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July 2021

**Chief Executive's
Report on Activities**

The lighthouse at Howth - photographed by Jennifer O'Neill, Operations and Water Services Department



Message from AnnMarie Farrelly, Chief Executive, Fingal County Council

The month of June finished on a sad note as we learned of the untimely passing of Councillor Freddie Cooper. It was always a pleasure to deal with Councillor Cooper who was extremely professional in his dealings with myself and other officials. He represented the Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart Local Electoral Area with distinction and was always supportive of any initiatives to improve other areas of the county. His wife and family are in our thoughts at this sad time.

The Annual Meeting was held on the 18th of June and myself and all the Fingal staff look forward to working with Councillor Seána Ó Rodaigh who was elected as Mayor of Fingal and Councillor Daniel Whooley who was elected as Deputy Mayor.

I was disappointed to learn of Shannon Heritage's decision to withdraw from their contract with Fingal County Council. We will now begin the process of procuring a new operator to manage our properties at Malahide Castle, Newbridge House and the Casino Model Railway Museum and we will continue to work with them as we move into a six-month transitional period.

Under the Government's Covid-19 Resilience & Recovery 2021 Plan, all heritage properties are now fully open to the public and are attracting large numbers of visitors as people enjoy staycations this summer. Under current restrictions, guided tours are not permitted but self-guided tours are operating in Malahide Castle, Newbridge House, Ardgillan Castle and Malahide Casino. Outdoor dining at all catering outlets is now permitted and is operational across the sites.

Funding applications under The Outdoor Dining Scheme are currently being processed as we continue to assist the hospitality and tourism sector to increase their outdoor dining capacity. This funding aims to help businesses to upgrade and enhance venues and public space and implement weather-proofing solutions to facilitate outdoor dining all year

round and it has now been extended to include non-food serving hospitality premises. I am pleased to see businesses across the county availing of this funding and would encourage as many businesses as possible to avail of this opportunity.

With schools closed for summer I hope that children will avail of Fingal Libraries annual Summer Stars Reading programme which will run in all libraries until the 31st of August and is free of charge. Children are invited to register for the summer reading challenge with rewards and incentives along the way and a grand finale event at the end for all participants. A range of children's events will be held online during the summer to suit all interests – including author visits, technology workshops, creative writing, arts and crafts, storytelling, gardening workshops & biodiversity videos which will keep children occupied whatever the weather.

I am delighted to see the expansion of the Bleeper Bike scheme to Balbriggan, Rush, Donabate, Portrane and Skerries. Fingal residents have taken to cycling in a big way and I would encourage anyone interested to download the app and get out for a cycle soon. Offering sustainable and healthy modes of 'Active Travel' to Fingal residents and visitors is vitally important. These bikes offer everyone access to affordable, sustainable transport whether they are commuting, cycling to the shops or simply enjoying the outdoors this summer.

It has been an unprecedented 16 months for all of us. We have achieved so much and demonstrated a determination and resilience we mightn't have thought possible. I hope that everyone will take some time over the next few weeks of the summer to spend with family and friends and enjoy a well deserved break.

AnnMarie Farrelly
Chief Executive



ELECTIONS HELD

Fingal's new Mayor and Deputy Mayor elected at the Annual Meeting

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Proudly flying the flag to mark Pride Week in June

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Election of Mayor & Deputy Mayor

The Annual Meeting of the Council was held on Friday, 18th June, in the Grand Hotel, Malahide. Councillor Seána Ó Rodaigh of the Labour Party was elected as Mayor and Councillor Daniel Whooley of the Green Party was elected as Deputy Mayor.

The election of the Area Committee Cathaoirligh also took place at this meeting. Cllr Tony Murphy (Independent) was elected as

Chair of the Balbriggan / Rush-Lusk / Swords Area Committee.

Councillor Pamela Conroy (Green Party) was elected as Chair of the Blanchardstown / Mulhuddart / Castleknock / Ongar Area Committee. Councillor Eoghan O'Brien (Fianna Fáil) was elected as Chair of the Howth-Malahide Area Committee. The new Chairs will take up their positions in September



Active Travel Challenge: Showcase Webinar
14th July 2021 at 11:30am

Organised and funded by:

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For details see: smartdublin.ie

Active Travel Webinar

Smart Dublin organised a webinar which took place on 14th July at 11:30am.

