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Chief Executive's Foreword

We are well into Spring now and whilst we will remain in Level 5 for another number of weeks the roll out of vaccines is an important and positive development as we look forward to brighter days ahead.

I am delighted with the announcement by the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Darragh O'Brien TD, that **€25.4m** has been awarded under the Urban Regeneration Development Fund (URDF) for projects associated with the rejuvenation of Balbriggan. We are progressing the procurement of design teams for the public realm improvements projects. This is a key project for us and this funding will support the efforts to transform Balbriggan town centre. There is extensive collaboration with multiple stakeholders and strong community support for all projects associated with the Plan and by 2027 the heart of the town will be transformed. The proposed infrastructure study for Dunsink is also supported and we anticipate it will lead to further investment in this area in the coming years.

There is positive news in the area of housing provision where we have appointed a developer to deliver the first affordable housing scheme in the County in 11 years at Dun Emer, Lusk. We are continuing to work on our plans to develop more affordable housing in Church Fields in Dublin 15, Cappagh in Dublin 11, Ballymastone in Donabate, and Hacketstown in Skerries.

I am pleased that you will receive a presentation at this month's meeting outlining the three main infrastructure programmes for the delivery of active travel and sustainable transport projects in the County. This is a really ambitious programme of work which will improve walking and cycling infrastructure throughout the County and will benefit our citizens and encourage active travel.

I launched a staff Innovation Fund in January which received great interest. The fund was set up to drive and support a culture of collaboration and innovation in the workplace and provides a total grant funding of €50,000. Proposed submissions which bring great value to the organisation and demonstrate new ways of working and collaboration are now being assessed

and I look forward to the successful applicants delivering on their ideas over the coming months.

International Women's Day takes place on Monday, 8th of March, and celebrates the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. I am looking forward to joining my colleagues on the Executive Management Team as well as some of our Councillors in contributing to a series of short videos to be streamed on the day across our social media channels.

The first virtual Local Enterprise Week has taken place online this week with the Local Enterprise Team delivering exciting business events and initiatives which provide a forum for business owners and managers all over the country to connect and network remotely. We recognize the impact Covid-19 has had on SME's and we are continuously looking at ways in which we can support the business sector.

Bhí sé iontach an clár imeachtaí ar líne a fheiceáil agus ábhar ar na meáin shóisialta chun an Ghaeilge, ár dteanga dhúchais, a cheiliúradh do Sheachtain na Gaeilge an tseachtain seo. Meabhraítear don fhoireann go rialta faoinár n-oibleagáidí faoi acht na dteangacha oifigiúla agus spreagtar iad chun úsáid na Gaeilge a chur chun cinn agus leas a bhaint as an oiliúint a chuirtear ar fáil.'

It was wonderful to see the fantastic programme of online events and social media content to celebrate the Irish language for Seachtain na Gaeilge this week. Staff are regularly reminded of our obligations under the Official Languages Act and are encouraged to promote the use of Irish and avail of training which is provided.

Ba mhaith liom Beannachtaí na Féile Pádraig a ghuí oraibh go léir agus tá súil agam go leanfaidh sibh go léir ag fanacht slán agus sábháilte

I would like to wish you all a Happy St. Patrick's Day and I hope you continue to stay safe and well.

AnnMarie Farrelly
Chief Executive

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Major Emergency Management



The **Major Emergency Planning** structures in place within the Council continue to provide the framework within which the Council's Departments adapt and update business continuity plans.

The **Major Emergency Eastern Region Steering Group**, chaired by the Chief Executive, held weekly meetings in February and will meet regularly in March in light of the Level 5 restrictions which remain in place until the 5th of April. The group continues to co-ordinate services on a regional basis and ensure that activities are in line with the national measures.

Locally, Fingal County Council's **Management Team** continues to meet regularly to ensure continuity of services whilst adhering to the Governments National Framework for Living with Covid-19.

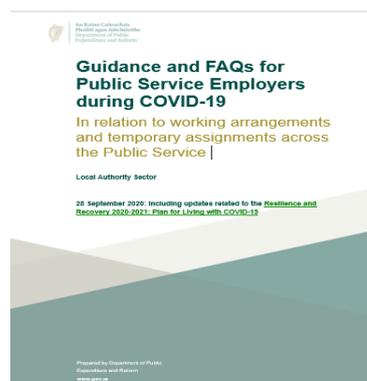
HUMAN RESOURCES

The Human Resource Department continues to plan for and respond to the challenges brought by Covid19. In line with the Government's **COVID-19 Resilience and Recovery 2021 - The Path Ahead**, under current level 5 restrictions staff who can work from home are encouraged to do so. Staff continue to be kept up to date on relevant Government directives and are provided with

useful information through text alerts and a dedicated staff information webpage.

Training and development of our staff, including statutory Health & Safety training, has continued throughout the pandemic ensuring that critical services are not adversely affected. Many of the Council's structured training programmes have now moved to online platforms and are continuing remotely.

The Council's Recruitment processes continued with virtual interviews in February and remote virtual interviews will continue for the foreseeable future.



Health & Safety Unit (HSU)

The HSU continues with Covid-19 compliance inspections within the workplace for staff attending work while at the same time carrying out remote working VDU assessments for staff working away from their primary work locations, utilizing MS Teams to undertake these remote inspections. Further ancillary safety statements for directorates were finalized for publication while workplace incident reports filed with the Unit were investigated with recommendations sent to the relevant departments. The Unit has moved it's on-line presence to Share Point where all safety

documentation with document control is now available to staff. The results of the 29th Annual Occupational Health & Safety Awards for 2020, hosted by the National Irish Safety Organization & Northern Ireland Safety Group were recently announced with FCC achieving two awards in category one – an ‘Exceptional High Achiever Award’ and a ‘Higher Distinction Award’. The HSU is now preparing for its application on behalf of FCC for the 2021 Awards.

Building Facilities - Roof Works County Hall.

The flat roof section over the Council Chamber, Chief Executive’s Office, Human Resources Department and the Central Atrium in County Hall, Swords, recently reached end of life and had started to leak rainwater. This deterioration adversely affected the function of the Chamber and County Hall and necessitated an immediate repair of the roof.

A main contractor, Sensori FM, was appointed and the works program commenced in January of this year. Good progress has been made with the Chamber and Chief Executive office roofs completed to date. This work will also improve insulation values to our building and completion is scheduled for April, weather permitting.



Roof repair works in County Hall

Customer Services

For the month of February, the Council’s Customer Care Agents dealt with a total of

- 14,186 telephone calls
- 1,010 emails.

REGISTER OF ELECTORS

The Register of Electors for 2021/2022 was published on 1st February 2021 and came into effect on 14th February 2021.

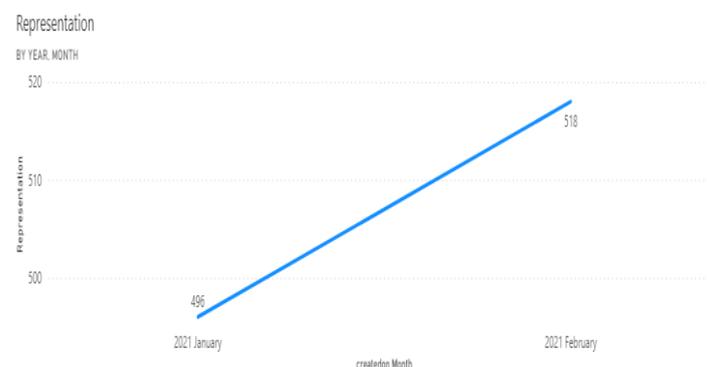
The total electorate for Fingal is 193,390. The table below shows a breakdown per Local Electoral Area –

Local Electoral Area	Total
Balbriggan	23,437
Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart	17,071
Castleknock	32,427
Howth-Malahide	44,088
Ongar	20,752
Rush-Lusk	23,645
Swords	31,970
	193,390

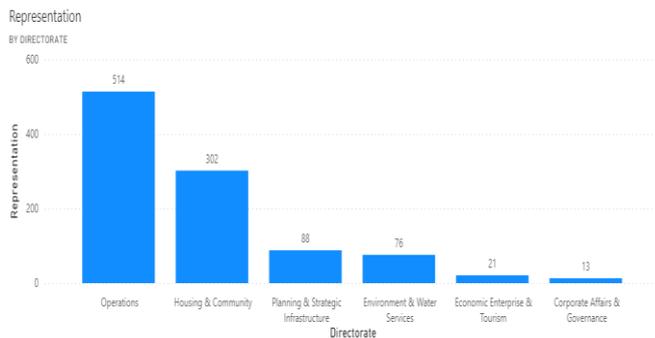
CRM

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

The month of February had a total of 518 Councillors representations.



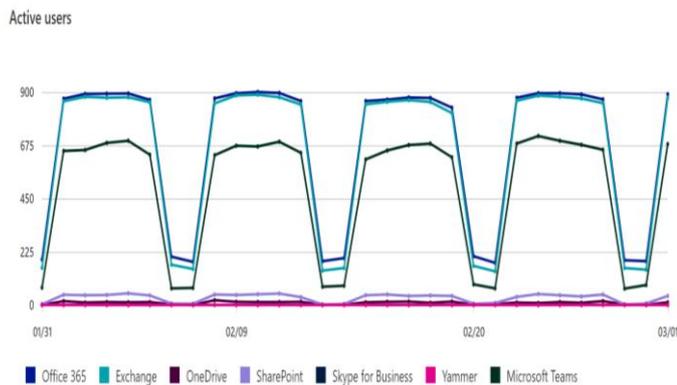
The table below shows the number of Councillor's representations assigned to each Department in 2021.



Information Technology

Remote Working

The majority of staff continued to work from home in February, with 9,394 Teams meetings held during the month and 27,729 calls taking place. Usage of the remote working technologies has now settled into a predictable pattern.



Document Management System

The implementation of FinDocs (the Council's Corporate Document Management System based on Sharepoint Online) is progressing well. In February, the Housing Department became the second Council Department to go live with the new system. Implementation will continue to progress by Department with completion of the programme due in early 2022.

Smart Balbriggan



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Join us for the first 2021 Smart Balbriggan Community Webinar, a free, open event to update you on the Smart Balbriggan Programme.

Smart Balbriggan was founded in June 2020 by Fingal County Council as a Smart Dublin District where innovation projects are fast-tracked. Smart Balbriggan will complement and support the delivery of the Our Balbriggan Rejuvenation Plan (2019-2025) by trialing and testing new technology projects and solutions.

During this webinar we will present the Smart Balbriggan Programme Framework and new Public Trello Board. The Programme Framework was developed thanks to input from the Balbriggan community and is our key guiding document, outlining our strategic priorities, principles, objectives and planned actions for the programme.

We will also update you on a number of exciting new projects that have commenced over the past six months including:

- **Model Quay Street and Harbour 3D Model:** a state-of-the-art public consultation tool that will allow our community to experience and consider planned redevelopments immersively.
- **WeCount:** a 'citizen science' project to empower local communities to take a leading role in the production of data,

evidence and knowledge relating to mobility in their own neighbourhoods.

- **Smart Balbriggan Hackathon:** an exciting, upcoming community event that will explore new and innovative ways to tackle local challenges and improve our town.

Register to receive a link for the webinar event at

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<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/smart-balbriggan-community-webinar-tickets-137627899753> and

If you have any queries about Smart Balbriggan or the webinar event, please contact smart.balbriggan@fingal.ie

COMMUNICATIONS

Podcasts

Two episodes of our Inside Fingal podcast series were produced during February.

Episode 6 featured Head of Fingal's Local Enterprise Office Oisín Geoghegan, who spoke about the work of the Local Enterprise Office and the wide range of supports they offer to Fingal businesses as well as previewing Local Enterprise Week.

Episode Six

Oisín Geoghegan, who is the head of Fingal's Local Enterprise Office and the current chair of the national network of Local Enterprise Offices, is the guest on Episode 6 of the Inside Fingal podcast. Oisín speaks about the work of the Local Enterprise Office and the wide range of supports they offer to Fingal businesses as well as previewing Local Enterprise Week which starts on March 1.



Episode Five

In Episode 5 of Inside Fingal, Aoife Sheridan, from the Economic Enterprise Tourism and Cultural Development Department, talks about Fingal County Council's Sustainable Fingal initiative which aims to encourage businesses across Fingal to embrace sustainable measures. She outlines some of the benefits to businesses if they incorporate sustainability into the day-to-day running of their business.



In Episode 5 of Inside Fingal, Aoife Sheridan, from the Economic Enterprise Tourism and Cultural Development Department, talks about Fingal County Council's Sustainable Fingal initiative which

aims to encourage businesses across Fingal to embrace sustainable measures. She outlines some of the benefits to businesses if they incorporate sustainability into the day-to-day running of their business.

We recommend the following apps to listen to the Inside Fingal Podcast, iTunes, Spotify, Stitcher, Castbox and Google Podcasts, and each episode is promoted on the Fingal County Council Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and LinkedIn social media accounts. All podcasts are also available at www.fingal.ie/podcast.

Website

During the month of February, there were 227,500 site views with 80,400 unique visitors.

Among the most popular pages during the month were View/Search Planning Applications, Affordable Housing, Recycling Centres and Job Opportunities and Results.



Fingal County Council is delighted to unveil its new affordable housing scheme in Dun Emer, Lusk, giving first-time buyers the chance to buy newly constructed homes at an affordable price relative to market value.

Social Media

February saw continued growth on our Twitter, Facebook and Instagram social media accounts.

On Twitter, we now have 19,400 followers, including 134 new followers. Our 307 posts received 980,000 impressions, with a 1.3% engagement rate.

Our Top Tweet related to our statement that the Council have appointed O Cualann Cohousing Alliance to oversee the construction of the affordable housing scheme at Dun Emer in Lusk. The post received 53,500 impressions and 1,956 22engagements.

Feb 2021 - 28 days

TWEET HIGHLIGHTS

Top Tweet earned 53.5K impressions

We have appointed a developer to deliver the first affordable housing scheme in at Dun Emer, Lusk. Ó Cualann Cohousing Alliance will oversee the construction of 51 homes, of which 39 will be affordable and 12 will be social housing. Read more at bit.ly/3jrC8nm pic.twitter.com/DWueDYyAxe



We now have 22,637 followers on Facebook and during the month of February our 255 posts had a reach of 809,300.

Our most popular post was a post related to the closure of gates at Newbridge House on garda advice due to large traffic volumes. It had a reach of 33,687.



Our Instagram account continues to grow and now has 3,378 followers. Our most popular post was the set of photos of the new calves born at Newbridge Farm.



Irish Language

Táimid i lár Sheachtain na Gaeilge anois agus tá Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall ag déanamh ceiliúradh ar an nGaeilge agus an cultúr le clár iontach ar líne agus ar na meáin shóisialta. I gcomhar le hIonad Séamus Ennis, bhí ceiliúradh iontach ar an gceol traidisiúnta, beo ar Facebook agus ar YouTube Dé Sathairn, an 6 Márta, le sárghrúpa ceoltóirí. Beidh Antaine Ó Faracháin agus Nollaig Mac Cárthaigh linn chun teacht le chéile ceolmhar dlúthphearsanta ar Zoom ar an 10 Márta ag 6.45. Tá de chuspóir againn, i rith na féile atá ar siúl ón 1 go dtí an 17 Márta, chun an grá don teanga a athbheochan trí réimse fairsing ábhar ar líne, an ceol, an scéalaíocht, agus an spórt san áireamh agus spreagfaimid gach duine pé Gaeilge atá acu a úsáid – Bain Triail As.

We are midway through Seachtain na Gaeilge and Fingal County Council are celebrating the Irish Language and culture with a fantastic programme of online events and social media content this year. In partnership with the Seamus Ennis Centre we hosted a celebration of traditional music, live on Facebook and Youtube on Saturday March 6, featuring a stellar line up of musicians. Antaine O Faracháin and Nollaig MacCarthaigh will be live on Zoom on March 10th at 6.45. Throughout the festival which runs from March 1-17 we aim to reawaken love for the language with a wide range of online content including music, storytelling, and sport and will be encouraging everyone to use whatever Irish they have – Bain Triail Aisti.

International Women's Day

International Women's Day 2021 has been marked across a number of different departments. As well as online events organised by the Community Development Office and the Sports Office, the Communications Unit posted short videos throughout the day on our social media channels with contributions from Chief Executive AnnMarie Farrelly as well as female Fingal County Councillors and members of the Council's Executive Management Team.

An article from Chief Executive AnnMarie Farrelly on International Women's Day appeared in a special International Women's Day supplement of the Fingal Independent where she shared her insights as the first female Chief Executive of the Council. A female themed quiz runs until March 10 and will test the knowledge of Fingal County Council staff members on some very inspirational and successful women from Fingal and further afield.

Engagement

The Communications Unit is working with various departments on communications and engagement strategies for a number of projects including the upcoming Development Plan and the ongoing Keep Well campaign.

The Communications team worked with colleagues in the Economic, Enterprise, Tourism and Cultural Development Department on their Sustainable Business campaign which aims to encourage SMEs across Fingal to embrace sustainable measures in their businesses, with a series of practical tools and resources to help them.

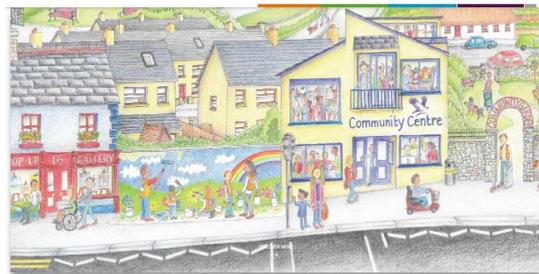
As part of the initiative, a dedicated webpage www.fingal.ie/sustainablefingal has been created which provides information on a range of practical and actionable ideas to make your business 'greener' and more sustainable.



Focusing on sustainability helps businesses to become more resource efficient by using less raw materials, less energy, and less water. In turn, businesses produce less waste and manage the waste they produce in line with the principles of best practice.

A sustainable business approach can also lead to overall efficiencies, cost savings and could position your business to win new customers and

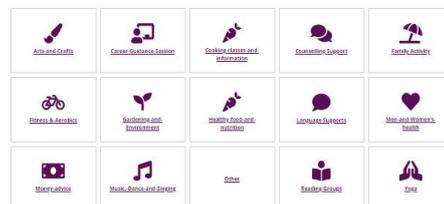
The Communications Department also worked with the Community Development section to create an interactive virtual community centre to promote activities taking place at Community Centre around the County. The page can be found at <https://www.fingal.ie/Virtualcommunitycentre>



Welcome to our online Community Centre.

We have lots of new online activities, from live fitness classes to food, health & wellbeing to advice and support.

There is lots to keep you entertained and active. Let's stay connected!



