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Fingal County Council



# Chief Executive's Management Report

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# CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S MANAGEMENT REPORT – APRIL 2023

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## **Chief Executive's Foreword**

Last month in Fingal we were treated to a myriad of colourful and exciting St. Patrick's Day parades. Despite the inclement weather, the atmosphere was jovial in towns and villages across the county as thousands of spectators braved the rain to cheer on their local sporting, community, historical, dancing and musical groups. Along with the Mayor, I was delighted to attend some of the parades on the day and was hugely impressed by the array and talent of the participants. Facilitating and supporting the staging of these parades is a specialised job and I would like to thank everyone who contributed to this year's celebration particularly the Council's Events Unit and Operations Department as well as the emergency services who were on hand for the duration of the parades. I hope you had the opportunity to experience one of our seven parades this year, we are already looking forward to another fantastic spectacle next year.

During National Tree Week in March, Fingal County Council distributed 16,000 tree whips to members of the public in a bid to increase tree canopy cover and to promote biodiversity in the county. Fingal Parks and Green infrastructure are progressing the actions outlined in the Forest of Fingal Tree Strategy including climate resilience and protection of native species by encouraging the public to plant trees in their own spaces. Following on from the success of previous years, community planting events and workshops were held during National Tree Week and trees were distributed for planting at 6 locations across Fingal. It has never been more important to focus on our climate responsibilities and judging by the huge demand from the community for the planting events and the free tree whips, the future of native tree species in Fingal is in safe hands.

In recent weeks, there has been much discussion and concern regarding households who will be affected by the end of the eviction ban and who may receive Notice to Quit a property. In Fingal County Council, we are working closely with agencies such as the Dublin Regional Homeless Executive (DRHE) and Threshold to provide advice and practical help to people who are concerned about their housing circumstances. In the first instance, we are asking those affected by current circumstances to contact the Council's Housing Department on 01 - 8905 090 or by Email: [NTQEnquiries@fingal.ie](mailto:NTQEnquiries@fingal.ie) to explore the options available to them. The Council's first response will be to try to prevent homelessness. This includes assessing the person's position on the social housing list, providing advice on applying for Choice Based Lettings, advising

the person on the level of Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) they may be eligible to receive, and, in some cases, assessing if the Council can acquire the dwelling where the tenants reside if it is being offered for sale. The Council has been engaging with tenants who have been issued with a notice of termination, as well as their landlords, and following assessment, 14 tenant in-situ properties are at the sale agreed stage with a further 47 cases in the negotiation process. In addition, the Council is assessing a further 41 applications from landlords requesting Fingal County Council to purchase the homes with the existing tenants remaining in-situ. We will continue to liaise with tenants, landlords, central government and other agencies and stakeholders in respect of this situation.

Across Fingal, communities are made better by the people who work relentlessly to improving their areas and creating vibrant places to live and enjoy. Volunteers who go above and beyond the call of duty for their neighbours, clubs and organisations are truly the backbone of our localities and we are delighted to be able to acknowledge their commitment and hard work through The Mayor's Awards on June 1<sup>st</sup>. We all know people who contribute positively to their environs be it through their volunteer work in the area of sports and community or those who promote good environmental practices or even help neighbours and those in need with everyday tasks. These Community Champions often go under the radar and selflessly devote their time and energies to others and thoroughly deserve our appreciation. To find out more about how you can nominate worthy recipients of award, see <https://www.fingal.ie/mayors-awards-2023> and vote by April 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm. I am very much looking forward to meeting the nominated community volunteers in June.

Finally, as we regularly welcome new starters to the organisation to start their careers with Fingal County Council, we must also bid farewell to good friends and colleagues as they retire from public service. Last month County Arts Officer Rory O'Byrne took leave of us to embark on retirement. Rory's contribution to the arts in Fingal has been immeasurable and throughout his 33 years in public service, he has fostered creativity and awareness as well as inspiring others with his extensive knowledge and love of the arts. On behalf of the Elected Members, the Executive Management Team and all of Rory's colleagues may I wish him health and happiness in the next chapter of his life.

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

# PEOPLE, CORPORATE AND DIGITAL SERVICES

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## People Services

People Services' recruitment of staff continues in April 2023 with 45 active recruitment campaigns.

Recruitment Programme 2023	
<b>Recruitment Campaigns</b>	<b>45</b>
Campaigns Completed	10
Current Campaigns	27
Campaigns Pending	8
<b>Applicants to date</b>	<b>416</b>
<b>Interviews Held to date</b>	<b>418</b>
<b>Number of Appointments</b>	<b>83</b>
New Starters	42
Internal Promotions	41
<b>Number of Leavers</b>	<b>32</b>
Resignations	29
Number of Retirements	3
<b>Number of Job Offers Year to date</b>	<b>169</b>
<b>Number of Offers Declined</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Number of Current Job Offers</b>	<b>56</b>
Job Offers Internal	22
Job Offers External	36

## Wellbeing Update

### Wellbeing Seminars

The theme for Quarter 2 2023 will have a focus on stress management. This is based on feedback from the committee/champion meetings and Spectrum life quarterly reports. Seminars being delivered are on April 19<sup>th</sup> and the topics include Coping Strategies for Life and Mindful or Mind Full? They will be streamed live in Watery Lane and Coolmine Depot for outdoor staff. These seminars provide tips on how to be more mindful and how to better our coping strategies and identify when they are not working.

## Employee Assistance Service

Our next report from Spectrum life on the EAS is due in Mid-April. From this we will liaise with the wellbeing champions and committee members to discuss strategies for the next range of supports to be made available to staff. These reports include the number of calls made to the service, Number of cases opened, Main Method of Contact, Primary presenting problem, Secondary presenting problem, Age Range, Gender, Impacts and Severity.

## Menopause in the workplace

Menopause specialists The Menopause Hub Ireland's First Dedicated Menopause Clinic. Will be helping us to roll out their e-learning hub in the coming weeks. This training will be available for all staff and managers and will help to increase awareness and understanding around menopause in the workplace. Key outcomes from the training are: Understanding menopause & symptoms | Impact at work | Menopause business case | Role of manager | Supporting your colleagues & team | Legislative Risk. It involves an interactive online course that will take approx. 45 to 60 mins. Staff can log in and out to complete at times that suit staff.

## Review

As the wellbeing strategy and the roll, out of implementation is just over 6 months old. The wellbeing team will hold a short review to assess what has been successful and what areas we need to improve on. This will involve issuing a feedback form for staff in the coming weeks along with a short update newsletter.



## Learning & Development

In 2023 there will be continued high levels of training provided with new courses and opportunities being added all the time. We also have several Climate Action training programmes that must be rolled out as part of the local authority KPI's they include Climate Action training for Outdoor and Indoor staff. Green Public Procurement training strand 1 and strand 2. Empowering Change Climate Action training. These are provided from relevant Government departments and delivered through the LASNTG (Local Authority Service National Training Group)

The staff scheme of assistance programme is also available for staff who wish to further their education in related areas. The program provides funding for applications ranging from certificate up to doctorate level.

March was another busy month for training with the following courses completed: (as of March 28<sup>th</sup>)  
**71** courses delivered, with **600** attendees, totalling **430.4** training days.

## **Business & Interpersonal Skills**

Ignite programme 6  
Ignite programme 7  
Time Management  
Certificate in GDPR  
Grade 3&4 personal development  
Grade 5 development training  
Grade 6 development training  
Dignity and equality  
Project management  
A-Z Local Government  
Council meetings Staff Induction  
Grievance and Disciplinary Procedures  
Pre-retirement Training  
Interviewer Skills  
Presentation Skills

## **Health and Safety**

Managing Safely in Construction  
Driver CPC  
Driver CPC bus Driver  
Safe Pass  
Managing Aggressive Behaviour Outdoor staff

Manual Handling  
Child protection training  
First Aid Training  
Tractor training  
Forklift Driver  
Safety at Roadworks

## **Wellbeing**

Financials 101  
Budgeting for Success  
Financial Planning

## **IT**

Advanced Word  
Intermediate / Advanced Excel  
Lean Six Sigma Green belt

## **Local Authority Training:**

Raising Awareness Climate Action Outdoor Staff

## **Requested training:**

Planning Law for Road Engineers.  
Payroll IPASS

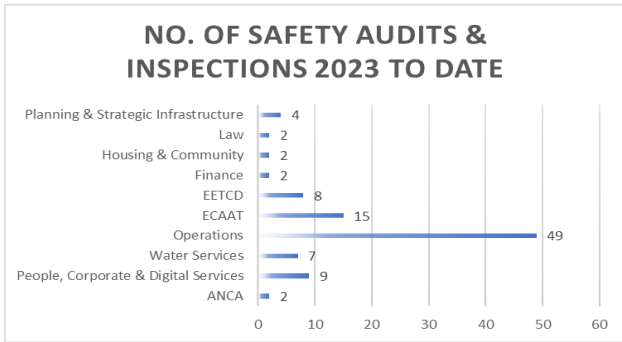
## **HSU - Health & Safety Unit**

The HSU utilizing proactive safety measures carried out 5 site safety audits along with 27 site safety inspections during the month of March. For the first three months of 2023 the Unit has completed 100 safety audits and inspections within the 10 directorates of Fingal County Council.

In tandem both remote work and office-based VDU assessments were undertaken for staff who use computers & laptops for their work more than 1 hour per day with a total of 135 assessments carried out during the first three months of 2023.

Investigation into incidents and dangerous occurrences continued during the month along with responding to staff queries, both of which generated new procedures and assessments.

The HSU assisted Uisce Eireann with support service agreements as part of the transition to a national water services authority.



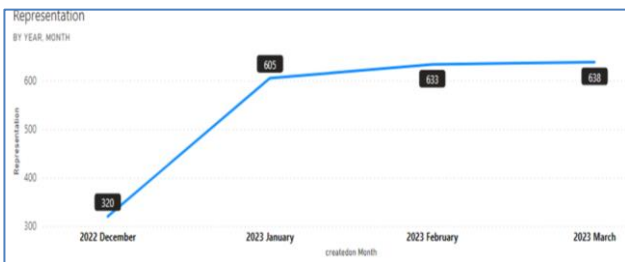
### Customer Services

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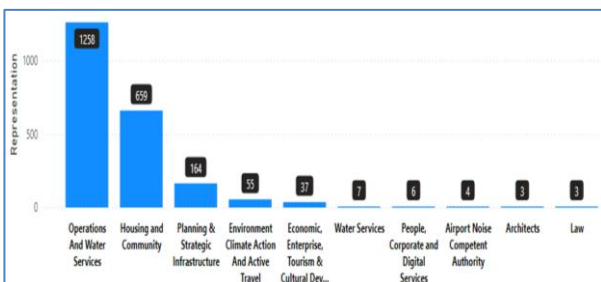
**Calls**                    **15,065**  
**Emails**                 **826**  
**Footfall**                **2,361**

### CRM

Staff continue to work on the Customer Relationship Management System (CRM) and issue responses to representations from Elected Members (Councillors, TDs and Senators) and complaints submitted by the public. The month of March had a total of 638 Elected Members' representations.



The table below shows the total number of Elected Members' representations assigned to each Department to date in 2023.



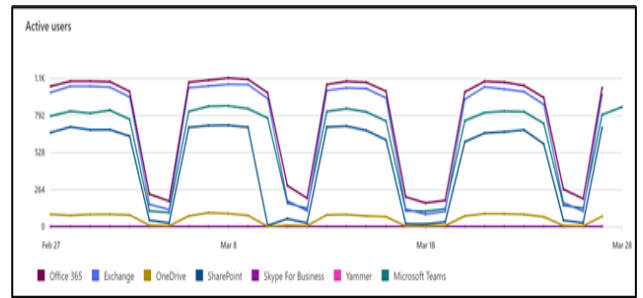
### Digital Services

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- **National Broadband Plan Update**
- **Digital Fingal Team at Fingal Student Enterprise Awards**

### Digital Services Infrastructure & Support

#### Digital Working

In March staff took part in 8,276 Teams meetings, 28,415 calls took place, and 931,138 emails were received or sent by the Council.



### Digital Services Infrastructure & Support

1171 support calls were logged by Council staff with the Digital Services Service Desk in the past month and 7 calls were logged by Councillors with Sord. 100% server availability and 99.5% network availability was achieved in the month of March.

### Business Applications

#### NETconsent

The corporate compliance application NETconsent was upgraded in March. This will enable the Digital Services & People Services departments, to deliver policy documents to employees across the organisation.



Policy manager allow us create a policy & procedure library, delivering the current version of a policy and a range of controls to ensure that it is read and understood.

Assessor, Training & Examiner functionality allow us deliver surveys, training material and test employees understanding of corporate content including policies, training and presentations.

### National Broadband Plan Update

In February National Broadband Ireland (NBI), the company delivering the new future-proofed, high-speed Fibre-to-the-Home network under the National Broadband Plan (NBP) on behalf of the Government, announced that the first premises in the Skerries Deployment Area have been successfully connected.



Skerries Deployment Area includes; Balbriggan, Balcadden, Hollywood, Holmpatrick, Lusk, Rush & Skerries. Almost 2,400 homes, farms and businesses will be able to avail of National Broadband Ireland high speed fibre.

### Digital Fingal Team at Fingal Student Enterprise Awards

The Digital Fingal team were at the Fingal Student Enterprise Awards showcasing the planned public realm projects 'Swords Cultural Quarter' and 'Balbriggan Quay St. Harbour Rejuvenation' using virtual reality headset. At the event the team also gathered feedback from the students to help guide the future Fingal Digital Strategy.



### Communications

#### Digital Media

The fingal.ie website had 143,762 visitors in March and 323,690 page views which is an increase of 25%, or 29,213, in visitors compared to March 2022 and an increase of 21,033, or 7%, in the number of page views. The St Patrick's Day page which contained information on the seven parades being held across Fingal attracted 22,700

visitors and had 27,723 page views while an information page for tenants facing a notice of termination had 4,855 visitors and 5,291 page views in its first week after being published on March 24.



St Patrick's Day also generated the most daily impressions for the corporate Twitter account which had 63,359 impressions on March 17 from 29 posts. The best performing post during March was a post about Swords parade participants, St Finians GAA Club, which generated 16,254 impressions and had an engagement rate of 8%.

Our Facebook page achieved a major milestone when the number of followers passed through the 30,000 barrier to stand at 30,132 at the end of March with women making up 72% of followers. The majority of followers are aged between 35 and 44 years of age. Facebook reach during March was 412,011 while the reach on Instagram was 16,955. The number of followers on LinkedIn stands at 6,882. There were 770 views of our LinkedIn page in March.

## Videos

The YouTube channel continued closing in on the 1,000 subscribers milestone with 970 currently receiving notifications when videos are posted. During March, 17 videos were published on the channel. These included St Patrick's Day parade videos as well videos marking the opening of Meakstown Community Centre, Swords Regional Park, Rathbeal Archaeological Park and Ward River Recreational Hub. There was also a video

tutorial on the Local Authority Home Loan Application process.

## Support

The Communications Unit continued to provide support to various departments across the Council. We assisted the Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department in the official opening of Swords Regional Park, Rathbeal Archaeological Park and Ward River Recreational Hub on March 3 and the Community Development Department in the turning of the first sod on Meakstown Community Centre on March 10. Communications support was also provided to the Events Unit for the St Patrick's Day parades and the Sports Office for the launch of the Girls Transition Year Football and Fitness course. The Unit is also assisting the Community Department with the Mayor's Awards and two videos produced to promote the event have already had 3,500 views on the Council's YouTube Channel. The Unit will be assisting the People Services Department with a Fingal County Council stand at Jobs Expo in Croke Park on Saturday, April 22.



## Media

The Communications Unit issued 17 press releases during February. Among the topics covered was the Sine A Light event in Millennium Park, the Women's Leadership Photo Exhibition, National Tree Week and improved walking and cycling connections in Swords.

There were 32 queries from Media during March with the majority being about the noise issues around Dublin Airport and homelessness.



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#### St. Patrick's Day

Over 100,000 people viewed our 7 St. Patrick's Day Parades. Buildings across Fingal were also illuminated in Green to celebrate our Patron Saint.

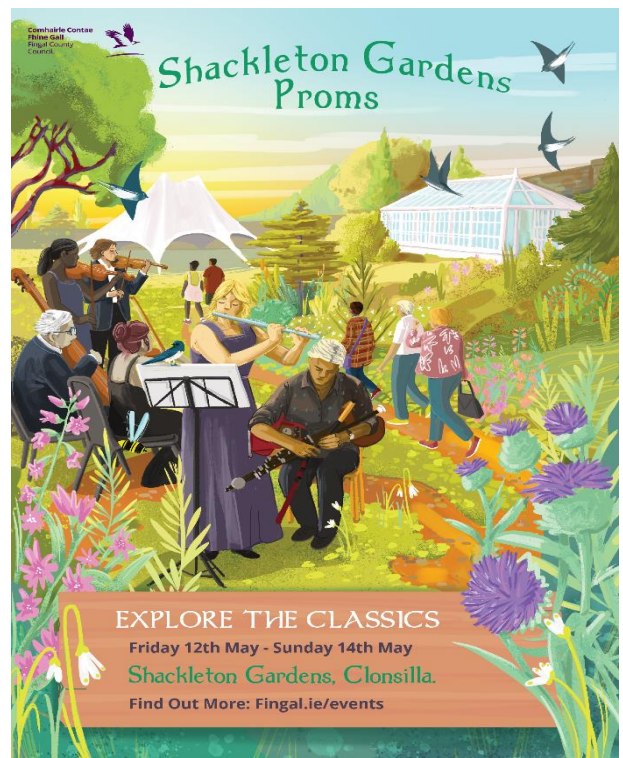


Swords St. Patrick's Day Parade and Lusk Round Tower & Church illuminated for St. Patrick's Day



## Shackleton Proms

This is an Explore the Classics at Shackleton Gardens, Clonsilla. This event is due to take place from Friday 12<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May. The programme will consist of a launch concerts event on Friday. Saturday afternoon will have a Classical junior's concert with the Main Event Saturday evening, finally Sunday will be a bring your own instrument series of sessions and workshops.



## **TOURISM DEVELOPMENT** **TOURISM**

### **Tourism Strategy 2023 – 2029**

Q1 saw the completion of the Product Audit and Product and Experience Development Phase of this project, including:

- Key Stakeholder Workshop
- Resource/Asset Mapping
- Product Audit
- SCOT Analysis
- Draft Improvement Proposal

A draft Improvement Plan has been produced, and a presentation was made to the SPC in March to share preliminary strategic principles. Project team are on track to deliver the final strategy by June as originally scheduled.

- Apr '23: Improvement Plan Finalised
- May '23: Draft Strategy & Marketing Plan for SPC Review & Feedback.
- Jun '23: SPC Sign Off

### **Fingal Food & Drink Network**

The network met on 28<sup>th</sup> March to continue work on its 2023 action plan. The group:

- Reviewed membership
- Agreed the updated 2023 action plan
- Planned Internal networking events and all members networking events, the next of which will be at Hope Beer and Howth School of Fish in April
- Agreed the Flavours of Fingal Event Plan
- Planned for a [Food on the Edge](#) participant familiarisation trip in October 2023\*

\* Food on the Edge International is a two-day symposium that takes place annually in Ireland. It is for chefs & food enthusiasts all around the world who want to create a better global network.

### **Fingal Food Policy**

The consultant is currently concluding the Research & Discovery Phase of the policy development, this included desk research, meetings and onsite visits.

1. One to One Meetings: 35 meetings completed
2. Focus Group: 2 Tourism Focus Groups completed
3. Sustainability Workshop: completed with specialise consultant
4. Stakeholders Meetings
5. Research Visits Completed
  - Heritage Properties
  - Food Tourism Business
  - Enterprise Centres
  - Existing markets and potential Market sites
6. Survey (in progress)
7. Desk research on current strategies relevant to the new policy

Project team are on track to deliver the final policy by June as originally scheduled and aligned with Tourism Strategy delivery.

### **Balbriggan Tourism Development Plan**

Balbriggan Tourism Group have identified the town's inclusion in any possible future Dublin Coastal Trail development phases (Phase 2) as a key local priority.

In working towards this goal, Fáilte Ireland and Fingal County Council identified the need to map the towns tourism development journey in order to be in a position for consideration if a Phase 2 is to be developed.

The start of this process resulted in a facilitated workshop to examine the local opportunities which was attended by representatives of local tourism businesses, the business community, community groups and agencies.

The outputs from the workshop were condensed into a Balbriggan Tourism Roadmap (by Rubecon resourced by Failte Ireland) which includes collective agreement on a visitor proposition for Balbriggan and ten priority areas for destination development. In achieving this ambition, a number of collaborative projects were identified to be delivered through the local tourism and business network and, where appropriate, in partnership with the relevant agencies.

## HERITAGE PROPERTIES

### **Malahide Castle - Oak Room Window Conservation Works**



The technical specification for conservation works on the Oak Room window at Malahide Castle is now complete.

Specialist consultants have been engaged to oversee the works and quotations for the works have been obtained and are being reviewed. It is envisaged that works will commence in Q2 2023.

### **Swords Castle**



A specialist heritage contractor has been appointed to undertake conservation and upgrade works at Swords Castle. The works will include conservation works on the Knights and Squires Quarter and improvements to lighting and landscaping.

The works are due to begin in early May for a duration of 12 weeks.

### **Ardgillan Castle**

#### **Open day for Heritage Groups**

Following consultation with the Heritage Officer, an Open Day for Fingal heritage groups and historical societies is to be held on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April in Ardgillan Castle.

The aim of the day is to permit a number of surplus artefacts that are not currently on display to be loaned to the societies for conservation and display within their own collections.

### **Art & Exhibition Gallery**



A new addition to Ardgillan Castle's cultural offering was launched on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March with a soft opening of the new art and exhibition gallery in the basement.

This will allow artists from across Fingal to showcase their work and attract new visitors to the castle.

### **ARTS OFFICE**

#### **Rory O'Byrne's Retirement**



Staff past and present all gathered to wish the County Arts Officer, Rory O'Byrne all the best for his retirement. Rory has served as the Arts Officer since 1994 and expressed his pride in the work and

gratitude to those who have supported him along the way.

## Public Art

### Draíocht: Homeground Artist Mentorship Programme



Following on from the ground-breaking 'PLAYGround Orchestra' Project (2021/2022) which saw Draíocht tour a 29 piece orchestra to every Dublin 15 Primary school, playing to 17,895 children, Draíocht is once again bringing high quality arts experiences right into the heart of our community. This time Draíocht are working with Theatre Artist, Paul Curley, enabling 6,000 Dublin 15 Primary school children see his shows in their school halls over March/April. Dublin 15 artist, Ellen Duffy, also has her first solo show in Draíocht's Ground Floor Gallery (ends on April 29th).

Mayor of Fingal Cllr Howard Mahony Launches the HOMEGROUND Report & Documentary Film following a successful 2 Year Artist Mentorship Programme by devised by Draíocht Blanchardstown & Fingal Arts Office. HOMEGROUND was a two-year Artist Mentoring Programme that ran during 2020-2022 and comprised of bespoke artist supports, both personal and professional, for artists from or with a connection to Draíocht, Dublin 15 or the wider Fingal County and whose work was socially engaged, collaborative or focused on children and young people. Four artists were chosen and over a 2-year period, including the challenging period during Covid 19 restrictions where keeping the artists supported at this time was a high priority, the artists met with 8 mentors; had 12 peer discussion group sessions; had 50 one to one Coaching Sessions; and had 75 one to one

Mentoring Sessions, both in person and online. The four participating artists of HOMEGROUND selected via open competition were:

**Michelle Hall** – an interdisciplinary visual artist from Dublin 15.

**Thomas Johnston** – a musician and theatre maker, dedicated to promoting high quality and meaningful experiences of the traditional arts amongst children.

**Monica Muñoz** – a choreographer and dancer, and recent artist in residence in Balbriggan Educate Together National School.

**Jijo Sebastian Palatty** – a collaborative Film Maker, based in Dublin 15, with more than a decade of experience in participatory, collaborative and intercultural filmmaking.

The report and the documentary film featuring reflections from all involved will stand as a valuable resource and record of the benefits of this important project to the careers of these artists working in Fingal. Launching the HOMEGROUND Report & Documentary, Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Howard Mahony, said, *"Fingal County Council has been committed to Draíocht's Programme delivery for over 20 years. We have been proud to watch its importance grow not only as a recognisable asset to Dublin 15, but to the greater Fingal area and beyond with programmes like HOMEGROUND. We wish the artists and the team continued success in their professional journeys."*

### The Hide Project – Rogerstown Park



The participants from the RHA school led by RHA member Colin Martin visited the Hide Sculpture

with artist Garrett Phelan as part of a programme series This Must be the Place and included a presentation on the work at the RHA by the artist.

All the guests commended the project and enjoyed the opportunity to visit and observe the bird life on the Rogerstown estuary.

### MART Studio Graduate Award 2023



Artist Maya Brezing was selected for the Fingal Arts Office and MART Graduate Award and successfully received a one-year studio at MART Studios alongside curatorial and financial support towards an exhibition. She will feature in the MARTS Award Exhibition 2023 from 1st April – 14th April. This annual exhibition aims to provide a showcase and support opportunity to artists whose work is both engaging and experimental.

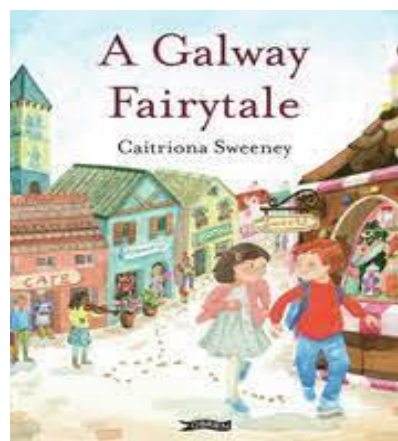
### 2023 Mentorship Training Award for Fingal Writers in Partnership with the Irish Writers Centre



The Arts Office is offering Mentorship Training Award to four professional Fingal writers. The award is a pairing of an emerging Fingal writer with suitable professional Fingal writer-mentor. Each mentee has their work read thoroughly in advance

of four mentor meetings over the course of eight months. This year a minimum of four mentoring awards will be offered to Fingal writers of literary fiction, creative non-fiction, children's / YA fiction and poetry. The closing date for the award was 2nd March, the applications are now being processed.