The webinar showcased the Active Travel apps that were developed for the Active Travel Challenge to support and promote walking, cycling and being active.



INSIDE FINGAL THE FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL PODCAST

Inside Fingal Podcast Episode 11-Listen Now!

Episode 11 of Inside Fingal focuses on Beaches and features interviews Water Safety Development Officer Maria Mongey about the Lifeguard Service and James Walls, Senior Executive Engineer, about Bathing Water Quality.

There is also an item on the Clean Coasts pilot at Donabate Beach featuring Martina O'Connor from the Operations Department and Richard Curtin of Clean Coasts.

To date there have been 3,174 downloads and internet listens of the Inside Fingal podcast. All podcasts in the series are available at www.fingal.ie/podcast.

#Your Council Day 2021

The annual Local Authority social media promotional campaign, Your Council Day, was held on Thursday, July 1. The purpose of the campaign is to showcase the work being done by local authorities and the 2021 event also sought to promote local authorities as an employer of choice as well as marking the launch of the new website www.localgovernmentjobs.ie

The campaign is now in its seventh year and the main platform is Twitter with some posts also being published

on other channels. Other Fingal social media accounts, including those operated by Libraries, Events, Sports, Arts, and Community, also took part in the initiative which used the hashtags #YourCouncilDay and #DoLásaChomhairle

The main Council account, @fingalcoco, recorded 138,256 impressions on the day which was a 21% increase on last year and a 56% increase on 2019.

The engagement rate was 1.2% for 66 tweets.



Top Tweet of The Month!

Fingal County Council 37.7K Tweets

Fingal County Council @Fingalcoco · Jun 4

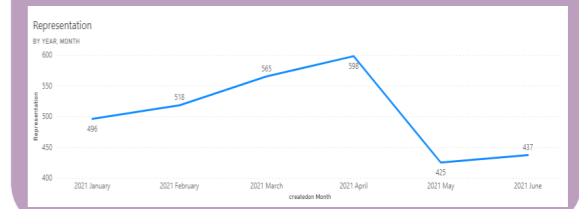
With New Street pedestrianization beginning this weekend our #ActiveTravel team and @DubFireBrigade have been performing their final checks for emergency vehicle access. The largest fire tender in the DFB fleet cleared with no issues. #OutdoorSummer #MakeItMalahide #SafeSummer

Staff Process 437 Councillors Reps in June

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

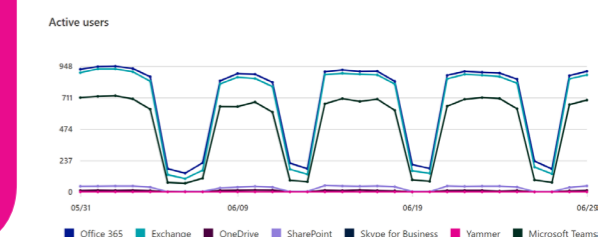
The month of June had a total of 437 Councillor's representations.

Operations and Water Services Department has received 1,512 Councillors Representations this year to date followed by the Housing and Community Department with 928.



Digital Working

In June, Fingal County Council staff took part in 8,803 Teams meetings, 32,819 Calls took place, and 836,178 emails were received or sent by the Council.



Customers Calling!

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

- 15,719 telephone calls
- 933 emails

‘Fingal Celebrates’ is a series of 3 events to be held in Swords Castle Town Park, Ardgillan Demesne and St. Catherine’s Park over a Saturday and Sunday in late August/early September.

These socially distanced events will be booked online in advance. The intention is that Saturday’s will be offered to members of the public and Sunday’s to frontline/Council workers. Any surplus tickets will be redistributed via waiting lists to members of the public.

Attendees will be accommodated in family groups positioned in their own

Pods doing a series of up to 6 different activities, lasting no more than 30 minutes per activity.

Fingal Council County received funding from The Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media as part of the Local Live Performance Programme Scheme 2021. One of the core principles of this funding award is that Fingal based event organisers, event companies, artists and suppliers are used.

This project is currently in the process of being procured.

