

Fingal County Council
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2021

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Foreword

MAYOR OF FINGAL CLLR SEÁNA Ó RODAIGH



While 2021 was another challenging year for many people across the County, there has been much to celebrate as we move forward in a post-Covid environment.

I have been honoured to meet with many organisations, community groups and individuals right across Fingal since being elected Mayor in June 2021. As restrictions eased, I listened to stories of strength, resilience and perseverance amidst the most difficult of times. I have the utmost admiration for the sacrifices people have made over the past two years and I wish to thank everyone in Fingal who helped carry us through the most difficult of times.

Throughout 2021, the Council continued to enhance the infrastructure, facilities and services which are vitally important in making our everyday lives easier and more enjoyable. Active travel, housing delivery and community/arts supports have been at the forefront of much of that, alongside the ongoing maintenance of the many open spaces, parks and coastline which we are lucky to have on our doorstep.

Fingal is in a strong position to develop and grow, and many initiatives that were launched in 2021 will be the foundation for the development of our communities into the future. To that end, the Council will benefit from an increased budget for 2022 to keep pace with continued growth across the County. A spending plan of around €300m will be in place which will deliver improved services and see support remain in place to re-energise economic development in the County.

Both members of Fingal County Council and staff are working hard to make Fingal a place of choice to live, work, visit and do business but this can only be achieved in partnership with the citizens who call Fingal home. I have not only seen first-hand the wonderful community spirit that exists, but also the tremendous enthusiasm and commitment people have to create sustainable, healthy and vibrant communities for future generations.

It was with great sadness that I learned of the loss of Cllr Freddie Cooper last year. Although I only worked with Freddie for a short time, it was a privilege to be his colleague and witness such a genuine representative for the people of Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart. He is greatly missed by his family, friends and colleagues and they are in my thoughts.

Being Mayor of Fingal has been the greatest honour of my life and one that very few people get to experience. I see the very best of us on a daily basis. I would like to thank my colleagues on the Council for the support they have given during this time. When people work together, we can achieve anything. I also wish to express my deep appreciation to my Deputy Mayor, Cllr Daniel Whooley for his kindness and commitment.

Finally I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to the Chief Executive, AnnMarie Farrelly for her invaluable guidance, kindness and empowering leadership, and to the Council staff for their hard work in supporting the people of Fingal. It has been an absolute pleasure working with you all. Gach rath oraibh amach anseo.

Introduction

CHIEF EXECUTIVE ANNMARIE FARRELLY

I am immensely proud of all that the Council has accomplished in 2021, particularly against the backdrop of a pandemic no one could have envisaged and where we have continued to face a year of challenges and uncertainty. It is clear that, just like in 2020, this has been a year which has presented many difficulties for citizens and business in Fingal alike.

The council has taken enormous strides throughout the last year to meet the needs of our citizens by continuing to deliver major projects, essential services, and maintain vital infrastructure. To that end, we have also continued to engage with and serve our community by also ensuring we are in an ideal position to realise our vision for the County. That vision will see us striving to build a more liveable and sustainable Fingal, whereby we will make a significant effort in tackling environmental challenges whilst meeting the demands of a burgeoning population and encourage economic growth.

While this report reflects on what we have done throughout 2021, we continue to have our sights firmly set on planning effectively for the future. In order for the Council to continue its vital work, we have seen a welcome increase in our expenditure that will enable us to continue to provide the high level of services that have come to be expected in Fingal. With a budget of some €300m, we will be undertaking initiatives in a number of key areas including road maintenance, traffic management, increased street cleaning, housing, improvement works at parks and open spaces,

tourism and for projects as part of our efforts to encourage active travel.

Alongside being the youngest local authority in Ireland, Fingal is also the third most populous and covers key population centres in the likes of Blanchardstown, Swords and Balbriggan. As such, the Council needs to be innovative in how we deliver the best possible outcomes for an ever-changing demographic - socially, environmentally, economically and in terms of our civic leadership. The Elected Members of the Council have now begun work on the next Fingal Development Plan, a major six-year strategy commencing in 2023. This is a programme of activity that will impact all 300,000 citizens of Fingal and I would urge everyone to view our website to see what the draft of the plan contains and to have your say in helping shape the future of the County.

I would like to thank the Mayor, Cllr Seána O Rodaigh and her predecessor Cllr David Healy for the guidance and vision they have both brought to the role through this difficult year. As always, I am also grateful to the input and insights we've had from the Elected Members of the Council, and their ongoing support throughout 2021.

Last but not least, I would like to pay special tribute to the Council's 1,500 staff for adapting along with us as we looked to deliver better services to the people of Fingal more efficiently and effectively, and for their ongoing commitment and enthusiasm in the workplace. I look forward to us all working together for the future of Fingal in 2022.



RUSH - LUSK

BALBRIGGAN

SWORDS

**HOWTH -
MALAHIDE**

ONGAR

**BLANCHARDSTOWN
MULHUDDART**

CASTLEKNOCK

Elected Members 2021



Elected Members



Mayor
David Healy
Green Party

January - June 2021



Mayor
Seána Ó Rodaigh
Labour Party

June - December 2021



Deputy Mayor
Robert O'Donoghue
Labour Party

January - June 2021



Deputy Mayor
Daniel Whooley
Green Party

June - December 2021

Balbriggan



Tony Murphy,
Non Party



Gráinne Maguire,
Non Party



Seána Ó Rodaigh,
Labour Party



Tom O'Leary,
Fine Gael



Karen Power,
Green Party/ An
Comhaontas Glas

Elected Members

Blanchardstown - Mulhuddart



Mary McCamley,
Labour Party



Breda Hanaphy,
Sinn Féin



John Burtchaell,
Solidarity



Punam Rane,
Fine Gael



Freddie Cooper,
Fianna Fáil
RIP June 2021



JK Onwumereh,
Fianna Fáil
*co-opted for Freddie
Cooper in October 2021

Castleknock



Ted Leddy,
Fine Gael



John Walsh,
Labour Party



Howard Mahony,
Fianna Fáil



Natalie Treacy,
Sinn Féin



Pamela Conroy,
Green Party/ An
Comhaontas Glas



Siobhan Shovlin,
Fine Gael



Elected Members

Howth-Malahide



Eoghan O'Brien,
Fianna Fáil



David Healy,
Green Party/An
Comhaontas Glas



Brian McDonagh,
Labour Party



Jimmy Guerin,
Non Party



Aoibhinn Tormey,
Fine Gael



Anthony Lavin,
Fine Gael



Joan Hopkins,
Social Democrats

Ongar



Tania Doyle,
Non Party



Tom Kitt,
Fianna Fáil



Daniel Whooley,
Green Party/An
Comhaontas Glas



Kieran Dennison,
Fine Gael



Aaron O'Rourke,
Sinn Féin

Elected Members

Rush - Lusk



Robert O'Donoghue,
Labour Party



Adrian Henchy,
Fianna Fáil



Brian Dennehy,
Fianna Fáil



Cathal Boland,
Non Party



Paul Mulville,
Social Democrats

Swords



Darragh Butler,
Fianna Fáil



Ian Carey,
Green Party/An
Comhaontas Glas



Dean Mulligan,
Independents
4Change



Joe Newman,
Non Party



Brigid Manton,
Fianna Fáil



Ann Graves,
Sinn Féin



James Humphreys,
Labour Party

Key Achievements 2021

Key Achievements of Fingal County Council in 2021:

Choice Based Letting Scheme introduced

Affordable Housing Purchase Scheme in Lusk

Village Green in Malahide opened

Old Irish Goats returned to Howth Head

Free outdoor public Wi-Fi introduced in towns and villages across the County

The Shackleton Garden officially opened

New online HAP application process launched

First EV lamp post charge points in Dublin region installed

€784m Capital Programme approved

“We Are Fingal” campaign celebrates diversity within Community and Council

Strategically important Hole in the Wall Road opened

Liffey Valley Tourist Trail launched

Reports/Plans/Strategies:

Fingal Local Enterprise Development Plan

Fingal Commemorations Programme

Castlelands Masterplan

Grants:

Youth Sports Grants Scheme

Town and Village Renewal Scheme

Artists’ Support Scheme

Community Monuments Fund

Social Enterprise Capital Grants Scheme

Funding for Connected Hubs Scheme

Funding for conservation works and repairs in Fingal

Emergency funding for community and voluntary groups in Fingal

Community Enhancement Programme

Town and Village Streetscape Enhancement Scheme



WE ARE FINGAL

Our Team

Our Community



In Memory

Cllr Freddie Cooper



It was with great sadness that we learned of the death of Cllr Freddie Cooper on 29 June 2021. Freddie was elected as a Councillor for the Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart Local Electoral Area as part of the 2019 intake, representing Fianna Fáil.

A passionate and energetic campaigner for the local community in Dublin 15, Freddie sat on a number of key bodies, including the Community Development, Heritage, Culture and Creativity Strategic Policy Committee, the Transport & Infrastructure Management Strategic Policy Committee, the Airport Regions Conference, the County Heritage Forum, Hansfield SDZ Steering Group, the Joint Fingal and South Dublin Liffey Valley Management Advisory Committee and the Joint Policing Committee.

Corporate Plan 2019-2024 Review



Theme 1:
Quality of Life



Theme 2:
**Quality of
Climate
Resilient
Environment**



Theme 3:
**Quality
Business
Environment**



Theme 4:
**Quality in our
Work**



THEME 1: Quality of Life

STRATEGIC PRIORITY: SUPPORT THE DIVERSE NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE OF FINGAL

PROVIDE FOR THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF THE COUNTY THROUGH THE REVIEW OF THE COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN - AND THE PREPARATION OF A NEW PLAN

First public consultation phase completed with respect to the review of the 2017-2023 County Development Plan and new 2023 -2029 County Development Plan. Chief Executive Draft Development Plan issued to Members.

FACILITATE THE SUPPLY OF HOUSING, BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE, IN THE COUNTY TO PROVIDE SUSTAINABLE, QUALITY, AFFORDABLE, MIXED TENURE HOUSING OPTIONS THROUGH LAND USE ACTIVATION AND DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT

The Council continued the acquisition of strategic housing sites to support the provision of housing delivery throughout the County. The Property Section supported the acquisition of strategic housing sites and sites to support the provision of key infrastructure throughout the County.

FACILITATE GOOD QUALITY PRIVATE RENTED ACCOMMODATION STANDARDS TO ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES LIVING IN THE PRIVATE RENTED ACCOMMODATION SECTOR

The Private Rented Inspection Section continues to carry out inspections on private rented properties to ensure that the properties meet the Housing (Standards for Rented Houses) Regulations 2019. In 2021 over 2,798 inspections were carried out of which 2,183 were first inspections. In line with Rebuilding Ireland's strategy for the Rental Sector, the Council is dedicated to improving the living standards of tenants in private rented housing in the Fingal area.

STRIVE TO ENSURE THAT ALL COMMUNITIES IN FINGAL IRRESPECTIVE OF AGE, NATIONALITY, ETHNICITY, RELIGIOUS OR CULTURAL BACKGROUND ARE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE IN AND AVAIL OF THE SERVICES DELIVERED BY THE COUNCIL

The Council appointed an Inclusion Officer and established an inclusion team during 2021 to support the integration work being undertaken. The Inclusion Team supports the work of the Migrant Integration Forum in promoting integration and inter-culturalism. An organisation wide approach to integration and equality was supported with 5 Strategic Pillars identified to deliver on the objectives of the Migrant Integration and Social Cohesion Strategy.

PROVIDE A SAFE AND SUSTAINABLE PUBLIC REALM TO MEET THE NEEDS OF ALL THE CITIZENS OF THE COUNTY

The public realm, namely the road network, footpaths and paved areas are required to be secure, accessible, connected and well maintained. High quality upkeep of the public realm contributes to a positive image and foster a sense of community. Meeting the requirements in relation to accessibility/ mobility/ age friendly commitments is important in the retro-fitting of infrastructure within the public realm e.g. tactile paving, noise aids at crossings, mobility hubs placement of street furniture. Delivery of the Programme of Works, preventative and response maintenance programmes ensures the provision of a high quality public realm for citizens and visitors to the County. In terms of sustainability the Council is committed to encompassing the principles of green infrastructure and whole life cost in terms of reinstatement and upgrading of existing infrastructure. Redesign and retrofitting, in order to ensure that the public realm better serves the needs of the citizen will also take place.

THEME 1: Quality of Life

STRATEGIC PRIORITY: SUPPORT THE DIVERSE NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE OF FINGAL

DEVELOP AND ENHANCE THE ARTS AND CULTURAL IDENTITY OF FINGAL, MAKE SPACE FOR THE ARTS CONNECTING PEOPLE AND IDEAS AND ENCOURAGING PARTICIPATION IN ALL ART FORMS.

The implementation of the Fingal Arts Development Plan 2019-2025 continued with the Public Arts Programme 'Infrastructure' and the awarding of grants, commissions and bursaries schemes.

The actions of the eight year Framework Agreement with the Arts Council continued on the two areas of agreement:

- a) Research & Development
- b) Building Capacity - in respect of the Swords Cultural Quarter, Our Balbriggan and the development of Artist studios at 2-4 Dublin street, Balbriggan

PROVIDE DYNAMIC AND INCLUSIVE LIBRARY SPACES AND SERVICES FOR THE COMMUNITY

The objectives of Fingal Libraries Development Plan 2018-2023 continued to be implemented in 2021. Blanchardstown Library was refurbished, a Maker in Residence was appointed to develop maker spaces in libraries and Eduroam Wi Fi was made available to college students at 8 branch libraries.

SUPPORT CULTURE AND RECREATION AND ENABLE LITERACY, EDUCATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT THROUGH INNOVATIVE PROGRAMMES

The LCDC supported programmes of literacy, digital literacy, education and economic development through SICAP and the Dublin Rural LEADER Programme.

The Libraries Dept through programmes such as Healthy Ireland at Your Library, Right to Read, Work Matters and Europe Direct and through events such as the Writers Festival, Fingal Festival of History, the Cruinniú na nÓg Story Trail and the Burning of Fingal Coast Guard Stations Exhibition engaged and informed citizens throughout 2021.

CREATE EFFECTIVE PATHWAYS FOR CITIZENS OF FINGAL TO DEVELOP AND PARTICIPATE IN LIFELONG PATTERNS OF INVOLVEMENT IN SPORT, RECREATION AND LEISURE CREATING HEALTHY LIFESTYLES AND BUILDING A SUSTAINABLE APPROACH TO SPORT DEVELOPMENT

The Community Development and Sports Division supports the citizens of Fingal through various arranged programmes of sport, community and sports grant schemes coupled with its support of 33 Community Facilities to ensure that effective pathways are available to the citizens of Fingal to encourage a sustainable approach to sport, recreation and leisure development. The Section also ensures that information on the various initiatives is passed on through the vast network of the Public Participation Network to ensure it reaches a wide audience. The LCDC supported programmes of healthy living and well-being through the healthy Ireland programme.



THEME 1: Quality of Life

STRATEGIC PRIORITY: ENSURE OUR EXISTING AND NEW COMMUNITIES ARE SAFE, INCLUSIVE AND SUSTAINABLE

DEVELOP PLANS TO FACILITATE THE INCREASE OF SUPPLY OF HOUSING IN THE COUNTY

Continued residential development site activity. There were 73 active Residential Sites in December 2021 with 3,598 completed units and another 2,970 currently under construction. A further 2,861 units not yet commenced.

In addition, 21 on-going sites have been finished and fully built out in 2021 and delivered a further 1,941 units.

There are a further 56 inactive sites with live Planning Permissions with potential to deliver a further 7,092 units. Continued advancement of Project Talamh at Ballymastone and Churchfields and continued LIHAF project delivery assisted activate lands to increase housing supply.

BUILD A STRONG SENSE OF PLACE, IDENTITY AND WELLBEING THROUGH THE DEVELOPMENT OF EQUAL, INCLUSIVE AND CONNECTED COMMUNITIES

The Integration Office runs a variety of initiatives throughout the year to raise awareness and assist with the integration of all our citizens including Non- Irish- National citizens, those from the traveller and Roma communities and members of the LGBTQ+ community. These initiatives are focused on breaking down barriers, combating stigma and embracing the diversity of our minority communities. The Community Development Officers work with groups within the community to assist them in their establishment, development and growth within their communities.

The Our Balbriggan team progressed public realm improvements in the town by completing key acquisitions, progressing the procurement of integrated design teams and progressing planning and design work on identified projects. Our Balbriggan ran a Place-Making Grant Scheme to fund groups to make transformational improvements to the town and ran a series of hackathons with TY students in 3 schools in Balbriggan and 'The Changing Face of Balbriggan' Citizen Engagement Hackathon as part of the Smart Balbriggan Programme.

SUPPORT THE GROWTH OF STRONG AND RESILIENT NEIGHBOURHOODS

The Council works closely with other service providers across the County to combat crime and anti-social behaviour i.e Balbriggan through the Safe Balbriggan Pillar Group. Various sporting initiatives throughout the County are facilitated by the Council to target specific groups such as drop in football, late night leagues, show racism the red card, supporting the establishment of new football and other clubs in areas of disadvantage, including work with minority sports groups such as the basketball and skatepark users in Balheary, Swords.

The LCDC supported the growth of strong and resilient neighbourhoods through various funding programmes run in 2021 i.e. CEP/Town & Village Renewal Scheme/Community Activities Fund/SICAP etc.

THEME 1: Quality of Life

STRATEGIC PRIORITY: ENSURE OUR EXISTING AND NEW COMMUNITIES ARE SAFE, INCLUSIVE AND SUSTAINABLE

PROVIDE HIGH QUALITY PARKS AND OPEN SPACES TO MEET THE NEEDS OF ALL USERS AND CREATE A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT

The Council, continues to invest in the regional parks and open spaces through the Capital Works Programme and the Programme of Works. Parks and open spaces provide opportunities for passive and active recreation. During the last two years in particular they have provided an important outlet for residents and visitors to the County.

Parks and open spaces help build and strengthen ties within communities by bringing people together for community events, including those who may be separated by ethnic or social background. A network of high quality certified playgrounds demonstrates our commitment to the importance of play and child development. As part of our Play Strategy an audit will be carried out of play facilities across the County and this will guide future development of play facilities for various age groups.

Continued investment in sports pitches, recreational hubs and installation of outdoor exercise equipment meets the needs of a broad cross section of the community of all ability levels and age groups.

FOSTER COLLABORATIVE LEADERSHIP AMONG STAKEHOLDERS IN LOCAL COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Fingal SICAP Programme supported physical and mental well-being through the LCDC Healthy Ireland Programme community safety and integration. The Fingal LCDC is responsible for the delivery of the Dublin Rural LEADER Programme, and all available funding under that Programme was approved during 2021.

Additional funding under the Community Enhancement Programme, the Town & Villages Renewal Scheme, Community Facilities, Community Grants and Sports Grant Schemes supported local community and economic development with funds supporting online events, measures to repurpose open space, supports for social distancing in community centres and providing equipment to community groups and sports clubs. The Our Balbriggan Programme Leadership Group, comprising senior public, private and community stakeholders, with an independent Chair leads on local community and economic development in Balbriggan and in 2021 in response to feedback from the community the Programme added a fifth pillar to focus on community safety.

SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT OF STRONG, SAFE AND ENGAGED COMMUNITIES TO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN CIVIC LIFE CELEBRATING OUR IDENTITY THROUGH ARTS, CULTURE, HERITAGE AND SPORT

The Sports Office delivered 1,026 programmes to 78,904 participants through online and in-person activities such as:

- 50 Safeguarding courses
- 72 older adults attending the pitch and putt event
- 2,000 people attended the Balbriggan Beach & Water Sports Activity Day
- Sports Con 10 @ 10 - Primary School classroom or home-based exercise programme via Fingal Digifit

3,200 primary school children (25 schools) took part in the MarathonKids programme. Sports Equipment and Youth Sports Grants were provided to over 100 sporting facilities across Fingal.

