public Wi-Fi
- Smart Balbriggan Interactive 3D Model

## Remote Working

In May there were 8,289 Teams meetings held and 31,249 calls took place. Usage was slightly down during the first week of April following the Easter weekend.



## Public Wi-Fi

The rollout of a total of 48 Public Wi-Fi hotspots is underway across 17 locations throughout Fingal by Magnet Networks.

The initiative is supported by the WIFI4EU voucher scheme which aims to provide high-quality internet access across the EU to citizens and visitors via free of charge Wi-Fi hotspots in public spaces such as town and village centres, parks and civic spaces.

As Wi-Fi Access Points are installed, they become available for use by the public. When all the access points in a funding area are operational and tested, the Council will launch the scheme with corresponding publicity of the service to inform the public of availability.

The following table gives an overview of the current status of Public Wi-Fi per location –

Location	Live Access Points	Additional Access Points to be Installed	Status
Skerries	Yes	Yes	Partly Operational
Lusk	Yes	Yes	Partly Operational
Rush	Yes	No	Operational/Testing
Garristown	No	Yes	Planned June
Naul	No	Yes	Planned June
Swords	Yes	Yes	Partly Operational
Donabate	Yes	No	Operational/Testing
Portrane	Yes	No	Operational/Testing
Malahide	Yes	Yes	Partly Operational
Howth	Yes	No	Operational/Testing
Portmarnock	Yes	No	Operational/Testing
Blanchardstown Village	Yes	Yes	Partly Operational
Blanchardstown Centre	Yes	No	Operational/Testing
St. Catherine's Park	Yes	No	Operational/Testing
Clonsilla	No	Yes	Planned June/July
Castleknock	No	Yes	Planned June/July
Mulhuddart	No	Yes	Planned June/July

## Smart Balbriggan Interactive 3D Model



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 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Link to Promo Video** - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8J4yMe5Iplo>

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.

**Link to Web Viewer** - [https://balbrigganwebscene20210205.s3-eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/Balbriggan\\_v1.3.7.1\\_210408\\_Web\\_GL/index.html](https://balbrigganwebscene20210205.s3-eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/Balbriggan_v1.3.7.1_210408_Web_GL/index.html)

## COMMUNICATIONS

### Podcasts

Episode 8 of Inside Fingal features Michael Campbell and Enda Hoey from the Environment, Climate Action and Active Travel Department about how Fingal County Council is dealing with increased volumes of litter, fly-tipping and dumping across the county.

### Episode Eight

In Episode 8 of the Inside Fingal Podcast, Gerry McDermott talks to Michael Campbell and Enda Hoey from the Environment, Climate Action and Active Travel Department about how Fingal County Council is dealing with increased volumes of litter, fly-tipping and dumping across the county.



Episode Nine of the podcast featured A/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.



## INSIDE FINGAL THE FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL PODCAST

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](http://www.fingal.ie/podcast).

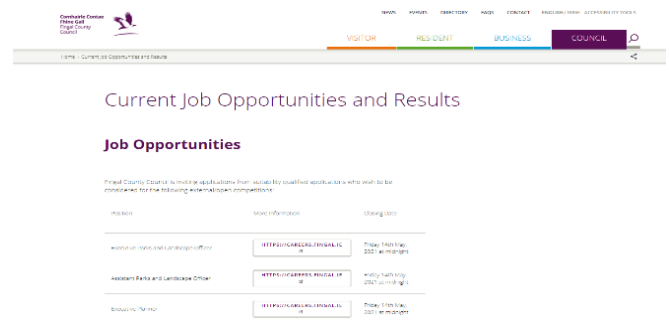
### Website

During the month of April, there were 314,800 site views with 109,700 unique visitors.

Among the most popular pages during the month were View/Search Planning Applications, Recycling Centres, Job Opportunities, Fingal Coastal Way, Affordable Housing .



The Fingal Coastal Way is a proposed greenway extending from Newbridge Demesne in Donabate to the Fingal county boundary, north of Baltriggin. The overall length of the scheme will be approximately 32km, depending on the final route selected. The Fingal Coastal Way is envisaged to be a flagship scheme for tourism in the county with the potential to promote and enhance the local tourist economy.



### Social Media

April saw continued growth on our Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn and Instagram social media accounts.

On Twitter, we now have 19,592 followers including 90 new followers. Our 214 posts received 837,000 impressions, with a 1.2% engagement rate.

Our Top Tweet related to the launch of the public consultation on the Fingal Coastal Way route option selection, receiving 33,100 impressions and 1,849 engagements.

**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/fingalcoastalway](https://fingal.ie/fingalcoastalway)  
[pic.twitter.com/GMLB81xnNP](https://pic.twitter.com/GMLB81xnNP)



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We now have 23,462 followers on Facebook and during the month of April our 220 posts had a reach of 942,638.

Our most popular post related to the second round of public consultation on the Fingal Coastal Way. It had a reach of 34,369 and 6,741 engagements.



Our Instagram account continues to grow and now has 3,611 followers. Our most popular post also related to the launch of the Fingal Coastal Way route option public consultation.

We now have 4,160 followers on LinkedIn which is an increase of 10.79% since the start of the year.

## Irish Language

The Council's Irish Language scheme has been reviewed following a public consultation and the draft 4<sup>th</sup> 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.



## Engagement

The Communications Unit is working with various departments on communications and engagement strategies for a number of projects including the Fingal Coastal Way and the Development Plan.

We have also worked with the Environment Department on campaign entitled Stop Dumping On Us Campaign which has included the creation of new social media graphics, videos featuring staff talking about the impact of littering and illegal dumping, as well as a podcast.



**STOP DUMPING ON US**

Drop a bag.  
Drop up to five grand.

If you see illegal dumping call 01 899 5000 or send a picture to: [environment@fingal.ie](mailto:environment@fingal.ie)

#stopdumpingonus

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**STOP DUMPING ON US**

Caught littering.  
Face €150 on-the-spot fine or  
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**Nuacht Fhine Gall** Eagrán Uimh 18  
Aibreán 2021

Do Chomhairle, ag obair duitse

**FINGAL GO BRAGH**

**LAISTIGH**

Difl chun cinn na Seidme Tíochta Incomhalaine - Leathnach 3  
Seidmí Plean Forbartha Fhine Gall - Leathnach 4 & 5  
Ceiliúradh Lá Fhéile Pádraig i bhFhine Gall - Leathnach 12 & 13

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Your Council, working for you

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**Press Releases**

A total of 13 press releases and media invitations were issued by the Communications Unit during April.

**Fingal News**

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%.

## ECONOMIC, ENTERPRISE, TOURISM & CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

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### EVENTS AND FESTIVAL FUNDING SCHEME



The Events Unit continues to facilitate those groups who have been awarded funding under the Council's Events and Festivals Funding Scheme. All successful applicants have been funded to assist them in delivering a blended or hybrid virtual model event.

The Events Unit will monitor the guidance on Covid-19 restrictions and liaise with event organisers.

### TOURISM

#### Food Tourism

Planning is continuing for upcoming events and projects with Fáilte Ireland Dublin Team and food consultant Marie Brouder on Food Tourism.

#### Dublin Coastal Development Plan

Workshops and networking events continue with the industry stakeholders around the coastal plan. Some very interesting collaborations and possible developments of new coastal experiences have evolved from this process. The next steps will involve working with the stakeholders to deliver these new experiences across the coastal villages. Cross promotion will be a big outcome of this process.

#### Tourism Development Groups

The groups continue to work on preparing for the reopening of the industry, focusing on consistent messaging in marketing and social media around safety, unique outdoor dining experiences and open spaces. As consumer sentiment research conducted by Fáilte Ireland shows people are missing fun, spontaneity and human interaction, this will feature strongly in messaging going forward. The groups are also looking at possible outdoor events throughout the summer months that would allow them to extend their own offering while meeting the demands of consumers. The Dublin 15 group has developed the Liffey Valley Trail which has gone to print and will be available in the coming weeks.

#### Tourist information offices

Howth and Swords Tourist Information offices reopened on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April.

### HERITAGE PROPERTIES

#### UPDATE ON HERITAGE PROPERTY REOPENINGS



Under the Government's Covid-19 Resilience & Recovery 2021 Plan, and following the recent Government announcement, the following changes have been implemented:

- The grounds within Swords Castle re-opened to the public on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April.
- Malahide Walled Gardens and West Lawn and Newbridge Farm re-opened on Thursday the 29<sup>th</sup> April.
- Cafés across the properties remain open for takeaway only.

All heritage properties remain closed pending further clarification from Government on the re-opening of indoor spaces.

## **HERITAGE PROPERTIES CAPITAL WORKS UPDATE:**

### **SWORDS CASTLE PERIMETER WORKS**

The public realm works at Swords Castle are ready to proceed, with pre-cast units, lighting cages, parking bay sleepers all on standby for delivery. Based on Government's current guidance on the anticipated re-opening of wider construction activity, it is anticipated

that the completion of the perimeter works will commence in May with a duration of 4 weeks.

### **MALAHIDE CASTLE GREAT HALL RENOVATIONS**

The Council has recently appointed a conservation design team to address building fabric issues, services upgrade and decoration of the Great Hall. Works completed to date have focused on historic research, investigations and surveys to inform the tender documents. The intended investment will provide a secure and environmentally stable environment appropriate for a stately room furnished with antiques and artworks.

Work is expected to be tendered in May to commence in summer with completion of works in 2021.

### **ARDGILLAN CASTLE PAINTING OF MAIN TOUR ROOMS**

It is expected that the contractor can commence the painting works throughout the main public rooms at Ardgillan Castle in May once restrictions for non-essential construction are lifted.

### **CREATIVE FINGAL PROGRAMME 2021**

Clár Éire Iddánach  
Creative Ireland  
Programme  
2017—2022



Cruinniú Na nÓg, a day of free creative activity for children and young adults, will take place Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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/cruinniuna-nog-2021>.

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 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.

**SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE SCHEME FOR COVID**

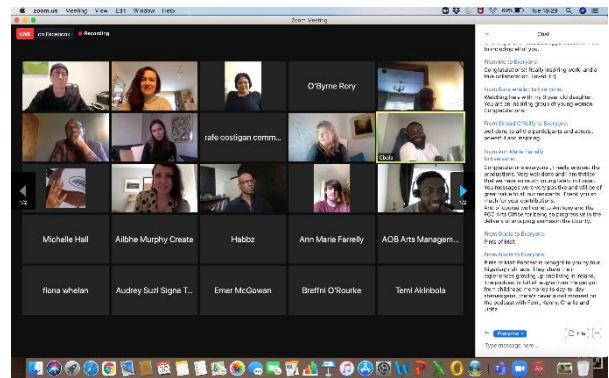
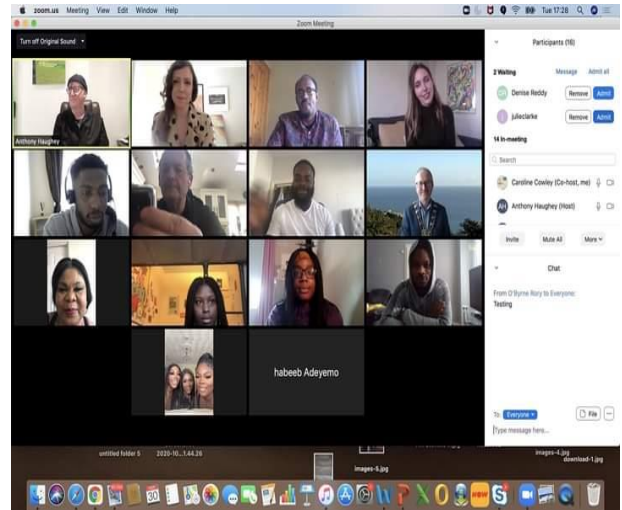
The Small Business Assistance Scheme for Covid closed to new applications on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2021. Fingal County Council received 223 completed applications from Fingal businesses. The grant of €4,000, which is available as a contribution towards fixed costs to assist a business to keep operational for an eventual re-opening, is only available to applicants operating from a rateable property.

The Economic, Enterprise, Tourism & Cultural Development Department are currently validating and processing all completed applications and it is expected that approximately €800k will be paid out through this scheme to the successful applicants in the coming weeks.

This amount represents the first payment due to eligible businesses under the SBASC scheme. An additional payment of €4,000 will be made to applicants continuing to meet the scheme eligibility criteria from Quarter 3.

**PUBLIC ART**

**Infrastructure Public Art Programme Launch – Assemble – A Film Trilogy Anthony Haughey & The Global Migration Collective online.**



Cllr David Healy Mayor of Fingal officially launched Balbriggan Public Art Project Assemble – A Film Trilogy. The artists and participants of the project joined audiences to screen Assemble – A Film Trilogy and a documentary produced by Fingal Arts office about the process of creating this work. The work and the young people were commended and congratulated by CE AnnMarie Farrelly and by Local, Place and Public Art Officer with the Arts of Council of Ireland Sinead O’Reilly. It was a very positive event and we will aim to present the work live in Balbriggan when we are allowed to gather again. Assemble – A Film Trilogy can be viewed on [www.theglobalmigrationcollective.com](http://www.theglobalmigrationcollective.com) and documentary is available on @fingalarts Vimeo

**Infrastructure Public Art Programme – Adam Gibney**





Adam Gibney is currently developing a new interactive app which will be tested and designed in partnership with Jigsaw and Fingal Youth which will allow the user to chart their feelings and mental health which will be linked to tidal and lunar changes, the data will be translated into a sound file and transmitted from a marine buoy located at Rush Harbour.

#### Destination Towns – Skerries Art Trail



Image example :Atsushi Kaga, Tinkerbell, Balbriggan Educate Together

Plans are developing for a sculpture trail in Skerries which will feature 5 of Fingal County Council’s Public Art Panel Artists who will create new sculptures inspired by the towns local history and environment. The work will also be developed in consultation with Skerries Autism Friendly Town Network so that the work is engaging and inclusive for families and visitors to the town.

#### Balbriggan – Public Art Harry Reynolds Road



Plans are developing for a new artwork to be installed as part of the Harry Reynolds Road as part of the new cycle route. This work will be carried out with our colleagues in Planning.

#### Youth & Education

##### Music Generation Fingal



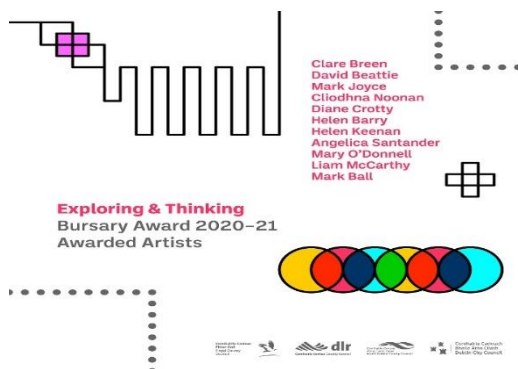
**Music Generation  
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The success of Fingal County Council Arts Office and Dublin and Dún Laoghaire Education and Training Board’s application to ‘Music Generation’ to fund and improve music education opportunities available to young people in the county 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/?p=39425>

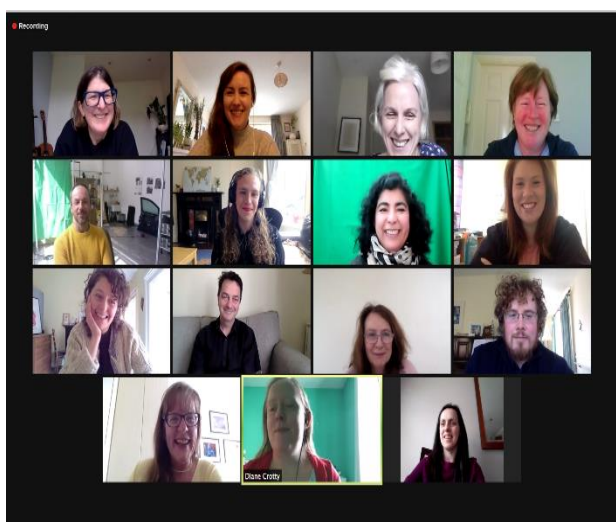
### Exploring & Thinking; Early Childhood Arts Partnership



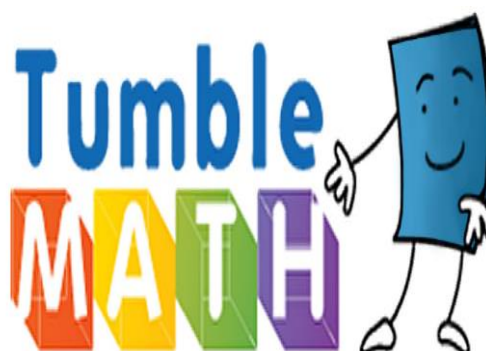
practices and creative experiences with or for children aged 0 –5 years in different contexts.