Heritage Property Reopenings

Under the Government’s Covid-19 Resilience & Recovery 2021 Plan, all heritage properties are now fully open to the public. Under current restrictions, guided tours are not permitted but self-guided tours are operating in Malahide Castle, Newbridge House, Ardgillan Castle and Malahide Casino.

Outdoor dining at all catering outlets is now permitted and is operational across the sites.

We have been informed by Shannon Heritage of their intention to exit from their contracts with Fingal County Council. We will now move to procure a new operator and work with Shannon Heritage in the transitional period.

Shannon Heritage will continue to manage our properties as planned over the next six months.



Urbact IPlace Project

.ie DIGITAL TOWN AWARDS
Urban Town Award 2021



RUNNER-UP €5,000

Balbriggan

Balbriggan’s Urbact Local Group (ULG) continues to meet regularly and is progressing a series of Small Scale actions. The third transnational meeting of 2021, hosted by partner city Gabrovo, took place on 29th and 30th June with each partner city presenting their progress on their Action Plans for local economic development.

Urban Town Award category, with a prize of €5,000 for the submission which celebrated its inclusion as a SMART district and its aim to solve local challenges using smart technology projects, innovation and collaboration with a wide variety of local stakeholders.

Balbriggan were the runner-up in the #DigitalTownAwards



Growing Up: D15 Project

Members of Draíocht’s Dublin 15 Youth Theatre presented two unique poetry works created following a weeklong-residency with poet, performer and playwright FeliSpeaks on Saturday 12th of June Cruinniú na nÓg. Completely new to Spoken Word, the members opened their minds to different types of poetry texts and performance while exploring issues that matter most to them - such as mental health, safety, pandemic lockdown, friendship, peer pressure, coming of age and social expectations. Further consideration was given to the physical presentation and translation of these works to an audience.

The group worked with artistic directors Eimear Morrissey and Alex Conlon and filmmakers Arcade Film to create an empowering visual and audio work which captures their cadence and expression beautifully. The resulting work, titled Growing Up: D15 - Afraid of the Unknown and Childhood Memories composed by the members aged 16 - 18 years is now available to view here: <https://vimeo.com/560840451>



Outdoor Dining Scheme

The Outdoor Dining Scheme is funded by Fáilte Ireland and seeks to assist the hospitality and tourism sector to increase their outdoor dining capacity. The call for applications for grants of up to €4,000 aims 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, which provides funding for outdoor tables, chairs, umbrellas, electric heaters,

screens and windbreaks etc. has now been extended to include non-food serving hospitality premises. Expenditure must be incurred between 1st April 2020 and 30th September 2021. The Economic, Enterprise, Tourism & Cultural Department is validating and processing completed applications. Further information on the Scheme is available on the Council’s website and applications can be made at www.fingal.ie/

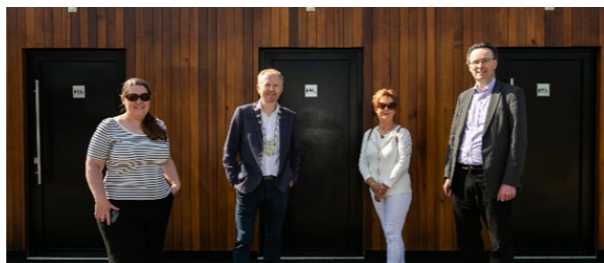
'Changing Places' installation first in Fingal



The newly installed public toilets in Millennium Park Playground is part of a 4-location refurbishment programme along with other destination playgrounds in Newbridge, Ardgillan and Santry Demesnes.

These new toilet buildings are designed differently than previous installations, as rather than separate ladies and gents' rooms, the new buildings will incorporate 5 direct entry unisex toilets with full disability and baby changing specifications in each toilet.

There is also a separate fully specified and fitted 'Changing Places' toilet room. These will be the first 'Changing Places' toilets installed in Fingal County Council.



Segregated Waste Bins are Planned for Fingal Parks!



Segregated waste bins have been installed in Malahide Demesne Picnic Area recently.

Further installations are planned for the picnic areas in all the Regional Parks



35 Lifeguards Monitoring Fingal Beaches



Skerries Pier Emergency Works



Emergency repair works to the chains and fenders serving the outer pier at Skerries have been designed and contract awarded to Chains Limited for installation.