SUPPORT LOCAL COMMUNITIES AND RESIDENTS TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE MOST VULNERABLE IN OUR SOCIETY WORKING WITH OTHER AGENCIES IN FINGAL

Grant funding was provided to Summer Projects, Activity Funding and Special Funding Schemes such as Digital Poverty and Residents groups. The Community Development Section also continued to support Covid-19 Community Response Volunteer Groups in their ongoing delivery of supports as partners in the Community Call. The Section also worked closely with many groups which target the most vulnerable in society including the Older Peoples Council and Age Friendly Alliance, the Fingal Child and Youth Protection Committee and Connected for Life.



THEME 1: Quality of Life

STRATEGIC PRIORITY: DEVELOP ENGAGEMENT WITH OUR STAKEHOLDERS

ENSURE THAT OUR CITIZENS, BUSINESSES AND ORGANISATIONS CAN EASILY COMMUNICATE WITH THE COUNCIL

Continued to ensure that our information is in plain English, end-user friendly and translated to different languages.

ENGAGE AND CONSULT WITH CITIZENS AND STAKEHOLDERS IN A WAY THAT ALLOWS THEIR VIEWS TO BE TAKEN ON BOARD, THROUGH THE USE OF BOTH STATUTORY AND NON-STATUTORY PROCESSES

Continued engagement and consultation with organisations throughout the County such as Fingal PPN, Comhairle na n-Óg, the Age Friendly Alliance and use of the Council's consultation portal for both statutory and non-statutory purposes.

STRENGTHEN AND SUPPORT STAKEHOLDERS AND STATUTORY PROVIDERS BY COLLABORATING IN THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE COUNTY

The Council supported economic and social development through the provision of Parklets at locations throughout the County; processing of the Fáilte Ireland Outdoor Dining Scheme; provision of funding under the Countywide Shopfront & Main Street Residences Improvement Scheme; through local collaborations on URBACT programmes in Balbriggan and Rush and through continued collaboration with Dublin Fingal Chamber of Commerce, Balbriggan Chamber of Commerce, Malahide Chamber of Commerce and Shop Malahide on the Fingal In It Together Initiative.

The Property Section progressed a number of key acquisitions and disposals to support the economic development of the County.

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

The Council's three enterprise centres continued to support start-up enterprises through the provision of workspace and related supports.

The Our Balbriggan Programme Office supports five work stream Pillars, collaborating across economic and social development: Local Economy, Education, Skills & Employment, Community Safety, Public Realm and Community Affairs.

STRENGTHEN, SUPPORT AND EXPAND THE WORK OF THE FINGAL PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NETWORK (PPN)

The Fingal LCDC continues to work in partnership with the Fingal PPN Membership through the LCDC programmes.

The SICAP Programme continued to support and mentor the development of Social Enterprises in the County, many of which are PPN Members.

THEME 2: Quality and Climate Resilient Environment

STRATEGIC PRIORITY: ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE

DELIVER ON THE SPECIFIC ACTIONS IN THE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN TO IMPROVE CLIMATE RESILIENCE

Implementation of all actions in the CCAP 2019-2024 is underway and good progress is being made. The second annual progress report has been prepared, communicated and submitted to the Department of Environment Climate & Communications.

PLAY A LEADERSHIP ROLE IN TRANSITIONING TO A DECARBONISED SOCIETY

The Council has demonstrated a leadership role in transitioning to a decarbonised society by improving its energy efficiency by 39.9% by December 2020* and through the combined effect of delivering on the actions in the CCAP 2019-2024. These actions include a focus on awareness the Councils' actions and issues facing society, and delivering infrastructure to enable decarbonisation. *The figures for 2021 will be available in the 3rd quarter of 2022.

PROMOTE AND PROTECT THE BIODIVERSITY OF THE COUNTY AND WORK TO RESTORE ECOSYSTEMS AND ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

10 actions from the Fingal Biodiversity Plan implemented including the provision of a new 3 acre wetland in the Turvey Nature Reserve and the development of a new local nature reserve at Beaverstown in Donabate.

Ongoing implementation of actions of the Howth SAAO Operational Plan and the Dublin Bay Biosphere Nature Conservation Strategy including wildfire management measures such as developing strategic wildfire breaks and commencing a goat grazing project with native Irish goats.

PROMOTE AND ENFORCE A CULTURE OF COMPLIANCE WITHIN THE COUNTY TO ADVANCE CLIMATE ACTION COMMITMENTS

The Climate Action Awareness Officer along with the Environmental Awareness Officer continued to promote Climate Action awareness within the County.

FOSTER A STRONG LOCAL ECONOMY THROUGH ENVIRONMENTALLY SUSTAINABLE BUSINESSES

The Sustainable Fingal Initiative was launched in 2021 to promote sustainable business measures in line with objectives under the Council's Climate Change Action Plan. The Initiative includes an information page on the Council's website and a competition was held with the prize of a Sustainability Audit.

PROMOTE AND PROTECT THE BUILT AND CULTURAL HERITAGE OF THE COUNTY

The Conservation Office delivers a work programme related to the built heritage of Fingal. This comprises of administering 3 grant schemes – The Built Heritage Investment Scheme, the Historic Structures fund and the Stitch in Time grant.

It also prepares Planning reports as an internal consultee for the Planning Dept., participates in preplanning meetings, advises the Planning Department in relation to the architectural heritage of the County for the Development Plan review, inputs to the FCC Monuments/Structures at Risk Programme, inputs into Climate Change Initiatives as related to the historic built environment, responds to Elected Member queries and questions, as well as correspondence/emails from the public and others related to the built environment. It also reviews and updates the Record of Protected Structures for the County.



THEME 2: Quality and Climate Resilient Environment

STRATEGIC PRIORITY: PROTECT OUR ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE

PROMOTE THE UNIQUE URBAN, RURAL AND COASTAL LANDSCAPE CHARACTER OF FINGAL

Sustainable Swords Project public consultation took place. Non-statutory consultations took place with respect to Royal Canal Greenway and Fingal Coastal Way.

Sutton to Malahide Greenway – design options assessment advanced with view to commencing non-statutory public consultation in 2022. On-going advancement of Broadmeadow Way Project.

SUPPORT THE UNIQUE CULTURAL HERITAGE OF FINGAL AND THE IRISH LANGUAGE

The Creative Ireland Programme in 2021 supported 42 creative projects/initiatives with funding of €343,000, which was allocated across the Creative, Cruinniú na nÓg and the Decade of Centenaries Commemoration programmes.

PROMOTE THE SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF WASTE & THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY

Promoted through the waste enforcement and environmental awareness work programme (including through Green Schools Programme); the Sustainable Fingal initiative and also the promotion of 2020 Green Enterprise: Innovation for a Circular Economy by the Environmental Protection Agency.

REDUCE THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

The Council has improved its energy efficiency by 39.9% to December 2020*. MS Teams has been provided to all staff to reduce the need to travel to meetings. EV charge points have been provided in staff car parks. The Council has Environmental Management Systems in place aimed at reducing waste and increasing recycling in offices and depots. *The figures for 2021 will be available in the 3rd quarter of 2022.

ENSURE OUR COAST, BEACHES AND WATERWAYS ARE MANAGED IN A SUSTAINABLE MANNER

In total 88kms of Fingal's coastline is managed and maintained by the the Council. This includes the 3 large protected estuaries and 11 designated beaches. Continuous monitoring of seawater samples was carried out during the bathing season to ensure compliance with the Bathing Water Quality requirements. Harbours and piers at Balbriggan, Skerries, Loughshinny and Rush were managed and maintained during the year with works carried out on the marker buoys and navigational aids at all harbours. As an acknowledgement of the significance of the coast and beaches to the local economy and to visitors to the County a new SPC was approved by the Councillors titled Marine and Coastal Management SPC.

THEME 3: Quality Business Environment

STRATEGIC PRIORITY: PROMOTE AND ENABLE SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC GROWTH

FOSTER COLLABORATIVE LEADERSHIP IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF FUTURE SKILLS IN THE COUNTY

The Fingal Skills Strategy Implementation Group was established in 2021 to progress the implementation of the Strategy's recommendations with strong engagement between industry and education/training providers. Two sub-groups were established in the Transport & Logistics and the Construction Sectors which advanced work in skills provision in these sectors.

The Council continued to liaise with the Dublin Regional Skills Forum to share knowledge and information on emerging challenges for businesses, adapt existing courses to online provision and restructuring of apprenticeships to meet employers requirements.

The Our Balbriggan Loves Learning Festival was held online in April 2021 and focused on the themes of: (1) Learning for Employment; (2) Learning for Business; (3) Learning in the Community; (4) Digital Learning

Existing online courses were provided by Empower under SICAP.

SUPPORT AND PROMOTE THE SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF FINGAL

The Council continued to support businesses through the Fingal In It Together initiative with the installation of c. 40 parklets across the County for public and business use, grant funding in excess of €60,000 issued under the 2021 Shopfront & Main Street Residences Scheme and c. €440,000 in Outdoor Dining Grants were issued to businesses on behalf of Fáilte Ireland.

SUPPORT THE PERFORMANCE, INNOVATION, COMPETITIVENESS, PRODUCTIVITY AND SUCCESS OF BUSINESS IN FINGAL

The Council worked collaboratively on initiatives to support businesses in Fingal including the installation of parklets, active travel and outdoor dining measures, lighting up of public buildings and promotion of the Shop Local Concept.

The Sustainable Fingal Initiative was launched to promote sustainable business measures with the development of a dedicated section on the Council's website to provide information on sustainable business measures and a competition for businesses to win a sustainability audit.

The Dublin-Belfast Economic Corridor was launched with a dedicated website detailing information on each of the partner local authorities and a webinar to present a profile report on the corridor by DCU and UU.

SUPPORT LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BY PROMOTING FINGAL AS A LOCATION IN WHICH TO INVEST AND BY DEVELOPING AND IMPLEMENTING SECTORAL POLICY INITIATIVES

The Council worked with the local business and tourism sectors to develop a range of initiatives to promote and market the local economy and Fingal as a place to invest and do business.

The Our Balbriggan Team worked with the URBACT Local Group (ULG) in developing an integrated action plan to promote the development of the local economy and an ecosystem to support entrepreneurs and also developed marketing videos showcasing businesses in Balbriggan.



THEME 3: Quality Business Environment

STRATEGIC PRIORITY: GROW AND ENABLE SUSTAINABLE TOURISM

STRENGTHEN THE PROPOSITION AND MARKETING OF TOURISM IN THE COUNTY

Collaboration with Fáilte Ireland on promotion of Fingal as a tourist destination to the domestic market continued despite the impact that Covid 19 had on tourism. The Dublin Coastal Trail Destination Plan, Destination Towns Skerries and the Food Tourism project, Dublin's Coast and Fields, have all progressed during the year. Support to local tourism development groups also continued in 2021.

FACILITATE THE CREATION OF A FINGAL FOOD & DRINK TOURISM DESTINATION

The Dublin's Coast and Fields Steering Group continued work on their Action Plan for 2021 notably a series of networking building events, familiarisation visits and workshops.

PROMOTE HERITAGE LED TOURISM INITIATIVES AT FINGAL HERITAGE PROPERTIES

Marketing and promotion undertaken throughout 2021 continued to be aimed at the domestic market given the Covid 19 restrictions. The Council continued to engage with its operators on delivery of tourism related experiences at our heritage properties. The Tourism & Hospitality Working Group which was established in 2019 agreed actions for 2021 including developing videos, social media content and updating of websites.

OPTIMISE AND EXPAND VISITOR EXPERIENCES AT ALL FINGAL VISITOR ATTRACTIONS AND EVENTS

There was continued capital investment for maintenance and upgrading of our Heritage Property facilities during 2021. The Council engaged with its Operators and Café providers to optimise visitor experiences. Collaboration with Fáilte Ireland continued during 2021 on a number of projects including the Coastal Development Plan, engagement with the Tourism Development Groups and marketing of Fingal.

The planned extensive Events Programme could not be undertaken due to Covid-19, however they were replaced by virtual and online events, including the lighting up of historic buildings.

THEME 3: Quality Business Environment

STRATEGIC PRIORITY: PROVIDE AND MAINTAIN STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE

ACTIVATE LANDS BY DELIVERING INFRASTRUCTURE TO FACILITATE THE DELIVERY OF HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES

Kellystown Local Area Plan adopted, Castelands Masterplan adopted Project Talaimh plans for Ballymastone and Churchfields advanced. LIHAF projects advanced.

DELIVER A SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT SYSTEM FOR ALL CITIZENS

Works at Snugborough Road interchange commenced, Hole in the Wall Road opened, Park Road Rush upgrade completed and opened. R132 Connectivity project in conjunction with the NTA(Planning application submitted to An Bord Pleanála). Ongoing advancement of the following planning approved projects through CPO, procurement, contract stages - Harry Reynolds Road Cycleway Turvey Avenue Footpath Enhancement, R126 Portrane Road Enhancement, Hearse Road Bad Bend Re-alignment, New Pedestrian and Cycle Bridge Donabate, Churchfields Link Road and Cycle Network. Non statutory consultations completed re N2 – Rath Kilmoon, N3 -M50 Clonee projects.

DELIVER WORK PROGRAMMES THAT DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN STRATEGIC, PHYSICAL AND GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE OF THE COUNTY

Ongoing advancement of projects in the 2022 -2024 Capital Works Programme. Non-statutory consultations took place with respect to Royal Canal Greenway and Fingal Coastal Way.

On-going advancement of Broadmeadow way project.

Racecourse Park Baldoyle park development project application submitted to An Bord Pleanála.

Sutton to Malahide Greenway – design options assessment advanced with view to commencing non-statutory public consultation in 2022.

Work commenced on River Valley All Weather Pitch facility.

Skerries Town Park Playground and Rathmore Park Play trail opened.

Shackleton Park restoration project completed and opened.

8km of path improvement completed on Howth head.

Bells Lane\Bremore Park upgrade works advanced on site to near completion.

Plans for proposed upgrade of Howth Harbour Playground approved.

Part VIII statutory public consultations held and Planning approval achieved for following Development Projects – Bremore Regional Park, Lanesborough Park, Naul Village Park Garristown Public Space Project, Ballymastone Recreational Hub.

Porterstown Park recreational hub procurement advanced.

“Space for Play, A Play Policy for Fingal “ and “Forest of Fingal” tree strategy both adopted.



THEME 4: Quality in Our Work

STRATEGIC PRIORITY: IMPROVE DEMOCRACY, GOVERNANCE, OPENNESS AND TRANSPARENCY

PROVIDE THE HIGHEST QUALITY OF SERVICE TO OUR COUNCILLORS AND ALL ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES

The meetings of the Council (County Council, Area Committee, Strategic Policy Committees, etc.) are serviced to a high standard allowing the Elected Members carry out their democratic and statutory functions. The Council and Area Committee meetings are webcast ensuring that members of the public can view the meetings in real-time and agendas and minutes of meetings available on the Council's website. Additionally, Councillors, TDs and Senators can make representations on behalf of their constituents through the Council's CRM system.

ENSURE GOOD GOVERNANCE, OPENNESS AND TRANSPARENCY WITHIN THE COUNCIL

The Chief Executive and her Management Team and staff engage in a positive and open manner with the Local Government Audit Service and the Audit Committee to ensure that best practice in corporate governance is adhered to throughout the year.

The Council is committed to complying with all legislative requirements with regard to FOI, GDPR, Protected Disclosures and public procurement, as well as providing information to the public on our website in a transparent and open manner.

ENSURE THAT THE DEMOCRATIC FUNCTIONS OF THE COUNCIL ARE PERFORMED IN AN OPEN, INFORMED AND EFFECTIVE WAY

The Chief Executive and the Management Team continue to work closely with the Elected Members as well as County stakeholders e.g. businesses, community groups, etc.

Through the Strategic Policy Committees, the Elected Members continued to fulfil their policy making role with the Corporate Policy Group advising and assisting the Elected Council in the formulation, development, monitoring and review of policy.

Meetings continued to be serviced and webcast to ensure the transparency of the democratic function.

INFORM CITIZENS THROUGH EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATIONS PROGRAMMES

The Council's Communications Strategy provides for an extensive programme of external communications in order to promote the Council's activities and increase awareness of the work that we do for our citizens. The Council is also committed to ensuring that our information is in plain English, is end-user friendly and translated to different languages.

THEME 4: Quality in Our Work

STRATEGIC PRIORITY: DELIVER QUALITY SERVICES

DELIVER SERVICES IN THE MOST EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE MANNER

The Council continues to deliver a broad range of services to the public in an open and transparent manner with a concerted focus on ensuring that it is done in an efficient and effective way.

FOSTER A CULTURE OF CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT IN ALL OUR ACTIVITIES

By implementing a culture of continuous improvement, the Council regularly looks at processes to see where and how improvements can be made and by measuring performance against metrics established at operational and strategic levels.

USE DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES TO ENABLE AND TRANSFORM OUR WORKPLACE AND THE DELIVERY OF SERVICES

Digital Workplace Transformation Programme is in place and continued to facilitate the operations of the Council and the services it provides.

APPLY THE PRINCIPLES OF GOOD DESIGN, DELIVERY, MANAGEMENT AND INFORMED DECISION MAKING TO ALL PROJECTS, PROGRAMMES AND DELIVERY OF SERVICES

The Council is committed to and is cognisant of the principles of good design, delivery, management and informed decision in order to provide an effective programme delivery of all projects, programmes and services.

PERFORM STATUTORY OBLIGATIONS IN A WAY THAT ENSURES FAIRNESS AND EFFICIENCY FOR BOTH THE COMMUNITY BEING PROTECTED AND THOSE BEING REGULATED

The Council is committed to complying with all statutory and legislative requirements in the delivery of its functions and carrying out these requirements in the most efficient and effective way.

DELIVER ON THE PUBLIC SECTOR DUTY UNDER THE IRISH HUMAN RIGHTS AND EQUALITY ACT 2014

The Council is cognisant of its Public Sector Duty and training for staff is provided through our Diversity and Equality Programmes.

Within the Migrant and Social Cohesion Strategy, the Council continues to embrace the cultural diversity within the County.



THEME 4: Quality in Our Work

STRATEGIC PRIORITY: STRENGTHEN ORGANISATIONAL AND STAFF DEVELOPMENT

BUILD A WORKFORCE OF THE FUTURE BY RECRUITING, RETAINING AND DEVELOPING HIGH QUALITY AND MOTIVATED STAFF

Recruitment of qualified staff progressing and adapted to accommodate on-line processes.

Competency based Performance and Development Framework in place for all staff.

Extensive Training and Development Programmes.

PMDS process informs succession plans.

PROTECT AND PROMOTE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELLBEING AMONGST OUR STAFF

Health Safety and Wellbeing Framework and Programmes in place.

Safety Awareness Programmes, Inspections & Safety Audits continued at worksites.

Pro-active attendance management process in place.

In-house provision of Staff Welfare Services.

DEVELOP CAPACITY AND CAPABILITY OF THE ORGANISATION

PMDS process ongoing annually.

Competency Framework an integral part of the recruitment procedures and Training and Development Programme.

Extensive Training and Development Opportunities offered and completed.

MANAGE THE ORGANISATION EFFECTIVELY

The effective management of the Council is ensured through the Management Team structure, led by the Chief Executive, supported by Departmental and team meetings and underpinned by the PMDS process.

Reports on Strategic Policy Committees & Joint Policy Committee



Strategic Policy Committee

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CLIMATE ACTION, BIODIVERSITY & ENVIRONMENT

Chairperson: Cllr David Healy

Council Members: Cllr Mary McCamley, Cllr Aoibhinn Tormey, Cllr Ian Carey, Cllr Joe Newman, Cllr Paul Mulville.

