



# Chief Executive's Management Report

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## CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S MANAGEMENT REPORT – APRIL 2022

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## **Chief Executive's Foreword**

I hope you enjoyed the recent St. Patrick's Festival and the events that took place in your community. To have welcomed parades back to our towns and villages following a two-year absence was indeed a cause for great celebration. The spectacle of colour, music and entertainment from community and sporting groups who participated in 6 parades across Fingal made for a hugely successful day. Many of you will have also experienced the Remembrance and Recognition event held in Malahide on March 18. The evening was dedicated to paying tribute to all those who lost their lives through Covid-19 and those workers across many sectors whose dedication and selflessness helped us navigate the pandemic. A spectacular fireworks display and reflective time with music and light provided us with an opportunity to come together in the spirit of healing and moving forward and it was both an enjoyable and uplifting experience for all spectators.

As is the case across the country and further afield, Fingal has become a place of refuge for many Ukrainian families who have been displaced and left with no option but to seek shelter outside of their country because of the ongoing conflict. Last month, the Ukrainian national flag was raised at County Hall, Swords, by the Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Seána O Rodaigh, in the presence of the Ukrainian Ambassador to Ireland, Her Excellency Ms Larysa Gerasko. This solemn occasion was attended by members of the Ukrainian community, Oireachtas members, Councillors and members of the public all wishing to convey solidarity with the people of Ukraine at this time. As a local authority, Fingal County Council is engaged in assisting with practical arrangements to support those who have arrived to Ireland. Our collective hope for Ukrainian people who have made Fingal their temporary home is that they will settle into their new environs and experience welcome and support at this time.

The Fingal Draft Development Plan 2023 – 2029 has been published and public consultation on the document continues where a series of webinars and drop in events have taken place and with two further opportunities to meet members of the Development Plan team on April 20 at The Lecture Room, Malahide Library, Malahide and April 21 at the Martello Room, The Bracken Court Hotel, Balbriggan. Engagement and consultation are vital aspects of fine tuning the plan which sets out the strategic direction of the county over the next 6 years. The public consultation will run until May 12 and during that time the document is available for download from the [fingal.ie/developmentplan](https://www.fingal.ie/developmentplan)

website and can be inspected at Fingal County Council's offices in Swords and Blanchardstown or any Fingal Libraries branch. I would encourage all interested parties to participate in the consultation process as we endeavour to support the provision of housing, amenities and infrastructure to enhance the creation of sustainable and long lasting communities within the county.

As summer approaches, we will be exceptionally busy here in Fingal with the return of large-scale events such as Flavours of Fingal at Newbridge Demesne, the Malahide Castle Concert series and the highly anticipated Fingal 10k road race. Favourable weather is a huge incentive to enjoy our award-winning beaches, parks, heritage sites and open spaces which are so inviting. Just this month, the Village Green at Malahide has won first prize (Public Authority Category) in the Association of Landscape Contractors of Ireland (ALCI) annual awards. The design and attention to detail in creating an attractive and accessible public space was due to the collaboration between the Fingal County Council design team, Murray and Associates and Peter O'Brien & Sons Landscaping. I congratulate all involved on this accolade and can highly recommend a visit!

As we all endeavour to reduce our carbon footprint and to embrace more sustainable methods of transport, this month I was pleased to have taken part in a study trip to Copenhagen where I joined some Fingal County Council colleagues and councillors in exploring the forward-thinking initiatives that have been employed in Denmark in the areas of cycling infrastructure. It was a very informative exercise which demonstrated how the application of appropriate Active Travel solutions will benefit the user experience and contribute to changing our mindset in respect of walking and cycling. We look forward to utilising the solutions and ideas we witnessed to boost our existing Active Travel infrastructure across Fingal for the benefit of all.

I always welcome feedback from the Elected Members and appreciate that as Fingal staff work hard to deliver on our ambitious plans and projects this also significantly impacts the workload and Council meeting preparation of the Members. To this end we will make every effort, commencing in May, to provide meeting reports to Members on the Thursday before every Council meeting.

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

# HR, CORPORATE AND GOVERNANCE

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## Major Emergency Management



Fingal County Council is providing assistance to national interagency efforts to support those fleeing the Ukrainian conflict by making emergency accommodation available at the Liam Rodgers Centre, Kinsealy. The Centre is being managed by the Dublin Civil Defence, Dublin Fire Service, Centre Management and ourselves and all of those accommodated have been successfully linked in with services, moved through the facility and onwards. The situation with regard to the incoming numbers remains very uncertain and the activation has been necessary to ensure that emergency accommodation is available for those that may need it. It is anticipated that the centre will remain activated and the ongoing need will be kept under review.

The Major Emergency Unit is working with colleagues in the East Region to ensure that alternative centres are available to minimise impact to any one community or on any one county. It is anticipated that facilities in Fingal, if the need continues, will only be called upon for a maximum period of a couple of weeks before centres in other counties are activated.

## Human Resources

The Human Resources Department has a large scale recruitment campaign continuing in 2022 with staff promoting opportunities at Job Expos in March:



Job Expo Croke Park, 26th March 2022



RESTART Youth Careers Expo, Blanchardstown  
24th March 2022

Recruitment Programme 2022	
Recruitment Campaigns	51
Applicants to date	500
Interviews Held to date	557
Number of Appointments	106*
Number of Leavers/Retirements	42
Number of Job Offers Year to date	241
Number of Offers Declined	60
Number of Current Job Offers	72

\*increase of 37 on last month

CURRENT LIVE CAMPAIGNS	CLOSING DATE
Executive Parks & Landscape Officer -Tree Officer	08/04/2022
Graduate Engineer	22/04/2022
Assistant Engineer	22/04/2022
Planning Inspector	29/04/2022
Energy Manager	29/04/2022
Senior Staff Officer	29/04/2022

The following courses are scheduled to take place in April 2022 –

### **Health and Safety**

Site Dumper  
 Firewarden Practicals  
 Manual Handling Practicals  
 Evacuation Chair  
 Basic Road Opening and Reinstatement  
 Safe Pass  
 Driver CPC  
 Mobile Tower Scaffold  
 Playground Inspection  
 Mental Health First Aid

### **Other Training**

Shortlisting  
 Managing Aggressive Behaviour  
 Dignity & Equality  
 Intercultural Diversity  
 Introduction to Excel  
 Data Protection  
 Smartphone Video  
 Personal Effectiveness Grade 3&4  
 The Human Resource Department continues to plan for and respond to the challenges brought by Covid19 in line with the Government's **COVID-19** guidelines and the phased return to the workplace.

### **Health & Safety Unit (HSU)**

The HSU continued to monitor incidences of staff self-isolations due to covid-19 during the month of March along with responding to staff queries following the lifting of most public health restrictions [self-isolation remained in force] and the replacement of same with guidance. Safety audits, site safety inspections and accident investigations continued during the month. Following a fatality in Wexford County Council the Unit reviewed risk assessments and standard operational procedures pertaining to working in adverse weather, working with chainsaws, oil spillages and tree clearance works, along with a general review on working at height protocols. HSU staff also supported the Training Section with manual handling practical training sessions for indoor staff.

### **Buildings Management**

#### **Energy Performance**

As part of the ongoing Energy Performance Contract, we have recently installed Solar PV panels on the roof in County Hall, Swords.

The Solar PV panels are projected to produce 9,757 kWh/annum.

With current electricity price of €0.27 excl. VAT per kWh, the annual value of the electricity produced by the system should generate €2,634.40.

Planned installation of the Solar PV panels in Civic Offices, Grove Road is due to take place in the middle of April.



## Customer Services

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

15,261 phone calls

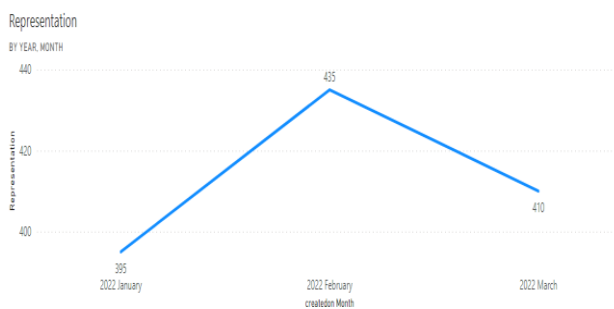
513 emails

2,201 in person visits

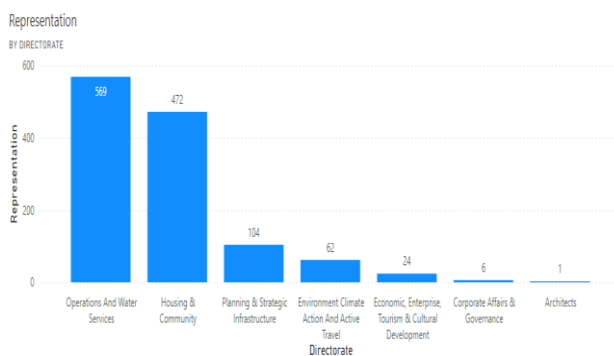
## CRM

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

The month of March had a total of 410 Councillor's representations.



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

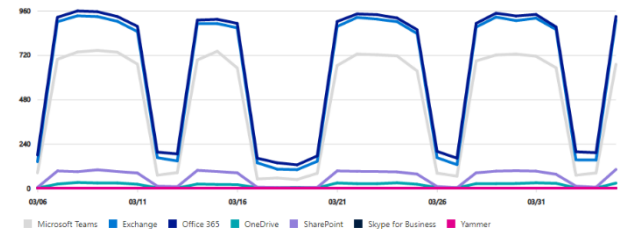


## Information Technology

### Digital Working

In March staff took part in 7,854 Teams meetings, 27,788 calls took place, and 761,858 emails were received or sent by the Council.

### Active users



### IT Infrastructure & Support

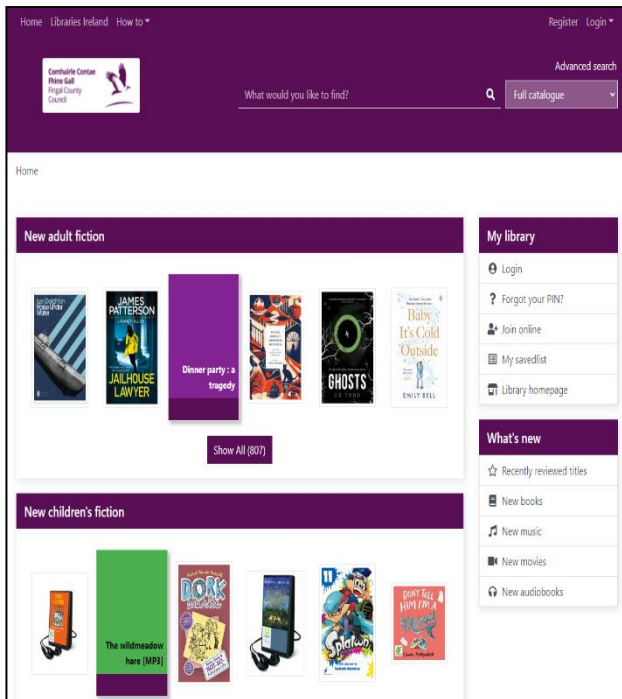
1,134 support calls were logged by Council staff with the IT Service Desk in the past month and 15 calls were logged by Councillors with Sord. 100% server availability and 99.9% network availability were achieved in the month of March.

### New Library Management System

Our new Library Management System went live on the 29th March.

Highlights of the new system include;

- Enhanced account management (Current Loans, Reservations, Alerts, Recommendations, Contact information, Renewal of membership etc.)
- Combined catalogue search (including eBooks, eAudiobooks, eMagazines, physical books, DVDs, CDs)
- User friendly interface including previews, recommendations & themed bookshelves.
- National sharing of bibliographic records, loans and reservations.
- Digital asset management for Local Studies, Archives collection and Event management



### Connected Hubs

The Digital Fingal team working with the Community Department have opened four new Connected Hubs across the county to help the community access facilities to remote work, study or undertake digital skills training.

Being able to use high-speed connectivity in easily accessible community locations is a key driver for the council to help improve the options available to people in Fingal and is essential for creating a digitally inclusive society. The Council received €40,000 from the Government's Connected Hubs Scheme and has used the funding to enhance and add capacity to remote working infrastructure in existing Community Centre – Broadband Connection Points (BCPs): Fingal Liam Rodgers, Applewood, Tyrrelstown and Luttrellstown Community Centres.

Connected Hubs provide a space for remote workers, students, start-ups and SMEs to study or conduct business. Facilities include meeting rooms, coworking and collaborative spaces and hot desks that can be booked for a day, week or a longer-term. Facilities also host online meeting technologies including Smart Screens and high-speed broadband. For more information visit - [connectedhubs.ie](https://connectedhubs.ie)



### Climate Action Open Data Challenge

The Smart Dublin Open Data Climate Action Challenge was launched on 30th March 2022. The challenge is organised by Smart Dublin, the Climate Action Offices of the four Dublin Local Authorities, CARO (the Dublin Metropolitan Climate Action Office), Codema (Dublin's Energy Agency) and Derilinx (who manage open data publishing and open data websites for public bodies).

Public bodies manage a large amount of relevant climate data on flooding, energy production and consumption, greenhouse gas emissions, biodiversity and land-use, air quality and weather modelling.

The Challenge asks participants to use publicly available data to develop models and visualisations which turn data into insight using maps, analyses, apps, tools and algorithms to support, gamify, raise awareness of and drive climate action in the Dublin Region. All data-based proposals with the potential to contribute to climate action are welcome. €20,000 in prize funding for the best projects has been provided from the Government's Open Data Engagement Fund.

More information and application form can be found at <https://smardublin.ie/dublin-region-climate-action-open-data-challenge-2022/>



## New Fingal Open Data website

Fingal County Council launched the first Open Data website in Ireland in November 2010. 12 years later, the Council is still spearheading Open Data in Ireland. The IT Department has recently been working on an upgrade to the Fingal Open Data Platform. The new Open Data Platform was launched on the 14th March 2022.

New features include user friendly search function to view data by categories, map visualizations to show the data in a geolocated viewpoint, and quick links to easily download files. There are currently 211 datasets on the Fingal Open Data Platform which can be viewed at <https://data.fingal.ie/>



## Communications

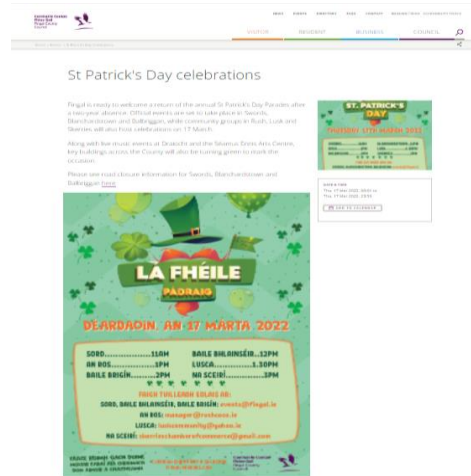
### Website

The [fingal.ie](https://data.fingal.ie/) website attracted 114,500 visitors during March and recorded 302,700 page views. This represents an increase of 26,500 or 30% from March 2021. The number of page view was 302,700 which is an increase of 25% from the same month last year when 241,200 page views were recorded.

The average amount of time visitors are spending on the website continues to rise with March showing a

10 second per visit increase from February at 2 minutes 24 seconds.

One of the reasons for the increase in traffic during March was the return of major outdoor events with pages containing information on the St Patrick's Day parades, the fireworks display and the Remembrance events being three of the top ten most visited pages on the website.



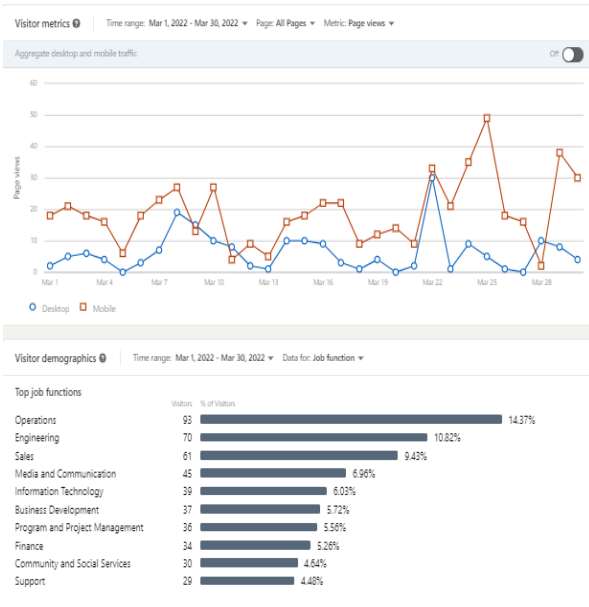
### Social Media

Our Twitter account, @fingalcoco, had 662,600 impressions during March and an average engagement rate of 2.2% from 368 tweets. The best performing tweet, with 44,905 impressions, 13,530 media views and 3,029 engagements was a post promoting the Sutton Malahide Pedestrian and Cycle Scheme.

On Facebook, there was 61,414 engagements to posts which reached 147,276 people. The number of followers on Facebook is now 27,271 which is a rise of 317 from March. The best performing post, about a fiddle handed in to the Estuary Recycling Centre which was given to a young girl in Emergency Accommodation, had 24,121 impressions and a 7% engagement rate.

The Council's Instagram account achieved a major milestone in March as the number of followers reached 5,000. It currently stands at 5,019, a rise of 139 from February, while LinkedIn saw an increase of 99 to 5,437 followers. People from Operations backgrounds made up the most number of visitors to our LinkedIn site at 14.37% with those working in Engineering accounting for 10.82% of the total.





The You Tube account increased its number of subscribers by 20 to 689. Ten videos were published on this platform during the month including the route visual for the Portmarnock to Malahide section of the Sutton to Malahide Pedestrian and Cycle Scheme which has generated 441 views and can be watched at <https://youtu.be/UpIOTM3U2Qs> and the Sutton to Baldoyle section which has generated 626 views and can be viewed at <https://youtu.be/FOLrkVMi14I>

### Projects and Campaigns

The Communications Unit continues to assist in creating awareness of the Draft Fingal Development Plan which is currently out to public consultation. It assisted in the production of a webinar on March 22 and promoted the drop-in events in Swords, Blanchardstown, Malahide and Balbriggan.

The Communication Unit is also working with the Active Travel and Sustainable Travel teams and assisted in the launch of the Sutton to Malahide Pedestrian and Cycle Scheme and the launch of the Active Travel Strategy.

The Communications Unit also assisted the HR Department at the Empower Careers Fair in Clonsilla on March 24 and the Jobs Expo in Croke Park on March 26 to encourage awareness of Fingal County Council and the career opportunities on offer. Traffic to the jobs page on the fingal.ie website increased by 136% on the day of the Jobs Expo compared to the previous Saturday.

Visits to fingal.ie jobs page			
	Saturday, March 19	Saturday, March 26	Increase
Entries	74	175	136%
Viewers	90	213	136%
Views	111	260	134%

The latest edition of Fingal News has been published and can be read at [https://issuu.com/fingalnews/docs/fingal\\_news\\_-\\_issue\\_23\\_-\\_march\\_2022](https://issuu.com/fingalnews/docs/fingal_news_-_issue_23_-_march_2022)

The Irish Officer worked with Coiste na Gaeilge to promote Seachtain na Gaeilge and held a musical evening in The Atrium at County Hall.

A Tenant Induction Video has just been completed for the Estate Management team within the Housing Department.

### Press Releases and Media Queries

The Communications Unit dealt with 22 media queries during March and 38 press releases and media invites including one about the ceremony at County Hall before the monthly meeting of Council where the Ukrainian flag was raised in a gesture of solidarity with the people of Ukraine. A photo from the event featured on the front page of the Irish Times the following day.



