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Chief Executive's Foreword

Financial planning and management is a key consideration for all departments across the organisation at all times. At this time of year there is a particular focus in this area with the Members approving a significant capital programme in October and the annual budget meeting scheduled to take place on the 9th of November. The role of the Elected Members and their commitment and expertise is critical in ensuring we can continue to enhance and deliver key services across the county for all of our citizens.

All departments and staff across the organisation are working hard to progress projects and I am looking forward to seeing significant progress on the ground in 2022. I was delighted to see homes and businesses in Balbriggan receiving a 'What Next' leaflet detailing updates on the physical transformation pieces of the Our Balbriggan Rejuvenation Plan. Investing in the regeneration of Balbriggan remains one of our top priorities and confirms our commitment to help drive growth for businesses and residents in the town. Work commenced last month on the construction of a new €1.5million All-Weather Sports Pitch Facility at Ward River Valley Regional Park in Swords with the facility due to be completed by the Second Quarter of 2022. This will be a valuable sporting amenity for the people of Swords and wider area. A lot of work has been done by Councillors, staff and other stakeholders over the last few years to make this project a reality and this is a significant milestone in the journey.

Staff resources are critical to the delivery of our projects and to this end the HR department continue to engage in large scale recruitment campaigns for a wide range of roles.

Fingal Inclusion week which is an initiative of Fingal County Council Community Office, the Integration Officer and the Fingal Public Participation Network will run from the 15th to the 21st of November with a fantastic programme of 76

events taking place around the County. It is very important to raise awareness of the excellent work being done by community groups, PPN and our own Fingal staff to combat social exclusion. The week also seeks to raise awareness of the barriers experienced by citizens of Fingal that lead to social exclusion and promote an understanding of inclusion in Fingal and I hope that you will support this initiative.

Ten Fingal projects and initiatives have been nominated in this year's All Ireland Community and Council Awards. These awards are an opportunity to highlight and promote the work carried out in our communities and showcase the successful collaborations between communities and councils. Five Fingal projects have also been nominated in the Chambers Ireland 2021 Excellence in Local Government Awards. I am very pleased that so many Fingal initiatives and projects have been acknowledged for their innovation and excellence and I wish all Fingal entrants the very best of luck in this year's awards which take place this month.

AnnMarie Farrelly

Chief Executive

HR, CORPORATE AND GOVERNANCE

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Major Emergency Management



The Major Emergency Management structures in place within the Council have proven to be very effective and continue to serve us well as we continue our careful and gradual approach to reopening in line with Government guidance.

Fingal County Council's Executive Management Team and senior management continue to meet regularly to ensure continuity of services and put measures in place to align with the Government's plan for the final phase of their response to the COVID-19 pandemic COVID-19: Reframing the Challenge, Continuing Our Recovery and Reconnecting.

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 Reframing the Challenge, Continuing Our Recovery and Reconnecting. 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. To assist in the transition towards a full return to the workplace all staff have been required to work a minimum of two days per week in the workplace from 22nd October.

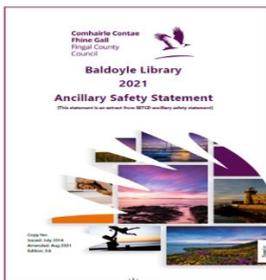
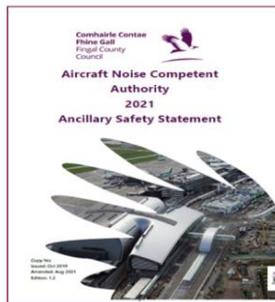
Training and development of our staff, including statutory Health & Safety training, continues throughout the pandemic ensuring that critical services are not adversely affected. As part of the Local Authority Climate Action Training Programme, all Council staff and Elected members are currently undertaking "Climate Action - Raising Awareness" training, delivered through the Climate Ireland Learning Platform. The HR Department is continuing the roll out of Diversity, Interculturalism Training which will assist the Council in meeting its obligations under the Public Sector Equality & Human Rights Duty.

The HR Department is currently engaging in large scale recruitment campaigns for a range of roles as detailed below.

Recruitment Programme 2021 end of October 2021	No
Recruitment Campaigns Completed / Pending	81
Applicants to date	2820
Interviews Held to date	909
Number of Appointments	246
Number of New Starters	169
Number of Leavers / Retirements	148
Number of Current Job Offers to Candidates	99

Health & Safety Unit (HSU)

The HSU continues with the publication of ancillary safety statements, revised risk assessments and operational procedures on its Share point platform. Site safety inspections, safety audits and accident investigations continue along with answering staff queries pertaining to returning to work, Covid-19 and other general health and safety queries. The HSU is currently partaking in an external audit by Mazars administered through the Council's Internal Audit office. FCC's entry submission prepared by the HSU for the National Irish Safety Organization/Northern Ireland Safety Group's 'Occupational Safety Awards 2021' has been short listed for a category one award with the exact award being disclosed on the evening of the 4th November. European safety week [25th to 29th October] was promoted by the HSU through a staff messages initiative along with a staff quiz competition to promote safety and health in the workplace.



Customer Services

During the month of October a total of 1,331 people called to the offices to conduct business in person.

The Council's Customer Care agents also manage business with the public on the phones and by email as the first point of contact -

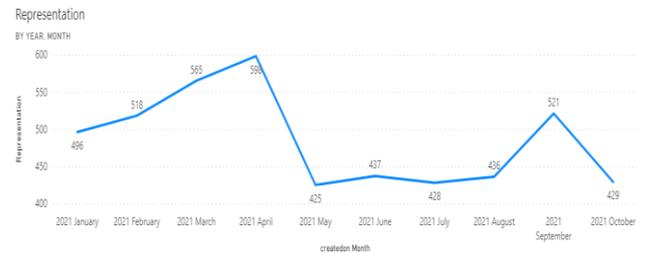
Phone Calls 14,750

Emails 796

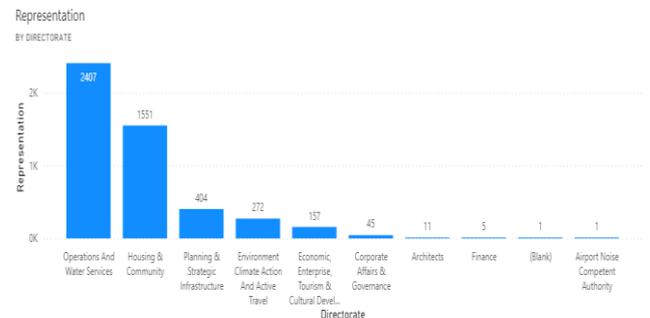
CRM

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 October had a total of 429 Councillor's representations.



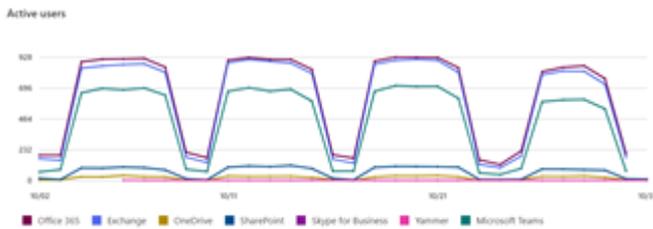
The table below shows the number of Councillor's representations assigned to each Department for the year to date.



Information Technology

Digital Working

In October staff took part in 8,455 Teams meetings, 28,213 calls took place, and 753,252 emails were received or sent by the Council.



IT Infrastructure & Support

730 support calls were logged by Council staff with the IT Service Desk in the past month and 21 calls were logged by Councillors with Sord. 100% server availability and 100% network availability was achieved in the month of October.

Smart Balbriggan Community Hackathon



On Saturday 16th October, Smart Balbriggan held a hybrid Hackathon event which looked at problem solving local challenges in the community. The event was facilitated by What the Hack, Smart Dublin and the Our Balbriggan Team.



Congratulations to the winners of the Smart Balbriggan Community Hackathon! Their idea "Think Tank" focused on the community challenge. Their solution aimed to create a Think Tank to build civic pride, which included a community podcast, town hall workshops and reporting improvements back into the Council. Smart Balbriggan and Our Balbriggan teams will now look at the potential to develop the Think Tank proposal and implement the suggestions made by the winning team.

Innovation Week 2021

Public Sector Innovation Week 2021 takes place from 8th -12th November to showcase innovative projects and initiatives happening across the Irish public sector. The initiative is organised by the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform with all public sector organisations encouraged to get involved. The full programme can be seen at <https://www.ops.gov.ie/actions/innovating-for-our-future/innovation/innovation-week/>

As part of Public Sector Innovation Week 2021, Fingal County Council and Smart Dublin are hosting a series of public webinars, showcasing innovative projects led by the four Dublin Local Authorities –

Smart Dublin Smart District Approach Webinar

Thursday 11th November, 12:00 – 13:00

Registration – <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/smart-dublins-district-approach-fast-tracking-innovation-webinar-tickets-192217677247>



Smart Dublin Scaling Innovation Webinar

Friday 12th November, 12:00 – 13:00

Registration – <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/scaling-innovation-examples-from-smart-dublin-tickets-196430347457>



Communications

Podcast

Episode 14 of the Inside Fingal Podcast features an interview with Procurement Officer Brian Murray about the Central Procurement Unit (CPU) which, when it was established in 2019, was the first to be set up by a local authority. The interview covers the work of the CPU, explains how the procurement system works and outlines the importance of procurement to the Council's Corporate Governance structures.

To date the Inside Fingal podcast series has had 5,464 downloads or internet listens and all podcasts in the series are available at www.fingal.ie/podcast.

The Inside Fingal Podcast has been nominated in the Best Local Authority Innovation category for an Excellence in Local Government Award which will be announced on Thursday, 18 November.

Website

There were 113,400 visitors to our website, fingal.ie, during October which is the second highest monthly total achieved in 2021 and was 1,900 more than September. There were a total of 293,000 page views which is the fourth highest figure recorded this year. After 10 months of 2021 we have exceeded, for the time ever, the one

million mark for visitors to fingal.ie in a calendar year.

Choice Based Letting was the page which attracted the most traffic during the month with 15,500 visitors and 26,900 page views. Other high performing pages were planning applications, recycling centres, jobs, and libraries.

Social Media

Our Twitter account, @fingalcoco, had 573,400 impressions during October and an average engagement rate of 1.4% for 275 tweets. There were 143 new followers to bring the total number of followers to 20,366.

The best performing tweet, with 58,200 impressions, 10,077 media views and 1,427 engagements, was promoting a video about the launch of the Football and Fitness Transition Year course run by Fingal County Council and the Football Association of Ireland.



Our Facebook page had 900,354 impressions during October and the number of followers rose by 389 to 24,309. There are currently 4,364 following our Instagram account while LinkedIn has 4,805 followers. Our You Tube account now has 570 subscribers.

Projects and Campaigns



During the month of October the Communication Unit worked with departments and sections across the Council to promote their projects and campaigns. This included working with the Sports Office on the launch of the Football and Fitness Transition Year Course, the Active Travel Unit in relation to Road Safety Week and the Operations Department on increasing awareness of Halloween Safety. Other initiatives promoted included Electric Vehicle Lamp Post Charging points, Keen to be Green, Resort Revelations and the commemoration for COVID-19 victims.

Videos

A short video which the Communications Unit produced about the demolition of the O'Shea's Buildings in Balbriggan and which was only available through the You Tube channel has already attracted 4,254 viewers since it was published on October 21.

The Communications Unit published a series of self-help videos for the new HAP Online Portal and also produced videos on the Transition Year Football and Fitness Course, the visit of Minister Damien English to the Fingal Local Enterprise Office and the appointment of Leah Walshe as the new Community Development Officer for the Balbriggan area.

All can be viewed at

<https://www.youtube.com/c/FingalCountyCouncilVideo/videos>

Press Releases and Media Queries

We issued 17 press releases during October and dealt with 20 media queries.

ECONOMIC, ENTERPRISE, TOURISM & CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

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EVENTS

Christmas Markets



A number of Christmas Markets are taking place in Fingal the Events Unit are managing markets in Blanchardstown, Balbriggan and Swords with additional markets and Christmas Fairs happening in the Seamus Ennis Centre and Ardgillan.

Illuminate Fingal

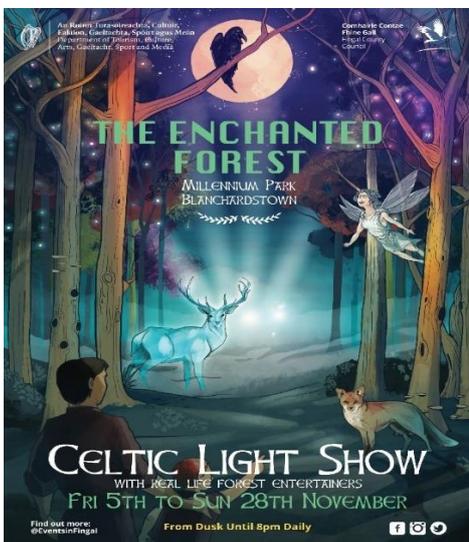


Took place at 12 locations throughout the County, the Events Unit are currently surveying appropriate locations for Christmas illuminations.



A number of events we supported by EETCD over the Halloween with the highlight being the free to attend Pumpkin Patch held over the weekend.

Enchanted Forest



As a series of 15 light and sound installations will be installed at the Millennium Park from Friday 5th until Sunday 28th November. The event will operate from dusk until 8pm daily with the park opening hours being extended by Operations. This is an a free to attend managed event over 24 days.

LOCAL LIVE PERFORMANCE PROGRAMMING SCHEME – PHASE 2

The Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media announced on the 26th October a fund of €245,000 under a second strand of the LLPPS (Local Live Performance Programming Scheme) in conjunction with the Creative Ireland Creative Communities Programme to allow local authorities to provide for local live performance over the Winter/Christmas season.

The Arts and Events units of EETCD are currently working on a programme of events for the County. It is intended to announce these over the coming weeks.

TOURISM

Fingal Food Tourism Network

The network are currently working on developing a Fingal Seafood Trail. It is hoped this project can collaborate with other seafood trails including Sea Louth, therefore creating a much bigger seafood proposition for North County Dublin and onwards.

Tourism Development Groups

Skerries Tourism is busy organising a 'Winter in Skerries' event for December 2021, this will dovetail with the recently launched Fáilte Ireland Winter in Dublin campaign.

Howth Tourism has developed a new operational model which is aimed at being more inclusive and collaborative for all businesses in the area. Fáilte Ireland and Fingal Tourism will host and facilitate a Kickstart Howth 2022 event in Howth Yacht Club on 2nd November.

Rush Tourism are currently finalising the Rush promotional brochure which will form part of the suite of 8 Fingal local tourism destination brochures.

HERITAGE PROPERTIES



UPDATE ON HERITAGE PROPERTIES CONSERVATION WORKS:

Ardgillan Castle and Newbridge House – The roof works tender for both properties is progressing to Stage 2 Detailed Design. Works tender to be procured by the end of Q1 2022.

Malahide Castle – The Great Hall conservation works are due to commence shortly and are scheduled for completion in Q1 2022.

Skerries Mills – A report on the Red Barn conservation project is to be presented to the next Balbriggan Swords Area Committee meeting seeking approval to commence the public consultation phase.

MARKETING/PROMOTION OF HERITAGE PROPERTIES



Malahide Castle -

Funding from Tourism Ireland has been approved for International Marketing Activities (IMAP) and in market digital campaigns have commenced in the main European markets, the UK and US.

The Christmas Experience will make a welcome return in late November.

Newbridge House - Staff Training is now underway on the New Collections Management System hosted by Museum Plus.

IMAP funding from Tourism Ireland has also been granted for Newbridge House international digital campaigns for Oct and November 2021 and radio adverts are promoting mid-term break visits.

Ardgillan Castle - Filming of the movie *Uncle Silas* is ongoing and will end on 12 November. Preparations are currently underway for an open night for the Ardgillan Artists' Collective on Saturday 4 December.

A charity fashion show for SOSAD is to held on Sunday 5 December, where a marquee will be erected on the lower terrace of the private rose garden.