Works are due to commence late June and are expected to be completed in July 2021.

Street Furniture Licences

The Operations Department is working with our colleagues in Active Travel and Economic Development to ensure businesses re-opening have support and assistance to create safe outdoor dining areas.

The Licencing Section is responsible for licencing street furniture for the Fingal Area and licencing is currently underway across the County with a total of 30 licences issued to date. Due to the volume of licences applied for this year some licences must be finalised and engagement with the businesses continues. Street Furniture Licences will be issued to the end of August with inspections to ensure compliance with the licence conditions, planned over the coming weeks. Licences will be renewed on a 3-month basis. Information on Street Furniture Licencing is available on the Council's website at www.fingal.ie/council/service/street-furniture-licence

Thirty-five Lifeguards were recruited to monitor the beaches of Fingal for the 2021 bathing season. Starting on the 05th of June 2021, they worked on a weekend only basis until the 27th of June 2021. The beaches will be monitored every day from 28th June 2021 to 29th August 2021.

There will also be Lifeguard cover on Velvet Strand, Portmarnock, for the first two weekends in September, due to its Blue Flag status. The lifeguard stations are operational from 11.00am to 7.00pm.

The 10 designated bathing areas below will be lifeguarded this season:

- Balbriggan Beach
- South Beach, Skerries
- Loughshinny Beach
- North Beach, Rush
- South Beach, Rush – Green Flag Award 2021
- The Brook, Portrane
- Balcarrick Beach, Donabate
- Portmarnock Beach (Port 1, 2 & 3) – Blue and Green Flag Award 2021
- The Burrow Beach, Sutton – Green Flag Award 2021
- Claremont Beach, Howth

Malahide Beach, which is a non-designated bathing area will be lifeguarded this season on the recommendation of Water Safety Ireland due to its dangerous currents, deep channel, and marine traffic

FCC Operations Crew assist with new Sensory Garden at St. Michael's



It has been all go for the past few weeks to help the students at St Michaels House Special School, Baldoyle complete their Gáisce project which was a garden makeover and replanting of their raised beds. This was completed just in time for their Graduation and Gáisce awards ceremony held on 24th of June. Students and staff had great fun planting up the new raised beds with lots of sensory plants.

The ceremony to present the awards was held in the new garden. The school now has a lovely new sheltered outdoor seating area for use by both pupils and staff. Deputy Mayor Daniel Whooley and Director of Services Mary T Daly presented the Gáisce awards and their graduation certs to the students at an Award Ceremony held on the 24th of June 2021.

A huge thank you goes to the Howth Malahide Operations team of Cathal, Derek, Philip & Niall who helped the staff and pupils towards getting their first ever Gáisce Bronze Award.

Fingal Development Plan 2023 - 2029

The first round of consultation on the review of the current Fingal Development Plan and preparing the new Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 closed on 12th May.

During this 8-week consultation, an Information Booklet, summarising the seven themes contained in the Strategic Issues Paper, was distributed to households across Fingal. Four online consultation seminars and a number of prescribed bodies workshops took place. These were all well received and attended.

551 Submissions have been received. These have been

summarised and responded to and this is included in the Chief Executive's Report which will be issued on 2nd July. Meetings to discuss the CE Report will take place at the end of August and early September.

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.

Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029

It's good to plan ahead. It's better to talk first.

Let's talk Fingal.

www.fingal.ie/developmentplan
Join the conversation

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Space for Play, A Play Policy for Fingal

The first play policy for the County is currently in development. Titled: Space for Play, a Play Policy for Fingal, the policy seeks to ensure the provision of safe, accessible, inclusive, natural and engaging spaces of the highest quality for all children to enjoy.

An overview of the play policy and work stages was presented at the March meeting of Planning Strategic Transport & Infrastructure Development Strategic Policy Committee. Internal and public consultation on the policy will follow later this year.



Space for Play
A Play Policy for Fingal



National Heritage Week from 14 to 22 August 2021

National Heritage Week 2021 was launched by Minister of State for Heritage and Electoral Reform, Malcolm Noonan, TD recently.

Open the door to Heritage is the message from the Heritage Council for this year as heritage groups, communities, families and individuals in Fingal are invited to get involved and celebrate and share heritage.