# ECONOMIC, ENTERPRISE, TOURISM & CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

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## TOURISM DEVELOPMENT

### EVENTS

#### FINGAL CELEBRATES ST PATRICK'S DAY



With an estimated attendance at the Swords, Blanchardstown, Rush, Lusk, Balbriggan and Skerries parades of 100k, the citizens of Fingal really came out in numbers to celebrate our national holiday. Hundreds of community organisations and local businesses enjoyed the fantastic weather and atmosphere.

## REMEMBRANCE & RECOGNITION EVENT



In what was Fingal's call to 'Remember and Recognise' those who sadly passed due to Covid 19 and show solidarity with all the essential workers, that continued to carry out their duties, over 30,000 people attended the Fireworks Display.

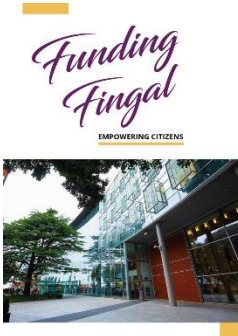
In addition to Malahide areas such as Donabate/Portrane, Portmarnock were used as viewing points. The event began with the Mayor introducing musician Uilleann piper Sean Potts playing a piece of music while people held up a light.

### NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE



The Mayor hosted an event in Swords Castle for citizens to reflect on those lost during the pandemic. Candles were placed in the chapel by the public, with members of the emergency services also attending.

## FUNDING FINGAL



EETCD are currently co ordinating an update to the 'Funding Fingal' document which sets out internal and external funding streams available to community groups event organisers, artist, sports clubs, cultural organisations tourism and local business. This document will be made available online.

## TOURISM

### DUBLIN COSTAL TRAIL



Fáilte Ireland in collaboration with Fingal County Council, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council, Dublin City Council and Irish Rail officially launched the Dublin Coastal Trail on 25<sup>th</sup> March. The trail, stretching from Skerries to Killiney, will entice visitors to include a visit to Dublin's beautiful coast as part of their city break. Fingal locations which are now part of this trail include Skerries, Malahide and Howth.

### FINGAL TOURISM STRATEGY 2023 - 2030

As the Statement of Tourism Strategy 2017 – 2022 nears its end, it's is proposed to go to tender in April seeking to appoint a consultant to develop a new Tourism Strategy (2023 to 2029) for Fingal. The process will engage public, private and tourism

industry stakeholders and networks in setting out a clearly articulated, refreshed vision for driving sustainable, innovative, resilient and inclusive tourism sector growth.

The proposals and update were presented to the SPC on the 29<sup>th</sup> of March.

## HERITAGE PROPERTIES

### UPDATE ON HERITAGE PROPERTIES CONSERVATION WORKS:

#### ARDGILLAN CASTLE & NEWBRIDGE HOUSE



The works tenders for major roof repair and window conservation works at both Ardgillan Castle and Newbridge House will be issued this month.

#### MALAHIDE CASTLE



A tender has been awarded for significant lighting upgrades at Malahide Castle and Visitor centre. Survey works are scheduled to commence in April.

### SKERRIES MARTELLO TOWER



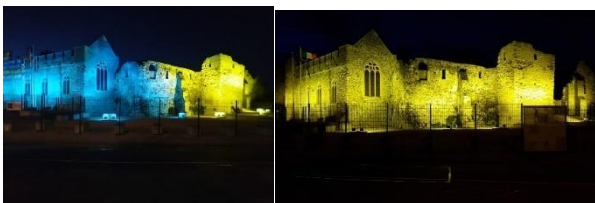
The tender for the integrated design team for the restoration of Skerries Martello Tower was published on eTenders last month. Two submissions have been received and these will now be evaluated in April.

### SWORDS CASTLE



Tenders will issue in April for Phase III of the conservation works at Swords Castle, which includes a full M&E upgrade, conservation works to the North Wall and improvement works to the Knights and Squires Quarter.

### LIGHTING UP OF COUNCIL BUILDINGS



Swords Castle continues to be lit in the Ukrainian flag colours in support of Ukraine.

Swords Castle was also lit in yellow from 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> March in support of the Irish Cancer Society's Daffodil Day appeal.

### AWARDS

Swords Castle has been nominated in the Best Heritage Project category at the All-Ireland Community & Council Awards; the ceremony will be held on 9<sup>th</sup> April.

### ARTS

### PUBLIC ART – FROM THE WORKSHOP – BUILDINGS AND PUBLIC SPACES PANEL



Three new sculptural works are on their way to Fingal as part of Fingal County Council's requirement on private developments to commission new works of art for Fingal. The Arts Office advise and support the process through our Buildings and Public Spaces Panel of Professional artists who are given opportunities to make new work for a range of local sites. The selection here includes work by the Walker Brothers for North Dublin Logistics Park, Grace Weir's **Coldwinter Tree** for Vantage Business Park and Maggie Madden's **The Gathering** for Blackwood Square, Santry. All works are being produced in sculpture workshops and warehouses across the county and all will make their home in Fingal.



## WISH YOU WERE HERE DAVE WEST- THE BANKS BALBRIGGAN



Fingal arts office in partnership with Irish Rail launched a public engagement project to assist artist Dave West in creating new work which will celebrate what everyone loves most about Balbriggan which will be situated at the Irish Rail owned "The Banks" site. It follows a successful commission at the site by another local artist Sean Molloy.

Local communities are invited to submit what they like most about the town on a bespoke postcard which has been distributed at the library, community centres, train station and the Our Balbriggan Hub.

## COMMEMORATIONS PROGRAMME – REMEMBERING THE FRANK LAWLESS FUNERAL



Fingal arts office have programmed a film and music commission curated by broadcaster Donal Dineen and will feature a special performance by contemporary Sean Nós singer Inni K the work titled Peace to the Ashes weaves the significance of the funeral and the legacy of Lawless into a new story which will be released online as part of this year's centenary programme for Fingal.

## CRUINIÚ NA NÓG 2022 COMMISSION - CREATIVE IRELAND FINGAL



Open Call – Cruinniú na nÓg 2022 Commission Creative Ireland Fingal and Fingal County Council invites proposals from Artists and Creative Practitioners for the development and delivery of artistic projects for children and/or young people for Cruinniú na nÓg 2022.

Cruinniú na nÓg is a flagship initiative of the Creative Ireland Programme's Creative Youth Plan to enable the creative potential of children and young people. This year it will take place on Saturday 11th of June and is funded by Creative Ireland.

The Creative Ireland Fingal Commission is for the development of artistic and creative content that will engage children/young people (0-18 years) in unique experiences in any artform and in response to any theme - including but not limited to visual art, music, literature, theatre, performance, spoken word, fashion, photography, digital arts, installation art, street art, storytelling, architecture, biodiversity, heritage, archaeology, landscape.

It is intended to prioritise face-to face engagement, but will accept proposals for innovative radio, tv, or digital media content.

Proposals can aim to engage with early childhood/youth /community/arts settings, primary and post-primary schools, families and more.

## LIBRARIES

### Refurbishment of Skerries Library

On the 15th March, Fingal County Council turned the sod on the refurbishment of and extension to Skerries Library. Skerries Carnegie Library is a detached early 20th century limestone building and a protected structure, sited in a prominent location on Strand Street between St. Patrick's Church and Floraville Park, with a large site extending to Chapel Lane at the rear.

The project will include the refurbishment of the existing library building, with the addition of a new large 2 and 3 storey extension at its rear. The proposed building totalling 884sqm with a contract sum of €3.5 million, will accommodate multifunctional library spaces on two and three levels. The project will also see a full upgrade of the public realm to the forecourt of Skerries Library and St. Patrick's Church.

The new library space will include, in addition to our book lending service, junior and young adult space, a link to Floraville Park, study space with up to 40 desks, public PCs, printing / photocopying services, a maker space and meeting and event space.

The library building at Skerries is viewed as a building of special character and an architectural focal point. The sympathetic and complementary development of this building and extension is seen as a major resource in terms of infrastructure demands of the area.



### Howth Tram exhibition

As part of Fingal County Council's Commemorations programme 2018-2023, Fingal Libraries supported by Creative Ireland has produced an exhibition and video exploring the history of the Hill of Howth tram.

From 1901, this feat of engineering opened up the scenic views of the Howth peninsula to thousands of tourists and cemented Howth's place as a favoured seaside resort for generations of Dubliners. Closed in 1959, it is still affectionately remembered by many today.

The **exhibition**, curated by Karen de Lacey, Fingal County Archivist, explores transport in Dublin at the turn of the century, the race to construct the Hill of Howth tramline around the peninsula using new electric technology, the opening of the line and power station, tourism in Howth and finally, the closure by CIÉ of the tramline in 1959. The exhibition also showcases material from Fingal Local Studies & Archives such as postcards, photographs and ephemera.

The video, produced by Indiepics, comprises archival footage of the tram interspersed with interviews with Howth residents and relatives of tram workers, bringing to life how the tram was used by both local people in Howth and tourists alike. The exhibition and video can be viewed online in Irish [here](#) and in English [here](#).

The exhibition and video are currently on display at Malahide Library until 13th April 2022 with an additional smaller version of the exhibition on display at Howth Library.



Crowds queue to travel on the Hill of Howth Tramway on its last day, 31st May 1959. Image courtesy of the National Library of Ireland

## **New Library Management System (LMS)**

Following a public tender the Spydus Library Management System, provided by Civica UK was selected as the new LMS for public libraries in Ireland. The date for Go Live is 29th March 2022.

The new LMS will enhance the library experience for both library patrons and staff. The Spydus system will manage core library functions, digital content from our Local Studies and Archives collection and event bookings, all from a single database.

The Spydus consortium model allows for the sharing of bibliographic records, loans and reservations across each of the 30 library authorities in the Republic of Ireland, thereby ensuring that Fingal library patrons will have easy and quick access to millions of items including books and DVDs.

## **Fingal Mobile Library services at Baleskin Reception Centre**

This initiative began in December 2021 when Úna Caffrey of the Fingal Children and Young People's Services Committee contacted us enquiring about the possibility of a Mobile Library visiting the Baleskin Reception Centre.

Due to COVID, it took a few months for the service to be up and running but it is now well established and one of our mobile library vans visits the Centre every second Wednesday from 2:30 – 4:00pm. Both adults and children use the service and there has been a number of requests for foreign language books particularly in Georgian, Farsi and most recently in Ukrainian. We have also had a lot of requests for English language resources and many of the residents have signed up to the Fingal eServices to make use of the many available online language resources.

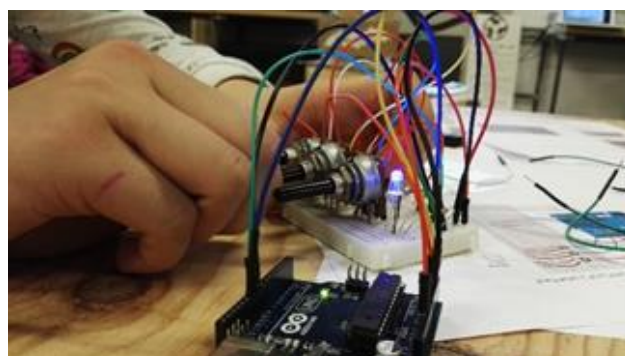
## **Mini-Maker Festival in Balbriggan library**

A mini-maker festival is planned for Balbriggan Library on the 23rd of April to mark the start of the Balbriggan Loves Learning festival.

This event will include a showcase for makers and creators to be held in the Hamilton Hall and the Library will host a full day programme of activities along the theme of creativity. Workshops will include:

- T-shirt making using pre-cut vinyl and audio card making hosted by Fingalmaker, Kate Delaney
- Lego workshops
- Arts and crafts workshops for the very young
- Coding
- Gaming

This is a collaborative project between Smart Balbriggan and Fingal Libraries and is funded by Creative Ireland.



## **Fun with families from afar - Migrant family literacy project**

This project aimed to deliver high quality family literacy sessions to an identified group of migrants. A collaborative approach was taken between Fingal Libraries, Fingal Community Section and Integration Office and members of the DCU Write to Read research team. The Write to Read project is a longitudinal research project which aims to work with schools to create powerful literacy environments. The literacy element of the programme was designed by the research team.

In tandem with the Community Department in Fingal, the Flemington area of Balbriggan was chosen as the location for the initial pilot project. Flemington is designated a high priority area under the actions identified in the Fingal Migrant Integration and Social Cohesion Strategy and scores highly on the deprivation scale.

Five families were chosen to take part in the pilot and this was based on the expertise of teachers in the Educate Together National School. Lessons on

vocabulary, reading to your child and phonics took place over 5 weeks in the Aster Family Centre and Balbriggan Library. All participants were given a tour and membership of Fingal libraries. The participating children and their siblings were entertained each week with a variety of events including wellness, art and storytelling and each child received a book bag containing 6 books

A second successful 5-week course has been completed in Balbriggan Library and it is intended to roll out 2 further courses in Blanchardstown Library.

### An evening with Eilish O’Carroll

On 16<sup>th</sup> March, Blanchardstown Library welcomed actress Eilish O’Carroll for an evening of storytelling and laughter. This event was part of the Fingal Libraries series of events to mark International Women’s Day. Eilish discussed her T.D. mother and experiences as a gay woman in Ireland. She also spoke about her career as an actress in Mrs Brown’s Boys and her own stage show Live Love Laugh. A very enjoyable evening ended with questions from the audience.



## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

### FINGAL IN IT TOGETHER



The Council continues to support business under the Fingal In It Together Charter and development work is in progress on a Fingal In It Together App to offer businesses an additional digital platform to engage with customers.

## Fingal Skills Strategy



The Fingal Skills Strategy Implementation Group continues to work with sub-groups for Transport & Logistics and Construction on sectoral skills requirements. A Fingal Skills webpage is in development to signpost skills and training opportunities and will be launched on the 29<sup>th</sup> of April 2022.

## Urbact Playful Towns



The Local Urban Group (ULG) meets monthly as part of the Let’s Play Rush initiative to develop objectives and plans for 2022 to incorporate play in the town and to identify potential funding streams to support projects and events. The ULG has a number of playful events being planned over the coming months. The Council is developing a section on its website to highlight the work of its Urbact projects which will go live in April 2022. Representatives of the Playful Towns Irish Network met in Portlaoise on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> March to review progress on the projects and share best practice to inform town plans for playful actions.



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





The Our Balbriggan Programme Office continues to support the Leadership Group, which met on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 and its five pillars, who meet regularly, to progress work across a range of economic and social measures including: Growing the Local Economy, Public Realm & Infrastructure, Education, Skills & Employment, Community Integration, Health & Well Being and Community Safety.

The Education, Skills & Employment Pillar Group met on 8<sup>th</sup> March and plans are progressing for the Our Balbriggan Loves Learning Festival due to take place between 23<sup>rd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> April 2022. The Community Integration, Health & Well-being Pillar met on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2022, Eilish Harrington, Chief Executive, Fingal Leader is the new and work is continuing to progress on all pillar actions.

The demolition of the former O'Shea's Night Club building (Harbour) is nearing final completion, April 2022, archaeology monitoring of site is ongoing. The site and layout will be levelled out to create a 'meanwhile space' to allow for temporary planters and seating, pedestrian route with low level picket fence surround.



Paul Keogh Architects, the appointed Integrated Design Team (IDT) for the re-imagined Quay Street & Harbour Area, continue to progress design work. Updated Stage 2 design review consultations with internal and external stakeholders are taking place in late March and early April.



Paul Keogh Architects, the appointed Integrated Design Team (IDT) for 2-4 Dublin Street are progressing work on renovation and designs to facilitate artistic studios and creative maker space, public courtyard and gallery. Site visits have taken place to Artistic Studios and Maker Spaces to inform Initial concept sketches.



DBFL Consulting Engineers, Our Balbriggan Active Travel and Transport Consultants, are progressing preliminary work on the town's draft transportation and active travel plan.

DBFL are working closely with Paul Hogarth Company (Masterplanning Consultants) and internal Council departments to ensure coherent, effective, sustainable transformative development. Following on from a well-attended webinar on the 1<sup>st</sup> March, drop in sessions took place on March 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Our Balbriggan Hub on Georges Square, over 320+ people took part in an online survey on the Draft Public Realm Strategy and Draft Active Travel and Transportation Strategy.

This follows over 1000+ initial responses to the first Public Realm survey in July 2021. Internal consultations on a draft Public Realm Design Guide which will accompany the Public Realm Strategy will take place in April.



planning & Smart Balbriggan. The visit culminated in a walking tour and peer review by delegates, the outcomes and observations of which will inform town work plans.

**Local & Rural Development**

**FINGAL LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**



Harbour Project tender submissions are due to be evaluated by the Council in April for the minor works package which will assist in developing, upgrading and enhancing the facilities and amenities of the harbour which will make the harbour a more attractive asset for a tourism and leisure amenity in addition to providing growth potential for the indigenous fishing industry. The Harbour Project will link in with other Public Realm Projects upgrades within the town.



The Fingal LCD C 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 LCD C also manages the Healthy Ireland Initiative, the Community Resilience Fund and the Social Enterprise Grants Scheme.



As part of the URBACT/iPlace initiative, colleagues from 9 other European large town took part in a two day visit to Balbriggan to learn about rejuvenation plans and local economic development opportunities for the town. Delegates were hosted in the Irish Institute of Music and Song on Day 1 & BEaT Centre in Day 2. The itinerary included, workshops on Town Centre Rejuvenation, local economic development



**FINGAL LOCAL ECONOMIC COMMUNITY PLAN 2022-27**

The Guidelines for preparing new LECPs have been published by the Department of Rural and Community Development. The new Fingal LECP will be a 'Whole-of-Council Plan' and will involve extensive consultation and engagement with internal and external stakeholders. The process of devising the new Fingal LECP will begin in the first half of 2022.



**An Roinn Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail**  
 Department of Rural and Community Development

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES FUND

Details of the new Community Activities Fund were launched in early January. Fingal LCDC has been allocated €301,042 to distribute to qualifying community and voluntary groups. The Community Activities Fund supports groups, particularly in disadvantaged areas with running costs and small capital items and facilities improvements. This funding is about giving a helping hand to communities, local groups and clubs. This new fund is being administered by the Fingal LCDC and closed for applications on February 18<sup>th</sup> 2022.

Over 220 applications with a combined value in excess of €1 million were received. The Fingal LCDC is now in the process of evaluating all eligible applications.

## 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.

## LEADER PROGRAMME



The Dublin Rural LEADER Local Action Group and the Dublin Rural 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 has 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 available for LEADER Project Applications under the categories of Rural Enterprise, Social Inclusion and Rural Environment. Historically, Fingal Projects comprise 65-70% of the total LEADER Projects approved, roughly corresponding to Fingal's share of the Dublin Rural LEADER Geographical Area.

The LEADER Programme reverted on the 1st April 2021 to EU Transition Rules for the period 2021-22 with a new Dublin Rural LEADER Local Development Strategy to be prepared and put in place for 2023 onwards. Under the Transitional Arrangements the Dublin Rural LEADER LAG and 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 continues to approve and fund new projects as usual.

During 2021, Dublin Rural LEADER approved 19 Projects with a total value of €766,899.48. Of these, 16 Projects were in Fingal with a total value of €685,658.83.

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

The next LAG Project Approvals meeting will be held in March.



## ENTERPRISE CENTRES

Fingal's Enterprise Centres continue to participate in ConnectedHubs.ie . ConnectedHubs.ie is a one-stop-shop for remote working hubs throughout Ireland.

All three Enterprise Centres have space available to businesses who wish to avail of remote working options and facilities. Bespoke options or generic office fit-outs can be considered.

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

**Our centres offer a variety of:**

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

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

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## LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE FINGAL



LEO Fingal provides a broad suite of support services to stimulate enterprise and enable small businesses to succeed. Some of the LEO highlights for March 2022 are as follows:

## Local Enterprise Week 2022



Fingal's business community booked over 1,000 places at this year's Local Enterprise Week, run by Fingal Local Enterprise Office (LEO). A series of 20 exciting business events were run both online and in-person between the 7th and 11th of March 2022 as part of Local Enterprise Week (LEW) this year.