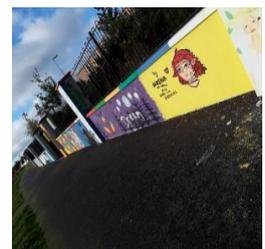
A Christmas Craft Fair is also being planned for the artists in residence, which will take place in December.

Skerries Mills - Skerries Mills had formed a community garden group to look after the new community garden constructed as Skerries Mills.

A Santa Experience will be running again this year with reduced numbers and socially distanced.

Christmas Retail returns to the Mills this year and there will be a Christmas Craft Market every Sunday during December.

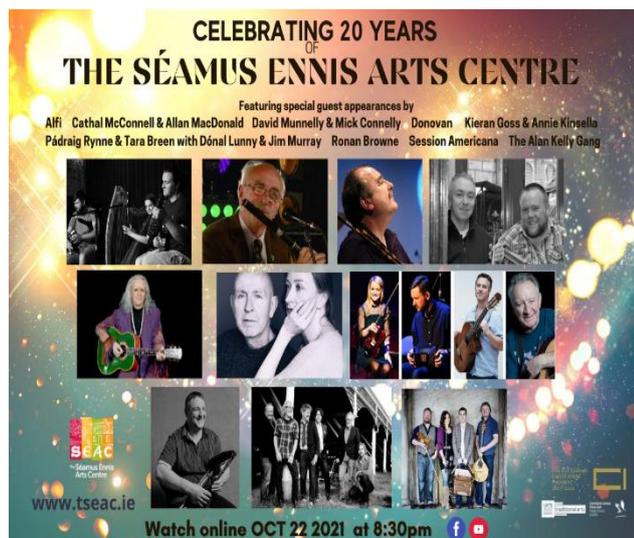
CREATIVE FINGAL PROGRAMME 2021



October was a busy month for Creative Ireland funded programmes as approved projects are reaching their conclusion.

Bremore Educate Together launched their Wellbeing mural wall which is located on the Pollinator walk between St. Georges National School and Colaiste Ghlor Na Mara in Balbriggan. A large number of students from Bremore Educate together took part in the project which focused on the positive mental health & well-being.

The 2021 **Black Raven Pipe band** learning programme is nearing completion as they are busy preparing students to sit their Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association exams. The foundation to level 6 qualifications will be certified by the Scottish Qualification Authority and give students the qualification to teach future students in the art of Pipe band music.



The **Séamus Ennis Arts Centre** celebrated its 20-year anniversary by launching a film production which features a host of musicians and special guests who performed and spoke about the very special bond each of them had with the Séamus Ennis Arts Centre over the years. The film which can be viewed on You Tube [20 Years A-Growing \(Fiche Blián ag Fás\)](#) celebrates the unique and special qualities that the centre brings to artists and visitors alike.

The film production was funded by *Fingal County Council, The Arts Council, Creative Ireland and Fingal Leader Partnership*

ARTS OFFICE

Public Art – Commemorations 2021 – A Burning Tide



Fingal County Council's Arts Office in partnership with The Irish Writers Centre successfully delivered a unique film and writing commission to remember the Burning of the 6 Coastguard Cottages in Fingal by the IRA. The historical details that were available of this historical event were re-imagined through poetry and prose by some of Ireland's most prolific writers, Dermot Bolger, Enda Coyle Green, Kit de Waal, Stephen Walsh, Ciara ni E, & Eilís ni Dhuibhne.

These new works were performed and filmed on site at various locations in Loughshinny by host of well-known theatre & TV actors including RTE's Joe Duffy, Pat Kinevane, Marion O'Dwyer, Niamh McCann, Ian Lloyd Anderson & Kate Gilmore. The finished piece was screened at Loughshinny Boathouse outdoors over two evenings, the Mayor & The Irish Writer Centre attended the preview, and the screening was also a key piece for Culture Night, it was available online on Culture Night until midnight also. Plans to screen the piece again are

ongoing. The work was funded by the Commemorations Unit of The Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sports & Media and the Arts Council's Culture Night Fund.

MUSICIAN-IN-RESIDENCE PROGRAMME 2021/2022



Musician Eamonn Galldubh and students from St. Molaga's NS Balbriggan (Feb 2020)

Fingal's Musician-in-residence programme enables over 2,000 primary school children to advance their music education. 25 primary schools benefit from this programme which brings professional musicians to work with teachers and children in schools during the school day. The programme began in 2019 but was disrupted by public health concerns during 2020/2021.

The Arts Office is now encouraging all participating schools to reactivate their projects with financial and advisory support. 13 schools have completed the necessary assessment and are set to begin their projects this month. The arts office is continuing to work with the remaining schools to see them successfully reinstate their projects in line with new approaches to working in the classroom.

MICRO FOREST, 2021 – 2022



Students working with Gareth Kennedy at Blakestown Community School (Sept 2021)

This autumn Fingal Arts Office, Artist Gareth Kennedy and a team of creative professionals return to Micro Forest – Seanchai site at Blakestown Community School to reactivate the forest as a site for learning about art and ecology with a new group of TY students. The forest became overgrown during the summer months & one species didn't prosper due to the summer heat wave. A full assessment of the trees and forest health has taken place and maintenance will begin in Oct.

The autumn workshop season kick started on Sept 27 with *'Towards a new silviculture'* - Youth & Education Officer Julie Clarke & Gareth met with a new group of 20 students to introduce Gareth's art practice and the project's story so far. Ice-breaker games assisted with team building and group bonding.

On October 4 'author Niall McCoitir and artist Hannah Bohacova facilitated a session titled *'Trees, Weeds & Folklore'*, leading on to practical hands-on engagement with the forest such as identification of species while Niall shares stories of the associated myths & legends as presented in his writing.

Following this the students will be taught how to make their own charcoal from wood burning techniques by craftsman Eoin Donnelly in a workshop titled *'Carbon and the Forest Floor'*. This newly made charcoal will be their material for drawing the local forest species found. The month will end with a workshop titled **'Winter Tonic'**. Using locally sourced ingredients – elderflower and hawthorn, the students will be taught how to make a winter tonic by artist Hannah Bohacova.



LIBRARIES

New eduroam Wi-Fi hotspot at Fingal Libraries



Balbriggan, Baldoyle, Blanchardstown, Donabate, Howth, Malahide, Rush and Swords Libraries are now offering eduroam (education roaming) Wi-Fi. Pioneered by HEAnet, Ireland's National Education and Research Network, eduroam aims to improve the learning experience of students and to reduce the digital divide. Students whose college/university participates in eduroam can simply open their laptop or mobile device in one of the above named libraries and have immediate internet connectivity.

Fingal Libraries Storytrail



Developed as part of Cruinniú na nÓg, Fingal Libraries Storytrail is still available to visit at Ardgillan Castle. Come along, take a stroll through the woods and follow the story of the Ravenous Beast. The story was created by Niamh Sharkey, an award winning author and illustrator of children's picture books. Niamh lives and works in Fingal and had a studio in Ardgillan Castle when she held the role of Laurate na nÓg from 2012-2014.

Healthy Ireland at Your Library



The Healthy Ireland at Your Library programme aims to establish libraries as a valuable source within the community for health and wellbeing information. Fingal Libraries will host a series of online events on a variety of health and wellbeing topics during Autumn/Winter 21, including creative writing for teen wellbeing, first aid with St. John's Ambulance, winter gardening, yoga, sleep therapy, nutrition in pregnancy, weaning your baby and feeding toddlers.

Science Week: 7th – 14th Nov



Science Week 2021 will highlight the potential of existing scientific discoveries and will ask what challenges are most important to the Irish public and how might science help. During this year's Science Week, Fingal Libraries will host a Giraffe Habitat Challenge from Dublin Zoo, workshops from the Rediscovery Centre on biodiversity, climate change and energy, an Anyone4Science ice cream workshop, Junior Einstein Science Club events, and coding classes from the Academy of Code. The events are all free of charge and can be booked at [eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com)

Europe Direct



It's time once again for the annual Europe Direct Soapbox competition! This is a great opportunity to win a fantastic prize for public speaking and the chance to compete in the National Final. The regional soapbox competition is organised every year by the Europe Direct Information Centre based at Blanchardstown Library. This year again it is an online competition and participants are invited to send in their 3-minute presentations by video. These will then be viewed by a panel of judges who will choose a winner. The topic this year is: *'Lies, damned lies and statistics - Establishing the truth is impossible in today's world of misinformation, disinformation and propaganda.'* The deadline for entries is Thursday 11thth Nov by 5pm.

Further information and entry forms are available at: <https://www.librariesireland.ie/events/europe-direct-blanchardstown-library-annual-soapbox-competition-2021-0>

The Europe Direct centre at Blanchardstown Library is also organising three consultations in November as part of the Conference on the future of Europe project. These consultations offer participants an opportunity to propose their ideas on the future direction of EU policies. The three groups participating are:

1. A range of people with disabilities - Discussing employment and social justice.
2. Comhairle na nÓg - Discussing education, culture, youth and sport.
3. The Fingal Integration Forum - Discussing migration and integration.

Autumn/Winter Events Brochure



For the full range of Fingal Libraries online events and activities for Autumn/Winter 2021 go to: <https://www.fingal.ie/sites/default/files/2021-10/fingal-libraries-autumn-2021-brochure.pdf>

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

FINGAL IN IT TOGETHER



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

Outdoor Dining Scheme



The Outdoor Dining Scheme funded by Fáilte Ireland with the purpose of assisting the hospitality and tourism sector to increase their outdoor dining capacity closed on the 30th September 2021 and the final applications are now being processed. The Economic, Enterprise, Tourism & Cultural Department has issued to date in excess of €290,980 in funding to 91 applicants.

Fingal Skills Strategy



The Fingal Skills Strategy Implementation Group has met three times since its establishment in April and will meet again in November. Sub-groups for Transport & Logistics and the Construction Sectors have been established to examine the requirements of these sectors. A Fingal Skills webpage is in development to signpost skills and training opportunities.

Sustainable Fingal



The Council's **Sustainable Fingal** competition concluded in September and the winner of a Sustainability Assessment and Action Plan from Balbriggan based Patel Tonra Ltd. Environmental Solutions and a video case study on the Sustainable Fingal webpages will be announced at the start of November.

Urbact Playful Towns



The Council held the first meeting of its Urbact Local Group (ULG) in Rush as part of the Playful Towns Initiative. Elected Members, community representatives and Council staff participated in the initial meeting to discuss plans for playful interventions in Rush over the term of the initiative to December 2022.

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



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

The pillar chairs and members of the five pillar groups met in the Bracken Court Hotel on October 20th to share progress on actions and identify emerging priorities for focus over the next 12 months.

The Balbriggan Leadership Group met on 27th October to review progress and priorities. The meeting received a preview of the new improvements to the www.balbriggan.ie website and the yearly update issuing to all households and businesses in Balbriggan titled 'What Next?'



Community Enhancement Programme 2021

The Fingal Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) continues to pay out and administer grants to the 81 groups that were approved for 2021 Scheme funding. The Community Enhancement Programme (CEP) is funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development.

The scheme aims to:

- support local groups to re-open their facilities post COVID-19
- provide small grants for facilities repairs and renovations, new equipment and safety upgrades
- a focus on providing funding in disadvantaged areas

The CEP provides a flexible and targeted approach to funding those communities most in need and is aimed at addressing disadvantage as identified in the Fingal Local Economic and Community Plan and also at this time supporting local community and voluntary groups with reopening costs as a result of COVID 19.

SICAP

The SICAP Annual Plan for 2021 continues to be implemented. The €1.24m 2021 SICAP Plan has ambitious KPIs which take into account the many challenges arising from delivering services in a Covid 19 environment. Indications to date are that the 2021 SICAP Programme is progressing well and within expectations. The mid-year review of the 2021 annual implementation plan is complete and

a positive delivery of the programme for 2021 is expected.

The annual engagement meeting with Pobal will be held during November.

The current SICAP Programme has also been extended for a further year to include 2023.



Leader Programme

The Dublin Rural LEADER Local Action Group 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 updated 2021/22 Transitional Funding Arrangements for the LEADER Programme has the Dublin Rural LEADER LAG approved for €1,882,175 to cover both projects funding and administration funding for the period April 2021 – December 2022. Of this amount, €1,411,631 is available for LEADER Project Applications under the categories of Rural Enterprise, Social Inclusion and Rural

Environment. Historically, Fingal Projects comprise of 65-70% of the total LEADER Projects Funding, roughly corresponding to Fingal's share of the Dublin Rural LEADER Geographical Area.

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

The next meeting of the Dublin Rural LEADER Local Action Group (LAG) will take place in November.

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

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.

**Ár dTodhchaí
Tuaithe
Our Rural
Future**



Town and Village Streetscape Enhancement Scheme 2021

Fingal County Council has been awarded €46,638 in funding by the Department of Rural and Community Development under the new Town

and Village Streetscape Enhancement Scheme 2021. This Scheme is part of Our Rural Future, a five-year strategy to revitalise rural Ireland and make our rural towns and villages more vibrant and attractive places to live, work and visit.

The funding aims to support the upgrade of shopfronts and building facades and the enhancement of streets and open space through painting, artwork, murals, signage replacement/removal, street furniture, lighting and planting in five towns and villages in Fingal.

Fingal County Council sought applications from businesses and community groups in the towns of Rush, Lusk, Donabate, Skerries and Oldtown to fund enhancement works in designated areas. The applications received have been evaluated and submitted to the Department of Rural and Community Development, which has now approved the funding to enable the projects to proceed.

Social Enterprise Capital Grant Scheme 2021

Applications to the Social Enterprise Capital Grants Scheme 2021 closed during October. A shortlist of eligible applications will be sent to the Department of Rural and Community Development once the LCDC approve them at its next meeting in November.

Enterprise Centres

Fingal's Enterprise Centres welcome the launch of ConnectedHubs.ie. ConnectedHubs.ie is a one-stop-shop for hubs throughout Ireland. Launched in May 2021, it is designed to simplify and standardise the process of sourcing and booking spaces, desks, offices and events in hubs for a day, a week, a month, a year or longer.

ConnectedHubs.ie is operated by The National Hub Network, a Government of Ireland initiative that provides a vehicle for individual hubs to come together under a shared identity to maximise the economic opportunity of remote working.

The National Hub Network has the support of Government, remote working advocacy groups and industry representatives. In this way, ConnectedHubs.ie also encompasses a range of key features that deliver significant benefits to member hubs, hub clients, employers, local communities and the wider economy.



Under the Connected Hubs Funding Scheme, BASE Enterprise Centre secured €75,000 for centre upgrades.

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

Our centres offer a variety of:

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

Find out more & enquire today:

DUBLIN 15
01 820 3020
info@baseenterprisecentre.com

SWORDS
01 892 8000
info@drinanenterprisecentre.ie

BALBRIGGAN
01 802 0400
info@beat.ie

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

The Drinan Enterprise Centre was delighted to welcome Minister Damien English T.D., Minister of State for Business, Employment and Retail, to the Centre during his recent visit to Fingal, where he met with a Drinan tenant business and the Centre's management team.



The renovation works in the Beat Centre are now complete. Funding for these renovations has been provided by the Dublin Rural LEADER Programme. The newly fitted out space allows Beat to expand its offering in the areas of remote working hub space and flexible start-up workspace.

Work has also re-commenced in BASE to further upgrade and expand remote working facilities with the addition of new dedicated space and desks.



Occupancy rates at the Council's three enterprise centres at the end of October were Drinan 84%, BASE 88% and Beat 88%. The three Enterprise Centres currently support 62 businesses and 320 direct jobs.

LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE FINGAL Local Enterprise Office Fingal



LEO Fingal provides a broad suite of support services to stimulate enterprise and enable small businesses to succeed. Some of the LEO highlights for October 2021 are as follows:

Fingal Local Enterprise Development Plan Launched



LEO Fingal launched its new plan for stimulating and supporting enterprise in the region for the period 2021 - 2024. The official launch took place on 5th October during a visit by Minister of State for Business, Employment and Retail, Damien English T.D. The Local Enterprise Development Plan provides a comprehensive framework for building on the many successes to date for the Fingal area. Fingal LEO aims to ensure that all aspiring and established entrepreneurs in their community receive a support structure that is practical, contemporary, multi-faceted and comprehensive, to enable the local small businesses to thrive.