National Heritage Week will run from Saturday, 14th – Sunday, 22nd August and will follow the same format as last year, where projects are showcased on line www.heritageweek.ie.

Fingal County Council staff will be sharing their contribution to heritage with a Fingal Heritage: Two-Minute-Talks project.

Snugborough Interchange Upgrade Project Update

Construction of new wall structures and earth clearing works to advance the main 9C sewer diversion element of the project are progressing as programmed.

Lane widening works are being progressed at the entrance to the Waterville Estate to allow for traffic realignment, required to further accommodate utility diversions to allow construction of the main structures.

The website www.snugboroughinterchange.ie containing information on the project is now live and will continue to be updated with information relating to the project over its life term.

Turvey Avenue Footpath Enhancement

The P&SI project team responsible for delivering the project are finalising arrangements with Fingal County Council's Property Services division in order to commence a CPO process to acquire lands necessary for construction of the new footpath.

The P&SI project team have been engaging with affected landowners to agree and document works affecting their property boundaries. The CPO process is expected to commence imminently.

Construction Begins at Dun Emer Site



The construction of the 51 homes has commenced on site alongside the upgrade works to the road infrastructure which is funded by the Serviced Sites Fund.

The 316 completed applications received via the on line application portal in relation to the 39 affordable homes available for purchase are currently being assessed in accordance with the Scheme of Priority adopted by the Council.



Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme

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.

Works have commenced this week in Fortlawn Park Villas, Blanchardstown with the installation of Solar PV panels on four end of terrace properties. The fitting of triple glaze windows & doors is on track to be rolled out in the coming weeks.



On Thursday 24th June Tyrrelstown Development Group in association with Fingal County Council's Community Development Office launched Tyrrelstown; Our Future project. Tyrrelstown; Our Future was conducted in 2020 to identify the needs and priorities of the community in Tyrrelstown and offers a roadmap for the future.

Over 56 people from across Tyrrelstown community, Tyrrelstown Development Group, Mayor Séana Ó Rodaigh, local public representatives and key stakeholder services attended the launch. Findings from the research were presented and this was later followed by an interactive webinar to discuss the four pillars of Improving education, increasing employment, building a stronger community and Enhancing infrastructure for a growing community. The event discussions culminated in the development of the Tyrrelstown; Our Future Project Action Plan and established commitment from both volunteers and stakeholders to the area.

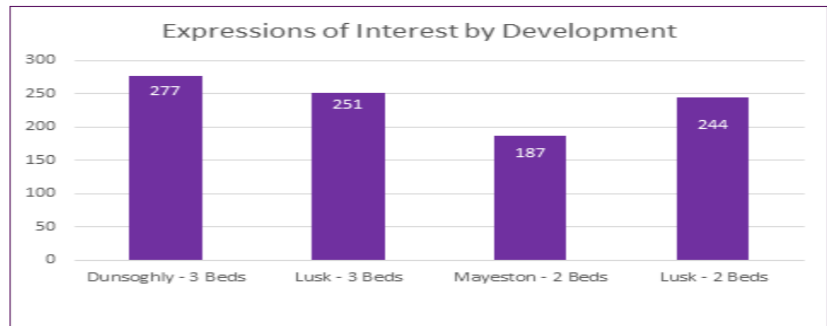
Over 2,000 Expressions of Interest in Choice Based Letting Received by FCC

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. Access to the Choice Based Letting (CBL) system is via the Council website at <https://www.fingal.ie/choicebasedlettingscheme>

Following on from the significant response to the initial scheme with over 2,000 expressions of interest. The Lettings Team are continuing to liaise with Respond Housing. Fingal Housing Staff have contacted all applicants who have expressed interest in this initial scheme to update them on their CBL application. The Housing team expect to issue housing offers for both the Charlestown and Carr's Lane developments in the coming weeks. Fingal County Council continue to offer dwellings through CBL. Information on new CBL dwellings was made available our website, from Wednesday 16th June 2021, on a selection of developments and individual units which have been designated for allocation using this approach. Expressions of interest were accepted up to 5pm on 22nd of June, 2021.