### Bursary Award for mid-career children's books artist in partnership with CBI



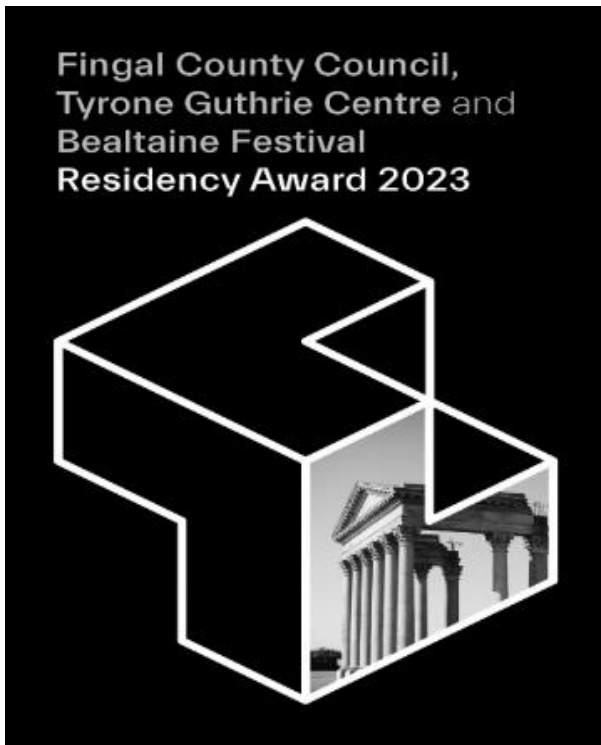
The Arts Office has partnered with Children's Books Ireland to support an award for mid-career writers and illustrators of children's books. This is an opportunity for a Fingal artist to avail of a week-long residency. The bursary is designed specifically for mid-career children's books authors or illustrators. This bursary was introduced to support more experienced, published authors and illustrators who require time and space to focus on their craft to the benefit of their continuing careers. Applicants must have at least two books for children published by a recognised publisher. The successful recipient of the 2023 award is Fingal illustrator Caitriona Sweeney from Castleknock. She has illustrated several books and written and illustrated a Galway Fairy tale with O'Brien Press.

### 'Around the World in Books and Scripts' in partnership with the Irish Writers Centre

Fingal Arts Office in partnership with The Irish Writers Centre have programmed a series of workshops entitled 'Around the World in Books and Scripts'. This initiative will support young Fingal writers between the age of 18-30 years from refugee and forced migration background. The programme has been designed in partnership with IWC and will be delivered by ReWrite in partnership

with Fingal County Council and IWC. As this is a pilot programme two young emerging Fingal writers with refugee backgrounds will be invited to act as shadow facilitators in the first year to build sustainability. The programme will run at the Irish Writers Centre over a 10-week period from Feb-June 2023.

### **Fingal County Council, Tyrone Guthrie Centre and Bealtaine Festival Residency Award 2023**



Fingal County Council, in association with The Tyrone Guthrie Centre and Bealtaine Festival is offering two, month-long, residencies at the Tyrone Guthrie Centre.

These residences aim to celebrate and support older Fingal artists at all stages of their careers working in literature and visual arts.

The residencies will offer a professional visual artist and a professional writer the opportunity to research or develop new work and, if desired, to present work during Bealtaine 2024.

The closing date for applications was Monday 24th March.

### **Libraries**

### **Bealtaine 2023 Festival at Fingal Libraries**



Fingal Libraries has unveiled its programme of events for the Bealtaine Festival 2023, Ireland's national celebration of the arts and creativity as we age. The festival programme will run for the whole month of May with over 30 events across our branches.

The Mayor of Fingal, Cllr. Howard Mahony, will launch the Bealtaine Festival in Rush Library on Tuesday, 2nd May at 11:30am with a performance from the Forget Me Nots choir, an inclusive community choir for older people.

This year's programme features everything from an inspiring talk with adventurer Eugene O'Leary to an empowering talk on the unlocked opportunities life offers older women.

There will be bridge and art classes, talks from Fingal Birdwatch, concerts from the musical ensemble the Mobile Music Machine and much, much more.

All events are free to attend and booking is essential.

You can view the Bealtaine brochure here: <https://www.fingal.ie/fingallibraries>

### Launch of Fingal Community Gaming at Swords Castle: a CE innovation fund initiative



Fingal Community Gaming is one of four pilot projects that have been awarded funding through the Fingal County Council Chief Executive Innovation Fund. Led by Marc McCluskey, Esther Jordan and Megan Davidson from the Libraries Department, this pilot project will help promote tabletop role-playing games (TTRPGs) in public libraries, specifically the fantasy game called Dungeons and Dragons. The Dungeons and Dragons clubs which are currently running in Fingal Libraries help public libraries provide a space for children and adults to learn and develop in a fun and safe setting and provide cultural and educational outreach programmes that empower communities as well as facilitating community cohesion. Fingal Community Gaming will launch on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April in Swords Castle.

### Decade of centenaries programme

2023 will bring the Decade of Centenaries Programme (2012-2023) which was and supported by the Dept of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, sport and media to a close. In Fingal, the following events will mark the final year of the decade:

**An Exhibition** highlighting elements of life in Fingal during the revolutionary years will cover cultural nationalism, local politics, World War I, women and the revolution, cycles of violence, and the return to peace. A booklet will be produced linking with the exhibition

**A Publication** with the title: Politics, War and Revolution: A timeline of Fingal history, 1884 - 1923 will combine both chronology and theme to show what life was like in Fingal during the revolutionary period. It will contain an abundance of images sourced within our own collections as well as those sourced nationally.

**The Fingal Festival of History 2023** will run from 2<sup>nd</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> October. Events have been organised throughout the branch libraries, with the History at the Castle Day as the centre piece on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October at Swords Castle. The themes of the talks are predominately linked to life in Ireland in 1923 and how it was reflected in Fingal.

**Arts commission:** The Arts Office will work with the commemorations team to creatively animate aspects of the historical timeline and will work with an illustrator and animator to explore a narrative which will look at the Decade of Centenaries in relation to key social and political changes.

### The Fingal Libraries World Book Tour 2023



To celebrate World Book Day Ireland 2023, a variety of children's authors visited libraries and schools in Fingal between 27th February and 3rd March, delivering events for invited audiences of primary school children. These visits were carried out across the network of the ten Fingal Library branches, under the banner of The Fingal World Book Tour 2023. The events were held in-person in Garristown, Balbriggan, Baldoyle, Blanchardstown, Donabate, Malahide and Swords Libraries, while Rush, Howth and Skerries Libraries facilitated author visits to local schools.

The Fingal Libraries World Book Tour 2023 was curated and programmed by author and illustrator Alan Nolan. The authors who gave the workshops and talks as part of the Book Tour were Alan Nolan,

Erika McGann, Eve McDonnell, Patricia Forde and Peter Donnelly.

Prior to each author's visit, a printed biography sheet with a photo of the author, as well as a World Book Tour Activity Pack consisting of two fun worksheets, was sent to the participating school to share with the classes who would be attending the event. In addition to this, each child received a complimentary copy of the book that their author focused on in the event. The total number of children who participated in the Fingal Libraries World Book Tour 2023 was 454. 11 schools in the Fingal area participated in the project and approximately 454 books were gifted to pupils.

In his evaluation report on the project, Alan Nolan commented that he had an absolute ball both programming the Fingal Libraries World Book Tour 2023 and doing his three events. He praised the team at Fingal Libraries, as well as all the librarians at all 10 branches, for their enthusiasm, positivity and helpfulness. He stressed the fact that 454 children got to meet authors in a live setting to hear about their books, to participate in workshops, and to receive a gift of the author's book. The authors, he concludes, all delivered bright, exciting workshops that were designed not just to entertain, but to inspire and create readers, and, who knows, maybe create future authors!

### Events at your Library in April



The Spring 2023 programme of events has been running from January across Fingal Libraries and will continue till April. In April, the Spring programme includes Spring into Storytime, a national right to read programme which aims to promote literacy and reading development for all. Fingal Library staff will host a story time session at each branch throughout April. There will also be fun and interactive arts and crafts workshops to celebrate Easter. For adults, we have a very special

event in Malahide Library on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 11am. RTÉ's Sinead Crowley will join authors Andrew Hughes and Nicola Cassidy to talk about writing vivid and authentic female protagonists in historical crime novels. This event is organised as part of the [One Dublin One Book reading initiative](#). Check out the full programme of events throughout Spring 2023 [here](#).

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT Fingal Skills Strategy

Planning continues for Fingal's Student Skills Expo in 2023 with consultants engaged to assist with event planning. The event is being planned for October 2023 and participation will be promoted with Fingal Schools.



Fingal County Council has been successful in an application for Interreg Funding as a partner in the SKYLA Project "Smart Specialisation Skills Ecosystems for the Twin Transition". The project will have a term of 4 years and will focus on enhancing the role of VET in smart specialisation sectors. Projects partners include Italy, Poland, Sweden, Lithuania, Bulgaria, Greece and Belgium. The project will be co-ordinated by the Fingal Skills Strategy Team and the project will commence shortly.



The Skills Strategy has been nominated for a LAMA Award in the category of Best CSR Project in a Community for the School Mentoring Programme in Balbriggan. The awards will be held on the 15<sup>th</sup> April 2023 in Clonmel.



The Council was successful under the Department of Foreign Affairs call for proposals to mark 50 years of Ireland's membership of the EU. The Council has been awarded €7,500 to run an event in Balbriggan during Europe Week (8-12 May 2023). The Economic Development Section will be engaging with secondary schools in Balbriggan to



organise and promote a school event around the topic of *"The positive impacts of 50 years of EU membership for Ireland and what should the EU be focussing on for the future."*



The Council is applying to Urbact for funding to lead a network of 9 small cities/towns in Europe on local economic development. The project will focus on the challenges and opportunities for green growth and sustainable economic development along transport corridors and the project duration is 2.5 years. Balbriggan is the lead town and the other partners committed to the network are Albulia, Romania; Dubrovnik, Croatia; Kekava, Latvia; Ormoz, Slovenia; Parnu, Estonia; Santo Tirso, Portugal; Tuusula, Finland; Villena, Spain. The application deadline is 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 and a decision is anticipated in June 2023.



### **CITIZEN, EQUALITY, RIGHTS AND VALUES PROGRAMME (CERV)**

CERV is an EU Funding Programme for citizens' engagement and the implementation of EU rights and values. Fingal County Council has been awarded CERV funding to participate in 2 separate projects, which commenced in January 2023 and will continue for 18 months.

### **GREEN IT YOUR WORK**

The Green IT Your Work kick-off meeting took place in Sinaia, Romania on the 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> February. Representatives were present from Romania, Spain Greece, Cyprus, Slovenia, Croatia, Italy and Ireland. The main objectives of Green IT Your Work are:

- Youth Debates about European Digital Age project highlighting the role of young people in the green transition.
- Promote green jobs with the aim of contributing to greener European cities.

### **InclusEU**

The InclusEU project which aims to encourage volunteer action as a social response for an inclusive Europe will see Fingal host an event in Balbriggan in September 2023. This event will highlight the work being done by Fingal and Foroige to encourage more young people to get involved in community volunteering. Starting in April, this collaborative project will see 20 young people from local secondary schools take part in leadership and sports education training over an 8-week period with practical sessions tied into local Fingal led projects.



### **SUSTAINABLE FINGAL**

The Council continues to work with SEAI Energy Academy to encourage businesses to apply for the Support Scheme for Energy Audits (SSEA) to access a €2,000 voucher towards the cost of a high-quality energy audit to help reduce energy bills. Further information on the grant is available at: <https://www.seai.ie/business-and-public-sector/small-and-medium-business/supports/energy-audits/>



### **DUBLIN BELFAST ECONOMIC CORRIDOR**

Fingal County Council has been awarded €150,000 by the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage under the Shared Island Local Authority Development Funding Scheme for a Feasibility Study for the development of regional innovation/enterprise hubs along the Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor. The Council is leading on the project with the support of the eight local authorities and two universities of the DBEC partnership. KPMG have been appointed to carry

out the feasibility study and work has commenced with DBEC partners on stakeholder engagement and data collection.

## LOCAL AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT



## FINGAL LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Fingal LCDDC continues to oversee and administer the key areas of LEADER and SICAP and the various Local Development and Community Development funding programmes under its remit. The LCDDC also manages the Healthy Ireland Initiative and the Social Enterprise Grants Scheme. The last Meeting of the Fingal LCDDC was held in February.



## FINGAL LOCAL ECONOMIC COMMUNITY PLAN 2022 - 2027

Consultation on the new Fingal LECP and engagement with internal and external stakeholders is planned to commence in Q2 2023. Tenders are under evaluation for consultants to assist with the preparation of the socio-economic profile of the county, drafting the high-level objectives, facilitating the consultation process and drafting the LECP and initial 2-year Implementation Plan.

## COMMUNITY SUPPORT FUND

The Community Support Fund (CSF) was launched in January 2023 and is funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development. Fingal has been allocated €341,875 in funding for groups across the county. More 270 applications were received from community and voluntary groups in Fingal for the current and capital funding streams by the submission deadline of 10<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

The evaluation of the applications is underway and groups will be notified of allocations shortly.

## COMMUNITY RECOGNITION FUND

The Community Recognition Fund (CRF) was launched in January 2023 and is funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development. Fingal has been allocated €1,813,912 and submitted project proposals to DRCD for approval on the 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023. 60% of the funding must be drawn down in 2023 and 40% in 2024, with all projects required to be complete by 18<sup>th</sup> October 2024. The Fund is being administered by Fingal LCDDC and consultation has been carried out with the LCDDC, Local Response Forum and relevant stakeholders.

## SICAP

The resources and staff of the Fingal SICAP Programme continue to be leveraged to assist with the Ukrainian Refugee Crisis response. The SICAP Programme continues to help in the response to this crisis and is a central resource to the work of the Ukrainian Refugee Community Response Forum. Additional funding has been received from the DRCD to help with the delivery of services to Ukrainian Refugees in Fingal and additional staffing resources from the Ukrainian community have been employed on the ground to assist with this. Confirmation was received during December that the Fingal SICAP Programme has been allocated €304,369 in 2023 specifically for Fingal's Ukrainian Refugee Response. The SICAP 2022 end of year review and the 2023 SICAP Plan and 2023 Case Study were approved at February's LCDDC Meeting.



## LEADER PROGRAMME

In December, the Dublin Rural LEADER Local Action Group (LAG) approved in full the allocated LEADER 2021-22 Transition Programme for eligible projects in the administrative areas of Fingal, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown and South Dublin.

On 26th January Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys, announced details of the applicant groups who were successful under Stage 1 of the 2023-2027 LEADER programme, Fingal LCDC was successful to run the next LEADER Programme for the Dublin Rural LEADER LAG.

The Dublin Rural LEADER LAG is moving to Stage 2 and has commenced work on drafting the new Leader Development Strategy and has held an initial consultation workshop with stakeholders.

## Woodlands for Health

Healthy Fingal have partnered with Mental Health Ireland and the Sports Office to organise the Woodlands for Health walks. The programme will see the HSE mental health services in Swords & Balbriggan avail of the opportunity to introduce service users to walking in Ardgillan while availing of mental health expertise in the calming and quiet atmosphere of the walking paths around the demesne. The first walk took place last Friday and see 12 participants and we hope to see further growth over the next 11 weeks.



## Pulmonary Rehab Class

Healthy Fingal in partnership with the HSE (Connolly Hub for Chronic Disease) are delivering a 10-week referral only pulmonary rehab class in Mulhuddart Community Centre. The class is designed for people with lung disease who experience symptoms of breathlessness with a focus on tailored physical exercise and information that helps people to better understand and manage their condition/s and symptoms. The programme will run twice weekly for 10 weeks and seeks to link participants into local physical activity options and provide information on alcohol consumption and smoking cessation also.



## ENTERPRISE CENTRES

Fingal's Enterprise Centres continue to participate in ConnectedHubs.ie.

ConnectedHubs.ie is a one-stop-shop for remote working hubs throughout Ireland.



All three Enterprise Centres currently have space available to start-up businesses and businesses/individuals who wish to avail of remote working options and facilities. Bespoke options or generic office fitouts can be considered.

Occupancy rates at the Council's three enterprise centres are all over 90%. The three Enterprise Centres currently support 65 businesses and over 320 direct jobs.



Demand for the new Remote Working Hubs in BASE and Beat remain strong particularly after running two Connected Free Voucher Scheme during August and December 2022.

Fingal County Council was approved for €50,000 in new funding to promote Remote Working Hubs in the County under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme Marketing Measure. A cross-departmental team within the Council is implementing initiatives to promote Fingal as a Remote Working Hub base for remote workers.

**OUR BALBRIGGAN 2019 – 2025 REJUVENATION PLAN – A SOCIO-ECONOMIC STRATEGY**



The Our Balbriggan Programme Office continues to support the Leadership Group and its five pillars, who meet regularly, to progress work across a range of economic and social measures including: Growing the Local Economy, Public Realm & Infrastructure, Education, Skills &

Employment, Community Integration, Health & Well Being and Community Safety.

The Balbriggan Leadership group, chaired by Professor Brian MacCraith, met on March 22<sup>nd</sup> to provide oversight and stewardship for the plan's implementation, the group received updates also from all five pillars. The Balbriggan Loves Learning Festival 2023 took place between March 27<sup>th</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup>, the Festival is an initiative of the Education, Skills and Training Pillar. The festival, now in its third year is led by the DDLEBT and includes a wide range of stakeholders, including schools, community groups, education services and business and includes 35+ events/learning opportunities.



The Quay Street & Environs scheme is in final detailed design phase with works anticipated to commence Q1. 2024 and be completed on a phased based in 2025. Irish Water will be on-site in Quay Street on the 1<sup>st</sup> September to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 for the pumping station upgrade. Car parking resurfacing (Bath Road/Balbriggan FC & Bremore Castle) is progressing in advance of the site works at Quay Street. The pre-planning process for 2 – 4 Dublin Street commenced in March prior to submitting to full council to redevelop the two properties into a new Creative Hub.



A comprehensive Balbriggan Public Realm Strategy - Masterplan & Design Guide and a Balbriggan Active Travel & Transportation plan are nearing completion with both expected to be published Q2 2023.

Donnelly Civil Engineering Ltd and MWP Engineering have commenced a package of improvement works at Balbriggan Harbour week commencing 27<sup>th</sup> March.



Site investigations to the rear of the group of derelict buildings on Bridge Street, known locally as De Bruns have been completed. Design brief documents are currently being prepared in advance of phase 1 of development in line with the town plan which will include a new park space in the 'Heart' of the town. The green space will follow the river Bracken, through Millpond Park to the rear with entrance onto Bridge Street, flowing down to a transformed Quay Street and Harbour.



The Our Balbriggan Office continues to generate regular and unique content across all social media channels, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn, with the Balbriggan St. Patrick's Day Parade receiving significant coverage on RTE.



## TOWN CENTRE FIRST – LUSK

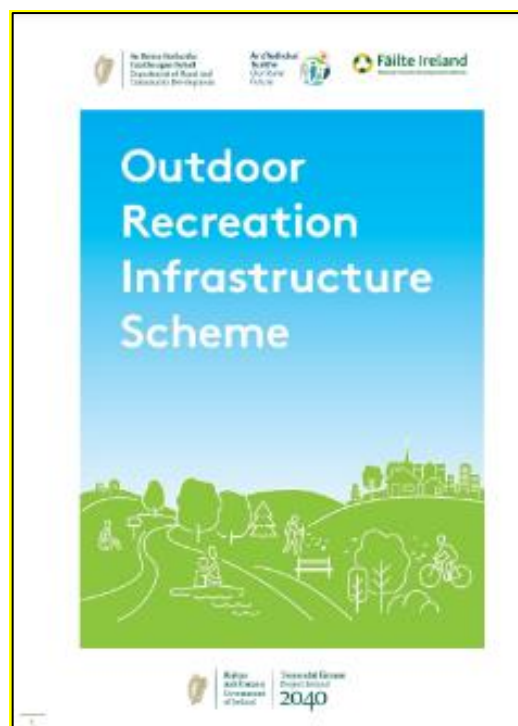
A structure and membership for the new Lusk Town Team has been agreed. Together with the Town Team there will be three Pillar Groups representing the Community, Business and Economy and Public Realm / Climate Action & Sustainability (to include Vacant & Derelict Buildings). The first meeting of the new Town Team will be held shortly.

## TOWN AND VILLAGE RENEWAL SCHEME 2022

The Council was recently approved for funding from the Department of Rural and Community Development of €100,000 for the Rush Streetscape Scheme and €36,000 for a new Donabate Streetscape Scheme with work progressing on the implementation of these schemes. Residents, businesses and community groups in Rush were asked to submit expressions of interest for various grants for enhancement measures such as painting, shopfront repair, signage lighting and planting. The maximum amount of funding available to each property is €10,000 overall and following a review 30 properties in Rush have been approved by the Department of Rural and Community Development and will be availing of funding from the scheme. The Council has informed all successful applicants and is working with them in delivering the scheme.

A call under the Town and Village Building Acquisition Measure for 2023 was announced in late March. Under the initiative, each local authority can apply for funding of up to €500,000, which they can use to purchase up to three properties in eligible Towns and Villages to re-develop into multi-purpose community facilities. The funding, under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme, is designed to make our towns and villages more attractive places in which to live, visit, invest and raise a family

## OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE SCHEME (ORIS)



The Department of Rural & Community Development under the Outdoor Recreational Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) is providing funding of €23,400 for the development of the Castleknock Historical Walking Trail. ORIS is also providing funding of €28,800 for enhancements to the Balbriggan Historical Walking Trail. Consultation on both projects has commenced with local groups.

The 2023 Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme will be open for applications in May.



LEO Fingal provides a broad suite of support services to stimulate enterprise and enable small businesses to succeed. Some of the LEO highlights for March 2023 are as follows:

## LOCAL ENTERPRISE WEEK 2023



A series of exciting business-focused events were run both online and in-person between the 6th and 10th of March 2023 as part of Local Enterprise Week (LEW) this year. There were hundreds of physical and virtual events taking place across the country, run by the 31 Local Enterprise Offices from March 6th to 10th, and huge numbers of Fingal business owner/managers used the opportunity to network and learn about new supports and opportunities for their businesses. Some events hosted over the course of the week included an in-person dynamic "Start-Up Bootcamp" in the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Blanchardstown followed by "Stop Hesitating – Start Networking" event hosted by Balbriggan Chamber in association with LEO Fingal on Monday March 6th. Fingal Chamber hosted a panel of accomplished female entrepreneurs in an event called "Behind the Business" on March 8th while "9 Ways Social Media Can Generate Business Results in 2023" took place in the Marine Hotel, Sutton on March 9th. The week concluded on Friday 10th March with a networking lunch hosted by Fingal Enterprising Women's Network at the Carlton Hotel, Dublin Airport.

## FINGAL STUDENT ENTERPRISE PROGRAMME



Local Enterprise Office Fingal have announced that teenage entrepreneurs from Coolmine Community School and Castleknock College will represent Fingal at this year's Student Enterprise Programme National Finals on Friday 5th May. The Finals make a return to Croke Park for the first time since 2019. The students all took part in the Fingal final which was held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Blanchardstown. Over 1,200 students from 27 Fingal Schools took part in this year's programme. The Fingal Student Enterprise County Final 2022/2023 was sponsored by Dublin and Dún Laoghaire ETB (DDLETB), Blanchardstown Centre, SimTech Aviation and One4All.

## FINGAL ENTERPRISE AWARDS 2023



A Fingal food business from Ballycoolin, Dublin 15 is this year's winner of the Fingal Enterprise Award for 2023. Cream of the Crop Gelato took the top prize of €5,000 and will now represent Fingal at the 23rd National Enterprise Awards in the Mansion House in Dublin on the 1st of June. Cream of the Crop Ltd is a Fingal-based food-tech enterprise battling food waste by upcycling and using surplus ingredients to produce natural, delicious and

healthy artisanal gelatos, sorbets and snacks. The runner-up at the Fingal Enterprise Awards held in County Hall, Swords was Parenting Institute Ltd T/A Platform55, a digital company from Malahide who offer programmes to managers empowering them to support their employees through key life events which can impact the workplace.

## MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT



LEO Fingal has launched a new Management Development Program entitled Leadership for Growth. An expression of interest link has been circulated and interested companies are applying. The programme is being run in conjunction with Dublin City LEO and will start on April 18th in the Carlton Hotel Dublin Airport. There are 3 in person sessions with 6 virtual sessions. The programme is aimed at skills development for owner managers who are looking to move their company forward to the next level. LEO Fingal's other training programmes continue to be well attended.

## TRADING ONLINE VOUCHER SCHEME



An initiative under the Government's National Digital Strategy, the TOV (Trading Online Voucher) scheme supports small businesses by allowing them to enhance their online offering by providing a grant of up to €2,500 for ecommerce and digital marketing activities. So far in 2023 13 applications have been approved in the amount of €29,014. The next Trading Online Voucher seminar will be held on Friday 5th May in the RIASC Centre, Kinsealy.

Applicants must attend the seminar before applying for a voucher.

## FINGAL ENTERPRISING WOMEN NETWORK



On Friday March 10th, Fingal Enterprising Women Network hosted a special event as part of Local Enterprise Week 2023 at the Carlton Hotel, Dublin Airport with over 170 female entrepreneurs in attendance. Fingal Enterprising Women Network (FEWN) welcomed guest speaker and Businesswoman Sonya Lennon, who discussed a range of topics including "Challenging your own relationship with Fear and Action".

## EVALUATIONS AND APPROVALS COMMITTEE

The next Evaluation and Approvals Committee (EVAC) meeting for 2023 will be held on Wednesday 5th April. Year to date six applications have been approved to the value of €93,750 across Business Feasibility, Priming & Expansion grants.