Press Releases

A total of 18 press releases and statements were issued by the Communications Unit during February.

ECONOMIC, ENTERPRISE, TOURISM & CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

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EVENTS

ST. PATRICK'S DAY



HOMEMADE PARADE

As part of a series of on-line virtual events for St. Patrick's Day, Fingal Events are asking the community to get involved in Homemade Parades. This involves sending in photos of your parade using your toys/books or art. Whatever captures your imagination. People can enter through their Residents Association via the Fingal Public Participation Network, Fingal Libraries or Fingal Arts and are in with a chance of winning a ONE4ALL voucher.

GO GREEN ON MARCH SEVENTEEN



Fingal County Council will be illuminating several buildings for the St Patrick's Day Festival period Monday 15th- Sunday 21st.

Additionally, selected historic buildings will show messages to celebrate Seachtain na Gaeilge 2021.

TRADFEST – NEWBRIDGE HOUSE

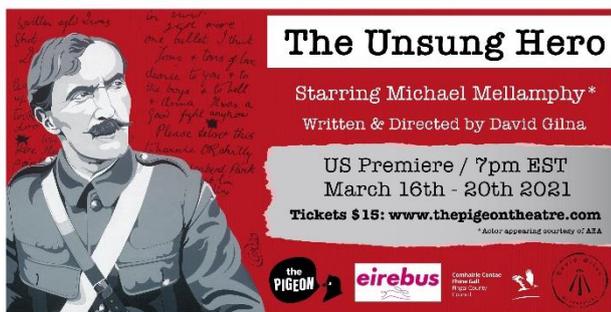
Tradfest recently filmed a tribute to poet Derek Mahon in the Red Room, Newbridge House featuring Donabate resident Stephen Rea, Matt Molloy (The Chieftains) Neil Martin, Kevin Glackin and Brídín Feliciaspeaks. The programme will be aired on Thursday 18th March. This is a cultural

event which will have a global outreach and is supported by the Arts Office and Creative Ireland.



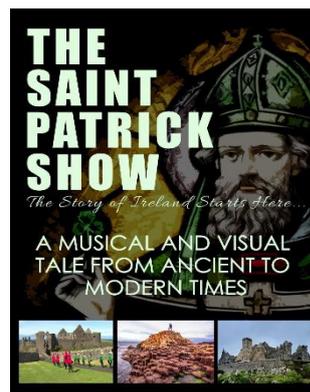
THE UNSUNG HERO – NEW YORK PRODUCTION

Award-winning playwright David Gilna from Swords, Co Dublin will follow in the footsteps of Brendan Behan, Oscar Wilde & Sean O’Casey when his play ‘The Unsung Hero’ is staged in New York from March 16th - Saturday 20th 2021 streaming live and supported by Fingal County Council.



The Saint Patrick Show (featuring Saint Patrick’s Island Skerries

Skerries Chamber of Tourism are presenting The St Patrick’s Island Skerries video as part of an Interactive Cultural Experience/ Virtual St. Patrick’s Day Celebration. It will feature high profile artists as part of the St Patrick’s Show, video will be available online.



FOOD TOURISM



**Dublin's
Coast &
Fields**

The Dublin team in Fáilte Ireland have committed to continue to resource

food consultant, Marie Brouder, to support the further development of the Fingal Food Tourism Network and associated actions for 2021.

DEVELOPMENT GROUPS

- Groups continue to meet to discuss planning for the future and tourism recovery post Covid.
- Groups focussing on the Fáilte Ireland Saleable Experiences Programme, planning on creating new packages and upgrading / changing existing experiences.
- Social media content plans being created
- Websites being updated

TOURISM RECOVERY

- A social media campaign focused on tourism recovery has been agreed for the region for March through September 2021
- The Dublin Coastal Trail for Howth, Malahide & Skerries has been finalised for launch in late Q3 / Q4 2021. This is one of Fáilte Ireland’s main Dublin propositions going forward.
- A series of meetings with the Dublin team of Fáilte Ireland were held with the local tourism development groups to engage them with the Dublin Coastal Development Plan and upcoming workshops and to outline resources and supports available to the industry. Fáilte Ireland have offered additional supports should the groups identify specific need.

HERITAGE PROPERTIES



UPDATE ON HERITAGE PROPERTY CLOSURES:

Under the Government's Covid-19 Resilience & Recovery 2021 Plan, the following changes to service will continue to apply across our heritage properties:

- No tours of the heritage properties permitted
- Closure of Casino Model Railway Museum
- Closure of Swords Castle to the public but weddings will be facilitated during this period subject to the necessary restrictions.
- Cafés across the properties open for takeaway only.
- Demesnes including playgrounds remain open but the farm at Newbridge House and botanic gardens at Malahide Castle are both closed.

Engagement with the Council's Property Managers and Operators are ongoing during this time in developing marketing campaigns which will focus this year primarily on the domestic market, with specific emphasis being placed on our properties being safe attractions to visit.

HERITAGE PROPERTIES WORKS UPDATE:



- An extensive refurbishment has commenced on the Great Hall at Malahide Castle. Heritage and Conservation Architect Consultants have now been appointed and it is expected that the works will take a number of months to complete.
- Tenders are currently being evaluated under the Heritage Contractors Framework for the painting of the lower ground rooms in Ardgillan Castle.
- Quantity Surveying Consultants have now been appointed in respect of the roof works at Newbridge House and Ardgillan Castle with a view to undertaking a cost analysis and final scope prior to going to tender for these works.

CREATIVE FINGAL PROGRAMME 2021

The Fingal Creative and Cultural team comprising of representatives across the Council have now begun the planning and implementation of the Commemoration and the Cruinniu Na Nóg Programmes for 2021.

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

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

PUBLIC ART

Infrastructure Public Art Programme – Sarah Browne Echo's Bones – Autistic Film Project



Following a successful open call, which reached across Fingal, artist Sarah Browne has connected with local participants who identify as being on the Autistic Spectrum. The participants, who have all expressed to be part of this public art project, joined the information session this month with the artist, theatre maker Sarah Fitzgibbon, AsIAM autistic self-advocate Eleanor Walsh and composer Alma Kelliher. They have signed up to a series of weekly facilitated workshops online to create new film work based in Fingal, looking at Samuel Beckett's short story Echo's bones and how might those on the autistic spectrum can be represented through film and personal stories. The new group will become the collaborators on this work as filmmakers, scriptwriters, actors, sound designers and editors.

Cruinniú na nOg, Youth & Education.



The Arts Office is working in partnership with artists to develop opportunities for children & young people as part of Cruinniú na nOg 2021. Artists Barbara Knesevic, Stephen James Smith, Orla Kelly, Thomas Johnston and arts educator Anne Bradley among others are generating exciting ideas that will engage those aged 0-18 years in Fingal in unique arts and education experiences in school and youth settings and at home. This year's programme promises rich explorations of sound, spoken word, mark making, movement and the material world.



The objective of the Artists' Support Scheme is to support individual professional artists from Fingal to develop their artistic practise. The award is open to practising artists at all stages in their professional careers working in music, visual art, drama, literature and dance. To be eligible to apply, applicants must have been born, have studied, or currently reside in the Fingal administrative area.

The funding is for projects or initiatives which will take place between 01 May and 31 December 2021.

LIBRARIES

Eservices rise in popularity

Although the doors to our branch libraries may be closed due to COVID 19, eservices are available 24/7. There has been significant increase in the use of our electronic resources in 2020, which include books, magazines, newspapers and various online learning opportunities, all free of charge.

Eservice	Increase in 2020 on 2019 fig.
Borrowbox - e audiobooks	105%
Borrowbox - ebooks	134%
RB Digital magazines	149%
Pressreader newspapers and magazines	75%
Transparent Language (online language learning)	64%
Universal Class (online learning)	289%
Touch Type Read and Spell	732%
Artists Works (music, vocal and art classes)	242%

As reported last month, we introduced two new services at the start of the year, to support home schooling - in particular literacy and STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths) education. The uptake on these services has been very positive, with 106 students enrolled on the Lexia literacy programme and 466 Coding Ireland licences in use.



Libraries' spring brochure delivered to 90,000 homes in Fingal

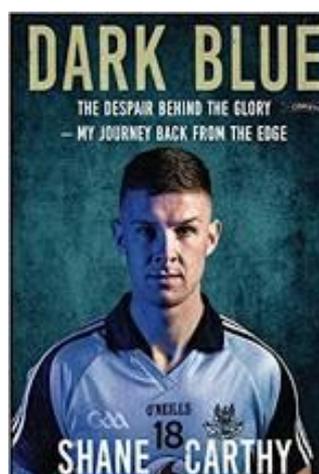
Our spring brochure was delivered to 90,000 homes in Fingal and is also available on the Council's website. The varied events programme encourages us to stay active in mind and body over the coming months, whether it be taking up yoga classes, learning to do macramé or simply reading more. The programme is in line with the Government's Keep Well campaign that is aimed at showing people how we can mind our own physical and mental health and wellbeing by adding healthy and helpful habits to our daily and weekly routines.

Healthy Ireland events



Healthy Ireland at your Library

Chair yoga can improve flexibility, concentration and strength, while boosting mood, and reducing stress and joint strain. It also reduces anxiety, helps lower blood pressure, protects joints and builds strength and balance. A chair yoga video by experienced yoga teacher Erica Tracey will be available on the Fingal Libraries YouTube channel throughout the spring.



In the midst of all of his success as a Dublin footballer, Shane Carthy increasingly suffered from severe bouts of depression, hiding this from his family and all around him. His book **Dark Blue: The Despair Behind the Glory - My Journey**

Back From The Edge documents his journey and he will speak also about it on Sunday 14 March @ 6.00pm on a live Webinar followed by a Q and A session. Booking is available through Eventbrite.

Seachtain na Gaeilge

Traditional Irish storyteller Niall de Búrca is returning to Fingal Libraries with a special online bilingual storytime for this year's Seachtain na Gaeilge. Suitable for all ages and all levels of Irish, de Búrca will provide a feast of fantastical tales that will delight the whole family! The event takes place on Saturday, 13 March at 2.30pm and booking is through Eventbrite.

Most borrowed books

Details of the 20 books and authors borrowed most often from Irish public libraries in 2020 have been published by the Local Government Management Agency (LGMA). The 20 eBooks and eAudiobooks borrowed most often from Irish Libraries via the Borrowbox service have also been published.

Seventeen of the twenty most borrowed books in 2020 are children's titles with Roderick Hunt the most popular author and the classic Mr Men collection proving the most popular book. Classic stories remain among children's favourites with renowned authors such as Enid Blyton, Roger Hargreaves and Roald Dahl in the top twenty list of children's authors, alongside Daisy Meadows, Francesca Simon, and Jacqueline Wilson.

When books aimed at adults are separated out, James Patterson tops the list of the 20 most popular authors for the third time in a row, while Blue Moon by Lee Child was the most borrowed adult title in 2020. It seems we all still love a good mystery with other thriller and crime writers such as Michael Connelly, Liz Nugent, Harlan Coben and Agatha Christie among the most popular authors with library members.

Unsurprisingly, given the phenomenal success of the TV adaptation, Normal People by Sally Rooney was the most downloaded eBook by library members, while Becoming by Michelle Obama was the most popular eAudiobook. Irish authors are in high demand with library members; 11 of the 20 most popular adult books are by Irish authors while 5 of the 20 most popular authors for adults are Irish.

Fifteen of the twenty most popular adult books are by female authors, and female authors are also in the majority in the most popular eBook and eAudiobook lists. For more details and for a list of the most popular books and ebooks go to:

<https://www.lgma.ie/en/news/lgma-reveals-most-borrowed-library-books-of-2020.html>

LGMA Live skill share sessions

Fingal Libraries' staff are sharing their experience and knowledge with colleagues around the country at live skill share sessions organised by the Libraries Development Unit of the LGMA. At a recent session, Marguerite Drake, Senior Librarian, gave a presentation on how Fingal Libraries brought its Festival of History online in 2020.

At upcoming sessions, Ciara Farrell, Senior Library Assistant, will talk about the Fingal Libraries online book club, Barry O'Carroll, Senior Library Assistant, will discuss managing online events and Marc McCluskey, Senior Library Assistant, will present on dungeons and dragons.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Launch of the Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor, 24th March 2021 at 10am



"The Dublin-Belfast Economic Corridor: Current Profile, Potential in Recovery & Opportunities for Cooperation" will be published on Wednesday, 24th March at a cross border online event hosted by economist David McWilliams. Invitations to this online event will be forwarded to all Members in the coming week.

The Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor (DBEC) is a collaboration, involving the eight Local Authorities located between Dublin and Belfast and in partnership with DCU and UU. This important initiative demonstrates the ability of Local Government, on either side of the border, to come

and work together for the benefit of their respective communities and the regional economy.

Fingal County Council recently made its nominations to the Oversight and Governance Board of the DBEC (Mayor David Healy, SPC Chair Cllr. Tony Murphy & SPC Member Cllr. Howard Mahony), which will have its inaugural meeting post the launch event.

FINGAL IN IT TOGETHER

The Fingal In It Together initiative continues to support businesses listed in the online business directory.



Sustainable Fingal



The Council has launched **Sustainable Fingal** which aims to engage with the business community on the implementation of sustainable business measures. This initiative delivers on an objective under the Council's Climate Change Action Plan.

A brochure "Sustainable Ideas for SMEs" has been prepared to inspire businesses with some simple actions to improve their sustainability and outlines the benefits this can bring to their business under the key headings of Energy, Water and Waste

Management. The Council's research is supported and supplemented with information from SEAI, Repak and Irish Water.



The Council's website also has a new section www.fingal.ie/sustainablebusiness which directs businesses to the extensive variety of supports and information available to help businesses become more sustainable. Building on the foundations of the **Sustainable Ideas for SMEs** brochure the webpages provides information to business on how to start and forward their sustainability journey. The webpages include links to various industry sources, including a free EPA tool which helps to immediately assess a business' current sustainability approach.

The Council have also documented three video case studies filmed with local businesses to help inspire businesses in similar sectors. The case studies include Café Natural in Donabate, McInerney Saunders in Swords and Donnelly Group in St. Margaret's.

To encourage business engagement in Sustainable Fingal the Council is running a competition for businesses to win a Sustainability Assessment and Action Plan from Balbriggan based Patel Tonra Ltd. Environmental Solutions and a video case study to feature on the Sustainable Fingal webpages. The closing date for business entries is Friday 28th May 2021.

The Council has set up a dedicated email address sustainablefingal@fingal.ie for businesses to direct their enquiries to on sustainable and green initiatives.

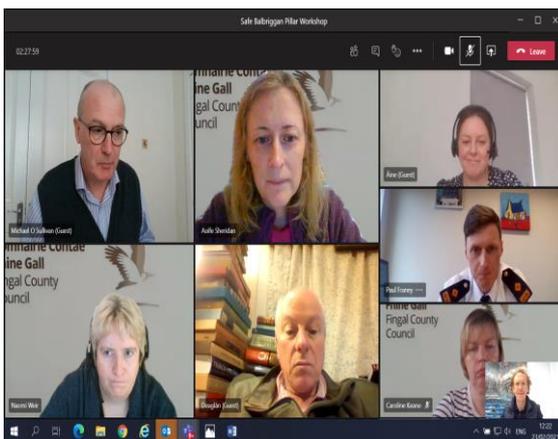
Our Balbriggan 2019 – 2025 Rejuvenation Plan – A Socio-Economic Strategy

The Our Balbriggan programme office continue to support the Chair of the Leadership Group and its five work pillars across economic and social measures including: Local Economy, Public Realm, Education, Skills & Employment, Community & Wellbeing and Community Safety & Integration.

The first meeting of the Balbriggan Leadership group meeting took place on 17th February 2021, chaired by Professor Brian MacCraith, one of its first actions was the ratification of the establishment of a fifth pillar – Safe Balbriggan which will focus on:

- Engaging & supporting our young people
- Fostering community integration
- Creating safer public spaces

The Safe Balbriggan Pillar met for the first time on February 23rd, chaired by recently retired Assistant Garda Commissioner, Michael O’Sullivan with representatives from Foróige, Dept. of Justice, An Garda Síochána and the Council.



The Our Balbriggan programme office is working through tenders received for the appointment of an Integrated Design Team. Briefs are being drawn up for a Traffic & Active Travel Study and Outdoor Leisure and Tourism Study. Expertise and learning from these will be applied to ensure:

- a. The physical elements of the Rejuvenation (including Bremeore Park, Castle and Coastal Greenway) and the social and economic opportunities arising from these are captured.
- b. A strategic, sustainable approach is taken to the sequencing of the physical elements and relationships with the wider town and its immediate environs.



The Our Balbriggan Office have submitted an application under the Public Service Innovation Fund 2021 entitled – Developing Ireland’s first Smart Walls to combat racism and showcase positive graffiti using innovative technologies. Successful applicants will be announced at the end of March. The proposal is to develop a community campaign showcasing the Pride of Balbriggan, a positive multi-cultural campaign to address tensions and bring cohesion to Balbriggan.

An online webinar will take place on the evening of March 10th, to engage citizens to learn about projects that are taking place as part of the Smart Balbriggan initiative, to include – a 3D model of Quay Street and the Harbour which will allow citizens to experience and consider planned developments immersively, and We Count a citizen science project on mobility in their own neighbourhoods.

RURAL & LOCAL DEVELOPMENT

LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Fingal LCDC 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 LCDC is also represented on the Fingal Community Call Forum and is supporting many of the LCDC member agencies that are also members of the Community Call in the delivery of their programmes. The LCDC is also supporting the work of the Community Call through the Healthy Ireland Initiative, the Community Resilience Fund and the Keepwell Campaign, and the many projects up and running under those funding streams.



Emergency Funding available for Community and Voluntary Groups in Fingal

The Fingal Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) had invited applications from community, not-for-profit and voluntary groups for funding under the COVID-19 Emergency Fund with a closing date at the end of February. A large number of applications have been received.

Applications for funding received will now be evaluated with successful applications notified in March. The COVID-19 Emergency Fund is funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development and administered by the Local Community Development Committees (LCDCs) in each Local Authority area. The 1st round of the COVID-19 Emergency Fund was launched in April 2020. This is the 2nd round of the COVID-19 Emergency Fund and has funding of €1.7m nationally with €59,820 allocated to Fingal County Council. Under the scheme, 30% of available funds

have been ring-fenced to provide small grants of €1,000 or less.

SICAP

At its most recent meeting in February, the Fingal LCDC approved the SICAP Annual Plan for 2021. The €1.24m 2021 SICAP Plan has ambitious KPIs which takes into account the many challenges arising from delivering in a Covid 19 environment. The Review of the SICAP 2020 performance was also approved by the LCDC at its February meeting, where the programme was recognised for the important role it played through the Community Call Forum during the year.



