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*The Northern Lights as seen from Balbriggan Beach on Sunday, March 13.
Photo by Ian Carruthers, Housing and Community Development Department*

March 2022 Chief Executive's Report on Activities



A Message from AnnMarie Farrelly, Chief Executive, Fingal County Council

It has become really evident in the last number of weeks that we are moving forward from the pandemic and embracing living our lives to the fullest whilst exercising the right amount of caution. We continue to implement good health and safety measures to ensure our workplace environment is safe for safe and citizens who access our buildings. I am delighted with the transition of staff back to the offices and it is wonderful for all of us to meet colleagues and friends in person on a more regular basis.

Following an intense period of development plan meetings we have commenced public consultation on the Draft Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 and we are urging the public to review the document which has been published. The public consultation will run until May 12 and we are encouraging public debate among citizens, businesses, community groups and other interested parties. We will endeavor to engage with the public as widely as possible with consultation events taking place as well as planning officials being available to discuss the draft plan.

Dealing with the growth of Fingal is one of the biggest challenges of the Development Plan. It will put pressure on land, housing, infrastructure and the environment. It also comes as we face other challenges including the lasting impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic, Brexit and its associated uncertainty, climate change and the need to ensure social inclusion for all. The plan seeks to put healthy place-making at its heart. A healthy Fingal is about working towards a more sustainable County, where sufficient homes are available for citizens of Fingal and the creation of a more socially integrated and resilient County.

I was delighted to be involved with marking International Women's Day 2022 this week. Our Community and Sports Office hosted a range of initiatives across Fingal to celebrate women's achievements and increase visibility, while calling out gender inequality. As a female chief executive and working closely with a female Mayor this year we have lots of reason to celebrate this day. We have strong female representation in our workforce and with our dedicated female councilors and it is only right that we pay tribute to the significant role will play in every aspect of our lives.

Déanfaimid ceiliúradh ar an nGaeilge agus an cultúr i rith Sheachtain na Gaeilge, a bheidh ar siúl ón 1 go dtí an 17 Márta 2022. Ag leanúint ó 2021, nuair a bhí na himeachtaí go léir ar líne, tá gliondar croí orainn filleadh ar roinnt imeachtaí i bpearsan, tráthnóna ceoil ina measc in Áras an Chontae i Sord a chuirfidh leis na himeachtaí iontacha ar líne a d'eagraigh Leabharlanna Fhine Gall. Is éard a ndíríonn Seachtain na Gaeilge go príomha air ná grá don teanga a athmhúscailt agus a úsáid na teanga a spreagadh agus déanfaimid seo laistigh den chomhairle agus trí imeachtaí agus cur chun cinn ar ár gcaineíl mheán sóisialta éagsúla le gach duine a spreagadh pé Gaeilge atá acu a úsáid – Bain Triail Aisti.

We will be celebrating the Irish Language and culture throughout the Seachtain na Gaeilge festival which runs from March 1-17 2022. Following on from 2021 when all events were online we are delighted to return to some in-person events with an evening of music in County Hall Swords to compliment the fantastic online events organised by Fingal Libraries. The main focus of Seachtain na Gaeilge is to reawaken love for the language and encourage its use and we will be doing this within the council and through events and promotion on our various Social Media channels encouraging everyone to use whatever Irish they have – Bain Triail Aisti.

As Local Enterprise Week draws to a close for another year I would like to commend the team for hosting another really successful schedule of events, reflecting how times have changed where the events were a combination of online and in person. The Local Enterprise Office Fingal plays an essential role in supporting our business community, providing training & management development supports, mentoring, funding supports and networking platforms. It is great to see so many entrepreneurs learning and upskilling to build and grow businesses in Fingal and I encourage businesses to continue to use the services and supports provided by LEO Fingal.

AnnMarie Farrelly
Chief Executive



WISH YOU WERE HERE!

New Public Art Engagement Project for Balbriggan is being developed by Fingal County Council with Irish Rail