## BUSINESS ADVICE CLINICS AND MENTORING

Business Advice Clinics and mentoring services continue to be offered online and now have an option for clients to meet in person in the Business Advice Clinic based in County Hall, Swords. In addition, clients are continuing to receive one to one business mentoring with our panel of mentors. To date 26 clinic days were held in 2023, offering advice and support to 269 clients in Fingal. The Mentoring Programme continues with a total of 74 clients receiving one-to-one mentoring YTD.



## MICROFINANCE IRELAND LOANS

LEO Fingal provides a loan scheme through its partnership with Microfinance Ireland, with “soft” loans of up to €25,000 per approved applicant. LEO Fingal is actively promoting the availability of loans from businesses that have difficulty raising finance from their bank. Applications are processed and assessed by LEO Fingal and submitted to MFI (Microfinance Ireland). In 2023 LEO Fingal will continue to assist clients with their applications to enable them to raise much needed capital. Applications submitted through LEO Fingal are eligible for a reduced interest rate of 4.5% APR.

Assistance for business energy costs is being awarded to qualifying businesses affected by the increase in input costs or supply chain issues in relation to the Ukraine war. Clients are being advised to speak to the Local Enterprise Office to assess eligibility and to apply. Applications are now open to Fingal based businesses.

## UKRAINE ENTERPRISE CRISIS SCHEME



# OPERATIONS & WATER SERVICES

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## Works Programmes

### - Balbriggan/Swords Area

### **National Tree Week 2023 - Free Tree Giveaway and Community Planting Events**

To celebrate National Tree Week 2023 Fingal County Council continued with the success of the annual free tree giveaway countywide with the distribution 16,000 young trees into the local communities across Fingal. Several Community Planting Events were also supported with the provision of plants, preparation of the site and planting instruction and supervision.

This year the community planting events were held in Ward River Valley Park Swords, Newbridge Demesne, Lusk Recreational Hub, and Ardgillan Demesne. These planting events were organised by FCC Operations and Environmental Awareness teams in collaboration with local voluntary groups such as Swords Woodland Association, Lusk 2030 Group, Lusk Educate Together and Easy Treesie. Huge thanks to all involved, it was a great success.



Swords Woodland Association – Community Planting Event at Newbridge Demesne



Free Tree Giveaway - Ward River Valley Park



Free Tree Giveaway Newbridge Demesne



Lusk 2030 Environment Group – Community Planting Event at Lusk Recreational Hub



Free Tree Giveaway and Community Planting Event - Ardgillan Demesne Ardgillan Demesne



### Works at Santry Demesne

#### ➤ New Calisthenics Area

As part of the ongoing improvements being carried out at Santry Demesne a new Callisthenics Area is currently being installed.



#### ➤ Historic Walled Garden

The invasive laurel plantation around the historic walled garden was also removed. This will allow assessment of the wall and ornamental planting, more in keeping with the perimeter of a historic

walled garden, is being planned for Autumn 2023. Works being carried out by the Swords Area Crews.



Before Laurel Removal



After Laurel Removal

### Newbridge Farm

Works are almost complete for a tiered seating area currently being installed within the Red Barn at Newbridge Farm. This seating area will provide a valuable resource for animal talks and demonstrations for educational groups and school tours. All works being carried out by the staff at Newbridge Demesne.



### St Catherine's Estate Rush - New Path

Works have commenced around the Portico Open Space in St Catherine's Estate in Rush with the installation of a new perimeter Path and the inclusion of ducting for future lighting.



### **South Beach Rush**

As part of the ongoing improvement works at South Beach Rush several new picnic benches have been installed



### **Ardgillan Demesne - New Bulb Planting**

New areas of pollinator bulb planting starting to appear in Ardgillan Demesne. It will be worth the walk to the bottom of the Demesne to watch this area of planting change throughout the spring and summer months.



### **Howth/Malahide Area**

#### **Programme of Works**

Work has commenced on the 2023 Programme of Works.

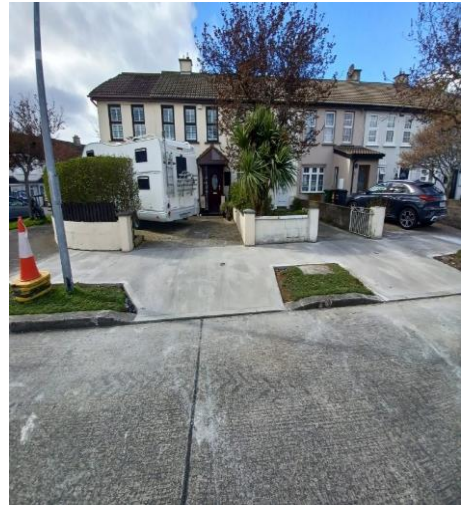
#### ➤ **Footpath Works**

Malahide Howth operations crews continue to reinstate footpaths and roads in Georgian Helmet in Baldoyle.

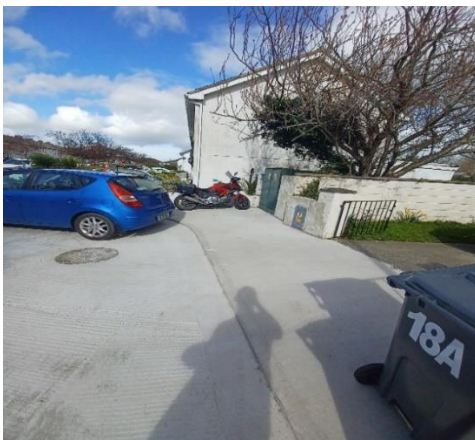




**Before**



**After**



➤ **Roads Works**

Patching ongoing at St Fintan's road in Sutton.



Tarstone with the only and first thermal patcher in Ireland repairing potholes in Baldoyle. The patcher reduces waste and noise. It also reduces the amount of bituminous material used by 99%.



Drainage works are ongoing at the Chapel Road in Portmarnock. This work will help in reducing the chances of flooding in this area.



### ➤ Drainage Works

The Howth Malahide Depot Team removed the culvert which was blocking the river along the R124 at Portmarnock trotting track. This work will assist with the alleviation of the flooding issues on the R124 and Chapel Road Junction.



### Malahide Demesne Update

A new mobility Roundabout was installed in the playground in the Demesne.



➤ Drainage & Footpath Works



➤ Talbot Botanic Gardens



Work has commenced on Pagoda for Japanese Garden, West Lawn



Correa 'Marian's Marvel' flowering in Australian Garden, Walled Garden



Bluebell walk in full bloom West Lawn Malahide Demesne

➤ National Tree Week



National Tree Week 2023 took place on the 19th to 26th of March and Fingal County Council was only delighted with promoting the event. Fingal promoted this by giving away and encouraging the

public to take part in planting a tree for future generations to enjoy.

The Howth Malahide team took delivery of 5,350 tree whips for the free tree giveaway and Malahide Demesne was the distribution point for the Howth/Malahide area.

Species that were given out this year include Cherry, Birch, Hazel and Alder. There was a limit of two trees per household.

Information signage about the tree species being given away was on display for members of the public to peruse and experienced staff were on hand to advise the public regarding their queries.



Cherry Tree Information Signage

The event was heavily promoted via social media and the public were encouraged to bring their own bag to reduce plastic wastage. Anyone who forgot to bring a bag were provided with a paper bag by the Operations staff.

The "Tree Giveaway" was very successful with only a small number of trees left over. There was great excitement on both giveaway days and lots of

community groups like schools, scout groups and resident associations availed of the initiative.



Members of Staff assisting the public with their choice of trees



Member of the public discussing their tree choice with Operations staff





Alder Tree Information Signage

**Burial Grounds Works**  
 ➤ **Balgriffin Cemetery**



Reinstatement of our burial plots in Balgriffin cemetery after the snow because of additional sinkage



Tree Giveaway in Malahide Demesne





Preparation works underway for the installation of Anti Climb Fencing



Mobile grass cutting machines ready for the summer season grass cutting within our burial grounds

## Castleknock/Mulhuddart Area



Depot staff preparing to grit roads during the recent cold snap

## Cleansing

Fly tipping of litter at the entrance to ESB substation at Macetown in Damastown, which affects ESB access to the site. A fence and gate are being arranged to prevent this from reoccurring in the future.



**Before**



**After**

Compact tractor, mechanical brush and turbine blower to edge and clean footpaths. Capable of edging and cleaning approx. 400m of footpath per day. This is a one-person operation which frees two staff for other work making it much more efficient.



Photos of 2 new bins installed by Operations Crew in Mick Walsh Park in Mulhuddart D15

The Laneway at the side of Huntstown Community Centre cleared of brambles and old grass and debris by Operations team at side of Huntstown Community Centre



**Before**



**After**

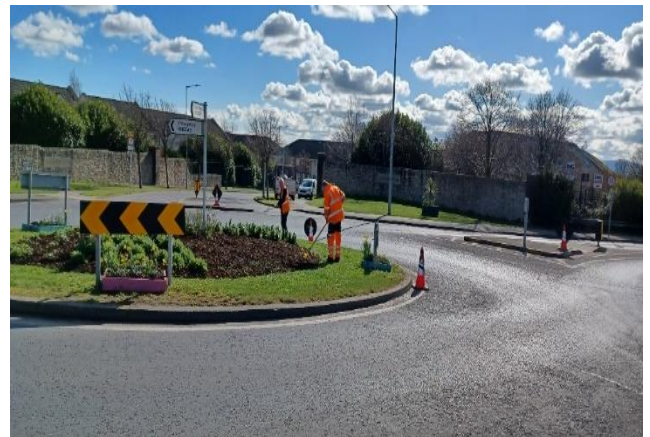


Assisting community groups by delivering bark mulch – Daughters of charity in Mountview

### Planting & Shrubbery Removal



Shrubbery removal at the Front and side of St Patrick's Church in Corduff



Perennial bed cleaned and barked at Entrance to Landsborough Estate in Meakstown Finglas

### Tree Planting & National Tree Week

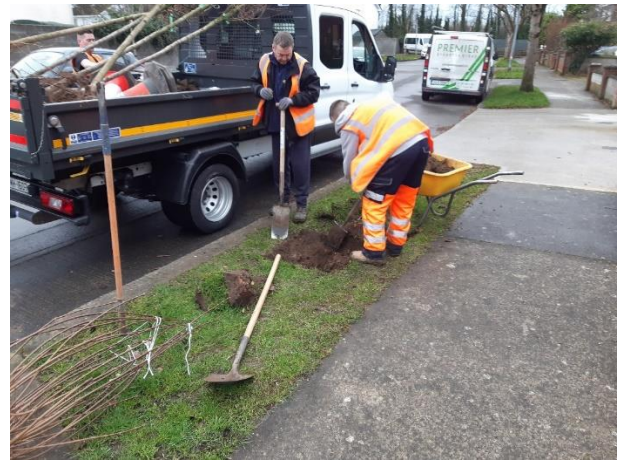




Tree Planting Opposite Ashleigh Estate, Castleknock



Community tree week planting in Littlepace, Dublin 15



New Trees in the Woodvale Estate on Blakestown Road



Tree planting on Blanchardstown Road. Restoring the Hazel tree avenue on the Blanchardstown Road



Planting of Fruit trees on the open space of Oaktree Green and Laverna Estate Entrance by the Laurel Lodge Group



National Tree week giveaway in Carpark of Millennium Park in D15



Memorex colour in Shackleton's Gardens

### **Traffic Operations County-Wide**

Works are ongoing to deliver the Programme of Works across all three areas. Programme of Works 2023 for all 3 areas have been approved by the Area Committees and works will now begin.

#### ➤ Relining of Robs Wall Carpark





- Relining of Balgriffin Cemetery Car Park and addition of one extra disabled space



- Flexible Bollard Installation along Burrow Road to control parking



- New traffic signs for Burrow Road, Sutton



- Installation of Yellow Box and Right Turn Box Coast Road/Station Road/Strand Road Junction



- Chapel Lane, Swords – 3 New Accessible Parking Bays



- New Speed Signs- Newbarn-Fieldstown-R122  
Two New VAS signs on both approaches to the junction with R125/Rathbeale Road



### Fleet Management & Plant Hire Unit

80 hires were put in place from 01/03/2023–31/03/2023, engaging 19 suppliers.



7 fully electric vehicles purchased for Operations.

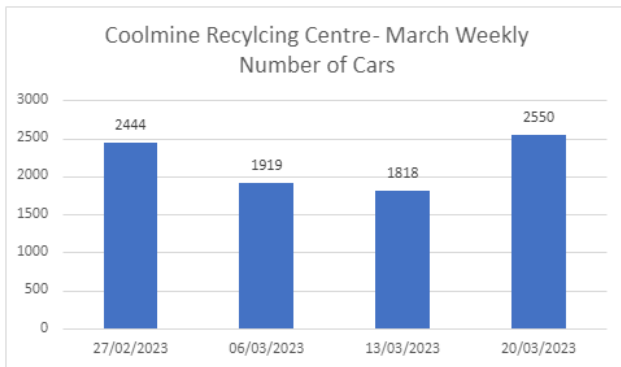
### Street Lighting LED Programme

The Public Lighting Section will continue with the LED Programme in 2023 with 97.1% of all lights switched to LEDs.

Faults reduce to 0.32% of overall numbers of lights. The Public Lighting Area Works Programme was approved by the Area Committee and works will now commence. Additional 180,000 2023 funding for specific public lighting projects to light up necessary walkways and connections to schools and buses will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.



## Recycling Centres Update

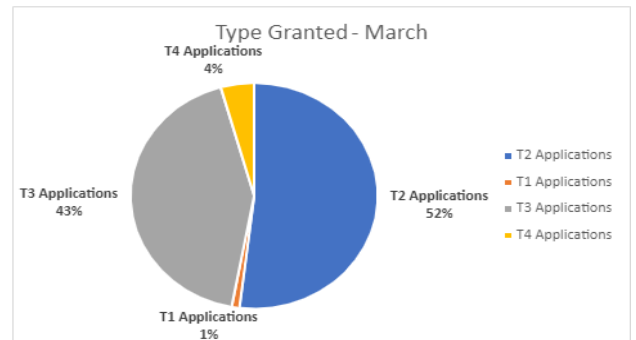
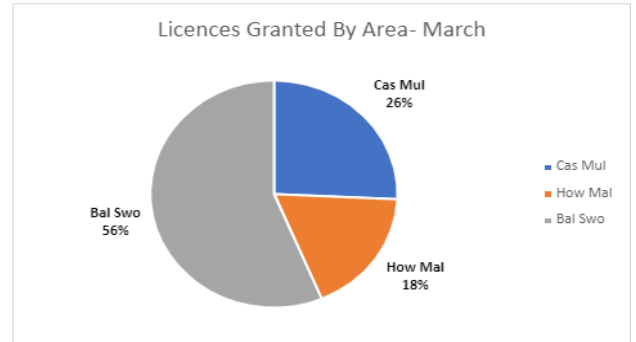
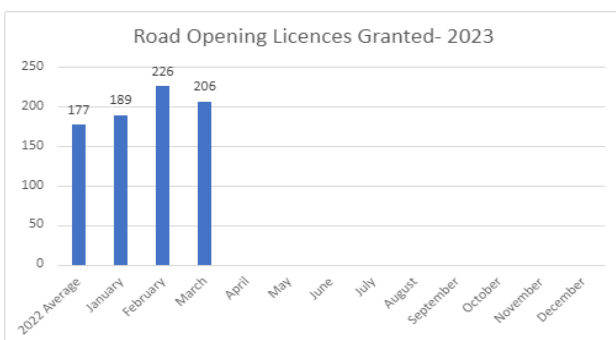


## Licences

### - Road Opening Licences

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

**206** Licences were granted in the month of **March** with on average, **47%** of the which were granted by way of automation. Clerk of Works in each area continue to carryout regular inspections following road opening works by utilities.



### - Casual Trading License

The Castleknock/Mulhuddart Operations Department have carried out the allocation of Casual Trading Pitches for 2023 through a renewal/lottery system. The licences are valid from 01 March 2023 to 29 February 2024.

Any further available pitches will be re-advertised & allocated depending on levels of interest in April. All details of available Casual Trading pitches will be updated on the Fingal County Council website in the coming days.

The closing date for new applications has been provisionally set for Friday the 21<sup>st</sup> of April 2023 at 4pm.

### - Street Furniture

Street Furniture renewals are nearing completion for 2023 & inspections continue to be carried out to ensure compliance.



### Water Services

#### - **Water Connections:**

Currently 15 new connection applications in progress with FCC as of from 27<sup>th</sup> March 2023. 24 new connection applications returned to Uisce Eireann during March 2023.

### Storm Water

#### - **Stormwater Capital Programme 2023-2025**

Fingal County Council are continuing to progress projects recently adopted in the 2023-2025 Stormwater Capital Programme. The 3-year programme includes 14 projects valued at approximately €3.63 Million. Below is a brief update in relation to the current status of some of

the projects that have commenced and planned upcoming projects.

#### - **Howth Stormwater Culvert:**

Tenders were issued for a Topographical Survey and a CCTV and Flow Monitoring Survey for the above scheme. The CCTV and Flow and Monitoring survey element is due to be awarded to the winning bidder in the coming days and submissions are due to be evaluated for the Topographical Survey Tender. The CCTV and Flow Monitoring survey will confirm the current condition and capacity of the existing stormwater sewer enabling the project team to consider preliminary designs.

#### - **Wendell Avenue/Heather Walk:**

Stormwater sewer rehabilitation works in Portmarnock are 95% complete. In total 200m of collapsed sections of network will have been replaced with a new 450mm in Dewberry Park, Wendell Avenue and Heather Walk. This involved new manholes and additional gullies in Wendell Avenue & Dewberry Park. The works will improve the overall drainage efficiency of Wendell Avenue and increase the half-life of the road surface.



#### - **Burrow Beach**

Scott Cawley Consultants working in Partnership with Brady Shipman Martin signed off on an Appropriate Assessment Screening Report for the Burrow Beach Project concluding that no further assessment was required. Since then, it was confirmed that a foreshore licence would be

required for the refurbishment works and a pre-application will be submitted in the coming days.

#### - **Bath Avenue Storm Water Pipe**

In-house Design will commence a scheme involving the laying of a new Storm water pipeline along Bath Ave, Malahide to alleviate localized flooding and allow for future capacity.

#### - **Storm Water Maintenance**

The proposed Stormwater preventative maintenance cycle for 2023 is currently being planned and costed. Two areas not previously mapped and surveyed have been identified with work due to start in Q2 2023. A contractor will be procured with a jet vac recycler truck and CCTV camera van. The Stormwater manhole cover and frame replacement programme for replacing assets at the end of life is ongoing – Covers and frames were replaced in Swords and Santry areas. As a result of flooding reports additional CCTV surveys were also carried out in Damastown & Parslickstown in D15. The network has now been mapped, jetted and a condition survey report is being prepared. To date a number of displaced joints and localised blockages have been found and these have since been removed.



#### **Communication with Uisce Éireann for Elected Representatives**

The Local Representative Support Desk  
Make contact at [localrepsupport@water.ie](mailto:localrepsupport@water.ie) or by phone at **0818 178 178 / 0818 578 578**.

Staff are available Monday – Friday from 9am to 5.30pm to deal with queries from elected representatives about any topic related to Uisce Éireann.

Outside these hours, the 24/7 customer care line is available for urgent queries at **1800 278 278**.  
**Uisce Éireann Water Planned Works** – Uisce Éireann Regional Communications team provide regular updates concerning upcoming projects in the area and planned works which may cause disruption to customers. Regularly updates on the website at <https://www.water.ie/water-supply-and-service-update/#> publications appear on the homepage under the Publications heading. The Council will continue to work to implement Government policy in regard to water.

#### **Framework for future of Water Services**

A new framework for the future of water services developed through an engagement process facilitated by the Workplace Relations Commission was announced by the Minister on 24th June 2022.

The Council is awaiting signoff of the new UISCE ÉIREANN /Local Authority Master Co-operation

agreement which will replace the existing Service Level Agreement arrangements.

The Council are working with UÉ in preparation for the Effective Date when UÉ will assume full responsibility for the delivery of all public water services in Ireland. Fingal County Council is scheduled within the first tranche of local authorities to transfer and are awaiting confirmation on the Effective Date.

# PLANNING AND STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE (PSI)

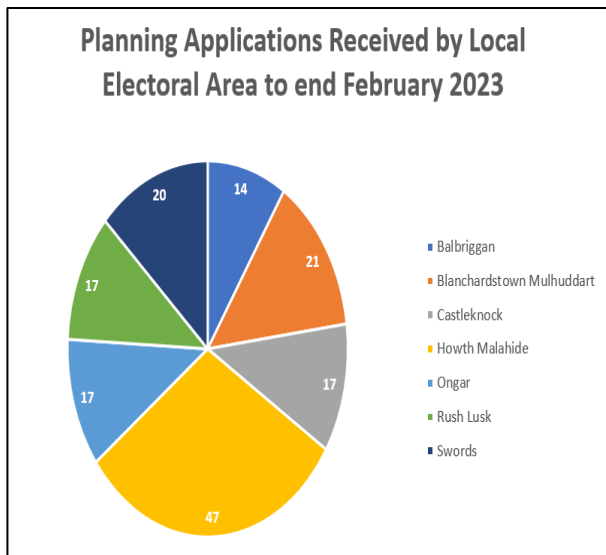
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## Planning Applications

There have been 153 planning applications received to the end of February 2023. 21 of these applications were invalid leaving a total of 132 valid applications. The volume of applications received by Local Electoral Area (LEA) is detailed in the table below.

From January 1<sup>st</sup> to Feb 28<sup>th</sup> 2023, 0 Large-scale Residential Development (LRD) applications were made to the Local Authority. 4 decisions were made up to end of February 2023. Of these, 4 applications were Granted (1,416 units).

There are a total of 20 SHD applications (13,038 units) currently in the formal application process with An Bord Pleanála. The Bord have not issued any decisions on SHD applications to the end of February 2023.



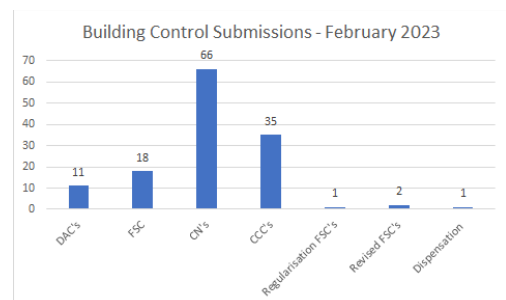
## Planning Decisions

A total of 218 planning decisions have been made to the end of February 2023. There have been 183

decisions to grant permission (84%) and 35 refusals of permission (16%). There have been 17 grants of permissions in respect of single house construction, 87 grants of permission for domestic extensions, 23 commercial/retail grants of permission and 13 grants of permission in respect of housing developments of which 8 relate to development of 2 – 20 units, 1 relates to 20 – 50 units, 0 relate to 50 -100 units and 4 which relate to development of 100+ Units.

## Building Control Admin

In February 2023, there were 134 building control submission made via BCMS. This was made up of 66 Commencement notices, 35 Compliance of Completion Certificates, 21 Fire Safety related Certificates and 12 Disability Access related Certificates. Commencement notices and Compliance on Completion Certificates are submitted through the Projects module on BCMS. Fire Safety, Disability Access, Regularisation and Dispensation/Relaxation Certificate applications can be submitted online via the Applications module on BCMS and we are also still accepting hard copy applications directly into the office. Most applications are now being submitted via the online system. The Building Control Admin team processed 98 decisions in February 2023 relating to Fire Safety and Disability Access Certificates. This was made up of 23 decisions to grant and 75 extensions of time.



## Built Environment Division

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

#### **Development Management February 2023**

- 70 no. new planning files have been received.
- 12 no. Additional Information files have been received and 1 clarification on Additional Information.

### Building Control/Taking in Charge Section

#### **Building Control**

- There were 20 Building control site inspections in February 2023 with 40 separate buildings being inspected.
- There were no enforcement notices issued in March but there were 2 Section 11 requests for further information issued following site visits.

#### **Taking in Charge**

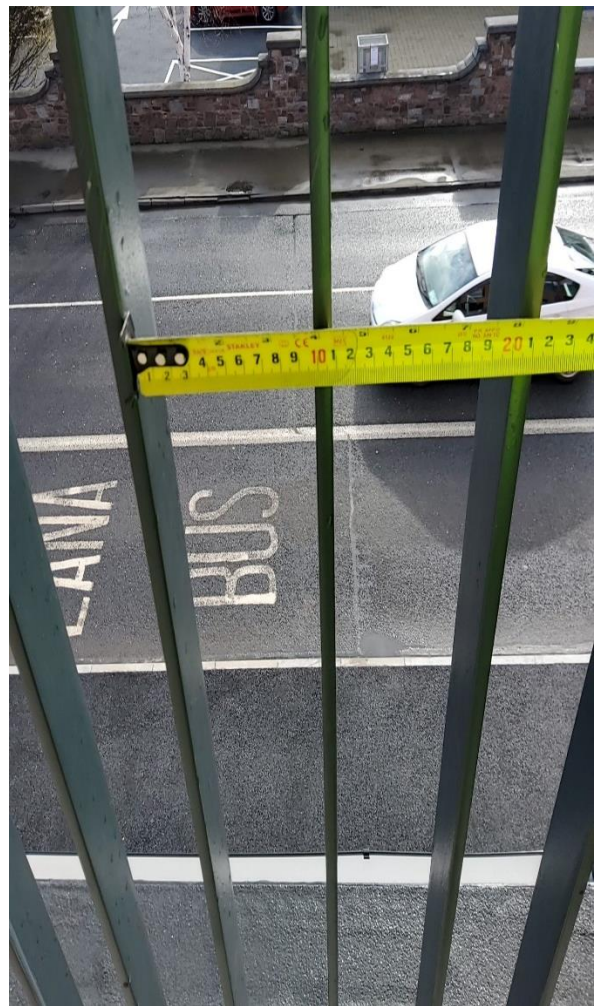
- There is one development Carrick Court Close due to be taken in charge in the April 2023 Council Meeting. A further 3 developments namely Miller Glen phase 4, Silverbanks, Baldoyle and Balgriffin Grove in Malahide have been advertised for Taking in Charge in the May 2023 Council Meeting. Ballygossan Park Phase 1 in Skerries advertised for the June 2023 meeting.
- The Ongar Remediation works contract has been awarded to the successful tenderer on the 24<sup>th</sup> of March. Works will then commence when the contractor is mobilised. The contractor had indicated previously that they were looking at a mid-April start date.