'Exploring and Thinking' is a collaborative framework for early childhood arts in the Dublin region, originating in 2016 when the four Dublin Local Authorities partnered for the first time to collectively consider early childhood arts provision in Dublin.

The programme aims to reach children in under-served communities and to support the development of artistic collaborations, professional development and the research and creation of new work.



### D.15 Youth Theatre and FeliSpeaks



Fingal County Council Arts Office has partnered with Dublin City Council, South Dublin County Council and Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council to select eleven artists for the 2021 Exploring & Thinking Bursary Award, which supports individual professional artists developing their artistic practice working with and/or producing work for early childhood arts.

The Award will assist its recipients - Clare Breen, David Beattie, Mark Joyce, Clodhna Noonan, Diane Crotty, Helen Barry, Helen Keenan, Angelica Santander, Mary O'Donnell, Liam McCarthy and Mark Ball – to develop their practice in a wide range of different arts



Fingal Arts Office invited poet, performer and playwright FeliSpeaks, aka Felicia Olusanya, to work with Dublin 15 Youth Theatre and to develop new poetry for presentation at Cruinniú na nOg 2021. Created by the members while working with FeliSpeaks and actor/facilitator

Emily Matthews, these works reflect the lives of these young people living in Dublin 15 today. FeliSpeaks guided the group through thought provoking discussions, meditation practices and word association games before introducing some of her own work and the work of others such as poetry duo Sarah Kay & Philp Kay to give inspiration. After composing eight individual poems the group decided to create two collectives with four members in each. A symbiotic relationship evolved where both collectives thrived with the support of each other and guidance from Felicia and wrote two unique poems. The group is now working with Arcade Film to realise the physical presentation and translation of these works to an audience.

## LIBRARIES

### More new e-services from Fingal



### Libraries - Tumble Books and Tumble Math

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 leaning 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>.

### Bealtaine

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 a varied and interesting programme of online events. Carnation Theatre will present 'Midwives of the Nation' on the 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> May - a performance which follows the women of 1916. On 12<sup>th</sup> May, Dr. Maebh O' Regan will give an illustrated lecture on the creative achievements of the Yeats family from early childhood through to adulthood. Booking for these events is on Eventbrite. Other Bealtaine events include chair yoga, storytelling and bilingual knitting classes. Fingal's programme of events for Bealtaine is available at <https://www.fingal.ie/fingallibraries>

### Book Gifting Scheme

The Book Gifting Scheme from Fingal Libraries came about as a result of funding received in late 2020 from the Dormant Accounts Fund. A School's Wellness programme was devised that included rolling out events to schools in Fingal such as Yoga for children and Comic Book Workshops. In addition, it was decided that Wellness Packs including books, were to be distributed to schools in the Fingal area. These packs would supplement the school libraries or classroom resources of the schools and provide an opportunity for relaxation and increased engagement in reading together for pleasure for the children. 600 packs so far have been dispatched by Mobile Libraries to schools in Dublin 15, Malahide, Swords, Skerries, Balbriggan, Portmarnock, Sutton, Baldoyle, St Margaret's, Lusk and Donabate. There has been some wonderful feedback on this initiative:



*We have just received the wellness packs today. I was not expecting such lovely packs with such great books. It has made our day here. St Laurence's N.S Baldoyle*

*The books are absolutely stunning and they will enrich our libraries and language resources immensely! They are books that the children have really enjoyed reading and it's super to have another class set of novels to read. Skerries Educate Together*

*- Thank you so much for the wellness packs. They are really great and the pupils are delighted. St George's NS, Naul, Balbriggan*

### **Fingal Libraries Poetry Competition 2021**

The theme of this year's poetry competition was Maps and there were three age categories: children aged 7–12; teenagers aged 12-17; adults aged 18 +. The winners of the competition will be announced by Cllr. David Healy, Mayor of Fingal on Poetry Day Ireland on the 29<sup>th</sup> April.

### **Sustainable Gardening Workshops**

Fingal Libraries will host a series of gardening workshops with Aoife Munn every Tuesday at 10am during the month of June. The workshops will cover planting for biodiversity, taking soft tip cuttings, reducing waste and growing vegetables. Suitable for beginners and for people with a more advanced knowledge of gardening, the workshops can be booked on Eventbrite from 1st May.

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

### **FINGAL IN IT TOGETHER**



The Council continues its efforts under the Fingal In It Together Charter to support businesses and in April introduced three economic stimulus measures to assist businesses as they reopen.

### **Outdoor Dining Scheme**



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 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 and 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021. Further information is available on the Council's website and applications can be made at [www.fingal.ie/outdoordining](http://www.fingal.ie/outdoordining)

### **Parklet Partners**



Following on from the success of the 2019 pilot initiative, which aimed to support local businesses by transforming the existing streetscape into a welcoming and attractive community space, the Council has launched another call for applications under "Parklet Partners" initiative. 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. Further information is available on the Council's website [www.fingal.ie/business](http://www.fingal.ie/business) and applications can be lodged to [econdev@fingal.ie](mailto:econdev@fingal.ie) on or before 28<sup>th</sup> May.

### **Fingal Main Street Shopfronts & Residences Improvement Grant**

The Council has launched 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. Further information is available on the Council's website [www.fingal.ie/business](http://www.fingal.ie/business) and applications can be lodged to [econdev@fingal.ie](mailto:econdev@fingal.ie) on or before 28<sup>th</sup> May.

## Sustainable Fingal



The Council's **Sustainable Fingal** initiative continues with an aim of engaging with the business community on the implementation of sustainable business measures. The Council's brochure "Sustainable Ideas for SMEs" contains simple actions for businesses' to improve their sustainability and is available at [www.fingal.ie/sustainablebusiness](http://www.fingal.ie/sustainablebusiness)

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 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

## Business Supports 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.

## 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: Growing the Local Economy, Public Realm & Infrastructure, Education, Skills & Employment, Community Affairs & Integration and Community Safety.



With regards Public Realm & Infrastructure tenders have been received for the appointment of an Integrated Design Team (IDT) for A Re-imagined Quay Street and Harbour area. Restoration of the RNLI Boathouse is scheduled to commence in advance of the summer period. Master Planning Consultancy Services have been procured to ensure coherency throughout the transformative public realm and infrastructural elements set to take place throughout the town.

The Education, Skills and Employment Pillar organised the inaugural Our Balbriggan Loves Learning Festival which took place online from 19<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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.



This month the programme office applied for funding of €120,000 (p.a for 3 years) from the Arts Council under the Creative Places award. The submission, which aligns with the Our Balbriggan Rejuvenation plan, will forge sustainable, deep connections to place and people, resulting in many more quality artistic events and experiences building on the towns strengths and led by community ideas and participation. If successful a full time Creative Place Coordinator and attendant programme budget will be attached to the Balbriggan programme office in Georges Square.



Following a successful application in November 2020, the Our Balbriggan Programme Office will participate

in the second EU Programme "Europe for Citizens – It's our time, it's time for Europe". Balbriggan will partner with eight other European large towns with the inaugural online meeting due to take place in May 2021. The focus of the project is on youth and diversity, with groups: - Debating the future of Europe and challenging Euroscepticism – Promoting solidarity in times of crises – Fostering intercultural dialogue and mutual understanding and combating the stigmatisation of migrants and minority groups. Balbriggan will host a meeting of European Partners in September 2022, with the costs of the projects development and hosting met in full €15,280.

Following the programme offices successful application along with nine other European town partners to participate in the EUs URBACT/iPlace programme in 2020, an Iplace Transnational meeting was held on the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> April hosted by Pori – Finland which included interactive workshops, masterclass sessions and presentations, with members of the Our Balbriggan Programme Office presenting and in attendance.

### LOCAL & RURAL 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. The LCDC Evaluation Committee had approved 52 projects for funding. Approved funding amounts have been transferred to 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. Indications to date are that the 2021 SICAP Programme is progressing well and within expectations.



## 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.



The updated 2021/22 Transitional Funding Arrangements for the LEADER Programme were announced in April with the Dublin Rural LEADER LAG approved for €1,882,175 to cover both projects funding and administration funding for the period April 2021 – December 2022. Of this amount, €1,411,631 is now available for LEADER Project Applications under the categories of Rural Enterprise, Social Inclusion and Rural Environment. Historically, Fingal Projects comprise of 65-70% of the total LEADER Projects Funding, roughly corresponding to Fingal's share of the Dublin Rural LEADER Geographical Area.

The LEADER Programme reverted 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.

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 Enterprise and Rural Environment were approved with a total €67,786 in LEADER funding. The next LAG Meeting will be held in May.

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.

### 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 April 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 which are being evaluated.

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.

### 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 April 2021 are as follows:

#### Evaluation and Approvals Committee

The latest Evaluation and Approvals Committee (EVAC) meeting took place on Wednesday the 28th of April. Three applications were approved for €60,000



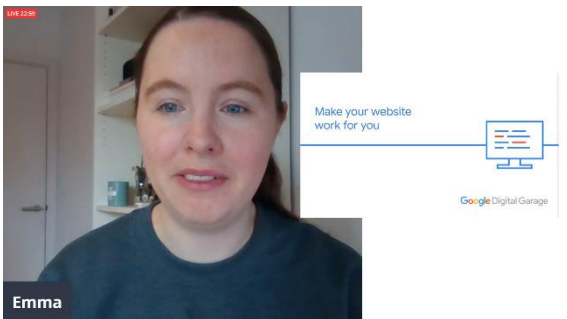
worth of funding. This brings the total number of companies approved in 2021 to twelve, with a combined value of €270,945.

### Digital Business Skills Webinars in partnership with Google Digital Garage



**Make Your Website Work for You**

#DigitalGarage #MakingItHappen



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

The webinars take place on Wednesdays from the 14<sup>th</sup> of April to the 12<sup>th</sup> of May. These webinars have garnered great interest with over 1,300 bookings so far. The Fingal agreement with Google is now being rolled out to all LEOs in the country to coincide with the planned re-opening of the economy.

All webinars can be viewed on the Local Enterprise Office Fingal YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLMciDAqqWv47GtOXKeUifUprxBn8rA6vB>

### Fingal Business Podcast Season 1 concludes



With the increased popularity of podcasting as a powerful commercial tool, LEO Fingal launched a new series of podcasts, titled: Fingal Business Podcast. Season 1 ran every Friday from the 5<sup>th</sup> March to the 16<sup>th</sup> April.

Each episode features a business leader sharing their key insights and tips for business.

All episodes can be viewed on the Local Enterprise Office Fingal YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLMciDAqqWv47DTixvAnt3z4p2OmSgY--o>

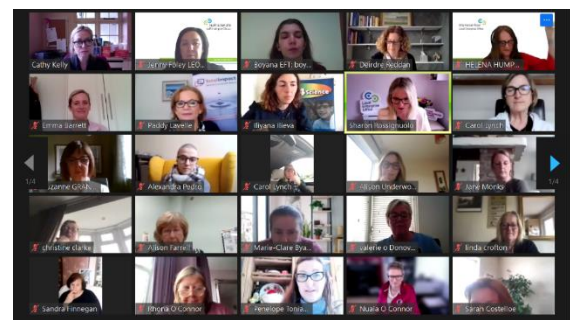
Planning for Season 2 is currently underway.

### Fingal Enterprising Women Network

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



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**



One of Ireland's best-selling and best-loved authors, Cathy Kelly was the guest speaker for the April FEWN online networking event which took place on April 20<sup>th</sup> with over 100 businesswomen in attendance. The next FEWN event will take place in June.

### 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, 236 applications were approved (including applications from 2020) in the amount of €538,049.

The next TOV information webinar will take during on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2021, applicants must attend a TOV webinar to apply for this Scheme.

### Student Enterprise Programme 2020/21



After an exciting Student Enterprise Awards virtual ceremony which included a guest appearance from sports star and entrepreneur Bernard Brogan, the winning Student Enterprises who will represent Fingal at the second virtual National Student Enterprise Programme Final on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2021 are:

- **Junior Category** – Mask Company, Swords Community College
- **Intermediate Category** - Bee Happy, Loreto Secondary School

- **Senior Category** – Dublin Sanitize, St. Fintan's Highschool

### 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 April, 9 Business Advice Clinic days were held, offering advice to 82 Fingal Businesses. In addition, 15 companies received one to one general and COVID-19 related mentoring.

### Start Your Own Business (SYOB)



In 2021, 83 Fingal participants have participated in 4 online SYOB Programmes.

The SYOB programme continues to be highly popular, with the first two dates in May booked out, and a third date added on the 18<sup>th</sup> to cater for demand.

### Business Development Workshops

LEO Fingal continues its delivery of Training programmes to support SME and Micro Enterprise clients through the current challenges. In April 1,212 clients availed of online training across 17 different on-line courses.

The ever-popular Instagram course has been split into two half-day programmes:

- Instagram for Rookies
- Instagram for Aces

to better cater for learners at different expertise levels. These workshops continue to book out.

New and returning course offerings are available in May including:

- Managing and promoting your brand online
- LinkedIn for Business
- Leadership for Owner Managers

### BREXIT – Meeting the Challenge



There was a brief hiatus to the “Prepare Your Business for Customs” workshops in April, as under the Enterprise Ireland framework, new training providers were procured to deliver these workshops. These have now been confirmed and three dates have already been confirmed for May.

LEO Fingal will host a free webinar for Fingal businesses targeting Northern Ireland in partnership with InterTrade Ireland, on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

### 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. <https://www.localenterprise.ie/Fingal/Financial-Supports/Green-for-Micro/>

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.

### Food Starter



In April, 4 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).

### LEAN for Business



The LEAN Business Programme is designed to increase efficiency and drive companies’ growth with by enabling the implementation of key LEAN principles. The programme includes training workshops and on-site mentoring. Two new LEAN cohorts will commence in May.

### Microfinance Ireland COVID-19 Loans

LEO Fingal provides a loan scheme through its partnership with Microfinance Ireland. These are loans of up to €25,000 with a six-month (0% interest) moratorium on repayments.

As businesses prepare for the reopening of the economy, LEO Fingal is actively promoting the availability of loans from businesses that have difficulty raising finance from their bank. Six applications have been processed, assessed and submitted to MFI to date this year.

### Dublin Breakthrough Innovation Programme



Seven Fingal Businesses are currently participating on the Breakthrough Business Innovation Programme which brings established businesses through a disciplined framework to discover where the innovation potential lies in their enterprise and how they can capitalise on those opportunities.



# OPERATIONS & WATER SERVICES

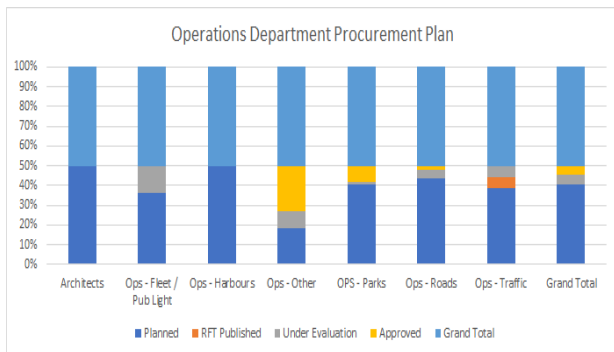
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### 1. Works Programmes

#### Procurement

Status	Architects	Ops Fleet/Pub Light	Ops Harbours	Ops Other	Ops Parks	Ops Roads	Ops Traffic	Grand Total
Planned	1	8	5	4	29	66	7	120
RFT Published							1	1
Under Evaluation		3		2	1	7	1	14
Approved				5	6	3		14
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>149</b>



#### Swords/Balbriggan/Rush Lusk Area

##### 2021 Programme of Works

Work is ongoing on the tendering for the materials, equipment and services required to deliver the projects on the 2021 Programme of Works.

##### Depot Works

The Swords Balbriggan Area depot staff continue to carry out works to deliver essential services.

Essential footpath repair works continue across the area with the depot crews recently carrying out footpath repair works at Abbyvale Swords.



##### Graveyard Works

The Depot Crews carried out some significant upgrade works to cemeteries in the area.



Concrete works in Rolestown Cemetery



**Entrance Upgrade Works to Chapelmidway**

**Road Works Sillogue**

Upgrade works were carried out to the R108 at Sillogue by the Area Engineers. In order to reduce the impact of the works on traffic locally, the works were carried out at night using a manual stop/go system.



**Pavement Works at Sillogue Essential application of seal to the road joint at Sillogue.**

**Road Works Balbriggan**

Significant upgrade works were carried out to the carriageway serving Main Street, Balbriggan. Due to the location of these works, works were carried out at night time in order to reduce the impact of the works on traffic.



**Application of the binder coat pre paving and rolling of the pavement following paving.**

**KN Project (Drogheda-Dublin) Road Reinstatements**

KN Projects under the supervision of the Area Engineers have scaled up the reinstatement of the carriageway following the completion of duct installations in 2020/2021. Works are currently progressing through Knocksedan and other areas and are expected to continue into May/June.