LEADER PROGRAMME

The Dublin Rural LEADER LAG and the Fingal LEADER Programme continues to deliver funding and support to eligible projects in the administrative areas of Fingal, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown and South Dublin.



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

The next meeting of the Dublin Rural LEADER LAG will take place in March 2021.

Completed project claims continue to be paid out to promoters and priority has been given to getting this funding out to provide stimulus in rural areas. Over €1.55m in project claims have been paid out to completed/part-completed projects to date.

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

The LEADER Programme reverts to EU Transitional Rules for the period 2021-22 with a new Dublin Rural LEADER Local Development Strategy to be put in place for 2023. Under the Transitional Arrangements the Dublin Rural LEADER LAG and the LEADER Programme will continue to be funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development under the same eligibility and LEADER implementation rules. LEADER will continue to approve and fund new projects as normal.

A call for project applications has been issued under the LEADER Food Initiative Grants Programme. The initiative supports new and existing food and beverage producers located in the LEADER Geographical Area to address emerging challenges through investment in areas such as Market Development, Competitiveness and Innovation. Grants can be applied for, ranging in scale between €5,000 - €200,000. Projects are approved on a first come first served basis.

Areas of funding include:

- Artisan, Micro, and Small food producers, including those with a focus on collaborative proposals aimed at production quality and market issues.
- Regional product development including a focus on marketing distinctive local foodstuffs.

- Marketing and processing for strategically identified sectors, including honey and apple processors.
- Improved marketing, product quality, and business skills through support for innovative collaborative processes and so address challenges to co-operation identified in studies on facilitating short supply chains e.g. entry barriers, the need for shared understanding, skills/training, marketing, and business skills deficits.

Eligible costs include:

- The construction or improvement of immovable property
- The purchase of new machinery and equipment
- Intangible investment such as the development of computer software and the acquisition of patents, licences, copyrights or trademarks.

Fingal County Council continues to deliver the financial and administrative oversight responsibilities for the approval and drawdown of LEADER funded projects following the national transfer of the LEADER Article 48 Administrative Checks from Pobal to the Local Authority Sector. There has been no interruption to the delivery of the LEADER Programme or the Article 48 Checks as a result of Covid-19.

ENTERPRISE CENTRES

Occupancy rates at the Council's three enterprise centres at the end of February were Drinan 84%, BASE 88% and Beat 88%. The three Enterprise Centres currently support 62 businesses and 320 direct jobs. A number of businesses in the Centres had been accommodated with rent moratoriums to help them through lockdown cashflow difficulties but all businesses have now returned to normal rental arrangements. All tenant businesses are being assisted in accessing financial and non-financial supports currently available through

COVID-19 support measures. All three enterprise centres have limited common area access at present in line with national Covid 19 guidelines and centre risk assessments. All staff in the centres are currently working from remote.

The Drinan enterprise centre is currently seeking interest from businesses and remote workers who may wish to avail of remote working options and facilities at the centre. Bespoke options or generic office fit-out options can be considered. A number of expressions of interest have been received.

The renovation works in the Beat Centre are temporarily suspended due to the Covid 19 lockdown but will resume as soon as national restrictions allow. €250,000 of the total budget for these renovations is funded by the Dublin Rural LEADER Programme. When completed, the renovations will allow Beat to expand its offering in the areas of remote working hub space and flexible start-up workspace.

The BASE Centre in Mullhuddart has received confirmation of over €80,000 in facilities upgrades from Enterprise Ireland. These works will begin shortly when national restrictions allow and will include new remote working hub options and I.T. infrastructure upgrades among others.



drinan **enterprise** centre
FINGAL'S INNOVATION HUB ▶



LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE FINGAL



LEO Fingal continues to help small businesses and start-ups through the impact of COVID-19 and Brexit, with a broad suite of practical support services. Some of the LEO Fingal highlights for February 2021 are as follows:

Evaluation and Approvals Committee

The February Evaluation and Approvals Committee (EVAC) took place on Wednesday the 24th of February. Two companies were approved for funding totalling €54,600.

Local Enterprise Week 2021



LOCAL
ENTERPRISE
WEEK 2021
Making It Happen
01-05 March

Local Enterprise Week 2021 will occur from the 1st to the 5th of March and will feature a packed series of events to help businesses and start-ups to access supports, training and networking. These events will take place virtually.

For a full schedule of what is on offer during #LEWFingal 2021, please check the link:

<https://www.localenterprise.ie/Fingal/Enterprise-Development/Local-Enterprise-Week/>

National Enterprise Awards



Fingal Enterprise Award winner, Kianda Technologies, has been announced as winner of the Export Award at this year's National Enterprise Awards. The virtual awards event was broadcast online from the Mansion House in Dublin and presented by Minister Damien English. This competition is in its 22nd year and run annually by the LEOs.



Launch of the Fingal Business Podcast

With the increased popularity of podcasting as a powerful commercial tool, LEO Fingal is launching a new series of seven podcasts, titled: Fingal Business Podcast. Every Friday at lunchtime, a fresh podcast will be published, from the 5th of March to 16th of April 2021.

Each episode will feature a business leader who will share their key insights and tips for business.

The first episode features Daytime Grammy nominee, and acclaimed food entrepreneur Catherine Fulvio, who was last year's keynote speaker at the Fingal Enterprising Women's Network lunchtime event closing Local Enterprise Week.

This launch was officially announced on episode 6 of the "Inside Fingal" podcast on Friday 26th February 2021. In addition, LEO Fingal is hosting an "Introduction to Podcasting" webinar for 200 participants on Tuesday 2nd March as part of Local Enterprise Week 2021, with a follow-up podcasting workshop.

Student Enterprise Programme



Final Preparations are underway for the Fingal Student Enterprise Programme (SEP) Virtual County Fingal which will take place on Tuesday the 16th of March.

In this Programme, students start up and run their own real-life business, learning valuable entrepreneurial skills. The new programme features new enterprise requirements for the COVID-19 era.

The County Final winners will go on to represent Fingal at the National Final to be held in May 2021. Fingal will again this year run one of the biggest programmes in the country, with over 2,088 second level students participating from 25 schools.

Fingal Enterprising Women Network



Women in Business: "Our Time to Shine"

Friday 5th March, 12:00 - 13:30

Featuring Renowned TV Presenter
and Businesswoman

Gráinne Seoige

The Fingal Enterprising Women Network (FEWN) provides online learning and networking opportunities for Fingal women in business hosting a monthly online networking event. The February networking event: "Making Instagram Work for your Business" took place on Tuesday the 9th of February with 295 attendees.

On March 5th, as part of Local Enterprise Week 2021, FEWN will celebrate International Women's Day with the "Women in Business; Our Time to Shine" online networking event featuring well-known TV personality and Businesswoman Gráinne Seoige for this special occasion.

Trading Online Voucher (TOV) scheme



An initiative under the Government's National Digital Strategy, the TOV scheme supports small businesses to enhance their online offering by providing a grant of up to €2,500 for ecommerce and digital marketing activities.

Since January 2021, 57 TOV applications were received for Evaluation, 166 applications were approved (including applications received in 2020) in the amount of €375,551.

The next TOV information webinar will take during Local Enterprise Week on Friday 5th March 2021. More than 250 businesses are expected to attend this event.

Green for Micro Initiative



A new initiative from the Local Enterprise Offices, the objective of the Green for Micro programme is to help small businesses prepare for the low carbon, more resource efficient economy of the future.

Green for Micro will allow businesses to avail of advice and technical support, covering topics such as:

- resource efficiency
- understanding your carbon footprint
- implementing an environmental management system
- steps to take to reduce costs and lower your greenhouse gas emissions.

This also ties in strongly with our Sustainable Fingal program.

Business Advice Clinics and Mentoring

Business Advice Clinics and mentoring continue to be offered online. We currently have a panel of over 60 Mentors who have a wide range of Mentoring skills including Finance, Business Management, Social Media, Sales and Marketing, HR, Food & Drink, Social Enterprise, Design & Craft, IP & Legal Services, Technology, Green, Sustainable & Circular Economy.

The Mentor programme is designed to match the knowledge, skills, insights, and entrepreneurial capability of experienced business practitioners, with managers/owners of small businesses who need practical and strategic one-to-one advice and guidance.

In February 2021, 10 Business Advice Clinic days were held, offering advice to 89 Fingal businesses. In addition, 31 companies received one to one general and COVID-19 related mentoring.



Start Your Own Business (SYOB)

Two 10-module online SYOB Programmes commenced in February with 40 Fingal participants in attendance. all courses so far have been fully subscribed with a combined total of 60 participants attending year to date.

Business Development Workshops

LEO Fingal continues its delivery of Training programmes to support SME and Micro Enterprise clients through the current challenges. In February 330 clients availed of online training across 18 different on-line courses.

BREXIT – Meeting the Challenge



Our trading relationship with the UK has changed. Recognising that the UK is still an important market for Fingal exporters, LEO Fingal is actively helping small businesses to adapt to the impact of Brexit by providing information, customs training, advice and mentoring.

During January and February 2021, five Customs Workshops organised by LEO Fingal took place, with 130 Fingal businesses in attendance. The workshops covered the following areas: Importing/Exporting, Customs Impact,

Classification Codes, Classification Examples, Transport & Trade Documents, Understanding Customs Declarations, Customs Procedures

Food Starter

The ‘Food Starter’ Programme is a short intensive programme designed to help those with a food idea or those at an early stage of starting up a food business (typically the first 24 months). The next programme is scheduled for March and is already generating interest from “Fingal Foodies”.

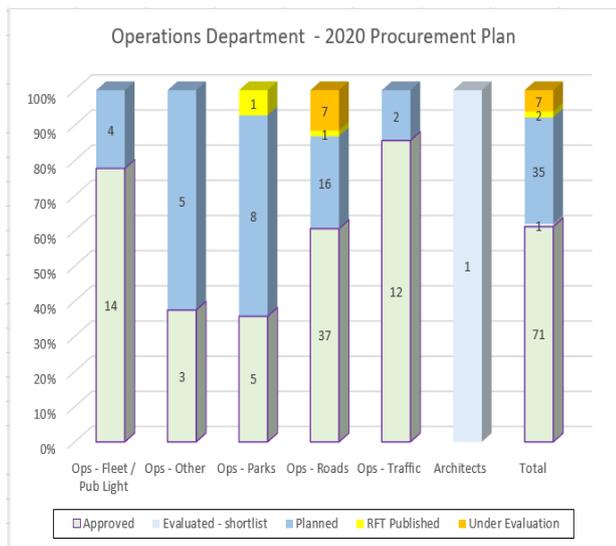
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1. Works Programmes

Procurement

Status	Ops - Fleet /	Ops - Other	Ops - Parks	Ops - Roads	Ops - Traffic	Architects	Total
Approved	14	3	5	37	12		71
Evaluated - shortlist						1	1
Under Evaluation				7			7
RFT Published			1	1			2
Planned	4	5	8	16	2		35
Total	18	8	14	61	14	1	116



Swords/Balbriggan/Rush Lusk Area

Road Works Programme 2021

On the 11th of February 2021, the 2021 Road Works Programme for the Swords/Balbriggan Area was adopted by the elected members.

The 2021 Roads Programme proposes to deliver on a total of 36 road and footpath related projects accumulating to a total value of €2.23 M.

Drainage Works

The Operations Department has continued to carry out drainage improvement works at various locations across the County. Works were recently carried out in O'Briens Lane which will alleviate localised flooding that has been a reoccurring problem in that area.



Advanced Trench Reinstatement Audits

In accordance with the 2020 Departmental Circular RW 05/2020 Fingal County Council are carrying out monitoring inspections on a number of utility providers carrying out essential works within the functional area of Fingal. The purposes of the inspections are to ensure all reinstatement works are been carried out in compliance with Departmental Standards and where necessary issue defect notices to any non-compliant licence holders.



Ward River Valley Park – Vegetation Removal in Ushers Lake Area to assist with access to accommodate conservation works to sensitive architectural features

Over the last week a series of vegetation removal works have been carried out in the new section of the Ward River Valley Park. It was required to remove 125m of heavy laurel and bramble vegetation in order to commence conservation works on the sensitive architectural features such as the Brick Arch in the images below.



The 'Brick Arch' is currently on a very unsuitable walking and BMX bike route which is putting this very sensitive architectural feature in danger of imminent collapse. In order to close off the area around this old Arch and alternative woodland access was required. The 125m of vegetation removed will provide a woodland floor quality access route only. It will be very difficult to provide anything more than this until a full drainage study is carried out to facilitate planning of more standardised stone pathways. The entire lowland grass area is a flood plane so any pathways proposed must be carefully planned and designed to withstand the flooding conditions experienced over the last few months.



Before Removal 23rd February 2021



After Removal 24th February 2021



Fishery Harbour and Coastal Development Programme 2021

The Department of Agriculture, Food and Marine has invited Local Authorities to submit applications to be included in the 2021 Fishery Harbour and Coastal Improvement Programme. Fingal County Council are currently surveying prospective works with the view to further building on works completed in 2021. Fingal County Council will be submitting their application to the Department by the 5th of March 2021.

New born calves at Newbridge Demesne

The staff at Newbridge farm greeted two new arrivals this week, an Irish Moiled Female heifer calf (brown & White) and a Kerry Cow male bull calf (black), both are thriving in their new home.

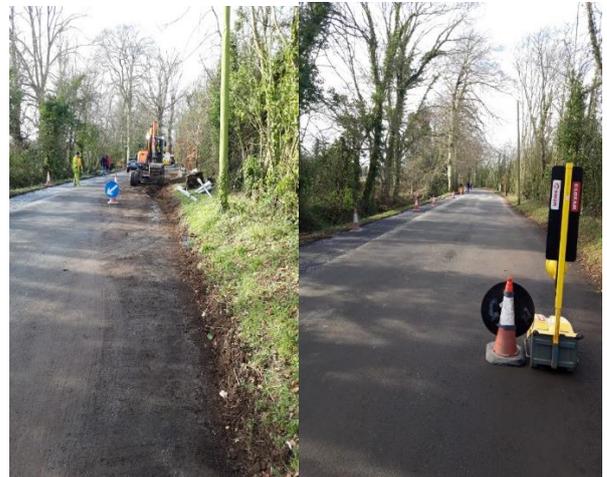
Castleknock/Mulhuddart Area

Crews have attended to a large amount of essential and emergency tree works due to high winds during February:





Essential works to improve pedestrian access on the avenue into St. Catherine's Park has commenced, this will assist residents with accessing the park and help alleviate parking issues.



Extensive clearance work has been carried out on the stream in Tyrrelstown Park



Roots of a fallen tree, Millennium Park



Essential tree works carried out in Blanchardstown Village & Castleknock Village



Howth Malahide Area

2021 Programme of Works

At the Area Committee Meeting, on the 3rd February 2021, the 2021 Programme of Works for the Howth Malahide area was adopted by the Elected members. The wide-ranging Programme delivers €1.567 million Euro worth of works in the Howth Malahide Administrative Area under the following technical areas: Traffic Management Schemes, Drainage Works, Public Lighting Schemes and Projects in Parks & Open Spaces.



Summary		
Item	Description	Budget
1	Restoration Improvement Grant	€305,000
2	Restoration Maintenance	€400,000
3	Special Works Programme	€445,000
4	Traffic Management Schemes	€250,000
5	Parks and Open Spaces	€134,000
6	Public Lighting	€33,000
	TOTAL	€1,567,000

Depot Works 2021

The Howth Malahide area depot staff continue to carry out emergency works as normal to deliver essential services. Regular works will progress once the level 5 Covid 19 restrictions have been lifted. Work has commenced on the tendering for the materials and equipment required to deliver the 2021 Works Programme.

The restrictions have unfortunately had an effect on the delivery of the winter works schedule. Tree pruning, hedge cutting and other vegetation works have been delayed. The nesting season is due to commence on the 1st March and this work will be postponed until after it.



Gritting truck collecting a load before deployment in icy conditions in February



Howth Malahide Area Cleansing staff in action



Abandoned boat removal works were carried out in Malahide

Advance Preparation for Summer '21

Due to Covid 19 restrictions, people are not expected to be travelling abroad during summer 2021. Increased usage is expected at Fingal amenities and facilities and all facilities need to be reinforced to facilitate the influx of residents and

visitors to Fingal. Advance inspections have been carried out at all beaches, playgrounds, parks & open spaces, looped pathways, car parks, reinforced overflow parking areas, and access routes to amenities. A list of works has been generated as a result of the inspections and the Howth Malahide area team is working hard to implement the works identified.



Works carried out at Burrow Beach access routes in preparation for summer 2021



Photos of landslide which occurred on path Howth. Remedial works to follow

Malahide Demesne

During the month of February there were a number of different weather conditions.



Many seasons in one month at the Castle



Footfall counters which installed at various locations are closely monitored for amenity use. The highest ever daily footfall during the month of February was recorded on the 22nd February 2021. **12,000** visitors to Malahide Demesne was reached during the recent fine weather

Butterfly House Special Report

Plans are underway to carry out heating upgrade works to the Butterfly House in the Cambridge Glasshouse in the Walled Garden at Malahide Castle. The Butterfly House is currently closed to visitors however the butterflies continue to reproduce under the watchful care of Malahide Demesne staff and despite the drop in temperatures.



Big Owl butterfly laying eggs Swallowtail butterfly feeding
Both captured in Malahide Butterfly House



Extremely rare sight - Heliconian butterflies mating in the Butterfly house

Walled Garden & Castle Works



Replacing lights in Malahide Castle Walled Garden



Ivy removal at Malahide Castle to facilitate structural works

2. Managed Car Parking Services

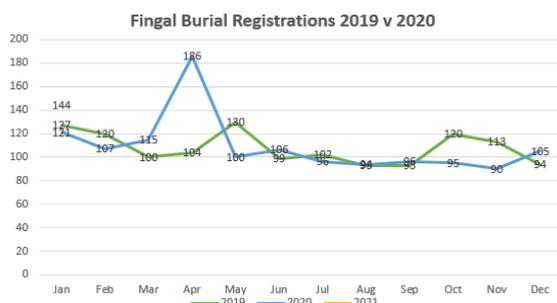
Additional Parking Enforcement measures continued on a Countywide basis in February 2021, focusing on specific areas where reports of illegal parking have been recorded. The Fingal County Council Parking Control Bye Laws 2020 provide for additional parking enforcement of illegal parking throughout the County.

Between 1st February to 20th February a total of 78 Warning Notices and 16 Fixed Charge Penalty Notices were issued to vehicles illegally parked outside of Paid Parking Areas for offences including parking on footpaths, parking on Double Yellow Lines and parking without a permit in designated Blue Permit Parking bays.