## **Dangerous Structures**

- There were 5 dangerous structures notified in March 2023. There are a total of 61 dangerous structures active in our database. One dangerous structures file was closed in March.

## **References**

- The number of reference requests received in March 2023 so far is 422.



Checking railings in a development in Blanchardstown for compliance with Part K of the Building Regulations



Checking Insulation in a Cavity wall in a development in Balbriggan.

## Transportation Planning

### R132 Connectivity Project

The tender assessment for Consultancy Services of a multidisciplinary design team for the Detailed Design and Procurement, Construction and Implementation of this project has now been completed with the successful and unsuccessful letters issued to tenderers. The contract documents have now been prepared and following a standstill period the consultant will be appointed in April. A number of key meetings already been arranged including with TII's MetroLink project team and with adjacent landowners. It is expected detailed design and procurement will take 12-18 months and further updates will issue as the project progresses.

### PSI -041 Kinsealy Walking & Cycling Routes

The tender assessment for Stage 1 Engineering Consultancy Services is now completed. The successful tenders have submitted the relevant information so the procurement process has now moved to the stage 2 process with the tender publication date programmed for 29<sup>th</sup> March which will allow the procurement process to progress in April and a consultant appointment target date in May/June.

### Harry Reynolds Road Pedestrian and Cyclist Route

The tender evaluation assessment for the Construction Phase of the Harry Reynolds Road, Pedestrian and Cyclist Route recently took place with the tender assessment report currently being finalised. On approval of the tender report, the successful/unsuccessful letters will be issued, and the required standstill period allowed to pass prior to progressing to appointing a contractor, likely in April. A commencement date on site for construction works will then be agreed with the contractor for Summer 2023. A pre-start briefing will be arranged with the local area members in advance of site works commencing.

### Ongar Barnhill Link Road

This is a key transportation project that will provide a new bridge over the railway line and underpin the development of significant new residential development. Following the agreement of land access arrangements over a number of land folios, an advance site clearance contract was carried out earlier this year in advance of the nesting season. Fencing is being installed currently along the project boundaries. Tenders for stage 1 of the main contract have been assessed and the tender process for stage 2 will commence in April, with a view to appointing a contractor in summer, site works commencing in autumn with the project construction phase likely to take two years.

### Project Updates for Elected Members

Two briefing meetings for the Blanchardstown–Mulhuddart–Castleknock–Ongar members have been scheduled to provide further updates and information on the Royal Canal Greenway, Ongar–Barnhill, Canal Loop project and Snugborough Interchange project. Similar project updates will be arranged on other projects across the wider works programme of transportation projects at key milestones as required.

### PSI-042 Donabate Transportation Projects - Procurement

Stage 1 for the establishment of a Single Party Framework for Multi-disciplinary Engineering Consultancy Services is complete. Three Consultants were shortlisted and invited to tender for Stage 2 and these three tenders are currently being evaluated by the FCC project team with support from the Central Procurement Unit. Once appointed, the Engineering Consultant will commence working on:

- M1-Lissenhall Interchange Traffic Study,
- Donabate Distributor Road Phase 2 (Donabate-Lissenhall)
- Blakes Cross Junction Upgrade
- Donabate Active Travel Routes

On appointment, a briefing update will be arranged for the elected members to discuss the project timelines and the proposed approach in more detail.

### **PSI-026 Turvey Avenue Footpath Enhancement**

Tender documents for the procurement of a Contractor will issue to the market in April. Following appointment of the Contractor, works will commence with a target start date on site in the summer. Timelines are subject to a successful procurement competition.

### **PSI-026 Portrane Road Enhancement Project**

The project team have completed CPO-related drawings for required lands for the project on the Portrane Road. Significant engagement with local landowners has taken place, which is a time-consuming but essential requirement for a successful scheme. CPO related documents are being finalised by FCC property section for submission to An Bord Pleanála. The exact timeline associated with the confirmation of the CPO for Portrane Road is subject to processes within An Bord Pleanála. Once the Council has the required lands to deliver the project, a Contractor for the works will be procured.

### **PSI-012 Broadmeadow**

Over the last year the project team has worked closely with FCC property section and our legal team and this resulted in the recent securing of a licence agreement for access to a landlocked section of the project route. An advance works

contractor has now been appointed and will commence the installation of fencing and an access track to the northern shore of Malahide Estuary within the coming weeks. The access track will facilitate access for a contractor to undertake ground investigation (GI) works on the estuary causeway in line with the current project timeline.

The GI Contract was tendered by Irish Rail recently on behalf of FCC. Unfortunately, no tender replies were received which was very disappointing and may affect project timelines. The tender has now been amended to address some of the issues raised by the market, such as difficulties for machinery access, safety of works beside rail, working time restrictions and environmental measures. An information meeting was also held on site with potential contractors to further engage with the market and re-tender the works. Whilst we are hopeful to still get the GI contract to site this summer, the lack of tender responses is indicative of the challenges of this particular site.

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

The Project Team recently published the Preliminary Design Public Consultation Report. This report sets out the project description, data from submissions received during the 2022 non-statutory consultation process, and data from an online attitudes and behaviour survey. The report provides a summary of the main themes raised through submissions, identifies areas for further consideration, and provides some general responses to these themes. It does not make any final decision on the preliminary design, which is still being developed with a number of decisions yet to be made. Following this review process, and the recent successful approval by the National Transport Authority of the project to move to phase 3, the scheme documents will be prepared for a planning application to An Bord Pleanála. The application is expected to be made in late 2023 or early 2024 (dependent on negotiations with landholders) and is likely to take the form of an Appropriate Assessment, Environmental Impact Assessment Report and associated land acquisition process.



## **Royal Canal Greenway**

The project team from the Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Dept has recently completed its preliminary cost estimate for the scheme. The total cost estimate of €34m has received NTA Board Approval and the project will now proceed toward finalising the preliminary design. Following this process documents will be prepared for a planning application to An Bord Pleanála. The application is expected to be made in Q3/4 2023 and will take the form of an Environmental Impact Assessment Report submitted for An Bord Pleanála.

# HOUSING

<p><b>Supply</b>  <b>Asset Management</b>  <b>Support</b></p>	<p><b>Tenancy Services</b>  <b>Housing Ukraine Response</b>  <b>Vacant Homes</b></p>
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## Housing Supply

### Development at Hayestown, Rush

Work commenced on site in early March 2023 on the Council's most recent affordable housing development at Hayestown in Rush. The development will consist of 62 new 2 and 3-bedroom homes, with 52 of the homes being made available to eligible purchasers in line with affordable purchase regulations and the Council's scheme of priorities. Details of the application process to submit an interest in purchasing the affordable homes will be available in the coming months and further details will be made available closer to the time. The remaining 10 homes in the scheme will be made available to people on the Council's social housing list.



## Construction Programme

Summary of unit numbers in pipeline	units
Under Construction	308
Tender Stage	300
Planning and Design	1,048
Part V	124
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,780</b>

## Projects on site

Restoration works under way of 14 units at St Ita's Hospital Campus in Portrane





Fingal County Council - construction scheme at Ballough Place, Lusk - 10 dwellings

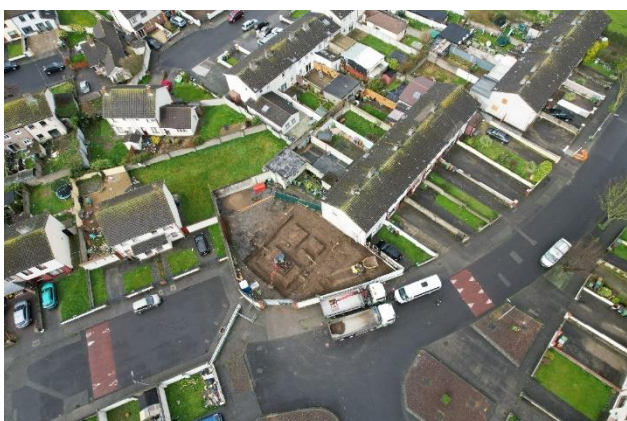
Fingal County Council construction scheme at Outlands, Swords - 11 dwellings



### Fingal County Council infill scheme at Clonsilla Road, Dublin 15



### Fingal County Council infill scheme at Sheepmoor, Dublin 15



### Housing Loans Update

The Local Authority Home Loan continues to be a popular option for future home owners in Fingal. As at the 30<sup>th</sup> March there were 302 applications, of which 153 have been seen by the credit committee, after which 60% have gotten approvals in principle.

Circular 07/2023 was issued on the 28<sup>th</sup> February, and this confirms the Government decision to make changes to the Local Authority Home Loan scheme. The circular announces the publication of new regulations - Housing Loans (Amendment) Regulations 2023 (S.I. 76 of 2023), a new credit policy, and new guidelines for Local Authorities. The main differences are:

- Borrowers can apply for a max loan of €324,000
- The Loan can be used to purchase a property of a new maximum value of €360,000
- Single borrowers can earn up to €70,000 to qualify for the loan, couples can earn up to €85,000
- A new interest rate of 3.8% was applied to all existing loans and loan offers, effective from April 1<sup>st</sup> 2023

The Loan application process in Fingal is now augmented by the introduction of an online application portal. On March 14<sup>th</sup> Fingal County Council will introduce the portal to streamline the process and ensure applicants have all their documents in one place before submitting them. Over time, the portal will remove the need to produce paper copies of the application form and the supporting documents, reduce postal delays and speed up the process. The portal is active now on [Local Authority Home Loan | Fingal County Council](#)

### Housing Asset Management Report Energy Efficiency/Retrofitting Programme

Ninety-two properties were retrofitted under the highly successful 2022 programme, exceeding the DHLGH-set target of 81 for 2022 and which followed a pilot energy retrofit programme in 2021. Starting off in Jugback Estate, Swords, the project then moved to St. Paul's Balbriggan, Lissenhall in Swords and Whitechapel Clonsilla, where extensive works were carried out including electrical upgrades, attic insulation, installation of triple glazed windows and doors along with PV panels where required to reach a B2/Cost optimal standard.

The 2023 programme will see further growth and expansion of this project throughout the Fingal region. Works have commenced in Strandmill Road, Portmarnock and in Barnewall, Donabate. St. Catherine's Close, Rush and Whitestown Gardens, Blanchardstown are currently at survey stage.

Fingal County Council and the SEAI have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to explore the possibility of undertaking pilot projects to test a partnership approach to upgrading privately-owned homes funded by SEAI government grants in existing local authority estates where Fingal County Council are undertaking works funded by the DHLGH.



*External wall insulation at retrofitted property*

### Returning Dwellings to Productive Use

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

Voids for Re-letting	28 <sup>th</sup> March 2023
In the letting process	59
Undergoing re-let repairs	19
With County Architect for procurement of pre-let repairs	10
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>88</b>

### Planned Maintenance Programmes Cyclical Maintenance - Scheme Painting

The Scheme Painting Programme provides for external painting and joinery repairs to Council housing stock and currently operates on a 6/7-year cycle. Works are currently ongoing in St. Cronan's Estate and Boru Court, Swords and will soon commence in Woodview, Balrothery and Lower Main Street, Lusk.



*St. Cronan's Court, Swords - before and after pictures*

### Housing Assistance Payment (HAP)

HAP continues to be the primary source of rent support for those in private rented accommodation. Fingal County Council has set up over 75 new tenancies in 2023 to date with approximately over 3,600 tenancies set up since HAP began in 2017.

The HAP team are on hand to deal with any queries from applicants and landlords in person at the Housing Department in the Fingal County Council Blanchardstown Office, by phone on 01 8905000 via the CCU or through email [hap@fingal.ie](mailto:hap@fingal.ie).

## Rents

The new rent review process continues with a further 1000 Rent Assessment Forms issued to tenants this week. Tenants are required to return this form with the relevant documents in order to be correctly assessed.

The Rent Arrears team are working methodically through accounts in substantial arrears to encourage tenants to engage with the Council in reducing their arrears. In cases where there is no engagement, despite repeated efforts, proceedings will progress through the legal arena and to date the Rents Section has secured one Possession Order with 4 others currently before the courts.

The Rents team encourage any tenant who is experiencing difficulty paying their rent to engage with the Council to examine possible solutions. However, there are instances where tenants do not engage or make alternative payment arrangements and, in those situations, the Council needs to take further action.

## Housing Tenancy Services Report Housing Support

### Housing Position

Following Completion of the Housing Needs Assessment on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2022, the current housing list position is in preparation for all applicants, with an expected issue date in early April.

The list position is available through the CBL portal on fingal.ie. Applicants who do not have access to this portal should contact Choicebasedlettings@fingal.ie to request their unique username and password.

Letters will issue to applicants, this year, in addition to the portal.

## Changes to Income Eligibility Thresholds

In accordance with Circular 48/2022 and changes being implemented via the Social Housing Assessment (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2022, the Social Housing Eligibility Bands will increase with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023.

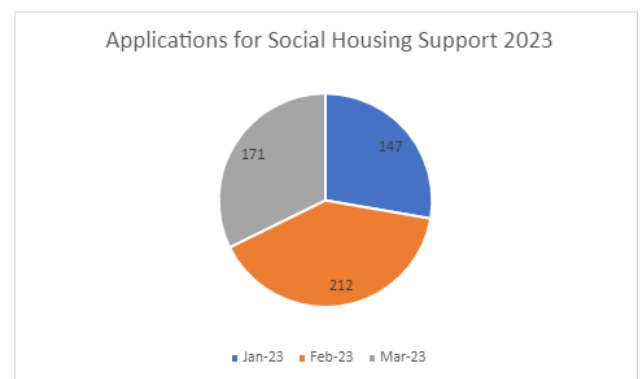
Income thresholds prior to 2023 detailed below:

Band	Single Adult	2 Adults	1 Adult 1 Child	1 Adult 2 Children	2 Adults 1 Child	2 Adults 3 Children	3 Adults 4 Children
1	€35,000	€36,750	€35,875	€36,750	€37,625	€39,375	€42,000

The revised thresholds from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023 for different household compositions are detailed in the table below:

Band	Single Adult	2 Adults	1 Adult 1 Child	1 Adult 2 Children	2 Adults 1 Child	2 Adults 3 Children	3 Adults 4 Children
1	€40,000	€42,000	€41,000	€42,000	€43,000	€45,000	€48,000

## Breakdown of 530 Housing Support Applications received 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023



## Housing Support Appeals

Applicants are reminded, an appeal must be received within 28 days of a decision being communicated in writing in order to be eligible for review. Appeals received after this time may result in automatic refusal.

A new email address has been established to facilitate the submission of appeals pertaining to housing support applications by applicants e.g. closure of social housing applications, transfer of tenancy, income limit queries, medical priority & transfer applications. Applicants can email – [Housing.Appeals@fingal.ie](mailto:Housing.Appeals@fingal.ie).

### Choice Based Lettings March Advertised Properties

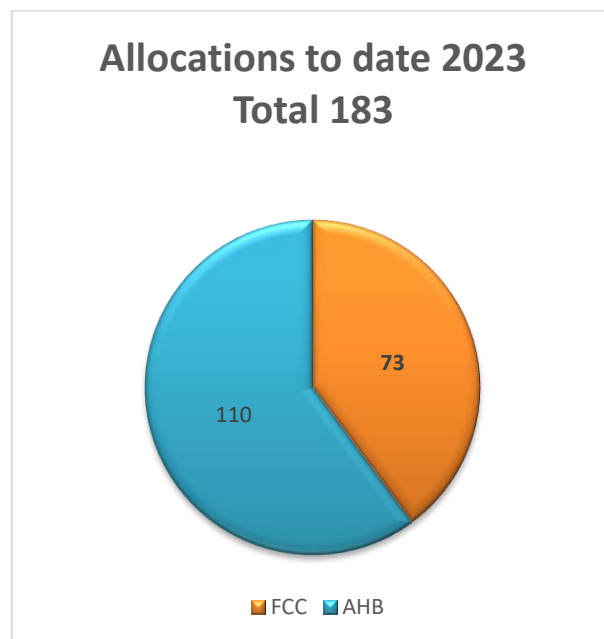


Advertisement Period	Property	Bed	Type	Number of Views	Expressions of Interest
1 <sup>st</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Holywell Way, Swords, Co Dublin	2	Apt	741	124
1 <sup>st</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Clonross, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15	2	Apt	1108	168
1 <sup>st</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Clonross, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15	1	Apt	751	103
8 <sup>th</sup> -14 <sup>th</sup> March	Archerswood, Cloness, Dublin 15	2	Terrace	1037	223
8 <sup>th</sup> -14 <sup>th</sup> March	Wellview Grove, Mulhuddart, Dublin 15	3	Terrace	190	84
15 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Clonmethan Green, Oldtown, Co Dublin	3	Semi - Detached	863	74
15 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Golden Ridge Lodge, Rush, Co Dublin	2	Apt	927	151
22 <sup>nd</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Corduff Green, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15	3	Terrace	724	62
22 <sup>nd</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Wellview Park, Mulhuddart, Dublin 15	3	End Terrace	745	67
			<b>Total</b>	<b>7086</b>	<b>1056</b>

Applicants who do not have access to this portal should contact [Choicebasedlettings@fingal.ie](mailto:Choicebasedlettings@fingal.ie) to request their unique username and password.

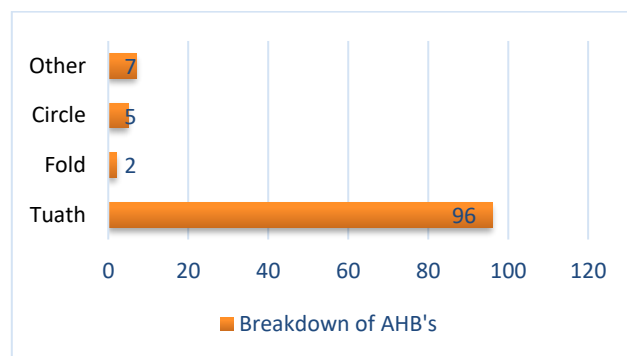
### Approved Housing Bodies

#### Total allocations for 2023 to date



The above chart depicts the total number of properties allocated since the beginning of 2023. 110 of these allocations have been in collaboration with a number of various Approved Housing bodies. The other 73 properties allocated were with Fingal County Councils own stock.

### Approved Housing Bodies who received nominations from FCC



The chart above shows Tuath have received the most nominations from Fingal County Council in 2023 so far. Tuath are managing five new developments in the Fingal area, these are based in Swords, Donabate, Balbriggan, Dublin 15 and Santry. Nominations have been sent on behalf of applicants for a large proportion of these properties. There have been some delays with the allocations due to delays with the closing of the properties and a large number of signups/allocations are still outstanding.

### Breakdown of Tuath delivered properties

Tuath managed properties – newly delivered	Total properties delivered	Total nominations made by FCC
Castlelands Balbriggan	23	21
Berseford/Cobbes Court Donobate	48	34
Ravensmill, Swords	38	32
Blackwood Square, Santry	33	33
Hansfield Dublin 15	21	20

The collaboration between Local Authorities and Approved Housing Bodies is continuing to have a positive impact on the delivery of social housing.

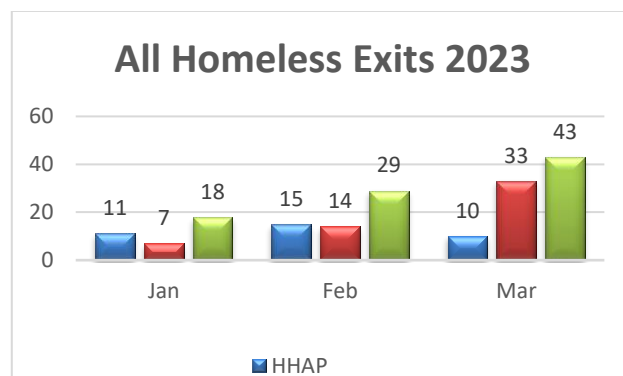
### Homeless Services

#### Homeless Exits 2023

As of the end of March 2023, 43 households exited homeless circumstances into various forms of social housing support - including into private rented tenancies under the Homeless HAP Scheme. Homeless HAP accounts for 10 of these

tenancies, comprising 6 homeless preventions, four who exited from emergency accommodation. Separately there were 33 households that exited Homelessness into social tenancies.

In total 9 FCC households exited emergency accommodation during March 2023.



### Homeless Presentations

Fingal's Homeless Team continue to engage with those experiencing homelessness to offer advice and support. Homeless Assessments continued to be carried out.

In March 2023 there were a total of 59 full homeless assessments completed – comprising 37 families and 22 singles/couples.



During March 2023, of the Homeless Assessments carried out, 15 cases resulted from a **Notice to**





Homeless Action Plan Framework for Dublin 2022-2024. This Plan is the first plan to be put into operation since Ireland signed the Lisbon Declaration on combatting homelessness in June 2021, which aims to end homelessness by 2030.

It will follow on from the previous Homeless Action Plan for 2019- 2021 and continues with the three key themes of **Prevention, Protection and Progression**.

The Plan was developed based on a detailed consultative process including submissions from various Stakeholders, interested organisations, Service Providers, Members of SPCs of the four Local Authorities, the Dublin Joint Homelessness Consultative Forum and the Statutory Management Group.

### **Preventing Homelessness, Notices to Quit and Tenant In-situ Acquisitions**

Fingal County Council is aware that households in the Fingal area who may have received a notice to quit, which is also referred to as a notice of termination, from their landlord may be worried or unsure of what to do.

Fingal County Council and the Dublin Regional Homeless Executive (DRHE) would like to advise anyone affected of the services that are available to them in these circumstances;

- We strongly encourage tenants residing in the Fingal area, who have been issued with a notice of termination, to contact Fingal County Council as soon as they receive a notice from their landlord. The contact details for Fingal County Council are provided at the bottom of this page.
- When the tenants contact Fingal County Council, staff in the Housing Department will take note of the termination date.
- The Council may refer the notice to Threshold, a service funded by the DRHE to provide a Tenancy Protection Service for private renters in the Dublin Region, including Fingal. Threshold can also be contacted directly on Freephone 1800 454

454 or via their website [www.threshold.ie](http://www.threshold.ie) which contains more information and advice on the validity of your notice.

- The Council's first response will be to try to prevent homelessness. This includes assessing the person's position on the social housing list, providing advice on applying for Choice Based Lettings, advising the person on the level of Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) they may be eligible to receive, and, in some cases, assessing if the Council can acquire the dwelling where the tenants reside if it is being offered for sale.
- Placement in emergency accommodation will be a last resort, if no other alternative can be identified. For households in emergency accommodation there will be support to assist them to access more permanent social housing supports in the shortest possible timeframe.

The Council has been engaging with tenants who have been issued with a notice of termination, as well as their landlords, and following assessment, 14 tenant in-situ properties are at the sale agreed stage with a further 47 cases in the negotiation process. In addition, the Council is assessing a further 41 applications from landlords requesting Fingal County Council to purchase the homes with the existing tenants remaining in-situ.

The Council will continue to deal with notice of termination queries and cases as expeditiously as possible and progress tenant in-situ acquisitions while taking account of circulars and guidance issued by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

Fingal County Council will be liaising with other Dublin and neighbouring local authorities to deal with tenancy issues that may require an inter-authority approach. In particular, we are working closely with our colleagues on the other Dublin Local Authorities on the implementation of the Government policy and guidance, with a focus on the needs of tenants.

Whilst the Council will, in the context of current circumstances, adopt flexibility in dealing with potential acquisitions of properties with tenants in-situ, any acquisition is subject to appropriate due diligence and checks before any commitment is made to acquire, including, for example, determining that a valid notice of termination is in place, the tenant has a social housing need, and the condition and valuation of the property.

The Council understands that the Government is examining options to allow tenants who are not eligible for social housing to remain in their homes, including schemes to support the purchase of homes and a cost rental in-situ scheme. On the Cost Rental Tenant-in-Situ scheme, this is available for tenants who are not eligible for social housing and are at risk of homelessness. The DHLGH has advised that local authorities are to be the first point of contact for this scheme but it is managed by the Housing Agency. Under the scheme the Housing Agency can purchase a property and rent it to the tenant. Local authorities will undertake an initial assessment of the tenant's circumstances and refer details to the Housing Agency for consideration, where the tenant is at risk of homelessness and the Cost Rental Tenant-in-Situ scheme applies.

Where a tenant wishes to purchase their home, local authorities can advise and support on the Local Authority Home Loan scheme. We are aware that the Government is examining implementing a 'right of first refusal' for tenants to purchase their homes, as well as expanding the First Home shared equity scheme. The Council will await further details on the proposed schemes from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

Work around preventing homelessness, assessing notices of termination and responding to tenant and landlord tenant in-situ queries is being led on by the Council's Homelessness section, taking a tenant-centred approach, supported by staff dedicated to deal with tenant in-situ housing acquisitions. The contact details below, including a dedicated email address [NTQEnquiries@fingal.ie](mailto:NTQEnquiries@fingal.ie), should be used by tenants who may have received

a notice of termination or a landlord who has issued a notice of termination to their tenants and who may wish to sell their property to the Council.

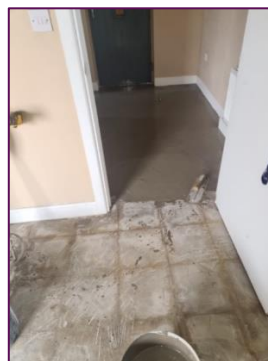
The key contact details are:

**Fingal County Council Housing Department**  
Monday to Friday, 9am to 4.30pm: Tel. **01 890 5090**  
Outside of Office Hours: Freephone **1800 707 707**  
Email: [NTQEnquiries@fingal.ie](mailto:NTQEnquiries@fingal.ie)

### **TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION PROGRAMME** **Traveller Accommodation**

A significant programme of works in relation to the refurbishment and upgrading of existing accommodation on Traveller specific sites is currently ongoing in conjunction with staff from the County Architect's Department. These works are in accordance with the objectives set out in the Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019-2024.