**Application of the binder coat**



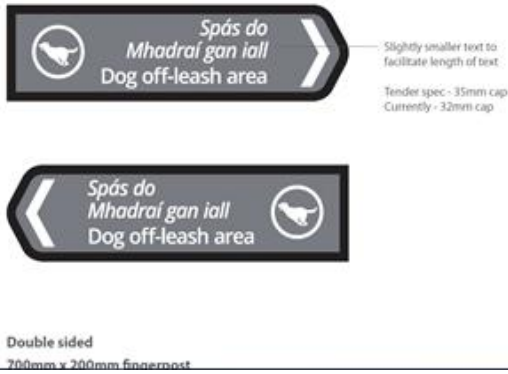
**Chip spreading to the HRA Mat (note quality control tray test).**

**Revised Signage for Dogs in Regional Parks & Open Spaces**

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).



**Dog Signage A**



**Dog Signage D**



**Dog Signage B**



**Dog Signage E**



**Dog Signage C**



**Dog Signage F**



**Dog Signage G**

**Newbridge Farm Fencing**

Phase 1 Refurbishment of the fencing at Newbridge Farm has commenced. The initial essential replacement investment amounts to €45,000, however it is planned to repeat this value as part of a second phase of refurbishment works.



**Widening and resurfacing of Public Footpaths in Santry Demesne**

A process of path refurbishment works has commenced in Santry Demesne where the existing paths are being widened and resurfaced. Similar path refurbishment works are also about to commence in the Ward River Valley Park in Swords.



**Santry Demesne – Footpath Widening**

**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.





**Construction of replacement toilets at Newbridge Demesne Playground**

**Glebe Park Balrothery Wheelchair Accessible Footpaths**

The construction of a new two section wheelchair accessible path is almost complete at Glebe Park Balrothery. The final addition of an anti-skid surface will be applied over the next week.



**Mulhuddart Cemetery – Improvement Works**

The Operations Department recently commenced improvement works in Mulhuddart Cemetery with the removal of the dividing wall to the newer part of the cemetery and re-landscaping of the area. This has opened the cemetery allowing clear views from the carpark. New Yew and Birch trees have been planted in addition to pollinator friendly plants such as African Lily (Agapanthus), Goldsturm (Rudbeckia), Feather reed grasses (Calamagrostis), Woodland Sage and Catnips (Nepeta) which attracts lots of bees. New benches have been installed giving families an opportunity to sit and contemplate. Further works are

planned on the boundary treatment, gates and car park.

**Before removal of wall:**



**After removal and planting scheme:**

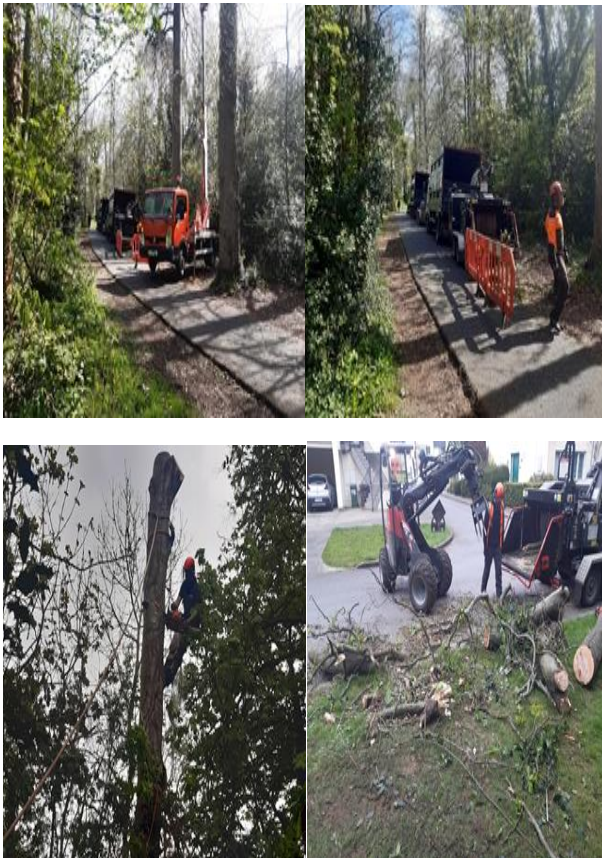






**Emergency Tree Works**

Following a Tree Risk Management Survey carried out by a Consultant Arboriculturist on behalf of Fingal County Council a number of trees in the Millennium Park & the Ongar area were identified as being dangerous and a health & safety issue to the public. Therefore, unfortunately the trees had to be removed. All works were essential to the health, safety and wellbeing of members of the public who frequent our Public Parks.



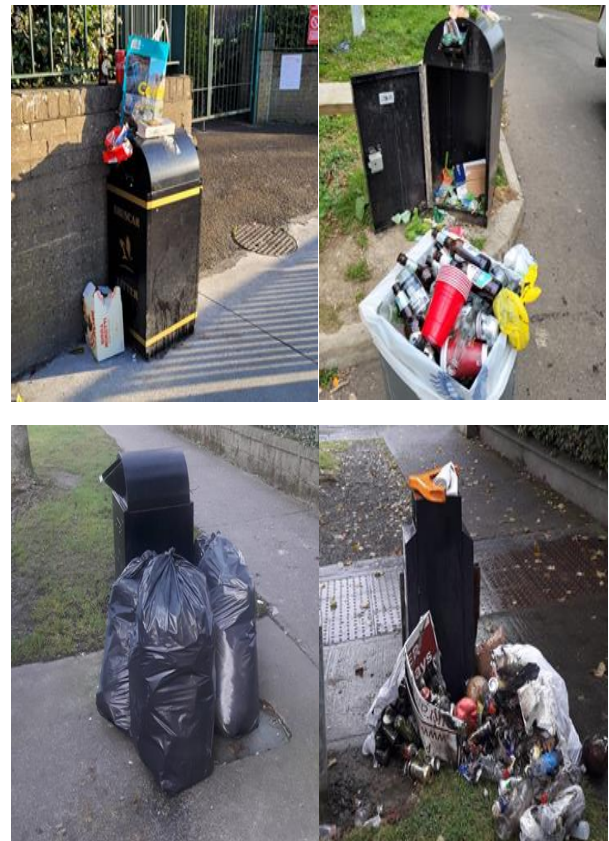
**New Gully Cleaning Program**

An extensive gully cleaning program was carried out by Castleknock Mulhuddart team in Meakstown and Finglas to deal with flooding in the area. Substantial work has taken place in the areas around St. Margaret’s Road, Cappagh Road & Lanesborough. This work was additional to the annual gully cleaning maintenance programme in place in the Dublin 15 area.

**Bin Management and 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.



## Howth Malahide Area

### 2021 Programme of Works

Work is ongoing on the tendering for the materials, equipment and services required to deliver the projects on the 2021 Programme of Works.

#### Depot Works

The Howth Malahide area depot staff continue to carry out works to deliver essential services. Following are photographs of some of the works carried out in April.



**Tramway Court Painting works in advance of the wall rebuilding.**

#### Beach Preparation Works carried out in April for Summer 2021 Visitors

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, below is the entrance way to Burrow Beach which was cleared in April 2021.



#### Beach entrance clearance in preparation for Summer 2021

#### 5,500 square meters of Bee Friendly Wildflowers Sown in April

Following are photos of wildflower areas that were sown across the Howth Malahide area in April. The area sown with these Bee Friendly Wildflowers was 5,500 square meters.

The seed mixture consists of a mix of Annuals, Bi-annuals and Perennials, is a Bee Friendly mix and it has a four-to-five-year life span. The bee-friendly mixture Bellona means you can enjoy a kaleidoscope of colour in gardens or parks. In addition, it provides essential pollen and nectar for honeybees, butterflies and bumblebees.

This mixture consists of 40 different flowers, including *Reseda odorata*, *Echium vulgare*, *Dracocephalum mol. var. Moldavicum*, *Eschscholzia californica*, *Gypsophila paniculata*, *Papaver rhoeas*, *Centaurea cyanus*, *Calendula officinalis*, *Cosmos bipinnatus*, *Leucanthemum* and *Helianthus annuus*.







April saw a large increase in visitors to amenities such as Malahide Castle & Demesne

### Litter and Anti-Social Behaviour

Unfortunately, excessive littering and anti-social behaviour has continued in some areas which was again exacerbated by the fine weather. Liaison with the Gardai continued throughout the month of April to deal with the Anti-Social behaviour being experienced.

Temporary green wheelie bins continue to be placed to combat littering. More additional capacity compactor bins have been ordered for the area and will arrive in the coming weeks. They have proven to be very successful due to their larger capacity and compaction action. Cleansing staff, manual litter picking staff and Park Rangers continue to be rostered to work additional overtime hours to cope with the issues.

### Malahide Demesne Protection

Unfortunately, the overnight anti-social behaviour continued in April at Malahide Demesne and a Security Firm continues to carry out additional overnight on-site monitoring and patrolling to protect the Demesne and grounds. Incidents and littering have now reduced however the situation is being closely monitored in cooperation with the Gardai.

### Malahide Demesne Good News

#### Planting of Tasmanian Tree Ferns on Keegan's Avenue

We have planted 250m of Keegan's Avenue in Malahide Demesne with 44 Dicksonia Antarctica tree ferns imported from Tasmania. The Dicksonia Antarctica tree ferns, looks the same today as it did in the prehistoric age. Detailed fossil records show that these plants date as far back as the Jurassic period. They rubbed shoulders with herds of dinosaurs, survived cataclysmic eruptions and witnessed the emergence of Man.

We have complimented these tree ferns by planting over 25 different varieties of Phormiums in groups along the avenue. Phormiums are endemic to New Zealand and Norfolk Island and have been used by humans since 30,000 B.C. The uses of the flax fibre (from phormiums) were numerous and varied.



Clothing, mats, plates, baskets, ropes, bird snares, lashings, fishing lines and nets were all made from flax leaves. Floats or rafts were made out of bundles of dried flower stalks. The abundant nectar from flax flowers was used to sweeten food and beverages.

Planted between the Phormiums are 45 different varieties of Hydrangeas all underplanted with narcissus and Irish Blue Bells (Hyacinthoides non-scripta).



**Keegans Avenue Before Planting**



**Keegans Avenue After Planting**



**Malahide Demesne staff carrying out Planting works on Keegans Avenue.**



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**Robswall Playground Upgrade is Underway**



**Photomontage of the Playground when completed.**



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.

**The Summit Carpark, Howth**



Two new age friendly parking spaces have been added at the Summit carpark in Howth along with new ground warning marking and signage to advise motorists attempting to enter onto the cliff pathways.

**The Looped Pathways, Howth**

Work is ongoing to reinstate all the missing or vandalised looped pathway way-markers and finger posts.



**Wildflower planting along the R105, Howth**

Wildflower planting along the R105, Howth Road is now in bloom and will provide abundant pollen through the summer.



**Orchard & Community Garden, Howth**

The first steps have been taken by Howth Tidy Towns to develop a community garden by the planting of a small orchard in the open space beside Scoile Mhuire primary school.

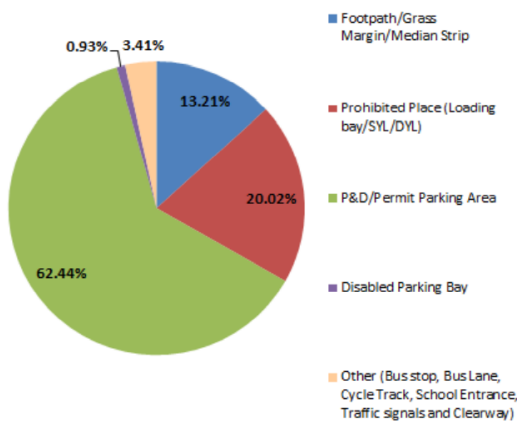


**Howth Community Garden**

## 2. Managed Car Parking Services

There was a total of 969 parking tickets issued in Pay and Display locations during March 2021.

Breakdown of Parking Offences in March 2021:



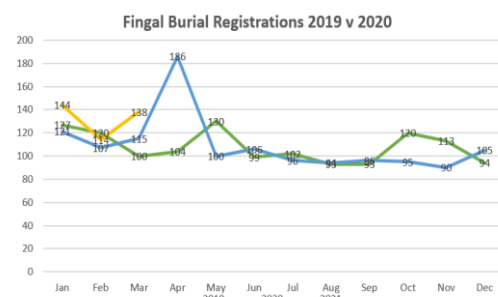
Additional Parking Enforcement measures continued a Countywide basis throughout March and April 2021, focusing on specific areas where reports of illegal parking have been recorded. The Fingal County Council Parking Control Bye Laws 2020 provide for additional parking enforcement of illegal parking throughout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

Between 1<sup>st</sup> March through to 31<sup>st</sup> March a total of 179 Warning Notices and 62 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 April 2021.

Month	2019	2020	2021
Jan	127	121	144
Feb	120	107	114
Mar	100	115	138
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	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1295</b>	<b>1311</b>	<b>396</b>



## 4. Traffic Operations (County-wide)

### Speed Limits Project

Following ratification of the Speed Limit Review in February, two tenders were prepared. The first has been awarded and is for delivery of a large number of required speed signs to FCC depots. Manufacturing of the signs has already commenced with delivery of all signs expected by beginning of June 2021.





**Typical slow zone signage required in a residential area.**

The second and larger contract relating to the speed signs has been prepared and published on E-tenders. The contract is for supply and installation of metal poles for the speed limit signage scheme including options for additional installation and/or supply of signs. Award of contract will follow.

**Road Markings at Balscadden Road Cliff Top Car Park, Howth**

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



**Age friendly and Accessible spaces**

The Castleknock Road from the junction of Auburn Avenue to College Road in Castleknock Village was fully re-lined in April.



**Re-lining of Castleknock Road (between Auburn Avenue and College Road)**



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**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 were brought as headed Item to each Administrative Areas ACM's in April and following approval by the members went on Public Display as part of the consultation process for the installation of new ramps under Section 38 of the Road traffic Act 1994 for a period of 4 weeks until late May.

<b>Fingal County Council Ramps Contract 2021 - Ramps Locations</b>	<b>No.</b>
<b>Baldoyle/Sutton/Malahide</b>	
<b>New Ramps</b>	
Carrickbrack Hill - Asphalt Speed cushions x 4 (2 sets)	2
Greenfields Road by St Sabina's School - Bus friendly flat top ramps x 2	2
<b>Repair Ramps</b>	



St Fintan's road -Sutton asphalt speed cushions by 2 (1 set)	1
<b>Castleknock/Mulhuddart</b>	
<b>Replace/Repair Ramps</b>	
Tyrellstown - Replace modular with in-situ asphalt speed cushions by 5 (1 set)	5
Fortlawn Park - Replace with new ramps.	4
Somerton Road	1
<b>Swords/Balbriggan</b>	
<b>New Ramps</b>	
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
<b>Repair Ramps</b>	
Various locations x 2	2
<b>Total Number of Ramps</b>	<b>31</b>

### Ramps Maintenance Works

Sharks Teeth paint renewal for two ramps on Millview Road was completed in April, one of which is shown below.



### Road Closures

The R124 or Drumnigh Road near Seamount Road junction in Malahide was closed from the 19<sup>th</sup> of April to facilitate an Irish Water Contractor complete pipe

laying. Diversions are in place with the road expected to open before the May holiday weekend.

Traffic Contract Work (County-wide) Contd.



The installation works of a new pedestrian crossing started in April at Clonrath Estate on the Lusk bypass (R127) with the Civil works nearly completed.

## 5. Bridge Rehabilitation

### Fingal Bridges Rehabilitation Programme 2021-2023

A Single party Framework Tender was advertised in Etenders on 22<sup>nd</sup> of January 2021 for the procurement of consultants for the 2021 – 2023 FCC bridge stock repair programme. FCC completed evaluating the tender submissions. Next steps will be sending the successful and unsuccessful letters to the tenderers, 2 weeks stand still period, and the award of contract is estimated to be mid-May 2021.

### Principal Inspections at 60 of Fingal Bridges

The 60 no. Principal Inspections on Fingal Bridges has been completed. and the Consultant provided the executive summary and PI reports last week of April 2021. FCC to review the report and PI's.

### Emergency Works following partial bridge deck collapse, Balbriggan.

Work has been ongoing with the Consulting Engineers who carried out the emergency. structural assessments at several pedestrian bridges across the County following on from a partial bridge deck collapse in Balbriggan. The bridge continues to be closed off to the public whilst work is in progress. A surveying contractor has been appointed for the

bridge works. The Contractor has also been engaged for site investigation and repairs at Vauxhall Street Footbridge in Balbriggan.