3. Burial Ground Services

The Operations Department are continuing to administer and monitor, delivery to ensure business continuity for Fingal's Burial Ground Service. There was a 16 percent increase in the number of burial registrations in the County in January 2021, in comparison to the same period in 2020. Essential maintenance works at the burial grounds continued during February

Month	2019	2020	2021
Jan	127	121	144
Feb	120	107	
Mar	100	115	
Apr	104	186	
May	130	100	
Jun	99	106	
Jul	102	96	
Aug	93	94	
Sep	93	96	
Oct	120	95	
Nov	113	90	
Dec	94	105	
Total	1295	1311	

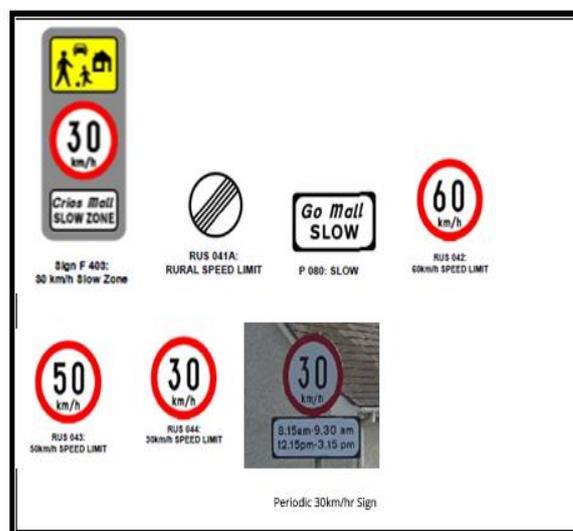


Drainage remediation works carried out at Fingal Burial Ground

4. Traffic Operations (County-wide)

Speed Limits Project

The Draft Speed Limit Bye-Laws for the County were presented and adopted by the full Council in February 2021. The review envisages legal speed limit changes across the county of Fingal. The majority of the work will be carried out by in-house Fingal direct labour staff. A strategy for tendering and appointment of an additional specialist contractor is being finalised by the Operations Department including the number and type of signs required. It is planned that the Speed Limit Signs including all poles and supports will be in place before September 1st 2021. Typical signs that can be expected to be installed countywide are shown below.



Typical signs to be installed

Expansion of Fingal County Councils Duct infrastructure

Work is ongoing, both internally and through 3rd parties, throughout the county, to progress strategic locations where ducting can be installed to add to FCC's Fibre Optic network allowing interconnectivity of Fingal's assets.

Traffic Contract Work 2021 (County-wide)

Preparation of contracts including but not limited to the following will be prepared and undertaken by the Section in 2021:

- Ramps Contract (County-wide)
- New Signals Installation (County-wide)
- Vehicle Activated Signs Contract (County-wide)
- Traffic Signage Contract (County-wide)

Ramps Contract 2021 (County Wide)

Approval was given by the members at the various ACM's meeting in February for 2021 Programme of Works which include for a total of 31 traffic calming ramps. Work now will begin in preparing the work requirement for the Ramps Contract 2021. The Ramp Drawings for each location will also start now as these will be used as part of the consultation process for the installation of new ramps under Section 38 of the Road traffic Act 1994.

Fingal County Council Ramps Contract 2021 - Ramps Locations	No.
Baldoyle/Sutton/Malahide	
New Ramps	
Carrickbrack Hill - Asphalt Speed cushions x 4 (2 sets)	2
Greenfields Road by St Sabinas School - Bus friendly flat top ramps x 2	2
Repair Ramps	
St Fintans road -Sutton asphalt speed cushions by 2 (1 set)	1
Castleknock/Mulhuddart	
Replace/Repair Ramps	
Tyrellstown - Replace modular with in-situ asphalt speed cushions by 5 (1 set)	5
Fortlawn Park - Replace with new ramps	4
Swords/Balbriggan	
New Ramps	
Beaverstown Road, Donabate - Standard round top ramp x 2	2
Forest Road, Swords - Bus friendly flat top ramps x 2	2
Rolestown Village 50kmh - Standard round top ramp x 2	2
Brackenstown Road - Standard round top ramp x 2	2
Carr's Mill Estate - Standard round top ramp x 2	2
Park Road at Kenure Park/Kenure Gate, Rush - Standard round top ramp x 2	2
L-1275-0 at Scoil Moibhí (Milverton National School, Margaretstown, Skerries, Co. Dublin) -	3

Subject to Speed Limit changes - Standard round top ramp x 2	
Repair Ramps	
Various locations x 2	2
Total Number of Ramps	31

Traffic Contract Work (County-wide)

Some works completed by the Section in February 2021:



Newly commissioned pedestrian signals on the Back Road Malahide



Civil works now complete for the Pedestrian Crossing at Naul GAA ground.

Awaiting lining and ESB connection.



The New Pedestrian Crossing on Park Road was commissioned in February.

Update on Manorfields Roundabout raised Zebra Crossings

The three-number raised Zebra Crossings on each arm on the Manorfields roundabout, were fully commissioned and made operational on the 18th February 2021.



The New Zebra Crossings on the Manorfield roundabout.

5. Bridge Rehabilitation

Fingal Bridges Rehabilitation Programme 2021-2023

A Single party Framework Tender was advertised in Etenders on 22nd of January 2021 for the procurement of consultants for the 2021 – 2023 FCC bridge stock repair programme. Last date for tenderers queries was 15th of February. Next steps

will be the tender submissions, evaluation of tenders, 2 weeks stand still period and the award of contract is estimated to be on 29th of March 2021.

Principal Inspections at 60 of Fingal Bridges

The procurement process for engaging Consulting Engineers to carry out 60 no. Principal Inspections on Fingal Bridges has been completed. The Consultant commenced the Principal inspections on 25th of January 2021 and work is continuing. Inspections are estimated to be completed by first week of March 2021.

Emergency Works following partial bridge deck collapse

External Consulting Engineers who are experienced bridge specialists are carrying out emergency structural assessments at several pedestrian bridges across the County following on from a partial bridge deck collapse at Vauxhall Street Footbridge in Balbriggan. The bridge has been closed off to the public whilst work is in progress. The other pedestrian bridges are all located in Swords and remain open on the advice of the specialists. Work is also ongoing on procurement of a TOPO& GPR surveying contractor for these bridges. The Swords bridges are all located on the R132 at Pavillions, Seatown Roundabout and Estuary Roundabout.

Rehabilitation of Curragh, Curragh West & Clonsaugh, Church Road Bridge, Blanchardstown, Wyanstown Bridge & Wimbletown Bridge

Snagging is underway at the completed bridge works.



Curragh Bridge



Church Road Bridge



Wyanstown Bridge



Wimbletown Bridge

Emergency bridge repairs (4 bridges- One contract) at Rallekaystown, Old Yellow Walls Bridge Malahide, Ratharten, Rowlestown

These four emergency bridge repairs were previously advertised and awarded to the successful contractor in November 2020. Works to be completed by end of March 2021.



Old Yellow Walls Bridge, Malahide



Rallekaystown, Lusk



Rowlestown Culvert wall repair



Ratharten East, Lusk

Royal Oak Santry Footbridge, Effelstown and Ratharten Bridges Rehabilitation

The contractor is due to complete the works including snagging by end of February 2021.



Santry Footbridge repairs and new railings

6. Fleet Management & Plant Hire Unit

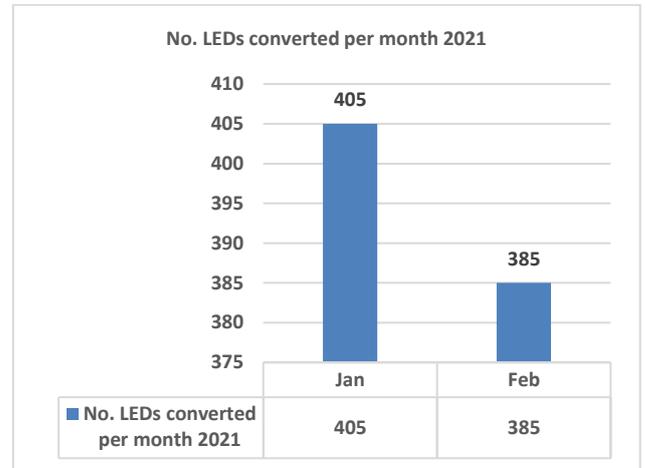
Fleet management

Fingal County Council purchased the following Fully Electric Vehicles

- 4 fully electric Goupil Utility vehicles to replace 4 diesel vans in the Demesnes.
- 7.5 ton eCanter tipper truck. This is the 1st fully electric 7.5 ton tipper truck in the Republic of Ireland.



Airside Industrial Estate, Seatown Road East...Swords



The Martello Tower in Rush is floodlit to enhance the night time visual streetscape as you enter Rush Village. As part of its on-call service to the Council contractors are called out to a dangerous incident on the R132 on the morning of Saturday 13th February.

Plant Hire

There were 71 hires put in place from 1st February – 26th February 2021, engaging 17 suppliers.

Hires include:

- CCTV Pipe surveying equipment in Cappagh Road & Swords
- Vermeer BC000XL trailer mounted Woodchipper – Xmas Trees Fancourt

7. Street Lighting LED Programme

In February the LED Upgrade Program saw 385 LED Upgrade works carried out in the following locations:-

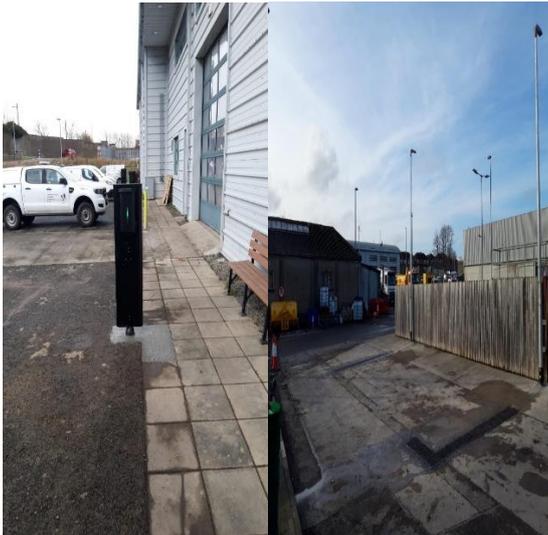
- Old Balbriggan Road, Quay Street, R132 Courtlough...Balbriggan
- Abbey Park, Marian Park...Baldoye
- Blanchardstown Road North Extension, Snugborough Road Extension...Blanchardstown
- Skerries Road...Lusk
- Shielmartin Road, St Fintans Crescent, St Fintans Park...Sutton



Martello Tower Rush

R132 Swords

As the Fingal fleet continues to be converted from diesel to fully electric works are carried out installing extra electric charging points at the Watery Lane depot in Swords and Malahide Demesne depot in Malahide. Lighting is installed in Watery Lane at the same time to aid with night time washing of Fingal's gritting vehicles.

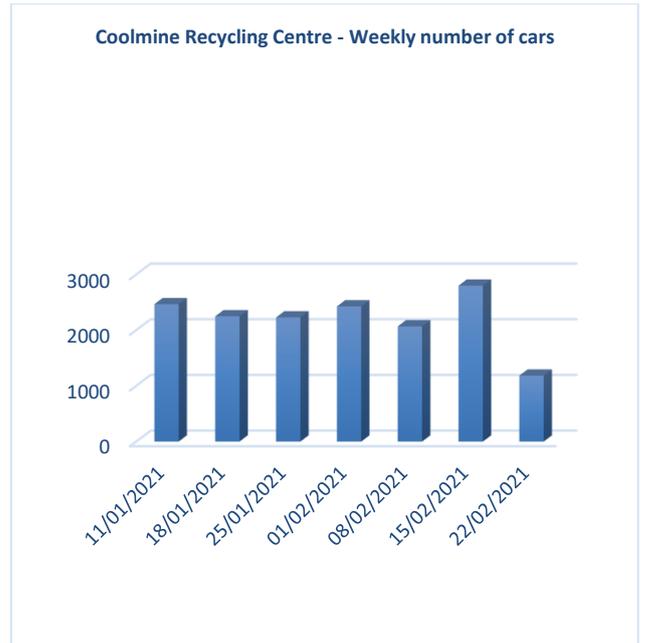
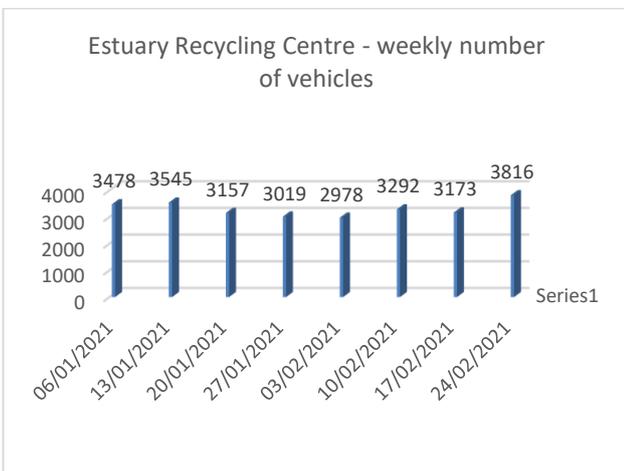


Watery Lane Swords EV & Lighting



Malahide Demesne Depot

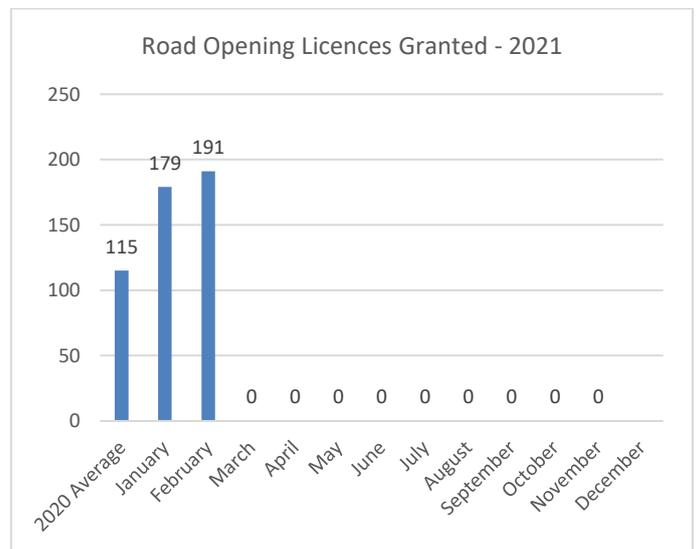
8. Recycling Centres Update

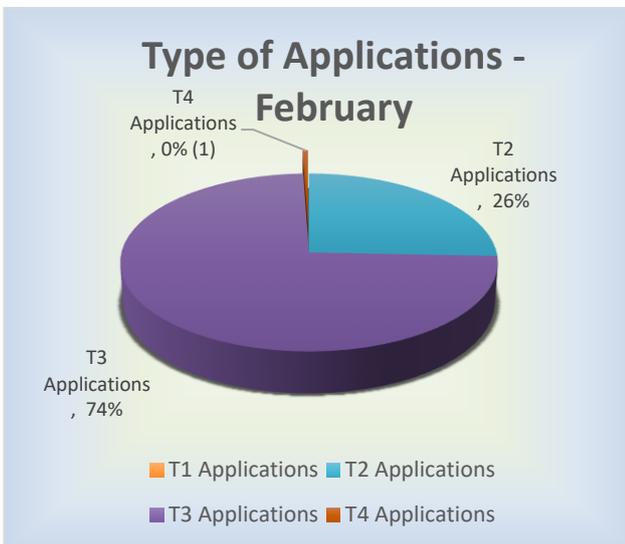
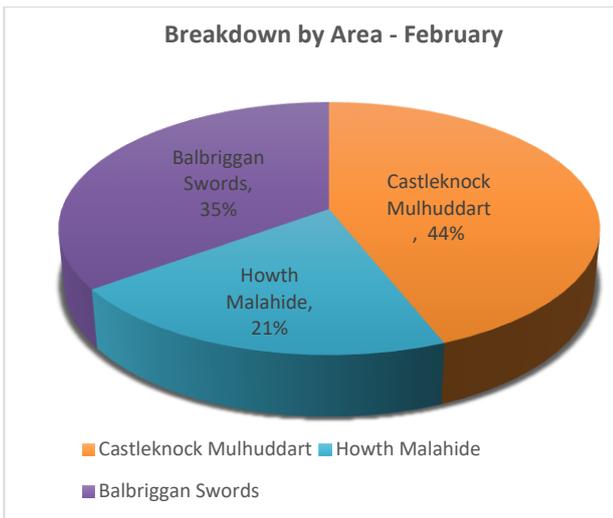


9. Road Opening Licences

The Licensing unit continues to process and manage the licensing system for the County, licences are allocated to each area for examination and conditioning including reviews of temporary traffic management plans and grass verge and tree inspections where necessary. Road Opening licences are a cross functional process for the department and is essential for the asset management of Fingal County Council Road network.

242 applications have been received for licences during February 2021 and 191 granted.





T1 Application: The T1 is not a licence. It is notification of intent to perform works of high impact due to extent or complexity.

T2 Applications: An application to carry out works of moderate impact due to the location, extent, amount or duration of the work.

T3 Applications: An application to carry out works of low impact due to the location, extent, amount or duration of the work. A T3 licence requires a short application period and does not require a works programme notification

T4 Applications: A notification of emergency works (as defined under legislation). Notification must occur at the time or as soon as possible after commencement and works must be carried out during a limited time period.

- Warrenhouse Road Closure Jan/Feb 2021

A new water main is being constructed along R809 Warrenhouse Road in Baldoyle. Works commenced on the section of this new pipeline beneath the railway crossing on 18th January 2021, with works scheduled for completion on 05th February 2021. This phase of works is complex and in order to complete the works safely, the southbound lane of the R809 Warrenhouse Road is required to be closed for 3 weeks.

- Swords Pipeline – Irish Water/John Craddock – Road Closures

Major infrastructure works remain scheduled for January 11th through April 2021 affecting Swords Main Street junction with the R106 and the R106/Malahide Road up to Mountgorry roundabout (Applegreen). Road Closures will be in effect for 3 months in sections along this route. Following this finishing works (i.e. Swabbing, Testing, Chlorination, Commissioning) are scheduled for April 2021 and will include lane closures with traffic management in place.

- Stamullen to Balbriggan (on the R132) Foul Sewer Rising Main Pipeline

Fingal County Council road engineers are in ongoing discussions with Irish Water on programme of works for the 2.1Km Installation of Twin Rising Mains on the R132 from Delvin Bridge to Cardy Rock, Balbriggan. Works are due to commence in March of 2021. A T2 licence has been applied and granted for a section of the works in January.

- Loughshinny Foul Sewer Rising Mains.