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ST. PATRICK'S FESTIVAL

Six Fingal parades and Remembrance and Recognition Event

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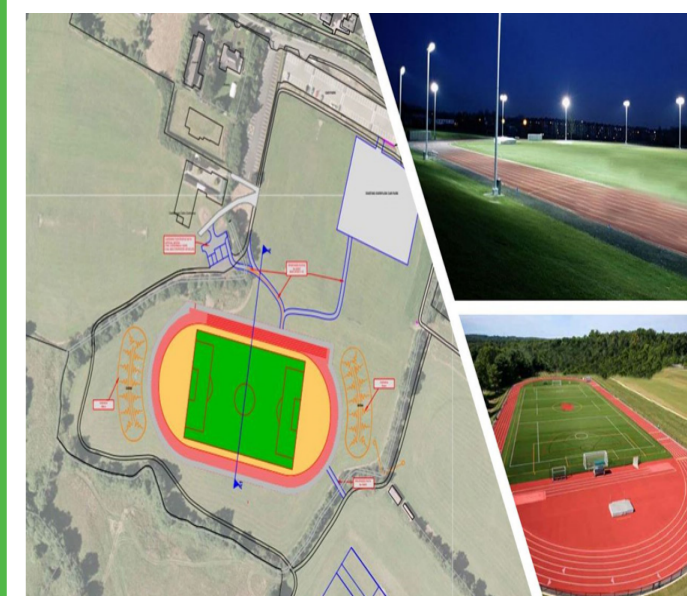
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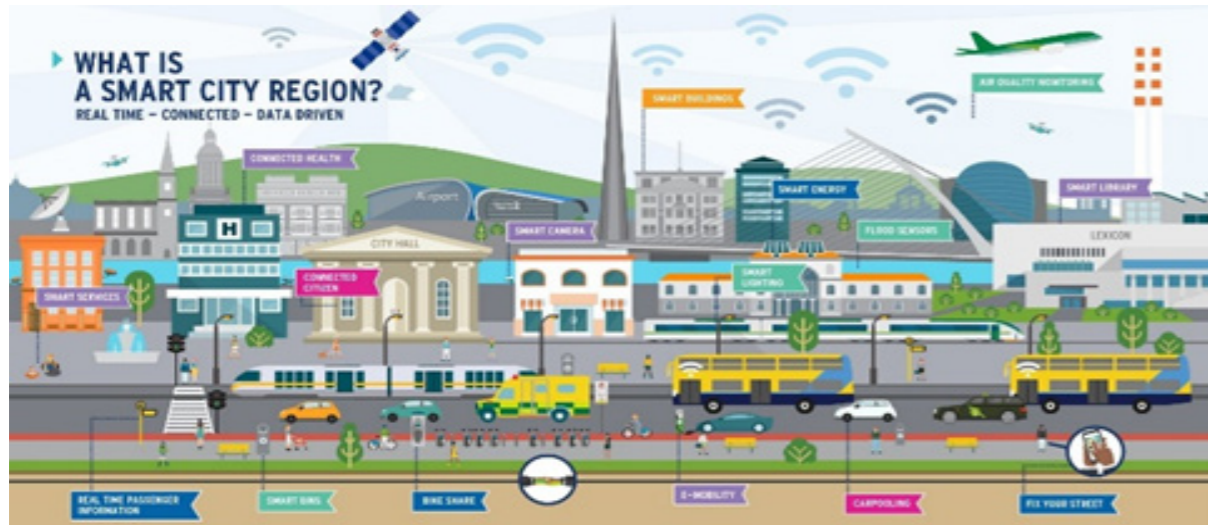
BIG TRAVEL CHALLENGE
Fingal Schools take part in 10 days of sustainable travel

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Smart Dublin Annual Report 2021 Published



Founded in 2016, Smart Dublin is an initiative of the four Dublin Local Authorities (DLAs) that brings together industry, academia and citizens, to transform public services and enhance quality of life for citizens.

The goal of Smart Dublin is to help future-proof the Dublin region by trialing and scaling innovative technology-based solutions to a wide range of local challenges.

The Smart Dublin Annual Report for 2021 has

now been published and is available at www.smartdublin.ie

The report highlights the variety of work across the Smart Dublin programme in 2021. Projects include the Smart Balbriggan Hackathon, the launch of outdoor public Wi-Fi and the Open Data Active Travel Challenge.

If you would like to learn more or get in touch, please email the Fingal representative, Aishling Hyland (Aishling.hyland@fingal.ie).

Comms Supporting ANCA Public Consultation on Airport Noise

The Communications Unit provided communications support to the Aircraft Noise Competent Authority for the recent public consultation in relation to the draft proposals for the management of aircraft noise at Dublin Airport.

The communications objective was to create awareness of the public consultation and to encourage people to make a submission.

The consultation was promoted using a variety of communications methods including briefings, webinars, press releases, social media and advertising.

Over 1,300 submissions were received by the end of the 14-week consultation period on February 28.

Our Top Tweet of The Month!