Evaluation and Approvals Committee

The March Evaluation and Approvals Committee (EVAC) meeting took place on Wednesday the 06th of October. Four applications were approved for €71,350 worth of funding. This brings the total number of companies approved in 2021 to 31, with a combined value of €694,730. The next Evaluation and Approvals Committee (EVAC) meeting will take place on Wednesday the 3rd of November. Thirty companies were approved funding in 2021, with a combined value of €694,730.

Green for Micro Initiative – Mentoring/Consulting Programme for SMEs



LEO Fingal have approved 9 applicants for the Green for Micro programme, 5 of whom have successfully completed the Programme thus far. The Green for Micro is an initiative from the Local Enterprise Office to help prepare small businesses for the low carbon, more resource efficient economy of the future. This programme is available to businesses with up to ten employees.

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,

315 applications were approved in the amount of €696,698.50. The next webinar will take place on Friday, 5th November 2021.

Brexit/Customs Workshops



A “Prepare your Business for Customs” workshop took place on Tuesday the 19th of October. The workshop aimed to assist businesses in understanding what they need to do to trade with the UK and other ‘Third Countries’, how tariffs work and how to correctly classify goods. In 2021, so far 13 workshops have been delivered with 309 Fingal businesses participating overall.

National Women’s Enterprise Day (NWED)



Female entrepreneurs and budding businesswomen of Fingal celebrated this year’s National Women’s Enterprise Day by attending an event hosted online. The initiative was hosted by founder and broadcaster Áine Kerr. The free event, entitled “Build The Future”, took place online on the 7th October and featured some of Ireland’s best known female entrepreneurs including the likes of Aimee Connolly of Sculpted by Aimee and Sharon Keegan of Peachy Lean. Fingal’s Derya Sousa of Kianda Technologies hosted an intriguing spot light session as part of the event while Ciara Garvan also featured as the leading light for Fingal.

Business Advice Clinics and Mentoring

Business Advice Clinics and mentoring continue to be offered online. Since January 2021, 88 Business Advice Clinic days were held, offering advice and support to 816 Fingal businesses. In addition, 328 entrepreneurs received one to one mentoring.

Management Development & Training

LEO Fingal provides a series of management development initiatives and workshops to assist the growth of small businesses. In 2021 to date, some 3,056 bookings for these programmes have been received. Programmes currently on offer include: Instagram for Aces; Consumer and Market Research; Canva Workshop; TicToc for Business; Completing Your Tax Returns;

Start Your Own Business (SYOB)

The SYOB programme continues to be highly popular. A new SYOB course commenced on 26th October, bringing to thirteen the total number delivered year to date, with 258 participants Up to the end of October 2021. The next programme is scheduled to commence on 16th of November 2021.

Microfinance Ireland COVID-19 Loans

LEO Fingal provides a loan scheme through its partnership with Microfinance Ireland, with “soft” loans of up to €25,000. LEO Fingal is actively promoting the availability of loans from businesses that have difficulty raising finance from their bank. Seventeen applications have been processed, assessed and submitted to MFI to date this year. **Export Compass Series of Webinars**



In collaboration with Enterprise Ireland, a series of webinars entitled Export Compass concluded on the 5th of October 2021. This series was aimed at businesses seeking to enter the world of exporting. The series included five highly informative 45-minute webinars taking place each Tuesday at 10am.

Showcase 2022



Showcase Ireland 2022 will take place from 23rd – 26th January, 2022 at the RDS, Dublin. In January 2020, the last Showcase before the pandemic, retail buyers from over 26 countries attended the event in pursuit of products which demonstrated: innovation, quality, sustainability and a distinctive point of difference. This four-day trade show is recognised as one Ireland’s largest international trade shows. Three eligible Fingal businesses have been selected to promote their business at this major international trade fair.

The event was launched in September by the Design & Craft Council of Ireland with Fingal Head of Enterprise.

Disability Programme - Self Employment for People with Disabilities

A new 12 week online pilot programme called “Self-Employment for People with Disabilities” began on September 22nd. LEO Fingal is one of five LEOs that have joined forces with TU Dublin to deliver the initiative. Three Fingal participants have signed up to the pilot. An excellent package of supports

has been developed for the participants to help them to develop and evaluate the viability of their business idea including Mentoring from Fingal LEO Mentor Panel.

Dublin Food Starter Programme



Nine Fingal food entrepreneurs completed the Food Starter programme to date in 2021. The latest programme led by Fingal commenced on 12th of October 2021. Food Starter is an intensive and compact training programme for individuals that wish to start a new food production business.

OPERATIONS & WATER SERVICES

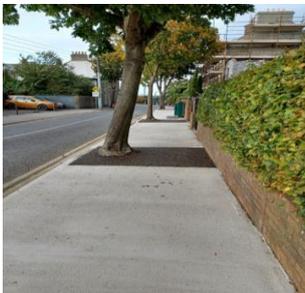
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1. Works Programmes

2021 Programme of Works

The delivery of the 2021 Programme of Works continues into Q4. The following are examples of works completed in various areas across the County since the Programme was approved by Members.



Footpath works, St. Margarets Avenue, Malahide



Road Resurfacing Works – Back Road, Malahide



Footpath Works – Grace O'Malley Drive

Depot Works Programmes:

In addition to the delivery of the Annual Programme of Works depot crews deliver on other area work programmes.

Balbriggan / Swords Area



Road Restoration – Wendell Avenue, Portmarnock



Calisthenic combi-unit installed in Holywell Park

The combi calisthenic unit provides a form of exercise designed to build strength, flexibility and stamina and which also helps to increase cardiovascular fitness. The only weights involved in Calisthenics exercises is your own body weight. The combi calisthenic unit is suitable for individuals with differing abilities and is wheelchair accessible. This unit in Holywell was completed in early October.



Preparatory works for tree planting and landscaping at the Ward River Valley Park



Landscaping Works, Balgriffin



New buggy for maintenance of The Green, Malahide and beaches in the Howth Malahide Operational Area

Public Conveniences

Work is ongoing on the installation of the new public toilets in the area. The eco toilets have all been installed. The toilets at the Summit and Claremont, Harbour in Howth are awaiting their ESB connections.



Modular Toilets Howth

Castleknock / Mulhuddart Area

Shackleton Gardens

Shackleton Gardens which was officially opened on the 17th September 2021 by the Mayor of Fingal Cllr Seána Ó Rodaigh has been welcoming a high volume of visitors since its opening and the number of visitors to the gardens is increasing every week.

Opening hours Monday to Thursday 10am until 3pm and Friday 9am – 1pm.

Every Sunday there after commencing on the 31/10/21 the Gardens will be open from 9am until 4pm until further notice.



Halloween Amnesty 2021

Fingal County Council's Recycling Centres accommodated the annual Halloween Amnesty from Wednesday 20th to Saturday 30th October. Combustible materials such as beds, sofas, wooden doors etc. were accepted over the 9 day period to reduce the amount of material which may otherwise be disposed of on Halloween bonfires with consequent health and safety risks to members of the public and damage to public open spaces.



Planting of winter bedding in Laurel Lodge



Shock waving on the playing pitches completed in Porterstown Park



New footpath laid for wheelchair users and the elderly in Lambourne Estate



Operations On call crew carrying out emergency tree works in Woodvale Estate on a tree that was damaged. Branches were blocking the road, on call crew acted efficiently and safely to ensure the road was safe to use by the public.



Tree Works – Clonsilla Road



Stump Removal – Huntstown Green

The Operations Crews clearing the segregated cycle lanes on the Hartstown Road

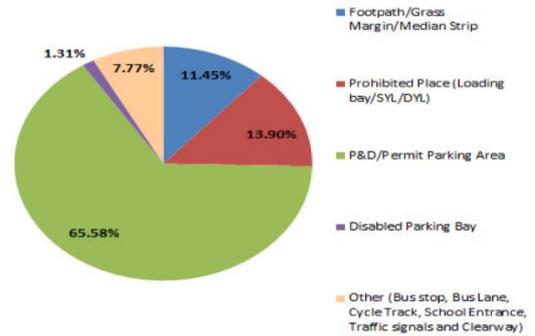


2. Car Parking Services

Parking Enforcement

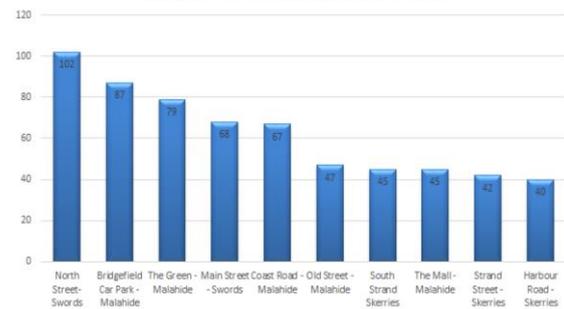
There was a total of 1,223 parking tickets issued during September 2021.

Breakdown of Parking Offences:



Breakdown of Parking Offences	Total	Percentage
Footpath/Grass Margin/Median Strip	140	11.45%
Prohibited Place (Loading bay/SYL/DYL)	170	13.90%
P&D/Permit Parking Area	802	65.58%
Disabled Parking Bay	16	1.31%
Other (Bus stop, Bus Lane, Cycle Track, School Entrance, Traffic signals and Clearway)	95	7.77%
Total	1223	100%

Main Ticket Locations September 2021



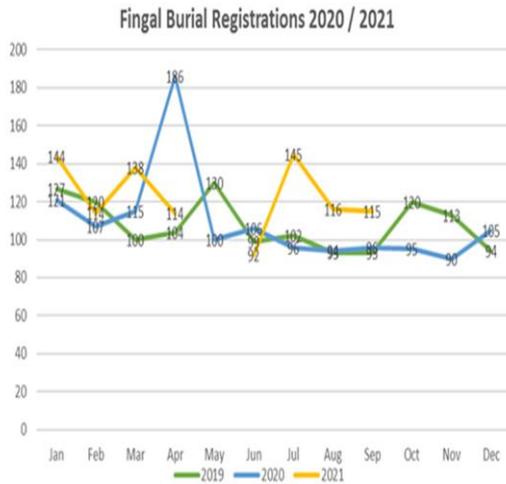
Meter Replacement Programme



As part of the Annual Meter Replacement Programme 2021, The Operations Department has completed the purchase and installation of 10 new coin, card and contactless Pay & Display machines. These new machines replace older coin-only machines which have reached end of life.

3. Burial Ground Services

The Operations Department are continuing to administer and monitor delivery to ensure business continuity for Fingal's Burial Ground Service.



4. Traffic Operations County-wide

Traffic Calming



Swords, Brackenstown Road – Traffic calming ramps installed- permanent shark's teeth to be added

Lining Contract Work 2021 (County-wide)



Picture above shows completion of car parking lining at Balgriffin Cemetery



A Yield sign with associated line marking added St Mochtas Estate



Double yellow lines extended on Stationcourt Way, improving sightlines

New Signs



1.5 metre supplementary signs have been added to the Cycle warning signs on Lower Road. Additional speed limit repeater signs have been installed on the R121, between Luttrellstown Castle and Fort Lucan

5. Fleet Management & Plant Hire Unit and Plant Hire

There were 98 hires put in place from 1st OCTOBER 2021– 28th OCTOBER 2021, engaging 25 suppliers.

Hires include:

- Lights and Generator for Swords Castle Creep Crawl event
- Excavator with Hedge-cutting head for Ditch-Cleaning

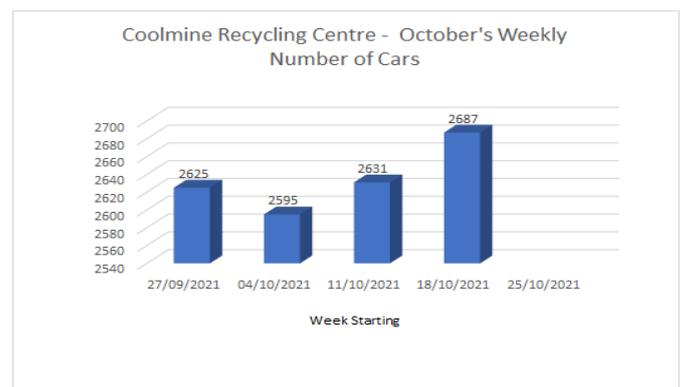
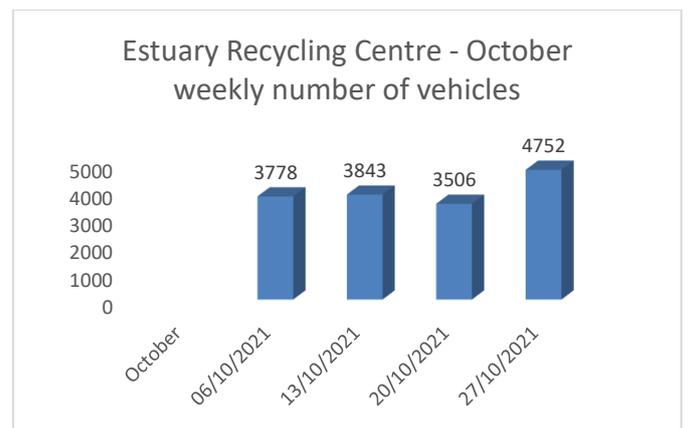


6. Street Lighting LED Programme

In Sept the LED Upgrade Program saw 417 LED Upgrade works carried out in the following locations: -

- Dun Emer, Lusk
- Portmarnock
- Dublin Road, Lusk
- Malahide Road (part two)
- Malahide Road
- 132 Fingallians roundabout

7. Recycling Centre's Update

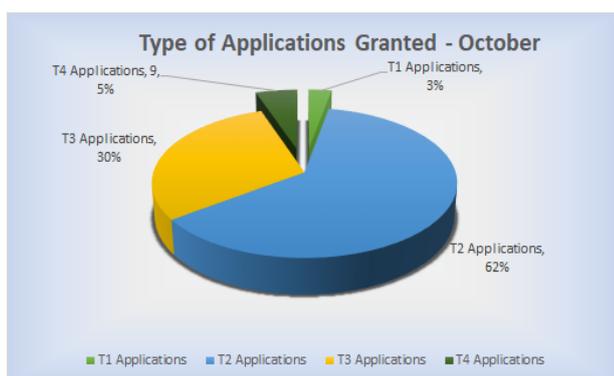
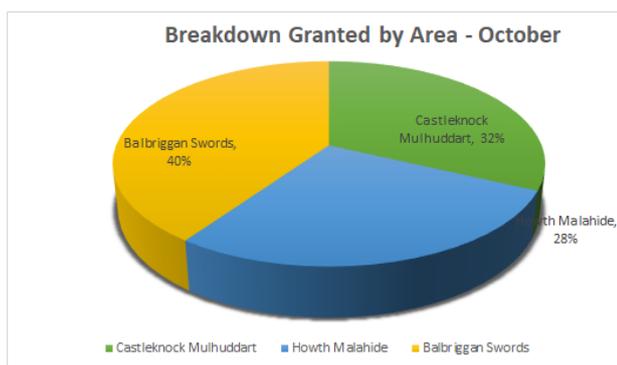
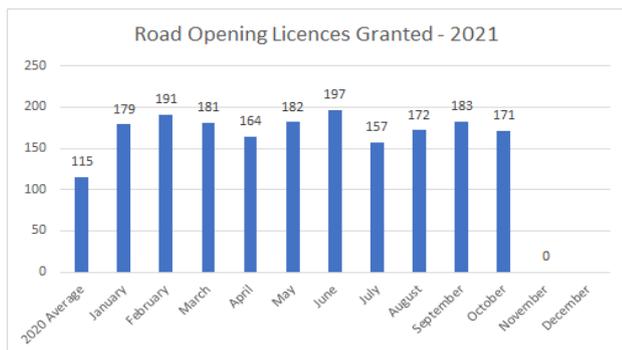


8. Road Opening Licences

The Licensing unit continues to process and manage the licensing system for the County, applications are allocated by area for examination and conditioning which includes reviews of the existing carriageway, footpaths, cycleways, and grass verges.

Applicants submit temporary traffic management plans for review to ensure all works are carried out safely within the public domain. Road Opening licences are a cross functional process for the department and is essential for the asset management of Fingal County Council Road network.