Like the initial CBL scheme, there has been considerable interest in the second batch of CBL developments and units. A breakdown can be seen in the following graph. Fingal Housing Staff are in the process of contacting all applicants who have expressed interest to update them on their CBL application.

The Lettings team are currently working to provide a range of dwellings across the county to be allocated under Choice Based Lettings. It is expected to advertise further homes in the Dublin 15 area and across the county in the coming weeks. Applicants have been encouraged to follow Fingal County Council on social media to stay informed of new dwellings available through CBL.



Corduff Sports Hub

Sport Ireland announced an investment package of €5.9million in Dormant Accounts Funding for a wide range of sport and physical activity measures countrywide at an event in Corduff Community Centre in June.

Dormant Account Funding will be allocated to establish 10 new Community Sports and Physical Activity Hubs, including a new Hub in Corduff which received €64k. The Sports & Physical Activity Hubs form a home for local clubs and sports organisations. They provide support and advice on a wide range of sports and physical activities at a local level to make it easier for people in disadvantaged areas to get involved in and engage in a more active and healthier lifestyle.

The recent announcement saw Balbriggan and Tyrrelstown/Mulhuddart both receive €22k funding from Sport Ireland through this Dormant Account Fund.



Fingal PPN held its first Plenary meeting of 2021 on June 23rd. The Plenary was very successful, all members of the PPN are welcome to attend. The Plenary facilitated an update on PPN activity, dialogue on PPN strategy and the highlighting of local issues. This year the Plenary held its first online elections using electronic voting software. The elections took place on the 25th June. This method of voting proved very user friendly, auditable, verifiable and successful.

The Plenary gave an overview of the PPN Activity Report. Fingal PPN undertook its first re-registration process in September 2020. To date 430 groups are now registered.

Pride in Fingal



June is Pride Month and to celebrate the diverse LGBTQ+ Community and to create awareness in Fingal the Integration Officer in partnership with Dublin Pride rolled out four workshops. Two workshops were for staff which are part of an initiative called "Pride at Work" which aims to challenge workplace discrimination and its legacy by partnering with employers to promote ally ship, inclusion and equality in the workplace while at the same time empowering and supporting LGBTQ+ people.

The second two Workshops were for the wider Fingal Community and were populated by a variety of organisations across Fingal such as Foroige, North Dublin Regional Task Force, The Ravens, Balbriggan Integration Forum, Phoenix FM and the individuals. These workshops were Letters and Stripes which is all about terminology what is ok to use what is not, the Pride Flag and its history and the Journey of Pride which brought us through history of the Pride movement. Workshops were very informative and brought about many questions and promoted discussion.

We hope to bring more workshops to you later in the year as part of "Winter Pride".



Climate Action

The Fingal Climate Change Action Plan 2019-2024 (CCAP) was launched in September 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 four Dublin Local Authorities, CARO & Codema are planning on holding a Climate Action Week from 13th September 2021 to showcase the work which is being done across the region. Plans are being put in place at present with a schedule of webinar events and site visits being developed. A soft launch and logo was released on 22nd June. More information to follow.

Climate Action "Raising Awareness" training is being rolled out to all grades and feedback is positive. Building Capacity training will be rolled out to Climate Action Teams in June / July. A Championing Leadership pillar will be delivered to senior staff and councillors in Q4 2021.



The Active Travel section officially launched the expansion of its popular bike sharing scheme to five coastal towns in the north of the county on Wednesday 9th June.

Bleeper bikes are now available in Balbriggan, Rush, Donabate, Portrane and Skerries. The scheme allows cyclists to 'grab & go' on a Bleeper bike. These GPS enabled bikes are easy to use with no need for complicated docking procedures. Users simply download an app and register for the service. They can then pick