Fingal County Council @Fingalcoco
Wheelchair accessible toilet destroyed
It is with shock and great disappointment that we have to inform you that the new Wheelchair accessible toilet at Strandmill in Portmarnock was completely destroyed overnight due to vandalism.
pic.twitter.com/rvODkKqWpE

Our Twitter account, @fingalcoco, had 543,200 impressions during February and an average engagement rate of 2.1% from 263 tweets.

The best performing tweet, with 116,699 impressions and 4,725 engagements was a post about the destruction of a new wheelchair accessible toilet in Portmarnock.

On Facebook there were 214 posts which generated 6,300 engagements and 585 clicks. The number of followers on Facebook is now 26,954 which is a rise of 309 from January. +The Council's Instagram account saw its number of followers rise by 124 to 4,880 while LinkedIn saw an increase of 141 to 5,338 followers.

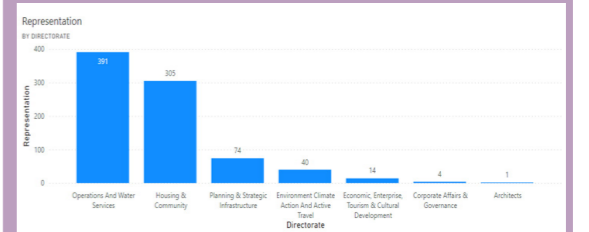
The You Tube account increased its number of subscribers to 669. Six videos were published on this platform during the month including one of the new Dublin County Dog Shelter which can viewed at <https://youtu.be/5okr61xBBxl>

Digital Working

In February staff took part in 9,444 Teams meetings, 34,262 calls took place, and 885,615 emails were received or sent by the Council.



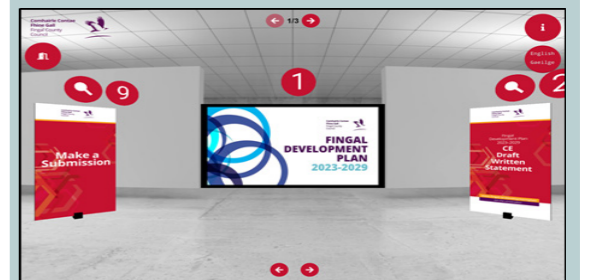
435 Councillors Reps Submitted in February 2022



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 February had a total of 435 Councillor's representations.

The table above shows the total number of Councillor's representations assigned to each Department to date in 2022.

IT Dept Assist with Development Plan



Following the successful conclusion of the Development Plan meetings, the IT Department have worked with the Planning Department on preparing for the public consultation process.

The Draft Development Plan can be accessed via the Virtual Consultation Room at <https://fingaldevelopmentplan.keepersolutions.com>

Customers Calling

For the month of February the Council's Customer Care Agents dealt with -

- 14,210 phone calls
- 721 emails
- 1,471 in person visits (from 7th February)



ST. PATRICK'S DAY
THURSDAY 17TH MARCH 2022

SWORDS.....11AM	BLANCHARDSTOWN..12PM
RUSH.....1PM	LUSK.....1.30PM
BALBRIGGAN.....2PM	SKERRIES.....3PM

FIND OUT MORE INFO ON:
 SWORDS, BLANCHARDSTOWN, BALBRIGGAN: events@fingal.ie
 RUSH: manager@rushcoco.ie
 LUSK: luskcommunity@yahoo.ie
 SKERRIES: skerrieschamberofcommerce@gmail.com

ALL WELCOME PLEASE DRESS FOR THE WEATHER REGISTER TO TAKE PART: FINGALPARADES.COM Comhairle Contae Fhine-Gall Fingal County Council

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL
 Invites You To Come Join Us For Our Remembrance & Recognition Event.

FIREWORKS
 Viewing at Coast Road Malahide
FRIDAY 18TH MARCH - 8pm
 "Join us for a moment of reflection at 8pm & shine your torch or light in remembrance"

Bring your own torch or light

FREE PARKING at Malahide Castle

MORE INFO ON:
 FACEBOOK.COM/EVENTSINFINGAL
 @EVENTSINFINGAL
 WWW.FINGALIE/EVENTS

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Public Art Project for Balbriggan

A New Public Art engagement project launches this month in Balbriggan with local artist Dave West. The commission titled Wish you Were Here is being developed with Fingal Arts Offices and Our Balbriggan in partnership with Irish Rail, Balbriggan and is inviting the local community to share what they love about Balbriggan and how they might describe it to a visitor. A bespoke postcard featuring an old image of the famous banks site will be distributed across the town and will invite the public to share their thoughts with the artist who will create his new work for the Banks site using this inspiration. The public can share their thoughts directly with Dave West wishyouwerehere@davewest.ie. A Full list of postcard pick up points is available on www.fingalarts.ie

Parades and Remembrance Event

Over the course of the Fingal St Patrick’s Festival it is expected that in excess of one hundred thousand people will enjoy the various St Patrick’s parades and the Remembrance & Recognition Event throughout the county.

parades where it is expected that up to twelve thousand community participants will be involved.