**Bridge repairs at (4 bridges- One contract) Santry, Kilshane Cross, Ballough and Seatown Roundabout Bridges**

The areas have been made safe and fenced off. Work on the preparation of the Bill of quantities and tender documents is ongoing.

**Emergency bridge repairs (4 bridges- One contract) at Rallekaystown, 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 complete and snagging in progress.

**Royal Oak Santry Footbridge, Effelstown and Ratharten Bridges Rehabilitation**

Works and snagging completed.

**6. Fleet Management & Plant Hire Unit**

**Fleet Management**

8 of the 15 fully Electric Nissan eNV vans purchased as part of Fingal County Councils drive towards electrification of the fleet. This makes 21% of the road fleet fully electric or 33% of light commercial fleet is now fully electric.



**Plant Hire**

There were 73 hires put in place from 1<sup>st</sup> April – 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021, engaging 19 suppliers.

Hires include:

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



**7. Street Lighting LED Programme**

In April the LED Upgrade Program saw 325 LED Upgrade works carried out in the following locations:

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- Balbriggan Car Park...Balbriggan
- Strand Road...Baldoyle
- Hansfield Road...Clonsilla
- St. Margaret’s Road...Finglas
- Asgard Park...Howth
- Bridgefield Car Park...Malahide
- Church Road...Mulhuddart
- Carrickbrack Heath/Hill/Lawn, Offington Avenue/Drive/Park...Sutton
- R132 Airside to Pinnock Hill...Swords

**Works Programme:**

In April new street lighting is installed on Bells Lane in Swords to assist local residents. Ducting works are carried out in Newbridge Demesne to enable upgrading of the CCTV system.



**Bells Lane Swords**



**Newbridge Demesne**

**Column Replacement:**

Column replacement works take place in Beach Park/Carrickhill Heights in Portmarnock. Works consisted of replacement of 24 end of life columns complete with supply circuit improvement.

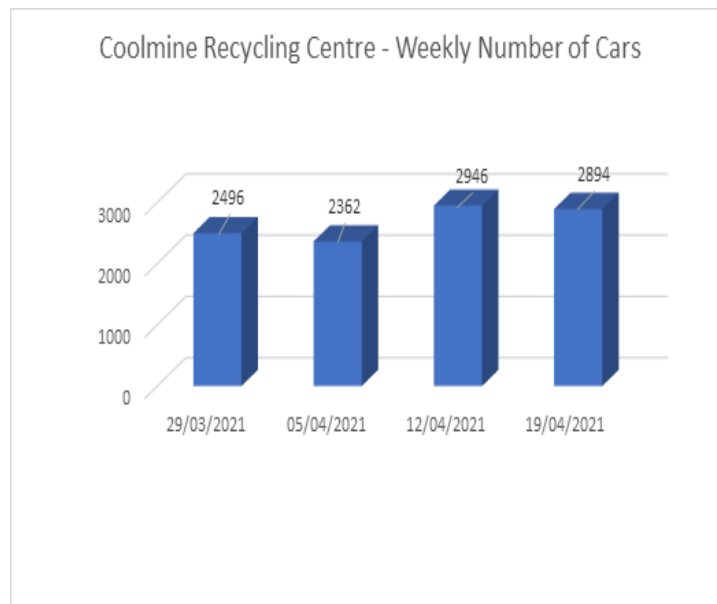
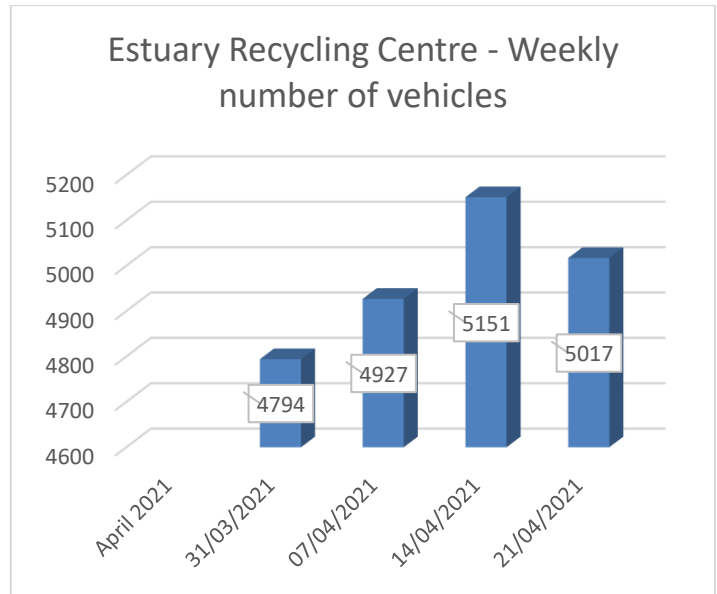


**Beach Park Portmarnock**



**Carrickhill Heights Portmarnock**

**8. Recycling Centres Update**



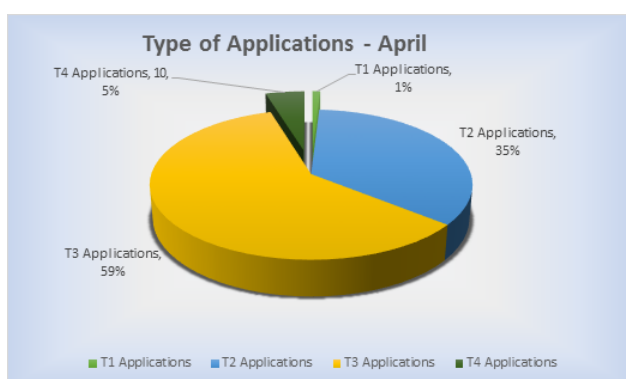
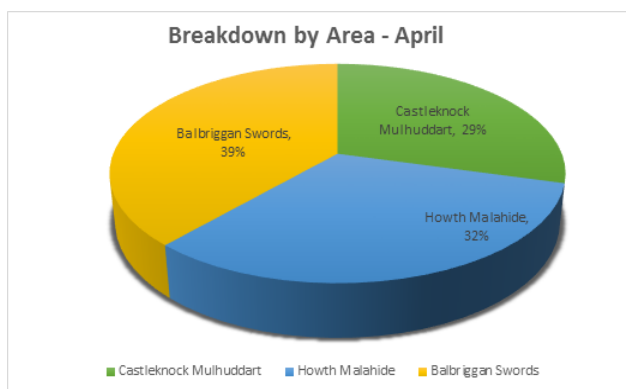
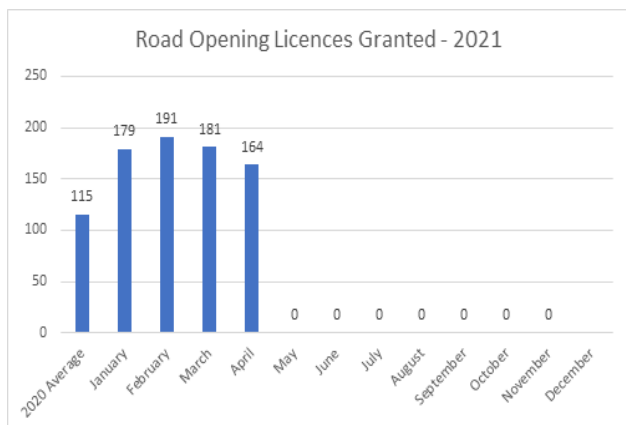
**9. Road Opening Licences**

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



for the asset management of Fingal County Council Road network.

222 applications have been received for licences during April 2021 and 164 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 13<sup>th</sup> May 2021 to 12<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

### Quality Control

The technical team continues to carry out quality control reviews on the quality and standard of works carried out by the utilities on Fingal's Assets. The review's identified a number of non-compliances which are currently been addressed by the associated utilities.

## 10. Water Services

Water production and distribution, wastewater 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' summary:

- Castleknock Storm water network upgrade is almost completed, with the remaining work comprising of relining of the pipe on Main Street. A Contractor is currently being procured to undertake these works.

- Phase 1 (Advance works) to install a section of new stormwater (surface water) network in Ballyboughil is ongoing, in conjunction with FCC's Housing Department. An estimated 80% of the works are completed - approximately 195m of a 300mm diameter storm sewer has been constructed, with 160m of footpaths reinstated following these works.
- 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 in Balbriggan, Howth, Donabate and Dublin 15 area.
- Works were undertaken, directed by Operations Dept, to repair a section of collapsed pipe at the Jones Garden Centre in Donabate.
- Works to install 100m of at 225mm diameter storm water pipe on the Hearse Road.
- Other maintenance and minor works ongoing, including the checking and cleaning of surface water outfalls county wide.

### **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: Review options for 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 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2021.

The paper and accompanying press release are available at [www.gov.ie/housing](http://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](mailto: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/#>

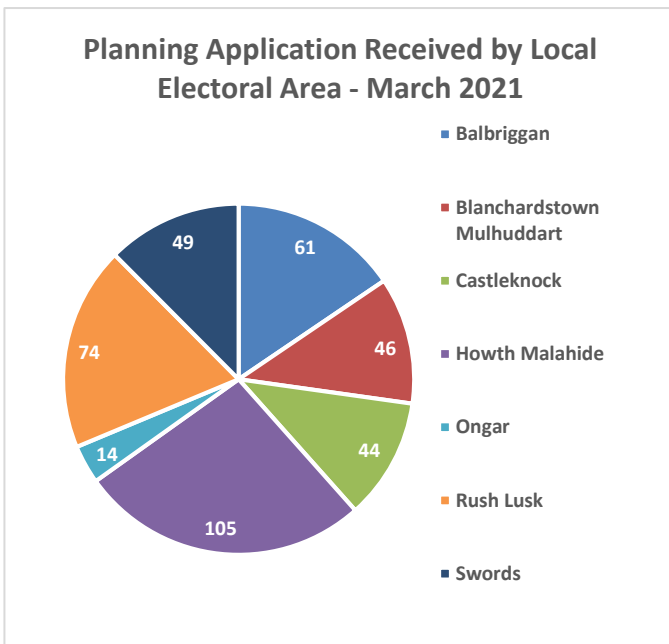
# PLANNING AND STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE (PSI)

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## Planning Applications

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

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) currently in the formal application process.



## Planning Decisions

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 50 -100 and 2 of which relates to development of 50 - 100 housing units.

### Building Control Admin

Up to the end of March 2021, there were 32 Disability Access Certificate applications submitted, of these 14 have been granted and 4 are currently on time extension. There were 3 Revised Disability Access Certificate applications submitted, of these 2 have been granted. There were also 2 Dispensation/Relaxation applications submitted, of which 1 is currently on time extension.

There were 40 Fire Safety Certificate applications submitted, of these 12 have been granted, 2 were invalidated and 9 are currently on time extension. There were 10 Revised Fire Safety Certificate applications submitted, 2 were granted and 1 is currently on time extension. There were 4 Regularisation Certificate applications submitted, 2 were invalidated and 2 are currently on time extension.



A total of 347 building control decisions were made up until the end of March 2021, this includes decisions that were made on applications submitted pre 2021 in addition to applications submitted in the first 3 months of this year. This is made up of 109 decisions to grant, 4 invalids, 3 amendments and 231 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 currently still accepting hard copy applications directly into the office, although there has been a marked change with agents utilising the online system more.

### **Transboundary Environmental Public Consultation**

In accordance with the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (the Espoo Convention) and Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (the Aarhus Convention), the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage received notification from the Belgian Minister for Energy, Environment and Sustainable Development, of the intended extension of the operational life of the Doel 1 & 2 nuclear power plants and the associated nuclear safety-related improvement works, inviting Ireland to participate in transboundary public consultation. Details and documentation with respect to this transboundary public consultation are set out on the Council's website, the Council's Consultation portal and the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage website. A member of the public may make a written submission or observation in relation to the potential transboundary environmental effects of the project, by sending them to their local planning authority, to be received by close of business on Wednesday 23 June 2021 at the latest. To make a submission or observation to Fingal County Council this can be done

**By post addressed to**

Senior Executive Officer, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department, Fingal County Council, County Hall, Main Street, Swords, Co. Dublin, K67 X8Y2

Or

**By E-mail** via [Fingal.DevelopmentPlan@fingal.ie](mailto:Fingal.DevelopmentPlan@fingal.ie)

Submissions or observations should not be made to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

### **Parks & Green Infrastructure Division**

#### **Porterstown Park All-Weather Running Track and Sport Pitch Facility**

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.



#### **Tidy Town Groups in Fingal**

Fingal County Council are working with 23 Tidy Towns groups Countywide to develop a suite of local Biodiversity Action Plans. We have engaged Ecological Consultants to work closely with each

group to develop a list of up to 10 Biodiversity actions per town or village. These actions will be centred around Education, protecting and enhancing Biodiversity, Identifying knowledge gaps & Nature Conservation within the Urban setting. The actions identified and agreed upon by all relevant stakeholders in the Biodiversity Action Plans for Tidy Towns project will be implemented over the next 3 – 5 years.

### **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 12<sup>th</sup> March.

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](http://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 were held in April for members of the public:

- Webinar 1 – People and Place
- Webinar 2 – Heritage & Green Infrastructure
- 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](http://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 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 12<sup>th</sup> May on Fingal County Council's Consultation Portal, [www.consult.fingal.ie](http://www.consult.fingal.ie)



#### **Vacant Sites Register**

There are currently 9 sites on the Vacant Sites Register (VSR). These include 3 residential sites and 6 regeneration sites.

Invoices for the VSR levy have been issued with regard to VS/0016, VS/0117 and VS/0018 for 2019. The demands for payment for these sites had been delayed until recently as each demand was appealed to An Bord Pleanála, who did not make a decision on same until December 2020. The total amount being invoiced for the above sites is €1,344,000. These sites will also be liable for the vacant site levy for 2020 for same amount. A demand for payment for the VSR levy has been issued for VS/0124 (Weavers Row, Clonsilla, Dublin 15) for €129,500 and for VS/0119 (Lands at Howth Road, Co. Dublin) for €2,310,000. A market valuation has been received (13/04/2021) for VS/0129. The site was valued at €450,000.

There have been notices of intention to place 4 sites on the VSR and these are being assessed at present. A number of sites throughout the county are currently being investigated for compliance with the VSR legislation.

### **Donabate UFP**

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

Sheridan Woods Architects and Urban Planners (SWA) are the consultants appointed to prepare the Public Realm and Traffic Management Strategy (PRTMS) which will form an integral part of the UFP. They provided us with a Draft Strategy Document in February 2021 with suggested public realm works for key sites within the village. We have reviewed this Strategy in consultation with other internal Departments within FCC (including Parks, Conservation, Water Services, Transportation) and have responded to SWA with feedback and recommendations. SWA will progress to 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.

### **Heritage**

The Heritage Officer will be presenting with David Dodd of the Dublin Climate Action Regional Office at the CHERISH projects' online international conference: Coastal Cultural Heritage & Climate Change on the 12<sup>th</sup> May 2021. The presentation entitled *Climate change adaptation – A national and local perspective* will outline the preliminary results of the Fingal's Cultural Heritage & Climate Change risk assessment.

Grants: The Heritage Office successfully applied for a total of €30,000 under the Heritage Council's *County Heritage Plan Projects Scheme 2021*. This is divided across three projects and will aid in the undertaking of the following;

- Fingal HeritageXClimate project 2021- the development a citizen science programme for the monitoring of our heritage assets in the face of Climate Change.
- Swords Castle: Digging History Publication- the publication of the results of the community excavations at Swords Castle
- Dublin GIS Project 2021- working with the three other Dublin local authorities to update of the GIS dataset of licensed archaeological activity reports currently on heritagemaps.ie. It streamlines access to archaeological information for the archaeological, architectural, and planning professional, as well as for researchers and the general public.

### **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 125 reports being prepared in March 2021.
- Pre-planning consultations – During March, 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



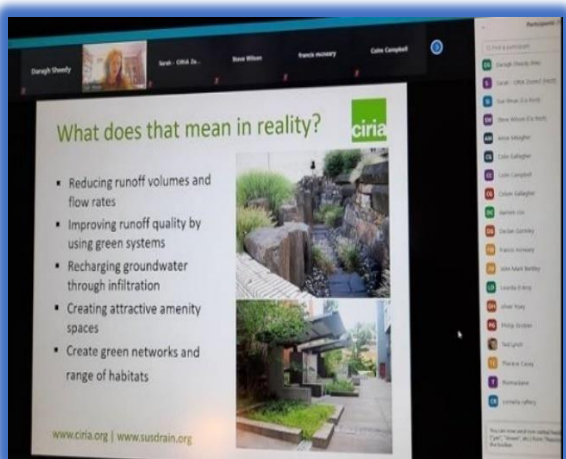
Part A – structural design of a building as well as a Green/Blue Roofs best practice report.