Regular site visits by Housing Inspectors continues on all Fingal County Council Traveller specific sites while checking on vulnerable residents and advising on the continued supports available. Council Officials continue to liaise and engage with the Traveller Community, Traveller Advocacy Groups, Welfare Services, Child Services, Mental Health Services and other services and agencies to resolve issues when and where possible. Below photos: Maintenance work at Traveller Specific Stock and Provision of mobile home in accordance with the nationwide Pilot Caravan Loan Scheme.



**ESTATE MANAGEMENT**  
**Housing Welfare Service**

The Estate Management Section continues to offer support to the most vulnerable of our Tenants in collaboration with our Social Workers, Tenancy Sustainment Officers and work collaboratively with external statutory agencies to protect and assist the most vulnerable through a range of support services.



Recent assistance provided which involved the removal of domestic waste and assistance provided to ensure a regular waste collection service is engaged by the Tenant.

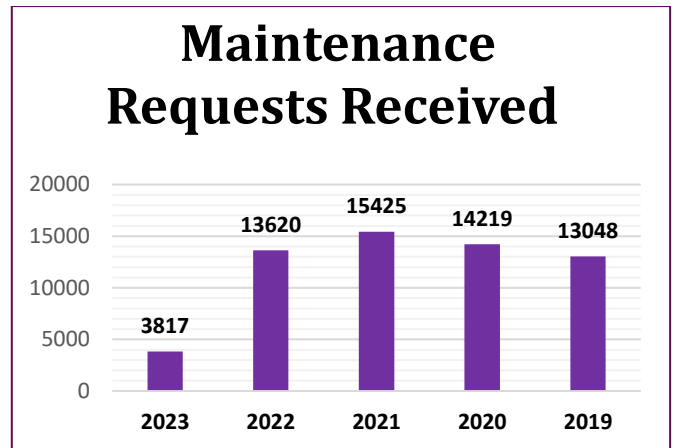
**Disabled Persons Grants (DPGs)**

In accordance with the Disabled Persons Grants Scheme provided by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, the Estate Management Section continues to process eligible applications working in collaboration with the Council's Architects Department.



DPG extension works underway at a Council tenancy in Dublin 15

**Housing Maintenance**



**Boiler Servicing Programme**

The Council provides an annual heating servicing facility, including all maintenance and upgrade works, for a nominal fee of €3 per week to participating tenants. Contractors progress batches of work throughout the course of the year. The 2023 programme of work has commenced, with Contractors working across the County in

areas such as Corduff Estate, Blackmills, Lambeecher, Glasmore, Cardy Rock and Ballygarra.

### Anti-Social Behaviour/Inspectorate Unit

The management and sustainment of social tenancies and good estate management falls within the remit of the ASB/Inspectorate Unit. Alleged breaches of Tenancy Agreements are investigated and pursued in accordance with housing legislation and policy.

There are occasions when the vulnerabilities, complexities and health related issues associated with a tenancy require tenancy sustainment and welfare intervention and supports. Ongoing case management and review with a variety of external agencies, including Approved Housing Bodies, An Garda Síochána, TUSLA and the HSE may be required to ensure all agencies work collaboratively with a view to achieving best outcomes for our Communities. This work is ongoing in relation to a number of Tenancies in the county.

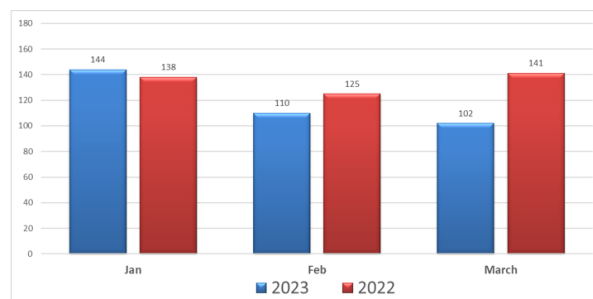
#### ASB Caseload Management

Feb 2023	Total Complaints Received	Active Investigation	Active Monitoring	Closed
Balbriggan	10	7	2	1
Rush / Lusk	6	5	0	1
Swords	8	5	2	1
Howth / Malahide	11	5	3	3
Blanchardstown / Mulhuddart	57	41	8	8
Ongar	2	0	0	2
Castleknock	8	6	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>102</b>			

All complaints are received in confidence by the ASB Unit

### Surrenders on Estate Management Grounds 2023 – 2 (Jan), 3 (Feb) 2 (March)

### Monthly Breakdown of ASB Complaints Received 2022-23



### Anti-Social Behaviour Interventions

<b>Interviews Held 2023</b>	<b>21</b>
Interviews Held 2022	101
<b>Tenancy Alerts 2023</b>	<b>7</b>
Tenancy Alerts 2022	39
<b>Tenancy Warnings 2023</b>	<b>0</b>
Tenancy Warnings 2022	6

### Inspectorate

<b>Traveller Specific Site Inspections 2023</b>	<b>410</b>
Traveller Specific Site Inspections 2022	1673
<b>Estate Inspections 2023</b>	<b>300</b>
Estate Inspections 2022	1086
<b>Estate Management Inspections 2023</b>	<b>491</b>
Estate Management Inspections 2022	2109

### Housing Ukraine Response

#### Those Fleeing the Conflict in Ukraine

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

Web resources with useful information on support and accommodation for Ukrainian refugees and the wider Fingal community are shown below:

[www.gov.ie/ukraine](http://www.gov.ie/ukraine)

[Ukraine українці Україна | Fingal County Council](#)

The Council's Fingal Ukraine Response Forum continues to meet regularly to assist co-ordinate the response of the various statutory agencies and voluntary groups in the county to assist the Ukraine community.

### Liam Rodgers Rest Centre

The centre was re-opened as temporary accommodation for displaced Ukrainians on the 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2022 to cater for increasing pressures on the accommodation situation in the country for displaced Ukrainians. The centre is presently operating at full capacity utilised for new arrivals to the country with various statutory agencies linked with the centre to provide support to the new arrivals. Every effort is made to move the rest centre occupants to more permanent accommodation as soon as possible with a steady stream of moves to pledge accommodation. Supported by the Council and the Peter McVerry Trust (PMVT), **110** persons have moved from the rest centre to pledge accommodation across the county and country since 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2022 with further moves to pledge accommodation to take place in the coming days.

### OfferAhome Accommodation

National call for vacant unoccupied properties to accommodate Ukrainian displaced persons was launched on the 24<sup>th</sup> November 2022. In terms of the Fingal area, **16** properties have been pledged to date. **6** of these properties are occupied with **1** other property due to be occupied in the coming days. **8** properties were withdrawn or deemed unsuitable following inspection with the remaining **1** property subject to inspection and dialogue with the owners. The Council is also engaging with other property owners who have not formally pledged a property but have made an expression of interest. It should be noted that the monthly

recognition payment is now €800 per month. To pledge an unoccupied property, please visit the national portal at <https://offerahome.ie> or for enquiries, e-mail [offerahome@fingal.ie](mailto:offerahome@fingal.ie).

### Vacant Homes

The Council's Vacant Homes Action Plan was launched on the 9<sup>th</sup> December 2022.

The Vacant Homes Plan will help continue to bring vacant properties back into use as a cost-effective and sustainable way to increase the supply of housing to meet housing need. In doing so, the Council believes it can help improve neighbourhoods, increase access to housing and help to improve quality of life for those living in the towns, villages, rural and larger urban areas within the county. Work is underway at St Ita's Portrane to bring **14** dwellings back into use. **2** housing units are at the concluding stages of a CPO process that will make the units available for social housing. The CPO process has commenced with respect to another dwelling associated derelict site and will commence shortly with respect to an additional unit. The Croi Connaithe Refurbishment grant scheme is also in utilisation to address vacancy and assist citizens get a home.

### Croi Cónaithe



This is a national scheme administered by local authorities introduced under *Housing for All*. This scheme provides new choices for people to live in towns, villages and rural areas in Ireland through the provision of a grant to support the

refurbishment of vacant properties subject to the application meeting the scheme criteria.

***Note the scheme is expanded to cover all parts of the country (urban and rural). Accordingly, applications are now accepted with respect to all geographical areas in Fingal. The Vacant Homes Unit was recently advised by the DHLGH that further changes to the scheme are proposed which would make additional dwellings eligible and that increased grant amounts are also proposed. Further information is awaited on the detail of the new criteria. The present criteria is set out below.***

Subject to meeting eligibility criteria, a grant of up to a maximum of €30,000 is available for the refurbishment of vacant properties for occupation as a principal private residence, including the conversion of a property which has not previously been used as residential. Where the refurbishment costs are expected to exceed the standard grant of up to €30,000, a maximum top-up grant amount of up to €20,000 will be available where the vacant property is confirmed by the applicant to be derelict (i.e. structurally unsound and dangerous) bringing the potential total grant available for a derelict property up to a maximum of €50,000.

***New applications and expressions of interest continue to be received at an increasing rate.***

To date, **23** applications have been received. **5** have been approved with works underway in **4** of these dwellings. In addition, staff are engaging with **31** other expressions of interest which have the potential to lead to further applications. An information campaign by the DHLGH has recently concluded to raise more awareness of the scheme and to further promote the grant scheme. This has been supplemented by promotion of the scheme via the Council's social media and at the Council's stand at the Property Show held in the RDS on the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

For enquiries on the above scheme and on vacant properties generally, please contact the Council's Vacant Homes Office via e-mail at [vacant.homes@fingal.ie](mailto:vacant.homes@fingal.ie)

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

### Community Development Office

#### Community Development

Comhairle na nÓg  
LGBTQi Information Session  
Donabate Bleeding Pig festival IWD event  
Flemington, Balbriggan International Women's Day Celebration and Equity talk  
Shine A Light for Women: International Women's Day  
Parslickstown Property Marking Clinic  
Safeguarding your Digital Financial Wellbeing Workshop  
Dublin 15 Stay and Play Toy Library  
One Town Singers Swords  
Swords celebrates international Women's Day  
Fingal She Lead's Womens Leadership Exhibition

#### Facilities

Fingal Community Facilities Network Masterclass  
Hartstown Community Centre

#### Interagency

Foroige  
PPN registrations update  
PPN Policy Hub

#### Integration

Fingal Winter Pride – LGBTQ+ 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
History of Pride

#### Ukraine Supports

Fingal Ukrainian Information Network  
Art Therapy for Older Ukrainian Guests

#### Age Friendly Fingal

DDLETB Swords hosts Fingal Older People's Council

Showcase of Services & Activities for older people in Swords

#### Funding

Activity Funding  
Sports Equipment Funding  
External Funding Support  
Online Activities Funding Information Session 29<sup>th</sup> March

#### Sports Office

Balbriggan Sports HUB  
National LSP Newsletter  
Fingal Older Adult Aqua-Aerobics at the National Aquatic Centre  
Women in Sport Week – 6th March to 12th March  
Nutrition Roadshow Series  
Sports Strategy Public Consultation

### Community Development Office

#### Community Development

Community development is a process where community members come together to take collective action and generate solutions to common problems. Community wellbeing,

economic, social, environmental and cultural challenges are often solved through collective

action being taken at a grassroots level. Community development ranges from small initiatives within a local group to large initiatives that involve the broader community

Building community capacity, strengthening community participation and involving people in decisions that affect their lives is a complex process and can only be achieved by working with local communities and agencies who have responsibility to the people in those communities.

In February/March the Community Development Office worked in partnership with a number of



community groups and partners to support the projects/Initiatives set out below

### **Fingal Comhairle na nÓg**

The FCNN steering group had a very successful first in person meeting with new members of 2023. They discussed social media activity and are still working on their project title. The group now have one participant fully garda vetted. He is fully trained and working alongside the co-ordinator as a volunteer. One young person was nominated and chosen to be part of the HSE Youth Mental Health Fund Selection Committee.



### **LGBTQi Information Session, Swords**

A presentation and information session on LGBTQi Rights including Employment Equality Legislation, Equal Status Act, The Gender Recognition Act and information on change of name by deed poll took place at St Colmcille's GAA Swords as part of the Community Department's Winter Pride initiatives.

### **Donabate Bleeding Pig Festival International Women's Day Event**

The Bleeding Pig Cultural Group on the Donabate/Portrane Peninsula organised a varied programme of events in celebration of International Women's Day, with funding and logistical support from the FCC Community Office. The events, on 5<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> March included a talk on the Pearse sisters, titled "Sisters of the revolution" by Teresa and Mary Louise O'Donnell as well as talks on female health and mental health issues. Music and songs were provided by, among others,

Mná Ukulele. As part of the celebration a film from Saudi Arabia, titled "Wadjda" which was screened in Donabate Parish Centre focused on the barriers women face in that country. All events were free of charge and open to all members of the local community.



### **Flemington International Women's Day Event, Balbriggan**

Flemington Community Centre in Balbriggan celebrated International Women's Day with a menu of activities aimed at the diverse community of north-west Balbriggan. Talks on women's health, demonstrations of menopause yoga by the FCC Sports Office, introduction to Reiki and many other activities took place. A talk by the Sister Sheds organisation with a keynote address by Dr Eburn Joseph also took place. Dr Eburn spoke out about Equity issues for communities living in an inter-cultural society, with particular emphasis on the barriers faced by women. The event was co-sponsored by the FCC community office and was attended by local councillors and representatives of many community groups, agencies and residents' groups active in the area.



### Shine A Light for Women: International Women's Day

Fingal County Council are proud to bring Shine A Light for Women to Dublin 15 this International Women's Day, 8<sup>th</sup> March 2023. This is the second year of this initiative, which sees our Sports Office collaborating with the Community Office on delivering this important awareness event. The theme of this year's International Women's Day is 'Embracing Equity.'

The Community and Sports Office are committed to supporting the social inclusion of women and encourage them to participate and raise awareness of issues that affect their lives. Being included, and belonging, feels good. When we embrace equity, we embrace diversity, and we embrace inclusion. Clonee Women's Shed is an example of inclusion in action at a local level. This event will officially launch this first women's shed in Dublin 15 which provides a space for women to meet and support each other through various ages and stages in life.



### Parslickstown Property Marking Clinic

A Property Marking Clinic was held recently in Parslickstown House in collaboration with An Garda Síochána. The event saw items such as bikes, scooters, laptops and trade tools marked by a property marking machine with the owners Eircode. This will ensure that property is returned to its owner in a prompt manner if it becomes separated from its owner in the future. This is the first of a series of these clinics to be held in Parslickstown House with the support of the Community Development Office.

### Safeguarding your Digital Financial Wellbeing Workshop

To mark Internet Safety Day, The Community Office, in partnership with Bank of Ireland held a 'Safeguarding your Digital Financial Wellbeing' workshop in Tyrrelstown Community Centre. The very informative workshop was hosted by a qualified financial advisor with over 15 years' experience in the field. The tips and pointers given on the day were very useful and all in attendance have a greater awareness of how to remain safe and know the red flags to look out for when online.



**To mark Internet Safety Day  
Tyrrelstown Community Hub in association  
with Bank of Ireland will host a workshop on  
Safeguarding Your Digital Financial  
Wellbeing**



- What is Financial Wellbeing
- Understanding Cybercrime
- Common Tactics Used by Criminals
- Securing Your Home Network
- Guidance for Online Safety
- Top Tips and Q&A

The workshop will be presented by a Financial Wellbeing Coach with over 15 years experience

**Where: Tyrrelstown Community Hub - Tyrrelstown  
Community Centre D15 PWY2  
When: Tuesday 7th Feb at 12 - 1**



Contact: Deirdre 087 182 3611 /  
deirdre.gaughran@fingal.ie



### Dublin 15 Stay and Play Toy Library

Community officers have been out meeting new groups and supporting them in the predevelopment stages of their groups establishment, including the D15 Stay and Play Library coming soon to Mountview Community Centre. The group operates as a Stay and Play Toy Library parent and toddler group. The committee have been working closely with the community development office and have come together to formalise and launch this new initiative on the 1<sup>st</sup> April and will meet in Mountview Community Centre every Wednesday between 11-2pm thereafter.

The launch aims to attract over 70 participants including children and their families where they will be able to hear about the toy library, register and get involved in a range of craft and messy play activities including child's entertainer, face painting and make and play crafts using-everyday household items.



### One Town Singers Swords

One Town Singers Swords is a multi-cultural community singing group piloted by the Community Department in collaboration with One Town One Voice in Swords. The group formed in November and have performed at the Christmas Craft Market in Swords Castle. The group have formed their own committee and are now registered with the PPN. They have several performances lined up including an event with Swords Women's Shed to celebrate International Women's Day and Swords St. Patrick's Day Parade. The group continue to grow with over 50 members living in Swords, many from around the world.



### Swords Celebrates International Women's Day

Holywell Community Centre welcome women to a Finance Wellness Information Session, with Swords Citizens Advice. This practical session which focuses on how to save money, guidance on your tax credits, social welfare entitlements the session will take place Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023 from 11am to 12pm



Swords Women's Shed not only celebrated their first birthday on the March 8<sup>th</sup>, they are also hosting an evening of invaluable talks and interactive sessions for women. Nurse Maureen O'Dwyer will discuss menopause, nutrition, skincare, personal safety, anti-bullying and women in politics. The evening will finish with One Voice Singers Swords singing from their songbook covering hits from the 60's, right up to date.

## International Women's Day 2023

**OPEN TO ALL!** *Free Entry*

Come along to International Women's Day at Swords Women's Shed, where we will host One Voice Singers Swords, a variety of different talks, demos, and exhibitions with lovely refreshments for all to enjoy.

**MARCH 8TH**

**19.30 - 22:00**

**THE HALL,**

**ST. COLMCILLE'S GAA,  
HOLYBANKS, SWORDS**



### Fingal She Leads Womens Leadership Photo Exhibition

Through our Eyes, the Power of Women's Leadership in Community Action, is an initiative of Fingal County Council's She Leads Women's Leaders programme. It recognises and celebrates the leadership of women in a visual way and serves to inspire others to take an active role in their own communities. The Exhibition involves 45 photos and stories showcasing the leadership of Fingal Women in Community Action as part of International Women's Day. The exhibition opening will take place on the 6<sup>th</sup> March in the Carnegie Court Hotel, Swords and will display in Fingal County Council, County Hall and Fingal Libraries from March to May 2023. The project was led by the Community Development Office and the She Leads Advisory Committee. All photos were taken by a volunteer photographer, Monica Manzzi, a member of the advisory committee.

**FINGAL SHE LEADS WE LEAD**  
**WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION**  
 in association with Fingal County Council

Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Howard Mahony invites you to 'Through our Eyes, the Power of Women's Leadership in Community Action', photography exhibition opening on **Monday 6th March 6.30pm** in the Carnegie Court Hotel, North Street, Swords.

In celebration of International Women's Day, we will be exhibiting 45 photos and stories showcasing the leadership of Fingal Women in Community Action. The exhibition will display in Fingal County Council, County Hall Swords and Fingal Libraries across March to May 2023. Please RSVP by Thur 2nd March to <http://rb.gy/hvucxq>

 Carnegie Court Hotel  
Swords, Co. Dublin  
 March 6, 2023  
 6.30pm – 7.30pm



collaboration between the FCC Sports Office and the centres. Rounding out the session, Donal Ryan from DR Accountants offered a comprehensive overview of the role of an auditor, and implementation of best financial practices that centres can adapt to ensure financial compliance. The CFMSU continues to work with the network to identify relevant training opportunities and speakers for our Network events.

### Hartstown Community Centre

Following the transfer of ownership of Hartstown Community Centre from the Arch Diocese to the council, a planning application has been registered with Fingal CC for change of use and retention of childcare facility and other minor matters at the centre. Application has been validated (Reg. Ref. No.: FW23A/0021) and final date for the submission of observations is 14<sup>th</sup> March. Remedial works to address fire safety issues began on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2023.

### Interagency

The Community Development office actively seek to work in collaboration with agencies to maximise service delivery and resources to communities. In February/March the CDO supported the delivery of the following:

### Foroige

Foroige has thanked Fingal's community office for funding support to allow them to make the dream of a dedicated youth space in Tyrrelstown a reality. The space in question was previously a solicitor's office. The funding received from Fingal County Council has allowed them to install a kitchen, knock walls, install new flooring as well adding storage. Over the coming weeks/months they will continue to make it as youth friendly as possible.

### Fingal PPN registration

There are currently 680 groups registered with the PPN with 13 new groups signing up for membership in 2023. 534 groups are registered under the Community Pillar, 113 are under the Social Inclusion Pillar and 33 are under the Environment Pillar.

## FACILITIES

### Network Masterclass



Supported by the Community Facility Management Support Unit (CFMSU), the Fingal Community Facility Network held a Masterclass on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February in the Clayton Dublin Airport Hotel. In attendance were management personnel representing 27 community facilities. Speakers on the day were Niall Edwards from EMS Health and Safety who gave an overview of the health and safety landscape and some of the requirements of the centres, Chloe Farrell, representing the FCC Sports office, gave an overview of the programmes the Sports Office are planning to roll out across the community centre network and gave ideas for

## PPN Policy Hub

The PPN website continues to be a trusted source of information for the community and is updated regularly with relevant information. The Fingal PPN Policy Hub may be accessed through the PPN website <https://fingalppn.ie/>. This policy hub aims to support and guide linkage groups and their reps in building capacity when engaging with relevant committees as well as assisting in contributing to the decision-making processes in Fingal. The Policy Hub comprises of policies in three areas: Fingal Wide Policies, Regional Policies and National & European Policies.

## Integration

The Community Development Department work to provide leadership on the delivery of national and local directives that support the development of inclusive communities and civic engagement.

## Fingal Winter Pride - LGBTQ+ 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

### History of Pride:

A talk by Dublin Pride on the history of LGBTQ+ rights over the 40<sup>th</sup> year period of Pride took place in Blanchardstown Library on Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb @ 6.30pm. Following the presentation, refreshments were provided along with the chance to chat and obtain information on the services available.



## Ukraine Supports



## Fingal Ukrainian Information Network

A Fingal Ukrainian Information Network has been established by FCC Community Development Office to enable the timely sharing of information to and from the Ukrainian community and FCC. Included on this Network are representatives from prominent Ukrainian Volunteer Groups, Ukrainian women residents in temporary rest centre accommodation, in host accommodations, and Ukrainian women residents in Fingal for many years. The network meets monthly and provides support, insight, and resources directly to our Ukrainian community in Fingal. It also provides invaluable feedback for Fingal County Council which ensures that we continue to focus our Community Integration support on the areas which are most in need.

## Art Therapy for Older Ukrainian Guests

A comprehensive programme for elderly Ukrainians in socio-psychological support, using art therapy commenced this month.

Art therapy is a method that gently maintains an optimal psycho-emotional level in a creative way. For elderly people, forced to move because of war, this method it is hoped will assist them to continue with their daily lives, processing their individual realities. This 10-week programme facilitates 10 older Ukrainian residents and is delivered as a direct response to needs voiced at the Fingal Ukrainian Information Network.

## AGE FRIENDLY

Age Friendly Fingal is committed, to driving a collaborative, multi-sectoral approach which supports interventions that will significantly help to improve the quality of life of the current population of older people in Fingal and future generations.

## DDLETB Swords hosts Fingal Older People's Council



Dublin and Dún Laoghaire Education & Training Board (DDLETB) Swords hosted the February meeting of Fingal's Older People's Council. The OPC were delighted with the invitation to use the facility.

DDLETB Swords are seeking recognition as an Age Friendly Business, and the OPC members provided valuable assistance by completing a walkability study of the premises on the day. The OPC's assessment and recommendations will contribute to the process of gaining recognition as an Age Friendly Business and any associated changes to the premises which this may entail. The OPC were particularly pleased with the meeting room as it met their needs, due to the space which allowed members to socially distance, the natural light and excellent acoustics.

Using the facilities was a great opportunity to collaborate and network. The OPC and DDLETB look forward to future collaborations.

## Information Event for older people in Swords

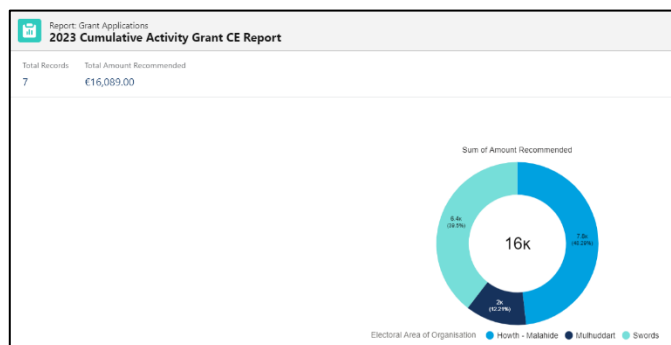
Following the success of the information events for over 55s in Dublin 15 in 2022, similar events will be held across the county in 2023.

The first showcase of 2023 will take place in Fingallians GAA Club on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March (2.00 p.m.- 4.00 p.m.) to highlight the services and activities/social clubs available for older people living in Swords. Approximately 25 services will be in attendance including An Garda Síochána, Care & Repair, HSE, Sage Advocacy, Libraries, Senior Alert, Fingal Age Friendly Homes, Swords Men's Shed, One Town Singers Swords and Alone.

The event will be advertised through social media and leaflet drops in local service providers in the area such as post offices, GPs, hairdressers, and local shops.

## FUNDING

### Activities Funding (up to 27th February 2023)



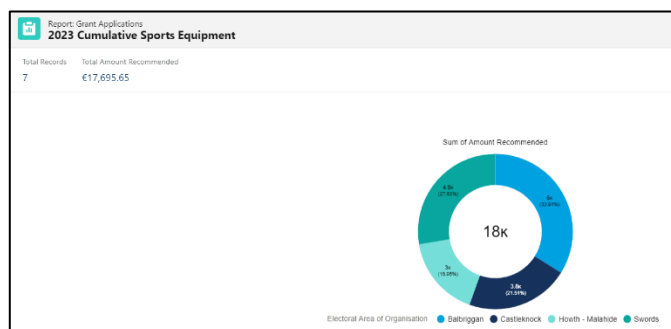
Communities Activities Funding has been awarded to 7 projects to the amount of €16,089.