Irish Water 1.5Km Installation of a Rising Mains on Harbour road and Mine Road is ongoing. Works begun on Phase 1 in Loughshinny Car park in September.. Road closure on Mine Road was in place for January 2021 as part of Phase 2. This was received in November and TMP's was agreed with Irish Water.

The 150mm Ductile Iron Foul Sewer rising main installation on Harbour Road is now Completed.

In February Irish Water works started on the R128 at Mine Road and travel north for 700meters. There will be Traffic Management in place for the duration of the works. All works is licenced under the MRL system.



Works on the Foul Sewer Rising Mains progressed onto the R128 Road in Mid-February with works progressing well.

- Skerries Water Mains – Irish water has now completed the current phase of water rehab works on the Dublin Road and Millers Lane with both roads resurfaced works completed in Mid-December.
- National Broadband Ireland – Non-intrusive survey works which began in September 2020 in the Skerries and Balbriggan area (as per map below) as part of the Governments National Broadband Project is proceeding well with Map Road Licences currently been issued for the survey works. This will inform the civil works which will be required to roll out the Broadband Project. National Broadband Ireland envisages that a T1 for the Civil Works in the Skerries and Balbriggan Area will be submitted in Early 2021 with civil works starting soon after.



National Broadband Ireland Survey Area for Skerries and Balbriggan

A T1 teams meeting took place in February with National Broadband Ireland in relation to Civil Works and non-intrusive survey works for the Naul Rush Lusk Area (as per map below) as part of the Governments National Broadband Project is currently taking place with Map Road Licences been applied for the survey works. This will inform the civil works which will be required to roll out the Broadband Project. Civil Works in the Naul Rush Lusk Area will be starting when surveying works is completed.



National Broadband Ireland Survey Area for Naul, Rush and Lusk

10. Water Services

Water production and distribution, waste water collection, treatment & disposal continue to be provided as agreed in the Service Level Agreement with Irish Water.

The Council continue to have responsibility for the Storm Water Network

Storm Water (surface water) Network – Operations
Operation and maintenance of the stormwater network is ongoing, in line with Covid 19 restrictions.

Works are currently being undertaken in Castleknock, along Main Street to rectify identified issues in the storm water network. These works will address flooding issues in the immediate area.

Storm Water (surface water) Network – Projects
A number of storm water projects are currently being progressed:

- Burrow Beach Surface Water Outfall Pipeline Repair
Scope: This project is to replace the damaged anchor system for the pipeline
Status: Design stage
- Beaverstown Storm Water Pumping Station Upgrade
Scope: Upgrade the existing pumping station
Status: Initialising project and establishing project objectives
- Howth Surface Water Culvert Replacement
Scope: Prepare a design to replace the existing surface water culvert

Status: Preparing tender documents for consultancy services

Irish Water – Towards a National Publicly-Owned, Regulated, Water Services Utility

The Government's Policy Paper on Water Sector Transformation, entitled *Irish Water – Towards a National, Publicly-Owned, Regulated, Water Services Utility* was published on Tuesday 23rd February 2021.

The paper and accompanying press release are available at www.gov.ie/housing. All new publications appear on the homepage under the Publications heading.

The paper sets out the Government's approach to water sector transformation including addressing Irish Water as the Single Public Utility.

The Council will continue to work to implement Government policy in regard to water.

Communication with Irish Water for Elected Representatives

The Local Representative Support Desk

- Make contact at localrepsupport@water.ie or by phone at **1890 178 178**. Staff are available Monday – Friday from 9am to 5.30pm to deal with queries from elected representatives about any topic related to Irish Water.
- Outside these hours, the 24/7 customer care line is available for urgent queries at **1850 278 278**
- Irish Water Planned Works - Irish Water Regional Communications team provide regular updates concerning upcoming projects in the area and planned works which may cause disruption to customers. Regularly updates on the website at <https://www.water.ie/water-supply/supply-and-service-update/#>

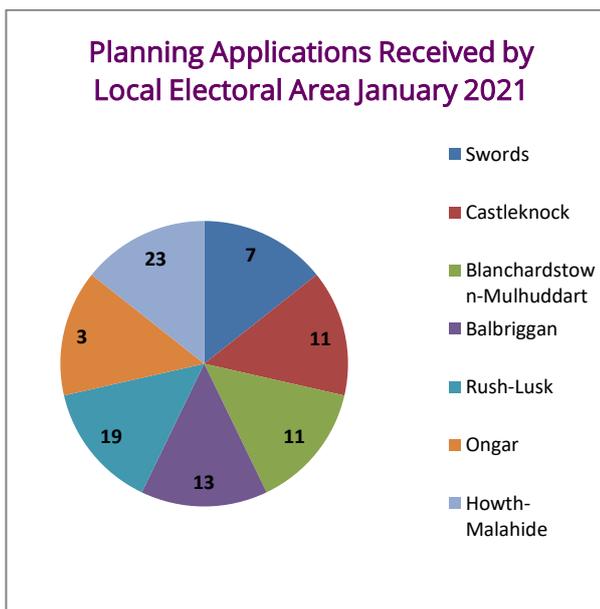
PLANNING AND STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE (PSI)

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Planning Applications

There have been 87 planning applications received to the end of January 2021, 4 of these applications were invalid leaving a total of 83 valid applications. The volume of applications received by Local Electoral Area (LEA) is detailed in the table below.

To date in 2021, 0 Strategic Housing Development (SHD) applications were made to An Bord Pleanála. No decisions were made by the Board in January 2021. There are a total of 3 SHDs (848 units) currently in the formal application process.



Planning Decisions

A total of 116 planning decisions have been made to the end of January 2021. There have been 100 decisions to grant permission (86%) and 16 refusals of permission (14%). There have been 8 grants of permissions in respect of single house construction, 68 grants of permission for domestic extensions, 22 commercial/retail grants of permission and 1 grant of permission in respect of housing developments of which related to development of 50 - 100 housing units.

Building Control Admin

In January 2021, there were 11 Disability Access Certificates applications submitted, of these 3 have been granted.

In January 2021 there were 17 Fire Safety Certificates applications submitted, of these 1 was invalidated. There were 3 Revised Fire Safety Certificates applications submitted and there were also 2 Regularisation Certificates applications submitted.

A total of 117 building control decisions were made in January 2021, this includes decisions that were made on applications submitted pre 2021 in addition to the decisions that were made on

applications submitted in January. This is made up of 32 decisions to grant, 1 invalid, 2 amendments and 82 extensions of time.

Building Control Fire Safety, Disability Access, Regularisation and Dispensation/Relaxation Certificate applications can be submitted online via the new BCMS applications module. We are also still accepting hard copy applications directly into the office until such time as the legislation is signed into effect, although there has been a marked increase in agents utilising the online system.

Strategic Policy Unit

Fingal Development Plan

The Development Plan is a statutory document and, as per the Planning & Development Acts, Fingal County Council must review the existing Development Plan and prepare a new one. This process will begin with the first round of public consultation on 12th March 2021. The Plan will set out the strategic spatial vision and future direction for the county over a six-year period from 2023 to 2029. The Development Plan will build on our previous successes and investment and our strategic advantages as a County. We will maximise the strengths of our citizens, communities, built and natural heritage, infrastructure and tourism to their full potential.

In advance of the first round of consultation, three information sessions have taken place with the Elected Members, focusing on the existing Development Plan, the process of making a Development Plan and Environmental Assessments.

A further session will take place this week in relation to the Record of the Protected Structures and the Development Plan and lastly one on the Strategic Issues Papers will be organised for mid-March.

Heritage Office

A meeting of Fingal Heritage Forum was held on Tuesday 26 January 2021. Presentations were made on the Development Plan process by Roisin Burke, a/Senior Planner; Creative Ireland & the Decade of Centenaries by Tricia Matthews, Economic, Enterprise, Tourism & Cultural Development and LAWPRO & Fingal by Community Water Officer, Thomas Carolan. It was agreed the Heritage Officer would scope *Legacies of Conflict* project to explore the physical, social and memorial legacies of conflicts in Fingal between 1914 and 1945.

The Heritage Officer presented on the *Fingal Cultural Heritage & Climate Change Risk Assessment* project to the planning team for the implementation of the Climate Change Adaptation Sectoral Plan for Built and Archaeological Heritage on 4 February 2021. The meeting was opening by Minister Malcolm Noonan and the work in Fingal received as a valuable pilot project.

The Heritage Officer network has worked together to review the draft *National Heritage Plan - Heritage Ireland 2030*, relaunch the *Gardening for Biodiversity* books and produce a *Spring into Heritage* bucket list as part of the national *Keep Well and Love your Heritage* campaigns.





Flood Risk Assessments/ Drainage Strategies

- FCC staff are currently managing the preparation of Surface Water Management Plans to inform Belcamp LAP, Dunsink Masterplan and the Balbriggan Masterplan.
- FCC staff are currently assessing tenders for the preparation of a Strategic Flood Risk Assessment for the upcoming County Development Plan.
- Fingal's new Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SUDS) guidance document entitled "Green Blue Infrastructure Guidance Document 2020" is providing the structure for the design and implementation of SUDS on all new developments and works in Fingal's administrative area.

Built Environment Division

1. Development Management/Forward Planning (Water Services)

Development Management

- Our work as internal consultee on planning applications continues remotely and has resulted in 52 reports being prepared in January 2021.
- Pre-planning consultations – During January, staff from Planning (Water Services) have engaged in discussions with developers at pre-planning stage to discuss issues related to the provision of water services and to ensure the implementation of flood risk management and sustainable drainage systems on site. These meetings have also included discussions on drainage and flood risk management relating to economic development, including pharma and logistics development and also to strategic infrastructure project, such as Bus Connects & MetroLink.
- SHDs – staff are engaged as internal consultees in discussion on approx. 20no. SHD applications

Irish Water

- Staff continue to liaise with Irish water regarding existing constraints within the water/wastewater networks and identifying solutions to resolve.
- Connection and Developer Services – staff continue to provide a planning review of water/wastewater connection applications on behalf of Irish Water with 13no. applications processed requiring Water Services planning during January with an average turnaround of 3.7 working days.

Building Control/Taking in Charge

Building Control

- COVID19 crisis - Works continuing on a number of sites where buildings were close to completion and those sites authorised through legislation – Covid Commencement Notices.
- BCMS – CNs for 91 units received in January and 30 Completion Certificates processed. Building Control Site inspection for January is at 12.7% of new buildings. Almost all DAC, FSC and Dispensations are now coming through electronically via the BCMS applications module.
- Enforcement – Section 11 notices used to ensure the correct information is been

submitted at Completion stage and several Completion Certificates were invalidated due to non-compliances with the Building Regulations.

Taking in Charge

- Warren Lodge in Sutton was formally Taken in Charge at the full Council meeting in February.
- We have 41 Developments with formal TIC requests and a further 286 developments on our system, of which 62 are likely to remain private.
- Phase 1 Tender for TIC works on the following estates - Chieftain's way, Martello, New Haven Bay is now on etenders with the closing date of 3rd March.

Dangerous Structures

- We currently have 41 active dangerous structures. There were no new notifications in January.
- On Portrane Beach, our Contractor completed the works of re-aligning and raising the Seabees to their optimum position. In general, the affected residents were encouraged by the works and were very appreciative that the works were complete before the spring high tides.



Parks and Green Infrastructure Division

All-weather Pitch facility and car park at Ward River Valley Park, Swords

Enabling works have been carried out on the site of the new all-weather sports pitch at Ward River Valley Regional Park in Swords. The new third generation synthetic all-weather pitch will be a full sized GAA & Soccer pitch, similar to the facility at Bremeore Regional Park in Balbriggan. The new floodlight facility will be accompanied by car, coach and bicycle parking to service the needs of the pitch users and to improve access to the park.

The first phase of works saw contractors carrying out limited removal of some screen tree planting to facilitate works and create space for the pitch. Following consultation with the public, care was taken with the layout of the pitch to ensure that the landmark mature tree on site could be retained.



Landmark Mature Ash Tree

As part of the overall project new native woodland and hedgerow will be planted adjacent to the new facility in addition to further planting associated with the proposed car park.

Due to the presence of an underground foul sewer running under part of the facility, the requirements of Irish Water in this regard are being negotiated and a CCTV survey of the pipe was arranged to inform discussions.



Specialist contractors setting up for the CCTV survey at Ward Rivervalley Park

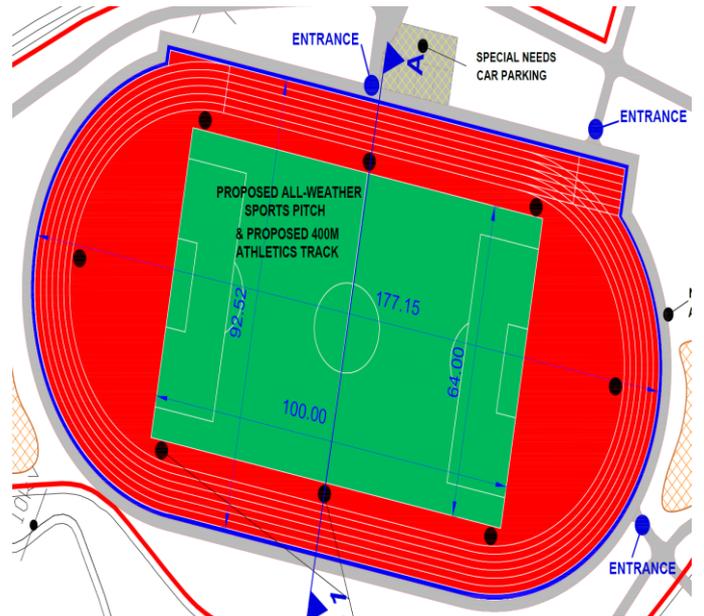
Construction works for the pitch are scheduled to start later this year and the new facility will become a valuable sporting amenity for the people of Swords and wider area.

New Park and playground proposals for Lanesborough, The Naul, Garristown and Howth.



Work continues on the development of proposals for a village park in the Naul, a public playground at Howth Seafront, a garden incorporating a public play space at Garristown Library and a park development project incorporating play provision for Lanesborough Park. The goal of this project is to engage with the key stakeholders at each location to produce an exemplar project that addresses and provides a balanced response to the challenges while recognising and cultivating the unique character and context of each site. The survey, analysis and information gathering phase of the project is almost complete and the proposals will be brought through the Part 8 planning process in 2021.

All-weather Running Track & Sports Pitch Facility, Porterstown



Due to the highly specialised nature of this project (in particular the running track element) a Prior Information Notice (PIN) was published to invite submissions from economic operators with relevant expertise and capability. The notice was also featured in the Sports and Play Construction Association (SAPCA) newsletter. Work continues on the client brief and detailed works requirements and it is anticipated that the first stage of the tender process to compile a shortlist of suitable firms will begin in coming months.

Forest of Fingal – Consultation on revised Tree Strategy

Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall Fingal County Council

Forest of Fingal

A Tree Strategy for Fingal

Fingal County Council invites you to online Information and Q&A Sessions:

Wednesday 10 th February	19.00hrs
Thursday 18 th February	19.00hrs
Saturday 6 th March	16.00hrs

Contact LibrariesHQ@fingal.ie to register your interest

As part of the consultation process of the revised Tree Strategy, a series of public Webinars have been scheduled throughout February and March.

Two evening sessions have taken place to date, with the final session scheduled for Saturday 6th March at 4pm to facilitate those with limited availability during the week. Promotion and registration for the event was kindly carried out by Fingal Libraries.

Public consultation is running up to and including the end of National Tree Week, on the 28th March. The draft material can be viewed at <https://consult.fingal.ie/en/consultation/forest-fingal-tree-strategy-fingal> where submissions are actively encouraged.

Transportation Planning

Hole in the Wall Road Upgrade



On 1st February, SIAC and Fingal County Council's resident engineering staff remobilised to site on this essential works project. Works on the roadway, cycle tracks, footpaths, flood defences and the bridge to carry the new road over the River Mayne can be seen in the attached photos. The

temporarily diverted River Mayne can also be clearly seen running around the bridge works site.



Sustainable Swords

Work has commenced on the significant transport assessment element of the Sustainable Swords project. The initial baselines studies are underway, with traffic data collection and review of existing studies ongoing to gain an understanding in more detail of the existing and desired demand for travel in and around Swords. Following that, various interventions will be developed to meet the project objectives. Consultation with the NTA and other stakeholders including elected members and local residents and businesses will form an integral part of this project.

Dunsink Feasibility Study

An Area Based Transport Assessment (ABTA) will shortly commence on the Dunsink lands to support a planning and land use feasibility study to look at the potential to develop the lands, in support of Fingal Development Plan Objective Blanchardstown 13. The transport study will include assessments of road and sustainable transport patterns and travel demand, including multi-modal interchanges from existing and proposed transport infrastructure, with a particular focus on sustainable modes such as walking, cycling, rail and bus thereby enabling enhanced accessibility for the wider area.

Turvey Avenue Footpath Enhancement

The P&SI project team responsible for delivering the project are finalising arrangements with Fingal County Council's Property Services division in order to commence a CPO process to acquire lands necessary for construction of the new footpath. The P&SI project team will be engaging with affected landowners within the coming weeks to agree and document works affecting their property boundaries. The CPO process is expected to commence in the coming weeks.

Royal Canal Greenway

Stakeholder engagement on this project is underway and include Irish Rail, Waterways Ireland, elected representatives and An Garda Síochána. Alongside that, a series of online project update briefings will be undertaken with local residents' association groups in the next month. Following that, it is intended to undertake a wider non-statutory public consultation on the emerging preferred route in April.

Snugborough Interchange Upgrade Project

Bam Contractors Ltd has formally been appointed to construct this project. Given the critical nature of the active travel and utilities elements of this project, the works have been designated as

essential by Fingal County Council and site works will start on site from the 8th of March, although it is not envisaged that large-scale engineering works will commence until sometime after that. A recent online Teams meeting was undertaken by the P&SI project team with the local elected members to introduce key scheme personnel and discuss project issues.

Dart + West

Discussions and consultations are continuing with Iarnród Éireann and their design team relating to the proposed Dart + West proposals. FCC are continuing to outline to Iarnród Éireann the position from Fingal County Council's perspective and Iarnród Éireann have committed to reviewing certain elements taking on board the concerns and advices of FCC. The project is being designed to take account of the various local schemes along the route which are being developed by Fingal County Council such as the Ongar Barnhill Link Road, Kellystown Road and the Royal Canal Greenway.

HOUSING

Housing

- Supply
- Asset Management
- Support
- Tenancy Services

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Fingal County Council has appointed a developer to deliver the first affordable housing scheme in the county in 11 years at Dun Emer, Lusk. Ó Cualann Cohousing Alliance will oversee the construction of 51 homes, of which 39 will be affordable and 12 will be social housing.