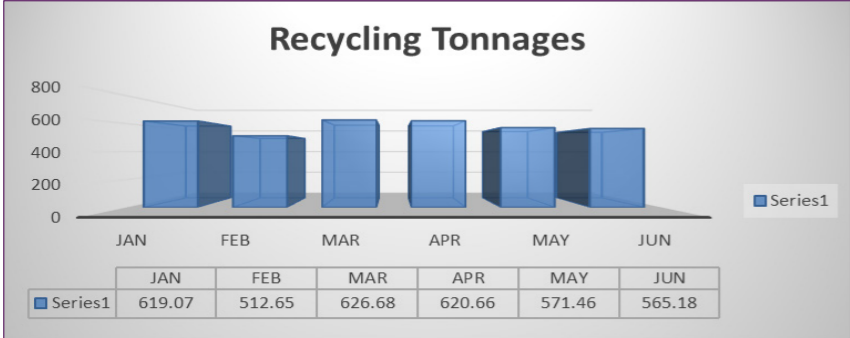
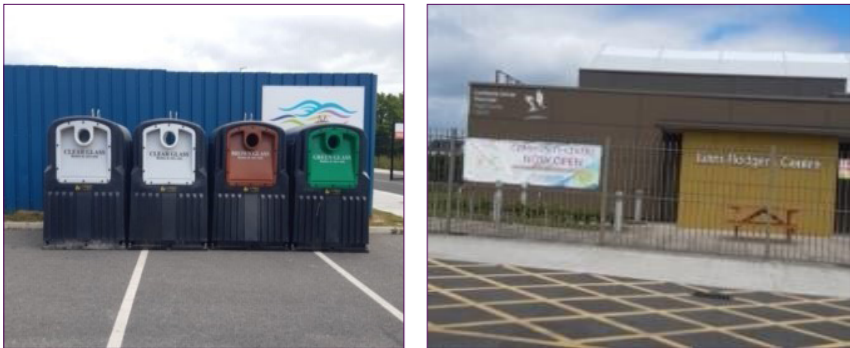
up any available Bleeper bike across Fingal by scanning the QR code on the bike to unlock it.

Once cyclists arrive in an area where Bleeper operates (see app for full location map), they can park at any cycle parking stand near their destination and lock the bike manually using the provided bike lock. With no need for special docking stations the scheme offers maximum flexibility to cyclists with the freedom to park their bike where they need it.

New Bring Centres

A new Bottle Bank facility has been provided at the Liam Rodgers Community Centre, Drinan, Kinsealy which is much needed for glass recycling in the Kinsealy, Holywell and Airside areas.

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



Fingal Sports Clubs Apply for a total of 71 Bike Racks

Active Travel have commenced a procurement process for additional bike racks and a Programme of Works is currently being prepared for installation of bike racks within the public realm to include additional bike parking in the Bleeper bike expansion areas.

Applications for sports clubs to apply for bike racks ended on the 18th of June. In total, 39 sports clubs ranging from GAA clubs to martial arts clubs submitted applications with a total of 71 bike racks applied for.

This initiative encourages club members to cycle to and from their clubs which has fantastic long-term health and environmental benefits as well as reducing traffic congestion around clubs on training and match days. Bike racks will be delivered to clubs in the coming weeks.

'Cycling Without Age' Coming Soon!

Fingal County Council are delighted to announce that 'Cycling without Age' is coming to Fingal in the near future. This inter-departmental initiative is being implemented by Active Travel, Age Friendly Fingal, Community, Sports and Fingal's Active City Project.

Cycling Without Age is a movement that started in Denmark in 2012 by Ole Kassow. Ole wanted to help the elders get back on their bicycles, but he had to find a solution to their limited mobility. The answer was a trishaw and he started offering free bike rides to the local nursing home residents. Cycling without Age is now active in 42 countries worldwide.

We are seeking volunteers and operations managers to support us in delivering the best possible experience for older people in our community with mobility limitations.

For those interested in being involved in this initiative as a

volunteer, service user or operations manager, a survey can be completed on the consultation portal <https://consult.fingal.ie/en/content/cycling-without-age-information-form>

Three trio-bikes have been ordered and the three proposed locations are:

- o Baldoyle/Portmarnock Greenway
- o Skerries Seafront
- o St Catherine's Park



The Month in Numbers

951

The number of support calls which were logged by Council staff with the IT Service Desk in the past month



3,174

The number of downloads and internet listens of the Inside Fingal podcast. All podcasts in the series are available at www.fingal.ie/podcast



INSIDE FINGAL
THE FINGAL COUNTY
COUNCIL PODCAST

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The number of 'Fingal Celebrates' events to be held in Swords Castle Town Park, Ardgillan Demesne and St. Catherine's Park over a Saturday and Sunday in late August/early September. These socially distanced events will be booked online in advance.