### 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 24no. applications processed requiring Water Services planning during March with an average turnaround of 4 working days.



**Sustainable Urban Drainage System course organised by Water Forward Planning for key Council staff**

## 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 in March/April as the lockdown lifted for house-building.
- BCMS – CNs for 360 units received in March and 30 Completion Certificates processed. Building Control Site inspection for March is at 10% of new buildings. Almost all DAC, FSC and Dispensations are now coming through electronically via the BCMS applications module.
- Enforcement – Compliance with part C moisture ingress remains an issue on several developments. Part B Fire Safety is also an issue on a high-rise development. Building control continued with inspections on sites which continued in lockdown where they had houses nearly completed. All non-houses must have fire Safety Certificates and Building Control issued a number of warning letters in relation to this requirement.

### Taking in Charge

- Bremore Castle Mews was formally Taken in Charge at the full Council meeting in April – see photo below.
- We have 47 Developments with formal TIC requests and a further 281 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 due back at the end of the month.



**Bremore Castle Mews - Estate TIC'd in April**

### **Dangerous Structures**

- We currently have 45 active dangerous structures. There were 2 new notifications in March.
- On Portrane Beach, our Contractor is on site now, reinstating the compounds. Furthermore, the trees which were very close to the edge of the dunes have been removed by the landowner.

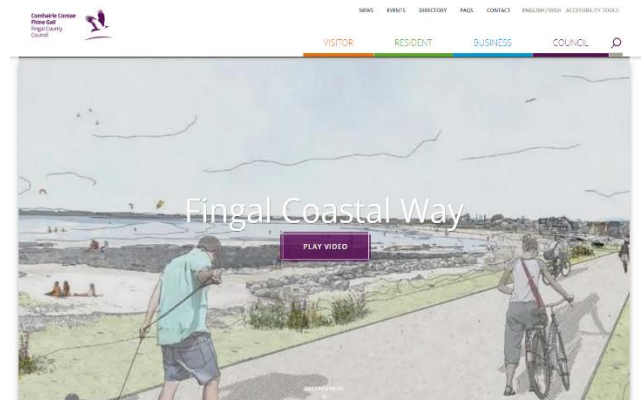
### **References**

- The number of reference requests received in March was 294

### **Transportation Planning**

#### **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.



### **Snugborough Interchange Upgrade Project**

Site clearance works, including vegetation clearance that took place under the supervision of a specialist ecologist to minimise wildlife disturbance, and compound set up are now complete and construction activity will considerably ramp up over the coming weeks. Works will now commence on utility diversions and the main 9C sewer diversion to allow commencement of the construction of the main structures. A newsletter relating to the project will issue in May and the Snugboroughinterchange.ie website containing information on the project will go live in May also. The contract was formally signed by the Chief Executive and BAM, in the presence of the Deputy Mayor, on 27<sup>th</sup> April.



### **R132 Connectivity Project**

Following the non-statutory consultation process in late 2020, the design and preparation of planning documentation and environmental reports has been ongoing. It is expected that the planning application will be formally lodged with An Bord Pleanála in May at which stage a further round of consultation will

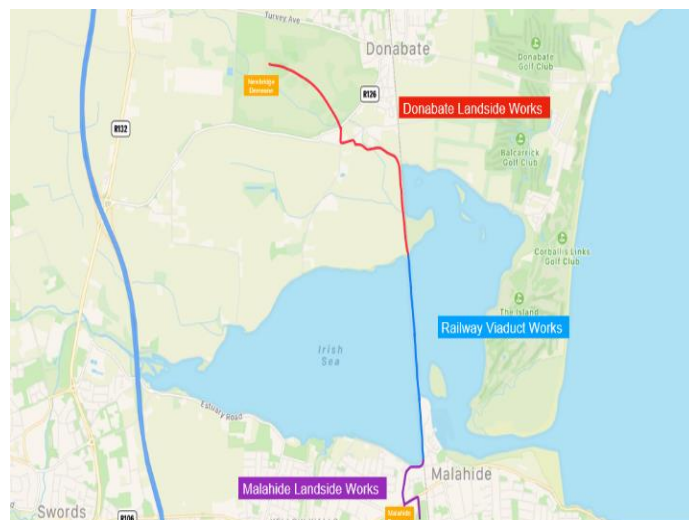
take place where interested parties can submit observations to An Bord directly.

### **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 and elected members, St. Maurs GAA and the school community of Gaeil Scoil Ros Eo for their cooperation and patience during these works.

### **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 26<sup>th</sup> 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.



### **Churchfields**

Detailed design is complete for the Churchfields Link Road Project. Stage 1 of the two-stage tender process to procure a main works contractor 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. The project team are working with the Architect's Department in relation to contract interfaces with respect to housing and parks and open spaces projects at Churchfields.

### **Hole in the Wall Road/Mayne Road Upgrade**

One of the key pieces of infrastructure in this project is the new bridge over the River Mayne and the precast bridge beams and parapets were installed in recent weeks. The River Mayne which was temporarily diverted to facilitate the construction of the bridge, has now been rediverted back to its original course. Works are continuing on the roadway, cycle tracks, footpaths, utilities, traffic light crossings and flood defence structures, with the project due to be substantially complete in the Summer.





### **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. Consultation has commenced with an initial informal meeting with the Councillors from the Swords area, where valuable feedback and insight was provided on some of the transport issues and concerns that arise in and around Swords.

### **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.

# HOUSING

## Housing

- Supply
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### AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN LUSK



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](http://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](mailto: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 31<sup>st</sup> 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

### 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 - Roimne Na nAiltirí  
Fingal County Council - Architects Department

- Deliver a total of 62 dwellings
- Mixed tenure
- Planning approved in April

## 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 Served Sites Fund.
- Plan to deliver 344 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

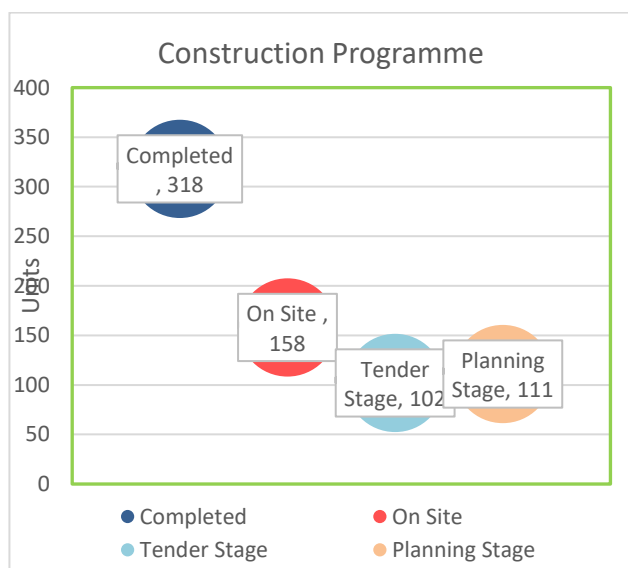
Delivery Mechanism	Target	Delivery
New Build	312	313
Leasing	90	107
Acquisitions	No target	100
HAP/RAS	No target	798
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1,318</b>

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
Cappagh, Dublin 11	69

### Tendering Stage

Tucketts Lane, Howth	8
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

Garristown – North and East Housing Association	6
Kilhedge Lane - Tuath Housing	31
Mayeston, Dublin 11	74

### Construction of social homes at Baldoyle, Dublin 13.



**Part V units delivered in St. Marnock’s Bay, Station Road , Portmarnock**



**Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan**

Current Loan Book Value	€ 146,559,930
Loans Drawn Down under RIHL	269
Value of RIHL lending	€57.9 million
Covid-19 Agreements to Pay	129

Mortgage holders experiencing difficulties making repayments should contact the Council immediately on [loans@fingal.ie](mailto: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 pandemic. The annual rent review has commenced and should tenants have any queries regarding their rent charge they should contact the Council immediately at email; [rents.assessments@fingal.ie](mailto:rents.assessments@fingal.ie) Further details are available on the Council’s website [www.fingal.ie](http://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 final approved allocation for Fingal County Council is €1,759,475 with a target of 65 properties to be retrofitted 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 28 <sup>th</sup> April 2021
In letting process	49
Undergoing re-let repairs	16
With County Architect for procurement of pre-let repairs	9
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>74</b>

## 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 and the programme recommenced in early March 2021. The programme is released in batches throughout the course of the year. To date 8 of 20 batches with a total of 1,774 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 currently ongoing in the Wellview Estate and will commence in the North County in the next phase. 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
Lambeecher 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 in Wellview, Muhuddart, Dublin 15 below:-





## Housing Tenancy Services Report

### Housing Support

#### Social Housing Applications

The Minister for Housing, Mr Darragh O'Brien TD, gave direction through the issuing of Circular 11/2021 of the changes to the Social Housing Assessment Regulations which have come into operational effect from **April 19<sup>th</sup> 2021**.

The main changes introduced by the amending regulations provide for a revised Social Housing Application Form and the removal of the CAP on percentage increases on the income eligibility threshold in respect of each household member aged less than 18 years.

#### 2021 Social Housing Application Form:-



Application to:

Fingal County Council

Comhairle Contae  
Fhine Gall  
Fingal County  
Council



Important: Please Read the Following Information Carefully

#### Medical/Welfare Update

With effect from **April 19<sup>th</sup> 2021**, an application form for those wishing to seek priority on Medical/Disability Grounds has come into effect.

It is available to download via [www.fingal.ie](http://www.fingal.ie), or, upon request a hard copy can issue to an applicant by way of post.

The form is called the **HMD-Form 1 Disability and/or Medical Information Form**, and has been brought into operational effect following the implementation of Circular 11/2021 Social Housing Assessment (Amended) Regulations 2021.

HMD-Form 1

## Disability and/or Medical Information Form



#### About this form

This form is for anyone who is applying for social housing or a social housing transfer due to a disability or medical grounds. The information provided will be used to assess if priority status should be awarded to an application.

The Housing Support Team are continuing to progress applicants' requests for medical priority, with the continuance of virtual medical/welfare meetings in collaboration with the HSE, and meetings have continued through March and April, and are being scheduled for May.

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	<a href="mailto:Housing.allocations@fingal.ie">Housing.allocations@fingal.ie</a>
Website	<a href="http://www.fingal.ie">www.fingal.ie</a>

#### THE HOUSING UNIT CONTACT DETAILS

<b>Homeless Services</b>	01 890 5090 <a href="mailto:homeless@fingal.ie">homeless@fingal.ie</a>
<b>HAP</b>	01 870 4515 <a href="mailto:HAP@fingal.ie">HAP@fingal.ie</a>
<b>Estate Management (Maintenance, ASB &amp; Special Projects)</b>	01 890 5588 <a href="mailto:Estatemanagement@fingal.ie">Estatemanagement@fingal.ie</a>
<b>Lettings</b>	01 890 5380 <a href="mailto:Housing.allocations@fingal.ie">Housing.allocations@fingal.ie</a>
<b>Housing Support</b>	01 890 5902 <a href="mailto:Housing.allocations@fingal.ie">Housing.allocations@fingal.ie</a>
<b>Customer Care Team</b>	01 890 5000 <a href="mailto:CustomerCareUnit@fingal.ie">CustomerCareUnit@fingal.ie</a>

## Choice Based Lettings

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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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

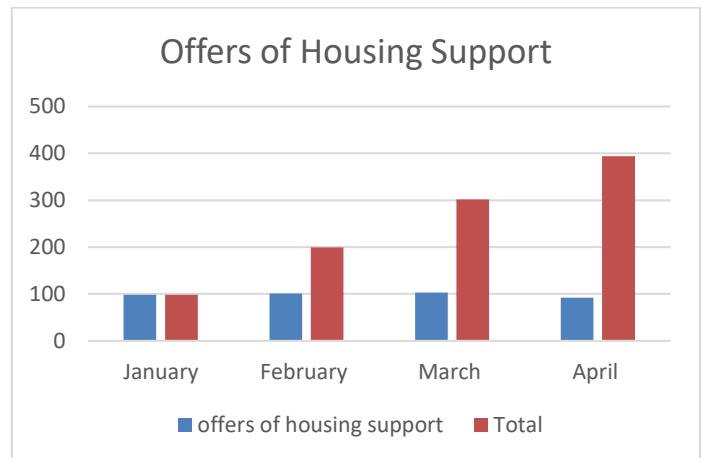
It is expected to include additional dwellings over the coming weeks across all delivery streams and in other areas of the County.



## Northwood Avenue, Ballymun Cross

### 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)

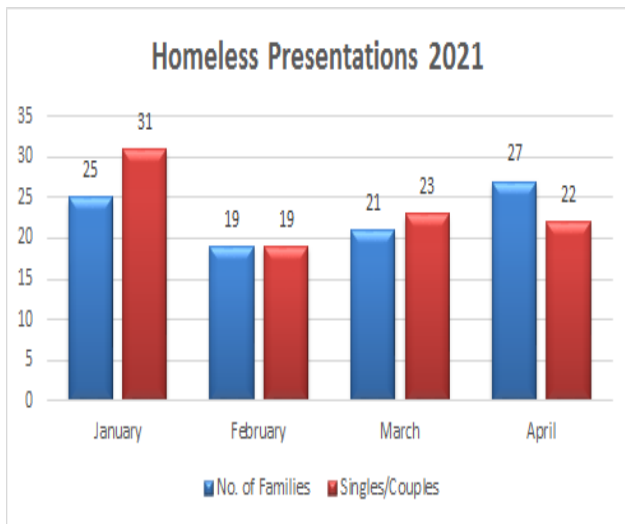
The HAP Team in Fingal County Council continues to operate as normal with the public making contact through email and phone during **COVID-19** restrictions. Additional resources have been deployed to assist with the volume of calls/emails from those who have been affected by the current crisis (in relation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

Since its inception in Fingal County Council in 2017, the HAP team have set up over 2,700 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 April 2021 there were 49 new homeless presentations, comprising 27 families and 22 singles/couples.



During April 2021, 34 households, comprising 19 families and 15 singles/couples, exited homeless circumstances into various forms of social housing support- including into private rented tenancies under Homeless HAP.

Homeless HAP accounts for 26 of these tenancies.



## 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 maintain 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.

Senior Officials are engaged on an ongoing basis with the HSE pertaining to Covid Public Health Guidelines.

### Illegal Occupation of Lands

Incidents of illegal occupation of both Council owned lands and privately-owned lands has been a recurring issue within the Fingal administrative area. Statutory Notices were served on a large group occupation at Portrane WTP and within the Dublin Enterprise Zone who have since vacated the sites. The Housing Department continues to engage with our colleagues from Economic Development, Environment and Operations Departments to ensure all appropriate actions are taken to prevent incidents of illegal occupation and deal with accordingly when they occur.

An Inter-Agency Task Force is proposed as the ramifications of an illegal occupation fall within the remit of several other statutory agencies outside of the Local Authority.

## 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. Site works at Stockhole lane are progressing well with significant progress made in recent weeks and an approximate completion date in July 2021.

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.



**New group housing scheme at Stockhole Lane/Baskin**

The decommissioning of Collinstown Halting was finalised in April and the site/land is now under the remit of the Dublin Airport Authority. All of Traveller families who resided on the site have been allocated alternative accommodation.



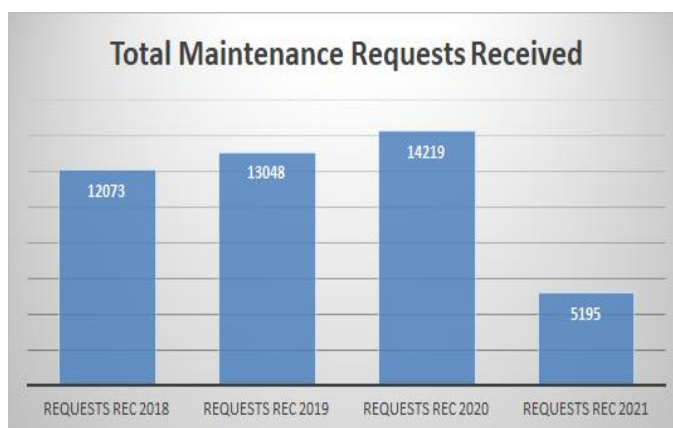
**Decommissioning of Collinstown Halting Site**

### 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. With planned lifting of restrictions imminent in the second quarter of 2021, progression of any outstanding requests, not of an urgent nature will be prioritised.