Fingal County Council is involved in the planning, funding and co-ordination of 6 community

Remembrance & Recognition Event planning is well advanced with agency cooperation for communications, traffic, crowd management and sustainability plans.

BLANCHARDSTOWN LIBRARY CELEBRATES IWD WITH AN EVENING WITH ÉILÍSH O’CARROLL IN MARCH

An Evening with **Eilish O’Carroll**

Blanchardstown Library
 8pm Wednesday 16th March

The Mrs. Brown’s Boys actress will be discussing her acting career, her T.D. mother and some of the other great women who have inspired her.

International Women’s Day libraries.fingal.ie

Meet Mrs. Brown’s Boys actress Eilish O’Carroll at 8pm on Wednesday 16th March at Blanchardstown Library.

Eilish will discuss her acting career, her T.D. mother and some of the other great women who have inspired her.

Booking for this event is through Eventbrite

SICAP

Social Inclusion & Community Activation Programme

Budget increase agreed for SICAP

The 2022 Fingal SICAP Plan was approved by the Fingal LCDC at its most recent meeting in February.

The 2022 Fingal SICAP Plan has seen a considerable increase in budget to €1.39 million for the coming year.

Summer Concerts
MALAHIDE CASTLE
JUNE 2022

MALAHIDE CASTLE
 Hosting Seven Concerts

The Statutory process has begun and planning is underway for the seven concerts at Malahide Demesne.

Acts taking part in June 2022 are *The Killers, Kodaline, Picture This, Gerry Cinnamon, Dermot Kennedy and Lewis Capaldi.*



2022 Fingal Student Enterprise Programme

Ireland’s largest student enterprise programme has been launched in what is now its 20th year. An initiative of the Local Enterprise Offices to encourage entrepreneurship in schools, the Student Enterprise Programme has seen over 300,000 school students take part nationally since it first began and over 13,250 taking part in Fingal from 2014 up to 2021.

Preparations have also commenced for the Fingal Student Enterprise Programme (SEP) County Final which will take place on Monday 21st March 2022 in County Hall, Swords. This event is in-person and will also be live-streamed. 23 Second level Fingal schools are participating in the Fingal 2021/22 programme.



150 Solar Compactor Bins Ordered for Fingal

Mary T Daly, Director of Operations and Water Services and Derek David, Sales Director of Futurestreet Ltd were photographed at the launch of the Big Belly Solar Compactors Bins in Swords on February 21.

The Council recently signed a contract with the company for the Procurement of 150 Solar Compactor Bins for the Balbriggan, Rush/ Lusk, Swords and Castleknock, Mulhuddart and Ongar Areas.

Three New Casual Trading Locations

The Operations Department is delighted to announce Casual Trading has commenced at Millennium Park, St. Catherine's Park & Tower Bay car park. It is expected further traders will be on site in the coming weeks.



Works Programmes Ongoing Across Fingal



Ushers Lake Area - Ward River Valley Swords Recent vegetation removal from vicinity of historical architectural features. Any self-seeded vegetation with root growth within the stone structures has been removed under supervision of Conservation Architect. The next step will be to fully assess and plan the repair of these structures.



Recent Completion of a graffiti art project along the hoarding facing onto the Open Space at Bath Road Balbriggan. This was a joint project between the Nursing Home Developer and Fingal County Council 'Our Balbriggan.'



Road Patching at Feltrim to permanently repair surface



Resurfacing works at Mulhuddart Cemetery



Traffic Operations in Fingal



Warning bend signage added on old Navan Road and Beechpark Avenue



Ramp complete at Lanesborough Road in Charlestown



Upgrade of Tactile Pavement and Surrounding Footpath by Wendell Avenue-Coast Road, (Signal heads to be replaced later to ELV type)



Removal of trees entering Kinsealy Court -Feltrim Road Junction to improve pedestrian/vehicular site lines. (Removal of stumps to follow with some footpath upgrades)

Storm Water Projects Updates

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

A number of Storm water projects are currently being progressed:

• 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: Procurement

• Burrow Beach Surface Water Outfall Pipeline Repair

Scope: This project is to replace the damaged anchor system for the pipeline

Status: Design stage





Draft Fingal Development Plan

Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029
Our plan is missing one key input. Yours.
www.fingal.ie/developmentplan
 Join the conversation

NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF THE DRAFT
FINGAL COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2023 - 2029
 We welcome your submissions

The Draft Fingal Development Plan was published on 24th February. The public consultation will run until 12th May and during that time the document is available for download from the fingal.ie/developmentplan website and can be inspected at Fingal County Council's offices in Swords and Blanchardstown or any Fingal Libraries branch.