€80,000

The BASE Centre in Mulhuddart has received confirmation of over €80,000 in facilities upgrades from Enterprise Ireland.

These works include new remote working hub options and I.T. infrastructure upgrades among others.

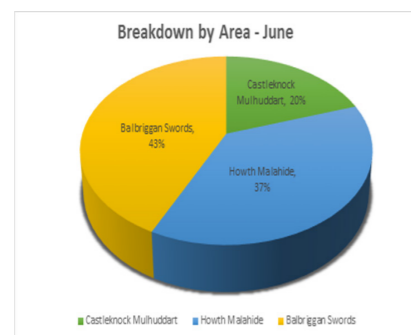
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the number of hires put in place by the Council's Fleet Management and Plant Hire Unit in June including this Demag AC 45 City Crane



197

The number of Road Opening Licences granted by the Operations and Water Services Department in June 2021



565

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



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The number of estates as shown below which were taken in charge of the Council in June

Castlecurragh Estate, Dublin 15
Rokeby Park, Phase 2, Lucan, Co. Dublin, Hawthorn Lawn, Castleknock, Dublin 15, Park Manor, Castleknock, Dublin 15, Hazel Court, Portmarnock, Co. Dublin, St. Mary's, Baldoyle, Dublin 13, Scotchstone Court, Swords, Co. Dublin and Kenure Gate, Rush, Co. Dublin.

551

The number of submissions which were received in respect of the new Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029



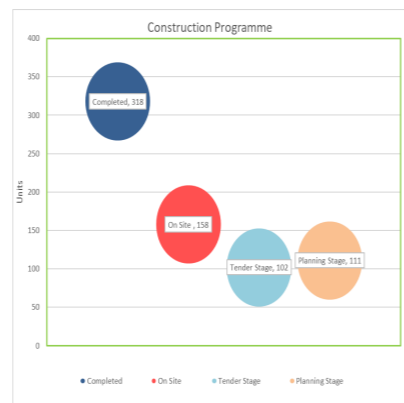
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The number of routine Litter Warden patrols were carried out between Monday to Friday during June. The Litter Wardens carried out an additional 64 Patrols across the county in a direct response to the elevated levels of footfall during the current Covid restrictions.



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The number of housing units currently at planning stage as per the Council's Construction Programme



Battle of the Book Winners!



The Mayor of Fingal Cllr. Seána Ó Rodaigh was delighted to make a presentation to St Patrick's Boys National School Donabate as winners of The Battle of the Book 2021. Fingal County Librarian Betty Boardman and author Brian Gallagher, who wrote "Pawns", this year's chosen book, were also on hand to meet the winning class and congratulate them on their achievement in this years competition.

A Round up from Fingal



Mayor of Fingal, Seána Ó Rodaigh launched Fingal County Council Libraries exhibition "The Burning of the Coastguard Buildings" which marks the centenary of the events that took place on the 18th June, 1921.

Also pictured at the launch at Skerries were Karen De Lacey, Fingal County Council Archivist, Vanessa Gaffney, Skerries Coastguard, Emer O'Gorman, Director of Service, Economic Enterprise, Tourism & Cultural Development, Mayor of Fingal, Cllr. Seána Ó Rodaigh, Gary Creighton, Skerries Coastguard, Betty Boardman, Fingal County Council's County Librarian, Catherine Keane, Senior Librarian Fingal Local Studies & Archives.



Left: Students at Rush and Lusk Educate Together National School try out the weather station rain gauges which will be distributed by Fingal County Council to schools in September. Right: Mayor of Fingal Cllr Seána Ó Rodaigh, Fingal Heritage Officer Christine Baker and David Dodd from the Dublin Metropolitan Climate Action Regional Office at the Fingal Cultural Heritage & Climate Change Risk Assessment Launch. A study of the vulnerability of Fingal's 2000 plus, heritage assets-our archaeological monuments, protected structures, geological heritage sites, historic gardens and demesnes-to climate hazards has been undertaken. This is the first assessment of its kind in Ireland. You can read the report at <https://www.fingal.ie/fingal-cultural-heritage-climate-change-risk-assessment>

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