### Anti-Social Behaviour/Inspectorate Unit

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

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

### Stock Management

77 cases under review – 23 Downsizing, 9 Regularisation of Tenancy, 25 Breaches of Tenancy, 20 Miscellaneous (including cases of Family Breakdown/Illegal Occupants)

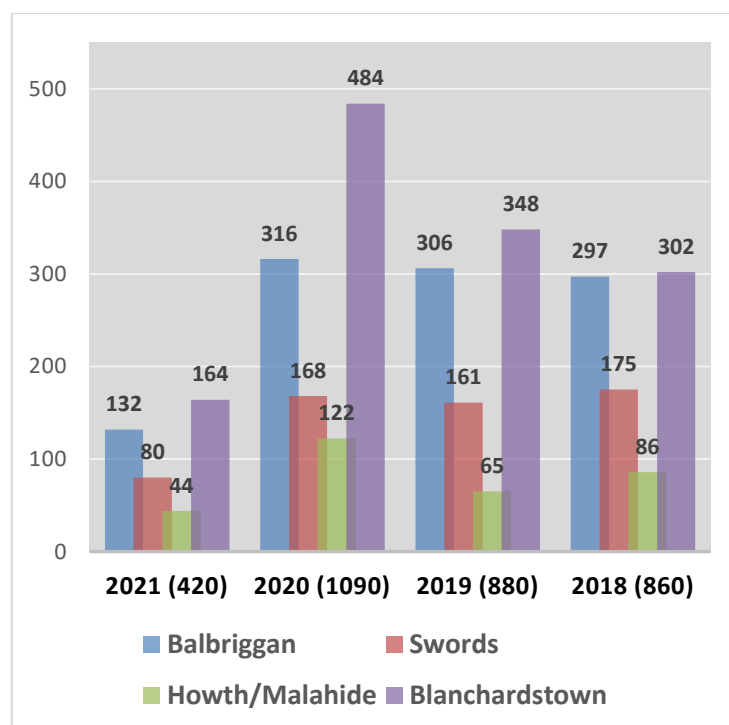
**Surrenders on EM Grounds 2021** – 0 (Jan), 1 (Feb), 1 (Mar), 0 (April)

### ASB Caseload Management

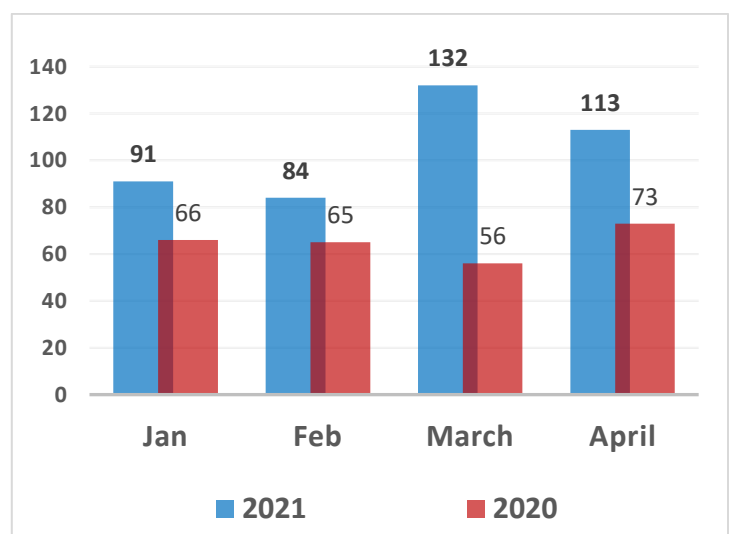
April 2021	Active Investigation	Active Monitoring	Closed
Dublin 15	26	7	10
North County	15	17	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>20</b>

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 are more observant of their environs and less tolerant of nuisance behaviours.

### Breakdown of Complaints 2018-2021



### Monthly Breakdown of Complaints Received



### Anti-Social Interventions

<b>Interviews Held 2021</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Interviews Held 2020</b>	108
<b>Tenancy Alerts 2021</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Tenancy Alerts 2020</b>	35
<b>Tenancy Warnings 2021</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Tenancy Warnings 2020</b>	4

### Inspectorate

<b>Traveller Specific Inspections 2021</b>	<b>614</b>
<b>Traveller Specific Inspections 2020</b>	1735
<b>Estate Inspections 2021</b>	<b>389</b>
<b>Estate Inspections 2020</b>	636
<b>EM/ASB Inspections 2021</b>	<b>1148</b>
<b>EM/ASB Inspections 2020</b>	3610



## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

<p><b>Community Centre Report</b></p> <p><b>Community Development Office</b> Fingal Communities in Focus Webinar Boru Court and Castlegrange Estates, Swords Corduff Cuppa Chat Mulhuddart Photography Project Balbriggan Integration Forum</p> <p><b>Strategic Unit</b> PPN Linkage Groups Free Insurance for Covid 19 Volunteers Summer Projects Funding Supports</p> <p><b>Age Friendly Fingal</b> Community Resilience Fund Funding for Acorn Tablets for Older People</p> <p><b>Fingal Comhairle na nÓg</b> Update</p>	<p><b>Community Facilities Unit</b> "Bringing inside - out" Community Development Pilot Program 2021 Spring Summer Masterclass Training Programme</p> <p><b>Sports Office</b> Tyrrelstown Football Club Fingal HomeFit Sessions MarathonFamilies Funding &amp; Grants Active Schools Week Tyrrelstown &amp; Balbriggan Sports Forums</p>
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### Fingal County Council Community Centres

A condition survey of all Fingal County Council owned community centre has been carried out by the Architects Department on the instruction of the client department -Housing and Community.

15 Fingal County Council owned facilities were identified as needing work under 5 core headings; Upgrading, Emergency Work, Legislative Compliance, Capital Projects and Insulation. The Centres are

- Corduff Resource Centre
- Mulhuddart CC
- Blakestown CC
- Rush Youth Facility
- Mountview RC
- St Macullins

- Corduff SS
- Mountview CC
- Fortlawn CC
- Parslickstown House and Hall
- Donabate Portrane CC
- Mourn CC
- Castaheany CC
- Diswellstown CC
- Baldoyle CC

The condition survey reports have been reviewed by the Architects department who has put a plan in place to prioritise safety and emergency works in these centers. An initial budget of €2m has been assigned to the programme in the Fingal Capital plan.

Five Centres have been prioritised for works identified in the condition surveys – Corduff RC, Donabate Portrane CC, Baldoye CC, Mulhuddart CC & Mourne Estate CC.

The tender for Integrated Design Team was completed to oversee all the required works in the five selected facilities and one library building. Work has commenced by the Design Team to prepare tender

Packages for the appointment of Contractors to carry out the works. The works will be procured in Q3 and commenced in Q4 2021 with a planned completion date in Q1 2021.

In parallel, an integrated design team has been engaged to design, bring to planning, tender and oversee the construction of two new community Centres at Meakstown and Baldoye.

It is proposed to bring the first of these at Meakstown before Council for planning in Q3 2021.

### **Fingal Communities in Focus Webinar**

Work is well underway in preparation for the Fingal Communities in Focus Webinar, being hosted and organised by the Community Development office. The webinar, on the morning of May 26<sup>th</sup> is aimed at Resident Associations, Community Groups and Tidy Towns groups all over the county. The event will provide a platform for a lively discussion on how best these groups can learn from each other and discover the many supports available from the Community Development Office and other FCC Departments to support the great work they are already doing in their communities. Filming of three showcase videos took place in April which will be aired at the event. Inputs from the Mayor, Cllr David Healy and FCC CE Annmarie Farrelly have also been completed, in partnership with film-makers Coalesce. Groups can register to take part by emailing [community@fingal.ie](mailto:community@fingal.ie)



### **Boru Court and Castlegrange Estates, Swords**

The Community Development Office is supporting residents' groups in two Fingal estates in Swords, Boru Court and Castlegrange with community enhancement projects. New and existing groups in each estate have re-organised, safely, to carry out community works in partnership with the Community Office. Boru Court has adopted a patch at the entrance to the estate and is planning further projects over the summer. All activities have been carried out with full Covid compliance and social distancing. Castlegrange residents will install a name stone funded through the Community Activities funding scheme later this month. The residents have identified two further projects, tackling an open space and graffitied wall, and hope to access support from the environment department with these. Both groups plan to take part in the forthcoming Communities in Focus Webinar, happening in late May.





### 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. This initiative started on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March for four weeks to support the residents of Corduff and the surrounding areas to engage with one another on a weekly basis to provide support over a cuppa and due to its success has now been extended until May. Lots of residents coming on to chat about what is happening for them and sharing their lockdown stories, tips for hobbies etc.



### Mulhuddart Photography Project

Mulhuddart Photography Project was developed and funded by Fingal Community Development Office in collaboration with Healthy Ireland and Mulhuddart Community Centre. This initiative began on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of April and aims to mitigate the effects of social isolation and loneliness and the adverse effect on physical and mental well-being through photographic images. This 8-week photography course with guest speakers will give viewers insight into local community life in Mulhuddart. It supports the community of Mulhuddart to stay connected, enhances well-being and connectivity. The

participants will engage with online learning so that we can continue to work and engage with our communities in a virtual way during government restrictions due to Covid 19.



### 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.



### Strategic Unit:

### PPN Linkage Groups



Linkage Groups are the thematic networks at the core of the PPN. They are the main vehicles through which the PPN advocates for the Community.

**PPN Linkage Group Updates: Round two linkage groups are taking place:**

- 1st April: Arts, Community, Heritage and Sports
- 13th April: Climate Change, Water and Environment
- 15th April: Housing, Planning and Transport
- 22nd April: Community Safety, Crime and Policing
- 29th April: Social Inclusion, Rural Development, Youth and Enterprise



**Public Participation Networks Handbook**

This Handbook sets out the best practice now in place across PPNs across all 31 Local Authority areas. As the PPNs continue to grow and change with the needs of their Member Groups and communities, the Handbook will also change with those needs. Fingal PPN setup a working group to oversee this piece of work. The PPN handbook review report is currently being finalised for consideration by the Secretariat.

**Free Insurance for Covid 19 Volunteers**

To support the community nationally, BHP Insurance has provided an umbrella insurance policy for new groups set up in each County to cover the fantastic work being carried out by all the volunteers involved in response to Covid 19. This insurance policy is being provided free of charge by BHP. Fingal PPN renewed Insurance policies again this year through BHP Insurance. This Insurance is offered for volunteer groups who had no Insurance or whose Insurance

Company did not insure them for this type of volunteering work. This is a huge asset to the groups.



**Summer Projects**

Fingal Community Development Office called for expressions of interest from groups intending to run a Summer Project in February 2021. Currently the Community Development Office team are supporting over 30 summer projects in their application for funding, safeguarding training, garda vetting and programmed planning. Application for funding will be present at the Council Meeting in June for approval.

**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 / Remedial Works Funding
- (2) Internal Funding Support
- (3) External Funding Support

Appendix 2 contains the full detail on funding supports.

**Age Friendly Fingal:**



The Sláintecare Report in the Department of health, through the Healthy Ireland Fund (HIF) has allocated funding for a new initiative the "Community Resilience Fund" allocated to Local Authorities.

The Age Friendly Fingal team working in collaboration with the local community groups established the opportunity to source and allocate funding aligned to the themes 'Staying Connected' and 'Managing Your Mood' through the funding of 18 ACORN Tablets for an Age Friendly initiative for ageing local citizens.



**Comhairle Na nÓg:**

1. On the 12<sup>th</sup> of April 2021 Fingal Comhairle na nÓg participated in an in-depth discussion group on Climate with the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth.
2. Comhairle members continue working on their main topic of mental health for 2021. They have completed a survey to gain feedback from the Young People in Fingal on the effect of Covid 19 on their mental health in areas such as school life both school and home based experiences, lockdowns. The results from this survey will inform their workplan for 2021.
3. Comhairle are continuing to work on an animation for Climate Action which will go live as part of Cruinniu na nÓg the 12<sup>th</sup> of June in collaboration with Fingal Economic Development Department.

# Active Age for All

## Donabate -Portrane

**The 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.**



**Community Facilities Unit:**

**“Bringing inside - out” in FCC supported Community Facilities**

Community centres although not open to the public have been working in the back ground providing a range of supports to the local community. They have had to look at new ways to engage with communities in a safe way by supporting a range of on-line activities, linking with communities through phone calls and providing back up support to key agencies and service providers while promoting activities outdoors. Community facilities are now looking to provide outdoor spaces to support community activities which in turn will support summer project / activity programs and encourage small community groups to meet for activities such as outdoor yoga,

pilates, art therapy and gardening programs. The Community Development Office is supporting funding applications under its activities funding stream to purchase a range of hard-wearing pop-up gazebos that can be used for a wide range of programs and initiatives outdoors. The Community Development Office has negotiated a reduced rate with the provider to ensure that each community facility that applies receives high quality equipment that is weather resilient. This equipment will be made available to community groups registered with the community centres who can provide activities within government guidelines.



**Community Development Pilot Program 2021**

The Community Facilities Management Support is working in collaboration with the steering group of the Mulhuddart Priority Task Group and has submitted a funding application to the Department of Rural and Community Development for the new pilot Community Development Program. If successful, a new community development project will be established in Mulhuddart which will spread across to Tyrrellstown and Mountview. The proposed project will see the implementation of several key actions identified by the Mulhuddart Priority Task Group as part of their community consultation. It is envisaged that all key agencies and stakeholders will collaborate to trial community development initiatives that will aim to address social exclusion, promote greater awareness around climate action, provide opportunities to engage with unheard voices and address inequality in these marginalised communities.

The project has the potential to receive funding for up to three years and will be hosted by Parslickstown House Management CLG. It aims to facilitate an empowering collaborative approach that will reach



out to those not currently engaging in their local communities through the introduction of a range of projects and initiatives that will aim to address racism, support minority groups and promote and encourage communities to be proactive in addressing positive change in their communities.

### **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.

#### **The schedule of master classes for Spring Summer are as follows:**

- **Role of a Chairperson** – this is aimed at existing and aspiring chair persons
- **Recruiting new board members** – this is a huge challenge for voluntary management committees this training program aims to set out several alternatives to board recruitment and looks at developing a strong recruitment process for board members.
- **Introduction to Strategic Planning**- aims to set out a standard framework for community facilities so they can monitor and evaluate their work and its effectiveness
- **Introduction to Risk Management** – explores challenges experienced by voluntary board and helps to mitigate risk
- **Developing an effective annual report** – establishes a frame work for the compilation of writing a winning and effective annual report
- **Understanding and preparing budgets** – the key to any good project is strong financial management and realistic budgeting. This course aims to provide guidance to volunteers and staff responsible for managing budgets.

The above training programs will take place between April – June and will be delivered over zoom. These training sessions will assist board members, directors, chairpersons, managers and staff in the Fingal Community Facilities Network to improve service delivery. In the first quarter of 2021 - 78 people have engaged in training as part of the master class program.

#### **Sports Office:**

##### **Tyrrelstown Football Club**

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 HomeFit Sessions**

Three new Fingal Home-Fit live exercise sessions facilitated by Fingal County Council Sports Office and delivered by qualified personal trainers and exercise professionals will start in May. To date over 3,000 people have subscribed to the HomeFit Sessions.

##### **MarathonFamilies**

We have started work on developing this year's MarathonFamilies programme, which is a running/walking programme to encourage families to complete a Marathon in 4 weeks during June. This programme provides families with a safe, fun and healthy activity and encourages families to exercise together, achieve a goal and ultimately improve the overall health of the Family unit.

## 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. All sports clubs/groups on our database have been contacted, communications have been initiated through the Sport Development Officers and a social media plan to reach out to as many sports clubs/groups as possible about the opportunity for funding has been devised. Normally approximately 10 clubs receive Sports Equipment Funding in any given year and to date in 2021, 22 clubs have applied for Sports Equipment funding. To date 10 clubs have been successful and it is expected that this will increase in the coming weeks as further applications are processed.



### To date we have approved equipment funding to:

Corduff FC:	€2,000
Mountview Boys & Girls FC:	€2,000
Baldoyle FC:	€2,000
Balbriggan CC:	€2,000
Swords Celtic FC:	€2,000
St. Sylvester's GAA	€2,000
Lusk Athletics Club	€2,000

Clonee Utd €1,948

Skerries GAA €1,872

O'Dwyers GAA €1,685

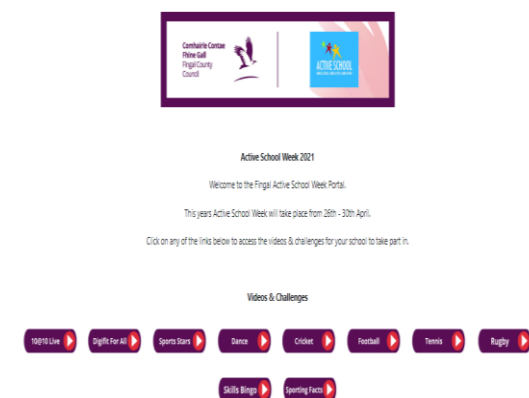
**Total: €22,505**

These applications are going to Area/Full Committee meetings in May.

