



# Chief Executive's Management Report

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#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S MANAGEMENT REPORT – NOVEMBER 2022**

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#### Chief Executive's Foreword

Fingal County Council presides over one of the country's most dynamic and fast-growing regions and on Tuesday November 1<sup>st</sup> the Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Howard Mahony and myself were very pleased to welcome Taoiseach Micheál Martin to Dublin 15 to showcase one of the largest housing developments in the county, Church Fields. When completed, this new community will consist of 1,000 new homes in an area that is adjacent to key infrastructure and amenities. Also Inspecting the 37hectare site were Minister for Housing Darragh O'Brien TD, Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth Roderic O'Gorman TD, Minister for Gaeltacht Affairs and Sport Jack Chambers TD, as well as Fingal councillors and Oireachtas members who represent Dublin West. Embracing the newest technology and best practice, not only will these units provide impressive homes but will also be well insulated and heated with low carbon air source heat pumps, making the properties highly energy efficient and helping reduce heating costs for residents. I look forward to seeing the emergence of a growing and vibrant community in Church Fields in the years to come.

As a local authority we are committed to supporting sustainable communities, improving on infrastructure, providing housing and delivering on works programmes to further enhance the public realm for the enjoyment of residents and visitors to Fingal alike. In October, the Elected Members approved Fingal County Council's €989m three-year Capital Programme which represents a €205m increase on the previous Capital Plan. The 2023-2025 allocation identifies 266 individual projects with an estimated spend of €988,990,218 over the three years. Around 55% of the €989m has been allocated to Housing with the €543m budget underpinning the Council's commitment to delivering a significant housing programme under the Government's Housing For All policy. Another 15%, or €146m, has been earmarked for Economic, Enterprise, Tourism and Cultural Development projects. A further €139m, or 14%, is set aside for Planning and Strategic Infrastructure projects. Environment, Climate Action and Active Travel, Operations and Water Services, Community and Sports Development and Corporate Affairs and Governance are also well provided for in the programme and the ringfencing of these funds will allow us to focus on the delivery of strategically important projects for the people and communities of Fingal in the coming years.

We have now moved to a new phase in the Draft Fingal Development Plan process. Last month saw the conclusion of a series of in-person meetings, 14 in all, at which discussions were held on proposed amendments to the draft Fingal Development Plan. The Elected Members, Executive Management Team and staff of the Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department worked tirelessly to address the motions brought before the group for consideration and I wish to acknowledge with thanks the work carried out to progress the plan. From the beginning of the preparation of the draft plan, there has been an hugely enthusiastic appetite from interested parties to have a say in the development of Fingal from a physical, economic, social and environmental viewpoint. Consultation with members of the public, stakeholders, service providers as well as with Elected Members, SPC's and statutory bodies produced a robust and detailed response with over 1,900 submissions received. Any material amendment to the draft Plan will go on public display shortly for a period of 4 weeks in the next step in the process. The final plan is scheduled to be adopted by councillors in February 2023.

As the seasons change so rapidly, we will shortly begin our preparations for the Christmas season in Fingal. Each year, the festive spirit is alive and well in our wonderful library branches with staging of festive events, in our towns and villages with the opening of Christmas Markets and the illumination of lights and Christmas trees. Being mindful of supporting local businesses, I know many of you will wish to shop close to home this year and in doing so, can take advantage of the Christmas atmosphere and great value in local stores over the coming weeks.

AnnMarie Farrelly Chief Executive

#### **PEOPLE, CORPORATE AND DIGITAL SERVICES**

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People Services Customer Services Health & Safety Unit

#### **People Services**

People Services have a large scale recruitment campaign continuing in November 2022.

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Campaigns Completed	56
Current Campaigns	53
Campaigns Pending	4
Applicants to date	1723
Interviews Held to date	1831
Number of Appointments	443
New Starters	270
Internal Promotions	173
Number of Leavers	161
Resignations	100
Number of Retirements	61
Number of Job Offers Year to date	687
Number of Offers Declined	196
Number of Current Job Offers	48
Job Offers Internal	12
Job Offers External	36

#### Wellbeing Strategy

In October our Wellbeing Officer Emma Maxwell carried out early morning visits to Depots to talk to staff about our Employee Assistance Service and Welfare services with more visits scheduled in November. Feedback from these visits will be used to provide supports and training for staff. Staff were invited to take part in the Wellbeing Committee and Champion roles. Staff have now sent in their expressions of interest. There was a great response from staff with over 40 CRM Digital Services Communications

submissions. The Committee and Champions will be announced in November. They will be representative of all departments in the organisation and will shape the course of strategy delivery over the coming months. A Wellbeing Strategy presentation was given at the annual Health and Safety Conference on October 26<sup>th</sup> to spread information about the Employee Assistance Service and Wellbeing Platform to all Safety Reps in the organisation.

A number of Mental Health and Resilience training programmes have been procured and will roll out in December and January. The Flu Vaccination refund scheme was also launched in October offering staff up to €30 refund for their flu vaccinations. Health checks are also scheduled to take place throughout November organised through the Network Fingal Forum. A winter wellbeing Competition was announced on November 4<sup>th</sup> and staff can be in with a chance to win a well-earned wellbeing break to Farnham Estate Spa and Golf Resort.

#### **Blended Working**

Blended working arrangements commenced on the 5th September 2022 with eligible staff working up to 2 days remotely. Staff not availing of blended arrangements have now returned fulltime to the office.

It is intended to launch the blended working online application to staff in the coming weeks in order to process applications for blended working in 2023.

#### Learning & Development

Training and development of our staff, including statutory Health & Safety training, continues in November 2022 with the following courses scheduled this month.

New courses in the area of Wellbeing will be announced in November to begin in December including Mental Health Workshops for employees and managers.

#### Health & Safety

First Aid Training Scaffolding Training MEWP Training Confined Space Medium Risk Confined Space High Risk Manual Handling Tractor Skid Pan Training Combi Training Lugs Litter Warden Training Teleporter Vehicle Inspection Safe Pass Chain Saw training

#### **Business/Interpersonal Skills**

New Starter Induction Training Ignite Programme 5&6 Pre-Retirement Grade 8 Programme 2&3 A-Z Local Government Managing Aggressive Behaviour Personal Effectiveness Grade 3&4 Grade 5 Training Presentation Skills Effective Writing Minute Taking Time Management Working Smart Outlook

#### <u>IT</u>

Excel Working Smart Outlook

#### HSU – Health & Safety Unit

Monitoring of staff self-isolations as a result of Covid-19 illness continues with incidences remaining low across the organisation's workforce. Fingal County Council's submission to the 2022 NISO / NISG occupational safety awards has been shortlisted for a category one award with the exact award to be disclosed on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November. Safety audits and site safety inspections continued during the month along with accident reporting and investigation with notifiable incidents reported to the HSA. The HSA carried out a site inspection at one of Fingal's facilities as part of their routine inspections in October. Staff safety enquires were remedied and VDU assessments for office workstations were undertaken. A number of ancillary safety statements were completed and published on the HSU's Share point page.

#### **Customer Services**

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

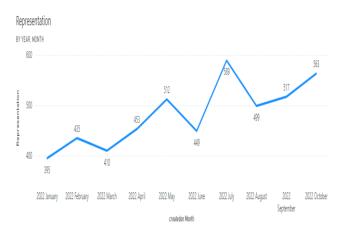
16,775 phone calls

523 emails

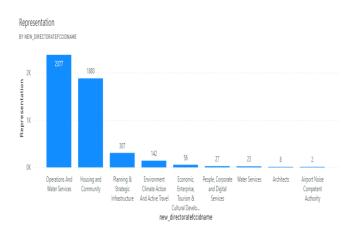
2,953 in person visits

#### CRM

Staff continue to work on the Customer Relationship Management System (CRM) and issue responses to representations from Elected Members (Councillors, TDs and Senators) and complaints submitted by the public. The month of October had a total of 563 Elected Members' representations.



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

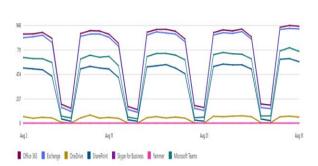


#### **Digital Services**

#### **Digital Working**

In October staff took part in 7,836 Teams meetings, 26,020 calls took place, and 928,800 emails were received or sent by the Council.

Active users



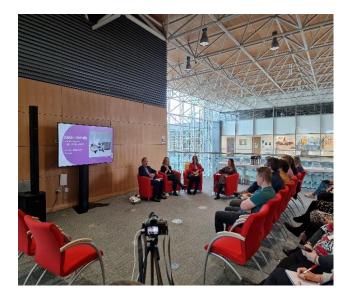
#### **Digital Services Infrastructure & Support**

1,478 support calls were logged by Council staff with the Digital Services Service Desk in the past month and 16 calls were logged by Councillors with Sord. 100% server availability and 100% network availability were achieved in the month of October.

#### **Innovation Week**

Now in its fourth year, Innovation Week offers local authorities a chance to celebrate and showcase innovation in the public service, share learnings and best practice, and identify opportunities to collaborate and work together to solve pressing public sector challenges and deliver world-class public services.

To celebrate National Public Service Innovation Week (24-28 October), Fingal County Council held a number of in-person events and webinars for staff, showcasing FCC innovation.





With the support of the Communication section, a series of videos were published across the Council's social media channels. The videos highlight the variety of innovation happening across the Council. Special thanks to all the staff who took part and spoke about their innovative projects.

Fingal Connect App

Interactive Planning Advice Portal





Fingal Skills Strategy

Rough Sleeper Alert App

Smart Balbriggan TY Challenge

**Fingal Community Car** 







Smart Dublin Regional Project

Safer Routes to Schools

Lets Play Rush









CHIEF EXECUTIVE INNOVATION FUND

In October, the FCC Chief Executive Innovation Fund was launched. Now in its second year, the Fund was set up to drive and support a culture of collaboration and innovation in the workplace. FCC Staff can apply for funding to support and trial their innovative project or idea. Last year the following pilot projects were supported, Weather Stations for Schools, Digital Beach Signage & Interactive Planning Advice Portal. Pilot projects supported in 2023 will be announced in the new year.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

A record number of visitors to the Council website, fingal.ie, was recorded during October. There were 158,910 visitors and 431,423 page views with visitors spending an average of one minute and 48 seconds on the site. The October visitors figure was 14,110 or 9.74% more than the previous best of 144,800 which was recorded in May 2021. Planning, Choice Based Letting, Recycling and Jobs continued to be among the most popular pages along with Halloween Festival of Fire information page.

#### Top Tweet earned 23.7K impressions

A €10 million transformation of the Balbriggan town centre has been approved, with the project set to deliver a unique public space in the heart of Ireland's youngest town. The attractive new civic area will host markets, events and festivals. ow.ly/eLyk50L9Sq3 pic.twitter.com/FLNpiKyW6d



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The top tweet from @fingalcoco during October was about the approval by Council of the public realm redevelopment in Balbriggan which will link the harbour, town centre and river. It generated 23,700 impressions. The account recorded 404,300 impressions from 318 posts and added 106 new followers.

Facebook added 374 new followers and now has 29,165 followers. During October it had a reach of 139,089. The posts with the most reach were about the new C-Pen Reader that has been introduced by Fingal Libraries and the plans for the Fingal Coastal Way going out to public consultation.

The Instagram account added another 182 followers and now has 5,842 followers and during October had a reach of 15,651. LinkedIn saw an increase of 149 followers during October and now stands at 6,320. Posts on LinkedIn during October had 46,835 impressions and an engagement rate of 10%.

Our You Tube channel now has 843 subscribers and during October published 23 videos. Several were in relation to Innovation Week and featured staff talking about some of the innovative projects that they have worked on. They can be viewed at https://www.youtube.com/c/FingalCountyCouncil Video/videos

#### Taoiseach's Visit



The Communications Unit was involved in organising the visit on November 1 by the Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Howard Mahony, Taoiseach Micheál Martin, Ministers Darragh O'Brien, Roderic O'Gorman and Jack Chambers and other Oireachtas members and councillors to the Church Fields site in Mulhuddart. The visit to Dublin 15 also included the opening of the Clúid Housing Association development on Fingal County Council land at Ladyswell Square, Mulhuddart, and a visit to Mulhuddart Community Centre. A press release, social media posts and two news videos were issued by the Communication Unit following the visit. The videos can be viewed at https://youtu.be/W\_lx-zrlleU and https://youtu.be/-lukore2Qxl

#### **Media Queries**

The Communications Unit dealt with 29 media queries during October with the majority concerning housing. Other queries related to Operations, Libraries, Active Travel and Planning. The Unit also issued 14 press releases during the month. The topics covered by the press releases included Local Property Tax, Capital Programme, Halloween Festival of Fire and road closures.

#### **ECONOMIC, ENTERPRISE, TOURISM & CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT**

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**Tourism Development** Events Tourism Heritage Properties

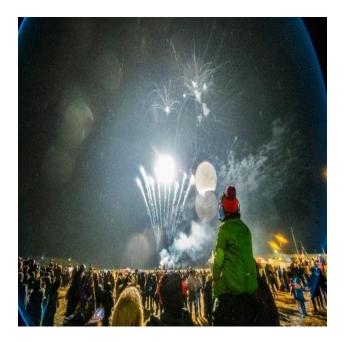
**Cultural Development** Arts Libraries **Economic Development** Balbriggan Socio-Economic Strategy LEADER Programme Local Community Development Committee Enterprise Centres

Local Enterprise Development

#### TOURISM DEVELOPMENT

#### **EVENTS**

The Fingal Festival of Fire returned this year with two new venues. Malahide Castle and Bremore Castle added to the Safer Halloween Events. These organised events have proven to reduce illegal bonfires and provide as safe area for families to enjoy the occasion. It is estimated that up 25,000 viewed these events or attended organised safer Halloween events,



Christmas Markets are scheduled to take place in Bremore, Balbriggan and Swords. Other towns, villages and communities will have their own markets and the events office are providing support in most cases.



The Enchanted Garden is a new event scheduled to take place nightly over a 4-week period in Shackleton Gardens. This event will be free to attend and its designed to profile and enhance the gardens.



#### **Festive Illuminations**

It is intended to illuminate the following buildings for the festive season;

Blanchardstown Library Draíocht Balbriggan Court House Bremore Castle Swords Castle Lusk Round Tower Rush Library O'Connors Ballyboughal



#### TOURISM

#### Tourism Strategy 2023 – 2029

In the development of the Fingal Tourism Strategy 2023 – 2029 Crowe Consultants are currently at consultation phase with a survey, 1/1 interviews and internal and external focus groups being carried out.

#### **Fingal Food Network**

The Fingal Food Network continues to work on food promotion. The network will have its official launch on the 16<sup>th</sup> November. The launch will be an opportunity to network and engage with the new committee, hear about the exciting plans for 2023 and the benefits for food business in joining the network. The network continues to support the Dublin Coast and Fields brand launched in January 2020. The event will feature Helen Cole, Dublin Region Manager for Failte Ireland and guest speaker Tadgh Byrne. Tadgh is a Chef, Presenter and Writer and he is passionate about promoting local produce and the Wicklow Naturally brand (Food and Drink Network). MC at the launch will be Marie Brouder, Brouder Marketing. Marie has been working on building and developing the network (supported by Failte Ireland) since 2020.

#### Failte Ireland Collaboration

Ongoing collaboration with Fáilte Ireland continues, particularly with the Dublin Team on key projects such as the Fingal Food Tourism / Food Trail development, the Sustainable Tourism Charter for Howth and with the various tourism development groups as they work on individual projects and in preparing for submissions to the Fingal Tourism Strategy 2023 – 2029.

#### **Review of Marketing Collateral**

A review of all printed and digital marketing collateral for the promotion of tourism in Fingal is being conducted. This also involves a review of the delivery of digital marketing supports.

#### **Fingal Food Policy**

A review of the Fingal AgriFood Strategy has been conducted and plans to develop a new Fingal Food Policy are underway. The policy will develop 2 key strands;

- Develop Fingal Food & Drink Tourism
   Offering
- Grow of the Fingal Food and Drink sector

Both strands will overlap throughout the Strategy and the food tourism strand will be reflected in the Fingal Tourism Strategy.

#### **HERITAGE PROPERTIES**

#### ARDGILLAN CASTLE AND NEWBRIDGE HOUSE



Site mobilisation and preliminary work has commenced on the major roof repair and window conservation contracts in both Ardgillan Castle and Newbridge House.

These capital works are expected to take approximately 9 months with all works due for completion by late Summer 2023.

#### **CATERING CONTRACTS**

A Dynamic Purchasing System Framework is being established by the Council whereby DPS members will be invited to tender and provide catering services in buildings owned by Fingal County Council or those buildings in which Fingal County Council have an interest where there is a requirement for these services.

Initial contracts to be tendered before the end of November will be:

- Café at Newbridge House & Farm
- Café at Ardgillan Castle
- Café at the Seamus Ennis Centre, Naul

#### **Newbridge House**



A horse themed interpretation is now complete in the café that is located within the Visitors Centre at Newbridge House.

Original horse tack that used to hang in this building when it was a stable have been incorporated into the design to bring a fresh new look with an authentic link to the buildings past.

#### MALAHIDE CASTLE



The new Wonderlights show presents: 'The Night Sky' opened on November 4th, 2022 and runs until January 3rd, 2023 at Malahide Castle & Gardens. Journey from the Irish Countryside, across the Northern Seas, through the Arctic Forests and discover the spectacular Northern Lights!

Wonderlights is an enchanting evening spectacle for all the family, taking you on an awe-inspiring walking trail through the illuminated gardens of Malahide Castle. Guests can expect a magical mix of lights, colour, nature and sounds. The experience will captivate all ages - perfect for families, couples and friends.

#### **ARTS OFFICE**

#### MUSICIAN IN RESIDENCE PROGRAMME ACADEMIC YEAR 2022/23

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 and 2021. Now the Arts Office is encouraging the original 25 schools participating to see them successfully reinstate their projects in line with innovative approaches to working in the classroom.

#### ANNOUNCING EXPLORING & THINKING BURSARY AWARD 2022/2023

The four Dublin Local Authority Arts Offices are delighted to present this opportunity and invite submissions for: *Exploring & Thinking Bursary Award 2022/23.* 

The Bursary Award will support individual professional artists to develop their artistic practice working with and/or producing work for early childhood arts. It is open to individual professional artists who wish to develop their practice in early childhood arts, artists practicing in all artforms, artists resident in Ireland.

*Exploring and Thinking* is a collaborative framework for early childhood arts in the Dublin region. It came about in 2016 when the four Dublin Local Authorities – Fingal County Council, Dublin City Council, South Dublin County Council and Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, partnered for the first time to collectively consider early childhood arts provision in the Dublin region. Bursary range:  $\xi$ 500 -  $\xi$ 5,000

#### CONTEMPORARY DANCE RESEARCH STUDY IN PARTNERSHIP WITH DUBLIN YOUTH DANCE COMPANY.

Fingal County Council's Arts Office is working in partnership with Dublin Youth Dance Company to research new opportunities for children and young people to engage with contemporary dance as participants, creators, and audience members. Together, we endeavour to broaden the range of dance opportunities available to young people aged 10 to 19 years, from diverse and new communities in county Fingal.

The partnership now wishes to engage a consultant to undertake a feasibility study to inform the development of contemporary dance opportunities for children and young people from diverse and new communities in Fingal. It is our intention to consult with local communities (dance practitioners, educators, youth workers, children, youth, schools, parents, curators, venue providers) in the assessment of local needs, available opportunities, and viable models of delivery. A completed report with a set of recommendations should be available by the end of May 2023. This will allow us to assess the information and plan for provision going forward.

#### TIME4EU – EUROPE AND CREATIVE YOUTH

Fingal Arts Office participates on the Fingal Steering Group for Time4EU Project (2022/2023). Time4EU is a European initiative targeting those working in the child and youth cultural sector, it involves 8 countries, and Our Balbriggan is the project lead for Fingal, Ireland. The Fingal Steering Group is now planning to host members from the other 7 countries in December 2022 to share insights on Balbriggan's cultural provision for children and young people.

#### ECHO BONES FILM COMMISSION



Echo Bones is a two-year collaborative filmmaking project, led by artists Sarah Browne, with a group of autistic young people in Fingal. The film is commissioned by Fingal County Council under our 'Infrastructure Public Arts Programme' 2017-202. The film 'Echo Bones' takes its title from an unpublished short story by Samuel Beckett, set in Fingal in the 1930's. Situated in the same geography and borrowing from a Beckett sensibility, autism is not the topic of the film but a way of sensing the world and speculating about a shared future.

Echo Bones was developed in 2021 through a series of online workshops facilitated by Sarah Fitzgibbon, Sarah Browne, and Elanor Walsh, involving creative writing, acting and film making. These workshops included invited guests and discussions about representation of autistic people in film and TV and online.

Further in-person devising, and rehearsal phases were facilitated by Sarah Browne and theatre maker Mark Ball. Roles in the project were chosen by individuals, according to their distinctive interests (acting, writing, directing, music, drawing) and the film was shaped by these choices.

The premier of 'Echo Bones' took place at an event at the Light House Cinema, Smithfield on the 8th of October 2020.

#### Libraries

#### Fingal Festival of History 10th-15th October

Fingal's sixth annual Festival of History ran from Monday 10th to Saturday 15th October 2022 across several Fingal branches, and at Swords Castle. There were approximately 300 attendees at the events over the week of the Festival and feedback from all venues was very positive with audiences enjoying the presentations and the interaction at the Q & A segments. The overall success of the Fingal Festival of History 2022 shows that there is a huge appetite amongst the public for similar events going forward. All the Swords Castle events were recorded and have been made available for people to enjoy on <u>Fingal Libraries</u> <u>YouTube channel</u>



#### What's on in Fingal Libraries this Autumn/Winter?

This year's programme features an excellent mix of events from Nordic Walking and Dynamic Wellness to advice on talking to your children about digital technology and social media, from Spooky Halloween Arts and Crafts to Christmas Storytime, and lots of helpful advice regarding living in the present moment. Family Time at your Local Library returns with fun activities for all the family organised by staff at each branch. Check out the full programme of events throughout Autumn and Winter <u>here</u>.



#### 'Fingal and the Fight for Irish Freedom' now available on the Digital Repository of Ireland (DRI)

The Digital Repository of Ireland (DRI) has published a photographic collection titled 'Fingal and the Fight for Irish Freedom' - the first Fingal County Libraries collection to be published by the DRI. This rich collection is made up of material that was gathered at Memorabilia Days across Fingal in 2015 and 2016. The collection includes items from across Ireland with a focus on Fingal. The project is part of Fingal County Council's Decade of Centenary Programme with support from the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media. You can access the collection at https://repository.dri.ie/organisations.



#### C-Pen Reader Pens Available to Borrow from Your Local Fingal Library

Fingal Libraries has introduced a new inclusive technology service which is available from all Fingal Library branches. The new service is called the C-Pen Reader Pen which is a reading tool designed to improve and enhance reading and learning. This new service is funded under the 2022 Dormant Accounts Action Plan and is designed to assist Fingal Libraries to reach out to older people, children from disadvantaged communities, people with disabilities and other marginalised groups. Members can borrow a Reader Pen for a period of three weeks and each Fingal Library branch will also have a Reader Pen available to use in the library.



#### Book Launch for Donabate Author Gerard Ronan

Gerard Ronan, the author of several books based on aspects of Fingal local history, particularly within the area of Portrane, has just published his two latest books: The Falsest Rogue and The Seduction of Benedict Arthur. All of Gerard Ronan's books are available from Fingal Libraries.



#### Fingal Libraries Becomes JAM Card© Friendly

Fingal Libraries have partnered up with NOW Group, a social enterprise that supports people with learning difficulties and autism, to introduce the Jam Card service into all Fingal libraries. JAM Card© was created in 2012 by NOW Group participants, with learning difficulties and autism, who wanted a discreet way of communicating to others that they need 'Just A Minute' (JAM) of time / assistance in certain situations. It has since grown and developed into a card and app that is used by people with any communication difficulty. The Mayor of Fingal, Cllr. Howard Mahony attended a photocall launch at Malahide Library to promote the introduction of this new inclusive service. Fingal Libraries invited members of the Prosper Fingal group who were delighted to participate in the launch.



#### New Fingal Libraries Mobile Stop at Castleknock Community Centre

The Mayor of Fingal, Cllr. Howard Mahony launched a new mobile library stop on Thursday 27th October at Castleknock Community Centre. The Council's mobile libraries offer a great service to the community by ensuring that all areas of the County have access to books and reading.



## Donation of Ukrainian Language Books for Children Living in Ireland

Fingal Libraries is delighted to receive a donation of 100 books suitable for Ukrainian children aged from 0 to 15 years. The books written in the Ukrainian language will be available to borrow from any Fingal library and it is hoped that they will provide comfort and joy to Ukrainian children and their families.