171 licences were granted in October 2021



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

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

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

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

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

KN Project:

Meetings in relation to road reinstatements are continuing with a number of reinstatements to be completed in Skidoo, Hannahs Avenue and the R127 at Lusk. New works are also continuing along the R127, R129 and R132.

Irish Water R132 Balbriggan:

Irish Water are continuing to lay the twin rising main from Knocknagin to Balbriggan. Works are being delivered by way of open cut excavation and directional drilling.

Irish Water R132 Donabate:

Irish Water has recently been granted a road opening licence to deliver new pumping station works in Donabate. Works are due to commence in early October.

Gas Networks Ireland R127 and R129:

Gas Networks Ireland are making considerable progress in the delivery of a new duct and fibre cable connecting Loughshinny to Ballboughal. Works recently commenced along the busy R127 and are scheduled to be completed in this section in a number of weeks.



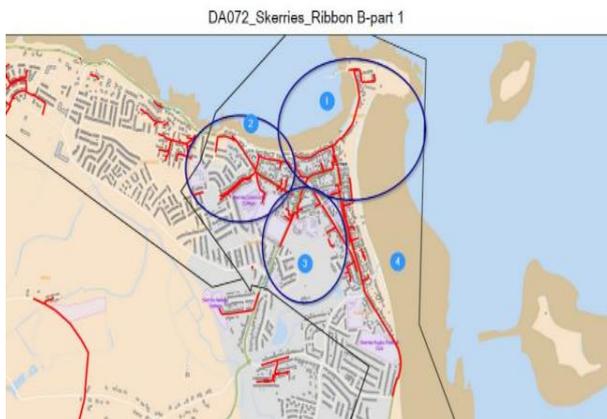
R129



R127

NBI Project

NBI recently commenced works on the Skerries Cluster as part of the NBI project. NBI has applied for over 20 excavations within this cluster enabling NBI to upgrade existing ducting infrastructure to facilitate the NBI upgrade. EIR working on the EMR aspect of the project are also working with a number of licences also in Skerries. NBI has recently been granted a further 4 licences in order to try and expediate the delivery of the project.



9. Water Services

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

The Council continue to have responsibility for the Storm Water Network

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

Works summary:

- Phase 1 (Advance works) to install a section of new stormwater (surface water) network in Ballyboughal is completed, in conjunction with FCC's Housing Department. Phase 2 will comprise of the installation of 35m of 450mm diameter pipe. These works are currently on hold pending the agreement of wayleaves.
- The Storm water manhole cover and frame replacement programme for replacing assets at the end of life is ongoing – Covers and frames were replaced at various locations in Rush, Skerries, Balrothery and Swords areas.
- A contractor has been engaged and works have commenced to Jet, drag and to carry out a CCTV survey along the Old Bawn and The Bawn in Malahide for both Foul and Storm water networks. A feasibility project has been undertaken to ascertain if improvements can be made to the network to reduce the likelihood of flooding events in the future.
- A new screen has been fitted to an outfall in Seabury in Malahide. CCTV surveying is ongoing to identify any misconnections in the area.
- Other maintenance and minor works programmes are ongoing, including the CCTV, dragging and cleaning of the Storm Water network in Inbhir Ide, Texas Lane and Yellow Walls Road in Malahide. Issues with the network in this area were identified after recent flooding events. Works have been scheduled to start at No: 18 Dublin Rd, Bayside to fit a Tideflex flap on an overflow culvert to resolve a rodent issue and stop material being washed up the from the coast. These works will also include a full CCTV and some patch work will be carried out.

Storm Water (surface water) Network – Projects

A number of storm water projects are currently being progressed:

- Burrow Beach Surface Water Outfall Pipeline Repair
Scope: This project is to replace the damaged anchor system for the pipeline
Status: Design stage
- Beaverstown Storm Water Pumping Station Upgrade
Scope: Review options for the existing pumping station
Status: Project planning / scoping
- Howth Surface Water Culvert Replacement
Scope: Prepare a design to replace the existing surface water culvert
Status: Procurement

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

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

1. Make contact at localrepsupport@water.ie or by phone at **0818 178 178 / 0818 578 578**. Staff are available Monday – Friday from 9am to 5.30pm to deal with queries from elected representatives about any topic related to Irish Water.

2. Outside these hours, the 24/7 customer care line is available for urgent queries at **1800 278 278 / 1850 278 278**.

3. 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/#>

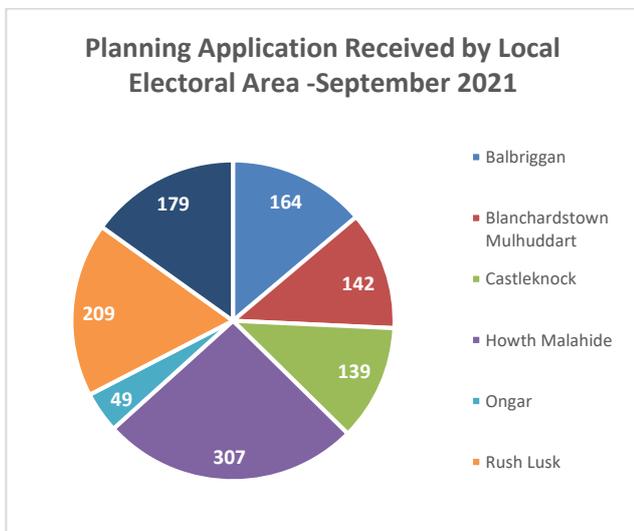
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Planning Applications

There have been 1,189 planning applications received to the end of September 2021, 71 of these applications were invalid leaving a total of 1,118 valid applications. The volume of applications received by Local Electoral Area (LEA) is detailed in the table below.

Up to end of September 2021, 8 Strategic Housing Development (SHD) applications were made to An Bord Pleanála, plus 1 for amendments totalling 4,930 units. 9 decisions were made by the board up to end of September 2021. Of these, 6 were granted, 1 in February, 1 in March, 3 in September (2,104 units). 1 was one granted in July for amendments. 3 applications were Refused, 1 in March, 1 in June and 1 in July. There is a total of 3 SHD's (2,687 units) currently in the formal application process.



Planning Decisions

A total of 1,174 planning decisions have been made to the end of September 2021. There have been 1,013 decisions to grant permission (86%) and 161 refusals of permission (14%). There have been 70 grants of permissions in respect of single house construction, 648 grants of permission for domestic extensions, 246 commercial/retail grants of permission and 26 grants of permission in respect of housing developments of which 13 relate to development of 2 - 20, 2 relate to development of 20 - 50, 6 relate to 50 -100 and 5 of which relate to development of 100+ housing units.

Building Control Admin

Up to the end of September 2021, there were 122 Disability Access Certificate applications submitted, of these 116 have been granted, 1 was invalidated and 3 are currently on time extension. There were 8 Revised Disability Access Certificate applications submitted, all 8 have been granted. There were also 17 Dispensation/Relaxation applications submitted, all 17 have been granted.

There were 191 Fire Safety Certificate applications submitted, of these 123 have been granted, 1 was refused, 6 were invalidated and 29 are currently on time extension. There were 23 Revised Fire Safety Certificate applications submitted, 16 were granted and 1 was invalidated. There were 17 Regularisation Certificate applications submitted, 2 were granted, 2 were invalidated and 13 are currently on time extension.

A total of 1,004 building control decisions were processed up until the end of Quarter 3 2021, this includes decisions that were made on applications submitted pre 2021 in addition to applications submitted in the first 9 months of this year. This is made up of 360 decisions to grant, 3 refusals, 12 invalids, 3 amendments and 626 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 and also in hard copy directly into the office.

Strategic Policy Unit

Fingal Development Plan 2023 – 2029

The first phase of the Development Plan process finished on 10th September with the final meeting on the Chief Executive’s Report on Submissions Received. Work now begins on the drafting of the new Plan with the Chief Executive’s draft Plan to be issued to Elected Members on 3rd December.



Sustainable Swords

The next stage of public consultation for the Sustainable Swords project was launched on 28th September. This follows the 'Your Swords, Your Say' survey which were carried out in May and the briefing session with Elected Members in July.

The ambition of Sustainable Swords is to create a multi-faceted approach to the planning, design and management of the town, in order to achieve better quality places as the physical setting for life

in Swords. Sustainable Swords plans to consolidate and strengthen the historic town centre of Swords. The project will also set specific objectives for the town centre with the goal of increasing the resilience of the local economy and fostering an enhanced, accessible, inclusive, child friendly and healthy urban environment. A vibrant town for all.

The public are invited to explore these themes and share their comments and observations. Feedback from local residents and businesses in this strategic development phase is essential to the success of Sustainable Swords. The document can be accessed here: <https://www.fingal.ie/sustainableswords>

The closing date for receipt of submissions has been extended to 4th November 2021 with postal and online submissions to be received before 11:59pm. Submissions can be made at <https://consult.fingal.ie/en/consultation/sustainable-swords-public-consultation>

An online webinar took place on 12th October 2021 and heard from the project team and members of the public took the opportunity to ask questions about the project.



Vacant Site Register

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

Invoices for the VSR levy have been issued with regard to VS/0016, VS/0117 and VS/0018 for 2019. The total amount being invoiced for the above sites is €1,344,000. These sites will also be liable for the vacant site levy for 2020 for same amount. A demand for payment for the VSR levy has been issued for VS/0124 (Weavers Row, Clonsilla, Dublin 15) for €129,500 and for VS/0119 (Lands at Howth Road, Co. Dublin) for €2,310,000. The demand for payment for VS/0124 was appealed to An Bord Pleanála (ABP). ABP confirmed the demand for payment on the 15/09/2021. FCC is awaiting a decision from ABP on VS/0119.

A market valuation has been received (13/04/2021) for VS/0129. The site was valued at €450,000.

2 sites were placed on the VSR on the 29/09/2021. These include VS/0128 and VS/0130. Valuations are currently being sought for these sites.

Heritage Office

The efforts of individuals and community groups across Ireland to ensure the preservation, protection and promotion of Ireland's archaeological, built, natural and cultural heritage were recognised at the National Heritage Awards.

Naul Community Council are this year's county winners with *Know your Naul* - nine in-person events with 260 attendees over six days with talks on the square, walking tours, site visits and demonstrations. Lasting impacts from Heritage Week include the establishment of a monthly Farmers Market on the square and increased use of the Community Hall for social teas and coffees/events - sparking wider conversations about local heritage. Congratulations to Naul Community Council, Ian Lennon and all the

volunteers on their Dublin-Fingal County Award 2021.



The third training event of the Fingal HeritageXClimate project took place at Newbridge Demesne. Abarta Heritage was joined by Fingal's Architectural Conservation Officer, Helena Bergin to look at the effects of climate change on aspects of our built heritage. The citizen science project is encouraging the community to take positive action and get involved in monitoring the effects of climate change on their local heritage assets- see <https://www.fingal.ie/fingal-heritage-x-climate-2021>



Projects in Fingal being funded by the Community Monuments Fund 2021 are currently in progress. Works to repair the wall of Kilsallaghan graveyard (DU011-011002) have recently been completed. The wall had collapsed after heavy rains following harsh winters - an example of the cumulative effects of climate on our built heritage. Administered by Fingal Heritage Office, the

integrated project team was led by Alistair Goodwin Architects and included conservation engineer Lisa Edden and archaeologist Eoin Halpin.



Parks & Green Infrastructure Division

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



On 18th October work commenced on the construction of a new €1.5million All-Weather Sports Pitch Facility at Ward River Valley Regional Park in Swords. *(Pictured is the contractor establishing their site compound for the works).* The new third generation synthetic all-weather pitch will be a full sized GAA & Soccer pitch which will be similar to the facility at Bremore 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 as well as improving access to the park.

The project is being led by the Council's Parks & Green Infrastructure Division and the contract for the works has been awarded to Haffey Sports Grounds Ltd. following the conclusion of the competitive tender process. Funding for the project has been provided by Fingal County Council and also by the Dublin Airport Authority (DAA) to address a requirement for community gain that the airport authority is providing as part of the development of the North Runway at Dublin Airport.

It is anticipated that the facility will be completed by the 2nd Quarter of 2022 and will become a valuable sporting amenity for the people of Swords and wider area.

Bremore Regional Park/Bremore Castle Boundary Works



Upgrade works to the boundary of Bremore Castle are ongoing at Bells Lane, Balbriggan following the appointment of a contractor by the Parks and Green Infrastructure Division Projects Team.

The works will consist of the construction of a stub wall and solid bar railings and gates along the south of Bells Lane and at the perimeter of Bells Cottage and the installation of gates at the entrance to the Bremore Castle car park.

Electrical and telecoms ducting will be installed as part of the project to facilitate the undergrounding of the existing telecoms line, the provision of fibre-optic connectivity to the Castle and public lighting for Bells Lane and the car park. The works will constitute a significant improvement in the aesthetics and functionality of Bells Lane, the car park and Bremore Castle. It is anticipated that the project will be completed in early Q1 2022.

Play Policy



Space for Play

A Play Policy for Fingal

‘Space for Play’ is the first-ever play policy for Fingal and was approved by the elected members at the October Council meeting. The policy, developed by the Council’s Parks & Green Infrastructure Division, aims to provide a framework for the provision of safe, accessible, inclusive, natural, and engaging play spaces for all children and adolescents up to the age of 17. The play policy will provide the basis on which the current and future play provision throughout the county will be developed to the highest quality and in line with international best practices.

This policy forms the foundation on which Fingal County Council will expand and maintain the space for play available to the children of Fingal by developing an equitable, county-wide play infrastructure. The policy aims to represent the needs of children as paramount in planning and development decisions. It will be a resource for all stakeholders involved in the delivery of play spaces for children and will facilitate the provision of play facilities, of the highest quality, throughout the county.

Built Environment Division

Development Management/Forward Planning (Water Services) Section

Development Management

- 98 no. new planning files have been received.
- 13 no. Additional Information files have been received and 0 clarification on Additional Information.
- 1 no. Compliance Submissions have been received, 0 no. have been processed.
- 4 no. SHD applications have been received, 5 no. has been assessed.
- 5 no. Part 8/Part XI applications has been received, 1 no. has been processed.
- Pre-planning consultations – During August, staff from Planning (Water Services) have engaged in 19 no. pre-planning discussions with developers 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.

Flood Risk Assessments/ Drainage Strategies

- FCC staff are currently managing the preparation of Surface Water Management Plans to inform Belcamp LAP, Dunsink Masterplan, Rowans Little/ Folkstown/ Flemington and the Balbriggan Masterplan.

- FCC staff continue liaising with the appointed consultants developing the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment for the upcoming County Development Plan. This sFRA is due for completion by the end of October. The Water Services Planning Dept are preparing objectives to meet the directions of the Councillors and National/European legislation.
- Sustainable Drainage System (SuDS) – Daragh Sheedy to do SuDS interview for Innovation week.



SuDS Device being construction in new Rush Development

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 15 no. applications processed requiring Water Services planning during August with an average turnaround of 7 working days.

Built Environment Division

Building Control/Taking in Charge Section

Building Control

- BCMS – 138 CNs for 314 units received in August and September 2021 and 76 Completion Certificates processed. Building Control Site inspection rate for August, and September is at 2.2% of new buildings. Almost all DAC, FSC and Dispensations are now coming through electronically via the BCMS applications module.
- Enforcement – Compliance issues range from Part C (Site Preparation and Resistance to Moisture) and Part B (Fire Safety) as well as Building Control Reg issues such as requirement for Fire safety Certificates.

Taking in Charge

- There was 1 estate (Beechwood Gate, Hansfield) Taken in Charge in September, with two estates, Rahillion In Swords and Hampton Green in Balbriggan proposed to be Taken in Charge in December.
- We have 47 Developments with formal TIC requests and a further 294 developments on our system, of which 62 are likely to remain private.
- Phase 1 TIC works on the following estates - Chieftain's way, Martello, New Haven Bay are currently underway.
- Phase 2 TIC works – Drynam, are under construction at the moment. There is also works ongoing in Thornleigh Swords by a completion contractor on behalf of the bondsman.
- Work is ongoing in preparing the contract documents for engagement of Consulting Engineers to manage the Ongar remediation works necessary to bring the estates in Ongar up to Taking in Charge standard.
- We have rolled out our Taking in Charge SharePoint Site and there are currently 18 developers set up to upload Taking in Charge documentation for various developments at Taking in Charge stage. Some of these developers are currently uploading Taking in Charge Information
- A yearly review of the Taking in Charge Policy and Specifications is underway and

meetings between Building Control and other sections responsible for producing the Policy and Specifications are being organised.