Councillors met 11 times between 18th January and 10th February to review the Chief Executive's Draft Development Plan and, after considering 917 motions, have now produced the Draft Development Plan.

The Council is seeking to encourage public debate among citizens, businesses, community groups and other interested parties on the Draft Development Plan and online submissions can be made by citizens and organisations between now and May 12 on Fingal

County Council's Consultation Portal, <https://consult.fingal.ie/browse>

Consultation events will be held during the submission period and full details of these will be available shortly on the Development Plan website, www.fingal.ie/developmentplan and the Council's social media channels.

The Development Plan process has been running for almost a year and the final plan is scheduled to be adopted by Councillors in February 2023. Last year Council officials, set out the strategic direction for the Plan with the publication of an Issues Paper which attracted 551 submissions. This then formed the framework into which objectives and policies for the Chief Executive's Draft Plan were created.

Heritage Office Updates

Fingal Heritage Office has been working with members of the Fingal Heritage Network to identify themes, places, events, artefacts and memorials from World War I, the 1916 Rising, the War of Independence, the Civil War and World War II or the Emergency in Fingal.

The project will focus on recording conflict remains in the landscape, from the concrete defences installed near the airport during World War II, to the ambush sites during the revolutionary period. Many of these sites leave little trace so it is important for them to be mapped for future generations. Another important focus is the production of a memory map where stories, films, photos and knowledge of the conflicts in Fingal can be shared. If anyone has photos, stories, artefacts or memories relating to the 1914-1945 period or know of sites or remains that should be recorded please contact <https://www.fingal.ie/news/legacies-conflict-project-aims-capture-fingal-stories-era-1914-1945>

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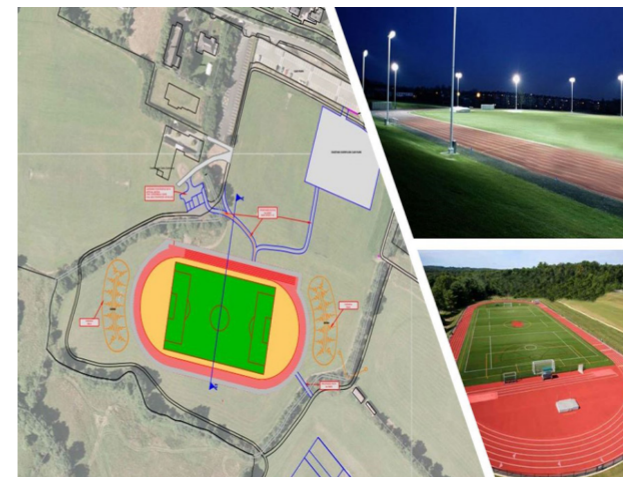


Over 170 trees planted in Balbriggan

The advanced tree planting and tree felling works were all completed in February. There have been an additional 170 new trees planted in the Moylaragh, Ashfield and Tara Court areas with more along the Harry Reynolds Road itself. This will be further complemented

by additional tree pits to be constructed as part of the main project. The project is now progressing through the final appraisal process with a view to publishing an open tender competition in Q2. This should facilitate the award of the main works contract by Oct 2022.

Porterstown Park All-Weather Running Track & Sport Pitch Facility



The contract for the Design and Construction of the new All-Weather Running Track and Sport Pitch Facility at Porterstown Park has been awarded to Tony Patterson Sports Grounds Ltd following the conclusion of the competitive tender process. The new LED floodlit facility will consist of a 6-lane synthetic running track and perimeter spectator path together with a 3rd Generation all-weather pitch providing for soccer and other sporting codes. The project led by the Council's Parks & Green Infrastructure Division is scheduled to start on site during Q2 this year. It is anticipated that the new facility will be complete by Q1 of next year and will become a valuable sporting amenity for the people of Dublin 15 and the wider area.

Sutton-Malahide Cycle and Pedestrian Project

Landowner consultation is ongoing on this project and the project team have met a large number of affected property owners over the last two months. A wider non-statutory public consultation is now expected to take place in late March for this project.