The affordable homes will be available to eligible first-time purchases at prices that will be around 25% below their market value. The 39 units will be a mixture of two-bedroom apartments, three-bedroom duplexes, three-bedroom terraced and three-bedroom semi-detached. Guide prices are set out below;

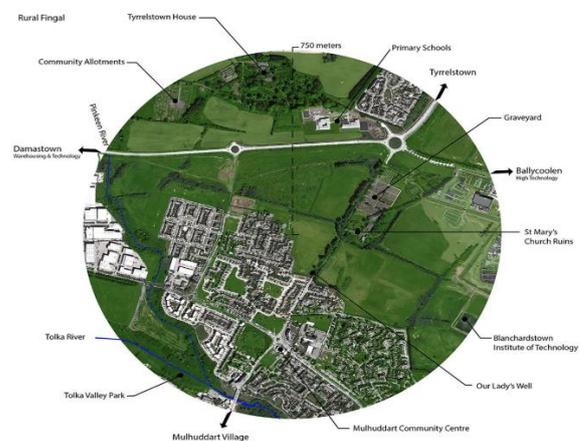
DWELLING TYPE	NUMBER	
2 Bed Apartment	8	From €166,000
3 Bed Duplex	8	From €206,000
3 Bed Terrace	15	From €250,000
3 Bed Semi	8	From €258,000

All details in relation to the affordable homes, the affordable scheme, eligibility criteria, etc. are available on the website www.fingal.ie. The site also has a Frequently Asked Questions section and additional queries can be emailed to affordablehousing@fingal.ie. Applications for the Dun Emer Affordable House Purchase Scheme will be online and details of how and when to apply will be announced in the coming weeks.

MIXED TENURE SITES

The Council is currently at pre-planning design stage on schemes that will deliver mixed tenure housing via affordable purchase, cost rental and social housing

Church Fields, Dublin 15



- Deliver approximately 1,000 mixed tenure dwellings;
- Initial 300 dwellings at design/pre-planning stage
- Construction of the new link road to commence on site in coming months
- Design of the linear park is underway

Hayestown Site, Rush



3D Views of the Proposed Development



View of main entrance from Old Road



Street view towards north units



View from main public open space towards north-east units

Comhairle Contae Fhine Gail - Boinn Na nAilíní
Fingal County Council - Architects Department

- Deliver 50 affordable purchase dwellings
- Deliver 12 dwellings for social housing purposes
- Part 8 planning process underway

Hackettstown Lands, Skerries

The Council is working closely with the Land Development Agency (LDA) to bring forward land banks located in Fingal to unlock their potential to deliver mixed tenure housing.



- The LDA propose road infrastructure upgrade which is funded through the Serviced Sites Fund.
- Plan to deliver 346 housing units of mainly affordable/cost rental and dwellings available for affordable purchase. Housing will also be provided for families in need of social housing.

Social Housing Delivery

The delivery of social housing across the county continued during 2020 despite the Covid-19 restrictions that were in place. The following table details the delivery against the targets set by the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage.

2020 Delivery

Delivery Mechanism	Target	Delivery
New Build	312	313
Leasing	90	107
Acquisitions	No target	100
HAP	No target	804
TOTAL		1,324

The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage have set the 2021 social housing delivery targets for Fingal via build and leasing as follows;

2021 Delivery Targets

Delivery Mechanism	Target
Build	431
Leasing	130

Construction Programme



On Site

Church Road, Dublin 15 - Cluid Housing	65
College St. Baldoye - Cluid Housing	4
Wellview Cul de Sacs, Wellview, D15	20

Tendering Stage

Tucketts Lane, Howth	8
Cappagh, Dublin 11	69
Outlands, Swords, Co Dublin	11
Church Fields Phase 2B, Mulhuddart, D15	67
Church Road, Lusk	5

Former Leonards Garage, Lusk	10
Infill Site adjacent to 169 Clonsilla Road, D15	1

Planning Stage

Hayestown, Rush	62
Garristown - North and East Housing Association	6
Kilhedge Lane - Tuath Housing	30
Mayeston, Dublin 11	50



65 units under construction at Ladyswell, Dublin 15

Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan

Current Loan Book Value	€144, 421, 498
Loans Drawn Down under RIHL	267
Value of RIHL lending	€57.6 million
Covid-19 Agreements to Pay	128

Mortgage holders experiencing difficulties making repayments should contact the Council immediately on loans@fingal.ie and the Council will endeavour to find an individual solution with each borrower.

Rent Payments – Council Tenants

The Rent Assessment Team are available to Council tenants who have temporarily lost employment due to Covid19 crisis. Tenants may have their rent temporarily re-assessed based on Social Welfare payments until their employment situation becomes clearer. Tenants should contact the Council immediately at email; rent.assessment@fingal.ie Further details are available on the Council's website www.fingal.ie.

Private Rented Inspections

Under the current Covid-19 restrictions private rented inspections have been suspended. However, emergency inspections continue to be carried out as required.

which is expected to grow to meet the Programme for Government retrofit commitment. This revision will require local authorities to move to a 'deeper retrofit' programme, thus building on what has been completed in previous years. The revised programme provides for significant upscaling in the level of funding available and focuses on ensuring that the fabric of the home is upgraded and an energy efficient heating system is provided.

An initial national preliminary allocation of €35m which is calculated on a stock percentage basis is being made available immediately. The preliminary allocation determined for Fingal County Council is €1,354,343 with a requirement to retrofit a minimum of 50 properties to a B2/Cost Optimal standard.

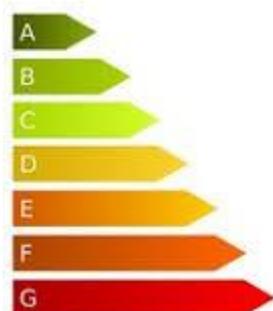
Returning Dwellings to Productive Use

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

Voids for Re-letting	At 28 th February 2021
In letting process	51
Undergoing re-let repairs	11
With County Architect for procurement of pre-let repairs	12
TOTAL	74

Housing Asset Management Report

Energy Efficiency/Retrofitting Programme (Housing Circular 8/21)



The newly revised 2021 Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme is the first of a ten year programme

Planned Maintenance Programmes

Boiler Servicing

The Council provides an annual boiler servicing facility, including all maintenance and upgrade works, for a nominal fee of €3 per week to participating tenant. While the 2021 servicing programme was suspended at the beginning of the year, a review of the current Covid restrictions and confirmation of the essential nature of this service, the suspension has been lifted with the programme beginning in early March 2021. It is anticipated that delays will occur in the overall servicing programme as a result of this suspension however, contingencies have been put in place for the programme to operate with this in mind.

Cyclical Maintenance

This programme provides for external painting and joinery repairs to council housing stock which currently operates on a 6/7 year cycle. Painting works are ongoing in Parslickstown Estate and Church Road, Dublin 15. The Contractor will commence works on Wellview Estate and Kirkfield Cottages, Dublin 15 in the coming weeks. The remaining estates will be completed as part of the current programme between now and the summer of 2021. (listed below: Batch F & G).

Estate	
Dromheath	Dublin 15
Castlecurragh Heath/Vale	Dublin 15
St Patricks Park	Donabate
Shamrock Park	Oldtown
Windmill Estate	Skerries
Toberburr Avenue	St Margarets
The Bawn Grove/ The Hill	Malahide
Kirkfield Cottages	Clonsilla
Lambeeher Estate	Balbriggan

Estate	
Ladyswell Road	Dublin 15
Parslickstown Estate	Dublin 15
Castlegrange Estate	Swords
Wellview Estate	Dublin 15
Cardy Rock Estate	Balbriggan

Barnewall Avenue/Crescent	Donabate
Church Road	Dublin 15
Rockabill	Skerries
Bealing Avenue/Grove	Dubin 15

Housing Tenancy Services Report

Housing Waiting List - Yearly List Position

The Housing Support Team issued applicants with their yearly list position details from the Housing Waiting List earlier this month.

A small number of applicants established contact with the team with a variety of queries, predominantly advising of changes in their circumstances. These queries are being actively progressed with continuous engagement and communication is being maintained with the applicant to assist them at this time.

In addition, the team in collaboration with IT Department and the Data Officer are continuing to examine mechanisms to facilitate applicants accessing housing services and information by on-line means, including accessing details of their yearly list position.

Medical/Welfare Meeting

The Housing Support Team is continuing to progress applicants' requests for medical priority, with the continuance of virtual medical/welfare meetings in collaboration with the HSE and a meeting held in February.

Should an applicant wish to submit a request for priority, they may do so by submitting their documentation directly to the Housing Support Team who will arrange examination.

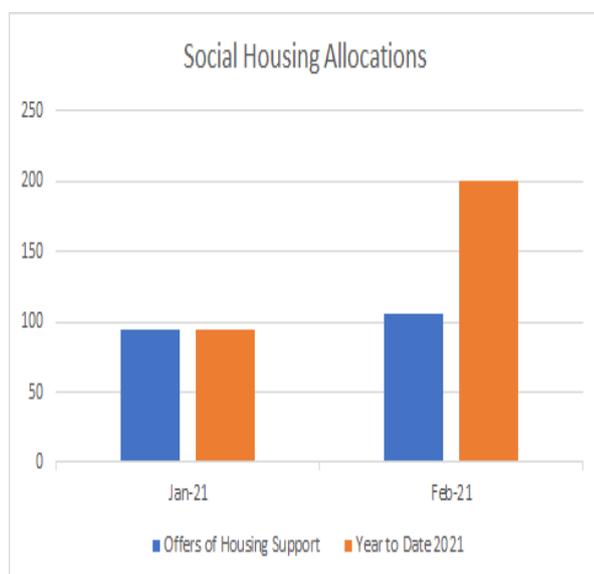
Set out below are the Housing Support Team Contact and the Tenancy Services Division details-

The Housing Support Team Contact Details	
Phone	01 890 5902 /01 890 5000
Email	Housing.allocations@fingal.ie
Website	www.fingal.ie

THE HOUSING UNIT CONTACT DETAILS	
Homeless Services	01 890 5090 homeless@fingal.ie
HAP	01 870 4515 HAP@fingal.ie
Estate Management (Maintenance, ASB & Special Projects)	01 890 5588 Estatemanagement@fingal.ie
Lettings	01 890 5380 Housing.allocations@fingal.ie
Housing Support	01 890 5902 Housing.allocations@fingal.ie
Customer Care Team	01 890 5000 CustomerCareUnit@fingal.ie

Offers of Housing Support

The Housing Allocations Team has continued to provide offers of social housing throughout Level 5 restrictions **COVID-19** and this is demonstrated in the chart below.



Housing Assistance Payment (HAP)

The HAP Team in Fingal County Council continues to operate as normal with the public making contact through email and phone during **COVID-19** restrictions. Additional resources have been deployed to assist with the volume of calls/emails from those who have been affected by the current crisis (in relation to a change in income).

Since its inception in Fingal County Council in 2017, the HAP team have set up over 2,500 tenancies.

Homeless Services

The Council's Homeless Team continue to engage with those experiencing homelessness to offer advice and support. Homeless Assessments were conducted over the phone during the Level 5 Public Health Restrictions which were re-introduced on 1st December 2020.

In February 2021 there were 38 new homeless presentations, comprising 19 families and 19 singles/couples.

During February 2021, 62 households, comprising 40 families and 22 singles/couples, exited homeless circumstances into various forms of social housing support- including into private rented tenancies under Homeless HAP.

Homeless HAP accounts for 43 of these tenancies.

Cold Weather Strategy 2020/2021

The Dublin Region Homeless Executive (DRHE) has activated its Cold Weather Strategy 2020/2021 which runs from November 2020 to end of March 2021. This is in order to meet a likely increase in demand for homeless services and to have the appropriate contingency plan in place for cold weather conditions.

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

Traveller Specific Supports

Covid-19 Continued Support

Measures have continued within Fingal to ensure that Traveller families receive as much assistance as possible during these unprecedented times, and particularly having regard to relevant and current public health guidelines and restrictions levels.

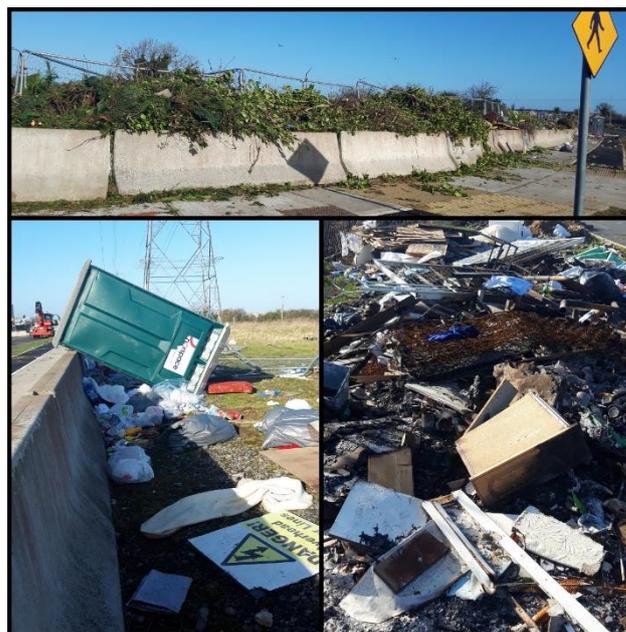
Daily site visits by Housing Inspectorate and Senior Council Officials are continuing with due care to maintaining public health guidelines while checking on vulnerable tenants and advising on the continued supports available. In addition, the Council's designated Social Worker Service for Travellers continues to make regular contact with the most vulnerable, in order to assist with additional needs arising from the current circumstances.

Illegal Occupation of Lands

There has been an increase in the number of incidents of illegal occupation of both Council owned lands and privately owned lands within the Fingal area.

Currently a large volume of individuals are occupying Council owned lands within the Fingal area and the Housing Department are engaged with a number of internal Departments and external agencies in this regard.

This specific group of illegal occupiers have recently vacated a site in the Dublin 15 area leaving behind substantial volumes of waste which was illegally disposed of and causing substantial damage on site to both private and public property including damage to emergency sanitation equipment which was supplied during Level 5 restrictions.



Traveller Accommodation

A programme of works in relation to the refurbishment and upgrading of existing accommodation on specific sites, is currently in development with the County Architect. Works are ongoing at St Mary's Halting Site, Cappagh and prepared for other locations. The provision of additional accommodation in accordance with the Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019-2024 is ongoing.





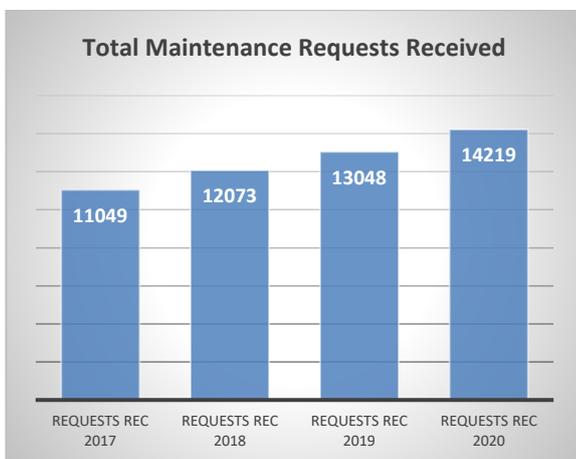
Group Housing in Stockhole Lane

Housing Welfare Service

The Social Workers attached to the Housing Department are available to support vulnerable tenancies and to work with housing applicants who have medical/welfare needs.

In response to **Covid-19**, the Housing Social Workers have been actively engaged with their most vulnerable cases at this time providing support, information and inter-agency linkages when and where required. Tenants were identified by the Social Workers and Housing Inspectors who may be considered particularly vulnerable during **Covid-19** and follow-on action has been initiated through various mechanisms including the Fingal Community Response Forum.

Maintenance Requests



During Level 5 Restrictions essential maintenance works such as electrical, water and heating are being complete with all other non-essential maintenance requests being postponed pending easing of restrictions.

Anti-Social Behaviour/Inspectorate Unit

The ongoing management and sustainment in regard to social tenancies and good estate management falls within the remit of the ASB/Inspectorate Unit. Alleged breaches pertaining to tenancy agreements are investigated and pursued in accordance with housing legislative guidelines.

There are occasions when the vulnerabilities, complexities and health related issues associated with a tenancy require tenancy sustainment 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 is a necessity to ensure all agencies work collaboratively with a view to achieving best outcomes.

Stock Management

67 cases under review – 19 Downsizing, 10 Regularisation of Tenancy, 24 Breaches of Tenancy, 20 Miscellaneous (including cases of Family Breakdown/Illegal Occupants)

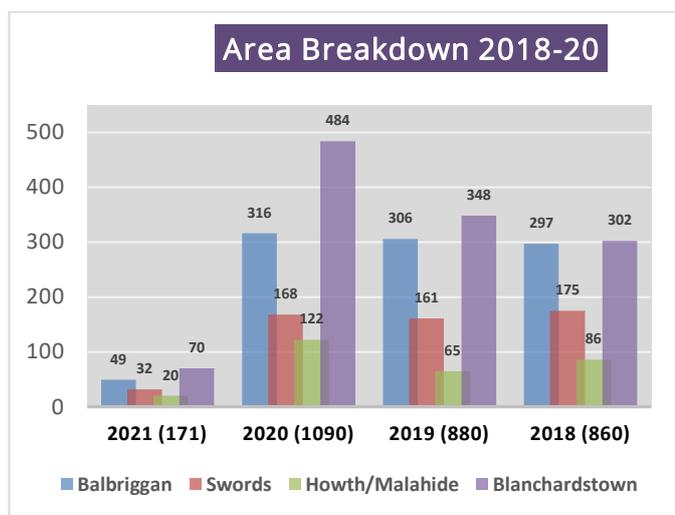
Surrenders on EM Grounds 2021 – 0 (Jan), 1 (Feb)

ASB Caseload Management

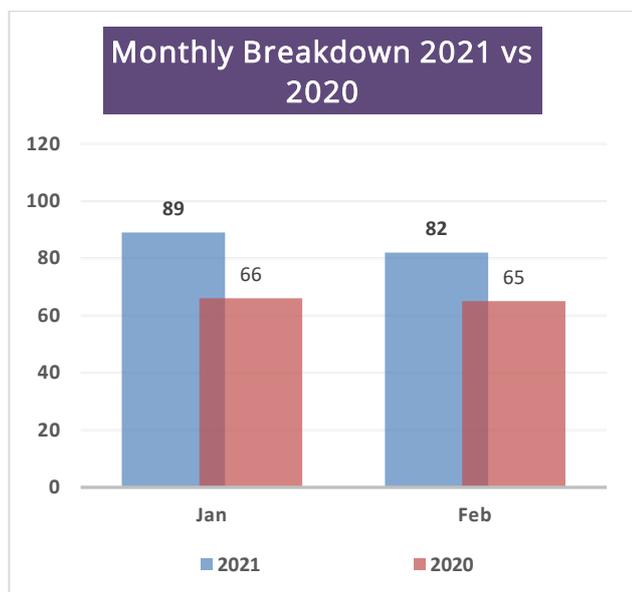
February 2021	Active Investigation	Active Monitoring	Closed
Dublin 15	13	9	7
North County	10	32	10
Total	23	41	17

ASB complaints received are followed up and investigated and taking into consideration the current public health guidelines all efforts are made in this regard to achieve best outcomes. The increase of ASB complaints is reflective of current Covid-19 restrictions where citizens are at home more and possible more observant and less tolerant.