External Members: Seamus McGrath, Edward Stevenson, Sean Barry

Meeting Date 2021	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update
MARCH 23	RMCEI PLAN 2021 AND 2020 PLAN UPDATE	Presentation given
	DECARBONISATION ZONES	Presentation given
	REVIEW CARBON EMISSIONS	Motion agreed
	PROTECTION & CONSERVATION OF HEDGEROWS	Motion agreed
	FLY TIPPING	Motion agreed
	WASTE WATER NETWORKS	Motions to be brought to Irish Water
JUNE 22	ABANDONED CAR PILOT SCHEME	Presentation given
	DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTION SCHEME	Presentation given
	TREE STRATEGY	Adjourned until 5th July 2021
	JOINING KIMO	Motion agreed
	FIT AND FUN IN FINGAL	Motion agreed
	INFORMATION ON SEWAGE OVERFLOWS AND UNPLANNED DISCHARGES	Motion agreed
	"FOREST OF FINGAL" A TREE STRATEGY FOR FINGAL	Presentation given
	FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL WILL WORK WITH COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANISATIONS TO SUPPORT LOCAL INITIATIVES TO PLANT TREES OR SUPPORT TREE-PLANTING INCLUDING:	Motion agreed
WHERE DAMAGED TO PATHS IS RESULTING FROM TREE ROOTS, THE COUNCIL WILL EXPLORE OPTIONS TO RETAIN TREES WHILE REPAIRING PATHS INCLUDING TAKING MORE SPACE FROM THE CARRIAGEWAY AND/OR PATH TO FACILITATE A GREEN VERGE, PLANTING AREA OR RAIN GARDEN.	Motion agreed	
REVIEW THE PROVISION OF STREET TREES AND THE POTENTIAL FOR EXTRA STREET TREES WITHIN A YEAR TO SET OUT A PROGRAMME FOR ADDITIONAL PLANTING OVER THE SUBSEQUENT 4 YEARS	Motion agreed	

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CLIMATE ACTION, BIODIVERSITY & ENVIRONMENT

Meeting Date 2021	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update
JULY 5	THE ANALYSIS OF TREE PROVISION WILL INCLUDE STREET TREES PER KM OF STREET AND ROAD IN FINGAL, AND TREE COVER BY NEIGHBOURHOOD.	Motion agreed
	THE COUNCIL WILL UNDERTAKE A PROACTIVE PROGRAMME OF TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS, AT A RATE OF 10 PER YEAR PER WARD OVER THE NEXT YEAR, FOR REVIEW AFTER THAT COMPLEMENT IS ACHIEVED.	Motion agreed
	THE TREE STRATEGY TO INCLUDE PROTECTING YOUNG TREES FROM WEED COMPETITION BY MEANS OF MULCHING RATHER THAN HERBICIDE.	Motion agreed
	THE TREE STRATEGY TO INCLUDE AN ANNUAL IMPLEMENTATION REPORT.	Motion agreed
	TREES IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS THAT ARE WITHIN 5 METERS OF PUBLIC LIGHTING STANDARD AND OBSTRUCTING LIGHT TO AN UNREASONABLE LEVEL MAY ONLY BE REMOVED AS A LAST RESORT IF IT IS NOT FEASIBLE TO 1) REDUCE THE HEIGHT OF THE LIGHT SO THAT LIGHT IS NO LONGER OBSTRUCTED, OR 2) EXTEND THE ARM OF THE LIGHT SO THAT LIGHT IS NO LONGER OBSTRUCTED.	Motion agreed
	SEPTEMBER 22	DRAFT FINGAL TREE STRATEGY
DRAFT ELECTRIC VEHICLE STRATEGY	Presentation given	
BRIEFING ON DUBLIN AGGLOMERATION AIR QUALITY PLAN	Presentation given	
SUPPORT LOCAL INITIATIVES TO PLANT TREES	Motion agreed	
RETENTION OF TREES WHILE REPAIRING PATHS	Motion agreed	
REVIEW THE PROVISION OF STREET TREES	Motion agreed	
ANALYSIS OF TREE PROVISION	Motion agreed	
TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS	Motion agreed	
PROTECTING YOUNG TREES FROM WEED COMPETITION	Motion agreed	
ANNUAL IMPLEMENTATION REPORT	Motion agreed	
PUBLIC LIGHTING	Motion agreed	
HEDGEROWS SURVEY	Motion agreed	
'SEED FUND' FOR COMMUNITIES TO INITIATE CLIMATE ACTION	Report noted	



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CLIMATE ACTION, BIODIVERSITY & ENVIRONMENT

Meeting Date 2021	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update
DECEMBER 7	REPORT ON SUBMISSIONS ON DRAFT DUBLIN AGGLOMERATION AIR QUALITY PLAN	Presentation given
	CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLAN ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT	
	NATIONAL DRAFT RIVER BASIN MANAGEMENT PLAN	Presentation given and approved
	'FOREST OF FINGAL'	Presentation give
		Motion noted

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, HERITAGE, CULTURE & CREATIVITY

Chairperson: Cllr Aaron O'Rourke

Council Members: Cllr Freddie Cooper (until June 2021), Cllr JK Onwumereh, Cllr John Walsh, Cllr Gráinne Maguire, Cllr Seána Ó Rodaigh, Cllr Cathal Boland.

External Members: Liz Madden, Hiwa Wahab (until September 2021)

Meeting Date 2021	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update
MARCH 24	SPC WORKPLAN 2021	Agreed
	FCC 4TH LANGUAGE SCHEME	Agreed
	CLIMATE ACTION PROGRAMME – FACILITIES NETWORK- NEW PROJECT "KEEN TO BE GREEN"	Noted
	VIRTUAL COMMUNITY CENTRE PROJECT	Noted
	PROVISION OF COMMUNITY MEETING ROOMS TO VOLUNTARY, NON-PROFIT & START-UP COMMUNITY GROUPS – FREE OF CHARGE	Noted & agreed
JUNE 23	FINGAL INTEGRATION & SOCIAL COHESION STRATEGY	Noted – Training to be provided for Councillors on the Strategy
	LIBRARIES SUMMER PROGRAMME & GENERAL UPDATE	Noted
	FINGAL CELEBRATES STRATEGY	Noted
	AGE FRIENDLY HEALTHY HOMES PROGRAMME	Agreed
	ACTIVE CITIES PROGRAMME	Noted
SEPTEMBER 27	REVIEW OF COMMUNITY AMENITY GRANTS	Agreed
	REVIEW OF SCHEME FOR NON-COUNCIL OWNED FACILITIES	Not agreed. Executive to revert to future SPC with revised proposal
	UPDATE ON CREATIVE IRELAND FINGAL PROGRAMME	Noted
	UPDATE FROM LIBRARIES DIVISION PROGRAMME	Noted
DECEMBER 14	SPORTS EQUIPMENT FUNDING - DETAILED PRESENTATION ON SPORTS EQUIPMENT FUNDING.	Noted
	MUSIC GENERATION – DETAILED REPORT ON FCC WORKING WITH WORKING WITH ETB ON THIS INITIATIVE.	Noted
	PUBLIC ART POLICY UPDATE – A DETAILED BACKGROUND OF POLICY DEVELOPMENT, INFRASTRUCTURE, KEY OBJECTIVES AND FCC'S VIEW ON PUBLIC ART POLICY.	Noted
	HERITAGE PLAN - A DETAILED PRESENTATION ON THE HERITAGE PLAN, CLIMATE CHANGE & CULTURAL HERITAGE RISK ASSESSMENT.	Noted



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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, HERITAGE, CULTURE & CREATIVITY

Meeting Date 2021	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update
DECEMBER 14	HERITAGE PLAN - A DETAILED PRESENTATION ON THE HERITAGE PLAN, CLIMATE CHANGE & CULTURAL HERITAGE RISK ASSESSMENT.	Noted
	UPDATE ON SWORDS CULTURAL QUARTER - A DETAILED PRESENTATION ON THE OVERVIEW OF SWORDS CULTURAL QUARTER	Noted

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ECONOMIC ENTERPRISE, TOURISM & CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Chairperson: Cllr Tony Murphy

Council Members: Cllr. Darragh Butler, Cllr. Pamela Conroy, Cllr. Tom O'Leary, Cllr. Anthony Lavin, Cllr. Siobhan Shovlin, Cllr. Howard Mahony, Cllr. Breda Hanaphy.

External Members: Anthony Cooney, Eric Fleming, David Normoyle, Kesava Gollapalli.

Meeting Date 2021	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update
MARCH 18	BALBRIGGAN REJUVENATION PLAN URDF UPDATE	A presentation and update on the Balbriggan rejuvenation plan on the Public Realm projects and URDF Round 2 funding was given. Funding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Estimated total project costs €33.9m URDF Funding Allocation €25.4m FCC Match Funding Commitment €8.5m
	DUBLIN BELFAST ECONOMIC CORRIDOR UPDATE	A presentation and update on the Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor was given by Emer O'Gorman Director of Services.
	LEADER TRANSITION PROGRAMME	A presentation and update on the Dublin Rural LEADER Local Action Group (LAG) programme was given including the LAG Strategic Priorities for 2021-22
	MOTION COUNCILLOR H. MAHONY: REFURBISHMENT OF GUINNESS BRIDGE	Following discussion, the report on the Motion was noted
	MOTION KESAVA GOLLAPALLI FINGAL ETHNIC NETWORK: REVIEW OF VOCATIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL CAMPUSES BASED IN FINGAL	Following discussion, the report on the Motion was noted
	MOTION COUNCILLOR S. SHOVLIN: ILLUMINATED WALKING TRAIL	Following discussion, the report on the Motion was noted and it was agreed that a review would be carried out to trial.
	MOTION DAVID NORMOYLE: REMOTE-WORKING COMMUNITY HUBS	Following discussion, the report on the Motion was noted
JUNE 9	LEADER TRANSITION PROGRAMME	Eilish Harrington gave a presentation on the LEADER programme
	UPDATE ON OUTDOOR SUMMER PLANS	Emer O'Gorman gave a presentation on the Outdoor Summer Plans for 2021
	MOTION - CLLR. S. SHOVLIN - TOURISM OFFICE IN DUBLIN 15	Motion was noted
SEPTEMBER 8	PRESENTATION BY DUNDALK IT ON WHY IT SHOULD BECOME A CAMPUS OF A MULTI-CAMPUS REGIONAL TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY.	Agreed to explore ideas
	PRESENTATION ON FINGAL SKILLS STRATEGY IMPLEMENTATION	Need support of SPC and business community



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ECONOMIC ENTERPRISE, TOURISM & CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Meeting Date 2021	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update
SEPTEMBER 8	PRESENTATION ON FINGAL CELEBRATES AND RELATED EVENTS	Paul Barnes gave a presentation on Fingal Celebrates and upcoming events for 2021
	PRESENTATION ON BREMORE CASTLE	Emer O’Gorman gave a presentation on Bremore Castle. Council to bring the Castle to Part M compliance but planning and ministerial consent required. Opportunities for funding to be explored
NOVEMBER 24	LOCAL ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2021 – 2024	Oisin Geoghegan gave a presentation on Local Enterprise Development Plan 2021 - 2024
	BROADMEADOW AND WARD RIVER TRAILS ECONOMIC APPRAISAL	Report was welcomed by Cllr. Butler and noted by members
	EVENT FUNDING SCHEME	Scheme to go to full Council (via the CPG) for noting
	MOTION - CLLR. ANTHONY LAVIN – OUTDOOR DINING INITIATIVES IN FINGAL	Motion was noted and agreed
	MOTION - CLLR. BREDA HANAPHY – TOURISM MAP FOR DUBLIN 15	Motion was noted and agreed

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HOUSING



Chairperson: Cllr Robert O’Donoghue
Council Members: Cllr Brigid Manton, Cllr James Humphreys, Cllr Natalie Tracey, Cllr Daniel Whooley, Cllr John Burtchaell, Cllr Kieran Dennison, Cllr Adrian Henchy
External Members: Adeline O’Brien, Finbarr Geaney, Dayakar Redy Komirelly, Oghenetano John Uwhumiakpor

Meeting Date 2021	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update
MARCH 30	MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE HOUSING SPC HELD ON 1ST DECEMBER 2020	
	HOUSING DELIVERY STREAMS	Presentation outlining the delivery statistics to date and planned developments
	CHOICE BASED LETTING UPDATE	Presentation on the proposed plan to offer an online service for choice-based lettings
	UPDATE ON THE NEW PLAN FOR DISABILITY	Presentation on Fingal’s strategic plan for housing people with a disability
	SOCIAL HOUSING APPLICATION FORM	Presentation on the new application form which comes into effect on the 16th April 2021 and explaining next steps for applicants
JUNE 30	MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE HOUSING SPC HELD ON 30TH MARCH, 2021	
	HOUSING DELIVERY UPDATE	Presentation outlining the delivery statistics to date and planned developments
	COST RENTAL	Presentation on the proposed cost rental initiative under the Affordable Housing Bill 2021
	ADMINISTRATION OF THE NEW HAP SCHEME	Presentation outlining the current HAP scheme and the plan to move the service online in Quarter 3 2021
SEPTEMBER 21	MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE HOUSING SPC HELD ON THE 30TH JUNE 2021	
	HOUSING FOR ALL – A NEW HOUSING PLAN FOR IRELAND	Presentation outlining the recently published Housing for All plan
	DRAFT STRATEGY FOR HOUSING DISABLED PEOPLE 2021-2026	Presentation on the current five-year strategy
	CLLR. DAYAKAR REDDY KOMIRELLY – TWO BEDROOM APARTMENTS	Following discussion, the report was ACCEPTED
	CLLR. J. BURTCHAELL – FINGAL TARGETS UNDER THE HOUSING FOR ALL PLAN – A1069482	Following discussion, the report was ACCEPTED
CLLR. N. TREACY – INFILL SPACES ACROSS THE COUNTY	Following discussion, the report was NOTED	



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HOUSING

Meeting Date 2021	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update
NOVEMBER 30	MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE HOUSING SPC HELD ON THE 30TH NOVEMBER 2021	
	HOUSING FOR ALL UPDATE	Presentation on the delivery streams in the Housing for All plan
	HOUSING DELIVERY ACTION PLAN	Following discussion, the report was noted
	HOMELESS ACTION PLAN 2022-2024	Presentation on the roll out of the new Action Plan

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PLANNING, STRATEGIC TRANSPORT & INFRASTRUCTURE

Chairperson: Cllr Brian Dennehy

Council Members: Cllr Brian Mc Donagh, Cllr Tania Doyle, Cllr Dean Mulligan, Cllr Punam Rane, Cllr Tom Kitt

External Members: Greg Farrell (up to July 2021) and Kieran O'Neill

Meeting Date 2021	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update	
MARCH 10	SPC WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2021	A presentation on the Work Programme for 2021 was given at the Meeting. Following the presentation, the programme was noted.	
	DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2023-2029	An update on the Development Plan 2023-2029 and a discussion regarding the Strategic Issues Paper was noted.	
	MAJOR STUDIES/LAP'S	An update on all current LAP's and studies was given to the Members and noted.	
	FINGAL GREENWAY/CYCLEWAYS	A presentation was given to the Meeting on Fingal Greenways and a progress update on each: Broadmeadow Way, Sutton-Malahide Greenway, Fingal Coastal Way (Donabate to Balbriggan), Royal Canal and Harry-Reynolds Road. Following discussion, the presentation was noted.	
	SPACE FOR PLAY – DRAFT FINGAL PLAY POLICY	A presentation was given to the Members on the Draft Fingal Play Policy and following discussion the presentation was noted.	
	TAKING IN CHARGE POLICY	A presentation was given at the Meeting and noted.	
	MOTION – COUNCILLOR D. MULLIGAN – FEASIBILITY OF EXTENSION OF LUAS LINE	The Chief Executive Report on the Motion was noted.	
	MOTION – COUNCILLOR P. RANE – CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDED IN HOLLYSTOWN	The Chief Executive Report on the Motion was noted.	
	JUNE 15	GUEST SPEAKER – MR TIM GASTON DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES NTA	A presentation and update on the Bus network redesign and Bus Connects was given at the Meeting. The presentation was noted.
		FINGAL GREENWAYS/CYCLEWAYS	An update was given to the Meeting on Fingal Greenways/Cycleways and a progress update on each: Broadmeadow Way, Sutton-Malahide Greenway, Fingal Coastal Way (Donabate to Balbriggan), Royal Canal and Harry-Reynolds Road. Following discussion, the update was noted.
DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2023-2029		An update on the Development Plan 2023-2029 and a discussion regarding the Strategic Issues Paper and the next stage of the process was given and noted.	



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PLANNING, STRATEGIC TRANSPORT & INFRASTRUCTURE

Meeting Date 2021	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update
JUNE 15	MAJOR STUDIES/LAP'S	An update on all current LAP's and studies was given to the Members and noted.
	UNIVERSAL DESIGN	A presentation was given to the Members on Universal Design and following a discussion the presentation was noted.
	THE FOREST OF FINGAL TREE STRATEGY	A presentation was given to the Members on the Forest of Fingal Tree Strategy and following discussion the presentation was noted.
SEPTEMBER 29	DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2023-2029	An update on the Development Plan 2023-2029 and a discussion regarding the Strategic Issues Paper and the next stage of the process was given and noted.
	MAJOR STUDIES/LAP'S	An update on current Studies and LAP's. A discussion on Sustainable Swords Project and the public consultation for the project was given to the members and noted.
	FINGAL GREENWAYS/CYCLEWAYS	An update was given to the Meeting on Fingal Greenways/Cycleways and a progress update on each: Broadmeadow Way, Sutton-Malahide Greenway, Fingal Coastal Way (Donabate to Balbriggan), Royal Canal and Harry-Reynolds Road. Following discussion, the update was noted.
	SUSTAINABLE DRAINAGE SYSTEMS (SuDS)	A presentation was given to the Members on Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) Following a discussion the presentation was noted.
	DERELICT SITES REGISTER	A presentation was given to the Members on Derelict Sites Register. Following a discussion, the presentation was noted.
	SPACE FOR PLAY: A PLAY POLICY FOR FINGAL	A presentation on the Space for Play Policy was given to the Members. The Committee was advised that the Policy was due to be considered at the County Council Meeting in October. The presentation was noted.
	THE FOREST OF FINGAL, A TREE STRATEGY FOR FINGAL	An update on the Tree Strategy for Fingal was given to the Members. The Members were advised that the Tree Strategy for Fingal was due to be considered at the Council Meeting in October 2021 this was noted.

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PLANNING, STRATEGIC TRANSPORT & INFRASTRUCTURE

Meeting Date 2021	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update
NOVEMBER 29	DRAFT BIODIVERSITY ACTION PLAN	A presentation on the draft Biodiversity Action Plan was given to the Committee and noted.
	DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2023 -2029	An update on the Development Plan and the upcoming stages in the process were discussed and noted.
	MAJOR STUDIES/LAP'S	An update on studies and upcoming LAP's were discussed and noted.
	FINGAL GREENWAYS/CYCLEWAYS	An update was given to the Meeting on Fingal Greenways/Cycleways and a progress update on each: Broadmeadow Way, Sutton-Malahide Greenway, Fingal Coastal Way, Royal Canal and Harry-Reynolds Road. Following discussion, the update was noted.
	URBAN REGENERATION AND DEVELOPMENT FUND	An update on studies including Sustainable Swords and Dunsink feasibility study were discussed and noted.
	VACANT SITE REGISTER	A presentation on the Vacant Site Register was given to the Committee and following a discussion the presentation was noted.
	MOTION – COUNCILLOR T. DOYLE – UPDATE ON PROPOSALS TO LINK THE N3 AND N4	The Chief Executive Report on the motion was noted.