## Active Schools Week

The Sports Office has developed many initiatives over the past 12 months as we moved to greater online learning. To promote and support Active School Week (26<sup>th</sup> -31<sup>st</sup> April) we have created an Active Schools week page on <https://learning.fingal.ie> to bring all these resources to one place. We have contacted all Fingal schools to highlight this online resource with contributions from Fingal's Sports team and our NGB partners in cricket, football, rugby and tennis.

Active School Week



## Tyrrelstown & Balbriggan Sports Forums

The Sports Office have identified a distinct lack of sports forums across the county and the Community Sports Hub Officers who oversee the development of sport in Tyrrelstown and Balbriggan have had discussions with numerous clubs around the formation of sports forums in both areas. The focus of such fora is to share ideas, to develop better communication, to ensure clubs are supported and aware of all potential grants and to help develop and grow clubs to enable them to better serve the communities they operate in. The first forum meetings are due to take place over the last week in May.

# 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>

The Climate Action and CARO teams facilitated a Citizens conversation which was organised by the Environmental Linkage group of the PPN as part of a series of conversations happening across the country connected to the government’s National Dialogue on Climate Action and the development of its 2021 Climate Action Plan. The evening event was well attended, and feedback provided to the Department of Environment Climate and Communications. Consultation of the draft 2021 Climate Action Plan is open until 17.30 18 May 2021 - <https://climateconversations.citizenspace.com/decc/call-for-expert-evidence-cap-2021/>



*Citizen Conversation as part of series of dialogues informing National Climate Action Plan 2021.*

The Fingal County Council Development Plan review is underway, a strategic issues paper has been drafted and put out to public consultation. A series of webinar events were held recently, and climate action featured as a central and cross cutting theme for consideration by the public.

Action 165 of the national Climate Action Plan 2019 states that ‘Each local authority will identify and develop plans for one Decarbonising Zone. Decarbonising Zone’s can be described as spatial areas identified by the LA in which a range of mitigation measures can co-exist. A cross departmental team has been formed to consider the requirements, identify potential areas and work towards selecting an area. This work is ongoing.

A Sustainable Energy Community (SEC) information session was hosted by Codema on 29th April. This session introduced the SEC Programme to the region's elected representatives (from Dublin City, DLR, Fingal, Kildare, Meath, South Dublin & Wicklow), and described how the programme worked, Codema’s role as County Mentor coordinator, and the role of the Dublin Local Authorities as Lead Partner Applicants.

The SEC programme is a SEAI programme. The Council is working to promote, facilitate and support the programme and low value grants will be made available to SEC’s once established and up and running.





*Sustainable Energy Communities information evening for councillors*

Funding: Codema have lodged an expression of interest to the Government Climate Action Fund (CAF) on behalf of the 4 Dublin Local Authorities for grant funding for an Urban Solar Farm across suitable LA rooftops potentially piloting Photovoltaics with Green Roofs. If successful, this will include certain Fingal libraries and community centres. Codema have been successful in drawing down funding to produce an Energy masterplan for the Dublin region on behalf of the Dublin LA's.

**Environmental Awareness:**

GRANT Launched: Anti-Litter Anti-Graffiti Grant launched. Community groups (Tidy Towns, Residents and estates groups, men's sheds, sports and marine groups, schools etc) can apply for funding for projects, further information at: <https://www.fingal.ie/anti-litter-anti-graffiti-fund-2021>

Adopt a Patch kits have been distributed to 50 individuals, groups and schools in Fingal, these include litter pickers, gloves, bags and high vis.

Green Schools online flag assessments and presentations are ongoing.

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.



Event being promoted: Ricky Whelan, Urban Birds Project Officer from Birdwatch Ireland (BWI) and the Fingal Branch, presents information on what actions communities can take to assist bird populations in Fingal such as Barn Owl, Swifts, Grey Wagtail, Swallow, Sand Martin and House Martin. Join us for a great opportunity to link with the BWI Fingal Branch. Meeting is Thursday evening 13th May 7pm via Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89362395020> : Meeting ID: 893 6239 5020



**Birdwatch Ireland Online Info Event Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May 7pm**  
 Learn how your community can take action to increase populations of Barn Owl, Swifts, Grey Wagtail, Swallow, Sand Martin, House Martin

**Circular Economy:**

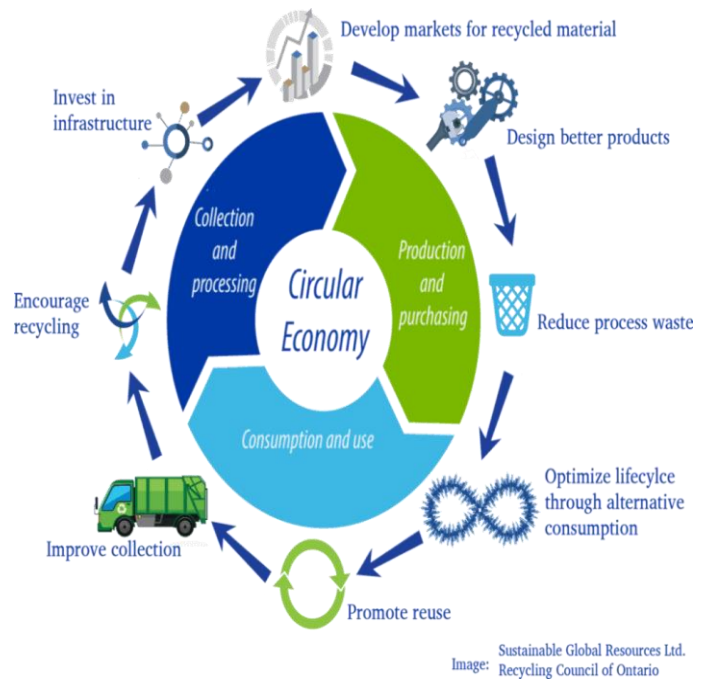
**Ireland's Circular Economy Programme**

**Proposal to replace the National Waste Prevention Programme**

In line with the measures proposed in the Waste Action Plan, the EPA is building on fifteen years of leadership on waste prevention to develop a national Circular Economy Programme. The new EPA Circular Economy Programme will be a driving force for Ireland's move to a circular economy by businesses, householders and the public sector. The draft programme is now open for consultation to seek views from stakeholders. It is available to download here, and submissions are invited through an online form – see link below.

Please provide your response using the online consultation response template available here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5XKH5NR>. If this is not suitable for your purposes, written submissions can be sent to [nwpp@epa.ie](mailto:nwpp@epa.ie).

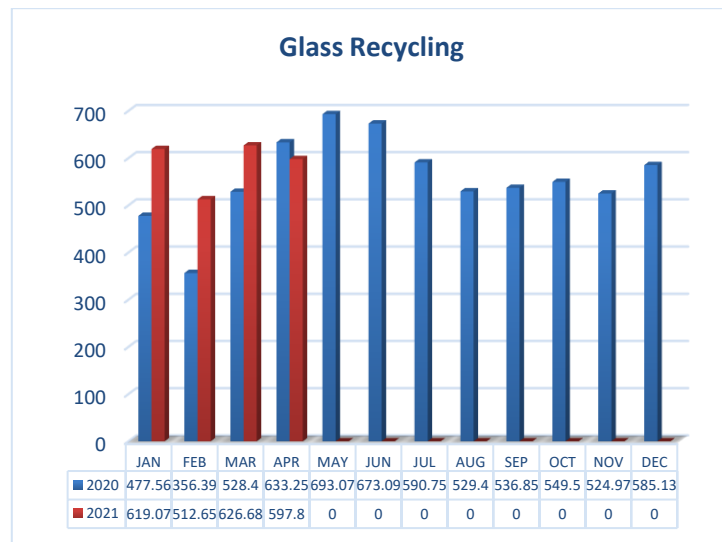
**Submissions must be received before 16:00 on 11th June 2021.**



**Bring Centres**

**Glass Recycling**

The chart below shows the total tonnages of glass collected per month throughout the Fingal network.



A new Bring Bank will be opened at Liam Rodgers Community Centre, Kinsealy in June. The environment department are actively looking for new locations for the provision of additional bring banks.



A program of power washing of the Bring Banks for 2021 is being rolled out to all Bring Bank sites in Fingal.



Recent freshly painted Bring Banks at Glen Ellan Road Swords. Local residents are happy with the results.

### Textile Recycling

A Request For Tender for the provision and maintenance of textile banks and the collection and recycling of collected textile for Fingal will be advertised in May 2021.

### Water Quality Protection

## Bracken (Matt) River, Balbriggan Water Quality Report

### “Biodiversity Management Plan & Point Source Investigative Assessment”



A report was commissioned by Balbriggan Tidy Towns Committee with the assistance from Thomas Carolan, Water Community Officer (LAWPRO). The area of the River Bracken that was investigated is shown in the photo above. Funding for the plan was jointly provided by Fingal County Council through Our Balbriggan Rejuvenation Project and LAWPRO.

### The scope of the project

- Desk study & background information – reviews
- Point source investigative assessment (with stream walk)
- Wet and dry weather surveys
- Samples of discharges
- Samples upstream and downstream
- Habitat and biodiversity assessment
- Habitat Mapping
- Field survey of habitat and biodiversity
- Samples of the macroinvertebrate community



The report identified a number of biodiversity stressors;

- 'urban pressures' and 'hydromorphology'
- Barriers to fish passage (e.g. weirs - part of Balbriggan's industrial heritage)
- Stormwater overflows
- Urban run-off
- Misconnections - 6 no.
- Dumping (in-stream)
- Invasive species
- Scrub encroachment



Several recommendations have been provided in the report and the findings have been shared with relevant staff responsible for those areas. A link to the document is provided here; [https://councillors.fingalcoco.ie/ecSDDisplay.aspx?NAME=Matt%20River%20Investigative%20Assessment&ID=549&RPID=10803387&SLO\\$=1](https://councillors.fingalcoco.ie/ecSDDisplay.aspx?NAME=Matt%20River%20Investigative%20Assessment&ID=549&RPID=10803387&SLO$=1)

### Fingal Water Project:

Fingal County Council and The Technological University Dublin (TU Dublin) established a water research initiative known as the **Fingal Water Project** to investigate the challenges of managing freshwater pond systems in the Fingal County area. This challenge is being tackled, through the use of floating islands with vegetation that absorb the pollutants present in the water. To measure the effectiveness of this approach plant growth and water quality are being monitored over the period of the study.







The chemical composition of the plants growing on the floating islands will be assessed as how effectively

they absorb pollutants. The research team are also assessing the microbial populations in the ponds to identify the nature of microbial communities. This gives a strong signal on the general health of the waters. Monitoring will, over time, determine if contamination is present and continuous or sporadic. The TU Dublin team will also use microbial source tracking to evaluate the source or pathways of pollutants. This type of insight, combined with the existing data on the effectiveness of the floating island plants to absorb pollutants and the spatial data obtained through multispectral remote sensing will greatly aid the management and decision making process in optimising water quality control and in protecting public health. The project is ongoing with an expected completion date in late 2022.



### Bathing Water Quality

**The EPA have published the Bathing Water Classifications for 2021 Season on their website [www.beaches.ie](http://www.beaches.ie).** The classification is based on water quality data for the previous four years (2017-2020). The full EPA report is due to be published in early May.

	Beach Name	Status 2021	Change from 2020
1	Balbriggan, Front Beach	Poor (All Season – Advice not to Swim)	
2	Skerries, South Beach	Good	
3	Loughshinny Beach	Sufficient	
4	Rush, South Beach	<b>Excellent</b>	
5	Rush, North Beach	Good	
6	Portrane, The Brook Beach	Good	
7	Donabate, Balcarrick Beach	<b>Excellent</b>	
8	Portmarnock, Velvet Strand Beach	<b>Excellent</b>	
9	Sutton, Burrow Beach	<b>Excellent</b>	
10	Howth, Claremont Beach	Sufficient	

Three beaches have improved ratings. Two beaches have declined in rating due to diffuse pollution associated with Storm Francis in 2020:

- Balbriggan bathing water is now at “Poor” status
- Loughshinny which has dropped to “Sufficient” rating.

A Management Plan for the beach at Front Strand, Balbriggan has been prepared and submitted to the EPA. A temporary “All season” notice “advice not to

swim” will be in place at this bathing water for the start of 2021 bathing season.

Note; Balbriggan Beach Management Plan – Summary Report at <http://beaches.ie> for further information.

### Waste Enforcement

Fingal County Council’s Waste Enforcement Unit assisted the Garda Divisional Crime Task Force in another successful search operation at a metal recycling facility in North Dublin. A multi-agency approach was used with assistance from Revenue, Customs, National Trans frontier Shipments Office (NTFSO) and the Waste Enforcement Regional Lead Authority (WERLA). The search was part of an ongoing investigation by Gardai into the theft of catalytic converters throughout the Region. A total of 2,150 catalytic converters and 14 drums of milled catalytic converters, with a combined value of €2.2 million were seized and a man in his 20’s was arrested for offences contrary to Section 17 of the Criminal Justice (Theft and Fraud Offences) Act, 2001. The theft of catalytic converters has become more popular in recent years as the move to a cashless society has meant fewer opportunities for thieves. Each converter can be sold on the black market for between €300 and €600 and more for high-end brands.

This comes on foot of a similar operation where the Waste Enforcement Unit assisted the Garda Divisional Crime Task Force and other Agencies (Customs, Revenue) in a search whereby 300 catalytic converters were seized at a metal recycling facility in the south Fingal valued at €150,000. The search was carried out by Dublin Metropolitan Region (DMR) Divisional Crime Task Force and was based on intelligence gathered during recent investigations on the theft of catalytic converters throughout the Region.



**RMCEI Inspection Plan 2021**

Significant work has been undertaken in relation to the RMCEI Inspection Plan 2021 during Q1. In relation to waste enforcement regular patrols are being undertaken with assistance from Local Gardai at known blackspot areas where illegal dumping and illegal End of Life Vehicle activity has been an issue in the past. Work continues in relation to the End of Life Vehicle Project with several inspections undertaken during April at suspected illegal breaking yards. Clearing and closing down these illegal sites is a key priority for 2021 to build on the good work completed last year where over 30 ELV sites were closed and hundreds of cars removed for recycling/disposal at authorised treatment facilities.



**RMCEI: National + Local Enforcement Priorities - Inspections for 2021**

Category	No. Planned Inspections 2021	Inspections Completed Q1
<b>Waste Enforcement</b>	<b>1007</b>	<b>202</b>
<b>Water Pollution</b>	<b>940</b>	<b>205</b>
<b>Litter Management</b>	<b>2060</b>	<b>804</b>
<b>Air &amp; Noise Pollution</b>	<b>334</b>	<b>90</b>

**Waste Complaints**

A total of 65 waste related complaints were received and investigated during the period January – March 2021 involving 3 waste enforcement officers and over 110 working days. The majority of complaints related to backyard storage of waste and burning of waste (70%) while illegal dumping and fly-tipping accounted for another 20%. Awareness and education around the management of domestic waste in a sustainable and environmentally safe manner is crucial to ensure all households participate in waste collection service as per the waste presentation by-laws and use all three bins (black, green and brown) to manage their waste.



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. To report unauthorised waste collectors or dumping contact [environment@fingal.ie](mailto:environment@fingal.ie) or **Tel: 01 8905000**.



### Litter Management

#### Routine Litter Patrols

A total of 264 routine Litter Warden patrols were carried out between Monday to Friday during April.

### Additional Litter Patrols

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.

In addition to the additional weekend patrols, a Litter Warden has been assigned, on a temporary basis to patrol River Valley Park. He has met with various members of resident groups including tidy towns and discussed issues around littering and illegal dumping.



Litter Wardens additional foot patrols at weekends & Litter Wardens patrolling on foot with the Community Gardai in Balbriggan

### Enforcement Action

Month	Fines issued 2020	Warnings Issued 2020	Fines Issued 2021	Warnings Issued 2021
January	83	39	3	16
February	103	12	33	23

March	32	16	36	35
April	0	1	66	27
May	0	3		
June	35	1		
July	99	18		
August	49	7		
September	34	7		
October	3	7		
November	34	11		
December	22	9		

### Special Initiatives

April saw the launch of the “Don’t Dump On Us” campaign designed to highlight Littering and Illegal Dumping. This campaign involves podcasts and videos of staff members from the Litter Management and Waste Management Sections, including Litter Wardens.

A Littering App began testing in April and it is hoped to roll it out to all Litter Wardens during the month of May. This App will produce maps of littering blackspots and enable the efficient allocation of resources within the Litter Management Section, including when permitted covert CCTV.

### Animal Welfare Services

#### Dog Warden Patrols

Additional Dog Warden patrols continue to be provided during the current Covid restrictions. These additional patrols are targeted at beaches, parks, open spaces and urban centres.