#### United: Ukrainian Photography Exhibition Coming to Blanchardstown

Blanchardstown Library will display a collection of photographs from the Ukrainian community living in Ireland, and images from Ukraine. The title of the exhibition is United and it will be on display from 16th to 30th November to mark Social Inclusion week.

#### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

#### **Fingal Skills Strategy**



Representatives of the Fingal Skills Strategy Group attended the OECD Regional Workshops in October to input into the recommendations for the OECD Skills Strategy Ireland.

A video on the Fingal Skills Strategy was posted as part of Public Service Innovation Week.

Planning for a Student Skills Expo in 2023 has commenced.

The Council has engaged with Balbriggan Chamber and local businesses to provide mentoring assistance to secondary schools in Balbriggan. Mentoring training has been provided to 16 no. mentors through the Trinity Access Programme in October.

The next Skills Strategy meeting is scheduled for 8<sup>th</sup> November in Balbriggan following presentations by the Chair and EETCD on the Fingal Skills Strategy at the Intreo Roadshow scheduled for the 8<sup>th of</sup> November in the Bracken Court Hotel.



#### **Urbact Playful Towns**



The Rush Urbact Local Group (ULG) held a successful Halloween Event in Kenure Woods on the 30<sup>th of</sup> October which had a high attendance.

There was a pumpkin hunt for families, a boules competition for senior citizens, a zombie dance performance and use of play-bag equipment for unstructured play around the park. A creative writing competition was also launched with results to be announced shortly.

A video on Let's Play Rush was posted as part of Public Service Innovation Week.





#### Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme (CERV)

CERV is an EU Funding Programme for citizens' engagement and the implementation of EU rights and values. Fingal County Council has been awarded CERV funding to participate in 2 separate projects, which will commence in Q1 2023:

1. Green IT Your Work The project aims to encourage young people in the green transition & promote green jobs. Project Term: 24 months Partners: Cities in Romania; Spain; Greece; Cyprus; Slovenia; Croatia & Italy Funding Awarded to FCC as a project €18,500 partner:

2. InclusEU

This project aims to encourage volunteer action as a social response for an inclusive Europe.

Project Term: 24 months Partners: Cities in Spain; Romania; Netherlands; Poland; Hungary; Portugal & Italy

Funding Awarded to FCC as a project partner: €18,500



## Outdoor Recreational Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS)

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

Turner & Townsend and Langan Engineers have been appointed to carry out a Feasibility Study for a tidal swimming pool/sea-swimming platform in Balbriggan with ORIS funding support of €50,000. An initial focus group consultation has been completed and preliminary surveys and data analysis are underway.



#### **Sustainable Fingal**

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



#### **Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor**

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

#### 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 Education, Skills & Employment Pillar Group met on 11<sup>th</sup> October and work has commenced on developing the Loves Learning Festival 2023. The festival now in its third year, celebrates the people of Balbriggan and showcases the opportunities to learn that exist in Balbriggan.



Planning was approved by Councillors at October's Council meeting for the re-development of the Quay Street and Harbour project. The project has now moved to the Detailed Design Phase and it is anticipated that works will commence in early 2024 and be completed on a phased basis by the end of 2025





In advance of the full transformation of the Harbour (former O'Sheas Night Club) the site has been levelled out to create a 'meanwhile space'. Steel Corten planters with timber framed seating have been installed, with the area to be planted by mid-November. A temporary tarmac finish has been installed to make the area safe and to allow pedestrian access only.

Paul Keogh Architects, the appointed Integrated Design Team (IDT) for 2-4 Dublin Street have submitted the Stage 2 a Detailed Design to the Council for review. Internal stakeholder consultations took place in October and the report is due for sign off in the coming weeks with the project moving to public consultation for planning permission at the end of Q4 2022. The renovation of these buildings includes the provision of artistic studios, a Creative & Digital Hub, a public courtyard, and a gallery/multifunctional space.



Malachy Walsh & Partners, the appointed Consultant Engineer Design Team, continue to progress the small works package of improvements to the Harbour. Procurement of contractors for the works package to upgrade and enhance the facilities and amenities of the harbour is in progress and contractors are anticipated on site in Q4 2022. Works are expected to complete in Q1 2023. Large volumes of bulky items and waste have been removed from the harbour lighthouse pier in advance of the commencement of the planned upgrade works. Funding of €289,000 for this project was secured by Operations Dept. in April 2022 from the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine. It is anticipated further upgrades and funding will follow for improvements including dredging of the harbour.

DBFL Consulting Engineers, Our Balbriggan Active Travel and Transport Consultants, are progressing final preparations on a Balbriggan Draft Active Travel & Transportation Plan. DBFL are working closely with Paul Hogarth Company (Masterplanning Consultants) who are developing in tandem a Balbriggan Public Realm Strategy and Design Guide to ensure coherent, effective, sustainable transformative development.



Turner & Townsend Consultants and Langan Engineers have been appointed to carry out a Feasibility Study for a tidal pool and sea swimming platform in Balbriggan. A stakeholder engagement session took place in October with a small cross section of sea swimmers and further consultation with all stakeholders is due to be scheduled. The Council received funding support of €50,000 through the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) to support the delivery of this Feasibility Study, along with an additional funding allocation of €28,800 for enhancements to the Balbriggan Historical Walking Trail.



The Our Balbriggan Office continues to generate regular and unique content across all social media (SM) channels, Facebook (FB), Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn.

#### Local & Rural Development



## FINGAL LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Fingal LCDC continues to oversee and administer the key areas of LEADER and SICAP and the various Local Development and Community Development funding programmes under its remit. The LCDC also manages the Healthy Ireland Initiative and the Social Enterprise Grants Scheme. The most recent Meeting of the Fingal LCDC was held on the 19<sup>th of</sup> October.





## FINGAL LOCAL ECONOMIC COMMUNITY PLAN 2022-27

The Guidelines for preparing new LECPs have been published by the Department of Rural and Community Development. The new Fingal LECP will be a 'Whole-of-Council Plan' and will involve extensive consultation and engagement with internal and external stakeholders. Introductory seminars on the statutory role, consultation process and suggested thematic areas to be addressed in the new LECP have been held online and recordings of these can be viewed on the Department of Rural & Community Development's website. A presentation on the guidelines with detailed discussion on next steps was held at the October LCDC Meeting.



#### SICAP

The resources and staff of the Fingal SICAP Programme continue to be leveraged to assist with the Ukrainian Refugee Crisis response. The SICAP Programme continues to help in the response to this crisis and is a central resource to the work of the Ukrainian Refugee Community Response Forum. Additional funding has been received from the DRCD to help with the delivery of services to Ukrainian Refugees in Fingal and additional staffing resources from the Ukrainian community have been employed on the ground to assist with this. The annual engagement meeting between the Fingal LCDC and Pobal was held in October to review 2022 and to plan for 2023. The KPIs for the 2023 SICAP Programme were agreed in principle by the Fingal LCDC at its meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> October.



#### LEADER PROGRAMME

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

The updated 2021/22 Transitional Funding Arrangements for the LEADER Programme cover both projects funding and administration funding for the period April 2021 -December 2022. Funding is available for LEADER Project Applications under the categories of Rural Enterprise, Social Inclusion and Rural Environment. Historically, Fingal Projects comprise 65-70% of the total LEADER Projects approved, roughly corresponding to Fingal's share of the Dublin Rural LEADER Geographical Area. Under the Transitional Arrangements the Dublin Rural LEADER LAG and LEADER Programme will continue to be funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development under the same eligibility and LEADER implementation rules as before. LEADER continues to approve and fund new projects as usual. The most recent LAG Meeting was held in September.

The Total number of projects approved under the 2021/22 Transition Programme to date is 27. Fingal accounts for 88% of total projects approved in the Transition Programme. A new Renewable Energy Training Programme is being delivered in Q4 of 2022.

Smart Village Training has commenced for LAG Members, Independent Evaluation Committee Members and Executive Staff. This training will be

rolled out across community groups in the near future in advance of the next LEADER Programme. The DRCD has announced details of the new LEADER Programme from 2023 and the selection process for LAGs to implement the new programme. The Dublin Rural LEADER LAG will endeavour to maximise the levels of funding secured for Rural Dublin in the new programme. An Expression of Interest to manage the new LEADER Programme in Dublin will be submitted shortly.

#### **ENTERPRISE CENTRES**

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

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



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

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



Demand for the new Remote Working Hubs in BASE and Beat remain strong particularly after the Connected Free Voucher Scheme during August. A second Connected Hubs Free Voucher Scheme has now also been launched generating further interest.

Fingal County Council was approved for €50,000 in new funding to promote Remote Working Hubs in the County under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme Marketing Measure.

#### **Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2022**

The 2022 Town and Village Renewal Scheme was launched in early Summer by the Department of Rural & Community Development. As in previous years, Fingal County Council sought expressions of interest from Community Groups / Promoters for potential projects in Fingal, that could be submitted for funding to the DRCD. A number of projects were submitted for consideration by the DRCD in the following Towns and Villages: Balrothery, Portmarnock, Donabate, Ballyboughal, Garristown, Naul, Loughshinny, Oldtown and Portrane. The outcome of this application process is awaited.

#### Streetscape Enhancement Scheme 2022

The DRCD approved the nomination of Rush as a selected town for funded streetscape enhancement projects. Residents, businesses and community groups in Rush were asked during September to apply with expressions of interest for grants for various enhancement measures such as painting, shopfront repair, signage, lighting and planting. Projects will be 80% funded by the DRCD, with 20% co-funding from Fingal County Council. The maximum funding per building is €10,000 overall. The Local Development Section engaged with groups in Rush further to expressions of interest received. Following a review of expressions of interest received. 30 properties in Rush were submitted to the DRCD for funding.



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 2022 are as follows:

#### **Fingal Export Development Programme**





LEO Fingal has launched a new Export Development Programme that provides businesses with a structured programme to drive their move into the export market. The programme consists of workshops, one-to-one mentoring sessions, and toolkits that will aid businesses in engaging new markets and export opportunities. The Export Development Programme takes place as a series of four workshops in the LEO Business Training Facility in County Hall, Swords and is open to businesses based in the Fingal area. The inaugural Export information event was held on 3rd October at the Carlton Dublin Airport Hotel and was attended by over 40 small business owners, of whom 13 have signed up to the full LEO Fingal Export Development Programme.

#### Start your own Business Course – Ukraine





LEO Fingal has identified a need among a significant cohort of Ukrainian refugees that were self-employed before they left Ukraine and wish to re-start their business in Ireland or wish to start a new business for the first time. Responding to the challenges specific to this group and in partnership with the Irish Red Cross, we have developed a new Start your own Business programme for Ukrainian refugees. It is planned as a hybrid in-person and online course delivery with specific focus on the differences in running a business in Ireland and Ukraine, with the aid of an interpreter. The pilot programme will kick off in the Riasc Centre in Kinsealy on 24th November.

#### **Fingal Business Briefing**



Fingal Business Briefings continue to run monthly in the Riasc Centre in Kinsealy with the latest session on Thursday November 3rd. The events aim to share information about supports available to small businesses in the Fingal area. The events are proving to be a popular first step in contacting Fingal LEO and are allowing small businesses to network and become familiar with other businesses facing the same challenges in these uncertain economic times.

#### LEO Fingal Q4 enhanced Training Schedule



LEO Fingal has relaunched our Certificate in Social Media and Digital Marketing. This is a multi-session course that will have both in-person and online classes. It starts on Monday 7th November in County Hall, Swords and was fully booked within 5 days of being advertised. We are now planning a 2<sup>nd</sup> course to launch before end of November 2022.

#### **Trading Online Voucher Scheme**



An initiative under the Government's National Digital Strategy, the TOV (Trading Online Voucher) scheme continues to support small businesses by allowing them to enhance their online offering by providing a grant of up to  $\leq 2,500$  for ecommerce and digital marketing activities. 96 applications have been approved in 2022 (ytd), in the amount of  $\leq 201,080$ . The next TOV Seminar will take place on Friday 11th November 2022 in the RIASC Centre. There is still strong interest in E-trading with applications and approvals running at nearly double pre-covid years.

#### **Fingal Enterprising Women Network**



LEO Fingal will host the fourth in person Fingal Enterprising Women's Network event of 2022 on Thursday the 8th of December. Over 550 female entrepreneurs have attended the FEWN Networking events so far in 2022.

#### **Evaluation and Approvals Committee**

The August Evaluation and Approvals Committee (EVAC) meeting took place on Wednesday the 26th of October. One application was approved for grant assistance totalling  $\notin$ 9,000. Year to date, 40 applications have been approved for a total of  $\notin$ 891,645. The next EVAC meeting will take place on Wednesday the 14th of December.

#### **Business Advice Clinics and Mentoring**

Business Advice Clinics and mentoring services continue to be offered online and now have an option for clients to meet in person in the Business Advice Clinic based in County Hall, Swords. In addition, clients are continuing to receive one to one business mentoring with our panel of mentors. In October 2022 8 Business Advice Clinic days were held, offering advice and support to 73 clients in Fingal, bringing the totals year to date to 88 clinics, for 388 clients.

#### Microfinance Ireland Loans

LEO Fingal provides a loan scheme through its partnership with Microfinance Ireland, with "soft" loans of up to €25,000. LEO Fingal is actively promoting the availability of loans from businesses that have difficulty raising finance from their bank. 14 applications have been processed, assessed and submitted to MFI (Microfinance Ireland) in 2022 year to date.

#### **Showcase Ireland**



Local Enterprise Office Fingal is continuing our support and commitment of the Home & Gift, Fashion and Jewellery sectors by offering a limited number of exhibition spaces to clients at Showcase 2023. Following a selection process, 6 LEO Fingal craft/design businesses have been offered a stand at Showcase 2023. Showcase Ireland 2023 will take place from 22nd – 24th January, 2023 at the RDS, Dublin. Showcase is presented by Design & Crafts Council Ireland, Enterprise Ireland and Local Enterprise Offices and supported by the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment. This four-day trade show is recognised as one Ireland's largest international trade shows and offers manufacturers, designers and craft makers the opportunity to exhibit their new collections.

#### **Student Enterprise Programme**



The 2022/23 Fingal Student Enterprise Programme is well underway. 25 Second level schools across Fingal have already signed up to participate in this year's programme. The savvy students will develop their own actual businesses, researching, resourcing, trading services and products, with the guidance of business mentors. Fingal LEO boasts the largest enterprise programme prize fund for second level students in the country with prizes including an international educational trip to a European City for the senior category winning student and teachers.

#### **Sports to Startup Programme 2022**



A new iteration of the "Sports to Start-up" Programme was launched with Sport Ireland in October 2022 by Minister Damien English. Since the programme was created by LEO Fingal in 2020 it has rolled out nationally with some 60 participants including Olympic medallist Gary O'Donovan and Paralympic medallists Michael McKillop and Niamh McCarthy and is currently in its fourth iteration. The online course aims to helps full time sports people start their own business while still competing or training. It is an initiative of the Local Enterprise Offices, and is funded by the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment through Enterprise Ireland. The Programme covers all the key modules of starting a business including market research and customer validation, finance, company registration, digital tools, sales, pitching, legal and compliance, branding and marketing - and right through to a business plan.

#### **OPERATIONS & WATER SERVICES**

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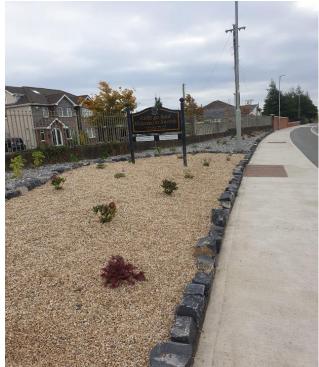
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#### **Works Programmes**

#### **Balbriggan/Swords Area**

#### Rathbeale Road, Swords – New Landscaping Scheme

As part of the 2022 Programme of Works, this prominent entrance area to Swords on the Rathbeale Road has been relandscaped in a scheme agreed with Swords Tidy Towns.



#### Ward River Valley Park – Refurbishment of Steps Contract commences

The Contract has commenced on site with the removal and replacement of the first set out of 3 of the woodland steps in the Ward River Valley Park. The installation of the first set of steps has commenced adjacent to Highfield Estate.



Pinnock Hill Roundabout Junction, Swords – New Landscaping Scheme

As part of the 2022 Programme of Works this important entrance area to Swords at the Pinnock Hill Roundabout has been relandscaped in a scheme agreed with Swords Tidy Towns.



#### Ardgillan Castle -

Removal of overgrown Leylandii hedging in line with recommendations set out in the Ardgillan Conservation Management Plan

As part of the surveying works to facilitate the Conservation Management Plan for Ardgillan Demesne, an area of overgrown Leylandii Hedging was recommended for removal adjacent to the Castle building. This recommendation was made by a well-respected Garden Conservation Historian and the decision was based on the fact that Leylandii hedging is an inappropriate plant species located so close to the Castle environs.

The removal has opened up the Castle to new a spectacular view.





**Programme of Works** 

Works carried out by Fingal County Council's Construction based crews on Chapel Lane, Swords outside Siemens Healthcare Diagnostics to improve pedestrian movements in the area.



Before



During



After

**Re-adjusting works -** exit from Newbridge house to Cobbs Lane to facilitate improved traffic flows



Before



After

#### Footpath Works Sherlock Park, Skerries

These repairs were to include for the provision of increased pedestrian connectivity for mobility and visual impaired pedestrians.



Before



After

Resurfacing Works, Barnageeragh Road,



#### Resurfacing Works – Miller's Lane to Golf Links Road

The focus on carrying out works at this location is to improve the pedestrian footpath facilities along this section which will tie in with the Land Development Agency's proposed junction upgrade with Miller's Lane and the Golf Links Road under Planning Reference F20A/0324.



Before



After

Resurfacing Works - McLoughlin's Lane, Skerries with a new red coloured asphalt



Depot Works Road Sweeping - National School, Naul

Depot staff seen here road sweeping outside the National School in the Naul in an effort to removing many of the leaves and road debris left behind from the seasonal change in weather as part of our winter road maintenance programme.





#### Drainage Works – Tobersool

Recent drainage works carried out at Tobersool can be seen here to be having a positive impact. This was taken the 19th of October at the location of an area which is regularly prone to flooding in the past.



#### Howth/Malahide Area Seagrange Park Entrance Beds

Two areas inside the Parkvale entrance to Seagrange Park, have been converted into raised pollinator beds. The planting is now complete.





#### **Festival of Fire**

This year was the first year Malahide Demesne hosted the Festival of Lights as part of the safer halloween initiative.

Despite the weather it was a fantastic success and an absolute spectical to behold. There was a large attendance on the night and all patrons enjoyed the display.





#### **Replacement of Gates – Malahide Demesne**

Replacement of the old gates at the main entrance as the existing gates were in poor condition and these have been replaced with brand new replicate gates.

The new gates have been hot dipped, galvanised and powder coated to guarantee longevity. Both the entry gates and exit gates have been replaced.





#### New Petanque Courts - Malahide Demesne

The completion of four new Petanque courts have been completed, located at the playing pitches beside the Sports Pavilion and hopefully these will be enjoyed by all for years to come.



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All Ireland Pollinator Award 2022 - Malahide Demesne





An Taisce

Malahide Demesne has been awarded the prestigious All Ireland Pollinator Award together with retaining its Green Flag Award for 2022. This was the second time in four years that Malahide Demesne and Talbot Botanical Gardens has achieved this coveted All-Ireland Green Flag Pollinator Award.

Approximately 37 acres of natural meadow is left to grow per annum. The Talbot Gardens and West Lawn contribute by having areas of Phacelia American and buckwheat Polygorium (Fagopyrum) esculentum, both are pollinators and larvae food for butterflies that inhabit the Dublin Area. Existing sources of food and shelter for bees have been identified and protected across the Demesne, these include native flowering hedgerows, earth banks and dry-stone walls. It is our policy to retain fallen trees in the woodland areas for natural habitats for bees and other insects and areas of nettles are retained for butterflies.

Over the last number of years approximately forty thousand bulbs have been planted throughout the gardens, including many native species, bluebells, and snowdrops for example. We are moving away from the usual annual bedding to planting more pollinator perennial friendly planting schemes across the Demesne and indeed across Howth Malahide parks planting schemes in general.

Over the last four years we have switched from using pesticides to mainly biological controls. The use of herbicides has also been almost eliminated using mulching and under-planting throughout the gardens. The pesticide free element in Malahide Demesne and Talbot Botanical Gardens has allowed all wildlife and biodiversity to prosper without interference. This year alone we have never seen such an increase in numbers of bumble bees, solitary bees, and in particular wild butterflies.







#### An Taisce Awards - Green Flag Award 2022

This year for the eighth consecutive year, Malahide Demesne has been awarded the Green Flag Award. This Green Flag Award is the mark of a quality park given in recognition of achieving the international standard for parks and green spaces.



- Green Heritage Site Award 2022

This year Malahide Castle and Demesne was awarded An Taisce Green Heritage Site Award 2022 for the first time. This award is given for good conservation standards where historic features are given prominence.

Restoration and re-creation of landscape features and historic features are kept intact and in use. Historic features are integrated into the life of the site with information available and evidence that these features are enjoyed by the public. Pitch Maintenance - Resodding goal mouths



#### **Depot Works**

The Roads Operations Crew for Howth Malahide constructed a kerb build-out in Abbey Park Baldoyle and replaced defective footpaths and concrete road bays in the area.



Malahide Road at the entrance to Malahide Castle

#### **Balgriffin Cemetery**

The crews in the Cemeteries continued landscaping works levelling and spreading grass seed on graves in Balgriffin Cemetery





#### **Meadow Cutting**

Parks Crews continued cutting meadows that had been left to grow over the Summer for biodiversity.



#### Programme of Works – Footpaths and Roads

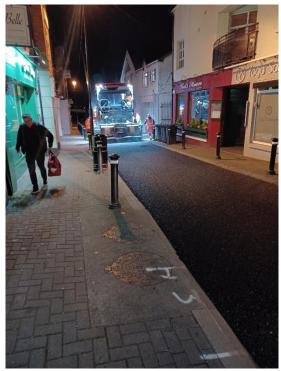
The footpaths in Moyclare Gardens were replaced and the defective cobble road surface was removed and replaced with a bituminous road surface. The area was based with SR21 before base course, regulating and psma wearing course were installed.



Strand Street and Townyard Lane in Malahide were inlaid as part of the 2022 Programme of Works.



Strand Street, Malahide



Townyard Lane, Malahide

The inlaying of a 1.6km section of Stockhole Lane was completed.



**Stockhole Lane** 

Footpaths were replaced in Sutton Park as part of the 2022 Programme of Works.

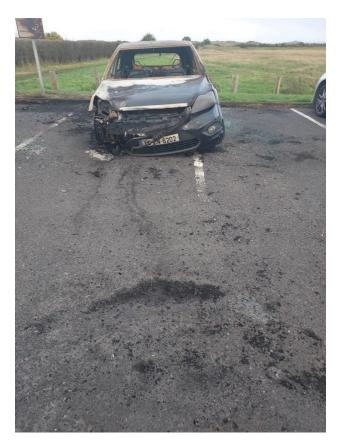


Removal of fallen trees – Kilbarrack Burial Ground





#### Burnt out Vehicle for Removal Strand Road Car Park



St Fintan's Burial Ground installation of replacement Memorial Bench



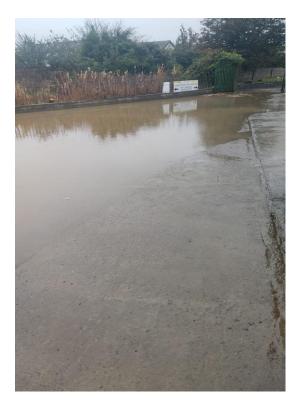
#### Installation of New Pizza Bin – Howth



Delivery of our New Burial Ground Stand-on Mowers



#### Flood Relief St Fintan's Depot



# Castleknock/Mulhuddart Area

# Halloween 2022

In addition to the free amnesty of combustible materials which operated in the Council's Recycling Centres, the Operations Department commenced collection of stockpiled bonfire materials 4 weeks in advance of the Halloween weekend.

The Crews for Coolmine depot worked closely with An Garda Siochána and Dublin Fire Brigade to minimise the occurrences of and damage caused by illegal bonfires.

The crews attended 27 bonfire locations and removed stockpiling from 39 locations. The largest stockpiling of material was in the Lanesborough/Meakstown area, over 430 pallets and 70 tyres were removed with the assistance of An Garda Síochana.