Dangerous Structures

- We currently have 50 active dangerous structures. There were 2 new notifications in September and 2 new notifications (so far) in October.

References

- The number of reference requests received in September and October (so far) are 217 and 270 respectively.

Work ongoing at Edmund Rice School at Phoenix Park Racecourse - 19th of October



Drainage air test being carried out at housing development Sual Nua, Kinsealy Lane, Broomfield, Malahide, County Dublin.

Transportation Planning

Hole in the Wall Road Upgrade

Works in October included progression of the new cycleways and footpaths which are now 95% complete. Surfacing and lining of the road pavement is currently taking place subject to weather. Temporary traffic management will remain in place for two weeks to facilitate these works. The electricity connections for the traffic lights at the Mayne Road/ Drumnigh Road junction and the Marrsfield Avenue junction are due to take

place within the next two weeks also. This project is due to be substantially complete during November and this FCC and LIHAF-funded project will serve to underpin the ongoing residential development in the area and significantly enhance road safety on the local transportation network.



Ariel view of the new road looking southwards towards DCC



Ariel view of the new road looking northwards from Marrsfield Avenue in DCC



Aerial view of the new bridge and linear walkway under bridge

Turvey Avenue Footpath Enhancement, Donabate

The CPO application by the Council, to acquire lands necessary for construction of the new footpath, was submitted to An Bord Pleanála in September. On 19th October confirmation was received from An Bord Pleanála that no objections had been received to this CPO. We are now proceeding to confirm the CPO which is the next stage in the CPO process. Detailed design is nearing completion. It is intended to procure a works contractor for this project in tandem with the Portrane Road Enhancement Works in 2022.

Broadmeadow Way

The advance fencing and site clearance contract works are ongoing with the ground investigation contractor programmed to mobilise in mid-November. The project team is in the process of procuring an arborist to survey the existing trees and hedgerows along the greenway route and to provide protection plans where required for the new works.

Fingal Coastal Way

Following the successful route options public consultation in April and May, the Project Team has been assessing submissions and will publish a Public Consultation Report in November. An update on the public consultation report outcome will be given at November's ACM. We have also

been meeting with residents and landowners who engaged through the consultation process and following this an emerging preferred route will be developed for further consultation and preliminary design in advance of a

planning application.



Sutton-Malahide Greenway

The Project Team is currently assessing design options with the intention of moving to a non-statutory public consultation in Q1 2022. A briefing for the local ACM will be undertaken in the coming weeks to provide information on the updated design, which is being reviewed in light of lessons learnt on other schemes and evolving design and greenway design standards. In advance of wider public consultation next year, the Project Team has commenced consultation with directly affected landowners along the route.



Royal Canal Urban Greenway

Following the 6-week non-statutory public consultation earlier this year the Project Team has been assessing submissions and will publish a Public Consultation Report in November 2021. An

update on the public consultation report outcome will be given at November's ACM. Further to this the Project Team has commenced environmental screening of the project proposals to determine the appropriate planning process and has commissioned further ecology surveys along the proposed route. Once these processes are complete the design will be advanced for a planning application. A Teams briefing for the ACM members will also be organised to provide further information on the scheme progress.



Harry Reynolds Road Pedestrian and Cycle Scheme

Detailed design and contract documents are being finalised in advance of a public tender for the construction phase of the project. An advance site clearance and planting contract is also currently at procurement stage in order to undertake site clearance outside of the nesting season and avoid delays to the main works contract. This advance contract will commence in the new year with the main works contract commencing later in 2022. A landscape architect has recently provided outline sketch design proposals for public realm upgrades as part of the route and these have been shared with local community members.



Snugborough Interchange Upgrade Project

Construction of new wall structures and earth clearing works to advance the main 9C sewer diversion works are due to be completed in November which represents a significant milestone in the project, opening up extensive areas for the construction of the main bridge structure. Works are ongoing on the western side of the N3 with piling for the main structures now commenced. Foundations of walls are now being prepared with the attached image showing the completion of the earthworks to the southwest. The website www.snugboroughinterchange.ie containing information on the project is now live and will continue to be updated with information relating to the project over its life term.



Ongar Barnhill Road

A major milestone in the preparation of this project is that a Bridge Agreement has now been agreed between Fingal County Council and Irish Rail to allow for a bridge to be constructed over the Littlepace Railway line at Hansfield. This will be formally signed off in the coming weeks by both parties. Separately, land transfers are progressing and once completed will allow for main works contract to be procured, with a target date of contractor appointment in 2022.

Sustainable Swords

An online webinar took place Tuesday 12th of October to engage with the Swords community on the Sustainable Swords strategy. The Webinar was

well attended and informative discussion arose as a result of the questions put forward by attendees. The webinar was attended by both FCC members of staff and the design team. The last date for submissions was on the 26th October 2021.

Churchfields

The tender assessment for the main contractor has now concluded and the most economically advantageous contractor has been identified. A letter of acceptance to the successful contractor will issue in November which could facilitate a contract signing taking place in December/January, with a view to site works starting later in Q1 2022. This project is a key piece of the supporting infrastructure for the Church Fields masterplan development which includes residential, flood

management and parkland infrastructure, and this project also includes significant sustainable transport infrastructure to connect the surrounding residential areas to the school's campus on Damastown Avenue.

HOUSING

Housing

Supply
Asset Management
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Tenancy Services

Housing for All - a New Housing Plan for Ireland is the government's housing plan to 2030. It is a multi-annual, multi-billion euro plan which will improve Ireland's housing system and deliver more homes of all types for people with different housing needs.

The government's vision for the housing system over the longer term is to achieve a steady supply of housing in the right locations with economic, social and environmental sustainability built into the system.

It is estimated that Ireland will need an average of 33,000 new homes to be provided each year from 2021 to 2030.

The policy has four pathways to achieving housing for all:

- supporting home ownership and increasing affordability
- eradicating homelessness, increasing social housing delivery and supporting social inclusion
- increasing new housing supply
- addressing vacancy and efficient use of existing stock

The pathways contain actions to be taken by government departments, local authorities, State

agencies and others. The pathways are supported by actions to enable a sustainable housing system.

The social housing delivery targets for Fingal covering the years 2022 – 2026 have now been received from the Department of Housing Local Government and Heritage. They are in line with the objectives set out in the Housing for All plan with Long Term Leasing being phased out over the lifetime of the plan and emphasis placed on new build delivery. The targets are listed in the table below;

Year	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Total
Build	360	690	705	758	773	3286
Leasing	44	160	120	30	-	354
Total	404	850	825	788	773	3640

Construction has started on Affordable Homes in Lusk

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

The eligible purchasers nominated by Fingal County Council are now proceeding with the purchase of their homes from the developer.

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



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
- Part 8 for these 300 to be presented at the December ACM
- Construction of the new link road to commence on site shortly
- Design of the linear park is underway

Hayestown Site, Rush



- Deliver a total of 62 dwellings
- Mixed tenure
- Planning approved
- Procurement process commenced

Housing Delivery

The delivery of social housing is continuing across the county despite the Covid-19 restrictions that were in place earlier in the year. 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

Summary of unit numbers in pipeline	units
Under Construction	276
Tender Stage	97
Planning and Design	1,138
Part V	204
Acquisitions	31
TOTAL	1,746

Schemes on Site

Site Name	No. Units	Status Detail	On Site Date	Handover (estimated)
Church Road, Dublin 15 - Cluid Housing	65	On Site	Q4 2018	Q4 2021
College St. Baldoyle - Cluid Housing	4	On Site	Q2 2020	Q4 2021
Dun Emer, Lusk	51	On Site	Q2 2021	Q4 2022
Wellview Cul de Sacs, Wellview, D15	20	On site	Q4 2020	Q3 2022
Cappagh, Dublin 11	69	On Site	Q2 2021	Q3 2022
Church Fields Phase 2B, Mulhuddart, D15	67	On Site	Q4 2021	Q4 2022

Photos from the 20 new social homes under construction at Wellview, Mulhuddart, Dublin 15.



Schemes with Part 8 Planning Approval and at Tender stage

Site Name	No. Units	Status Detail	On Site Date	Handover (estimated)
Tucketts Lane, Howth	8	Tender process concluded. Stage 4 application for funding to be submitted to DHLGH	Q1 2022	Q2 2023
Outlands, Swords	11	Detail design in progress. Issue tender to appoint contractor in Q4 2021.	Q1 2022	Q1 2023
Church Road, Lusk	5	Detail design in progress. Issue tender to appoint contractor in Q1 2022	Q2 2022	Q2 2023
Former Leonards Garage, Lusk	10	Detail design in progress. Issue tender to appoint contractor in Q1 2022	Q2 2022	Q2 2023
Hayestown, Rush	62	Procurement process commenced	Q3 2022	Q3 2023
Infill Site adjacent to Clonsilla Road, D15	169	Detail design in progress.	Q2 2022	Q4 2022

Schemes at Pre-Planning Stage

Site Name	No. Units	Status Detail	On Site Date	Handover (estimated)
Garristown – North and East Housing Association	6	Stage 2 approval received from DHLGH. Part 8 being prepared.	Q3 2022	Q4 2023
Killhedge Lane, Lusk - Tuath Housing	31	Stage 2 approval received form DHLGH. Currently out on public consultation	Q3 2022	Q4 2023
Church Fields, D15	1,000	Part 8 being prepared. Commence Part 8 process in Dec 2021 for Phase 3 – 300 units.	Q4 2022	Q4 2023
Mayeston, Dublin 11	100	Feasibility being prepared	Q4 2022	Q4 2023
Infill site at Sheepmoor, Dublin 15	1	Public Consultation period over. Part 8 process to finalise	Q2 2022	Q1 2023

Photos from the 24 new social homes delivered in partnership with Cluid at Riverwood Square, Porterstown, Dublin 15.



Photos from the 17 new social homes delivered in partnership with Tuath at Bellingsmore, Kilmartin, Dublin 15.





Housing Asset Management Report

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



Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan

Current Loan Book Value € 144,363,698

Loans Drawn Down under RIHL
287

Value of RIHL lending €61.8m

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 continue to assess accounts under the annual rent review. Should tenants have any queries regarding their rent charge they should contact the Council immediately at rents.assessments@fingal.ie at email; rents.assessments@fingal.ie Further details are available on the Council's website www.fingal.ie.

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

The approved allocation for Fingal County Council is €1,759,475 with a target of 65 properties to be retrofitted to a B2/Cost Optimal standard.

Works are continuing in Greenridge Court, Windmill and Inbhir Íde and are expected to be complete in November. Works include external wall & attic insulation, Windows & Doors, heat pumps and solar PV panels as deemed necessary to bring properties to a B2/Cost Optimal standard.

Voids Programme 2021 (Circular 17/21)

The 2021 Voids Programme supports the refurbishment of circa 3,000 vacant properties nationally. Two refurbishment options are being funded this year which afford greater flexibility to local authorities, thereby facilitating maximum impact on the level of vacancy. The Standard Refurbishment programme provides for a maximum funding of €11,000 per property and Non-Standard provides for an average of €50,000 per property. The emphasis under the 2021 Voids Programme is on minimum refurbishment works to comply with the Housing (Standards for Rented Houses) Regulations 2019 to ensure quick turnaround and letting.

Funding approval to the value of €1.9m has been granted on the submission for 110 properties with the understanding that work will be completed and the property either tenanted or a tenancy offered and accepted in 2021.

Returning Dwellings to Productive Use

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

Voids for Re-letting at	29 th October 2021
In letting process	36
Undergoing re-let repairs	14
With County Architect for procurement of pre-let repairs	14
TOTAL	64

Planned Maintenance Programmes

Boiler Servicing

The Council provides an annual boiler servicing facility, including all maintenance and upgrade works, for a nominal fee of €3 per week to participating tenants. The Council releases batches of work to dedicated Contractors throughout the course of the year. To date, the Council has provided Contractors with 16 of 20 batches totaling 3798 properties and servicing is progressing well.

Cyclical Maintenance - Scheme Painting

The programme provides for external painting and joinery repairs to council housing stock which currently operates on a 6/7 year cycle.

The remaining dwellings are being completed as part of this current programme at present (listed below: Batch F & G). A new programme will be issued shortly.

Batch F	
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
Lambeechee Estate	Balbriggan
Batch G	
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



Some recently painted properties

Housing Tenancy Services Report

Housing Assistance Payment (HAP)

The new HAP Application online portal went live on 4th October. The HAP team also continue to work through the remaining paper applications.

Since its inception in Fingal County Council in 2017, the HAP team has set up over 3,000 tenancies. The 652 new tenancies set up to date in 2021 is 2nd highest nationally.

Housing Support

The Housing Support Team are continuing to prepare a Social Housing Assessment Summary in accordance with Section 21 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2009.

The Council has contacted certain applicants who have applied for social housing support **after 30th July 2020** to confirm they still require social housing support.

Each applicant must confirm their requirement to the Council by completing and returning the Assessment Form.

Social Housing Assessment Packs issued by post in early October, which included a copy of the Assessment Form to be completed along with a pre-paid return envelope.

A Reminder Letter has also issued by post, and the Housing Support Team will ensure to follow up with phone contact with those who may not have returned their assessment form to date.

Further details, including a copy of the Assessment Form requiring completion, is available on a dedicated page on Fingal's Website, and the Housing Support Team will continue to ensure that every effort is made to connect with our applicants over the duration of the assessment to ensure their records are updated.

<https://www.fingal.ie/news/notification-social-housing-assessment-2021>



Contact Details for Tenancy Services Division

Set out below are the **Housing Support Team** Contact details, 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

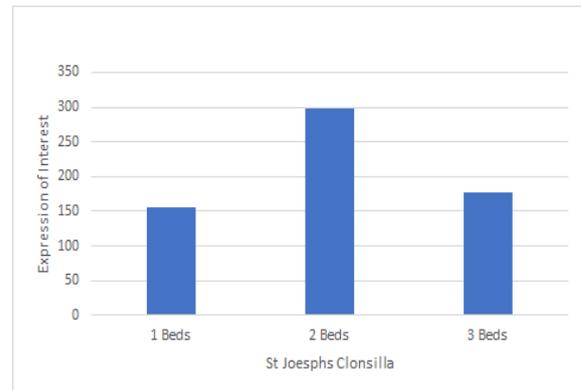
Tenancy Services Contact Details	
Homeless Services	01 890 5090 homeless@fingal.ie
Estate Management (Maintenance, ASB)	01 890 5588 Estatemanagement@fingal.ie
Lettings	01 890 5380 Housing.allocations@fingal.ie
Housing Support	01 890 5902 Housing.allocations@fingal.ie
Customer Care Team	01 890 5000 CustomerCareUnit@fingal.ie

Choice Based Lettings

Choice Based Letting (CBL) is an approach used for allocating dwellings which allows housing applicants to express an interest in being considered for the allocation of designated Social Housing Units. Access to the Choice Based Letting (CBL) system is via the Council website at <https://www.fingal.ie/choicebasedlettingscheme>

Fingal County Council continue to offer dwellings through CBL. Information on new CBL dwellings are made available on our website on a selection of developments and individual units which have been designated for allocation using this approach.

There has been considerable interest in the CBL developments and units. This is illustrated in the table below which shows the expressions of interest submitted for apartments in St. Joesph's, Clonsilla during October.



Applicants have been encouraged to follow Fingal County Council on social media to stay informed of new dwellings available through CBL.