**Howth Malahide** – €7,770 – across 3 projects

**Swords** - €6,355- across 3 projects

**Mulhuddart** - €1,964 – across 1 project

### Sports Equipment Funding (up to 27th February 2023)



**Sport Equipment Funding** has been awarded to 7 projects to the amount of €17,695.65.

**Howth Malahide** – €3,000 – across 1 project

**Swords** - €4,889 - across 2 projects

**Castleknock/Mulhuddart-** €3,807 -across 2 projects

**Balbriggan** €6,000 – across 2 projects

### External Funding

Since January 2023, the Community Development Office has supported 7 Community and Voluntary organisations in their applications for external (non-Fingal County Council) funding.

(please see appendix)

### Online Activities Funding Information Session 29<sup>th</sup> March

The Community and Sports Office are hosting an online information evening on the Community and Sports Office Community Activities Funding Scheme on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March, 7.00pm – 8.30pm.

This scheme is available to Community and Voluntary groups in Fingal to apply for sports equipment, area enhancements activities, office equipment, publications, promotional material, community events, environmental/ climate action initiatives, tutors fees and course material etc. Each group can apply for up to €3,000. Community groups are invited to join this event to learn about the scheme, how to apply, talk through the criteria and to share their ideas.

To book please click here

<https://consult.fingal.ie/en/content/fingal-county-council%E2%80%99s-community-and-sports-office-community-activities-funding-information-evening>



The poster is for an information session. On the left, it asks 'Are you a Community Voluntary Group?' and 'Have you an activity that would benefit people in Fingal County?'. It states that the Fingal County Council Community Activities Funding Scheme can help your group. On the right, it provides the date and time: Wednesday 29th March 2023, 7.00pm - 8.30pm. It invites community groups to attend to learn about the scheme criteria and how to apply for funding, with a registration link: http://bitly.ws/ASC8. At the bottom, it features the Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall Fingal County Council logo, a bird logo, and the Supporting Communities logo.

### Sports Office

The Sports Office supports and delivers programmes aimed at increasing participation in sport, targeting specific groups such as children, youth at risk, disadvantaged groups, teenage girls, women in sport, older adults and people with disabilities

### Balbriggan Sports Hub

Fingal Sports Office identified a need for a new programme on Saturday mornings in Flemington Community Centre for children who may not have found their sport yet. The programme is targeting children aged 8-11 years who are currently taking part in the Fingal School sports programme and offering different sports and skills each Saturday to try out. The group are currently trying out Sports Con – an introduction to fundamental movements (jump, skip, throw, kick etc) and the group will also try out basketball, athletics and pickleball plus many more sports! The programme has been a great success 3 weeks in with over 30 children taking part each week and a waiting list of children looking to join!





## National LSP Newsletter

Over the past 21 years, the network of Local Sport Partnerships has flourished on a journey that has seen the network grow from a pilot initiative in 8 counties, to a full network of 29 LSPs, one in every county, employing over 240 staff members and with 380 members sitting on their boards and management committees.

The **Local Sports Partnerships 2022 Highlights** eNewsletter below gives us a glimpse of the wide range of programmes, courses and events that are being run each year across Ireland. Further details are available at <https://www.sportireland.ie/participation/local-sports-partnerships>

**Comhairle Contae Fíne-Gall Fingal County Council**

**Community Event**

### BALBRIGGAN BEACH FESTIVAL

This year, we saw local clubs of GAA and soccer showcasing their skills during blitz's, national governing bodies of Volleyball Ireland and Cricket Leinster bringing 'come and try' sessions to the beach along with a new addition this year of beach fitness with family yoga and a beach bootcamp.

**EXERCISE: ENERGISE**

Fingal County Council's Sports Office were delighted to hold the Exercise: Energise "Come and Try" Multi-Sports Day on November 23rd for the first time since 2019. This year's schools Exercise: Energise Programme had a record thirteen Fingal Secondary Schools taking part in the initiative this year.

**Marathonkids**

Marathonkids launched in September with nearly 4,000 students from 38 schools in Fingal taking part in the 8-week programme. Students from 5th & 6th class performed 4 running sessions each week inching them closer to completing their first marathon as well as learning about the benefits of physical activity through the Marathonkids workbook.

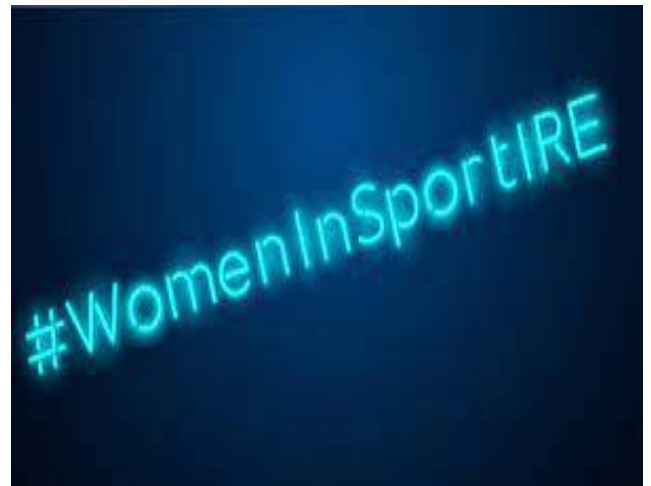
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SPORT IRELAND LOCAL SPORT PARTNERSHIPS

## Fingal Older Adult Aqua-Aerobics at the National Aquatic Centre

A new 10-week Older Adult Aqua-Aerobics programme has commenced in the National Aquatic Centre with seventy-eight participants registered to join. This programme is targeted at Older Adults in Dublin 15 who wish to improve their level of fitness. Due to the popularity of the programme the class is divided into two sessions, each one led by a trained instructor provided by the NAC. This water-based exercise is suited to this specific age group as it is gentle on participants' joints and improves aerobics fitness. The programme will continue into the summer months in response to the demand for places.

## Women in Sport Week – 6<sup>th</sup> March to 12<sup>th</sup> March



This year's Women in Sport Week will be highlighting the International Women's day theme of "embracing equality" for Women in Sport. Fingal Sports Office along with National Sports Governing Bodies, Clubs and Schools will be hosting a series of events and courses throughout the week including collaborating with the Community Development Office on the "Shine a light" Event on International Women's Day by providing a fitness tutor for gentle exercise.

The events will be starting with the Olympic Handball Association facilitated workshops in Le Chéile Secondary School in Tyrrelstown for their female students to encourage them to try out a new sport.

Following on from the success of last year's online conversation sessions with Niamh Fahey and Diane Cauldwell, Swords native and member of the World Cup qualified Women's National Team will be the guest for an online Webinar with Fingal/FAI Development Officer, Sharon Boyle. The Fingal/FAI team will also be hosting an online Safeguarding Course and an in-person PDP 1 course for female coaches in the A.U.L complex on the 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> March respectively. Over that weekend the Cricket Development Officer will be hosting a training session for the Women's Cricket Squad in Castleknock highlighting excellence and achievement in the sport.

Our on-going Women in Sports programmes such as Socia Ball, an initiative to re-engage women in basketball using a recreation and non-competitive model and the teenage girls' Exercise: Energise Programme in fourteen secondary schools will continue for the week each designed to encourage women & girls to participate in physical activity in a fun and sociable environment.

### Nutrition Roadshow Series

Fingal County Council Sports Office supported by Healthy Fingal launched the Nutrition Roadshow Series in February. Laura Kealy from Bridge Nutrition delivered 4 workshops on Sports Performance Nutrition. The events took place in 4 club venues throughout Fingal and the target audience comprised of those interested in quality nutrition for sports performance and good health. The series kicked off on 7<sup>th</sup> February with Workshop 1 in Lusk AFC on 'Nutrition For Endurance Activities'. This was followed in week 2 by a workshop on Field-Sports Nutrition in Fingallians GAA. There was a great attendance at workshop 3 in Westmanstown RFC and this was followed by the last workshop in the series on 'Nutrition For the Young Athlete' on 27<sup>th</sup> February with plenty of tips for parents on quality nutrition for youths. Throughout the series Laura gave some powerful insights into the fundamentals of fuel and hydration for sports performance as well as some practical tips for making drinks and healthy snacks. The workshops received great feedback from

attendees especially for the excellent videos and materials accompanying the series.



### Sports Strategy Public Consultation

We are calling on the people of Fingal to take part in a community consultation exercise. This valuable information will help us understand the sporting needs of our community and guide us in the development of our Local Sports Plan for Fingal. More Info: <https://bit.ly/3K8Vo8w> Complete the survey for a chance to win a €100 One4all voucher! <https://bit.ly/3S499as> In addition to the public survey there will also be a series of online focus groups.

Register here: <https://bit.ly/3EsbhDw>

**Fingal Local Sports Plan**  
Online Public Information Sessions

Fingal County Council is carrying out a consultation exercise to support the development of our *Fingal Local Sports Plan*

**Join us for a series of online public information sessions**

People with Disabilities	Tuesday	28 <sup>th</sup> February	@ 4.30pm
Sports Clubs	Tuesday	28 <sup>th</sup> February	@ 6pm
Older Adults	Wednesday	1 <sup>st</sup> March	@ 2pm
New Communities	Wednesday	1 <sup>st</sup> March	@ 8pm
NGOs including 'Minority Sports'	Thursday	2 <sup>nd</sup> March	@ 10am
Young People	Thursday	2 <sup>nd</sup> March	@ 4.30pm
Traveller Community	Thursday	2 <sup>nd</sup> March	@ 6pm

Register here: [qrco.de/SportsPlanWorkshops](https://qrco.de/SportsPlanWorkshops)  
or scan our QR code:

**Fingal Local Sports Plan**

Fingal County Council is carrying out a consultation exercise to support the development of our *Fingal Local Sports Plan*

**Let us know what you think!**

To help us develop the plan, we are asking people living across Fingal to complete this short survey:

[qrco.de/SportsPlanSurvey1](https://qrco.de/SportsPlanSurvey1)  
or scan our QR code:

Completion of the survey will enable entry into a draw for a **€100 One4all voucher!**

# ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE ACTION & ACTIVE TRAVEL

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## Active Travel

**NTA funding allocations for 2023 – see Appendix 3**

### Strategic Planning

Active Travel Strategy

Following public consultation the revised Active Travel Strategy was presented to the Strategic Policy Committee in March. This will be presented to all three ACMs in April and brought to council in May.

### Protected Cycle Lanes

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

The Stage 3 Road Safety Audit has been completed by the Road Safety Consultant and works are ongoing to complete snag items. Small landscaping measures are planned to be introduced on Grange Road in the coming weeks.

#### **Baldoyle-Howth Protected Cycle Lane Scheme Phase 2**

Options report received and under review by Active Travel.

#### **St. Cronan's Ave and Brackenstown Road Protected Cycle Lanes**

Contractor anticipates the final outstanding works to commence in the coming weeks after Easter. These works include the cycle lane resurfacing,

landscape planting and cycle lane segregation. We expect due to the longer daylight hours and dryer weather these outstanding works should be completed within a week or two of commencing.



### Towns & Villages

Works are continuing in the development of an Active Travel Plan for a number of our Towns & Villages. Details are outlined below.

#### **New Street**

Pre-planning application submitted to FCC Planning Department.

## Balrothery Active Travel Plan

Design brief has been uploaded to eTenders by CPU. Tender competition will run for 4 weeks. Once completed, negotiation will proceed with consultant.

## Skerries Active Travel Plan

The Active Travel project team are aiming to go to tender using the NTA Framework for the appointment of an Intergrated Design Team in early April. This will be the second tender competition for an Integrated Design Team as the previous competition was unsuccessful. The new tender brief will allow the project team to take findings from the public consultations and research undertaken by the ESRI and include this as part of the brief.

## Connectivity/Permeability

We are continuing to receive various requests for Permeability and Connectivity improvements from various stakeholders across the county. These requests are being recorded in detail for evaluation through a multi criteria analysis. The projects are then reviewed across the departments to identify if an appropriate means of delivery can be established on the ground. A number of projects identified through this process are being developed through the design phases for execution later this year.

Where other projects are being progressed in the area at either design or construction stage we endeavour to include these Connectivity and Permeability improvements within those projects. Greenway connectivity support teams have been convened to review, design, and deliver active travel infrastructure that will enhance accessibility between the proposed strategic greenways and residential, educational, amenity and commercial zones. These support projects have been set up for Fingal Coastal Way, Broadmeadow Way/Sutton to Malahide Greenway and Royal Canal Greenway. This will help to optimise the use of the proposed greenway by both leisure and commuter users.

## Access Constraints

Following on from circular (NGS Circular 4/22) and guidance from the NTA (Access Control of Active Travel Facilities) the Active Travel Unit has mapped the access constraints (in particular kissing gates) within Fingal. We have put together a list of access constraints to be considered for removal and works proposed to improve for pedestrians, cyclists and disabled persons. This list is currently being reviewed by the various departments to ensure that the removal of these constraints provide a positive impact in these areas. On completion of the review Fingal County Council Active Travel in conjunction with Operations will be coordinating the removal of these access constraints across the county.

## Secure Bicycle Parking Infrastructure

Contractor is currently on site in St. Catherine's Park is progressing works to install a number of bike parking facilities across the county. has commenced with bike parking infrastructure in the Rush & Lusk areas. Further works are planned in Swords and Dublin 15 areas in April 2023. Locations are currently being agreed for expansion of virtual e-bike parking in public areas. Active Travel has taken delivery of six new bike repair stations and will be rolling out two stations in each of the electoral areas in the coming weeks.



Millennium Park Playground and Baldoyle Road

## Road Safety

### Safe Routes to School

Round 1 – Tranche 1

The works contractor for the Safe Routes to School Tranche 1 contract is making great progress at each of the three school sites. Works to date have progressed well, with little or no disruption to the schools or traffic in each of the three areas. A brief update is provided below for each school site and associated construction works completed to date since the appointment of the works contractor.

#### 1. Rush and Lusk Educate Together

Outstanding works for this school project are the planting of the rain gardens and the installation of safety school zone signs. We expect due to the longer daylight hours and dryer weather the planting should be complete by end of April. We expect all works to be substantially complete in April 2023.



#### 2. Castaheany ETNS / St. Benedict's NS

Rain gardens on approach to the school have been constructed and filled in with soil. Line marking scope has been completed. Planting of gardens will

occur in the coming weeks. Minor works remaining on site are signage install and epoxy resin application. Please note that some of the works are weather dependant. Works to be substantially completed by April 2023.



#### 3. Bayside Junior & Senior School

Civil works on rain gardens have been completed and planting to commence in coming weeks. Road resurfacing on Verbena Avenue from the junction with Verbena Avenue/Kilbarrack Road to the school is scheduled to commence during the Easter holidays (3<sup>rd</sup> April – 14<sup>th</sup> April). Traffic management will be in place for the duration of the works. After resurfacing has been completed, line marking and epoxy resin will be installed weather permitting.



## Round 1 – Tranche 2

Design is currently underway for the Tranche 2 schools (4 no.) with a view to progressing to construction later in the year. Meetings have been held with each school to brief them on the proposed design.

## Round 2

In mid-December An Taisce announced Round 2 of the Safer Routes to School programme, with the following Fingal schools selected:

- Holy Family Junior National School, Forest Fields, Swords
- Scoil Bhríde Buachaillí, Church Avenue, Blanchardstown
- Scoil Bhríde Cailíní, Church Avenue, Blanchardstown
- St Helen's SNS, Limetree Avenue, Portmarnock
- St. Colmcille's Girls' National School, Chapel Lane, Swords

The Active Travel team are working closely with An Taisce in relation to data collection and engagement with the schools to develop briefs to enable the tender process for designers and contractors to carry out the works.

## Mobility & Behaviour Change School Visits

Our Walking and Cycling Officers have been busy meeting with schools and speaking with students on the benefits of Active Travel, The Safer Routes to School Treatments and Cycling Safety. These visits are an important element of awareness building

## Learn 2 Cycle with a Disability

We are now taking signups for our Q2 Learn 2 Cycle with a Disability Courses. These will take place in Flemington Community Centre, Applewood Community Centre and Rivervalley Community Centre. These 6-week courses are an amazing

opportunity for children with additional needs to gain the confidence and skills to cycle independently. Places can be booked by emailing [active.travel@fingal.ie](mailto:active.travel@fingal.ie)



Figure: Learn 2 Cycle Participants 2023

## Men's Walk & Talk Groups

There are three Men's Walk & Talk Groups currently active in Fingal. These drop-in groups meet in Swords, Lusk and Rush and are open to men of all ages. No registration is needed, just turn up on the night in your area and get walking with the group. They cover between 5km – 10km a night and walks are generally on road.

Comfortable shoes and wet gear are all you'll need! We are happy to speak to anyone who is interested in setting up their own Walking Group.

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## Men's Walk & Talk Groups



<b>Swords</b> Mondays 7:15pm Entrance to Swords Castle	<b>Lusk</b> Mondays 7pm Lusk Sports Hub	<b>Rush</b> Tuesdays 7:15pm Entrance to Kenure Park
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Join one of our Men's Walk & Talk Groups in Swords, Lusk or Rush. No registration needed just turn up on the night  
for more information contact: [active.travel@fingal.ie](mailto:active.travel@fingal.ie)

### Ready, Set, Cycle

In the run up to Bike week we are promoting the Ready, Set, Cycle Course amongst staff in Fingal County Council. This 10-week programme looks at creating awareness around on site Cycling Facilities, The Bike to Work Scheme and includes events such as Try a Bike Days, Staff Cycles and much more. Keep an eye on Staff Messages for more details each week



## Ready, Set, Cycle

### Staff Smarter Travel Survey

The Active Travel unit is leading the roll out of the NTA staff travel survey for all Fingal County Council staff, with the survey commencing from the start of March 2023.

On closing the survey had over 360 responses, this will give us a brilliant insight into the travel patterns of staff and help us make Fingal County Council a more Active Travel friendly employer.



### Adult Cycling Lessons

From 21 February 2023, a six-week group adult cycling course will begin in Baldoyle Racecourse Park, aimed at novice cyclists to learn key cycling skills, bike safety skills, and to gain confidence for on-road cycling.



Figure: Adult Cycling Lessons Oct 2022

### Cycling Without Age

#### Santry

The Cycling Without Age Trishaw in Santry has been live for bookings since Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February and has proved to be extremely popular. On Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March we held an open day where we invited local nursing homes to attend and try out the Trishaw. This was a great success and a highly enjoyable day for everyone.



## Skerries

The Skerries Trishaw is being launched on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April on South Strand Street, with the first bookings being taken from Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April at 10am. This will be the third Trishaw operational in Fingal. The route starts at the Red Island Car Park and continues along the coastline for what will be a beautiful trip.



Figure: Bike Bunker Skerries

## Phoenix Park – Pop Up Event

We are holding a Cycling Without Age pop up event in conjunction with Dublin City Council and The OPW On Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February between 11am – 3pm at Acres Road in the Phoenix Park. Trips can be booked by following the link - <https://www.fingal.ie/activetravel/mobility/cycling-without-age-fingal>

## Marchathon

17 teams from Fingal County Council have signed up to The Marchathon Challenge this year. At the halfway point, the leading team had done an average of 258,621 steps

## Community Car

The Community Car in Skerries continues to provide a vital service for people who need

support in attending hospital appointments, shopping and various other tasks.

Month	Total Bookings	Total Trip Numbers	Appointment Cancelled by Hospital	Missed Demand (no volunteer available)
February 23	106	90	12	4
March 23	108	58	34	16

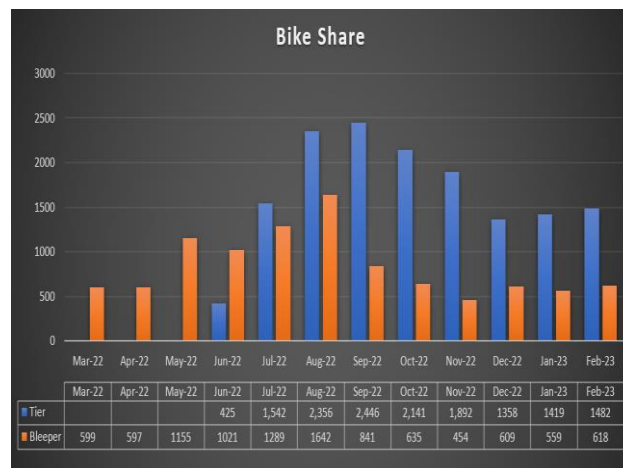
## Car Share

As part of our increased rollout of Car Share, we are seeking feedback from members of the public on where they would like to see an increase in Car Share in the Community. This can be done through our Public Consultation Portal through the link below;

<https://consult.fingal.ie/en/content/electric-vehicle-car-share-expression-interest>

## Bike Share Schemes

### Trips per month (previous 12 months)



## Bleeper Bike February 2023; Other Key Statistics – Bike Share

You can pick up a **Countywide:**

Bleeper bike easily. Just download the Bleeper app, scan the code on the bike to unlock it and you're on your way!



618 bike journeys started within Fingal operating zone in January
650 bike journeys ended within existing Fingal operating zone in January
Highest usage recorded on Sundays (16.9%) & Thursdays (15.8%)
Howth, Blanchardstown & Coolmine were the most popular starting points
Average number of 140.5 Bikes available in Fingal – (SLA for 120 bikes) for hire each day of the month

**If you notice any bike parked incorrectly or vandalism in your area, please contact the Bleeper customer care team**

<https://www.bleeperactive.com/contact-us>

### TIER eBike Update

You can pick up a TIER e-bike easily. Just download the TIER app, scan the code on the e-bike to unlock it and you're on your way! The e-bikes are suitable for anyone over the age of 16 and note that a credit or debit card is required to sign up for the service.

### TIER Mobility February 2023; Other Key Statistics

Metric	December
Active Vehicles	245
No of Customers	737
Trips / Customer	2
Distance Covered (KM)	5,386km
Average Trip Duration	16.3min
Average Trip length (KM)	3.6km

The two most popular areas for TIER eBikes in February were Skerries and Blanchardstown. Skerries saw a 19.66% month on month increase.

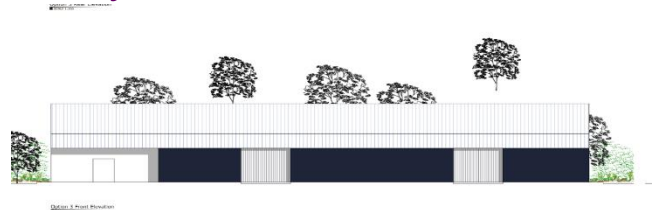
Blanchardstown saw a 26.3% month on month increase. Overall, there was 4.4% increase in TIER usage in Fingal in February

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## ENVIRONMENT

### Landfill Aftercare Balleally

#### Balleally Maintenance Shed:



Works in relation to Balleally Landfill Aftercare Specific Engineering Works Package 9 (SEW WP9), the construction of a new maintenance building at Balleally commenced on the 27<sup>th</sup> of February 2023 which is scheduled to be completed within 18 weeks.

The maintenance building will have a total square area of 353 m<sup>2</sup> and will be used to house existing plant and machinery required for the operation and maintenance of the site.

### Climate Action

The Environment Climate Action and Active Travel Department is currently engaged with the DLAs and the Climate Action Regional Office to plan for amending the existing CCAP's and will be engaging with the Climate Action Biodiversity and Environment SPC and the Council in due course. Green Week 2023 took place at the Technological University Dublin campuses between 6<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> March. The annual event is a celebration of innovation and partnerships in the area of environmental sustainability and a week of University-wide engagement aimed to raise

awareness of and encourage discussion around environmental and climate action. The wide range of events cross the Dublin campuses included: Bike Clinics for free bike repairs, Decarbonisation Energy in an Urban Environment and Shaping Ireland's Electricity Future events, vegan bake sales, a VOICE Ireland Recycling Workshop, clothes swaps, a food waste prevention talk, bee-keeping and sustainable eating workshops and a Climate Activism – be informed and take action event among many more.

The Climate Action section attended the TUD Blanchardstown campus during the week and showcased a Climate Action stand, engaging with the students and staff on their climate change concerns and encouraging them to take positive climate action. Advice on sustainable living and smart switches was available and Fingal's Climate Action Plan 2019-2024 was discussed to highlight the progress that the local authority is making in the area of climate action. Active Travel were also present providing students with information on Fingal's new and proposed cycling routes and also providing students with Hi-Vis cycling gear and bicycle lights to encourage safe active travel.



Janice Butler, Climate Action Section, Emma Court, Active Travel Section and special guest TUD Assistance Dog Yabba Dabba Doo - Green Week 2023 TUD Blanchardstown. The TUD Blanchardstown Nurse engages Yabba to help students deal with anxiety around college life and exam stress. Yabba paved the way for some interesting conversations around climate anxiety which is experienced by many young people today.

### Environmental Awareness

Green Schools Assessments took place during March. Schools received guidance and advice about creating bin stations and segregation of wastes, how to save water and energy and how to eliminate waste from school lunches. Teachers received nature-book packs for the students to use as prizes or classroom resources.

The 2023 Composting for Schools Program has been offered to Fingal schools. This initiative offers a funded opportunity to schools to compost food waste and landscape cuttings.

The Transition Year students participating in the Council's TY program were given a presentation and tour of the Estuary Recycling Centre.

Schools and Community groups continue to be supported with litter pickers and doggie dispensers. There are ten hub community centres where these resources are available

Fingal County Council have partnered with Leave No Trace Ireland for the 2023 Love This Place National Campaign.