# Halloween Amnesty 2022

Fingal County Council's Recycling Centres accommodated the annual Halloween Amnesty from 17th October to 29th October 2022.

Combustible materials such as beds, sofas, wooden doors etc. were accepted 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.





# Programme of Works - Resurfacing Tower Road, Dublin 15





Resurfacing Works, Coolmine Road

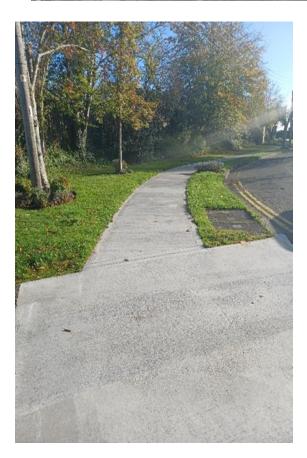




Pavement Replacements, Ramor Park

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# Cycle Track, Melville Road





**Tyrellstown Planters** 





New Perennial Beds - Fair Haven in Castleknock



# **Green School Initiative**

The Operations Crew delivered a truck load of bark mulch to Luttrellstown Community College in support of their green school initiative.





**Drainage Works** - Football Pitches in Hartstown Park





**Upgrade Works –** Pump at Porters Village, Clonsilla



Before



After

# Ice Skating Rink, Millennium Park

Ground improvement works in the event area of Millennium Park prior to the commencement of the Ice-Skating Rink setup.





Scrambler Prevention Measures - Ladyswell Park





# **Car Parking Services**

# September 2022

There was a total of 1,336 parking tickets issued during September 2022.

# Breakdown of Parking Offences:

Breakdown of Parking Offences	Total	Percentage
Footpath/Grass Margin/Median Strip	184	13.77%
Prohibited Place (Loading bay/SYL/DYL)	231	17.29%
P&D/Permit Parking Area	828	61.98%
Disabled Parking Bay	19	1.42%
Other (Bus stop, Bus Lane, Cycle Track, School Entrance, Traffic signals and Clearway)	74	5.54%
Total	1336	100%

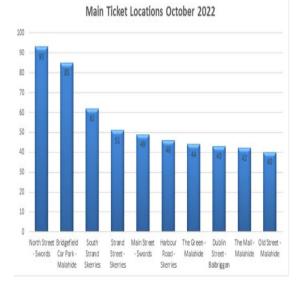


# October 2022

There was a total of 1,153 parking tickets issued during October 2022.

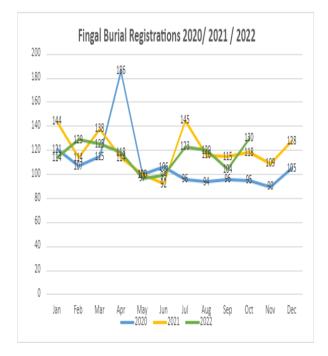
# Breakdown of Parking Offences:

Breakdown of Parking Offences	Total	Percentage
Footpath/Grass Margin/Median Strip	134	11.62%
Prohibited Place (Loading bay/SYL/DYL)	194	16.83%
P&D/Permit Parking Area	732	63.49%
Disabled Parking Bay	14	1.21%
Other (Bus stop, Bus Lane, Cycle Track, School Entrance, Traffic signals and Clearway)	79	6.85%
Total	1153	100%



# **Burial Ground Services**

The Operations Department are continuing to administer and monitor delivery to ensure business continuity for Fingal's Burial Ground Service. There were 104 Internments in September 2022 and 130 in October 2022.



#### **Traffic Operations County-wide**

Works are ongoing to deliver the Programme of Works across all areas.

# **Balbriggan/Swords Area**

**Signals Contract** 



Swords – Glen Ellan Road – New Toucan Crossing

#### **New Road Lining Contract**



Garristown- New double yellow lining at St. Mary's National School

#### **Traffic Calming Contract**



Swords – Brackenstown Road – Two speed ramps

# Howth/Malahide Area

Five New Traffic Calming Ramps were installed with four bus type ramps on Baskin Lane – Kinsealy accompanied by two new public lighting posts and one ramp on the Back Road Malahide.





One of four ramps installed on Baskin Lane

# New Signing and Lining

Completion of junction upgrade including new lining at Carrickbrack Road/Heath Junction below





Additional warning signage on the Drumnigh Road



One new and one repaired ramp on the Back Road Malahide





Additional yellow box at junction of Seagrange road and Brookstone road



# Castleknock/Mulhuddart Area

#### New Signals Contract

Works were completed in September on the pedestrian crossing outside the Educate Together school on Beechpark Avenue in Castleknock.

The works include a raised crossing, associated lining and flashing beacons.



Newly constructed raised Zebra Crossing on Beechpark Avenue

#### **Road Lining Contract and Construction Works**



A newly installed disabled mini-bus parking facility in the center of Mulhuddart Village.



A central refuge island outside Mountview pitches in Blanchardstown

The central island outside Mountview pitches was completed in September.

The island offers safe access for users to cross the road into the pitches safely, whilst the island also acts as a traffic calming measure on the road.

# Fleet Management & Plant Hire Unit

103 hires were put in place from 1st OCT 2022 – 28th October 2022, engaging 29 suppliers.

Hires included 32T Tipper with Clam Shell Bucket (36 Month Contract)



Street Lighting LED Programme

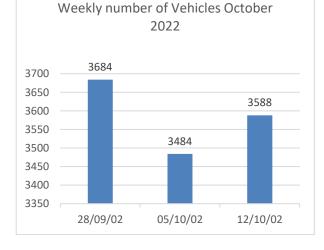
The Public Lighting Section will continue with the LED Programme in 2022 with 96.2% of all lights switched to LEDS.

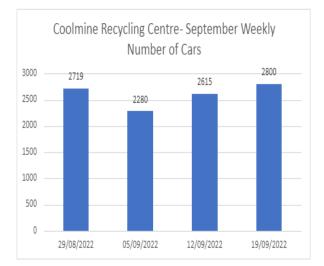


Christmas begins in Balbriggan main streets with Christmas lights

**Estuary Recycling Centre** 

#### **Recycling Centre's Update**





The Review of Pricing and the provision of Free Bulky Waste Service at Coolmine and Estuary Recycling Centres was completed and was presented to the Transportation and

Infrastructure SPC on the 6th of September 2022. The report went to the Environment and Climate Action SPC in October and will now go to the Area Committees in November. Provision has been made in the Budget to provide for resultant changes from the review which contribute positively to annual income.

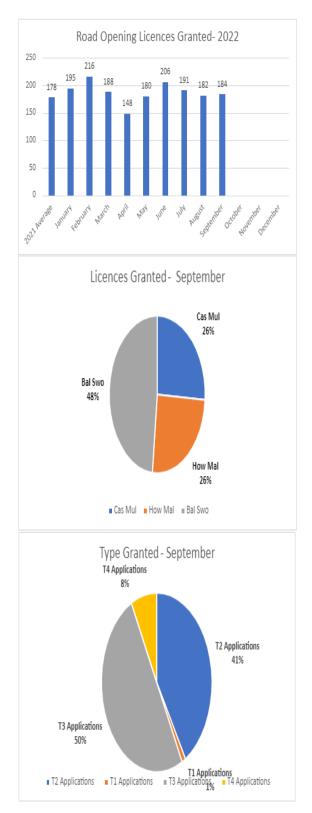
# Licences

# **Road Opening Licences:**

The new efficiency functionality with respect to automated granting of T3 licences is operating well. Since 1st June 2022, the majority of T3 ROL applications have been granted by way of automation and 3 Clerk of Works has been appointed to Swords/Balbriggan, Castleknock/Mulhuddart and Howth/Malahide areas to carryout to improved post inspection of all road openings by utilities.

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

184 Licences were granted in the month of September.



#### **Street Furniture Licences & Parklets**

**Street Furniture Licences** are granted under Section 254 of the Planning and Development Act as amended. All existing licences will expire on the 31st of December 2022.

A new Enforcement Officer has been appointed to regulate the issuing of license's and to monitor the usage of street furniture by local businesses. To date in August three Street Furniture inspections have been carried out with a fourth planned for this week.

Fingal County Council is looking to build a positive working relationship with local businesses & help implement the positive use of Street Furniture throughout the county. In the coming months communication between the Operations Department & local businesses will increase significantly.

The Council will proceed with enforcement proceedings under the planning legislation where outdoor dining is taking place without a valid licence. Total number of licences is as follows for the 3 areas:



### **Parklets**

There are several parklets throughout the County that were installed by the Council on a temporary basis to facilitate outdoor dining during Covid.

The Council is currently carrying out a review of all parklets, their condition, usage etc. and will look at options going forward that will increase the area to facilitate street furniture licensing. Parklets not in use and where there is no application for a SFL will be removed.



# **Casual Trading Licence**

Casual Trading inspections have increased in recent weeks with the newly appointed Enforcement Officer carrying out inspections & engaging with traders about a variety of issues. Considerable interest has been shown in some of our vacant casual trading pitches with ongoing communication with several potential applicants.

Casual Trading Licences	Total Designat ed Areas	Total Pitches	Pitches Assigned by Lottery	Rejected by Applicant	Granted	Pending
Cas/Mul	8	16*	6	3	3	0
Bal/Swo	13	23*	14	2	7	5
How/Ma I	11	23*	17	0	5	12
Countyw ide	32	62*	37	5	15	17

#### **Water Services**

#### Water and Wastewater Connections

There are 27 applications in progress with Fingal as of 4<sup>th</sup> November 2022, this consists of 19 drainage connection applications and 8 water connection applications as per the Irish Water System Maximo/d365.

26 applications returned to Irish water so far as of from  $4^{th}$  November 2022 .

# Storm Water (surface water) Network – Operations Update

Operation and maintenance of the Stormwater Network is ongoing.

- The Stormwater manhole cover and frame replacement programme for replacing assets at the end of life is ongoing – Covers and frames have been identified for replacement at Station Road Howth
- CCTV Surveys were carried out at the Casino Railway Museum, Dublin Road Malahide and Bisset's Strand identifying the need for further works at these locations.
- Survey works in relation to sewer in Balbriggan is still on going. The results of this survey will feed into the development of the Irish Water Drainage Area Plan for this Area.
- A misconnection survey is currently taking place along the Coolmine Industrial estate to the M1 line to identify misconnection locations following reports of pollution in the Tolka River.
- The Stormwater preventative maintenance cycle is ongoing for 2022. Water Services have identified Robs Wall Malahide and Lime Tree Avenue in Portmarnock for the purpose of been taken in charge.

# Storm Water (surface water) Network – Projects

# - Bath Avenue

Fingal County Council has commenced surveying sections of the existing drainage network serving Bath Avenue in Malahide where a number of sections have failed and require repair and upgrade. An application for road closure at Bath Avenue has been submitted for site investigation works to commence in December 2022.

# - Howth Culvert Stormwater Network Upgrade

Roughan O'Donovan (ROD) has completed the 1st phase hydraulic modelling of the existing Howth Stormwater Network. Fingal County Council are currently assessing the tender submissions received for CCTV conditioning survey which is required as part of the second phase of the project. Once the condition survey has been completed ROD will be able to determine the scope of upgrade works required to ensure the existing network has sufficient capacity for current and future needs.

# - Wendell Avenue/Drewbury Park/Heatherfield Walk

Works have commenced on the upgrade of the existing stormwater network serving Wendell Avenue, Drewbury Park and Heatherfield Walk. Works are due to be completed in November 2022.





# Communication with Irish Water for Elected Representatives

The Local Representative Support Desk

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.

Outside these hours, the 24/7 customer care line is available for urgent queries at **1800 278 278**. **Irish Water Planned Works** - Irish Water Regional Communications team provide regular updates concerning upcoming projects in the area and planned works which may cause disruption to customers. Regularly updates on the website at https://www.water.ie/water-supply-and-serviceupdate/#\_publications appear on the homepage under the Publications heading.

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

# Framework for future of Water Services

A new framework for the future of water services developed through an engagement process facilitated by the Workplace Relations Commission was announced by the Minister on 24th June 2022. The Framework will help to ensure a stable operational environment is maintained as the water sector completes the transition to a national water services authority, based on the full integration of public water services within Irish Water.

To facilitate the transition to a national water services authority, the Framework provides for:

- Irish Water to assume responsibility for the management and direction of water services operation and activities
- The voluntary transfer, of existing local authority water services staff to Irish Water as permanent employees between now and 2026.
- The identification of opportunities for water services staff not transferring to Irish Water to avail of opportunities to re-deploy to other areas within Local Authorities.
- 4. The commencement of water services staff recruitment directly by Irish Water to fill vacancies arising in Water Services.
- 5. A voluntary redundancy scheme for local authority water service staff; and
  - 6. A new Irish Water-Local Authority agreement, replacing the existing Service Level Agreement arrangements, to ensure that Irish Water has full accountability for the delivery of water services and direct management of the water services staff who choose to remain employed by their local authority under contract to Irish Water for the transitional period to the end of 2026

# PLANNING AND STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE (PSI)

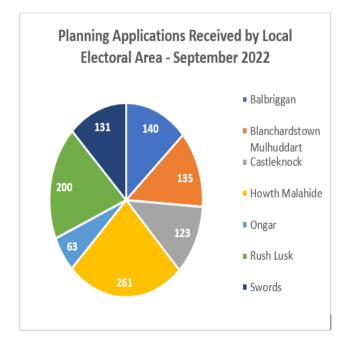
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# Planning Applications

There have been 1053 planning applications received to the end of September 2022. 91 of these applications were invalid leaving a total of 962 valid applications. The volume of applications received by Local Electoral Area (LEA) is detailed in the table below.

Between January and end September 2022, 20 Strategic Housing Development (SHD) applications were made to An Bord Pleanála totalling 10,776 units. 2 decisions were made by the Bord up to end of September 2022. Of these, 1 application was Granted in May (172 units). One application was Refused in March. There is a total of 20 SHD applications (13,038 units) currently in the formal application process. Between January and end September 2022, 1 Large-Scale Residential Development (LRD) application was received by Fingal County Council totalling 432 units.



#### **Planning Decisions**

A total of 933 planning decisions have been made to the end of September 2022. There have been 778 decisions to grant permission (83%) and 159 refusals of permission (17%). There have been 68 grants of permissions in respect of single house construction, 453 grants of permission for domestic extensions, 206 commercial/retail grants of permission and 19 grants of permission in respect of housing developments of which 12 relate to development of 2 - 20, 4 relates to 20 - 50 and 2 relate to 50 -100 and 1 which relates to 100+.

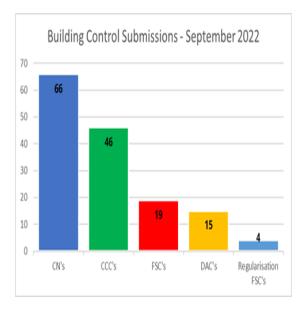
#### **Building Control Admin:**

In September 2022, 150 Building Control submissions were received. This was made up of 66 Commencement Notices, 46 Compliance of Completion Certificates, 23 Fire Safety related Certificates and 15 Disability Access related Certificates.

Commencement Notices and Compliance on Completion Certificates are submitted through the Projects module on BCMS.

Fire Safety, Disability Access, Regularisation and Dispensation/Relaxation Certificate applications can be submitted online via the Applications module on BCMS and also by hard copy directly into the office. The BCMS system is the preferred option.

The Building Control Admin team processed 120 decisions in September 2022, relating to Fire Safety and Disability Access Certificates. This was made up of 28 decisions to grant, 2 decisions to invalidate and 90 extensions of time.



#### **Strategic Policy Unit**

#### Draft Fingal Development Plan 2023 - 2029

The public consultation on the Draft Fingal Development Plan finished on 12<sup>th</sup> May. During the consultation period online and drop-in events were held for members of the public. Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department staff were available to brief the public and answer questions on the Draft Development Plan.

More than 1,900 submissions have been received. The Chief Executive's Report on submissions received was issued to the Members at the end of July and meetings in relation to the same took place in September and October. The Material Amendments arising will go on public display on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

The Development Plan process has been running for over a year now and the final plan is scheduled to be adopted by Councillors in February 2023.

#### Sustainable Swords

The draft Sustainable Swords Strategy went on display on 7th September to 1<sup>st</sup> November 2022. The draft Strategy outlines 16 possible projects which would transform Swords.

The Strategy will be presented at the December Council Meeting.

More information is available at www.fingal.ie/sustainableswords



#### Lissenhall East Local Area Plan

The Lissenhall East LAP was on public display between 21<sup>st</sup> August and 12<sup>th</sup> October 2022. 16 submissions have been received and a Chief Executive's Report is currently being prepared. This will be brought to the members in December 2022.

#### **Residential Zoned Land Tax**

The Government's 'Housing for All – A New Housing Plan for Ireland 'proposed a new tax to activate vacant land for residential purposes as a part of the Pathway to Increasing New Housing Supply. The Residential Zoned Land Tax was introduced in the Finance Act 2021. The process to identify land to which the tax applies is now underway and the tax will be payable from 2024.

The objective of the tax is to activate land that is serviced and zoned for residential use or mixed use, including residential use, in order to increase housing supply and to ensure regeneration of vacant and idle lands in urban locations. These locations have been identified within statutory land use plans as being appropriate locations for housing and they have benefitted from investment in the key services to support the delivery of housing. Fingal County Council has prepared a draft map of the land considered to be in scope for the RZLT as of October 1, 2022.

The draft available map is to view https://fingalcoco.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webapp viewer/index.html?id=5871c1ac8daa40e081292b9 78e1ee83a and at County Hall and the Civic Offices. Submissions can be made by the public on the draft map from November 1st, 2022, until January 1st, 2023. These submissions can challenge the inclusion of particular lands on the draft map on the basis that those lands do not meet the criteria set out within the relevant legislation; the date on which the land is considered to meet these criteria; or can request a change of zoning. During the draft map stage, submissions can also identify additional land which appears to meet the criteria and so falls into scope, and which may be placed on the supplemental map.

A supplemental map will be published on 1 May 2023 identifying additional land considered to be in scope as a result of a change of zoning, servicing or where the local authority becomes aware of the fact that land, which didn't appear on the draft map, may meet the criteria for being in scope, such as where this has been identified during submissions. The supplemental map will also be on public display and open to submissions which may challenge the inclusion of additional land on the map.

# Parks and Green Infrastructure Division Ward River Regional Park Development Project

The first phase of the internal and community consultations on the future development of Ward River Regional Park are complete. The community consultation took place in the form of an interactive design workshop at Rivervalley Community Centre where the public had the opportunity to meet with the appointed design team. The aim of the consultation is to create a community vision for the development of the park - a place that can be healthy, connected and engaged with the local community. An online survey has also taken place to establish what the aspirations of the community are for the Ward River Regional Park. Meanwhile, the integrated design team are coordinating site surveys at various locations to inform future proposal of the park.



#### **Recreational Hub at Ward River Regional Park**

Despite the challenging October weather, the installation of the 3G All Weather carpet system at the Recreational Hub in Ward River Regional Park is complete. The installation included the importation of over 400 tonnes of sand and rubber infill to the carpet surface. The drainage works as part of the construction of the Go Games training area are underway as well as the white lining of the adjacent SuDS friendly car park. The state-of-the-art sporting facility remains on target to be made available to the people of Swords and the surrounding area in the last quarter of this year.



#### Porterstown Park Recreational Hub

Since works began in April, progress with the construction of the new LED floodlit sports facilities at Porterstown Park is continuing on schedule. Recent milestones achieved include the completion of the shockpad layers of the 400-metre running track and 3G sports pitch as well as the installation of access LED public lighting infrastructure. Works over the coming weeks include the laying of the 3G carpet to approved FIFA standards, completion of the complementary path network, blue badge & bicycle parking provision. It is anticipated that this valuable sporting facility will be complete by Q1 of next year, becoming a valuable sporting amenity for the people of Dublin 15 and wider area.



# <u>Play Projects at Lanesborough Park, Howth</u> <u>Harbour, Garristown Library and Bremore</u> <u>Regional Park</u>

Four competent & experienced specialist firms have been shortlisted on conclusion of the first phase of a restricted tender process, to deliver quality play spaces at Lanesborough, Howth, Garristown and Bremore. The firms have since been invited to participate in the second phase of the tender, where they have been asked to submit four outstanding proposals for evaluation, a preferred tenderer will be chosen on foot of this. It is planned to complete the procurement phase of the project in January of next year with works to commence in the first quarter of 2023.



# Built Environment Division Building Control/Taking in Charge Section Building Control

• There were 20 Building control site visits in October 2022 with 52 separate buildings being inspected.



• There were a number of warning letters and section 11 reference requests sent in October and the various items identified were dealt with. These items ranged from Fire brigade access to the installation of a fire curtain in compliance with a fire regularisation certificate.

# **Taking in Charge**

- There were 2 estates/roads Taking in Charge in the October meeting. These were Dargans Way and Martello Tower.
- There are 3 developments, New Haven Bay, Cois Inbhir, and "Balgriffin Road to Belmayne Roundabout Link Road"

submitted for Taking in Charge at the December meeting.

 The remediation works for Ongar have been put out to tender by our consulting engineers with a return date of the 18<sup>th</sup> of November 2022

## Dangerous Structures

• There was 1 dangerous structure notified in October. There are a total of 45 dangerous structures active in our database.

#### **References**

• The number of reference requests received in September and October was 385 and 301 respectively.



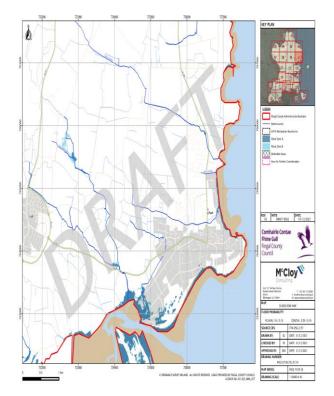
Checking a door width for compliance with Part M of the Building Regulations in Baldoyle



Ramp with kerb in addition to steps to provide a Part M compliant Accessible Access to a house in Howth.

#### Flood Risk Assessments/ Drainage Strategies

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

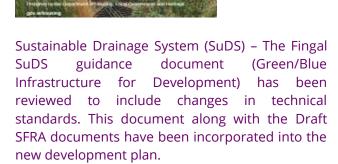


A new document "Nature-based Solutions to the Management of Rainwater and Surface Water Runoff in Urban Areas - Water Sensitive Urban Design - Best Practice Interim Guidance Document" has been issued by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. It is intended as a high-level best practice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

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Water Sensitive Urban Design Best Practice Interim Guidance Document





# Incorporating Sustainable Drainage Systems in Residential Developments



The GDSDS has outlined SuDS as a sustainable way to manage surface water as we prepare to meet the challenges of climate change. This example of Millers Glen in Swords, shows an example of surface water being held onsite, providing treatment via appropriate planting, and then discharging at greenfield runoff rate. This is a move away from the traditional method of collecting all surface water via piped systems which can often no longer manage the intense rainfall being experienced.

#### **Transportation Planning**

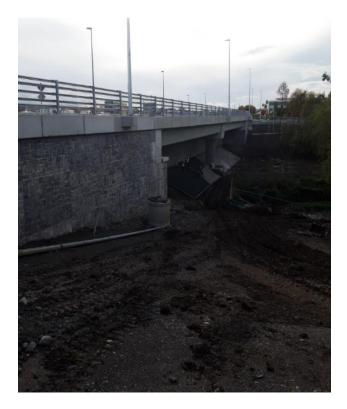
# **Church Fields Link Road**

Works on the Church Fields Link Road project continue to progress and surfacing works are expected to take place on the link road section in November. Fox Building and Engineering Limited have a road closure in place on the Powerstown Road for the period  $29^{th}$  of October and the  $6^{th}$  of November, to facilitate upgrade works outside the school campus of Gaelscoil An Chuilinn and Powerstown Educate Together. This is a key element of the provision of a safe route to school initiative at this location and complements the overall objectives of the scheme to deliver high quality end-to-end sustainable transport infrastructure.



#### Snugborough Interchange Upgrade

Snugborough Interchange works have continued during Autumn. Ongoing utility diversions, installation of parapets and retaining walls continues along with ducting and footpath works. It is expected that the outbound N3 hard shoulder closure will be opened during November. Pedestrians near eBay on the L3020 will be diverted to a new route in the coming weeks as a temporary measure to allow for upgrade works in that area. The website www.snugboroughinterchange.ie containing information on the project will continue to be updated with information relating to the project.

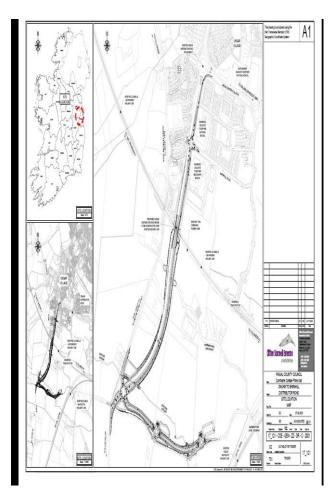


Works progressing on Snugborough Bridge over the Tolka River.