OpenSky

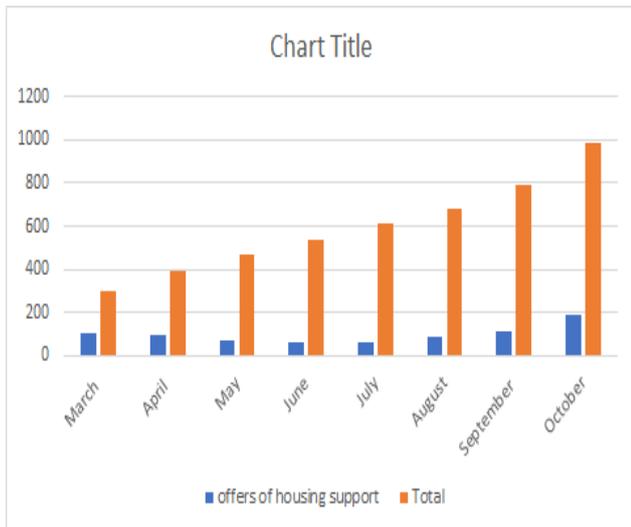
Fingal County Council are engaged with OpenSky in implementing the online-based CBL system. Housing staff are currently working with OpenSky in User Acceptance Training (UAT) which is the final stage of the software system development. This system has been successfully delivered to other Councils in Ireland. The system enables a range of self-service functionalities for four specific types of user i.e. the housing applicant, the housing administrator, Local Councillors and the housing staff.

The CBL system will be easily accessible to approved social housing applicants via a web-enabled portal that will protect and secure personal data of applicants. Each approved housing applicant will have a secure log in and password for the system. Access will also be facilitated to Councillors to review availability of CBL properties. A short information session will be scheduled for Councillors prior to the go live date.

The facility for applicants to express interest in a property online has worked well to date and the provision of the OpenSky system is expected to optimise the social housing allocation process and positively enhance the overall experience of the housing applicant with the added outcome of reduced refusal rates of housing allocations.

Offers of Housing Support

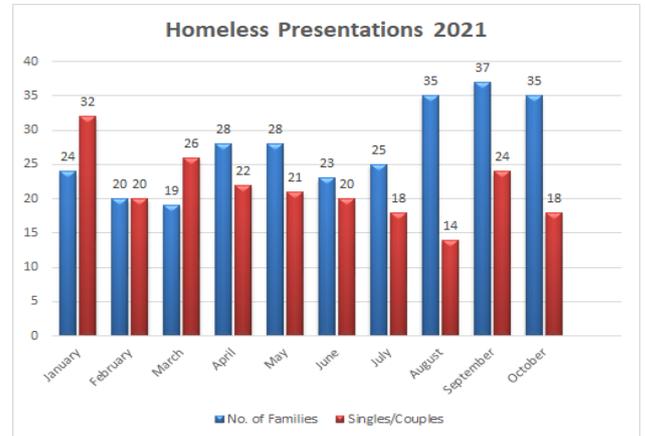
The Housing Allocations Team has continued to provide offers of social housing throughout all levels of COVID-19 restrictions and this is demonstrated in the chart below.



Homeless Services

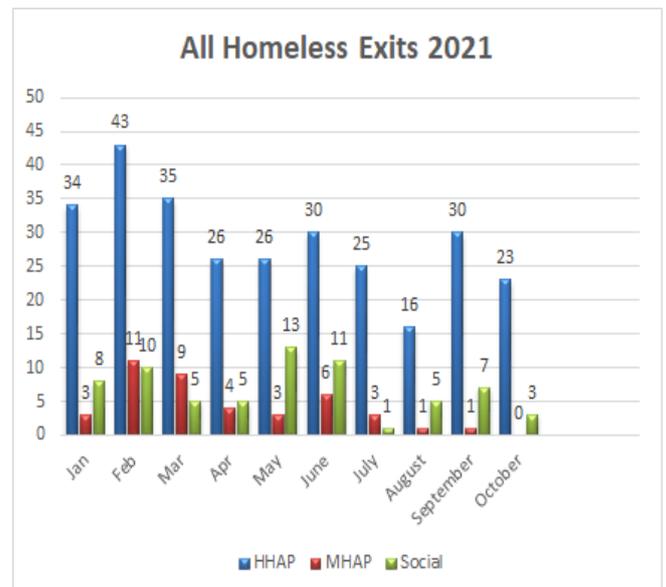
The Council's Homeless Team continue to engage with those experiencing homelessness to offer advice and support. Homeless Assessments were conducted over the phone during the Level 5 Public Health Restrictions which were re-introduced on 1st December 2020.

In October 2021 there were 53 new homeless presentations, comprising 35 families and 18 singles/couples.



During October 2021, 26 households, comprising 19 families and 7 singles/couples, exited homeless circumstances into various forms of social housing support- including into private rented tenancies under Homeless HAP.

Homeless HAP accounts for 23 of these tenancies.



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 Inspectors are continuing with due care to maintain public health guidelines while checking on vulnerable residents and advising on the continued supports available.

Senior Officials are engaged on an ongoing basis with the HSE pertaining to Covid Public Health Guidelines

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. Ongoing site works is continuing on a number of sites in order to maintain and progress Traveller Specific Accommodation in accordance with the provision of the Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019-2024. The provision of Traveller specific accommodation at Stockhole Lane is nearing completion and preparation work on tenant induction training and the allocation of the seven homes is underway.

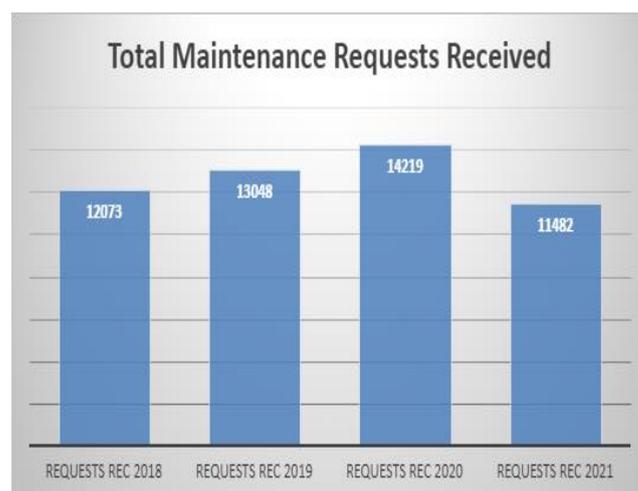
General site maintenance has continued on all Traveller Specific Sites throughout all levels of Covid restrictions.

Housing Welfare Service

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

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

Maintenance Requests



During all levels of Covid restrictions essential maintenance works such as electrical, water and heating were maintained, and 11,482 maintenance requests have been received year to-date.

Anti-Social Behaviour/Inspectorate Unit

The ongoing management and sustainment with regard to social tenancies and good estate

management falls within the remit of the ASB/Inspectorate Unit. Alleged breaches pertaining to tenancy agreements are investigated and pursued in accordance with housing legislative guidelines.

There are occasions 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.

The Estate Management Unit are working in collaboration with our colleagues in the Community Department in relation to good estate management within our communities.

Stock Management

Breach of Ten.	29
Miscellaneous	27
Regularisation	9
Downsizing	22

Surrenders on Estate Management Grounds 2021

- 0 (Jan), 1 (Feb), 1 (Mar), 0 (April), 1 (May), 1 (June), 1 (July), 2 (Aug), 0 (Sep), 0 (Oct)

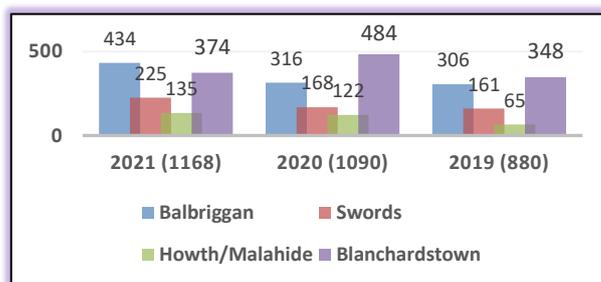
ASB Caseload Management

Oct 2021	Active Investigation	Active Monitoring	Closed
Dublin 15	9	8	7
North County	32	11	9

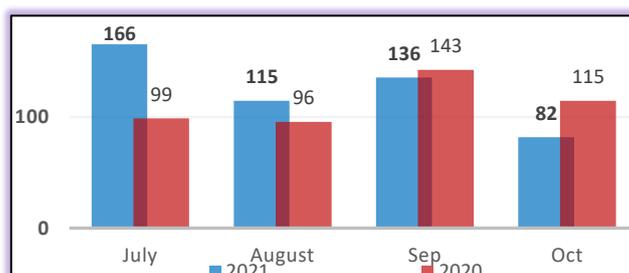
Total	41	19	16
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All ASB complaints received are followed up and investigated by a designated team within with ASB Unit and allegations of breaches of Tenancy are pursued accordingly. All complaints are received in confidence.

Area Breakdown 2019-2021



Monthly Breakdown of Complaints Received 2020-21



Anti-Social Interventions

Interviews Held 2021	35
Interviews Held 2020	108
Tenancy Alerts 2021	24
Tenancy Alerts 2020	35
Tenancy Warnings 2021	2
Tenancy Warnings 2020	4

Inspectorate

Traveller Specific Inspections 2021	1447
Traveller Specific Inspections 2020	1735
Estate Inspections 2021	1022
Estate Inspections 2020	636
EM/ASB Inspections 2021	2727
EM/ASB Inspections 2020	3610

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Community Development Office

Keen To Be Green Official Launch

The launch of Fingal's Keen To Be Green Facilities Project took place at the Clayton Hotel Dublin Airport and received much coverage online in early October from articles in the Dublin Gazette to community blogs and community facilities websites and social media posts.

Many representatives from the participating community facilities were present as part of the Fingal Community Facilities Network. Fingal's 'To Be Green' Project is a collaboration between Fingal County Council's Community Development Office and Environment Department and the Fingal Community Facilities Network.

The project was officially launched by Deputy Mayor of Fingal, Councillor Daniel Whooley who said:

"I am confident that the project will grow from strength to strength. It will provide communities with the opportunity to learn more about climate action and become more aware of how together we can affect change. Together we recognise the impact climate action is having on our planet. The Facilities Network have come together to develop this project to play their part for the greater benefit of the community. Community Centres are best placed to be leading role models in the provision of access to education and further opportunity."



By signing up to Fingal's Keen To Be Green Facilities Charter, the community facilities in Fingal are demonstrating their commitment to sustainable climate action. The project aims to bring about vital change in the community and create greater awareness around action in local communities across Fingal. Also speaking at the launch was Principal Community Development Officer Linda Ennis who added:

"The Community Development Office is committed to supporting the network to build on this project in to the future. Fingal County Council is very fortunate to have a wide range of community facilities across the county. Our facilities vary from large multipurpose shared facilities, centres with gyms, meeting rooms, dance studios, childcare facilities and outdoor spaces. The community development office works closely with 33 community centres and with many volunteers and communities across Fingal. Community facilities provide so many opportunities to people across Fingal to become part of their community. "



The event also featured presentations from Fingal County Council's Environmental Awareness Officer Sinéad Fox and Network member Heidi Bedell before each centre representative was presented with their Keen To Be Green Facilities Charter for display on their premises.



The 'Keen To Be Green' Project is part of Fingal County Council's continuing commitment to its five-year Climate Change Action Plan making Fingal more resilient to Climate Change. Fingal's Keen To Be Green facilities project has five stages that each facility will commit to: Waste Management, Water Conservation, Transport and Biodiversity.



For more information on Fingal's Keen To Be Green Facilities Project contact your local Fingal Community Centre. The Official Keen To Be Green Project video can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pUJLQIPNwvY>

Fingal Community Facilities Website

Members of the Fingal Community Facilities Network Received a sneak peek at the new network website as a precursor to the Keen To Be Green Project launch. The website will be finalised in November and will contain details of all member community facilities, such as photos, location, contact details, services and groups as well as news and events pages. Network members and Community Development Office staff will receive training from designers Neo-Archaic in November on website maintenance upon website being completed. Community Development Office staff have been working closely with Neo-Archaic and the Network through the formation of a working group to create the website.

Parslickstown House Renovation

Refurbishments to Parslickstown House Community Centre in Dublin 15 are continuing including the Annex Hall which is due for completion Mid-November.



Funding was received from the Department of Tourism Culture Arts Gaeltacht Sport and media under the sports capital program of €113,000. Matching funding of €50,000 was also awarded from the Community Development Office to reconfigure, insulate and make the hall accessible for the whole community. On completion there

will be a fully accessible multipurpose space available for community enjoyment. This will comprise of a large dance studio, accessible toilets, and two small meeting rooms. On completion this project will enable a number of youth, sport, dance, fitness, education and training groups to use the facility. This space will also complement the existing facilities in the area. It is envisaged that the project will reach completion by 15th of November.

The Fingal Safer Halloween Initiative 2021

The Fingal Safer Halloween Initiative 2021 is another example of the community department working alongside our community centre staff and community groups to promote engagement, participation and support community initiatives. Over 24 community groups and centres participated in the Fingal Safer Halloween Initiative 2021. All participating groups were awarded a funding contribution by the Community Development Office to support the hosting of local Halloween activities in their communities. These activities took place on the lead up to and including Halloween eve (Wednesday 27th October to Sunday 31st October 2021) and ranged from kid's discos and Halloween specific activities i.e. pumpkin carving, mask making, scary scarecrow competitions and others. Participating groups and centres also promoted the Fingal Safer Halloween message along with the other interdepartmental Halloween initiatives. For more information click here <https://www.fingal.ie/news/programme-festivities-launched-residents-enjoy-halloween>.

Support in the Community – a snapshot

The Community Development Office continues to encourage and support community engagement in local community centres through funding for open days, training and education programmes and initiatives like Halloween. One such Open day was hosted by Blakestown Community Centre on 27th of October. Despite the weather there was a great turnout from the community. Community members got the opportunity to meet some of the

resident groups and services in the centre and see some of the activities happening in the community centre, such as ESOL and Art classes. Supports and services who exhibited on the day included La Leche League of Ireland Breastfeeding support group, Empower, DDLETB, Zumba gold, Blakestown Community Creche and Fingal Community officer.

Since COVID restrictions lifted a number of our community officers have been out on the ground meeting community groups who have come back to their local center. They have also been meeting groups and residents associations, dropping of daffodil bulbs ready for planting in local communities and community gardens around the Fingal Area. Some of these bulbs will be planted by the children in the local community as part of their Halloween activities. Happy planting and we look forward to seeing the daffodils bloom in Spring.

Drynam Volunteer Group

The Drynam volunteers were one of many north county groups supported by the community office as part of the safe Halloween project this year. The Drynam volunteers were set up mainly as part of the community response to Covid 19 and did sterling work in connecting with vulnerable members of the local community during the pandemic. Since then, the group has been very active in their own estate and has benefitted by funding and logistical support from the Community Office. Image below shows how the residents engaged in a safe pumpkin event for safer Halloween. The group are planning an ambitious community movie event for next spring and have teamed up with the Kettles heritage group this year for that group's annual event, held in September



Older people

As community centres and facilities began to open-up for business, a number of small local events were organised to encourage older people to re-engage with their social groups. While some events were well attended, others attracted small numbers as many older people remain reluctant to re-engage with their groups and wider community.

A **Stronger for Longer** exercise session was organised in Corduff Community Resource Centre, as a taster session to ascertain their interest in participating in the programme during the winter months.

Donabate Active Age organised a cuppa to give members a chance to meet up with old friends and encourage registration for the many activities which the group have organised for older people. Over 20 members attended and were delighted with the opportunity to meet up in Donabate Portrane Community Centre for the first time in 18 months.



Age Awareness:

Cathrina Murphy, Community Officer gave a presentation to the Fingal Community Facilities Network titled "The Participation of Older



People in their Communities: The Role of Community Centres". The presentation provided facility managers and volunteers with an opportunity to reflect on the agency and social situation of older people, recognise diversity among this cohort and the impact of Covid-19. Examples of activities were provided which can be tailored to suit the diverse older population of Fingal. This has resulted in a number of facilities organising activities for older people.