The packed week of events featured the following:

Monday the 7<sup>th</sup> of March "Start-Up Bootcamp"

Dynamic in person event in the Riasc Centre, Kinsealy,

Tuesday's 8<sup>th</sup> "Preparing Your Business for Growth"

Business breakfast hosted by Balbriggan Chamber,

Fingal Enterprise Awards took place on Thursday March 10<sup>th</sup> with six finalists battling it out for the coveted prize of winner of the 2022 competition. On Friday, The Fingal Enterprising Women Network (FEWN) welcomed guest speaker, Broadcaster and Businesswoman Lorraine Keane, for an event entitled "Dare to Change". Local Enterprise Week concluded with "Show Me the Money" on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March. The hybrid event, hosted by Newstalk presenter Shane Coleman, took place in Sonica, Skerries and was also livestreamed on the Local Enterprise Office YouTube channel.

Other events run during Local Enterprise Week included a Business Briefing with Fingal Chamber on focusing on key topics including staff retention and recruitment, the lack of skills and talent, the availability of housing and transport issues. An online event to help Ethnic entrepreneurs was also held with a panel of successful ethnic entrepreneurs who shared their journey and detailed how they accessed financial support. Cyber Security was highlighted at a "Protecting Your Business Online" webinar with The LINC at TU Dublin, while over 120 businesses attended an online webinar featuring the Trading Online Voucher (TOV) Scheme on the last day of Fingal's Local Enterprise Week.

### Fingal Enterprise Awards



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- Dimension 88 (Nigel & Catriona O'Leary)
- Love the Mug (Pamela & Suzanne Hughes)
- Farmony (Dan O'Brien & John Paul Prior)
- Nufields Ltd (Denis Manzke)
- EcoFriendly Cups (Elaine O'Farrell)
- Rubberduck EHJC Ltd (Ben Colwell)

Dimension88, a Digital Twinning / Metaverse / Digital Innovation company were announced as the winner of the Highly Commended award at this year's awards ceremony. Life Ahead Ltd. T/A Farmony who provide vertical farming solutions were announced as overall winners, scooping the top prize of €5,000 and will now represent Fingal Local Enterprise Office at the 22nd National Enterprise Awards at the Mansion House in Dublin on the June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### Trading Online Voucher Scheme



An initiative under the Government's National Digital Strategy, the TOV scheme continues to support small businesses by allowing them to enhance their online offering by providing a grant of up to €2,500 for ecommerce and digital marketing activities. The next Trading Online Voucher seminar hosted by Fingal Local Enterprise Office will take place at the Riasc Centre, Drinan, Swords on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2022. Following very successful webinars over the past two years this is our first in-person event and we look forward to seeing everyone there. 23 applications have been approved in 2022, in the amount of €49,999.

### Fingal Enterprising Women's Network



One of the highlights of Local Enterprise Week was a networking lunch hosted by Fingal Enterprising Women's Network at the Clayton Hotel, Dublin Airport. The Fingal Enterprising Women Network (FEWN) welcomed guest speaker, Broadcaster and Businesswoman Lorraine Keane, who discussed a range of topics including new beginnings and "Dare to Change." Deputy Mayor of Fingal Daniel Whooley also joined over 150 women entrepreneurs who participated in a networking lunch, the first in-person event the women's network had hosted in two years!

### Evaluation and Approvals Committee

The March Evaluation and Approvals Committee (EVAC) meeting took place on Wednesday the 30th of March. Five applications were approved for €170,000 worth of funding. Year to date, 9 applications have been approved for €218,625 worth of funding. The next Evaluation and Approvals Committee (EVAC) meeting will take place on Wednesday the 27th of April.

### Business Advice Clinics and Mentoring

Business Advice Clinics and mentoring services continue to be offered online. In March 2022, eleven Business Advice Clinic days were held, offering advice and support to 99 clients in Fingal. In addition, clients are continuing to receive one to one business mentoring with our panel of mentors and 118 Fingal clients have received this mentoring to date in 2022.

### Management Development & Training

LEO Fingal will continue to provide a series of management development initiatives and workshops to assist the growth of small businesses throughout 2022. Some of the courses and programmes on offer during April include [Lean for Micro, Food Starter Programme Spring 2022](#), [Social Media and Digital Marketing for Small Businesses](#), [Start Your Own Business](#) and [Creating Video Content for Social Media](#).

### Microfinance Ireland Loans

LEO Fingal provides a loan scheme through its partnership with Microfinance Ireland, with "soft" loans of up to €25,000. LEO Fingal is actively

promoting the availability of loans from businesses that have difficulty raising finance from their bank. Two applications have been processed, assessed and submitted to MFI in 2022.

### Student Enterprise Programme



Local Enterprise Office Fingal have announced that winning teenager entrepreneurs from Loreto Balbriggan and Colaiste Pobail Setanta will represent Fingal at this year's Student Enterprise Programme National Finals. The winning local students will now compete against approximately 80 student enterprises from all over the country for a place in the Top 15 shortlisted teams to make it to a live event on Wednesday 18th May at The Helix in Dublin. This year's live event will not only be a special one as it's the first in-person event since 2019, but also as this year marks the 20th anniversary of the Student Enterprise Programme. The students all took part in the Fingal Final on the 21st of March, which was held in County Hall, Swords. An estimated 1000 students from 24 schools all over the region took part in the annual programme locally.

# OPERATIONS & WATER SERVICES

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## Works Programmes

### **Balbriggan/Swords Area**

#### **National Tree Week – Free Tree Giveaway 2022**

As part of National Tree Week 2022 Fingal County Council gifted 16,000 free trees to the residents of the county. During the week designated pick up locations and times were set up in 5 locations across the county. Ardgillan Demesne, Newbridge Demesne, Malahide Demesne, Ward River Valley Park, Millennium Park & St Catherine’s Park.

There was a fantastic turn out and all the trees have now been distributed. This was a cross departmental initiative with Fingal Operations, Environment and Community Departments. Other events included community planting as part of the launch of the Tree Strategy at Skerries Mills Park and other community planting events in Ward River Valley Park and Santry Demesne.



### **Constructed Tree Pits – Church Street Skerries**

Contract commenced during March to install four additional constructed tree pits on Church Street Skerries. These new plantings replace trees removed during 2019 & 2020. This recent contract will bring to a total of seven newly installed constructed tree pits on Church Street Skerries.



### **Ballyboughal Graveyard**

As part of Urban & Village Renewal Funding projects – Landscaping works completed during March 2022 at Ballyboughal Graveyard including new entrance landscaping, seating, and ornamental taps for watering plants in the graveyard.



### **Boules Court Launch – Newbridge Demesne**

An official launch for Newbridge Demesne Boules courts on 14th March 2022. The group is a combination of Donabate/Portrane Active Age Group and Men’s Shed group. An extremely popular new addition to the Active Age area at Newbridge Demesne. A number of other new Boules courts are planned for the Balbriggan Swords Area during 2022 in Skerries, Santry and Ward River Valley Park.



### **Lusk Recreational Hub**

Recently installed pedestrian access gate within the Recreational Hub lands to access a number of adjacent schools. This installation should assist in removing parking along the Rathmore Link Road during busy school times as parents can now use the car park at the recreational hub and allow children to walk safely within the park paths to school. The connecting paths in the recreational hub will also be upgraded during 2022.



**New Aviary under construction at Newbridge Demesne**



**New Seating installed at Tower Bay Portrane**



**Howth/Malahide Area**

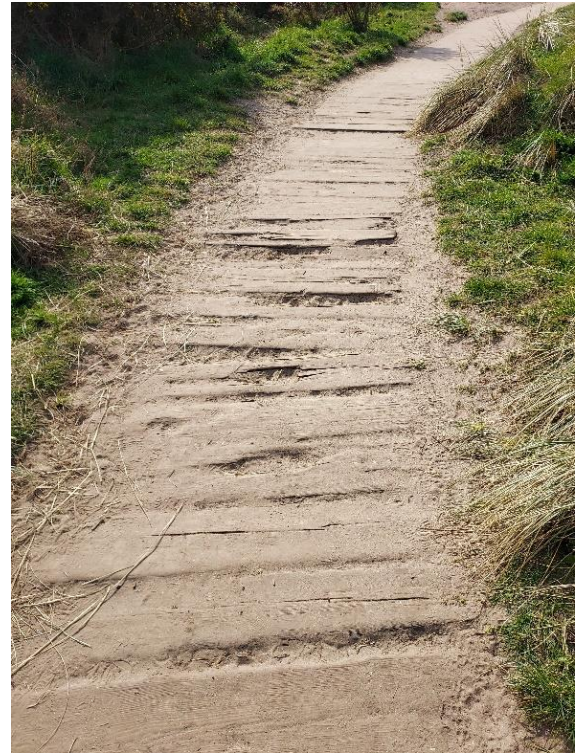
**Balgriffin Burial Grounds New Development**

With grave spaces running out at Balgriffin, an extension is being constructed to pre-empt this. Below are some of the works including ground works and construction of the grave's footpath infrastructure.





### Portmarnock Beach Board Walk



A feasibility study is currently being carried out to improve the access to the beach for all users. 170m of the boardwalk is to be repaired/updated and widened. Works are ongoing to progress the procurement for the works.

### Portmarnock Beach Wheelchair Accessible Toilet

Works to replace the vandalized toilet have been ongoing with the replacement toilet scheduled for installation in early April.



## Castleknock/Mulhuddart Area

### Shackleton Gardens

New opening hours in Shackletons gardens Commencing from 11 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	
Monday	10am ----- 4 pm
Tuesday	10am ----- 4 pm
Wednesday	10am ----- 4 pm
Thursday	10am ----- 4 pm
Friday	9 am ----- 1 pm
Saturday	10 am ---- 5 pm
Sunday	10 am ---- 5 pm
Bank Holidays	10 am ---- 5 pm

Spring is here and very evident in Shackleton Gardens, which is home to a wide range of rare and exotic plants including an important collection of herbaceous perennials.

As our craft gardener and the willing volunteers continue to work tirelessly to prepare the perennial beds for the summer display, colour is currently provided within walled garden through various plant groups. Aside from the colour it is important to note the value of these plants to bees and other pollinators as they adapt to the move from winter to spring.

This seasonal planting design is key to any successful garden and was no doubt a key component to the initial composition of Shackleton's Gardens. The heathers, snowdrops & other pollinator bulbs, Willow & other early flowering trees, along with shrubs such as Mahonia are currently on display and provide easy access to pollen and nectar, prior to the abundance of herbaceous perennials which will bloom over the coming summer months and into autumn as we continue to restore these beautiful gardens.





**National Tree Week – Dublin 15 Area**

To help celebrate this year's National Tree Week and the launch of our Forest of Fingal Tree Strategy, members of the public have been collecting trees from Millennium and St. Catherine's parks.

### Tree planting

Substantial tree and whip planting was undertaken throughout Dublin 15 by our dedicated crews. Over 500 trees alone were planted within green spaces. Locations included Coolmine Road, Dunsoghly Estate, Hazelbury Park, Meakstown, Castleknock and Dromheath Park to name but a few.



A second Urban orchard created on the Beechpark lawn Open space of Auburn Avenue in collaboration with Castleknock tidy towns. The planting event was arranged in line with National tree week with a mixture of suitable fruit trees along with some native *Malus sylvestris*.



### Bulb Planting

The daffodils which are now in full bloom around the Dublin 15 area and will then be replaced by Tulips, Muscari & Chionodoxa, leading to Camassia, and ending with Allium's, which can flower until mid-August. Locations include the open spaces of Delwood road, Oaktree Drive, Santry avenue and the R121 in Tyrrelstown, where the verges were replanted along with two additional green areas adjacent to the verges.



**R121 Tyrrelstown**



**Castleknock Road**



**Park Boulevard Tyrrelstown**



**Santry Avenue – R108 junction**

## Events

Shine a light - To Celebrate International Women's Day on the March 8th, a park walk, and tree planting ceremony took place in Millennium Park. The event was arranged in collaboration with our colleagues in the community department.



## Programme of Works 2022

A new compacted gravel pathway installed around the renovated raised planters at Fortlawn community centre. This will facilitate ease of accessibility for all participants taking part in the new garden course being run by the community centre.



## Collaboration with Volunteer groups

In anticipation of the 40-year anniversary of the Whitestown estate, the Whitestown Estate Management Group in conjunction with the Operations Department organised a planting event which was attended by a large number of residents of all ages in November 2021. The final product can now be seen on a sloped area of the large open space.

The Group have also been shortlisted for a 2021 LAMA award in the 'Best Environmental or Ecological Project or Initiative' category based on their continued efforts to enhance their community, which is a huge achievement for all involved.



### Castleknock Tidy Towns

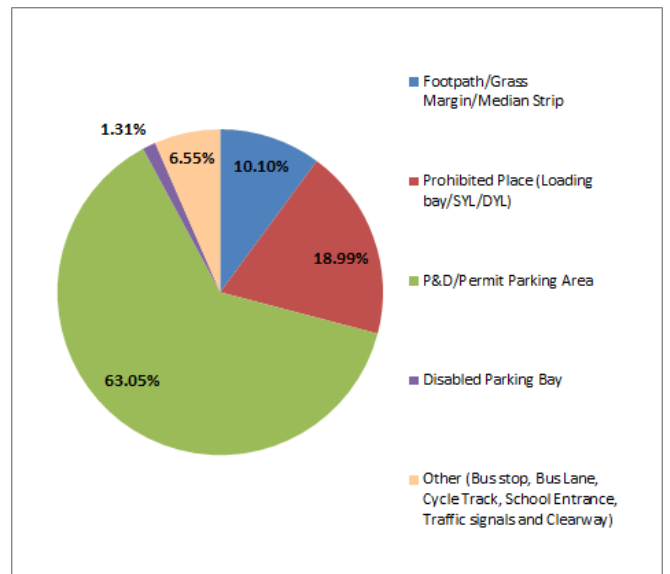
Tree and whip planting projects including an Urban orchard on Park avenue.



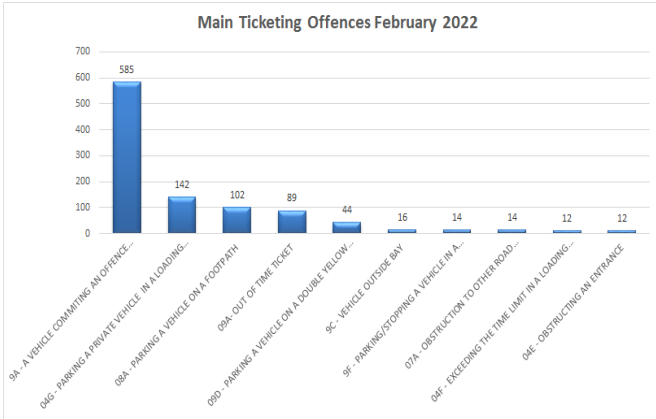
### Car Parking Services

There was a total of 1,069 parking tickets issued during February 2022.

Breakdown of Parking Offences:

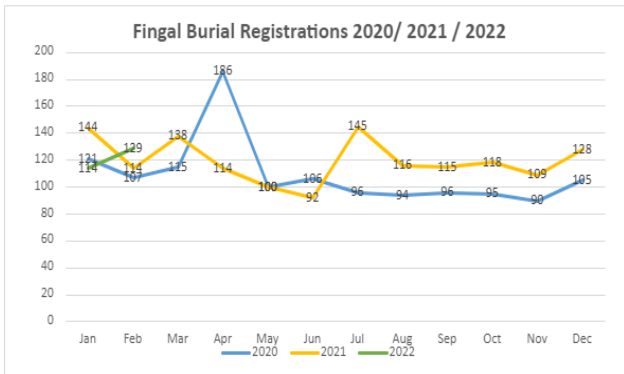


Breakdown of Parking Offences	Total	Percentage
Footpath/Grass Margin/Median Strip	108	10.10%
Prohibited Place (Loading bay/SYL/DYL)	203	18.99%
P&D/Permit Parking Area	674	63.05%
Disabled Parking Bay	14	1.31%
Other (Bus stop, Bus Lane, Cycle Track, School Entrance, Traffic signals and Clearway)	70	6.55%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1069</b>	<b>100%</b>



### Burial Ground Services

The Operations Department are continuing to administer and monitor delivery to ensure business continuity for Fingal's Burial Ground Service. There were 129 Internments in February 2022.



### Castleknock/Mulhuddart Area

The pedestrian crossings at Mary, Mother of Hope National School in Littlepace, have been repainted.



### Traffic Operations County-wide

#### Balbriggan/Swords Area

Forest Dale, Swords – 2 No. Ramp Replacements and school relining





Vehicle Activated Sign operational on Cappagh Road



The sign on Beechpark Avenue/Auburn Avenue required replacing



New sign installed in March 2022, to replace old sign at Beechpark Avenue/Auburn Avenue



## Howth Malahide Area

The Programme of Works for 2022 continues with the following civil works underway and or completed at various signalised pedestrian crossings in the Howth Malahide Area.

Revised and upgraded tactile layout by the Greenery restaurant, Coast Road Malahide and the similar works to the pedestrian crossing by the Hill Top Stores- Drumnigh Road , Malahide.



Additional new tactiles installed at the junction of Oak Hall/Drumnigh Road



Road lining nearly complete by the entrance to Pobscoil Neasain – Baldoye and larger speed limit signs being installed by Red Arches Roundabout



### Fleet Management & Plant Hire Unit

94 hires were put in place from 1st March 2022 – 30<sup>th</sup> March 2022, engaging 22 suppliers.

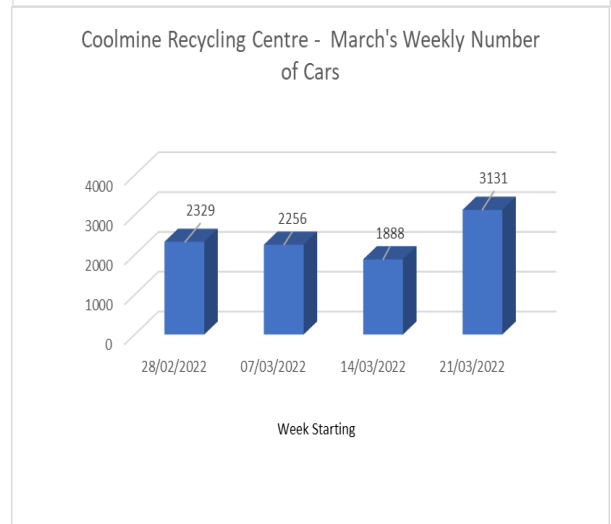
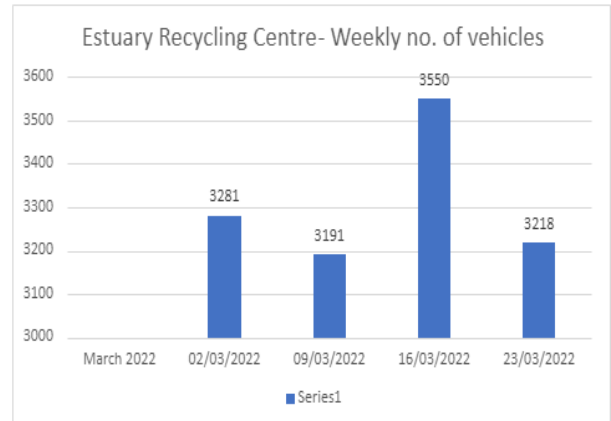
Hires include: Hire of electric vehicle (EV) for tourist development- events management



### Street Lighting LED Programme

The Public Lighting Section will continue with the LED Programme in 2022 with 92.8% of all lights switched to LEDs.