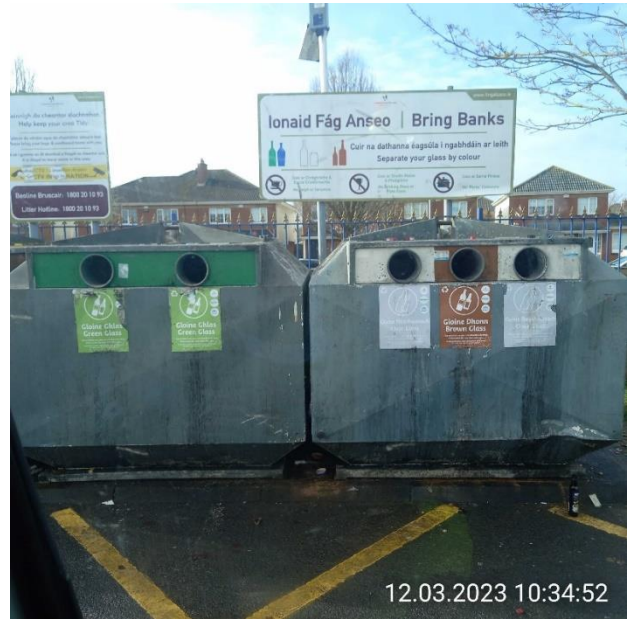
The Environment Department partnered with Parks Department to run the Community Tree planting event in Ardgillan during National Tree Week.



**Bring Centres**

**Bottle Banks**

New signage at Littlepace Shopping Centre, Clonee, Dublin 15. This site is on a schedule to be painted as part of a maintenance scheme at our Bottle Banks sites. Environment also have an audio device at this site that activates when the public arrive at site with a warning that nothing is to be left behind at the area or a fine or court appearance may result under the Litter Pollutions Act.



Millenium Park bottle bank on a snowy day in March this would be one of



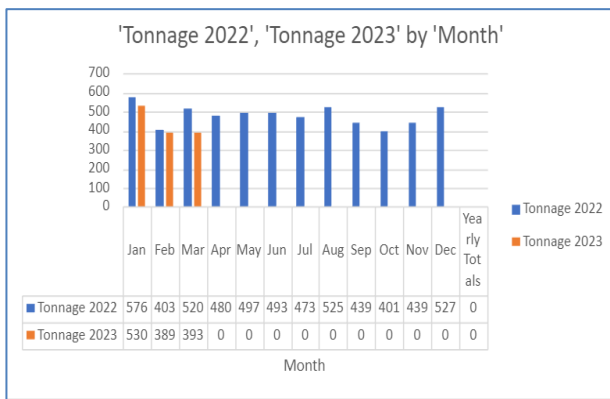
our busier sites with a total tonnage of 320 tons of glass recycled from this site in 2022. We hope to carry out an anti-graffiti Art Project at the site later in 2023. Environment also have an audio device at this site which helps deter littering.



The Environment Department, in conjunction with Fingal County Council's Operations Department have identified some potential sites for installation

of bottle banks and will be working to progress these sites in the first and second quarter of 2023.

The Glass Tonnage Report for March 2023 year to date compared to tonnage collected March 2022 is shown below. There were 393 tons of glass collected for recycling to the 28th of March 2023. This is compared to 520 tons which were collected in the month of March 2022.

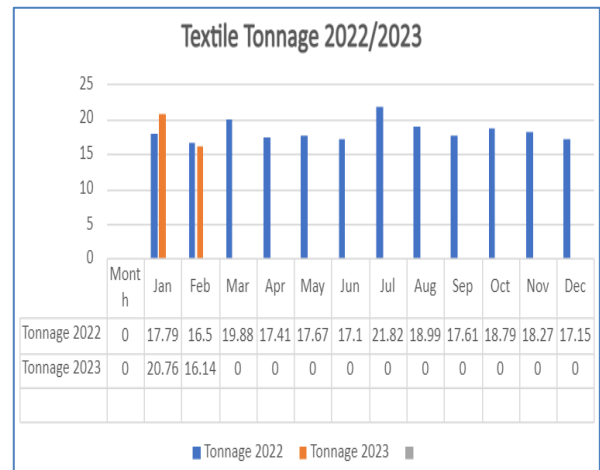


### Textile Recycling Banks at Seatown Carpark

As there may be more staff using Seatown Carpark now please do your bit for the Environment and use these receptacles for recycling. There has been a total of 120 kg collected from this site in the months of January and February this year.



The Textile Tonnage Report for 2023 compared to 2022 is shown below. The amount of textiles collected for February 2023 was 16.14 tons compared to 16.50 tons which was collected in February 2022.



### Litter Management

In March, the Litter Wardens continued with their daily patrols, including all the litter black spots. The Litter warden followed up on any evidence found and liaised with the Operations division to arrange collection of dumping. Daily, they also checked to see if any issues have arisen for the Operations crews, and they carried out inspections and followed up with fines/warning notice if evidence is

found. They also erecting anti dog fouling signage in areas where requests were received.

A total of **170 planned route** inspections on litter black spot all over the Fingal County Council area were carried out.

They also carry out inspections on the bring banks in the Fingal to ensure that there was no dumping. Any dumping found was investigated under the Litter Pollution Acts. They carried out investigation on reports of abandoned cars and burnt-out cars. Local businesses were inspected, to ensure they were keeping their premises free of litter.

In the district court, two case was successfully prosecuted, and cost were awarded. Two cases were paid in advance and were struck out.

2023	Fines/notices issued	
Month	Fines	Warning Notices
March	27	6

From 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023 to 28<sup>th</sup> March 2023, 66 cases were assigned to the Litter Warden for investigation under the following heading from the CRM system.

CRMs created between 1st March 2023 to 28 <sup>th</sup> 2023	Amount
Env - Dog Fouling	7
Env - Fly tipping 1-20 bags equivalent	8
Env - General Litter Issue	11
Env - Pollution - Dog Fouling Signage	8
Env - Abandoned cars	23
Env - Dog fouling signage	1
Env - Unauthorised Signage	1
Env - litter incident with witness	7

### Abandoned Vehicles

There have been 112 reports of alleged Abandoned Vehicles received between 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023 – 28<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

Burnt-out vehicles are also reported to the Environment Department. The Litter Wardens carry out an initial inspection of all reported abandoned and burnt-out vehicles.

For further information on abandoned vehicles, there is a dedicated webpage on the Fingal County Council website:

<https://www.fingal.ie/council/service/abandoned-vehicles>

To report a suspected abandoned vehicle the following information is required and can be emailed to [environment@fingal.ie](mailto:environment@fingal.ie)

- **Vehicle Registration**
- **Colour / Make / Model**
- **Exact Location**
- **Period of time that vehicle has not been moved**
- **Name and Contact Number**

2023	Abandoned Vehicles Removed as at 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	Burnt out Vehicles Removed as at 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2023
January	0	1
February	1	0
March	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>



Abandoned vehicle removed in March 2023

## Dog Warden Service

The dog wardens continue to issue on the spot fines to dog walkers/owners who are in breach of the Control of Dogs Act 1986, as amended. Dog walkers/owners should make themselves familiar with the regulations in order to avoid being issued with an on the spot fine. 18 on the spot fines were issued during March for such offences including 10 for restricted breed dogs not being muzzled in a public place and 8 for dogs not being under effectual control.

The dog wardens are also continuing door to door licence checks. In March, the dog wardens carried out licence checks in both Castleknock and Malahide. Dog owners should ensure that they hold a valid licence for their dog and if issued with a 10 day notice by the dog wardens, should present their licence to [Controlofdogs@Fingal.ie](mailto:Controlofdogs@Fingal.ie) within the 10 days provided on the notice. Failure to do so may result in a fine being issued for failing to produce a dog licence when requested to do so by a dog warden and keeping a dog without a valid licence. The fine per offence is €100.

97 x '10 Day Notices' were issued by the dog wardens during March.

11 fines were issued in relation to dog licences offences.

Month	10 Day Notices		Fines Issued		Fines Paid	
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
January	5	40	0	68	€0	€4,760
February	36	13	17	32	€0	€2,600
March	48	97	5	29	€300	€2,000

## Dog Licences and Fines

The below table shows the number of annual and lifetime licences purchased in March, compared to February. A yearly licence costs €20 and a lifetime licence costs €140. We will continue to promote the requirement for a dog licence on social media platforms. It is a legal requirement to hold a valid licence for any dog you own or are responsible for

under the Control of Dogs Act 1986. Failing to hold a valid licence for a dog that you are own or are in responsible for can incur a €100 fine.

Month	Annual Licences Purchased		Lifetime Licences Purchased		Income from Licences	
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
January	642	635	70	65	€22,640	€21,800
February	496	562	35	58	€14,820	€19,360
March	458	561	47	55	€15,740	€18,900

On the 7<sup>th</sup> of March, two cases in relation to the Control of Dogs were successfully prosecuted. Fines and costs were awarded to Fingal County Council totalling €919.50.

On the 21<sup>st</sup> of March, three guilty pleas resulted in all costs being awarded to Fingal County Council with the District Court judge also requesting that donations be made by all parties to the Little Flower Penny Dinners charity. Four other cases were adjourned until the 25<sup>th</sup> of April.

## Dog Shelter Service

Dublin County Dog Shelter holds "Meet and Greet" visits for anyone looking to rehome a dog. Visits can be arranged by calling the shelter and arranging an appointment. These visits can be arranged from Monday – Friday from 11am to 1pm and from 2pm to 3.30pm.

The shelter is also open on Saturday from 11am – 1pm. The shelter is closed to the public on Sunday's.

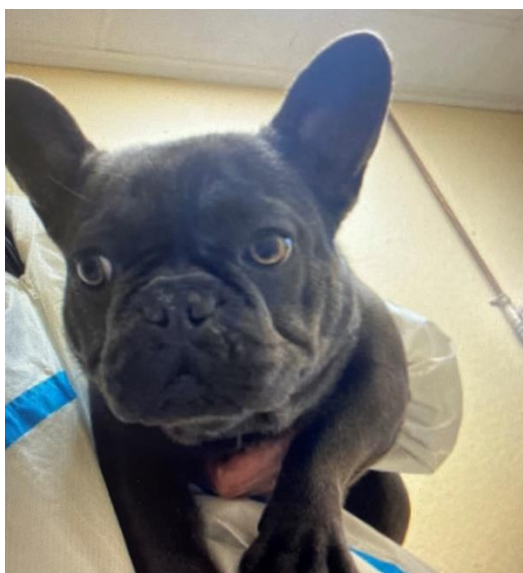


The dog shelter holds stray dogs picked up by the dog warden and dogs who have been surrendered

by their owners. At the beginning of the month there were 12 dogs in the shelter. During March 2023, 18 dogs were found straying/seized and 2 dogs were surrendered by their owners.

Of these 32 dogs, 15 have been reclaimed by their owners, 5 dogs have been rehomed to rescue and 2 have been rehomed to members of the public. At the end of March there were 8 dogs remaining in the shelter.

Dogs in Shelter at the start of March 2022	5	Dogs in Shelter at start of March 2023	12
Stray/Seized dogs brought to Shelter	6	Stray/Seized dogs brought to Shelter	18
Surrendered by owners	7	Surrendered by owners	2
Reclaimed	0	Reclaimed	15
Rehomed to Rescue	3	Rehomed to Rescue	5
Rehomed to Public	6	Rehomed to Public	2
PTS	0	PTS	2
Dogs in Shelter at the end of March 2022	9	Dogs in shelter at the end of March 2023	8



One of four French Bulldogs found stray were reclaimed by their owner.



Sasha, the german shepherd cross breed was surrendered by her owner and rehomed to a dog rescue.

### Horses

Weekly inspections continue to take place on Dunsink Landfill to monitor the numbers and welfare of the horses onsite. Currently there are approximately 106 horses on the main landfill site. There are 10 hay feeders being refilled by the Operations Department on a weekly basis to ensure adequate forage for horses on the landfill. One horse was removed from Dunsink landfill following serious welfare concerns. This horse has been brought to the horse shelter for veterinary treatment.

### Bathing Water Quality

Efforts of the water pollution team are concentrating on the Balbriggan Beach and Bracken Stream which is the main pressure on the bathing water. Weekly monitoring of the Bracken River is being undertaken. Planning with the UCD Acclimatise team is taking place for possible hydrodynamic modelling and automatic sampling during storm events. liasion with Irish Water is continuing regarding the Drainage Area Plan and the integrity of sewers in the river. A

preliminary misconnection with the assistance the South Dublin County Council misconnection team

### Waste Enforcement & Regulation Complaints

A total of 16 waste complaints were recorded for the month of March. Waste complaints investigated related to backyard storage of waste, backyard burning of waste and unauthorised waste collectors.

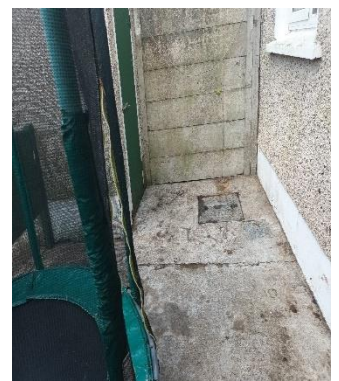
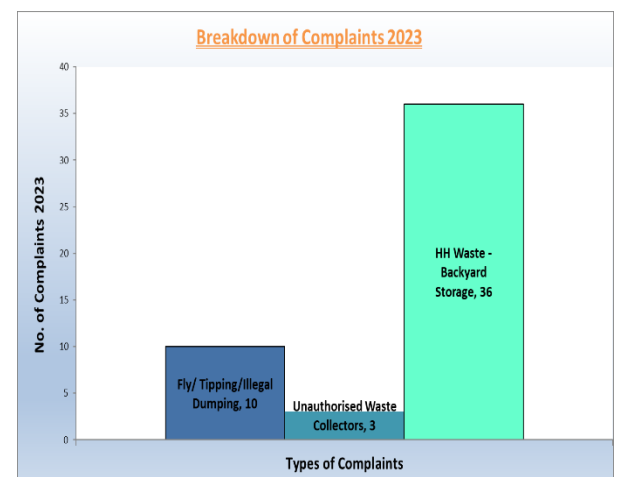
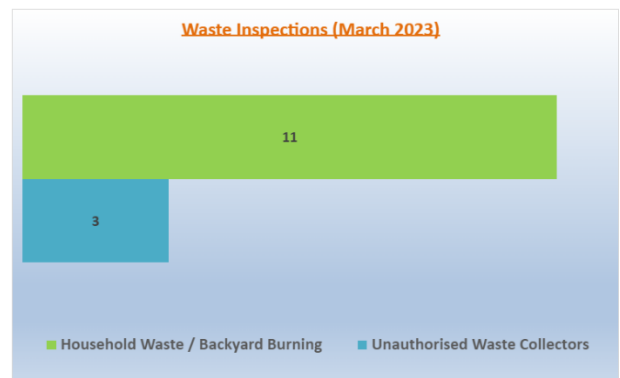
Awareness and education around the management of domestic waste in a sustainable and environmentally safe manner is crucial to ensure all households participate in a waste collection service as per the waste presentation bye-laws and use three bins (black, green and brown) to manage their waste. A number of different awareness campaigns are being developed at present for roll out over the coming months including a bus shelter campaign, a cinema campaign and social/print media campaigns to highlight key issues and help improve waste segregation and management of waste.

Unauthorised waste collectors do not dispose of your waste in an environmentally safe or responsible manner; often waste is fly-tipped by the roadside or in scenic areas, incurring significant clean-up costs.

If you suspect an illegal waste collector is operating in your area, or if you wish to verify that a particular waste collector has a valid permit, please contact the Environment Section at Email: [environment@fingal.ie](mailto:environment@fingal.ie) or Tel: 01 9806266.

You can also check if a particular waste collector has a valid waste collection permit on the NWCP0's website

- <https://www.nwcpo.ie/permitsearch.aspx>







### Incentivised Waste Collection Charges to Increase Sustainability in Commercial Sector

The Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications, Eamon Ryan, has signed new legislation to introduce incentivised charging for waste collection in the commercial sector. The Waste Management (Collection Permit) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2023 will come into effect on 1 July 2023.

A study published by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in 2018 found that 70% of the contents of the average commercial waste bin could be diverted to recycling. This represents a massive loss of potentially recyclable material and an unnecessarily high cost to businesses, whose waste charges would be lowered through proper segregation.

Improved waste segregation in the commercial sector can also make a significant contribution to achieving our EU recycling targets. Ireland faces challenging targets under the EU Waste Framework Directive for recycling municipal solid waste (MSW) of 55% by 2025, 60% by 2030 and 65% by 2035. The most recent figures from the EPA show that we achieved a rate of 41% in 2020.

The Waste Action Plan for a Circular Economy, published by the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications in 2020, contains a commitment "to improve waste segregation in the commercial sector, including an awareness campaign and enforcement actions requiring segregated waste bins and incentivised charging to ensure waste minimisation and proper segregation". This change will bring the commercial sector in line with the residential sector, for whom incentivised pricing has been in place since 2017.



Measures in the new regulations for commercial waste include:

- All waste collection companies will be required to provide a residual, mixed dry recyclable and bio-waste bin to all their commercial customers
- All waste collected must be weighed, with details on the weights of the individual bins communicated to customers
- Waste collection companies must ensure that all commercial customers are placed onto a price plan that ensures that the cost to the customer for mixed

dry recyclable or bio-waste is less than the cost of disposal for municipal waste. The introduction of this measure should not result in higher waste collection charges for commercial customers

- Waste collection companies will be required to at least collect the recyclable waste materials as specified on [www.mywaste.ie](http://www.mywaste.ie)
- Collection of recyclable waste and bio-waste must occur at least fortnightly



The regulations also require that waste collection companies update their customer charter for households, as well as introduce a customer charter for their commercial customers. This charter must be published on the collector's website and must give details such as the frequency of collections, methods of charging and details of the collection service for each type of waste.

## The Anti-Dumping Initiative

The Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications is again making funding of €3M available, through the Waste Enforcement Regional Lead Authorities (WERLAs) to support the 2023 Anti-Dumping Initiative (ADI).

The Waste Enforcement Section are currently considering a number of potential projects for submission under the Anti-Dumping Initiative. The deadline for submission of applications is 14<sup>th</sup> April 2023.



The ADI aims to reduce incidents of illegal dumping nationally by providing funding for projects aimed at tackling the problem, using a collaborative approach involving local authorities, communities

and other State Agencies. The focus of the ADI is on four key areas:

- (i) Prevention, (ii) Abatement, (iii) Education and (iv) Enforcement.

The Department continues to strongly encourage innovative projects, which recognise waste as a resource which can be re-purposed for use in a Circular Economy. Projects that help people to “do the right thing” for challenging waste streams such as bulky unusable furniture and mattresses will also remove opportunities for unscrupulous operators to dump these items illegally.

Abatement measures such as the clean-up and maintenance of known illegal dumping black spots will continue to be supported under the 2023 ADI as well as education and awareness measures in encouraging long-term behavioural change. CCTV projects will not be funded under the ADI.

Potential projects currently being consideration include:

- Cinema Awareness Campaigns
- Waste Clean Up Operations – blackspot areas
- Data Processing/Cleansing for Waste Presentation Project – Stage 2

## Environmental Inspections (RMCEI Plan) 2023

In total 6,477 environmental inspections are planned for 2023 across the four key areas of 1/ Waste Enforcement, 2/ Water Pollution, 3/ Litter Management and 4/ Air & Noise Pollution involving 3,952 workdays and 25 officers (+ part time staff). Inspections are planned based on available resources whereby national priorities are addressed first then local enforcement priorities are tackled. Progress against agreed targets is assessed on a monthly basis to ensure successful outcomes are achieved as per the RMCEI Plan.

<b>Category</b>	<b>No. of Planned Inspections 2023</b>	<b>Inspections Undertaken to Date</b>
Waste Enforcement	1,432	210
Water Pollution	1,031	139
Litter Management	3,564	677
Air & Noise Pollution	360	101

A detailed progress report on all inspections and activities undertaken during 2022 across Waste Enforcement, Water Pollution, Litter Management and Air & Noise can be found on the FCC website under Council – Environment – Environmental Awareness at: <https://www.fingal.ie/national-enforcement-priorities-progress-reports>

The NEP Progress Reports provide an extensive summary of activities initiated and positive outcomes achieved by Fingal County Council under the Environmental Inspection Plan each year and tell the story behind the inspection statistics that are reported to the EPA under the key areas of Governance, Waste Enforcement, Water Pollution and Air & Noise.

# FINANCE

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The table below outlines key financial statics at the end of February & March 2023.

## Rates

Overall rates collection to the end of March 2023 is running at **17%**.

Rates Collection	
Rates Collected (m)	42.9m
Rates Collected (%)	27%

## Development Levy Income

Development levy income collected to the end of February is €5.0m this is c. **12%** of the overall collection during 2022.

Development Levy Income	
Levies Receipted €M	5.0
Levies collected as % of 2022	12%

## Payroll

Overall payroll spend to the end of February was €12.9m which is c. **91%** of budget year to date.

Payroll	
Salaries & Wages €M	12.9
Percentage of budget to 28 February	91%

## Procurement

Outlined below is a summary of the overall procurement activity at end of March

Procurement Activity		Note
No. of contracts awarded (details below) for year to date	46	
Value €m	17.9	
<b>Procurements ongoing at end of March</b>		
No. of procurements awaiting tender responses	15	(i)
Value €m	85.9	
No. of procurements under evaluation	40	(ii)
Value €m	92.4	
No. of procurements at approved	10	(iii)
Value €m	4.9	

### Notes:

- (i) Procurements awaiting tender responses – tender responses awaited at end of March.
- (ii) Procurements under evaluation – tender responses submitted and being evaluated at end of the March.
- (iii) Procurements at approved – Tender responses have been evaluated and approved. Pre- contract award processes ongoing at end of March.

## Appendix 1 (a)

### REVENUE ACCOUNT INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION AT 31 MARCH 2023

	EXPENDITURE			INCOME			NET
	Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent to date	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised	€
Housing & Building	21,136,558	90,151,700	23%	20,842,721	94,681,700	22%	293,837
Road Transport & Safety	7,445,840	32,392,400	23%	2,142,940	8,698,800	25%	5,302,900
Water Services	4,493,892	14,994,900	30%	4,593,682	18,028,400	25%	-99,790
Development Management	4,648,904	19,874,200	23%	1,645,144	5,480,800	30%	3,003,760
Environmental Services	11,358,190	48,361,500	23%	2,340,490	10,542,200	22%	9,017,700
Recreation & Amenity	11,671,674	49,953,500	23%	503,997	2,386,500	21%	11,167,677
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	350,954	1,380,600	25%	85,919	340,100	25%	265,035
Miscellaneous Services	5,853,604	22,836,300	26%	7,327,402	24,576,200	30%	-1,473,798
Central Management Charge	10,995,707	53,803,600	20%	877,280	3,904,000	22%	10,118,427
Local Property Tax / GPG				2,444,825	9,779,300	25%	-2,444,825
Rates				38,832,675	155,330,700	25%	-38,832,675
	<b>77,955,323</b>	<b>333,748,700</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>81,637,075</b>	<b>333,748,700</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>-3,681,752</b>

Appendix 1 (b)

**CAPITAL ACCOUNT**  
**INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 31/03/2023**

	Balance at 01/01/2023 €	Expenditure YTD €	Income YTD €	Balance at 31/03/2023 €
A Housing & Building	-45,026,626	18,719,278	-3,101,725	-29,409,073
B Road Transport & Safety	12,033,473	4,832,575	-1,735,860	15,130,188
C Water Services	-10,811,421	138,218	-146,140	-10,819,343
D Development Management	-134,303,923	9,039,178	-10,759,056	-136,023,801
E Environmental Services	-21,303,306	1,306,858	-455,364	-20,451,812
F Recreation & Amenity	-14,103,073	5,907,710	-711,201	-8,906,564
H Miscellaneous Services	-52,242,890	4,883,562	-4,394,335	-51,753,663
<b>Total</b>	<b>-265,757,766</b>	<b>44,827,379</b>	<b>-21,303,681</b>	<b>-242,234,068</b>

Appendix 1 (c)

<b>SUMMARY OF CORPORATE DEBTORS TO 31/03/23</b>				
	<b>Balance at 01/01/2023</b>	<b>Balance at 31/03/23</b>	<b>Current debt</b>	<b>&gt; 1 Year</b>
	<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>
<b>RATES</b>	€3,146,920.61	€114,550,285.96	€111,408,476.80	€3,141,809.16
<b>LOANS</b>	€2,030,259.51	€2,057,972.51	€272,157.43	€1,785,815.08
<b>RENTS</b>	€9,426,987.00	€9,126,783.00	€4,004,508.00	€5,122,275.00

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



## Appendix 2

### Number of Contracts Awarded for year to date

Description of Procurement	Supplier Name	Legal Address	Current Value of Contract (excl. VAT)	Contract Start Date (actual)	Contract End Date (actual)	Actual Duration (months)	Contract Award Date	Arrangement Type
Provide Outdoor Equipment lockers with app access	BoxUp SA	Avenue des Baumettes 9, 1020 Renens, Switzerland	€34,443	01/03/2023	01/03/2027	48	<b>31/03/2023</b>	Contract
Classical Production for Shakleton Proms Event	Arun Rao	25, Castlefield Park, Clonsilla, Dublin 15	€41,000	12/05/2023	14/05/2023	2 days	<b>28/03/2023</b>	Contract
Donabate Cemetary Upgrade Works	Lakelands Civil Engineering Ltd	Marlinstown Business Park, Marlinstown, Mullingar, Co.	€47,425	27/03/2023	26/06/2023	3	<b>27/03/2023</b>	Contract
Ongar Development Remedial Works	Formac Construction	60, Upper Main Street, Rush, Co. Dublin	€806,074	17/04/2023	18/08/2023	4	<b>24/03/2023</b>	Contract
Road Inlay and Ancillary Works, Sycamore View, Castleknock, Dublin 15	Lagan Asphalt Ltd	Rosemount Business Park, Ballycoolin Road, Dublin 11	€30,957	01/05/2023	31/05/2023	1	<b>20/03/2023</b>	Contract
Hire of Rubber Wheeled Excavator (Wacker Neuson EW65 or Equivalent)	Thomas Brennan & Sons Ltd	Ticknock Road, Sandyford, Dublin 18	€72,000	13/03/2023	12/03/2026	36	<b>13/03/2023</b>	Contract
Brackenstown Road Subsidence and Reinstatement	Larry Kiernan Plant Hire Ltd	Grougha Lane, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin	€75,998	06/03/2023	06/06/2023	3	<b>13/03/2023</b>	Contract
Hire of 2 Mobile Welfare Pods	G & J Kearns Ltd	Ballyboughal Road, Naul, Co. Dublin	€50,000	13/03/2023	12/03/2026	36	<b>09/03/2023</b>	Contract
Provision of Economic Consultancy Services for a feasibility Study for the Development Regional Innovation Hubs in the Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor Region	KPMG Ireland	Stokes Place, Dublin 2	€112,995	07/03/2023	06/09/2024	18	<b>07/03/2023</b>	Contract