She Leads, We Lead - Fingal Women Bringing Change

She Leads, We Lead Fingal Women Bringing Change



The Community Development Office is providing a new programme for women to improve their skills and learn about how to lead change in Fingal, with sessions led by a team of women who have all championed change in their own communities through their leadership. This programme presents a series of 7 sessions that aspire to motivate and train women to become leaders in

their community and also help women feel confident through developing key skills and understanding how other leaders work effectively. Open sessions are being held on Wednesday November 3rd, 7-9pm in Mountview Community Centre, Dublin 15, and Thursday November 4th, 7-9pm online, to introduce participants to the benefits that they can bring to their communities and themselves through leadership training. The diverse team of women that will be leading the programme include Ayodele Yusuf of Balbriggan Integration Forum, Catherine Joyce of Blanchardstown Traveller Development Group, Shelly Gaynor of the Independent Living Movement Ireland, Bridie O'Reilly of Fingal Older People's Council, and Geraldine Rooney of Fingal PPN and Centre for Independent Living Blanchardstown.

Sign up now at: bit.ly/SheLeadsFingal

Learn more at:

<http://www.facebook.com/SheLeadsFingal>

Fingal Comhairle na nÓg



On the 2nd of October 2021 the Fingal Comhairle na nÓg went on a team building trip to Carlingford Adventure Centre. Here they took part in archery, axe throwing, rock climbing and sky park. This trip was a great experience, they got to reconnect with friends that they haven't seen since COVID-19 hit.

As part of the FCNN topic they are still running their weekly Mental Health Mondays where they post and share advice and tips on how to maintain positive mental health.

The members have held three Virtual Reality (VR) meetings since July and they all have gone very smoothly and were a lot of fun!

The FCNN have been organising and planning for the AGM which will be held on the 11th of November 2021 at 09.30. The young people are deciding on their ice breaker games and allocation of roles for the event. The items in the goodie bags have been picked and ordered by the young people

PPN Plenary



Fingal PPN will host their Plenary on 10th November in a virtual format in response to the continued Covid 19 Pandemic. Members will consider constitutional changes to align with the DRCD PPN Handbook as well as provide the launch of Fingal Inclusion Week. This initiative which will take place from 15th - 21st December with almost 80 events scheduled. This is the third year of the project which sees Fingal County Council partner with Fingal PPN's Social Inclusion, Rural Development, Youth and Enterprise Linkage Group to deliver this initiative.

PPN Policy Hub



Fingal PPN are committed to supporting linkage groups, reps, Secretariat members and the wider PPN membership. In response to suggestions from the Arts, Heritage, Community and Sports Linkage Group, Fingal PPN Secretariat approved the establishment of a Fingal PPN Policy Hub to be hosted on the Fingal PPN Website. This policy hub will support and guide linkage groups and their reps in building their capacity in how they engage with their relevant committees and assist in impacting the decision-making processes in Fingal.

The Policy Hub comprises of policies in three areas:

- Fingal Wide Policies
- Regional Policies
- National & European Policies

While this Policy Hub supports the linkage groups and their reps, it will undoubtedly be a central resource for all PPN members to access policies that impact all members of our community across Fingal. You will find the policy hub here: <https://fingalppn.ie/policy-hub>

PPN Linkage Group Meetings Round 5 2021



The PPN is delighted to confirm that round 5 of Linkage Groups commenced on October 19th. In this round, Linkage Groups have been invited to input on the actions of the Strategic Plan Review and Extension of the plan until the end of 2022. All actions will be brought to the Strategic Plan Review Subgroup who will make a recommendation on actions to pursue to the Secretariat at their January meeting.

Any community organisation who is a member of the PPN can participate. For more see www.fingalppn.ie.

Sports Office:

MarathonKids Programme

MarathonKids is an 8-week programme for 5th-6th class students which will see 3,000 students from 24 primary schools in Fingal run a marathon. The programme entails daily short runs, physical & mental health education, nutrition and exercise and all linked into the PE curriculum.



Fit for All

Fingal Fit For All is a 6 week gym based programme in collaboration with Prosper Balbriggan, Balbriggan Community College and Balbriggan Community Centre. The programme supports Prosper service users in how to use a gym with assistance from Balbriggan TY students who are trained in how to work with people with additional needs in a sports and education capacity. The programme will create a sustainable Inclusive Class every week in partnership with Balbriggan Community Centre and will start in Nov 2021

Movement for Life

Movement for Life is an exercise programme for Older Adults which includes all elements of fitness such as flexibility, cardiovascular fitness, strength and co-ordination. The exercise is done to music and works best in an indoor setting. Starting on Tuesday 26th October in St. MacCullin's for an initial six weeks and the class is limited to a pre-registered group of 15 participants due to the on-going Covid-19 Health & Safety Restrictions. The group's participants are made up of Orlynn Park residents (Lusk), Lusk ICA, Rush Men's Shed and Skerries Active Retired and the classes are a continuation of the Outdoor Exercise Walking Well Programme that took place every Tuesday with the support of Lusk United AFC.

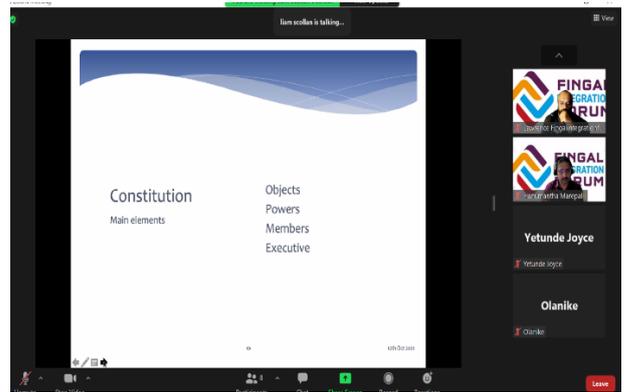
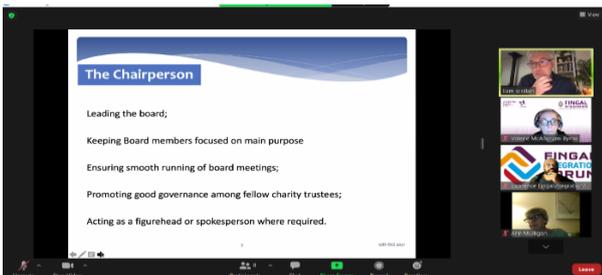


Tyrrelstown FC

The new Tyrrelstown FC is going from strength to strength with on average of over 100 boys and girls taking part every Sunday morning. In partnership with our colleagues in the FAI we will be supporting the new formed committee and supporting the role-out of coach education courses to 15 coaches in November.

Fingal Integration Officer: Fingal Integration Forum Capacity Development Training:

The Fingal Integration Officer continues to support the development of Fingal Integration Forum. To enhance their capacity development the Community Development Office funded a suite of five tailor-made training modules for the Fingal Integration Forum Executive Committee this included specific role training for Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer and PRO's it also supported effective meetings and the development of their constitution. The training was delivered by Liam Scollan of Carmichael and were "engaging, very informative and comprehensive workshops."



Fingal Integration Message:

The Fingal Integration Officer has been working with Gerry McDermott and Maggie Lau Communications Department on a plan to how we convey Integration Messages to the communities of Fingal. We began by developing a campaign which began on the 1st of November until the 14th of November which aims to show that Fingal Staff mirror the community we serve. This message which is communicated through a poster and involved the engagement of staff and members of our communities to come together in its development, from feedback received from participants this proved to be a positive experience. The poster will be displayed on bus shelters, on billboards and displayed in the three large shopping centres across the county.



ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE ACTION & ACTIVE TRAVEL

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Active Travel

Strategic Planning

Active Travel Strategy

The Active Travel team is currently in the process of engaging consultants to prepare an Active Travel Strategy. We are currently engaging with the Strategic Planning unit in this regard and to provide input to the draft County Development Plan in the context of the strong promotion of Active Travel.

The Active Travel unit is engaged with our colleagues in other departments on other important strategic projects such as Our Balbriggan and Sustainable Swords projects.

Protected Cycle Lanes - NTA funded projects

Appendix 2 in this report details the Sustainable Transport Measures Grants: 2021 Allocations



Baldoye – Howth Protected Cycle Lane Scheme: Night works and epoxy resin installation



Bicycle Parking: Installation of stands in Skerries

Towns & Villages

Malahide New Street

The Active Travel Unit continues to review the operation of pedestrianised New Street in Malahide. We are currently preparing to defend legal challenge on this project.

Balrothery

The Active Travel Unit has convened a working group with a view to developing an Active Travel plan for Balrothery. We are currently drafting tender documents for procurement of consultant.

Permeability & Connectivity

We are continuing to receive various requests for Permeability and Connectivity improvements from various stakeholders across the county. These requests, 30 to date, are being recorded in detail for evaluation and if appropriate identification of a means of delivery on the ground.

Where there are existing other Projects in close proximity to the areas highlighted, at design or construction stage we endeavour to include these Connectivity and Permeability improvements within overall schemes. Some of the current projects that are included are as follows.

- St Cronan's Junior & Senior school Safer Routes to school and Brackenstown Road Cycle lane and resurfacing included within the scope of works under St Cronan's Avenue project.
- Safer Routes to School treatment at St Philip the Apostle included under the scope of works for the Hartstown/Huntstown Protected Cycle Lanes Phase 2 project.
- Safer Routes to school for Holy Family NS is currently being considered for inclusion under the Rivervalley / Rathingle Phase 2 protected cycle lanes works.

- Similarly we are looking to include permeability connectivity and SRTS measures under our Towns & Villages scope where feasible.

Road Safety

Safe Routes to School Programme

Elected Members recently received a presentation on the Safe Routes to School Programme at their Area Committee Meetings. We will proceed with 3 priority sites as part of Phase 1 which accommodates 5 schools from the initial list of 11 to include St. Benedicts & Castaheany, Rush & Lusk Educate Together and Bayside Jnr and Snr Schools.

Once the detailed design drawings are prepared and approved, public engagement will commence and a tender package for construction works will be prepared.

Visualisation of proposal layout at Barry Lane/The Mall junction



Visualisation of proposal layout at Hartstown/Huntstown



Road Safety Week

Irish Road Safety week took place from 4th to 10th October. Throughout Irish Road Safety Week Fingal County Council drew the public's attention to resources that highlight key safety issues and help reduce risk of accident, injury and loss of life. With free Car Seat Safety checks, school education events and helpful video guides to tyre safety, winter readiness and bike safety tips there was something that every type of road user can avail of and this was promoted via our social media platforms.

Big thanks to the Mayor, Chief Executive, our two School Wardens and the children of St, Patrick's Snr National School for helping us launch Irish Road Safety Week.



As part of Irish Road Safety Week, Beep Beep day took place on Friday, 8th of October. Heather, one of our school wardens from Malahide, took time to provide a Road Safety talk to pre-school children from Hi5.

Schools Wardens

We are currently awaiting the availability of a school warden trainer, procured through our Ballycoolin Regional Training Centre to provide training to our new reserve school wardens. Once training is provided, we will have 8 new reserve school wardens available.



Mobility/Emobility

Bleper Bike Share Scheme – September Usage – Bleper Active

We are delighted to inform you that the Bleper North County Expansion Pilot has been extended until 31st December 2021 at which time, the success of the expansion to these areas will be reviewed in full.

September Statistics:

Existing Bike Share Scheme	Bike Share	North County Expansion
1222 bike journeys started in Fingal, down from 1429 from August	477 bike journeys started in North Fingal	
1287 bike journeys ended in Fingal	477 journeys ended within this zone	

Highest usage recorded on Saturdays with 17.48% followed by Sundays with 15.65%	Balbriggan is the most popular location with 201 bike journeys in September
Howth train station continues to be the most popular location	Skerries is the second most popular location with 185 journeys in September
Average number of bikes in existing operational zone totalling 72	Vandalism is an ongoing problem, particularly in the Balbriggan area



Options of open and closed box E-Cargo bikes from Bleeper

Cycling Without Age

We recently visited Huntstown and Castleknock Community Centres to provide their Senior Citizens Groups with a demo on the Cycling without Age Triobike. We even had a celebrity in our midst with Angela De La Mere from Gogglebox Ireland and her pal, taken for a spin by Stephen McGinn, Sports Section. They all really enjoyed it and can't wait for this initiative to go public.

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

All Fingal staff and Elected Members can avail of free bleeper bike hire.

E-Cargo Bikes

Following the Quick Quotes process, we are pleased to announce that Bleeper have been awarded the contract to supply 4 E-Cargo bikes to Fingal for selected local businesses to trial for a 12 month period. We hope to launch this initiative in the coming weeks.



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>

The four Dublin Local Authorities, CARO & Codema hosted Dublin Climate Action Week (#DCAW21) from 13th September 2021 with the vision of showcasing Dublin's climate action progress to its citizens and demonstrate the leadership role of the four local authorities in conjunction with other partners'.

Fingal hosted a number of site visits and webinars, and recordings of webinars from all six partners are now available to view at <https://dublinclimatechange.codema.ie/climate-action-week/event-resources/page-5/>

The Climate Action and Economic Opportunities - Local Authorities Supporting Enterprise conference was held on Tuesday the 12th and Wednesday 13th October 2021.

The conference heard from a range of speakers how local authorities can, through their economic remit, support, encourage and nurture new and existing business and enterprise as they transition to a net-zero economy through innovation, digitalisation and the adoption of more sustainable practices. A recording can be viewed here: <https://www.caro.ie/training-events/event-recordings/ca-economics-opportunity-oct-21>

Glasgow will host the next Global Climate Summit - COP 26 'Conference of the Parties' end October. At the Paris COP 21 in Dec 2015, agreement was reached on limiting global temperature increases to below 2° C but this has not been delivered on through emissions cuts or projections to date. All eyes will now be on COP 26. Follow at <https://ukcop26.org> and @cop26.



The Climate Action and Economic Opportunities - Local Authorities Supporting Enterprise Conference



Environmental Awareness

Composting for Schools Initiative is being rolled out to 40 Fingal Schools this term. This includes composting bins, resources for classes and teachers, two site visits by composting experts and guidance on how to manage waste.

The Green Schools Flag Awards Events were held online and 21 schools in Fingal were awarded.

ReLove Fashion was launched for Secondary Schools for this academic year.

Litter picking resources are being made available on an ongoing basis to schools and to the public through 6 community centres in Fingal see <https://www.fingal.ie/adopt-patch>

ReUse month initiatives included an offer of repaired musical instruments and bicycles to Fingal schools which received a huge response.

Picker Pals Litter Initiative is being rolled out to 40 new classes in primary schools, this is in addition to the already active 80 Picker Pals classes.

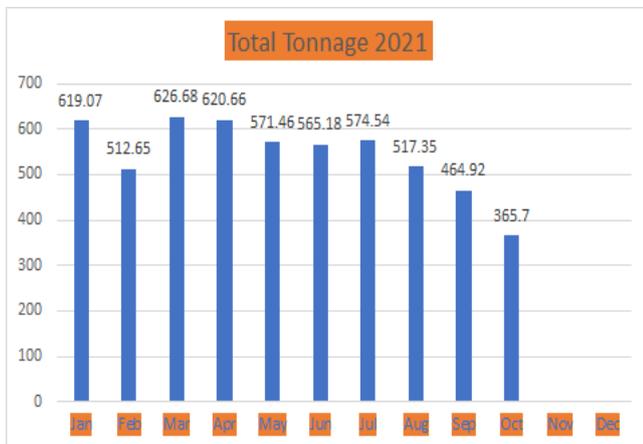
Recycled paint has been provided to community groups across the county and this has been a huge success. 285 5-Litre cans of paint were delivered by the Rediscovery Centre to communities all over Fingal from Balbriggan to Baldoyle, Howth to Meakstown, Naul to Dublin 15 since June 2021. This enabled people to clean up their areas and get busy together, investing time and effort in their local areas.



Community member in Rush painting the Rush Harbour toilet building October 2021

Bring Centres

The amount of glass collected for recycling in October 2021 was 365.70 tonnes and is displayed in the year-to-date bar chart below.



Bring Bank Expansion

The Environment Department continue to work to expand the network of Glass and Textiles recycling facilities throughout Fingal.



Glen Ellen GAA Club site re surfaced completely with a new cement plinth to replace the grass to improve safety and the appearance of this site. We ask members of the public to please use the carpark beside this site while recycling.



Rush South Beach sign re-erected at this site we are assessing our signage on an ongoing basis to make sure it is visible to the public.