Strategic Policy Committee

PROGRAMME REPORT 2021



TRANSPORT & INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGEMENT

Chairperson: Cllr Ted Leddy

Council Members: Cllr Ann Graves, Cllr Joan Hopkins, Cllr Karen Power, Cllr Jimmy Guerin, Cllr. Eoghan O'Brien

External Members: Doreen Keaney PPN, Raymond Ryan Environmental Pillar, Sinead Kavanagh Eirebus

Meeting Date 2021	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update
MARCH 1	2021 SPC WORK PROGRAMME	Following discussion, it was agreed a follow up meeting will be arranged to discuss additional items to be added to the Annual Programme. The Report was Noted.
	PRESENTATION ON DRAFT CASUAL TRADING BYE-LAW	Following the presentation, questions and concerns raised by the Members were responded to. Draft Bye-Laws to go to Area Committees and on public display The Report was Noted.
	ACTIVE TRAVEL STRATEGY	Following the presentation, questions and concerns raised by the Members were responded to. The report was Noted.
	COUNCILLOR A. GRAVES - WORK PROGRAMME	Taken with No 1 above.
	NTA SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT MEASURE GRANTS	Cllr. Joan Hopkins requested the Committee Members receive regular updates throughout the year on the various projects being undertaken. Following discussion, the Report was Noted.
	PUBLIC LIGHTING IN PARKS & OPEN SPACES	Following discussion, the Report was Noted.
JUNE 17	DRAFT CASUAL TRADING BYE-LAWS	Report noted on public consultation and draft by-laws Draft Casual Trading Bye-Laws recommended by SPC to Council for approval.
	PROPOSED WORK PROGRAMME 2021	Presentation on agreed work programme for 2021 noted and agreed by the SPC.
	REGIONAL PARKS & OPEN SPACES BYE-LAWS	It was agreed by the Members to extend an invitation to Fingal DOG to present to the next SPC in September. The SPC members agreed to extend the invitation on condition that Fingal DOG agree and accept that the Council will not be reviewing Bye-Law 4.7(d).
	TRIAL OF CAR FREE ZONES	Report noted.
	PARKING PRACTICES IN FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL	Report noted.
	REVIEW OF PROTECTED CYCLE LANE IN RIVERVALLEY	Report noted.
	LIAISE WITH CONSULTANTS OF THE FINGAL COASTAL WAY	Report noted.

Strategic Policy Committee

PROGRAMME REPORT 2021

TRANSPORT & INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGEMENT

Meeting Date 2021	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update
SEPTEMBER 16	DRAFT BURIAL POLICY REVIEW	A discussion followed a presentation and it was agreed to progress the draft Fingal Burial Ground Bye-Laws to each Area Committee Meeting and then to public consultation.
	REGIONAL PARKS AND OPEN SPACES BYE-LAWS – INVITATION TO FINGAL DOG	The SPC agreed that an invitation be issued to Fingal DOG requesting that they present their proposals, with regards to off-leash areas within the Council area, at the next SPC meeting in November. The Committee agreed that it be outlined to Fingal DOG that the Council's position on Bye Law 4(7)(d) not being reviewed has not changed.
	NATIONAL TRANSPORT AUTHORITY QUARTERLY REPORT	A discussion with questions and answers followed the presentation. The report was noted.
	ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STRATEGY	A discussion with questions and answers followed the presentation. The report was noted.
	TOWN BUS SERVICE FOR SWORDS	The report was noted.
	SEGREGATED CYCLE TRACKS IN URBAN AREAS	Item not reached
	KERB PROTECTED CYCLEWAYS	Item not reached
NOVEMBER 22	PRESENTATION FROM FLEXIBUS	Following the presentation, questions and concerns raised by the Members were responded to.
	PRESENTATION FROM FINGAL DOG	Following the presentation by Fingal Dog a detailed discussion took place. Questions and clarification on Bye-Law 4.7(d) raised by the Members were responded to and the Director of Services confirmed that going forward proposal for on/off leash areas will go to relevant Area Committee as agreed by Council in June.
	PROGRAMME OF WORKS – DISCUSSION ON PROGRAMME OF WORKS 2022	Following discussion, the Report and proposals for Programme of Works for 2022 was noted.
	R. RYAN – FINGAL COASTAL GREENWAYS	Following discussion, the Report was noted.
	CLLR. A. GRAVES – RETROFITTING OF PEDESTRIAN & CYCLING FACILITIES AT BALHEARY ROAD	Following discussion, the Report was noted.
	CLLR. K. POWER – THIRD LEVEL EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP	Following discussion, the Report was noted.



Joint Policing Committee

MEMBERSHIP AND ACTIVITIES

The Fingal Joint Policing Committee is established under the Garda Síochána Act 2005, and its function is to serve as a forum for consultations, discussions and recommendations on matters affecting the policing of the local authority's administrative area, and in particular to keep under review

- The levels and patterns of crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour in that area (including the patterns and levels of misuse of alcohol and drugs), and
- The factors underlying and contributing to the levels of crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour in the area.
- This is managed through the Annual Work Programme of the Joint Policing Committee which sets out four strategic areas for collaboration between Fingal County Council and An Garda Síochána.

In 2021, the Fingal Joint Policing Committee met on the following dates:

- 5th March 2021 via Microsoft Teams
- 4th June 2021 via Microsoft Teams
- 3rd September 2021 via Microsoft Teams
- 3rd December 2021 via Microsoft Teams

With Covid-19 restrictions the four public meetings were unable to take place during 2021.

MEMBERSHIP

LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS

Cllr. Adrian Henchy (Chair), Cllr. Gráinne Maguire, Cllr. John Walsh, Cllr. Daniel Whooley, Cllr. Anthony Lavin, Cllr. Tony Murphy, Cllr. Robert O'Donoghue, Cllr. Ian Carey, Cllr. Ann Graves, Cllr. Tania Doyle, Cllr. Dean Mulligan Cllr. James Humphreys, Cllr. JohnKingley Onwumereh, Cllr. Pamela Conroy, Cllr. Ted Leddy

OIREACTAS MEMBERS

Alan Farrell TD, Louise O'Reilly TD, Senator Lorraine Clifford-Lee, Duncan Smith TD, Senator Emer Currie

PPN (COMMUNITY) REPRESENTATIVES

Jossy Akwuobi, Myles Caulfield, Ray Smyth, Aisling Kelly, Pat Doyle, Tom O'Brien, Angela Rogers

AN GARDA SÍOCHÁNA

Chief Superintendent Mark Curran (DMR-N) and Chief Superintendent Finbarr Murphy (DMR-W)

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

AnnMarie Farrelly, Chief Executive; Mary T. Daly, Director of Services, Operations and Water Services; Liam Burke, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Department.

Financial Position



Financial Position

REVENUE ACCOUNT STATEMENT

for year ended 31st December 2021

* THESE ARE DRAFT FIGURES AND THE ANNUAL REPORT WILL BE ADOPTED PENDING THEIR FINAL APPROVAL

	DRAFT 2021	2020
	€	€
EXPENDITURE		
Housing & Building	71,066,537	59,911,347
Roads Transportation & Safety	29,307,005	26,793,608
Water & Sewerage	16,248,409	15,579,868
Development Incentives & Controls	23,045,917	50,950,623
Environmental Protection	44,244,490	40,768,857
Recreation & Amenity	41,441,572	39,267,114
Agriculture, Education, Health & Safety	932,685	895,997
Miscellaneous	70,173,170	89,305,628
Total Gross Expenditure	296,459,785	323,473,042
INCOME		
Housing & Building	72,664,558	65,562,862
Roads Transportation & Safety	9,007,308	8,117,621
Water & Sewerage	22,908,789	17,203,842
Development Incentives & Controls	8,833,835	37,338,511
Environmental Protection	7,677,340	7,733,164
Recreation & Amenity	3,697,660	3,072,387
Agriculture, Education, Health & Safety	276,934	264,065
Miscellaneous	74,573,324	92,828,907
Total Income	199,639,748	232,121,359
Net Expenditure	96,820,037	91,351,683
Which is funded by		
County Rates	149,291,077	148,736,900
Local Property Tax	7,503,957	8,528,476
Pension Related Deduction	0	0
TOTAL	156,795,034	157,265,376
Surplus (Deficit) for Year Before Transfers	59,974,997	64,913,691
Transfers from (to) Reserves	(59,974,864)	(64,913,368)
	133	323
Incoming Balance @ 1st January	15,979,679	15,979,356
Closing Balance @ 31st December	15,979,812	15,979,679

Financial Position

CAPITAL ACCOUNT STATEMENT

for year ended 31st December 2021

* THESE ARE DRAFT FIGURES AND THE ANNUAL REPORT WILL BE ADOPTED PENDING THEIR FINAL APPROVAL

	DRAFT 2021	2020
	€	€
EXPENDITURE (Net of Internal Transfers)*		
Housing & Building	40,983,325	93,648,084
Roads Transportation & Safety	19,925,552	23,025,407
Water & Sewerage	1,254,302	2,148,087
Development Incentives & Controls	20,908,076	25,249,001
Environmental Protection	1,368,078	5,306,730
Recreation & Amenity	9,967,318	7,632,320
Miscellaneous	51,781,352	2,879,862
	146,188,003	159,889,491
INCOME (Net of Internal Transfers)*		
Housing & Building	51,421,367	89,983,152
Roads Transportation & Safety	16,002,807	13,188,885
Water & Sewerage	996,826	1,039,126
Development Incentives & Controls	61,965,549	49,739,940
Environmental Protection	7,969,693	6,975,350
Recreation & Amenity	5,558,657	7,435,418
Miscellaneous	27,955,709	32,099,910
	171,870,608	200,613,680
Surplus (Deficit) for year	25,682,605	40,724,189
Balance (Debit)/Credit @ 1st January	236,469,998	195,745,809
Balance (Debit)/Credit @ 31st December	262,152,603	236,469,998

Excludes internal transfers, includes transfers to and from Revenue account



AIRCRAFT NOISE COMPETENT AUTHORITY

Objective

Assessment

ENSURE THE NOISE GENERATED BY AIRCRAFT ACTIVITY AT DUBLIN AIRPORT IS ASSESSED AND PROVIDE FOR THE APPLICATION OF THE ICAO BALANCED APPROACH WHERE A NOISE PROBLEM IS IDENTIFIED

ANCA completed a full Aircraft Noise Impact assessment for Dublin Airport during 2021 in accordance with the provisions of Section 9 of the Aircraft Noise (Dublin Airport) Regulation Act 2019. The process resulted in the making of a noise abatement objective and draft regulatory decision, including supporting report, under Section 34C of the Planning and Development Act 2000. Environmental assessments were carried out on these plans. The draft regulatory decision and report, noise abatement objective and environmental assessments were made available for public inspection and submissions from 11 November 2021 to 28 February 2022. ANCA will have regard to all submissions /observations made during this period prior to making a regulatory decision during 2022.

ENSURE THAT THE AIRCRAFT NOISE IMPLICATIONS OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS AT DUBLIN AIRPORT ARE ASSESSED

ANCA completed an assessment of the aircraft noise implications of all planning applications for development at Dublin Airport during 2021. Ten planning applications were referred to ANCA during 2021 and ANCA issued a statutory report to the planning authority on all applications within the four-week period prescribed by Section 34B(1)(a)(ii) of the Planning and Development Act 2000.

MONITOR COMPLIANCE WITH NOISE MITIGATION MEASURES AND OPERATING RESTRICTIONS

Section 19 of the Aircraft Noise (Dublin Airport) Regulation Act 2019 requires the Airport Authority to prepare a compliance report on noise mitigation measures and operating restrictions. This compliance report was audited by ANCA and both the initial report and the additional information requested by ANCA were published on the ANCA website for public inspection during 2021.

Reports on Service Delivery



ARCHITECTS

Objective

TO PROVIDE A QUALITY PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECTURAL SERVICE TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CLIENT DEPARTMENTS AND COUNCIL INITIATIVES.

ASSIST WITH BUILT HERITAGE PROTECTION ISSUES INCLUDING MANAGING THE ARCHITECTURAL CONSERVATION OFFICE AND THE ASSESSMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF GRANT SUPPORTS AND COUNCIL INITIATIVES.

TO ENGAGE WITH RELEVANT GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS IN RELATION TO BUDGET APPROVALS, ADMINISTRATION OF GRANT SCHEMES AND POLICY ON THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT AS IT RELATES TO THE COUNCIL.

TO ENSURE THAT BUILDING PROJECTS COMMISSIONED BY THE COUNCIL MEET STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS IN RELATION TO PLANNING, HEALTH AND SAFETY, BUILDING CONTROL AND ENVIRONMENTAL AND HERITAGE PROTECTION.

TO MANAGE AND IMPLEMENT EFFICIENT CYCLICAL AND PLANNED MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR EXISTING FINGAL HOUSING STOCK AND TO EFFICIENTLY MANAGE RE-LET REPAIRS OF EXISTING AND NEWLY ACQUIRED STOCK INCLUDING IMPLEMENTATION OF COUNCIL CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLAN.

TO MANAGE CONSTRUCTION BUDGETS AND PROCESS CONTRACTOR CLAIMS FOR PAYMENT EFFICIENTLY AND FAIRLY.

Assessment

Architectural services and advice has been delivered to various council departments throughout 2021 across a range of project types. The diverse services offered ranged from feasibility studies, site assessment, statutory consent processes, tender and contract administration, procurement, cost planning and control, urban and interior design and administration of conservation grants to protect the built heritage. The services were provided in relation to various project types including newbuild, extensions, refurbishment, conservation and maintenance services. The services covered many building types- housing, public buildings, offices, historic buildings and design of the public realm.

The Conservation Office has delivered a work programme comprising Grants – administration of the Built Heritage investment scheme, the Historic Structures fund and the Stitch in time grant, Planning reports as an internal consultee for the Planning Dept., participation in preplanning meetings, work related to the architectural heritage of the County for the Development Plan review, input to the FCC Monuments/Structures at Risk programme, input into Climate Change initiatives as related to the historic built environment, responses to Elected Members queries and questions, responding to correspondence/Emails from the public and others.

The Architects Department have engaged with relevant government departments via our Client council departments for all funded capital projects and grant schemes.

All statutory requirements have been met regarding Planning, Health and Safety, Building Control and Environmental and Heritage protection. In addition, an effective suite of controls is in place to ensure ongoing compliance.

Cyclical planned and response maintenance programmes were carried out in council housing stock throughout the year including boiler and window and door replacement programmes. Relet repairs were carried out on properties throughout the County. Process improvements were applied to all programmes. A retrofit pilot project was carried out to 65 Council owned houses in response to the climate action mandate.

Budgets were managed for capital and maintenance projects for client department. Requirements of the CWMF and the OGP were applied to cost control activities. There was close engagement with the CPU.



COMMUNITY & SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

Objective

TO PROVIDE DEVELOPMENTAL AND MANAGEMENT SUPPORT TO VOLUNTARY FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL FACILITY COMMITTEES

CONTINUE TO MANAGE THE UP KEEP AND RENOVATION OF OLD FACILITIES

SUPPORTS TO COMMUNITY & VOLUNTARY PROGRAMMES OF ACTIVITIES

FINGAL PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NETWORK

FINGAL MIGRANT INTEGRATION AND SOCIAL COHESION POLICY

FINGAL COMHAIRLE NA N-ÓG

CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE WORK OF AGE FRIENDLY FINGAL ALLIANCE, CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE WORK OF AGE FRIENDLY IRELAND

Assessment

The Community Development Office continued to provide administrative and financial support to 33 Community Centres throughout 2021. The ongoing support continues to ensure that Council owned facilities are run and managed to a high standard, are working towards sustainability and are accessible to the whole community.

The Community Development Office, with support from the Architects department, continued to work through recommendations identified in conditioning surveys to maintain the upkeep of the older community facilities within Fingal.

The Office also processed €87k in grant funding to non-council owned facilities under the non-council owned facilities remedial works grant scheme to support capital renovation costs in those facilities.

Throughout 2021 grant funding was provided by the Community Development Office to Summer Projects, Activity Funding and Special Funding Schemes such as Digital Poverty and Residents groups.

Funding was also provided to Covid-19 Community Response Volunteer Groups in their ongoing delivery of supports as partners in the Community Call.

During 2021, 49 new members groups registered on the PPN network bringing the total membership to over 700.

Throughout the year the Community Development Office provided ongoing support to the PPN by facilitating a number of Induction and PPN workshops and through the distribution of monthly newsletters to inform and engage members.

The Community Department continues to support the Migrant Integration Forum in its work to promote integration and inter-culturalism under the 5 strategic Pillars set out in the Migrant Integration and Social Cohesion Strategy 2019 - 2024

Ongoing support was provided to Fingal Comhairle na nÓg. The Online AGM was attended by young people from primary, secondary and youth organisations across the County of Fingal.

Funding provision was made for a new Comhairle coordinator to enhance the support provided and increase stakeholder engagement.

40% of secondary schools across Fingal engaged with Comhairle throughout the year.

8 members virtual meetings was facilitated to support the work of the Older persons' Council and the Age Friendly Alliance.

Fingal's Older Persons guide 2021 was produced and distributed to over 20,000 Older citizens in Fingal and a number of outdoor music performances were held in Nursing homes across the County.

"Connecting with Outdoors" events took place in Swords, Balbriggan and Blanchardstown to celebrate Positive Aging week.



COMMUNITY & SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

Objective

IMPLEMENT THE FINGAL SPORT VISION STATEMENT 2019-2021

Assessment

The Sports Office continued to adapt to work within Government Covid restrictions and delivered 1026 online and in-person programmes to almost 79K participants such as:

- Safeguarding courses
- On-line physical activity programmes for older adults and disability groups
- Pitch & Putt and ExWell Medical Programme events for Older Adults
- Sports Con 10 @ 10 - Primary School classroom or home-based exercise programmes
- Fingal Digifit
- Active Club Challenge to encourage walking, cycling and running groups in sports clubs
- Exercise Energise Women in Sport participation programme aimed at secondary school pupils

In the Summer, the Sports Office facilitated an Outdoor Beach & Water Sports Activity Day in Balbriggan with over 2,000 people turning out on the day to participate. 3,200 primary school kids took part in the MarathonKids programme.

Sports Equipment and Youth Sports Grants were provided to over 100 sporting facilities to assist with purchasing of equipment to upgrade clubs and increase membership as well enabling sports clubs to work with young people for a safe return to sport following Covid restrictions.



CORPORATE AFFAIRS & GOVERNANCE

Objective

TO ENSURE THE EFFECTIVE DELIVERY AND TRANSPARENCY OF DEMOCRATIC PROCESSES WITHIN THE COUNCIL.

The Chief Executive and her team continued to work closely with the Elected Members as well as County Stakeholders e.g. businesses, community groups, etc.

Through the Strategic Policy Committees, the Elected Members continued to fulfill their governance and oversight role.

Meetings continued to be serviced and webcast to ensure the transparency of the democratic function.

TO ENSURE THE PROVISION OF GOOD CUSTOMER SERVICE ACROSS THE ORGANISATION

The Customer Care Unit consists of trained Agents to ensure that all queries are resolved at the first point of contact for the customer. Throughout the pandemic the Council remained open for business to the public and our Agents dealt with:

- 186,957 phone calls
- 10,752 emails
- 4,027 in-person queries.

TO UPHOLD THE CITIZEN CHARTER AND GOOD CUSTOMER SERVICE

In accordance with the Council's Citizen's Charter, all complaints received were processed and responded to in a timely manner during 2021.

TO ENSURE EFFECTIVE INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS AND THE PROMOTION OF COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

In accordance with the Council's Communications Strategy, an extensive programme of internal and external communications was implemented to promote the Council's activities and increase awareness of the work that we do for our citizens.

TO PROMOTE THE USE OF THE IRISH LANGUAGE THROUGH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE IRISH LANGUAGE SCHEME

The Fourth Irish Language Scheme 2021 - 2024 was adopted by the Members for implementation across the Council.

TO ENSURE ALL CORPORATE BUILDINGS ARE IMPROVED, MAINTAINED AND PROTECTED TO THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE STANDARD

The Buildings Facilities Team during 2021 ensured that all Corporate Buildings were maintained and protected to the highest standard during a very challenging pandemic year.

The staff play a key role in maintaining the Council's commitment to Energy Efficiency and continual improvement through the management of the Council's Energy Management System ISO 50001:2018.



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ECONOMIC, ENTERPRISE, TOURISM & CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Objective

FOSTER A STRONG LOCAL ECONOMY AND PROMOTE ENVIRONMENTALLY SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS.

Fingal In It Together installed c. 40 parklets for public and business use. Grants in excess of €60,000 issued under the 2021 Shopfront & Main Street Residences Scheme while c. €440,000 in Outdoor Dining Grants were issued on behalf of Fáilte Ireland.

Assessment

The Sustainable Fingal Initiative launched in February 2021 with a new section on the website directing businesses to supports and information to become more sustainable. A webinar was held during Climate Week to highlight sustainability issues and a competition for a Sustainability Assessment & Action Plan was won by a local business in Rush.