The consultation will involve the publication of the scheme preferred route drawings, photomontages and other supporting information. Information will be available online and in person events will take place also. Exact dates will be advised in due course. A Teams briefing will be organised with the local members also



Progress on Construction of Homes

Church Fields, Dublin 15

The Chief Executive report for the proposed 300 dwellings and the Eastern Linear Park was presented to the March meeting of the Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee.

The proposed development will be presented for approval at the Council meeting today. Construction is already underway of 67 social homes at Church Fields Phase 2B. Construction of a further 20 homes at Wellview is also underway with delivery scheduled for later this year.

A contractor is onsite developing the Church Fields Link Road

and Cycle Network which will facilitate the development of the entire Church Fields landbank with potential to deliver 1,000 mixed tenure homes.



Fingal Winter Pride Events



The Winter Pride LGBT teas series of events in the North County took place throughout February, supported by the North County Community Development Team. The initial event took place in The Cottage Community Centre in Lusk on 8th February, attended by Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Seana O' Rodaigh. Winter Pride is an initiative of the Community Office and

the Integration Office. Subsequent events took place in Rathbeale Library, Swords and Flemington Community Centre in Balbriggan. The events were attended by local LGBT plus groups, allies and members of other community groups and organisations across the north county. The initiative was supported by Dublin Pride and the Outcomers group in Balbriggan.

Fingal's New Age Friendly Team



The newly formed Age Friendly Interdepartmental team held its first meeting on 17th February 2022. The aim of the team, which is made up of senior members of staff from across the organisation, is for departments to work collaboratively in identifying opportunities for collaboration which will be supported by the Age Friendly Programme Manager and Age Friendly Technical Advisors to ensure the implementation of age friendly strategic and operational actions across the Organisation.

Choice Based Lettings Online Portal

The new online portal to facilitate the Choice Based Letting (CBL) scheme has proven efficient with staff and applicants. CBL is an approach used for the allocation of designated Social Housing Units. It allows housing applicants to express an interest in being considered for the allocation of designated Social Housing Units.

Applicants with active applications can access Choice Based Letting by logging onto <https://cbl.fingal.ie> using their unique username and password. To access their unique username and password applicants must contact choicebasedlettings@fingal.ie with their housing reference number and phone number. The housing team has issued over 1,200 secure passwords and usernames to date. Applicants are actively encouraged to obtain their passwords and usernames to express interest in any properties advertised.

Approved Social Housing applicants log in each week to check the dwellings that are available using their username and password.

Recently a 3 Bed Apartment in Northwood, Santry was advertised through Choice Base Lettings, approximately 40 applicants expressed an interest in this property and an

allocation is due to take place in the coming weeks.

In early March, Fingal County Council advertised a 3 Bed dwelling in Wellview, Mulhuddart. There has been strong interest in the property with approximately 500 viewings through the CBL portal.

The housing team are currently engaged in building on this momentum and will advertise developments in Lusk, Santry and Swords throughout March.



Women in Sport Week

The Sports Office in partnership with our co-funded NGB's is organising several activities and events for Women in Sport Week.

FAI Ireland internationals Diane Cauldwell, Niamh Fahey and Megan Lynch will be live on Zoom for a Question & Answers session. Suttonians Rugby Club are hosting a coaching session with Irish Women's Rugby Internationals Tania Rosser, Kate Farrell McCabe, Emily McKeown and Grainne Vaughn with special guest speaker Moira Flahive, Chair of Leinster Inclusivity Society.

The Sports Office will be highlighting the contribution women are making as volunteers and coaches in Fingal.

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LYNSEY CREIGHTON

LOOSE HEAD/PROP
BALBRIGGAN RFC

WHO AM I?

My name is Lynsey Creighton and I'm a player with Balbriggan Ladies Rugby Football Club

FINGAL WOMEN IN SPORT

WHO OR WHAT ENCOURAGED OR INFLUENCED YOU TO TAKE ON THIS ROLE?

Who or what encouraged or influenced you to take on this role? I've always watched Rugby and was interested in playing but was too nervous to join a club. 2 of my friends played on the team so encouraged me to "Give it a Try!"

WHAT IS YOUR PROUDEST SPORTING ACHIEVEMENT?

I think just taking the step to actually go and try it out. I never thought I'd be able to be part of a sporting team or that there was a place for me but there's a place for everyone in Rugby no matter what shape, size, fitness levels or experience you have!

WHAT WOULD ENCOURAGE MORE FEMALES TO BECOME COACHES AND/OR SPORT LEADERS?

I think seeing more female players being interested in sports and knowing that they'll be supported by everyone, club officials, male players and team players.