### Recycling Centre's Update

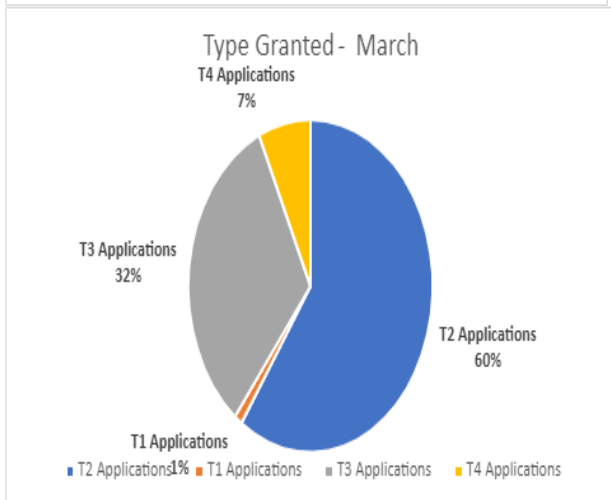
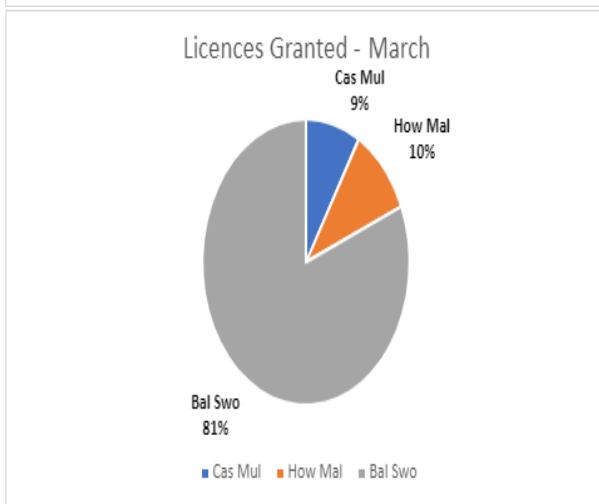
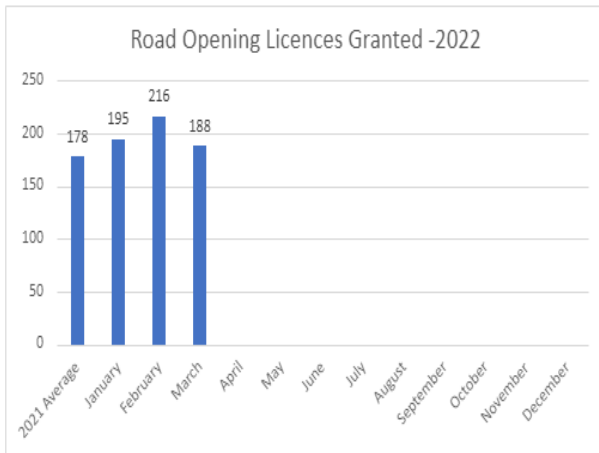


### Licences

#### 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 are essential for the asset management of Fingal County Council Road network.

188 licences were granted in March 2022



**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.

**Ongoing Projects**

There are currently a number of significant road opening licence projects ongoing including under the supervision of the Operations Engineering Team.

**Casual Trading Licences:**

Casual Trading Update as of 29/03/2022:

Casual Trading Licences	Total Designated Areas	Total Pitches	Pitches Assigned by Lottery	Rejected by Applicant	Granted	Pending
Cas/Mul	8	16*	5	2	3	0
Bal/Swo	13	23*	13	2	9	3
How/Mal	11	19*	15	0	5	10
Countywide	32	62*	33	4	13	16

\* Total Pitches Figure may change on the basis of site inspections with Technical Outdoor staff if it is decided certain areas can support more or less Casual Trading Pitches. Areas that received no expression of interest prior to the Lottery were not assessed with site visits to determine an exact suitable number of pitches.

**Tower Bay Portrane:**



### St. Catherine's Park:



### 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:

- Phase 2 works to install a section of new stormwater (surface water) network in

Ballyboughal are still on hold pending the agreement of wayleaves.

- The Storm water manhole cover and frame replacement programme for replacing assets at the end of life is ongoing – Covers and frames were replaced at various locations in Skerries, Baldoyle and Portmarnock areas.
- Funding is being sought and a tender is being completed for a detailed design for an upgrade to the Storm water network within and around The Bawn and the Old Bawn. It is hoped that construction works on this new network will take place in late 2022.
- CCTV surveys are complete in the St Benedicts estate in Malahide and La Verna in Baldoyle to ascertain the location of misconnections to the Stormwater network from the foul system. Misconnections were identified and passed to the Management company responsible for La Verna who are now procuring a contractor to commence repairs.
- CCTV surveys were carried out in the Seabury estate in Malahide and a number of misconnections were identified. The locations of these have been passed to the property owners who are now procuring contractors to remove and connect to the foul sewer.
- Other maintenance and minor works programmes are ongoing. Works to CCTV, drag and clean the Storm Water network in Inbhir Ide, Texas Lane and Yellow Walls road in Malahide are nearing completion. FCC are awaiting the removal of a gas service by Gas Networks once removed this programme will be complete. Completion by Gas Networks has been scheduled for Mid Term break as not to interfere with school traffic at this location.
- Works are complete at No: 18 Dublin Rd, Bayside to fit a stainless steel grate on an overflow culvert to stop material being washed up the from the coast. Works to seal and path a section of the line have also been complete to resolve a rodent issue.
- Tenders have been finalised for contractors to jet, drag and CCTV survey the Stormwater network in Chalfont, Malahide to assist road

operations with the alleviation of ongoing road flooding. Works will be commencing in early January 2022.

- Works were carried out at Millview Lawns to resolve and issue with strong odours (Kerosene) emanating from the network and into private property. A home heating oil leak was discovered and since repaired. A number of misconnections were also discovered and reported to the householders to repair.
- Work has begun with formalising a 2022 Storm Water preventative maintenance cycle, recording and mapping programme. A contractor has been procured with a jet vac recycler truck and CCTV camera van. Hire has been arranged to commence from the 1st of February initially on a 4 week hire which may be extended. The objective of this work is to undertake maintenance in jetting the network, and to identify any deficiencies with cctv and to record the stormwater networks.

### **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: Procurement

### **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

- 1) Make contact at [localrepsupport@water.ie](mailto:localrepsupport@water.ie) or by phone at **0818 178 178 / 0818 578 578**.
- 2) Staff are available Monday – Friday from 9am to 5.30pm to deal with queries from elected representatives about any topic related to Irish Water.
- 3) Outside these hours, the 24/7 customer care line is available for urgent queries at **1800 278 278**.
- 4) 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-and-service-update/#>

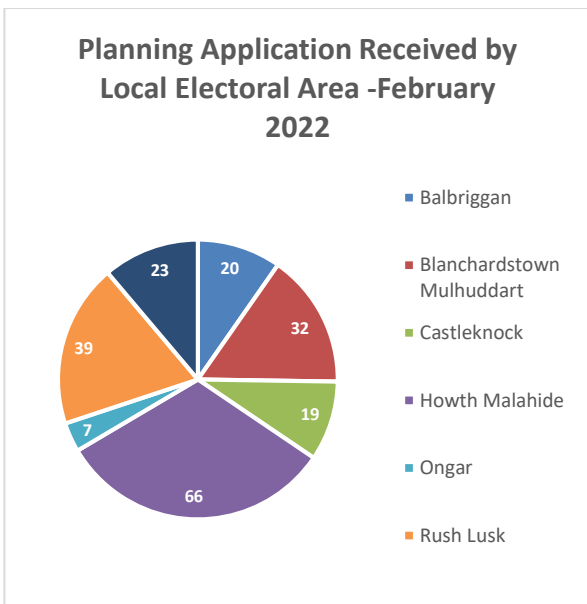
# PLANNING AND STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE (PSI)

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## Planning Applications

There have been 206 planning applications received to the end of February 2022, 20 of these applications were invalid leaving a total of 186 valid applications. The volume of applications received by Local Electoral Area (LEA) is detailed in the table below.

No decisions were made by An Bord Pleanála up to end of February 2022. There are a total of 5 SHD's (2,623 units) currently in the formal application process.



## Planning Decisions

A total of 202 planning decisions have been made to the end of February 2022. There have been 167 decisions to grant permission (83%) and 35 refusals of permission (17%). There have been 13 grants of permissions in respect of single house construction, 104 grants of permission for domestic extensions, 39 commercial/retail grants of permission and 5 grants

of permission in respect of housing developments of which 3 relate to development of 2 - 20, 1 relates to 20 – 50 and 1 relates to 50 -100.

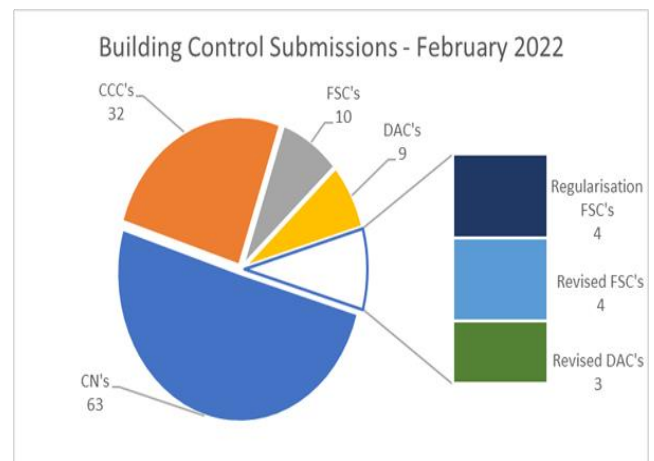
## Building Control Admin

In February 2022, there were 125 Building Control submissions made via the BCMS. This was made up of 63 Commencement Notices, 32 Compliance of Completion Certificates, 18 Fire Safety related Certificates and 12 Disability Access related Certificates.

Commencement Notices and Compliance on Completion Certificates can only be submitted through the Projects module on BCMS.

Fire Safety, Disability Access, Regularisation and Dispensation/Relaxation Certificate applications can be submitted online via the Applications module on BCMS and we are also still accepting hard copy applications directly into the office. Most applications are now being submitted via the online system.

In February 2022 the Building Control Admin team processed 109 decisions relating to Fire Safety and Disability Access Certificates.



## Strategic Policy Unit

### Draft Fingal Development Plan 2023 – 2029



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

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<sup>th</sup> on Fingal County Council's Consultation Portal, [www.consult.fingal.ie](http://www.consult.fingal.ie)

A webinar was held online on 22<sup>nd</sup> March, followed by four drop-in events in different locations across the County.

At each event staff from the Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department will be available to brief the public and answer questions on the Draft Development Plan. The Drop-In events will take place between 4pm and 8pm on the following dates:

- March 31 - The Atrium, County Hall, Swords.
- April 5 - The Lecture Room, Blanchardstown Library, Blanchardstown.
- April 20 - The Lecture Room, Malahide Library, Malahide.

- April 21 - Martello Room, The Bracken Court Hotel, Balbriggan.

Queries can be also forwarded to [Fingal.DevelopmentPlan@fingal.ie](mailto:Fingal.DevelopmentPlan@fingal.ie)

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.

### Sustainable Swords

Work continues on the Sustainable Swords project. The ambition of Sustainable Swords is to create a multi-faceted approach to the planning, design and management of the town, in order to achieve better quality places as the physical setting for life in Swords. Sustainable Swords plans to consolidate and strengthen the historic town centre of Swords. The project will also set specific objectives for the town centre with the goal of increasing the resilience of the local economy and fostering an enhanced, accessible, inclusive, child friendly and healthy urban environment.

A second stage of consultation took place in October 2021. This follows the 'Your Swords, Your Say' survey which was carried out in May and the briefing session with Elected Members in July.

The publication of the draft Strategy and the third round of consultation is expected to take place in Q2 of this year.



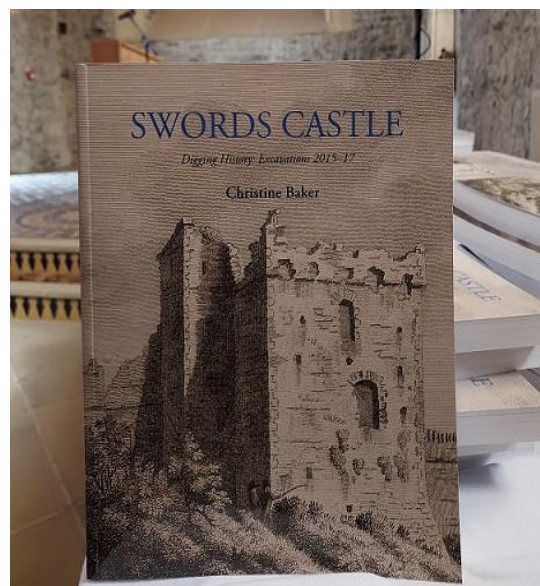
## Vacant Site Register

There are currently 11 sites on the Vacant Sites Register (VSR). These include 3 residential sites and 8 regeneration sites.

## Heritage Office



The Swords Castle Digging History Excavations 2015-17 publication was launched on the 29 March by Fingal Mayor, Cllr. Seána Ó Rodaigh. The publication is an outcome of the award-winning community archaeology excavations project directed by Christine Baker, that took place within Swords Castle over three seasons. Placed in their historical and archaeological context, the evidence from burials dating to the 10<sup>th</sup> century to toy guns of the 20<sup>th</sup> century uncovered by community participants working with archaeologist is an important addition to the research for this period. Supported by the Heritage Council this project and publication is an example value of the community directly engaging with their past. Copies of the book are available in Fingal Libraries.



## Local Authority Heritage Plan Grant 2022

The Heritage Officer applied for and was successful in receiving grants for two projects for a total amount of €36,000 (the maximum available) from the Heritage Council.

1. Fingal Thatch Project 2022 will survey and present the thatch structures of Fingal. There is a significant community element and photographs, memories and histories of the thatch tradition in Fingal will be sought. This project fulfils objectives of the Heritage Plan 2018-2023 and the County Development Plan.
2. Digging Drumanagh-Season 3 will undertake the much-delayed Season 3 of the community excavation at Drumanagh Promontory Fort. The Heritage Officer will be working with local primary and secondary teachers to develop an educational pack on the site for local schools. This project fulfils objectives of the Heritage Plan 2018-2023 and the Drumanagh Conservation Study & Management Plan 2018-2023.



## **Parks and Green Infrastructure Division**

### **Bremore Regional Park Recreational Hub**

Following approval through a Part 8 Planning application for Bremore Regional Park, a contractor has been appointed and works have commenced on the first phase of the Bremore Regional Park Active Recreational Hub. This involves the construction of a new full-size grass GAA pitch which is due for completion later in the year. Future sports facilities planned for the remainder of the hub include provision for athletics, basketball, tennis and soccer.



### **Porterstown Park Recreational Hub**



Works are to Commence on the state-of-the-art All-Weather Running Track and Sports Pitch Facility at Porterstown Park Recreational Hub, Dublin 15

In response to extensive engagements with local sports clubs and in line with Fingal County Development Plan objectives to upgrade existing active recreational hubs throughout the County, the construction of the new all-weather running track and 3rd generation synthetic sports pitch are due to commence at Porterstown Park on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

Following a statutory Part 8 planning approval and the conclusion of a competitive tender process, the contract for the design and construction of the facility has been awarded to a specialist Sports Facilities Construction company. The new floodlit facility will consist of a 6-lane synthetic running track built to approved international athletics standards and perimeter spectator path surrounding a 3rd Generation all-weather pitch built to FIFA approved standards providing for soccer and other sporting codes. Other works to complement the facility include additional connecting paths, blue badge and bicycle parking spaces located for convenient access to the track and pitch.

The project is led by the Council's Parks and Green Infrastructure Division and it is anticipated that the facility will be completed by Q1 of next year, becoming a valuable sporting amenity for the people of Dublin 15 and the wider area.

### **The Forest of Fingal – A Tree Strategy for Fingal**

The Mayor of Fingal Cllr Seána Ó Rodaigh launched the new ambitious "Forest of Fingal – A Tree Strategy for Fingal" on Saturday the 26<sup>th</sup> of March during National Tree Week 2022 at a Skerries Tree Planting workshop. The strategy was led by the Council's Parks and Green Infrastructure Division with support from colleagues in the Operations Department.

Link to the Fingal press release - <https://www.fingal.ie/news/fingal-sets-out-ambitions-increase-tree-cover-across-county>

Link to the new Tree Strategy - <https://www.fingal.ie/sites/default/files/2022-03/forest-of-fingal-a-tree-strategy-for-fingal-2022-2032.pdf>



## **Built Environment Division**

### **Building Control/Taking in Charge Section – 25/03/2022**

#### **Building Control**

- BCMS –128 CNs were submitted over the course of January and February 2022 and there were 57 Completion Certificates processed.

#### **Taking in Charge**

- Weavers Wood Clonsilla, foul sewer & watermains in St. Marys, Baldoyle, and a hammerhead extension at Old Golf Links, Malahide were Taken in Charge in January 2022. There are currently 2 estates up for Taking in Charge at the next Council meeting in April. These are “The Hawthorns” in Castleknock and Cnoc Dubh in Ballyboughal.
- There are 47 Developments with formal TIC requests and a further 303 developments on our system, of which 62 are private.
- Phase 1 TIC works on the following estates - Chieftain's way, Martello, New Haven Bay are currently underway and nearing completion.
- Phase 2 TIC works – Drynam, are still under construction. There is also works almost complete in Thornleigh Swords by a completion contractor on behalf of the bondsman.
- The competition for the appointment of consulting engineers for managing the Taking in Charge works in Ongar closed on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2022. The winning tender was evaluated with in accordance with the evaluation criteria and a letter to the

successful tenderer is due to be issued next week commencing 28<sup>th</sup> March 2022.

- A yearly review of the Taking in Charge Policy and Specifications is underway and meetings between Building Control and other Sections responsible for producing the Policy and Specifications have been carried out. The final documents are currently being reviewed and the updated Policy and Specification will be published in the site in April 2022.

#### **Dangerous Structures**

- There are currently 55 active dangerous structures. There were 3 new notifications in January, 3 new notifications in February and 1 new notification so far in March 2022.

#### **References**

- The number of reference requests received in February and March (so far) are 309 and 237 respectively.

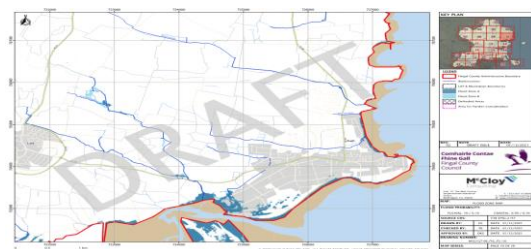
#### **Development Management/Forward Planning (Water Services) Section**

#### **Development Management February 2022**

- 116 no. new planning files have been received.

#### **Flood Risk Assessments/ Drainage Strategies**

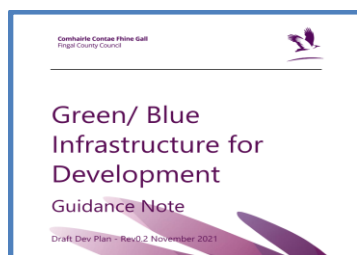
- FCC staff continue liaising with the appointed consultants developing the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment for the upcoming County Development Plan. The SFRA DRAFT flood mapping and DRAFT report has been completed. This mapping and report will be updated over the coming months subject to new information (Tolka flood study) and submissions received from Councillors/public.



- A new document “Nature-based Solutions to the Management of Rainwater and Surface Water Runoff in Urban Areas - Water Sensitive Urban Design - Best Practice Interim Guidance Document” has been issued by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. It is intended as a high-level best practice interim guidance document for all those whose work impacts on the urban environment, for urban planners and all built environment professionals involved in the planning process such as engineers, architects and landscape architects and shows how to move towards a more systematic and sustainable approach to urban planning and design that seeks to mimic the natural water balance of rural areas through “water sensitive urban design”.



- Sustainable Drainage System (SuDS) – The Fingal SuDS guidance document (Green/Blue Infrastructure for Development) has been reviewed to include changes in technical standards. This document along with the Draft SFRA documents have been incorporated into the new development plan.