CHANNEL A RANGE OF SUPPORTS TO LOCAL BUSINESSES IN FINGAL. TO PROMOTE ENTREPRENEURSHIP, FOSTER BUSINESS START-UPS AND DEVELOP EXISTING MICRO & SMALL BUSINESSES.

Small Business Assistance Scheme grants totaling €1.13m were paid to 214 businesses in the Fingal area. SBASC gave grants to businesses who were not eligible for the Government's Covid-19 Restrictions Support Scheme (CRSS), the Fáilte Ireland Business Continuity grant or other direct sectoral grant schemes.

TO DRIVE JOB CREATION AND TO PROVIDE ACCESSIBLE HIGH QUALITY SUPPORTS FOR NEW BUSINESS IDEAS.

The Council's three Enterprise Centres continued to participate in ConnectedHubs and to support start-up and growing businesses through the provision of enterprise space, remote working space and related supports.

In 2021 LEO Fingal launched its new Local Enterprise Development Plan (2021 - 2024) and is continuing to implement the actions from the plan. These actions provide businesses in Fingal with the support and skills to scale and increase employment throughout the County. 2021 saw a continued focus on helping businesses through the impact of Covid-19 and in addition, the necessity to focus on preparing businesses for Brexit. A total of €1,563,446 in financial aid was approved to 379 Fingal businesses for various grant aid schemes and Trading Online Vouchers. In total, 7,392 places were booked by clients for Training/ Networking/ Events/ Webinars (all online). An online Local Enterprise Week proved hugely successful with over 1,200 businesses participating. Business clinics and mentoring assignments were delivered to 1,360 clients. 335 Trading Online Vouchers were approved. 14 Start Your Own Business courses were delivered to 295 aspiring entrepreneurs.

IMPLEMENT AND MANAGE LOCAL COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES INCLUDING (SICAP) AND LEADER

The Fingal SICAP Programme performed strongly with Pobal and the Department of Rural & Community Development citing Fingal's Programme as an exemplar.

The LEADER Programme is overseen by the Dublin Rural LEADER Local Action Group (LAG) which comprises representation from South Dublin, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown and Fingal LCDC's. The 2021/2022 Transition Funding Arrangements approved a budget of €1,882,175. In 2021 19 projects to the value of €766,899 were approved including 16 Fingal Projects



ECONOMIC, ENTERPRISE, TOURISM & CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Objective

STRENGTHEN THE PROPOSITION AND MARKETING OF TOURISM IN THE COUNTY

In light of the Covid-19 Pandemic and the impact it has made on tourism business in Fingal in 2021, the Fingal Tourism Hospitality Group, which comprises representatives of the EETCD and members of the Fingal Dublin Chamber, launched a Fingal tourism summer campaign. This commenced with a reintroduction to Fingal messaging, then a focus on flagship attractions (day trip/overnight). The campaign also promoted off the beaten track attractions and unique Fingal itineraries to motivate visitors to explore the area and to reflect the Fáilte Ireland #keepdiscovering campaign.

The group agreed an increased spend on social media advertising, Google advertising, display & search and on YouTube was required to reboot the tourism industry after multiple lockdowns. It included calls to action such as competitions, itineraries for day trips and staycations. Previous content and assets, including ads and videos, from the 2020 campaign were re-edited for initial use in the campaign.

Fingal Tourism and Ripple Marketing worked with each of the tourism development groups to develop a filming schedule highlighting the unique and saleable experiences in each area. This new content is being edited into 32 videos outputs for use. A series of new ads are being created which reflect the Dublin Brand Toolkit and the #keepdiscovering campaign.

FOSTER COLLABORATIVE LEADERSHIP AMONG STAKEHOLDERS IN LOCAL COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Dublin-Belfast Economic Corridor was launched with a webinar and a dedicated website and profile report highlighting the economic opportunities of the corridor. In November the Chair and Oversight Board members were elected.

The Fingal Skills Strategy Group commenced implementation and established sub-groups to focus on skills development in Transport & Logistics and Construction. Work also commenced on a web portal for skills information.

Rush commenced the Urbact Playful Towns Initiative, securing funding to hold play events in October and December.

Assessment



ECONOMIC, ENTERPRISE, TOURISM & CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Objective

IMPLEMENT OUR BALBRIGGAN 2019 - 2025 REJUVENATION PLAN

The Council was awarded €24,438,875 in URDF funding for Balbriggan.

The acquisition of key properties was completed with Integrated Designs Teams appointed for the Quay Street & 2/4 Dublin Street Projects. The demolition of the O'Shea's Building commenced at the Harbour. Consultants were appointed to develop a masterplan and to carry out an active travel and traffic study of the town.

A new pillar was added with a focus on community safety and integration and work across all pillars was progressed

Smart Balbriggan held a webinar on the Smart Balbriggan Programme and a hybrid Hackathon where citizens collaborated to find smart solutions to community challenges.

Balbriggan's URBACT iPlace Project continued work on an Integrated Action Plan to strengthen entrepreneurial activity and develop a creative arts local development ecosystem

FACILITATE THE CREATION OF A FINGAL FOOD & DRINK TOURISM DESTINATION

The Council has worked with Fáilte Ireland and a food consultant assigned to the Fingal Food Tourism Network in 2021 on the following:

- A series of speed networking building events
- Internal familiarisation visits to food business with training elements
- External familiarisation visits to other networks
- Workshops/ training events:

PROMOTE HERITAGE LED TOURISM INITIATIVES AT FINGAL HERITAGE PROPERTIES

In 2021, the operator commenced a Summer media campaign to encourage staycationers to visit Malahide Castle and Gardens, Newbridge House and Farm and the Malahide Casino Model Railway Museum. Radio adverts ran on Classic Hits and Newstalk Radio (nationwide) throughout July and into August. In addition, advertisement in the International Arrivals hall at the airport and sightline bus adverts were rolled out. At Newbridge House, the operator worked with Fingal Arts Department in hosting and promoting the Guest exhibition.

'Picnic with Pride' a charity event in aid of the Pride Foundation, hosted by James Patrice, took place on the West Lawn at Malahide Castle on the 24th, 25th and 26th June.

A new Trail booklet to increase dwell time for children at the Malahide Casino Model Railway Museum was also designed. Joint Model Railway and Fairy Trail tickets were put in place to drive visitors to the Casino. Ardgillan Castle launched an outdoor children's book trail. Former children's Laureate, Niamh Sharkey's storybook The Ravenous Beast creates an outdoor, free and self-guided family experience.



ECONOMIC, ENTERPRISE, TOURISM & CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Objective

OPTIMISE AND EXPAND VISITOR EXPERIENCES AT ALL FINGAL VISITOR ATTRACTIONS AND EVENTS

There was continued capital investment for maintenance and upgrading of our Heritage Property facilities during 2021. The Council engaged with its Operators and Café providers to optimise visitor experiences. Collaboration with Fáilte Ireland continued during 2021 on a number of projects including the Coastal Development Plan, engagement with the Tourism Development Groups and marketing of Fingal.

A new arts and crafts' shop opened at Ardgillan Castle Newbridge House, enhancements to the farm were made to improve the visitor experience including improved signage and the introduction of a wider range of smaller farm animals that appeal to children. A new display of farm implements in the Courtyard area in Newbridge Farm to educate visitors on farm machinery.

Some of the Events programming could not be undertaken once again due to Covid-19, however virtual and online events were facilitated, including the lighting up of historic and civic buildings. When government guidance permitted, the following events took place in person: 'Celebrate Fingal' at Newbridge Demesne and St. Catherine's Park; Halloween Event at Swords Castle; Enchanted Forest & Enchanted Cycle at the Millenium Park and Markets at Swords, Blanchardstown and Bremeore. Fingal hosted the European Cross Country Event at the NAC in December of 2021.

In Skerries Mills, new branding was introduced as part of the suite of branding for heritage properties including new signage at the entrance to the site. Improvements to the audio visuals presentation on the tour were made and preparations to move to paperless guide leaflets in foreign languages began.

IMPLEMENT THE FINGAL ARTS DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The implementation of the Fingal Arts Development Plan 2019-2025 continued in 2021 with our public arts programme 'Infrastructure' and our grants, commissions and bursaries schemes, including supporting the Swords Cultural Quarter and the Our Balbriggan rejuvenation project.



ECONOMIC, ENTERPRISE, TOURISM & CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Objective

IMPLEMENT THE EIGHT YEAR FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT WITH THE ARTS COUNCIL

The actions of the eight years framework agreement with the Arts Council continued in 2021. The two areas of agreement are:

a) Research & Development - the Arts Office continues to engage with the SCQ development team on the new public cultural facility and theatre model.

b) Building Capacity - The arts staff have developed a suite of research on how the Council can best meet its public service ambitions in arts and culture, in the areas of public arts practice and youth and education.

TO COORDINATE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CREATIVE IRELAND PROGRAMME IN FINGAL

A budget of €343,000 was allocated in 2021 to 42 different creative projects/initiatives across the 3 separate funding streams of Creative, Cruinniú na nÓg and the Decade of Centenaries Commemoration programme.

The Commemorations Programme focused on the end of the War of Independence with specific emphasis on events which occurred in Fingal during this time and the signing of the truce between the British government and representatives of the Irish Republic.

Cruinniú Na Nóg, Ireland's national day of free creative activities for children and young people up to 18 years of age takes place on 12th June.

SWORDS CIVIC & CULTURAL CENTRE

During 2021 procurements and appointments for consultancies were completed to form the design team necessary to deliver the SCQ project. The full design team have been developing their design from initial concept in preparation for the planning process. This work will continue into 2022 with the public consultation planning to take place in 2022 and tendering of the project in 2023.



ECONOMIC, ENTERPRISE, TOURISM & CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Objective

ENCOURAGE THE COMMUNITY TO REACH ITS FULL POTENTIAL AND ENGAGE ALL CITIZENS THROUGH AN INNOVATIVE PROGRAMME OF EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES IN LIBRARIES

MARKET LIBRARIES IN FINGAL AS DEMOCRATIC, INCLUSIVE AND DYNAMIC SPACES, OPEN TO ALL WHO LIVE AND WORK IN THE COUNTY

ENSURE THAT FINGAL LIBRARIES CONTINUE TO REMAIN VISIBLE AND RELEVANT IN THE COMMUNITY THROUGH COLLABORATION AND PARTNERSHIPS

Assessment

All our events moved to the virtual space due to CoVid-19. Many of our facilitators came on board to continue to provide events and activities for the public. Our staff were wonderfully creative and inventive in the content they created for our new YouTube channel and for our other social media platforms. Our History and Writers' Festivals, Cruinniú na nÓg, Healthy Ireland at Your Library, Work Matters and Right to Read Programmes, and our Europe Direct events all went ahead as normal, albeit online.

Throughout 2021, we developed a social media strategy which involved scheduling daily messages, posts and content across our various platforms, in order to promote our activities and programmes. This led to increased engagement by the public with our social media platforms including Twitter, Facebook, YouTube, and Instagram.

As a result of funding received from the Dormant Account Fund and collaboration with AslAm, Fingal Libraries engaged in the roll out of an Autism Friendly library project. Highlights from the project included the delivery of 60 sensory friendly family events by the end of March 2020, including story times, STEAM events, equine therapy, arts and crafts, educational talks on aspects of ASD and mindfulness sessions. "Relaxed Programming" and "Quiet Time" sessions were also introduced across the branch network.



ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE ACTION & ACTIVE TRAVEL

Objective

IMPLEMENT THE EASTERN - MIDLANDS REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN 2015-2021

AFTERCARE OF HISTORIC AND CLOSED LANDFILLS

MONITOR AIR AND NOISE POLLUTION

ENFORCE WASTE REGULATIONS

OPERATE DOG AND HORSE CONTROL SERVICE

OPERATE LITTER WARDEN SERVICE

Assessment

An evaluation of the current 5yr plan has been undertaken prior to the review of the plan. <http://emwr.ie/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Evaluation-of-the-3-Regional-Waste-Management-Plans-Final.pdf>

Management of closed licensed landfills - Balleally, Dunsink, Nevitt - ongoing Capital works programme for Balleally progressed Progressed Design, Screening and foreshore agreements for protection wall for Brooks End legacy landfill.

Environmental Inspections and activities related to this activity are reported to the EPA in the National Enforcement Priorities Progress Report 2021 available here <https://www.fingal.ie/national-enforcement-priorities-progress-report-2021>. The report enumerates a wide range of activities including complaints, planned inspections and permitting/licencing activities. This report together with the reports from other local authorities will be evaluated by the EPA later this year. The number of routine and non-routine air/noise related inspections undertaken in 2021 was 407.

Environmental Inspections and activities related to this activity are reported to the EPA in the National Enforcement Priorities Progress Report 2021 available here <https://www.fingal.ie/national-enforcement-priorities-progress-report-2021>. The report enumerates a wide range of activities including complaints, planned inspections and permitting/licencing activities. This report together with the reports from other local authorities will be evaluated by the EPA later this year. The number of routine and non-routine waste inspections undertaken in 2021 was 1005. End of Life Vehicle Project - 70 illegal sites cleared and closed down during 2021. For the remaining 12 sites 7 are in the process of removing ELV's with legal action required for the remainder.

The new Dog Warden and Dog Shelter services began operating in September 2021. These services operate under the Control of Dogs Act 1985. In 2021 there were 32 dogs brought to the shelter as strays, 13 surrendered and no dogs were seized.

The Dog Warden Service has commenced dog licence checks.

The horse service operates under the Control of Horses Act 1996. In 2021, 14 horses were seized from public land and all of these have been rehomed.

This service is operated in line with the Litter Pollution Acts 1997 - 2009. In March 2021 additional litter warden patrols were introduced to cover weekends as a result of public health measures and increased activity across Fingal. In 2021, there was an increased focus on illegal dumping.

The pilot abandoned car project commenced in September 2021. The number of routine litter patrols/investigations undertaken in 2021 was 3203.



ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE ACTION & ACTIVE TRAVEL

Objective

PROTECT SURFACE, GROUND AND COASTAL WATERS

Environmental Inspections and activities related to this activity are reported to the EPA in the National Enforcement Priorities Progress Report 2021 available here <https://www.fingal.ie/national-enforcement-priorities-progress-report-2021>.

The report enumerates a wide range of activities including complaints, planned inspections and permitting/licencing activities. This report together with the reports from other local authorities will be evaluated by the EPA later this year. The number of routine and non-routine water/wastewater inspections undertaken in 2021 was 850.

PROVIDE AN ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS PROGRAMME

The 2021 Environmental Awareness Program delivered the following:

- Worked with the Dublin LA's, the Eastern Midlands Regional Waste Plan Office and 40 Fingal Schools on the Composting for Schools Pilot which introduces and subsidises composting and food waste infrastructure for schools.
- Litter programs such as the Picker Pals VOICE program was introduced into 20 new Fingal school classes.
- 12 Anti Litter Anti Graffiti projects County-wide.
- Supported the 145 schools in the Green Schools Program, with 21 no. New Green Flags awarded to Fingal Schools in 2021.
- Promoted and facilitated the Fingal Instruments Project whereby instruments are handed in at Recycling Centres, cleaned and repaired and redistributed back into communities.
- The Fingal Keen to be Green Project was rolled out to 32 Fingal Community Centers. This is a program designed to assist the centre managers in becoming more sustainable in their delivery of services.
- In partnership with six Community Centres litter kit was provided for Fingal individuals and communities. The Dublin Clean-Up Week was an event which mobilised several groups to carry out clean-ups.
- Ongoing promotional campaigns in cooperation with Comms to address litter, beach and marine environments, food waste, biodiversity and general environment.
- Numerous online workshops on gardening, sustainability and nature were delivered to the public.
- Composting workshops were held at Community Gardens.



Assessment

ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE ACTION & ACTIVE TRAVEL

Objective

IMPLEMENT FLOOD PROTECTION SCHEMES IN CO-OPERATION WITH THE OPW

There are three flood schemes (Malahide, Portmarnock & Skerries) with the OPW. These are undergoing a Scheme Viability Review by the OPW currently.

CO-ORDINATION OF CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLAN

Governance and reporting structures are in place. Climate Action Coordinator works with Implementation leads from across all internal Departments, and with colleagues from the Dublin Local Authorities, CARO, Codema, and other stakeholders to coordinate delivery of the Climate Change Action Plan 2019-2024. The Plan was adopted by the Council in May 2019 and actions are ongoing. The Climate Action, Biodiversity and Environment SPC has been provided with regular updates. The Climate Change Action Plan Annual Progress Report 2021 was delivered and communicated to SPC, CPG and Council.

PROVIDE BRING BANKS FOR GLASS BOTTLES

The Council operates two civic amenity sites (Estuary and Coolmine), a network of 57 Bring Banks for glass recycling throughout the County and a total of 26 Textile Bank locations. In 2021 a total of 6563.39 Tonnes of glass was collected and recycled from Fingal bring banks. A total of 238.68 tonnes of textiles was collected from textile banks.



FINANCE

Objective

Assessment

ACTIVE DEBT MANAGEMENT (RATES/ PEL/NPPR)

In 2021, 95% of Commercial Rates were collected (including rates waiver). The Property Entry Levy (PEL), which is a charge that applies to all newly erected or newly constructed properties pending the assessment of commercial rates, took in revenue of €0.76m. Revenue from the Non-Principal Private Residence (NPPR) charge was €1.46m in 2021.

THE MANAGEMENT OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE, PROCUREMENT AND TREASURY MANAGEMENT CASH OUTFLOWS

Accounts Payable processed €291m of payments during 2021. The treasury management and cashflow was actively managed throughout the year.

EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT OF LIABILITY CLAIMS AND INSURANCE POLICIES

All claims against the Council were pro-actively managed and investigated by the Council. We continued to engage with our insurers with regards to the insurance policies in place.

ENSURE BUDGETS ARE REVIEWED AND MONITORED

Revenue account budgets and Capital Plan are reviewed regularly with each department.

PRODUCTION OF 3 YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAMME

The 2022 -2024 Capital Plan was presented to Councillors in October 2021.

PRODUCTION OF ANNUAL BUDGET

The 2020 Financial Statements were completed in April 2021 with the Auditor's Report signed in September 2021.

PRODUCTION OF ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The 2019 Financial Statements were completed in May 2020 with the Auditor's Report signed in September 2020.

TO ACHIEVE BEST PRACTICE AND VALUE FOR MONEY IN PROCUREMENT

The Central Procurement Unit (CPU) conducted procurement processes identified in the Annual Procurement Plan during 2021 as well as carrying out monitoring and reporting on procurement compliance and performance across the organisation to the Executive Management Team.



HOUSING SERVICES

Objective

Assessment

DELIVERY OF HOUSING IN FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL IN LINE WITH THE HOUSING STRATEGY AND REBUILDING IRELAND: THE ACTION PLAN FOR HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS

A total of 1,776 social housing units were delivered in 2021 via acquisitions, build, leasing and HAP streams.

A target of delivering 561 under new build & leasing social housing units during 2021 was set for Fingal. At the end of the year, the target was exceeded, and a total of 584 units were delivered under these streams.

DELIVERY AND MANAGEMENT OF HOMELESS SERVICES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE HOMELESSNESS ACTION PLAN 2019 - 2021

Continued progress has been made with the implementation of the objectives of the Homelessness Action Plan 2019-2021.

During 2021, the Homeless Team completed 576 homeless assessments, comprising 320 families and 256 single or couple households.

A total of 471 households were assisted to exit homelessness via the provision of:

- 82 social housing tenancies
- 340 Homeless - HAP tenancies
- 49 mainstream HAP

There is ongoing engagement with and collaboration with various stakeholders regarding the provision and delivery of homeless services.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE HOUSING ASSISTANCE PAYMENT SCHEME.

Housing Assistance Payment or HAP continued to be administered in 2021 to assist those in private rented accommodation with rental costs. Fingal County Council set up 746 HAP tenancies in 2021 and has set up over 3,200 since the introduction of HAP in 2017.

An online portal to streamline the application process was introduced in October.

MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF HOUSING STOCK/VACANCIES/VOIDS

The Council continued to deliver a management and maintenance service for over 6,000 tenancies across the wide range of housing stock, through all levels of Covid restrictions.

There were 15,425 maintenance requests in 2021, which was a 9% increase in the number of maintenance requests from the previous year.



HOUSING SERVICES

Objective

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION PROGRAMME 2019-2024

The implementation of the objectives of the Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019 – 2024 has progressed, with refurbishment and development of accommodation in line with the needs of the Traveller population in Fingal. The construction and occupancy of a seven-unit group housing scheme at Baskin Green was a key delivery achievement during 2021.

Assessment

FACILITATE ACCESS TO GOOD QUALITY PRIVATE RENTED ACCOMMODATION THROUGH AN ANNUAL INSPECTIONS PROGRAMME

In line with the Strategy for the Private Rental Sector the DHLGH has set annual inspection targets for all local authorities. These targets are based on a percentage of properties registered with the RTB. In 2021 there were 21,002 tenancies registered with the RTB in the Fingal administrative area.

An annual inspection target of 20% of these registered tenancies has been set by the DHLGH.

As part of the Council's Annual Inspection Programme, 2,683 inspections of private rented properties were carried out in 2021. This was despite the challenges posed by Covid-19 restrictions.

DELIVER SUFFICIENT AND APPROPRIATE HOUSING SOLUTIONS FOR DISABLED PERSONS

There were 328 applications for the Housing Adaptation Scheme for Older People and People with a Disability approved in 2021, with grants to the value of €2.3m paid out.

Through the Disabled Persons Adaptation Grant Scheme 2021, the Council carried out 87 adaptations and 3 extensions, including work related to 53 new applications. Works included the provision of level access showers, ramps, stairlifts and grabrails. The FCC Housing Department provided approximately €600,000 in funding to support these works.

SUPPORT THE PROVISION OF MIXED TENURE, QUALITY AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING

The Council continued to advance a number of mixed tenure schemes across the County in 2021. The proposed mixed tenure development at Church Fields, Mulhuddart comprises 1,000 social and affordable housing units. The Part 8 public consultation for the first phase of 300 dwellings and the Eastern Linear Park commenced in late 2021.

Works progressed on the Dun Emer development in Lusk where the Council are constructing 39 affordable and 12 social homes, which is one of the first social and affordable housing schemes developed under the Government's Housing for All policy.

In 2021, FCC's Housing Department also continued to support the joint venture mixed tenure development, in partnership with a private developer, on lands at Ballymastone, Donabate.



HUMAN RESOURCES

Objective

TO FOSTER AND EMBED AN EFFECTIVE PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT CULTURE IN THE ORGANISATION

A Performance Management and Development System is being implemented supported by competency frameworks, an annual training plan and a financially assisted Further Education Programme as normal business process.

TO IMPLEMENT A PROGRAM THAT PROMOTES WELLBEING, EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IN THE WORKPLACE

Staff wellbeing activities are regularly promoted by the Council, by the staff forum – Network Fingal and a network of informal social groups formed by staff members. Equality and Diversity is integrated in the business process of the organisation

TO OPTIMISE THE AVAILABILITY AND SKILLS OF THE COUNCIL'S HUMAN RESOURCES

Staff vacancies are being filled in a timely manner and there is a dynamic mobility programme in place allowing for the deployment of staff having regard to operational requirements and career development aspirations.

An annual training programme was implemented primarily on-line due to Covid considerations. Proactive attendance management was also in place

TO PROMOTE A SAFE AND HEALTHY WORK ENVIRONMENT

There is a proactive and dynamic safety regime of safety inspections, safety auditing and accident investigation in place.

In addition, staff are required to attend safety training courses on a structured and regular basis.



INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Objective

PROMOTE INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS THROUGH THE MEDIUMS OF WEB, GIS, CRM, DATA ANALYTICS, BPI, OPEN DATA AND KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT

TO IMPLEMENT BEST PRACTICE IN IT GOVERNANCE

IMPLEMENTATION AND MANAGEMENT OF REQUIRED INFRASTRUCTURE FOR IT SYSTEMS AND SERVICES

DELIVER AN EFFICIENT SUPPORT SERVICE FOR OUR STAFF AND COUNCILLORS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

ENCOURAGE AND SUPPORT COMMUNITIES AND BUSINESSES TO REAP THE FULL REWARDS OF A DIGITALLY ENABLED SOCIETY

ANALYSIS, DESIGN AND DEPLOYMENT OF SECURE IT SYSTEMS TO SUPPORT BUSINESS PROCESSES

Assessment

Two new ICT solutions were delivered to support the management of the Development Plan process which enabled workflow management, mapping, reporting and template generation. They allowed Councillors to map and submit motions and assisted the Planning Department in the report creation and approval process. Several other innovative solutions were delivered or enhanced across the council including Restart Grants, waste management, and heritage sites.

Meetings were held between IT and each Council Department during the year to review systems, project requirements and quality of service.

The Council's server and network infrastructure was managed (and upgraded where required) to ensure that it performed reliably in 2021. Server availability for the year was 100% and network availability was 99.99%.

Infrastructure upgrades included Virtual Server system; Network Switch Stack in all Zones in County Hall; Network Switch and Infrastructure in Depots and all Library Branches; Firewalls; installation of Defender for Endpoint for all Laptops/PC's.

The service desk dealt with 13,346 tickets from staff in 2021 and 190 calls were logged by Councillors. Remote support was provided for Councillors including during online Council meetings and on-site support was provided for Councillors for socially-distanced Council meetings.

The rollout of the WiFi4EU scheme was completed, delivering free public WiFi to eighteen towns and villages across Fingal. There were 38,155 visits to public WiFi in Fingal during the year. Seven Broadband Connection Points (BCPs) received high-speed WiFi. Four Community Centre BCPs received DRCD Connected Hubs funding to develop remote working facilities. Smart Balbriggan launched the Balbriggan 3D Model showcasing the planned public realm developments under the Our Balbriggan Rejuvenation Plan. The CE Innovation Fund was launched to support workplace innovation, and four innovation projects were funded in Year 1.

Maintenance and support continued for over 75 Applications that facilitate business processes. The Core HR & Payroll system was upgraded as was the OHMS Housing system was upgraded as a prerequisite to the implementation of the new NEC Housing system. The APAS planning system was migrated to new servers. Fingal Alerts functionality was extended to include Bathing Water Quality Alerts (EPA), Live Map, River Heights (OPW), TII Sensors Covid-19 and Property Price Register alerts.



INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Objective

DEPLOY ENTERPRISE ARCHITECTURE TO ENSURE THAT THE COUNCIL'S CORPORATE STRATEGY UTILISES PROPER TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS ARCHITECTURE TO ACHIEVE ITS GOALS

TO MEET THE EXPECTATIONS OF AN INCREASINGLY DIGITISED WORLD AND IMPROVE THE EXPERIENCE OF THOSE INTERACTING WITH THE COUNCIL

SUCCESSFULLY MANAGE THE COUNCIL'S IT PROGRAMME AND PROJECT LIFECYCLE AND RELATED RESOURCING

ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN ENTERPRISE VISION, STRATEGY, AND PROGRAM TO ENSURE INFORMATION ASSETS AND TECHNOLOGIES ARE ADEQUATELY PROTECTED

Assessment

Data Protection Impact Assessments were carried out on new systems.

The rollout of FinDocs (document management system on Sharepoint Online) continued with the successful migration of eight completed. Work also commenced on the design and development of Chief Executive Orders System. The project to migrate the Council's CRM system to Dynamics 365 was also initiated to bring about standardised approach across all departments in ways of working and doing business.

Nineteen projects were completed in 2021 and 36 new project requests were received. Phase 2 of the Development Plan was delivered on time including web casting, meeting solutions, reporting (RMAS) and GIS applications, modification to Modern Gov and automated workflows. The ePlanning and eHousing programmes progressed as planned.

IT Security was a priority due to the increased threat from cybercriminals seeking to take advantage of Covid restrictions. Security awareness training was provided to staff working remotely.

LAW

Objective

TO PROVIDE LEGAL SERVICES TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND ALL COUNCIL DEPARTMENTS

Assessment

Legal services are provided to the Chief Executive and Council Departments as requested



LIBRARIES

Objective

IMPLEMENT THE LIBRARIES DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2018-2023

PROVIDE HIGH QUALITY, WELCOMING, ACCESSIBLE SPACES WHICH MEET THE NEEDS OF LIBRARY USERS

The objectives of Fingal Libraries Development Plan 2018-2023 continued to be implemented in 2021 by way of 42 actions.

Blanchardstown Library was refurbished in 2021 and now offers 70 study spaces, 2 meeting /study booths, 2 collaboration /meeting pods, 26 public access pcs, an IT training room, a project room and a makerspace. The junior section has a new sensory pod and improved homework seating.

The Libraries Dept worked with the Architect led integrated design team to develop detailed plans for the new County Library in the Swords Cultural Quarter. Preparations continued for the planned refurbishment and extension of Skerries Library.

Due to COVID 19, at different stages throughout 2021, libraries had to offer a reduced level of service or were completely closed to the public. We continued to offer online services and events, and the Cocooning Library Service which delivered books to cocooners, the housebound, to residential services and to anyone with health issues.

ENSURE THAT LIBRARIES ARE STAFFED WITH WELL TRAINED, INFORMED AND CUSTOMER FOCUSED STAFF

Throughout 2021 staff received appropriate training, engaged in continuing professional development, and received support to avail of relevant third level educational opportunities.

RECOGNISE AND MEET THE CHANGING NEEDS OF LIBRARY USERS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT POLICY

New e-services introduced in 2021 to support home schooling and online learning included Tumble Books, Tumble Math, Lexia and Coding Clubs.

Fingal Local Study and Archives acquired several items of interest at the auction of the contents of Howth Castle and its library in September 2021.

REINFORCE THE POSITION OF LIBRARIES IN THE COMMUNITY AS KEY POINTS OF ACCESS TO INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND DIGITAL SERVICES

In Autumn 2021, Fingal Libraries appointed the Council's first Maker in Residence to develop the new makerspace at Blanchardstown Library and to encourage extensive community engagement in STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths) activities throughout our library network.

Balbriggan, Baldoye, Blanchardstown, Donabate, Howth, Malahide, Rush and Swords Libraries began to offer eduroam (education roaming) Wi-Fi. Students whose college/university participates in eduroam can simply open their laptop or mobile device in these libraries and have immediate internet connectivity.

ENCOURAGE THE COMMUNITY TO REACH ITS FULL POTENTIAL AND ENGAGE ALL CITIZENS THROUGH AN INNOVATIVE PROGRAMME OF EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES IN LIBRARIES

Highlights in our events calendar in 2021 included the Writers Festival, Fingal Festival of History, the Cruinniú na nÓg Story Trail and the Burning of Fingal Coast Guard Stations Exhibition.

Our 2021 spring brochure was delivered to 90,000 homes in Fingal. The varied events programme encouraged people to stay active in mind and body over the coming months.



LIBRARIES

Objective

MARKET LIBRARIES IN FINGAL AS DEMOCRATIC, INCLUSIVE AND DYNAMIC SPACES, OPEN TO ALL WHO LIVE AND WORK IN THE COUNTY

ENSURE THAT FINGAL LIBRARIES CONTINUE TO REMAIN VISIBLE AND RELEVANT IN THE COMMUNITY THROUGH COLLABORATION AND PARTNERSHIPS

Throughout 2021, our social media strategy involved scheduling daily messages, posts and content across our various platforms, in order to promote our online activities and programmes.

With funding of €28,600 from the Dormant Accounts Fund and through partnerships with other depts and organisations we ran a literacy project aimed at migrant families and a sensory and well-being festival designed to be accessed by children with special needs.

OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT

Objective

MANAGEMENT & MAINTENANCE OF REGIONAL & LOCAL ROADS, TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT, ROAD SAFETY

There are 65kms of National Roads including motorways in the County. The Council is responsible for managing 264Kms of regional and 1011kms of local roads in the County. Maintenance work including surface drainage, road and footpath repairs and replacement, traffic management and public lighting is delivered through the Programme of Works and the annual maintenance programmes delivered from the Depots in Coolmine, Fancourt and Swords. The Council continued to manage its stock 32,900 public lights with over 80% having been converted as part of the LED Energy Efficiency Programme

The following applications were processed during 2021:

Item	2021
Wayleave/ Communications/ Road Opening Licences	2,750
Taking in Charge Certs	2,010
Abnormal Load Permits	548
Temporary Road Closures	42

*All licences are processed on the MRL Online System

MANAGEMENT & MAINTENANCE OF REGIONAL PARKS, OPEN SPACES, PITCHES & RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

The Council continues to manage and maintain over 5000 acres (2000 Ha) of public open spaces at our regional, local and neighbourhood parks and 4 allotment sites with over 800 allotment sites. Within the parks and open spaces, we provide:

- 51 playgrounds
- 171 grass playing pitches
- 8 all-weather playing facilities
- 6 cricket pitches
- 14 Multi Use Games Areas (MUGA's)
- 4 skateparks
- 8 public tennis courts
- 3 boules courts
- 29 separate locations for adult exercise



OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT

Objective

MANAGEMENT & MAINTENANCE OF HARBOURS, LITTER MANAGEMENT, PROVISION OF BURIAL GROUNDS, PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

Assessment

In total 88kms of Fingal's coastline is maintained by the Operations Department which includes the 11 designated beaches at Balbriggan, Skerries South, Loughshinny, Rush South and North, Portrane, Donabate, Malahide, Portmarnock, Sutton Burrow Beach, Claremont and Howth. 35 lifeguards were employed from June to early September 2021. Continuous monitoring of seawater samples was carried out during the bathing season to ensure compliance with the Bathing Water Quality requirements

Harbours and piers at Balbriggan, Skerries, Loughshinny and Rush were managed and maintained during the year with works carried out on the marker buoys and navigational aids at all harbours and replacement of chains and fendering at Skerries Harbour.

Litter and Cleansing crews continued with their cyclical and response programmes in the public realm across the County and supported the work of Tidy Towns Groups and other local volunteers.

TO SUPPORT THE DELIVERY OF MAJOR COMMERCIAL AND COMMUNITY EVENTS AS APPROPRIATE

Due to Covid 19 restriction the number of events held in our regional parks and open spaces and in the public realm were severely curtailed in 2021:

The Operations Department saw a significant increase in applications for outdoor exercise / fitness classes as a result of Covid19 during 2021, across all three Operational Areas. Relevant applications were facilitated with reduced fees, and processing was fast-tracked as a supporting measure.

While it was not possible to permit a number of regular events due to public health restrictions, a number were permitted with reduced numbers and without spectators in some instances; The Castle of Lights event was held in Malahide Demesne in December 2021 for the first time. Skerries Regatta, Dublin Plein Air Painting Festival, as well as a number of schools orienteering events took place within the regional parks. The Operations Department welcomed the return of the Cool Running Ice Skating Rink to Millennium Park from November 2021 to end of January 2022. Parkruns were welcomed back in our regional parks in 2021. St. Catherine's Park Eco Food & Craft Market also returned in 2021. The Operations Department coordinated a Community Tree Planting Event in 2021 in collaboration with our colleagues in Environmental Services.

Management of commercial and sporting events and Event Licence applications, when permitted, involve the following:

- Pre and post event meetings
- Document validation and issuing of event permits
- Temporary road Closure Application
- Litter Management
- Professional advice on Traffic Management
- Advice on Crowd Safety Management



PLANNING & STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE

Objective

DELIVER STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE (PHYSICAL & GREEN) IN THE COUNTY

Assessment

- Planning applications for R132 Connectivity Project and Racecourse Park Baldoyle Park Development project submitted to An Bord Pleanala
- The Hole in Wall Road successfully completed and opened
- Park Road, Rush upgrade opened
- Snugborough Interchange is ongoing with major bridge construction works
- Non-statutory consultations completed with respect to Royal Canal Greenway, Fingal Coastal Way, N2 Rath Roundabout to Kilmoon Cross Project, N3 -M50 Clonee scheme, Sustainable Swords Project
- Sutton to Malahide Greenway - design options advanced with view to commencing non-statutory public consultation in 2022
- Ongoing advancement of the following planning approved projects through CPO, procurement, contract stages - Harry Reynolds Road Cycleway, Turvey Avenue Footpath Enhancement, R126 Portrane Road Enhancement, New Pedestrian and Cycle Bridge Donabate, Hearse Road Bad Bend Re-Alignment, Churchfields Link Road and Cycle Network, Broadmeadow Way
- Work commenced on River Valley All Weather Pitch facility
- Skerries Town Park Playground and Rathmore Park Play trail opened
- Shackleton Park restoration project completed and opened
- 8km of path improvement completed on Howth head
- Bells Lane\Bremore Park upgrade works advanced on site to near completion
- Plans for the proposed upgrade of playground at Howth Harbour approved
- Part VIII statutory public consultations held and Planning approval achieved for following Development Projects – Bremore Regional Park, Lanesborough Park, Naul Village Park, Garristown Public Space Project, Ballymestone Recreational Hub
- Porterstown Park recreational hub procurement advanced
- "Space for Play, A play policy for Fingal " and "Forest of Fingal" tree strategy both adopted

PROMOTE & ENFORCE BUILDING REGULATIONS AND CONSTRUCTION PRODUCT REGULATIONS

Policies, guidelines and standards are continually under review to ensure best practice.

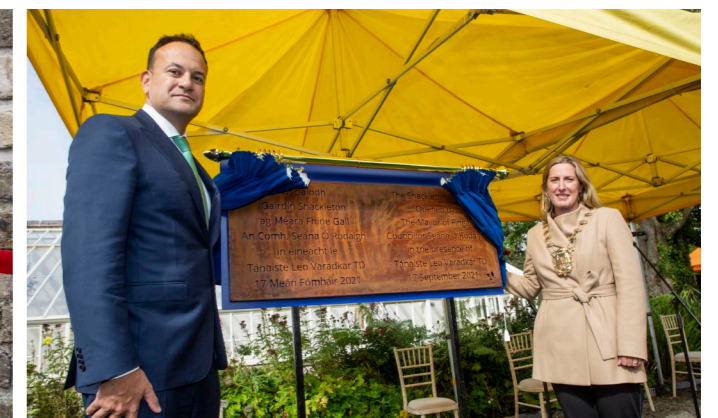
ENSURE APPROPRIATE ACTION IS TAKEN ON UNAUTHORISED DEVELOPMENT

On-going investigations and enforcement action. 309 warning letters and 28 enforcement notices issued. 15 new cases referred to the Law Department during 2021 bringing to 23 the number of enforcement cases with the Law Department or at varying stages in the legal system.

ENSURE PLANNING DECISIONS ARE TRANSPARENT AND ARE DECIDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROPER PLANNING AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

All planning decisions were decided in accordance with statutory requirements.

- 1,576 planning applications received
- 1,409 decisions made
- 12 SHD applications made to An Bord Pleanala
- 8 of which were granted



PLANNING & STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE

Objective

Assessment

MANAGE THE TAKING IN CHARGE STATUTORY PROCESS

Standards continue to be met for developments for Taking in Charge and/or bond release. A framework of service providers in place to facilitate site resolution plans and subsequent bond claims and drawdowns. Fingal Taking in Charge Standards and Policy document implemented.

14 estates were taken in charge during 2021 when completed to taking in charge standards.

PREPARATION/REVIEW OF COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN - SET OUT THE STRATEGY AND OBJECTIVES FOR THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF THE COUNTY

First public consultation phase completed with respect to the review of the 2017-2023 County Development Plan and new 2023 -2029 County Development Plan. Chief Executive Draft Development Plan issued to members.

DELIVERY OF A SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT SYSTEM FOR ALL CITIZENS

R132 Connectivity Project planning application submitted, The Hole in Wall Road successfully completed and opened. Park Road Rush upgrade completed and opened.

Non statutory consultations completed re N2 – Rath Kilmoon, N3 -M50 Clonee projects.