IF YOU HAD ONE BIT OF ADVICE TO GIVE TO A YOUNG COACH WHAT WOULD IT BE?

Believe in your team. Encourage them and understand where they may need extra support and help them achieve their sporting goals. Make them trust that you know what you're doing and you're doing it not just for your own benefit but for their benefit too. Have fun with your team too, we're all human so have the craic when you can! 😊

SPORT IRELAND
LOCAL SPORTS PARTNERSHIPS

To mark International Women's Day 2022, Fingal County Council's Community and Sports Office hosted a range of initiatives across Fingal.

Commencing Monday, the 7th March, there was an award ceremony for the participants from our She Leads We Lead Community Leadership Programme. On the 8th March, a series of safety self-defense demonstrations and talks took place in Blakestown, Lusk, Rush and Baldoyle. These sessions culminated in the Shine A Light for Women Walk and tree planting ceremony in Millennium Park. In addition, the Sports Office highlighting the Achievements of Women with guest speakers and panel discussions in Balbriggan and a Womens in Sport Live Rugby Coaching session in Swords.



Progress on Baldoyle-Howth Protected Cycle Lane Scheme

Works ongoing for Phase 1 of the scheme. At present the final section of bollards at Dublin Road, from Sutton Cross to St. Fintan's High School, are to be installed in the coming weeks.

Snag works ongoing at Grange Road and Warrenhouse Road. Epoxy works projected to start on all roads at the end of March, weather dependant. Junction upgrade works at Baldoyle Road/Dublin Road due to commence at the start of Q2 '2022. Further detail on junction works to be issued to local councillors and residents in coming weeks.

Image of students cycling to Burrow NS, Howth Road



Environmental Awareness Updates

The composting for schools pilot continues to be rolled out in Fingal schools. This includes provision of training and materials, wormeries and composters. Oberstown Campus is partnering on this project as well as the Dublin LA's and the Eastern Midlands Regional Waste Office.

Two Fingal secondary schools entered the ReLove Fashion Competition in partnership with the Rediscovery Centre. These will be included in the competition which addresses fast fashion and it's impact on the environment

Thirteen LA's attended an information session on the Instruments project which was started in Fingal in 2019. The LA's intend to start rolling out instrument's projects in their areas.

Tree Planting Workshops have taken place at to Castleknock College, Castleknock ETNS, Portmarnock Community College, and St. Patricks SNS Corduff.

The Keen to be Green Community Centres waste prevention initiative project is going very well - in partnership with the Community Department.



15 Waste Complaints Received in February

Responding to waste related complaints continues to be a major priority for enforcement officers. A total of 15 waste complaints were received during February involving 29 work days. Two waste enforcement officers work full time dealing with complaints with an average complaint taking approx. 1.5 days to fully investigate and close out.

The majority of complaints related to backyard storage and burning of waste (67%) with illegal dumping and fly tipping accounting for a further 27%. The remaining 6% related to unauthorised waste facility activities.

Waste Enforcement officers identified a number of different sites during February where C&D waste was dumped illegally. Utilising land registration checks to identify owners and follow on enforcement action the waste material is being removed in a safe an authorised manner preventing any environmental pollution.

Information in relation to unauthorised sites can be forwarded to environment@fingal.ie.

School Warden Recruitment

Following a shortage in the number of reserve school wardens available across the County to provide relief cover for School Wardens on leave, the position of Temporary Relief School Warden has now been advertised and applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates until Tuesday 22nd March.

Successful candidates will be placed on a panel specific to their chosen Local Electoral Area. School Wardens make a valuable contribution to the community and ensure the safety of children going to and from school.

Further details can be found on <http://fingal.ie/jobs>



'Your Life, Your Choice' Road Safety Campaign Returns

Following a recent Expression of Interest that issued to all Secondary Schools in Fingal, the 'Your Life, Your Choice' Road Safety campaign recommenced on Monday 14th February in Castleknock College. A total of 11 schools have signed up so far and each registered school will receive the headsets for a period of one week. The initiative will continue until 20th May when schools finish up for the summer and resume in September 2022 for the new school year.

a front-seat passenger in the crash scenario. The simulated crash highlights the impact of driver distraction, speed, mobile phone use and shows why wearing seat belts is so important for all passengers.

The 'Your Life, Your Choice' campaign is an initiative being run by Fingal's Active Travel department in partnership with AVIVA Driving School. This initiative is aimed at targeting young drivers between 16 - 25 and allows them to experience a seven-minute simulation of a road traffic accident through a virtual reality headset. The students are fully immersed as



#Big Travel Challenge

An Taisce Green Schools Programme invited all Primary Schools in Fingal that have already received their Green Schools Travel Flag and Active Travel and Global Citizenship to take part in the #BigTravelChallenge in February 2022.