## Transportation Planning

### Snugborough Interchange Upgrade Project



Bridge Central Piers and Columns were constructed in March, preparing them for the landing of bridge beams at the end of April, a most significant phase of this project. Walls and parapet railings have been completed for the N3 off ramp. Construction of walls are commenced to support the bridge crossing of the Tolka. The underpass to link the Old Corduff Road to Blanchardstown is commencing in the coming weeks with alterations to the existing roundabout to be carried out as part of this. The website [www.snugboroughinterchange.ie](http://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. Traffic management will continue including reduced speed limits and overnight road closures in late April.



## **Church Fields Link Road**

Fox Building and Civil Engineering have established the site offices and compound for the project, heras fencing has been installed to the perimeter of the lands made available and earthworks for the link road phase of the project is underway.



The route will form a key part of the NTA's Greater Dublin Area Cycle Network and will link into existing walking and cycling facilities at the Baldoyle to Portmarnock Greenway and onwards to the S2S and the Clontarf-City Centre Cycle Routes.

The scheme design will allow people of all ages and mobility levels to travel safely between these coastal towns while enjoying the scenic coastline along the route.

Following the closure of this public consultation on the 9<sup>th</sup> of May 2022, the project team will consider all submissions as they finalise the preliminary design for the scheme. A planning application is expected to be submitted to An Bord Pleanála in 2023.



## **Sutton to Malahide Pedestrian and Cycle Scheme**

A 6-week public consultation for the preferred route was published on Fingal County Council's Online Consultation Portal on the 24<sup>th</sup> of March 2022 with online and in person events planned.

The proposed pedestrian and cycle amenity will offer a safe and attractive route to walk and cycle between Sutton, Baldoyle, Portmarnock and Malahide connecting local people to schools, shops, businesses and public transport. The proposed scheme is supported and funded by the National Transport Authority.

# HOUSING

## Housing

- Supply
- Asset Management
- Support
- Tenancy Services

### Hayestown, Rush,

The Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage recently approved funding of €3.9m under the Affordable Housing Fund for 52 affordable purchase homes at Hayestown, Rush, Co Dublin. The €3.9m will be used to fund infrastructure and services on the site and this funding reduces the unit cost and allows homes to be discounted below market prices. The remaining 10 homes in the project are social homes. The tender for construction will issue in the coming weeks.



### Church Fields, Dublin 15

The proposed 300 dwellings and the Eastern Linear Park were approved by Council at the March Council meeting. Work is now underway to enable delivery of these social and affordable homes in a timely manner.

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 constructing 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.



### **Construction of Affordable Homes in Lusk**

Construction of the 39 affordable and 12 social homes continues at Dun Emer in Lusk alongside the upgrade works to the road infrastructure which is funded by the Affordable Housing Fund.

Current construction work on the site at Dun Emer, Lusk.



## Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS)



The Mayor Cllr Seána Ó Rodaigh and Minister Darragh O'Brien officially opened the new Ballustree Lodge property in Rush, Co Dublin on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2022. The Ballustree property is owned and managed by the Approved Housing Body Prosper Fingal, and this residential community house provides fully-supported accommodation for five residents. The project is supported under the Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS) process in partnership with Fingal County Council, Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage and Prosper Fingal.

The Capital Assistance Scheme enables Prosper to provide residential solutions to adults with an intellectual disability who are on the Housing List. It allows the residents to have a greater level of independence in an environment suited to their support needs, whilst reducing the demand on parents and carers. While Capital Assistance Scheme provides the capital funding, the HSE then provides the revenue to deliver the necessary residential support.

## Housing Delivery

### Construction Programme

Summary of unit numbers in pipeline	units
Under Construction	207
Tender Stage	129
Planning and Design	1,114
Part V	225
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,675</b>

### Schemes on Site

Site Name	No. Units	Status Detail	On Site Date	Handover (estimated)
Dun Emer, Lusk	51	On Site	Q2 2021	Q4 2022
Wellview Cul de Sacs, Wellview, D15	20	On site	Q4 2020	Q3 2022
Cappagh, Dublin 11	69	On Site	Q2 2021	Q3 2022
Church Fields Phase 2B, Mulhuddart, D15	67	On Site	Q4 2021	Q4 2022

### Schemes with Part 8 Planning Approval and at Tender stage

Site Name	No. Units	Status Detail	On Site Date	Handover (estimated)
Tucketts Lane, Howth	8	Tender process concluded. Stage 4 application for funding submitted to DHLGH.	Q3 2022	Q4 2023
Outlands, Swords	11	Detail design in progress. Issue tender to appoint contractor in Q2 2022.	Q3 2022	Q4 2023
Church Road, Lusk	5	Detail design in progress. Issue tender to appoint contractor in Q2 2022	Q3 2022	Q3 2023
Former Leonards Garage, Lusk	10	Detail design in progress. Issue tender to appoint contractor in Q2 2022	Q3 2022	Q4 2023
Hayestown, Rush	62	Stage 2 procurement process underway.	Q4 2022	Q4 2023
Infill Sites in Dublin 15	2	Detail design in progress.	Q3 2022	Q3 2023
Kilhedge Lane, Lusk - Tuath Housing	31	Detail design in progress. Issue tender to appoint contractor in Q2 2022.	Q3 2022	Q4 2023
Church Fields	300	Procurement process underway.	Q4 2022	Q1 2024

**Schemes at Pre-Planning Stage**

Site Name	No. Units	Status Detail	On Site Date	Handover (estimated)
Garristown – North and East Housing Association	6	Stage 2 approval received from DHLGH. Part 8 being prepared.	Q2 2023	Q3 2024
Church Fields, D15	700	Pre-Planning stage	Q2 2024	Q4 2025
Mayeston, Dublin 11	100	Feasibility being prepared	Q1 2023	Q2 2024
North Street, Swords	8	Feasibility being prepared	Q2 2023	Q2 2024

**Recent opening of a new social housing scheme of 59 homes. The project was delivered in partnership with Respond at Carr’s Lane, Malahide road.**



**Fingal County Council construction scheme at Cappagh, Dublin11 - 69 units being built**



**Fingal County Council construction scheme at Wellview, D15 – 20 units being built**







**Fingal County Council construction scheme at Church Fields -  
67 units being built**

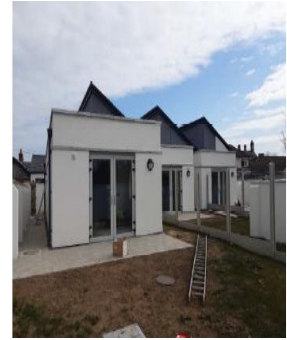


**Fingal County Council construction scheme at Church Road,  
Lusk – 5 units**



**Fingal County Council construction scheme Leonards Garage**

**Site, Lusk – 10 units**



**College Street, Baldoye, CAS Construction**



**Local Authority Home Loan**

The Local Authority Home Loan became available nationwide from all local authorities from 4th January 2022. There is a significant interest in this new lending product with hundreds of inquiries and loan processing is underway on the first wave of applications. The Loans team continue to issue and facilitate drawdowns of Rebuilding Ireland Home Loans that were received before the 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2022.

For more information please see:

<https://localauthorityhomeloan.ie/>

## Rent Payments – Council Tenants

The Rents Team continue to engage with tenants who may have experienced a change in circumstances to their tenancy (e.g. change of income or family composition) or who may have fallen into arrears. It is vitally important that tenants notify the Council as soon as possible should a change in circumstances occur. Should tenants have any queries regarding their rent charge or arrears they should contact the Council immediately at email: [rents.assessments@fingal.ie](mailto:rents.assessments@fingal.ie) or [rents.arrears@fingal.ie](mailto:rents.arrears@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

The 2022 proposed works programme is currently under review with the DHLGH but it is expected that approval will be granted for circa 100 properties and works are underway to assess properties for inclusion on the 2022 programme.

#### Returning Dwellings to Productive Use

The number of casual voids within social housing stock which are currently in the re-let process set out below:-

<b>Voids for Re-letting</b>	<b>at 30<sup>th</sup> March 2022</b>
In letting process	50
Undergoing re-let repairs	21
With County Architect for procurement of pre-let repairs	17
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>88</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 tenants. The Council releases batches of work to dedicated Contractors throughout the course of the year. Contractors are in the process of completing the works programme for 2021. Work on the 2022 programme has begun and contractors are progressing work on the initial 4 batches totalling 792 properties.

### Cyclical Maintenance - Scheme Painting

The new Cycling Maintenance – Scheme Painting Programme (Batches H & J) has commenced, painting works are underway in Dun Saithne Estate, Balbriggan, Co Dublin and will commence in Skerries in the coming weeks. This Programme provides for external painting and joinery repairs to council housing stock which currently operates on a 6/7 year cycle.





**Recently painted dwellings**

**Housing Tenancy Services Report**

**Housing Assistance Payment (HAP)**

Over 300 applicant submissions have been made for HAP through the online portal since it went live in October 2021 with 179 of those accepted as being fully complete (both applicant and landlord). The remainder are awaiting landlord submissions or did not progress for various reasons (over income limit, unaffordable property etc). 120 HAP Tenancies have been set up in 2022 to date.

Since its inception in Fingal County Council in 2017, the HAP team has set up almost 3,300 tenancies.

**Housing Support**

The Housing Support Team have finalised the list position and files have been sent to the printers. Applicants should be in receipt of their up-to-date list position by mid-April. Additional information has been communicated on the letter to applicants about CBL encouraging applicants to seek their username and password.

**Contact Details for Tenancy Services Division**

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

<b>The Housing Support Team Contact Details</b>	
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>

**Tenancy Services Contact Details**

<b>Homeless Services</b>	01 890 5090 <a href="mailto:homeless@fingal.ie">homeless@fingal.ie</a>
<b>Estate Management (Maintenance, ASB)</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**

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](mailto: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.

During March, CBL advertised several properties including, a 3-bed property in Wellview which received 39 expressions of interest. There was a strong expression of interest in the Cluid Housing apartments in Norseman which included both 2 & 3 bed apartments 113 & 106 respectively. The 3-bed property in Rivermeade, St. Margarets had 650 views with a strong interest of 53 expressions.

### Offers of Housing Support

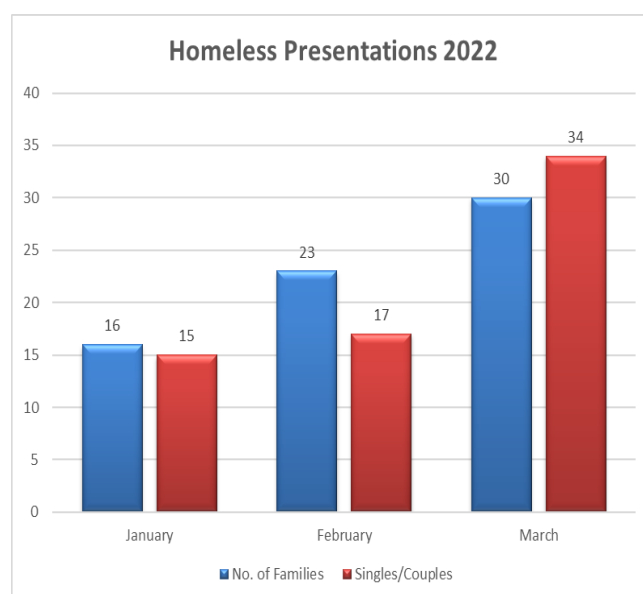
The Housing Allocations Team has continued to provide offers of social housing throughout all levels of **COVID-19 restrictions** and this is demonstrated in the chart below. In 2022 to date 221 offers of Housing Support were made to approved applicants.



### Homeless Services

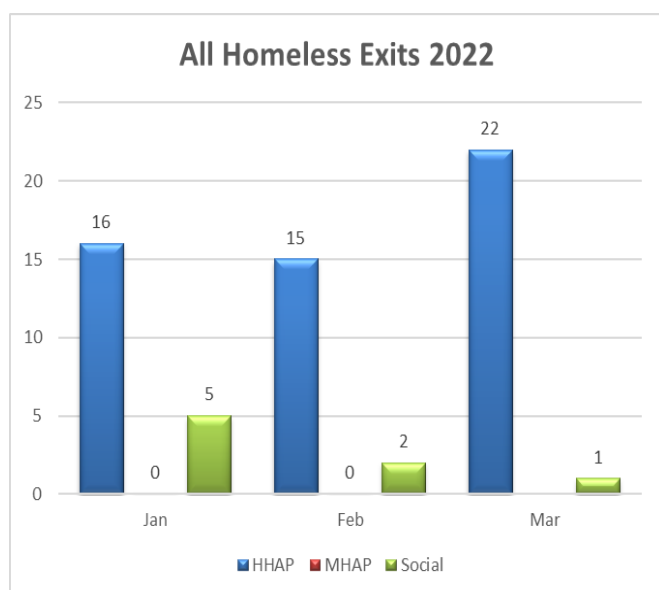
The Council's Homeless Team continue to engage with those experiencing homelessness to offer advice and support. Homeless Assessments continued to be carried out over the phone.

In March 2022 there were 64 new homeless presentations, comprising 30 families and 34 singles/couples.



During March 2022, 23 households, comprising 16 families and 7 singles/couples, exited homeless circumstances into various forms of social housing support- including into private rented tenancies under Homeless HAP.

Homeless HAP accounts for 22 of these tenancies.



### Cold Weather Strategy 2021/ 2022

The Dublin Region Homeless Executive (DRHE) has activated its Cold Weather Strategy 2021/ 2022 which runs from November 2021 to the end of March 2022. This is in order to meet a likely increase in demand for homeless services and to have the appropriate contingency plan in place for cold weather conditions.

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

### Draft Homeless Action Plan 2022- 2024

The DRHE is currently preparing the Draft Homeless Action Plan Framework for Dublin 2022-2024.

### Those Fleeing the Conflict in Ukraine

The Government is committed to delivering a humanitarian response to welcome people fleeing the conflict in Ukraine and seeking protection in Ireland.

A web page is available at [www.gov.ie/ukraine](http://www.gov.ie/ukraine)

Fingal County Council is committed to supporting the humanitarian response to the crisis in Ukraine.

Where Households & individuals present to the Council's Homeless Services and identify as seeking refuge from the conflict, the advice to date is that they should be directed to the International Protection Accommodation Service (IPAS) [ipasinbox@equality.gov.ie](mailto:ipasinbox@equality.gov.ie)

Please note that if a situation arises where an immediate humanitarian response is required, Local Authorities are asked to use discretion and provide Emergency Accommodation ( EA) in this instance FCC will refer the case to IPAS.

### Traveller Accommodation Plan

#### 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 for further progression in 2022. Refurbishment work is planned for a number of sites in accordance with the provision of the Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019-

2024 which is pending a review and will be presented to the Council in the near future.

Daily site visits by Housing Inspectors continue on all Fingal County Council Traveller specific sites while checking on vulnerable residents and advising on the continued supports available. Senior Officials are engaged on an ongoing basis with residents and liaise with various external agencies and traveller advocacy groups.



**Group Housing Scheme Estate Improvement Works**



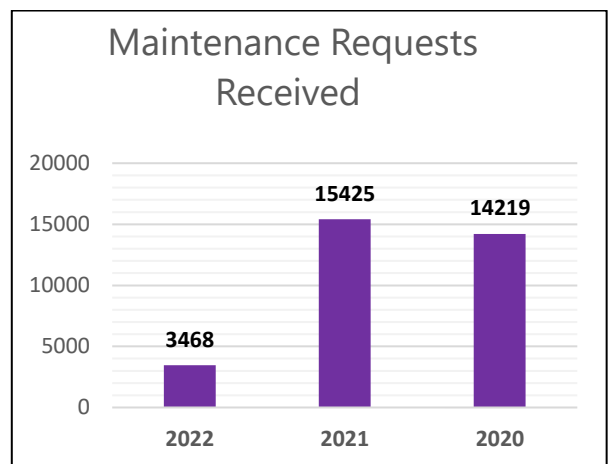
**Group Housing Scheme Refurbishment Works**

### **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.

The Estate Management Section continues to work with the most vulnerable and complex of our Tenants in collaboration with our Social Workers, Tenancy Sustainment Officers and external statutory agencies to protect and assist the most vulnerable of our tenancies.

### **Maintenance Requests**



**Recent installation of new kitchen in Pinewood Green**

### 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 however when the vulnerabilities, complexities and health related issues associated with a tenancy require tenancy sustainment and welfare 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 may be required to ensure all agencies work collaboratively with a view to achieving best outcomes for our Communities.

All ASB complaints received are followed up and investigated by a designated team within with ASB Unit and allegations of breaches of Tenancy are pursued accordingly. All complaints are received in confidence.

Estate Management in collaboration with the Communications Unit have finalised an online Tenant Induction video which will be part of the Housing Department's communication suite to induct new Tenants to their homes and provide them with useful and necessary information pertaining to their Tenancy.

### Stock Management

#### Active Caseload

Breach of Ten.	34
Miscellaneous	26
Regularisation	09
Rightsizing	21



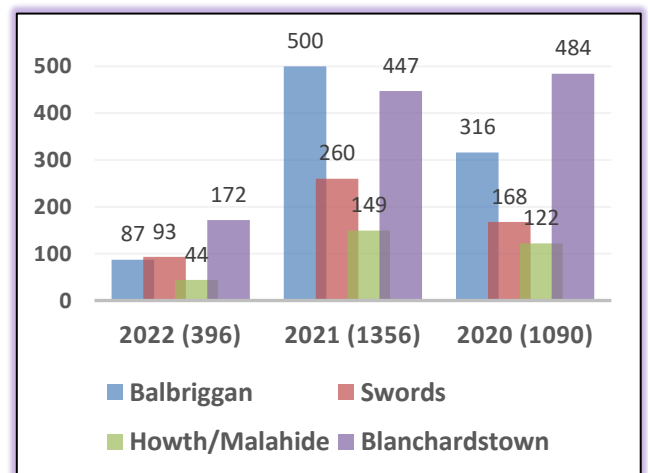
### Surrenders on Estate Management Grounds 2022

– 0 (Jan), 2 (Feb), 2 (Mar)

### ASB Caseload Management

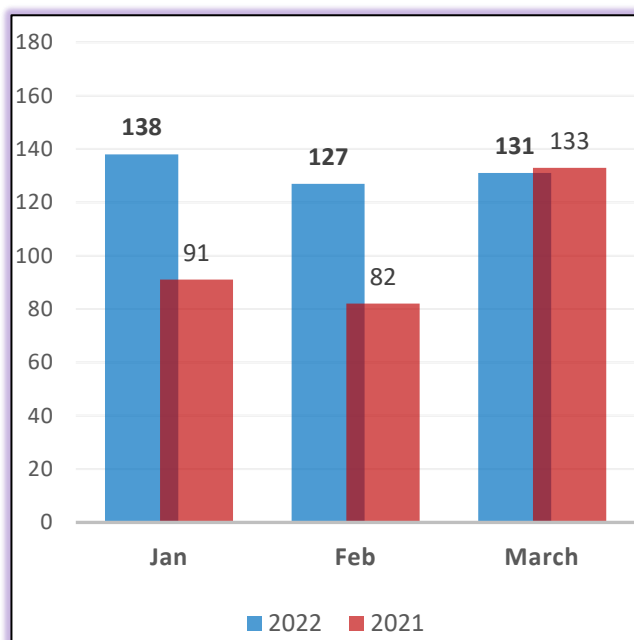
March 2022	Active Investigation	Active Monitoring	Closed
Dublin 15	34	17	8
North County	28	17	25
<b>Total</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>33</b>

### Area Breakdown 2020-2022





## Monthly Breakdown of Complaints Received 2021-2022



## Anti-Social Interventions

<b>Interviews Held 2022</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Interviews Held 2021</b>	47
<b>Tenancy Alerts 2022</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Tenancy Alerts 2021</b>	31
<b>Tenancy Warnings 2022</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Tenancy Warnings 2021</b>	2

## Inspectorate

<b>Traveller Specific Inspections 2022</b>	<b>405</b>
Traveller Specific Inspections 2021	1746
<b>Estate Inspections 2022</b>	<b>354</b>
Estate Inspections 2021	1202
<b>EM/ASB Inspections 2022</b>	<b>463</b>
EM/ASB Inspections 2021	3117

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The Mayor welcomes the OPC back to County Hall  
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Intergenerational Environmental Project, Baldoyle  
Cricket4All: Intergenerational Multi-ability Cricket Initiative  
Information Event for Older People, Corduff, Dublin 15.  
Older Persons Council (OPC) Annual Conference.