#### **Ongar Barnhill Road**

This is a critical project to underpin the development of the Barnhill LAP with its substantial housing development. Tenders for advance site clearance and fencing are currently being assessed. This is to avoid removing vegetation/ trees during the nesting season and to facilitate an efficient start to the main works

contract. The stage 2 tender main works tender process will issue in December with a view to appointing the main works contractor in Spring 2023. This is a significant project involving large structures and civils works and will take two years site works to construct.



#### **Site Location Map**

# Harry Reynolds Road Cycle Route

As part of the Harry Reynolds Road Cycle Route Stage 1 procurement process a total of ten tender submissions were received for a main works contractor for this project. During the month of October, the tender evaluation was carried out and following this now the notification letters of the successful and unsuccessful of tenders moving into Stage 2 will be issued in early November. It's envisaged that the Stage 2 Process of the tender process can be concluded in December with a view to starting works on site in Q1 of 2023. The detailed works requirements document for the Stage 2 tendering process is currently being finalised.

#### **Heritage Officer**

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. Howth EIRE 6- Restoration Group are this year's county winners with the Heritage Week Howth event which included a 'walk and talk' on the history and restoration of the EIRE 6 sign and the ecology and importance of the biodiversity on the hill of Howth. Congratulations to Howth EIRE 6-Restoration Group and all the volunteers on their Dublin-Fingal County Award 2022.



The Heritage Officer attended the first Heritage Ireland 2030 summit held on the 24 October. The summit showcased the important work of communities for their heritage across Ireland. Minister Malcolm Noonan spoke on increased funding for heritage in Ireland, and the challenges to implementing the Heritage Ireland 2030 strategy-https://www.gov.ie/.../publi.../778b8-

heritage-ireland-2030/ With the CMF grants for archaeological sites; built heritage grants and Local Biodiversity Action funding and the support for communities, Local Authority Heritage Officers, The Heritage Council, National Monuments Service and the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage the outlook for the preservation and promotion of our heritage is positive.



Projects in Fingal being funded by the Community Monuments Fund 2022 are currently in progress. Works to repair the wall of St Catherine's Church, Rush (DU008-004001) have recently been completed. Ivy growth had resulted in cracking and instability which has been addressed, protecting this medieval church into the future. Administered by Fingal Heritage Office, the integrated project team was led by Brian O'Connor, FCC Architects and included conservation engineer John Kelly and archaeologist James Kyle.



# HOUSING

Housing Supply Asset Management Support Tenancy Services Housing Ukraine Response Vacant Homes

#### Church Fields, Dublin 15

The contractor is currently onsite constructing the Church Fields Link Road and Cycle Network which will facilitate the development of the entire Church Fields landbank with the potential to deliver 1,000 mixed tenure homes. This project is expected to be completed in 2023.

The Stage 1 (Expressions of Interest/ Prequalification) of a two-stage procurement process for the appointment of a contractor to construct the 300 units is ongoing. The closing date for Stage 1 submissions is 11<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

The Taoiseach visited the Church Fields development on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November. The Taoiseach was given a tour of the 67 houses currently under construction by the Chief Executive AnnMarie Farrelly, Director of Housing & Community Robert Burns and County Architect Fionnuala May. The first phase of this development will be delivered in December 2022.



The Taoiseach was joined on the visit by Mayor of Fingal Cllr Howard Mahony, Minister for Housing Darragh O'Brien TD, Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth Roderic O'Gorman TD, Minister for Gaeltacht Affairs and Sport Jack Chambers TD, as well as Fingal councillors and Oireachtas members who represent Dublin West.





Following the Church Fields visit, the Taoiseach went on to officially open the nearby Ladyswell social housing scheme. Developed by Clúid Housing and built on Fingal land in the heart of Mulhuddart, Ladyswell consists of 65 properties, a third of which are dedicated age-friendly homes.





# Housing Delivery Construction Programme

Summary of unit	units
numbers in pipeline	
Under Construction	218
Tender Stage	418
Planning and Design	1,048
Part V	198
TOTAL	1,882

Appendix 3 outlines the full detail of the schemes on site, schemes with Part 8 planning approval and at tender stage and schemes at pre-planning stage.

# Projects on site

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





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

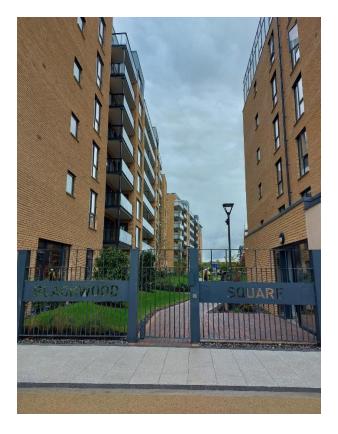


Fingal County Council construction scheme at Church Fields 2B - 67 units being built





33 units in Blackwood Square delivered under the Capital Advance Leasing Facility



## **Housing Loans Update**

The Local Authority Home Loan continues to attract a high level of queries and applications from members of the public seeking to secure a mortgage with the Local Authority. There have been 233 applications to date.

Also to date  $\leq$ 13.6 million of lending has been approved, with applicants having gone sale agreed with  $\leq$ 3.1 million of this approval in principle. The scheme remains popular.

On November 2<sup>nd</sup> Circular 44/2022 signaled that the interest rates would rise for the two available loan products as follows:

- 3.35% for loans under 25 year term
- 3.45% for mortgages over 25 years and up to 30 years

# Housing Asset Management Report Energy Efficiency/Retrofitting Programme

Approval was granted to carry out retrofitting works on 81 properties in 2022. Following successful completion of 41 properties in Jugback Estate in Swords, the project then moved to St. Paul's Balbriggan and Lissenhall in Swords, where extensive works were carried out including electrical upgrades, attic insulation, installation of triple glazed windows and doors along with PV panels where required to reach a B2/Cost optimal standard. These two estates are nearing completion and works are now well underway in Whitechapel Clonsilla and will continue throughout the month of November.



Heat pump in-situ at Lissenhall, Swords



External Wall Insultation completed in Whitechapel, Clonsilla

#### **Returning Dwellings to Productive Use**

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

Voids for Re-letting	At 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2022
In letting process	68
Undergoing re-let repairs	26
With County Architect for procurement of pre-let repairs	16
TOTAL	110

#### **Planned Maintenance Programmes**

#### **Cyclical Maintenance - Scheme Painting**

The Scheme Painting Programme provides for external painting and joinery repairs to Council housing stock and currently operates on a 6/7 year cycle. Works are still ongoing in Drynam Avenue, Swords and Russell's Terrace, Kinsealy and have also recently commenced in Moyclare, Baldoyle along with one off properties in this area also.



Before and after front door painting in Russell's Terrace, Kinsealy

# Housing Assistance Payment (HAP)

Since its inception in Fingal County Council in 2017, the HAP team has set up over 3,400 tenancies. In 2022 to date over 305 HAP tenancies have been set up for Fingal housing applicants. The HAP team are on hand to deal with any queries from applicants and landlords in person at the Housing Department in the Fingal County Council Blanchardstown Office, by phone on 01 8905000 via the CCU or through email <u>hap@fingal.ie</u>.

### Rents

Following a review of the current rent assessment process, rents will be reviewed on a two-year cyclical basis commencing in April 2023. Tenants will be notified of their rent charge following the assessment and this charge will remain unchanged for 2 years, except in circumstances where there is a permanent change of income in the household.

The Rents team encourage any tenant who is experiencing difficulty paying their rent to engage with the Housing Dept. to examine possible solutions for those experiencing difficulties. However, there are instances where tenants do not engage or make alternative payment arrangements and, in those situations, the Council needs to take further action. There are currently three applications for possession orders where the court has instructed the tenant to engage with us before the cases are returned to the courts in Q4 2022. Two further cases are being prepared.

#### Housing Tenancy Services Report

#### Housing Support

# **Housing List Position**

List Position letters issued to all applicants on 11<sup>th</sup> April. Choice Based Lettings information was communicated through this letter which advised applicants to obtain their secure username and

password to access the Choice Based Lettings system. Applicants can view their list position on the 1<sup>st of</sup> April 2022 through the CBL system. It is intended to update the list positions in January 2023 and applicants will be able to access them through the CBL system.

In accordance with Circular 32/2022 as released 11<sup>th</sup> August 2022, the Summary of Social Housing Assessment (SSHA) is due for return to the Department of Housing Local Government and Heritage by 29<sup>th</sup> November 2022. It is intended to provide a dual service for the completion of this assessment with an Online HNA system. This system went live on the 11<sup>th of</sup> October 2022 with initial uptake positive.

Since this date, the majority of applicants have completed their assessment Online with a small number of Hard copy forms submitted also. Following the recent issuing of a reminder letter to applicants the response rate has increased. All HNA received are undergoing a process of checking and assessment with requests issued for further documentation where required. All facilitates remain available to applicants at the Customer Care Counters and in the Fingal Libraries for those individuals' requiring assistance in completing their Housing Needs Assessment.

#### Social Housing Application Form

The new social housing application form is in use since 14<sup>th</sup> March. Hard copies are available through the CCU. Amendments to the form – Part 8 of the housing application, identifying as an Irish Traveller is now being recorded on the Housing system, in accordance with Government policy.

In line with the Social Housing Assessment Regulations, the Housing Authority is required to assess a fully complete application within a period of 12 weeks of receipt.

# Social Housing Applications Received 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022

January	Total Received	171
February	Total Received	192
March	Total Received	202
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April	Total Received	177
Мау	Total Received	191
June	Total Received	184
July	Total Received	170
August	Total Received	175
September	Total Received	160
October	Total Received	166
	Total	1,788

## **Housing Support Appeals**

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

# 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	
Tenanc	y Services Contact Details	
Homeless	01 890 5090	
Services	homeless@fingal.ie_	
Estate Managemen	01 890 5588 t	
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Lettings	01 890 5380	
	Housing.allocations@fingal.ie	
Housing	01 890 5902	
Support	Housing.allocations@fingal.ie	
Customer Care Team	01 890 5000	
	CustomerCareUnit@fingal.ie	

#### **Choice Based Lettings**

The new online portal to facilitate the Choice Based Letting (CBL) scheme has proven effective and efficient with staff and applicants. CBL is an approach used for the allocation of designated Social Housing Units. It allows housing applicants to express an interest in being considered for the allocation of designated Social Housing Units.

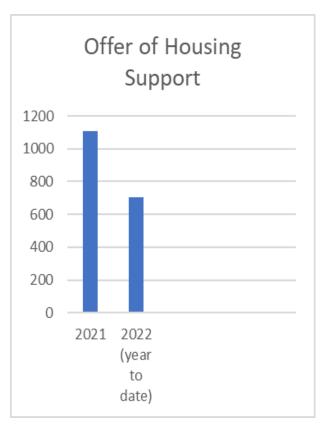
Applicants with active applications can access Choice Based Letting by logging onto https://cbl.fingal.ie using their unique username and password. To access their unique username applicants and password must contact choicebasedlettings@fingal.ie with their housing reference number and phone number. The housing team continue to issue passwords and usernames. Applicants are actively encouraged to obtain their passwords and usernames to express interest in any properties advertised.

Approved Social Housing applicants log in each week to check the dwellings that are available using their username and password.

To date 2,400 passwords have been issued to applicants since the CBL portal opened (08/12/2021) of which 93 were issued in October. All new approved Housing Support Applications will receive their password and username upon approval. Since the portal opened, there have been a total of 8,813 expressions of interest in the various properties advertised.

#### **Offers of Housing Support**

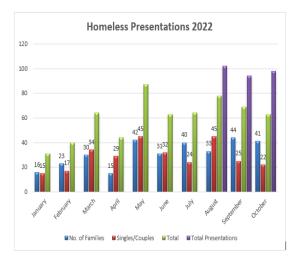
2021 offers shown for comparison



#### **Homeless Services**

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

In October 2022 there were a total of **98 new homeless presentations** of that total **63** were assessed by the Homeless Team - comprising of **41** families and **22** singles/couples. There are a further **35** currently outstanding and will be assessed by a Homeless Officer in the coming week.



\*The presentations figure reported is not fully reflective of applicants/potential applicants who we are still engaged with to complete assessments.

#### **Homeless Presentations**

From January 1<sup>st</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022, the Homeless Officers have carried out **653** Homeless Assessments (341 families and 312 singles) – see Table below for breakdown by month.

Approximately 38% of these cases are because of a **notice to quit** having been served. Many of these notices to quit are served on families who have been renting the same property for an extended period (over 5 years). The main reasons given for issuing the notice are the landlord intends to sell the property or that a family member will move into the property.

There are also a considerable number of people making contact stating that they are Homeless due to **family breakdown** (19%). Anecdotally, these presentations are aged in their 20's/30's and have fallen out with family or state that they are living in **overcrowded conditions** (11%) and state that they cannot/will not return to the property.

Month	Families	Singles	Total
January	17	18	35
February	21	18	39
March	33	38	71
April	19	34	53
May	43	44	87
June	39	41	80
July	40	26	66
August	41	46	87
September	47	25	72
October	41	22	63
TOTAL	341	312	653
Average number of assessments per month	341/10 months = 34.1	312/10 months = 31.2	653/10 months = 65.3

#### **Homeless Exits**

During October 2022, 21 households exited homeless circumstances into various forms of social housing support - including into private rented tenancies under Homeless HAP. Homeless HAP accounts for 8 of these tenancies. In total there was 34 offers of social housing support to families and individuals/couples, 3 were refused and 10 are pending acceptance.

# Emergency Accommodation (including Fingal County Council Family Hubs)

There continues to be an extremely high demand for Emergency Accommodation across the region for both families and singles.

#### Homeless Action Plan 2022- 2024

The DRHE, with the approval of all 4 local authorities in the Dublin region, has finalised the Homeless Action Plan Framework for Dublin 2022-2024. This Plan is the first plan to be put into operation since Ireland signed the Lisbon Declaration on combatting homelessness in June 2021, which aims to end homelessness by 2030.

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

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

#### TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION PLAN

#### Traveller Accommodation

A significant programme of works in relation to the refurbishment and upgrading of existing accommodation on specific sites is currently in development with the County Architect for further progression in 2022. These works are in accordance with the objectives set out in the Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019-2024.

Regular site visits by Housing Inspectors continues on all Fingal County Council Traveller specific sites while checking on vulnerable residents and advising on the continued supports available. Council Official continues to liaise and engage with the Traveller Community, Traveller Advocacy Groups, Welfare Services, Child Services, Mental Health Services and other services and agencies to resolve issues when and where possible.

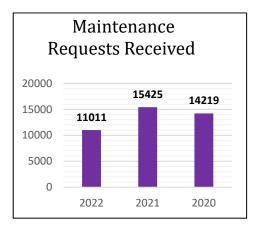
The Council has recently carried out a mid- term review of its Traveller Accommodation Programme (2019-2024) in accordance with Circular 28/2022 and having regard to this review the Council does not propose to amend its TAP (2019 – 2024).

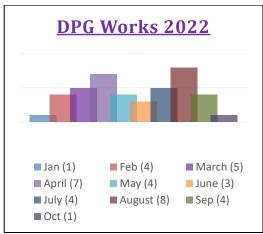
#### **Housing Welfare Service**

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

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

#### **Housing Maintenance**





#### Minor DPG works completed in 2022

#### **Boiler Servicing Programme**

The Council provides an annual heating servicing facility, including all maintenance and upgrade works, for a nominal fee of €3 per week to participating tenants. Contractors progress batches of work throughout the course of the year. Contractors have been issued the full list of properties to be serviced by year end and are working across the County in areas such Sheephill, Wellview, Dromheath, Whitestown, Holymount, Castleview, Craoibhin, Cedar and St Cronan's.

#### Anti-Social Behaviour/Inspectorate Unit

The Estate Management Section has reintroduced physical Tenant Induction Training for our new Tenants to provide them with useful information and contact details to assist them in their new home and community.

Officials from the Housing Department recently attended the various public meetings run by the Joint Policing Committee throughout our administrative area and are committed to working collaboratively with our citizens and An Garda Síochána to ensure good estate management.

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

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

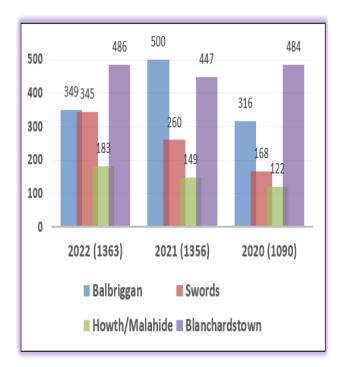
Within the remit of the Estate Management Section, a project team has been assembled to focus on the effective use of Council stock, including Permission to Reside Applications, illegal occupation, abandonments and legal matters arising with regard to breach of Tenancy Agreements.

#### **ASB Caseload Management**

October 2022	Active Investigation	Active Monitoring	Closed
Dublin 15	15	13	6
North County	49	17	11
Total	64	30	17

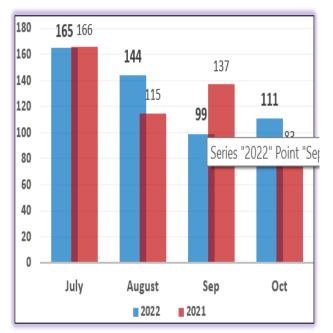
All complaints are received in confidence.

**Surrenders on Estate Management Grounds 2022** – 0 (Jan), 2 (Feb), 2 (Mar), 5 (Apr), 2 (May), 0 (Jun), 3 (Jul), 3 (Aug), 1 (Sep), 2 (Oct)



# Area Breakdown 2020-2022

# Monthly Breakdown of Complaints Received 2021-22



# **Anti-Social Interventions**

Interviews Held 2022	<b>77</b>
Interviews Held 2021	47
Tenancy Alerts 2022	<b>31</b>
Tenancy Alerts 2021	31
Tenancy Warnings 2022	<b>4</b>
Tenancy Warnings 2021	2

# Inspectorate

TravellerSpecificInspections2022TravellerSpecificInspections2021	<b>1413</b> 1746
<b>Estate Inspections 2022</b>	<b>946</b>
Estate Inspections 2021	1202
<b>EM/ASB Inspections 2022</b>	<b>1746</b>
EM/ASB Inspections 2021	3117

#### Housing Ukraine Response

#### **Those Fleeing the Conflict in Ukraine**

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

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

#### www.gov.ie/ukraine

Ukraine україни Украина | Fingal County Council Fingal County Council is committed to supporting the humanitarian response to the crisis in Ukraine. Where Households and individuals present to the Council's Homeless Services and identify as seeking refuge from the conflict, the advice to date is that they should be directed to the International Protection Accommodation Service (IPAS) <u>ipasinbox@equality.gov.ie</u>

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

## Liam Rodgers Rest Centre

The centre was re-opened as accommodation for displaced Ukrainians on the 2<sup>nd of</sup> November 2022 to cater for increasing pressures on the accommodation situation in the country. As of 7<sup>th</sup> November, 48 Ukrainians were present receiving

support through Council staff with other statutory and support agencies also linked in to provide support.

# Pledged Accommodation for Ukrainian Displaced Persons

385 pledge properties (vacant and mainly house share) were assigned to Fingal County Council by the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth (DCEDIY) to assess if still available and suitable for occupation, which was on foot of a call for pledged properties operated via the Irish Red Cross. The Council has sought to contact all 385 owners. The Council works with an implementing partner, the Peter McVerry Trust, to match Ukrainian displaced persons to their new pledged home where the properties remain available and suitable. To date, 95 of the properties have been occupied. 33 house share properties remain to be occupied and are in a process pf matching that will lead to occupation. Not all are immediately available for occupation. The balance were deemed unsuitable following assessment, pledge withdrawn by the property owner or the property owner has not responded to contact to date.

# **VACANT HOMES**

The Vacant Homes office is now accepting applications for the recently launched Croí Cónaithe (Towns) Fund. This is a national fund administered by local authorities introduced under *Housing for All.* The Croí Cónaithe (Towns) Fund

will provide new choices for people to live in towns and villages in Ireland, initially through the provision of a grant to support the refurbishment of vacant properties.

Subject to meeting eligibility criteria, a grant of up to a maximum of €30,000 is available for the refurbishment of vacant properties for occupation as a principal private residence, including the conversion of a property which has not previously used as residential. Where the been refurbishment costs are expected to exceed the standard grant of up to €30,000, a maximum topup grant amount of up to €20,000 will be available where the property is confirmed by the applicant to be derelict (i.e. structurally unsound and dangerous) bringing the total grant available for a derelict property up to a maximum of €50,000. For enquiries, please contact the Council's Vacant Homes Office via e-mail at vacant.homes@fingal.ie. To date, 6 applications have been received which are under assessment and staff are engaging with 6 other expressions of interest. The DHLGH have advised that the scheme will be extended to cover all parts of the country shortly which will facilitate applications from parts of the county – both urban and rural - that were previously not eligible.

A separate Croí Cónaithe (Serviced Sites Fund) has also been launched. This fund allows local authorities to make serviced sites in towns and villages available to potential individual purchasers. These sites will be available at a discount on the market value of the site for the building of a property for occupation as the principal private residence of the purchaser. The level of discount to the individual will depend on the level of servicing cost incurred by the local authority before the sale of the site with discounts up to a maximum of €30,000. The amount of such discount will be reflected in the sale price of the site to the purchaser. The examination of sites that may be suitable for the scheme is under way and any relevant sites will be advertised on the Council's website when such sites have been identified. Engagement is taking place with the DHLGH on the operational aspects of the scheme and a process to identify suitable sites is underway.

# **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

#### **Community Development Office**

Community Development Glas @ TU Dublin Wellness Events in Dublin 15 Garda Clinics Tyrrelstown Comhairle na nÓg Oldtown Community Council Thrive Balbriggan Travelling Community Youth and Family Engagement project Balbriggan Wellness Workshop Fingal Ukraine Support Group Swords Youth Service/Crosscare Halloween event Donabate & Portrane SAMH Meakstown/Balseskin Christmas Project Brass for Blanchardstown Action Together

#### Strategic

Sailing into Wellness Safer Halloween Programme She Leads We Lead Learning Network Workshop

## Facilities

Community Centre Investment Funding Awarded

#### **Interagency** Fingal PPN

**Integration** MEND Presentation to the Community Development Office

#### Funding

Community Activities Funding Workshop Activities Funding Sports Equipment Funding Leveraged External Funding

#### **Age Friendly Fingal**

Huntstown Community Centre Celebrating Positive Ageing

# SociA-Ball with Basketball Ireland

Indoor Cricket Programme

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE Community Development

Community development is a process where community members come together to take collective action and generate solutions to common problems. Community wellbeing, economic, social, environmental and cultural challenges are often solved through collective action being taken at a grassroots level. Community development ranges from small initiatives within a local group to large initiatives that involve the broader community

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

In October/November the Community Development Office worked in partnership with a number of community groups and partners to support the projects/Initiatives set out below

#### Glas @ TU Dublin

Fingal County Council Community Development Office, TU Blanchardstown and Global Action Plan are in discussions regarding the set-up a community garden in 2023 for the purpose of social horticulture and social inclusion. Based on the GLAS community garden model, successfully operating in Ballymun for the past 10 years, the new garden will provide a hub for the local community of Dublin 15 to encourage sustainable and regenerative living. The initial focus of the new garden will be to establish the 'Connect and Grow' programme which is a socially inclusive community gardening programme for all ages and abilities. Once this foundation programme is established, there may be a possibility of developing further community-based activities on the site including Greening Neighbourhoods, Outdoor Classrooms, Park Stewardship, Nature Explorer and Green Living Workshops.



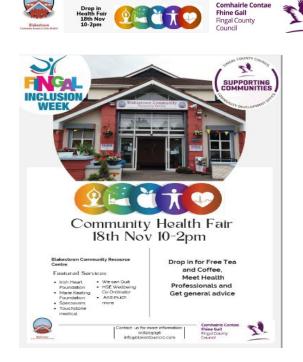
## **Wellness Events in Dublin 15**

As part of Fingal Inclusion Week, a range of activities are planned across Dublin 15. These include a week of wellness taster sessions and a health fair in the Blakestown Community Resource Centre. These supports will also be available in Mountview Community Centre over the course of Fingal Inclusion Week. Don't delay and book your spot on the Wellness Workshop now. Further information on the taster sessions will be available soon.