For any 10 consecutive days in February, participating schools could choose one or more modes of active and sustainable travel to include walking/ cycling/ scooting or taking the bus.

In support of this, Fingal's Active Travel team encouraged all Fingal Green Travel Schools to participate and lead the way in February in choosing active modes of travel to get to and from school.

The Active Travel team offered a number of prizes to schools to include cycle helmets and cycle right training and look forward to receiving photos of participating schools for inclusion in our draw.



The Month in Numbers

917

The number of motions Fingal Cllrs presented in respect of the Draft Fingal Development Plan 2023 - 2029 following meetings



1,138

The number of Annual Dog Licences purchased in January and February this year



105

The number of hires which were put in place from 1st February 2022 - 28th February 2022, engaging 23 suppliers.

69

The number of units under construction at Cappagh, Dublin 11.



66

The three Enterprise Centres currently support 66 businesses and over 322 direct jobs. Occupancy rates at the Council's three enterprise centres at the end of February were Drinan 86%, BASE 94% and Beat 92%.

100,000+

The number of people expected to enjoy the festivities over the St. Patrick's Day Festival with 6 parades and the Remembrance and Recognition events taking place.



780

the number of bike journeys started within the Bleeper Bike Fingal operating zone in January - an increase from 662 in December

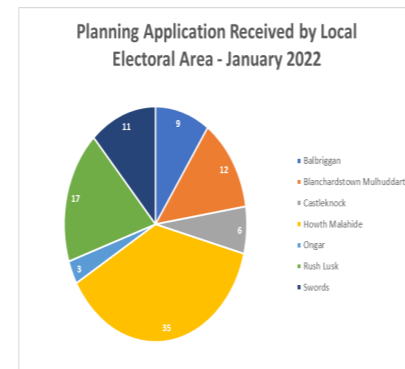


93

There have been 93 planning applications received to the end of January 2022, 10 of these applications were invalid leaving a total of 83 valid applications.

The volume of applications received by Local Electoral Area (LEA) is detailed in the table below.

Up to end of January 2022, 0 decisions were made by An Bord Pleanála. There are a total of 5 SHD's (2,623 units) currently in the formal application process.



66

The three Enterprise Centres currently support 66 businesses and over 322 direct jobs. Occupancy rates at the Council's three enterprise centres at the end of February were Drinan 86%, BASE 94% and Beat 92%.

1,500

The number of students who will be participating in the Fingal Athletics League which is a Primary School cross country running programme for students in 3rd-6th class and returns to Porterstown Park and Newbridge Demesne on March 29th and March 31st respectively.



13,250

The number of students from Fingal schools who have taken part in the Student Enterprise Programme in the years 2014 - 2021.

The Fingal Student Enterprise Programme (SEP) County Final which will take place on Monday 21st March 2022 in County Hall, Swords.



The Ukrainian national flag was raised at County Hall, Swords by Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Seána Ó Rodaigh, in the presence of the Ukrainian ambassador to Ireland, Her Excellency Ms Larysa Gerasko, members of the Ukrainian community, Fingal councillors, Oireachtas members, Fingal County Council staff and members of the public in a show of solidarity with the people of Ukraine.

A Round Up from Fingal



Pictured at the Living with Pride exhibition in Balbrigan Library were Bill Foley, Valerie McAllorum-Byrne, Betty Boardman, Mayor of Fingal Seána Ó Rodaigh, Eddie McGuinness, and Robert Burns.



Mayor of Fingal Cllr Seána Ó Rodaigh, AnnMarie Farrelly Chief Executive Fingal County Council, Cllr Tom O'Leary, Cllr Gráinne Maguire, Cllr Karen Power, Betty Boardman County Librarian, Fionnuala May County Architect, Pat Boyle Senior Architect, Sabrina Coldrick Executive Architect, David Higgins Architectural Technician & Thomas Stronge Project Director Midland Construction attend the turning of the sod on March 15, 2022 to mark the start of construction & refurbishment at Skerries Library.



Acting Mayor Cllr Mary McCamley and Chief Executive AnnMarie Farrelly attend the 'Shine a Light for Women' event in Millennium Park on International Women's Day, March 8.



Acting Mayor Cllr Paul Mulville, Chief Executive AnnMarie Farrelly and Irish Officer Bernie Kelly with Antaine Ó Faracháin and Nollaig MacCárthaigh celebrating Seachtain na Gaeilge.

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