### Funding

### Sports

Active PALs Workshops  
Communities Get Moving Fund 2022  
Men On the Move

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

### Thrive Balbriggan – Clonard Brooke Murals

Balbriggan Community Murals at Clonard Brooke have joined the conversation by painting a mural in support of Thrive Balbriggan 'Hello, how are you' Day set for April 7<sup>th</sup> 2022. Thrive Balbriggan is a mental health movement which involves communities, services and agencies working together collaboratively and in a co-productive way to generate ideas. It aims to build understanding and awareness of mental health and well-being in order to create a mental health friendly community for all.

The Community office in association with Thrive Balbriggan and Mental Health Ireland are supporting the local community in Balbriggan to come together for 'Hello, how are you' day on the 7<sup>th</sup> of April 2022. Flemington Community Centre will be hosting an information forum with tea and conversations as we ask each other in a meaningful way 'Hello, how are you?' Empower will be leading a 'Hello, how are you' walk and talk with community and there will be a gathering in the square where the Mayor of Fingal will offer a few words of inspiration. There will be presence in Balbriggan of the Thrive Group promoting the campaign throughout the day including a showcase from Men's Shed and Ardgillan College Choir performing for the community in the

square. The day will close with Balbriggan Gospel Choir performing in the Millfield Shopping centre.



### **International Womens Day 2022 – The Community Office North County**

The Community Department supported several groups in the North County to deliver events for International Womens Day 2022. Fingal Community Office and Aster Family Recourse centre hosted guest speakers on various topics from Human rights & equality, gender discrimination, Unconscious Bias, and Person Development. Cairde Balbriggan celebrated International Womens Day with a grand reopening and an event focused on Domestic Violence, women's safety and the menopause. Rush Community Council hosted a self-defence demonstration with the TY students from St. Josephs Community College and gave out key chain whistles, torches and self-defence top tips. Lusk Community Council in association with Ellie Dennis, Irish Judo's Ambassador for Women in Sport held a showcase to demonstrate how Judo can empower women and girls. All events were very successful with large attendances throughout.





## Let's Play Rush, Urbact Playful Town Initiative – Mid Term Review

Members from the Urbact Local Group for Let's Play Rush, Playful Towns Initiative attended the mid-term project review with the collective partners towns of Sligo, Donegal, Portlaoise, Rathdrum. The meeting was kindly hosted by Laois County Council who are proud owners of the first plane ever built and briefly flown in 1912. It was a great opportunity to see what Portlaoise are doing, including the lovely mural provided by Foroige. Another great initiative involved a Nature Based Landscape Artist engaging with the residents in an older housing estate to allow residents voice their wishes on how they would like to develop the estate and green spaces using a series of postcards to capture their ideas.

Training on Place Making was delivered by Wessel Badenhorst. Great initiatives and experiences were collectively shared. The FCC Community Department are excited to explore how some of these initiatives can be incorporated into our everyday work across the county.



## Baldoyle forum

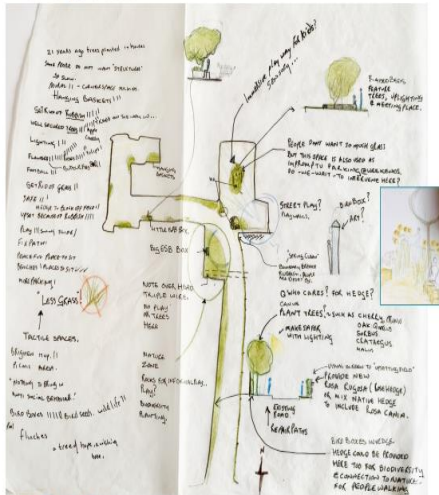
Baldoyle Forum has had a busy 2022 to date with the support of the FCC Community Office. International Womens Day (IWD) was celebrated in partnership with SisterShed Baldoyle on March 8<sup>th</sup>. A demonstration of self-defence tactics for women, followed by inspirational talks by writer Joanne Faulkner on women's health and by CEO of Environmental Organisation VOICE, Mindy O' Brien, took place in the centre. Individual contributions were invited from the various women present with many moving testimonies given. The forum is co-hosting an inter-generational project with Baldoyle Men's Shed and a local school in the coming weeks. Finally, Baldoyle forum will commence a drop-in service for the newly arrived Ukrainian community on Friday mornings this month. All these initiatives are supported by the FCC Community Development Office.



## Cois na hAbhann/Bruach na hAbhann Portlaoise

Themes emerging from what we spoke about.

- Play, (+27) Football (+3)
- Lots of flowers (+26)
- Roses (+7) Butterflies (+5)
- Lots of trees (+26)
- Specially along the avenue (+2)
- Benches, places to sit (+15)
- Clean up rubbish/upset because of rubbish (+10)
- ledge to block field visually (+2)
- Bird boxes (+5) seeds for birds to eat (+1)
- Lighting, (+3) Feel safe (+3) ramps (+1)
- grass (+2), Mural/Paint wall (+3) Brighten it up
- 3) Hanging Baskets (+3)
- 6 path, (+1) Gathering/Picnic area (+3), More Parking (+1)
- littering to bring and social behavior (+1) Finches near Tractor tyres (+1), smiles (+1) be kind (+1) make people happy (+1)
- stitch ball in the street (+1)



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## FACILITIES

### Fingal Community Facilities Network

The first meeting in 2022 of the Fingal Community Facilities Network members was held in the Hilton Hotel Dublin Airport on March 10. The agenda included a presentation from FCRS General Manager David McNally on Business Planning for the facility managers and administrative staff in attendance. Other speakers included Senior Community Development Officer Janet Ivers who updated the members on the upcoming plans for new facility operational guidelines. Senior Community Officer Sinead Wiley presented an overview of the Community Development Office work and there was also an additional guide to upcoming funding available to Community groups presented by Senior Sports Officer Niall McGuirk. Community Centre Area Manager Emma Donegan presented a comprehensive overview of the work carried out by the Community Facility Remobilisation group over the past two years of the COVID 19 pandemic.

### Community and Sports Hub Flemington – Ukrainian Group Capacity Building

On the 27th of March 2022, a Ukrainian Group in Balbriggan came together with the support of the Community Office to join the Flemington Community and Sports Hub. The group has been meeting in the square in Balbriggan over the last couple of weeks and are now looking to build group capacity and decide on actions for supporting the Ukrainian community.

Flemington Community and Sports Hub is a dedicated space to encourage and support the development of our local groups and services in Balbriggan. The Hub develops and increases awareness of activities in our Community Centres and offers free meeting space for new and re-emerging Community groups. This space supports group development through training and funding opportunities and develops relationships between stakeholder's, community services and agencies.



Each member in attendance also received a pack of newly designed eco-friendly promotional items from the Community Development Office. All items were designed from biodegradable or recycled materials and ranged from bamboo pens and USB flash drives to cotton shopping bags and re-usable water bottle made from Bio-Shiva sugar cane, making them 100% biodegradable.



**Interagency  
Strategic  
Fingal Public Participation Network**

**Fingal PPN Rep Induction and Forum**

In March Fingal PPN reintroduced the Rep Forum as a support for reps engaged in the various committees and boards within Fingal County Council. This session also acted as an induction for new reps who have joined the PPN since the last induction session held in October 2021. The Rep Forum gave the reps the opportunity to engage with the Secretariat members to give them feedback on the challenges and opportunities that they face in their roles. An additional networking element provided further peer to peer support for the reps. We hope that this support will build and strengthen the capacity of the reps in their roles going forward.

**Fingal Draft Development Plan PPN Supports**

In response to the recent release of the Draft Development Plan, Fingal PPN have a series of events and workshops planned throughout April. Workshops include 'Making Effective Submissions' and a session on how to incorporate the UN Sustainable Development Goals into the Local Development Plan. PPN members will also be able to access a drop-in session with Fingal County Council planners to ask their own questions in relation to the draft development plan ahead of the submission deadline of 12<sup>th</sup> May.

**Integration:  
Irish Traveller Movement – Yellow Flag Awards 2022:**

The Yellow Flag awards took place online on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March. There was input from many schools involved in this Anti-Racism Programme which showcased the projects undertaken by the students. The Community Development Office – Integration Team, work with and provide funding to the Irish Traveller Movement for schools in Fingal to participate and each year we build on this. The schools currently involved in the programme are: Blakestown Community School Blanchardstown, Broadmeadow Swords, Pobalscoil Neasán Baldoyle and Loreto College Balbriggan. Sharyn Ward sang an Irish Traveller song to encourage the groups to continue their very important work both in school and in their communities.



## Ukrainian Refugee Crisis – Meeting Delegation / Raising Flag County Hall:

Mayor of Fingal, Ministers and Chief Executive, members of Fingal Staff along with the Integration Team met with members of the Ukrainian community to listen to their voice on issues facing them as a result of the war in their county. The Ukrainian Ambassador Larysa Gerasko spoke about the situation they are facing and commended the response in Fingal. The Mayor and Ambassador then raised the Ukrainian Flag.



## AGE FRIENDLY

### Welcome back to County Hall



On the 16<sup>th</sup> Of March 2022 the Mayor of Fingal, Cllr. Seaná ÓRodaigh welcomed Fingal's Age Friendly Older Persons Council (OPC) back to County Hall after a long two-year absence due to the Covid 19 restrictions. Although the OPC continued to meet over zoom throughout the pandemic they are delighted to be able to meet again in person not only for the social aspect but also for "getting business done". Mayor ÓRodaigh, thanked the member of the OPC for their continued commitment to their roles on the Council and spoke about the importance of Fingal County Council hearing, understanding and considering the needs of the older aged citizens so that we deliver appropriate services that are accessible and inclusive for all.

### Celebrating Intergenerational Global Week:

As we emerge from the pandemic now more than ever it's vital that we develop and celebrate relationships between generations to rebuild our communities, reduce isolation and loneliness, improve health and mental wellbeing, help young people to catch up with their learning and to reduce ageism.

Intergenerational Global Week will take place on the week commencing 25<sup>th</sup> April and will be led by Generations Working Together from Scotland in partnership with Linking Generations Northern Ireland, Bridging the Generations, (Wales) and The Beth Johnson Foundation (England). Fingal County



Council are leading the way in raising awareness of intergenerational practice in the community during April and Vicki Tittering, Manager, Linking Generations Northern Ireland will present at our Intergenerational Masterclass.

### **Intergenerational Masterclass.**

A masterclass on Intergenerational Practice will take place on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2022 in the Hilton Hotel. The masterclass is organised by the Community Office and hosted by the Facilities Management Network. Due to the interest in intergenerational practice in the community and the expertise of the presenters, the Facilities Network has increased capacity, to allow participants from other organizations and agencies whom we collaborate with. The experts consist of Ms. Vicki Titterington, Manager, Linking Generations Northern Ireland and Dr. Carmel Gallagher and Dr. Anne Fitzpatrick, who collaborated on the EU TOY (The old and young together) Programme.

### **Intergenerational Environmental Project, Baldoyle.**

A survey of Baldoyle Bay will be undertaken by 5<sup>th</sup> Class Students in St. Laurence National School, Baldoyle and Baldoyle Men's Shed. The project will take place over four weeks with sea temperatures recorded and samples including different seaweed in two designed areas of the bay will be collected, catalogued, and the information input into a national database. Nine older men from Baldoyle's Men's Shed have volunteered to participate in the project which will commence as soon as Garda Vetting has been obtained by the school.

### **Cricket4All: Intergenerational Multi-ability Cricket Initiative.**

Funding from the Disability Participation and Awareness Fund 2021 was awarded in December 2021 for a collaboration between the Community Department and Cricket Leinster.



Cricket4All, a year-long project in Skerries and Balbriggan, commenced in March 2022 with the appointment by Cricket Leinster of a project coordinator. Coaching in table cricket as well as adapted cricket skills and small-sided games will be provided to groups of active older people in the wider community and groups of young people with disabilities to develop intergenerational teams for competition. A taster session, to encourage participants from St. Michael's House, the Irish Wheelchair Association and Prosper Fingal, as well as volunteers from Skerries and Balbriggan Cricket clubs took place in Flemington Community Centre. A further session for members of The Ripple Effect in their venue in Balbriggan took place on 30<sup>th</sup> March with a further taster session planned for St. Michael's Primary School in Skerries. Recruitment of older participants is ongoing.



A table cricket Leaders Course took place on 3<sup>rd</sup> March in Flemington Community Centre, Balbriggan to develop a pool of trained coaches to assist in the delivery of this project.

### **Information Event for Older People, Corduff, Dublin 15.**

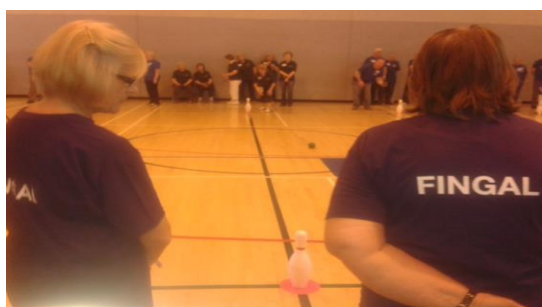
An Information Event for Older People will take place on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May in Corduff Community Centre to provide advice and information for older people on services and activities. A number of organisations such as the HSE, An Garda Síochána, Citizens Information, Alone, Empower and Age Friendly Ireland have been invited to attend the event.

## Older Persons Council (OPC) Annual Conference.

A Steering Group was established with the assistance of the Community Officer to organise the Annual Conference which will take place on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2022 in the Marine Hotel, Sutton. A number of speakers have been invited to attend to present a range of topics including the Assisted Decision Making (Capacity) Act and the Decision Support Services. An element of fun is included in the event, with music and dance in the afternoon.

## Funding Sports Office Active PALs Workshops

Fingal Sports Office with the support of the Community Development team have engaged the services of Age & Opportunity to provide eight four-hour Active Physical Active Leader (PALs) Workshops in Blakestown Community Resource Centre starting on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2022 and running until the end of May. The objective of this training is to enable members of Older Adult groups or those working with Older Adults to carry out a leadership role in the planning and managing of physical activities within a group or community centre as Active PALs. Eighteen have registered to attend the training with a cross-section of participants Community Centre Staff, Care Staff, members of Men's Sheds, Walking Football Groups, ICA's, Active Retired Groups and Book Clubs.



## Communities Get Moving Fund 2022

The Sports Office through Sport Ireland's COVID-Support Fund is administering the Communities Get Moving Fund (Max €1,200 per org) to community groups and organisations to encourage them to

engage in physical activity. The groups whose primary focus is not physical activity will be encouraged to link in with their local community centre or Sports Club to avail of physical activity services. Applications will open on April 1<sup>st</sup>.



## Men On the Move

The Sports Office is looking for men in the Mulhuddart area to participate in the Men on the Move programme starting on March 28<sup>th</sup>. Men on the Move is a free, twelve-week community-based beginners physical activity programme for inactive adult men. The programme will take place twice a week and is delivered by the Sports Office in partnership with the HSE and the support of the Community Office. Men on the Move supports men to begin their journey to (re)connect with themselves via a safe and non-judgemental environment.

**MEN WANTED**

Want to start exercising?

Want to feel fitter and have more energy?

We are delivering a **FREE, MEN ONLY**, 12-week physical activity programme in your **LOCAL AREA**;

Join along to our information evening. For further details contact:

**Mulhuddart Community Centre**  
Mondays and Wednesdays at 5pm  
Starting Monday 28th March

**Email**  
mulhuddartcc@gmail.com  
or call 01-8215120  
for further information

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## Active Travel

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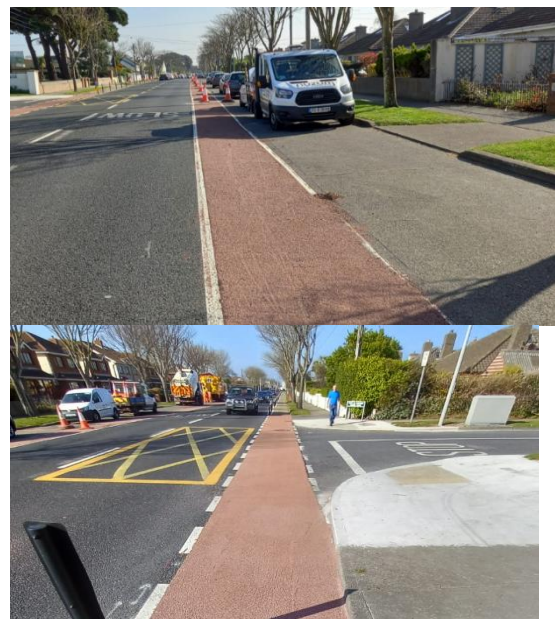
The Active Travel team has engaged consultants to prepare an Active Travel Strategy. Strategy update was presented to councillors on the Transport and Infrastructure Management SPC in March 2022. Feedback recorded and worked with consultant prior to update the draft document. A non-statutory public consultation will be carried out for the draft strategy for seven weeks. This will run from the 4<sup>th</sup> of April to the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May 2022. Two webinars will also be run over the consultation period.

Interviews with strategic external stakeholders e.g., Fingal Chamber of Commerce will also be conducted to gain feedback on the draft strategy. In addition, a briefing call to councillors will be carried out prior to the commencement of the non-statutory consultation.

### Cycle Protected Lanes

#### Baldoyle-Howth Protected Cycle Lane Scheme Phase 1

Works ongoing for Phase 1 of the scheme. Bollards installed on Dublin Road between St. Fintan's High School to Sutton Cross. Snag works completed on Howth Road for civil works. Epoxy resin works have re-commenced on Warrenhouse Road for red coloured epoxy sections and on Dublin Road. Works will continue for the epoxy resin scope once weather conditions improve over the next two months.



Junction upgrade works have commenced on Baldoyle Road/Dublin Road. Civil works are on-going on all arms of the junction. New footpaths and buildouts are being installed. Works will progress over April 2022.





### **Towns & Village**

Works are ongoing in the development of a brief for some of our Towns & Villages. A brief is being developed by our Active Travel Team for Balrothery Village to look at the scope of works required to be delivered under our Active Travel pillars.

Work is also ongoing to develop a Brief for Skerries Active Travel Plan in order to Procure and Engage with a multi-disciplinary Engineering Consultant to carry out this study. We have engaged with the ESRI in order to get their input regarding Behavioural Change, Commercial and Socio-economic factors. They are currently reviewing the draft brief to provide feedback and comment in advance of going out to procurement of a consultant.

### **Connectivity/Permeability**

We are continuing to receive various requests for Permeability and Connectivity improvements from various stakeholders across the county. These requests are being recorded in detail for evaluation and if appropriate identification of a means of delivery on the ground.

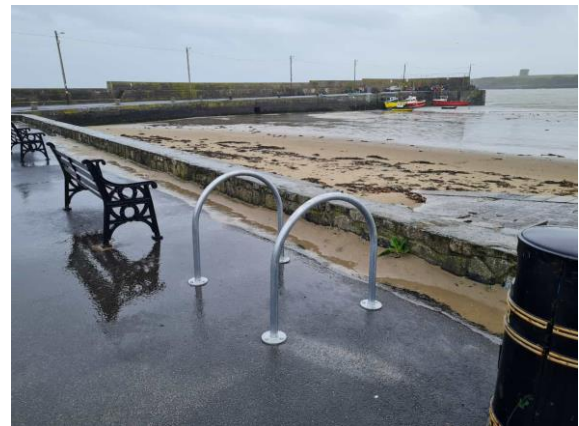
Where there are other project being progressed in the area at either design or construction stage we endeavour to include these Connectivity and Permeability improvements within those projects.