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WALKING



#### **Community Garda Clinics Tyrrelstown**

The Community Development Office worked with the Tyrrelstown Community Garda to assess the local need of residents and community groups in the area with the view to offering Community Garda Clinics. The purpose of Community Garda Clinics is to provide an accessible way for members of the public to speak with the Community Garda in their local area. The Community Garda Clinic initiative was brought to the Tyrrelstown Development Group for approval and a schedule based on availability was created to promote the clinics with community groups in the area. The first Community Garda Clinic was held in Tyrrelstown Community Centre on the 17<sup>th of</sup> October. These clinics will be held on alternate months between Tyrrelstown Community Centre and the nearby Bethina Church.



#### Garda Clinics in Tyrrelstown

These clinics aim to enhance community engagement and give residents an opportunity to speak with their local Gardaí.

#### Clinics will be held on the following days:

Monday 17th October – Community Hub Room, Tyrrelstown Community Centre 12.30pm – 1.30 Friday 18th November – Betania Church, Powerstown Road, Dublin 15 7pm – 8pm Monday 12th December - Community Hub Room, Tyrrelstown Community Centre 12.30pm – 1.30pm





Comhairle na nÓg delivered workshops in Blanchardstown and Balbriggan libraries on topics and issues they are focusing on this year which is 'Young people and the SPHE and RSE programmes.' This year Comhairle na nÓg will be seeking young people's experiences with the SPHE and RSE programmes in school. They gathered information and used the workshops to boost awareness of their work. In each workshop members delivered a short presentation on Comhairle na nÓg and took questions from attendees.

A graphic harvester attended their October meeting where the members spoke about their chosen topic. The graphic harvester will produce an image based on the discussions of the group, this image will be used for promotional materials for the upcoming AGM.

The members were encouraged to contribute to the Ward Regional Park consultation.



#### Thrive Connect Cafe Balbriggan

As part of Positive Mental Health month, the Community Development office partnered with Mental Health Ireland and through the Thrive Balbriggan initiative, delivered four Connect Cafes in various locations in Balbriggan. The Connect Cafe's provided a safe space for community members, from various backgrounds, ages, and abilities to come together and talk, openly and supportively about mental health issues they may be experiencing. The events took place in the Cairde Balbriggan Centre, the Our Balbriggan Offices and the La La Café in the Institute of Music & Song. The event in La La Cafe event included a poetry recital from Anthony McGann of the Solas Reach Project who recited some of his work and discussed his artwork.



# Travelling Community Youth and Family Engagement Project

Balbriggan Traveller Project hosted a Youth and Family Engagement project in association with Flemington Community Centre and Fingal Community Office. This project included entertainment for children as well as distributing health information & community information collation in a social and informal way.

The project builds on the knowledge collected by Balbriggan Traveller Project during the summer via a survey on attitudes towards establishing Traveller specific youth and children's activities and groups. Feedback will inform future work by Balbriggan Traveller Project. It also established further links with Travelling Community in Balbriggan and Flemington Community Centre.

### Balbriggan Wellness Workshop

The Community Development Office in partnership with Suicide or Survive plan to bring a Wellness Workshop to Balbriggan library. This half day Wellness Workshop is for people in Balbriggan Community to take time for themselves and learn a range of tips, tools & techniques that can be used to improve overall wellness.



# Meakstown/Balseskin Community Festive Project

The Sunshiny Days Youth Group, based in Meakstown, near Finglas in north Dublin has teamed up with the Balseskin International Reception Centre. The Sunshiny Days Group, who are looking forward to being one of the first groups into the new Meakstown Community Centre when it opens, are working with the Dublin Gospel Choir and young people from both Meakstown and Balseskin on a Christmas Choir project, which should see a performance at the lighting event for the Meakstown Community Council's Christmas Tree next month and a further event in the Balseskin Centre later in December.

#### Fingal Ukrainian Support Group

The Fingal Ukrainian Support Group, based in North Fingal continues to work with the Ukrainian community now resident in various locations across Fingal. The group is working on the launch of an exhibition of photographs featuring Ukrainian displaced persons now living in Ireland, many in Fingal, which will be launched by Mayor of Fingal in Blanchardstown Library as part of Fingal inclusion Week later this month. The group recently teamed up with the Rediscovery Centre in Ballymun to access recycled bikes for young Ukrainians living in Hilden house, near Lispopple in North County Dublin.



Swords Youth Service/Crosscare Halloween Project – for Ukrainian children



The event supported by the community department took place in Swords Youth Service on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October between 3pm and 9pm. Two separate events took place, one for the younger children aged 6 – 14 years and one for the teenagers aged 14 – 18 years. Most of the children were from the Carnegie Court Hotel rest centre for Ukrainians.

The event itself consisted of mask making, face painting, pumpkin carving and other arts & crafts activities. There was also a disco and appropriate scary movie relevant to the ages of the children/young people. Everyone was asked to dress up and all staff wore Halloween costumes. There was baking with the different groups, toffee apples, chocolate marshmallows, rice Krispy cakes, etc along with some old-fashioned Halloween games including snap apple and conkers. The Youth Service was fully decorated with Halloween decorations.

The aim of this integration event was to show our Ukrainian young people how we celebrate Halloween in Ireland and our culture around this. Some of the Ukrainian young people already attend the Youth Service and it is hoped they will attend it on an ongoing basis. As there were also some young people who have attended the Youth Service helping run this event on the night it gave the Ukrainian young people an opportunity to meet and chat with other local young people and form friendships.

#### **Oldtown Community Council**

The Community Development office continues to support Oldtown Community Council with recently approved activities funding for improvements to the Community Hall and support for the annual Halloween Event, in conjunction with the FCC Safer Halloween Scheme. The group recently held an AGM with representation on the new committee from Clonmethan estate for the first time. Oldtown CC also recently represented Fingal in the Pride of Place Competition.



#### Donabate & Portrane - SÁMH

The Donabate & Portrane SÁMH group, has commissioned an information sticker to promote a Free SÁMH - Youth Counselling Service for young people (12+yrs) in the community. The stickers were circulated to all secondary schools, community facilities, sports/youth clubs and local train stations to promote the availability of this much needed service. An information stand was placed in the local shopping centre on 22<sup>nd</sup> October with members of the SÁMH committee and local volunteers providing information and answering questions on what Mental Health and Substance Misuse services are available to families and young people living in the North County. Similar actions are planned by other north county Fingal SAMH groups which will complement the Planet outcomes of Youth research recommendations which are due to be published early in the new year.





Swords Community Singing Group



November will see the formation of One Voice Singers Swords. An adult, community singing group, part funded by One Town One Voice, which is a national initiative. Swords has been chosen in Fingal, based on its growing population, diversity, and thriving community spirit to work with the community office and One Town One Voice to develop this multicultural initiative.

The group will have a special emphasis on community integration, diversity, and respect. Welcoming over 30 people to sing, socialise and meet up and enjoy the benefits of being a member of a local community singing group.

Music unites people of all ages and backgrounds, and it is hoped that by joining the group, people will make friends and get to know people in their area, and of course learn to sing. For more information click www.onetownonevoice.ie

# Brass for Blanchardstown Action Together – A Music Leaving Project Graduate Concert



Blanchardstown Brass Band are hosting a FREE concert in Draiocht Theatre on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November, at 8pm to celebrate the Brass for Blanchardstown Action Together - A Community Adult Learning Music Project. This project gives people in Dublin 15, with no previous musical experience, an opportunity to take part in a free adult education programme to learn how to play a brass instrument. This concert is the culmination of the group's training and is being hosted as part of Fingal Inclusion Week #FingalInclusionWeek

The Concert will include a wide selection of popular music including ABBA, James Bond, Duke Ellington, Queen, Henry Mancini and much more. To book click here https://draiocht.ticketsolve.com/ticketbooth/show s/1173631867

#### FACILITIES

Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys TD, announced funding of over €12.5 million for the upgrade and development of almost 600 community centres nationwide and 10 of these are part of the Fingal Community Facilities Network.



Mountview Community and Sports Centre is one of the facilities that will receive CCI Funding

The successful Network centres that will receive funding are:

Group / Organisation	Location	Amount awarded
Diswellstown Community & Recreation Centre CLG	Dublin 15	€13,268.67
Mountview Fortlawn Community Youth and Sports Hub Company Limited By Guarantee	Dublin 15	€21,348.73
Ongar Community Centre CLG	Dublin 15	€21,707.70
Castleknock Community Centre Association Company Limited By Guarantee	Dublin 15	€24,388.60
Corduff Community Resource Centre CLG	Dublin 15	€17,675.40
Huntstown Family Resource Centre Company Limited By Guarantee	Dublin 15	€17,312.00
Mountview Family Resource Centre Company Limited By Guarantee	Dublin 15	€24,993.00
Mulhuddart Community Centre Company Limited By Guarantee	Dublin 15	€25,000.00
Parslickstown House Management CLG	Dublin 15	€22,473.00
Blakestown Community Resource Centre Company Limited By Guarantee	Dublin 15	€16,741.00

The new Community Centre Investment Fund (CCIF) will support these centres to carry out refurbishments and improvements of their local community facility.

The Community Centre Investment represents the largest single investment in community centres in decades. This announcement of Category 1 projects will be followed by further funding announcements for larger scale projects in the coming weeks, which could include more centres within the Fingal Community Facilities Network.

#### INTERAGENCY

The Community Development office actively seek to work in collaboration with agencies to maximise service delivery and resources to communities

In October/November the CDO supported the delivery of the following:

#### **Fingal PPN**

Lilian Whelan (Senior Executive Librarian) and Sinead Begley (Consultant) held an Information Session/Consultation on the Fingal Culture and Creativity Strategy 2023-2027 for the Arts, Community, Heritage and Sports Linkage group on September 21<sup>st</sup>. Arts, Community, Heritage and Sports Linkage group made a submission on 26<sup>th</sup> September.



Laois PPN hosted the PPN National Conference on 21<sup>st</sup> & Saturday 22nd of October 2022 at the Midlands Park Hotel. Gerald O'Halloran (Secretariat Facilitator), Linda Ennis (Principal Community Officer), Geraldine Rooney (LCDC Representative), Angela Rogers (Secretariat & JPC Representative) and Adam Rudden (PPN Support Worker) attended the conference on behalf of Fingal PPN.



Arts, Community, Heritage and Sports Linkage Group invited Pat Boyle (Senior Architect) to present at their meeting on October 25<sup>th</sup> on the Swords Cultural Quarter.



The Housing, Planning and Transport Linkage group invited Eirgrid to present at their meeting on October 27<sup>th</sup> as part of the East Meath North Dublin Public Consultation.

#### STRATEGIC

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

#### **Sailing into Wellness**





The Community Development Office organised a 'Sailing into Wellness' programme for women from the Blanchardstown Travellers Development Group (BTDG). Sailing into Wellness empowers and builds a positive sense of community through the platform of sailing. The programme kicked off on the 19th of October in Howth Yacht club. Seven women from BTDG are participating in 3 sessions and are finding that learnings from the water activities are transferable to everyday life. This programme is provided to these groups to enhance learning on the QQI Level 5 HealthCare Support course.

#### Safer Halloween Programme



Community, Operations, Communications and Events worked collaboratively on this project and were joined by Dublin Fire Brigade and participating Community Groups at the launch of Fingal's Safer Halloween Project. Thirty-two projects participated in the programme by hosting local events, sharing information on staying safe, promoting both the Fingal Recycling Amnesty and Stockpiling service and planting of bulbs locally. safety information Safer Halloween Animated Video watched launched as part of the project

See link here: <u>Staying safe during Halloween -</u> <u>YouTube</u>

Fingal She Leads Leadership Workshop

# **She Leads, We Lead** Fingal Women Bringing Change



Following on from the successful She Leads Women's Leadership training programme and one day Leadership session, Fingal She Leads is hosting a workshop on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November (10.30am-1.00pm) in County Hall (Fingal County Council), Swords as part of Fingal Inclusion Week.



This event will be led by key note speaker Mary McCarty FRSA, an entrepreneur with a background in arts, education, and technology. Mary is CEO of Wilson & Keys, consulting with global technology and creative sector clients and in 2017, she represented Ireland on the International Visitors Leadership Program with the U.S. Department of State focusing on small business and entrepreneurship policy. She cofounded AwakenHub, an all-Ireland community for women in business in 2020.

The event will explore the role of Women's Leadership and will set out to establish a Women's Leadership Learning Network for Fingal. To register, please complete the following by Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November (12pm) https://consult.fingal.ie/en/content/she-leadslearning-network

#### INTEGRATION

We facilitated a presentation from the MEND Programme / college connect on the 3<sup>rd of</sup> October. The presentation outlined that their target is the hard to reach in our communities such as Socioeconomically disadvantaged communities, Members of Irish Traveller and Roma communities, Lone parents and students from One-parent families, Young people who have been in care of the state and People with disabilities. Using the links forged with the MEND Programme we hope to have a number of workshops in Fingal to share this information and engage with those who would not normally access 3<sup>rd</sup> level education.



**AGE FRIENDLY** 

# Huntstown Community Centre Celebrating Positive Ageing

An afternoon of 'new' activities for older people took place including exercise classes by Siel Bleu and EFT Tapping, to celebrate positive ageing too place in Huntstown Community Centre. Siel Bleu provide exercise programmes for older people regardless of physical or intellectual ability. The classes were undertaken while seated thus facilitating the participation by all present at the event. EFT (Emotional Freedom Techniques) is an easy intervention that stimulates acupressure points by tapping the points. Participants were taught how to use this simple technique to aid relaxation, relieve anxiety and enhance wellbeing. Activities were followed by refreshments which provided an opportunity for participants to welcome newcomers and chat about the various clubs and activities for older people in the centre, with the aim of encouraging them to join.

#### FUNDING

The Community & Sports Development Department work to support communities to access a broad range of funding opportunities.

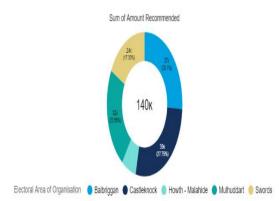
In October/November the following funding streams were facilitated.

# Community Activities Funding Information Evening



The Community and Sports hosted a Community Activities Funding Information workshop on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October. 76 community and voluntary groups joined online to learn about scheme criteria, how to apply for funding and the process governing the award and payment of funding. Community Activities Funding Scheme is available to Community and Voluntary groups for sports equipment, area enhancements, office equipment, publications, promotional material, community events and many more. Groups can apply for up to  $\xi$ 3,000 per year. For further information email communityfunding@fingal.ie

# Activities Funding Awarded to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022



71 Community and Voluntary groups have been awarded **€139,880.49** Activities Funding to date.

18 Balbriggan - €36,509.85 (26%)

32 Castleknock Mulhuddart - €70,348.68 (50%)

4 Howth Malahide - €8,797.96 (7%)

12 Swords €24,224 (17%)

Sports Equipment Funding Awarded to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022



20 Community and Voluntary groups have been awarded **€48,720.28** Sports Equipment Funding to date.

10 Balbriggan - €24,854.90 (52%)

6 Castleknock Mulhuddart - €11,798. (32%)

1 Howth Malahide - €2,973 (6%)

3 Swords - €5,065.77 (10%)

#### Leveraged External Funding

To further support community efforts, external funding has successfully been levered by the Community Development Office to support Mountview Fortlawn Community Youth and Sports Campus. Over **€13,000** was secured through the REACH Fund which will support the development of the Fortlawn Community Garden. The plan for the Fortlawn Community Garden is to develop the garden with sensory equipment and utilise the space for experiential learning. Furthermore, this funding will allow the group to purchase new equipment and it is anticipated that this will encourage more of the local community to get involved to support the sustainability of the group and their efforts in the local area.

#### **Period Poverty Product Project**

The Community Department were previously awarded **€10,000** from the Department of Health, to participate in the Period Poverty Product Project and have now been awarded a further **€5,000** towards this project. This project allows for the provision of free period of products in a number of community centres across Fingal. The statistics gathered will form part of the Department of Health's decision making for ongoing funding for products under the legislation pertaining period products.

#### **SPORTS OFFICE**

#### SOCIA-BALL WITH BASKETBALL IRELAND

Fingal Sports Office have partnered with Basketball Ireland to run their recreational SOCIA-Ball in D15, the programme has participants from all over D15 taking part. The six-week programme takes place during October and November in Luttrellstown Community Centre. The programme is designed to engage women in basketball who may or may not have played previously, using a recreational, noncompetitive model with a focus on fun and social outlet.



### INDOOR CRICKET PROGRAMME

The first indoor cricket competition in 2022 will take place at Gormanston College on Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> with Balbriggan, The Hills, Malahide and Rush Cricket Clubs all taking part. The event offers an alternative version of the game to keep young people active and hone different match skills during our off-season. We will look to run more of these events in 2023 with a focus on other, smaller Fingal clubs to participate - Swords, North County, Tyrrelstown, Castleknock, Lucan and Ringcommons.

# **ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE ACTION & ACTIVE TRAVEL**

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#### <u>Active Travel</u>

#### **Protected Cycle Lanes**

Baldoyle-Howth Protected Cycle Lane Scheme Phase 1

Resurfacing works completed on Warrenhouse Road. Small section of epoxy resin to be completed at Warrenhouse Road railway crossing. Snag works ongoing on all roads.



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

The contractor was busy completing junction upgrade works at Park Avenue and Valley View junction. Works are ongoing along Brackenstown Road to complete the shared surface in front of the school and church. The new off-road cycle track on the Brackenstown road is currently being base coursed in advance of final finishes. A new kerb was poured along Glen Ellan Road to deal with the level difference in front of the ESB Substation. Ongoing consultation with the residents, schools and other local stakeholders regarding ongoing and planned works. The project team is liaising with local councillors to ensure works are successfully implemented and to minimise disruption to the public. Resurfacing works along the Brackenstown Road is due to commence on the 01<sup>st of</sup> November and will be carried out over a period of two weeks with traffic management in place during this phase of the works. Some delays maybe expected.



Figure 1: Swords Manor Junction Upgrade



**Figure 2:** New two-way cycle path along Brackenstown Road



Figure 3: New two-way cycle path along Brackenstown Road



Figure 4: New two-way cycle path along Brackenstown Road



Figure 5: Junction Build Out at Valley View

#### **Towns & Villages**

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

**Skerries Active Travel Plan** Non-Statutory Public Consultation was successfully launched in September. This consultation will run for a six week period until the 03rd of November. The following is a link to the online consultation portal.

## https://consult.fingal.ie/en/consultation/skerriesactive-travel-plan-public-consultation

Our objective is to seek ideas and comments from residents of and visitors to Skerries that will inform future plans for Active Travel schemes in the town. We are not presenting or designing any solutions at present, just gathering feedback to inform designs that will be developed by our Integrated Design Team.

During the Consultation period we have conducted on street surveys and several workshops with community members and also with the local community school in order to capture the views of the whole community across all ages and abilities. We have gone to tender for the appointment of an Integrated Design Team and the tenders are currently under evaluation.

We have engaged with the ESRI who are looking at best International and National practice regarding Behavioural Change and Economic Benefits from Active Travel measures introduced in similar towns and villages. The Active Travel Project Team together with their Communications Consultant are continuing engagement with all stakeholders in the Skerries Active Travel project and appeal to all persons to participate and contribute to the process.



Figure 1: Transition Year Students Workshop



Figure 2: Public Workshop



Figure 3: Public Workshop Event



Figure 4: Skerries Active Travel Plan Launch

#### New Street, Malahide Public Realm project -

Design work is continuing with pre planning drawings currently being prepared.

Meetings were held this month to seek input from all statutory stakeholders such as An Garda Siochana, the HSE, the Dublin Fire Brigade and ambulance service..

Site Investigation works were completed this month. These will provide vital information which will inform the final design of the project.

#### **Connectivity/Permeability**

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

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

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

#### **Access Constraints**

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

#### Secure Bicycle Parking Infrastructure

Our works contractor has completed the installation of an additional 21 new bicycle parking stands available to the public across the Dublin 15 area. The new bicycle parking infrastructure has been installed at Tír na nÓg Park, Hartstown Park and Waterville Park.

Works have commenced in Rush and Lusk to provide additional bicycle parking stands available to the public in these areas.





#### **Road Safety**

#### Safe Routes to School

The Active Travel department have continued works on the 2022 Safe Routes to School Programme. Design works for the first 5 schools has now been completed with design works for the second tranche of schools ongoing. The Active Travel Department and our consultants will be meeting with schools and stakeholders in September to discuss the works.

Tender submissions were received for the appointment of a works contractor. Contractor appointed and will start mobilising on site in early November at each of the three schools included in Tranche 1:

(1) Rush and Lusk Educate Together

- (2) Castaheany ETNS & ST. Benedicts
- (3) Bayside Jnr & Snr School
- Mobility & Behaviour Change

#### School Engagement

The Active Travel unit are currently engaging with schools in Fingal, to help establish walking or cycling buses. Walking and cycling buses are a safe, fun and healthy way for pupils to get to school safely. lt is а scheme that involves parents/guardians walking or cycling their children to school together along a set route and are a great way to encourage increased uptake of active modes of transport. A walking bus has recently been established in Skerries, with initial support from the Active Travel team, and has been very successful to date.

#### Adult Cycling Training

We finished our Adult Cycling Session with a 12km on road night cycle from Baldoyle to Howth and back. This was a massive achievement for the group, many of whom hadn't cycled in a long time. The confidence and independence of relearning to cycle was an amazing experience for the group. We are looking forward to our next batch of lessons in the Spring.



#### Learn 2 Cycle with a Disability

Our Learn 2 Cycle with a Disability Courses are going from strength to strength. We have recently started a new course in Corduff Sports Centre and the participants are making great progress with the majority now cycling after 3 lessons. The picture below shows a young boy, who had never successfully cycled before being helped at the beginning of session 2 by our instructor and cycling independently by the end of the session.





#### Walktober

Walktober was a great success in Fingal with 13 Teams taking part and walking more than 4 million steps in the Month of October, well done to everyone who took part, the next big walking month is Marchathon!

### Cycling without Age Fingal

Cycling Without Age is ready to go in Santry Demesne, the storage unit and Trishaw are in place and all volunteers are ready to go, the service should go live the first week of November.



#### Men's Walk & Talk Groups

Our Swords Men's Walk and Talk Group continues to grow and is a brilliant example of the positive influence that walking can have on people. The group meet every Monday evening at the entrance to Swords Castle and vary the route to take in different areas each week. They also incorporate local historians on occasion.

Since May 2022 the group have walked close to 200km with an average walk distance of 7km each week.



#### **Staff Walks**

During October we have been holding staff walks on Wednesdays in both Swords and Blanchardstown, these have been well attended and are a lovely way for colleagues to meet, chat and get some fresh air during their break, we will continue these walks throughout November and December.

#### Bike Share Scheme

#### Sept Stats – Bike Share Countywide:

1234 bike journeys started within Fingal operating zone in September

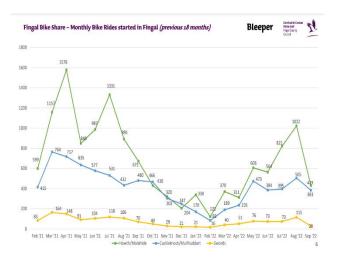
1284 bike journeys ended within existing Fingal operating zone in September

Highest usage recorded on Fridays (18.2%) & Saturdays (15.5%)

Blanchardstown & Howth were the most popular locations for bike share.

Average number of 132 Bikes in Fingal – (SLA for 120 bikes) for hire each day of the month

8 Ukrainians at the Shoreline Hotel location have been provided with free use of Bleeper bikes and took 46 trips in September, (89 trips in August, 92 trips in July, 58 trips in June, and 26 trips in May)



If you notice any bike parked incorrectly or vandalism in your area, please contact the Bleeper customer care team <u>https://www.bleeperactive.com/contact-us</u>

#### **TIER eBike Update**

The Tier eBike rollout continues to increase, there are now have 220 eBikes available across the County. Tier have recently expanded the rollout to include Portrane, Skerries and Balbriggan.