### Procurement of Dog Warden and Dog Shelter Service

The submission date for tenders in relation to the provision of a Dog Warden services was 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021 and the submission date for tenders in relation to the Dog Shelter Service is 10<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

### Horse Welfare Project Dunsink Lane

The horse welfare project facilitated by the Council in conjunction with the DSPCA and the Department of Agriculture is continuing. Regular welfare visits by the DSPCA to the Landfill are ongoing and clinics to begin to microchip and register all animals on the landfill have commenced.

When Covid restrictions permit, a clinic to castrate the stallions on the landfill will commence to reduce the levels of indiscriminate breeding among the horse population on the landfill.

### Active Travel Section

#### Bleeper Bike Share Scheme –

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 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.


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

Congratulations!

# BLEEPERbikers in Fingal

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

IN THE MONTH OF MARCH



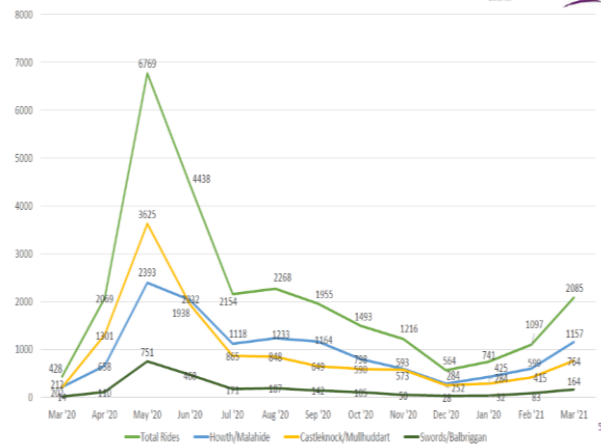
you saved  
**1,467,230 (g)  
carbon emissions**



you burned  
**1,222,711  
calories**

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

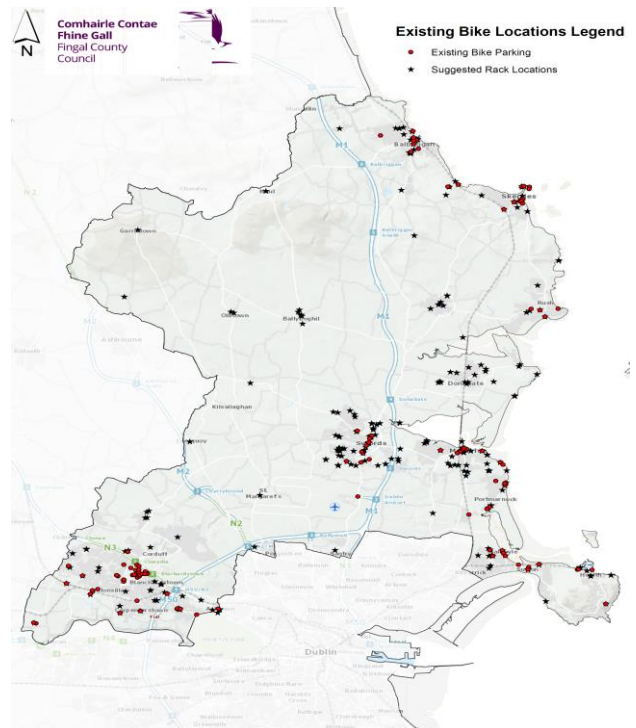
• March 2021 recorded a 387% increase compared to that of March 2020.



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 [Road.Safety@Fingal.ie](mailto:Road.Safety@Fingal.ie).

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



### Cycle Bus

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.

### Bike Racks

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





**Pedometer Initiative**

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



**School Wardens**

The school wardens continue to operate at crossings throughout the County in line with Government and HSE covid protocols.

**FCC Active Travel Programme 2021**

NTA funding has been secured for a number of projects, details of progress outlined below:

Hartstown / Huntstown / Mountview Road, Dublin 15

This project involves the construction of a Kerb Protected Cycle Lane along the length of Hartstown, Huntstown and Mountview rd. The installation of the kerb along the cycle path was completed at the end of 2020 and design works are currently under way on the next section of the scheme. We are aware of reported issues with the new infrastructure and are taking these into consideration as part of the design process. The planned works include junction build outs which will provide a safer crossing location for pedestrians, roundabout modifications which will provide a safer path for cyclists through roundabouts and finally bus stop build outs which will allow cyclists to pass safely behind bus stops and remove the current conflict with busses. These works are expected to begin in Q2 of 2021.



Hartstown/Huntstown Kerb Protected Cycle Lane.

Rivervalley / Rathingle Road, Swords

This project similar to the Huntstown/Hartstown project involves the construction of a Kerb Protected Cycle Lane along the length of Rivervalley and Rathingle rd in Swords. The installation of the kerb along the cycle path was completed at the end of 2020 and the buff coloured surfacing along the scheme has been placed in recent weeks. We are aware of reported issues with the new infrastructure and are taking these into consideration as part of the design process. The planned works for the next section of the scheme include junction build outs which will provide a safer crossing location for pedestrians and roundabout modifications which will provide a safer path for cyclists through. These works are expected to begin in Q2 of 2021.



Buff surfacing being installed along the Rivervalley/Rathingle Kerb Protected Cycle Lane.

**Grange Rd, Warrenhouse Rd - Baldoyle and Howth/Dublin Rd, Howth**

This project like the previous two projects involves the construction of a Protected Cycle Lane along the length of the scheme. Design works for this project is almost complete and works are likely to begin late in Q3 of 2021.

**St. Cronin's Road, Swords**

St Cronins Rd is a Protected Cycle Lane project. Design works on this project is now complete.

**R132 Ministers Road to Blakes Cross**

Works proposed along the R132 include the installation of a protected cycle lane along with junction modifications as well as additional measures around Corduff National School and Killhedge Lane to allow for additional safety for students attending the school. Design works on this project are underway.

**Upcoming Projects**

The Active Travel Unit will also be commencing design works on the following schemes pending staff recruitment:

- Bus Gate at Littlepace
- Protected cycle Lane on Snugborough Road – NAC to Ongar

**Town & Villages Mobility**

Currently the Active Travel Department are reviewing towns and villages around the county with a view to identifying projects and measures which will allow for people to make meaningful journeys using active travel modes such as walking and cycling. This review will inform our works programme over this and coming years.



We are pleased to announce the launch of the *Safe Routes to School* (SRTS) Programme, which is open to all schools in Ireland for active travel funding and delivery. The programme is an initiative of the Department of Transport and supported by the Department of Education. It will be operated by the Green-Schools Programme in partnership with the National Transport Authority (NTA) and the local authorities.

The *Safe Routes to School* Programme is designed to encourage as many pupils and students as possible in primary and post-primary schools to walk and cycle. It has three aims:

1. To accelerate the delivery of walking/scooting and cycling infrastructure on key access routes to schools.
2. To provide "front of school" treatments which will enhance access to your school grounds.
3. To expand the amount of bike parking available at schools.

The Safer Routes to School programme is currently in the early assessment and design stages, involving the identification of suitable sites. Fingal County Council is currently working with the NTA in terms of the schools' expressions of interest that they have received. Both the assessment and the expressions of interest will inform our works programme which will commence shortly.

### Connectivity Review

Currently the Active Travel Unit is collating information on areas around the county where we can enhance connectivity. A multi criteria analysis is being used to assess the proposed interventions and will inform our works programme in this regard.

### Mapping

The Active Travel Unit is currently in the process of compiling a county wide cycling infrastructure map. This map will detail all of Fingal's current active travel

assists such as cycle lanes, bike parking locations, existing and proposed and kissing gate locations.

### FCC Active Travel Programme 2021

Hartstown / Huntstown / Mountview Road – Phase 2 construction	Phase 2 design almost complete, the drawings have been reviewed and comments returned to the Cycle Design Office for action
St. Cronin's Road – Phase 1 & 2 construction	Under design, possible kerb free design being considered
Rivervalley / Rathingle Road – Phase 2 construction	Phase 2 design almost complete, the drawings have been reviewed and comments returned to the DB contractor for action
Boroimhe Road / L2300 – Design & preliminary works	
Grange Road – Phase 1 & 2 construction	Phase 1 design 95% complete
R132 Ministers Road to Blakes Cross – Phase 1 & 2 construction	Design works complete. Tender paperwork to be compiled once resources are available
Baldoyle Road / Warrenhouse Road – Phase 1 & 2 construction	Design works 85% complete, Minor works and consultation to follow
Dublin Road / Howth Road – Phase 1 & 2 construction	Design works 85% complete, Minor works and consultation to follow
Safe Routes to School (School Streets / School Zones) – Assessment & implementation, 5 of each	Preliminary works ongoing
Bus Gate at Littlepace – Design	Q3 2021
Bike Parking – Installation of 400+ racks	Ongoing
Snugborough Road – NAC to Ongar – Design	Q3 2021



## FINANCE

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## APPENDIX 1

### REVENUE ACCOUNT INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION AT 30th APRIL 2021

	EXPENDITURE			INCOME			NET
	Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent to date	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised	€
Housing & Building	19,991,372	71,062,100	28%	25,710,342	74,321,200	35%	-5,718,971
Road Transport & Safety	8,315,879	24,972,900	33%	2,280,711	7,500,800	30%	6,035,168
Water Services	6,518,714	13,792,400	47%	5,775,237	17,168,500	34%	743,477
Development Management	4,717,913	13,785,400	34%	1,929,194	4,496,500	43%	2,788,719
Environmental Services	13,885,785	42,814,100	32%	2,011,969	6,089,700	33%	11,873,817
Recreation & Amenity	11,878,756	36,628,900	32%	719,846	1,921,900	37%	11,158,910
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	236,774	1,127,300	21%	81,024	225,100	36%	155,750
Miscellaneous Services	44,489,382	35,878,200	124%	37,892,293	14,325,100	265%	6,597,089
Central Management Charge	14,708,330	46,313,300	32%	1,037,940	3,187,700	33%	13,670,391
Local Property Tax / GPG				2,501,333	7,504,000	33%	-2,501,333
Rates				49,878,033	149,634,100	33%	-49,878,033
	<b>124,742,906</b>	<b>286,374,600</b>	<b>44%</b>	<b>129,817,922</b>	<b>286,374,600</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>-5,075,016</b>

**CAPITAL ACCOUNT**  
**INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 30/04/2021**

	Balance at 01/01/2021 €	Expenditure YTD €	Income YTD €	Balance at 30/04/2021 €
A Housing & Building	-33,151,165	18,896,435	-10,752,243	-25,006,973
B Road Transport & Safety	17,501,293	20,528,098	-472,053	37,557,338
C Water Services	-12,552,750	521,372	-309,014	-12,340,392
D Development Management	-101,477,199	4,088,290	-14,618,227	-112,007,136
E Environmental Services	-14,681,189	1,740,242	-482,052	-13,422,999
F Recreation & Amenity	-12,299,513	3,221,595	-656,381	-9,734,299
H Miscellaneous Services	-79,809,475	2,551,332	-10,123,477	-87,381,620
<b>Total</b>	<b>-236,469,998</b>	<b>51,547,364</b>	<b>-37,413,447</b>	<b>-222,336,081</b>

**SUMMARY OF CORPORATE  
DEBTORS TO 30/04/2021**

	Balance at 01/01/2021 €	Balance at 30/04/21 €	Current debt €	> 1 Year €
<b>RATES</b>	-14,751,274	101,371,372	96,119,885	5,251,487
<b>LOANS</b>	1,701,915	1,788,863	272,732	1,516,131
<b>RENTS</b>	7,082,917	7,330,380	3,429,260	3,901,120
<i>Figures for rents and loans are unadjusted by credits/prepayments</i>				



## Appendix 2– Community Funding Supports

### 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

- (4) Direct/Community Office Funding / Remedial Works Funding
- (5) Internal Funding Support
- (6) 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, Remedial Works etc.

### Community Activity Funding

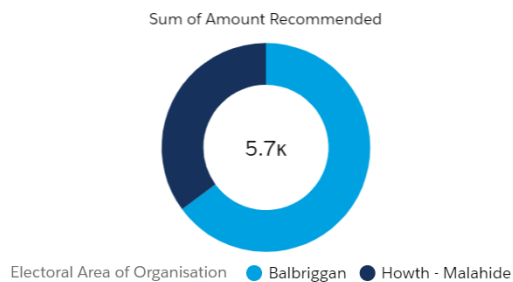
April 2021

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

3 Community Activity Funding applications processed (awaiting approval)

Total of €5,700

Report: Grant Applications 2021 Activities Grant Monthly CE Report	
Total Records	Total Amount Recommended
3	€5,700.00



Jan- April 2021:

The following is a cumulative summary of Community Activity Funding approved since Jan 2021. Please note applications awaiting approval at the May Council Meeting are not included

14 Activity Funding approved

Total of €16,557.60



Report: Grant Applications  
**2021 Cumulative Activity Grant CE Report**

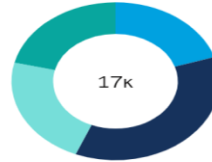
Total Records

14

Total Amount Recommended

€16,557.60

Sum of Amount Recommended



Electoral Area of Organisation    ● Castleknock    ● Howth - Malahide    ● Mulhuddart    ● Swords

### Remedial Works Funding

Following is an update on the Remedial Works Funding awards Jan- April 2021

Grant Scheme	Name of Group	Status	Amount Requested
Remedial Funding for non-FCC owned facilities	Donabate Parish Hall	Awaiting Decision	€7,323
	Huntstown CC	Awaiting Decision	€20,000
	Oldtown Handball Alley	Awaiting Decision	€9,250
	Rivervalley CC	Awaiting Decision	€12,000
	Round Towers GAA, Lusk	Awaiting Decision	€12,414
	Rush Community Council	Awaiting Decision	€3,102

## (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 – April 2021 Internal Funding Support

FCC Department -Funding Source	Grant Scheme	Name of Group	Status Application Preparation Submitted/Awaiting a Decision Award Decision – Successful / Unsuccessful	Amount Awarded	Date of Award
Economic Development, Tourism and Local Enterprise Office	Community Enhancement Programme (CEP 3 – COVID Emergency Fund)	Donabate/Portrane Men's Shed	Successful	€1000	25/3/21
		Evora Park RA Howth	Successful	€950	25/3/21
		Leithinis Donabate/Portrane	Successful	€1000	25/3/21
		Meakstown Community Council	Successful	€1500	25/3/21
		Mid Sutton Community Centre	Successful	€1500	25/3/21
		Oldtown Community Council	Successful	€1191	25/3/21
		Swords Tidy Towns	Successful	€800	25/3/21



		Bayside community association	Successful	€1000	25/3/21
		Liam Rogers Community Centre	Unsuccessful		
		Inbhir Ide RA Malahide	Unsuccessful		
		YouCan Cancer Support Network Ireland	Unsuccessful		
		Malahide Old Village (OSRARA) RA	Unsuccessful		
		Fingal Community Facilities Network	Unsuccessful		
Environment Department	Anti -Litter & Anti-Graffiti Fund	Bayside Community Association	Application Preparation	TBC	
Economic Development, Tourism and Local Enterprise Office	Creative Fingal – Creativity in Older Age	Donabate/ Portrane Community Centre	Submitted/ Awaiting Decision	TBC	
Arts Office	Arts Grants	Castleland Community Centre	Submitted/ Awaiting Decision	TBC	TBC
Environment Department	Environmental Awareness	Fingal Community Facilities Network	Award Decision - Successful	€6000	March 2021
Economic Development, Tourism and Local Enterprise Office	Creative Fingal – Creativity in Older Age	Forget-Me- Nots	Award Decision - Successful	€13,200	March 2021

### (3) External Funding Support

Community Development Office supported the following groups in their applications for external funding Supports. Such schemes are non-Fingal County Council funding scheme and are administered by a government department or national organization/ service i.e. Sports Capital, Community Integration etc

#### Jan – April 2021 External Funding Support

Funding Source	Grant Scheme	Name of Group	Status Application Preparation Submitted/Awaiting a Decision Award Decision – Successful / Unsuccessful	Amount Awarded	Date of Award
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  Swords Tidy Towns  Donabate Parish Hall  Malahide Old Village RA (OSRARA)	Successful  Unsuccessful  Unsuccessful  Unsuccessful	€1000	18/3/21
Department of Rural & Community Development	2021 Community Development Pilot Programme	Balbriggan Integration Forum	Submitted/awaiting decision	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	2021Community 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 – Tyrrelstown Community Centre	Unsuccessful		
Dept Children Equality Disability Integration and Youth	Comhairle na nÓg 2021 programme	Fingal Comhairle na nÓg	Awarded Decision – Successful	€20,000	Jan 2021
Dept of Rural & Community Development	2021Community Development Pilot Programme	Corduff Sports Centre	Submitted /awaiting decision	TBC	TBC