Some of the requests that have been received, evaluated and are included in a brief that has been prepared and is going out to the market to engage a

consultant to develop these projects through Options report and concept design initially. This will allow the projects to be developed to detailed design for implementation. Once these are further developed, we will make available to the members.

Greenway connectivity support teams have been convened to review, design, and deliver active travel infrastructure that will enhance accessibility between the proposed strategic greenways and residential, educational, amenity and commercial zones. These support projects have been set up for Fingal Coastal Way, Broadmeadow Way/Sutton to Malahide Greenway and Royal Canal Greenway. This will help to optimise the use of the proposed greenway by both leisure and commuter users.

### **Secure bicycle stand infrastructure**



**Loughshinny Beach**



**Kettle Park, Drynam, Swords**

## Road Safety

### School Warden Recruitment Update

The position of temporary reserve school warden was advertised on 01/03/22 until 22/03/22. Unfortunately, only 8 candidates have applied across the 7 LEA's. It has been decided to extend the advertisement for a further two weeks and to resend the application forms to all schools, community centres and through the PPN to encourage applications.

### National Slow Down Day Road Safety Authority

The first National Slow Down Day of 2022 took place from 07:00 hours on Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> of March to Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> of March 07:00 hours. An Garda Síochána conducted a national speed enforcement operation supported by the RSA and Local Authorities during this time.

The aim of 'Slow Down Day' is to remind drivers of the dangers of speeding, to increase compliance with speed limits and act as a deterrent to driving at excessive or inappropriate speed. The overall objective is to reduce the number of speed related collisions, save lives and reduce injuries on our roads.

Excessive and inappropriate speed is a major contributory factor in road traffic collisions, confirmed by an RSA report on fatal collisions between 2008 and 2012 which found that excessive speed was a contributory factor in almost one third of fatal collisions during that time. The higher the speed, the greater the likelihood is of a collision happening and the more severe the outcome of that collision.



## Mobility

### Marchathon

Marchathon is an annual Smarter Travel Workplaces and Campus Step Challenge that runs during March. It is open to all staff and students of partners of the Smarter Travel Workplace and Campus Programmes. The aim of the Challenge is to encourage and support staff to walk more throughout their day, particularly on the commute, and to support and facilitate long term physical activity where possible.

This year, it was fantastic to see a number of Teams across Fingal participating in the Challenge with one Team in particular, leading the way from the Environment Section. Well done to Team 'Footloose in Fingal' who rose to the challenge and held the top position for the 4 weeks. Thank you for supporting #ActiveTravel in the workplace.



### Scoil Olibhéir Fun Run

Well done to Scoil Olibhéir in Blanchardstown who recently held a fun run in aid of St Francis' Hospice. Great to see the kids and teachers using #ActiveTravel and getting out for some fresh air and exercise all for a great cause. The Active Travel Section were delighted to be able to assist by providing participants with Hi-Viz vests for the event.



### St Patricks Day Parade

Active Travel were delighted to provide support to the Events Team for this year's Swords and Blanchardstown Parades with both the Mayor Seána O' Rodaigh and Deputy Mayor Daniel Whooley being chauffeured in the parades on our brand new Cycling without Age trishaws. It was a great opportunity to promote this initiative which we hope to launch in Summer 2022 and excellent to see people gather again at an event after a long two years.

### Staff Lunchtime Cycles

Staff were invited to join the Active Travel Team and members from the Smart Mobility Hub for a lunchtime cycle on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March and what a beautiful day we picked. The sky was blue and we were delighted heading off into the sunshine for a cycle along the canal. We even managed to entice staff from County Hall to join us. Our colleagues said they felt refreshed and motivated heading back to the office for the afternoon. We are already looking forward to the next one.



### Refresher Cycle Training

Active Travel were delighted to host refresher cycle training in Malahide Demesne on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March for councillors in advance of the upcoming cycle study tour to Copenhagen. Well done to everyone who attended. I think everyone found the training beneficial and rewarding and we look forward to holding similar sessions in the future.



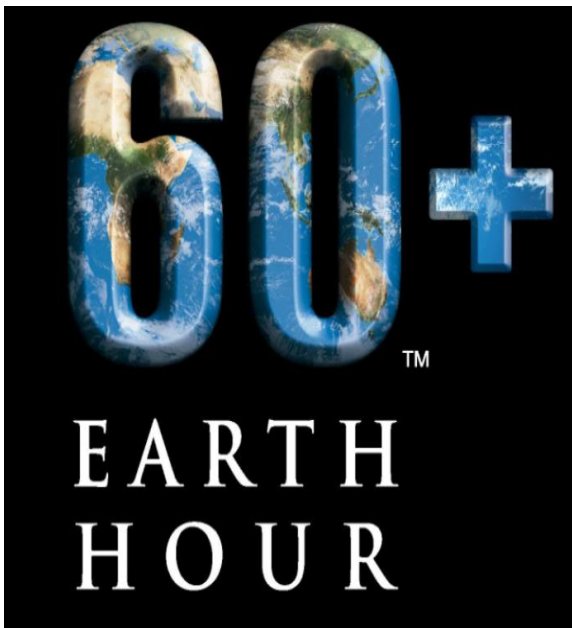
### Climate Action

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

The CCAP Second Annual Progress Report was presented to the Climate Action, Biodiversity, Environment Strategic Policy Committee SPC in December 2021 and to the Corporate Policy Group in January 2022 and was well received. The Report outlines progress in summary against all actions and presents an overview of progress against each theme in the Plan. Council energy efficiency targets have been met and the Plan is progressing well. The Report can be viewed at <https://www.fingal.ie/climate-change-action-plan-2019-2024>

### Lights-out for Earth Hour 26<sup>th</sup> March 2022

At 8:30pm on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2022, Fingal County Council will be supporting Earth Hour 2022 by switching off all lights in County Hall, Swords and Civic Offices Blanchardstown. We will join supporters in over 190 countries uniting to raise awareness of the issues facing our planet and to take action on climate change. Earth Hour is a symbol of solidarity and a catalyst for change to bring about a brighter future for people and our planet.



### Smart Dublin Open Data Climate Action Challenge

The Smart Dublin Open Data Climate Action Challenge will launch on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2022 organised by Smart Dublin, Climate Action Offices of the four Dublin local authorities, the Dublin Metropolitan Climate Action Office CARO, Codema Dublin's Energy Agency and Derlinx who manage open data publishing and open data for public bodies. Data which is publicly available as open data on National open data portals can be used. Individuals and groups with an idea for a project are invited to apply and entries can be under five climate action themes of Energy and Buildings, Nature Based Solutions and Biodiversity, Flood Resilience, Transport and Resource Management and the Circular Economy. €20,000 in prize funding has been provided by DPER's Open Data Engagement Fund as rewards for the best projects. The Challenge looks for analysis, models and visualisations which use data to produce maps, apps, algorithms to support, gamify, raise awareness of and drive Climate Action in the Dublin Region. Further details can be found at <https://smartdublin.ie/dublin-region-climate-action-open-data-challenge-2022/>

### Environmental Awareness

On 15<sup>th</sup> March the Environmental Awareness Department in partnership with the Rediscovery Centre delivered 14 childrens and adult bikes and scooters to the Migrant Reception Centre at Baleskin. The children using the service will share the bikes and the adults bikes were allocated by the staff.



Fifteen Musical instruments were also delivered during March to the Centre. This fiddle was handed in at the Estuary Recycling Center and given to a girl in emergency accommodation in Fingal.





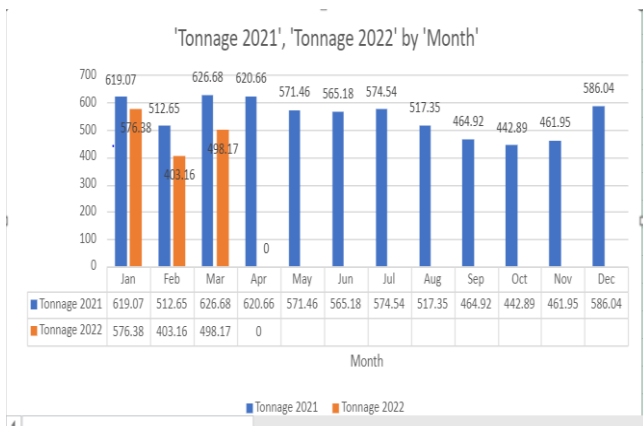
Green Schools Assessments are ongoing. Several schools have eliminated single-use plastic bottles and carry out regular litter picks around the school and are linked in with local Tidy Towns Groups. Pictured here St Patricks School in Corduff Dublin 15 who were assessed for their 6<sup>th</sup> Green Flag – Global Citizenship Litter and Waste.



**Bring Centres**

**Bottle Banks**

The total tonnage of glass collected for recycling in Fingal in March 2022 was 498.17 tons. Details of the tonnages collected for 2021 and year to date are shown below.



The Environment Department continues to look for new opportunities to expand our network.

Risk Assessments have been carried out on two existing Bring Bank sites including Selskar, Barnageeragh Road, Skerries, and at three potential sites and the results will be available shortly.

Painting and power washing of botte banks will continue in April 2022.



**Wheelie Bin Site**

Above is an example of a Fingal County Council Wheelie Bin Site which are placed at fourteen locations across the County. They provide a recycling service for sites that are not accessible to the large Glassco trucks that has a lifting crane this is often due to large trees and overhead electricity cables.

**Textile Banks**

The total tonnage of textiles collected for recycling in Fingal in February 2022 was 16.5 tons. March 2022 figures are not yet available. Details of the tonnages collected for 2021 and year to date are shown below.



if the licence has not been purchased and produced within 10 days of the notice being issued. House calls to check for dog licences in March took place in Paddy's Hill, Portmarnock, Baskin in Kinsealy and Mount Rochford, Balbriggan.

In March, 48 notices were issued which resulted in the issuing of 5 fines. To date, 3 of these fines have been paid.

Month	10 day notices issued	Fines Issued	Fines Paid	Payment Received
February	36	17	0	€0
March	48	5	3	€300



Howth Harbour Textile Banks

The total amount of receipted dog fines for the first 3 months of the year is €1,200.

**Dog Licences**

Income from dog licence fees have increased by €920 from February.

	Annual Licences Purchased	Lifetime Licences Purchased	Income from Licences
February	496	35	€14,820
March	458	47	€15,740



Littlepace Textile Banks Dublin 15

We will continue to advertise the requirement for dog owners to hold a licence for their dogs on social media platforms.

**Dog Warden, Dog Shelter Services & Horses**

**Dog Warden Service**

The dog wardens continue to patrol the County and issue 10 Day Notices to dog owners who do not have licences for their dogs. This is followed up with a fine

Does your dog have a licence?

Purchase at any Post Office or online at [licences.ie](http://licences.ie)

Annual Licence Fee: €20.00. Lifetime Licence €140.00.

Failure to purchase a licence can result in on-the-spot fine of €100 or court prosecution and fine of €1,270

## The Dog Shelter Service

The dog shelter holds "Meet & Greet" visits for those looking to rehome a dog. Visits can be arranged, by appointment only, from Monday – Friday, 10am until 4pm and on Saturday from 11am and 1pm



**DUBLIN COUNTY DOG SHELTER**

**MEET & GREETs**  
STRICTLY BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

**Monday - Friday**  
Between 10-4pm

**Saturday**  
Between 11-1pm

**No meet and greets sunday**  
Please call in advance

The dog shelter holds stray dogs picked up by the dog warden and dogs who have been surrendered by their owners. At the beginning of the month there were 5 dogs in the shelter. During March, 6 dogs were found straying and 7 dogs were surrendered.

Of these 18 dogs, 9 have been rehomed through rescue centres or to members of the public. 9 dogs remain in the shelter at the end of March.

Dogs in Shelter at the start of March	5
Stray dogs brought to Shelter	6
Surrendered by owners	7
Reclaimed	0
Rehomed to Rescue	3
Rehomed to Public	6
Dogs in Shelter at the end of March	9



**Chase and Hannah - Two of the dogs who have been rehomed by the shelter in March**

## Horse Seizures

No horses were found straying in public spaces during March.

## Litter Management

A total of 315 planned route inspections were carried out by the Litter Wardens in March 2022.

Details of fines and warning notices for March 2022 are shown in the table below.

Month	Fines issued 2021	Warnings Issued 2021	Fines Issued 2022	Warnings Issued 2022
March	36	35	34	39

There were no Court dates listed for litter fines in March 2022.

## Dog Fouling

There were three fines in March relating to dog fouling. The issue of dog fouling continues to be an issue in Fingal. Comms have scheduled anti dog fouling posts on social media platforms to highlight the issue and remind dog owners to be responsible and clean up after their dogs.



### Abandoned Cars

The Abandoned Cars Pilot scheme is continuing with the removal of 3 abandoned cars in March. Final notices have been issued to a further 4 registered owners with a removal date in April if unclaimed.



Details on how to report an Abandoned car can be found [on https://www.fingal.ie/council/service/abandonedvehicles](https://www.fingal.ie/council/service/abandonedvehicles)

### Water Quality Protection

A public consultation is now open on the candidate **Heavily Modified Waterbodies** (HMWBs) as part of the River Basin Management Plan. The closing date for submissions is **30 April 2022**.

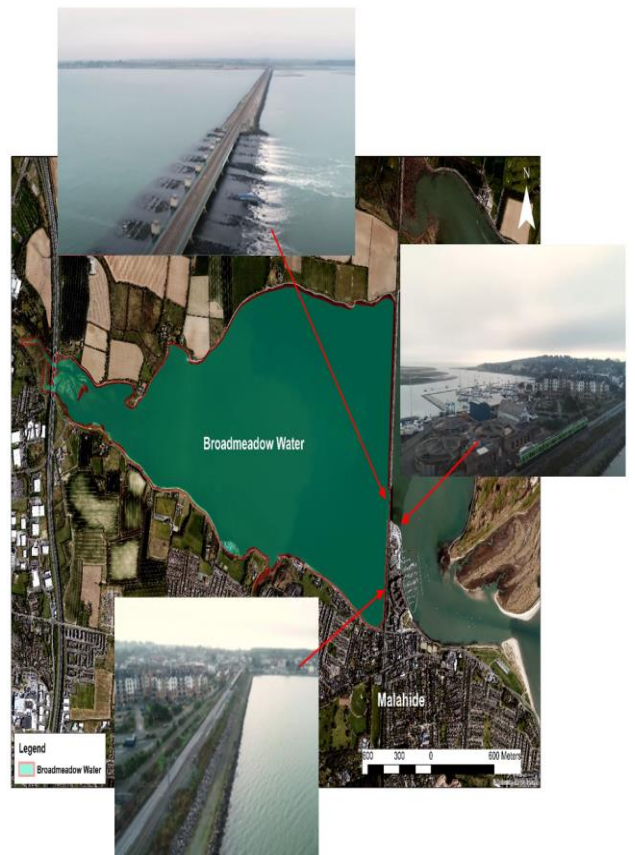
The purpose of this consultation is to seek your views on the designation of heavily modified waterbodies, and the review process that has been conducted to feed into the final river basin management plan for

2022-2027. Please forward any comments you may have to [catchments@epa.ie](mailto:catchments@epa.ie)

**Broadmeadow Water** is named as one of the 13 National TraC (Transitional and Costal) water bodies identified as HMWBs, the sole water body identified in Fingal County Council.

A high level summary of the designation review can be found at <https://www.catchments.ie/public-consultation-on-the-designation-of-heavily-modified-waterbodies-for-the-third-cycle-river-basin-management-plan/>

A technical review document and the list of HMWB candidates can be found here: <https://www.epa.ie/publications/corporate/consultations/-consultations/Technical-review-of-HMWB-designation-March-2022.pdf> Broadmeadow Water case study can be found in section 5.3.2 of this document.



***Map of Broadmeadow Water and some of the modifications present***

## Circular Economy

### Cabinet approves landmark Bill that will introduce world-leading moves to reduce waste and influence behaviour

From [Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications](#)

Published on 30 March 2022

The [Circular Economy Bill](#), which has been published by the government, will underpin Ireland's shift from a "take-make-waste" linear model to a more sustainable pattern of production and consumption that will instead minimise waste to help significantly reduce our greenhouse gas emissions.

In a circular economy, waste and resource use are minimised. The use and value of products and materials is maintained for as long as possible. When a product has reached the end of its life its parts are used again and again – to create further useful products, instead of being discarded which is an all too familiar pattern now. Issues dealt with are GDPR compliant CCTV to detect and prevent unsightly and illegal dumping and littering, among other measures. This will help to discourage "fly-tipping" which is a blight across the country.

With this Bill, over time, a range of single-use disposable products will also be phased out. Among its targets is to make Ireland the first country in the world to eliminate the use of disposable coffee cups, nearly half a million of which are currently sent to landfill or incineration every day, amounting to 200 million cups a year.

This process will begin with a ban over the coming months on the use of disposable coffee cups for sit-in customers in cafés and restaurants, followed by the introduction of a small charge on disposable cups for takeaway coffees that can be avoided completely by using a keep cup. This will operate in the same way as the existing Plastic Bag Levy, which has been so successful in reducing plastic bag litter across the country.

<https://www.gov.ie/en/press-release/e24d9-cabinet-approves-landmark-bill-that-will-introduce-world-leading-moves-to-reduce-waste-and-influence-behaviour/#:~:text=A%20significant%20action,that%20they%20caused>

## Waste Enforcement

An awareness campaign is underway to highlight the issue of illegal waste collectors and illegal dumping. Beware of adverts online & leaflets dropped to your door, advertising cheap rubbish removal. If you give your waste to an illegal collector you risk prosecution and a fine in the District court if your waste is found dumped.

Unlicensed waste collectors are collectors that **DO NOT** hold a waste collection permit which can lead to dumping of waste and pollution of our environment. Always ask if a collector has a [waste collection permit](#) and if they don't, do not hand over your waste. You can find registered waste collectors through the National Waste Collection Permit Office at: <http://www.nwcpo.ie/permitsearch.aspx>

Report illegal dumping and waste collectors without a permit to [environment@fingal.ie](mailto:environment@fingal.ie).  
**#StopIllegalDumping**

Recycle responsibly at our Coolmine and Estuary recycling centres: <https://fingal.ie/.../civic-amenity-sites-provision...>



## Waste Enforcement - Inspection Plan 2022

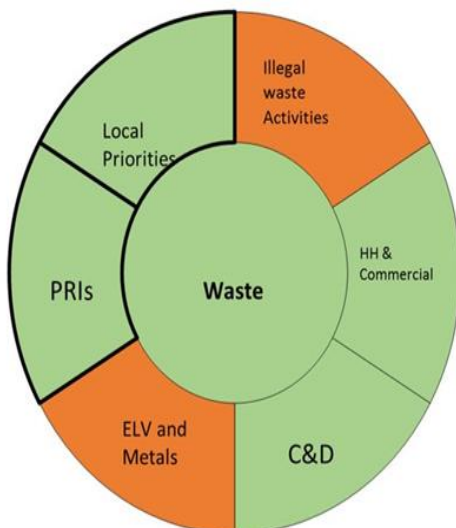
For the 5 National Waste Priorities a total of 1101 inspections are planned involving 57 different tasks. The key work areas are:



A breakdown of environmental inspection completed in Q1 2022 across the 4 keys areas - total of 1,324 inspections undertaken so far.