Catering Services at Ardgillen Castle, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin	Brambles Deli Café Ltd	Unit 4, South City Business Park, Tallaght, Dublin 24	€51,500	04/03/2023	03/03/2024	12	<b>04/03/2023</b>	Call-Off Contract
Broadmeadow Way Greenway - GI Enabling Works, Access Track	Glas Civil Engineering Ltd	Breac Dearg, Kilheffernan, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary	€231,279	13/03/2023	13/05/2023	2	<b>01/03/2023</b>	Contract
Revamp of Council Chamber Technology	SKS Communications Ltd	Unit 2, Robinhood Industrial Estate, Dublin 2	€275,504	03/01/2023	02/01/2028	60	<b>28/02/2023</b>	Contract
Kerbing & bituminous Footpath Works on a section of New Road, Donabate, Co. Dublin	D.M. Morris Limited	13, Parklands Office Park, Southern Cross Road, Bray	€165,072	07/03/2023	07/06/2023	3	<b>28/02/2023</b>	Contract
Single Storey Extension to Dwelling at Whitestown Drive, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15	Arthurstown Construction Limited	11, Blakestown Cottages, Clonsilla, Dublin 15	€123,797	27/02/2023	10/06/2023	4	<b>27/02/2023</b>	Contract
Supply and Installation of Etrek Chargers and Back Office	Easy Go	G11, Maynooth Business Campus, Straffan Road, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	€32,659	24/02/2023	23/02/2024	12	<b>24/02/2023</b>	Contract
Supply & Install of Roof Guardrail Protection - Civic Office Grove Road	Barton Industrial Services Ltd	Unit C1 Site 38 Heron Road, BT3 9LE, Belfast, UK	€27,080	01/02/2023	30/04/2023	3	<b>23/02/2023</b>	Contract
Refurbishment works a Dwelling in Corduff Green, Dublin 15	Arthurstown Construction Limited	11, Blakestown Cottages, Clonsilla, Dublin 15	€124,563	01/02/2023	31/12/2023	11	<b>22/02/2023</b>	Contract
Renovation of 3 Dwellings, St. Philomenas Court, Ballycoolin, Dublin 15	Arthurstown Construction Limited	11, Blakestown Cottages, Clonsilla, Dublin 15	€191,625	06/03/2023	31/08/2024	18	<b>21/02/2023</b>	Contract
Design and Site Supervision Services for Ongar-Barnhill Road Construction Stage	Clifton Scannell Emerson Associates	3rd Floor, The Highline, Bakers Point, Pottery	€965,610	01/03/2023	01/09/2026	42	<b>21/02/2023</b>	Contract

		Road, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin						
Implement and deploy Dynamics 365 for Field Services as both an asset management solution and scheduling solution	Ergoservices Ltd t/a Ergo	1st Floor Block T Eastpoint Business Park, Dublin 3	€198,000	01/04/2023	31/03/2026	36	<b>21/02/2023</b>	Contract
Community Care Construction Works Meakestown Sports and Community Centre	Vision Contracting Ltd	Melbourne Business Park, Model Farm Road, Cork T12 YH31	€ 6,153,131	20/02/2023	14/10/2025	32	<b>20/02/2023</b>	Contract
Horse Seizure Services	County Council Security Support Services Ltd	Block 1, Unit 4, Dunboyne Industrial Estate, Dunboyne, Co. Meath	€100,000	16/02/2023	15/02/2024	12	<b>16/02/2023</b>	Contract
Urgent Drainage Works in Malahide Demesne	Aquaturf Solutions Ltd	Tankardstown, Clonalvy, Co. Meath A42 AR26	€27,987	27/02/2023	10/03/2023	0	<b>16/02/2023</b>	Contract
Requirement for departmental access to lawlink	Rochford Brady Legal Services Ltd	Ormond Building, 31/36 Ormond Quay Upper, Dublin 7	€43,458	01/01/2023	31/12/2023	12	<b>16/02/2023</b>	Contract
Supply of 200 Microsoft 365 E5 Licences	MicroMail Ltd	3, Nessian House, Bessboro Road, Blackrock, Cork	€49,992	01/02/2023	31/05/2023	4	<b>16/02/2023</b>	Contract
Maintenance and Support of the Cygnus Housing Loans Software System	Gemini Consultants Ltd	AW House, 6-8 Stuart Street, Luton, LU1 25j, UK	€56,839	01/04/2023	31/03/2024	12	<b>16/02/2023</b>	Contract
Galbestos Removal Turvey Depot	Grove Environmental Solutions Ltd.	Spruce Cottage, Bennetstown, Dunboyne, Co. Meath	€50,000	14/02/2023	03/03/2023	2 weeks	<b>14/02/2023</b>	Contract
10 Unit Housing Development with Studio/Gallery Space at Ballough Place, Barrack Lane, Lusk and proposed 5 Unit Passive House Development at Monastery Court, Church Road, Lusk	AXIS Construction	36, Upper Mount Street, Dublin 2	€ 4,623,548	09/01/2023	12/01/2025	24	<b>14/02/2023</b>	Call-Off Contract

Catering Services at Newbridge House Visitors Centre, Donabate	Brambles Deli Café Ltd	Unit C4 South City Business Park, Whitestown Way, Tallaght, Dublin 24	€60,000	27/02/2023	26/02/2024	12	<b>10/02/2023</b>	Contract
Resurfacing Works on the existing all weather pitch in Skerries Town Park	Sole Sports and Leisure Ltd	Unit 8, Rosemount Business Park, Drinagh, Co. Wexford	€393,285	11/07/2022	30/09/2022	2	<b>09/02/2023</b>	Contract
Balbriggan Harbour Redevelopment Minor Works	Donnelly Civil Engineering Ltd	Kilmacduane, Cooraclare, Co.Clare	€448,435	23/01/2023	21/07/2023	6	<b>07/02/2023</b>	Contract
Training Services for Local Enterprise Offices - LEAN Business Programme Dublin	Jigsaw VATVAE t/a Jigsaw Better Business	2 Ballymore Road, Loughnavalley, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath	€355,500	01/01/2023	31/12/2024	24	<b>06/02/2023</b>	Call-Off Contract

Food Tourism Marketing Consultant for Fingal Food & Drink Policy	Marie Brouder	5A, Humbert Street, Tobercurry, Co. Sligo	€31,750	01/02/2023	30/06/2023	5	<b>31/01/2023</b>	Contract
Design and Installation of 25 Linear meters of ARMCO Crash Barrier along R122 Outside St. Margarets National School	Motorway Care	Unit 6, Tashinny Court, Church View, Main Street, Kinnegad, Co. Westmeath	€29,670	03/01/2023	28/02/2023	2	<b>23/01/2023</b>	Contract
Removal of Dangerous Dead Trees overhanging the Turvey Avenue and the R126 at Cobbes Lane	Redwood Tree Services Ltd	Sequoia House, Westown, Naul, Co. Dublin	€26,000	23/01/2023	23/02/2023	1	<b>20/01/2023</b>	Contract
Maintenance, Servicing, Repair and Ticket replenishment of Pay & Display Parking Machines	Actavo (Sierra Support Services Group)	Westland House, Westland Park, Willow Road, Dublin 12	€50,000	01/02/2023	30/06/2023	5	<b>18/01/2023</b>	Contract
Provision of Enforcement and Legal Services to Fingal County Council for Parking Services	Parkrite	Ground Floor, 2 Custom House Plaza, Harbourmaster Place, IFSC, Dublin 1	€182,184	01/02/2023	30/06/2023	5	<b>16/01/2023</b>	Contract

Planting & Maintenance of Council Owned Summer/Winter Floral Display Baskets/Planters for various locations within Fingal Administrative Area and the Supply of a limited number of units	Redlough Landscapes Ltd	Belgree, Hollystown, Dublin 15	€173,182	10/01/2023	10/12/2024	24	<b>12/01/2023</b>	Contract
Road Resurfacing R132, Balrothery to Balbriggan	D.M. Morris Limited	13, Parklands Office Park, Southern Cross Road, Bray	€575,190	01/03/2023	01/05/2023	3	<b>12/01/2023</b>	Contract
Purchase of 2 to 5 New 80 kw 4 wheel drive tractors	Midlouth Garage	Old Railway Station, Ardee, Co. Louth	€285,000	12/12/2022	12/12/2023	12	<b>09/01/2023</b>	Contract
Purchase of 2 to 4 New Electric Dumpers with 1500kg Payload Capacity	Maher Tractor Sales Ltd	The Bush, Dunshaughlin, Co. Meath	€78,000	05/12/2022	04/12/2023	12	<b>09/01/2023</b>	Contract
Environmental Monitoring & Reporting Services	McQuillan Environmental John McQuillan Contracts Ltd	11, Ballinderry Road, Lisburn, BT28 25A	€101,028	09/01/2023	08/07/2023	6	<b>09/01/2023</b>	Call-Off Contract
Postal Collection Services for 2023	Print Post Ltd.	Unit 4, Broomhill Park, Tallaght, Dublin 24	€145,000	01/01/2023	31/12/2023	12	<b>05/01/2023</b>	Contract
Parnell Estate D15 Management Service - Unsold Affordable	Paula Barrett Properties Ltd	22 Northumberland Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4	€240,000	01/01/2023	31/12/2023	12	<b>01/01/2023</b>	Contract
Hire of Excavator & Operator at the Former Dunsink Landfill & Environs	Anthony Patton Plant Hire Ltd	Cloghran, Co Dublin	€78,000	16/01/2023	15/01/2024	12	<b>01/01/2023</b>	Contract
Citrix Licences and Support Services Ltd	Arkphire Security Ltd	7 Beckett Way, Park West Bus Pk, Dublin, D12X884	€25,540	01/01/2023	31/12/2023	12	<b>01/01/2023</b>	Contract
Upgrade of Broadband Bandwidth for Public Internet Access in Fingal Libraries	Virgin Media	Macken House, 39/40 Mayor Street Upper, D01 C9W8	€36,000	01/01/2023	31/12/2025	36	<b>01/01/2023</b>	Contract

**Appendix 3**  
**Active Travel Investment Grants 2023 Allocations**

Active Travel Investment Grants: 2023 Allocations		
Project Code:	Project Name & Funding Allocation 2023	Comments
<b>FCC/19/0005</b>	Schools Streets non SRTS €100,000	Small improvements at schools (not in SRTS programme) which can be delivered through numerous departments.
<b>FCC/20/0004</b>	Bicycle Parking (Covid) €150,000	Contractor is gearing up to complete bike parking stands in parks and green spaces around Rush and Lusk that were previously postponed due to soft ground from wet weather conditions. Further work packages are being developed by the team for Portrane and Donabate. Ongoing liaison with Operations and Parks to agree suitable locations for bike parking.
<b>FCC/21/0001</b>	Snugborough Road – NAC to Ongar €220,000	Work on the initial options report has commenced. Topographical and traffic surveys have been completed and consultant is now analysing data as part of initial junction design. Workshop to be held to review updated draft options report.
<b>FCC/21/0002</b>	Baldoyle to Howth €300,000	The Stage 3 Road Safety Audit has been completed by the Road Safety Consultant and works are ongoing to complete snag items. Small landscaping measures are planned to be introduced on Grange Road in the coming weeks.
<b>FCC/21/0006</b>	Clonee to Blanchardstown Shopping Centre €235,000	Work has commenced on options report and data is being collected for topography, traffic and speed which will feed into options stage.
<b>FCC/22/0001</b>	Castleknock to Dunsink Lane €185,000	Work has commenced on the options report. Survey works have been completed and consultant working on creating a draft options report

<b>FCC/22/0004</b>	Hartstown/Huntstown/Mountview Rd D1 €100,000	The phase 2b junction designs have been completed by the cycle design office (CDO). These designs are being reviewed by FCC before tendering for construction.
<b>FCC/22/0005</b>	St. Cronan's Ave & Brackenstown Rd €1,387,711	We are currently awaiting availability of surfacing contractor and suitable weather conditions to apply final surfacing and line marking. Final landscape designs were issued by the contractor's landscape designer and are with Fingal's Parks Department for review and comment. Contractor is reinstating green areas and removing all fencing and barriers and starting to demobilise from site. Traffic consultant due on site to cable and connect new Zebra Crossings.
<b>FCC/22/0006</b>	Rathingle/Rivervalley Rd. Swords €176,000	ESB connections have been completed for toucan and pedestrian crossings. Minor line marking works required to complete scope at crossings. Design works for phase 2b the modification of the existing roundabout is currently being discussed with the NTA.
<b>FCC/22/0007</b>	Balbriggan Road Mill Street and Drogheda Street €100,000	Active Travel have been working closely with the Our Balbriggan Project Team. On completion of the concept design piece relating to the overall Our Balbriggan Active Travel Strategy we are developing a brief for appointment of multi-disciplinary engineering consultant to develop options report and detailed design for this element of the project. This work is ongoing.
<b>FCC/22/0009</b>	Permeability Links North County €465,000	Several projects are still being identified and assessed via multi criteria analysis. We are also in ongoing discussions with Operations to incorporate other works in order to get best value for money when we go to delivery of these works. Active Travel are preparing a tranche of works which includes removal of barriers that are currently impeding permeability and connectivity issues. A number of crossing points are also being considered and provided as part of these works.
<b>FCC/22/0010</b>	R132 Ministers Rd to Blakes Cross + Kilhedge Lane €300,000	Detailed design nearing completion from Blake's Cross to Ministers Road. Briefing meeting with NTA arranged to discuss scheme and bus stops requirements along route and further north to Quickpenny Lane. Advanced works commenced along Kilhedge Lane with the cutting back of road edge hedging before the nesting season.
<b>FCC/22/0011</b>	Skerries – Harbour Road (footpath build outs) €905,000	Briefings and workshops were held with internal departments regarding the preliminary options for widening footpaths, installing new crossings, public realm upgrade improving permeability to local amenities. Consultants to update preliminary designs following feedback from internal departments.

		We will then commence with consultation phase with stakeholders and public.
<b>FCC/22/0012</b>	Seatown Roundabout to Estuary Rd (Swords to Malahide) €140,000	Briefings and workshops were held with internal departments regarding the preliminary options for a new cycle lane, roundabout upgrade, pedestrian crossings for the project. Consultants to update preliminary designs following feedback from internal departments. We will then commence with consultation phase with stakeholders and public.
<b>FCC/22/0014</b>	Balbriggan – Coney Hill from Devlin Bridge to Bremore Cottages €140,000	Briefings and workshops were held with internal departments regarding the preliminary options for a new cycle lane, roundabout upgrade, pedestrian crossings for the project. Consultants to update preliminary designs following feedback from internal departments. We will then commence with consultation phase with stakeholders and public.
<b>FCC/22/0015</b>	Rush South Beach (Bawn Rd across carpark and out to South Shore. €500,000	We are continuing engagement with Property Section with regard to acquisition of lands in this area. Works are also ongoing to look at options in this area that will serve not only this project but that will benefit the Fingal Coastal way route options.
<b>FCC/22/0016</b>	New Street Public Realm Project €583,899	Pre-planning documents have been prepared and issued to the Planning Dept.
<b>FCC/22/0018</b>	<b>Data collection for Active Travel Projects</b> <b>€60,000</b>	Traffic, air, noise etc
<b>FCC/22/0019</b>	<b>Skerries Active Travel Plan</b> €655,000	Currently waiting on new NTA Framework to go live to progress a tender competition for the appointment of an Intergrated Design Team. This will be the second tender competition for an Integrated Design Team as the previous competition was unsuccessful. The new tender brief will allow the project team to take findings from the public consultations and research undertaken by the ESRI and include this as part of the brief.
<b>FCC/22/0020</b>	Balrothery Active Travel Review €282,500	The Balrothery Active Travel tender has been republished on eTenders for 4 no. weeks. Once tender competition has closed, tender assessment will commence.
<b>FCC/22/0021</b>	Seamount Heights to Old Golf Links Park €300,000	The site investigation works have been completed and work is ongoing on progressing a design with consultants. Preliminary design is being revised after feedback from FCC.



<b>FCC/22/0022</b>	Broomfield to Paddy's Hill via Naomh Mearnog GAA €350,000	A specification for the tender of these works is being prepared with a view to going to tender in 2023. Small works are ongoing around existing car park through Operations.
<b>FCC/22/0026</b>	Fingal County Council Active Travel Office – Staff Costs €1,100,000	
<b>FCC/22/0028</b>	FCC Castleknock to Blanchardstown via Farmleigh €90,000	Stage 1 of the SAQ of the two-stage tender has closed with 10 no. Responses. Tender assessment to commence to allow FCC progress onto stage 2.
<b>FCC/22/0030</b>	Station Road Portmarnock Footpaths and Cycleway €150,000	Resurfacing works have been completed for cycle lane and footpath. Minor enabling works carried out footpath upgrade works towards Kinsealy.
<b>FCC/ 23/XXX</b>	Scoil an Duinninigh to Waterside footpath and cycleway €220,000	These works are expected to go to tender for a design consultant in 2023.
<b>FCC/ 23/XXX</b>	Feltrim Road cycle infrastructure €120,000	These works are expected to go to tender for a design consultant in 2023.
<b>FCC/ 23/XXX</b>	Active Travel Pathfinder – Swords to Airport quick build €200,000	These works are expected to go to tender for a design consultant in 2023.
<b>FCC/23/XXX</b>	Donabate to Portrane (R126) - Distributor Road to Portrane Avenue €40,000	Briefings and workshops were held with internal departments regarding the preliminary options for a new cycle lane, roundabout upgrade, pedestrian crossings for the project. Consultants to update preliminary designs following feedback from internal departments. We will then commence with consultation phase with stakeholders and public.
<b>FCC/23/XXX</b>	SRTS (R1) – Scoil Mhuire & Iosef, Sinsear – Bayside Senior National School €200,000	Contractor is nearing completion of construction works on site.
<b>FCC/23/XXX</b>	SRTS (R1) – Scoil Ghrainne CNS €200,000	Preliminary design with NTA to proceed to detailed design.

<b>FCC/23/XXX</b>	SRTS (R1) – Bayside Junior School €200,000	Contractor is nearing completion of construction works on site.
<b>FCC/23/XXX</b>	SRTS (R1) – Scoil Choilm CNS €200,000	Preliminary design with NTA to proceed to detailed design.
<b>FCC/23/XXX</b>	SRTS (R1) – Rush & Lusk ETNS €200,000	Contractor is nearing completion of construction works on site.
<b>FCC/23/XXX</b>	SRTS (R1) – Pope John Paul II NS, Malahide €200,000	Preliminary design with NTA to proceed to detailed design.
<b>FCC/23/XXX</b>	SRTS (R1) – Castaheany ETNS €200,000	Contractor is nearing completion of construction works on site.
<b>FCC/23/XXX</b>	SRTS (R1) – St. Benedict's NS €200,000	Contractor is nearing completion of construction works on site.
<b>FCC/23/XXX</b>	SRTS (R1) – Ladyswell National School €200,000	Preliminary design with NTA to proceed to detailed design.

**Appendix 4**  
**Housing Delivery Construction Programme**

**Schemes on Site**

Area Committee	Provider	Funding Stream	Site Name	No. Units	Status Detail	On Site Date	Handover (estimated)
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Dun Emer, Lusk <a href="#">53°31'25.8"N</a> <a href="#">6°10'34.4"W</a> - <a href="#">Google Maps</a>	<b>51</b> 8x2Bed 31x3Bed 12x4Bed	On Site	Q2 2021	Q2 2023 <i>Phased delivery</i>
Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar	FCC	Social	Cappagh <a href="#">53°23'46.8"N</a> <a href="#">6°19'34.0"W</a> - <a href="#">Google Maps</a>	<b>69</b> 10x1Bed 26x2Bed 25x3Bed 8x4Bed	On Site	Q2 2021	Q2 2023 <i>Phased delivery</i>
Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar	FCC	Social	Church Fields Phase 2B <a href="https://goo.gl/maps/NKii5qClehgalZj38">https://goo.gl/maps/NKii5qClehgalZj38</a>	<b>67</b> 6x1Bed 17x2Bed 34x3Bed 10x4Bed	On Site	Q4 2021	Q2 2023 <i>Phased delivery</i>
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Outlands, Swords <a href="#">53°27'52.7"N</a> <a href="#">6°14'04.1"W</a> - <a href="#">Google Maps</a>	<b>11</b> 4x1Bed 4x2Bed 3x3Bed	On Site	Q4 2022	Q1 2024
Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar	FCC	Social	Infill Sites in Dublin 15 <a href="https://goo.gl/maps/UqNat8GX7BBo8cEh8">https://goo.gl/maps/UqNat8GX7BBo8cEh8</a> (169	<b>2</b> 1x2Bed 1x3Bed	On Site	Q1 2023	Q4 2023

			Clonsilla Road) <a href="https://goo.gl/maps/Q2Mvqau7RceRHDXy5">https://goo.gl/maps/Q2Mvqau7RceRHDXy5</a> (Sheepmoor shop site)				
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	Tuath Housing	Social - Elderly	Kilhedge Lane, Lusk <a href="https://goo.gl/maps/53°31'24.4" n6°10'30.3"w"="">53°31'24.4"N 6°10'30.3"W</a> - <a href="#">Google Maps</a>	<b>31</b> 13x1Bed 18x2Bed	On Site	Q1 2023	Q1 2024
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Former Leonards Garage, Lusk <a href="https://goo.gl/maps/8u6BiRWzuLSTtmjk8">https://goo.gl/maps/8u6BiRWzuLSTtmjk8</a>	<b>10</b> 10x2Bed	On Site	Q1 2023	Q1 2024
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Church Road, Lusk <a href="https://goo.gl/maps/vqRAVUw8ZqhM75w66">https://goo.gl/maps/vqRAVUw8ZqhM75w66</a>	<b>5</b> 5x2Bed	On Site	Q1 2023	Q4 2023
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Hayestown, Rush <a href="https://goo.gl/maps/53°31'24.1" n6°06'42.1"w"="">53°31'24.1"N 6°06'42.1"W</a> - <a href="#">Google Maps</a>	<b>62</b> 17x2Bed 45x3Bed	On Site	Q1 2023	Q2 2024

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

Area Committee	Provider	Funding Stream	Site Name	No. Units	Status Detail	On Site Date	Handover (estimated)
Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Church Fields <a href="#">53°24'44.7"N</a> <a href="#">6°23'39.0"W</a> - <a href="#">Google Maps</a>	<b>300</b> 27x1Bed 118x2Bed 136x3Bed 19x4Bed	The second stage in the process is currently underway and a tender will issue to the successful applicants in March 2023.	Q3 2023	Q4 2024

### Schemes at Pre-Planning Stage

Area Committee Meeting	Provider	Funding Stream	Site Name	No. Units	Status Detail	On Site Date (est) *	Handover (est)
Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Church Fields, D15 <a href="#">53°24'44.7"N</a> <a href="#">6°23'39.0"W</a> - <a href="#">Google Maps</a>	<b>700</b>	Pre-Planning and design stage. Part 10 to be lodged to ABP in Q2 2023	Q1 2025	Q2 2026
Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Mayeston, Dublin 11 <a href="#">53°24'28.4"N</a> <a href="#">6°17'02.1"W</a> - <a href="#">Google Maps</a>	<b>121</b>	Part 8 - public consultation period to conclude on 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	Q1 2024	Q3 2025
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social - Elderly	North Street, Swords <a href="#">53°27'38.6"N</a> <a href="#">6°13'06.7"W</a> -	<b>13</b>	Part 8 -public consultation period concluded on 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb, 2023.	Q4 2023	Q4 2024

			<a href="#">Google Maps</a>		CE report for consideration at March meeting.		
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social -	Seatown Swords <a href="#">53.459572, -6.218227</a> <a href="#">53°27'38.6"N 6°13'06.7"W</a> - <a href="#">Google Maps</a>	<b>36</b>	Part 8 - public consultation period to concluded on 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb, 2023. CE report for consideration at March meeting.	Q1 2024	Q2 2025
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	North and East Housing Association	Social - Elderly	Garristown <a href="#">53°34'03.7"N 6°22'42.1"W</a> - <a href="#">Google Maps</a>	<b>6</b>	Part 8 - public consultation period to concluded on 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb, 2023. CE report for consideration at April meeting.	Q4 2023	Q4 2024
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	Glenveagh Living Limited	Mixed Tenure	Ballymastone Donabate <a href="#">53.487935, -6.137834</a>	<b>172</b>	Large Scale Residential Development (LRD) lodged by Glenveagh Living Limited 16th Sept 22 for 432 units. 20% social 20% affordable	Decision to Grant Permission was made by Fingal County Council. An appeal has subsequently been lodged on 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec to ABP.	TBC

*\*The above estimated timelines are indicative and subject to a successful planning and procurement process.*

## Appendix 5

### External Funding – Community and Sports Development

Funding Source	Grant Scheme	Name of Group	Status	Amount Awarded	Date of Award
Dept Foreign Affairs	Shared Island Civic Society Fund	Linking Generations Northern Ireland	Submitted/Awaiting Decision	€9,750	TBC
HSE Lottery Funding	Building Facilities	Rivervalley CC	Submitted/Awaiting Decision	€12,500	TBC
Energy Scheme	Community & Voluntary Energy Support Scheme	Rivervalley CC	Submitted/Awaiting Decision	TBC	TBC
Energy Scheme	Community & Voluntary Energy Support Scheme	Liam Rogers CC	Submitted/Awaiting Decision	TBC	TBC
Energy Scheme	Community & Voluntary Energy Support Scheme	Holywell CC	Submitted/Awaiting Decision	TBC	TBC
Energy Scheme	Community & Voluntary Energy Support Scheme	Applewood CC	Submitted/Awaiting Decision	TBC	TBC