An example of our can banks that are at several of our Bring Bank locations a total of 1.99 Tonnes of aluminium was collected from these in October and recycled.

Textile Recycling

A total of 20.46 tonnes of textiles was collected and recycled in September 2021 from our 29 Textile Banks locations throughout Fingal County Council. Textile tonnages for October shall be available by mid-November.

The total tonnage for textiles collected and recycled between January and September were 186.30 tonnes.

Litter Management

A total of 262 planned route inspections were carried out by the Litter Wardens in October 2021.

Additionally, in October, the Litter Wardens commenced on going inspections at industrial estates and housing estates in preparation for Halloween. Warning notice have been issued to businesses /shops to remove any bomb fire materials from the front of their premises.

Details of fines and warning notices for October 2021 are shown in the table below.

Month	Fines issued 2020	Warnings Issued 2020	Fines Issued 2021	Warnings Issued 2021
January	83	39	3	16
February	103	12	33	23
March	32	16	36	35
April	0	1	66	27
May	0	3	71	116
June	35	1	45	35
July	99	18	75	21
August	49	7	36	23
September	34	7	28	28
October	3	7	47	41

Two of the fines listed above in the Litter Enforcement Section were for dog fouling offences.

In the District Court, there were 5 fines successfully prosecuted cases in October.

Dog Warden & Dog Shelter Service

The Fingal dog shelter has been renamed as The Dublin County Dog Shelter. A Facebook page has been set up to assist in reclaim and rehoming of dogs.

Between 15th September and 26th October 2021, a total of 9 dogs from Fingal entered the Dog Shelter. Four of the dogs were strays, five of the dogs were surrendered.

Six of the dogs have so far been rehomed, one has been reclaimed and two dogs are currently on hand.

Fines issued under the Control of Dogs Act

Month	Fines Issued
Jan	3
Feb	6
Mar	5
Apr	5
May	1
Jun	0
Jul	3
Aug	0
Sept	0
Oct	0

Horse Welfare Programme

The final Equine ID clinic for Dunsink landfill outreach programme for 2021 has now taken place. The outreach programme has entered a phase of monitoring and welfare inspections.

The Regional Horse Welfare Group continues to meet. The next meeting is early November 2021.

Water Quality Protection



Help support the draft River Basin Management Plan 2022-2027 public consultation process

An updated draft Catchment Assessments has been published by the EPA, <https://www.catchments.ie/updated-draft-catchment-assessments-published-by-epa/>. These assessments provide an overview of the situation in the catchment, draw comparison between Cycle 2 and Cycle 3, and will help support the draft River Basin Management Plan 2022-2027 public consultation process.

This is a reminder for interested parties to assess their catchment and to get submissions in for the draft River Basin Management Plan 2022-2027 public consultation process <https://www.catchments.ie/public-consultation-on-the-draft-river-basin-management-plan-for-ireland-2022-2027/>.

The consultation period closes on Thursday, 31 March 2022.

Feedback on Bathing water directive public consultation

Feedback on the EU bathing water directive public consultation is planned for the fourth quarter 2021. The commission has scheduled its adoption in the first quarter 2023.

https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/12658-Bathing-water-quality-review-of-EU-rules_en

Landfill Aftercare

Balleally Landfill/Rogerstown Park

In October, the resident herd of cattle at Balleally landfill were joined by a flock sheep totalling 126 ewes and 4 rams.

The sheep will provide an important function in their grazing paddocks by reducing the need for diesel fuelled tractor motors that have been used to mow these meadows, thereby providing a more

sustainable practice that fits with the Council's climate action policy.

They will also serve as another feature for the public to enjoy while visiting the Park during Saturday opening.

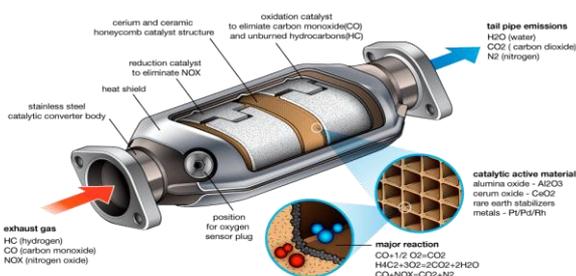


Sheep settling in at Rogerstown Park

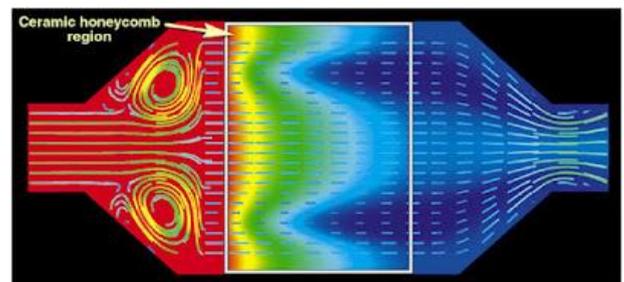
Waste Enforcement

Metal Theft and Traceability Investigation

End of Life Vehicles (ELVs) and their components can have a significant monetary value (catalytic converters, lead acid batteries, alloy wheels). Metal recycling facilities can potentially facilitate this illegal activity by accepting high value waste streams arising from illegal sites or criminal activity. These waste streams enter metal recycling facilities under the guise of 'general public' and are subsequently processed for cash payments.



Fingal County Council's Waste Enforcement Unit are assisting the Garda Divisional Crime Task Force with a major investigation into metal theft and traceability (catalytic converters) within the Dublin Region. This joint operation has resulted in several metal recycling facilities being searched within the last 6 months with large quantities of catalytic converters recovered in conjunction with millions of euro worth of precious metals such as palladium, rhodium and platinum. Palladium is now more valuable than gold and rhodium hit record highs earlier this year, having increased in value more than 200% since March 2020.



Waste Enforcement officers targeted individuals who transported high value waste streams to metal recycling facilities without a waste collection permit with a view to profit. Waste facilities were also investigated for breaches of permit conditions for allowing members of the public, as opposed to commercial customers, access to the facility to sell high value waste streams.

11 legal files have been finalised and summonses filed with the district court for S34 and S39 breaches of the Waste Management Act 1996. Each file takes several weeks to prepare as officers need to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that an offence has been committed. Further work will be

required in terms of court appearances and giving evidence to secure convictions however the work undertaken so far has had a dramatic effect on reducing the theft of catalytic converters throughout the Country and the subsequent sale/acceptance of high value waste streams at metal recycling facilities.

The Waste Enforcement Unit are also assisting 15 other Local Authorities in similar investigations regarding the illegal transportation of high value waste streams throughout the country. A total of 100 individuals who transported wastes such as catalytic converters without a permit are being investigated in conjunction with several large metal recycling facilities.



The work undertaken by Fingal County Council's Waste Enforcement Unit has helped raise awareness on metal theft and traceability at a local, regional and national level through collaboration with the Gardai, the Waste Enforcement Regional Lead Authority (WERLA) and

the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Further work is required to bring about legislative changes to tackle several key issues identified by the FCC Waste Enforcement Unit regarding metal theft and traceability. This work has already commenced with WERLA and the Gardai highlighting key issues on foot of FCC intel at a recent National Waste Enforcement Steering Committee.

RMCEI Inspection Plan 2021

Significant work has been completed regarding the RMCEI Inspection Plan for Q1 - Q3. For Waste Enforcement waste collection permit and waste facility permit validations are being finalised with on-site verification checks and compliance inspections scheduled to year end. Data validation of all waste streams in and out of a facility are crucial to ensure compliance with waste legislation and to feed into annual EPA statistics. Compliance with permit conditions is also important to ensure that facilities are managed effectively and to prevent environmental pollution. There are 100 waste collection permits and 22 waste facility permits in operation within Fingal and a considerable amount of time is spent each year by enforcement officers managing these permits.

Construction and Demolition waste inspections continue involving review of the following:

- Article 27 notifications on By Products such as soil and stone, concrete and asphalt and follow-on inspections
- C & D Skip operators of interest - movement of waste
- Major public projects - C & D waste management plans
- Planning applications - waste and environmental considerations
- Anomaly waste data - waste permitted facilities

- Anomaly waste data - waste collection permit holders.

Enforcement officers have been working closely with the Waste Enforcement Regional Lead Authority and the Waste Planning Officer for a variety of inspections targeting specific C & D waste streams.



Responding to waste related complaints continues to be a major priority for enforcement officers. A total of 177 waste complaints were received during the period January – September 2021 involving 300 work days. Two waste enforcement officers work full time dealing with these complaints with an average complaint taking approx. 1.75 days to fully investigate and close out. The majority of complaints related to backyard storage and

burning of waste (75%) with illegal dumping and fly tipping accounting for a further 20%. Awareness and education around the management of domestic waste in a sustainable and environmentally safe manner is vital to ensure all households participate in a waste collection service as per the waste presentation bye-laws and use a three-bin service to manage their waste. A fixed payment notice of €75 can be issued to a householder if a bin service isn't in place and if no proof of how waste is being managed is provided. A bin service project to identify households who don't currently have a bin collection service in place is proposed for 2022 once GDPR issues have been resolved with the Data Commissioner.



For Q1 – Q3 a total of 736 inspections have been undertaken by waste enforcement officers out of a total of 1004 planned by the end of the year.

Category	No. Planned Inspections 2021	Inspections Completed Q1 - Q3
Waste Enforcement	1004	736
Water Pollution	940	617
Litter Management	2060	2602
Air & Noise Pollution	334	294

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APPENDIX 1

REVENUE ACCOUNT INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION AT 31st OCTOBER 2021

	EXPENDITURE			INCOME			NET
	Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent to date	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised	€
Housing & Building	58,384,366	71,062,100	82%	58,209,352	74,321,200	78%	175,015
Road Transport & Safety	21,005,758	24,972,900	84%	6,598,241	7,500,800	88%	14,407,518
Water Services	15,323,096	13,792,400	111%	14,106,646	17,168,500	82%	1,216,450
Development Management	14,001,174	13,785,400	102%	6,354,900	4,496,500	141%	7,646,274
Environmental Services	35,018,686	42,814,100	82%	5,576,613	6,089,700	92%	29,442,074
Recreation & Amenity	30,164,361	36,628,900	82%	1,806,436	1,921,900	94%	28,357,925
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	584,164	1,127,300	52%	219,463	225,100	97%	364,701
Miscellaneous Services	80,817,167	35,878,200	225%	65,414,998	14,325,100	457%	15,402,169
Central Management Charge	34,235,414	46,313,300	74%	2,729,914	3,187,700	86%	31,505,500
Local Property Tax / GPG				6,253,333	7,504,000	83%	-6,253,333
Rates				124,695,083	149,634,100	83%	-124,695,083
	289,534,187	286,374,600	101%	291,964,978	286,374,600	102%	-2,430,791

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 31/10/2021

		Balance at 01/01/2021 €	Expenditure YTD €	Income YTD €	Balance at 31/10/2021 €
A	Housing & Building	-33,151,165	39,228,543	-31,222,025	-25,144,647
B	Road Transport & Safety	17,501,293	25,495,525	-2,915,596	40,081,222
C	Water Services	-12,552,750	1,149,971	-811,122	-12,213,901
D	Development Management	-101,477,199	8,663,313	-33,310,727	-126,124,613
E	Environmental Services	-14,681,189	1,989,083	-7,328,874	-20,020,980
F	Recreation & Amenity	-12,299,513	11,958,554	-1,396,553	-1,737,512
H	Miscellaneous Services	-79,809,475	3,589,561	-25,876,864	-102,096,778
	Total	-236,469,998	92,074,549	-102,861,761	-247,257,209

SUMMARY OF CORPORATE DEBTORS TO 31/10/21				
	Balance at 01/01/2021 €	Balance at 31/10/21 €	Current debt €	> 1 Year €
RATES	-14,751,274	22,999,948	19,165,390	3,834,557
LOANS	1,701,915	1,893,560	292,200	1,601,360
RENTS	7,082,917	8,260,199	3,982,396	4,277,803

Figures for rents and loans are unadjusted by credits/prepayments

Appendix 2 – Active Travel - Protected Cycle Lanes

NTA funded projects

Sustainable Transport Measures Grants: 2021 Allocations		
Project Code:	Project Name	Comments
FCC/20/0007	Hartstown/Hunstown Protected Cycle Lane Phase 1	Complete
FCC/20/0007	Hartstown/Huntstown Protected Cycle Lane Phase 2	Works nearing completion for Phase 2a. Moving to Phase 2b, awaiting updated drawings for junctions and roundabouts. Safe Routes to School design underway for front of school treatment at St. Philip the Apostle, works to commence w/c 26/10/2021
FCC/21/0010	Bus Gate @ Littlepace (NTA)	This project is to be progressed by the NTA.
FCC/21/0001	Snugborough Road – NAC to Ongar	Scope of project under discussion to prepare brief and engage consultants on concept development
FCC/21/0006	Clonee to Blanchardstown SC	Scope of project under discussion to prepare brief and engage consultants on concept development
TBC	Castleknock to Dunsink Lane (Section1 Auburn Ave to Navan Rd)	Scope of project under discussion to prepare brief
TBC	Luttrelstown to Ballycoolin Rd (Junction Review)	Scope of project under discussion to prepare brief
FCC/20/0007	St Cronan's Avenue	The project has been expanded to include other issues that have been identified in the area through our Connectivity and Permeability Tracker and our Safer Routes to School programme. These include

		the Brackenstown Road Cycle lanes and St Cronan's Junior & Senior Schools for front of school treatment on Brackenstown Road. The full scope of the works required has been developed together with costings. These are currently under consideration and review in terms of safety, function and costing. Construction works expected to commence Q1 2022.
FCC/20/0004	Bicycle Parking	A contract is in place for the supply & installation of bike racks. We are reviewing requests for bike racks on an ongoing basis. Bike racks have been installed by our contractors in Skerries and Balbriggan, 56 rack, accommodating 116 bikes. The new bicycle stands are located in playgrounds, skateparks, beach and shopping areas. The Active Travel team are now finalising the next works package for Howth/Malahide with works expected to commence in November 2021. We continue to evaluate new bike rack requests on a weekly basis and assess in accordance with our criteria for suitability.
FCC/20/0006	Safe to Schools Programme - infrastructure	Options report on the 11 schools identified through NTA & An Taisce is being developed at present and engagement with the schools is ongoing. Detailed design is being worked on in relation to a school in each area is being developed so that we can move onto full engagement and Tender stage with these.
FCC/20/0007	Rivervalley/Rathingle Phase 1	Phase 1 complete
FCC/20/0007	Rivervalley/Rathingle Phase 2	Works commenced for Phase 2a. kerb build outs and uncontrolled pedestrian crossings, with raised ramps at entrances to estates. Phase 2b, awaiting updated drawings for junctions and roundabout. Safe Routes to School design to be considered for inclusion for front of school treatment at Holy Family NS.
FCC/20/0007	R132 Ministers Road to Blake's Cross	Options Appraisal Report completed and consultants currently drafting detailed design and tender package documents. A review of the current speed limit on a section of the road between Corduff National School and Ministers Road is underway to ensure the recommended

		design proposal can be constructed in compliance with national design standards. Once Detailed Design and Tender Package is complete, we will be going to the market to secure a Contractor to carry out the works, which are planned to commence early 2022.
FCC/20/0007	Baldoyle Grange Road	Works started on site, 9 th August. Footpath/pavement works complete. Line marking 80% completed for new cycle lanes with epoxy resin treatment to follow, weather dependent. Bollard installation upon completion. Landscape architect has prepared concept sketches for proposed works along Grange Road. Internal review with stakeholders has commenced with regards to the landscape design. Replacement of cycle friendly gullies 40% completed and ongoing.
FCC/20/0007	Warrenhouse Road	Junction buildouts completed. Old line marking burned off and replaced with new cycle lane marking. Gullies replaced with new cycle friendly gullies. Central islands 100% removed to allocate more space towards cycle lanes. Epoxy resin and bollard installation due to commence this week.
FCC/20/0007	Howth Road & Dublin Road	Footpath repair works 60% completed and projected to be finished next week. Road repair and cycle lane repair works due to commence in early November. Epoxy resin application and bollard installation works to commence afterwards-weather dependent. Gully replacement works to commence next week.