### National + Local Enforcement Priorities – Environmental Inspections 2022

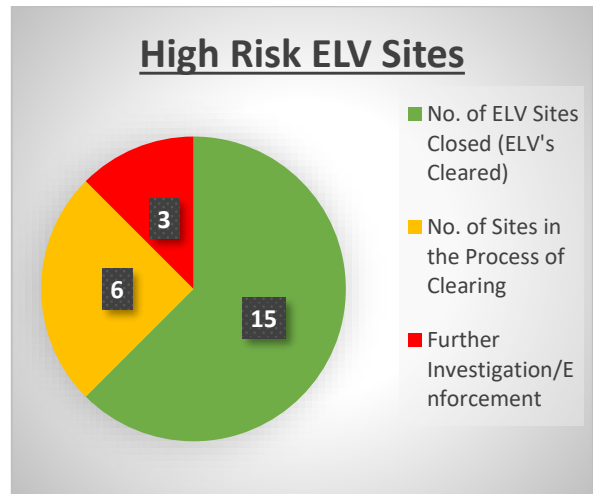
Category	No. of Planned Inspections 2022	Inspections Undertaken Q1 2022
Waste Enforcement	1101	152
Water Pollution	999	204
Litter Management	3,216	903
Air & Noise Pollution	248	88



### ELV Project

Tackling unauthorised End of Life Vehicle (ELV) sites is a National Waste Enforcement Priority and has been a key Local Fingal Activity for the past 2 years. A total of 82 illegal ELV sites were identified in Fingal comprising low and high-risk sites. Significant progress has been made to date with 72 illegal sites closed and hundreds of ELV's brought to

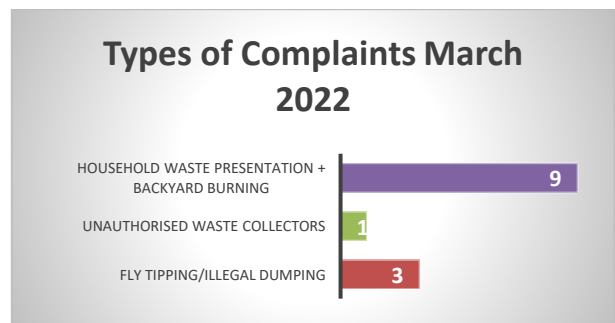
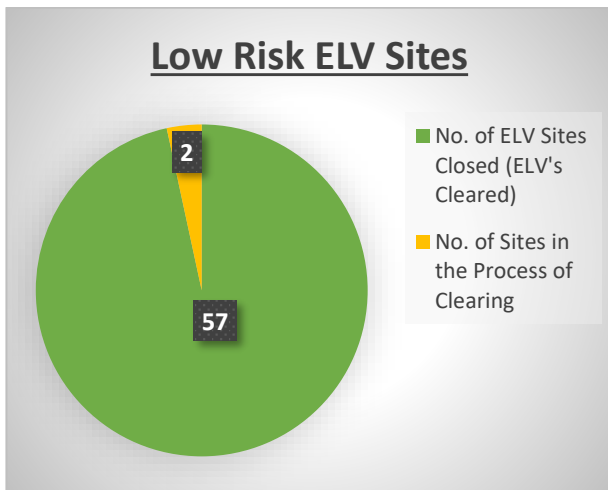
authorised treatment facilities for recovery. Work will continue during 2022 to deal with the remaining sites with legal action proposed for the more difficult sites. Repeat inspections are also planned to ensure sites already cleared don't revert back to illegal car breaking activities.



<b>Total No. of ELV Sites</b>	<b>82</b>
<b>No. of ELV Sites Closed</b>	<b>72</b>
<b>No. of Sites Currently Clearing ELV's</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Further Enforcement</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>No. of Inspections</b>	<b>305</b>
<b>No. of ELV's Removed</b>	<b>975</b>
<b>Directions and Notices Issues</b>	<b>52</b>

### Waste Complaints

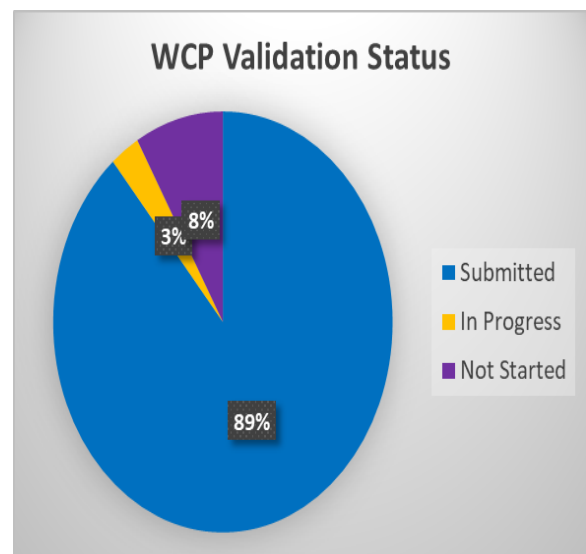
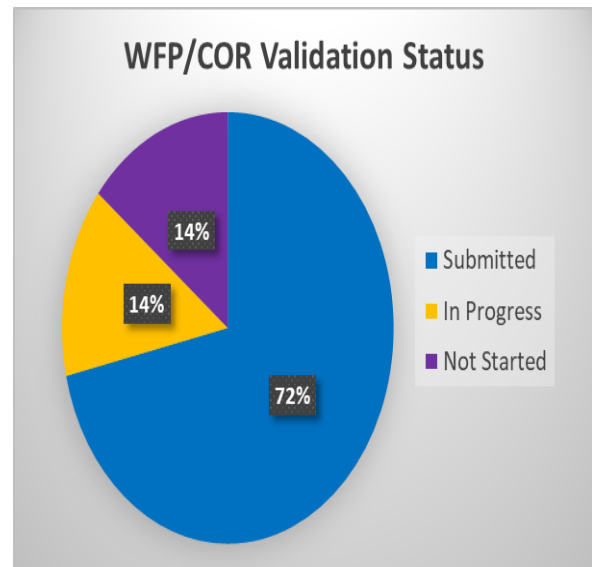
A total of 13 waste complaints were received during March. Complaints consist mainly of backyard storage/burning of waste, illegal dumping/fly tipping issues and reports of unauthorised waste collectors. Information in relation to unauthorised sites/collectors can be forwarded to [environment@fingal.ie](mailto:environment@fingal.ie).





Enforcement Officers have started work on AR Validations throughout March involving issuing reminder correspondence to all Permit Holders who have not submitted data by deadline of 28<sup>th</sup> of February 2022. For any outstanding ARs after 1st April 2022, Local Authorities will follow-up with enforcement action e.g. €500 Fixed Payment Notices. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) identifies a list of waste facilities which must be prioritised for validation by Local Authorities.

There is a total of **108 WCP Holders** and **21 WFP Holders** in Fingal that require validation in 2022.



### Annual Return Validations

All Waste Collection Permit (WCP), Waste Facility Permit (WFP) and Certificate of Registration (CoR) holders are required to submit an Annual Environment Report (AER) or Annual Return (AR) where they collected /processed waste in any given year. The data gathered during the AR process is used for regional waste planning, waste data reporting and waste enforcement purposes, at local, regional and national level. It is very important that the accuracy of the data submitted is validated. The National Waste Collection Permit Office (NWCPO) Eden Portal opens to Local Authorities from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022. Waste



## C&D Waste

Waste Enforcement Officers continue to ensure the proper management of Construction and Demolition waste which entails both desktop and site-based inspections. In March, and throughout Q1 of 2022, Waste Enforcement Officers carried out desk-based assessments of Construction and Waste Demolition Plans and Article 27 By-product Notifications to ensure compliance with the relevant Regulations including enforcement actions where necessary. Officers work with operators in the construction industry to ensure processes are in place to maximise the recycling of materials but also to ensure waste is disposed of in a safe and authorised manner, including the handling of hazardous wastes arising at sites.



During Q1 Waste Enforcement Officers identified a number of Strategic Housing Development Projects

for site-based inspections. Additional sites will be identified in Q2 when WERLA provide a list of Major Public Project priority sites and as building works commence. As part of site inspections, Waste Enforcement Officers ensure that waste is being managed appropriately and that any exports/imports of wastes are carried out by authorised waste carriers and destined to authorised sites.



Waste Enforcement Officers also tackle the unauthorised disposal of C&D waste within the Fingal area. In March, three sites were identified where C&D waste has been dumped illegally. These sites undercut legitimate operators in the industry and frequently lead to environmental pollution incidents. Officers have followed-up with enforcement action including issuing of direction letters and fixed payment notices. For the more difficult sites legal action will be taken to prevent or remedy environmental pollution.

## Dunsink Landfill – Repurposing of Excavated Stone

Repurposing natural stone rocks excavated from the Landfill area proved to be an effective cost saving measure to relay some of the internal road network of the landfill. Crushing the large rocks into reduced the need to import stone for this purpose saving on additional materials and transport costs



**Photograph 1: Excavator feeding the Crusher with large rocks sourced from the landfill**



**Photograph 2: Crushed stone coming from the Crusher**



**Photograph 3: The crushed stone used as a base for the internal road network.**

## Dunsink Landfill – Tree Planting Programme Commences

Fingal County Council has started planting 14,000 trees across a 4-acre plot (approx. 400 m length x 50 m width) in the former landfill at Dunsink as part of the ongoing restoration of the site and as part. The proposed planting area is located to the north-west of the site, adjacent to the boundary with the M50 motorway. 14,000 trees, of Cherry, Whitebeam, Birch and Crab Apple



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### Financial Reports

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- Summary of Corporate Debtors to 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2022

## Appendix 1

### REVENUE ACCOUNT INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION AT 31st MARCH 2022

	EXPENDITURE			INCOME			NET
	Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent to date	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised	€
Housing & Building	17,914,216	79,782,200	22%	20,163,270	84,923,500	24%	-2,249,054
Road Transport & Safety	6,869,768	27,382,500	25%	2,033,450	7,864,900	26%	4,836,318
Water Services	4,349,456	13,762,800	32%	4,264,975	17,450,600	24%	84,482
Development Management	3,587,769	16,534,600	22%	941,784	5,081,600	19%	2,645,985
Environmental Services	10,739,415	44,689,200	24%	1,338,510	6,821,800	20%	9,400,905
Recreation & Amenity	9,934,182	40,855,700	24%	508,066	1,680,300	30%	9,426,116
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	241,788	1,307,200	18%	55,440	296,600	19%	186,348
Miscellaneous Services	17,654,858	28,343,100	62%	13,498,376	12,395,000	109%	4,156,483
Central Management Charge	10,291,194	47,129,600	22%	743,050	3,518,900	21%	9,548,144
Local Property Tax / GPG				1,878,650	7,514,600	25%	-1,878,650
Rates				38,059,775	152,239,100	25%	-38,059,775
	<b>81,582,646</b>	<b>299,786,900</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>83,485,345</b>	<b>299,786,900</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>-1,902,699</b>

**CAPITAL ACCOUNT**  
**INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 31/03/2022**

		Balance at 01/01/2022 €	Expenditure YTD €	Income YTD €	Balance at 31/03/2022 €
A	Housing & Building	-43,437,957	18,609,024	-7,118,661	-31,947,594
B	Road Transport & Safety	17,743,232	13,166,448	-179,833	30,729,847
C	Water Services	-12,702,629	320,827	-211,123	-12,592,925
D	Development Management	-133,792,824	5,311,231	-10,638,124	-139,119,717
E	Environmental Services	-21,282,804	1,444,079	-367,794	-20,206,519
F	Recreation & Amenity	-12,695,789	7,093,430	-165,112	-5,767,471
H	Miscellaneous Services	-55,983,832	1,414,481	-5,516,066	-60,085,417
	<b>Total</b>	<b>-262,152,603</b>	<b>47,359,520</b>	<b>-24,196,713</b>	<b>-238,989,796</b>
	NB***				
	The Opening Balance for 2022 is subject to change as the AFS 2021 is not finalised				

**SUMMARY OF CORPORATE DEBTORS TO 31/03/2022**

	Balance at 01/01/2022*	Balance at 31/03/2022	Current debt	> 1 Year
	€	€	€	€
RATES	3,445,254	108,160,328	103,093,952	5,066,376
LOANS	1,972,344	1,982,037	249,577	1,732,460
RENTS	8,567,636	8,954,235	4,354,978	4,599,257

\* Rates value of debit at 31/12/2021 was 7.636m with a credit of 4.191m which has substantially been offset against demands 2022 leaving an aged debt greater than the opening balance

\*\*Figures for rents and loans are unadjusted by credits/prepayments

\*\*Note: Balances at 1/1/2022 are only provisional and will be finalised on completion 2021 AFS.

## Appendix 2

<b>Sustainable Transport Measures Grants: 2022 Allocations</b>		
<b>Project Code:</b>	<b>Project Name &amp; Funding Allocation 2022</b>	<b>Comments</b>
FCC/19/005	Schools Streets non SRTS €100,000	
FCC/20/000	Bicycle Parking (Covid) €150,000	Works are ongoing installing secure bicycle parking facilities across the county. Over 35 locations received new bicycle parking infrastructure in public areas. Since September 2021, Active Travel have Increased bike locking capacity by approx. 300 spaces.
FCC/20/0006	Safe Routes to Schools Programme – Infrastructure (with NTA) €1,500,000	Detailed design works for the first lot of 3 schools is now underway with the design works for the remaining schools to follow in sequence.
FCC/21/0001	Snugborough Road – NAC to Ongar €400,000	Design brief and contract documents finalised and feedback received from CPU. Tender competition for the appointment of a consultant to be run in the next two weeks.
FCC/21/0002	Baldoyle to Howth €1,700,000	Bollards installed on all sections for Phase 1. Epoxy resin works have recommenced, and works have been carried out on Warrenhouse Road and Dublin Road.  Junction upgrade works at Baldoyle Road/Dublin Road has commenced and works are ongoing.
FCC/21/0002	Baldoyle to Howth Phase 2 (Dublin Road to Dublin Street) €1,250,000	Options report reviewed and returned to consultant to update after internal review. Update given to councillors at Howth-Malahide ACM. Once updated options report is

		completed AT to engage with councillors on report and next steps for the scheme.
FCC/21/0006	Clonee to Blanchardstown Shopping Centre €250,000	Design brief and contract documents being drafted for the appointment of an engineering consultant for Q2' 2022.
FCC/21/XXX	FCC Castleknock to Blanchardstown via Farmleigh €50,000	Cycle of route being organised internally of proposed route. Once completed a design brief will be finalised for a feasibility and options report on scheme.
FCC/22/0001	St.Cronan's Ave & Brackenstown Rd €1,750,000	A non-statutory public consultation is now underway between the 25th of March – 22nd April 2022. The public can find project details and plans through the online consultation portal at <a href="https://consult.fingal.ie">https://consult.fingal.ie</a>  Briefing provided to Cllrs on the 16 <sup>th</sup> March with presentation to follow at Aprils ACM with regard to progress and updates.
FCC/22/XXX	Hartstown/Huntstown/Mountview Rd D1 €1,100,000	All heavy civil and concrete works are now all complete at St Philips school. Planting of rain gardens is to be carried out in the last week of March / first week of April. Epoxy surfacing and pencil bollards will be placed in early April.  Further works to follow on 2 junctions and 2 roundabouts to provide a safe route for vulnerable road users, these works are expected to begin in mid April.
FCC/22/XXX	Rathingle/Rivervalley Rd. Swords €1,200,000	Phase 2b works on the junction build outs and uncontrolled crossing locations are now complete with works currently on going on the controlled crossing locations along the route. Upgrade works on the roundabout at Forrest Blvd will be carried out in early Q2 of 2022.
FCC/22/XXX	R132 Ministers Rd to Blakes Cross + Kilhedge Lane	Discussions ongoing with Operations/Traffic department in relation to speed limit reduction for section of scheme between Kilhedge Lane

	€550,000	and Ministers Road junction. Active Travel is collaborating with Operations in relation to their works programme to investigate if cycle paths can be introduced on the section north of Minister Road junction to Murtaghs Pub.
FCC/22/XXX	Seatown Roundabout to Estuary Rd (Swords to Malahide) €1,225,000	Finalising brief and contract documents to go out to the market for the appointment of a multi-disciplinary engineering consultants to develop options report and detailed design services.
FCC/22/XXX	Donabate to Portrane (R126) - Distributor Road to Portrane Avenue €1,225,000	Finalising brief and contract documents to go out to the market for the appointment of a multi-disciplinary engineering consultants to develop options report and detailed design services.
FCC/22/XXX	Balbriggan – Coney Hill from Devlin Bridge to Bremore Cottages €925,000	Finalising brief and contract documents to go out to the market for the appointment of a multi-disciplinary engineering consultants to develop options report and detailed design services.
FCC/22/XXX	Skerries – Harbour Road (footpath build outs) €925,000	Finalising brief and contract documents to go out to the market for the appointment of a multi-disciplinary engineering consultants to develop options report and detailed design services.
FCC/22/XXX	Rush South Beach (Bawn Rd across carpark and out to South Shore). €500,000	Finalising brief and contract documents to go out to the market for the appointment of a multi-disciplinary engineering consultants to develop options report and detailed design services.
FCC/22/XXX	New Street Permanent Scheme €500,000	Fingal County Council have assembled a multi-disciplinary, cross departmental team who are



		preparing a detailed scope with a view to going to tender for a design consultant in Q2 of 2022.
FCC/22/XXX	Local connections to S2M and Broadmeadow €200,000	
FCC/22/XXX	Data collections traffic air, noise. €500,000	
FCC/22/XXX	Permeability Links North County €500,000	A number of projects are identified through our Permeability & Connectivity Tracker. We are also in discussions with Operations to incorporate other works in order to get best value for money when we go to delivery of these works. Active Travel are currently out to tender for a small works contractor which will be utilised to execute some of these works.
FCC/22/XXX	Skerries Active Travel Plan	Work is ongoing to develop a Brief for this project in order to Procure and Engage with a multi-disciplinary Engineering Consultant to carry out this study. We have also engaged with the ESRI in order to get their input regarding Behavioural Change, Commercial and Socio-economic factors.
FCC/22/XXX	Balbriggan Road Mill Street and Drogheda Street €100,000	Active Travel have been working closely with the Our Balbriggan Project Team. On completion of the Concept Design piece relating to the overall Our Balbriggan Active Travel Strategy we will develop a Brief for appointment of multi-disciplinary engineering consultant to develop options report and detailed design for this element of the project.
FCC/22/XXX	Castleknock to Dunsink Lane €150,000	Route has been cycled internally. Design brief and contract documents being drafted for appointment of a consultant for the scheme in Q2' 2022.
FCC/22/XXX	Strawberry Beds Active Travel Study	Further internal study required on assessing next steps for the study. Once completed a

	€150,000	consultant will be appointed to carry out an active travel study for the area.
FCC/22/XXX	Fingal Active Travel Strategy €40,000	Presentation of draft strategy to councillors carried out a SPC meeting. Non-Statutory public consultation for the strategy to commence on 4 <sup>th</sup> April and run for seven weeks. Two public webinars on the strategy will be carried out during the consultation period. A briefing call to councillors will be carried out prior to the start of the non-statutory public consultation phase.
FCC/22/XXX	Balrothery Active Travel Review €185,000	A detailed scope of work is currently being prepared for this scheme with a view to going to tender for a design consultant in early Q2 of 2022
FCC/22/XXX	Seamount Heights to Old Golf Links Park €300,000	A detailed scope has been prepared for the works and the works are currently out to tender for a design consultant.
FCC/22/XXX	Broomfield to Paddy's Hill via Naomh Marnog GAA €20,000	These works are expected to go to tender for a design consultant later in 2022.
FCC/22/XXX	Chapel Road to An Teagasc Building €20,000	These works are expected to go to tender for a design consultant later in 2022.
FCC/22/XXX	Scoil an Duinninigh to Waterside footpath and cycleway €20,000	These works are expected to go to tender for a design consultant later in 2022.
FCC/22/XXX	Royal Canal Greenway Connectivity €50,000	Draft for design brief to appoint consultant due to commence in Q2'2022.
FCC/22/XXX	Fingal County Council Active Travel Office – Staff Costs €1,100,000	