Breakdown of Complaints 2018-2021



Monthly Breakdown of Complaints Received



Anti-Social Interventions

Interviews Held 2021	4
Interviews Held 2020	108
Tenancy Alerts 2021	4
Tenancy Alerts 2020	35
Tenancy Warnings 2021	0
Tenancy Warnings 2020	4

Inspectorate

Traveller Specific Inspections 2021	303
Traveller Specific Inspections 2020	1735
Estate Inspections 2021	175
Estate Inspections 2020	636
EM/ASB Inspections 2021	559
EM/ASB Inspections 2020	3610

Legal Proceedings - Collinstown

The High Court ordered FCC to be joined in the proceedings between daa and the families on the Collinstown site and the matter is now sub judice.

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AGE FRIENDLY FINGAL

Fingal Age Friendly Guide 2021
Setting Up a Dementia Café Workshop
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Sports Office:

Fingal HomeFit Yoga

Erica from Yoga Sanctuary will be teaching a 4-week online yoga course aimed at beginners, but all are welcome. She will guide you through a 1-hour class each week aimed at introducing you to the benefits of yoga through breath work, yoga postures and relaxation.

If you are interested in starting something new for you or would like to join in to stretch out and feel good in your body, then join Erica from Wednesday March 3rd at 6pm.



Fingal Home-Fit

The Fingal Home-Fit live exercise sessions are facilitated by Fingal County Council Sports Office and delivered by suitably qualified personal trainers and exercise professionals. Due to the success in the pilot classes held in late 2020 we are rolling out 3 classes per week again in March 2021.



Live Hip-Hop Classes

This will be the 2nd running of our Hip Hop & Zumba Classes, which will be broadcast live on Zoom in February & March 2021. The sessions will be led and choreographed by Donna Moran from Irish Hip Hop Master Champions & Fit Kids/Fit Teens Dance School. Over 80 participants have registered for the upcoming classes.

Online Sport Inclusion Disability Awareness Classes

As part of our commitment to working with people with disabilities we are delivering this online training programmes to clubs to assist them in upskilling volunteers. The workshop aims to make clubs more inclusive to people with disabilities and enables them to run disability focused programmes.

Women in Sport Coaching Series

The 3rd Women in Sports Coaching Series took place on Monday 22nd February and featured Sharon Boyle, former Senior Ireland International

footballer and current Sport Development Officer with Fingal County Council, in discussion with renowned sports journalist and presenter Cliona Foley. The aim of the series of discussions is to encourage more women to step forward with confidence into coaching roles in their local sports clubs. Plans have been developed to try to encourage the formation of a soccer club in the Tyrrelstown area and targeting the set-up of both a boys and girls' section. This series is part of a strategy to encourage women to step forward and volunteer. This will be followed up with a practical session (when restrictions allow).



Junior Parkrun Millennium Park

After completing a volunteer expression of interest, 12 participants are committed to organising a weekly Junior Parkrun in Millennium Park. The Sports Office will be liaising with our Operations Department and Parkrun Ireland to ensure the programme is ready to start as soon as government restrictions allow.

Live Sports Conditioning Online 10@10

The Sports Office developed the 10@10 programme for schools; a series of exercise videos which can be used by teachers for just 10 minutes every day to encourage and promote physical activity in the classroom. The Active School Flag organisation have attached it to their Active School Programme, and to date 318 schools nationwide

have signed up to the programme. The first live event is on March 5th with plans to deliver in English and Irish sessions during Seachtain na Gaeilge.

Couch to 3k – Walk to Jog

As part of Fingal County Council's sports strategy to get more people active, the Sports Office is offering people the opportunity to take part in this free 6-week virtual programme which started on February 22. Whether you have never jogged before or if you just want to get more active, Couch to 3K is an easy way of getting more energy and feeling healthier. This programme is aimed at beginners who would like to get from walking to jogging but might be a little unsure of how to get started.



Community Development Office:

Planning for Pride of Place 2021

The Community Development Office has begun planning its entries on behalf of FCC for the annual Pride of Place Competition 2021, which showcases the best community development projects on the island of Ireland. The annual liaison officer's evaluation meeting, represented by the Community Office recently agreed to follow the online submission format of 2020, which was introduced due to Covid 19, but if Covid restriction allow, a showcasing of local groups in County Hall may be possible this summer. Alternatively, the judging will be online like last year. So far Bayside

Community Association and Rush Tidy Towns have agreed to represent the Council in this year's competition. An entry from D15 is under active consideration. In 2020 Swords Tidy Towns won the runner up position in the populations over 5000 category. The competition, which is a north-south event is sponsored by Co-operation Ireland and IPB insurances.



“Dad 2.0” Programme

Flemington Community Centre and the Fingal Community Development Officer in Balbriggan are currently developing a new online programme following the success of the Men's Winter Programme. The new programme is called “Dad 2.0” and it will provide advice, support and guidance for men on parenting. It will be of interest to coaches or people in leadership positions with young people also.

There will be an emphasis on emotional literacy, managing emotions, and approaches that offer alternatives to 'reactive parenting'.

Parenting programmes tend to be on a referral basis and can be hard to access or little known about. Balbriggan is officially the youngest town in Ireland and with lots of young families it is an ideal location for starting the programme. It will be accessible to anyone and participation will be anonymous. Registration is essential and anyone

interested can contact Marcos Morandeira at info@flemingtoncc.ie

The Men's Winter Programme has over 70 participants and this cohort will be used as a starting point for promoting the programme. "Dad 2.0" is funded through the Fingal Community Development Office.

Irish Men's Shed Association – Zoom Meeting

On 26th January 2021 Irish Men's Shed Association met online, 38 participants took place representing the 50 registered men's sheds throughout the Dublin Region. Details of the various community grants offered by the Dublin Local Authorities were outlined to participants. The Irish Men's Shed Association's Interim CEO Turlough Kelly gave details of a recent survey completed which detailed that 97% of shed members reached out to each other and 50.4 % of sheds had not met since April 2020. Weekly online exercise courses from Siel Blue, and Mindfulness classes are available on their website. To find details of your nearest shed- www.mensshed.ie.



New Community Group – Skerriwinkles

A New Community Group has been set up in Skerries, which incorporates the love of the sea with volunteering and building community spirit in these difficult times. The group is called Skerriwinkles Sea Swimming Community Group. Fingal Community Department recently assisted the group in establishing the structure and constitution of their group at their recent January meeting. The group have now completed their registration with the Public Participation Network. Skerriwinkles swimmers go out daily at the North

Beach in Skerries. The group organise Charity fundraising events within the community. They recently raised over €2,700 for St. Michaels House. The group intend to have regular beach cleans ups on the North Beach in Skerries.



We Can Quit Programme

2021 We can Quit Programmes have started in Blakestown, Mulhuddart, Swords, Balbriggan and Baldoyle. If you would like to register for the next round of programmes contact - sfox@empower.ie



Valuing our Volunteers: Na Dubh Gall

The Community Development Office wanted to showcase the great work that is done by volunteers across Fingal prior to and during the current Covid pandemic. "Valuing our Volunteers" is a short video interview where organisations get to tell us about who they are and about the great work they are doing for their communities. First up

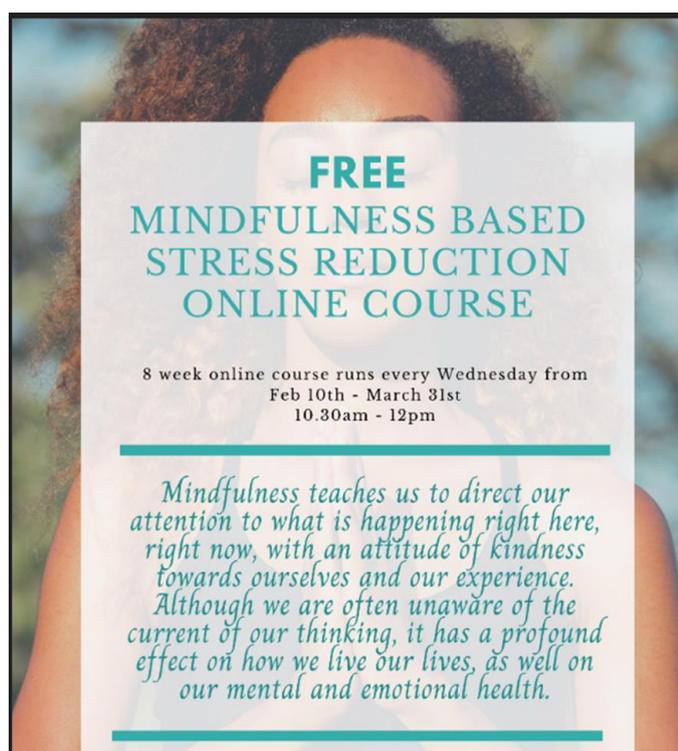
in the series is Na Dubh Gall GAA Club featuring Mark Gibney & Lesley Ann Flynn. The video link will be available on Fingal website and social media at the end of February.

-Thank you to all the volunteers working to make our communities better.



Keeping Well - Mindfulness

Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction (MBSR) 8-week free course for Dublin 15 residents commenced on the 10th of February with an overwhelming response from the community to engage and participate in this Keeping Well Campaign initiative. The Community Development Office has funded this course which is being rolled out from our Community Centres.



#Keep Well Campaign – Staying Connected (Community Call)

Community Call Helpline:

A roster of 26 Community, Sports and Arts staff provide support to the Council's community call service by way of assigning Covid job requests received from the public to local community and voluntary organisations and support agencies. This support is provided Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm. To date 1197 calls have been received. Staff provide daily follow up calls to clients to ensure that their request has been dealt with by a local volunteer.

Daily statistics reports on calls received are provided to Gov.ie and a weekly statistics report is provided to the HSE via the Major Emergency Management, Corporate Affairs and Governance Department.

Community Development staff continue to support local response groups in the development of their service, funding and training opportunities. A bespoke training course specifically around Befriending will be delivered to community response volunteers in March and will address safety, setting boundaries and duty of care to the client.

Staying Connected (Community Call) subgroup updates

Alone: 700 Cooking for Life and At Home Exercise Guides have been distributed by the community development team on behalf of Alone.



Muintir na Tire: 150 packs containing Alone and Age Friendly Guides, facemasks and a collection of greeting cards to encourage people to stay connected was collated and distributed via Muintir

na Tire to people identified by the organisation as most vulnerable to social isolation.

Strategic Unit:

Fingal PPN Resource Worker: Laura Barton commenced her Acting Resource Worker position on 15th February.

Linkage Groups: The first round of 2021 Linkage groups completed on 11th February. Climate Change, Environment and Water Linkage Group met on 1st February 2021 and agreed to participate in the Climate Action Plan consultation: Community Conversations. A Provisional date for the event is Wednesday 10th March 2021.

Implementation of the National PPN Guidelines and Review of the Fingal PPN Strategic Plan



Working Group met on January 21st and February 17th, 2021. The following Work schedule was outlined:

- 17 February: Draft guidebook analysis of Mandatory and Guidance measures. Prioritisation of strategy actions.
- 4th March: Final analysis of guidebook measures. Draft report on strategy implementation. Consult PPN Members.
- 25th March: Progress on consultation. Translate guidebook analysis into strategic actions.
- 15th April. Draft strategy report, new and renewed actions/goals.
- 6th May: Final draft changes and pre-plenary briefing 27 April: Secretariat Meeting.

Fingal Integration Forum



Fingal Integration Forum met on 27 January 2021 - Election of Officers took place

- Joint Chairs: Lawrence Carvalho and Nike Adesemowo
- Joint PROs: Mojisola Mabogaje and Susuana O.M Olatunji Komolafe
- Joint Secretaries: Ann Mulligan and Hanumantha Rao Marepalli
- Joint Treasurers: Helen Keng Mobit and Patricia O'Reilly

The officers met with consultants on 10th and 17th February to progress the Forum's work programme and registration as a group with Fingal PPN. Wider group to meet on 24th February to discuss T.O.R. and work programme.

Community Activity Funding

The following is a brief summary of Community Activity Funding Awarded in Feb 2021

In February, 4 applications were processed

Total award of €3000



Since Jan 2021

7 Applications processed

Total €9000 awarded

Report: Grant Applications
2020 Cumulative Act Grant Month CEO



Capital Funding Applications made on behalf of organisations:

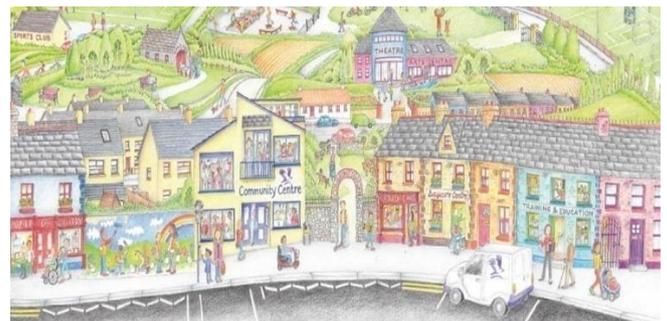
Funding Type	Organisation	Project	Amount
Sports Capital	Corduff Resource Centre	Refurbishment of Sports Hall and upgrade of facility	€150,000
Sports Capital	Applewood Community Centre	Upgrade of Sports Hall floor	€11,474
Sports Capital	Holywell Community Centre	Upgrade of Sports Hall floor	€11,092
Sports Capital	Castleland Community Centre	Refurbishment of LED lighting All Weather Pitch	€14,844
Sports Capital	Donabate Portrane Community Centre	Refurbishment and alteration works	€150,000

International Woman's Day



To celebrate International Women's Day, the Community Development Office is organising an event themed 'Women Leadership in Community Development'. This theme will be explored through online conversations with women who are leaders in the areas of disability, ethnicity/integration, travelling community, older persons and representation (public participation network). Conversations will focus primarily on the important role that women leaders play, what is the biggest challenge for women and advice for a next generation of women leaders. Dr Lucy Michael, a researcher on equality, community development and integration, has been engaged to conduct the interviews online with remote videoing services. All recordings will be released on International Women's Days.

Fingal Virtual Community Centre



To assist people to keep connected in their communities, Fingal County Council Community Development Office in association with the Communications Unit have developed a Fingal Virtual Community Centre for community groups, community service and community centres to showcase their online and location-based activities. Activities are grouped under key categories: 1. Exercise & Well Being, 2. Talks, Courses & Workshops 3. Social, Recreational & Fun, 4. Child & Family. The type of activities expected to feature include Activities such as Fitness & Aerobics, Yoga, Zumba, Money Matters, Cooking, English Language, Job seeking & CV Preparation, Smartphone training, Effective Zoom, Career Guidance, Arts & Crafts, Music, Singing, Reading Group etc.... Fingal Virtual Community Centre is part of the Fingal Keep Well campaign and will provide an opportunity for anyone who

wants to find out more, connect and get involved in online activities in Fingal.

Remedial Works Funding – non council owned facilities

8 expressions of interests for funding to support capital works in non-council owned facilities have been received and 5 have been processed for funding. The amount of funding approved to date is €54,839.

Community Facilities Unit:

Managing Professional Boundaries Training for Fingal Community Facilities Network

In response to an identified need, the Community Facilities Management Support Unit, in conjunction with Fingal Community Facilities Network, has organised Managing Professional Boundaries training session for the management of the community centres across Fingal. 14 participants will take part in this online certified training program which is being provided by The Learning Curve Institute. This training forms part of the funding awarded to the network by the Wheel and the Community Development Office. The main objective is to provide facility managers with the skills necessary to manage professional boundaries and learn new skills that aims to support them in their management roles.



Fingal Keen to Be Green Community Facilities

The Community Development Office in partnership with FCCs Environmental Officer have set up the Fingal Keen to Be Green Community Facilities environmental project that aims to develop a Climate Action Charter that will demonstrate that FCC supported community facilities are implementing a series of changes in their day to day operations. A steering group has been set up to oversee the delivery of the project. It is envisaged that community facilities will see a reduction in the costs of their waste management,

promote projects around water conservation and lead as champions in their local communities through the provision of training and information sessions for local communities as well as leading the way in creating a greater awareness around climate action. Each facility will participate in a program that will enable them to prepare to sign up to the charter in 2021. In principle the charter will ensure that each community facility will be advocates for climate action in their local communities and will demonstrate this through their own policies and day to day practices. Facilities will work towards improving their energy efficiency, support their employees to undertake changes in their life styles both at work and at home to reduce carbon impact and encourage community led groups to implement new ideas in their local communities.

Comhairle Na Nog

Comhairle Na Nog have been invited by the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to participate in the In-Depth Citizen Conversation strand in relation to a consultation on the Climate Action Plan 2021. Comhairle will make this nomination on Wednesday the 24th February 2021.

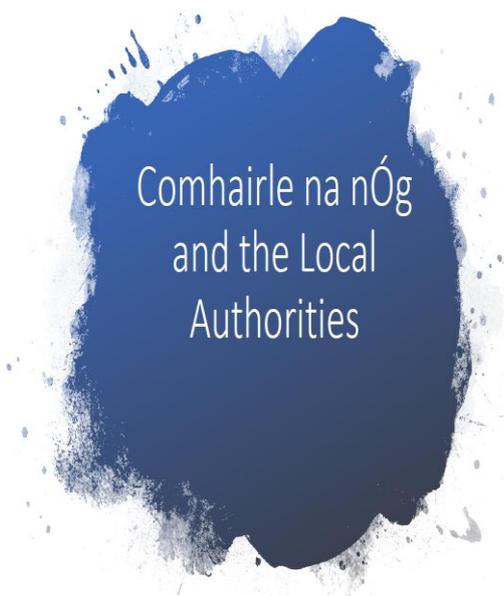
On Friday the 12th of February, Fingal Comhairle na nÓg members attended a Foróige facilitated open discussion on Integration, Racism and Equality regarding young people. The discussion contained open ended questions where participants shared their experiences, the experiences of their peers and discussed power dynamics and the dynamics of privilege based on a number of different social categories. The session was very valuable and following on from this session, members from Fingal Comhairle na nÓg presented the findings on the 19th February to Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth, Roderic O’Gorman for consideration by his Department.