Ongoing advancement of planning approved projects through CPO, procurement, contract stages - Harry Reynolds Road Cycleway, Turvey Avenue Footpath Enhancement, R126 Portrane Road Enhancement, Hearse Road Bad Bend Re-alignment, New Pedestrian and Cycle Bridge Donabate, Churchfields Link Road and Cycle Network.

PROMOTE AND PROTECT BIODIVERSITY

10 actions from the Fingal Biodiversity Plan were implemented including provision of a new 3 acre wetland in the Turvey Nature Reserve and the development of a new local nature reserve at Beaverstown, Donabate. Ongoing implementation of actions of the Howth SAAO Operational Plan and the Dublin Bay Biosphere Nature Conservation Strategy including wildfire management measures such as developing strategic wildfire breaks and commencing a goat grazing project with native Irish goats.

SUPPORT REBUILDING IRELAND

There was continued residential development site activity. There were 73 active Residential Sites in December 2021 with 3,598 completed units and another 2,970 currently under construction. A further 2,861 units not yet commenced.

In addition, 21 on-going sites have been finished and fully built out in 2021 and delivered a further 1,941 units.

There are a further 56 inactive sites with live Planning Permissions with potential to deliver a further 7,092 units. Continued advancement of Project Talamh at Ballymastone and Churchfields and continued LIHAF project delivery assisted activate lands to increase housing supply.



DEVELOP A COASTAL MANAGEMENT POLICY

There was ongoing collaboration with the OPW on Coastal Monitoring Programme for Fingal County Council and ongoing engagement with the Coastal Liaison Group. Work progressed on a coastal management plan for Rogerstown outer estuary.

PROMOTE AND PROTECT THE BUILT AND CULTURAL HERITAGE OF THE COUNTY

The Heritage Officer administers the Community Monuments Fund in Fingal for the National Monuments Service, Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. 8 projects received a total of €270,000. Works were undertaken at the burial site in Ward River Valley, Swords, Castleknock College, Kilsallaghan graveyards and survey/studies at Malahide Demesne Church, Rush Tower House, St Catherine's Church Rush, Lanistown Castle Donabate, St Marnock's Church and Donabate-Portane Archaeological Audit.

The Fingal Cultural Heritage & Climate Change Risk Assessment provided an evidential baseline for the effects of climate change on our heritage assets. The results have informed other projects including Fingal X Climate a citizen science project that is encouraging the community to take positive action and get involved in monitoring the effects of climate change on their local heritage assets.

Community led projects supported to promote heritage tourism including a Matterport 3D Virtual Tour of St Doulagh's Church and baptistry and the Castleknock Tidy Town's Virtual heritage tour. The Snapshot's of Fingal's Past, an initiative with the Fingal Heritage Network was also published.

- 3 Architectural Conservation Grant Schemes were operated:
- Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS)
- Historic Structures Fund (HSF)
- Fingal's Stitch in Time Grant

€185,500 in funding was provided through these schemes for 24 projects to assist owners in repairing and safeguarding the architectural heritage of Fingal in their ownership and care.

WATER

Objective

Assessment

MAINTENANCE OF THE SURFACE WATER NETWORK

Management and maintenance of the Surface Water Networks are the responsibility of the Council. During 2021, the Council continued with ongoing works, including the jetting of Countywide blackspots to assist with flooding prevention.

Provision of Water Services/ SLA/ ASP

Water production and distribution, waste water collection, treatment & disposal continue to be provided in accordance with the Service Level Agreement between Irish Water and Fingal County Council.

PROVISION OF CAPITAL WORKS

The provision of Water Services capital works/projects for the Fingal area is managed and delivered directly by Irish Water's Asset Delivery team.



Appendix I

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COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP OF STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL

AREA COMMITTEES

Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords
Members of Balbriggan, Rush-Lusk and Swords Electoral Areas.
Area Chairperson: Councillor Robert O'Donoghue was replaced by Councillor Tony Murphy July 2021

Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/ Castleknock/Ongar
Members of Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart, Castleknock and Ongar Electoral Areas.
Area Chairperson: Councillor John Walsh was replaced by Councillor Pamela Conroy, July 2021

Howth-Malahide
Members of Howth-Malahide Electoral Area
Area Chairperson: Councillor Brian McDonagh was replaced by Councillor Eoghan O'Brien, July 2021

ORGANISATION AND PROCEDURE COMMITTEE

All Elected Members are members of this Committee.

CORPORATE POLICY GROUP

Mayor: Councillor David Healy Jan - June 2021
Mayor: Councillor Seána ÓRodaigh - June 2021 – Dec 2021

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, HERITAGE, CULTURE AND CREATIVITY SPC

Aaron O'Rourke (Chairperson) Freddie Cooper (up to June 2021), John Walsh, Grainne Maguire, Seána Ó Rodaigh, Cathal Boland, JK Onwumereh (from Oct 2021)

Non-Elected Nominees: Abbi Wise, Liz Madden, Hiwa Wahab (up to Sept 2021)

TRANSPORT & INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGEMENT SPC

Councillors Ted Leddy (Chairperson), Ann Graves, Karen Power, Joan Hopkins, Jimmy Guerin, Eoghan O'Brien

Non-Elected Nominees: Sinead Kavanagh, Raymond Ryan, Doreen Keaney

ECONOMIC, ENTERPRISE AND TOURISM DEVELOPMENT SPC

Councillors Tony Murphy (Chairperson), Darragh Butler, Tom O'Leary, Breda Hanaphy, Howard Mahony, Anthony Lavin, Siobhan Shovlin, Pamela Conroy

Non-Elected Nominees: Anthony Cooney, Eric Fleming, David Normoyle, Kesava Gollapalli

HOUSING SPC

Councillors Robert O' Donoghue (Chairperson), Brigid Manton, Natalie Treacy, Daniel Whooley,

John Burtchaell, Kieran Dennison, Adrian Henchy, James Humphreys

Non-Elected Nominees: Finbarr Geaney, Adeline O'Brien, Dayakar Reddy Komirelly, John Uwhumiakpor

CLIMATE ACTION, BIODIVERSITY & ENVIRONMENT SPC

Councillors David Healy (Chairperson), Mary Mc Camley, Joe Newman, Paul Mulville, Aoibhinn Tormey, Ian Carey

Non-Elected Nominees: Edward Stevenson, Seamus McGrath, Sean Barry

PLANNING STRATEGIC TRANSPORT & INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT SPC

Councillors Brian Dennehy (Chairperson), Tania Doyle, Dean Mulligan, Punam Rane, Tom Kitt, Brian McDonagh

Non-Elected Nominees: Kieran O'Neill, Greg Farrell (up to July 2021)

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Councillors Cathal Boland, Punam Rane (from June 2021), Breda Hanaphy (from June 2021)

JOINT POLICING COMMITTEE

Councillors Gráinne Maguire, Freddie Cooper (up to June 2021), John Walsh, Adrian Henchy, Daniel Whooley, Anthony Lavin, Tony Murphy, Robert O'Donoghue, Ian Carey, Ann Graves, Tania Doyle, Dean Mulligan, James Humphreys, Pamela Conroy, Ted Leddy

LOCAL TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Councillors Breda Hanaphy, Robert O'Donoghue, Siobhan Shovlin



Appendix III

COUNCILLOR MEMBERSHIP OF OTHER BODIES

AIRPORT REGIONS CONFERENCE (ARC)

Councillor Freddie Cooper (up to June 2021), Councillors Cathal Boland, JK Onwumereh (from Oct 2021)

ARDGILLAN CASTLE LTD

Councillor Gráinne Maguire

ASSOCIATION OF IRISH LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Councillors Gráinne Maguire, Kieran Dennison, Cathal Boland

BALLEALLY LIAISON COMMITTEE

Councillors Brian Dennehy, Robert O' Donoghue, Paul Mulville, Cathal Boland, Adrian Henchy

BASE ENTERPRISE CENTRE

Councillors Mary McCamley, Punam Rane

BLANCHARDSTOWN COMMUNITY POLICING FORUM

Councillors Ted Leddy, John Walsh

BLANCHARDSTOWN LOCAL DRUG AND ALCOHOL TASK FORCE

Councillors Ted Leddy, Natalie Treacy, Daniel Whooley

COUNTY HERITAGE FORUM

Councillors Ian Carey, Freddie Cooper (up to June 2021), Cathal Boland, Howard Mahony, Seána Ó Rodaigh, Pamela Conroy, JK Onwumereh (from Oct 2021)

DRAÍOCHT

Councillors Mary McCamley, Howard Mahony

DRINAN ENTERPRISE CENTRE

Councillors Eoghan O'Brien, Anthony Lavin

DUBLIN & DUN LAOGHAIRE EDUCATION & TRAINING BOARD

Councillors Joe Newman, Pamela Conroy, Brigid Manton, Cathal Boland,

John Walsh

DUBLIN NORTH EAST DRUG TASK FORCE

Councillor Brian Mc Donagh

EASTERN AND MIDLAND REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

Councillors Robert O' Donoghue, David Healy, Brigid Manton

FINGAL LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (LCDC)

Councillors Mary McCamley, Cathal Boland, Joan Hopkins

FINGAL SPORTS PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE

Councillors Punam Rane, Adrian Henchy, Tom Kitt

FINGAL TOURISM LTD

Councillors David Healy, Robert O'Donoghue (up to June 2021), Councillors Seána Ó Rodaigh, Daniel Whooley (June - Dec 2021)

GOVERNANCE & OVERSIGHT BOARD OF THE DUBLIN BELFAST ECONOMIC CORRIDOR

Councillors David Healy, Tony Murphy and Howard Mahony

GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF DCU

Councillor Jimmy Guerin

HANSFIELD SDZ STEERING GROUP

Councillors from Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Electoral Areas

IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCES LTD

Councillor Cathal Boland

JOINT FINGAL AND SOUTH DUBLIN LIFFEY VALLEY MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mayor and all Councillors from Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Electoral Areas

Jan - June 2021: Mayor David Healy
June - Dec 2021: Mayor Seána Ó Rodaigh

LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS ASSOCIATION

Councillor Cathal Boland

MALAHIDE CASTLE AND NEWBRIDGE HOUSE LTD

Councillors Eoghan O'Brien, Anthony Lavin, Adrian Henchy, Paul Mulville

NAMING AND COMMEMORATIVE MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

Councillors Cathal Boland, Pamela Conroy, Ann Graves, Joan Hopkins, James Humphreys, Ted Leddy, Howard Mahony, Brigid Manton and Joe Newman

NORTH FRINGE AREA FORUM

Councillors Brian McDonagh, David Healy,

NORDUBCO

Councillor Brigid Manton

NORTH DUBLIN REGIONAL DRUG AND ALCOHOL TASK FORCE

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Appendix IV

MEETINGS HELD IN 2021

MEETING	NUMBER OF MEETINGS HELD
Full Council	11
Balbriggan/Rush Lush/Swords (Services A) Area Committee	11
Balbriggan/Rush Lusk/Swords (Services B) Area Committee	11
Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar (Services A) Area Committee	10
Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar (Services B) Area Committee	11
Howth/Malahide (Services A) Area Committee	10
Howth/Malahide (Services B) Area Committee	10
Special Meeting	4
Annual Meeting	1
Budget Meeting	1
Corporate Policy Group	8
Organisation, Procedures & Finance Committee	7
Climate Action, Biodiversity, Environment Strategic Policy Committee	5
Community Development, Heritage Culture & Creativity Strategic Policy Committee	4
Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Development Strategic Policy Committee	4
Fingal Development Plan 2023 - 2029	4
Housing Strategic Policy Committee	4
Howth SAAO Management Committee	4
Planning Strategic Transport & Infrastructure Development Strategic Policy Committee	4
Transport & Infrastructure Management Strategic Policy Committee	4



Appendix V

ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS IN 2021

COUNCILLOR	NUMBER OF MEETINGS ATTENDED IN 2021
Councillor Cathal Boland	49
Councillor John Burtchaell	33
Councillor Darragh Butler	50
Councillor Ian Carey	49
Councillor Pamela Conroy	41
Councillor Freddie Cooper	15
Councillor Brian Dennehy	57
Councillor Kieran Dennison	41
Councillor Tania Doyle	44
Councillor Ann Graves	51
Councillor Jimmy Guerin	42
Councillor Breda Hanaphy	44
Councillor David Healy	49
Councillor Adrian Henchy	48
Councillor Joan Hopkins	39
Councillor James Humphreys	44
Councillor Tom Kitt	46
Councillor Anthony Lavin	43
Councillor Ted Leddy	45
Councillor Grainne Maguire	47
Councillor Howard Mahony	44

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ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS IN 2021

COUNCILLOR	NUMBER OF MEETINGS ATTENDED IN 2021
Councillor Brigid Manton	52
Councillor Mary McCamley	45
Councillor Brian McDonagh	33
Councillor Dean Mulligan	44
Councillor Paul Mulville	51
Councillor Tony Murphy	55
Councillor Joe Newman	50
Councillor Eoghan O'Brien	44
Councillor Robert O'Donoghue	57
Councillor Tom O'Leary	50
Councillor JK Onwumereh	10
Councillor Séana Ó Rodaigh	47
Councillor Aaron O'Rourke	49
Councillor Karen Power	48
Councillor Punam Rane	45
Councillor Siobhan Shovlin	46
Councillor Aoibhinn Tormey	40
Councillor Natalie Treacy	43
Councillor John Walsh	43
Councillor Daniel Whooley	43



Appendix VI

LOCAL ELECTIONS DISCLOSURE OF DONATIONS AND EXPENDITURE ACT 1999

Councillor	Donations and Expenditure Disclosed
Aaron O'Rourke	€0
Adrian Henchy	€0
Ann Graves	€0
Anthony Lavin	€0
Aoibhinn Tormey	€0
Breda Hanaphy	€0
Brian Dennehy	€0
Brian McDonagh	€0
Brigid Manton	€0
Cathal Boland	€0
Daniel Whooley	€0
Darragh Butler	€0
David Healy	€0
Dean Mulligan	€0
Eoghan O'Brien	€0
Grainne Maguire	€0
Howard Mahony	€0
Ian Carey	€0
James Humphreys	€0
Jimmy Guerin	€0
JK Onwumereh	€0
Joan Hopkins	€0
Joe Newman	€0
John Burtchaell	€0
John Walsh	€0
Karen Power	€0
Kieran Dennison	€0
Mary McCamley	€0
Natalie Treacy	€0
Pamela Conroy	€0
Paul Mulville	€0

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Councillor	Donations and Expenditure Disclosed
Freddie Cooper (up to June 2021)	€0
Punam Rane	€0
Robert O'Donoghue	€0
Seána Ó Rodaigh	€0
Siobhan Shovlin	€0
Tania Doyle	€0
Ted Leddy	€0
Tom Kitt	€0
Tom O'Leary	€0
Tony Murphy	€0



Appendix VII

PAYMENTS TO COUNCILLORS IN 2021

Councillor Payments under Section 142 of the Local Government Act 2001	Amounts
Total Expenses paid to Members in respect of attendance at meetings of the County Council and its Committees	€303,831.70
Representational Payments Total	€976,931.00
Strategic Policy Committee Chairpersons Allowance Total	€36,000.00
Mayor's Allowance (January – June 2021) Mayor's Allowance (July – Dec 2021)	€14,373.75 €16,673.55
Deputy Mayor's Allowance (January – June 2021) Deputy Mayor's Allowance (July – Dec 2021)	€2,874.74 €3,334.70

Councillors Expenses and Representation at Conferences in 2021			
Expense Type	Home	Abroad	Total
Travel & Subsistence			
Fees	€ 1,270.00		€ 1,270.00

Appendix VIII

CONFERENCES/SEMINARS/TRAINING ATTENDED BY COUNCILLORS IN 2021

Name of Conference	Venue	Date	Councillor in Attendance	Travel/ Sub/ Expense	Conference Fee
Kennedy Summer School	New Ross, Co. Wexford	2nd/3rd/4th September 2021	Cathal Boland		
AILG - Renumeration and Allowances for Elected Members/ Update on Planning and Development Bill 2021	Tower Hotel, Waterford	18th September 2021	Cathal Boland, Tom O'Leary		
AILG - Renumeration and Allowances for Elected Members/ Update on Planning and Development Bill 2021	The Glendalough Hotel, Co. Wicklow	23rd September 2021	Joe Newman		
Policy Forum for Ireland	Online	7th October 2021	Daniel Whooley		
LAMA - Biodiversity and Sustainability	Falls Hotel, Ennistymon, Co. Clare	17th/18th/19th October 2021	Ted Leddy, Kieran Dennison, Brigid Manton, Cathal Boland		
Celtic Conference - A practical guide to Budget 2022	O'Donovans Hotel, Clonakilty, Co. Cork	15/16/17th October 2021	Tom O'Leary		€100
LAMA - Planning & Mental Health	Sligo Park Hotel, Co. Sligo	3/4/5th November 2021	Tom O'Leary, Kieran Dennison, Cathal Boland		€150
Irish Planning Institute	Whites Hotel, Wexford	17/18/19th November 2021	Tom O'Leary, Cathal Boland		€360
					€1,270



Appendix IX

PART 15 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001 - CONTRAVENTIONS

There were no contraventions of Part 15 of the Local Government Act 2001 in 2021.