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



#### **TIER Monthly Reports**

#### June (10 days), July & August, September 2022

Metric	June	July	August	Sept
Trips	425	1,542	2,356	2,446
Active Vehicles	42	76	133	197
No of Customers	260	847	1253	1127
Trips / Customer	1.6	1.8	1.9	2.1
Distance Covered (KM)	2,442Km	8,304km	11.19km	9,994km
Average Trip Duration	25.5min	24min	21.9min	18.8min
Average Trip length (KM)	5.7km	5.4km	5km	4.1km

#### **Climate Action**

# Climate Change Advisory Council 2022 Annual Review:

The Climate Change Advisory Council published its 2022 annual review in late September. A key task of the Council is to conduct an annual review of progress made over the previous year across all sectors, in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and furthering the transition to a low-carbon, climateresilient and sustainable economy and society by 2050. In its 'traffic light' review of sectoral adaptation progress the Local Government Sector has improved on the 2021 report and noted as 'Good Progress' being made by Local Authorities and CAROs. In particular "the Council acknowledges the resource and capacity constraints facing local authorities and the Climate Action Regional Offices (CAROs) given their importance in delivering mitigation and adaptation". The report notes that the integration of mitigation with adaptation actions in the LA Climate Change Action Plans demonstrates good progress and that the climate action training

programme appears to be successful and should increase mainstreaming in the future. The report can be downloaded here: https://www.climatecouncil.ie/media/climatechan geadvisorycouncil/contentassets/publications/CC AC-ANNUAL-REVIEW-2022.pdf



## Fingal County Council supporting Sustainable Energy Communities:

The Council continues to support the SEAI Sustainable Energy Communities (SEC) programme, and has signed a new Memorandum of Understanding with the SEAI aimed at streamlining the provision of bridging funding relating to the SEC Programme. There are currently 20 SEC's in Fingal and all are assisted by an SEAI assigned mentor with Codema acting as regional coordinator.

### **Environmental Awareness**

The Community Leaf-mould composting initiative is proving hugely successful with over 100 leafcages already set up around Fingal involving 22 groups. Communities are filling the cages with leaves which will be left to decompose for two years. The resulting rich compost will be used locally. The Composting for Schools initiative is ongoing with delivery of wormeries (for landscape and classroom food waste) delivered to 33 Fingal schools.

Initiatives for October ReUse Month included the following: 1000 food waste caddies were distributed to members of the public and schools through the 7 hub Community Centres, ReUsable cups for sale in Swords and Blanchardstown canteens, a social media and bus shelter ReUse campaign. The Paint ReUse program in association with the Rediscovery Centre provides recycled paint for community spaces. A total 325 5L tins of paint were delivered to Fingal community groups in 2022. The Instruments project is ongoing and featured in the innovative events for Local Authority Innovation Week. Whitestown Estate Management was funded for a Safe-Halloween event in their community. The Social Housing Tenant Induction scheme included presentations from the Litter Warden and the Environmental Awareness Officer who covered aspects of recycling, plastics and climate change.



Community Leaf-Moulds in use.

#### **Circular Economy**

#### **Bring Centres**

#### **Bottle Banks**

The program of replacing signage at our Bring Banks continues and we hope to replace more over the coming months. Below is a revamped Bring Bank at Malahide Castle with new signage and completely repainted.

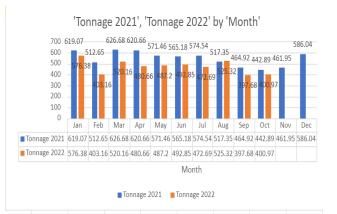




The above picture is Glassco our contractor emptying our Bottle Banks at the Watery Lane site Swords this is done by remote control operated by the driver standing on the path and the whole operation is completed safely within minutes.

# Glass Tonnage Report for October 2022 year to date compared to 2021

There were 400.97 tons of glass collected for recycling up to 31<sup>st</sup> of October 2022. This is compared to 442.89 tons which were collected in October 2021. This reduction reflects the tonnages of glass collected returning to pre-covid levels.



#### **Textile Banks**

Following a review of our Textile Bank locations it has been agreed with our contractor to place extra banks at some locations to facilitate extra capacity in certain areas. it has also been agreed to place new banks at some new locations. This work was completed throughout the month of October.





Extra Banks placed at Portmarnock Sports and Leisure Centre



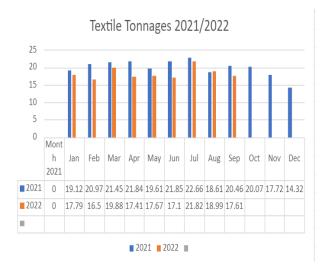
Above Baldoyle Coast Road new Textile bank located here.





Above Balbriggan Bring Bank Site totally revamped to include new textile banks signage requested also here. Textile Tonnage Report for 2022 compared to 2021

There were 17.61 tons of textiles collected for recycling throughout Fingal's network in September 2022 October figures not available until next month.



#### Litter Management

In October, the Litter Wardens continued their campaign to raise awareness of the issue of dog fouling in the Fingal area. They erected anti dog fouling signage in areas where complaints were received.

A total of 268 planned route inspections on litter black spot areas were carried out. They also carry out inspections on the bring banks in the Fingal area to ensure that there was no dumping.

Any dumping found was investigated under the Litter Pollution Act. They carried out investigation on reports of abandoned cars.

Local businesses were also inspected, to ensure they were keeping their premises free of litter.

As part of Fingal's safer Halloween, the Litter Warden called to businesses in their areas regarding leaving materials outside their premises to reduce the number of materials that could be used for bonfires.





In the district court in October, one case was successfully prosecuted, and cost were awarded on two other cases. Three cases were paid in advance and were struck out.

There was one fine issued for dog fouling in October 2022.

2022	Fines/notices issued	
Month	Fines	Notices
January	27	85
February	28	60
March	34	39
April	41	48
Мау	35	35

June	20	41
July	56	35
August	33	22
September	44	16
October	30	30

## **Abandoned Vehicles**

The Abandoned Vehicles Pilot scheme is continuing.

335 vehicles were reported to the Environment Department between 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022 – 28<sup>th</sup> October 2022:

Each reported abandoned vehicle has been investigated by the Litter Wardens.

Year 2022	No. of Abandoned Vehicles Removed
Mar	3
Apr	2
Мау	1
June	0
July	0
Aug	2
Sep	0
Oct	2
Total	10





Details on how to report an Abandoned car can be found on

## https://www.fingal.ie/council/service/abandon **edvehicles**

#### **Dog Licences**

Door to door licence checks have been carried out by the dog wardens in the following locations during October. Dog owners without a valid licence are given a 10 Day's Notice to produce a valid dog licence.

Failure to hold a valid licence for a dog can incur a €100 fine.

Estate	Area
Knightsgate	Rush
Golden Ridge	Rush
Waterside	Malahide
Talbot Estate	Malahide
Killeen Estate	Malahide
Gainsborough	Malahide
Lissadel Wood	Malahide
Luttrellstown Estate	Dublin 15
Barnageeragh	Skerries
Townparks	Skerries
Seacrest	Skerries
Swords Manor	Swords

	Annual Licences Purchased	Lifetime Licences Purchased	Income from Licences
September	970	100	€33,400
October	873	78	€28,380

Total income from dog licences to date: €279,740.

Door to door licence checks have been extended and will continue until the end of November. A yearly licence costs €20 and a lifetime licence costs €140. We will continue to promote the requirement for a dog licence on social media platforms.



From May, FCC will be increasing door to door dog licence checks as well as additional patrols in parks and beaches. Buy/renew your dog licence online at: licences.ie/ILAS/Home/Lice..., or at any Post Office. Fee: €20.00 per year, Lifetime Licence €140.00.



#### **Dog Warden Service**

10 day notices have been issued to members of the public through both door to door licence checks and patrols in Fingal's parks and beaches. The table below shows the number of 10 Day Notices, fines that have been issued and the value of fines paid during September and October.

	10 Day Notices	Fines Issued	Payment Received
September	385	48	€1,400
October	511	108	€1,400

Total fines paid to date 2022: €7,000

#### **Dog Shelter Service**

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

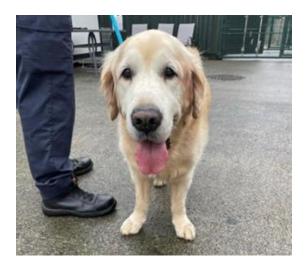
DUBLIN COUNTY DOG SHELTER



No meet and greets sunda Please call in advance The dog shelter holds stray dogs picked up by the dog warden and dogs who have been surrendered by their owners. At the beginning of the month there were 11 dogs in the shelter. During October, 16 dogs were found straying/seized and 5 dogs were surrendered by their owners.

Of these 32 dogs, 7 have been reclaimed by their owners. 8 dogs have been rehomed to rescue and 5 have been rehomed to members of the public. At the end of October there are 12 dogs that remain in the shelter.

Dogs in Shelter at the start of October	11
Stray/Seized dogs brought to Shelter	16
Surrendered by owners	5
Reclaimed	7
Rehomed to Rescue	8
Rehomed to Public	5
Dogs in Shelter at the end of October	12







A golden retriever, found as a stray has been reclaimed by their owner. Nikki, the bulldog crossbreed has been rehomed and foxy the foxhound is looking for his forever home.

#### Horses

An additional 5 hay feeders have been procured in order to reduce the amount of hay being wasted by horses standing on it. There are now 10 hay feeders, specifically for horses to feed from which are refilled by the Operations Department on a weekly basis.

The number of horses on the landfill are being monitored and there are currently 126 horses on the main landfill site.

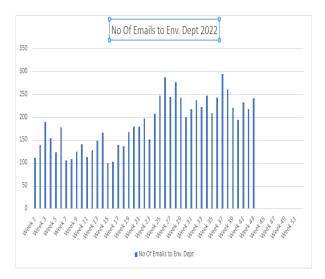


Following the two Health and Welfare Operations carried out in May and August of this year on Dunsink landfill, signage has now been erected on the site advising that stallions are no longer permitted on the landfill site. By not permitting stallions on Dunsink landfill indiscriminate breeding of foals will be eliminated and in turn, reduce the number of horses on the landfill. Any stallions found on to be on the landfill will be seized.



#### Environment Email report – October 2022

A total of 887 emails have been received at <u>environmental@fingal.ie</u> for October 2022 which resulted in CRM investigations and enforcement activities.



#### Waste Enforcement

#### **Environmental Inspection Plan 2022**

All tasks are progressing well with **880 inspections** completed for the period January – October 2022 with a year-end of target = **1,101 inspections**. The key areas targeted were:

- Construction & Demolition Wastes Article 27, Skip Operators, C & D WMP
- Waste Facilities / Waste Collection Permits Waste validations, audits, inspections
- Household & Commercial Food Waste Brown bins, segregation, apartments
- End of Life Vehicles / Metal Traceability Illegal sites, permitted facilities.
- Illegal Waste Activities Man in Van, illegal dumping, unauthorised facilities
- Producer Responsibility Initiatives Packaging, tyres, batteries, hazardous waste
- Waste Complaints Backyard storage, burning, illegal dumping



All 21 waste facility Annual Return validations have been completed as have 108 waste collection permit validations. This task looks at validation of waste volumes entering and leaving permitted facilities on an annual basis which are cross referenced to ensure quantities detailed by waste collectors match those brought into authorised facilities. On site verifications are also undertaken to check waste dockets, the waste register and to ensure permit conditions are being adhered to through site walkover inspections. Waste traceability and waste quantification is hugely important in terms of planning ahead to ensure sufficient capacity with the Waste Sector.





#### Multi-Agency Waste Enforcement Operation

A multi-agency operation was undertaken at a site in Baldoyle during October involving Waste Enforcement Officers, the Gardai, Social Protection, Revenue, the Trans Frontier Shipment (TFS) Office and the ESB. Significant volumes of illegally dumped waste were found on site in conjunction with evidence of burning of waste.





Residents were interviewed and vehicles of interest examined for evidence of illegal waste collection. S14 direction letters were issued to a number of individuals regarding legal obligations to dispose of waste in an authorised manner and the illegal collection of waste without a waste collection permit. Additional waste enforcement checkpoints and patrols will be carried out in the area over the coming months to act as a deterrent with support from An Garda Siochana.

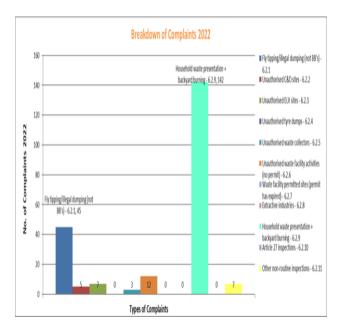
#### Waste Complaints

A total of 34 waste complaints were received during the month of October. The majority of waste complaints related to backyard storage of waste and burning of waste (74%). Waste complaints increased by 78% in October compared to September's figures, mainly due to a rise in complaints relating to the stockpiling of waste materials (e.g., pallets, tyres and wood) in preparation for bonfires at Halloween.









Illegally dumped waste costs Local Authorities hundreds of thousands of euro each year, money which could be better spent on providing services to businesses and local communities. To report unauthorised waste collectors or illegal dumping contact **environment@fingal.ie** or Tel: 01 8906799.

#### **Water Quality Protection**

#### **Water Quality**

The EPA has published the '<u>Water Quality in Ireland</u> <u>Report 2016-2021</u>' which provides the latest assessment of the quality of Ireland's rivers, lakes, estuaries, coastal and groundwaters.

The status of waters nationally has diminished and the likelihood of meeting the Water Framework targets is low.

	2013-2018	2016-2021
Rivers	52.3%	51.4%
RIVEIS	52.3%	51.4%
Lakes	50.4%	47.8%
Estuaries	41.4%	25.7%
Coastal Waters	81.0%	71.4%

5 river catchments improved in status and one disimproved. None of the rivers in Fingal meet the criteria for satisfactory status.

The Rogerstown Estuary has changed from Bad to Poor and the Broadmeadow from Poor to Moderate.

#### Landfill Aftercare

Works are underway for rehabilitation of leachate and gas management infrastructure at **Balleally**, **the current contract is with Dancor Civil Engineering for** 

- Installation of settlement monitoring points.
- Remediation works in existing leachate cell side risers.
- Demolition and re-construction of the existing electrical control building.

Further works are to due including

- Maintenance building to store plant and equipment
- > Leachate Management Infrastructure.
- Landfill Gas management systems.
- New fire mains



Leachate Cell Side Riser replacement works



Architects Perspective of Proposed Park Maintenance Building

# **FINANCE**

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Rates Development Levy Income Payroll

The table below outlines key financial statics at the end of September / October 2022.

This information is presented in conjunction with the Revenue account, Capital account and Debtors position in appendix (i).

#### <u>Rates</u>

Overall rates collection to the end of October 2022 is running at **88%.** 

Rates Collection	
Rates collected €M	121.9
Rates Collection %	88%

## **Development Levy Income**

Development levy income collected to the end of September is running at €23.9 this is c. **67%** of the overall collection during 2021.

Development Levy Income	
Levies Receipted €M	23.9
Levies collected as % of 2021	67%

### <u>Payroll</u>

Overall payroll spend to the end of September is €56m which is c. **98%** of budget year to date.

Payroll	
Salaries & Wages €M	56.3
Percentage of payroll budget	98%

Procurement Financial Reports – Appendix 1

#### Procurement

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

Procurement Activity		Note
No. of contracts awarded (details	207	
below) for year to date		
Value €m	90.6	
Procurements ongoing at end		
of October		
No. of procurements awaiting	17	(i)
tender responses		
Value €m	112.7	
No. of procurements under	36	(ii)
evaluation		
Value €m	41.1	
No. of procurements at	13	(iii)
approved		
Value €m	12.0	

#### Notes:

(i) Procurements awaiting tender responses – tender responses awaited at end of October.

(ii) Procurements under evaluation – tender responses submitted and being evaluated at end of the October.

(iii) Procurements at approved – Tender responses have been evaluated and approved. Pre- contract award processes ongoing at end of October.

# No. of contracts awarded for year to date

Dept	Description of Procurement	Supplier Name	Value Contract (excl. VA1		Contract Award Date	Contract Start Date	Contract End Date	Duration (months)
Active Travel	Engineering Consultancy Services Castleknock to Dunsink Lane Protected Cycle Lane Scheme	Clifton Scannell Emerson Associates Ltd	€ 405,3	375	28/10/2022	17/10/2022	31/12/2022	2
EETCD	Economic Consultancy and Related Service Requirements - Balbriggan Rejuvenation Programme	RMLA Planning Consultants	€ 32,9	935	28/10/2022	22/10/2022	22/12/2022	2
Operations	Hire of 3.5T Luton Body Van with Tail Lift	Newbridge Car & Van Rentals	€ 30,2	240	28/10/2022	01/11/2022	20/10/2025	35
Operations	Concrete Footpath construction in a series of batches from 2 - 8 square meters at Carrick Court and Burrow Court Portmarnock	Citius Ltd	€ 36,0	070	26/10/2022	02/11/2022	30/11/2022	0
Operations	Concrete Footpath Construction in a series of batches at Sutton Park and Bayside Walk, Kilbarrack, Co. Dublin	John Browne Construction Ltd	€ 47,6	625	26/10/2022	24/10/2022	21/11/2022	0
Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary works Moyclare Gardens	Tarstone Road Maintenance Ltd	€ 28,3	310	26/10/2022	24/10/2022	30/10/2022	0
Operations	Improved access to Portmarnock Bay south beach from the Golf Links Road public carpark	Larry Kiernan Plant Hire Ltd	€ 41,8	310	25/10/2022	30/11/2022	30/01/2023	2
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Glasshouse conservation and Restoration Minor Works	Oldstone Conservation Ltd	€ 28,7	102	25/10/2022	15/11/2022	31/12/2022	1
Corporate Affairs	Provision of an Out of Hours Call Centre Service - Provision of Single supplier framework agreement #	Otonomee Customer Management Ltd t/a Otonomee	€ 127,6	650	24/10/2022	30/09/2022	29/09/2025	36
EETCD	Roofing and Façade Repairs at Newbridge House	Kelbuild Ltd	€ 1,323,0	072	24/10/2022	05/09/2022	15/04/2024	19

Operations	Stabilisation of Ruined Buildings at the Upper Courtyard, St. Catherines Park, Dublin 1	James Oliver Hearty & Sons Ltd	€	287,593	24/10/2022	17/10/2022	17/04/2023	6
Operations	Purchase of four 3500kg Renault Master Crew-cab Trucks	Setanta Vehicle LTd t/a Renault Trucks	€	167,500	19/10/2022	19/10/2022	18/10/2023	12
Operations	Hire of 4 Teleporters	GPT Plant & Tool Hire Ltd	€	188,520	19/10/2022	01/11/2022	30/09/2025	35
Operations	Road inlay and Ancillary Works at Stockhole Lane	Lagan Asphalt Ltd	€	358,431	18/10/2022	17/10/2022	10/11/2022	0
Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary Works for Townyard Lane and Strand Road	D.M. Morris Limited	€	74,955	18/10/2022	10/10/2022	29/10/2022	0
Operations	Supply and Installation of equipment for all Outdoor Fitness Hubs/Spaces, including Calisthenics, MUGAS, Agility Trails, Parkour and any ancillary works and supplies - Establishment of a Single Supplier Framework Agreement	Outfit Outdoor Fitness Equipment	€	137,110	17/10/2022	03/10/2022	31/03/2023	5
Active Travel	Civil Engineering Works, Safe Routes to Schools	KN Networks Irl T/A Circet Ireland	€	1,133,970	14/10/2022	24/10/2022	24/04/2023	6
Operations	Resurfacing of Paddys Hill Carpark and Bituminous Footpaths Works at Paddys Hill, Portmarnock	Postmount Buildings Limited T/A Hayes Civil Engineering	€	51,000	06/10/2022	10/10/2022	04/11/2022	0
Housing	11 Unit Apartment Development at Bowden Court, Rathbeale Road, Swords, Co Dublin	Broomfield Construction Ltd	€	3,138,974	05/10/2022	01/11/2022	05/02/2024	15
Corporate Affairs	Provision of consultancy services to further develop and implement workplace spatial strategy (follow on contract no 2)	MCO Projects Limited	€	299,918	04/10/2022	01/10/2022	31/05/2023	8
Digital Services	Provision of Additional Hardware and Memory Expansion	Triangle Computer Services	€	165,972	04/10/2022	01/11/2022	31/10/2025	36

Digital Services	Phase 2 Development of a National Teams Voting Application	EirEVO	€ 60,000	04/10/2022	01/11/2022	31/12/2022	2
EETCD	Legal Services in respect of the Swords Cultural Quarter (SCQ) Project	William Fry LLP	€ 100,000	01/10/2022	01/10/2022	30/09/2022	0
Operations	Repair of Damaged Limestone Cladding Balgriffin Cemetery	John Mulhern Stone Mason Ltd	€ 44,990	29/09/2022	17/10/2022	11/11/2022	0
Operations	Initial Contact under Single Party Framework Agreement for Design & Build Public Toilets on Beaches Design and Construction of 13 public conveniences and associated ancillary works at various coastal locations within Fingal County Council Administrative Area	Lidan Innovations Ltd	€ 147,967	29/09/2022	01/09/2022	31/08/2023	12
Operations	Road Inlay and Ancillary Works - Dungriffin Road	Pavement & Road Surfacing Ltd	€ 85,950	28/09/2022	26/09/2022	07/10/2022	0
Operations	Resurfacing of Portmarnock PSLC Carpark at Blackwood Lane, Portmarnock	Pavement & Road Surfacing Ltd	€ 111,880	22/09/2022	22/09/2022	05/10/2022	0
Housing	Development, Design, Construction, Delivery and Sale of Affordable Residential Units at Old Road, Hayestown, Rush, Co. Dublin	Manley Construction Ltd	€13,915,500	19/09/2022	24/10/2022	24/10/2025	36
Operations	Purchase of Fully Electric 3.5 tonne to 4.5 tonne Flatbed Tippers	Harris Automotive Distributors UC, T/A Maxus UK & Ireland	€ 679,450	19/09/2022	22/08/2022	21/08/2023	12
Environment, Climate Action	Plant Hire and Waste Removal Services to facilitate clearance of a site at St. Josephs, Dunsink Lane	G & J Kearns Ltd	€ 26,710	14/09/2022	15/09/2022	15/09/2022	0
Housing	Refurbishment of a community centre at Matt Lane, Delahasey, Balbriggan	Commins Builders Ltd	€ 100,000	14/09/2022	09/05/2022	08/08/2022	3
EETCD	Project Management Services related to design and planning of Balbriggan Harbour & Coastal Amenity Area Feasibility Study and Tidal Pool	Turner & Townsend	€ 66,666	13/09/2022	01/09/2022	28/02/2023	6

Operations	Emergency repair works to three sets of elevated woodland steps within the Ward River Valley Park, Swords	Integrated Utility Services Ireland	€ 8	852,000	13/09/2022	25/04/2022	24/12/2022	8
Operations	Lease Hire with Maintenance of Compact Sweepers	GPT PLANT HIRE LTD, t/a GPT Plant and Tool Hire	€ 1,1	44,966	12/09/2022	22/08/2022	21/08/2025	36
Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary Works - Posie Row	D.M. Morris Limited	€	74,700	12/09/2022	19/09/2022	14/10/2022	0
Community	Integrated facility management services for 15 Community Centres in the Fingal Administrative Area	Acacia Facilities Management	€ 2	298,013	08/09/2022	01/07/2022	30/09/2022	3
Community	Integrated Management Services at Community Centres	Acacia Facilities Management	€ 4,0	)33,480	01/09/2022	01/09/2022	31/08/2024	24
EETCD	Consultancy Services to develop a Tourism Strategy for Fingal County Council - Establishment of a single supplier framework agreement	Crowe Ireland	€	89,573	01/09/2022	18/07/2022	30/05/2023	10
Operations	Concrete Road Repair/Reconstruction Works Ramor Park & Hazel Lawn, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15	Citius Ltd	€	59,460	01/09/2022	12/09/2022	12/12/2022	3
Operations	Cycle Path Improvement Works - Littlepace L3025, Laraghcon, Kilshane Way, Melville Way	Postmount Buildings Limited T/A Hayes Civil Engineering	€	75,600	01/09/2022	08/09/2022	08/12/2022	3
Operations	Road Inlay and Ancillary Works - Coolmine Road and Tower Road, Coolmine	Lagan Asphalt Ltd	€ 1	99,882	31/08/2022	03/10/2022	03/12/2022	2
Corporate Affairs	Mechanical Works to Malahide Library involving the replacing of existing gas fired boilers and upgrades to the existing heating distribution plant	Thermodial Ltd	€	64,989	30/08/2022	01/10/2022	31/03/2023	6
EETCD	Integrated Design Team Services for the Proposed Conservation Works at Red Island Martello Tower	Blackwood Associates Architects	€	98,755	26/08/2022	30/06/2022	29/08/2025	38