Comhairle Na Nog Cluster Meeting

The first 2021 Comhairle Na Nog Local Authority National Cluster Meeting took place on the 17th of February 2021. Twenty local authorities across the Island including Fingal attended. The purpose of the meeting was to evaluate 2020. AGMs were successful in terms of the engagement of schools and young people.

Feedback on Keeping well campaign noted it as being very successful, high numbers attending meetings and participation of young people regardless of geographical location. Challenges and supports were also given consideration and discussion.



Age Friendly Fingal:

Fingal Age Friendly Guide 2021

20,000 Copies of the 2021 Age Friendly Guide were recently distributed to Older people right across Fingal. Books were left into Post offices, Library Service, Gardai, Meals on Wheels, Beaumont Hospital, Friends of the Elderly, Covid Responders, Chemists among many other places. 2350 copies have been posted out to every Fingal County Council member of staff past and present. For a Digital copy click here [Age Friendly Fingal Guide 2021](#)



Garda Peter Hughes collecting copies of the Age Friendly Guide to deliver out to older people in Balbriggan.

Setting Up a Dementia Café Workshop

This one-day web training event took place on Monday 25th January 2021 and was hosted by Engaging Dementia. Speakers included Mathew Gill from Dementia Service Information and Development Centre and Dr. Louise Daly, Associated Professor in Ageing & Community Nursing, Trinity College Dublin. Over 60 participants took part from all over the Country including founding members of some of the well-established Dementia Cafes across the Country including Nass, Co. Kildare and Kanturk Co. Cork. These groups contributed from their experience in setting up their own Dementia Café with the support from Engaging Dementia. They also shared their experience going to a virtual café which has benefited people who would have been excluded for mobility reasons prior to this time. Each month various speakers talk on different topics, and people who join in feel connected in a safe environment and can share their experiences and receive support from the network of professionals widely available to the groups. This is an extremely beneficial community engagement method that offers valuable support to members of a community with Dementia. Engaging Dementia have a weekly virtual café every Friday at 11.00 am, log onto www.engagingdementia.ie for further information. If you would like to help set up

a Dementia Café in your area contact community@fingal.ie



Launch of Age Friendly Digital Ambassadors Programme

Minister of State with responsibility for Mental Health and Older People, Mary Butler, TD officially launched the rolling out of the Digital Ambassadors programme in Ireland's libraries on January 20th, 2021.

The programme is a partnership between the LGMA Libraries Development Unit and Age Friendly Ireland and aims to support older people in accessing online library resources, particularly while physical library services are suspended as part of government measures to prevent the spread of Covid-19.

Building on the success of the peer-to-peer pilot, that saw members of Age Friendly Ireland's Older People's Councils participate in training provided by Age Friendly Ireland and Libraries Development in order to teach other older people to get on line, the ambition for this Programme is for the online training to be rolled out nationally through the 48 Age Friendly Library Champions in libraries around the country.

Speaking at the launch, Minister Butler said; "Isolation of people of all ages is a significant risk

during the COVID pandemic, particularly during periods of tight restrictions on movement and social interaction. It is of huge importance that people, including our older population are supported in staying connected with their communities, including through available services and supports during these challenging times. This programme aims to empower older people to avail of the fantastic range of library services available online. It will familiarise many older people with getting on-line, enhance digital literacy and engagement and will enable individuals to participate in other online activities, such as exercise classes, singing, zooming, and so on".



ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE ACTION & ACTIVE TRAVEL

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Climate Action:

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

The CCAP and the One Year Progress Report can be viewed at <https://www.fingal.ie/climate-change-action-plan-2019-2024>

Climate Action "Raising Awareness" training is being rolled out to all grades. Grade 7s have been invited to complete the training by 12th March. This training will be offered to Grade 6's throughout March & April. A Championing Leadership pillar will be delivered to senior staff and councillors in Q4 2021.

Action 165 of the national Climate Action Plan 2019 states that 'Each local authority will identify and develop plans for one Decarbonising Zone. A circular and further guidance has issued from DHLGH. DZ's can be described as spatial areas identified by the LA in which a range of mitigation measures can co-exist. A cross departmental team will now identify potential areas.

Environmental Awareness:

Anti-Litter and Anti-Graffiti projects ongoing in several locations such as Taylors Hill Balbriggan with clean-ups and planting of areas for biodiversity.

Free Doggie dispensers sent out to individuals and groups on an ongoing basis.

ReLove Fashion Competition was held online on 25th Feb. This is a clothes up-cycling event in

partnership with the Eastern Regional Local Authorities and the ReDiscovery Centre. A student from Malahide Community School won the Best Evening Dress Category.

Castleknock Tidy Towns Group were provided with funding for a Swift Conservation project in partnership with four Fingal Dublin 15 schools: St Brigid's National School, Castleknock Educate Together School, Castleknock National School, Castleknock College.

Online Sustainable Gardening workshops & wildflower masterclasses have been delivered to members of Tidy Towns, community and residents' groups and allotment holders. The courses were well received.

Environmental presentations have been given to communities through the Fingal Community Centres events.

Taylors Hill Balbriggan



Bring Centres

The Total amount of Tonnage for glass Recycling for February 2021 was 513.76 tonne.

Litter Management

To date this year 540 planned litter patrols have been carried out across the county.

This has resulted in the issuing of 35 litter fines and 29 warning notices under the provisions of the Litter Pollution Act.

Dog Warden & Dog Sanctuary Service

Market Soundings Exercise,

The Market Sounding Exercise has concluded. The Environment Department have met with the CPU and work has commenced on the detailed drafting of the tender documents for the new Dog Warden and Dog Shelter Service.

Dog Warden Patrols

Additional Dog Warden patrols continue to be provided during current Level 5 Covid restrictions. These patrols are targeted at beaches, parks and open spaces to ensure that dog owners are aware of their obligations under the Control of Dogs Act and to provide assistance if required.

Horse Welfare Programme

The DSPCA continue to monitor and inspect the horses on Dunsink Landfill and work with the horse owners in relation to the ongoing care of the animals. 5 bales of hay were delivered to the landfill on 26th February and the welfare issues of one horse was identified by the DSPCA and addressed with the assistance of the owner and a vet.

Horse owners have agreed to work with DSPCA & to commence with setting up a committee with

local reps for each area of Finglas (south, east & west), This is currently on hold until COVID restrictions lift. First Equine ID clinic to commence when COVID restrictions permit it.

Waste Enforcement

The Waste Enforcement Inspection Plan for 2021 which forms part of the RMCEI Plan 2021 has now been finalised and submitted to the EPA. The overall objective of the Plan is to identify and prioritise enforcement activities for 2021 to ensure that Fingal County Council can effectively and efficiently comply with its obligations under all environmental legislation. The legislation underpinning the RMCEI Plan is designed to protect the environment and minimize the risk of air and noise pollution, water pollution and pollution resulting from waste activities. The Plan takes account of National Waste Enforcement Priorities for as well as a number of Local Enforcement Priorities for 2021.

The RMCEI Plan is an important element of the Environment Division Operational Plan 2021, under the objective “to protect and enhance the natural environment of Fingal through effective education, awareness, monitoring and enforcement of national and local legislation and policy”. The Plan will be reviewed periodically throughout the year to take account of any legislative and/or policy changes that arise and adjusted to take account of Covid restrictions and potential impacts regarding physical inspections.

Breakdown of Waste Inspections for 2021

For 2021 a total of 1007 waste related inspections are planned to be undertaken across 57 different work areas. A total of 1317 work days involving 6 waste enforcement officers have been allocated to ensure that all inspections are undertaken and targets achieved as set out within the RMCEI Plan 2021.

	Type of Inspection/Audit Planned	Number	Type of Inspection/Audit Planned	Number
Waste	National Waste Priorities 2021		Local Waste Priorities 2021	
	Checkpoints - WCP holders, illegal operators	4	WCP Anomaly Data - Prioritise AR Validations and investigate	10
	Sites of Concern - Authorised Industry/Tackle Unauthorised Collectors	3	Investigate NI WCP anomalies	2
	Utilising the Anti-Dumping Toolkit- www.m.waste.ie	2	Non submital of ARs and FPNs - Facilities and Collectors	6
	ADI Campaign to Support LA's to Tackle Illegal Waste Activities	2	Data Verification Working Group Participation	0
	Multi-Agency Operations - Identify Unauthorised Waste Sites for Action	2	Joint AR Audits with RMMPOs - HH Waste and C & D Collectors	4
	Major Public Projects - C+ D WMP	4	Vehicle Producer/Importer Compliance Scheme	5
	AR Anomaly Data & Large WCP holders - LoW 170101, 170502, 20	6	WEEE Compliance and Leakage Strategy	5
	AR Anomaly Data of WFPICOR holders - LoW Code 191212	1	WEEE Inspections	10
	C & D Skip Operators of Interest	2	Battery Inspections	10
	ATP Inspections - public entries, anomaly data, WEEE, recovery rates	2	Hazardous Waste Sectoral Inspections	10
	ATP Full Audits - multi-agency/NERLA	2	Mercury Regulations - inspections for compliance	5
	Household Brown Bin Roll Out including Apartments	12	Waste Tyres - Code 16 01 03 WFP and WCP	5
	Bag Collection Areas/Pay to Use Compactors	1	Tyres - Repack ELT Registration	5
	Enforce Waste Presentation Bye-Laws - Source Segregation	20	Packaging Enforcement SMP's 2021	12
	Guidance to Commercial Collectors - recirculate, BO inspections	4	Packaging Enforcement - SMP's 2017 - 2020	9
	Commercial Dry Recyclable Waste - assess info, inspections	20	Packaging - Self Compliance 2021	15
	Commercial Food Waste - assess info, inspections	20	WFP - Desktop AR Validations	20
	Non-Routine Inspections		WFP - AR On-Site Data Verification	20
	Sites Storing Immobilised Vehicles - self declaration and inspection	10	WFP - Compliance with Permit Conditions	20
	Unauthorised Scrap Yards - High Risk, multi-agency inspections	6	Certs of Registration	1
	Unauthorised Scrap Yards - Low-Med Risk	10	C & D WMP - Planning Conditions and Compliance	160
	Extractive Industries	5	WFP - Pre-Planning Meetings/Site Inspections	4
	Tyre Sites of Concern	1	WCP - desktop AR Validations	110
	Article 27 Notifications	60	WCP - AR On-Site Data Verification	10
	WFP - permit applications, reviews and tech amendments	10	WCP - Compliance with Permit Conditions	10
	WFP - Pre-Waste Permit Application Meetings	4	Unregulated Landfills	5
	Complaints - illegal activity, disposal of waste, unauthorised facilities	280	Historic Landfills	10
	Ongoing Enforcement Action (Section Notices)	2	Disposal by Burning Inspections	5
	Ongoing Court Cases	4	Man in the Van Investigations	40
		Total No. of Waste Inspections		1007

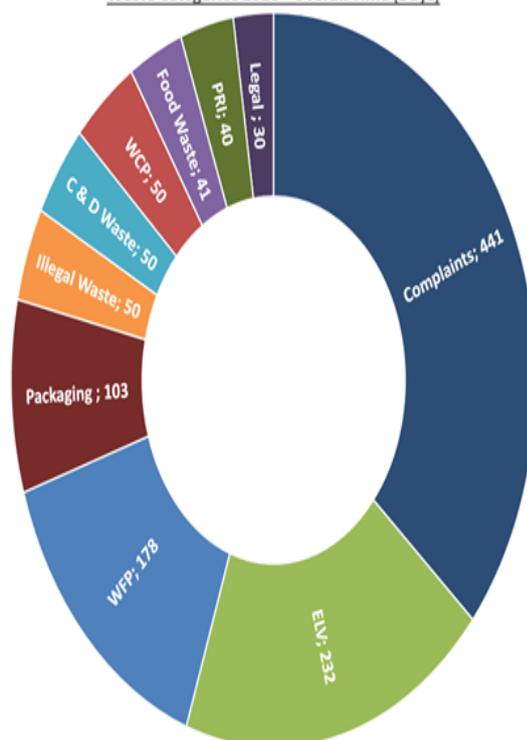
RMCEI: National + Local Enforcement Priorities - Inspections Completed To Date 2021

Category	No. of Planned Inspections 2021	Inspections Undertaken to Date
Waste Enforcement	1007	134
Water Pollution	940	89
Litter Management / Litter Patrols	2060	540
Air & Noise Pollution	334	40

An End of Year Report and associated Inspection Summary Return for 2020 was submitted to the EPA in February. The reports detail waste inspections undertaken during 2020 comprising both national and local waste enforcement priorities. A total of 1052 waste inspections were undertaken during 2020 across 48 different work areas comprising 1197 work days. Investigation of

waste related complaints (441 days), End of Life Vehicle project (232 days), waste facility permit applications/reviews (178 days) and packaging project (103 days) made up almost 80% of the waste enforcement teams time during the year.

Waste Categories 2020 - Overall Time (Days)



Air Pollution

The EPA have directed that the four Dublin Local Authorities prepare an Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP) for the air quality zone that includes the southern half of Fingal, Dublin City and most of South Dublin and Dun Laoghaire Rathdown. The requirement to prepare a plan and the powers of the EPA to direct the preparation of the plan come from *The Air Quality Standards Regulations 2011* (SI 180 2011) giving effect to EU Clean Air for Europe directive (CAFE) 2008/50/EC. In 2019 there were exceedances of the annual mean concentration for NO₂ at locations in the city centre and the areas around the entrances to the port access tunnel. The plan is required to be submitted to the EU commission by the end of 2021.

Active Travel

Bleper Bike Share Scheme –

Bleper’s bike rides increased from 564 rides in December to 741 rides in January. This amounts to a 125% increase in the last month and this figure is 23 times more than the rides from the same period in 2020. This number shows the immense increase in the popularity of cycling during the last 12 months. Saturday and Sunday account for the highest number of rides and accounted for 24.16% and 17% respectively. Bleper had 65 bikes in operation during January.

We will continue to promote usage of Bleper through our social media platforms.

The hire of Bleper’s bikes continues to be free for all Fingal staff.

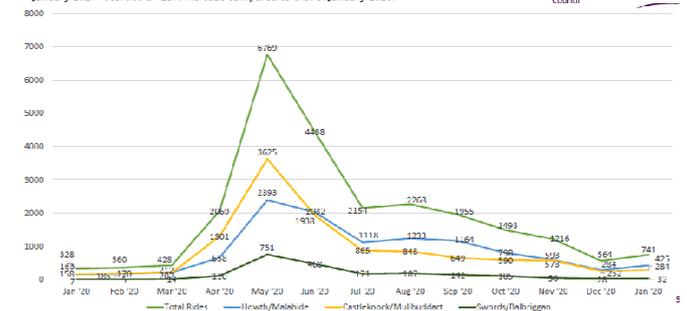
The Active Travel Section have commenced a market sounding from bike share and micro mobility companies for the provision of e scooters and e bikes in Fingal area. Information received is currently being reviewed and those which meet criteria will be asked to present their plans to collaborate with Fingal County Council in a new scheme.

In January Bleper accumulated:

- 1,469,565 metres
- 367,233 (g) of carbon emissions saved
- 306,040 calories burned

Fingal Bike Share Scheme - Monthly Bike Rides Started in Fingal - Bleper

• January 2021 recorded a 125% increase compared to that of January 2020.



Bike Racks

Bike racks continue to be installed throughout the County and the Active Travel section are working on the next phase of bike parking installation.



Bike Racks recently installed at Balbriggan beach

Sports Clubs and Community Centres have been invited to apply for free bike racks to encourage active travel.

Congratulations!

BLEPERbikers in Fingal

you travelled **1,469,565 metres**

IN THE MONTH OF JANUARY

you saved
367,233 (g)
carbon emissions

you burned
306,040
calories

Bike Racks for Schools initiative

Schools looking to encourage their students to cycle may still apply for bike racks and can do so by completing the online application and submitting it to Road.Safety@Fingal.ie.



Low profile bike racks available to schools



Toast racks available to schools

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Appendix 1

REVENUE ACCOUNT INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION AT 28TH FEBRUARY 2021

	EXPENDITURE			INCOME			NET
	Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent to date	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised	€
Housing & Building	11,305,224	71,062,099	16%	11,750,909	74,321,200	16%	-445,685
Road Transport & Safety	3,948,083	24,972,899	16%	1,195,383	7,500,800	16%	2,752,700
Water Services	2,989,292	13,792,400	22%	2,856,834	17,168,500	17%	132,458
Development Management	2,306,919	13,785,401	17%	1,261,301	4,496,500	28%	1,045,618
Environmental Services	6,863,167	42,814,100	16%	899,232	6,089,700	15%	5,963,935
Recreation & Amenity	5,541,599	36,628,899	15%	210,834	1,921,900	11%	5,330,766
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	124,840	1,127,300	11%	37,860	225,100	17%	86,980
Miscellaneous Services	5,921,004	35,878,200	17%	2,276,537	14,325,100	16%	3,644,467
Central Management Charge	6,352,318	46,313,424	14%	417,871	3,187,404	13%	5,934,446
Local Property Tax / GPG				1,250,667	7,528,500	17%	-1,250,667
Rates				24,939,017	148,849,700	17%	-24,939,017
	45,352,447	286,374,722	16%	47,096,445	285,614,404	16%	-1,743,998

CAPITAL ACCOUNT						
		Balance at 01/01/2021 €	Expenditure YTD €	Income YTD €	Balance at 28/02/2021 €	
A	Housing & Building	-18,085,379	11,556,046	-3,129,193	-9,658,526	
B	Road Transport & Safety	30,387,606	3,340,784	-111,672	33,616,718	
C	Water Services	-12,661,880	173,673	-115,271	-12,603,478	
D	Development Management	-115,080,043	2,785,977	-7,820,866	-120,114,932	
E	Environmental Services	-14,179,150	1,489,803	-241,026	-12,930,373	
F	Recreation & Amenity	-2,250,742	2,735,301	-254,555	230,004	
H	Miscellaneous Services	-74,667,392	2,498,486	-5,067,270	-77,236,176	
	Total	-206,536,980	24,580,069	-16,739,853	-198,696,764	
NB***						
The Opening Balance for 2021 is subject to change as the AFS 2020 is not finalised						

SUMMARY OF CORPORATE DEBTORS TO 28/02/2021				
	Balance at 01/01/2021*	Balance at 28/02/2021	Current debt	> 1 Year
	€	€	€	€
RATES	-14,751,274	134,769,618	133,107,913	1,661,705
LOANS	1,701,915	1,747,865	307,435	1,440,430
RENTS	7,082,917	7,182,429	3,510,031	3,672,398

Figures for rents and loans are unadjusted by credits/prepayments

*Note: Balances at 1/1/2021 are only provisional and will be finalised on completion 2020 AFS.