Appendix X

SECTION 22 OF THE PROTECTED DISCLOSURES ACT 2014

There were no Protected Disclosures in 2021

Appendix XI

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUESTS/ OMBUDSMAN'S QUERIES/ CUSTOMER COMPLAINTS

FOI Applications Received/Processed	2021
Applications received	171
Decisions made	162
Applications on hand at 31st December	9
Nature of Information Sought	2021
Personal (to applicant)	59
Non-Personal	112
Granted	37
Part-Granted	78
Refused	24
Withdrawn/Outside FOI	23
Appeals	2021
Appeals to Information Commissioner	6
Ombudsman Complaints	2021
Complaints received	51
Complaints responded to	51
Subject of Complaints	2021
Planning & Strategic Infrastructure	7
Operations	1
Housing	36
Finance	1
Environment & Water Services	1
Corporate Affairs & Governance	5



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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUESTS/ OMBUDSMAN'S QUERIES/ CUSTOMER COMPLAINTS

Citizen Charter Complaints	2021
Complaints received	46
Complaints responded	45 (1 withdrawn)
Subject of Complaints	2021
Planning & Strategic Infrastructure	4
Operations	15
Housing	21
Environment & Water Services	6

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TOPIC	INDICATOR	VALUE	COMMENT
HOUSING: H1	A. No. of dwellings in the ownership of the LA at 1/1/2021	5,479	
	B. No. of dwellings added to the LA owned stock during 2021 (whether constructed or acquired)	37	
	C. No. of LA owned dwellings sold in 2021	5	
	D. No. of LA owned dwellings demolished in 2021	0	
	E. No. of dwellings in the ownership of the LA at 31/12/2021	5,511	
	F. No. of LA owned dwellings planned for demolition under a DHPLG approved scheme at 31/12/2021	0	
HOUSING: H2	A. The percentage of the total number of LA owned dwellings that were vacant on 31/12/2021	1.77%	
	The number of dwellings within their overall stock that were not tenanted on 31/12/2021	98	
HOUSING: H4	A. Expenditure during 2021 on the maintenance of LA housing compiled from 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021, divided by the no. of dwellings in the LA stock at 31/12/2021, i.e. the H1E less H1F indicator figure	€1,071.26	Increase on last year due to the Energy Efficiency/Retrofit Programme (EERP) - Please note this is a provisional figure and will be restated upon completion of the 2021 AFS
	Expenditure on maintenance of LA stock compiled from 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021, including planned maintenance and expenditure that qualified for grants, such as SEAI grants for energy efficient retro-fitting works or the Fabric Upgrade Programme but excluding expenditure on vacant properties and expenditure under approved major refurbishment schemes (i.e. approved Regeneration or under the Remedial Works Schemes)	€5,903,701.86	Increase on last year due to the Energy Efficiency/Retrofit Programme (EERP) - Please note this is a provisional figure and will be restated upon completion of the 2021 AFS



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TOPIC	INDICATOR	VALUE	COMMENT
HOUSING: H3	A. The time taken from the date of vacation of a dwelling to the date in 2021 when the dwelling is re-tenanted, averaged across all dwellings re-let during 2021	36.842 weeks	
	B. The cost expended on getting the dwellings re-tenanted in 2021, averaged across all dwellings re-let in 2021	€20,769.85	Please note this is a provisional figure and will be restated upon completion of the 2021 AFS
	The number of dwellings that were re-tenanted on any date in 2021 (but excluding all those that had been vacant due to an estate-wide refurbishment scheme)	114	
	The number of weeks from the date of vacation to the date the dwelling is re-tenanted	4,200	
	Total expenditure on works necessary to enable re-letting of the dwellings	€2,367,762.60	Please note this is a provisional figure and will be restated upon completion of the 2021 AFS
HOUSING: H5	A. Total number of registered tenancies in the LA area at end of June 2021	20,824	
	B. Number of rented dwellings inspected in 2021	2,683	
	C. Percentage of inspected dwellings in 2021 which were found to be not compliant with Standards Regulations	78%	
	D. Number of dwellings deemed compliant in 2021 (including those originally deemed non-compliant)	527	
	E. Number of inspections (including re-inspections) undertaken by local authorities in 2021	2,798	
HOUSING: H6	A. Number of adult individuals in emergency accommodation that are long-term homeless as a % of the total number of homeless adult individuals in emergency accommodation at the end of 2021		This information is provided by the DRHE
	The number of adult individuals classified as homeless and in emergency accommodation on the night of 31 December 2021 as recorded on the PASS system		This information is provided by the DRHE

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TOPIC	INDICATOR	VALUE	COMMENT			
HOUSING: H6	The number out of those individuals who, on 31/12/2021, had been in emergency accommodation for 6 months continuously, or for 6 months cumulatively within the previous 12 months		This information is provided by the DRHE			
ROADS: R1	The percentage of total Regional road kilometres that received a PSCI condition rating between 1/1/2020 and 31/12/2021	100%				
	The percentage of total Local Primary road kilometres that received a PSCI condition rating between 1/1/2020 and 31/12/2021	100%				
	The percentage of total Local Secondary road kilometres that received a PSCI rating between 1/1/2020 and 31/12/2021	100%				
	The percentage of total Local Tertiary road kilometres that received a PSCI rating between 1/1/2020 and 31/12/2021	100%				
	Road Type	1-4 PCSI Rating	5-6 PCSI Rating	7-8 PCSI Rating	9-10 PCSI Rating	
	(a) Regional %	7	15	64	14	263km
	(b) Local Primary %	8	21	60	11	258km
	(c) Local Secondary %	19	18	48	15	230km
	(d) Local Tertiary %	6	28	55	11	504km
	ROADS R2	A1. Kilometres of regional road strengthened during 2021	1.73 km			
A2. The amount expended on regional roads strengthening work during 2021		€271,000				
A3. The average unit cost of regional road strengthening works per square metre (€/m ²)		€29				
B1. Kilometres of regional road resealed during 2021		0				
B2. The amount expended on regional road resealing work during 2021		0				
B3. The average unit cost of regional road resealing works per square metre (€/m ²)		0				



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TOPIC	INDICATOR	VALUE	COMMENT
ROADS: R2	C1. Kilometres of local road (ie total of primary, secondary and tertiary) strengthened during 2021	12.1 km	
	C2. The amount expended on local road strengthening work during 2021	€1,811,972	
	C3. The average unit cost of local road strengthening works per square metre (€/m2)	€26	
	D1. Kilometres of local road resealed during 2021	8.04 km	
	D2. The amount expended on local road resealing work during 2021	€524,300	
	D3. The average unit cost of local road resealing works per square metre (€/m2)	€18	
MOTOR TAX: R3	A. The percentage of motor tax transactions which were dealt with online (i.e. transaction is processed and the tax disc is issued) in 2021		
WATER: W1	Percentage of drinking water in private schemes in compliance with statutory requirements in respect of the monitoring of the quality of private drinking water supplies during 2021	100%	
WATER: W2	Number of local authority registered schemes monitored in 2021	6	6 existing schemes. No New schemes registered in 2021
	Total number of registered schemes in 2021	6	6 existing schemes. No New schemes registered in 2021

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TOPIC	INDICATOR	VALUE	COMMENT
WASTE: E1	A. The number of households which are situated in an area covered by a licensed operator providing a 3 bin service at 31/12/2021		Data to be provided by NWCPO to LGMA early April
	B. The percentage of households within the local authority that the number at A represents		Data to be provided by NWCPO to LGMA early April
ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION: E2	Total number of pollution cases in respect of which a complaint was made during 2021	3,110	
	A2. Number of pollution cases closed from 1/1/2021 to 31/12/2021	3,105	
	A3. Total number of cases on hands at 31/12/2021	50	
	The opening number of cases carried forward from the year end 2020	45	
LITTER POLLUTION: E3	A1. The percentage of the area within the LA that when surveyed in 2021 was unpolluted or litter free		To Be Completed by Tobins
	A2. The percentage of the area within the LA that when surveyed in 2021 was slightly polluted		To Be Completed by Tobins
	A3. The percentage of the area within the LA that when surveyed in 2021 was moderately polluted		To Be Completed by Tobins
	A4. The percentage of the area within the LA that when surveyed in 2021 was significantly polluted		To Be Completed by Tobins
	A5. The percentage of the area within the LA that when surveyed in 2021 was grossly polluted		To Be Completed by Tobins
GREEN FLAG: E4	A. The % of schools that have been awarded/renewed green flag status in the two years to 31 December 2021	34	



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TOPIC	INDICATOR	VALUE	COMMENT
GREEN FLAG STATUS: E4	Schools which attained a Green Flag for the first time in 2021	1	
	Schools which renewed their Green Flag in 2021	20	
	Schools which held a Green Flag from 2020 and therefore do not require renewal until 2021	26	
ENERGY EFFICIENCY: E5	A. The cumulative percentage of energy savings achieved by 31/12/2021 relative to baseline year (2009)	34.65%	
PUBLIC LIGHTING: E6	A. Total billable wattage of the public lighting system	8,296.67 KWH	
	B. Average billable wattage of the public lighting system	46.61KW	
	C. Percentage of the total system that LED lights represent	91.96	
	Number of LED lights in the public lighting system	31,289	
	Number of SOX-SON lights in the public lighting system	2869	
PLANNING: P1	A. Buildings inspected as a percentage of new buildings notified to the local authority	3.98%	
	Total number of new buildings notified to the local authority i.e. buildings where a valid Commencement Notice was served in the period 1/1/2021 to 31/12/2021 by a builder or developer on the local authority, in accordance with section 6(2)(k) of the Building Control Act 1990 and Part II of the Building Control Regulations 1997 (S.I. No. 496 of 1997) as amended by the Building Control (Amendment) Regulations 2004 (S.I. No. 85 of 2004) and the Building Control (Amendment) Regulations 2009 (S.I. No. 351 of 2009)	1,482	

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TOPIC	INDICATOR	VALUE	COMMENT
PLANNING: P1	Number of new buildings notified to the local authority in 2020 that were the subject of at least one on-site inspection during 2020 undertaken by the local authority under section 11 of the Building Control Act 1990	59	
PLANNING: P2	A. Number of LA planning decisions which were the subject of an appeal to An Bord Pleanála that were determined by the Board on any date in 2021	128	
	B. % of the determinations at A which confirmed (either with or without variation) the decision made by the LA	70.31%	
	Number of An Bórd Pleanála determinations confirming the LA's decision (either with or without variation)	90	
PLANNING: P3	A. Total number of planning cases referred to or initiated by the local authority in the period 1/1/2021 to 31/12/2021 that were investigated	330	
	B. Total number of investigated cases that were closed during 2021	129	
	C. Percentage of the cases at B that were dismissed as trivial, minor or without foundation or were closed because statute barred or an exempted development	44.19%	
	D. Percentage of the cases at B that were resolved to the LA's satisfaction through negotiations	0	
	E. Percentage of the Cases at B that were closed due to enforcement proceedings (i.e. remedied in response to a warning letter issued under section 152 of the Act or to an enforcement notice issued under section 154 of the Act or where a prosecution was brought under section 157 or an injunction was sought under section 160 of the Act)	55.81%	
	F. Total number of planning cases being investigated as at 31/12/2021	1,138	



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TOPIC	INDICATOR	VALUE	COMMENT
PLANNING: P3	Number of cases at 'B' above that were dismissed under section 152(2), Planning and Development Act 2000	57	
	Number of cases at 'B' above that were resolved to the LA's satisfaction through negotiations	0	
	Number of cases at 'B' above that were closed due to enforcement proceedings	72	
PLANNING: P4	A. The 2021 Annual Financial Statement (AFS) Programme D data divided by the population of the LA area per the 2016 Census		Not available at this time, to be provided when AFS is completed and approved
	AFS Programme D data consisting of D01 - Forward Planning, D02 - Development Management, D03 - Enforcement (inclusive of the relevant Programme D proportion of the central management charge) for 2021		Not available at this time, to be provided when AFS is completed and approved
PLANNING: P5	A. The percentage of applications for fire safety certificates received in 2021 that were decided (granted or refused) within two months of their receipt	38.01%	
	B. The percentage of applications for fire safety certificates received in 2021 that were decided (granted or refused) within an extended period agreed with the applicant	50.29%	
	The total number of applications for fire safety certificates received in 2021 that were not withdrawn by the applicant	171	
	The number of applications for fire safety certificates received in 2021 that were decided (granted or refused) within two months of the date of receipt of the application	65	
	The number of applications for fire safety certificates received in 2021 that were decided (granted or refused) within an agreed extended time period	86	

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TOPIC	INDICATOR	VALUE	COMMENT
FIRE SERVICE: F1	A. The Annual Financial Statement (AFS) Programme E expenditure data for 2021 divided by the population of the LA area per the 2016 Census figures for the population served by the fire authority as per the Risk Based Approach Phase One reports		Set out in AFS
	AFS Programme E expenditure data consisting of E11 - Operation of Fire Service and E12 - Fire Prevention (inclusive of the relevant Programme E proportion of the central management charge) for 2021		Set out in AFS
FIRE SERVICE: F2	A. Average time taken, in minutes, to mobilise fire brigades in Full-Time Stations in respect of fire		N/A Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	B. Average time taken, in minutes, to mobilise fire brigades in Part-Time Stations (retained fire service) in respect of fire		N/A Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	C. Average time taken, in minutes, to mobilise fire brigades in Full-Time Stations in respect of all other (non-fire) emergency incidents		N/A Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	D. Average time taken, in minutes, to mobilise fire brigades in Part-Time Stations (retained fire service) in respect of all other (non-fire) emergency incidents		N/A Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
FIRE SERVICE: F3	A. Percentage of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance at scene is within 10 minutes		N/A Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	B. Percentage of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance at the scene is after 10 minutes but within 20 minutes		N/A Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	C. Percentage of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance at the scene is after 20 minutes		N/A Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade



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TOPIC	INDICATOR	VALUE	COMMENT
FIRE SERVICE: F3	D. Percentage of cases in respect of all other emergency incidents in which first attendance at the scene is within 10 minutes		N/A Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	E. Percentage of cases in respect of all other emergency incidents in which first attendance at the scene is after 10 minutes but within 20 minutes		N/A Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	F. Percentage of cases in respect of all other emergency incidents in which first attendance at the scene is after 20 minutes		N/A Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	Total number of call-outs in respect of fires from 1/1/2021 to 31/12/2021		N/A Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	Number of these fire cases where first fire tender attendance at the scene is within 10 minutes		N/A Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	Number of these fire cases in which first fire tender attendance at the scene is after 10 minutes but within 20 minutes		N/A Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	Number of these fire cases in which first fire tender attendance at the scene is after 20 minutes		N/A Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	Total number of call-outs in respect of all other emergency incidents (i.e. not including fire) from 1/1/2021 to 31/12/2021		N/A Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	Number of these non-fire cases in which first fire tender attendance at the scene is within 10 minutes		N/A Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	Number of these non-fire cases in which first fire tender attendance at the scene is after 10 minutes but within 20 minutes		N/A Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	Number of these non-fire cases in which first fire tender attendance at the scene is after 20 minutes		N/A Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
LIBRARY SERVICE: L1	A. Number of visits to libraries per head of population for the LA area per the 2016 Census	0.61	
	B. Number of items issued to library borrowers in the year	716,586	
	C. Library registered members per head of population	0.08	
	D. Number of registered members of the library in the year	32,395	

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TOPIC	INDICATOR	VALUE	COMMENT
LIBRARY SERVICE: L2	The Annual Financial Statement (AFS) Programme F data for 2021 divided by the population of the LA area per the 2016 Census		
	B. The annual per capita expenditure on collections over the period 01/01/2021 to 31/12/2021		
	AFS Programme F data consisting of F02 - Operation of Library and Archival Service (inclusive of the relevant proportion of the central management charge for Programme F) for 2021		
	The annual expenditure on new stock acquired by the library in the year		Will supply on completion of AFS
YOUTH AND COMMUNITY: Y1	A. Percentage of local schools involved in the local Youth Council/Comhairle na nÓg scheme	40%	
	Total number of second level schools in the LA area at 31/12/2021	35	
	Number of second level schools in the LA area from which representatives attended the local Comhairle na nÓg AGM held in 2021	14	
YOUTH AND COMMUNITY: Y2	A. Number of organisations included in the County Register at 31/12/2021 and the proportion of those organisations that opted to be part of the Social Inclusion College within the PPN	545 90=17%	
	Total number of organisations included in the County Register for the local authority area as at 31/12/2021	545	
	Total number of those organisations that registered for the first time in 2021	49	
	Number of organisations that opted to join the Social Inclusion Electoral College on whatever date they registered for the PPN	7	
CORPORATE: C1	A. The wholtime equivalent staffing number as at 31 December 2021	1369.49	



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TOPIC	INDICATOR	VALUE	COMMENT
CORPORATE: C2	A. Percentage of paid working days lost to sickness absence through medically certified leave in 2021	2.73%	
	B. Percentage of paid working days lost to sickness absence through self-certified leave in 2021	0.16%	
	Total Number of working days lost to sickness absence through medically certified leave in 2021	9501.49	
	Total Number of working days lost to sickness absence through self-certified leave in 2021	556.11	
	Number of unpaid working days lost to sickness absence included within the total of medically certified sick leave days in 2021	1342	
	Number of unpaid working days lost to sickness absence included within the total of self-certified sick leave days in 2021	3	
	If any staff are on long-term sick leave (i.e. a continuous period of more than 4 weeks), include a text note of the number of staff on long-term sick leave	94	
CORPORATE: C4	A. All ICT expenditure in the period from 1/1/2021 to 31/12/2021, divided by the WTE no.		The AFS isn't finalised and figures aren't available
	Total of ICT expenditure in 2021		The AFS isn't finalised and figures aren't available
CORPORATE: C5	A. All ICT expenditure calculated in C4 as a proportion of Revenue expenditure		The AFS isn't finalised and figures aren't available
	Total of ICT expenditure in 2021		The AFS isn't finalised and figures aren't available
CORPORATE: C3	A. The per capita total page views of the local authority's websites in 2021	11.55	Using 2016 Census Fingal population figure of 296,214
	B. The per capita total number of followers at end 2021 of the local authority's social media accounts (if any)	1.13	Using 2016 Census Fingal population figure of 296,214
	The cumulative total page views of all websites operated by the local authority for the period from 1/1/2021 to 31/12/2021 obtained from a page tagging on-site web analytics service or equivalent	3,422,000	

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TOPIC	INDICATOR	VALUE	COMMENT
CORPORATE: C3	The total number of social media users who, at 31/12/2021, were following the local authority on any social media sites	333,452	
	The number of social media accounts operated by the local authority	79	
	Indicate if there was a change to the cookie policies on the local authority sites and the date this came into effect	No	
FINANCE: M1	A. Cumulative surplus/deficit balance at 31/12/2017 in the Revenue Account from the Income & Expenditure Account Statement of the AFS	€15,976,478	
	B. Cumulative surplus/deficit balance at 31/12/2018	€15,978,433	
	C. Cumulative surplus/deficit balance at 31/12/2019	€15,979,356	
	D. Cumulative surplus/deficit balance at 31/12/2020	€15,979,679	
	E. Cumulative surplus/deficit balance at 31/12/2021*	€15,981,094	Draft 2021 figures AFS not finalised
	F. Cumulative surplus or deficit at 31/12/2021 as a percentage of Total Income in 2021 from the Income and Expenditure Account Statement of the AFS*	4.4 %	Draft 2021 figures AFS not finalised
	G. Revenue Expenditure per capita in 2021	€1,220	Draft 2021 figures AFS not finalised (Population 296,214 - Census 2016)
	H. Revenue expenditure per capita in 2021 excluding significant out of County / shared service expenditure	€1,134	Draft 2021 figures AFS not finalised (Population 296,214 - Census 2016) use the 2020 revised budget figures



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TOPIC	INDICATOR	VALUE	COMMENT	
FINANCE: M1	Cumulative surplus/deficit balance denoting which net of transfers to or from reserves at 31/12/2021 in the Revenue Account from the Income and Expenditure Account Statement of the AFS*	€15,981,094	Draft 2021 figures AFS not finalised	
	The 2021 Total Income figure from the Income and Expenditure Account Statement of the AFS from which the percentage will be derived	€361,380,209	Draft 2021 figures AFS not finalised	
	The 2021 Total Expenditure figure on the Income and Expenditure Account Statement (ie excluding transfers) of the AFS from which the per capita expenditure will be derived	€361,378,794	Draft 2021 figures AFS not finalised	
FINANCE: M2	Collection Levels by Year	(a) % Rates	(b) % Rent & Annuities	(c) % Housing Loans
	Individual percentage figures in the final column of Appendix 7 of the AFS for 2017	96.10%	85.70%	101.20%
	Individual percentage figures for 2018	95.80%	86%	101.70%
	Individual percentage figures for 2019	97.90%	84%	97.70%
	Individual percentage figures for 2020	93%	79.60%	96.50%
	Individual percentage figures for 2021*(AFS not finalised, draft numbers)	93%	77.40%	100%
FINANCE: M3	A.1 Per capita total cost of settled claims for 2021			
	Number of notified claims for 2021	153	Draft 2021 figures AFS not finalised	
	Number of settled claims for 2021	N/A	Draft 2021 figures AFS not finalised	
	Total cost of settled claims for 2021	N/A	Draft 2021 figures AFS not finalised	

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TOPIC	INDICATOR	VALUE	COMMENT
FINANCE: M4	A. Overall central management charge as a percentage (%) of total expenditure on revenue account	12.2%	Draft 2021 figures AFS not finalised
	B. Total payroll costs as a percentage (%) of revenue expenditure	20.2%	Draft 2021 figures AFS not finalised
	Overall central management charge from the Local Authority FMS and defined in the Annual Budget	€44,232,365	Draft 2021 figures AFS not finalised
	Total payroll costs from Appendix 1 of the AFS for 2020 (including Salaries, Wages and Pensions)	€72,978,754	Draft 2021 figures AFS not finalised
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: J1	A. The per capita number of jobs created with assistance from the Local Enterprise Office during the period 1/1/2021 to 31/12/2021 per 100,000 of population		To be completed by Enterprise Ireland
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: J2	A. The number of trading online voucher applications approved by the Local Enterprise Office in 2021 per 100,000 of population		To be completed by Enterprise Ireland
	B. The number of those trading online vouchers that were drawn down in 2021 per 100,000 of population		To be completed by Enterprise Ireland
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: J3	A. The per capita number of participants who received mentoring during the period 1/1/2021 to 31/12/2021 per 100,000 of population		To be completed by Enterprise Ireland
	The number of jobs created with assistance from the Local Enterprise Office during the period 1/1/2021 to 31/12/2021	11	Net jobs
	The number of trading online voucher applications approved by the Local Enterprise Office in 2021	334	
	The number of those trading online vouchers that were drawn down in 2021	206	
	The number of participants who received mentoring during the period 1/1/2021 to 31/12/2021	1,388	
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: J4	A. Does the local authority have a current tourism strategy?	Yes	Fingal Tourism Statement 2017-2022
		Yes	



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