Operations	Appointment of Security Guard in Coolmine Recycling Centre	Secure Management Solutions	€	75,000	26/08/2022	25/06/2022	30/06/2023	12
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Taking in Charge, The Gallops, Swords	G & J Kearns Ltd	€	68,302	24/08/2022	08/08/2022	08/02/2023	6
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Conservation Works at 3 no. Medieval Sites, Rush Tower House, St. Catherines Church & St. Marnocks Church	James Oliver Hearty and Sons	€	193,744	19/08/2022	01/08/2022	01/11/2022	3
Operations	Road Lining phase two for the Fingal Swords Balbriggan Areas including PSCS and Traffic Management	MacLochlainn (Roadmarkings) Limited	€	75,681	18/08/2022	18/08/2022	31/12/2022	4
Active Travel	Site Investigations Survey New Street, Malahide	Ground Investigations Ireland Ltd	€	38,121	17/08/2022	01/08/2022	31/12/2022	5
EETCD	Works to the Ground Floor In Bremore Castle	Diumitru Cepoi, IDC Contracts	€	45,125	17/08/2022	16/08/2022	01/09/2022	0
Housing	Energy Efficiency RetroFit Works - Lissenhall, Swords	Arthurstown Construction Limited	€	2,000,000	17/08/2022	12/08/2022	12/08/2024	24
Operations	Road Inlay and Ancillary Works at the Boulevard, Tyrellstown, D15	DM Morris Ltd	€	54,847	16/08/2022	01/09/2022	01/12/2022	3
Environment, Climate Action	Provision of horse seizure service	County Council Security Support Services Ltd	€	50,000	15/08/2022	16/08/2022	15/02/2023	6
Libraries	In Residence Services to Include Facilitation of Workshops and Management of the Maker Space in Blanchardstown Library	Make Create Innovate Limited	€	35,000	09/08/2022	01/08/2022	31/12/2022	5
Operations	Supply & Installation of Calisthenics & Accessible Fitness Hub Waterville Park, Dublin 15	Outfit Outdoor Fitness Equipment Ltd	€	46,030	09/08/2022	15/08/2022	15/08/2023	12
Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary Work Fancourt Heights	Roadstone Ltd	€	107,842	08/08/2022	26/09/2022	26/10/2022	1

Operations	Footpath Repair Works Hunters Run - Deerhaven Avenue	John Browne Construction Ltd	€	35,020	05/08/2022	22/08/2022	26/09/2022	1
Operations	Tarmacadam Footpath Works Turvey Avenue	Formac Construction	€	50,818	05/08/2022	05/08/2022	05/11/2022	3
Operations	Requirement for Butterfly Pupae	Stratford-upon- Avon Butterfly Tropical House	€	36,000	31/07/2022	01/08/2022	31/07/2023	12
Operations	Footpath Construction Works in a series of batches from 2-8 sq meters at Various Locations in Main Street, Portmarnock	Formac Construction Ltd	€	60,850	29/07/2022	25/07/2022	19/08/2022	0
Operations	Concrete footpath repairs at Castlecurragh Road, Dublin 15	John Browne Ltd, Kelly Rahill & Co.	€	32,500	26/07/2022	05/08/2022	05/09/2022	1
Operations	Provision of Internal Upgrade Works at Baleally Landfill/Rogerstown park	Dancor Civil Engineering Ltd	€	476,628	26/07/2022	01/07/2022	01/10/2022	3
Digital Services	Requirement for the Provision of ICT Research and Advisory Services	Gartner Ireland Ltd	€	111,285	25/07/2022	01/08/2022	31/07/2024	24
Operations	Cleaning and Maintenance Service for 25 Individual Toilet Units in 4 Locations (Ardgillan, Newbridge, Santry & Millennium Park	Rentokil Initial	€	72,048	22/07/2022	15/09/2022	14/03/2023	6
Operations	Design Works related to a failure of a section of the Brackenstown Road, Swords, Co. Dublin	Tobin Consulting Engineers	€	47,000	22/07/2022	18/07/2022	09/12/2022	4
Corporate Affairs	Catering Services County Hall and Grove Road	Compass Catering Services Irl Ltd t/a Eurest	€	100,000	21/07/2022	25/08/2022	31/12/2022	4
Housing	Bungalow Demolition at Hayestown, Rush, Co. Dublin	Larry Kiernan Plant Hire Ltd	€	30,925	21/07/2022	01/06/2022	31/12/2022	7
Operations	Hire of 8 x 4 Tipper Body Rigid Lorry with Clam	Thomas Brennan & Sons Ltd	€	132,600	20/07/2022	22/08/2022	21/08/2025	36
Active Travel	Small Works Contract Secure Bicycle Infrastructure	Lakeland Tarmacadam	€	627,532	19/07/2022	01/07/2022	01/07/2024	24

		and Civil Engineering Ltd						
Operations	Installation and Repair of Traffic Calming Ramps in the Fingal Area	MCM Surfacing Ltd	€	138,803	19/07/2022	01/08/2022	01/02/2023	6
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Provision of Landscape Architect Led Integrated Design Team Consultancy Services/Ward River Valley	Dermot Foley Landscape Architects	€	609,098	18/07/2022	18/07/2022	31/12/2023	17
Operations	Retro Fit end to end loT Solutions to alert monitor and report on Ring Buoy Theft	Civic Group	€	31,842	15/07/2022	01/08/2022	31/07/2025	36
Active Travel	Engineering Consultancy Services Ballycoolin Business Park to Ongar Village - Protected Cycle Lane Scheme	Clifton Scannell Emerson Associates Ltd	€	395,095	14/07/2022	30/06/2022	01/01/2025	30
Operations	Solar Power Signage	PWS Signs Ltd	€	66,380	14/07/2022	11/07/2022	11/11/2022	4
Operations	Concrete Footpath Construction in a series of batches from 2 - 8 sq metres a Townyard Lane and Strand Street, Malahide	Citius Ltd	€	43,015	14/07/2022	01/09/2022	23/09/2022	0
Environment, Climate Action	Environmental Monitoring at Dunsink and Balleally Landfill sites	Fehily Timoney & Co. Ltd	€	33,660	13/07/2022	01/07/2022	31/12/2022	6
Operations	Littlepace Tarmacadam Footpath Works	MCM Surfacing Ltd	€	35,290	13/07/2022	24/10/2022	08/11/2022	0
Operations	Concrete Footpath Repairs St. Margarets Road	Citrus Ltd	€	30,875	13/07/2022	01/08/2022	30/09/2022	2
Community	Provision of Event staff to welcome & cater for the basic needs of the Ukrainian refugees temporarily residing in the Liam Rogers Centre	invictus Event Management Ltd	€	57,378	12/07/2022	27/03/2022	30/04/2022	1
Operations	Supply and installation of Permanent Road Traffic Signs and Ancillary Works	Integrated Utility Services Ireland	€	30,993	12/07/2022	18/07/2022	18/12/2022	5
EETCD	Roofing & Façade Repairs at Ardgillan Castle	Francis Haughey Building & Civil Engineering Contractors	€	2,979,599	11/07/2022	05/09/2022	10/06/2024	21

Operations	Purchase of up to Six Fully Electric 3.5 Tonne Flatbed Tippers for Park Rangers	Harris Automotive Distributors	€	263,508	11/07/2022	27/06/2022	26/06/2023	12
Operations	Bitumen Emulsion, Balbriggan/Swords Area	lrish Tar and Bitumen Suppliers Limited	€	116,463	11/07/2022	11/07/2022	31/12/2022	5
Operations	Bitumen Emulsion, Balbriggan/Swords Area	Lagan Materials Limited	€	33,275	11/07/2022	11/07/2022	31/12/2022	5
Operations	Resurfacing Barnageeragh Road, Skerries, Co. Dublin	Roadstone Ltd.	€	110,409	11/07/2022	18/07/2022	22/08/2022	1
Operations	Fitness hub - Tir na nOg park 2022	Outfit Outdoor Fitness Equipment Ltd	€	34,440	07/07/2022	01/06/2022	20/11/2022	5
Active Travel	Engineering Consultancy Services for Countywide Fingal Active Travel Projects	Clifton Scannell Emerson Associates Ltd	€	702,050	04/07/2022	27/06/2022	26/06/2024	24
Operations	Seatown Road, Drainage and Surfacing Works	D.M. Morris Limited	€	181,390	04/07/2022	04/07/2022	04/10/2022	3
Corporate Affairs	Provision of Metered Electricity	Energia Customer Solutions Ltd	€	2,500,000	01/07/2022	01/07/2022	31/12/2023	18
Operations	Provision of Unmetered Electricity to Local Authorities	Energia Customer Solutions Ltd	€	5,100,000	01/07/2022	01/11/2021	31/10/2024	36
Operations	Concrete footpath construction in a serious of batches from 2 - 8 square meters at Various Locations in Malahide including Chalfont, Texas Lane, and Church Rd Malahide.	Browne Construction Ltd, Kelly Rahill & Co	€	48,990	01/07/2022	27/06/2022	22/07/2022	0
Operations	Hire of Generators, Tower Lights and Electricians and Teleporter for Flavours of Fingal County Show 2022	GH Energy Rentals Ltd	€	75,000	29/06/2022	29/06/2022	05/07/2022	0
Libraries	Purchase of Bookeye 4 V1A Professional Scanner	Digital Imaging Services, DIS Technologies Ltd	€	36,750	27/06/2022	01/06/2022	01/06/2023	12

Operations	Maintenance, Servicing, Repair and Ticket replenishment of Pay & Display Parking Machines	Actavo (Sierra Support Services Group)	€	100,000	22/06/2022	01/04/2022	31/01/2023	10
Operations	Resurfacing of Sundrive Road, Rush	D.M. Morris Limited	€	44,756	22/06/2022	04/07/2022	02/08/2022	0
Active Travel	Pilot Electric Bike Sharing Scheme	Tier Mobility Ireland Ltd	€	1	20/06/2022	00/01/1900	00/01/1900	
Operations	Road Markings for the Howth/Malahide Area	MacLochlainn (Roadmarkings) Limited	€	76,171	20/06/2022	30/05/2022	31/12/2022	7
Operations	Road inlay and ancillary works - R124 At Hill Top Stores Malahide	Lagan Asphalt ltd.	€	56,535	20/06/2022	11/07/2022	29/07/2022	0
Operations	concrete footpath construction in a series of batches from 2 - 8 square meters at Sutton Cross	DM Morris Ltd	€	62,278	20/06/2022	20/06/2022	20/08/2022	2
Libraries	Internal fitout works/repair & renewal works to provide new office accommodation for the Swords Historical Society/Swords Genealogy Office in an existing ground floor North Street, Swords	CTS Projects Ltd	€	38,923	17/06/2022	23/05/2022	19/07/2023	13
EETCD	Multi Disciplinary Consultancy Services for design, procurement, construction and delivery of the redevelopment of Harbour area at Balbriggan	Malachy Walsh & Partners	€	66,375	16/06/2022	01/06/2022	30/04/2023	11
Operations	Resurfacing Barnageeragh Road, Skerries, Co. Dublin	Roadstone Ltd	€	110,408	16/06/2022	11/07/2022	08/08/2022	0
Operations	Resurfacing of Park Road, Rush	D.M. Morris Limited	€	135,368	16/06/2022	04/07/2022	02/08/2022	0
Digital Services	Renewal of Subscription to the Technical Index	IHS Global Ltd, The Capitol Building	€	29,694	15/06/2022	01/07/2022	30/06/2023	12

Libraries	Supply and Installation of Library Furniture to three Libraries (Blanchardstown, Balbriggan and Malahide)	Bushell Interiors Ltd.	€	320,029	15/06/2022	01/04/2022	31/08/2023	17
Operations	Public Lighting Maintenance and New Works - Initial contract & FW	Enerveo Ireland Ltd	€	2,422,194	13/06/2022	23/05/2022	23/05/2025	36
Operations	Supply and delivery of washed surface dressing chips – 6mm and 10mm	Peter Fitzpatrick Ltd.	€	50,130	10/06/2022	10/06/2022	31/10/2022	4
Operations	R129 M1 Flyover to Roscall, Ballyboughal	Roadstone Ltd	€	568,891	08/06/2022	11/07/2022	05/09/2022	1
Operations	Concrete footpath repairs Laverna & Sycamore Res Estates, Carpenterstown, D15	Citius Ltd	€	36,530	07/06/2022	15/06/2022	30/10/2022	4
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Design & Construction of Stone Faced Wall & Fitting of Railings and Gates at Beechpark, Clonsilla.	Oldstone Conservation Ltd	€	494,450	07/06/2022	07/06/2022	07/09/2022	3
Active Travel	Consultancy Services in respect of Contract for the Design of New Street Public Realm Project, New Street, Malahide	Dermot Foley Landscape Architects	€	311,329	30/05/2022	16/05/2022	31/12/2022	7
Corporate Affairs	Window Cleaning Services	Emerald Contract Cleaners Ltd t/a Emerald Facility Services	€	75,116	30/05/2022	30/05/2022	29/05/2024	24
Operations	Road Surfacing, Local Roads, North Fingal, Co Dublin	Kilsaran Road Surfacing and Contracting Unlimited	€	660,052	30/05/2022	26/05/2022	26/10/2022	5
Operations	Road Inlay and ancillaries works Forrest Road, Swords - Road inlay	John McQuillan Contracts Ltd	€	86,558	26/05/2022	26/05/2022	26/08/2022	3
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Specialist Consultancy Services requirements for Design and Project Management of Works for 2 Phases of the development of Ballymastone Recreational Hub, Donabate	Alan Lewis Ltd. Sports Surface Consultant and Groundstaff Mentor	€	54,916	26/05/2022	01/05/2022	30/10/2024	29
Environment, Climate Action	Equine Round Ups and Health Inspections for Horses on Dunsink Landfill	County Council Security	€	100,000	25/05/2022	25/05/2022	25/05/2023	12

		Support Services Ltd						
Operations	Road inlay and ancillary works at Maple Avenue and Lawn, Dublin 15	D.M. Morris Limited	€	118,135	25/05/2022	01/06/2022	30/06/2022	1
Operations	Road lining contract for the Fingal Castleknock/Mulhuddart Area's including PSCS and traffic management	MacLochlainn (Roadmarkings) Limited	€	66,684	24/05/2022	28/05/2022	31/12/2022	7
Housing	Refurbishment works at house in Mourne Court & house in Seaview Park	CTS Projects Ltd	€	85,500	20/05/2022	30/05/2022	30/10/2022	5
Operations	Concrete footpath at Church Street Skerries	Integrated Utility Services Ireland	€	61,181	20/05/2022	20/05/2022	22/08/2022	3
Operations	Road Resurfacing Hannahs Avenue, Lusk, Co Dublin	D.M. Morris Limited	€	134,147	19/05/2022	20/05/2022	22/08/2022	3
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Shed Roof Installation at Turvey Depot	Larry Kieran Plant Hire Ltd	€	27,870	19/05/2022	21/05/2022	12/09/2022	3
Operations	Road Inlay and ancillary works - New Road Donabate (two locations)	Lagan Asphalt ltd.	€	104,176	17/05/2022	17/05/2022	17/10/2022	5
Operations	Construction of 70 Linear Meters of Pedestrian Footpath, Kettles Park, Kinsealy	McGinty Plant Hire & Landscaping Services	€	42,000	16/05/2022	29/08/2022	09/10/2022	1
Operations	Concrete footpath construction in a serious of batches at various locations in Howth including Dungriffan Rd, Woodcliffe Heights, and Thormanby Rd.	Citius Ltd	€	33,430	13/05/2022	16/05/2022	10/06/2022	0
Operations	Concrete Footpath Repairs Ashfield Estate	John Browne Ltd, Kelly Rahill & Co.	€	46,200	11/05/2022	12/07/2022	12/09/2022	2
Operations	Road Inlay and ancillary Works R124 at The Grange	Lagan Asphalt ltd.	€	64,930	11/05/2022	01/07/2022	26/07/2022	0

Operations	Consultancy Services for Howth Surface Water Culvert	Roughan & O'Donovan Ltd	€	92,878	10/05/2022	11/04/2022	11/12/2023	20
Operations	Reconfiguration to Newbridge Demesne Entrance Off Cobbs Lane	Lakeland Civil Engineering Ltd	€	28,550	10/05/2022	07/09/2022	07/10/2022	1
Operations	Road inlay and ancillary works at Maple Avenue and Lawn, Dublin 15	D.M. Morris Limited	€	48,600	09/05/2022	12/05/2022	12/06/2022	1
Housing	Refurbishment works at 32A Corduff Park, Dublin 15	Mullacurry Construction Limited	€	57,992	05/05/2022	01/02/2022	31/07/2022	6
Operations	Plant Hire with Driver/Operative for Beach and Burial Ground Work	Larry Kiernan Plant Hire Ltd.	€	62,984	05/05/2022	18/04/2022	16/09/2022	4
Operations	Traffic Signals Installation 2022	Traffic Solutions Ltd	€	448,781	04/05/2022	01/05/2022	31/12/2022	8
Operations	Construction of Wall at Tramway Court, Baldoyle	Larry Kiernan Plant Hire Ltd	€	44,990	03/05/2022	25/10/2022	21/11/2022	0
Operations	Road Markings at various locations within the Fingal Area	MacLochlainn (Roadmarkings) Limited	€	79,404	03/05/2022	14/06/2022	14/06/2023	12
Operations	Purchase of Front Mounted Ride-On Mowers	Dublin Farm Machinery Ltd. T/A Dublin Grass Machinery	€	81,200	03/05/2022	30/04/2022	29/04/2023	12
Environment, Climate Action	Environmental Monitoring related to Balleally and Dunsink Landfills, Laboratory Analysis, Stack Testing and Tree	Fehily Timoney & Co. Ltd	€	48,745	28/04/2022	01/01/2022	30/06/2022	6
Operations	Widening and resurfacing of specified pedestrian pathways in parks and open spaces in the D.15 area	Lakeland Civil Engineering Ltd	€	47,671	26/04/2022	17/05/2022	27/05/2022	0
Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary Works - R125 Swords	D.M. Morris Limited	€	342,651	25/04/2022	25/04/2022	25/11/2022	7

Operations	ER Services to Hayestown Affordable Scheme delivery via a Developer Tender & Appointment Process	KSN Project Management	€	104,500	25/04/2022	01/03/2022	31/08/2023	18
Operations	Road Inlay and ancillary works at College Park, Dublin 15	Roadstone Ltd.	€	69,237	25/04/2022	10/05/2022	08/08/2022	2
Digital Services	Purchase of 440 No HP 9VG71AT 27" E27 G4 Monitors	Datapac Ireland	€	38,923	22/04/2022	22/04/2022	31/12/2022	8
Operations	Road Inlay and ancillary works at Old Yellow Walls Road	Formac Construction ltd	€	85,740	22/04/2022	01/04/2022	01/06/2022	2
Operations	Road inlay and ancillary works at Quay Road, Loughshinny	DM Morris Ltd	€	48,563	21/04/2022	16/05/2022	27/05/2022	0
Operations	Footpath Improvement works, Howth/Malahide Area	D.M. Morris Limited	€	59,500	14/04/2022	14/07/2022	31/07/2022	0
Operations	Road inlay and ancillary works at Ashfield Estate, Dublin 15	Pavement and Road Surfacing Ltd	€	103,115	13/04/2022	01/05/2022	01/08/2022	3
Operations	Road inlay and ancillary works at Ashfield Gardens and Grove Road	Lagan Asphalt Ltd	€	51,648	13/04/2022	25/04/2022	25/07/2022	3
Operations	Road inlay and ancillary works at Charnwood Avenue, Dublin 15	Lagan Asphalt Ltd	€	65,796	13/04/2022	25/04/2022	25/07/2022	3
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Consultant Engineering Services for the Development Resolution of the Ongar Development, Ongar, Dublin 15 to taking in Charge Standards for Fingal County Council	O'Connor Sutton Cronin & Assoc	€	47,200	13/04/2022	28/03/2022	11/11/2022	7
Digital Services	Purchase of 300 No 27' screens	Datapac Ireland	€	56,631	11/04/2022	05/04/2022	04/04/2023	12
EETCD	Provision of marquees, gazebos and temporary structures for the Flavours of Fingal County Show 2022	Deerglade Ltd t/a Byrne Marquees	€	61,674	11/04/2022	01/04/2022	01/08/2022	4
Operations	Concrete footpath repairs Park Drive and Park Avenue, Dublin 15	John Browne Construction Limited	€	25,500	11/04/2022	20/04/2022	20/07/2022	3

Operations	Manufacture and installation of fencing and gates at Ardgillan Demesne	Delahan Welding Supplies Ltd.	€	32,000	11/04/2022	11/04/2022	11/07/2022	3
Operations	Supply and installation of 2 no. MUGA game ends at Hartstown Park and Dunsoghly open space in Dublin 15	Outfit Outdoor Fitness Equipment Ltd.	€	78,000	06/04/2022	15/04/2022	15/05/2022	1
Corporate Affairs	Consultancy Services to develop a workplace spatial strategy	MCO Projects Limited	€	74,625	01/04/2022	01/04/2022	31/08/2022	5
Digital Services	Maintenance and Support of the Cygnus Housing Loans Software System	Gemini Consultants Ltd	€	53,166	01/04/2022	01/04/2022	31/03/2023	12
Digital Services	Development of new website features (development, support and maintenance of interactive house portal)	Annertech	€	37,245	30/03/2022	10/03/2022	10/03/2025	36
Operations	Road Markings for the Swords/Balbriggan Area	MacLochlainn (Roadmarkings) Limited	€	63,456	24/03/2022	21/04/2022	31/12/2022	8
Operations	Repair and Expansion of existing permeable carpark located to the Waterside Hotel, Donabate	Larry Kiernan Plant Hire Ltd	€	42,608	24/03/2022	04/01/2022	01/10/2022	8
Operations	Road Inlay and ancillary works at Chapel Lane, Swords, Co. Dublin	D.M. Morris Limited	€	46,924	23/03/2022	23/03/2022	23/07/2022	4
Digital Services	Departmental access to Lawlink	Rochford Brady Legal Services Ltd	€	43,800	22/03/2022	01/01/2022	31/12/2022	12
Operations	Cleaning and Maintenance service for 26 individual toilet units in 4 locations (Ardgillan, Newbridge, Santry & Millennium Park) in the Fingal Operational Area.	Rentokil Initial	€	72,048	22/03/2022	14/03/2022	14/09/2022	6
Operations	Supply of two bespoke freestanding outdoor digital signage totems at beaches.	Alpha View Ltd	€	38,500	16/03/2022	21/03/2022	21/03/2027	60
Operations	Lease, Installation, Commissioning and Maintenance of 50 Solar Powered Compacting Litter Bins and Associated Information Technology and Software Solution for the Castleknock Mulhuddart Area	Kyron Street Limited	€	184,750	15/03/2022	15/03/2022	14/03/2027	60

Operations	Initial contract Conservation Architect led Design Team for Ornamental Glasshouses & related built structures at Newbridge House Demesne.	Bluett & O'Donoghue (Prodomo Ltd)	€	124,920	11/03/2022	28/02/2022	27/02/2023	12
Operations	Maintenance, Servicing, Repair and Ticket replenishment of Pay & Display Parking Machines	ACTAVO (Sierra Support Services Group)	€	40,000	11/03/2022	01/12/2021	31/03/2022	4
Corporate Affairs	Supply of fixed voice Services	Eir Ltd	€	300,000	04/03/2022	01/01/2021	31/12/2022	24
Operations	Supply of macadam for various locations in Fingal County Council for road repairs during 2022	Lagan Materials Limited	€	85,000	04/03/2022	01/01/2022	31/12/2022	12
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Readjust location of SeaBee Units	Larry Kieran Plant Hire Ltd	€	71,979	04/03/2022	01/12/2021	01/02/2022	2
Operations	Lease, Installation, Commissioning and Maintenance of 50 Solar Powered Compacting Litter Bins and Associated Information Technology and Software Solution	Kyron Street Limited	€	184,750	01/03/2022	01/03/2022	28/02/2027	60
Housing	Initial contract under SSFA for External Maintenance and Scheme Painting 2021	Cunningham Painters	€	621,075	28/02/2022	28/02/2022	27/02/2023	12
Operations	Inspections of Playgrounds/Skate parks/Fitness Equipment, calisthenics and Multi Use Games Areas	Play Services Ireland Limited	€	47,050	28/02/2022	01/01/2022	31/12/2022	12
Operations	Raising and resetting ironworks in mastic and ancillary works	Postmount Buildings Limited T/A Hayes Civil Engineering	€	25,000	28/02/2022	31/01/2022	24/07/2022	5
Operations	Phase 2 Works at Balgriffin Cemetery, Balgriffin, Co Dublin	Formac Construction Ltd	€	145,145	28/02/2022	28/02/2022	06/05/2022	2
Corporate Affairs	Catering Services for County Hall and Grove Road	Compass Catering Services Ireland Ltd., T/A Eurest	€	150,000	25/02/2022	25/02/2022	24/08/2022	6

Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Design and Construction of an all-weather running track and pitch facility and associated ancillary works at Porterstown Park Recreational Hub, Dublin 14.	Tony Patterson Sportsgrounds Ltd	€ 1,387,005	25/02/2022	01/03/2022	31/12/2023	22
Active Travel	Provision of Services Pursuant to Fingal County Council Safe Routes to School Design Works 2022	Avison Young Planning and Regeneration Ltd.	€ 329,450	24/02/2022	24/02/2022	25/08/2023	18
Housing	Refurbishment works at St. Catherine's Close, Rush, Co. Dublin	CTS Projects Ltd	€ 142,950	24/02/2022	01/03/2022	30/09/2022	7
Libraries	Refurbishment and extension to Skerries Library	Midland Construction Ltd.	€ 3,678,491	23/02/2022	01/09/2021	31/12/2023	28
Operations	Supply, Installation and Maintenance of heating system for the Cambridge Butterfly Glasshouse, Malahide Demesne	AMW Glasshouses Ltd	€ 229,100	23/02/2022	16/02/2022	15/02/2023	12
Operations	Cleaning and Maintenance services for Prefabricated Modular Public Conveniences - Howth/Malahide and Swords/Balbriggan Areas (7 locations)	Healthmatic (Ireland) Ltd.	€ 109,720	21/02/2022	01/02/2022	28/02/2023	13
Operations	Initial Contract for the Construction, Delivery and Installation of four Corten Steel Planters at the northern entrance to Tyrrelstown Estate	BA Steel Fabrication Ltd.	€ 31,217	17/02/2022	15/01/2022	15/02/2022	1
Housing	Legal Services	Mason Hayes & Curran	€ 50,000	16/02/2022	04/02/2022	04/02/2024	24
Operations	Reinforced grass surfacing works to the existing overflow carpark at St. Catherine's Park, Dublin 15.	Dancor Civil Engineering Ltd	€ 96,795	16/02/2022	01/03/2022	01/06/2022	3
Environment, Climate Action	Provision of horse seizure service	County Council Security Support Services Ltd	€ 50,000	15/02/2022	15/02/2022	15/08/2022	6

Digital Services	10GB WAN Point to Point link between Fingal County Council Swords County Hall and Blanchardstown Civic Offices	Eir	€	116,295	10/02/2022	01/06/2022	31/05/2027	60
Operations	Emergency Tree Works and Scrub Clearance	King Tree Services Ltd	€	48,387	10/02/2022	10/02/2022	28/02/2022	0
Operations	Balbriggan Cricket Club - Land drainage and associated works	Peter O'Brien & Sons Landscaping	€	59,443	10/02/2022	03/01/2022	29/04/2022	3
Operations	Arboriculture Maintenance Works	Redwood Tree Services Ltd	€	50,000	08/02/2022	23/02/2022	23/04/2022	2
Digital Services	50 Laptops & Docking Stations	Datapac Ireland	€	41,067	07/02/2022	01/01/2022	31/12/2022	12
Digital Services	120 Concurrent Agent Licences for CCU	MJ Flood Technology Ltd	€	72,624	04/02/2022	28/01/2022	27/01/2027	60
EETCD	Conservation led consultancy services to develop the conservation plan for Ardgillan Castle and Demesne, Strifeland, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin	DBM Design Services Co. Ltd formerly de Blacam & Meagher	€	131,395	04/02/2022	18/10/2021	30/04/2022	6
Housing	Refurbishment works at Jugback Close, Swords, Co. Dublin	CTS Projects Ltd	€	29,130	03/02/2022	01/02/2022	31/07/2022	6
Operations	Purchase of three (3) Ford Ranger crew cab jeeps with automatic transmission and hard-top canopy	Henry Ford & Son Ltd.	€	96,294	03/02/2022	03/02/2022	02/02/2023	12
Housing	Refurbishment of properties at Sheephill Green & Corduff Place, Dublin 15	Arthurstown Construction Limited	€	106,771	02/02/2022	01/02/2022	31/07/2022	6
Digital Services	WAN links between FCC sites & link to Government Networks	Eir Ltd	€	52,194	31/01/2022	01/01/2022	31/12/2022	12
Digital Services	Renewal of maintenance contract for the APAS Planning System	Agile Applications Limited	€	205,800	28/01/2022	01/01/2022	31/12/2024	36
Housing	Refurbishment works at Grace O'Malley Drive, Howth, Co. Dublin	McMenamin Building	€	49,860	25/01/2022	01/01/2022	30/06/2022	6

		Contractors Limited						
Operations	The Supply and Delivery of Trees for the Parks & open space planting program Winter 2022	Annaveigh Plants Ltd	€	28,651	25/01/2022	01/01/2022	30/03/2022	2
Operations	Construction of specialised Tree pits at Church St., Skerries	Integrated Utility Services Ireland	€	45,931	25/01/2022	17/01/2022	28/02/2022	1
Operations	Vehicle Maintenance Services to Fingal County Council	Summerhill Commercial Repair Centre Ltd, T/A M50 Truck & Van Centre	€	268,631	24/01/2022	04/01/2022	03/01/2024	24
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Construction of natural GAA Pitch facility and associated ancillary works at Bremore Regional Park Recreational Hub, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin	McAvoy Contracts Ltd	€	532,171	24/01/2022	14/01/2022	22/06/2023	17
Operations	Purchase of Fully Electric Large Commercial Panel Vans	Harris Automotive Distributors	€	302,800	23/01/2022	21/01/2022	20/01/2023	12
Operations	Construction of a Calisthenic Unit in The Ward, Rivervalley	Outfit Outdoor Fitness Equipment Ltd.	€	28,000	20/01/2022	18/01/2022	08/02/2022	0
Operations	The supply and installation of two no. Eco toilets at Shackleton Gardens	Healthmatic Ireland Ltd	€	36,230	19/01/2022	15/01/2022	30/01/2022	0
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Audio sound systems in respect of the 2023-2029 Development Plan Meetings	lcon Entertainments	€	65,392	19/01/2022	23/01/2022	16/02/2022	0
EETCD	Employer's Representative Led Multi-Disciplinary Integrated Project Design Team services for Design, Planning, Procurement, Construction and Delivery of 2-4 Dublin Street, Balbriggan as part of the Our Balbriggan Rejuvenation Plan	Paul Keogh, Studio PKA Ltd, T'A Paul Keogh Architects	€	196,345	17/01/2022	10/01/2022	31/01/2026	48

Operations	Initial contract for Lease, Installation, Commissioning and Maintenance of One Hundred (100) Solar Powered Compacting Litter Bins throughout Fingal County Council Administrative Area	Kyron Street Limited	€	369,500	17/01/2022	17/01/2022	16/01/2027	60
Operations	Supply and installation of specified timber structures in the formation of a Woodland Agility Trail at Hartstown Park, Dublin 15.	Kompan Ireland Ltd	€	42,799	17/01/2022	01/03/2022	01/04/2022	1
Operations	Purchase of Fully Electric Woodchipper	lrish Grass Machinery Limited	€	36,520	12/01/2022	22/12/2021	21/12/2022	12
Digital Services	Design, Supply, Installation Commissioning and Maintenance of Audio Visual & Digital Signage Equipment at Civic Offices Blanchardstown	McKeon Construction Ltd T/A Hereworks	€	87,831	06/01/2022	18/10/2021	17/10/2024	36
Community	Provision of Integrated Facility Management Services for 15 Community Facilities in the Fingal Administrative Area (2022)	Acacia Facilities Management	€	438,957	01/01/2022	01/01/2022	30/06/2022	6
Digital Services	Support and Maintenance of FCC's wireless network	Exigent Network Integration Ltd	€	36,231	01/01/2022	01/01/2022	31/12/2022	12
Digital Services	Annual maintenance and support in respect of reporting from Agresso FMS	CCAS Limited	€	25,770	01/01/2022	01/01/2022	31/12/2024	36
Digital Services	renewal of our Citrix Licences and support services	Arkphire Security Ltd	€	25,856	01/01/2022	01/01/2022	31/12/2022	12
Digital Services	Adobe licences and Services	MicroMail Ltd	€	48,106	01/01/2022	01/01/2022	31/12/2022	12
Operations	Hire of Excavator & Operator at the Former Dunsink Landfill & Environs	Anthony Patton Plant Hire Ltd	€	78,000	01/01/2022	01/01/2022	31/12/2022	12

## **Appendix 1 - Financial Reports**

- Revenue Account Income & expenditure to 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2022
- Capital Account Income & Expenditure to 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2022
- Summary of Corporate Debtors to 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2022

#### **REVENUE ACCOUNT INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION AT 31 OCTOBER 2022**

	EXPENDITURE				INCOME		NET
	Expenditure	Adopted Full	%	Income	Adopted Full	% Budget	
	€	Year Budget	Budget	€	year Budget	Raised	€
		€	Spent to		€		
			date				
Housing & Building	64,271,404	79,782,200	81%	69,756,440	84,923,500	82%	-5,485,036
Road Transport & Safety	25,767,754	27,382,500	94%	7,248,263	7,864,900	92%	18,519,491
Water Services	15,220,017	13,762,800	111%	13,806,334	17,450,600	79%	1,413,683
Development Management	13,880,486	16,534,600	84%	4,341,940	5,081,600	85%	9,538,547
Environmental Services	36,919,255	44,689,200	83%	8,020,044	6,821,800	118%	28,899,211
Recreation & Amenity	36,654,435	40,855,700	90%	2,326,053	1,680,300	138%	34,328,382
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	794,636	1,307,200	61%	398,989	296,600	135%	395,647
Miscellaneous Services	38,365,733	28,343,100	135%	27,241,280	12,395,000	220%	11,124,453
Central Management Charge	38,156,351	47,129,600	81%	2,687,812	3,518,900	76%	35,468,539
Local Property Tax / GPG				6,262,167	7,514,600	83%	-6,262,167
Rates				126,865,917	152,239,100	83%	-126,865,917
	270,030,071	299,786,900	90%	268,955,237	299,786,900	90%	1,074,834

	CAPITAL ACCOUNT										
	INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 31/10/2022										
		Balance at	Expenditure	Income	Balance at						
		01/01/2022	YTD	YTD	31/10/2022						
		€	€	€	€						
А	Housing & Building	-43,437,957	64,159,818	-42,633,025	-21,911,164						
В	Road Transport & Safety	17,743,232	34,791,451	-11,699,881	40,834,802						
С	Water Services	-12,702,629	1,199,828	475,131	-11,027,670						
D	Development Management	-133,792,824	22,740,010	-33,545,068	-144,597,882						
Е	Environmental Services	-21,282,804	2,853,896	-1,191,679	-19,620,587						
F	Recreation & Amenity	-12,695,789	20,061,522	-1,268,372	6,097,361						
Н	Miscellaneous Services	-55,983,832	20,305,753	-18,905,668	-54,583,747						
	Total	-262,152,603	166,112,278	-108,768,562	-204,808,887						

SUMMARY	SUMMARY OF CORPORATE DEBTORS TO 31/10/2022							
	Balance at	Balance at						
	01/01/2022	31/10/2022	Current debt	> 1 Year				
	€	€	€	€				
RATES *	3,445,254	17,318,443	14,392,243	2,926,201				
LOANS	1,972,344	2,020,470	237,799	1,782,671				
RENTS	8,567,636	9,310,094	4,264,138	5,045,956				

Figures for rents and loans are unadjusted by credits/prepayments

\* value of debit at 31/12/2021 was 7.636m with a credit of 4.191m which has

substantially been offset against demands 2022 leaving an aged debt greater than the opening balance

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Sustainable Tra	ansport Measures Grants: 2022 Allocat	ions
Project Code:	Project Name & Funding Allocation 2022	Comments
FCC/19/005	Schools Streets non SRTS €100,000	A potential project has been identified and an application has been forwarded to the NTA for approval.
FCC/20/000	Bicycle Parking (Covid) €150,000	Contractor is currently in Lusk & Rush areas constructing concrete bases for bike stands and expanding public bike parking facilities in the overall area. Works completed in Dublin 15 and Skerries recently with stands to be bolted into place in the coming weeks. Further works planned in the Dublin 15 area.
FCC/20/0006	Safe Routes to Schools Programme – Infrastructure (with NTA) €1,500,000	Contractor appointed and will start mobilising on site in early November at each of the three schools included in Tranche 1: (1) Rush and Lusk Educate Together (2) Castaheany ETNS & ST. Benedicts (3) Bayside Jnr & Snr School
FCC/21/0001	Snugborough Road – NAC to Ongar €400,000	Work on the initial options report has commenced. Topographical and traffic surveys have been completed and consultant is now analysing data as part of initial junction design. Workshop to be held to review draft options report.

FCC/21/0002	Baldoyle to Howth €1,700,000	Small section of epoxy resin to be completed on Warrenhouse Road at Irish Rail crossing. Resurfacing works completed on Warrenhouse Road. Works on snag items for the project have also commenced.
FCC/21/0002	Baldoyle to Howth Phase 2 (Dublin Road to Dublin Street) €1,250,000	A preliminary feasibility and options report has just been prepared for Baldoyle Phase 2, which is currently being reviewed by the Active Travel Unit. Given the scope change since the initial concept design, it will require more significant internal discussion. A presentation will be prepared and brought forward as a headed item to the Howth-Malahide committee in the coming months.
FCC/21/0006	Clonee to Blanchardstown Shopping Centre €250,000	Tender competition for design consultant has closed. Appointment process is underway.
FCC/21/XXX	FCC Castleknock to Blanchardstown via Farmleigh €50,000	Drafting of tender documents for the appointment of an engineering consultant is ongoing.
FCC/22/0005	St. Cronan's Ave & Brackenstown Rd €3,500,000	Contractor was busy during October constructing new junction buildouts at Berwick Ave, Ormond Ave and Sword Manor. Works commenced on the new off-road two-way cycle path along Brackenstown Road, and works on the SRTS also continued. Resurfacing works to commence on

		the first week in November, with bollard installation soon after.
FCC/22/XXX	Hartstown/Huntstown/Mountview Rd D1 €1,100,000	The phase 2b junction designs have been completed by the cycle design office (CDO) with final design works underway on the design of the Phase 2b Junction designs. Once completed these can be reviewed by FCC with the aim of starting construction asap.
FCC/22/XXX	Rathingle/Rivervalley Rd. Swords €1,200,000	The new Toucan crossing lights have also been installed and are awaiting the ESB to complete connection works. Design works for phase 2b the modification of the existing roundabout are due to commence once the designs of the Hartstown Roundabouts are complete.
FCC/22/0010	R132 Ministers Rd to Blakes Cross + Kilhedge Lane €550,000	Project design is out to non-statutory public consultation until 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct 2022. The project team will assess all submissions received and make any necessary changes before the final design is completed. The Statutory Speed Limit reduction consultation has been completed and report is to be prepared for full Council approval.
FCC/22/0012	Seatown Roundabout to Estuary Rd (Swords to Malahide) €1,225,000	Consultant's Clifton Scannell Emerson & Associates (CSEA) has completed all relevant surveys and are currently finalising concept design proposals and feasibility options report. Once this is completed in the coming month consultation with begin with all stakeholders.
FCC/22/0013	Donabate to Portrane (R126) - Distributor Road to Portrane Avenue	Consultant's Clifton Scannell Emerson & Associates (CSEA) has completed all relevant surveys and

	€1,225,000	are currently finalising concept design proposals and feasibility options report. Once this is completed in the coming month consultation with begin with all stakeholders.
FCC/22/0014	Balbriggan – Coney Hill from Devlin Bridge to Bremore Cottages €925,000	Consultant's Clifton Scannell Emerson & Associates (CSEA) has completed all relevant surveys and are currently finalising concept design proposals and feasibility options report. Once this is completed in the coming month consultation with begin with all stakeholders.
FCC/22/0011	Skerries – Harbour Road (footpath build outs) €925,000	Consultant's Clifton Scannell Emerson & Associates (CSEA) has completed all relevant surveys and are currently finalising concept design proposals and feasibility options report. Once this is completed in the coming month consultation with begin with all stakeholders.
FCC/22/0015	Rush South Beach (Bawn Rd across carpark and out to South Shore. €500,000	Consultant engaged through PSI for design option development of access path from carpark to Bawn Road. Engagement with Property Section with regard to acquisition of lands in this area is ongoing.
FCC/22/XXX	New Street Public Realm Project €500,000	Design work is continuing with pre planning drawings currently being prepared. Meetings were held this month to seek input from all statutory stakeholders such as An Garda Siochana, the HSE, the Dublin Fire Brigade and ambulance service.

		Site Investigation works were completed this month. These will provide vital information which will inform the final design of the project.
FCC/22/0009	Permeability Links North County €500,000	Several projects are still being identified and assessed via multi criteria analysis. We are also in ongoing discussions with Operations to incorporate other works in order to get best value for money when we go to delivery of these works. Active Travel are preparing a tranche of works which includes removal of barriers that are currently impeding permeability and connectivity issues. A number of crossing points are also being considered and provided as part of these works.
FCC/22/0019	Skerries Active Travel Plan	The Skerries Active Travel Plan was launched in Skerries Town in September. The project commenced Public Consultation and requested submissions until 03 <sup>rd</sup> November. During the consultation phase a number of on street surveys were conducted, as well as a number of workshops with both the community and the TY students in the local Community School. Tenders for the appointment of an Integrated Design Team are currently being evaluated in order to make the necessary appointments in early November. The ESRI are working on a Draft Report on Behavioural Change and Economic Benefits of Active Travel which will inform the plan.
FCC/22/0007	Balbriggan Road Mill Street and Drogheda Street €100,000	Active Travel have been working closely with the Our Balbriggan Project Team. On completion of the concept design piece relating to the overall Our Balbriggan Active Travel Strategy we will develop a brief for

		appointment of multi-disciplinary engineering consultant to develop options report and detailed design for this element of the project. This work is ongoing.
FCC/22/XXX	Castleknock to Dunsink Lane €150,000	Tender competition has now closed, and two tenders were received. Tender assessment has been completed and consultant Clifton Scannell Emerson and Associates are being appointed. Project has been paused and will be
FCC/22/XXX	Strawberry Beds Active Travel Study €150,000	revisited in 2023.
FCC/22/0008	Fingal Active Travel Strategy €40,000	Draft summary report completed and has been reviewed internally. Due to be uploaded on consultation website. Final draft strategy document currently being reviewed.
FCC/22/XXX	Balrothery Active Travel Review €185,000	The Balrothery Active Travel Plan tender has now closed. Fingal County Council have received no submissions from design consultants for the work. Fingal County Council are now investigating alternative options to progress the works. Once a consultant has been appointed, the consultants will meet with local Councillors, local stakeholder groups, businesses and residents through a non-statutory public consultation event, to establish issues that are affecting the various parties. This in essence will be an information gathering session, with the community inputting into the design prior to the consultants commencing any work. Following this, options will be developed and recommendations made for the area. Once this stage is complete,

		<ul><li>the preferred options will be brought through preliminary design and detailed design.</li><li>We will engage with the community on a number of occasions through this process.</li></ul>
FCC/22/XXX	Seamount Heights to Old Golf Links Park €300,000	The site investigation contractor is expected to be appointed in early November with works on site expected mid to late November. These will provide vital information which will inform the final design of the project.
FCC/22/XXX	Broomfield to Paddy's Hill via Naomh Mearnog GAA €20,000	A specification for the tender of these works will be complied this month with a view to going to tender in early 2023.
FCC/22/XXX	Chapel Road to An Teagasc Building €20,000	These works are expected to go to tender for a design consultant in early 2023
FCC/22/XXX	Scoil an Duinninigh to Waterside footpath and cycleway €20,000	These works are expected to go to tender for a design consultant in early 2023
33FCC/22/XXX	Royal Canal Greenway Connectivity €50,000	Connectivity to the Royal Canal Greenway to be delivered as part of the Castleknock to Dunsink Lane and Castleknock to Blanchardstown via Farmleigh projects.
FCC/22/XXX	Fingal County Council Active Travel Office – Staff Costs €1,100,000	

## Appendix 3 Housing Delivery Construction Programme

#### Schemes on Site

Area Committee		Stream		No. Units	Status Detail		Handover (estimated)
Balbriggan/Rush -Lusk/Swords	FCC		Dun Emer, Lusk <u>53°31'25.8"N</u> <u>6°10'34.4"W</u> - <u>Google</u> <u>Maps</u>	8x2Bed 31x3Bed 12x4Bed	On Site	Q2 2021	Q4 2022
Blanchardstown- Mulhuddart/Cas tleknock/Ongar	FCC		Wellview Cul- de-Sacs 53°24'38.4"N <u>6°23'37.7"W</u> - Google <u>Maps</u>	7x2Bed 7x3Bed 6x4Bed	On site	Q4 2020	Q4 2022
Blanchardstown- Mulhuddart/Cas tleknock/Ongar	FCC		53°23'46.8"N 6°19'34.0"W - Google		On Site	Q2 2021	Q4 2022
Blanchardstown- Mulhuddart/Cas tleknock/Ongar	FCC		Fields Phase	17x2Bed 34x3Bed 10x4Bed	On Site	Q4 2021	Q4 2022
Balbriggan/Rush -Lusk/Swords	FCC		/	3x3Bed	On Site	Q4 2022	Q4 2023

# Schemes with Part 8 Planning Approval and at Tender stage

Area Committee	Provider	Fundin g Stream	Site Name	No. Units	Status Detail	On Site Date	Handover (estimated)
Blanchardstown- Mulhuddart/Castl eknock/Ongar	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Church Fields 53°24'44.7"N 6°23'39.0"W Google Maps	<b>300</b> 27x1Bed 118x2Bed 136x3Bed 19x4Bed	The Council commenced Stage 1 (Expressions of Interest/ Prequalification) of a two-stage Procurement process for the appointment of a contractor to construct the 300 units. The closing date for Stage 1 Submissions is 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2022.		Q1 2024
Balbriggan/Rush- Lusk/Swords	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Hayestown, Rush <u>53°31'24.1"N</u> 6°06'42.1"W - Google Maps	<b>62</b> 17x2Bed 45x3Bed	Contract awarded.	Q4 2022	Q4 2023
Balbriggan/Rush- Lusk/Swords	Tuath Housing	Social · Elderly	Kilhedge Lane, Lusk 53°31'24.4"N 6°10'30.3"W - <u>Google Maps</u>	<b>31</b> 13x1Bed 18x2Bed	Stage 4 submission for approval submitted to DHLGH.	-	Q4 2023
Balbriggan/Rush- Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Former Leonards Garage, Lusk https://goo.gl/ma ps/8u6BiRWzuLS Ttmjk8	10x2Bed	Tender evaluation underway.	Q4 2022	Q4 2023
Howth/Malahide	FCC	Social		<b>8</b> 4x1Bed 4x2Bed	Ongoing engagement with DHLGH re costs and value for money.	-	Q2 2024
Balbriggan/Rush- Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Church Road, Lusk <u>https://goo.gl/ma</u> ps/vqRAVUw8Zq <u>hM75w66</u>	5x2Bed	Tender evaluation underway.	Q4 2022	Q3 2023

Blanchardstown-	FCC	Social	Infill	Sites	in	2	Contract	awarded.	Q4 2022	Q4 2023
Mulhuddart/Castl			Dublin	า 15		1x2Bed	Current estim	nation on a		
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			eRHD>	<u>Ky5</u>						
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			shop s	site)						

### Schemes at Pre-Planning Stage

Area Committee Meeting		Funding Stream		No. Units			Handover (est)
Blanchardstown- Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar		Tenure	Church Fields, D15 <u>53°24'44.7"N</u> 6°23'39.0"W - Google Maps		Pre-Planning and design stage. Part 10 to be lodged to ABP April 2023	2024	Q4 2025
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Tenure	Mayeston, Dublin 11 <u>53°24'28.4"N</u> 6°17'02.1"W - Google Maps		Presentation on the proposed Part 8 to ACM on 10th Nov	2023	Q1 2025
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk /Swords			North Street, Swords <u>53°27'38.6"N</u> 6°13'06.7"W - Google Maps		Presentation on the proposed Part 8 to ACM on 17th Nov	-	Q3 2024
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk /Swords	FCC	Social -	Seatown Swords 53.459572, - 6.218227 53°27'38.6"N 6°13'06.7"W - Google Maps		Presentation on the proposed Part 8 to ACM on 17th Nov	2023	Q1 2025
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords			Garristown <u>53°34'03.7"N</u> 6°22'42.1"W - Google Maps		Presentation on the proposed Part 8 to ACM on 17th Nov	2023	Q3 2024
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	0		Ballymastone Donabate		<b>u</b>	-	Subject to PP

53.487935, -	(LRD) lodged by
<u>6.137834</u>	Glenveagh
	Living Limited
	16 <sup>th</sup> Sept 22 for
	432 units.
	20% social
	20% affordable

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